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Yacht club, Hingham Rotary thefts making waves

Local accountant being investigated

By Mary Ford
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News about alleged embezzlement of hundreds of thousands of dollars in Cohasset Yacht Club's funds is causing more waves than a major nor'easter.

A letter sent by the CYC commodore to the 245 members of the 111-year-old facility nestled on the shores of Cohasset Harbor states Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, the club's accountant and long-time resident, had been stealing from the non-profit's coffers for at least seven years.

In neighboring Hingham, police are investigating the alleged theft by the same individual from the coffers of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club after allegations surfaced there in mid-December.

Papers obtained from Hingham District Court state Crocker, the Rotary club's treasurer, whose business is Davenport B. Crocker Inc. Accounting Services on Station Street in Hingham, admitted to rotary officials last month that he had embezzled at least $35,000 from that non-profit since August.

"Based on information received, a criminal investigation has been initiated into a possible larceny of funds from the Cohasset Yacht Club."

— Police Chief James Hussey

No charges have been filed yet in either the Cohasset or Hingham case. On the advice of his attorney, Crocker refused to comment on the situation. He also refused to provide the name of his lawyer but did say the yacht club was under contract not to discuss the matter.

There's little doubt the two-page CYC epistle — detailing how the alleged theft of about $427,000 was discovered and what the CYC planned to do about it — is causing an uproar. A number of yacht club members are saying privately they are upset about the apparent lack of oversight of CYC funds and the "deal" struck with Crocker that gets the club's money back in exchange for not pursuing or initiating criminal proceedings.

If the tenor of the calls is a gauge then the CYC informational meeting for club membership on the matter slated for last night (Thursday, Jan. 5) after the Mariner went to press at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island should have been a raucous affair.

One source said "it seems like the old-boy network is in full effect in Cohasset." Another bemoaned how "white collar crime is handled in Cohasset."

Cohasset police, however, don't appear to be taking the same tact as the yacht club leadership. "Based on information received, a criminal investigation

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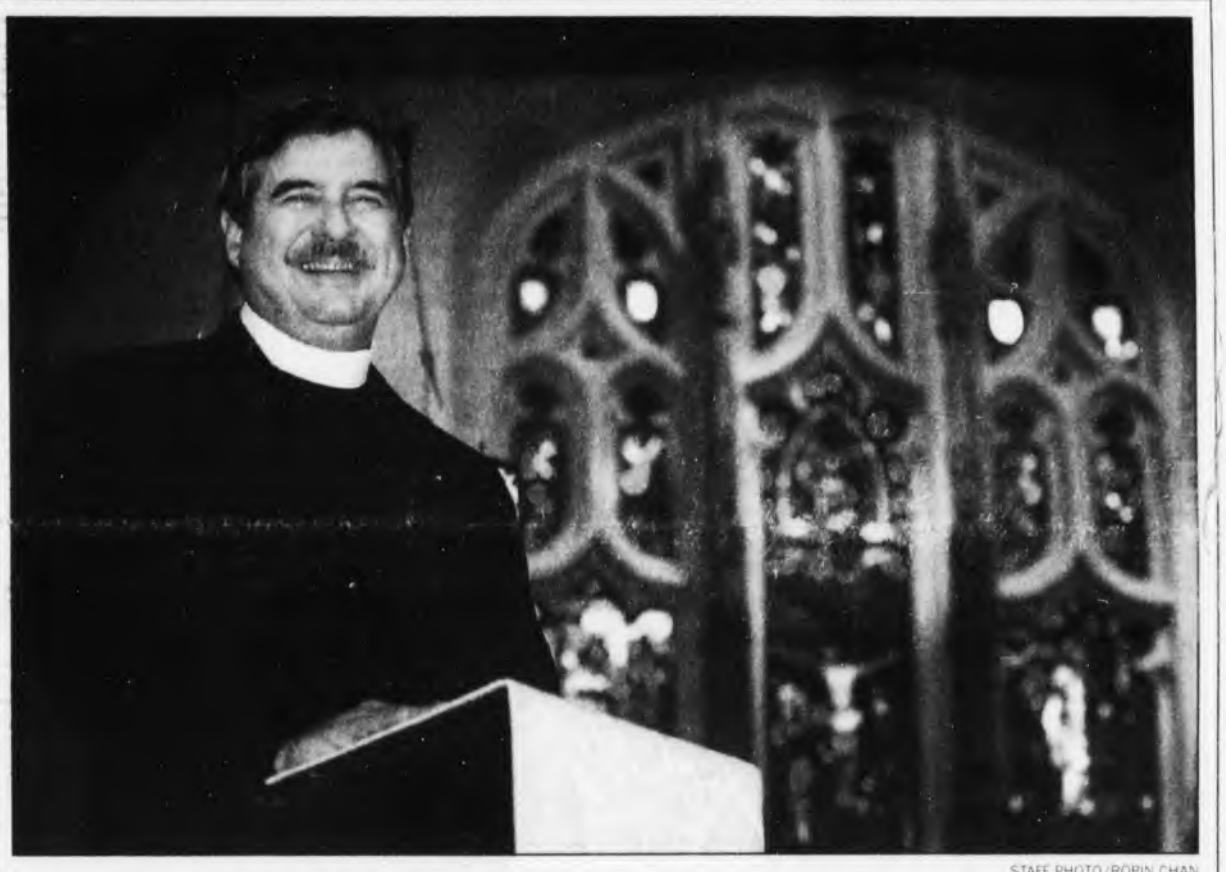

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After 21 years, the Very Rev. E. Clifford "Cliff" Cutler is leaving St. Stephen's this month to take the helm of a church in Philadelphia.

St. Stephen's pastor returning to his roots

Will lead parish in Philadelphia

By Mary Ford
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When the Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler talks about home, it's hard to believe he doesn't mean Cohasset.

But the fact is the pastor of St. Stephen's Church grew up in the Philadelphia area, a location that is still very close to his heart.

So as it happened, when a church in Philadelphia contacted him last summer about the possibility of leading its congregation — it was an opportunity that Cutler thought he should take a look at. Now Cutler, 56, who has been at St. Stephen's for some 21 years, is literally coming full circle.

He's leaving Cohasset — a town he has grown to love and where he raised his family — to return to his roots and a chance to build another parish before he reaches retirement age in a decade or so.

During an interview this week, Cutler, who is affectionately known as "Cliff," talked about recent improvements to St. Stephen's, a town landmark, with immense pride. A memorial garden is taking shape and a new elevator will soon be installed to make the levels between the church and parish house accessible to all. This is going on amid other construction to ensure the venerable structure serves its flock well into the 21st century and beyond.

"I want to thank everyone in the parish who helped me grow and thank the people of Cohasset."

— The Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler

During the interview, melodic sounds from music lessons being given upstairs in the parish house traveled down the staircase and through the hallways to the sitting room near Cutler's office. With its world-class carillon and 3,000-pipe organ, St. Stephen's tradition is firmly anchored in music.

St. Stephen's, an Episcopal church, is also a special place with a strong sense of history. Cutler has never lost sight of that; he has been at the helm of the church during the 75th anniversary of the carillon and a few years later, the centennial of the church itself, both of which were celebrations that drew folks from the entire town and region.

Cutler has also been a volunteer in town government, serving for many years on the drug and alcohol committee whose legacy today is Project Safeguard, a program that works with parents and children on the pressing social issues of our time. He also served as chairman of the Cohasset Fair Housing Committee in the late 1980s.

His wife, Amy, is also a familiar figure. A recent president of the Social Service League of Cohasset, she led that organization through some difficult challenges. Their sons, Evan, 23, and Seth, 20, may always call Cohasset home. Evan has an apartment in Kingston and works for a local company, Seavey Engineering. Seth is a junior at the University of St. Andrew's in Scotland.

"Evan feels as though the child should leave his parents and not the other way around," Cutler says with a smile.

The Cutlers came to Cohasset from an inner-city church in Philadelphia when Evan was only two. "We wanted to find an easier place to raise a family," he recalls. "And Amy is from Massachusetts."

So they visited Amy's home state and Cutler sent out his résumé. Cutler and St. Stephen's soon connected and the subsequent relationship helped the church grow to the 670 members it has today, one-third of whom are children.

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Local seniors fail asset test

Can't qualify for affordable housing units

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset seniors looking to move into affordable housing might not find an answer in the Cook Estate project. While there will be affordable units built, seniors selling homes in town will have a hard time passing the asset tests necessary to determine who qualifies for the housing.

When Town Meeting approved allocating the money to move ahead with the Cook project in November 2005 [illegible] the conditions was that the project be built according to the guidelines set by the town's Senior [illegible] Multi-Family Residence Overlay District bylaw, passed in November 2002. Under the bylaw, 25 percent of the total units built for a project must be affordable, and must meet the affordability guidelines set by the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

During a senior housing forum held from 10 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Jan. 3, Bob Engler — a consultant hired by the town to help guide it on affordable housing matters — said although the Cook project was intended to pro-

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John Roy reads a handout on housing development for those 55 and older on the South Shore during Tuesday's senior housing forum.

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Name: Galt Grant

Occupation: Retired; moderator for the senior housing forum held Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Best day of your life: The day (my wife) Sue and I were married.

Best vacation: Thirty-day trip west in a motor home with our four kids in 1976.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Christmas with our family.

Favorite junk food: Chocolate chip cookies — homemade.

Best book: "John Adams" by David McCullough.

Best actor: John Wayne

Best TV show: The Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Pet peeve: The Boston Globe.

Most embarrassing moment: Ending up at the bottom of a polluted canal in Brittany after failing to make it from shore onto our barge.

Goal: Continued good health of our children and grandchildren.

Person I'd most like to meet: Tiger Woods (but even he couldn't help my golf game).

Biggest worry: Affordability of Cohasset for our senior and moderate income citizens.

Best part of Cohasset: It's a small town with great people.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Galt Grant moderated the senior housing forum Tuesday at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

South Shore Tide Chart
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Jan.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 5	3:04	9.4	3:22	9.7	9:03	-0.1	9:33	-0.6
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:25 p.m.*			
Fri. 6	3:59	9.4	4:22	9.1	10:03	-0.0	10:28	-0.1
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:26 p.m.*			
Sat. 7	4:56	9.4	5:25	8.6	11:05	-0.2	11:25	0.4
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:27 p.m.*			
Sun. 8	4:54	9.3	6:30	8.2	—	—	12:09	0.3
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:28 p.m.*			
Mon. 9	6:53	9.3	7:34	8.0	12:24	-0.7	1:13	0.3
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:29 p.m.*			
Tues. 10	7:51	9.3	8:36	7.9	1:22	1.0	2:12	0.2
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:30 p.m.*			
Wed. 11	8:46	9.3	9:31	7.9	2:19	1.1	3:10	0.1
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:32 p.m.*			
Thurs. 12	9:37	9.3	10:21	8.0	3:11	1.1	4:00	0.0
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:33 p.m.*			

Tides from Hingham to Plymouth are within 10 minutes of the above.

Town Meeting start time change

Selectman Gary Vanderweil asked the board of selectmen Tuesday whether it would consider changing the start time for the Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m., and allow the meeting to run until 6 p.m. Town Manager Bill Griffin said the Annual Town Meeting has always been held at 10 a.m., and he is not sure whether the town's bylaws state it must begin at 10. He said he would research the matter and get back to the board.

Planning board office hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

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Flynn, Sullivan won't seek reelection

By Samantha Brown
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The board of selectmen and school committee will lose two very familiar faces this year as Michael Sullivan and Rick Flynn have decided not to seek another term.

Nomination papers for the election, scheduled for April 8, became available Tuesday, Jan. 3 and both Sullivan and Flynn said while they have enjoyed the work they have done on their respective boards, they feel it is time to encourage new members of the community to become involved and share their ideas.

Sullivan has been an active volunteer in town for the past 15 years. He served on the board of health from 1988 to 1992, prior to serving on the board of selectmen for two terms from 1992-1998. He ran for selectman again in 2000 and was reelected in 2003.

Sullivan said he hopes an open seat will encourage others to run. "We have accomplished a lot in the last 10 years," as a town, said Sullivan, noting fresh ideas can help keep the town moving in a positive direction. He said during his tenure, he saw the schools rebuilt as well as a new infrastructure built for the town. Through it all Cohasset continues to receive high-marks as being a well-run town, he said, adding he has been proud to serve.

While he will not officially be a member of the board of selectmen after the election, Sullivan said he is open to the possibility of volunteering in another capacity in the future.

"There are new zoning issues that have been brought forth," he said, referring to the new plans from the economic development committee, and he thinks the issues which have been brought up are very interesting. He said right now there are not many capital projects on the horizon, and the town's focus is on growing revenue, and that might be something he would like to become involved with.

But for now, Sullivan will spend the next few months carrying out his duties on the board of selectmen and for those looking to fill his seat, Sullivan has some advice. "You have to dedicate a fair amount of time for it, you have to have a thick skin, you have to be able to work with a team and build consensus, and there has to be something about the role that really creates enthusiasm," he said.

After the election, Flynn will have an open schedule on Thursday nights as he will no longer be required to sit in front of the school committee cameras as he has for the past six years. However, he said these last months on the board will be crucial as there are some very important items of business that need to be accomplished. "We have a budget to be put together, and I'd like to have the teachers' contract completed," he said. However, he said whomever takes his place, he knows the board will be in good hands with Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh at the helm.

Before serving on the school committee, Flynn spent six years on the advisory committee. "I was going to take time off," he joked, but soon found himself taking on the role of a school committee member.

Flynn said even without serving on the school committee he will still be very busy, but added after 12 years of service, "I'd like to stay involved (in volunteering for the community) to some degree. It's great to be involved and know what's going on," he said. However, Flynn said he hopes his absence will encourage new residents to become involved.

Flynn advised any potential successors, to be a good school committee member, they must be patient, and must realize problems cannot be solved singularly. "You can't do it by yourself, you have to work together with common goals. You don't have to love each other all the time, but you have to be willing to work as a team."

"You have to have a thick skin, you have to be able to work with a team and build consensus."
— Michael Sullivan, selectman

"You don't have to love each other all the time, but you have to be willing to work as a team."
— Rick Flynn, school committee

Nomination papers for the 2006 annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 16. At the time the Mariner went to press, incumbents John McNabb and John Beck had pulled papers to retain their seats on the water commission and sewer commission, respectively.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies the signatures collected on the nomination papers. Positions available for the 2006 town election include:

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- Planning Board - One for five years
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- Sewer Commission - One for three years
- Water Commission - One for three years

Friday, March 10 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 8.

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Allison Betche, 6, from Brownie Troop 4812, decorates her Girl Scout Cookie ornament during a meeting to kick off cookie sales. For more scout news, see page 16.

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School Web site full of information

The school committee is urging the public to add www.cohassetk12.org to their "favorites" list. The school district Web site is full of information for all three schools, and is continually being updated. School committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said if parents are looking to find out what's going on at their child's school, the Web site can be a valuable resource.

Warrant articles are due Jan. 17

The Annual Town Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1. Therefore, citizens wishing to include an article on the Warrant must do so by Jan. 17. For more information, please contact Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

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Grub Street South at Buttonwood - **Hallie Ephron**
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Yacht club, Hingham Rotary thefts making waves

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has been initiated into a possible larceny of funds from the Cohasset Yacht Club," Police Chief James Hussey said in a press release.

"Cohasset police officials have been in contact with the leadership of the yacht club and they have indicated they will fully cooperate with investigators from the Cohasset Police Dept. and the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office."

David Traub, spokesman for District Attorney William Keating's office, confirmed the DA's office has been in contact with Cohasset Police and will be assisting them with the investigation.

Hingham Police Sgt. Michael Peraino said Hingham is working with the Plymouth County DA Tim Cruz's office in the investigation.

According to the CYC letter, the club has identified about $427,000 that Crocker, the club's accountant, took over seven years, the farthest back allowed under the bank's records retention policy.

Crocker, 69, formerly lived at a condominium complex at 100 Pond St.. He has been separated form his wife since March and currently lives in an apartment off Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), a source said. He also owns a home in Florida. According to the CYC 2005 membership book, Crocker, the son of a noted sailor, has been a member of the yacht club since 1936, the year he was born.

In a telephone interview, CYC Commodore F. Wisner Murray said "all matters between the parties have been settled." He referred any further comment to the club's attorney, Joel Beckman.

Hingham-Hull Rotary president Franklyn Schafer, who said Crocker intends to make full restitution, said Hingham police have asked the club not to comment pending their investigation. But he did say "the public should be assured the Rotary is fine and intends to be as much a part of the community as it always has been."

Hingham police obtained a search warrant for Crocker's office last month and confiscated all the computers and related equipment and several checks.

According to court papers, Hingham Police Capt. Taylor Mills, who is a member of the Rotary, told detective Gerald McInnis what he had heard about the alleged theft. McInnis subsequently met with Schafer, the Rotary president, and two other Rotary officials.

McInnis's affidavit for a search warrant on file at the court states on Dec. 15 Schafer went to Crocker's office to get a check for a donation and during that meeting Crocker admitted to stealing from both the Rotary and the Cohasset Yacht Club. Schafer insisted Crocker resign immediately as treasurer and from the Rotary club itself.

In the CYC letter, Commodore Murray states the discovery of the embezzlement arose over several bounced checks. Further investigation revealed Crocker had been embezzling substantial funds from the Yacht Club. Murray states when confronted with the incriminating facts, Crocker admitted he had been stealing from the club and repaid $53,314, which he initially represented as the total taken.

The CYC hired Ziner, Kennedy and Lehan to conduct a forensic review of the club's books and hired Joel Beckman, of Beckman & Paris LLP for legal advice.

In the letter, Murray states the club reached a settlement with Crocker to which the club has been repaid $200,000, and is to be paid an additional $260,000 within 18 months. The total includes the cost of the investigation and interest on the stolen funds.

"Our analysis of our legal options and Dave's (Crocker's) available assets led us to conclude that pursuing Dave through legal channels would result in delayed and uncertain recovery," Murray stated. The $260,000 due is secured by a second mortgage on the Crockers' condominium in Florida, according to the CYC letter.

"Under the settlement, the club has released Dave from all other claims and agrees not to initiate or pursue criminal proceedings," he stated.

Still time to file for real estate tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2006 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2005. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2005 are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 30, 2006. The following exemptions are available:

• PERSONS OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE — $1,000 OFF Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple).

• SURVIVING SPOUSE — $350 OFF Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

• DISABLED VETERANS — $500 OFF Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

• BLIND PERSONS — $875 OFF Clause 37 – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

• TAX DEFERRAL ALL OR PART OF THE TAX — Clause 41A - Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2005 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. For additional information, or if you would like to inquire if you have already filed, please contact the Assessors' Office at (781) 383-4114.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is located at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. Call 383-9112 for information or reservations.

Rev Cliff Cutler Farewell Tea Party – Friday, Jan. 6, 1 p.m. at CEA. After 20 years, the Rev. Cutler will be leaving Cohasset for a new assignment in Pennsylvania.

Vo-Tech Annual Holiday Luncheon Party – Sunday, Jan 22, noon. First 25 to sign up by Jan 5 are invited. No fee.

Beauty Salon and Lunch – Plans are being made for a Thursday in January. Sign up for a hair appointment, and/or nails and stay for lunch. Transportation provided.

Senior Tax Exemption And Deferrals – Wednesday, Feb 15, noon at CEA. Mary Quill from the Assessor's Office will explain the new taxes for seniors.

Tax Preparation – Again this year seniors may schedule an appointment with friend and dedicated volunteer, Roger Sullivan, for help with simple taxes

Medicare Part D questions answered — Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan will have representatives to answer questions Wednesday, March 1 and 8, at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. Those who are currently members of either of these plans or are thinking of switching, are encouraged to attend. Guests are also invited for lunch starting at noon. The cost is $2.50. No fee for the program. Register at 781-383-9112.

Harvard Pilgrim Health: Wednesday, March 1, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Tufts Health Plan: Wednesday, March 8, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

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Committee finds creative ways to boost tax revenue

Eyes loosening parking requirements

By Samantha Brown
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Over the past three months, at the direction of the board of selectmen, the economic development committee has been brainstorming for ideas to boost commercial tax revenue for Cohasset. In that short time, the group has come up with a total of 20 different ways to increase the money coming into the town, some of which could come up as articles at the Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Peter Brown, who presented the committee's recommendations Tuesday, said there are six recommendations which should be taken up first. Of those six, three are goals which should be accomplished within the next three months. He presented draft Warrant articles for five of the recommendations for the board's consideration.

"This is a lot to try to bring to the floor (of Town Meeting) in April," said selectman Michael Sullivan of the articles, but overall the board agreed the recommendations are worth carefully considering.

Brown said the most important change the committee would like to see take place is reducing the commercial parking requirement from 10 to five parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of public space in the highway, technology, and light industry business districts. The committee feels the cufrent parking requirements leave too much space unused, as parking lots are never full, and that space could be used to help encourage development, especially along Rte. 3A.

Engineer Neil Murphy attended the meeting with the committee and said in his professional opinion, "Ten per 1,000 square feet is extremely excessive. It is probably the worst parking regulation I've ever seen," adding while he thinks five spaces per 1,000 is still excessive, it is more reasonable. He said not only does the regulation dictate what can be built on the site, it impedes the addition of greenspace.

Planning board member Mike Westcott, who is an ex-officio member of the growth and development committee, said he could only speak for himself, but from a planning standpoint, he feels there are acres of unused parking in town that could be developed and therefore help increase tax revenue. He said he has had informal discussions with other members of the planning board and thinks some share his viewpoint.

Murphy added every Christmas there are at least 20 parking spaces dedicated to selling Christmas trees in the Cohasset Plaza parking lot, which in his opinion paints a very clear picture of the parking situation there.

The committee also recommended increasing building height, lot coverage, and structural building coverage in the highway, technology, and light industry business districts. Brown said the changes will allow for more creative architectural designs, and the businesses which currently exist will have an opportunity to expand.

Committee member Thom Powers said there are many people in town that have small satellite offices, but as their businesses grow, the town can no longer accommodate them. "People leave because they don't have anywhere to expand in town. We know we're not taking advantage of that," he said. By increasing the buildings the town already has, and allowing for more development, the town will be able to provide the space to fulfill that need for its residents as well as increase its commercial tax base. The town charges taxes by the square foot, and therefore larger buildings allow for more tax revenue.

Another recommendation is to approve the use of a transit oriented district (TOD) to promote commercial development in the highway, technology, and light industry business districts. With the train coming to town, the committee says it makes sense to increase the density of development and allow more mixed-use buildings near the new means of transportation. The TOD would encompass roughly one-quarter of a mile surrounding the train station, and the committee said its goal is to build more shops and services that would likely be used by train commuters, such as dry cleaning and day care.

The board of selectmen said it shared one of the committee's goals: getting the town to adopt its draft master plan. While many committees have been using the master plan as if it has been adopted, without formal approval by the planning board, its words mean nothing. Westcott said the planning board will have a final hearing on the plan soon and it will be formally adopted by the board.

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— Neil Murphy, engineer

Downtown

While many of the committee's recommendations deal with development on Rte. 3A, one specifically deals with growth downtown. There is a 45,785 square foot parcel of land located behind the Red Lion Inn in the municipal parking lot which is currently the site of the Teen Garage. The committee said there is ledge behind the building which could be blasted to allow for a new structure to be built in place of the garage. The new building could serve as a parking garage as well as a potential new site for teen activities. If this plan is carried out, it must take place sooner rather than later, as blasting will not be allowed once the train is operating.

The last of the most urgent recommendations is to hire a full-time Town Planner to help guide and manage the town's anticipated commercial and residential growth. However, Town Manager Bill Griffin said that is more a question of the funding being available in the budget.

Other recommendations the board would like to see carried out in the future include:

- Support a planning board article to rezone the downtown village district to encourage mixed-use development.
- Complete traffic studies including the synchronization of traffic signals on 3A from Hingham to Scituate.
- Fund and execute a downtown village design study and set guidelines to maximize access, open space, commercial development, parking, housing, and preservation.
- Determine what town-owned parcels of land are available for sale/lease for commercial development in the context of the draft master plan.
- Identify and evaluate all undeveloped and underdeveloped privately owned land in all commercial districts in the context of the draft master plan.
- Create a non-profit economic development entity to help promote and execute the growth and development committee recommendations and develop marketing programs and events to prudently increase tourism.
- Evaluate elastic mooring proposal to determine if additional moorings can be added to Cohasset Harbor thus adding tax revenue and mooring fees.
- Evaluate wind turbine feasibility.
- Investigate and study available options to earn state grants.
- Help establish an official funded, non-profit Economic Development Corporation to help the committee continue its work to assist in helping promote sound economic development.
- Evaluate and implement an improved and more transparent process of communication and coordination among Cohasset boards, authorities, the town manager and board of selectmen.
- Pursue funding for the construction of a pedestrian walkway from the new train station to the village.
- Conduct a downtown business survey.
- Instruct the committee to engage with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and work together to promote the town's business interests.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he thought the group did a great job coming forth with 20 recommendations in such a short period of time. "I think the economic development committee should stay in existence," he said, although the selectmen had originally only intended to make the positions three-month appointments. Vanderweil said unless there is a driving force behind the group's ideas, nothing will get done, and he would like to see the group continue its good work until the end of this year.

The board of selectmen said it would take the recommendations under advisement. Articles for Town Meeting are due by Jan. 13.

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SHARE YOUR NEWS

News is slow at this time of the year. Make sure to send in all your birthday, new baby announcements, weddings and anything else that you have to share with your town.

'MISSING' CLASSMATES

The Cohasset High School Class of 1975 will be holding their reunion on Saturday, July 1 at the Lightkeeper's House. The reunion committee is seeking contact information for the following class members and requests that anyone with information call **Lillian Murray Curley** at 781-383-0695 or email:

harborviewkitchens@comcast.net.

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MLK BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Cohasset's fourth annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Monday, January 16 at the Second Congregational Church from 9 to 11 a.m.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

The featured speaker will be **Clementina Chery,** President and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester, MA. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Peace Institute which works to quell urban violence by teaching and instilling values of peace to young people while educating the public about the consequences of violence on the individual, family and community. Child care will be provided by CMHS Social Awareness Club. For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

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Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Cohasset High School. He received a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Harvard University in Cambridge. He is completing a Master of Arts program in Medical Sciences at Boston University.

A May 2005, wedding in Minneapolis, Minn. is planned.

OUR WORLD

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is located at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 per person, and free for members. With the new year comes many new offerings at Our World. Call the Museum at 781-383-3198 for information about upcoming programs, birthday parties, and special events.

Chinese culture camp – Ages 5, 6, and 7, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Midweek camp with China theme, which is the museum's culture of focus for January and February. Program will include a Chinese craft, a healthy snack and a movie. Cost: $20 per child, $15 per child for members. Class size limited to 15 children per class. Pre-registration required. To register call the Museum at 781-383-3198.

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Upcoming programs – Coming up at the end of January and in the beginning of February will be Reiki programs for children; Yoga for Kids; a special circle group for women called Women with Wings; and a Chinese New Year Celebration.

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Local artist's paintings brought landscapes to life

Retrospective exhibit opens at Art Center

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Sue DeMichele's Life in Landscape found its life mainly in the coastal waterways and rocky ledges of New England. In the words of her own artist statement, she applied vigorous strokes, layering, and mark making — with her chosen media of oils and pastels — to reflect the energy she found in the magnificent landscape and interpret a moment now lost in time.

DeMichele, who lived in Cohasset, also applied her painting craft as a member of the town's South Shore Art Center community, as both a gallery artist and member of the faculty. She is remembered for the spirit of eagerness and generosity she brought to many art center activities and events up until her death from cancer at age 56 in October, 2002.

"Susan had a great love for painting landscapes and she always tried to work on-site."
— Don DeMichele

The artist left behind a prolific wealth of oil and pastel paintings as well as additional pastel and acrylic works spanning a 30-year career. Much of the best of these will go on view at the SSAC in Sue DeMichele Retrospective: A Life in Landscape, the center's first major exhibit of this year opening Friday in its main Bancroft Gallery and running through Feb. 19.

"Sue DeMichele loved life, and she loved the world around her. She looked to the landscape for inspiration and subject, and her artistic purpose was to capture and express moments of the beauty, energy, and promise of tranquility she found there," stated curators JoAnne Chittick, of Cohasset, and Penny Myles, of Hingham, in their official statement for the exhibit.

The curators' statement also describes some of the artist's favorite subjects to be featured prominently in the show. Such as, sandy dunes in Nantucket; rocky ledges, shoreline and marshes in Cohasset; islands, pines, sea and sky in coastal Maine as well as the farm DeMichele viewed from her kitchen window at her home on Jerusalem Road and the ice pond in the woods also nearby.

The show is presented to cover the full spectrum of DeMichele's work, which marginally included a handful of abstract explorations in acrylic, but mainly was influenced by the classic European Impressionism style, especially that of the artist's two favorite painters: Monet and Van Gogh. DeMichele even exerted some influence of her own during her lifetime, as demonstrated by the show's companion exhibit, Friends of Sue DeMichele, a group show featuring works by SSAC members Chittick, Kimberlee Alemian, Diana Rousseau and Patricia Gray simultaneously to display in the Center's adjoining Dillon Gallery.

"We tried to get as many views of rocky shores, water and coastal views into the exhibit as possible," said Don DeMichele, Susan's husband. "Susan had a great love for painting landscapes and she always tried to work on-site. Her goal was always to work on-site as much as possible." The DeMicheles have three children; Daniel, 31, currently of South Boston, Marni (Dolan), 27, of Weymouth, and Jamie, 25, of Seattle.

Don DeMichele ironically noted that, for such a dedicated career artist, Susan first studied art as a minor (majoring in English) when she began college at Cortland State University in New York in 1968, "because her father didn't want to pay for art school."

Sue DeMichele then moved on to Boston University and finally began full-time art studies at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in 1970. She earned her art degree from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1979 and studied privately with nationally known painters Jon Imber and Domingo Barreres.

"For two years, during late summer and early autumn, Sue and I toured the mid-coast of Maine on painting trips together," Chittick recalled. "We'd go to spots such as Tenant's Harbor, Port Clyde and Cushing. It was a great experience altogether traveling with her, one which I really learned a lot from."

Chittick added because many of the paintings to be displayed are from private collections, the Retrospective exhibit will be the last time the entire collection will be on view in one event. Some two-thirds of the total works will also be for sale, including about 50 Susan DeMichele paintings of Cohasset, Cape Cod, Maine and Nantucket available during the first weekend, Jan. 6-8. These last remaining works — unmatted, unframed and in various stages of completion — will be on display in the Manning Lobby and may only be purchased during the following times: Friday, Jan. 6, 5 - 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., and Sunday, Jan 8, 12-4 p.m.

Both Chittick and Don DeMichele added that any revenues from sales will be put into an art scholarship fund either at the South Shore Art Center or Cohasset High School. "All of the paintings show the energy that Sue put into her work, and she approached her subjects and hand techniques," Don DeMichele. She had a great sense of color and wasn't afraid to use a lot of color in bold ways."

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

JoAnne Chittick of Cohasset and Penny Myles of Hingham, who are friends of Susan DeMichele and curators of the exhibit, go over a number of DeMichele's paintings while setting up the retrospective this week. The opening reception is tonight (Friday).

A winter landscape by Susan DeMichele.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2006 gets too far along, we still have some important 2005 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter-to-the-editor or penned a commentary to the Cohasset Mariner in 2005.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following citizens:

Bill Adams; Stephen P. Andrus; ASP (Gary and Judy Ritts); John Beck; Diane Benson; Ron Bersani; Steve Bobo; Russell Bonetti; Elaine Breslow; Richard E. T. Brooks; Barbara Buckley; Jack Buckley; Merle Brown;

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The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or group that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 210 letters from 156 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy. Let us hear what you think in 2006.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

Cohasset welcomes in the New Year

Good luck, sonny!

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outraged over yacht club 'cover up'

TO THE EDITOR:

Where is the outrage?

As a former member of the Cohasset Yacht Club (1986-2003), I believe I am entitled to speak out about the apparent recently admitted embezzlement of nearly $500,000 from the Club by its former accountant!

In what appears to be an ongoing attempt to cover up this grossly unacceptable behavior, the CYC is implicitly a co-conspirator to defraud its members. Where is the outrage?

Just when we, the citizens of our town, began to hope we were beyond the many scoundrels, scandals, embezzlements and misbehaviors, Cohasset is once again embarrassed and besmirched by leaders with missing moral compasses. Where is the outrage?

Prosecutors in Norfolk County should investigate this matter to the fullest extent of the law and ask over and over again the question that Sen. Howard Baker asked during the Watergate hearings in 1973: "What did you know and when did you know it?" Where is the outrage?

How much must the citizens of Cohasset endure as we are once again the butt of jokes that show us as a town that thinks itself superior to surrounding communities. Where is the outrage?

Every person who is in a current leadership position at CYC who is complicit in accepting the supposed mea culpa pay-back scheme from the alleged embezzler should resign forthwith. Where is the outrage?

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

Tree pickup this weekend

TO THE EDITOR:

The Project Safeguard Committee does many things for the school to inform students about the effects of drugs and alcohol. At this time, they are in need of our help so the Middle School Student Council is having a Christmas tree drive to benefit them.

On Jan. 7 and Jan. 8 students from the Cohasset Middle School will be driven by their parents around Cohasset to pick up Christmas trees. The cost for them to pick up your tree is $15 or $10 if you're a senior citizen. Trees will be picked up either 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday or 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. All you have to do is contact the Cohasset Teen Center at (781) 383-2492 and leave a message with your name and address.

If you have a child or children in the middle school they're encouraged to help. Remind them to sign up during lunch to help. All the students are asked to do is drag the trees from the customer's yard to the road where they'll be picked up and brought to the dump. After they help, they can go to the Teen Center for pizza and other refreshments. Have their friends join, too. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Isabelle Franklin
Cohasset Middle School
Student Council

Peary caribou are endangered

TO THE EDITOR:

Unfortunately, I have a sad footnote to add to my recent article about the Peary caribou in the "On the Wild Side" column. Now that the press of a deadline is off and I have had time to research further, I learn that the Peary have been an Endangered Species since 2002-2003. It is believed 85 per cent have disappeared, and estimates of remaining Peary range from under 2,000 to about 10-15,000. To learn more, Google "Peary caribou."

June Freedman
13 Autumn Circle
Hingham

LIBRARY CORNER

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Independent film series –Paul Pratt Memorial Library will show the independent film, "Campfire" on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Free admission. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Meet the author – Paul Pratt Memorial Library in cooperating with Buttonwood Books will host author Tim Kenslea who will discuss his book "The Sedgwicks in Love: Courtship, engagement, and marriage in the Early Republic" on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m.

Book group selection – Coffee and discussion of Jeffrey Eugenides' "Middlesex" Thursday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Those needing a copy of the book can place a hold on the title or ask any librarian for assistance. The discussion is open to the public.

Artist exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "The Six Styles of Janis," an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Jan. 8 through Feb. 28. Meet the artist at an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Wednesdays.

FOR CHILDREN

On display —This month's display features Martin Luther King, New Year celebrations from around the world, Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day.

Book awards — Massachusetts Book Award Children's/Young Adult Literature Award went to Molly Bang for "My Light." The Honor Books are "Blow Out the Moon", by Libby Koponen and "Fine Feathered Friends" by Jane Yolen. To be eligible for the Massachusetts Book Award, a work must be published in Massachusetts, be written or illustrated by a Massachusetts resident or focus on a Massachusetts theme. The National Book Award Young People's Literature went to Jeanne Birdsall for "The Penderwicks."

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King Street grade crossing not ready for prime time yet

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Well, here we are a New Year with a lots of new Greenbush related items ahead of us in 2006. First, let us say that we welcome everyone's comments about the project. We are constantly amazed at the feedback we get about our updates information presented in these pages. Thank you for your favorable comments. But, we welcome your comments both favorable and critical. We are here to help you and get the best that we can for Cohasset.

So with that said, what's in store for Cohasset? Well, the MBTA wants to get the King Street crossing finished as quickly as possible. In fact, they would like to open King Street before it is actually completed. But, we feel that opening the crossing before it is finished may not be in the Town's best interests. A substandard roadway around the King Street crossing that will deteriorate rapidly and will be tough to maintain and will not serve us well. Especially, since closing other crossings will increase the King Street traffic beyond what it normally carries. This will cause a larger problem, long term and we are meeting with the project to try and avoid future problems in this area.

We have also asked the MBTA and their contractor what their schedule is for the other crossings that will be closed for construction such as ; Spring/Pond, Pleasant and Sohier, plus North Main at the Woodside Cemetery. We are awaiting their answer and will present it here as soon as we know. Please be advised that there is a risk here as we provide schedules contingent on weather, particularly this time of year. So we all need to be aware that delays are inherently possible given the nature of the work.

As we write this, the side walls for the Rocky Lane bridge are starting to rise from their foundations. Take a look as you drive along North Main Street.

Other projects

You may be interested to know that the Town Manager has asked us to get involved in several other projects that are peripherally related to the Greenbush project or involve areas specifically funded by our MBTA Mitigation funds.

For example, part of the Cohasset Mitigation funds have been earmarked to address some of the problems associated with the James Brook watershed. By way of review, James Brook starts near Lower King Street and North Main Street at Sanctuary Pond, flows approximately parallel to N. Main Street into Town at Smith Place, where it goes underground and flows into Jacob's Meadow, behind the village area where it joins with Stewart Brook. As both brooks join in the meadow they then flow to the harbor at the Legion building and out through the Self Regulating Tide Gate (SRT). Last spring we found that the SRT was not working properly. It is designed to shut at high tide so that Jacobs Meadow does not flood. But at low tide it opens so that the waters from Jacobs Meadow can exit to the harbor. At mid tide, it is designed to be open so that salt water can flush into Jacobs Meadow and create a salt water marsh rather than a fresh water marsh.

The SRT was not adjusted properly so that there was insufficient salt water flushing into Jacobs Meadow. There is a delicate balance that needs to be achieved so that saltwater is permitted into the meadow during every tide cycle, yet flooding of the meadow is avoided. This balanced approach was dictated by the Army Corps of Engineers when the gate was commissioned by the Town in the fall of 2003. We worked with an engineering firm, the Harbor Health Committee and the DPW to make the necessary repairs to the SRT so that it now better performs its intended functions.

We have provided input to the Board of Health for their recent grant award to study pollution sources from James Brook into the harbor. We have been asked to be a part of the oversight function for this critical study, working with the Board of Health, the Harbor Health Committee, the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, and others. While this will be a long term commitment for the Town, the smart use of these grant funds will ultimately lead to a cleaner, healthier harbor.

Background

A little over a year ago in the summer of 2004, a construction project was undertaken to improve the flow through James Brook in the area of Pleasant Street. This project simply increased the underground water carrying capacity of the James Brook culvert which in turn reduced the chance of flooding in the area between Smith Place and Pleasant Street. The box culvert under the railroad right of way was also upgraded to allow for better flow. Although when we arrived, this project was generally considered complete, there were a few small items that had been missed by the firm doing project oversight on behalf of the Town. We worked with the design engineer and the contractor to resolve these items so the project could be declared officially complete. The several major storms that the Town experienced this year caused no flooding in this area which indicates that this project has been effective so far. This project also had ties to the Revitalization Project to be discussed later.

As the Greenbush project progressed, there were some drainage issues at Lower King and North Main streets that would not be addressed by the project. A new storm-water catch basin had to be designed and built by the Town in this area. The "instant" project had to be done quickly as North Main Street was about to be resurfaced as part of a Water Department project. We obtained the services of an engineering firm for the design and then had the catch basin, pipe and manhole constructed, all within a three week time frame. Recent rain events have allowed us to observe that this drainage is working well.

Village Revitalization was a project that was designed to improve the Village area and intended to be done as the Greenbush project re-constructed the parking lot and the Pleasant Street crossing. For awhile it seemed like it would never get out of the starting blocks onto the track toward completion. Working with the Revitalization Committee, the Selectmen and engineers, we were able to help the Town simplify the project, restructure the specifications, go out to bid and get a contract awarded to start work. During November and December all of the storm drainage from Red Lion Inn to Depot Court has been replaced with new catch basins that will work properly. (This drainage is connected to the James Brook culvert mentioned earlier.)

Ledge removal

Some of the ledge has been removed at the base of St. Stephen's so that both the sidewalk and the street can be widened at this critical area, improving both pedestrian and vehicular safety. As soon as the weather breaks this spring, the drainage will be completed, the balance of the ledge will be removed, and the street, curbs and sidewalks will be replaced. All work should be wrapped up by the end of May, 2006. We are trying to work closely with the Greenbush project so that the Town parking lot can then proceed in close coordination with this work. So, by summer 2006 the village will have a vastly improved look with much better infrastructure that should serve Cohasset for years to come.

Lastly, this fall the Commonwealth of Massachusetts offered a series of grants for Transportation Oriented Development (TOD). The idea behind a TOD grant is to offer financial support for new development within close proximity of a transportation center. These projects will create better access to public transportation, or housing or commercial development that piggy back on the public transportation infrastructure. We submitted two grant requests under this program. Each of these is for the construction of sidewalk in the vicinity of the Greenbush Station. The first, is for the construction of a sidewalk from Lower King St. to Route 3A and along Route 3A to the Station. The second grant request is for sidewalk on Forest Avenue approximately from Surrey Drive to the Lower King Street/ North Main Street intersection and for sidewalk access over the new Rocky Lane Bridge from North Main Street into the Rocky Lane development. We have a meeting with the TOD grant folks at the end of this month, so we are still in contention for one or both of our grant applications. Keep your fingers crossed.

So as you can see, we are quite busy with the Greenbush project and a number of related projects. We will continue to provide you with periodic updates on any and all of these. Please stay tuned.

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A preview of 2006

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The more things change the more they remain the same, as we shall see in 2006:

January – The National Security Agency places a wiretap on the telephone of Vice President Cheney to find out where he goes when he hides out. "This proves no one is above the law," says President Bush. Paris Hilton gets engaged.

February – Mitt Romney tells a Republican rally in South Carolina that being governor of Massachusetts is like being director of a zoo that's run by the inmates, denies he is running for president. Paris Hilton breaks her engagement.

March – The FBI follows tips to Dublin, London, Rome and Afghanistan in search of Whitey Bulger, finally arrests him in the booth next to the kitchen in Amhrein's Restaurant in South Boston. "Nobody thought of looking for me here," he says. Paris Hilton loses Tinker Bell, her Chihuahua.

April – Researchers discover that cigarette smoke is a cure for the dreaded Avian flu. Philip Morris retools and revises its publicity policy in the face of its new role as the good guys. Paris Hilton finds Tinker Bell.

May – Congressman Bill Delahunt strikes a deal with Fidel Castro to import Cuban rum at a discount. "My constituents are tired of using Puerto Rican and Jamaican rum in their Cuba Libras," says Delahunt. Paris Hilton gets engaged.

June – Bruins and Celtics win hockey and basketball championships and nobody notices. "I was wondering why all those lights were on at the Garden during the winter," says a neighbor from the North End. Paris Hilton breaks her engagement.

July – Tom Reilly is forced to resign as candidate for governor when it is revealed that his running mate is an undocumented immigrant who attended UMass-Amherst at an instate tuition rate. Paris Hilton feuds with Nicole.

August – Red Sox, with no players left from the World Series champions of 2004, fail to make the playoffs, fire Manager Terry Francona. Globe sportswriter Dan Shaughnessy's latest book, "The Curse of Theo Epstein," hits No. 1 on most best seller lists. Paris Hilton and Nicole make up.

September – Massachusetts Supreme Court finds an obscure phrase in the State Constitution that outlaws marriage between a man and a woman. "Just think, our founding fathers were against this all along and we didn't know it," says Chief Justice Margaret Marshall. Paris Hilton gets engaged.

October – Mitt Romney tells a Republican rally in Kansas that he was always in favor of intelligent design but those gosh darn evolutionists in Massachusetts wouldn't let him, denies he is running for president. Paris Hilton breaks her engagement.

November – Osama bin Laden is captured after an FBI wiretap intercepts a phone conversation between him and his lawyer, Ramsey Clark. ACLU calls it a clear violation of confidentiality between lawyer and client. Paris Hilton doesn't get engaged.

December – Atheist father finds he can see an ornament on a Christmas tree in his neighbor's house by standing on a step ladder and peering through a window. "My child was traumatized by the sight," he tells the ACLU. Nothing newsworthy happens to Paris Hilton.

HEALTH NOTES

How flu spreads around the world

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As federal, state and private organizations study how disease spreads around the world, there's a growing appreciation of the role which our complex transportation infrastructure plays in the propagation of illnesses such as flu. Here are some of the transportation and communication issues to be considered when planing for a possible pandemic.

Conventional epidemic models assume a fixed population (a city and its environs) without considering transportation. So they work well for, perhaps, a walled city, but not for a city like Hong Kong or New York. The key to modern disease migration is the transportation system which acts as both a vector and as an incubator, moving large numbers of people while holding them in close proximity for several hours or days. The "Spanish Flu" event of 1918 was converted from a serious epidemic outbreak into a global pandemic largely by the transportation system. The particular characteristics of that influenza strain made it well suited to such a conversion. The disease could spread in aerosol(microscopic airborne particles) as can most flu variants, but it was especially fast moving once introduced into a host human. In many cases, by the time diagnosis was established it was too late for the victim, and even when the pathogen was known, recovery was far from certain.

The first cases showed up at eastern ports as soldiers returned from Europe by a ship which acted as both vector and incubator; individuals infecting many while holding them in close proximity all at once. Then, as the severity of the disease was becoming known, it was being spread westward via the rail system.

Today's transportation system presents a much more complex problem to the epidemiologist. The transportation system is global in scope, providing access to the most remote corner of the world in a matter of days. People and freight travel far and wide on a regular basis, using a combination of aviation-based long haul and shorter trip legs based on motor vehicles and rail. The disease will propagate by dispersion of hundreds of hosts following various, complex routings to many distributed destinations and then disperse again from those destinations riding with hundreds of different hosts. Thus, the complex dynamics of transportation are added to the already substantial complexities of disease propagation in relatively fixed populations.

The SARS infection is a case in point. In early stages, in Fall 2002, SARS was restricted to a limited region in China. The spread was not widespread until cases started to arrive in larger population centers. The first cases were detected in Hong Kong in February 2003, and by March, significant numbers were appearing in many parts of Southeast Asia, several cities in North America, including Toronto, and in Europe. Mainly, hosts traveling on airlines spread the disease to international locations, and many cases appearing in the US were the result of secondary trips from Toronto. Some difficulties with SARS were its rapid, global reach, and maintaining an effective quarantine. Because of SARS, most studies have focused on air travel with less emphasis on automobiles or buses, or in Europe, trains. These modes can carry a host hundreds of miles in 24 hours.

Airlines use a system called "hub and spoke" to optimize use of their aircraft. An individual may travel from an outlying town to a large metropolitan center, change planes, and travel to another large center, change again, and travel to a final destination spreading disease as he infects passengers on each leg of the trip. They in turn will disperse from the hub points to many other locales. Ironically, the effect of airport security is to isolate the travelers on the hub terminals, so that the least threatened area may be the hub city itself. Thus, the "hub and spoke" system functions as an effective dispersal mechanism for disease. For instance, an Ebola variant may incubate fast enough to make a host infected during an initial flight leg contagious during a subsequent flight leg. A flight steward might be a candidate for this type of secondary infection. A less virulent infection might not manage to re-infect during a single day, but may disperse hosts who will become contagious within a few days. A Spanish Flu look-alike might accomplish such a dispersion.

Predicting the spread of disease must take these complexities into account. Fortunately a dedicated few who understand the interaction of these factors are already planning for the first sign of such an epidemic.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Cohasset Political Forum to sponsor health care discussion — A discussion of health care issues (including access, delivery and affordability), will be held by the Cohasset Political Forum Saturday morning, Jan. 7, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

A presentation will be made by Phil Edmundson, Hingham Selectman and health care advocate, who is presently chairman of ACT (Affordable Care Today) and Mass. ACT. A roundtable discussion will follow.

This is an ideal opportunity to have your questions answered and to discuss serious matters with interesting people. Admission is free. For more information, call Agnes McCann, chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit www.cohasset-dems.org.

Democrats to hold caucus Feb. 4 — Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Saturday, Feb. 4, at 9 a.m. to elect two delegates and two alternates to the 2006 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the DCU Center in Worcester and Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of auditor, treasurer, attorney general, secretary of the commonwealth, lt. governor, governor and U.S. senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Sept. 19, 2006, Democratic Primary ballot.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, 02129 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at 617-776-2676, call Agnes McCann, chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit www.cohassetdems.org.

Election season soon to be on TV

As election season begins with nomination papers available stay tuned to Our Town, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, which will feature candidates running for the various positions.

Adding excitement this season will be open seats on the school committee and board of selectmen as Rick Flynn and Michael Sullivan have announced they will not seek reelection.

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Other boards with positions up for election include the planning board, recreation commission, library trustees, assessors, board of health, housing authority, sewer commission and water commission.

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Cohasset seniors are 'cooked' when it comes to affordable units

FROM SENIORS, PAGE 1

vide much needed affordable senior housing for Cohasset residents, the restrictions of the SMROD bylaw will most likely prevent Cohasset residents from living in any affordable units to be built.

To qualify for affordable housing, the state has set certain regulations. There are asset and income guidelines to be met, and while some Cohasset seniors might pass the income test, with the way real estate sells in Cohasset, Engler said it is virtually impossible for a senior to sell his or her home and not come away with more money than is allowed to be able to rent or purchase an affordable unit. "There never used to be an asset test, only income," he said, but the regulations for affordable housing are constantly changing.

Seniors who wish to live in affordable ownership housing must not have more than $200,000 in equity, which with the sale of a home in Cohasset is nearly impossible. In addition, they must not have more than $50,000 in other assets. Engler said therefore, to purchase an affordable unit "you need to sell and have nothing."

In addition, unless everyone in the household is 62 years or more, they may not have owned a home within the past three years in order to qualify to purchase an affordable unit. In other words, to qualify to live in the Cook Estate's affordable units, "You cannot have owned a house in Cohasset," he said.

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Rental rules

Affordable rental housing guidelines are just as difficult to meet. The state says households in the 60 to 80 percent median income range (roughly $40,000 to $50,000 per year) may only have $50,000 in assets in order to qualify, which is even more restrictive.

Engler guessed the people who will move to the Cook Estate "will be the parents of those who live here," adding the typical candidate will be someone who has been able to sell their home in Florida and have less than $200,000 in assets and is therefore able to come back to Cohasset and qualify for the affordable units. While he said the units will be filled, they will not be occupied by Cohasset seniors, and the town should consider whether it agrees with the idea that "people who have roots in the community in which they grew up should have the opportunity to stay."

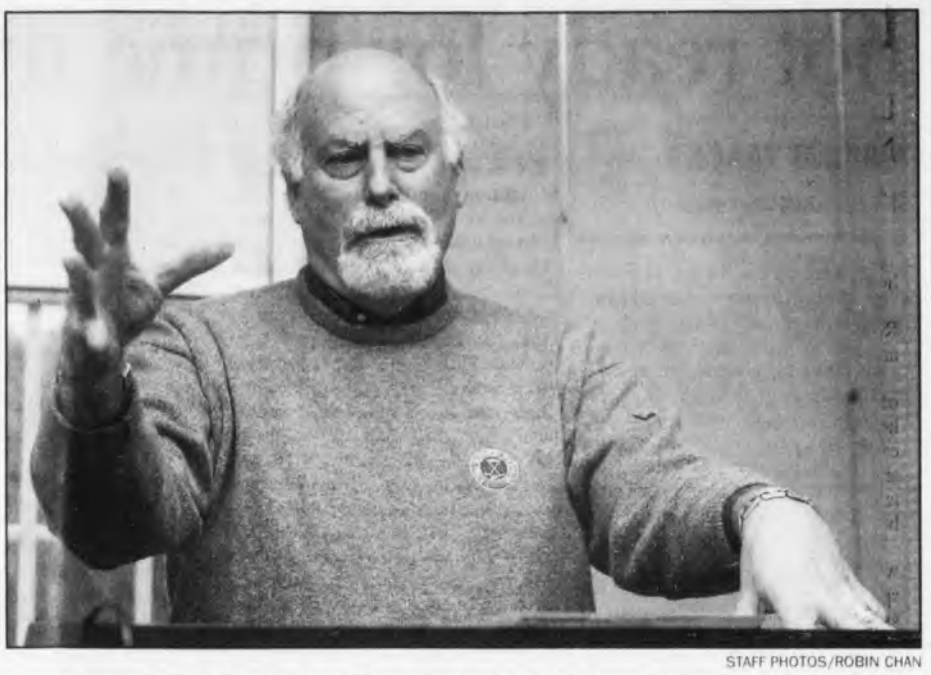
In addition to the project's not being able to provide what the town had wanted, Engler said as the town drafts its third Request for Proposals, which indicates what the town would like to see built on the land, he would suggest it not restrict the development and require rental units, even though many in town have said there is a need for senior rental housing. In his experience, rental housing and market-rate housing do not mix in the same development. "But that's just my opinion, that's not to say someone else won't come in and say, 'I can make it work'," he said.

Engler said the market will direct developers in their proposals and the town will have a decision to make once bids are received. However, "My background says it's very difficult," to make senior rental housing work in a development which also includes market-rate units.

Engler said many other towns have a high resale value for homes and run into the same problems as Cohasset. He said that leaves communities with the questions of who do you want to help, and what do you want to "count." Cohasset is trying to meet a 10 percent affordable housing threshold set by the state. "Other towns say, 'we're going to help the people in town'," he said, adding that is a decision Cohasset must make.

Selectman Rob Spofford said at this point, the town has voted on the project and it has said it will be regulated by the SMROD bylaw. He said therefore, to change the project would require another Town Meeting vote, and with the time constraints the board is currently working with, there is no time to go backwards.

The board of selectmen held a public hearing on the Cook Estate Thursday after the Mariner went to press to gain feedback from residents for the RFP. The board will discuss the Cook Estate again at its Tuesday, Jan. 10 meeting. The new RFP for the project will be sent out by Friday, Jan. 13.



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Housing consultant Robert Engler talks to seniors about their housing options during Tuesday's forum at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Susan Kent jots down notes during the forum held to discuss the Cook Estate and affordable housing for seniors.

Former selectman Ronnie McMorris, right, a vocal advocate for affordable housing for seniors, raises her hand to offer comments during the forum she helped organize on Tuesday.

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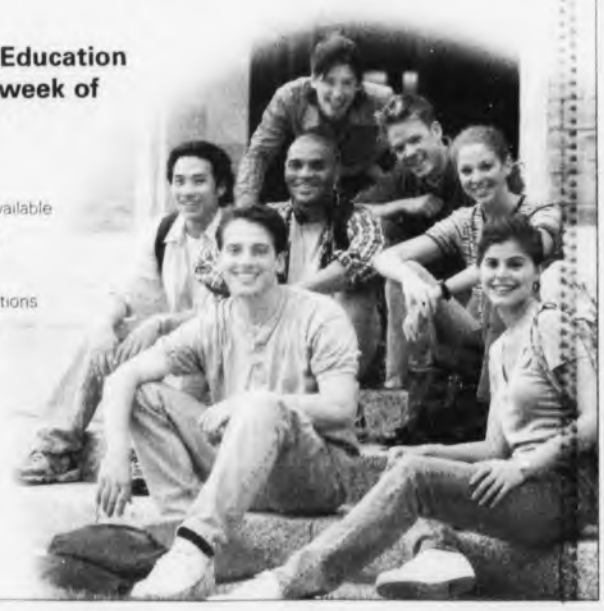

Community comes together to help the Doonan family

Lost house in New Year's Day fire

By Mary Ford
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A Cohasset family is out of a home, but not out of luck.

The Doonans of 730 Jerusalem Road are surrounded by friends and a town that cares.

No sooner had the last embers of a blaze the rendered their house uninhabitable Sunday evening been put out then a web site was launched seeking cash and non-monetary donations to help the family.

"They are a well loved family whose friendships and contacts spread far and wide," the web site, www.cohassetcares.com states. "Already there has been a tremendous outpouring of generosity and support for them.

"Typical of our great town, many friends and strangers have contacted us wondering how they can help."

Rob Doonan was home when a fire started in the dryer in the lower level of the split-level home.

According the to fire department, Mr. Doonan burned his hands pulling clothes from the dryer. He refused medical treatment at the scene. Mr. Doonan was the only person injured; the family's dog Lexi perished in the fire.

"Typical of our great town, many friends and strangers have contacted us wondering how they can help."
— www.cohassetcares.com

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the homeowner went to a neighbor's house to report the fire; the rest of the family was at a hockey game.

The call came into dispatch at 5:14 p.m., Sunday. Lincoln said firefighters from Cohasset and Hull who were first on the scene brought the fire under control quickly.

"It was knocked down in about half an hour," he said. "But we were there quite a while overhauling and checking for extension and didn't leave until 11:30 p.m."

Lincoln explained that sheet rock has to be pulled down to check into the partitions to make sure that all fire is extinguished.

He confirmed the fire was caused by lint in the dryer that was on the lower level in laundry room in the finished basement area. The fire caused damage to the laundry room, boiler room, and finished room; smoke and heat damage worked its way into partitions of the first floor. The fire was under control before it spread to the upper level, he said.

Lincoln said it is his policy not to provide damage estimates, leaving that up to insurance adjusters.

Twelve Cohasset firefighters, including on-duty, off-duty and call firefighters, responded to the scene, along with six firefighters from Hull and three from Scituate. A Hingham engine covered Cohasset fire headquarters.

"The firefighters did their usual good work in bringing the fire under control so quickly," he said.

According to the cohassetcares web site, the Doonans are living in a rental house in Hull that belongs to their neighbors and is fully equipped and furnished. "A couple of Cohasset houses are for rent and they will be looking into those over the next few weeks," the web site states.

"This is a start and any and all ideas are welcome on how to make this as easy as possible for the Doonans...," the web site says. "The Doonans have been truly overwhelmed by all the support they have received. Thank you in advance for your concern."

For information about how to help, visit: www.cohassetcares.com

Pastor returning to his roots

FROM PASTOR, PAGE 1

In fact when Cutler arrived, there were only 10 children in the entire church and the church school had closed. "Today we have the most children as a percentage of the congregation than any other church in the diocese," he says with pride.

However, he admits when they first arrived to having a little trouble making the transition from the inner city to quiet Cohasset.

"I remember one night wanting to go down the steps by the Independence Building (now Wild Plums) but there were no lights," he recalls. "Even though I knew it was safe, I couldn't force myself to go down – it took a while to change my habits."

Cutler, who made the announcement that he is leaving at the Nov. 9 church service and later in a letter to parishioners, starts at St. Paul's Church in Chestnut Hill, a section of Philadelphia, in early February.

"It was very difficult," he recalls about the decision to leave Cohasset. "This is a wonderful community and parish. I am not leaving without a lot of consideration and thought."

He understands well that serving as pastor is all about honoring relationships and there will be ample opportunities for parishioners and the community to say goodbye. At 1 p.m. today (Friday) an event is planned at the Council on Elder Affairs to honor Cutler; there will also be a tea from 2-5 p.m. in the Bartow Room at St. Stephen's Saturday afternoon where people can share stories and remembrances. And from 7-9 p.m., Jan. 14, St. Stephen's will host a reception at Walton Rodgers Hall that will include a slide show of the church over the years.

The assistant rector at St. Stephen's, the Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson, will serve as interim priest, while the search for a new rector gets under way. A search committee has been formed as well as a group that is creating a profile of St. Stephen's and the community that can be used in the search process. Cutler estimates it will be about 18 months before the parish is ready to invite a new pastor to come and take charge of the ministry.

Cutler is proud of much that St. Stephen's has accomplished over the past 20 years but at the top of the list is how the church has used its resources to better the lives of others. From providing a $30,000 grant to help the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham, a residential educational program for homeless families, primarily women with young children, get started years ago — to its more recent efforts with Caribbean U-Turn, an organization dedicated to turning around the lives of at-risk youth of Caribbean descent — the church is involved well beyond the borders of Cohasset.

In fact, through the church's involvement with Caribbean-U-Turn, St. Stephen's youth worked to raise money to purchase a system that would treat 10,000 gallons of water per day, enough to provide an entire community in Haiti with a reliable source of pure drinking water.

Cutler has found Cohasset to be a nurturing place to raise a family. "It was everything we looked for when we left Philadelphia," he says. "I want to thank everyone in the parish who helped me grow and thank the people of Cohasset."

Cutler says he hopes at the end of 10-12 years at his new church, he'll be able to be as proud of St. Paul's as he is of St. Stephen's.

"It's going to be nice just being home," he says. "It seems like that's a nice place to end up."

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Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Girls soccer All-Scholastics

Cohasset's Torey Hart has been named an Honorable Mention to the Mariner's All-Scholastic girls soccer team. To see the team, log on to the Cohasset Mariner web site at www.townonline.com/cohasset.

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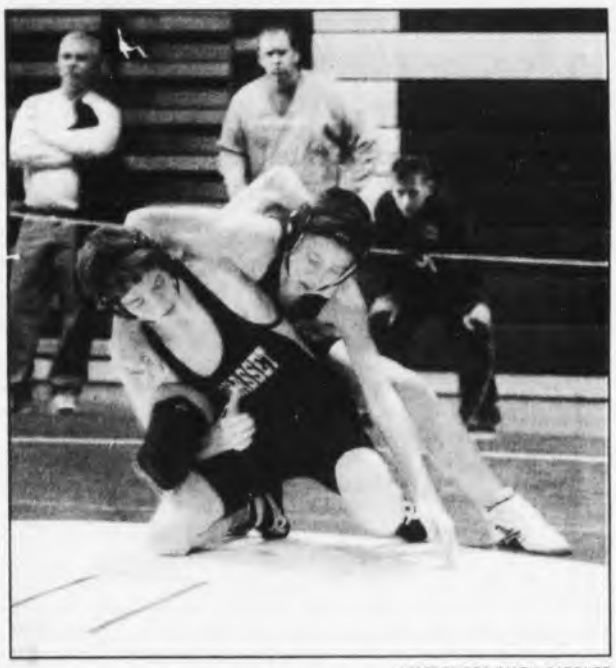
Cohasset's Ryan McClellan (112 pounds) is in good position during this first-day match at last week's Marshfield Tournament. McClellan finished fourth in his weight class for the competition.



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Steve Murphy looks to outlast his King Philip opponent during a match last Wednesday.

Dorian leads wrestlers in Marshfield tourney

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset-Hull wrestling team probably didn't finish where they would have liked in last week's Marshfield tournament (17th out of 28 teams), but saw four standout individual performances.

Leading the way was senior co-captain Shane Dorian at 145 pounds. The defending Division 3 state champion looked impressive in winning four matches, all via pin, to advance to the finals of his weight class against Plymouth South's Vinnie Renaut.

Renaut, who finished third in All-States last season, pinned Dorian in the second round. Plymouth South won the team competition, and Renaut was named Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament.

At 112, junior Ryan McClellan took fourth place in a performance that head coach Torin Sweeney called "probably the biggest surprise in the whole tournament." Coming into the competition unseeded (there where eight seeds out of the 28 wrestlers in the weight class), McClellan knocked off two of the top six seeds, including a grappler from Mansfield who had beaten him earlier in the season.

In the semifinals, McClellan hung tough into the third period with Sharon's Ben Carver, who wound up winning the tourney at 112.

Sweeney came away particu-

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Girls hoops on the rise

By Mark Goodman
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Talk about defending your homecourt.

The CHS girls basketball team did just that last week, defeating Sacred Heart (39-38) and Hull (38-28) to win the Cohasset Holiday Basketball Classic.

After watching his young team struggle during the preseason and start to the regular season, head coach John Levangie is beginning to like what he is seeing.

"Week after week, we keep on improving," he said Wednesday. "At the beginning of the season, our turnovers were atrocious. But we've been doing so much better. Our starting guards, Chelsea Grossman and Gabby Flibbotte, have done a good job handling the ball. Our kids, offensively, are doing things now they couldn't do a month ago."

Against Sacred Heart, Levangie says he got good games from his entire starting five, which also includes Samantha Lehr, Mia Lieb-Lappen and Lacey Richardson. Lieb-Lappen has been a key contributor throughout the young season with her interior

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Mia Lieb-Lappen (23), shown here in action against Holbrook, has been a solid presence on the boards during the Skippers' 3-2 start.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kate Carpenter - shown here on the beam on Dec. 22 in a meet against Pembroke - and her Cohasset/Norwell gymnastics teammates are back in action tonight at the Mass. Gymnastics Center in Hingham in a tri-meet with Notre Dame and Case.

The best game ever?

MUSINGS OF A BLEACHER BUM

MARK GOODMAN

Texas-USC was the greatest game I've ever watched. In any sport, at any level, championship or no championship at stake.

Granted, my sports memory vault doesn't truly begin until around 1990, but...

Texas-USC was the greatest game I've ever watched. In any sport, at any level, championship or no championship at stake.

It wasn't shaping up to be so through the first quarter. With both teams not having played in the last six months (or so it seemed, anyway), there was more than a little rust on both sides. If this game was played on Dec. 19, the final score may have been 55-52.

And how about some of the coaching decisions in that first quarter? Texas has fourth-and-one, and they hand off to a running back? USC, in the same situation on its next drive, run a quarterback sneak for Matt Leinart? Interesting. Reggie Bush and Vince Young finished 1-2 in Heisman voting for a reason. Give them the ball in any and all fourth-and-short situations.

For Pete Carroll, let's just say this game wasn't exactly his shining moment. I agree with the fourth down call with two minutes left. If you're essentially one play away from winning a championship, you go for it. Every time. Of course, if the Heisman winner is on your team, you may want to give him the ball in that situation...or at least have him on the field.

It doesn't end there. Why did it take 58 minutes for USC to start blitzing Vince Young? And when they did it on the first two plays of Texas' final drive, which led to a third-and-12 for the Longhorns, why did they inexplicably stop?

Then there was the timeout on that final two-point conversion. We won't go there.

We also won't jump on the "Bush didn't show up" bandwagon. I'll take 180 rushing and receiving yards against a defense that keying on him the whole game, anytime. And that 25-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter was the most breathtaking play of the game. Only the speed of light itself would have caught Bush on that play. Simply electrifying.

As for Mr. Young... Before Wednesday night, the only athlete that ever made smile in the middle of a game, simply from the enjoyment of knowing I was watching greatness in its purest form, was Pedro Martinez. But on that last drive, and that last touchdown run on a fourth-and-five, Young was added to the list.

And did you see his reaction after scoring that touchdown? You didn't, because there wasn't any. He simply ran over to the Texas cheering section, let them bask in the glory of knowing they were possibly 16 seconds away from a national championship, and then got back out there for the two-point conversion. In a modern football world where players feel the need to dance or showboat after every first down, or every tackle, that may have been Young's crowning moment.

An offering of other random thoughts from the game:

Kudos to Dan Fouts, who did a great job of both play-by-play and color commentary. Keith Jackson hasn't just lost his fastball, he's lost his curve and changeup, too. Whoa Nellie, did he stink.

Perhaps the best thing I've heard said about Young in the last two days came Thursday morning on Dennis and Callahan, when a caller compared him to "a rich man's Randall Cunningham."

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CHS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

CHS winter sports schedule

BOYS VAR. BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
6	*at Abington	
9	Nantucket	4:30 p.m.
10	*Carver	
13	*Harwich	5:30 p.m.
17	*at Hull	
20	*Norwell	
22	at Nantucket	3 p.m.
24	*Mashpee	
27	at Avon	
31	*Abington	
Feb.		
3	*at Carver	
7	*at Harwich	
10	*Hull	
13	Avon	
14	*at Norwell	

*League event
All games at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
6	*at Abington	
10	*Carver	
13	*Harwich	4 p.m.
17	*at Hull	
20	*Norwell	
24	*Mashpee	
27	at Avon	
31	*Abington	
Feb.		
3	*at Carver	
7	*at Harwich	
10	*Hull	
13	Avon	
14	*at Norwell	

*League event
All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

GIRLS VAR. BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
10	*at Carver	
13	*at Harwich	
17	*Hull	
20	*at Norwell	
22	at Nantucket	1:15 p.m.
24	*at Mashpee High School	
26	Avon	
31	*at Abington	
Feb.		
3	*Carver	
6	Holbrook Jr./Sr.	
7	*Harwich	
10	*at Hull	
13	at Avon	
14	*Norwell	

*League event
All games at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
10	*at Carver	
13	*at Harwich	
17	*Hull	
20	*at Norwell	
24	*at Mashpee	
26	Avon	
31	*at Abington	
Feb.		
3	*Carver	
6	Holbrook Jr./Sr.	
7	*Harwich	
10	*at Hull	
13	at Avon	
14	*Norwell	

*League event
All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

BOYS VAR. ICE HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
8	*at Mashpee	6 p.m.
11	*Hull	5:40 p.m.
14	*at Abington	5:20 p.m.
18	*at Norwell	7:40 p.m.
21	at Pembroke	6:50 p.m.
25	*at Carver	5:40 p.m.
27	*Harwich	8 p.m.
Feb.		
1	*Mashpee	5:40 p.m.
4	*at Hull	3:20 p.m.
8	*Abington	6:50 p.m.
11	*Norwell	8 p.m.
15	at S.S. Reg. V-T	7:40 p.m.
18	Pembroke	6:50 p.m.
22	at Westwood	6:30 p.m.

*League event

BOYS VAR. WRESTLING (Cooperative team with Hull)

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
7	North Quincy Tournament at N. Quincy	10 a.m.
11	at Norwell	7 p.m.
14	Cohasset Tournament	
	Cohasset High School	
	Duxbury High School	
	Hamilton-Wenham Reg.	
	Hanover High School	
	Hingham High School	
	Holbrook Jr./Sr. High	
	Lynnfield High School	
	Marshfield High School	
	Norwell High School	
	Rockland High School	
	Scituate High	10:30 a.m.
18	at Carver	7 p.m.
21	Quad at Wayland vs. Whitman-Hanson, Durfee	
	Durfee High School	
	Wayland High School	
	at Whitman-Hanson	2 p.m.
27	Quad vs. Rockland, Marsh, N. Quincy	
	Marshfield High School	
	Middleboro High School	
	No. Quincy High School	
	Rockland High	4 p.m.
Feb.		
1	at Holbrook Jr./Sr.	4:30 p.m.
4	Nauset Regional	10 a.m.

GIRLS VAR. GYMNASTICS (Cooperative team with Norwell)

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
6	*at Notre Dame-Hing.	7 p.m.
9	*at Bridge-Rayn	7 p.m.
14	Hanover	1:30 p.m.
17	Plymouth South	7 p.m.
21	Tri Meet at Barnstable w/Attleboro	
	Attleboro High School	
	at Barnstable	1 p.m.
24	*at Marshfield	7 p.m.
30	*Somerset	7 p.m.
Feb.		
2	at Carver	7:30 p.m.
5	Senior Showcase at Attleboro	5:30 p.m.
11	Cranberry Conf. West Division Ind. Meet at Somerset	10 a.m.

*League event

BOYS/GIRLS VAR. SWIMMING (Cooperative team with Scituate)

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan.		
10	at Middleboro	3:30 p.m.
17	at Randolph	3:30 p.m.
24	at Duxbury	3:30 p.m.
31	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
Feb.		
7	at Pembroke	3:30 p.m.
9	Patriot League Diving Mt. Away	TBA
10	Patriot League Diving Mt. Away	TBA

Girls hoops on the rise

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defense and rebounding.

Katie James has also been playing well off the bench.

"She always gives us a lift; it's like having a sixth starter," Levangie said.

After the win over Hull, Grossman and Flibbotte were named to the all-tournament team. Flibbotte, who scored a game-high 15 points against the Pirates, won the Tim Owens tournament MVP award, named after the former CHS assistant boys basketball coach who passed away in 2004.

"Gabby had an outstanding game that night, probably her best of the year," said Levangie. "She was great offensively; she handled the ball really well."

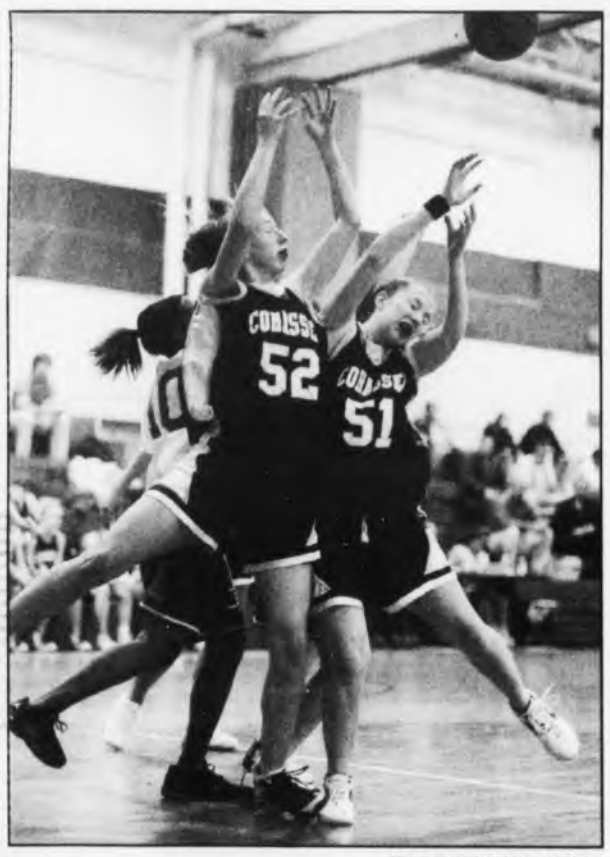
The coach also praised the efforts from reserves Carly Salerno, Kayla Farren and Haley Haracz.

As the scores of those two tournament games would indicate, Cohasset has been playing some good defense lately. Levangie has begun to implement a man-to-man defensive scheme, saying his team has the necessary attributes to play that style of basketball.

"They're quick and the play very hard," said the veteran coach. "Getting them to understand the defense is taking time, but they're beginning to pick it up."

The Skippers were 3-2 heading into last night's key South Shore League game with Abington. Next week, Cohasset faces two more challenging league games, both on the road: Tuesday at Carver and Friday at Harwich.

"We're going into a stretch of several tough ones in a row," Levangie said. "If we can steal one or two of these games, that would be great for us."



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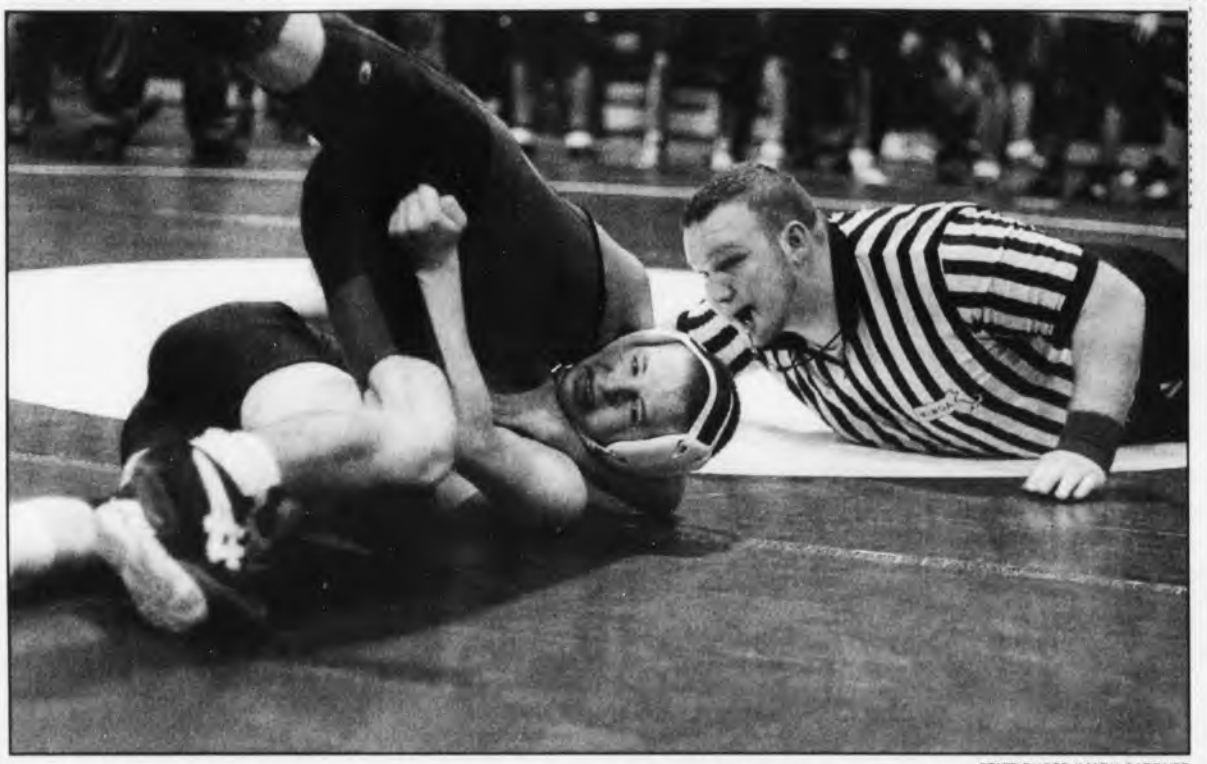
Samantha Lehr (left) and Haley Haracz battle for a rebound during the season opener against Holbrook. Cohasset's next game is Tuesday night in Carver.



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Jake Watts hangs on desperately during his second round match with Durfee's John Pires.

Dorian leads wrestlers in Marshfield tourney

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larly impressed with the performance of senior co-captain Dave McKenna, who finished sixth at 152. Sweeney called that weight class the toughest of the tournament, with six athletes who placed in the state last season. Last year's Marshfield champion did not even finish in the top six this year.

"In a weight class like that, you make one mistake and you're done," Sweeney said. "I thought Dave wrestled well, but of course he wanted to win it. Four of those kids will be in this weekend's North Quincy tournament (in which Cohasset is participating), so I know he'll be looking to that as an opportunity to bounce back."

Rounding out Cohasset's top performers in Marshfield was junior Nick Cambi at 189. Cambi made it to the quarterfinals before losing, and finished fifth after defeating Whitman-Hanson's Mike Sharp via a 4-2 decision in the fifth-place match.

As a team, Sweeney continues to look for others to step up.

"We basically wrestled to our potential [at Marshfield]," he said. "We are what we are, which is a 17th place team out of 28. Right now, we just need to continue to work on the basics and get better."

After Saturday's 18-team NQ tournament, the Skippers return to dual meet action Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Norwell.

The best game ever?

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That seems to make some sense.

Speaking of Young, if he does come out for the draft, how long will it take the sports columnists in Houston to start pressuring the Texans to take him? Two days? One day? David Carr is probably rolling his eyes already.

With that said, Houston has to take Bush. You don't pass on the best college running back since Barry Sanders.

USC receiver Dwayne Jarrett is a stud. I'll be very surprised if he's not a top five pick in the 2007 NFL Draft.

Underrated performance of the night: the Texas offensive line. Save for when he tucked it and ran, was Young on the ground even once? And then the big fellas stormed the ESPN College Gameday postgame set and got themselves on TV. A great night all around for them.

How long before we start hearing the "For a head coach, Pete Carroll makes a great coordinator" jokes around here again?

And on that note…

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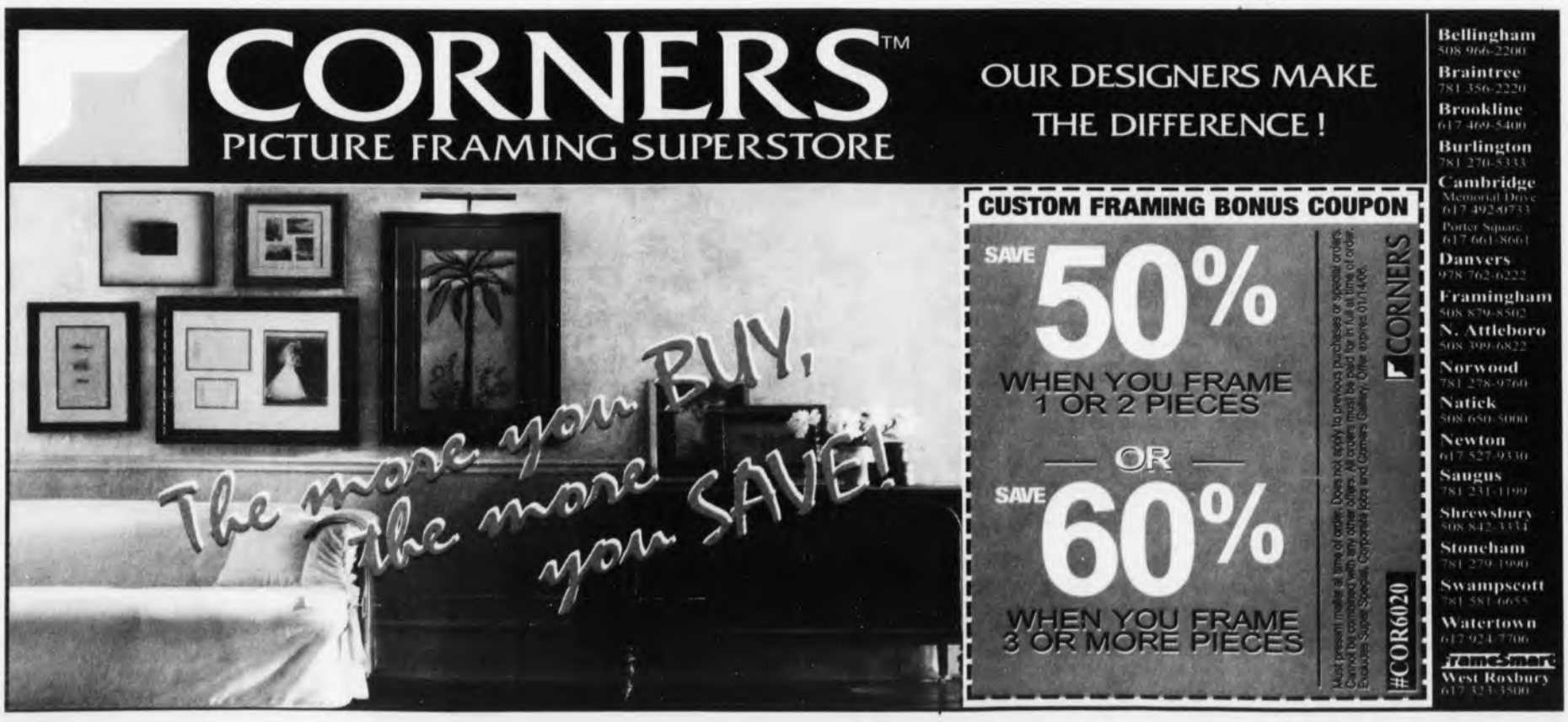

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Cohasset High's Alex Goetz races for control of the puck in last Friday's game against East Longmeadow in the first round of the Cohasset Holiday Ice Hockey Tournament. Junior defenseman Conor Holway was named to the All-Tournament team, but his performance wasn't enough to prevent two losses for the Skippers.
The team is in action again on Sunday at 6:45 p.m., when they travel to Falmouth Ice Arena to take on Mashpee. On Wednesday, the Skippers host Hull at 5:40 p.m. at Pilgrim.

Cohasset girls travel basketball

8th graders off to 4-0 start

The eighth graders continued their impressive winning streak prior to the Christmas break with wins over Duxbury (42-23) and Raynham (27-11).

Against Duxbury the scoring was evenly distributed, but Cohasset was led by a particularly strong all-around effort from **Tori Lehr**, who rebounded aggressively, scored frequently, and led several fast breaks.

Duxbury tried to press the entire game, but Cohasset was able to easily break the press using sharp inbound passes from **Erin Fontaine**. The victory was the hoopsters' third win in a row, all of which had come on the road.

Playing again the next day and finally at home, Cohasset faced off against Raynham. The first half was a defensive battle with **Mimi Mahoney**, **Samantha Crough**, and **Chelsea Silvia** applying constant pressure on Raynham's guards that resulted in a number of steals. Unfortunately, Cohasset was having difficulty making even the easiest of shots and the first half score was only 11-11.

In the second half Cohasset's defensive pressure was even more intense and the offense began to click. In fact, Cohasset shut out Raynham in the second half while scoring 16 points to win 27-11. Leading the scoring effort were **Lindsey Allard** with 10 points, **Isabelle Franklin** with eight points, and **Meredith Kelly** with six points.

The V-8s are now 4-0 and have already surpassed their win total from last year.

7th graders at 2-2

The 7th grade team stayed at the .500 mark with a tough loss at Duxbury and a runaway win over Raynham. The Duxbury contest was the most frustrating game in three years for the Sevens, who scored only three points by the intermission.When Duxbury increased its lead to 10-3 early into the secomd half, the picture looked even bleaker.

However, the Blue and White girls soon found their scoring touch. **Emma Quigley** sank a basket, followed by buckets from **Carli Haggerty** and **Lindsay Davis**. When Haggerty came back with another hoop, Cohasset had completed an 8-0 run to pull out into an 11-10 advantage with under three minutes to play.

However, the Cohasset girls, who were playing with only six players, ran out of steam. A missed shot close-in was followed by a Duxbury 2-on-1 break. Duxbury then sank its foul shots down the stretch for a 17-11 victory.

The following day the Cohasset Seven-Ups easily ran past Raynham, 38-8. Haggerty led the point parade with 21 points, followed by Davis with 13. **Carly Martin** and Quigley also contributed a bucket apiece.

Sixth graders improving

The sixth grade grade girls took an early lead against Duxbury with fast breaks led by **Anna Seraikas** and **Christie Fitzgerald**. Tight defense by **Olivia Franklin** and **Isabel Robinson** frustrated the Duxbury squad and the first half ended with Cohasset holding an 11-10 advantage.

In the second half, set up with assists from **Elisa Tedeschi** and other teammates, center **Allie Farren** came alive, dropping in six points. **Jen Mullin** worked hard under the basket pulling down defensive rebounds and spending time on the foul line.

Duxbury pressed in the second half and Cohasset was effective at breaking the press. However, a few forced turnovers resulted in Duxbury baskets. Outscored in the second half 14 to 8, Cohasset lost this exciting, well-played contest, 25-19.

Fitzgerald led the team with nine points, Farren had six, and Serakis contributed four.

On the home court before Christmas break, the Sixers faced off against a talented Raynham squad. Early in the contest, Cohasset kept pace with Raynham. On fast breaks Cohasset put six points on the board early and an aggressive man-to-man defense by Olivia Franklin, Allie Farren, and Isabel Robinson held the Raynham squad to within striking distance.

Fouls put Raynham on the line where they sank six shots, and at the end of the half the score was 16-8. In the second half, Cohasset continued to play aggressive defense, but with both Farren and Robinson sidelined by fouls, the Cohasset squad saw little rest.

Jen Mullin stepped up and put in four points. However, even with aggressive play from Anna Seraikas, **Sage Stebbins**, and Elisa Tedeschi, the squad could not stop the hot shooting Raynham team. Outscored 10-2 in the second half, Cohasset dropped the contest 28-8. Mullin led the squad with four points with Farren and Fitzgerald each chipping in a basket.

This sixth grade team has already outpaced their scoring totals for last year, and although they have faced a few early season challenges, this nine-person squad of extremely committed teammates are all back, healthy, and ready to play ball.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for theupcoming baseball and softball season from Jan. 1 through Feb. 1.

Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, January 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the lower lobby of the High School gymnasium. In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than February 1, 2006. Registration forms will be available at Town Hall, or via e-mail requests at **CYBSA02025@yahoo.com**.

Registrations that are received or postmarked after February 1 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on February 1. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of **April 30, 2006.** The registration for the girls **softball** aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of **December 31, 2005. Please note that these age cutoff dates are changes that are being implemented by our organization's governing body this year. Note that girls softball has a different age cutoff date than baseball; that is a rule implemented by the CYBSA's governing body.**

A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the junior league baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the American League division for baseball (ages 9-11) and softball (ages 9-11) divisions will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls in the National League division for baseball (ages 6-8) and Instructional Softball (ages 7-8) will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (boys and girls ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register. **Please note that boys and girls who are 6 years old, but who played in the farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year. Please contact Liam O'Connell at 781-383-9538, or via email at ltoconnell@hklaw.com if you have questions about player eligibility.**

Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781) 383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)-383-1897. Thank you.

Youth lacrosse sign-up open through Jan. 7

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will finish its spring 2006 registration with a second sign-up day, on January 7 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. at Cohasset High School.

Parents can come to that sign-up day, or can request paperwork via e-mail and return it by January 8.

"After January 7, we would expect to be at our ideal roster size in a few different age groups, so signing up on time is important," says Chuck Jaffe, director of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We will take everyone who signs up during the registration period, even if it puts us above our ideal roster sizes, but there's not going to be much hope for latecomers in certain age groups once the registration period closes."

To that end, Jaffe suggests that parents who have any concern about forgetting or missing the Jan. 7 final sign-up simply drop him an e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com or call 781-383-9858, telling him the number of children they are registering for the season.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will field boys and girls teams in the 11-and-Under (grades 3 and 4), 13-and-Under (grades 5 and 6) and 15-and-Under age groups.

At all levels, practices should not conflict with most other youth sports activities.

Registration for 2006 costs $150 for one player, $275 for two players and $100 per child thereafter.

To receive forms or get more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, call 781-383-9858 or e-mail CAJaffe@aol.com.

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More seniors are admitted to colleges

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

The news that I have for you this week is second to none.

• The Band and Chorus participated in the Community Day Tour on Dec. 19 and visited local schools and businesses to spread their Holiday Cheer. The tour was a success as everyone was excited to see this cheery young students perform exquisite music.

• Seniors are being admitted to colleges with each passing day, and the "Wall of No Shame" is growing larger and larger. Students recently include Nathan Needle, Chris Ofsthun, myself, Chris Pescatore, Katherine Whoriskey, Zach Etkind.

• The Wrestling team began their season with a solid win over powerhouse BC High.

• The Debate Team competed at Bishop Feehan on Dec. 21.

• The CD that the Band and Chorus made is available for purchase at www.cohassetartsboosters.com.

• The Boys basketball team won the consolation game against West Bridgewater at the annual Cohasset Holiday Basketball Tournament.

• The Math League is anticipating a competition soon.

• The Student Council sold canes the week before the holiday break during lunch to raise money for the senior class.

• The Middle School Student Council, in collaboration with Project Safeguard will be volunteering to pick up Christmas trees around town on Jan. 7 & 8.

• Middle Schoolers Hannah Burgess and Meaghan Costello won $100 each for winning a Poster Contest for the Massachusetts Dental Association. They constructed a poster to demonstrate the dangers of using spit tobacco, and their drawings will appear in an upcoming calendar.

• Welcome to the new Secretary, Mrs. Lewis, who will bring a new spirit and vigor to the Front Office.

• With Mrs. Lewis arriving, we say goodbye and good luck to Dana McCabe who was filling in at the Main Office.

• The Cohasset Varsity members of the Cohasset/Scituate Swim Team are as follows: Alison Costa, Alyssa Campbell, Mamme Daley, Brittany Dunn, Tory Hart, Lauren Johnson, Caitlin Mahoney, Maura Regan, Katelyn Ryan, Sheelah Scott, Roxanne Tehranian, Colin Conway, Brent Daly, and Jonny Drybanski. Best of luck to this aspiring team this winter season.

GIRL SCOUTS

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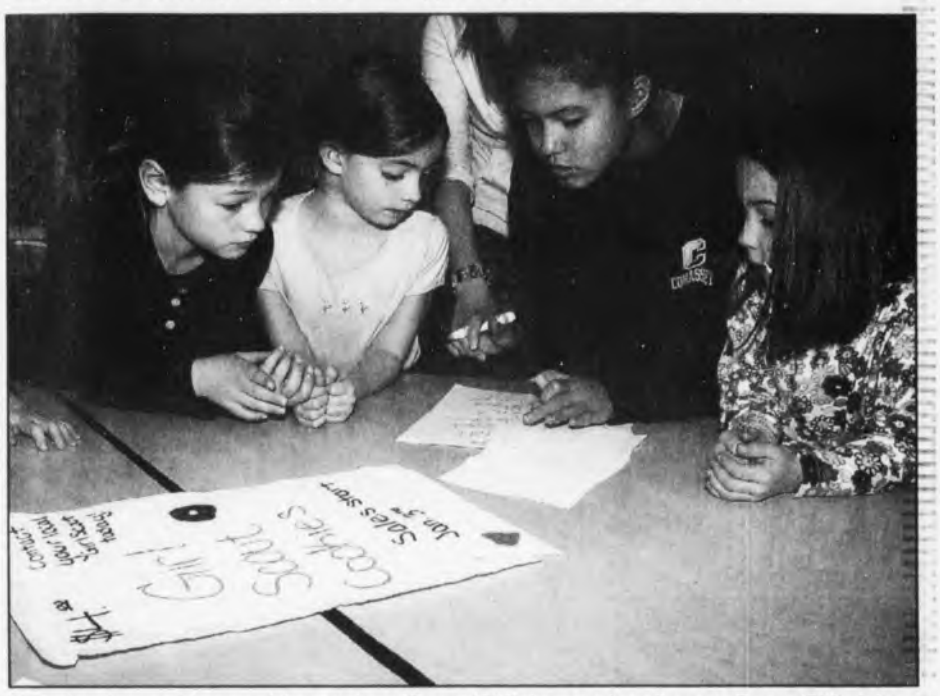
Margie Steele, the coordinator of the Cohasset Food Pantry, welcomes the girls from Girl Scout Troop 4786 who recently brought food and supplies they purchased for the pantry.



Meaghan Leong, 13, second from right, of Troop 4785 shows girls in Brownie Troop 4789, Julia Klier, 8, Emily Ryan, 8, and Rebecca Freddy, 7, (far right) how to draw posters for the annual Girl Scout Cookies sale.

Gymnastics and fitness

Osgood School gym teacher, Mr. Dykas, has just started his gymnastics and fitness unit, where the children work together in small groups, cooperating and challenging themselves with gymnastics and fitness.

They're also working on their cardiovascular by using the long jump rope and speed hoops.

John Donohue reaches the top of the climbing pole showing he's learned his hand over hand technique.

Kids do give a hoot

Science Center owl comes to town

Staff photos/Robin Chan

Margaret Curley, 3, wears the owl mask she made during a lesson on New England owls at One Creative Place Thursday, Dec. 15. Hedwig the owl traveled from his home at the South Shore Natural Science Center to pay the children a visit.

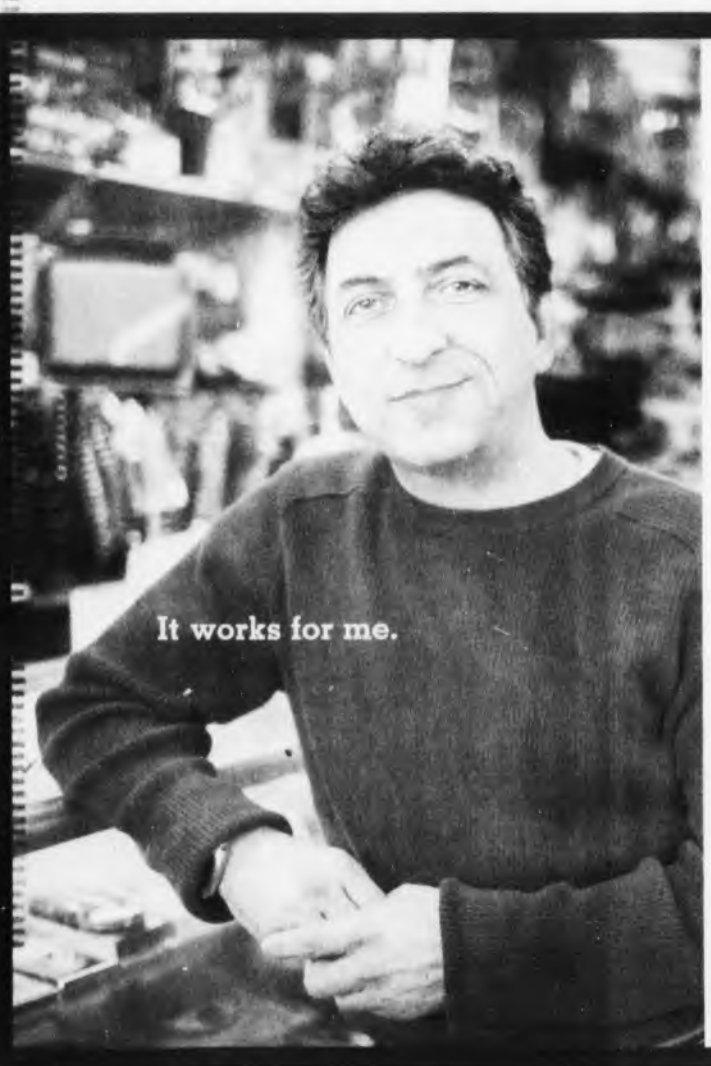
Alex Soltesz, 3, of Scituate, makes "owl eyes" at One Creative Place during a visit from Hedwig the owl, of the South Shore Science Center in Norwell. Children were given a presentation on New England owls Thursday, Dec. 15, during which they learned owls are nocturnal, and have very good "binocular" vision at night.

Above, Hedwig, a barred owl from the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, paid a visit to the children at One Creative Place Thursday, Dec. 15. Hedwig is a non-releasable raptor who was visiting to help teach the children about New England owls.

Melissa Kurkoski, a naturalist from the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, flaps a red tail hawk wing, to show the children how much louder it is than an owl wing. The children learned during the presentation that owls are nocturnal, and therefore hunt at night, and fly much more slowly and quietly than hawks which are diurnal, meaning they sleep at night and fly fast when they hunt during the day.

Above, Natalie Devin, 3, pretends to be asleep, mimicking the nocturnal habits of Hedwig the owl. Hedwig lives at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, and visited the children at One Creative Place in Jonathan Livingston Square, Thursday, Dec. 15 as part of an educational program on New England owls.

Right, Sam Hess, 3, is initially frightened by Hedwig, a barred owl from the South Shore Natural Science Center, who flapped his wings loudly as he too was frightened upon entering a new environment. The two were at One Creative Place Thursday, Dec. 15 for a presentation on wildlife. Nate Thomas, 4-1/2, is in the background.



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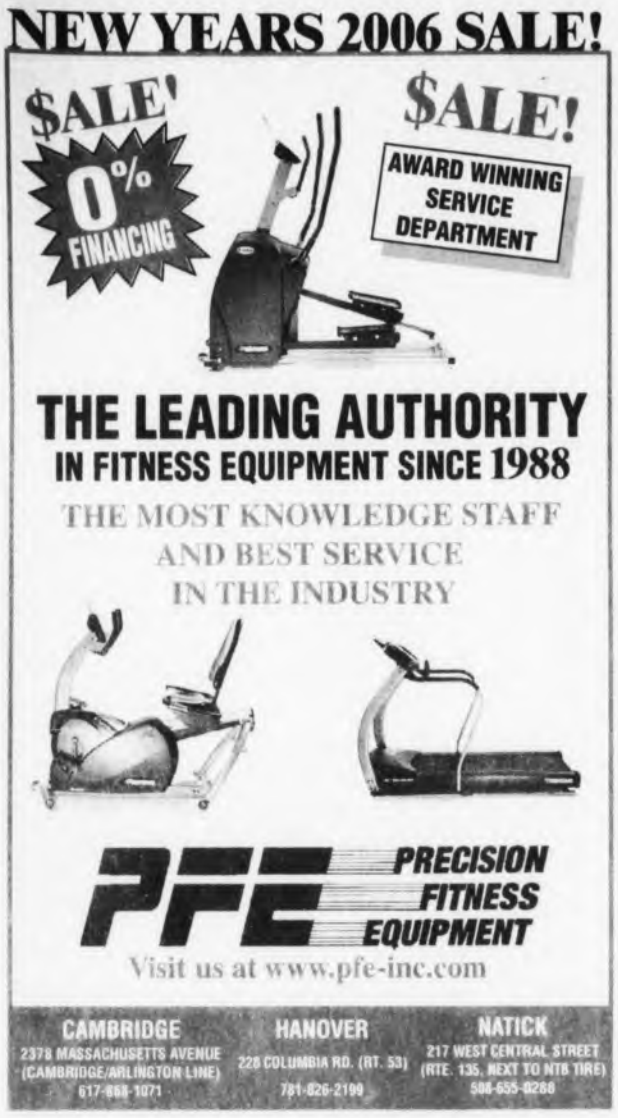

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Jan. 8. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Resolved."

Resolved to do what? To be who? To live how? What are the gifts and liabilities of resolution at the outset of a New Year?

Children will join their parents in the Meeting House for Time for All Generations before adjourning to the Parish House, where a program on the New England Aquarium awaits.

Coffee Hour directly after the service. All are welcome.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for prospective new members — Welcome to Unitarian Universalism and to First Parish — Overview, Discussion, & Brunch, Atkinson Room.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers. To learn more about these programs and our Senior High Youth Group, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the January newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, or Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

We wish you a New Year of peace from the inside out.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy: the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Healing Group Tuesday at 7 p.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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Abbey series on women and religion

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In," continues Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Conference Center.

The program features "Acting on Faith: Women and New Religious Activism in America," a documentary produced by Rachel Antell, narrated by Dr. Diana Eck.

The film features three women:

Dr. Laila Al-Marayati, who is the spokesperson and past president of the Muslim Women's League, a Los Angeles based organization dedicated to strengthening the role of Muslim women in society. She is a physician in South Los Angeles, volunteers at the UMMA Community Clinic, the first Muslim free health clinic in the country, and was a presidential appointee to the Commission on International Religious Freedom from 1999 to 2001.

Shamita Das Dasgupta, who is a cofounder of Manavi Inc., the pioneer organization in the U.S. to focus on violence against South Asian immigrant women. Manavi provides critical supportive services to women who are especially vulnerable to abuse due to their cultural socialization and recent immigration. Currently, Das Dasgupta is a clinical adjunct assistant professor of law at the NYU Law School.

Mushim Ikeda Nash, who is a community peace activist, writer, diversity facilitator and mother of a teenage son. She has done both monastic and lay Zen practice over the past 20 years in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and South Korea. She is consulting editor to Turning Wheel: The Journal of Socially Engaged Buddhism and coeditor of Making the Invisible Visible: Healing Racism in Our Buddhist Communities.

Kathryn M. Lohre represents the Pluralism Project's consultation for this documentary film. She is the research manager responsible for student research with the Pluralism Project, Religious Diversity News and shaping the future of the Women's Initiative.

Reservations are recommended, call 781-749-2155. Lectures are free, donations gratefully accepted.

OBITUARIES

Eloise Maloney

Retired special education teacher for Norwell schools

Eloise Maloney, 94, of Lenox, formerly of Charlestown, Scituate and Cohasset, died Jan. 2, 2006, at the Providence Care Center of Lenox in Lenox.

Daughter of the late James Peter Maloney, and the late Mary (Fitzgerald) Maloney, she was raised in Charlestown, and lived there until moving to Scituate in 1960. She graduated from the Perry Normal School in Boston, and received a bachelor of arts degree in social work from the University of Rhode Island.

Ms. Maloney worked with children born with cerebral palsy in Wellesley and in Boston, and retired as a teacher of special education with the Norwell School system.

An active parishioner of St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate for over 40 years, she will be dearly missed by her friends and family.

She leaves a niece, Jane Stevens, and her husband William of Lanesborough; a nephew, James Maloney, and his wife Paulette of So. Portland, Maine; three grand-nieces; a grand-nephew; four great grand-nieces; two great grand-nephews; and close friend Gertrude Reynolds, of Scituate.

A memorial Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, April 22, 2006, in St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate. Arrangements by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ms. Maloney's name to the Providence Care Center of Lenox, c/o employee's fund, 320 Pittsfield Road, Lenox, MA 01240.

Joseph E. Wood

U.S. Navy WWII veteran; owned Arthur O. Wood and Sons builders

Joseph E. Wood, 94, of Cohasset, died Dec. 31, 2005.

Husband of the late Evelyn B. Wood, he leaves two sisters, Dorothy C. Wood of Cohasset, and Grace E. Wynne of Spokane, Wash.; two brothers, Arthur O. Wood Jr. of Scituate, and Charles B. Wood of Scituate; four nieces, Dorothy J. Skelton of Spokane, Wash., Grace Victoria Elkins of Issaquah, Wash., Susan W. Nichols of Rockville, Md., and:Leslie J. Wood of Greenville, N.C.; and two nephews, Charles B. Wood Jr. of Scituate, and Arthur O. Wood III of Scituate.

A memorial service will be held at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Commons on Friday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m.

A graveside service will be held at the Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset at 1 p.m., prior to the Memorial Service. Relatives and friends invited. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in Mr. Wood's memory may be made to the Evelyn B. Wood Memorial Fund, Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025; or to the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, 320 Washington St., Norwell, MA 02061.

William J. Cooney Jr.

U.S. Air Force WWII veteran; former investment banker

William J. Cooney, Jr., 86, of Cohasset and Littleton, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at the Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton.

Son of the late William J. and Olivia (Gavin) Cooney, he was born in Boston and raised in Jamaica Plain. A graduate of Boston Latin School Class of 1937, he graduated from Harvard University, Cambridge, in 1944.

In 1942, Mr. Cooney joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in the 442nd Squadron during World War II in European, African, and Asiatic Pacific theatres. He received the Croix de Guerre with a Palme Medal and Bronze Service Stars for his service.

Mr. Cooney worked with Harriman, Ripley, & Co. of Bostor. as an investment banker for many years, and was a member of the Municipal Bond Club of Boston.

Beloved husband of the late Molly (Wood) Cooney, he leaves two sons, George Cooney, and his wife Lindsay of Cohasset, and Bill Cooney, and his wife Debbie of Carlisle; two granddaughters, Olivia, and Audrey, of Carlisle, and a brother, Gerald G. Cooney of Marshfield. He was the brother of the late Olivia C. Robertson.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church Cohasset, on Friday, Jan. 6 at 11 a.m.

Interment is in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in Mr. Cooney's memory may be made to the Buddy Dog Humane Society, 151 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

1:33 p.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement, Hull Police looking for a black Ford mustang in regard to the operator being highly intoxicated. Went into a barber shop in Hull and was denied business and fled in his vehicle. Cohasset officers have located this party at his residence, already in his home. They state he is intoxicated and has been spoken to about operating his motor vehicle.

2:08 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports school building checks secure.

2:30 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer at this location for dismissal.

3:25 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports school building checks ok, all secure.

4:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:34 p.m. **Nichols Road**, medical aid, caller reports she is having pain on her left side of chest radiating to right side. Transported to SSH.

10:33 p.m. **Stagecoach Way**, disabled motor vehicle. Parked overnight per sgt.

10:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations, reports of employee riding ATV up and down 3A with no warning devices.

10:47 p.m. **Deep Run**, disturbance, neighborhood. Caller reports teenagers in her backyard causing disturbance.

11:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, erratic operator called in and stopped by cruiser.

11:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, noise complaint, loud engine sounds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

10:11 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid.

12:17 p.m. **Smith Place**, suspicious activity, officer reports vacant garage w/smashed out windows.

1:10 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, medical aid.

2:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle violation, vehicle #1 written warning for right on red. Vehicle #2 written warning for red traffic signal.

5:52 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, public assist - fire. Resident unable to turn off her stove.

6:20 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, investigation - fire, caller reports her overhead light keeps flickering.

6:20 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

7:18 p.m. **Rosa Lane** and **Woodland Road**, Scituate, medical aid, transported to SSH.

8:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, report of three juveniles unplugged all Christmas lights at the common.

10:40 p.m. **Church St.** and **Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

11:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

1:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

7:10 a.m. **Pond St.**, High School/Sohier St. schools are secure.

10:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, property recovered, walk-in party found a set of keys on the beach.

2:02 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire investigation.

2:34 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:14 p.m. **Whortleberry Lane**, Scituate, medical aid, transported to SSH.

5:22 p.m. **Linden Drive**, medical aid, elderly female short of breath, transported to SSH.

5:47 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, elderly male short of breath, transported to SSH.

6:18 p.m. **Oak St.,** medical aid, stroke, transported to SSH.

6:38 p.m. **Ripley Road**, disturbance, neighborhood. Caller reports a group of kids placed large tree branches along roadway. She removed them to the side, notify DPW for pick up.

10:36 p.m. All Cohasset schools, building checks.

MONDAY, DEC. 26

12:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer advised checked school.

12:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint.

1:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:38 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:54 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:43 a.m. **Mohawk Way,** medical aid, transported to SSH.

11:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

1:20 p.m. **Doane St.**, fire, CO detector investigation.

MONDAY, DEC. 26

9:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:43 a.m. **Mohawk Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:20 p.m. **Doane St.**, fire, investigation.

5:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

5:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:08 p.m. Weather: Rain. Temp: 40.1.

7:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised he can hear kids at the construction equipment. Officer unable to locate kids.

8:04 p.m. **Shore Sector**, escort, officer is giving subject a ride to Hull.

9:39 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:46 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

9:38 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports a worker from the MBTA project just broke his ankle and it is facing the opposite direction.

10:10 a.m. **Lantern Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports her fire alarms have activated and there is water coming through the ceiling. Fire Capt. reports electricity and water have been shut down at this location.

10:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:40 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports raccoon on front steps.

2:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:34 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

5:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

6:44 p.m. **3A/Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning for speeding.

7:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she thinks she hears a neighbors house alarm going off. Officer reports noise is car alarm. Officer reports he found the owner of the vehicle and is now trying to reset alarm.

7:50 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer reports building checks secure.

7:56 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

7:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Way**, caller reports he has lost his wallet in the area of Shaw's.

9:45 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer reports vandalism to the Teen Center.

10:49 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance - neighborhood, caller reports loud youths behind St. Stevens.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

12:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:22 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, caller states when his wife was getting into her motor vehicle, she saw a "huge man" standing under the streetlight across the street. Caller would like the area checked.

7:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicle with its doors open. Motor vehicle is a gold Rolls Royce. Door was open, keys in the ignition. Motor vehicle does not start. Motor vehicle is on the grass in front of the business.

6:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, caller reports man laying in the middle of the road at West Corner. Hingham also notified and responding.

6:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

6:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer school building check ok all secure.

8:21 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a vehicle pulled down his driveway to the house behind him which is vacant and are parked in the back yard. Officer on scene gathering more info from parties on scene. Officers report male party picking up a trailer that does belong to him.

8:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports a group of youths sliding all the old Christmas trees off the lot and lining them up across 3A. Officer speaking to witness at this time on scene. Units are looking for possibly 3 young males. The witness did make contact with the trees in the road.

9:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports dogs have been barking at this location for about an hour and its unusual they are unsure if there is a problem.

9:39 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, suspicious activity.

9:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

10:28 p.m. **Pond St., and Clay Spring Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports his young daughter was walking home and was approached by a white vehicle and the male stopped and asked questions to the girls then fled the scene when the girls took off. Only description, white male, white vehicle, possibly in his 20's. Broadcast sent to surrounding towns.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:26 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:40 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle, caller reports a group of kids in a Ford Taurus type motor vehicle pulled over to the side of the road "up to no good".

6:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain. Wind: Light. Temp: 50.

8:56 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, caller would like to see an officer regarding vandalism.

9:08 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, citation with speed.

9:56 a.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, party has fallen.

10:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Department, caller is requesting to see an officer regarding a past motor vehicle accident that took place on Route 3 Hingham.

1:45 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:46 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

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1:47 p.m. **Cedar St.**, fire, investigation, alarm company is reporting a fire alarm activation, smoke in the building.

4:45 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, property damage, caller wanted it logged that they were away for a couple of days and noticed that their mailbox had small dent in it, doesn't want to file report just log note.

5:50 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:56 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

12:13 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:58 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, boyfriend/girlfriend verbal. Female party has left the scene. She was advised by the resident not to return. Male party returned to his residence.

2:10 a.m. **Hull St.**, officer wanted, caller requests an officer as he is having a problem with his girlfriend.

2:36 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Norwell, "well being check on 17-year-old female, and if located check well being and contact this dept."

7:38 a.m. **Deep Run**, medical aid, transported other/BLS.

9 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports when he retrieved his mail from the mailbox it had been burned.

9:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, vandalism report, caller reports the lights on top of her pillars have been smashed. Caller also states there are beer cans thrown along the street.

9:50 a.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Hingham PD called and stated that a party at this location has been severely ill throughout the night.

10:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports vandalism, his company truck has been egged and his Christmas display in the front lawn has been uprooted.

10:27 a.m. **Mohawk Way**, fire, inspections.

10:28 a.m. **Mohawk Way**, fire, inspections.

10:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, inspections, smoke detector inspection.

12:13 p.m. **Sohier St.**, vandalism report, caller reports vandalism to dumpster and front walk way shrubs ripped up and tire mark on the front lawn there is some damage to the front walkway.

1:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

1:31 p.m. **Sohier St.**, vandalism report, two separate callers report two kids destroying property on Sohier Street. Both boys released to parents custody 2:30. Juvenile arrest: Age: 13. Charges: Malicious destruction of property, less than $250 (3 counts). Juvenile arrest: Age: 14. Charges: Malicious destruction of property, less than $250 (3 counts).

2:16 p.m. **Stoneleigh Lane**, keep the peace.

2:20 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports vandalism to this party's mailbox.

2:27 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, vandalism report, caller reports his mailbox has been pushed around and also found an object inside.

5:20 p.m., building checks, **Sohier St.**

5:20 p.m., building checks, high school, **Pond St.**

7:40 p.m., MV crash, **King Street** near Acapulco's, transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS. Two wreckers needed.

10:31 p.m., building checks, **Sohier St.**

10:31 p.m., building checks, high school, **Pond St.**

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

8:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop.

8:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

12:43 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, water problem.

12:56 p.m. **Short St.**, notification.

1 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

1:17 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, injuries after assault.

3:12 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, caller found a dog in her yard and now is returning it to its owner.

4 p.m. Weather: Cloudy. Temp: 35. Wind: Light.

4:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a white dog in the roadway.

6:10 p.m. **King St.**, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle in the North Bound lane.

6:25 p.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle.

6:26 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:32 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, warning marked lanes.

6:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued, 5 motor vehicles tagged.

7:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, roads are getting snow covered, Cohasset DPW notified.

7:41 p.m. **Margin St., and Stockbridge St.**, motor vehicle stop, warning stop sign.

8:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, warning for speed.

8:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, red light violation.

POLICE/FIRE BRIEFS

Rte. 3A left-turn crash

Town officials are concerned about traffic problems along Rte. 3A, especially the difficulty to make left turns onto or off of the state highway that stretches through town from the Hingham to Scituate lines.

If any of them were eating at Acapulco's last Friday night, they would have had a front-row seat on one of the most recent accidents.

Police Chief James Hussey said about 7:40 p.m., Dec. 30, a Nissan was making a left-turn into the driveway that leads to both Acapulco's and Dunkin' Donuts. The car failed to yield and hit a Subaru travelling northbound; the Subaru then collided with a Mercedes travelling southbound behind the Nissan.

The driver of the Nissan was cited for failure to yield, Hussey said. A passenger in the Mercedes was transported to the hospital but the individual's injuries did not appear to be life threatening, he said.

Police had to shut 3A down to through traffic, detouring vehicles at lower King and Sohier streets until the accident was cleaned up. Two wreckers were called to the scene.

Youths charged with vandalism

Police Chief James Hussey said two juveniles are facing vandalism charges to property on Sohier Street, some of which involves allegedly damaging mailboxes. Officers took the youths, ages 13 and 14, into custody after recent incidents and released them to their parents; they will be summonsed to court on charges of malicious destruction of property valued over $250.

The names of the youths are not being released because they are under 17 years of age.

Fire department had busy November

A summary of fire department responses during November is as follows: eight building fires; three brush fires; seven motor vehicle crashes; 59 medical emergencies; 11 investigations; 34 inspections; eight assistance calls; and 28 miscellaneous responses. There were no motor vehicle fires during November. Forty-three emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone, Chief Roger Lincoln said.

The fire department ambulance transported 46 patients to hospitals. Mutual aid ambulances transported three patients from Cohasset. One motor vehicle crash resulted in the transport of two patients to the hospital. Forty-seven patients were transported to South Shore Hospital and two patients were transported to Quincy Medical Center.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 11 during November. Accidental activation of the alarm systems accounted for six responses, and alarm malfunction was the cause of five responses. The eight responses classed as building fires were caused by: two, electrical; three, food on the stove-oven fire; two, oil burner malfunction; and one, washing machine fire.

Also, the fire department has recorded over 200 more responses than last year at this time, Lincoln said.

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Nomination Deadline: Friday, Jan. 13th at 5 p.m.

Citizen search extended one week

See nomination form on page 20

Due to the timing of the holidays this year, the Cohasset Mariner is extending the deadline for nominations for the Citizen of the Year until next Friday, Jan. 13.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the means by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored John Coe as Citizen of the Year, a WWII veteran, whose volunteer service at the Senior Center helps make it a warm, friendly place. He was also recognized for his service as the beloved Town Crier at the Village Fair and for his countless other good deeds behind the scenes.

The deadline for nominations for the 2005 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 13. Please see the nomination form on page 20. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the Citizen of the Year.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the13th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy - fondly known as Marjie - devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe,** a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

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JANUARY 5-13 2006

BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club is pleased to present a concert with Jake Armerding on Friday, January 6th. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, MA. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30. The concert starts at 8:00 PM. Tickets at the door, $10 for Members, $12 for Non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least ten days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass. 02051

Thursday, Jan. 5

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, "Women Mean Business" luncheon. Sen. Therese Murray (D-Plymouth) guest speaker. $25, $20 Chamber members, Thursday, Jan. 5, noon to 1:30 p.m., Plimoth Plantation's Gainsborough Hall, 137 Warren Ave., Plymouth. Space limited. For reservations call 508-830-1620.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each kid's meal. For information call 781-843-3648.

Photography of Boston, Fenway Park, Cape Cod, and New England by South Shore photographer, Ellie Keenan, whose patrons include the Red Sox organization, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boylston St., Boston through Jan. 31. Open seven days 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Jan. 1; Jan. 2-31, call for appointment, 508-631-7130.

Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College accepting applications for participation in Spring 2006 semester. Clinic open to children 18 months through 18 years, with physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Unique motor development, physical education/recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities providing participants an individualized activity plan. Held in Kelly Gymnasium and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For inquiries or applications, call Sheila Campbell at 508-531-1776.

North River Art Society's Little Gallery will host an exhibit by member **Robert D. Harvey**. **"On Cloud Nine"** runs through Jan. 20. The gallery is located in the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **LP3** on Thursday, Jan. 5. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. Thursdays, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café** with **Glen McAuliff and Friends**. Enjoy sounds of the Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Petty, Niel Young and more. 6-9 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Friday, Jan. 6

"Reflections-Inside and Out" by Jack Dickerson of Hingham will be exhibited at **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center through Feb. 1. Works to be viewed and sold. **An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Jan. 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.** Exhibit hours are Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

32nd Town Fair Tire World of Wheels Motorsports Expo at Bayside Expo Center, Boston, Jan. 6-8. Featuring custom cars, local sports and other celebrities and special attractions. Celebrities making personal appearances are Boston Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen, Bruins center Patrice Bergeron and NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace. Hours: 5-11 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday. Admission: $14 adults, $5 children 6-12 and children 5 and under free. Coupons for $2 discount available at participating Town Fair Tire stores. For information, call 617-367-3555 or visit www.worldofwheels.com.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape ," through Feb. 19, **Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. **Opening reception** Friday, Jan. 6, from 6–8 p.m. Also, many DeMichele's paintings of Cohasset, Cape Cod, Maine and Nantucket available for sale during the exhibition, Jan. 6-8. These last remaining works are on display in **Manning Lobby** and may only be purchased Friday, Jan. 6, 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 8, noon-4 p.m. For information, 781-383-2787, www.ssac.org.

Bingo on Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., game starts at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot is up to $3,000. Non-smoking. For more information, call 781-925-2700.

South Shore Parents, are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hotspots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

Jake Armerding presented by South Shore Folk Music Club at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Jan. 6, at 8 p.m. Folk and bluegrass. $10 members, $12 non-members. For more information, 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Jah Spirit **will perform at** Mount Blue, **707 Main St., Norwell on Friday**, Jan. 6. Reggae. Call 781-659-0050.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Comedy returns with Weymouth's own **Bob Niles**, Friday, Jan. 6, 9:30 p.m. $15, reservations suggested. 781-871-7175.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Spank** on Friday, Jan. 6. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Saturday, Jan. 7

One and Only Boston Chocolate Tour, Old Town Trolley Tour of Top of the Hub Restaurant, Prudential Building; historic Omni Parker House Hotel; and The Chocolate Bar Buffet at the Langham Hotel, Boston. Departing from the Trolley Stop Store, Boylston and So. Charles Streets, Jan. 7 to April 30, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; Sundays, noon. $65 per person. Charter and group rates. Gift certificates. Call 617-269-3626.

Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. For more information, contact Nicole Schwartz at 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. There is an application on line at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

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Hingham artist **John Lewiecki's "Pieces of Matrimony"** photography show, Jan. 7-Feb. 2, at Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery. Collection of images from 2005 weddings depicting special emotions and moments of the day, beautiful abstract images, and artistic portraits. For additional information, visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Darwin's Children** on Saturday, Jan. 7. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Sunday, Jan. 8

16th Annual Boston Bruins Wives' Charity Carnival, Sunday, Jan. 8, at TD Banknorth Garden, Boston. Locker room tours, autograph sessions, chance to shoot on the Boston Bruin goalies.. Entire 2005-06 Boston Bruin roster in attendance. Proceeds benefit Bruins Foundation on behalf of Cam Neely Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Floating Hospital. Early Bird Session: noon-2 p.m.; General Session: 3:30-6 p.m. Early Bird tickets available on a limited basis: $25. General Session tickets: $14 adults, $7 children 12 and under, children 5 and under free. Tickets available at TD Banknorth Garden Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling 617-931-2000. For information visit www.bostonbruins.com.

Eighth Annual Little Christmas in Jackson Square, with musical groups from five churches participating in Epiphany Sunday concert, 3 p.m., Jan. 8, at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 1320 Commercial St., E. Weymouth. Choirs from Weymouth United Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception Parish, New Life Foursquare Church, and Union Congregational Church in Weymouth will participate in program of traditional and contemporary Yuletide music. Free-will offering, proceeds to benefit Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919, 781-340-1403 or log on to www.eweyucc.org.

Wilder Memorial Nursery School Open House, 666 Main St., Hingham, Sunday, Jan. 8, 1-3 p.m. Oldest parent/teacher cooperative nursery school in country. Enrollment applications for 2006-07 now being accepted for children 3 years old by Aug. 31, 2006. Applications must be received by March 1, 2006. Scholarships available on a need basis. For more information call 781-749-3518.

Winter Concert Series, hosted by Thayer Academy, Braintree. Series of classical music concerts in academy's Frothingham Hall, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 and April 2. All concerts at 4 p.m., free and open to the public. Sunday, Jan. 8 concert includes music by Guiseppe Sarti, Ludwig Spohr, Francis Poulenc and Giuseppe Verdi. For more information, call 781-664-2515.

"In Another Light," Brett G. Jardim Photography Exhibit, through Jan. 31, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Photographs including scenic landscapes and nature settings taken primarily throughout South Shore region. For sample of presentation see www.Natures Lines.com. Opening reception Sunday, Jan. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 781-659-2559.

Monday, Jan. 9

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association's Diabetes support group will hold its first meeting of the new year, Monday, Jan. 9, from 2-3 p.m. at South Shore Baptist Church, 578 Main St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. Attendees will learn how eating healthy can help manage blood glucose levels. Light refreshments provided. For more information visit www.nvna.org, or call 781-659-2342 Ext. 633.

M.O.A.R. (Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery) starting a **Book Club** to help families and others interested in learning about addiction. First meeting Monday, Jan. 9, at Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield from 7 to 9 p.m. Book for discussion, "A Million Little Pieces," by James Frey. Free and open to the public. RSVP: Marion Diamond at 781-837-2613 or e-mail marion.diamond@verizon.net to give idea of count.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center winter classes begin week of Jan. 9. Classes offered include Acting for Students age 6-8, Acting for Students age 9-12, Acting for Teens, Improvisation open to students age 9 through adult, and Play Production. All classes except Play Production are eight-week courses concluding with performance by all students March 11. All classes held at Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For prices or further information, call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org.

Senior Indoor Softball League sponsored by South Shore Senior Softball. Starts on Monday, Jan. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. Age 55 and over. For information, call Jim Hyde at 781-545-4681.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

The Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St. (Codman Building), Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. See web site: SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

American Cancer Society's Look Good...Feel Better program, to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6-8 p.m. at **Pathways Center for Cancer Support**, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. Free program features cosmetologists leading group sessions, providing tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and changes in the skin from chemotherapy or radiation therapy. To pre-register, call 781- 829-4823. For more information, call 800-ACS-2345.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, Route 139, Marshfield. Newcomers and all levels of knitters welcome. Fee of $5 for non-members. For more information, call Janice at 508-224-4658.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will host **Timothy Kenslea** discussing his book, **"The Sedgwicks in Love: Courtship, Engagement, and Marriage in the Early Republic,"** Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. (Snow Date: Jan. 17, 10 a.m.). Presented by the library and Buttonwood Books & Toys. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 visit www.freewebs.com/timothykenslea or www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Tuesday Trivia Night, 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648.

"Winter Scenes," exhibition and sale by five N.E. artists, Joan Brancale, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Stefan Pastuhov, Hal DeWaltoff, and Ronald Tinney, through Jan. 26, at **South Street Gallery**, 149 South Street in Hingham. Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North St. A non-profit weight loss support group. If you are struggling to lose weight, come to a mutually supportive environment where members share ideas and suggestions for losing weight. Visitors welcome. For information, www.tops.org or call Eleanor at 781- 335-4942.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Rehearsals for **Fine Arts Chorale's spring concert** season begin Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St., So. Weymouth. Interested singers invited to join for celebratory season of 40th anniversary. Group will prepare for April 23 performance of famous opera choruses. For more information, call 800-230-7555 or e-mail: FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

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FOURTH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVERS AND WINE TASTING, Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center. Enjoy an afternoon of food, wine and chocolate sampling as well as a silent auction. All proceeds to benefit Why Me, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping more than 300 families of children with cancer.

15TH ANNUAL BOSTON WINE EXPO, Jan. 28 and 29 at the Seaport World Trade Center and Seaport Hotel in Boston. Wine tasting, seminars and celebrity chef demonstrations. Held in conjunction with the annual Anthony Spinazzola Foundation Gala Festival of Food and Wine which takes place on Friday, Jan. 27. For more information call 781-344-4413 or visit wwwspinnazzola.org.

IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK FOR COLLEGE? Write Right Now will hold a free information session about SAT prep and the college application essay, Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, Whiton Room. For information or to reserve a place, call 781-749-0834.

VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS NEEDED for **Second Annual Grand Slam Tennis Tournament** hosted by The Friends of Women's Health at South Shore Hospital, Feb. 11, at Scituate Racquet and Fitness Club. To volunteer or participate call 781-340-4170. The tournament benefits cardiovascular services at South Shore Hospital.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS FORUM, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:15 to 9 p.m. at **Newton Free Library**, 330 Homer St., Newton Centre. Hosted by Women's Enterprise Initiative. All women business owners welcome to submit business plan for review. Networking from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. with refreshments, followed by business plan presentation with panel and audience feedback from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Advance registration encouraged at www.ci.newton.ma.us/wei. For more information, call WEI at 617-566-3013.

"DAVID COPPERFIELD, AN INTIMATE EVENING OF GRAND ILLUSION," Feb. 3-5 at The Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Performances Friday, Feb. 3, 9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 4, 5 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 5, 1 and 4 p.m. $30-$50. For tickets, call Ticketmaster, 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, by visiting BroadwayAcross America.com and at The Opera House box office.

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Free Texas Hold'em Poker League featuring Ladies Poker School. Win gifts and prizes. Wednesdays at **Applebees,** 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. For more information visit www.BigStackPoker.com.

Jordan Hospital's Diabetes Support Group meets second Wednesday of every month at the hospital. **Paula Marella, DPM,** will speak on foot care for diabetics, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m., at Jordan Hospital's Funkhouser Conference Room, 275 Sandwich St., Plymouth. For more information, call 508-830-2446.

WaterWatch winter lecture series, every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, Jan. 11-March 15. This week's lecture, Wednesday, Jan. 11, **"That Buzzing In Your Ear: Mosquito Borne Virus Threats, Pesticide Sprays or Political Rhetoric?"** with Richard Pollack, Ph.D., Harvard School of Public Health. Presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association, South Shore Natural Science Center and Mass. Audubon South Regional Headquarters and sponsored by Rockland Trust Company. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.nsrwa.org or call the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

A Brain Aneurysm Foundation support group will hold a discussion on **Endovascular Therapy** on Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. For more information, call Tom Quirk at 617-513-3578.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Wednesdays, **Dave Foley, guitarist's acoustic mike night**. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating them to help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Donors need to call 1-800-720-6233.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Southeastern Mass. Mineral Club meeting, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each kid's meal. For information call 781-843-3648.

South Shore Natural Science Center , Jacobs Lane, Norwell, January activities For children: Animal Tails, 31/2-5 year olds, begins Jan. 12; Parents and Tots, ages 5 and under with a parent, begins Jan. 11; Feed the Animals, every Wednesday at 3 p.m. as well as Saturdays and Monday holidays at 10 a.m.; Adventures in Winter Woods, kindergartners, begins Jan. 31. For adults: Brick Wall Quilt class, Jan. 31. Call for complete schedule, 781-659-2559.

American Red Cross courses at the South Area American Red Cross, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy, from Jan. 5 to Jan. 19. Preregistration required. Call 617-770-2600 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adult CPR-AED, Friday, Jan. 6, 1 to 5:30 p.m., $55. Adult CPR-AED and First Aid, Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., $69. Adult CPR-AED Review, Monday, Jan. 9, 6 to 8:30 p.m., $50. Infant and Child CPR and First Aid, Tuesday, Jan. 10 and Thursday, Jan. 12, 6 to 10 p.m., $62. First Aid, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6 to 10 p.m., $50. Home Health Aid-Certified Nursing day and evening courses begin Jan. 9, $700. Certified CPR and First Aid Classes available. Call 617-770-2600.

Exhibit of botanical drawings by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, throughout January and February, at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Reception at the gallery Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-934-2721.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front Street, Room 3. For additional information, call 781-834-4447.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Thursdays, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café** with **Glen McAuliff and Friends**. Enjoy sounds of the Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Petty, Niel Young and more. 6-9 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Brian Stratton Unplugged** on Thursday, Jan. 12. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party**, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary pizza from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Age 21 and over only. 781-871-7175.

Friday, Jan. 13

Huntington Theatre Company, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," through Feb. 5, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Love, lust and betrayal in 18th century Paris, directed by Daniel Goldstein. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m., except Jan. 17; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22, 7 p.m.; Matinees: 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 and Feb. 1; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. except Jan. 7 and 8. Tickets $15-$70. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or BostonTheatreScene.com, or call 617-266-0800 for reservations and box office hours.

Cars for Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls Clubs in Massachusetts are asking people with unwanted cars to remember them. There are no restrictions except that the donor must have the Certificate of Title. If you would like to donate a car, call 800-246-0493 at any time and arrangements will be made to pick up the vehicle.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Johnny Vance Band** on Friday, Jan. 13. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Ongoing events

Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. If you have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease you may be eligible to participate. A limited number of spaces are available. Call 617-414-1188 for information.

North River Network Group, at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8-9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling and literature to help you along the way. Call 800-633-MADD for information.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All are welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support their programs. Donor may receive a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days and donors can designate which club will receive their help. For information call 1-800-246-0493.

Feed the Animals at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Come watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Old Ship Labyrinth Available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

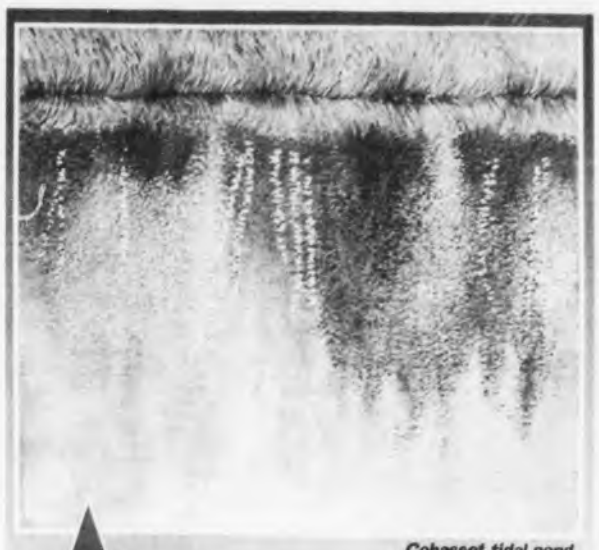
Pick a Party, Rt. 139, Hanover, will host a mother's group meeting time for every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m.-noon. Cost: $5 per hour per child with the purchase of a 10 visit family pass for $50. The pass will entitle you to any Tuesday morning visit for up to two children per family pass. Call 781-826-7077 to reserve your spot. Ask for Stacy Smith Wheel.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. This non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m**. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience is helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard provided materials. In addition to water related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. For more information, contact mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/-0121208.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a new marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Route. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Men's Support Group. Discussion group for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Explore many issues that are the result of cancer and its impact on those who are close to the survivors. Free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephens Church in Cohasset.



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"Reflections-Inside and Out" by Jack Dickerson of Hingham will be on view and sale at The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from January 6 - February 1 2006. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, January 6th 2006 from 7-9. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00-1:00 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org.

Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-393-0771.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adeline's International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is **a woman's a cappella chorus** that gives vocal training to its members who provide musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shore area. Come experience the fun and sing your cares away! For additional information call Sweet Adeline's at 781-843-4355.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), and the list is endless. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, and 781-871-2583.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on second Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. A list of the books is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. For more information, 508-830-4250.

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Wyeth's Pennsylvania

By FRAN GOLDEN

CHADDS FORD, Pa. -- The cool thing about America's greatest living artist is that folks here (and up in Cushing, Maine, where he summers) know him as Andy. Andy is really Andrew Wyeth, the incredibly prolific realist painter; the first visual artist to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by President Kennedy in 1963, and the first artist again to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1990.

Stop by the local diner, Hank's Place (U.S. Routes 1 and 100) early in the morning and you might spot Andy eating fried eggs and scrapple and drinking chocolate milk, accompanied by his 20-something granddaughter Victoria, who graduated from Bates.

Or you may spot him by the side of the road with his easel. Or in the road -- as one story goes, one time he was standing in the middle of a road painting and rather than telling him to move, the police came by and simply put cones around him to block traffic.

Wyeth is now 88, has painted for seven decades and shows no signs of letting up.

"He loves it. He really loves it. Every day he's out there painting. Middle of a snow storm last year, I'm like, 'What are you doing?' 'I'm goin' painting, Vic,' " Victoria Wyeth said.

She said the most frequent question she is asked about her famous grandfather is if he's still alive.

"People say he must be dead. He can't be living and be this famous," she said.

Perhaps people will get it when they see the major retrospective of Wyeth's work, "Andrew Wyeth: Memory and Magic," organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art and High Museum of Art in Atlanta. In Atlanta until Feb. 16, the show runs in Philadelphia March 29-July 16 (ticket information at www.philamuseum.org).

Featured are more than 100 works in tempera, watercolor and drawings from Wyeth's personal collection.

The artist's most famous work is "Christina's World," on display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. It depicts a handicapped woman crawling through a field to a farmhouse in Maine. His most notorious works were the nude paintings of a blond, pigtailed Prussian woman, Helga, who came to care for Wyeth's German neighbor here -- as the story goes, Wyeth painted Helga over the course of many years without telling his wife, Betsey (because she had indicated before that when he painted nudes she didn't want to know). This led to rumors.

Victoria, who occasionally leads tours and lectures on her grandfather's work at the Brandywine River Museum here and the Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center in Rockland, Maine (she also will lead some tours during the Philadelphia show) said she is sick of the Helga question.

"Helga could pose for six or seven hours," she said of Andrew's interest. "He kept the nudes secret for 15 years. The press really blew it out of proportion. Helga is not that big a deal. It's just that he kept it a secret," she said.

"They're just friends; people need to get beyond the gossip," she said, adding her grandparents are happily married.

To further illustrate the point, Victoria added she herself has posed nude for her grandfather, and it was not a big deal.

"He paints his life, what he knows and who he knows," she said. As for this small town, Victoria added, "this place is alive with inspiration."

The Pennsylvania farmland, about 30 miles from downtown Philadelphia, first attracted Andrew's father, N.C. Wyeth, born in Needham, who moved to the Brandywine Valley to study with famous illustrator Howard Pyle. N.C. gained acclaim in his own right and bought a farmhouse here with his proceeds from illustrating "Treasure Island." On the farm, he and his wife raised five kids, three of whom became painters -- Andrew, the youngest, was born in 1917. N.C. died tragically when his car stalled on railroad tracks here in 1945. But the painting legacy continues with yet another generation -- Andrew's son Jamie is also a renowned painter, his most famous work a posthumous portrait of President Kennedy.

All three generations of Wyeth creations are on display at the Brandywine and Farnsworth museums.

Victoria, whose father, Nicholas, is an art dealer, is the sole grandchild of Wyeth and does not paint -- she hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology.

Wyeth's talent appeared early , and he was only 15 when he found a lifelong muse. That's when he went out walking here and came upon the big white farmhouse that today is known as Kuerner Farm, home of German immigrants Karl and Anna Kuerner and their five kids. Wyeth has painted the farm's animals, buildings, people (including caretaker Helga) and landscapes, more than 1,000 paintings in total, for more than 70 years.

Today the farm is open to visitors, with tours departing from the Brandywine River Museum, late April through November.

Also open for visitors is the nearby N.C. Wyeth Studio, a National Historic Landmark. You can tour the studio where there are original paintings, props and artifacts that inspired N.C.'s illustrations (the coolest is a birch Penobscot Indian canoe), as well as the house where N.C. raised his creative kids.

The riverfront Brandywine (www.brandywinemuseum.org) and Farnsworth up in Maine (www.farnsworthmuseum.org) are the two major repositories of the work of all three generations of Wyeth artists. In conjunction with the Philadelphia show, the Brandywine will display "Andrew Wyeth: Master Drawings from the Artist's Collection," March through July, with more than 40 works from Wyeth's private collection. On a recent visit I spotted a tweed-clad Jamie buying books in the museum's gift shop, so keep your eyes peeled for Wyeths here.

Regular museum admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students; the farm and studio tours are an additinal $5, including shuttle bus service to the sites.

Also jumping on the Wyeth bandwagon, the Wilmington, Del.-based Delaware Art Museum (www.delart.org), only about 40 minutes from Philadelphia, will host a Wyeth exhibition, "Something Waits Beneath It" (March 29-July 16), with 32 early and seldom seen works by the young Andrew Wyeth, including watercolors and tempera paintings of coastal Maine and eastern Pennsylvania created from 1939 through the 1960s.

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Andrew Wyeth's painting "Groundhog Day"

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Miles apart

Schools can't stay within Prop. 2-1/2

By Samantha Brown
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Budget season has begun in earnest for fiscal 2007 for both the town and school department.

Town Manager Bill Griffin presented a balanced budget to selectmen and advisory committee Tuesday, which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 — the state's cap on the amount a town can raise its tax levy each year.

His recommended fiscal 2007 budget figure is $32,867,188, which is $1,142,445 more than the fiscal 2006 appropriation. Griffin's budget includes increases for all town departments and the school department.

This is the first operating budget to be fully prepared by Griffin, as he came on board at the end of January 2005. Griffin said his philosophy for preparing budgets is to come up with a bottom-line figure that stays within

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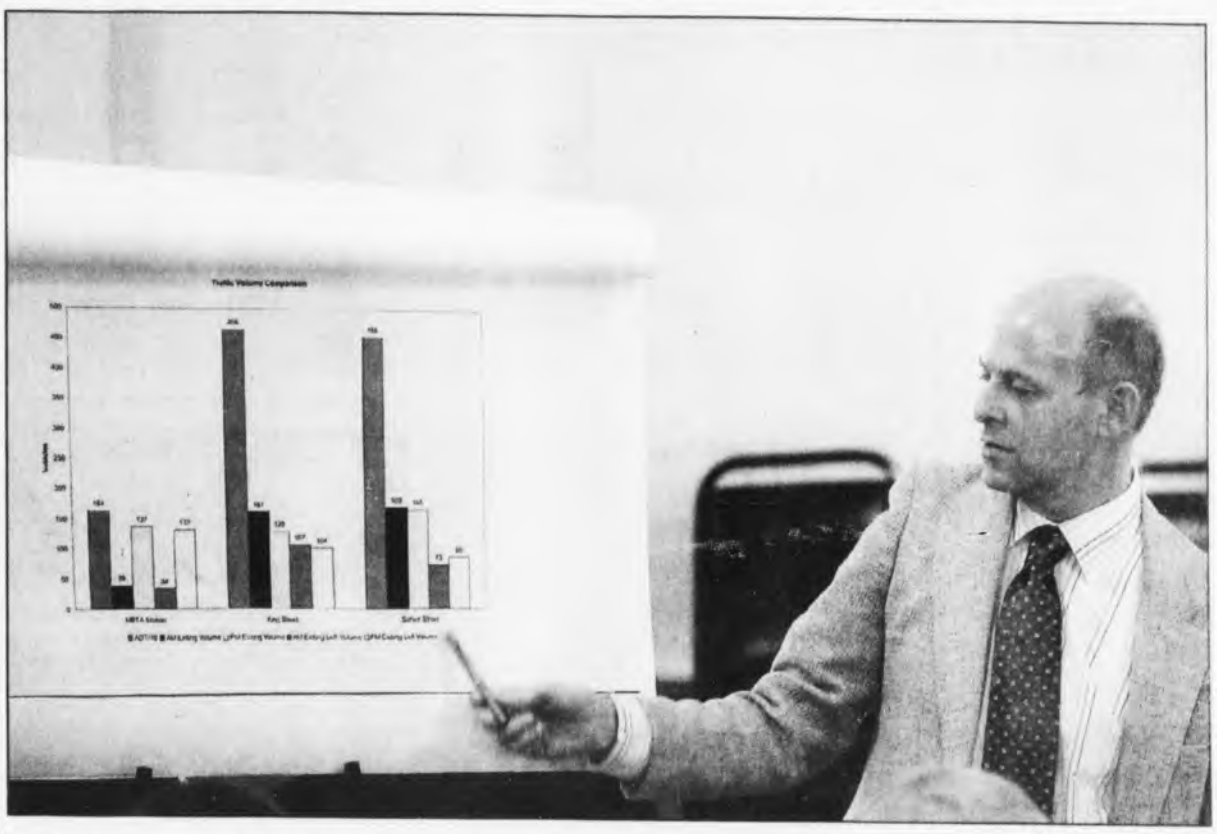
Green light for Greenbush station signal



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At last Friday's summit, Rick Bryant of Rizzo Associates points to a bar graph containing data about traffic volume during the morning and evening commute at the proposed train station, King Street and Sohier Street.

Route 3 traffic summit is held

By Samantha Brown
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Traffic lights could be in store for two Rte. 3A locations. MassHighway has endorsed installing traffic signals at both the Greenbush station and the King Street intersection, much to the surprise of MBTA and town officials.

At a traffic summit held Friday, Jan. 6 at Town Hall, more than 20 officials from state and local government participated in a roundtable discussion to iron out some of the questions regarding how to handle traffic for Cohasset's portion of the Rte. 3A corridor.

The meeting was coordinated by planning board vice chairman Peter Pratt, as a means of getting all the major players — including representatives from the MBTA, MassHighway, state Rep. Garrett Bradley and a representative for state Sen. Bob Hedlund, developers of proposed 3A projects, and members from town government — in the room at the same time.

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Beth Sternala feels right at home

Is first assistant principal at the middle school

By Samantha Brown
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Beth Sternala, who is the first-ever assistant principal of the middle school, has always loved going to school. Whether as a student, teacher, or administrator, Sternala says she anticipates learning something new each day.

Sternala comes to Cohasset with her bachelor's degree in psychology and education from Colgate University and her master's degree in administration from Harvard University. She said when she decided to pursue her bachelor's degree, she settled on the double major not only to be well-versed in education, but also to help her understand what it means to be an adolescent from a psychological standpoint.

In her senior year at Colgate, Sternala completed her student teaching in a fourth-grade classroom and the following summer, she taught at Summerbridge Cambridge, a year-round, tuition-free academic program that provides middle school students with classes and activities, while training high school and college students for careers in education. Sternala also completed an internship at Philips Academy in Andover over the course of three summers during college.

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Beth Sternala, shown here at her desk, is the first assistant principal of the Cohasset Middle School.

Yacht club defends actions

Members-only meeting addresses embezzlement scandal

By Mary Ford
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Behind the scenes Cohasset is still abuzz with the scandal at the yacht club involving the non-profit's long-time accountant, Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, Sr.

Off-the-record phone calls to the Mariner, talk among friends over coffee and whispers in village shops or while standing in line at the local bank or dry cleaners – are full of a mix of outrage, embarrassment and disbelief.

How could a long-trusted financial advisor from an old Cohasset family double as an alleged embezzler from the organization in which he'd been a member since birth?

The general consensus seems to be the yacht club is less guilty of being an "old boys club" and more guilty of being naïve in thinking that oversight and checks and balances in its accounting practices could be covered by a theoretical handshake from a trusted friend.

Members of the yacht club are saying very little publicly about Crocker, 69, who is also alleged to have stolen funds from the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club. Crocker has admitted to stealing more than $425,000 from the yacht club's coffers.

Last Thursday's well-attended, private meeting at the Lightkeepers Residence for yacht club members only was reportedly a no-holds-barred, frank discussion about what happened, why the club struck a "deal" with Crocker rather than seek prosecution or civil damages, and what safeguards the club has in place to ensure its finances won't be pilfered in the future.

Club officials looked at either suing Crocker for damages or involving the police, but both options would have taken months, even years, and the club would have no guarantee it would get its money back.

The press was not allowed in, but according to several people who did attend, Commodore F. Wisner Murray said members of the executive board's "heads were spinning" when, after they approached Crocker about some cash-flow issues last fall, he admitted to having stolen the money.

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Name: Peter Pratt

Occupation: Telecommunications network developer, vice chairman of the planning board, facilitator of the traffic summit held Friday, Jan. 6.

Best day of your life: The days my sons were born.

Best vacation: As the great John McNabb once said, "Each day spent in Cohasset is like a vacation."

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: A Big Mac

Best book: Anything by Joseph Conrad.

Best movie: "Citizen Kane."

Best TV show: "The Sopranos."

Pet peeve: Drivers who drive faster than I do.

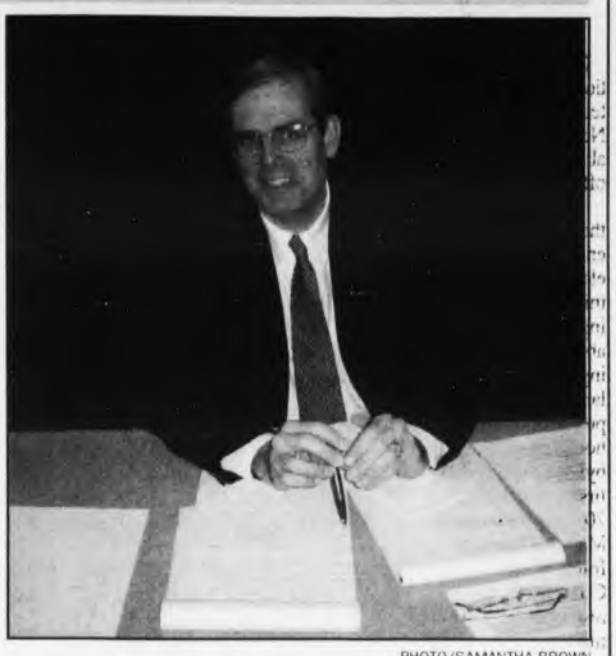
Most memorable moment: Helping to win the tightest margin Blue State in the country in November 2004.

Goal: To help Cohasset manage growth to balance affordability, protection of our town character, and high quality services.

Person I'd most like to meet: Robert F. Kennedy

Biggest worry: That overdevelopment ruins the character of Cohasset.

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean.



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The Mariner caught up with Peter Pratt, who is vice chairman of the planning board as he was facilitating the Rte. 3A traffic summit last Friday.

South Shore Tide Chart
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Jan.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 12	9:37	9.3	10:21	8.0	3:11	1.1	4:00	0.0
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:33 p.m.*			
Fri. 13	10:23	9.4	11:04	8.0	3:59	1.0	4:44	-0.0
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:34 p.m.*			
Sat. 14	11:06	9.4	11:44	8.1	4:44	1.0	5:24	0.0
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:35 p.m.*			
Sun. 15	11:46	9.3	—	—	5:26	0.9	6:03	0.1
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:36 p.m.*			
Mon. 16	12:22	8.1	12:25	9.2	6:06	-0.9	6:04	0.1
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:37 p.m.*			
Tues. 17	12:59	8.2	1:04	9.1	6:46	0.9	7:17	0.3
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:38 p.m.*			
Wed. 18	1:36	8.2	1:44	8.8	7:27	1.0	7:55	0.5
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:40 p.m.*			
Thurs. 19	2:14	8.2	2:25	8.5	8:09	1.1	8:33	-0.7
Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:41 p.m.*			

Tides from Hingham to Plymouth are within 10 minutes of the above.

Planning board office hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

To schedule an appointment with Town Planner Liz Harrington, email her at lizh@townofcohasset.org. She will contact you promptly to arrange a Monday appointment.

Sen. Hedlund at Town Hall Jan. 19

The January office hours for Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

If the 2A vestibule is in use, office hours will be held in the employee lunchroom also located on the second floor beside the 2A vestibule.

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Pratt to seek second term on planning board

By Mary Ford
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Peter Pratt has pulled nomination papers and will seek a second term on the planning board. Nomination papers became available last week at the Town Clerk's office.

"As my first five-year term on the planning boards comes to an end, I have decided to seek re-election to the position," Pratt said this week. "I'm pleased that during my first five years, we were able to address critical issues facing Cohasset's future such as the large home review bylaw to better protect our residential neighborhoods, the 55-plus senior housing bylaw which is now producing the first affordable units in the town in 20 years, completion of the Master Plan draft to give us a framework for preservation of Cohasset's character and resources, and new initiatives for managed growth on Route 3A and in the village.

"I'm pleased that during my first five years, we were able to address critical issues facing Cohasset's future..."
— Peter Pratt

"I seek a second term on the planning board, given that I think each of these areas needs far more work, as does a better effort to enforce our bylaws and better coordinate the planning and permitting work of all our town boards."

Pratt joins other incumbents, water commissioner John McNabb; sewer commissioner John Beck; and Peggy Chapman of the board of health, who have pulled papers indicating their interest in seeking reelection.

As the Mariner went to press, no one had pulled papers for selectman or school committee. Incumbent selectman Michael Sullivan and school committee member Rick Flynn are not seeking reelection. Political newcomer Elizabeth Baker had pulled papers for the board of library trustees.

Nomination papers for the 2006 annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 16.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies the signatures collected on the nomination papers. Positions available for the 2006 town election include:

- Selectmen - One for three years
- School Committee - Two for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - Three for three years
- Assessor - One for three years
- Board of Health - One for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority - One for five years
- Planning Board - One for five years
- Recreation Commission - One for five years
- Sewer Commission - One for three years
- Water Commission - One for three years

Friday, March 10 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 8.

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Third grade student Zoe Young, 8, exclaims while her classmate, Ryan McElhinney demonstrates how cold temperatures strengthen magnetic attraction with the help of dry ice during the Mr. Magnet program this fall. For more photos see page 22

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Man with gun charged after domestic disturbance

On Monday, Jan. 9, at about 11:06 p.m., the Emergency Dispatch Center at the Cohasset Police Department received a call from 589 Jerusalem Road reporting a domestic disturbance in progress.

Cohasset police officers responded to the scene. On scene they were able to determine from witness statements that probable cause existed to arrest a white male by the name of Kevin Barry, date of birth 11/23/49, of 589 Jerusalem Road, for assault and battery (domestic violence).

Cohasset police then set-up a perimeter and called for a K-9 from the State Police to assist in the search for Barry.

There was further information from witness statements on scene that Kevin Barry was armed with a gun and had fled into the adjacent wooded area in the 500 block of Jerusalem Road.

Cohasset police then set-up a perimeter and called for a K-9 from the State Police to assist in the search for Barry. At about 11:55 p.m., and before the K-9 arrived, Cohasset officers located Barry in the rear yard of 589 Jerusalem Road. He surrendered to officers and was taken into custody without incident.

Subsequently, a loaded 40 caliber handgun was recovered from the area. Barry was held at the Cohasset Police Department overnight on $10,000 cash bail. He was arraigned on the following charges at Quincy District Court on Tuesday morning:

- Assault and battery
- Intimidating a witness
- Threats to commit a crime.

Tide gate debate is slated for future agenda

Chairman of the harbor health committee Karen Quigley sent a letter to the board of selectmen asking it to consider petitioning the Army Corps of Engineers to adjust the winter and summer settings of the self-regulating tide gates, to increase the amount of saltwater flow into James Meadow.

Quigley stated the present settings do not allow sufficient saltwater flow to preserve the saltwater marsh, nor mitigate the ongoing growth of phragmites in the meadow. "The habitat for marine plants and animals has been severely impacted already. The phragmites continue to lay in silt, building up the level of the marsh, thus ever increasing the amount of salt water influx needed to be effective in eradicating this invasive, destructive, and dangerous (fire hazard) plant."

However, Quigley had also contacted Greenbush liaison Tom Gruber about the matter, and he feels there is not enough evidence to support her claims. In a letter back to Quigley, he stated the gates have not yet been adjusted for winter conditions per a request from Tutela Engineering which designed the gates. In addition, "Control of phragmites by flooding with saline water is only effective during their four-month growing season. So, whether they are flooded in the winter will have little or no effect on their control," he stated.

In light of the conflicting opinions, selectman Gary Vanderweil said the harbor health committee should come in to give an update to the board anyhow, and it can explain the issues it has with the tide gates at that time. He said it had been his understanding allowing even three more inches of water in through the gates could pose problems for homeowners in the surrounding area. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would put the matter on an upcoming meeting agenda.

Residential brush

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Griffin, schools are way off on fiscal 2007 figures

FROM SCHOOLS, PAGE 1

the limits of 2-1/2, and selectmen would be responsible for deciding whether that practice becomes policy.

Griffin's budgeting style takes away the need to amend a budget if an override fails. He said in the past, the town has passed budgets at Town Meeting which include override figures and if they fail, the budget must be amended at a second Town Meeting. He said by passing a balanced budget first, it can always be amended to increase the spending, which often gives voters a better understanding of what they will pay for with that increase.

Griffin said he has not yet formally met with members of the school department to discuss its budget and he has not received any definitive numbers to work with. He said he understands the school department is in the process of working through its budget exercises and he should have its numbers soon.

"I'm working in a very detailed way with the town budget and in very round numbers with the school department" at this point, Griffin said.

The most recent figure the school department provided to Griffin is a recommendation of $13,961,991. That figure would be an increase of $1,617,609, or 13.1 percent from the school department's budget in fiscal 2006. The increase anticipates offsets in the amount of $81,000 from athletics, $150,089 in circuit breaker money, and $86,980 in METCO funds. The number plugged in for cost of living salary increases for teachers is currently $238,655, but that figure could change because the teachers' contract is still in negotiations.

However, Griffin said his recommended budget for the school department will come up "very short" from what Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh is recommending. Griffin is proposing a school department budget of $12,714,714, which is an increase of $370,332 from last year, or 3 percent. Griffin said there just isn't room in the budget for a $1.6 million increase for the school department, especially when many of the departments in town have total budgets equal to that proposed increase. Griffin is recommending a budget of $1,271,899 for the Department of Public Works; $1,764,982 for the police department; and $1,842,864 for the fire department.

Griffin explained department heads drafted a suggested budget for him to work with, which included everything they felt they needed in order to be able to adequately run their department. From those suggested budgets, he made roughly $900,000 in cuts to ensure he could bring a balanced budget to the selectmen and advisory committee.

Town Manager Bill Griffin is proposing a school department budget of $12,714,714, which is an increase of $370,332 from last year, or 3 percent.

"There are no new positions being supported at this point in my budget," he said, but there is a three-hour increase in the planning board office staff.

While the school department will soon formally provide its numbers for Griffin, as things currently stand, "even half of their request we can't measure up to," he said.

What the school department says

On Dec. 15, Supt. Denise Walsh presented her recommended budget for fiscal 2007, and as of Thursday, Jan. 5, the numbers were still the same.

"We are aware we are not the only department in town and these are difficult financial times," she said, but added, "we can no longer absorb the effects of deferring programs and projects without impact."

Walsh said from year to year, the school department needs a 7 percent increase at minimum just to "maintain the status quo." She said roughly 80 percent of the school department's budget is spent on teacher salaries, and staying within the 2-1/2 percent increase realm, is "impossible without layoffs."

School committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said the state is no longer providing the aid it said it would, and in her opinion, no school can ever manage on 2-1/2 percent increases from year to year. "I don't think there is a school system in the state that can do it," she said.

Member Pam Wilson said she too was disappointed with the amount of money the schools receive. She said at the town level, the funds the schools have been allocated from the town operating budget have been "a very small piece of a very big pie," year after year.

The school department invited principals Janet Sheehan from the Osgood School and Keith Gauley from Deer Hill School to present their proposed budgets for fiscal 2007 Jan. 5. Both proposals coincide with the school department's proposed 13 percent budget increase.

At the Osgood School, Sheehan's budget reflected an increase of 18.5 percent, or $381,791, from fiscal 2006. Sheehan explained $169,128 has been added in new personnel, including two new kindergarten teachers, one physical education/health teacher, one grade two teacher, and one evening custodian.

Enrollment is expected to increase by between 40 and 50 students at the kindergarten level this fall, and to keep kindergarten class sizes at roughly 17 per class, two teachers are warranted. While one of the positions will be for a new full-day kindergarten teacher and the salary will therefore be paid by tuitions of students attending the class, a new half-day teacher will require the school department pay a salary.

Sheehan said the physical education teacher will split his or her time between Osgood and Deer Hill, and having that extra person on hand will allow for more health education as well as physical education classes two times per week.

Sheehan said adding a new custodian will not only help keep the buildings clean, it will ensure someone is at the building at all times, and there is someone available to lock things up at night and make sure the building is secure.

"We're really restoring positions we once had," Sheehan said.

At Deer Hill, Gauley's budget reflected an increase of $171,666 or 8 percent over fiscal 2006. He said it was much easier for him to come in with a lower increase because he does not have the enrollment increase next year that the Osgood School will. "I just happen to be outside the bubble," he said, as Osgood and the middle school will both experience significant increases in enrollment next year.

Gauley's budget includes increasing the physical education and health teaching position which will be a shared cost between Deer Hill and Osgood, as well as one evening custodian, for a proposed new personnel increase of $48,579.

The complete school budget presentation is available on the school district's Web site at www.cohassetk12.org. The school committee will meet again Jan. 19, and middle-high school principal Joel Antolini is scheduled to give his budget presentation. Once his presentation has been made to the school committee, Walsh will provide more solid figures for the town. There will be joint budget meetings scheduled in the future with the school committee, board of selectmen and advisory committee.

Yacht club defends actions

FROM YACHT CLUB, PAGE 1

The club immediately sought legal counsel and an accounting firm to conduct a forensic audit of the books.

According to sources, club officials looked at either suing Crocker for damages or involving the police, but both options would have taken months, even years, and the club would have no guarantee it would get its money back. So they decided to seek a settlement with Crocker in which the club says it has already received $200,000 and has a lien on Crocker's condominium in Jupiter, Fla. to get the balance — roughly $260,000 more that includes interest on the stolen funds and the cost of the investigation. Club officials said the investigation was limited to the past seven years because that's as long as the bank retains records.

At the meeting, sources said club officials made it clear, once the theft of funds was discovered, there was no attempt at a cover up or to "sweep this under the rug," and felt it was important that the membership be fully informed. In fact the club was willing to forgo any agreement that precluded it from telling the membership.

"Once the word got out no one thought members would keep it quiet," one source at the meeting said.

After the meeting others said while they were frustrated the club did not immediately go to the police, they could see "both sides." "No one was prepared to deal with a situation like this," a source said.

Murray sent a letter dated Dec. 16 to the entire membership, some 245 families. The Mariner subsequently received a total of five copies, all sent anonymously.

At the meeting it was also made very clear that while the agreement states the club would not initiate or pursue criminal proceedings, there is nothing prohibiting the club from cooperating with the police.

In fact Cohasset police are investigating the yacht club theft in conjunction with the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office and have stated the yacht club leadership has agreed to cooperate fully. Depending on the outcome of that investigation, Crocker could face larceny charges in Norfolk County.

Hingham police, in conjunction with the Plymouth County DA's office, are also investigating Crocker's alleged embezzlement of at least $37,000 in funds from the Rotary.

It is not clear what Crocker did with the money he admitted to stealing from the yacht club and Rotary, although there has been plenty of speculation but nothing that can be substantiated for the record at this time.

One member at the yacht club meeting spoke for others when he said "the club put money ahead of principle" and that the club should have gone directly to the police, according to a source. However, it was made clear the club was trying to act in the best interest of its membership in trying to get the money back. When the theft came to light, there was some concern expressed by club officials about being able to handle the operating expenses of the club once checks were bouncing and the theft was discovered.

At the meeting, yacht club officials said the club has moved forward with more modern, efficient bookkeeping and has hired a CPA as its accountant. Members were assured that the club has instituted an oversight system "with many eyes" that will ensure its treasury is secure.

According to the state licensure bureau, Crocker is not a CPA and was not licensed to do audits. A spokesman for the agency says there is no licensing requirement in Massachusetts to provide basic accounting services as long as the person does not conduct audits.

MassHighway gives green light for Greenbush signal

FROM GREENBUSH, PAGE 1

The meeting proved to be very beneficial as a huge misunderstanding has been cleared up. The town has a mitigation agreement with the MBTA that states it will install a light at the station if MassHighway gives its approval. The MBTA has said repeatedly that MassHighway feels a light is not warranted at the station, and therefore the MBTA changed its plans for the station's intersection. Currently, plans for the station only include installing the conduits for traffic lights.

MBTA engineer Jim Eng said the MBTA is working within a very tight timeframe to build the Greenbush line. He said it is slated to be up and running by next year. However, the mitigation agreement still says his organization plans to provide traffic lights for the station, if MassHighway gives its approval. Eng said some money was pulled out of the train budget when MassHighway said it did not support the light.

But MassHighway's District 5 Director Bernard "Skip" McCourt said his organization does not have a problem with installing a light, especially in light of the recent addition of a walking and bike path in conjunction with the rail line that will be located across the street from the station.

Eng said Friday was the first time he had heard any MassHighway representatives speak in favor of a light at the station, and if that was truly the opinion of the organization, he would go back to his designers to consider a redesign of the intersection that would include plans for traffic signals. He said there would be an additional cost for the redesign as well as a cost to run the wires and install the equipment necessary to have functioning lights. It would also cost the organization valuable time.

Fellow MBTA engineer Eric Fleming said it would be a "complete change of the intersection to accommodate a light."

But according to MassHighway, the MBTA has had close to a full year to plan for the addition of a light at the station. McCourt presented the meeting with a copy of a letter he wrote, dated April 28, 2005, which was addressed to Roger Wilson of Cashman Balfour Beatty, the company constructing the Greenbush line. In the letter he states, "With the anticipated heavy use of the Department of Conservation and Recreation bike path, MassHighway is now recommending the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Rte. 3A and the Cohasset station drive."

The revelation caused a bit of a stir among those in attendance and copies of the letter were made quickly. Tom Carroll, community outreach liaison for CBB, said he would check with Roger Wilson, whom the letter was addressed to, to find out why the information had not been shared with anyone else. Pratt asked those in attendance if anyone had any idea as to how the municipality should proceed now that McCourt's letter has met the conditions of the mitigation agreement and Cohasset should be on the path to getting the traffic light it was promised.

Greenbush liaison Tom Gruber said even though the mitigation agreement conditions have been met, in his informal conversations with MBTA representatives, he has been told it does not have the money available to install the lights. Gruber said if the matter now goes forward and the MBTA comes back to say it cannot include the lights at the intersection as it had promised, the town will likely enter into the dispute resolution process.

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Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln addressed the forum about traffic patterns and safety concerns along Route 3A.

King Street

Unlike the neighboring towns of Hingham and Scituate, Cohasset's portion of Rte. 3A is full of commercial development. Some would argue the portion of 3A from the Stop and Shop to where the Greenbush station will be just south of the Hingham line is the most congested portion of the road, and the most dangerous.

Many motorists in town say they will not take a left turn to travel south on 3A out of either Sohier Street or King Street. While Sohier Street has a blinking light, residents say it is ineffective and they would rather turn right and make a U-turn to head south rather than risk being hit by oncoming traffic. There is no signalization at King Street at all, and projects in the pipeline will affect both intersections.

The Avalon 40B housing project, which would have 200 units, is in the works, and its entrance would be located just north of where Sohier Street intersects 3A, across from where Good Sport is currently located. In addition, the town is on the cusp of taking up its first commercial subdivision, dubbed Scituate Hill, and its entrance will be located almost directly across the street from the intersection of King Street and 3A. When the Greenbush line is up and running, it is estimated traffic from Hull will begin traveling up Forest Avenue to King Street to access the Cohasset station, and that will add even more traffic to King Street.

Developers for the proposed Scituate Hill subdivision have said they are willing to work with the town to install a light at the King Street intersection. Property owner Rob Schwandt hired Rizzo Associates to conduct traffic studies of the area and made that information available at the meeting.

Rick Bryant of Rizzo Associates said he has done the traffic work for Stop and Shop, the new Dunkin' Donuts on 3A, some of the work for the proposed Avalon development, and he has done consulting work for the MBTA as well. "We have accumulated a lot of information on this piece of 3A," he said. In his opinion, Bryant said King Street will have approximately 5,500 trips per day once Scituate Hill is fully built. "The volume of traffic justifies the installation of a signal. The existing volume of traffic on King Street warrants it," he said.

Police Chief James Hussey and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln were present for the meeting to give their thoughts on 3A traffic. Hussey said Rte. 3A has more accidents than any other place in town. Particularly the intersections at Beechwood Street — which does have a light — King Street and Sohier Street. "It does eat up our resources," he said.

Speed limit

In addition, Hussey said there are many different postings for speed limits over the length of Cohasset's stretch of 3A and some indicate 50 miles per hour where motorists really should not be going that fast due to the shopping plazas. He suggested the signage be changed to reflect appropriate speed limits for the use of the road.

Hussey said the traffic at lower King Street is horrible during the morning commute due to the lack of a traffic light, and he said on many occasions, he has been traveling to the department in the morning and will get out of his car to direct traffic to help clear the tie-ups. He said currently, on a typical day without the train and without a traffic light, it can be very difficult for people to get where they are going.

Chief Lincoln said in 2004 (the latest year for which he had all the statistics compiled) there were 78 car accidents on Rte. 3A or streets which traveling on 3A is required to respond to the incident. He said that means 57 percent of the total accidents in 2004 were on 3A or abutting streets. There were 261 other emergencies which took place in the 3A area, which is a total of 21 percent of the total emergency runs. He said traffic does get backed up on 3A, and "It does affect our ability to respond to calls."

Jim Eng of the MBTA goes over some documents during the traffic summit that dealt with the need for a light at the Greenbush train station.

Action items from traffic summit

- Bring forward new signage on Rte. 3A in light of Chief Hussey's concern that speed limits are posted which are too fast in light of the surrounding shopping centers. In addition, both the police and fire chief will report regularly on the accidents and emergency runs related to Rte. 3A.
- Paper flow and deadlines will be more closely monitored, as the letter from MassHighway which indicated it was in favor of a traffic light was somehow lost in the shuffle. Talk of signalization at the Greenbush station will continue with MassHighway and the MBTA.
- Signalization for King Street in relation specifically to the proposed Scituate Hill commercial subdivision will be discussed on an ongoing basis.
- The town should work with Hingham and Scituate on a master traffic plan for the stretch of the 3A corridor that runs through the three towns.

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Cohasset kids at the Inly School light up the stage in 'Barnum'

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DEAN'S LIST

Saint Anselm College recently named Cohasset student, **Amanda Watts** (class of 2006), daughter of **Karla and James Watts** to the dean's list for the first semester. Great work Amanda, keep it up. Your family is so proud of all of your hard work.

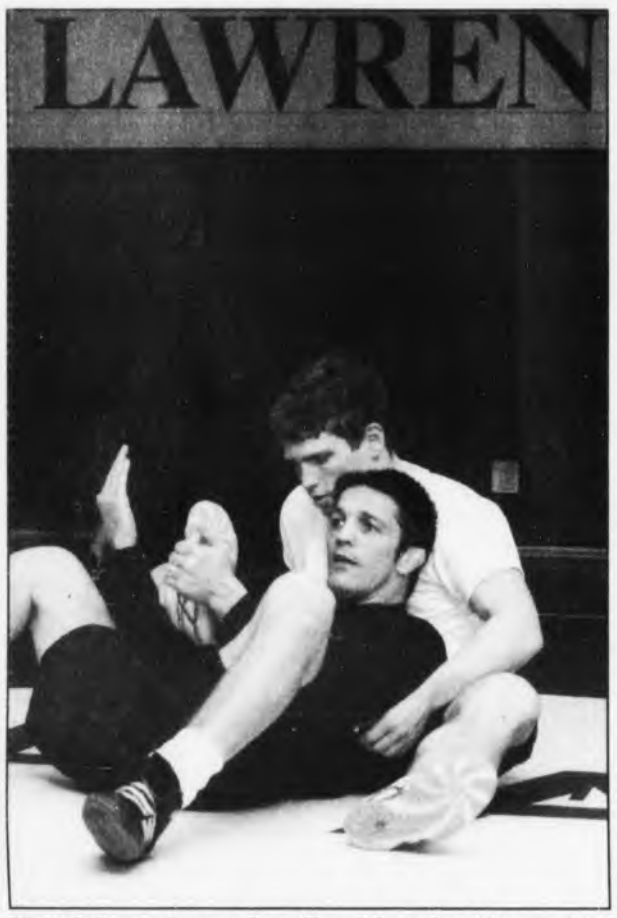
SCHOOL BUDGET

The Committee to Support Cohasset Schools invites all interested community members to take part in a team to build awareness and facilitate communication on the fiscal 2007 school budget. To find out more information please join others at the Cohasset Lightkeepers House on Jan. 25 at 7p.m. If you have any questions please call **Terry Green** 781 383-3310 or **Pam Miles** 781 383-2088.

MYSTERY WRITING

Buttonwood Books has joined forces with Boston's Grub Street, the city's only independent writing center, to create Grub Street South at Buttonwood. **Hallie Ephron** will discuss how to write a killer mystery on Tue. Jan. 24 at 7 PM in Buttonwood's own writers' nook, located in Shaw's Plaza. Ephron is the author of "Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel: How to Knock 'Em Dead with Style", (Writers Digest Books, 2005), a book about mystery writing. She is also co-author of the Dr. Peter Zak mystery series by G. H. Ephron and crime fiction book reviewer for the "Boston Globe". Ephron writes the Crime Fiction book review column, which appears monthly in the Ideas section of the Sunday Boston Globe.

In September 2005, she was named the winner of the prestigious Ellen Nehr Award for Excellence in Mystery Reviewing, given by the Crime Writers League. Ephron grew up in Los Angeles. She is the third of four writing Ephron sisters (Nora, Delia, and Amy) and her parents were screenwriters Henry and Phoebe Ephron who wrote classic movies like "The Desk Set" and "Carousel". This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase a signed book, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.



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TOP WRESTLER

Kendall Cross, who won the gold-medal match at 125 pounds in the 1996 Olympic Games, received help from Lawrence Academy junior and wrestling co-captain **Chris Roy** during a demonstration at a recent wrestling practice. Cross, in the foreground of the photo, currently living in Texas, was demonstrating how to defend against a leg-rider. Last year, Chris compiled an 11-3 record before finishing 4th in the Independent School

League at 215 pounds and then went on to defeat the league champion at the New England tournament. This year, wrestling at 189, he is sporting an 8-0 league record. Chris is the son of **Susan Roy-Reposa** of Hingham and **Peter Roy** of Cohasset.

ON STAGE

Hats off to Cohasset kids **Elanor West, Harry Braga, Christian DiModica, Sarah Antonuccio, William Marsden**, and **Phoebe Knox**, who are students at the Inly School in Scituate, on their recent performance in the school's production of "Barnum," a musical based on the life of P. T. Barnum. The musical was presented by all of the Elementary Two (grades 4—6) students and starred Harry Braga as P. T. Barnum.

(bottom) Elanor West; (middle) Harry Braga and Christian DiModica; and (top) Sarah Antonuccio, William Marsden, and Phoebe Knox, who are at the Inly School in Scituate, performed in the school's production of "Barnum."

TALENTED PERFORMERS

Cabaret is coming!! Please join this talented group of performers on Thursday, Jan. 19 at Atlantica for an evening of fine entertainment by our very talented Cohasset instrument and chorus students. Performances begin at 7pm. A $10 per person cover charge includes light refreshments. Go to CohassetArtsBoosters.com for more details.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

The La Leche League of Cohasset, Scituate, and Norwell holds monthly meeting for mothers and pregnant women seeking support for breastfeeding, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend, and babies are always welcome. Upcoming meeting dates and topics are as follows: Jan. 10, Advantages of Breastfeeding; Feb. 14, The Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby; March 14, The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties; April 11, Nutrition and Weaning. For more information call **Tina** 781-544-6226 or **Heather** 781-544-9230.

STATEHOUSE INTERNS

Senator **Robert L. Hedlund** is looking for a few good interns to assist his office at the Statehouse during regular business hours. (Sen. Hedlund represents the towns of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate, and Weymouth.) Qualified candidates should be enrolled in a university college or university and be enthusiastic about politics and public policy. Constituents are preferred, but not required. Responsibilities will include general assistance with the day to day operations of a legislator's office, including research, copying, filing, and some relief phone coverage. Additional special projects may be assigned by the Chief of Staff regarding public policy and legislation. Flexible arrangements can be made possible and worked around employment and school schedules.

Interested candidates should contact Bob's office for additional information at 617-722-1646. All internships are unpaid

MLK BREAKFAST

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Cohasset's 4th annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 16 at the Second Congregational Church from 9 – 11 a.m. and the cost is $5 per person or $15 per family.. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 – 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King. The featured speaker will be **Clementina Chery**, President and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester.

Proceeds of the event will benefit the Peace Institute which works to quell urban violence by teaching and instilling values of peace to young people while educating the public about the consequences of violence on the individual, family and community. Child care will be provided by CMHS Social Awareness Club. For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

That is all for this week.. Make sure to send in all of your news by 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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HANOVER AUTO DEALER ANNOUNCES MASSIVE LIQUIDATION: PRE-OWNED VEHICLES TO BE SOLD FOR JUST $29 DOWN* & $99*/MONTH

Area Residents Express Disbelief. Dealer Confirms vehicles will sell for $29* Down To Help Liquidate 2 Hanover Dealerships of Recent Trade-Ins, Off-Lease, Service Loaners & Demos by January 16th!

HANOVER, MA - **Rob McGee**, Dealer Principal of **The McGee Family of Dealerships in Hanover**, announced plans today for a four-day sales event that will feature **pre-owned vehicles for as low as $29* down and $99* per month! All the recent trade-ins, lease returns, service loaner vehicles and dealer demos at his two New car stores on Route 53 must be liquidated by Mid-January.** This massive 4-Day vehicle liquidation is scheduled for this **Friday, January 13th thru Monday, January 16th.** The mandatory markdown will take place daily, regardless of any weather conditions that may arise. McGee offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale. "We've had record sales at our New car dealerships in Hanover, due in part, to recent Manufacturer Pricing programs. As a result we are now severely over-stocked with hundreds of late-model, low mileage trade-ins, most with the remainder of the manufacturer's warranties still in effect." He adds, "During this massive liquidation I have authorized my entire Management and Sales Staff to sell as many of our Pre-Owned vehicles as possible for just $29* down and only $99* per month to clear out remaining inventory by Mid-January. In addition, **during these 4 days we will give every buyer Free Oil Changes for 2 years plus Free Tires for Life.** As you can see I am committed to doing whatever it takes to liquidate our entire inventory of pre-owned vehicles by Mid-January, even if people have had serious credit problems in the past. We've arranged for several local bank representatives to be on-site each day to assist those with past credit issues. We can finance anyone", he states.

He also points out that in most instances their prices may be thousands lower than wholesale auction prices. "Current automotive market conditions indicate that the best values exist in the pre-owned market. The recent surge in new vehicle sales has created a surplus of pre-owned vehicles leading to a rapid decline in the prices of like-new vehicles. It couldn't be any better for pre-owned vehicle shoppers." Expect to purchase a quality used vehicle at the lowest possible price, including **several vehicles, priced as low as $2,988. *There will be an enormous selection of vehicles to choose from, including Volkswagens, Jeeps, Hondas, Mercedes-Benz, BMW's, Lexus, Infiniti, Fords, Chevrolets, Buicks, and many more.***

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Remember, interest rates are still at an all time low but are poised to rise in the near future. "Most of all, between our 2 Hanover dealerships, we've got over 2 million dollars worth of inventory - **that's over 500 pre-owned cars, trucks, minivans and sport utility vehicles** to choose from. It can't get any better for the serious auto buyer".

For auto shoppers looking for a very low cash price there will be many choices, including a 2000 Buick LeSabre Custom, loaded, pwr package, A/C, CD, for just $29* down and $99* per month. Sample payments will be clearly marked on all vehicles. All you'll need to do is obtain credit approval, pick a vehicle and a payment. It's that simple.

"As Mid-January approaches we must sell off as many used vehicles as possible or pay hefty sums to ship them to auctions all throughout the Northeast," says McGee.

He cites another example, a 2000 VW Beetle, auto, pwr package, A/C, C/D, only 53k miles, for only $29* down and $99* per month. For those auto shoppers looking to trade their current vehicle, all trades are welcome, paid off or not. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to purchase a pre-owned car, truck, minivan, sport utility, luxury or economy vehicle with an unbelievably low down payment of just $29* and monthly payments of $99 per month*! He reminds prospective buyers to act quickly if they want to take advantage of these incredible savings. "I can't stress enough that this **liquidation sale is for Four Days Only.**" Once the 4 day event is over all remaining pre-owned vehicles must be shipped to auction. All vehicles will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle you want.

Those wishing to beat the rush should shop early and take advantage of our extended sale hours over these four days at **McGee's Pre-Owned Center in Hanover, located directly on Route 53 (1 mile south of the Hanover Mall and Route 3).**

For further info on this liquidation sale, please call:

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All prices are plus Tax,Title,Reg & Doc Fees, W.A.C. Dealer participation affects final negotiated price.
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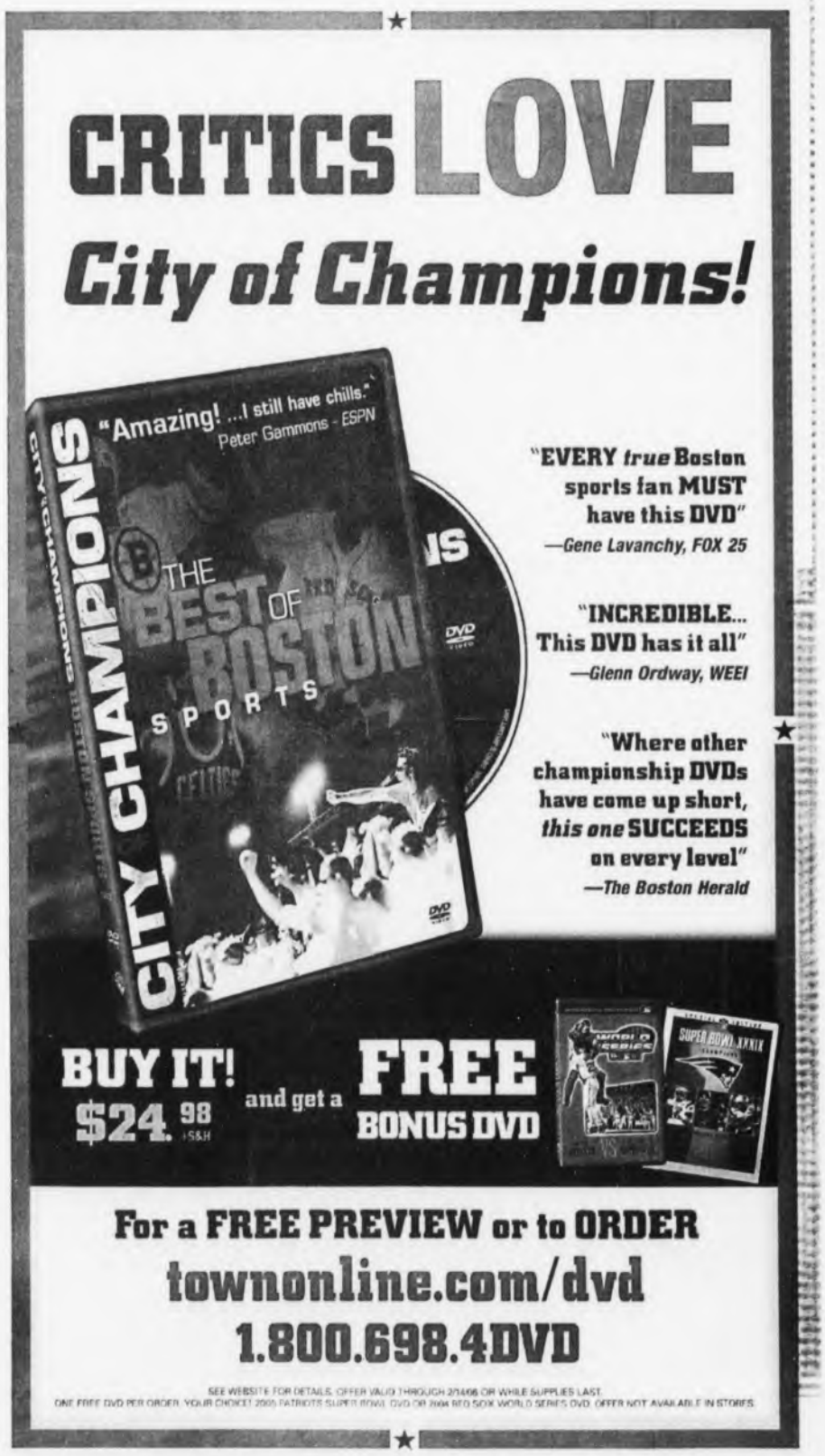

CHS grad likes being a space shot

Jenkins talks to classes about engineering field

By Samantha Brown
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When sitting down to watch their favorite television program via a satellite television network, students in four Cohasset High School classes will now have a better understanding of how the signals travel to their home from space.

Thanks to engineer Jessica Jenkins — a graduate of the Cohasset High School Class of 1995 who returned to the school Dec. 21 to give students an inside peak into her profession — students are now more aware of the many ways engineers impact our everyday lives. Jenkins provided them with a crash course in the many different kinds of engineering careers they could pursue.

"There are lots of opportunities for engineers. There are a lot now, and there will be even more when you graduate from college," said Jenkins, who is an aerospace engineer for Lockheed Martin in California. Her company works on many different engineering projects, including satellites and space stations for NASA, and top-secret endeavors for the government.

Jenkins volunteers at schools whenever she can to help promote engineering through the "Discover 'E'" (E is for engineering) program. Engineers who participate in the program help grade school and high school students relate engineering to the world around them. Jenkins typically visits schools in California where she currently lives, but wanted to return to her alma mater while she was home for the holidays visiting her parents Leonora and Leland Jenkins of Jerusalem Road.

Jessica attended Cohasset schools from kindergarten through grade 12, except for junior year, which was spent studying abroad in Switzerland. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1995, a Massachusetts AP scholar, and a National Science Scholar winner.

Jenkins holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Northwestern University in Chicago and her masters of science degree and engineer's degree in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University in California. Her graduate research was conducted at the NASA Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley.

Jenkins eased the students in David Ames' class into their engineering conversation by playing a game to get them engaged. She asked students to name anything they could think of that engineers would develop, and in return, they were rewarded with a piece of candy. Jenkins explained the different roles of the five major types of engineers, and which kind of engineers would work on the different ideas they came up with.

Aerospace engineers, which Jenkins is by profession, work on projects like satellites, stealth fighters for the military, missiles, and space shuttles. Chemical engineers work on things like food items, and Jenkins explained they "make it healthier, taste better, and last longer." They also work on petroleum products, making gasoline safer for cars as well as the environment.

Civil engineers build things like bridges, and Jenkins used the Sydney Harbor Bridge in Australia and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco as two examples of outstanding civil engineering. She also talked about electrical engineers and the new technology that is always being improved for appliances such as televisions and refrigerators, as well as electronics like cell phones.

PHOTOS/SAMANTHA BROWN

Member of the CHS Class of 1995, Jessica Jenkins, holds an air compressor used during an engineering demonstration she gave in science teacher David Ames' class Dec. 21. Jenkins returned to the school for the day to share her experiences working as an aerospace engineer for Lockheed Martin in California, and hopefully spark an interest in engineering for the students.

Jenkins received her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, which means projects such as submarines, ships, and cars are all in her area of expertise. Her skills in mechanical engineering, combined with her aerospace engineering degree have brought her to a point where she is helping design major projects for Lockheed Martin. Lockheed Martin works on projects such as designing solar panels for the International Space Station, and also makes military satellites, some of which are bigger than a school bus.

Her company also designs geo-synchronous satellites that are far enough away from the Earth that they are able to move at the same speed. Those are the kinds of satellites used for satellite TV. She added those satellites typically have a life span of 10 years. At the end of their use, they are pushed off their course and typically float away in the direction of the sun. She said there are likely 500 or so satellites currently working in orbit.

Gordon Smith, Danny Brady, and Owen Landon work together to try to catapult a piece of candy as far as they can, while engineer and former CHS student Jessica Jenkins looks on. The three students were given the task of working together to come up with an engineering design that would launch the candy farther than the designs of their classmates.

The students asked Jenkins what she is currently working on, but that information is top-secret. "I work on a classified project," she replied, but gave them a very small hint when she said, "it's going to help keep you all safer. Especially if you join the military."

But as for her day-to-day routine, Jenkins said she works with a team of roughly 120 engineers. "There are a bunch of little teams and we all make up a big one," she said. With that being said, it made sense that Jenkins would have the students break up into small teams to carry out an engineering feat: which group could come up with the best means of moving a piece of candy across the room using only potential energy, not kinetic. That meant no throwing the candy across the room, which sparked their creative juices.

Students were given a variety of materials to work with including scissors, tape, two paperclips, three straws, a piece of cloth, some cardboard, about 30 feet of string, and a rubber band. In the end, there were two distinct designs used by the students. Some groups used the rubber band to pull back and launch the candy, while others found a way to slide the candy on a string across the room.

At the end of the class, Jenkins left the students with some engineering pamphlets as well as bookmarks. She surprised students when she told them during her time at CHS, current principal Joel Antolini was her "shop" or technology arts teacher, and his classes sparked an interest that led her to where she is today. She encouraged students to work hard in their math and science classes, and one day they too could be charting a course for the future in one of the many exciting fields of engineering.

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Donors bolster efforts for new animal shelter

By Jillian Fennimore
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Pet lovers everywhere are working harder than ever to fetch the funds for the Scituate Animal Shelter.

Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter are out of the doghouse and getting closer to its goal of raising $834,000 by the end of February to relocate its building to a four-acre spot on the Route 3A Farm.

Right now the group has met its mark of raising more than $500,000.

"We are on a roll. Once we hit the milestone of half of a million dollars there's no stopping us now."

— Nancy Testa, Friends of the Scituate Shelter

Carol Ann Green of Pride Mortgage in Hingham, with her bull dog Nicki, is donating a portion of her annual salary to help raise funds for the Scituate Animal Shelter.

"We are on a roll," said Nancy Testa, Friends of the Scituate Shelter chairperson. "Once we hit the milestone of half of a million dollars there's no stopping us now."

And the generosity continues for the shelter as donations continue to flow in, despite the roadblocks the shelter has faced along the way.

In November, members of the Scituate Animal Shelter and the Driftway Animal Hospital found that their fundraising containers were stolen right off the counters of their businesses.

For Carol Ann Green, a loan officer at Pride Mortgage in Hingham, this is what sparked her to pitch in.

"I was flabbergasted," she said about hearing of the unfortunate loss. "These people have been working so hard to raise this money."

So Green decided to kick in a little of her own, promising 5 percent of her 2006 salary to the support the shelter during their time of need.

Since Green's income runs on a commission basis, her donations will vary each month. If needed, she will make a commitment to donate some of the money upfront to make ends meet.

A pet owner herself — she has an 8-year-old bulldog named Nicki — Green said she wanted to do what she could to give the shelter's animals a better home.

"It's a terrible thing to think someone would steal money from homeless animals and the people that work so hard to care for them," she said. "But now we must look forward and do whatever we can to ensure that the shelter is able to achieve its goals and maintain the level of integrity and compassion that it has provided our communities for the past 14 years."

Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter have been collecting money for the past seven years or so to support the shelter's general fund of the no-kill shelter, used to pay for the everyday necessities such as food for all the pets and litter for the cats. The shelter serves not only Scituate but also the communities of Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell and Hull.

Friends of the shelter got voter approval in October, allowing the town to sell the existing shelter building on the Driftway to help fund the new facility which along with the land purchase will come at a cost of $1.6 million.

The current shelter will be sold under a minimum sealed bid for $375,000.

The new 2,500-square-foot facility proposed is needed to accommodate the growing number of stray, homeless, injured, and surrendered companion animals, according to the shelter's Web site.

Tax deductible donations are also welcome and should be sent to the "Shelter 3A Farm Fund" P.O. Box 823, Scituate, MA 02066. For more information, call the Shelter at 781-545-8703.

Cut-A-Thon to benefit Shelter Relocation Fund

K.A. Ricco Designs in Scituate Harbor has scheduled a Cut-A-Thon for Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit the Scituate Shelter's 3A Farm Relocation Fund. The Shelter serves Hingham, Norwell, Cohasset and Hull as well as Scituatue.

Wet cuts will be $25, cash or checks only. Finger foods will be served. All proceeds benefit the Shelter's relocation fund.

Please call 781-545-7772 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations are recommended.

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Wow is he Fluffy! So that's his name! Fluffy is a 3 year old black and white gentle giant with a striking face. He loves to be rubbed, brushed, to look out the window, and of course sit on any papers that you are working on. He has had all of his teeth removed from disease, but he still can eat dry food! Come on down to meet him by calling 1-877-378-1195 or visiting www.hsar.org. The shelter now has hours for the public: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12-2p.m. where you can meet the cats.

All Hull Seaside Animal Rescue pets have been tested, vaccinated and spayed/neutered. Hull Seaside has lots of other great pets needing loving homes and are always looking for foster homes. If you'd like to meet our pets or volunteer your services, please call toll-free at 1-877-378-1195 or visit: www.hsar.org to learn more. HSAR is located at 50 L Street, Hull.

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- Cpl. Brenden Anti, USMC (deploying Jan. '06 Iraq);
- Lt. J.g. Michael Baird, USCG;
- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying Jan. '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USMC;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying Jan '06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army;
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- Capt. Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

Visit: www.cohassetveterans-memorial.com.

Meet 'lighthouse dog' author at the Hull Lifesaving Museum

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents a special afternoon with Sally Snowman, U.S. Coast Guard Civilian Keeper of Boston Light at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Sunday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m. Sally Snowman will talk about her new book, "Sammy the Boston Lighthouse Dog," a heart-warming true story of the Black Lab who lived at Boston Light from 1997 until 2004, and who was a Coast Guard mascot for all of his 14 years.

This program is presented as part of a special exhibition "Sea Dogs! Great Tails of the Sea" and is free with museum admission

Samantha, Sammy's successor, narrates this tale of Sammy's youth and adventures on Little Brewster Island, greeting visitors, exploring the shoreline, chasing off lighthouse ghosts and more. Following the presentation, Keeper Sally Snowman will be available for book signing.

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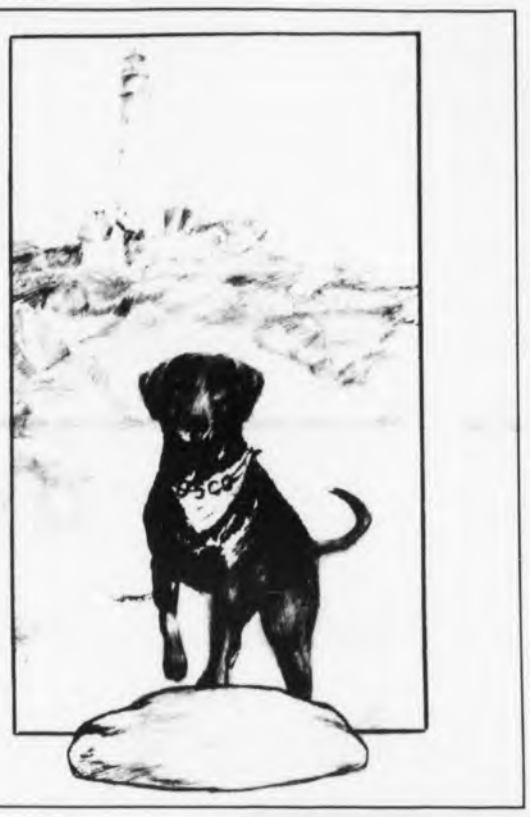

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No winners here

It would be so nice to turn back the clock when a handshake was all that was required to guarantee a loan because a person's good name and character were paramount.

But, sadly, we live in a different world — one that the venerable Cohasset Yacht Club — a place that relied on "past practices" for want of a better term when it came to its finances, has been literally thrust into.

How can upwards of $427,000 go missing and not be "noticed" for years? There had to be some signals. Were club officers concerned about being impolite and therefore never asked about certain irregularities? Or were they just simply naive in assuming one of their own would have their best interests at heart?

According to sources at the yacht club, Davenport Crocker Sr., a man from an old, respected Cohasset family whose father – a noted sailor – signed his son up at birth, was a trusted friend. It appears that was all that was needed for the club to allow Crocker to manage its money with virtually no oversight.

It all sounds so quaint and "Andy of Mayberry-ish." But the reality is, no one in a financial position for any company or non-profit organization should serve without a sound system in place to prevent exactly this type of criminal activity from occurring. Clearly the commodores and leaders at the club needed to step up to the plate years ago to protect the membership that paid its dues in good faith.

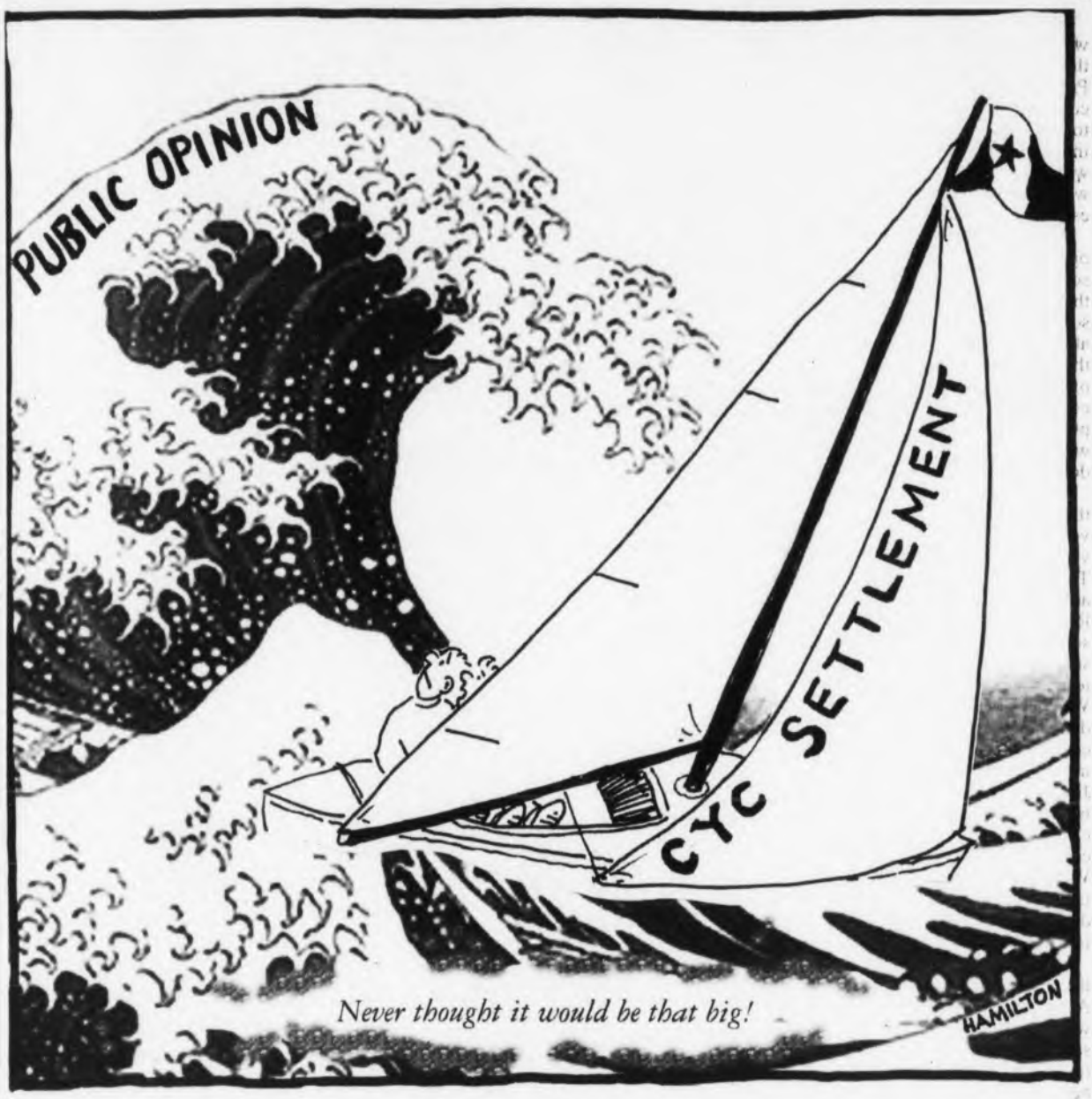
The yacht club has come to realize this the hard way. Not only has it experienced the theft from its treasury, but once the matter became public knowledge, it has had to endure considerable embarrassment and be accountable to hundreds of members who pay hefty annual fees and mooring charges.

Going forward, the club has now put in place "modern" accounting practices to ensure this cannot happen again.

Once the magnitude of the theft came to light, the CYC, in the interest of serving its membership and getting its money back, did not go to the police, although we understand the club is cooperating with the investigation.

Now that police are investigating, the issue is unlikely to go away. Mr. Crocker, who is alleged to have also stolen from the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club, could face larceny charges in two counties.

This whole incident serves as an unfortunate reminder to all of us that times are different — we have to keep tabs on those we entrust to work for us.



Cook Estate RFP #3 available Wednesday

The board of selectmen made its final changes to the third Cook Estate Request for Proposals Tuesday. The RFP outlines the specifications the town would like to see in any projects build on the Cook land off Sohier Street.

Among the changes in this latest draft is the decision by the board to put more weight on moderately priced units, which will fulfill a need for Cohasset seniors. It recently came to the board's attention that most Cohasset seniors would not qualify for affordable housing units — rental or ownership — due to the fact that selling a home in Cohasset will leave seniors with too much money to pass the asset test.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said the required notice of the Cook RFP will appear in the Central Register, published weekly by the secretary of state, on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Proposals for the project will be due by Friday, Feb. 17.

Real estate tax exemptions

The Assessors Office is accepting applications for fiscal 2006 real estate tax exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 30. The following exemptions are available:

• PERSONS OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE — $1,000 OFF Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple).

• SURVIVING SPOUSE — $350 OFF Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

• DISABLED VETERANS — $500 OFF Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

• BLIND PERSONS — $875 OFF Clause 37 – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

• TAX DEFERRAL ALL OR PART OF THE TAX — Clause 41A - Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2005 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. (781) 383-4114.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pedestrian rules are ignored

TO THE EDITOR:

It is amazing how many walkers and joggers continue to walk or jog with their backs to the traffic, blissfully unaware of risks from careless drivers, drivers on their cell phones, drivers blinded by the sun, drivers with poor eyesight, etc.

Commonsense, and the recommendations of police and other authorities who deal with pedestrian injuries, tells us to walk or jog facing the traffic. Not only is the pedestrian's face more visible than his or her back, but the pedestrian has more chance to see the errant vehicle and move aside in time.

The ultra in foolishness is walking or jogging in the evening, back to traffic, wearing dark clothes. The ultra ultra is doing it on a street beside a serviceable sidewalk.

It's not just the business of the pedestrian; we all bear the cost of higher insurance premiums and indirect taxes that result from needless injury. A motorist who, in a moment of inattention or blinded by the sun or oncoming lights, injures a pedestrian, is a victim too.

Well, that's my nag for the week.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Hockey boosters appreciate support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Middle High Hockey Boosters extend a sincere thanks to all of the local merchants that generously donated gift certificates and monies for our sixth annual Holiday Calendar Raffle. We also thank all those people in the community who purchased tickets in support of the Cohasset Hockey Boosters and in hopes of winning one of the daily prize drawings. It is our primary fundraiser each year that raises funds to support the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team and this year's raffle was a great success thanks to all who participated.

Thank you again to the local merchants and congratulations to the winners: Brian Olsen, King Jewelers;; Kasyo Bilbo, Casa del Sole Tanning Salon; Mary Leach, Red Lion Inn; Mike Gill, Shoe Market & French Memories; Andrea Wade, Rockland Trust; R. Martell, Bia Bistro; Hanson, Fitness First Plus; Dave Sullivan, Blackfin Restaurant, Boston; McGowan, Feng Shui & Cohasset Hockey Boosters; Chris Forn, Bank of America; Wayne Sawchuk, EK Design; Jane Lanzillotti, Cohasset Jewelers; Bob Gledhill, Maui Jim, Inc.; Bill Bell, Rudolf Adamo Salon & Cohasset Hardware; Sharada Centeio, MDS Design;

Ralph Froio, The Good Sport & Jake's Seafood; Golden, King Jewelers; Eric Roberts, Nail Essentials Spa; Chip Barnes, Cohasset Village Greenery & Shaw's ; Andrew Bell, Marlena Alex; G. Wilkin, The Good Sport & Ports; R. Kasperowicz, Bernard's Restaurant; Max Montgomery, Cohasset Collision Center; Sam Bilbo, LaDalat & Village Wine & Spirits; Anne Reel, Pilgrim Co-operative Bank; Ashley Adams, Adamo Day Spa;, Ed McDonald, Aveni Cleaners; John Leffel, Bridgeman's Restaurant; David Wise, Stop & Shop & Cohasset Pizza House; Roger Wade, Nail Essentials Spa & Robbins Garage; Bob Gledhill, Atlantica Restaurant; and Denise Gardener, Cohasset Hockey Boosters.

We look forward to a successful hockey season.

Cohasset Hockey Boosters
Chris Straughn, Anne Czerkawski, Jane Lanzillotti, Karin Doonan, Jean Holway

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Community Blood Drive scheduled for Feb. 1

Since 1970, January has been recognized as National Blood Donor Month. At this time, donations of all blood types are needed to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals as well as those throughout New England. To help ensure an adequate blood supply, the American Red Cross once again joins with the Town of Cohasset in the hope that residents will take some time out of their busy lives to give the Gift of Life. This year's Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, Feb. 1, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, from 1 to 7 p.m. Childcare will be available from 3 to 5 p.m. All donors will receive an entry into the weekly "Warm Your Heart" drawing for $200 toward monthly heating costs.

According to Joanne Newton, New England Region CEO, the need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contribute to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the U. S. "If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis, three to four times per year, blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," Newton noted.

Everyone, whether it is realized or not, depends on blood. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Each day, patients across the country receive approximately 38,000 units of this lifesaving resource. This year, as many as five million patients will require blood transfusions as accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer and other diseases.

To give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Most medications and medical conditions do not prohibit a person from being a blood donor. Donors can give blood safely every eight weeks. To make an appointment to donate call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290, or the Red Cross Blood Services at 1-800-448-3543, or visit www.givelife.org. For information on the blood donation process and current eligibility guidelines visit www.newenglandblood.org.

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Sohier, Pleasant streets to close soon

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We've mentioned before and we'll say it again — the only thing that is constant on the Greenbush Project is the fact that it changes constantly. Crossings that are going to close don't close and other crossings are now higher priority and will close. Listen carefully and we'll do our best to tell you the latest plans.

First, King Street may be able to open at the end of this week or sometime next week, depending on the weather. The weather has been so mild, that the project has been able to get much more work done than they had anticipated. Even all of the paving is expected to be completed. We have included a photo of the King Street crossing waiting for the final paving to be done.

When King Street is reopened, the MBTA will close Sohier Street very shortly thereafter. Please be very careful with this closure. There about 70 homes whose only access from Sohier will be through Route 3A. Similarly, school buses serving Osgood and Deer Hill schools as well as parents and teachers will need to use Route 3A. We have asked the MBTA to have duty police at the Sohier/Route 3A corner to assist traffic at this very messy intersection. Police Chief Jim Hussey will be in charge of the traffic detail deployment and any changes to the traffic details at this corner must be approved by him. We suspect that this traffic assistance will be required each school day until the Sohier Street crossing is reopened.

We were also told by the MBTA that the crossing at the Glastonbury Abbey on Hull Street (Route 228) was also about to be closed for construction on Jan. 23rd. Their goal is to have this construction completed before the summer traffic to Nantasket Beach in Hull. Clearly, having Hull Street closed at the same time as Sohier will further stress the Route 3A-King Street intersection. Now, we hear that the underground construction is not as complicated as they originally thought, so this closure can be delayed. We do guess that Hull Street will need to be closed before Sohier Street is opened, so we may still have to be concerned with traffic at King Street / 3A.

Police Chief Jim Hussey will be in charge of the traffic detail deployment and any changes to the traffic details at this corner must be approved by him.

Now for the next "good" news. The MBTA notified us on Jan. 10 that it is their intention to close Pleasant Street on the 23rd of January. So, if things go as currently planned, both Sohier and Pleasant streets will be closed at the same time. While Pleasant Street is closed, Smith Place will be open as a detour. Please be very careful and drive slowly on Smith Place because it is a very narrow road in a very congested neighborhood.

The walls of the Rocky Lane bridge approach have started to rise from mother earth. They consist of small precast structures that are being erected in an interlocking jig saw fashion on each side of the bridge approach ramp. Interestingly, we are told that plastic straps will connect to the precast pieces and will anchor into the dirt between the walls. As odd as it sounds, these straps will keep the walls in place. See the photo of these walls as they are this week.

Stay tuned for next chapter.

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The walls of the Rocky Lane bridge approach consist of small precast structures that are being erected in an interlocking jig saw fashion on each side of the bridge approach ramp.

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Hooked on the hookah

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Just when you thought we had the smoking demon on the run, along comes the hookah.

(I know what you're thinking but it's spelled different.)

The hookah is a Middle Eastern water pipe through which smokers inhale fruit-flavored tobacco and it's catching on with the college crowd in such unlikely places as Ames, Iowa, and Salisbury, N.C., where cigars, cigarettes and a chaw of Red Man are frowned upon.

Brennan Appel, director of southsmoke.com which sells hookahs, says the pipe is offered in about 1,000 cafés and restaurants across the nation...

This at a time when 39 per cent of our population lives in areas that have more than 2,000 laws that limit smoking in some manner and 118 localities have banned smoking outright in all restaurants and work places and the figure is growing from year to year.

Washington state is considering a statewide ban on smoking within 25 feet of a building that prohibits smoking; Orange County, Calif., not only bars smoking on its beaches but along its entire coast.

The three Iowa Health Systems hospitals forbid its 5,300 employees from smoking anywhere on the premises during working hours so even patients and visitors have to leave the grounds to light up and one hospital covers 44 acres. You'd have to walk more than a mile for a Camel.

"The social norms are changing," says Annie Tegen, spokeswoman for Americans for Nonsmokers Rights. "It's no longer okay to blow smoke in someone's face."

Enter the hookah.

Brennan Appel, director of southsmoke.com which sells hookahs, says the pipe is offered in about 1,000 cafés and restaurants across the nation, usually in establishments that feature Middle Eastern food on the table, Arabic music on the juke box and belly dancing on the stage.

If George W. finds out will he put a tap on their phones? But I digress . . .

Most hookahs are about three feet tall and are smoked for about 45 minutes at a cost of $7 to $10 and, like tobacconist and cigar bars, their shops are exempt from the laws that inhibit smoking across the country; in other words, you can't call the cafes that serve them "puffeasys."

The growing popularity of the hookah is largely due to the fruity taste of the tobacco and the idea that smoke passed through water will lose all the nicotine and tars and other icky things that make smoking bad for you.

Not so, says Thomas Eisenberg, a psychology professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and author of a study of hookahs.

"There's a myth that the smoke is filtered through the water," he told USA Today. "Every risk of cigarette smoking is also associated with water pipes. The first time I ordered one it smelled like cherry cough drops. I'm concerned it may introduce young people to nicotine."

A study by the American Cancer Society showed that those who smoked water pipes had five times the risk of lung cancer as those who did not smoke.

At least you'll go with a pleasant taste in your mouth.

Try living today without modern technology

WRITER'S BLOCK

JEFF CUTLER

How about ATMs? Where would you get your money for the weekend? For people who work normal hours, getting to a bank branch during the week is an impossible challenge.

With 2005 fading slowly in the rearview mirror, myriad resolutions still have the innocent freshness of misplaced hope. Fat people have "decided" to become thin and smokers, drinkers and gamblers are all poised to abandon their vices and continue their lives unimpeded by addiction.

While I'm battling a coffee addiction and trying to maintain a healthy abhorrence for exercise, I've decided to pursue a more difficult resolution. I've resolved to examine a life without modern technology.

Put away your sneers and think seriously for a moment about a simpler existence. Think about how difficult your tasks would be and how long it would take to perform many actions we take for granted. Faced with the loss of your modern gadgets and devices, you might worry realistically about your very survival.

For instance, does your day start with a digital alarm clock, a hot shower and fresh coffee? Does your glass of orange juice come chilled from a "water-and-ice-in-the-door" refrigerator? Can you auto-start your car from the window of your living room while you watch the Early Show on DirecTV?

That's just a taste. Where would you be without your cell phone? Aside from not offending people at the bank, movie theater, coffee shop and supermarket, you might develop an anxious twitch without a phone within reach. Heaven forbid you actually lose your cell phone — have you ever tried to recreate your mother's contact info when all you can recall is that she's "speed-dial number 2"?

What about the price scanners at every store in the world? Without technology, would clerks have to press cash-register keys again instead of "bloop-bleeping" each item across a flickering red laser?

How about ATMs? Where would you get your money for the weekend? For people who work normal hours, getting to a bank branch during the week is an impossible challenge. And if we didn't have direct deposit, there'd be more bounced checks than even the smartest ATM could count.

The annual Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year because it offers people a glimpse at the next great technology. This year, monstrous plasma televisions, smart telephones, home computers and interactive entertainment systems top the list of gadgets people are clamoring for. But in our hypothetical world, these "toys" would be gone and so would:

Self-stick stamps; GPS devices; rechargeable batteries; BlackBerrys and Palm Treos; digital cameras; blinking holiday lights; iPods and other MP3 players; blogs; TIVO; anti-lock brakes; Helmet Cams; television screens at airplane seats

Howard Stern on Sirius Satellite Radio; XBox, Playstation and Nintendo GameCube; FedEx, UPS and USPS package tracking; EZ-Pass; auto-shut-off irons; and hand-held Sudoku and other electronic games.

I'm not sure I could live without technology. My gadgets and my connection to the electronic world are a habit, a convenience and a welcome addition to my work and leisure life. I add to my blog regularly to exercise my writing muscles and to share info with friends. I share photos I've taken digitally and I scour the World Wide Web for information on topics to write about.

I often pay my bills online and frequently make purchases via the Internet (this year, I didn't buy any holiday gifts from a brick and mortar store). Truth is, I'm intricately wired to technology and don't know if it would be possible for me to go cold turkey.

In fact, this column was written at a beachfront café on Sanibel Island, Fla. The restaurant had wireless Internet access and a view of the Gulf of Mexico. When I wrapped it up, I used the electronic spell-check and word count. Then I emailed it to the newspaper where it was electronically typeset and then printed in thousands of copies of the paper.

If it weren't for technology, I would have had to hunt and peck this column on my 1930s Royal manual typewriter that sits on my office desk. Then, I would hop on my pony and ride to Community Newspaper Company/South in Marshfield with it where it would be manually typeset and inked onto broad sheets of paper that would be folded and delivered to you.

Before you trim your fat, drop the cigarettes or hop on the wagon, look at giving up technology. Then your particular resolution might seem a little more attainable.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Independent film series –Paul Pratt Memorial Library will show the independent film, "Campfire" on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Free admission. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Library laptops – The Library has two wireless laptop computers available for on site use. Patrons need to present their library card at the circulation desk. Laptops can be checked out for one hour.

Artist exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "The Six Styles of Janis," an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Jan. 8 through Feb. 28. Meet the artist at an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Wednesdays.

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Understanding the modern Middle East – Paul Pratt Memorial Library is joining with the Hingham Public Library to present a new reading and discussion program. Understanding the Modern Middle East was developed by the Humanities Foundations and Massachusetts scholars. The free program offers an opportunity to learn about the history, politics and culture of the Middle East. Four two-hour sessions will be held every other week beginning Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. The sessions will alternate between Hingham and Cohasset libraries with Hingham hosting the first session. Participants are asked to read related material from the text, "Between Memory and Desire: The Middle East in a Troubled Age," by R. Stephen Humphries. Limited copies are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Advance registration required. For more information call Reference librarian Gayle Walsh, 718-383-1348.

Holiday closing – The Library will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Income tax forms – There are a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons room. Reproducible forms may be borrowed at the Reference Desk.

Essay Contest for grades 4-12– The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has announced its 7th annual On-line Student Essay Contest for Massachusetts students in grades 4-12. This year's theme is "Making Democracy Work: Our Bill of Rights." Bookmarks outlining contest general information are in the Young Adult Room of the Library.

For contest rules, prizes, and essay questions, visit www.lwvma.org. Contest ends March 15. Winners will be honored at an event at Fanueil Hall on April30.

Senior citizens are focus

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin for a discussion on the needs of Cohasset seniors. Denise Baxter, executive director of Sunrise Assisted Living, discusses things to consider and watch out for when seniors are living alone.

Local realtor and senior activist Margie Charles talks about what Cohasset seniors need in terms of housing.

And on a lighter note, roving reporter Rich Ofsthun seeks to answer the question as to why Cohasset needs five pizzerias.

Also as election season begins with nomination papers available stay tuned to Our Town, which will feature candidates running for the various positions.

Adding excitement this season will be open seats on the school committee and board of selectmen. Other boards with positions up for election include: planning board, water commission, board of health, sewer commission, recreation commission, housing authority, assessors and library trustees.

Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Town housing consultant steps down over potential conflict

Also worked for Cedarmere

By Samantha Brown
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Housing consultant Bob Engler, who impressed members of the board of selectmen with his level of expertise, will no longer be the town's contracted affordable housing specialist.

Due to Engler's history working with Leggat McCall Properties, which is building the Cedarmere senior housing development, Town Counsel advised there is a potential conflict of interest for Engler in his new town role. Engler was hired by the town to work with the to-be-established housing partnership and assist in other key housing issues — namely the affordable housing portion of the Cook Estate project.

The issue was brought to Town Manager Bill Griffin's attention last week. Planning board vice chairman Peter Pratt said he placed a call to Griffin after receiving calls from residents who had attended the senior housing forum Tuesday, Jan. 3, at which Engler appeared. Engler spoke that day about affordable housing to help clear up some of the many misconceptions surrounding the ever-changing rules and regulations set by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

At the meeting, Griffin introduced Engler as the town's new housing consultant, who would be paid using funds allocated at Town Meeting. Griffin had drafted a Request for Proposals for the position, and Engler's was the only response.

Pratt said in his eyes, there was a clear conflict, considering Engler's very recent appearances before the planning board and board of selectmen on Cedarmere's behalf. Cedarmere is a privately-owned project that will be built under the town's Senior Multi-family Overlay Residence District bylaw, and the Cook Estate is a town-sponsored project which will file under the same bylaw.

Engler had argued before both boards that rental units are not successful when mixed with market-rate units, and that Cohasset seniors will not qualify for affordable rental units, in defense of Cedarmere's lack of affordable rentals. The Cook project had rental units as a preference in its first two RFPs. Pratt said there could be both ethical and legal ramifications for the town if Engler was involved in the drafting of the third Cook Estate RFP, and he immediately got in touch with fellow members of the planning board to inform them of the situation.

Griffin said when the questions were raised, he informed Engler and Town Counsel, and Counsel advised Engler to consult the State Ethics Commission. Engler's partner Janet Stearns made that contact and reported back because "there is a chance the firm could be providing consulting services to the town at a time in the future when they would also again be working for Cedarmere on their affordable housing unit lottery, it would be best that they not contract with the town to work with our Housing Partnership Committee and affordable housing plan," Griffin said. Engler withdrew from the position this week.

Pratt said he believes the right actions were taken to protect the legal viability of the third RFP for the Cook project, and to minimize the risk that there would be a challenge to the bid process or to other permitting action that may emerge from the bid process.

"As much as I think they 'did the right thing' in this instance, frankly, the manager and selectmen never should have allowed the Engler firm to come under retention (or whatever the formal status was) to represent the town, considering the fairly clear appearance and probable reality of conflict. I think the town needs to set a new standard for avoidance of conflict situations by public officials and retained professionals," Pratt said.

At the direction of the board of selectmen, Griffin will send out a new RFP for the consultant position next week, after he issues the third RFP for the Cook Project. A new RFP is necessary because with only one bid, the town did not have a second runner-up to fall back on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Christmas Tree drive a success

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the many Cohasset families who arranged to have the Middle School Student Council collect their used Christmas Trees the weekend of Jan. 7 & 8. We are thrilled to report that we collected a record number of trees raising funds that will directly impact student programming in the Middle School.

The Christmas Tree Drive would not have been possible without the generous support of several community members. We extend huge thanks to: Barry Joseph from Joseph's Hardware and Tim Toomey who both generously loaned trucks on Saturday; Jack Whorley who donated the use of the Teen Garage; Beth Sternala, Assistant Principal and Cynthia Gordon, Student Council Faculty Leader who helped coordinate the Tree Drive; Barbara Canney, Bill Chisholm, Paul Davis, Michael Dick, Mike Gill, Howie Noble, Peter Robinson, and Mark Toomey who donated Saturday and Sunday to drive trucks for the tree pick-up; and the student volunteers who loaded countless trees on and off the trucks.

Thank you all for your part in this great community project!

Lucy Noble
Isabelle Franklin
Cohasset Middle School
Student Council
Sheila Toomey
Project Safeguard Parent
Representative

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats to hold caucus Feb. 4

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Saturday, Feb. 4, to elect four delegates and two alternates to the 2006 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the DCU Center in Worcester and Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of auditor, treasurer, attorney general, secretary of the commonwealth, lt. governor, governor and U.S. senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Sept. 19, 2006, Democratic Primary ballot.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, 02129 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at 617-776-2676, call Agnes McCann, chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit www.cohasset-dems.org.

Republicans celebrate vice president's birthday

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is having an informal gathering Wednesday, Jan 25, in the Sails Room at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset to celebrate Vice President Richard Cheney's birthday. All are invited to attend and enjoy a convivial evening. Drop in anytime after 7 p.m. and have hors d'oeuvres, dinner or just beverages while socializing with some of your favorite Republicans. Any cost is whatever you personally order from the menu. For further information call Lee Jenkins at 781-383-0024 or Edythe Ford, 781-383 1648.

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: The House and Senate last week officially convened the 2006 legislative session but most of the activity was ceremonial. Both branches met only in brief sessions and there were no roll call votes. Action on important legislation is expected to resume soon.

BHRC this week examines the voting records of local senators on Gov. Mitt Romney's vetoes of items in the $23.9 billion fiscal 2006 budget. The Senate in 2005 voted on 66 of Romney's budget vetoes that reduced state spending and made other changes in the version of the budget approved by the Legislature. A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto. The 39-person membership of the Senate included 33 Democrats and only six Republicans. The governor needed the support of 14 senators to sustain a veto when all 39 senators voted— and fewer votes if some members were absent. This difficult task involved getting the support of all six GOP members and convincing eight Democrats to support him. Romney fell far short of that goal. Nine votes were the most that he received on any veto. The Senate easily overrode all 66 vetoes including 24 that were overridden unanimously.

The vetoes had virtually no support from the chamber's 33 Democratic senators. Twenty-eight of them gave no help to the governor and voted to override all of his vetoes. Four Democrats supported Romney on one veto. Senate President Robert Travaglini followed Senate tradition and rarely voted on roll call votes.

Only one Republican supported Romney more than 50 percent of the time. Republican Minority Leader Brian Lees (R-East Longmeadow) sided with the governor 36 times (54.5 percent). The two GOP members who gave Romney the least support were Sens. Richard Tisei (R-Wakefield) who supported the governor only 14 times (21.2 percent) and Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) who sided with Romney 16 times (24.2 percent).

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF TIMES LOCAL SENATORS SUPPORTED ROMNEY

Here is how local senators fared in their support of Romney on the 66 budget vetoes. The record of any senator who was absent for some of the roll calls is based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted.

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times that the senator supported Romney. The number in parentheses represents the actual number of times the senator supported Romney.

39.3% (26 out of 66)

GAY MARRIAGE- Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages in Massachusetts. The lawsuit argues that the ban clearly violates a section of the constitution that prohibits the introduction of citizen-initiated constitutional amendments that relate to the reversal of a judicial decision like the Supreme Judicial Court one that legalized same-sex marriages. Attorney General Thomas Reilly in September certified the proposal and supporters gathered sufficient signatures to move it along. It now needs the votes of 50 of the state's 200 legislators at a Constitutional Convention in both the 2005-2006 and 2007-2008 legislative sessions in order to appear on the November 2008 ballot. Sponsors of the petition say that the proposal is constitutional because it does not overturn a court decision by nullifying existing same-sex marriages. They argue that it simply prohibits future same-sex marriages. Reilly's office issued a statement arguing that the proposal is constitutional because "it isn't a reversal of a judicial decision but an effort to change the constitution going forward." The statement also noted that Reilly does not support the ban.

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

SEAT BELTS (H 229) Supporters of a bill providing for primary enforcement of the state's seat belt law announced that they have sufficient votes to approve the measure in the House and Senate. The legislation allows police officers to stop and issue tickets to drivers solely for not wearing seat belts. Current law permits only secondary enforcement and prohibits the $25 fine from being imposed unless the driver is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense. Supporters at a press conference said that secondary enforcement has not worked and noted that more than one-third of Bay State residents are still not buckling up. They argued that the bill would annually save an estimated 23 lives, prevent hundreds of serious injuries and save more than $160 million in medical and other costs. Some opponents say that the bill is an unwarranted intrusion by the government and police into people's private lives and private cars and argued that drivers should have the freedom to decide whether they want to wear seat belts. They say that the proposal is too broad and would allow police officers to pull over a driver if they "suspect" the he or she is not wearing a seat belt. Others note that this vague new power is tantamount to establishing roadblocks and would lead to random stops and unfair racial profiling. The bill has been defeated in the House three times since 2000.

GUN LICENSE AND ALZHEIMER'S (H 4553)- The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee approved legislation requiring physicians who are treating patients with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia to make inquiries about whether the person owns any firearms. The physician would then be required to notify the person's local police chief who would take action to revoke any firearm identification cards and remove all firearms.

HIV AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS- Gov. Romney filed legislation allowing a victim to request that a suspect indicted for or formally charged with rape or sexual assault be required to be tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Romney said that this information would help victims obtain peace of mind or take action to combat the disease. Some opponents say that the bill would violate the rights of defendants who have not even been convicted of a crime. The AIDS Action Committee released a statement opposing the proposal because it does not offer "actual and practical assistance." The statement said that survivors of sexual assault have only 72 hours to decide whether to take the drugs that can prevent HIV infection and noted that the legal system rarely responds that quickly.

MEDICARE DRUG PLAN- A group of senior citizens gathered at the Statehouse to rally support for major changes in the new federal prescription drug plan that took effect on January 1. Protesters called the plan an abomination that has confused and scared senior citizens. They urged state officials to work with the state's Congressional delegation to implement changes to have the drugs administered through Medicare rather than by 44 private companies. Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) addressed the rally and said that the drug companies would get richer from the plans while seniors continue to be confused and taxpayers get ripped off.

AUTO INSURANCE DISCOUNTS (H 4577)- Gov. Romney signed into law a bill extending through 2006 an existing exemption to the law allowing businesses and groups to participate in group discount auto insurance plans if at least 35 percent of the group's members participate. The exemption waives the 35 percent requirement for any group that received the discount in 2005 and would ensure that these groups receive the same discount in 2006.

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Speaker brings message of peace on Martin Luther King Day

By Samantha Brown
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who longed for a peaceful society. That is a dream shared by Clementina Chery, a woman who has dedicated her life to finding the peace within herself and others, as the president and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester.

On Monday, Jan. 16, Chery will be the featured speaker at the fifth annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast. From 9-10 a.m., members of the community will honor the memory and achievements of Dr. King during the pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee and Cohasset clergy, which will be followed by Chery's roughly one-hour long presentation. A donation of $5 per person and $15 per family is requested.

"She is an extremely powerful speaker," said Connie Afshar of the Cohasset Diversity Committee, who came to know Chery through the Cooperative Metropolitan Ministry program. The CMM helps connect churches and organizations in the suburbs with counterparts in the city, to form cooperative bonds between the two. As a member of the Second Congregational Church's outreach committee, Afshar met Chery at an annual CMM meeting and became enthralled with her personal story.

In 1993, Chery experienced a loss that changed her life forever. Her son, Louis D. Brown, for which the Peace Institute is named after, became one of 98 victims of homicide in the city of Boston that year. Louis grew up in Dorchester, and at just 15 years old, he had already begun making a name for himself as a peacemaker among fellow classmates in the Boston Public Schools. He was always worried about the effect of violence on his peers and on his community. At an early age, he decided to dedicate himself to learning and teaching about violence prevention and peacemaking through the Teens Against Gang Violence program. His future was bright, and he had dreams of becoming the first black president of the United States.

But on Dec. 20, 1993, while on his way to an annual Christmas party with members of Teens Against Gang Violence, Louis was caught in the middle of a gang-related shooting only a few blocks away from his home. He was shot in the altercation and died the next day.

"I remember that very clearly," recalled Afshar, as she had heard about the death in local news coverage. She said she was very struck by the incident, not only because Louis was so young, but because even in his commitment to educating himself and others on violence prevention and the consequences of violence, his life was cut short as a result of one random act. "It always stuck with me," said Afshar.

Clementina Chery, who is the president and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester, is the guest speaker at Monday's Martin Luther King Day breakfast.

Chery founded the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in 1994 to continue the peacemaking legacy of her son. The Peace Institute works in the schools and the wider community and devotes much of its energy to aiding survivors of homicides. It is estimated that for every homicide victim, there are between seven and 10 close relatives deeply affected, and the Peace Institute helps the survivors in many ways. It provides services such as helping with the details of funerals, finding the financial and mental health resources to guide those affected through the grieving process, and helping those affected understand the different facets of the criminal justice system, just to name a few. The Peace Institute actively works as a partner with the city of Boston, the District Attorney's office, and the Legislature to improve the policing and judicial system.

Chery said she is very excited to come to Cohasset and said she already knows the message she will share — God's gift of peace. She said the Peace Institute has seven core principals which provide a solid foundation for finding peace, including love, unity, faith, hope, courage, justice, and forgiveness. She said only when people find the peace within themselves are they able to share it with others.

"I hope it will be engaging for people," she said, adding she intends to share some of the details about her own personal journey.

Chery said she is looking forward to meeting Cohasset residents, who through the partnership with CMM have been so generous to her organization. In fact, she has plans to bring a few families from the Boston area down with her to share the day in Cohasset.

"We have gotten so many gifts," she said, adding every donation is greatly appreciated, and even the basic needs like paper products and tissues are being met. "No matter how small a gift, it is always valued," she said. But the Peace Institute will receive more than just a small donation from Cohasset next week, as 100 percent of the proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to help the organization continue its mission.

The Martin Luther King Day breakfast will be held Monday, Jan. 16 from 9-11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue. Donations are requested in the amounts of $5 per person and $15 per family. There will be activities for children during the breakfast and babysitting will be provided by the Cohasset Middle High School Social Awareness Club. All proceeds from the event will be given to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. For more information, please call Connie Afshar at (781) 383-6606.

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Middle school has its first assistant principal

FROM PRINCIPAL, PAGE 1

The first fall after graduating from Colgate, Sternala taught science at Needham Middle School. "I absolutely loved it," she recalled. She said science, especially at the middle-school level, is a hands-on subject that students can become involved with.

However, knowing teaching in the public schools would require her to go back to school to earn her master's degree, after three years teaching in Needham, Sternala went on sabbatical for one year and attended Harvard University. During that year she completed the necessary coursework to earn her master's degree in administration. She also completed an internship which gave her a "flavor" of middle school administration. "Here I am a year later," she said.

Sternala's first official day on the job was July 1, which allowed her some time to become acquainted with the building and the staff before the school year got under way. During the hiring process, she was brought in for six rounds of interviews "which speaks to the expectations of Cohasset as a community," she said.

Over several years, the school department has been making the transition from a junior/senior school encompassing grades seven through 12, to a middle school — as separate as it can be under the same roof — encompassing grades six through eight. Part of that transition was bringing on a full-time middle school administrator. Now there is one assistant principal at both the middle school and high school, and one principal that oversees both schools.

Sternala has jumped into her new role with both feet. Along with helping to make a smooth transition into a separate middle school — which will include grades six through eight operating on the same schedule and events are more regularly planned for the entire middle school — she would like to see an increase in extracurricular activities and electives for students.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Beth Sternala, assistant principal at the middle school, looks over the criteria for a science project in Mrs. Susan Horigan's six grade class. The project was based on the "Apprentice" where sixth-graders try to solicit money from investors, including creating a brochure and singing a jingle, after demonstrating their rollercoaster.

About new assistant principal

Name: Beth Sternala
Occupation: Middle School Assistant Principal
Age: 26
Education: Bachelor's degree in psychology and education from Colgate University and master's degree in administration from Harvard University.
Hometown: South Hadley, Mass.
Current residence: Hull, Mass.
Marital status: engaged

She would also like to continue the increased communication with parents through updates on the school Web site, telephone messages via the Connect-Ed system, and a middle-school newsletter. She said she hopes to begin offering informal monthly coffee hours with parents, as another way to help encourage the flow of information.

One other goal Sternala said she would like to see accomplished soon, is fixing the middle-school door buzzer enabling the middle school to admit its own visitors. Because school doors are locked during the day, visitors to the middle school must buzz in at the main office, located in the high school, in order to enter the building.

Sternala grew up in South Hadley, Mass., and currently lives in Hull. "It's nice to be close," she said, especially when she has to return to school for meetings in the evening.

When not at school, Sternala said she likes to run and she has competed in marathons. In addition, Sternala is engaged, so getting ready for the wedding is a top priority during her free time. "I like structural work, so event planning is right up my alley," she said. Sternala's husband-to-be is a special needs teacher in Needham whom she met while teaching science in that town's middle school.

Sternala said she also enjoys traveling and said because she keeps in touch with many friends from high school and college, she often takes weekend trips to New York City or Chicago to visit with them. This past summer, Sternala also took a cross-country road trip from Boston to San Francisco with her fiancé and said if the opportunity presents itself, there are many places she would love to visit again.

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After Bob Black

Pollution worries aired at planning board hearing

Abutters concerned about subdivision disturbing buried oil

By Samantha Brown
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A six-home sub-division slated for 14 acres next to Cedarmere is causing some controversy with neighbors. Wednesday's planning board meeting saw attorneys and even a court reporter recording every word said during the hearing.

But the added attention didn't seem to phase business partners David Calhoun and Tom Ragno, who said they felt they had met every condition set by the planning board and were ready to proceed to the next phase of permitting the project.

Ragno and Calhoun, along with Calhoun's wife Kelli, make up King Taylor Cohasset, LLC, the company which brought the Cedarmere development through the permitting process. They have since sold Cedarmere to Leggat McCall Properties and have purchased roughly 14 acres of land, accessed off South Main Street via Castle Road. The existing house on the land, formerly owned by Charles Flint, will remain as part of the subdivision, and five new homes will be added to the property.

"We're taking one of the largest parcels of land in town off the books, and we're keeping it underpopulated," Calhoun said. The parcel also has access through Cedarmere, as an easement, owned by the former owner of the property, was passed down with the sale.

Abutters in the Mendel Road neighborhood are concerned about the project's potential for spreading hazardous materials. Susan Kent, 3 Mendel Road, said she believes the site could be home to a buried fuel well. She said roughly five years ago, she and her husband built an addition on their house and two years later, oil began seeping into the pipes in her home. She said she had asked Flint, the former owner, for permission to have an expert come onto his property to find where the oil was coming from, but had consistently been denied. She said now that there are plans to build five homes on the property, "There is going to be a lot of moving earth and we don't know what's down there. There could be more."

"We're taking one of the largest parcels of land in town off the books, and we're keeping it underpopulated."
— David Calhoun, King Taylor Cohasset, LLC

Ragno said the property is completely safe and abutters have nothing to worry about during construction. "We wanted to know before we bought it," if there was oil underground, and he said he was told by an expert that it is "highly unlikely any contamination is coming from 215 South Main Street to 3 Mendel Road." He said a letter to that effect should have been sent to the board of health, and he would make sure it had a copy.

From a planning board standpoint, chairman Al Moore said hazardous material on site is not under the board's purview. He said when the planning board approves any site plans, it is always conditioned on the approval of all other applicable boards. Therefore, he said the project would not be approved unless the board of health was satisfied the site was safe.

Planning board member Bob Sturdy added with any construction, if digging begins and anything hazardous is found, all work stops on the project and the state steps in. "This is all taken care of under state law," he said.

However, Kent said she would feel much better if they were proactive about the matter. She said she would rather find out ahead of time that a potential problem exists, rather than find the oil and disturb it, leaving a mess to clean up later.

Attorney Bruce Isadore, who was there along with the court reporter on behalf of an abutter, had concerns of a different kind. He wondered about the legality of the subdivision road, and questioned whether the subdivision had legal frontage and legal access , according to the town's bylaws. King Taylor's attorney Walter Sullivan, said he would be in touch with Town Counsel to ensure all requirements are met.

While the board came close to closing the public hearing on the subdivision, it was kept open to allow for more public discussion regarding the legal issues. The public hearing will remain open and the board will take the matter up again at its next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 25. Please contact the planning board office at (781) 383-3517 for more information.

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Skaters get back in win column

By Mark Goodman
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This season, significant advantages in shots on net has not always equated to wins for the Cohasset High hockey team.

On Wednesday, however, it did. The Skippers outshot Hull 48-11, and also came out on top where it counts most, taking home a 5-2 win.

Senior tri-captain Brian Straughn broke a 2-2 deadlock 2:29 into the third period, collecting a rebound just outside the crease and backhanding it into the net. Fellow captain Mark Bouchard and junior defenseman Conor Holway picked up assists on the play.

Freshman Andrew Smith had a great chance one minute later from pointblank range, but was turned away by the Hull goalie. Straughn got the insurance goal, however, with 4:26 left after taking a pass from junior linemate Austin Lanzillotti (three assists on the night) and beating the Hull goalie low to the right side of the net.

Bouchard put in an empty net goal with 7.2 seconds remaining to account for the final score, with Straughn and Lanzillotti getting assists. Mixed in between Straughn's goals was a key penalty kill, led by Smith, junior T.J. Kennedy and sophomore Charlie Czerkawski.

After watching his team dominate the first period, Skippers head coach Ben Virga said they "got caught up in a checking game" in the second to let the Pirates back into it. The result was a 2-2 game at the second intermission.

"In that third period, we started skating again," Virga said. "Once again, I thought our 'black line'

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Lady hoopsters ride a Wave of success

CHS girls top Abington in key SSL game

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

So, are you wondering what has gotten into the water of the Cohasset girls basketball team? So is everyone else.

After a rocky start, spectator's jaws began dropping two weeks ago as the Lady Skippers battled their way to the top of the Holiday Tournament.

But were they ready for a solid team like Abington? Absolutely. And here are the details.

Last Thursday, the Green Wave of Abington strutted into the Cohasset gym with the idea they could wash the Skippers over-board without even trying. Their attitude became their first mistake.

From the opening tip-off, the Skippers sent a clear message. Cohasset was the wrong team to mess with. From freshmen Gabriella Flibbotte's lightning steals to Mia Lieb-Lappen's Shaq-like rebounding, Cohasset ignited the floor.

The Skippers' persistent full-court press worked better than a sea worm on a bait hook.

"We really slowed their offense down with our press," explained senior tri-captain Chelsea Grossman. "Because they had to focus on getting up the court, they couldn't get a rhythm going."

When asked what transformed the team, head coach John Levangie became quite animated

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Boys hoops hopes to turn a corner

Near win against Carver leaves coach with optimism

By Mark Goodman
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Against arguably the best club in the South Shore League, the Cohasset High boys basketball team played its best game of the season.

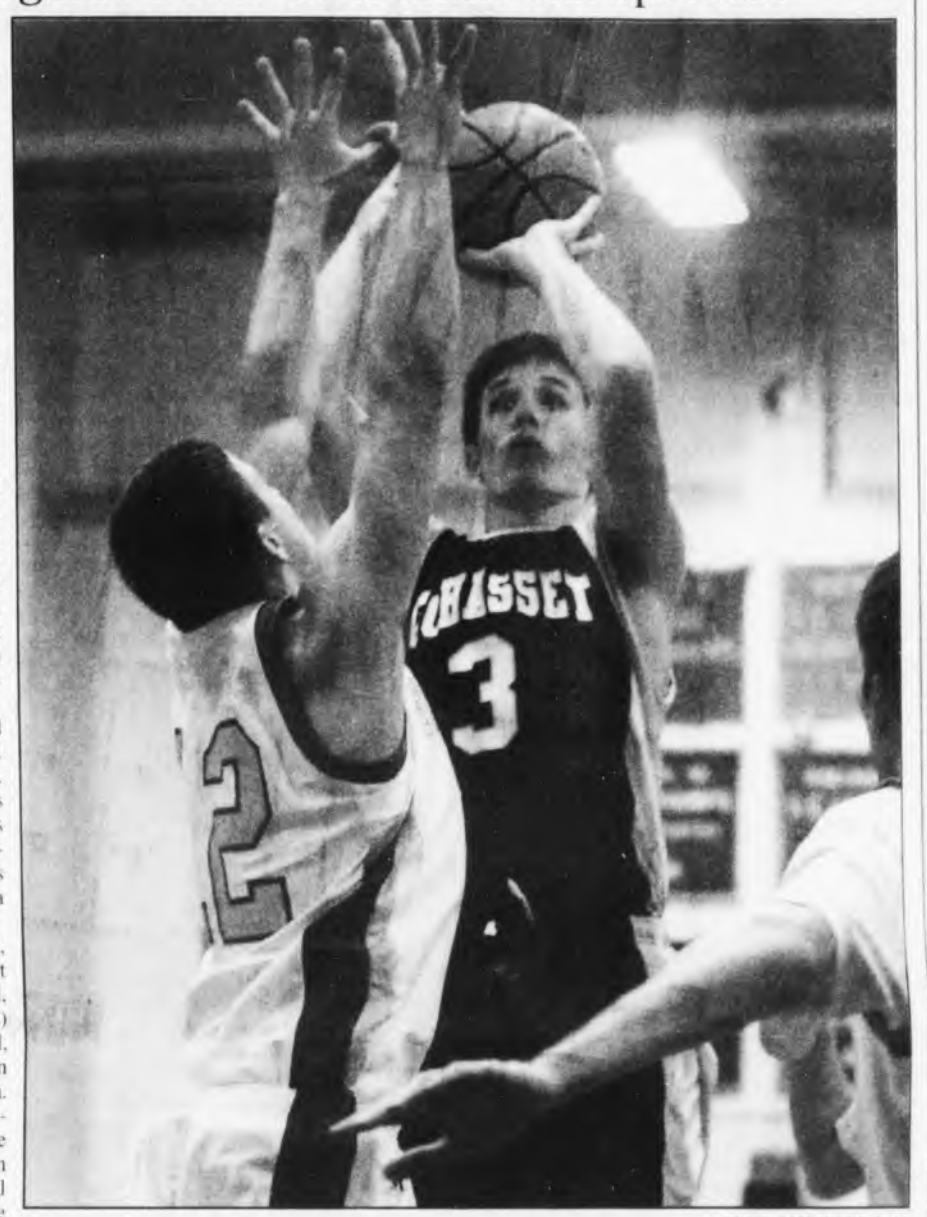
Hosting a Carver team Tuesday night that is undefeated in league play, the Skippers nearly pulled off an upset, ultimately dropping a 40-38 decision. Junior John McCarthy led the Skippers with 12 points. Senior tri-captain Trevor Brady and junior Jeff Brown were not far behind, scoring 11 and 10, respectively.

It was the team defense, though, that most impressed head coach Dorian Bryant. Carver is one of the biggest, most physical teams Cohasset will face all season, and the defense from guys like Brown, John McCarthy, Patrick McCarthy and senior tri-captain Nick Arment nearly led the Skippers to victory.

"As a team, we played extremely well," Bryant said. "Carver is real tough inside. They have long, athletic kids that can hurt you in the paint. As coaches, we were talking constantly about getting your hands up and rotating. I think we did a real good job of that."

Rebounding was also critical, and a number of players got it done in that department as well, led by Brown (seven rebounds) and Arment (six). In general, Bryant says his team has been rebounding better this season. Others who have been contributing in that facet of the game are junior tri-captain Justin Alexander, senior Will Pinkus, and sophomores Jake Cuneo and David Snowdale.

Bryant said he was looking toward the Carver game as a measuring stick for his team. Overall, the Skippers have been far more competitive than last year, which saw its share of lopsided losses. With the exception of last Friday's 61-32 loss to Abington, Cohasset has been in every game so far this year.



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Cohasset's Jeff Brown (3) rises up for a jumper during the Skippers' loss in Abington on Friday. The junior forward scored 10 points in his team's near upset of South Shore League favorite Carver.

The second year coach says one of the biggest reasons for that is the leadership his team has gotten from its captains, Arment, Brady and Alexander.

"I think those three guys have been doing a pretty good job with what is still a young team," Bryant said. "From last year to this year, the team is still learning a lot of new faces and are still learning a new system, and they've been doing a good job with it."

The Skippers (2-6 overall, 0-3 league) host Harwich tonight at 5:30, and travel to rival Hull Tuesday for a 6:30 tipoff with the Pirates.

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Cohasset's Nick Cambi, shown here in action during the Marshfield tournament against B-R's Jack Pereira, was one of three Skippers wrestlers to advance to a championship match at last weekend's North Quincy tournament.

Deja vu for wrestlers

Skippers finish in middle of the pack at NQ tournament

By Ben Libby
CORRESPONDENT

It must seem like a case of deja vu for the Cohasset wrestling team after finishing in the middle of the pack in its second tournament in two weeks.

Finishing eighth out of 18 teams in last Saturday's North Quincy tournament left Cohasset with little to take away from the competition as a team, but a lot as individuals.

As expected, Shane Dorian delivered for his team, finishing second in the 145 weight class. Dorian, who just can't seem to figure out Vinnie Renaut (Plymouth South), lost by pin to Renaut after losing by pin to him in the previous weekend tournament at Marshfield. Renaut was named Outstanding Wrestler for the second consecutive tournament, and Plymouth South again won the team competition.

After the match, Dorian said he remains optimistic he can top Renaut should they meet again.

"He kind of came out of nowhere, but I still feel I can beat him," Dorian said. "I just have to

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Tri-meet a success for gymnasts

By Rachel Thomas
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team held their second meet, a tri-meet with Notre Dame and Case last Friday. The results put Norwell in second place with a 126.4 score, which was good enough to defeat Case, who had a 98.9.

Coh-Nor and Notre Dame were quite close in their scores, as Notre Dame only won by a mere four-tenths of a point (with a 126.8 total score). Although Coh-Nor did not come in first place in the meet, outscoring Case was a significant achievement because the two are in the same league.

Coh-Nor's first meet was Dec. 22 against Pembroke, and the competition was again very close. Although the Pembroke team outscored Norwell, it was by only four points, and Coh-Nor was missing one of its strongest competitors in senior captain Lisa Spirito.

The Cohasset-Norwell team quickly recovered and everyone on the team improved their scores significantly in the tri-meet. The all around competitors were Spirito of Cohasset and Erin Kelly of Norwell (also a captain of the team). Coach Amy Maree remarked that Kelly "did exceptionally well as she improved her all around score."

Kelly and Spirito scored 33.2 and 32.4, respectively, in the all-around competition, scores that were vital for the team's success. Cassie Pacella, a Norwell newcomer to the team, competed for the first time and proved herself to be an asset to the team, scoring a 7.2 on floor. Captain CJ Himberg also competed well, as she got an 8.1 on floor and a 7.6 on beam.

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Cohasset-Norwell's Juliette Karp tumbles across the mat during her floor exercise routine in the gymnastics team's season opener with Pembroke. The girls split a recent tri-meet with Case and Notre Dame.

All in all, the team was extremely satisfied the outcome of the meet.

"All of the girls on the team did remarkably well, scoring higher than they did in the previous meet," said Maree. "Considering the competition, only losing by .4 was a great accomplishment by these girls."

This Saturday, the team will compete in another tri-meet against Hanover-Rockland and Bridgewater-Raynham. It is expected that the meet will be fairly close between Coh-Nor and Hanover, as both teams have been getting accumulative scores between 120 and 130 points.

All-Scholastic boys soccer team

Cohasset's Aidan Buick, Sam MacDonald among 24 players named to elite group

This team was selected by Marinerland Sports Editors Mark Goodman, Julie Ann Nevero and Nick French with the help of area coaches. Only public school athletes were considered from our 13 towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

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Aidan Buick - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Cohasset

Aidan Buick

Voted on by coaches as the South Shore League's best player, and deservedly so. Makes his second straight All-Scholastic soccer team. Finished the season with a remarkable 38 goals, and racked up 15 assists to lead the league in scoring for the second straight season (his 29 points in 2004 also put him first)…Has tremendous field vision and a great scoring instinct…Came up big when it mattered: scored a hat trick on Nov. 6 in first round tournament win over Chatham, and scored the game's only goal two days later in Division 3 South quarterfinal against Norwell…Says the Chatham game was his best of the season…Also had two goals in win over arch-rival Clippers on Sept. 28…Took just about all the re-starts for Cohasset, and was a threat with his long throw-ins in the attacking third…A two-time Eastern Mass. All-Star…Also an All-Scholastic performer in lacrosse, having led last year's Division 3 state finalist in scoring…Four older brothers all starred athletically for CHS: Jamie (football, basketball, lacrosse), Devin (hockey), Ronan (football, lacrosse) and Conor (lacrosse, soccer)…Plans on playing soccer in college…Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "Aidan carried the team throughout the year. He was our overall team leader and our most skilled player."

Sam MacDonald -
Senior (Capt.) -
Stopper - Cohasset

Sam MacDonald

A two-time South Shore League All-Star, MacDonald is one of the more well-rounded defenders you will see in high school soccer…Defensively, consistently saw how an opponents' attack would develop before it happened, and was almost always in proper position for the tackle…Cohasset switched to a diamond defense part of the way through the season, partly in able to take advantage of MacDonald's considerable offensive skills…Could push forward and create offense on the counter-attack…Assisted on teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Aidan Buick's third goal of the game in Nov. 6 first round tournament matchup with Chatham…Also scored what his coach deemed the team's "goal of the year" in the season finale against Scituate, making a run down the length of the pitch and finishing a rebound with the first touch off the side of his foot…Says his last game in a high school uniform against Hanover was his best…Also a member of the CHS ski team…Hopes to play soccer in college, either at the club level or for a Division 3 school…Is looking at a few schools in the area, and plans to study finance and banking…Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "Sam was the team's toughest, strongest player. He and [fellow defender] Trevor Brady were the leaders of our defense."

Gaston Kelly - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Earned just about every All-star award he could get and rightfully so. A three-year starting striker, Kelly was named a Patriot League, Eastern Mass. (top pick), All-State, and All-New England All-star for his efforts on the frontline…He was also named the PL MVP this year…The top-scorer over the last two seasons for the PL champion Harbormen (11-0-1), Kelly racked up 45 points on 36 goals, nine assists…To date, Kelly has 95 career points (68 goals, 27 assists) with one season left…Great speed and unbelievable foot skills are what make Kelly so effective, playing mostly on the left wing…His stellar play up front helped the top-seeded Harbormen (21-1-1) knock off Dighton-Rehoboth, Martha's Vineyard, Silver Lake, and Medway to capture their first Div. 2 South title…He also served up the majority of Hingham's corner kicks, assisting on the team's first goal in a tough 3-2 double-OT state semifinals loss to eventual state champs Stoneham…Kelly also runs indoor track at HHS and is a year round soccer player.

Colin Lincoln - Senior
Midfielder - Hingham

One of those guys who you could always ask to come through in the clutch and he always did…Playing on the right wing, Lincoln tallied 35 points on 19 goals, 16 assists, helping the Harbormen (21-1-1) win the Patriot League title…More importantly, the PL All-star racked up four goals in the post-season Div. 2 South tourney, including two in a quarterfinal victory over Martha's Vineyard…The No. 4 pick as an Eastern Mass. All-star, Lincoln also scored the game-winning goal in the top-seeded Harbormen's 2-1 semifinal win over rival Silver Lake…A composed, strong player, Lincoln's play helped guide Hingham to the Div. 2 South title, topping Medway, 1-0, for the program's first Sectional crown…For his efforts, he was named the MVP…Lincoln would like to continue his soccer career at the University of Richmond. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He scored a lot of clutch goals this year. When we needed him, he delivered. He had a great year."

James Wilson -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hingham

The man in the middle, Wilson's presence at the center midfield position was immense…Had the ability to score when needed, but was most effective as the key component to the Harbormen's trademark short passing game…Played in the middle, but rarely stayed there as his ability to read the field and opposing team's defenses often put him on the attack…He was great at knowing when to pass the ball and saw solid success in tallying nine assists this season…Wilson also scored four goals…Would also routinely drop back defensively when games were close…To put it simply, Wilson was just everywhere…His play in the middle sparked Hingham's potent offense, helping the Harbormen (21-1-1) capture the Patriot League title and Div. 2 South Sectional crown…He is a two-year starter on the Hingham team. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He held the midfield together and gave a lot of people a lot of opportunities. He really tried to do whatever he could to keep the ball in play and that's one of the main reasons why we needed him."

Nick Jones -
Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper - Hingham

Sure Hingham had plenty of firepower, but you know what they say about winning championships…The leader on the defensive side of the Harbormen's field, Jones was the anchor of a backfield that allowed just 15 goals in the regular season and recorded eight shutouts…A great reader of the field, Jones' ability to clear the ball with purpose often got the Harbormen's potent attack going from the back…He himself contributed six points on four goals, two assists…A Patriot League All-star, Jones was called upon to mark some of the team's most talented strikers and he did so seemingly with ease…Shut down fellow All-Scholastic Scott Cluff in a key 1-0 win over Silver Lake, which ultimately sealed the league title…In the Div. 2 South tourney, Jones and the rest of the HHS defense allowed just three goals in four games and shut out Medway 1-0 to win the Sectional title…Jones was being heavily recruited by colleges and plans to play next fall. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He had the great ability to settle the team down. He was the best at being able to get everyone back on track. He has a strong kick and was a great captain."

David Ellis - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Braintree

One of the best players in the Bay State Conference, as evidenced by his selection to the league's first team All-Star squad…A second team All-Star in his junior season as an outside midfielder, Ellis switched to the center-mid spot this year and handled it quite well…Controlled games on offense and defense from his position…Possesses excellent vision of the field, passing skills, and overall sense of the game…Finished the season with 14 points, including a team-best 12 assists…Also a solid defensive player, particularly with his man-to-man marking ability…Always a threat with his trademark flip throw-in, consistently launching balls into the penalty area in the attacking third… A three-year starter for the Wamps, and four-year varsity player…Played club soccer for Galway Rovers…Younger brother, Brian, stars for the BHS boys basketball team…Has two more younger brothers, John and Patrick, both multi-sport athletes…Also the top gymnast on a Braintree High boys team that is gunning for its fourth straight state championship this winter…Started gymnastics when he was two years old, and plans to continue in college…Braintree coach Bill McEachern: "He had a great year for us. He was our team leader and, if you ask the other coaches, one of the most respected guys in the league."

Ryan Shea - Junior
Forward - Hanover

A two-time Patriot League All-star and All-Scholastic, Shea was the leading scorer in the Fisher Division for the second straight season, despite missing six games with an injury…Shea netted 40 points on 18 goals, 22 assists to lead the Indians to a share of the division title at 6-0-2…At 13-3-2 overall, the Hanover boys earned the No. 5 seed in the Div. 3 South tourney and knocked off Ashland and Fairhaven before squaring off with Cohasset in the semis…There, Shea assisted the game-winning goal scored by his twin brother Matt in Hanover's 1-0 win…The squad downed Seekonk in the South final behind a goal and two assists from Shea in the Indians' 3-0 victory…Just a junior, Shea will enter his senior season with 90 career points on 41 goals, 49 assists…Plays year round with the Cape Cod Crusaders and is a member of the two-time New England Champion Super Y Under-17 team. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "When you talk about Hanover soccer, you have to talk about Matt and Ryan Shea. They are two players to be reckoned with."

Matt Shea - Junior
Midfielder - Hanover

Most coaches in the South Shore area would be happy to have just one Shea, but Hanover is fortunate to have both…Like his twin brother Ryan, Shea is a major scoring threat in the midfield and helped pace the Indians to a share of the Patriot League Fisher Div. title at 6-0-2…Shea tallied 34 points on 18 goals, 16 assists this season, finishing second in the scoring ranks to only Ryan…To date, Shea has 33 goals, 45 assists for his career with one season still to play…A Patriot League All-star for the second-straight season, Shea tallied the game-winning goal on a corner kick offering from his brother in a key 1-0 Div. 3 South semifinal win over Cohasset…Shea also had an assist in the 3-0 victory over Seekonk in the finals, earning Hanover the title…The junior maintains a 4.0 GPA at HHS and plays year round on the Cape Cod Crusaders team…He and his brother were also members of the two-time New England Champion Under-17 Super Y team. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "When you talk about Hanover soccer, you have to talk about Matt and Ryan Shea. They are two players to be reckoned with."

Mike Dion - Senior
Goalie - Hanover

This talented senior had the type of season in the net that some players will never experience…Dion was a virtual brick wall this season, allowing just 21 goals in 18 regular season games for a 1.16 goals against average…Recorded eight shutouts this season, including one against Duxbury (1-0) and Rockland (0-0), which allowed the Indians to snag a share of the Patriot League Fisher Div. title with the Bulldogs (both 6-0-2)…The PL All-star shined the brightest when it mattered most, not allowing a single goal in Hanover's road to a Div. 3 South title…Dion shut out Ashland (2-0), Fairhaven (2-0), Cohasset (1-0), and Seekonk (3-0) to help capture the crown…Not a flashy keeper, Dion simply plays smart and is a great play reader…A two-year starter in the net, Dion has also been active in hockey and lacrosse at HHS…He plans to enlist in the Marine Corps. ROTC program after graduation. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "He made a lot of key saves in the (tournament) and in the times our offense was slow, he kept us in the game."

Willie Forman -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Marshfield

One of the most exciting players to watch throughout his career, Forman graduates as the Old Colony League's Most Valuable Player…The OCL, Eastern Mass., and two-time All-State All-star, Forman was the every man in the middle for the co-champion Rams…Few

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All-Scholastic boys soccer team

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opposing defenses could harness his blistering speed and unbelievable foot skills, as Forman made even some of the best teams vulnerable…Case in point, his two-goal, one-assist effort in a tough 5-4 loss to Div. 2 South champs, Hingham…Forman tallied eight goals, nine assists this season after racking up 11 goals, 11 assists as a junior…He was an essential part of a more balanced Marshfield squad that went 9-6-3 overall and won a share of the OCL title (4-1-1) despite being riddled with injuries throughout the season…A year-round player with the Cape Cod Crusaders, Forman would like to continue his soccer career at either Keene State or Southern New Hampshire next fall.

Mike Fraser - Junior
Forward - Marshfield

Forman leaves the future of the Rams offense in good hands with Fraser returning…Was named an Old Colony League, Eastern Mass., and All-State All-star for his play on the right wing this season…Was among the leading scorers on the Marshfield squad, tallying 17 points on 10 goals, eight assists…He was just one of a trio of finishers on the Rams' talent-loaded young squad…A strong presence who was most dangerous in front of the net, Fraser helped guide the Rams to another OCL title (4-1-1), an honor they shared with Bridgewater-Raynham. Marshfield went 9-6-3 overall, qualifying for play in the Div. 1 South Sectional in a season in which they perservered through heartbreaking injuries…Played one of his better games against Div. 2 South semifinalist Silver Lake, scoring a goal and an assist in a 4-1 victory…Also a basketball and baseball player at MHS, Fraser will return to the field next fall.

Colin Henry - Sophomore
Midfield - Norwell

Referred to by his coaches at the beginning of the season as one of the team's most improved players, and he lived up to it…Led the Clippers in scoring (13 goals, nine assists for 22 points)…A South Shore League All-Star this season…Attributes his improvement to playing club soccer for the South Shore United Blazers…though undersized, Henry is one of the speediest and shiftiest players in these parts…also an outstanding passer who sees the whole field…the non-stop motor and desire, though, are what truly set him apart…brother of former Mariner All-Scholastic soccer player and trackster Ryan Henry (Class of '03), now running track at Boston College…Father Matt Henry has been the Clippers assistant coach the last four years… Scored a hat trick (with two assists) in 8-0 win at Hull on Sept. 30…Says the late season game against Abington, where he scored the only goal of the match with under a minute left, was his top highlight from the season…One of the top performers for the Norwell track program, both winter and spring…Will likely be the primary focus of opposing defenses next season…Hopes to play soccer in college…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "He just got better and better this year, and that's just going to continue. He's going to be something to watch. He's was one of the fastest kids in the league, but he's also one of the toughest and most relentless players around."

Scott Kitchen -
Senior (Capt.) -
Defender - Norwell

This South Shore League and Eastern Mass. All-Star was one of the most versatile players around…Although midfield is his natural position, Kitchen played just about everywhere for the Clippers this season; was moved up front when Norwell needed scoring, and back to defense when the back line needed help…Wound up playing stopper down the stretch and into the postseason, to better capitalize on his all-around skills…Finished the season with eight goals and five assists…Scored the team's only goal in 2-1 loss to Division 1 power Brockton early in the season, one of the Clippers' best matches of the year…Scored both his team's goals in 3-2 loss to Carver on Oct. 6…Says those two games were his best of the year…Plays with a lot of energy, usually running non-stop for the full 80 minutes…Is one of three captains on the boys tennis team this spring, where he will return as likely one of the best third singles players in the area…Enjoys skiing and joined the robotics team at NHS this year…Plans on playing soccer at a Division 3 school, and will likely study international business…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Kitch made a huge impact no matter where we played him. He was a warrior. The problem was if we moved him up front, we'd struggle so much in the back. We tried to walk a fine line with him, but we couldn't ask him to be two places at once."

Andrew Roy
Senior (Capt.)
Goalkeeper - Pembroke

The Pembroke boys' soccer team qualified for the state tournament this season and Roy was a big reason why in goal. The senior captain finished the year with seven shutouts in leading his team, in its second year in existence, to a 7-10-3 record, but more importantly a .500 record against Division 3 opponents, allowing the Titans to qualify for the postseason. Roy was the only senior on a very young squad and his leadership and his ability earned him Patriot League all-star status, as well as being named team MVP. Last season he won the coach's award for his stellar efforts. For his career he finished with a very impressive 14 shutouts. He is an honor roll student and also captains the Pembroke high hockey team during the winter. Said head coach Foster Cass during the season, "He's very steady and faces a lot of shots. He keeps us in a lot of games."

Matt Dupont -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Rockland

The Bulldogs had one of the most exciting seasons in recent years and Dupont was a major reason why…An unselfish player on the front line, Dupont was a playmaker, always knowing when to score or when to pass…Had some of his better games when they mattered most, including a big 1-0 victory over Patriot League rival Silver Lake, a Div. 2 South semifinalist…Dupont's play up front helped guide the Bulldogs to a share of the PL Fisher Div. title, tying rival Hanover for the honor with identical 6-0-2 records…Rockland went 13-3-2 overall, qualifying for tourney play in the Div. 2 South…The PL All-star and Eastern Mass. All-star and his crew of only two substitutions ended up finishing the year as a Globe ranked top 20 team…Dupont also wrestles and runs track at RHS…He is also ranked seventh in his class of 191.

Garrett Smith -
Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Rockland

This Patriot League All-star was the anchor of a team that faced the difficult scenario of having only a pair of substitutions…Smith was stellar in net this season, allowing just 17 goals and shut out 11 opponents in 18 games this past fall for a 0.94 goals against average…Played some of his best soccer against a pair of league powerhouses, shutting out a highly-potent Hanover team in a scoreless tie and quieting Silver Lake star Scott Cluff in a 1-0 win…Also denied several chances in a 1-1 tie with the Indians, resulting in Rockland's 6-0-2 Fisher Div. record (13-3-2 overall) that tied Hanover for the league title…Not the type of goalie who sits back and watches plays unfold, Smith typically disrupted them before they got started…A year-round player with the Cape Cod Crusaders, and is currently undecided in terms of college plans.

Dave Nelson -
Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper - Scituate

Spent most of his time at sweeper, but played just about everywhere on the field at one point or another for the Sailors…If Scituate needed scoring, Nelson wasn't afraid to push forward and help in the attack…A Patriot League first team All-Star…Scituate coaches feel he was an Eastern Mass. All-Star caliber player, as well…Has a great sense for the game…Can stop an opposing attack with a solid tackle and find a teammate with a cutting pass, both with equal skill…Provided strong leadership to a young Sailors team…Younger brother Chris, a freshman, appears to be one of the program's rising stars…Dave is also one of the top sprinters on the indoor track team…Scituate coach Jim Willis: "Dave does it all. Over his years here, he played every position from sweeper to forward, and he would have loved to play goalie if he could. I thought he was easily one of the top five players in the league."

Scott Cluff
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Silver Lake

Cluff finished the season as the leading scorer for the Lakers, who finished second in the Patriot League, and advanced to the sectional semifinals before falling to Hingham. Cluff was a major force at the offensive end this season as he recorded 14 goals and added 11 assists, including a four goal effort in a win over East Bridgewater. For his efforts he was named a Patriot League, and an EMass all-star this season. He scored the only goal in the Lakers' semifinal loss to Hingham, and added a goal and assist in the opening round victory over Apponequet. He is a dedicated soccer player, playing club soccer for the Cape Cod Crusaders. He also runs track for the Lakers. He is an honor roll student, and hopes to continue his soccer career next year playing in college.

Dom DeChiara
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Silver Lake

The Lakers reeled off a stellar season in head coach Jeff Doyle's final year at the helm and DeChiara was a main reason why. He was voted a Patriot League all-star this year and was named Team MVP while leading the Lakers to a second place finish in the league and a semifinal berth in the Division 2 south semifinals. He was also named to the All-State team this year for his efforts. DeChiara was the Lakers' leading scorer in the state tournament setting up teammates from his center midfield spot to the tune of a goal and five assists in the three games. His best effort came in the quarterfinals against Wellesley where he scored a goal and added two assists in the 4-2 win over the Marauders. He finished the season with five goals and 12 assists for the Lakers. In the winter DeChiara also laces up his skates for the hockey team, and is an honor roll student.

Marty Galvin
Senior- (Capt.)
Forward - Weymouth

The top scorer on the Division 1 south sectional finalist, Galvin had a season to remember in his final campaign, particularly in the march through the tournament. In the Division 1 south sectionals the senior striker potted five goals in the tournament including the tying goal in the final against Attleboro that forced overtime, he also assisted on the game winner in the semifinals over Sandwich. His season totals of 21 goals and seven assists would have been higher were it not for the surgically repaired knee he was rehabbing from in the first half of the season. Galvin was a fearsome scorer in the second half of the year and had the ability to break one at any time. He finished his career with a whopping total of 57 goals. He was a Bay State league all-star and an EMass all-star this year. He is a club soccer player, and a National Honor Society member. He will continue his soccer career next fall at the University of Vermont.

Jarred Goldstein
Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Weymouth

Goldstein was among the leading scorers in the Bay State league for much of the season until an injured ankle slowed him down in the final games of the regular season. Goldstein teamed well as a playmaker with fellow all-scholastic Marty Galvin and the two wreaked havoc on opposing defenses for much of the season. He finished the season with 12 goals and 13 assists this season. He returned in the sectional semifinals to scorer the game winning goal despite still being hobbled by the badly sprained ankle. Also scored a big goal in a 1-1 tie with Bay State League champion Framingham. He was a solid two-way player who was a solid defender in the midfield as well. Like his teammate he was a Bay State League all-star and an EMass all-star. He is an honor roll student and hopes to continue his soccer career at the next level at a four-year college.

John Griffin
Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Weymouth

Griffin was one of the unsung heroes of the Wildcats all season long, but his moment in the spotlight came during the biggest moment of the season. With the game tied in the final minutes of double overtime in the sectional semifinal, Griffin dribbled hard down the sideline looking for someone to center the ball to. With nobody wide open he threw the ball towards the net hoping for something good to happen, and what resulted was beyond his wildest dreams, the ball deflected off a defender and rolled right into the goal for the game winner and a trip to the state semifinals. It was a sweet reward for someone who played "an awesome tournament," said coach Steve Shoff. "He upped his game a lot the last five games." Griffin was a very consistent midfielder all season long, earning Bay State league all-star recognition in the process. He also won the Wildcats award for his enthusiasm at the end of the year banquet.

Dara Nunan
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Weymouth

Nunan was another unsung hero for the Wildcats on their march to the sectional title. He finished the season as the third leading scorer for Weymouth, and was a dangerous weapon when teams were able to shut down Galvin and Goldstein. He finished the season with almost 20 points, and was a Bay State League all-star for his efforts. He was a tough shadow for opponents, and his ability to get to the net opened things up in the tournament for other scorers to do some damage. His leadership was also evident throughout his career, and was rewarded by being named a captain this year along with the other three all-scholastics, the first time in head coach Steve Shoff"s career that he named quad-captains.

Honorable Mention:

Mike Caseley - Jr. - Fullback - Abington
Danny Aylward - Sr. (Capt.) - Sweeper - Braintree
Trevor Brady - Sr. (Capt.) - Defender - Cohasset
Prescott Busk - Sr. - Goalie - Cohasset
Brian Rodday - Sr. (Capt.) - Stopper - Hanover
Sean Fitzmaurice - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Hingham
Jesse Rezende - Sr. - Forward - Hingham
Ryan Fischer - Soph. - Forward - Marshfield
Ben Healey - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfield - Norwell
Kevin McCord - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfield - Norwell
Diogo Pereira - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Rockland
Steve Littke - Jr. - Midfield - Scituate
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Ryan Paiva - Sr. - Goalkeeper - Silver Lake
Ron Beaudoin - Sr. - Defense - Weymouth
Matt Hohman - Jr. - Defense - Weymouth

CHS girls top Abington in key SSL game

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saying "we have worked on our press since the beginning of the season. It finally came together and it works!"

Offensively speaking, the Skippers looked like a completely different team from weeks past. They now run all the way through their plays, often winding down 20 seconds until they find the best opportunity to score. This improved shot selection proved very important, especially in the second half of the game.

Despite all the Cohasset improvements, Abington displayed why they have annually been one of the South Shore League's top teams. Capitalizing on Skipper mistakes, the Green Wave built up a seven point lead late in the game. The Skippers proceeded to crawl back to within one point of Abington. Then some freshman magic surfaced onto the floor.

Sam Lehr snagged an offensive rebound off her own foul shot. She successfully went for the basket to give Cohasset the go-ahead point. On the next Abington possession, Lehr stole the ball, killing any chance of an Abington score. She broke away for the Cohasset basket. With green jerseys appearing in the corner of her eye, she laid the ball in for two points to secure the 36-33 Skipper victory.

At the same time the Skippers found an outstanding rhythm to their game, they lost senior tri-captain Katie James to a badly sprained ankle. She will remain on the sidelines for at least two weeks.

"Katie's shoes will be tough to fill," said Levangie. "We will see who is up to playing the position and just do our best from there."

So what drives the Skippers' success? Maybe they just started to click. Or maybe the cause lies in team members showing up early to practice so they can get to know each other better. Whatever the cause, the Skippers now do things very differently and it works.

As we all know, there remains a fine line between confidence and arrogance. So, as long as the Skippers stay on the right side of this line, there's no telling what they can accomplish in the remainder of the season.

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COHASSET TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Boys travel hoop battles Bridgewater

The Cohasset Boys Travel basketball teams started 2006 on down note, as all three squads were defeated by Bridgewater.

The 6th graders began the action at CMHS. Winning the tip off, things looked good; however, what ensued was a defensive battle. There were goose eggs on the board until Bridgewater pressed Cohasset and stole the ball, scoring the first basket at the 11 minute mark. BW continued to score three more baskets before the boys in blue got on the board.

Charlie Neaves sunk the second of two foul shots and it was 4-2 BW. **Jamie Faber** converted a steal to a bucket. **Pat MacCormack** chipped in two points, but it was a big three-pointer by **Christian Allard** to bring Cohasset to within three points with one minute left in the half.

The second half started with a regrouped BW squad that employed solid passing and precise shooting that started an insurmountable run. Cohasset - Robbie **Mahoney** broke the scoring drought and opened Cohasset's first basket of the second half with a nice feed from Allard. **Jay Salerno** was strong under the boards for Cohasset. **Patrick Kearney, Morgan McCarthy** and **Chris Lunde** delivered solid efforts for the sixers, helping bring their team to within three points of victory, but time ran out.

In a battle of the unbeatens, the 7th grade squads took to the floor next. Much like the sixers, it was a defensive battle, with both teams looking rusty offensively after the long holiday break. **Kelby Pontes** put the boys in blue on the board first with a bucket and was fouled in the process. KJ failed to convert his free throw attempts.

It was still 2-0 Cohasset at the 6:45 mark after KJ had a monster blocked shot. Teammate **Gabe Seksay** also had a tremendous blocked shot, but a timely three-pointer by BW put the opponents on top. **Mike Monaco** contributed a much needed bucket. But BW was up by three at the half.

The second half had **Ben Campbell** and **Robert Jones** working the offense, while **Jack Carrier, Pontes, Seksay** and **Eric Wasel** protected the paint and provided good second and third chance shots. However, the shots didn't fall for the good guys. **Derek Youngman, Alex Harper** and **Sam Richardson** ignited a few offensive spurts but the good guys fell short at the buzzer, registering their first loss of the season.

The afternoon finished with the 8th graders, looking for their first win. BW came out fired up and jumped to an 8-0 lead, taking advantage of Cohasset turnovers. **Robby McCunney** put the boys in blue on the board converting a defensive steal to a bucket.

Then the offense got started. **Johnny Maher** fed **Jeff Charles** for two, McCunney fed **Kevin O'Connell** for two. But this offensive action couldn't catch up to the BW led. The height advantage of BW kept them in control of the boards despite strong efforts by **Dana Valentine** and **Dan Sullivan**. BW was leading 20-8.

Brendan Doonan and **John Kearney** got their teammates fired up with scrappy, aggressive defense. Offensively, the team composed themselves. Patience and some clutch shooting brought the team to within seven of BW. But BW turned on the jets and led by 11 with six minutes left. **Will Wise** and McCunney hassled the BW guards, but they were able to get the ball inside, where Cohasset was outmatched in height, extending their lead, eventually winning the contest.

Seventh grade girls turn in two strong performances

The seventh grade basketball team turned in its best overall performance this past weekend in their two-plus years of playing together with a 17-13 win at Norwell on Saturday and a 20-19 loss to Hull in the final seconds on Sunday. The Seven-Ups are now 3-3 on the season.

Norwell had been a nemesis for the Cohasset Sevens since Cohasset joined the South Shore Basketball League. Norwell defeated Cohasset twice in the regular season last year and then eliminated the Cohasset girls in the playoffs. Norwell also defeated Cohasset in the Abington pre-season tournament in November.

However, on Saturday the Cohasset Sevens turned the tables. After getting off to a slow start, the Cohasset girls moved out to an 8-7 lead by the intermission on four points by **Carli Haggerty** and a hoop each by **Lindsay Davis** and **Kate French**.

In addition, the Sevens were playing a near-flawless game on defense. Their aggressive 2-3 zone gave Norwell few good looks at the basket. The Cohasset backcourt of **Emma Quigley, Rachel Fredey**, and **Caroline Fein** consistently got back on defense to prevent Norwell from getting any fast break or transition baskets and the frontcourt of Haggerty, French, Davis, **Emma Musto, Carly Martin**, and **Logan Pratt** controlled the defensive boards.

The Seven-Ups continued to play near-flawless basketball at the start of the second half, opening up a 14-7 margin by the midpoint on hoops by French, Davis, and Fredey. The Cohasset girls consistently beat the Norwell press and continued to play rock-solid defense. Their lead would have been even bigger had several of their shots by Pratt, Quigley, and Fredey not been of the in-and-out variety that refused to go down the cylinder.

Norwell slowly crept back, pulling within 14-13 with a minute to play. However, Fredey sank the front end of a 1-on-1 and Haggerty put back an offensive rebound to seal the deal for the 17-13 win.

Sunday's game with Hull once again featured a strong Cohasset defensive effort against a Hull team which had scored 34 points against the Blue and White in their first encounter earlier this season. Neither team was able to open up more than a three point lead in a true back-and-forth, up-and-down basketball game.

However, after trailing most of the way, the Cohasset girls finally pulled ahead, 17-15, with three minutes to play thanks to some clutch free throw shooting by French, who sank a pair from the charity stripe. A Hull free throw was answered by a free throw by Fredey to maintain the two-point edge. After Hull tied the score on two more from the free throw line, Carli Haggerty sank a free throw to leave matters at 19-18 in favor of Cohasset with 25 seconds to play.

However, a victory was not to be in the cards for the Blue and White, as a Hull girl drew a foul on a tough call inside and then sank both FTs for a 20-19 Hull lead with 15 seconds showing on the clock. That would prove to be the game, as Cohasset threw the ball away on their final possession.

Davis, playing at guard for the first time in the absence of a regular Cohasset backcourt player, led the Blue and White with eight points on four buckets from the 15-18 foot range. Haggerty and French had four points, Fredey two, and Musto one.

Fifth graders play well in weekend tilts

The 5th grade girls faced two more strong opponents last weekend. On Saturday morning, they squared off against Norwell. Norwell came out shooting and quickly went up, 8-2.

Cohasset got back in the game on the outside shooting of Gabrielle Rioux, who hit two long range jump shots. **Charlotte Barczewski** and **Kate Sookiasian** each scored two points to round out the scoring. The Fives had more scoring opportunities with **Christine Chase** and **Sarah Fredey** driving to the basket and getting fouled, but they were unable to capitalize on the free throws.

The Blue and White played stellar defense in the second half, limiting Norwell to just two baskets. **Emma Smith** and **Kristin Alexander** anchored the middle and **Abbey Carrier** chased down every pass at the top of the key. Isabella Flibotte cleaned up the rebounds down low. However, the Fives were unable to finish their plays at the offensive end, and the final score was in favor of Norwell, 18-8.

On Sunday afternoon, Cohasset played a tough Hull team. Again, the defense let down early and Cohasset fell behind, 10-2. However, Christine Chase drove to the basket, was fouled, and made two free throws and Smith added two points to keep the Fives within striking distance.

Down 16-8 at the half, the Blue and White girls came to life. The defense tightened and created offensive opportunities. Six more points from Chase and buckets by Alexander, **Isabella Flibotte**, and **Gabrielle Rioux** provided the offensive firepower. The guard play of Fredey and Carrier kept the Hull team on the defensive. Barczewski and Sookiasian helped out with the rebounding and passing on the motion offense. The total team effort allowed Cohasset to storm back to take a 20-18 lead with two minutes to go.

After Hull scored to make it 20-20, Cohasset was unable to respond on its next possession. Hull got the ball back and drew a tough foul call under the basket. The Hull girl made one free throw to put Hull up 21-20 with 10 seconds left in the game. Cohasset tried a long pass for the win, but was unable to score.

"It was a tough loss," said fifth grade coach Steve Fredey afterwards, "but it was a huge step for the girls in believing in themselves and becoming a team."

Deja vu for wrestlers

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have a perfect match. Everyone is beatable."

At 112, Ryan McClellan surprised everyone and finished second, giving him two strong finishes in a row. McClellan provided Cohasset with valuable points before losing in the finals to Jon Tan (North Quincy) by pin.

Probably the most consistent and most surprising wrestler for Cohasset so far has been Nick Cambi. Wrestling in the 189 weigh class, Cambi continued his impressive performances by finishing second. Cambi lost a tough match to Ryan Connors (Xaverian) in the finals 13-7.

Nonetheless, it was a disappointing day for both Dave McKenna and Jake Watts. McKenna finished sixth in the 152 weight class. Going into the tournament, McKenna was optimistic about his chances, as the field wasn't as tough as the Marshfield Tournament, where he also finished sixth.

McKenna, however, couldn't get it going from the get go and, according to him, "had a terrible day." Still, McKenna knows what it takes to be a winner, as he was Division 3 state champ last year, so don't count him out for another run at the title.

In regards to Watts, he failed to make a weight of 103; thus, eliminating him from wrestling in a tournament where he very possibly could have won.

Another notable wrestler that had a pretty good tournament was George Miller (215), as he finished sixth.

As a team, Cohasset needs to have an overall record above .500 to be included in the sectionals.

"Our goal right now is to be above .500 and beating BC High was big, but then we have a showing like Marshfield where everyone didn't do as good as we thought," said McKenna, one of the team's senior captains. "But, I look at February as a key month where everyone will be all tuned up and ready to make some noise in Division 3."

When asked whom he thought was the team's biggest surprise so far, McKenna said, "Definitely Cambi, because everyone knows he has the strength and moves. He just needed some experience, and by placing as well as he has so far, I think that's a big boost in his confidence level.

"Also, Steven Gratta (from Hull) is a backup at the 103/112 slot who we know we can put in there in an emergency and we won't lose a beat."

Next for Cohasset is its own tournament this upcoming weekend. Then that's all for tournaments, as Cohasset has several key dual meets against Rockland, Duxbury, and Carver. Let's hope that seniors like Dorian, McKenna, Watts and Miller can provide Cohasset with the leadership it needs to successfully get above .500 and maintain its reputation as one of the best wrestling programs in Eastern Mass.

Skaters get back in win column

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of T.J. Kennedy, Alex Goetz and Chris Davis played a great game. They were our most consistent line; they play our system every shift."

Another key for Cohasset was a switch between senior tri-captain Brandon Smith and sophomore Patrick Doonan, with Smith moving up to a forward position and Doonan moving back to the blue line. Smith is one of the team's better puck-carriers, and he scored Cohasset's first goal against Hull four minutes into the game, as Lanzillotti controlled a faceoff in the circle back to Smith, whose shot went 5-hole into the net.

Holway scored Cohasset's second goal with 3:12 left in the second period, assisted by Doonan. Freshman goaltender Jonny Wade played one of his best games of the year, making nine saves, including a couple big saves in the third period when it was still a one-goal game.

This was the second straight positive result for Cohasset, who earned a 4-4 tie with Mashpee at the Falmouth Ice Arena last Sunday night. The Skippers were down 3-0 after the first period, but goals from Bouchard, Straughn and Holway tied it up in the second.

Mashpee regained the lead, but Straughn tied it once again in the closing minutes.

"After that first period, I thought to myself, 'We might not be able to come back from this,'" Virga said. "But in that second and third period, the kids just left everything on the ice."

Cohasset, now 2-4-2 on the season, face a couple big tests when they travel to Rockland Ice Rink this Saturday to take on Abington-East Bridgewater (5:20 p.m. start), and play Norwell on Wednesday night (7:40) at Pilgrim. The Clippers assumed first place in the South Shore League standings this past Wednesday with a chippy, hotly contested 4-3 victory over Harwich-Provincetown.

Cohasset/Norwell varsity gymnastics clinic

Want to be on a high school gymnastics team someday? Come one, come all and see what it is all about!

Join Cohasset/Norwell varsity coach Amy Maree, with captains C.J. Himberg, Erin Kelly, Kate Carpenter and Lisa Spirito for a warm-up followed by rotations on vault, bars, beam, floor exercise, dance and conditioning.

Watch exhibitions from all the Cohasset/Norwell competitors! The clinic will meet at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street in Cohasset on Monday, Jan. 23 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Cost for this fun-filled evening is $14 (make checks payable to Ruthann Ardizzoni and return to the South Shore Community Center gym).

For more information, contact Ruthann Ardizzoni, director of gymnastics at the South Shore Community Center at (781)871-6586 or (781)383-0088. The event is for girls ages 7-14; space is limited, so sign up today.

Please forward any Cohasset Sports information to Sports Editor Mark Goodman

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HINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Pre-School Programs

Wiggles & Giggles - Mom & Me
Age Waiving - 23 months
Monday, 11:15 - 12 noon
starts February 6

Toddlers & Tumblers - Mom & Me
age 2-3
Monday, 10:30 - 11:15am
Tuesday, 10:15 - 11:00am
start: February 6 or January 17

Climbers and Jumpers
age 3 & 4
Monday, 9:45 - 10:30am
Tuesday, 11:15 - 12:30 pm
starts February 6 or January 17

Beginner Gymnastics
age 4 - 5
Monday, 12:00 - 12:45pm
start: February 6

Super Sports Class
age 4 - 5
Wednesday, 9:00 - 9:45am
Thursday, 11:00 - 11:45am
starts February 8 or January 17

Arts & Crafts for Mom & Me
age 2-4
Wednesday, 9:15 - 10:00am
Wednesday, 10:15 - 11:00am
Wednesday, 11:15 - 12:00 noon
start: February 1

Baby Ballerinas
age 2-3
Monday, 12:15 - 1:00pm
Tuesday, 11:00 - 11:45am
Thursday, 11:00 - 11:45am
starts January 30, 10, 19

First Experience - Play School
age 2 yrs. 9 months - 3
Tuesday, 9:15-11:15am
Tuesday, 12:15-2:15pm
Thursday, 9:15-11:15am
Friday, 9:15-11:15am
starts January 17,12, February 3

Music for Mom & Me
ages 1 to 5
Monday, 9:15 - 10:00am
Monday, 10:15 - 11:00am
Monday, 11:15 - 12:00 noon
starts February 6

The Busy Bees
ages 3
Tuesday, Thursday, 12:00-2:30pm
starts February 7

Quack, Moo, and Cock-a-doodle-doo
age 2-3, Thursday, 11:00 - 11:45am
age 3-5, Thursday, 12:00 - 12:45pm
starts January 12

Exploration
age K
Monday & Wednesday, 12:15 - 2:15
starts January 3
starts February 27

Story & Craft Time
age 3-6
Monday, 12:15 - 2:15pm
Wednesday, 12:15-2:15pm
Thursday, 12:30 - 2:30pm
starts February 6, January 25, 26

Paleontologist Bob
Ages 4 - 6
Friday, 3:30 - 4:30pm
1 day, $15, February 10

March Winds with Dorothy
Ages 3 - 6
Friday, 3:30 - 4:30pm
1 day, $15, March 10

Preschool Puppet Shows
ages 3-6
Friday, Jan. 27, 12:15-12:45pm
"City Mouse, Country Mouse"
Friday, Feb. 17, 12:15-12:45pm
"The Princess and the Dragon"

Youth & Teen Classes

Assertiveness Training for Teens
age 13-15
Tuesday, 4:00-5:15pm
starts January 19

Baby-sitting Course
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm
starts March 7, 14, 21

Children's Drama Classes: Create a Musical
age 4-6
Thursday, 1:30 - 2:30pm
"Finding Nemo",
starts March 23

Craft Classes
Grades K-6
Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm
starts January 11

Home Alone Safety
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm
starts March 7, 14, 21

Beginner Karate
age 6-12
Monday, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Monday, 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tuesday, 5:30 - 6:30pm
Friday, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00am
starts January 9

Intermediate Karate
age 7-14
Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, 5:30-6:30pm - Purple Belts & up
Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00am
starts January 9

Kid Power - Everyday Safety Workshop for Children
age 4-7 with parent(s)
Saturday, 10:00 - 12:00 noon, March 4

Old Fashioned Valentines
Grades K-6
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00pm
1 day, $15, February 1

Adult & Teen Classes

Pilates
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30pm - Feb.13
Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00am - Jan. 24
Thursday, 9:30 - 10:30am - Feb. 16
Friday, 9:00 - 10:00am - Jan. 27

Ballroom Dancing
Friday, 7:30 - 8:30pm
starts February 3

Ballroom Dancing II
Friday, 8:30 - 9:30pm
starts February 3

Ballroom Dancing III & IV
Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30pm
starts February 2

CPR & Pediatric CPR
Monday, 7:00 - 10:00pm
1 night, $20, February 6
1 night, $20, April 3

Pediatric Basic First Aid for Day Care Cert.
Monday, 7:00 - 10:00pm
1 night, $20, March 6

Digital Photography
Monday, 7:00 - 8:30pm
starts March 6 & 13

Dog Obedience
Rita LaPoint
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
starts April 3

Dog Obedience II
Rita LaPoint
Monday, 7:30 - 8:30pm
starts April 3

Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday, 7:00 - 10:00pm

Learn How to Sell on eBay
Saturday, 9:00-11:00am
starts January 14, 21, 28
starts March 11, 18, 25

Fencing Classes - Foil I
Ages 10 - adult
Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00pm
starts January 26

Financial Workshop for Women
Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30pm
starts March 1

Adult Karate
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30pm
Friday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Saturday, 11:00-12:00 noon
starts January 19

Let's Get Organized
Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00pm
1 night, March 30

Positive Parenting
Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm
starts February 7

Social Skills Training for Adults
Thursday, 7:00-8:15pm
starts January 26

Intermediate Tap for Adults
Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
starts February 8

Street Dance, Jazz & Funk - Adult
Wednesday, 7:30 - 8:30pm
starts February 8

Morning Tai Chi
Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:00am
starts January 18

Evening Tai Chi
Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
starts February 9

Prepare Your Property for the Real Estate Market
Friday, 10:00-11:00am
1 day, January 17

Public Relations for Small Business
Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00pm
starts March 8

Writing Workshop: Uncovering Your Hidden Diversity
Tuesday, 7:00-8:00pm
March 14 & 21

Yoga
Monday, 7:30 - 9:00pm
starts February 6

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Abbey series on women and religion

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In," continues Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Conference Center. Reservations are recommended, call 781-749-2155. Lectures are free, donations gratefully accepted.

The program features "Acting on Faith: Women and New Religious Activism in America," a documentary produced by Rachel Antell, narrated by Dr. Diana Eck.

The film features three women: Dr. Laila Al-Marayati, who is the spokesperson and past president of the Muslim Women's League, a Los Angeles based organization dedicated to strengthening the role of Muslim women in society.

Shamita Das Dasgupta, who is a cofounder of Manavi Inc., the pioneer organization in the U.S. to focus on violence against South Asian immigrant women.

Mushim Ikeda Nash, who is a community peace activist, writer, diversity facilitator and mother of a teenage son.

Kathryn M. Lohre represents the Pluralism Project's consultation for this documentary film. She is the research manager responsible for student research with the Pluralism Project, Religious Diversity News and shaping the future of the Women's Initiative.

Home school art workshop offered

Students pursuing their studies at home are invited to participate in a new workshop offered at the South Shore Art Center this winter. The Home School Art Capsule is a weekly program designed to present an art overview to students eager to explore creative learning experiences. Children will learn how to look at art and work with different kinds of media including oil, watercolor, printmaking, clay and collage. During the eight-week course, students will explore the art center galleries, hear docent presentations about the exhibitions and complete hands-on art projects including kiln-fired clay work.

Art projects will incorporate cultural and seasonal themes. The classes for ages 6–11 meet Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30, Jan. 24 through March 21.The cost is $115 and $75 for each additional child ($95 art center members, $65 each additional child). For more information call 781-383-2787 or to register visit www.ssac.org.

Marriage in the early republic is book topic

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host author Timothy Kenslea discussing his book, "The Sedgwicks in Love: Courtship, Engagement, and Marriage in the Early Republic" at the Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. Snow date is Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. Kenslea is a history teacher at Norwell High School. "The Sedgwicks in Love" is a narrative that focuses on the changing relationships of men and women in America after the Revolutionary War. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Those unable to attend may purchase a signed book by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or visiting www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

The lens through which Kenslea views this period of history is a written legacy left by the Sedgwick Family of Berkshire County. They were a prolific and detailed family of letter writers who thankfully, saved their correspondence. Their collected works of writings, housed at the Massachusetts Historical Society, is the second largest in the collection. Kenslea's research and writing style brings the family into the present day ensuring that the Sedgwick family story will continue into the next century.

The author is a graduate of Yale University and has master's and doctoral degrees in history from Boston College. He edited high school and college textbooks for many years.

For more information on "The Sedgwicks in Love" visit www.freewebs.com/timothykenslea.

Mystery novel tips

Mystery writer and crime fiction reviewer Hallie Ephron will discuss How To Write a Killer Mystery on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., in Buttonwood Book's Grub Street South, Route 3A, Cohasset. Ephron is the author of "Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel: How to Knock 'Em Dead with Style." The third of four writing Ephron sisters, Nora, Delia, and Amy, she grew up in Los Angeles. Ephron's parents were screenwriters Henry and Phoebe Ephron, who wrote classic movies such as "Desk Set" and "Carousel."

Ephron is also co-author of the Dr. Peter Zak mystery series by G. H. Ephron, and the crime fiction book reviewer for the Boston Globe. Her column appears monthly in the Sunday Globe's Idea section. In September 2005 she was named the winner of the prestigious Ellen Nehr Award for Excellence in Mystery Reviewing, given by the Crime Writers League.

The event is free and open to the public. Those unable to attend may purchase a signed book by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or visiting www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Bulgarian chorus at Coffeehouse Jan. 21

The Bulgarian Woman's Chorus Divi Zheni, will perform at the Old Ship Coffeehouse, 107 Main St., Hingham, on Saturday evening, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. Divi Zheni, which means "Wild Women," is a chorus and band of 22 Boston-area women conducted by Tatiana Sarbinska, a world-renowned Balkan vocalist, teacher, and former soloist with the internationally acclaimed Pirin Ensemble. The group performs folk music of Bulgaria's many different regions from village style, to choral arrangements of unusual songs that speak of love and longing, and of war and peace. Selections run from silly to stately, with much compelling energy in between. For more information, visit www.tatianasarbinska.com

The concert is preceded by an open microphone. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

For further information, call Jim Watson, 781-749-1767.

Brighton Collectibles hosts benefit breakfast

Brighton Collectibles at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham will hold a breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 15 to launch its "Go Red" for women necklace representing heart disease awareness. The retail store will donate $10 from every necklace sold to national and local charities.

The store has had previous success with its "Power of Pink" bracelets for breast cancer awareness, and was able to contribute to several breast cancer charities over the years. For more information call 781-741-5171.

Cantemos Pequeños

Cantemos Pequeños: Let's sing little ones – For toddlers and preschoolers with a parent or guardian, Wednesdays 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., or Thursdays 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., beginning Jan. 11 through March 2. Playgroup that teaches children basic Spanish vocabulary such as numbers, and parts of the body through a variety of techniques including music, games, toys, and activities. Small snack provided. Cost: $120 for eight weeks. Pre-registration required. To register call Jodi Craft, 781-871-1267 or email jodicraft@hotmail.com

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is located at 100 Sohier St. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 per person, and free for members. With the new year comes many new offerings at Our World. Call the Museum at 781-383-3198 for information about upcoming programs; birthday parties, and special events.

Organ concert Jan. 15

Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, is hosting a concert featuring nationally acclaimed concert organist Tom Hazleton, celebrating tenth anniversary of installation of Old Ship Allen Custom Organ. Program includes works by Bach, Vierne, Rutter and others.

For more information or group reservations, call 781-749-5493 or the church office at 781-749-1679. Free and handicap accessible.

Taste of South Shore Jan. 20 at Red Parrot

The Third Annual Taste of the South Shore will be held on Friday, Jan. 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Red Parrot Restaurant, 258 Nantasket Ave., and Hull Shore Drive, Hull.

This spectacular gathering features some of the South Shore finest restaurants, cafes, and caterers including: Atlantica, Barefoot Bob's, DeNiro's, French Memories, Jake's, Raffael's, Red Parrot, Starbucks Coffee, The River Club, The Silent Chef, Z-Chef, Toast, Punjab Café and Cherrywoods BBQ, each offering unique specialties. Fine wines by Port Side Wines will accompany the delectable fare. Tickets are $50 per person.

For tickets and information, call Wellspring at 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org or by e-mail: vinny@wellspringhull.org or The Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433 Visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org or e-mail: lifesavingmuseum@comcast.org

CPR-to-Go course being offered

Take the course that could save a life. New parents, grandparents, students and babysitters, should gain the knowledge and skills necessary to prevent, recognize and provide basic care for breathing and cardiac emergencies until advanced medical personnel arrive and take over.

There will be no more excuses not to be trained in CPR. Small groups of up to six can be trained in a few hours in their own home. Whether it be morning classes for moms, evening classes for couples or workplace training at the office- all can be accommodated. CPR-To-Go is flexible, fun and the best thing you can do for your family.

American Red Cross Certified Volunteer Instructor Jill Drohan will conduct the classes. A $25 fee covers materials and certification. Please email Jill Drohan at jadrohan@comcast.net to schedule a class.

'Sinbad' book signing at Hull museum

U.S. Coast Guard Chief George F. Foley Jr. will be at the Hull Lifesaving Museum Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. for a presentation and signing of his book, "Sinbad of the Coast Guard." The book is illustrated by George Gray, of the USCG Reserve, with an introduction by Mike Walling, author of "Bloodstained Sea: The U.S. Coast Guard in the Battle of the Atlantic 1941-1944." Admission is $3 for Hull Lifesaving Museum members, $5 non-members.

Foley tells the adventurous true story of Sinbad whose exploits aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter, Campbell, during World War II, became legend. His black and tan figure was known in 100 ports, from Greenland- where he nearly caused an international incident – to Africa, where he was the guest at a Sultan's Palace – and as far away as Japan. Although famous to thousands of people in many nations, Sinbad was happiest at sea, treading the decks of the sleek Campbell, where he was treated as just another member of the crew. Battles and hurricanes never dulled his love of standing on the heaving deck with spray breaking over his sturdy body. To Coast Guardsmen and sailors all over the world, he was a hero and a real salty dog.

Appropriately, Sinbad's story has been told, as well as illustrated, by fellow Coast Guard members.

Along with the introduction by Walling, this new edition, the first in 60 years, adds photos of Sinbad, and information about the Campbell.

Students in grades four and five block their ears as Garfield is launched from "The Boomer," a pulsed electromagnet, during the grand finale of the "Mr. Magnet" show at Deer Hill this fall. Students learned all about magnetic charges that day, including the forces of polarity.

Magnets are an attraction

Left, fourth grade student Chris Lund, 10, left, looks to see how he and third grade student Jeffrey Powers, 8, are doing while trying to power a number of light bulbs through the use of manpower on an electric generator. The students participated in the PSO sponsored program, "Mr. Magnet," this fall.

Staff photos
by Robin Chan

Right, third grade student Tanner Gildea struggles while trying to separate his magnet from third grade student Maggie Czyjak's magnet during the "Mr. Magnet" program at Deer Hill this fall. Mr. Magnet, center, is Paul Thomas who works at the MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

TREE PICKUP

Lucy Noble, Isabelle Franklin, Moira Donahue and Taryn Donahue, along with other members of the middle school student council, helped collect more than 70 trees over the weekend and raised more than $1,000 for Project Safeguard.

Route Changes for bus transportation

Please be aware that there will be two new MBTA detours that the Cohasset school busses will be adjusting to, the opening of lower King Street and the closing of Sohier Street.

These changes are anticipated to begin Tuesday, Jan. 17, though this date is directly related to when King Street opens and Sohier closes. The students will be bringing home the specific bus route changes on Friday, Jan. 13. Cohasset Public Schools appreciates everyone's patience and support while these detours are in place.

Any questions please ask your bus driver or call Kelly Dickson, transportation coordinator at 781-706-7072 or Dave Degenarro, Cohasset Public School Business Manager, at 781-383-0611.

Integrated Preschool applications available

The Integrated Preschool of Cohasset Public Schools will be accepting applications for typically developing children to participate in the program. Children who are 3-years-old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 are appropriate for the morning class.

Children who will be 4-years-old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 will be considered for the afternoon class. Students who are currently in the morning program may hold a spot for the afternoon class by completing and returning the form which will be sent home with students on Jan. 17. Return these forms by Feb. 10.

Applications for prospective students will be available in the Student Services Office at 143 Pond Street and at Osgood Elementary School, Sohier Street, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006. Applications must be completed and returned by Feb. 17, 2006: Student services Office, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The cost per student is $1,600 per year and will be paid on a quarterly basis. Fees may be reduced upon completing and submitting a parent income statement.

The lottery process will take place on Monday, Feb. 27, and parents will be notified by mail.

NURSERY SCHOOLS

SSCC Nursery School applications available

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces application for the 2006-2007 school year will be available on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the nursery school and the Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available until Jan. 25. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration." The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 6, and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children age's three to five. The morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch Bunch is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center programs. The youngest program, "The Nursery Program" is for children who will be three years old by Nov. 1. The pre kindergarten program is for children who will be four by Nov. 1. Also offered is a very special enrichment program for those children who are older fours and fives whom are looking for a challenging year before they enter kindergarten.

The nursery school program's goal is to provide a happy, safe environment where children will develop trust and have a positive "school" experience. The children will have the opportunity to recognize their own talents and abilities and they will be encouraged to approach new experiences with a spirit of enthusiasm and self-confidence. The school followed the "Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences" created by the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Education. It is based on the standards set up for the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The nursery school has observation mirrors in each classroom so feel free to stop in any time to see all of the wonderful things that occur in the program. If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment to meet the director call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by e-mal at amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and is located at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset.

Carriage House registration starts

The Carriage House School will be having their Open House and registration for parents and children at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 No. Main St., Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Carriage House offers programs to toddlers and well as preschool aged children. Guests will have an opportunity to explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. Those unable to attend the open house may call the school director, Georgie Gladdys at 781-383-9785 to obtain a registration form or for more information.

The Toddler program enrolls children who are 15 months by Sept. 1, to two years 9 months. The Toddler program is two days a week: Monday and Wednesday 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Monday and Wednesday12:30 to 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The Preschool program offers three programs for children 2.9 years by Sept. 1, to age 5. The Tuesday and Thursday morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; and the Monday through Thursday afternoon program for children age 4 by Sept. 1 and entering kindergarten the following year, runs from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The afternoon program is also suitable for children who would benefit from a challenging year before they enter kindergarten. The program also offers an extended day opportunity until 4:30 p.m.

Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Feb. 9. A $50 nonrefundable registration fee must accompany the registration form. The School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families, and remaining space will be filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone or mail the week of Feb. 14.

The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Massachusetts Child Care Services and is NAEYC accredited.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

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Athletic Director Ron Ford and Principal Joel Antolini pose with the Ames Award at last week's school committee meeting.

Skippers chosen for Ames sports award

Cohasset has been recognized for its outstanding achievements in sports during 2005. CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford said just before Christmas, he was informed by the Boston Globe that Cohasset will be one of two schools to receive this year's Boston Globe's Ames Award. The award is named after Larry Ames, the assistant sports editor for high school sports at the Globe from 1979 to 1994. The Ames Award is given to schools with enrollment figures of 699 students or less in grades nine through 12.

This is the first time in the award's history, which was first given out in 1973, that Cohasset has been the recipient. "This is a credit to our kids and our coaches who do a tremendous job," said Ford.

In 2005, Cohasset had a 57.29 winning percentage. The football team went 10-0 and wrestling was 14-2. Girls gymnastics went 11-2 and tennis finished 17-3.

Annual cabaret at Atlantica Jan. 19

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Now that the New Year is upon us, seniors can't help but think about this year as the year that we graduate and begin the next chapter of our lives. Seniors are beginning to wrap up the application/ job search process and send their apps and résumés out by their selected companies/college's deadlines, which for the most part are some time this month. The semester is winding down and will culminate at the end of January with students visiting the guidance office to adjust their schedules for the latter half of the year.

The seniors are being offered six new English elective courses for the second half of the year that will be taught by Mrs. Berman and Mr. Palmieri. These course selections being offered are: Public Speaking, Shakespeare, Poetry, Literature of Diversity, Creative Writing, and Journalism. The news is not of abundance this week, but what I do have is rather important to the entire scheme of things here at the School, so here it is.

• Congressman William Delahunt spoke to the juniors and seniors last Tuesday about the current state of affairs of the United States and asked the students opinions on a number of political questions. Thanks to Sydney Fallon for arranging his visit as part of her Community Service Project.

• The High School Band and Chorus will perform in their annual Cabaret on Jan. 19th at Atlantica. Be sure to attend this always entertaining event, it begins at 7 p.m. and the admission price is $10. Those students who wish to participate should contact Mr. Marks or Ms. Hoskin.

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• The Art website is constantly being updated and is promised to be new and improved, so don't hesitate to visit it at www.cohassetartsboosters.com. One of the new features on this page is a "message board" function that will allow students, staff, and community members to view and post news about arts at the Middle-High School.

• The Cohasset Varsity Ski Team participated in their first race on Monday, the 9th at the picturesque Blue Hills Ski Area. The team looks quite promising this year with over half a dozen seniors leading the way.

• The Cohaset-Scituate Swim Team has been extremely busy lately and has participated in a few meets since the vacation. They beat Hingham last week, and will have participated in a meet Tuesday, Versus Middleboro.

• The Middle School has been practicing "Bus evacuation drills" during their "X" block this week.

• The Boys varsity Basketball Team will have competed in three home games this past week with hopes of improving their record to 500.

• The National Honor Society will have met yesterday, the 12th during lunch to discuss their progress with tutoring and future plans for improvement in the organization. Hopefully, a committee will be formed sooner rather than later, and juniors will have a chance to join the society.

• The Social Awareness Organization will have met on Tuesday, the 10th to discuss possible future events where they can make their presence felt and give back to the community.

• There will have been a professional half day on Wednesday, the 11th at which time the teachers will have a luncheon, the proceeds of which will go to the Doonan Family Fire Relief Fund.

• The Diversity Committee will have met today at 8:30 a.m. in the High School Library.

• The Scituate High School academic team will return at the end of January to compete against Mrs. Berman's AP English class in a clash of the titans in another knowledge bowl. The first one ended in a tie, much to the chagrin of a few Cohasset students who feel that they were robbed by the proctor.

• A hardy Cohasset High School welcome to the new Main Office secretary, Mrs. Lewis.

• The Middle School Student Council raised $1,000 in their Christmas Tree Drive over the Holidays.

• Ms. Lisa Mullen's seventh-grade Red Team science classes had a 3D cell contest on Tuesday, the 10th. First place went to Emma Quigley and Carly Martin, second place to Meaghan Costello, and third place to Garrett Canney and Mark Dick.

Good luck to all the sports teams that are competing this week, fan support is crucial to our athletic success so everyone not participating in a sport should do their best to attend the upcoming home games/meets. It's crunch time now for the students as they do their best to improve their academic situation as the term comes to an end; so parents remember to be easy on your children in these upcoming weeks.

Deer Hill students act as engineers

Deer Hill School's enrichment program, EMC^3, is off to a successful start. One of the programs offered during the first session is an engineering class, Building Toothpick Bridges. Students have already begun to work in groups of three, to build a toothpick bridge based on the program and book by Jeanne Pollard. The students are designing their own structural plans based on their choice of using a beam, arch or suspension prototype. They will build the bridges according to specifications, such as number of toothpicks used, amount of glue, and equal amounts of work time.

The engineering project allows students to practice effective communication skills, work cooperatively, and learn how function affects bridge design and how design affects the strength and structural integrity of a bridge. During their last scheduled class, students will decide whether or not to test their bridges for strength. Groundbreaking for construction of bridges is Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Deer Hill instructional technology teacher Cassandra O'Brien, and fourth grade teacher Kayne Beaudry, are guiding students throughout the project. According to O'Brien, the only question that remains is, "Will these students be ready to assist with the Sagamore Bridge project if needed?"

Deer Hill/ Osgood menus

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

French bread pizza or bologna sub, garden salad and Jell-o.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

Martin Luther King Day - No school.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

Breakfast for lunch. Waffles w/maple syrup, sausage, potato tots and pears.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

American Chop Suey, dinner roll or turkey sandwich, green bean and mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Meatball sub or tuna sandwich, oven fries, corn and fruit.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or bologna sandwich, veggie sticks and pudding.

MONDAY, JAN. 23

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or turkey sandwich, oven fries, mixed veggies and pears.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

Bagel w/soup of the day or bologna sandwich, garden salad and mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or ham and cheese sub, carrots and peaches.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

Roast turkey, dinner roll or tuna sub, mashed potato, green beans and sliced apples.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

English muffin pizza or roast beef sub, garden salad and fruit.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

Meatball sub or tuna sub, oven fries, corn and mixed fruit.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

Taco meat served over chips w/lettuce, tomato, cheese and veggie rice or bologna sandwich and pudding.

Joseph Osgood student lunch: $2.25

Deer Hill student lunch: $2.50

Reduced lunch: .40

Kindergarten registration for 2006-2007 at Osgood School

Kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year began Tuesday, Jan. 7. Registration will be at the Osgood School daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time of registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn five on or before Sept. 1, 2006, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register. Call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117 if you have any questions.

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SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT CAMP – WHERE DO I BEGIN?

By Bette S. Bussel - Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

Although it's January and it's hard for us to imagine a world without snow, ice and mittens...let's take a moment and think about swimming in the lake, chasing fireflies and toasting marshmallows. Summer camp is a wonderful memory for so many of us and now, as parents, we want to create those same memories for our kids. Where do you begin? There are solid professionals out there ready and able to help you find a great camp. We know that the camp search process can be confusing. Here's some advice about how to start. First of all, sit down with your family and try the three-step camp search process developed and recommended by the American Camp Association, New England, based on decades of experience assisting families with finding the right camp:

1. Talk about your family's expectations and requirements of camp

a. What are the attributes of that dream camp you hope to find? What do your kids expect? What do you want your kids to get out of camp? Describe it to each other and work out the differences of opinion that will inevitably exist between parents and children.

b. If you were a camper, your personal definition of camp will certainly come into play-usually folks want their kids to experience exactly what they had at camp or the total opposite.

2. Research camp options based on the goals and priorities you have set. Carefully consider the source of the information you review.

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Docket No. 05P3180EP

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 21, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JO ANN A. FORD of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 8, 2006**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 29, 2005.

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Pick up your copy of Parents and Kids at CVS, Stop & Shop or other family friendly locations. Or visit us at www.townonline.com/parentsandkids.

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OBITUARIES

Jane McLean

Former owner of the Linen Chest in Cohasset

Jane "Tinka" (Fuller) McLean, 90, of Wrentham died Jan. 7, 2006, at the Pond Home in Wrentham following a lengthy illness.

Born in St. Albans, Maine, daughter of the late Elmer Linn Fuller and Jean (Palmer) Fuller, she formerly lived in Cohasset for many years before moving to Wrentham several years ago.

She was educated in Newton, and was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston.

In 1965 she purchased the Linen Chest, a well-known retail store in Cohasset well known for its draperies and interior decorating wares. She was an extremely talented interior decorator and designer. She also operated another store in Duxbury. She sold the business in 1986.

Mrs. McLean was a member of the Cohasset Historical Society, Cohasset Yacht Club, Cohasset Architectural Review Board and a longtime member of St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Cohasset, where she served on the alter guild.

She also enjoyed floral design.

Wife of the late David Bruce McLean, she leaves a son, Scott McLean and his wife Kim of Franklin; a daughter, Jean Briggs and her husband Jeffrey of Averill Park, N.Y.; and five grandchildren, Noah W. Briggs, Scott D. McLean, Jonathan M. McLean, Christopher A. McLean and Emily R. McLean. She was mother of the late Sammis McLean of New York City and sister of the late Kathleen Dodd.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset. Interment is private.

Arrangements are by the Charles F. Oteri and Son Franklin Funeral Home in Franklin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Vista Care Hospice Foundation, 690 Canton St., Westwood, 02090.

Dora S. Holt

Worked for American Red Cross at Camp Edwards in WWII

Dora S. Holt, 88, of W. Wareham, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion.

Daughter of the late George F. and Abbie L. (Wilder) Sargent Jr., she was born in Cohasset, and graduated from Cohasset High School. She moved to Wareham in 1986 from Venice, Fla.

Mrs. Holt worked for the American Red Cross at Camp Edwards during World War II. She was also a realtor in Pembroke.

She enjoyed reading, listening to music, and spending time with her friends.

Wife of the late Andrew J. Maxwell, and the late Emery E. Holt, she leaves a son, Bruce A. Maxwell, and his wife Gloria of Greenfield; a daughter-in-law, Theresa Maxwell of Hyannis; three grandsons, Michael A. Maxwell of Leicester, Robert J. Maxwell of Mashpee, and Adam R. Maxwell of Greenfield; a great-granddaughter, Samantha Maxwell of Mashpee; a brother, Stewart S. Sergeant of Carver; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m., in St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front St., Marion.

Arrangements by Stout, Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or Beacon Hospice, 45 N. Main St., Fall River, MA 02720; or the Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Eileen M. Sunnerberg

Taught in Scituate Youth Dance program

Eileen M. (Edmonds) Sunnerberg, 89, of Scituate died Jan.5, 2006, at home.

Born in Toronto, Canada, she lived in Scituate for many years.

Mrs. Sunnerberg was active in the First Trinitarian Congregational Church for many years as a Sunday School teacher.

She taught in the Scituate Youth Dance Program.

She enjoyed dancing and gardening.

Wife of the late Chester "Chet" Sunnerberg, she leaves two sons, Bruce Sunnerberg of Grafton, N.H. and Stephen Sunnerberg of Scituate; a daughter, Carolyn McLean of Scituate; a brother, Bruce Edmonds of Cohasset; seven grandchildren, Heidi Badot, Brett Sunnerberg, Stephen Sunnerberg, Derek Sunnerberg, Stacey Sunnerberg, Jennifer McCarthy and Travis McLean; five great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Jeremy, Daniel, Cameron and Ema; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in Scituate. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Scituate.

Arrangements were by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, 02184 or Norwell Visiting Nurse's Association, 321 Washington St., Norwell, 02061.

Francis X. J. Donelan

Former international sales manager

Francis X. J. Donelan, 80, of Scituate formerly of New Rochelle, N.Y., died at home surrounded by his family Jan. 8, 2006.

Mr. Donelan celebrated his 80th birthday in November at a party hosted by his eight children.

Born in Roxbury, the youngest of eight children of the late Mathias and Elizabeth K. Donelan, he graduated from English High School and Boston College.

After graduation he was employed by S. Stroock & Company in New York City, where he worked for 17 years. He then joined Milliken & Company as international sales manager for women's and children's sportswear, where he remained until his retirement in 1988.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, Nancie T. (Turner) Donelan; eight children, Joseph P. Donelan II and his wife Christine G. of Darien, Conn., Moira D. O'Connor and her husband John M. of Darien, Conn., John T. Donelan and his wife Linda C. of Alexandria, Va., Brenda M. Donelan of Cohasset, Nancy E. Donelan of New York City, Nora D. Finnegan and her husband Paul F. of Scituate, Michaela D. Donadio and her husband Matthew of Ho-ho-kus, N.J. and Francis X.J. Donelan Jr. and his wife Patricia W. of Fairfield, Conn.; and 27 grandchildren. He was brother of the late Monsignor Joseph P. Donlan, Mathias F. Donelan, James E.V. Donelan, Charles A. Donelan, Paul G. Donelan and George M. Donelan; and a sister, Genevieve D. Carney.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The Foyer of Charity, 74 Hollet St., Scituate, 02066.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House)781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

• Sunday, Jan. 15. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. A Service of Drumming – with Matthew Meyer.

Meyer, lifelong Unitarian Universalist and percussionist who has led many of our congregations in worship, will be with us this Sunday for a compelling approach to worship. We will celebrate also the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose innovative ministry and extraordinary life continue to awaken us to the worth and dignity of every person and to the reality that we are all children of God, which means siblings.

Children and youth will gather in the Parish House for a special program led by Carol Martin and Roella Hobbs.

Coffee Hour directly after the service. All are welcome.

Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull will be in Boston for a meeting of the Commission on Social Witness, a commission of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers. To learn more about these programs and our Senior High Youth Group, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, Jan. 16

• 9-11 a.m. – The Fourth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast – Second Congregational Church. Co-sponsored by our Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee. We look forward once again to joining in this community celebration honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King.

• 2:30 p.m. – US Senator Ted Kennedy speaking for a just minimum wage, along with Robert Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, and the New England Conservatory Millenium Gospel Choir and local interfaith, labor and community leaders = United First Parish Unitarian (the historic "Church of the Presidents") 1306 Hancock Street in Quincy Center opposite Quincy City Hall and across from the Quincy Center T Station stop (Red Line, Braintree branch). Street parking available. Part of the LET JUSTICE ROLL Living Wage campaign, in which the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee are active members. Let us recall that Dr. King went to Memphis, the city where he was murdered, to lead sanitation workers in a protest against unacceptable low wages and working conditions. All are welcome!First Parish Offices will be closed in honor of Dr. King's birthday.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the January newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, or Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy: Children's Sermon Sundays: Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

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Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

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For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

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Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

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JANUARY THAW

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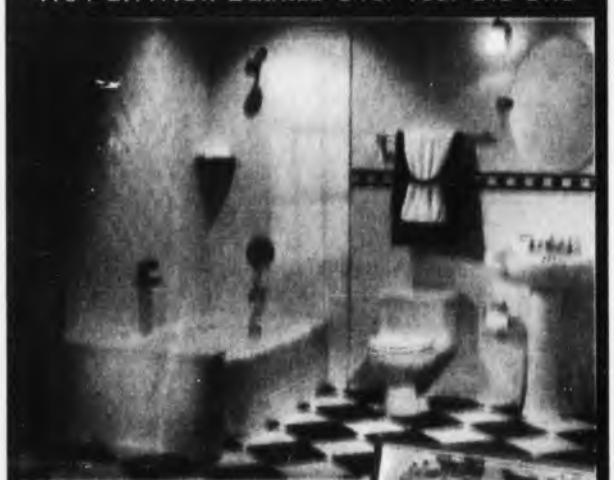

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

8:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

9:45 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:03 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, youths standing by the building.

10:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, Weymouth PD is reporting an armed robbery that occurred in their city at the Walgreen's 750 Washington St., white male operating an older Ford Bronco with white/red Mass plates. Had yellow ribbon in the back of motor vehicle.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

12:01 a.m. **Elm St.**, building checks.

12:35 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Kendall Village**, motor vehicle stop.

12:46 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

12:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person.

1:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:21 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint, officer advised the vehicle is parked on the side of the road.

1:40 a.m. **Summer St., and Black Horse Lane**, assist citizen, officer has 2 juveniles on board. Officer dropped off juveniles to mother.

2:48 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:58 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

3:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer advised roads are icy and need to be sanded, contacted Cohasset DPW and Mass Highway, they will be enroute.

3:33 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are 3 juveniles trying to pull down a stop sign. The juveniles are wearing dark cloths and throwing snowballs.

4:10 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, suspicious activity, caller advised the juveniles are back throwing snowballs. Caller advised they are causing a problem. Officer out at Red Gate Lane.

4:29 a.m. **Highway 228 and Fisher Rd.**, notification, DPW advised there is a vehicle off the road in Hingham.

7:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, building check and log note of 18 wheeler parked in lot.

10:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Caller reports single car motor vehicle crash into a tree.

12:45 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of kids traveled through his property and he overheard them talking about doing damage to property. Scituate PD also notified. Officer reports when approaching the kids they headed toward Gannett Road in Scituate.

3:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, programmable sign has profanity on it. Caller advised there are about 8 juveniles headed toward Depot Ct.

5:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, structure, caller advised someone came to her door stating call Fire Dept. Working house fire at 5:25. Box struck at 5:25. Hull responding at 5:25. All units working. Scituate Fire enroute for station coverage in Cohasset. Main body knocked down looking for extension at 5:46. Car 20 advised additional engine to scene for man power. Hingham Fire enroute to Cohasset for station coverage. Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd., are blocked off. Police advised the fire marshal on scene. Police on scene advised DPW is treating roadway with sand and salt.

7:58 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:58 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

MONDAY, JAN. 2

12:10 a.m. **Border St.**, public service, outside odor of gas, ongoing problem.

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:42 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, caller states there are barrels across the roadway blocking access.

5:03 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, cones on the roof of the building.

8:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school building check secure.

10:06 a.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, disturbance, callers reports a group of youths just put all the construction barrels across the street blocking it off.

12:55 p.m. **King St.**, illegal dumping, party reports illegal dumping in the dumpster, officer speaking to suspect.

1:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, ,property (lost).

1:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, caller reports paint thrown all over her vehicle last night.

4:34 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are juveniles throwing snowballs.

4:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked high school.

4:57 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd. and Clay Spring Rd.**, parking complaint, caller advised there is a vehicle parked blocking view from roadway, officer advised that all vehicles parked are within limits of parking.

5:21 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint, walk in party advised his dog ran away.

5:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, caller advised motor vehicle accident. Officer advised no one in the vehicle, it hit a pole. Mass Electric will call back with ETA. Contacted Weymouth PD for dog. Owner of vehicle stated his son had the vehicle.

8:59 p.m. **Nantasket Charter, Hull**, assist citizen, caller advised someone keeps calling taxi and sending them on a false call.

9:39 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked high school.

11:17 p.m. **Town of Cohasset**, officer advised the weather is changing to snow - road icy.

11:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised that there are juveniles throwing snowballs.

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

12:28 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, kids coming out of the cemetery.

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3:30 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, fire, caller states he can see smoke outside his window in the vicinity of #19. It is a wood stove at #25. No problem.

6:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

8:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, civil citation for rd light and stop sing violation.

12:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller request rescue for a patient with a migraine.

2:06 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo from Hull PD, stolen motor vehicle, white Dodge Caravan, party came out of doctor's office and vehicle was gone..

2:16 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer at this location for dismissal.

10:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Sgt. reports school building check secure.

10:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, Sgt. reports school building checks secure.

11:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

12:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:54 a.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance.

2:16 a.m. **Square**, public service, officer off with a group of youths.

4:36 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 a.m. **Smith Pl.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for speeding.

10:16 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for a traffic violation.

1:09 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident.

2:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:24 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

2:30 p.m. **Sunrise and King St.**, medical aid, caller reports woman with low vitas and refusing treatment.

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:40 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious vehicle.

1:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:16 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

4:49 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports woman rear ended him.

1:10 p.m. **Curtis St.**, medical aid, Scituate is requesting R3 for a medical aid.

3:02 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint, vehicle is broken down, owner will come back and get it.

5:46 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:46 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:47 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

8:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:26 p.m. **Nantasket Rd.**, fire, structure, mutual aid to Hull, working fire.

11 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

1:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:48 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, civil matter.

9:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:54 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:58 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, auto, caller reports a motor vehicle on fire in parking lot near building. Fire contained to engine compartment vehicle is across parking lot.

6:23 p.m. **Pond St.**, check of the high school.

6:24 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools.

7:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, cars blocking driveway. Vehicle tagged with parking ticket.

8:02 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham PD reported an erratic operator "all over the road" car comes back out of Cohasset. Car did not head home.

9:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, check of the school.

9:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools.

9:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious person, out with group by the entrance to the schools. Spoke to all involved.

10:05 p.m. **Border St.**, well being check, caller reported a young male, approximately 9 years of age, was hiding in the parking lot between the parked cars. Area search negative.

10:19 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reported a late model Oldsmobile Sedan stopped in front of her house, when the vehicle left the area, a female knocked on the door, she appeared to be holding her ripped shirt together. Vehicle came back, she got in and left the area towards the water. It came back up Black Rock Rd., at a slow speed and then headed back towards the water. Hull PD also notified.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

2:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:15 p.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance - neighborhood, group of kids skate boarding in lot and were asked to leave and will not.

3:28 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, checking on a can of oil left on side of road.

4:54 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:05 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation. Fire Dept. advised out side odor of gas. Engine 3 advised there is a faint odor at the intersection of Old Pasture and Pleasant St.

5:28 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, 91-year-old female chest pain.

5:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted. Caller advised 20.03 gas was taken. Contacted residence, left message to call PD back. Owner of vehicle went back to station and paid for the gas.

6:20 p.m. **Spring St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller was from Triple A, they stated female is broken down and didn't feel safe in the area that she was in. Officer advised minor motor vehicle accident, vehicle hung up on rocks.

7:30 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:31 p.m. Assist citizen, caller advised there is a U-Haul parked on Spring Street. Advised it is out of the way of traffic, they will move it in the a.m.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Officer advised following too close.

9:09 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, officer advised the owner of vehicle needs to park vehicle property. Contacted manager, he will inform owner of vehicle to move it.

9:10 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:21 p.m. **King St.**, parking complaint.

9:28 p.m. **Exit 11**, fire, auto, Fire Dept. advised they received a call of a vehicle fire at Exit 11 in Duxbury. Fire Dept. notified Duxbury fire of this.

10:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks officer advised checked school.

10:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, office advised checked schools.

10:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are 3 juveniles on skateboards in the middle of the road, causing a problem. Officer advised unable to locate juveniles.

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

12:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:11 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property damage, mailbox was in the street.

8:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports gas spill. FF report spill less than a gallon.

9:51 a.m. **Surry Drive**, vandalism report, caller reports her mailbox has been damaged.

3:30 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

3:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

5:40 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:22 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller advised his dog was just hit by vehicle. Owner of dog advised unknown vehicle that hit dog it took off headed towards Hull.

9:41 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:49 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, transported SSH/ALS, officer was flagged down by subject, can hear argument going on. Officer advised send rescue for evaluation.

10:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller advised 61 year old male, not responsive.

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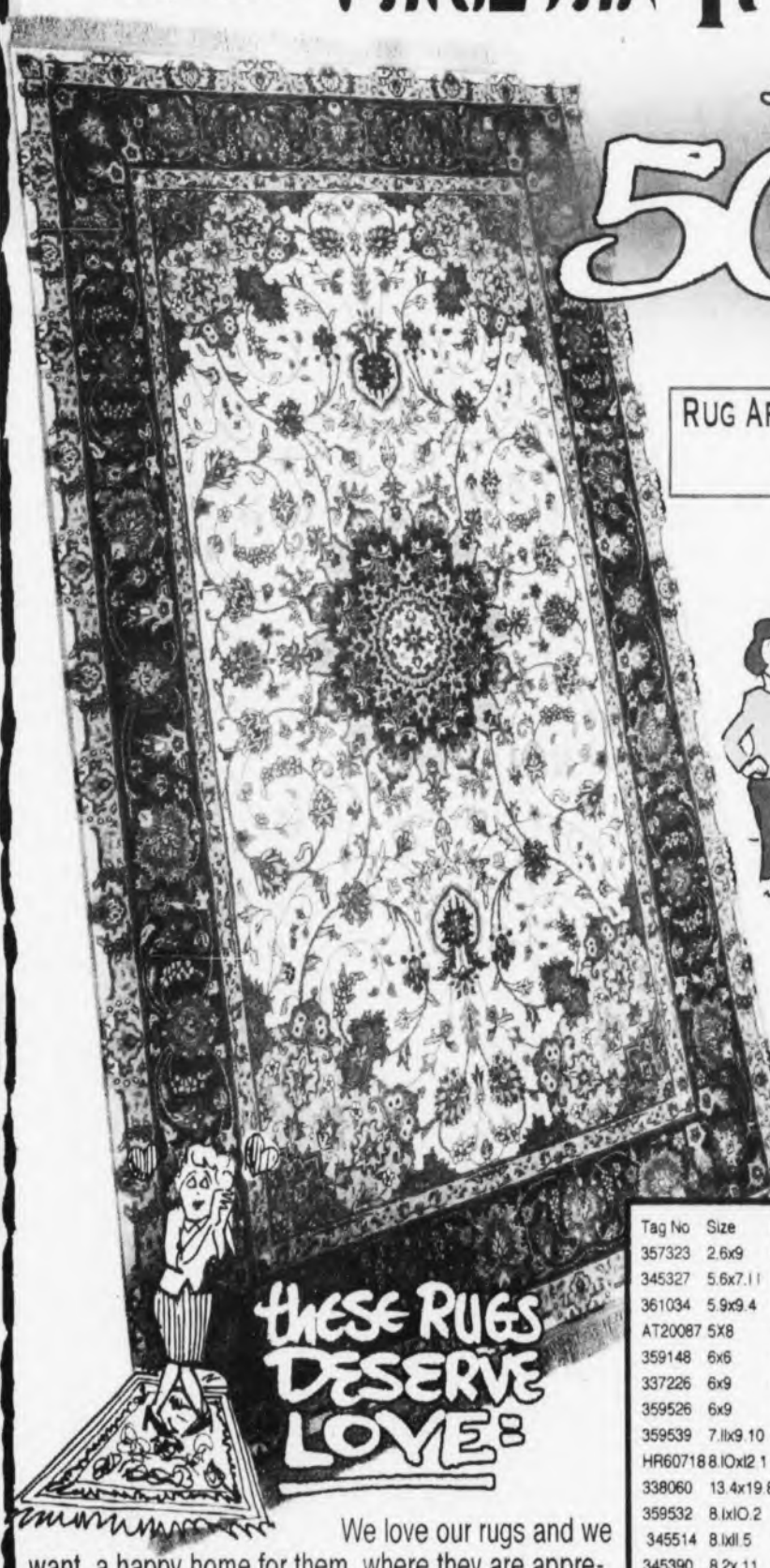

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Eye spy a class

Boston University to host program on becoming a private investigator

By Charlie Breitrose
CNC STAFF

Catching cheating spouses in the act, tracking down debtors and collecting evidence to assist a lawyer's case – it's all in a day's work for a private investigator.

Currently, there aren't enough licensed PIs to keep up with the demand.

To train more sleuths, Boston University is getting ready to open a private investigation program through the Center for Professional Education. Leading the effort is Tom Shamshak, a law enforcement veteran of 21 years. His experience includes working as police chief in Winthrop and Spencer.

BU has held a couple of open houses, which have attracted a good number of people, Shamshak said.

"People come with varying awareness and experience, but one thing in common with the people I have spoken to is they are interested in observation, analytical skills, doing research and have experience from other professional areas," Shamshak said.

As a way of finding out more about the people, Shamshak asks them who their PI inspiration is.

"That runs the gamut from Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys, up to Sherlock Holmes," Shamshak said. "He sits at the top of the continuum. He's the PI's PI."

The class will not be fun and games, Shamshak said. The course runs 160 hours over six months on Saturdays. Each class covers a module, he said, and will teach a variety of techniques.

"They will learn an investigative methodology – a six-step method," Shamshak said. "We intend to teach skills that can apply to civil cases, criminal cases and missing person cases. They will learn about application of federal law and state law."

After receiving a groundwork in investigation, those in the class will learn the tools of the trade, both figuratively and literally.

"They will learn how to interview people and how to testify in court," Shamshak said. "And they will learn how to use contemporary equipment."

Investigators are needed for a variety of work, Shamshak said, both in the private and public sector. Some work for the Public Defender's Office, others for the insurance industry. Many work to track down information for lawyers, Shamshak said; a rich source of employment for PIs.

"There are 49,000 lawyers in Massachusetts. They need litigation support," Shamshak said.

Students will even get a lesson in the economics of running their own investigative business, Shamshak said.

The need for PIs is expected to grow quickly, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The number of private investigating jobs is expected to increase between 21 percent and 35 percent nationally by 2012, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BU wants to catch the wave early, said Ruth Ann Murry, director of the Center for Professional Education.

"The purpose of our center is make sure we are creating education programs for the next big area," Murry said. "We always want to set the curriculum pace for people out there. We see what others are offering and look at labor data.

"We see an above average growth for private investigation," she said.

Looking around the area, Murry said she found few places offer courses in investigation. The instructors had to create the course themselves.

"The unique problem we had was creating a curriculum for a real, top-notch program," Murry said. "We hired a number of people with law enforcement experience – retired police officers and chiefs of police – and who have extensive education experience."

The program kicks off Jan. 21, Shamshak said. More information about the course is available on the Internet at www.bu.edu/investigate.

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Retired Police Chief Thomas P. Shamshak Sr., now a private investigator, will teach a class on how to become a PI at the Boston University Center for Professional Education in Waltham.

Higher education is within your reach

By Ezat Parnia, Ph.D.
CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Ready to earn more? Enrich your life? Form new professional networks? There are so many reasons to go back to school.

The Institute for Higher Education Policy maintains that going to college leads to higher income, lower unemployment and even better health. Despite the obvious benefits, most people spend more time finding excuses not to go.

You don't have time. You can't afford it. There are no good schools nearby. And indeed, these can be difficult hurdles. But with so many compelling reasons to further your education, the excuses just don't hold up. Here are a few that might get you going this year.

➤ Life is expensive, and a college degree can help you earn more.

The American dream generally consists of nothing less than owning a home, cars and a few television sets – not to mention the opportunity to eat out at restaurants and send our kids to good schools. None of this comes cheap. For most of us, two incomes are necessary to support our lifestyles. But even then it's difficult to obtain the American dream without a college degree. Why? Because those without degrees are at a great disadvantage. The Census Bureau reports that men with bachelor's degrees had median annual earnings of about $57,000 in 2003. (Women earned about $38,000.) But men with only high school diplomas earned about $31,000, and women without college degrees earned about $21,000. With college degrees offering the potential to double your income, even if you had to outlay a significant amount of money to obtain your college degree – say $60,000, for example – you could recoup the expenditure in just two to three years.

➤ Higher education can help us face society's challenges.

A recent study by the Institute for Higher Education Policy says that the societal benefits of citizens with college educations include decreased reliance on public assistance, higher voting rates and increased volunteering. In addition, the increasing levels of diversity in schools, workplaces and society represent continuing challenges that college educations can help to overcome. Teachers must learn to teach all students effectively despite language barriers. Corporate managers must learn to lead all types of people. Social workers and counselors must understand the needs of today's society. Continuing education helps us to change with the times and meet today's challenges more effectively.

➤ A college degree can cinch career advancement and enrich your life.

The knowledge you gain from a college degree goes way beyond new skills. Attending college results in new competencies that can advance your career, as well as enrichment from new experiences that can change your life. The classroom experience will expose you to diverse people and ideas, sharpen your critical-thinking skills and enhance your confidence. The skills you'll gain can help you advance in your chosen profession, but they'll also empower you and help to provide a more secure and steady profession. According to the Institute for Higher Education Policy, 6 percent of the population nationwide age 25 and older with a high school diploma was unemployed in March 2004, compared to only 3 percent for those with a bachelor's degree. Less than one-half percent of those with a bachelor's degree received some form of public assistance in 2003, compared to 1 percent of those with a high school degree and 2.1 percent of those with less than a high school diploma.

➤ You can juggle it.

Even if you don't think you can manage the competing demands of family, work and school, it may be heartening to know that many working adult students do just that. According to the American Council on Education, today's college campuses are full of working adults who want to keep learning. In fact, almost half of today's college students are age 25 or older.

➤ Get started. Returning to school can be one of the best investments you can make in yourself. There's no doubt it will take determination and hard work, but the rewards are substantial.

Cambridge College offers programs and services specifically for adult learners. They offer classes in the evenings and on weekends, provide student services and classes over the Internet, and have conveniently located satellite centers. Cambridge College also accommodates adult learners by offering accelerated degrees through intensive weekend seminars and summer residency programs.

Ezat Parnia is executive vice president and dean of the School of Management at Cambridge College, 1000 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. For more information about Cambridge College and its programs, go to www.cambridgecollege.edu.

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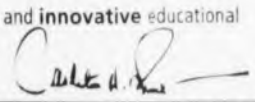

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What's happening on the South Shore

JANUARY 12-20, 2006

Thursday, Jan. 12

Mass. Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries offers variety of indoor and outdoor activities in January including: Jan. 12, Preschool Nature Story Hour; Jan. 14, Prowl of Owls; Jan. 14, Night Visions on a Wintry Day; Jan. 22, Do You Hear What I Hear? Jan. 29, In Search of Snowy Owls. **North River Wildlife Sanctuary**, 2000 Main St., Marshfield; **Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary**, Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield. For more information or complete schedule, call 781-837-9400.

"Design by Nature," series of prints by Marshfield photographer Cindy Vallino, through Feb. 2, **Dolphin Gallery of Hingham Public Library**. Features intensely colored, intricately detailed prints of botanical and marine subjects. For more information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org., for example of exhibit, www.cvallino.com.

Art Exhibition by **Jack Dickerson of Hingham**, through Jan. 31, **James Library and Center for the Arts**, 24 West St., Norwell Center. Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, **Tiny Tots Tunes Music Program**, ages 3-5, Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m.; **Calyx Piano Trio of Boston in concert**, Sunday, Jan. 29, 3 p.m. For more information, call 781-659-7100 or visit www.JamesLibrary.org.

"Thirst," Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m., **Universalist Unitarian Church of Brockton**, 375 West Elm St. Documentary on issues and concerns of water privatization in communities all over the world with particular emphasis on U.S. One hour film followed by discussion. Presented by church Social Action Committee. Call 508-584-6919.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center winter classes, Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Classes offered include Acting for Students age 6-8, Acting for Students age 9-12, Acting for Teens, Improvisation open to students age 9 through adult. All classes are eight-week courses concluding with performance by all students March 11. For prices or further information, call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org.

"Reflections-Inside and Out," by Jack Dickerson of Hingham will be on view and sale through Feb. 1, The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, 781-659-7100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org.

Civil War Circle monthly meeting, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., The Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton, **"Remembering the Ladies,"** discussion on women and the Civil War. Participants invited but not required to research specific person or aspect of the lives of women of that period and present their study to the group. Free and open to the public. For information, 617-696-1815.

Comedy Night, Thursday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., **Jimbo's Restaurant**, Braintree Five Corners, featuring South Shore's **Mark Riley**. Admission $12, dinner available before show. Advance reservations recommended, 781-848-0300.

Southeastern Mass. Mineral Club meeting, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each kid's meal. For information call 781-843-3648.

South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell, January activities For children: Animal Tails, 31/2-5 year olds, begins Jan. 12; Parents and Tots, ages 5 and under with a parent, begins Jan. 11; Feed the Animals, every Wednesday at 3 p.m. as well as Saturdays and Monday holidays at 10 a.m.; Adventures in Winter Woods, kindergartners, begins Jan. 31. For adults: Brick Wall Quilt class, Jan. 31. Call for complete schedule, 781-659-2559.

Exhibit of botanical drawings by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, throughout January and February, at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-934-2721.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front Street, Room 3. For additional information, call 781-834-4447.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Brian Stratton Unplugged** on Thursday, Jan. 12. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party**, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary pizza from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Age 21 and over only. 781-871-7175.

Photography of Boston, Fenway Park, Cape Cod, and New England by South Shore photographer, Ellie Keenan, whose patrons include the Red Sox organization, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boylston St., Boston through Jan. 31. Call for appointment, 508-631-7130.

North River Art Society's Little Gallery will host an exhibit by member **Robert D. Harvey**. **"On Cloud Nine"** runs through Jan. 20. The gallery is located in the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091.

Friday, Jan. 13

South Shore Singles Dance, Friday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m. to midnight, Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Featuring **The Emanon Orchestra**. Admission $7 members, $10 non-members. Proper dress required. For singles, 45+. For information, 781-331-0021, www.southshoresingles.org.

Huntington Theatre Comp-any, "Les Liaisons Danger-euses," through Feb. 5, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Love, lust and betrayal in 18th century Paris, directed by Daniel Goldstein. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m., except Jan. 17; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.; Matinees: 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 and Feb. 1; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets $15-$70. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or BostonTheatreScene.com, or call 617-266-0800 for reservations and box office hours.

Cars for Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls Clubs in Massachusetts are asking people with unwanted cars to remember them. There are no restrictions except that the donor must have the Certificate of Title. If you would like to donate a car, call 800-246-0493 at any time and arrangements will be made to pick up the vehicle.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Johnny Vance Band** on Friday, Jan. 13. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape ," through Feb. 19, **Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, 781-383-2787, www.ssac.org.

Bingo on Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., game starts at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot is up to $3,000. Non-smoking. For more information, call 781-925-2700.

South Shore Parents, are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hotspots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

Jah Spirit **will perform at** Mount Blue, **707 Main St., Norwell on Friday**, Jan. 6. Reggae. Call 781-659-0050.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Comedy returns with Weymouth's own **Bob Niles**, Friday, Jan. 6, 9:30 p.m. $15, reservations suggested. 781-871-7175.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Spank** on Friday, Jan. 6. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Saturday, Jan. 14

South Shore Writer's Club meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 10:15 a.m., at Abington Public Library, 600 Gliniewicz Way. Members assist one another in preparation of their stories, poems, novels or essays to become acceptable for publication. For information, 781-331-1790 or e-mail: ingoboy@rcn.com.

BEST BET

The Snug Harbor Community Chorus has announced an open call for singers to participate in their spring show in early May. The performance will consist of tunes from Broadway shows such as Les Miserables; Chicago; Kiss Me Kate; You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown; Grease and A Good Old Vaudeville Show. Monday rehearsals begin on January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St. Duxbury. No auditions are required. So, if you like Broadway and love to sing, call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org for more information.

Regattabar at the **Charles Hotel,** One Bennett St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, presents **Kenny Garrett Quartet**, Saturday, Jan. 14, 7:30 and 10 p.m. $24; Sunday, Jan. 15, 4 and 7 p.m., $24. For tickets, call 617-395-7757, for information, call 617-661-5000.

"Amidst the Gladiolas," presented by the **North River Theatre**, Jan. 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, Feb. 3, 4, at **North River Community Club,** 513 River St., Norwell. Curtain: 8 p.m., cabaret seating, cash bar. Tickets $17, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit www.northriverthеater.com.

Down East Dancers host **Country Western Dance** Saturday, Jan. 14, at the **Taunton Elks Lodge**, 119 High St., Taunton, with DJ Paul DeMaria and dance instructor Mimi Leary. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and line dancing 8 p.m. to midnight. Chinese raffle, half-pot drawing, pot luck refreshment table, cash bar. Admission $5.

North River Arts Society Children's Art Day, Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Hands-on projects for all ages. Information available regarding summer programs and camps. Snacks, beverages, raffle. Call for information, 781-837-8091. All ages welcome, $2 admission.

Bellevue Cadillac returns to **The Company Theatre,** Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Soul, jazz, big band and good old-fashioned rock and roll. Tickets $26 at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell or may be purchased by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

"Louisiana Lullaby," Hurricane Relief Concert, Saturday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m., at First Parish Norwell Unitarian Church, Norwell Center, 24 River St., featuring The Heart Voice Trio from Baton Rouge, La. Post-concert buffet of Louisiana delicacies. All proceeds will benefit Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief effort. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at door, $10 students. For more information, call 781-659-7122 or 781-837-6620.

One and Only Boston Chocolate Tour, Old Town Trolley Tour of Top of the Hub Restaurant, Prudential Building; historic Omni Parker House Hotel; and The Chocolate Bar Buffet at the Langham Hotel, Boston. Departing from the Trolley Stop Store, Boylston and So. Charles Streets, until April 30, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; Sundays, noon. $65 per person. Charter and group rates. Gift certificates. Call 617-269-3626.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Lazarus,** Saturday, Jan. 14. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Mark your calendar

"AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY TODD LINCOLN," Saturday, Feb. 11, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Mrs. Lincoln will speak as part of the museum's Lincoln's birthday events, musician Emma Jean Moulton will lead period music, and the afternoon will close at dusk with a candlelight walk to the Lincoln cabin. Admission is $20. For information, call 617-696-1815.

"FROZEN," Boston premiere at the New Repertory Theatre, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Performances begin Jan. 22 and run through Feb. 12. Finalized for the Pulitzer Prize and nominated for five Tony Awards, the play explores the intersection of three shattered lives, all of them connected by the death of a child. Tickets are $30-$48. Senior, student and group discounts available. Call 617-923-8487 or buy online at www.newrep.org.

FOURTH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVERS AND WINE TASTING, Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center. Enjoy an afternoon of food, wine and chocolate sampling as well as a silent auction. All proceeds to benefit Why Me, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping more than 300 families of children with cancer.

15TH ANNUAL BOSTON WINE EXPO, Jan. 28 and 29 at the Seaport World Trade Center and Seaport Hotel in Boston. Wine tasting, seminars and celebrity chef demonstrations. Held in conjunction with the annual Anthony Spinazzola Foundation Gala Festival of Food and Wine which takes place on Friday, Jan. 27. For more information call 781-344-4413 or visit wwwspinnazzola.org.

IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK FOR COLLEGE? Write Right Now will hold a free information session about SAT prep and the college application essay, Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, Whiton Room. For information or to reserve a place, call 781-749-0834.

VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS NEEDED for **Second Annual Grand Slam Tennis Tournament** hosted by The Friends of Women's Health at South Shore Hospital, Feb. 11, at Scituate Racquet and Fitness Club. To volunteer or participate call 781-340-4170. The tournament benefits cardiovascular services at South Shore Hospital.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS FORUM, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:15 to 9 p.m. at **Newton Free Library**, 330 Homer St., Newton Centre. Hosted by Women's Enterprise Initiative. All women business owners welcome to submit business plan for review. Networking from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. with refreshments, followed by business plan presentation with panel and audience feedback from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Advance registration encouraged at www.ci.newton.ma.us/wei. For more information, call WEI at 617-566-3013.

"DAVID COPPERFIELD, AN INTIMATE EVENING OF GRAND ILLUSION," Feb. 3-5 at The Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Performances Friday, Feb. 3, 9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 4, 5 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 5, 1 and 4 p.m. $30-$50. For tickets, call Ticketmaster, 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, by visiting BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com and at The Opera House box office.

Classes

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY WINTER CLASSES starting second week in January. Registrations now being accepted. All classes listed on Web site: www.northriverarts.org. Many new classes and workshops offered, as well as new "Sunday Sessions." Fee: $20. Pre-registration preferred, but drop-ins welcome. Participating artists currently include Bobbie Sullivan, textile arts, Jan. 22; Mary Taylor, mixed media/monoprints, Feb. 26; Dianne Panarelli Miller, still life/portrait; Nancy Colella, oils. Call NRAS office for more details, 781.837.8091.

WINTER COURSES AT SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER. Registrations are now open for Children's and Teen's Art Courses. Most classes are eight weeks and begin Jan. 23. Winter Adult Art Courses begin week of Jan. 12. Also weekend art workshops for adults, children and family. For complete list of classes visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

WINTER LEARN TO SKATE classes for children ages 4.5 and up and for adults at the Weymouth Connell Ice Rink. Classes are Sundays at 5 p.m. Use either hockey or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced lessons taught. For information or to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit www.baystateskatingschool.org.

MINIATURE KITE BUILDING DEMO AND WORKSHOP at the Art Complex Museum, Sunday, Jan. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Workshop taught by Glenn Davison who is internationally recognized for his amazing mini kites and author of "How To Fly A Kite."

LEARN TO SCULPT AT SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER. Sculptor Susan Luery will guide participants as they explore form, basic anatomy, armature building and clay modeling techniques. All skill levels welcome. Class meets Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 19 through March 30. Call 781-383-2787 to register or visit www.ssac.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT CAGELESS DOG BOARDING AND DAY CARE CENTER. Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Happy Dog House, 398 Ashland St., Abington. Alternative to traditional boarding kennel for your pet. Offers dogs ability to interact with other friendly dogs and animal caregivers in home-like setting. For more information, call 781-857-1990 or visit www.happydogtraining.com.

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE, Jan. 15 at the Metropolitan Yacht Club, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree. Course offered by Flotilla 12-4 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes are Sundays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and begin Sunday, Jan. 15. The course is an 8-lesson course with an optional additional 2 weeks for piloting. The fee including materials is $50. Early registration discount. Contact Bill Fuller at 781-848-2906 or email: lwfj@earthlink.net.

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FUTURE UNDERSTANDING OF HEARING LOSS

The National Institute on Aging has provided a grant to the University of Michigan Health System researchers for three studies designed to uncover the causes of age-related hearing loss and possible preventive measures. This is welcome news to anyone concerned about hearing loss and its potential to induce a sense of isolation and depression in the elderly. An estimated 44% of people suffer from significant hearing loss by the time they reach age 69. Sixty-six percent experience damaged hearing by age 79 and 90% by age 80. The studies will investigate the potential effects of antioxidants on the inner ear, the role of stress pathways in hearing loss; and genetic, cellular, and hormonal factors that affect hearing as we age.

The diligence of research teams working toward bringing and keeping the hearing impaired in the mainstream is one reason for the great advances made in the hearing enhancement field. We applaud the efforts of these individuals in their recognition of the special needs of the hearing impaired. We're doing our part at FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER by offering the highest quality products, comprehensive testing, and personalized, compassionate service. Concerned about your hearing? Have a free, painless hearing test at 534 Main Street (Rt. 18), across from the Stetson Bldg. in Weymouth, the first step toward better hearing. PH: 781-337-1144. Check out our website, www.familyhearing.net.

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Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. For more information, contact Nicole Schwartz at 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. There is an application on line at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Hingham artist **John Lewiecki's "Pieces of Matrimony"** photography show, through Feb. 2, at Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery. Collection of images from 2005 weddings depicting special emotions and moments of the day, beautiful abstract images, and artistic portraits. For additional information, visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College accepting applications for participation in Spring 2006 semester. Clinic open to children 18 months through 18 years, with physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Unique motor development, physical education/recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities providing participants an individualized activity plan. Held in Kelly Gymnasium and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For inquiries or applications, call Sheila Campbell at 508-531-1776.

Sunday, Jan. 15

Open House at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, A Farewell to David Clapp, director of **Mass. Audubon's South Shore Sanctuaries** for 25 years, Sunday, Jan. 15, 1 to 4 p.m. Sanctuary is located at 2000 Main St., Marshfield. For information, call 781-837-9400.

Tenth Anniversary Organ Recital at Candlelight Concert, Sunday, Jan. 15, 4 p.m., Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, featuring acclaimed concert organist Tom Hazleton. Program includes works by Bach, Vierne, Rutter and others. For information or group reservations, call 781-749-5493 or the church office at 781-749-1679. Free and handicap accessible.

Author talk and signing, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m., Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. Duxbury resident **Helen Philbrick** will discuss and sign her new book, "Journeys With a Real Jack in the Pulpit." Free and open to the public, because of limited seating, attendees are asked to obtain tickets, available at the library and event co-sponsor Westwinds Bookshop, 45 Depot St., Duxbury. For information, call Westwinds at 781-934-2128.

"In Another Light," Brett G. Jardim Photography Exhibit, through Jan. 31, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Photographs including scenic landscapes and nature settings taken primarily throughout South Shore region. For sample of presentation see www.NaturesLines.com. For more information, call 781-659-2559.

19th Annual Railroad Show, Sunday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at **Luke Urban Field House, B.M.C. Durfee High School,** Elsbree St., Fall River. Presented by Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Museum. Dealers and exhibitors selling railroad antiques and model railroad equipment, model railroad exhibits etc. Admission $4 adults, $2 children, $10 family of 4, children under 2 free. For information, 508-674-9340, www.ocandfrrailroadmuseum.com.

Monday, Jan. 16

Tribute to Barbara Jordan and Shirley Chisholm, Monday, Jan. 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m., **Stephen Smith Center**, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free and open to the public. For reservations, 617-514-1643. For information, www.jfklibrary.org.

Choral Art Society welcomes new singers. Rehearsals for its spring program, "A Visit to Vienna: Choral Works of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert begin Monday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. at **First Trinitarian Congreg-ational Church**, 381 Country Way, Scituate. No audition necessary. All voices and levels of experience welcome. Questions? call 781-545-8295.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus announces **open call for singers** for spring show in May. Performance will consist of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. No auditions required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

The Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St. (Codman Building), Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. See web site: SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Is Your Child on the Right Track for College? Write Right Now can help. Free information session about SAT prep and college application essay Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Whiton Room, Hingham Public Library. Call 781-749-0834 to reserve a place.

Winter Spring Story Times, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m., **Ventress Memorial Library.** Tales for Tots for infants to age 3; or Story Craft for 4-6-year-olds. For information, call 781-834-5535.

Tuesday Trivia Night, 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648.

"Winter Scenes," exhibition and sale by five N.E. artists, Joan Brancale, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Stefan Pastuhov, Hal DeWaltoff, and Ronald Tinney, through Jan. 26, at **South Street Gallery**, 149 South Street in Hingham. Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreet-gallery.com.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North St. A non-profit weight loss support group. If you are struggling to lose weight, come to a mutually supportive environment where members share ideas and suggestions for losing weight. Visitors welcome. For information, www.tops.org or call Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Weigh Less Nutrition Class, Wednesdays, Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York St., Stoughton. Classes focus on eating healthy and good nutrition. Taught by registered dietitian. Cost is $110. For information and registration, 781-297-1387.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League featuring Ladies Poker School. Win gifts and prizes. Wednesdays at **Applebees,** 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. For more information visit www.BigStackPoker.com.

WaterWatch winter lecture series, every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, through March 15. This week's lecture, Wednesday, Jan. 18, **"The Building of the Cape Cod Canal,"** with Samantha Mirabella, park ranger Cape Cod Canal. Presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association, South Shore Natural Science Center and Mass. Audubon South Regional Headquarters and sponsored by Rockland Trust Company. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.nsrwa.org or call the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Wednesdays, **Dave Foley, guitarist's acoustic mike night**. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating them to help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Donors need to call 1-800-720-6233.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Adventures and Beyond, Thursdays, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 2, at **South Shore Natural Science Center** , Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Six-week session for children in grades 1 and 2 with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist. Children investigate interesting science questions and explore natural world of animals, plants and their habitats. $84/members, $108 nonmembers, preregistration required, call 781-659-2559. Limit eight children.

Introduction to Sculpting from Life, Thursday, Jan. 19 through March 30, at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. A course designed to develop the skills for sculpture portraiture or figure modeling, resulting in a personal work of art. Register at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Winter classes at YWCA, Marshfield. Classes, workshops and demonstrations include crafts: beading, glass mosaics, sewing, quilting, knitting, rug hooking, scrapping, stamping and carving; exercising: Pilates, Tai Chi or walking; gardening in winter: forcing bulbs, garden layouts and starting seeds. For children: Crafts and Stories Jan. 19, winter wonderland theme; playgroup Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For complete schedule visit office@ywcamarshfield.org or call 781-834-8371.

Brandeis University's Rose Art Museum, presents **"Dana Schutz: Paintings 2002-2005,"** Jan. 19 to April 9, Lois Foster Wing; **"'Post' and After: Contemporary Art from the Brandeis Collection,"** Jan. 19 to April 9, Rose Building; **"Oliver Herring: On the Cusp,"** Jan. 19 to March 4, Mildred S. Lee Gallery. 415 South St., Waltham. Admission $3, free to students and members. For more information, call 781-736-3434 or visit www.brandeis.edu/rose.

Your Key to Diabetes Management, Thursdays, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2 to 4 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York St., Stoughton. Four-day education program to teach people with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes basic information about diabetes management. Physician's referral needed for participation. Cost is covered by most insurances. For information and registration, 781-297-1385.

South Shore Home Learners Homeschooling Support Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., Canoe Room (downstairs), Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Discuss various homeschooling topics and connect with other families on the South Shore. All homeschooling families and families considering homeschooling are welcome. Free. For more information, visit the Yahoo group southshorehomelearnersmembers or e-mail southshorehomelearners@comcast.net. Meetings are held third Thursday of the month.

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American Red Cross courses at the South Area American Red Cross, 1495 Hancock St. Preregistration required. Call 617-770-2600 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. First Aid, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6 to 10 p.m., $50. Certified CPR and First Aid Classes available. Call 617-770-2600.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Earthbound Misfits, Thursday, Jan. 19**. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Thursdays, **Classic Rock Acous-tic Café** with **Glen McAuliff and Friends**. Enjoy sounds of the Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Petty, Niel Young and more, 6-9 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party**, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary pizza from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Age 21 and over only. 781-871-7175.

Friday, Jan. 20

The Piano Men, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20-21, **The Company Theatre** Canadian recording star Jim Witter and his band in multi-media look back at 1970s, amidst backdrop of music by Billy Joel and Elton John. Tickets $30 at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell or may be purchased by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. to midnight., **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. For singles and couples 30+ Proper business dress required. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m., free door prizes. 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Doghouse,** Friday, Jan. 20. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Saturday, January 14, at 6:00 pm. Hurricane Relief Concert "Louisiana Lullaby," featuring the fabulous music of The Heart Voice Trio direct from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and special guests Sweet the Sound, an American roots ensemble. There will be a post-concert buffet of Louisiana delicacies. Don't miss this fabulous concert. All proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief effort. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door and $10 for students. The performance will be at First Parish Norwell Unitarian, Norwell Center, 24 River St., 781-659-7122 or 781-837-6620.

North River Arts Society accepting registrations for winter class session. New classes and workshops as well as new "Sunday Sessions" series featuring mini-workshops and demonstrations by well-known artists. **Monoprint and Artists Book Workshop** Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Sunday Sessions, Textile Arts with Bobbie Sullivan**, Jan. 22; **Collage College**, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **Painting the Portrait from Life**, March 25, 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **Portrait Demonstration**, March 2, 7 to 10 p.m. For full listing, visit www.northriverarts.org. For more information, call NRAS office at 781-837-8091.

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Airbrush Art - $100
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Intro to PC & Microsoft Word - $85
Line Dance Class - $75
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $110
Advanced HVAC-R- $110
Machine Shop - $120 + $15 Lab Fee

WEDNESDAY COURSES
Auto Body Repair - $125
English As A Second Language - $65
Keyboarding - $80
Ornamental Fabrication - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $110

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A watery escape from winter

By ARTHUR POLLOCK

SCOTRUN, PA -- So you're moping around the house in the middle of another dreary New England winter. You want to take the family to a water park but it's six months till Water Country (Portsmouth, NH) opens up again and your budget gives you a dirty look when you contemplate flying your family down to Florida to visit Disney World's Typhoon Lagoon and Blizzard Beach. What's a fun-loving, water-seeking parent to do?

The dilemma has been made a bit easier with the opening of the Great Wolf Lodge Indoor Water Park, in the Pocono Mountain region of Pennsylvania. The $92 million resort officially opened its doors this fall as the first indoor waterpark in the Northeast. With the water temperature a balmy 84 degrees year round, you're assured of a guaranteed water vacation anytime.

My family of three took the plunge and drove down to the Lodge to give it a test run. It's less than six hours from Boston.

When you get to the resort, you enter into a grand lobby with a woodsy atmosphere, antler chandeliers and a glowing fireplace, and the centerpiece of a Great Clock Tower with animated forest creatures that speak and sing several times a day. The resort boasts 401 family suites and guests get their choice of 10 different configurations. We stayed in a very comfortable standard suite, nicely appointed with pine bed boards and dresser drawers. All the rooms are hooked up for wireless Internet and are equipped with microwave, fridge and Nintendo video games.

Further up the scale were children's themed suites such as the "Wolf Den" and "Kid Cabin," which feature a "room within a room" for kids, complete with bunk beds and flat screen TVs.

The rooms are all just fine once you actually enter them, but getting in was a bit of a hassle. Upon check-in, you are issued a wrist-band, which acts both as your pass to the waterpark and as your room key. You're supposed to hold the band up to a sensor on your door for entry but either I am technically challenged or they still need to work out the bugs in this system.

I guarantee that you won't be spending much time in the room though. The 78,000 square foot waterpark is varied enough to keep you entertained for hours. Though the resort offers arts and crafts activities throughout the day through their "Cub Club," for children 12 and under, we hardly availed ourselves of the service. Our seven-year-old daughter rarely wanted to leave the pool area. And with eleven waterslides, six pools and a four-story treehouse waterfort, who could blame her?

With dozens of lifeguards on the premises, water safety wasn't an issue. The only medical issue I was concerned about was possibly suffering a panic attack, myself, as I climbed up four flights of stairs to accompany my daughter on the somewhat intimidating family water roller coaster. Called the Hydro Plunge, this monster of a ride sneaks in a 52-foot vertical drop that is not for the faint-hearted. A 76-year-old grandma from New Jersey also climbing the stairs with me gave me courage. Although my heart was fibrillating, I am happy to report that I did survive the experience, albeit with eyes closed most of the way.

After getting that ride under my belt, the others were much less terrifying. Some of the other tube slides actually take you outside the waterpark before twisting back inside. You can tell you're outside when the air suddenly feels cold. For the younger set, four kiddie slides gently drop riders off into the water. A wave pool lets you body surf to your heart's content. Water basketball, float pools and whirlpools are other enticing options.

The treehouse waterfort, Fort Mackenzie, is the park's signature attraction offering 12 levels of water fun, mischief and mayhem. It's a dizzying array of rope suspension bridges, cargo nets and web crawls, where kids can squirt each other with water hoses and drop water buckets on unsuspecting passers-by below. Every eight minutes or so, bells start ringing, signaling that a thousand-gallon water bucket is about to tip over and drench the shrieking hoards 48 feet below. Watching the cascading water come down is about the best water spectacle you can see this side of Niagara Falls.

All this swimming and sliding works up your appetite and the Lodge doesn't let you down here. Several family-friendly eateries are open day and night to take care of your hunger pangs. The main dining areas serve meals buffet style (you can opt for full buffet or a la carte). You'll find all the comfort food you could possibly want plus more trendy offerings like sushi and portabello mushroom wraps. There are impossibly cute-sounding kids' drinks offered like Polar Punch and Bears in a Blizzard. I was happy to find my own fun drink -- Barley Creek Brown Antler Ale, made by a local microbrewery.

Other amenities at the resort include a fitness center which actually lets supervised children use the equipment, an enormous video arcade room plus an Aveda Concept Spa. My wife gave the Spa high marks after her massage and pedicure.

A nice evening ritual is the nightly story time near the fireplace in the lobby. Kids are invited to show up in their pajamas and hopefully get the hint that it's time to wind down.

It all adds up to a fun, weather-proof family vacation. On the ride back to Boston, I felt pretty pleased with myself, almost as if I had earned a Cub Scout merit badge, for by the end of our stay I was able to keep my eyes open the whole time on the scary ride.

Rates at Great Wolf Lodge are $279 to $500 per night, but look for online specials starting at $179.

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Town could curb selling door-to-door

Selectmen float solicitation bylaw

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen may bring an article before Town Meeting April 1 to help put some rules in place for door-to-door solicitation.

In October, selectman Ralph Dormitzer reported he had been contacted by a number of residents who were concerned with the increase in solicitation, especially during dusk. Tuesday, he came back before the board with a sample bylaw from the town of Duxbury which could be modified to meet Cohasset's needs.

Cohasset does not have any bylaws regulating solicitation and Dormitzer said in his research, he found there is nothing that can be done to stop solicitation in a town altogether. There are a number of Supreme Court rulings which protect the practice under freedom of speech, he said. "You can't limit it," said Dormitzer, but rules can be put in place that will ensure there are some regulations on who can solicit and when.

Dormitzer said the bylaw would require solicitors register with the police department "So you'd always know who's in town," he said. Solicitors would be required to give very detailed information, including their social security number, which would allow the department to look into the background of each person and ensure they and the company they work for are legitimate. He said that way, residents could feel confident there were no sexual predators or any other criminals wandering the streets, knocking on doors. However, he pointed out the research done on the matter indicates there is no

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WINTER WALK

At left, Sinclair Dean, 16, walks Ella, while her mother Jennifer chats with Mark McLaughlin while strolling along Cohasset's Sandy Beach last Thursday when temperatures hovered in the unseasonably warm 50-degree range.

Speaker shares personal message of peace

By Mary Ford
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Comfort food, uplifting songs, an African dance, and an inspirational speaker — who put the responsibility of making a difference on individuals and churches — helped honor the lives and legacies of Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks at Monday's annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast.

Dr. King would have been 77 years old on Sunday. While the life of the leader of the civil rights' movement was cut short by an assassin's bullet nearly 38 years ago – his message of non violence was not, although much of the world still struggles with the concept.

Parks, who passed away in October at 92, made history with an act of courage that has emboldened untold millions to stand up for themselves. Parks' arrest in December 1955 for civil disobedience after she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger sparked the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott. King, then 26, was an organizer of the boycott.

Clementina "Tina" Chery, who was guest speaker at Monday's breakfast that was sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee and Cohasset clergy, spoke from her heart to the upwards of 100 packed into Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church.

She wondered aloud, "what would Dr. King do today; what would he say, what would he ask of us to prevent youth violence in our schools, homes."

Chery, who heads Dorchester's Louis D. Brown Peace Institute named after her son, is an outspoken crusader against youth violence. She knows the subject well; her son, Louis was one of 98 homicide victims in Boston in 1993. Louis, 15, who had a promising future, was the victim of gang-related shooting just a few blocks from his home while he was on his way to a Christmas party hosted by a non-violence program.

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Clementina Chery of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute speaks to the crowd gathered at the Second Congregational Church hall on Martin Luther King Day.

"Those that do have a foundation are not coming out loud enough to bring it to the forefront. We're all sitting in our own comfort zone within our own communities."

— Clementina Chery, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

Chery, who shared with the audience her spiritual journey toward peace, said in response to youth violence, King would not ask for more police but would ask "us to turn to God;" she stressed that churches need to get more involved in helping youths find better ways to channel their anger. "The work we do belongs very much in the churches," she said. Chery explained how through her faith she has been able to use her anger for positive change.

The Louis D. Peace Institute, founded in 1994, helps the families of homicide victims through the grieving process and helps them work with the criminal justice system; the Louis D. Peace Institute Curriculum teaches the values of peace at schools. The institute's seven core principles are love, unity, faith, hope, courage, justice and forgiveness, she said.

In response to a question from the audience, Chery explained it is critical to acknowledge anger and put forward a safe place where anger can be expressed and dealt with.

"Everyone else wants more police and to put a child in jail…but our mission is to look at peace to create awareness," she said.

She said economic depravation is not at the heart of youth violence but a lack of a solid foundation in core values is.

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Cohasset constructs housing committee

Partnership could have nine members

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Housing Partnership Committee is taking root. Four residents have expressed interest in serving, and once a new housing consultant is hired by the town, selectmen will make the committee appointments.

So far Helen (Taffy) Nothnagle of Atlantic Avenue, Jim Hamilton of King Street, Tana Carlson of Old Coach Road, and Stephen Lucitt of Jerusalem Road, have sent letters to selectmen expressing interest in serving on the partnership.

Once appointed, members will be responsible for providing perspectives on creating affordable housing. They will be guided by the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, which can provide financial assistance, training sessions and resource materials.

Forming a partnership has been in the works for a few months. "At first, there wasn't much of a turnout," said Town Manager Bill Griffin, but he added as questions surfaced regarding the Cook project and other affordable housing issues, residents began to understand the importance of having a housing partnership and wanted to become involved.

Affordable housing is currently one of the most important items on the town's radar screen. Griffin said he has worked with housing partnerships in the past, and they have proven to be very beneficial. Typically, partnerships are made up of between seven and nine residents which represent all facets of the community from the clergy, to business owners, to concerned citizens. "We will be hiring a consultant to help the committee know its role," he said. The partnership is a new concept for the town so for those participating, having an expert on hand will make for a smooth beginning, he said.

"What really got to me was that so much work had been done by so many people in Cohasset over the past few years and they came up with a project for which there is no population."

— Tana Carlson, candidate for housing partnership

Griffin recently sent out a Request for Proposals for the position and received back one bid. The position was awarded to Bob Engler, but due to the fact that he had worked for Taggart McCall Properties on the private Cedarmere development, Town Counsel ruled there was a conflict and the position has now been sent back out to bid. Proposals are due by Friday, Jan. 27.

Selectmen agreed it made sense to appoint the committee once a consultant is hired who can guide the process along. The new consultant will be able to

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PICTURE THIS/Susan Etkind

Name: Susan Etkind.

Occupation: Clinical social work — therapy with children and adults; and co-chair with Chartis Tebbetts, Cohasset Diversity Committee.

Best days of your life: The arrival of the "men" in my life: Steve, Alex, Zach, Mugsy and Banjo.

Best vacation: Israel and Egypt.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite meal and junk food: Anything Asian; gym drops.

Best books: "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd and "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown.

Best recent movie: "Crash."

Best TV show: "24."

Pet peeve: People who put most of their energy into criticizing.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Rock climbing, unroped.

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

The Mariner caught up with Susan Etkind, who is co-chairman of the Cohasset Diversity Committee, at the Martin Luther King Day Breakfast at the Second Congregational Church on Tuesday.

Most memorable moment: Our wedding at Sandy Cove, Cohasset.

Goal: To continue to work for human rights, respect, peace.

Person I'd most like to meet: Claude Monet.

Biggest worry: Hate, violence, apathy.

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean, beaches, rocks and harbors.

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Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2006. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2005 license. If you did not receive your census, call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

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Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

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Cohasset sees how it measures up

By Samantha Brown
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When buying a new car, consumers often complete side-by-side comparisons with similar models to ensure they will get the most for their money. In Cohasset, that same practice is being put into place for the municipal budget.

Cohasset recently received a "benchmarking" report, compiled to help the town see how it measures up against peer communities with comparable attributes. The town paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC — a Waltham company that analyzes town spending and prepares reports to aid in the budgeting process — roughly $7,500 to compile the report.

A joint meeting was held Wednesday with members of the advisory committee, school department, water department, library, fire and police departments, capital budget committee, the town manager and Municipal Benchmarking LLC, to introduce the town to the report and come up with ways to use the information going forward.

Advisory committee chairman Donna McGee said the idea to invest in a benchmarking report was originally floated as a way to determine whether there might be a way to help curb spending and avoid overrides by looking at the way other towns operate. However, she said since the idea was floated to purchase the report, there has been a concern that the information will be provided, but soon forgotten. "We need to figure out how we can institutionalize this. Let's not stick it on a shelf," she said.

The report, dubbed "The Municipal Yardstick," compares Cohasset with 20 other communities specifically chosen for their demographic similarity. Those communities are Topsfield, Manchester-By-the-Sea, Southborough, Wenham, Sherborn, Lynnfield, Boxborough, Dover, Wayland, Marblehead, Lincoln, Swampscott, Westwood, Medfield, Carlisle, Hamilton, Norwell, Duxbury, Marion, and Hingham.

Ken Strachan from Municipal Benchmarking explained the 20 communities are chosen based on 15 variables, covering demographic, socioeconomic and geographic data. He said when the numbers were originally run, Marion and Hingham were not in the top-20 list of comparable towns, but often his company will allow towns to swap out two or three of their top-20 towns for other towns they would like to see themselves measured up against. He said Cohasset chose to include Marion and Hingham instead of its number 19 and 20 towns. Incidentally, Hingham and Marion would have been numbers 23 and 34 respectively, and therefore Strachan said including their data would not greatly skew Cohasset's results.

At Wednesday's meeting, the specifics of the report were not discussed, as some departments had not had a chance to go through the 250-page report, but everyone seemed excited about delving into it. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he has already been working with the data provided. "This is probably the first time the town has come close to having this much data about itself and its peers," he said.

Griffin said now that the information has arrived, it will be important for all departments to sort through it and really determine which towns Cohasset is comparable with.

Griffin said he has started his own data collection process with the information compiled on the fire department. He said after making some phone calls, he has found there are legitimate reasons why Cohasset's department may look as if it is spending more than other similar communities. He said he has found some in Cohasset's peer group have mostly volunteer firefighters where Cohasset has a paid staff, and some do not run their own ambulance service as Cohasset does. "There are apples and apples, but there are oranges out there," he said, and there must be a human element applied to the data.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she thinks the report will be "incredibly helpful," but at first glance she too noted there are some towns Cohasset can't be compared with in terms of educational expenses as they have either kindergarten through grade six or grade eight, and regional high schools which split the costs between towns. "We are not considered above average unless you factor in those K-6 and K-8 schools," she said.

While there will be much information to be digested, advisory committee member James Gilman, who has been a driving force behind bringing benchmarking to town said it is an exercise that will be of great value. "This is the most valid data we're going to get," he said, adding Cohasset may be able to find ways to save money and be more cost-effective, potentially avoiding overrides in the future, by looking at the different practices taking place in similar towns and making an evaluation as to whether the way things have historically been done is the best.

Advisory committee member Tucker Glavin concurred and said the report will help the town decide how it wants to manage itself and really take a good look at what its priorities are. He said the town may look at its spending and decide it has allocated funds based on what it values and nothing should change. "If the town is the number one spender per capita, that is a decision the town makes," he said, adding he is sure the report will become a part of the discussion for many long-term decisions going forward.

Who was Cohasset measured against?

Topsfield	Lincoln
Manchester-By-the-Sea	Swampscott
Southborough	Westwood
Wenham	Medfield
Sherborn	Carlisle
Lynnfield	Hamilton
Boxborough	Norwell
Dover	Duxbury
Wayland	Marion
Marblehead	Hingham

Demographic snapshot

Town 2004 Census	Population per capita (1999)	Income tax bill (2005)	Single family school enrollment (2005)	Foundation
Cohasset	7,274	$42,909	$7,804	1,429
Carlisle	4,830	$59,559	$9,224	1,136
Lincoln	8,000	$49,095	$9,730	928
Norwell	10,390	$37,222	$5,730	2,011
Duxbury	14,691	$40,242	$5,843	3,174
Hingham	21,198	$41,703	$5,783	3,482
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After last Thursday's exhibit, third-grader Alexandra Raymond, left, who portrayed Helen Keller in the Deer Hill Wax Museum, plays a little indoor soccer with Meredith Roach, right, who portrayed Ann Sullivan. For more photos, see page 7.

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Selectmen float bylaw to curb solicitation in town

FROM SELLING, PAGE 1

real evidence there is a high risk of crime from door-to-door solicitation.

Duxbury's bylaw has certain exceptions to those who must register to solicit. There is an "under 18" clause which means groups such as the Girl and Boy Scouts or local sports teams would not be required to register with the police department in order to ask their neighbors for support. In addition, those running for public office are spared the registration process in Duxbury, which Dormitzer joked some on the Cohasset board of selectmen might be happy to hear.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said he thought the bylaw was a good idea, but added he would like to see some limitation on when solicitation must stop for the day. He said perhaps an hour before dusk would be an appropriate time. "It can be very intimidating when someone shows up at your door in the dark," he said.

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— Selectman Michael Sullivan

However, Dormitzer said he has found in the Supreme Court rulings that it is not legal to limit solicitation in the early evening because "that is the most probable time people will be home. That is likely to interfere with freedom of speech," he said. He said it might be possible for the town to impose a solicitation curfew of 9 or 10 p.m., which would provide ample time during those hours when people typically come home from work. Sullivan pointed out 9 p.m. can have more of an impact at different times of the year, and in his opinion, it is still too late.

Selectman Chairman Fred Koed said 1-1/2 hours after dusk seems like an appropriate cut-off point for solicitation. But Dormitzer said it simply won't be legal due to the rulings which have already come down on the matter. "Let's fight it all the way," Koed joked.

Dormitzer assembled information for board members to look over including the Duxbury bylaw and some Supreme Court rulings on the matter. He said he would give selectmen time to read it all over, and they agreed to discuss the issue at an upcoming meeting.

Town begins to build housing partnership

FROM HOUSING, PAGE 1

meet with the candidates for the committee and explain the roles they will be taking on prior to the committee being formed. Griffin said having a group of people that can build institutional knowledge will be indispensable in the future.

Griffin said one of the major projects the committee will handle is finalizing the town's draft affordable housing plan so that it can be adopted and become part of the town's master plan. The committee will also play a role in the affordable components of the Cedarmere and Cook Estate senior housing projects.

Selectmen asked interested candidates to come before the board for an introduction Tuesday. Carlson was the only one able to attend, which means the three other candidates will be scheduled for upcoming meetings.

Carlson said she has a great interest in affordable housing for a variety of reasons. Being of "that age," where her children are out of the house and downsizing is beginning to sound like a good option, she has become very interested in the options available for those 55 and older. In addition, the 33-year resident has a background working with Fleet Bank on various affordable housing projects from the 1980s through the 1990s which she believes could be beneficial for the town.

"What really got to me was that so much work had been done by so many people in Cohasset over the past few years and they came up with a project for which there is no population. I thought, 'how can that be'?" she said, referring to the Cook project. While the project has an affordable component, Cohasset residents won't qualify to live there because they can't pass the asset tests required by the state.

Carlson said she is very familiar with the different rules and regulations that govern affordable housing. She said it is important for the town to realize the definition of "affordable" is different for everyone and the town has to make sure it is truly providing for the needs of its citizens.

Griffin said he will likely be appointing a new housing consultant by the last week of January. In the meantime, selectmen will continue to hold informal interviews with interested candidates. Any residents who are interested in participating on the committee should send a letter of interest to the board of selectmen at 41 Highland Avenue.

Cedarmere project is moving ahead

Jim Smalanskas of Leggat McCall Properties, which is building the Cedarmere senior housing development, came before the planning board Jan. 11 to give an update on progress being made. Smalanskas said to date, two foundations have been poured and construction on those units should begin within the next two weeks. Construction will begin on additional units in the spring.

Smalanskas said there has been some blasting taking place on the site during this phase of construction and it should be finished within two weeks. He said residents who are not within the area required for notice of blasting may call the Cedarmere office at (781) 383-4030 for more information on the blasting schedule.

Zoning changes slated for Town Meeting docket

Downtown floated as top priority

By Samantha Brown
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The stage has been set for some significant zoning issues to come before Town Meeting April 1. Tuesday was the deadline to submit articles for the Warrant, and the planning board has drafted five for the town's consideration. The recommendations come, in part, as a result of work done by the economic growth and development committee. The group has been working together since October to come up with ideas on how to boost commercial tax revenue in Cohasset.

Planning board member Mike Westcott, who is an ex-officio member of the economic growth and development committee, has kept the planning board abreast of that committee's work to date.

On the table is reducing the amount of parking spaces required in the highway, technology, and light industry business districts — essentially Rte. 3A. With a reduction in parking space requirements from 10 to five parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of public space, businesses would be encouraged to expand and make the most out of their property. Taxes are charged by the square foot, which means bigger buildings provide more tax revenue for the town.

Transit Oriented Districts, which allow for changes in local zoning regulations in those areas within a specific distance from public transportation, are also getting support. TODs encourage mixed-use buildings that provide services for commuters at ground level and some apartments on the upper levels.

To go along with the theme of mixed-use development, the planning board and economic growth and development committee are also in favor of rezoning the downtown village district to encourage mixed-use development. That means zoning requirements would be amended to make it possible to have buildings which have office or retail space on the lower level, and residential above.

Planning board member Peter Pratt said while he did not want to give some articles priority over the others, as they are all equally important, the zoning which deals with the downtown business district should be at the top of the list. He said local developer Wayne Sawchuk has a plan to build senior housing in the village and local zoning regulations are stalling its progress.

Sawchuk and his business partner Robert Fesler of Dresden, Maine, have plans to upgrade the Samuel Bates House, also known as the "1811 building," which houses businesses located at 35 to 39 South Main St., including Bia Bistro. Currently, the building has two apartments on the upper level, which Sawchuk said will remain the same. Business tenants in the lower levels would also keep their spaces.

Sawchuk said he would like to build a three-story building behind the 1811 building that will have retail or office space on the first floor, six apartments on the second floor, and six apartments on the third floor. Sawchuk said he envisions the entire building creating more pedestrian traffic flow for the businesses that already operate in the village.

However, zoning regulations in the downtown business district have precluded Sawchuk from being able to bring his vision to fruition. While the planning board gave its OK, the zoning board of appeals stopped the project in its tracks because it would require variances, which are difficult to obtain.

Pratt said Sawchuk and his team have been "pushed from pillar to post unfairly in this building. He has neither bylaw change nor zoning relief."

In addition, Pratt said he believes it is time to put one of the town's newest zoning bylaws to rest and sunset the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. The town adopted the overlay bylaw at the November 2002 Special Town Meeting, as a way to get out from under the threat of 40B projects. Under 40B, developers can come into a town and build senior housing complexes which provide affordable housing options, but skirt around local zoning regulations. The state ultimately has the final say on what is built with 40B projects.

Developers who build projects under the SMROD bylaw are allowed to build more densely than the town's zoning regulations allow (10 units per acre). In return, 25 percent of the project's units must be deemed affordable by state standards. Affordable units must remain affordable for a minimum of 30 years.

Pratt said he would like to see the Cook Estate — which is the second and most current project to file under the SMROD bylaw — as the last development built under the bylaw. "We need to get control of the multi-family developments," he said.

However, Westcott said he was very concerned about potentially sunsetting the SMROD bylaw. He said even though the article, if passed, would allow the Cook Estate to move forward as planned, people "feel so passionate about it" that he could see the bylaw change turning into a problem.

Planning board member Stuart Ivimey said if the board is able to get the word out to the public about the sunsetting and make sure residents understand it will not affect the Cook project in any way, there may not be as many problems as Westcott anticipates.

Pratt said he would like to see another bylaw amended. He said while it has come up before, he would like to see the large home site plan review bylaw amended to give the planning board "a full regulatory approach" to large home review.

While chairman Al Moore said he thought the ideas were good, he pointed out they would make "several changes to the town's bylaws. It could be a logistics nightmare."

Moore suggested rather than bringing six articles forward for the spring Town Meeting, "Maybe we should just get three ready for primetime. The others won't die a slow death, they may just have to wait until the next Town Meeting."

"None of these is a slam dunk, it's very tricky to get them passed," he said.

Pratt said the articles would be reviewed with the zoning advisory committee — a committee which had fizzled out but was recently reinstated and is comprised of representatives from various town boards. The purpose of the ZAC is to study and report periodically to the planning board to recommend updates to the zoning bylaw and zoning map. "If we do our job with the ZAC, I'd be happy to go to the microphone for any one of these," Pratt said.

The articles which were submitted to the town are essentially placeholders and the final language will be run by Town Counsel before any are placed on the Warrant. Articles will be withdrawn if it is determined there is not enough time for them to be fully vetted prior to Town Meeting.

Nomination papers are available

Nomination papers for the 2006 annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 16.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certificates the signatures collected on the nomination papers.

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- Cohasset Housing Authority – One for five years
- Planning Board – One for five years
- Recreation Commission – One for five years
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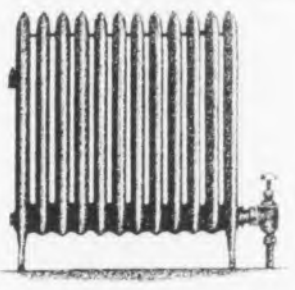

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Life is to short to sweat the little things and having to drive an extra 2-3 minutes out of our way really isn't that big of a deal in the big picture, is it?

DEAN'S LIST

Saint Anselm College announced the dean's list for the first semester and **Amanda Watts**, CHS graduate of 2006 and daughter of **Karla and James** was on the list. Great work Amanda.

WINTER GRADUATE

Hats off to Cohasset's **Margo Doherty** on her graduation from Quincy College Jan. 7. Margo was one of 164 graduates who filled the Marriott in Quincy, along with their family and friends, for the big day. All the best for a bright future, Margo!

AT BRIDGTON

David Silvia, son of **Don and Jennifer Silvia** of Cohasset is studying this year at Bridgton Academy. David, a graduate of Cohasset High, is a member of the Bridgton golf team and earned high honors for the first marking quarter.

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Refreshments will be served. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase a signed book, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

OFF TO PARIS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet Tuesday, Jan. 24 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Following the 9:30 a.m. business meeting, Garden Club members and their guests will tour Paris with **Maureen Bovet.** During her photographic presentation Ms. Bovet will reveal some exiting new gardens that have been created in the famous city. She will discuss French garden design and plant cultivation as she guides us through beautiful Parisian gardens and historic parks. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m.

CYBSA REGISTRATION

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is holding its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through February 1, 2006. The CYBSA will hold a walk-in registration this Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the lobby of the High School gymnasium. Registration forms are also be available at Town Hall, or via e-mail requests at CYBSA02025@yahoo.com. For more detailed information, please see the Sports section.

BIRD CLUB

The South Shore Bird Club will hold its annual meeting and potluck supper Saturday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church Hall, 24 River St., Norwell. Members and newcomers alike are welcome.

Participants should bring their favorite main dish, salad or dessert. Anyone who has taken some interesting slides of birds or bird-related travel is encouraged to bring up to 15 and give them to David Clapp upon arrival for viewing following dinner and the meeting.

The South Shore Bird Club promotes the enjoyment of birding and nature through field trips and educational endeavors. Its goals are to increase the appreciation of birds, provide education on birding and keep records to help understand trends in bird populations. Traditional activities include the Christmas Bird Count, Breeding Bird Surveys and Big Days, all of which provide annual snapshots of local bird populations. Many shorter trips are interspersed to accommodate busy schedules while introducing people to birding and to many of the wildlife preserves in the Greater Boston area with an emphasis on the South Shore. For more information, call Cohasset's **Sally Avery**, 781-383-6043.

That is all for this week. Send in news, thoughts and well wishes to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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OUR WORLD

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Lauren Bass of the South Shore Multicultural Club holds up the Great Wall of China during preparations for the celebration of the Chinese New Year at Our World. The festivities get under way at 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 at Our World off Sohier Street.

China is cultural focus in the weeks ahead

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is open Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m. -5 p.m. and Sat. noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free for members or $5 per person. The museum is located at 100 Sohier St. in Cohasset, just behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and down the road from the Music Circus.

The cultural focus for January and February at Our World is China! Each week we will offer a new craft project related to the culture such as ribbon wishes, paper flowers and paper lanterns. Chinese New year is Jan. 29 and this is the year of the dog. Join Our World on Feb. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. as it celebrates this joyful beginning of the year. This special family festival will include entertainment, art activities, Chinese calligraphy and plenty of tasty food to try. Entertainment will begin at 4:30 with a Chinese Lion Dance and will be followed by an acrobat showing off her plate spinning skills at 5:30! Admission is $10 per adult, $5 per child five and older for members and $12 per adult, $6 per child five and older for nonmembers. Call to reserve space for your family, tickets can be purchased over the phone with Visa or Mastercard (781-383-3198) in advance or at the door. Please let Our World know if you will be attending to help it figure out the amount of food to order!

Programs beginning in February:

Mid-Week Camps — Mid-week camps for first and second grade students offer a great opportunity for children to have fun while learning something new and give parents the chance to get some extra errands done or have a moment to relax. These camps take place on half days for Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate. Each camp has a cultural focus and includes an art project, a movie and a healthy snack. Cost is $15 for members and $20 for nonmembers per child, per camp session. Class size is limited to 15 children, call early to register your children, 781-383-3198. Dates: Cohasset - Feb. 8 & 9, March 8, and May 10; **Hingham** - Feb. 2, March 1 & 29, and May 3; **Scituate** - March 1 & 30 and May 31.

Spanish Program at Our World — ¡Cantemos Pequeños! Let's sing little ones! For toddlers and preschoolers with a parent or guardian, this playgroup teaches children basic Spanish vocabulary such as numbers and parts of the body through a variety of techniques including music, games, toys and activities. A small snack is provided. Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Feb. 8 – March 29. Cost: $120 members, $150 nonmembers for eight weeks, call or email Jodi Craft to register at 781-871-1267 or jodicraft@hotmail.com

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Third grade student Chris Brierley, 8, patiently waits for visitors while posing as a "wax" Abraham Lincoln. Students at Deer Hill dressed up as historical characters and became part of their own wax museum Thursday, Jan. 12, posing silently in front of posters they made on the historical figure they studied.

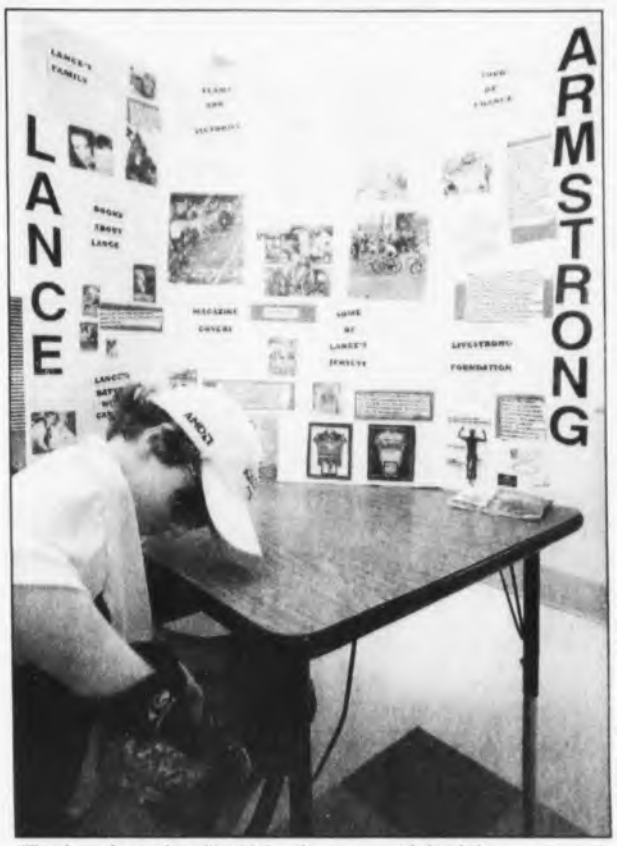
Fourth grade student Katherine Dunn, 10, right, reads about the history of Jimmy Page, as third grade student Hollis Hunnewell strikes a "wax" pose as the musical legend. Students at Deer Hill dressed up in costume to pose as many of the country's icons at the school's "wax museum" Thursday, Jan. 12.

Statue statement

Wax Museum provides history lesson

Staff photos
by
Robin Chan

The image of third grade student Sarah Gruber, 9, is inverted through the eyepiece of a telescope, a prop she used while dressing up as Maria Mitchell, the first female astronomer to discover a comet. Students in grade three dressed up and stood still and silent in front of poster presentations they had made, mimicking a wax museum, Thursday, Jan. 12.



Third grade student Ford Murphy poses with his bike as a "wax" Lance Armstrong. Students were required to stay still and silent at their "wax museum" on Thursday, Jan. 12, letting the posters they had created on people who have made their mark on history speak for themselves.

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MLK Day speaker shares personal message of peace

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"Those that do have a foundation are not coming out loud enough to bring it to the forefront," she said. "We're all sitting in our own comfort zone within our own communities."

Chery, who comes from Central America, said as a child she did not know she was poor. "I was never hungry or dirty and there was always a sense of community," she said.

Monday's event also included an African dance performed by Deer Hill fourth-graders Ki'Shayla Fonfield and Angel Hunter. The Second Congregational Church middle school youth chorus, with Vincent Kennedy providing accompaniment, sang "Border Song" from the 1960s by Elton John and Bernie Taupin.

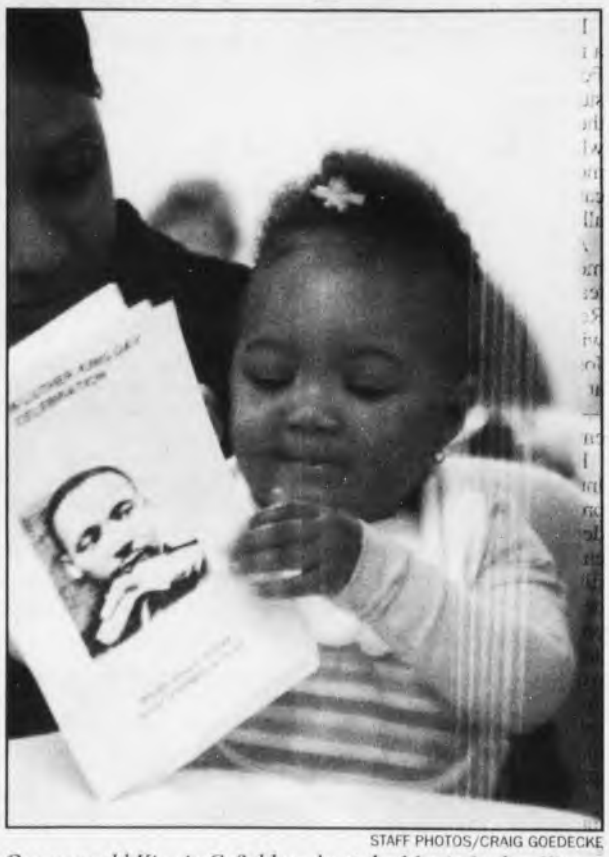
The Rev. Gary Ritts, who served as emcee of the event, described Chery as a "tremendous asset to our area and more importantly to the families in Boston.

"I'm so very pleased with the tremendous response of the community at large — those who organized, those who participated, those who attended — from all around the area," he said about Monday's breakfast. "And most especially for the deeply moving and inspiring message shared by Tina Chery.

"I hope her 'ministry' of peace continues to grow and that Cohasset can expand its support of her efforts," he said.

Chartis Tebbetts, who co-chairs the Cohasset Diversity Committee with Susan Etkind, said the committee is pleased the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast has gained a regular spot in the calendar of the town, and that the Cohasset Clergy Association has become its primary sponsor and organizer.

"The churches seem to be very comfortable with rotating the opportunity to host and present the program," Tebbetts said. "This year's celebration was just the right balance of recognizing Dr. King's legacy, and hearing about the wonderful work of a new organization with its own charismatic leader! The entertainment, food, and overflow crowd made it a most memorable occasion."



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One-year-old Kimyia Cofield peaks at the Martin Luther King Day program.

Ki'Shayla Fonfield and Angel Hunter, fourth graders at Deer Hill, perform an African dance during the annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast Monday in Cohasset.

Clementina Chery, right, and her daughter Allie Chery, 16, enjoy chatting with friends and acquaintances before Chery's talk on Monday.

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Wednesday, 11:15 - 12:00 noon
starts February 1

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Music for Mom & Me
ages 1 to 5
Monday, 9:15 - 10:00am
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Monday, 11:15 - 12:00 noon
starts February 6

The Busy Bees
ages 3
Tuesday, Thursday, 12:00-2:30pm
starts February 7

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age 2-3, Thursday, 11:00 - 11:45am
age 3-5, Thursday, 12:00 - 12:45pm
starts January 12

Exploration
age K
Monday & Wednesday, 12:15 - 2:15
starts January 3
starts February 27

Story & Craft Time
age 3-6
Monday, 12:15 - 2:15pm
Wednesday, 12:15-2:15pm
Thursday, 12:30 - 2:30pm
starts February 6, January 25, 26

Paleontologist Bob
Ages 4 - 6
Friday, 3:30 - 4:30pm
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March Winds with Dorothy
Ages 3 - 6
Friday, 3:30 - 4:30pm
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Preschool Puppet Shows
ages 3-6
Friday, Jan. 27, 12:15-12:45pm
"City Mouse, Country Mouse"
Friday, Feb. 17, 12:15-12:45pm
"The Princess and the Dragon"

Youth & Teen Classes

Assertiveness Training for Teens
age 13-15
Tuesday, 4:00-5:15pm
starts January 19

Baby-sitting Course
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm
starts March 7, 14, 21

Children's Drama Classes: Create a Musical
age 4-6
Thursday, 1:30 - 2:30pm
"Finding Nemo".
starts March 23

Craft Classes
Grades K-6
Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm
starts January 11

Home Alone Safety
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm
starts March 7, 14, 21

Beginner Karate
age 6-12
Monday, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Monday, 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tuesday, 5:30 - 6:30pm
Friday, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00am
starts January 9

Intermediate Karate
age 7-14
Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, 5:30-6:30pm - Purple Belts & up
Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00am
starts January 9

Kid Power - Everyday Safety Workshop for Children
age 4-7 with parent(s)
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Adult & Teen Classes

Pilates
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Ballroom Dancing
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Ballroom Dancing II
Friday, 8:30 - 9:30pm
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Ballroom Dancing III & IV
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starts February 2

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Ages 10 - adult
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starts January 26

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Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30pm
starts March 1

Adult Karate
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30pm
Friday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Saturday, 11:00-12:00 noon
starts January 19

Let's Get Organized
Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00pm
1 night, March 30

Positive Parenting
Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm
starts February 7

Social Skills Training for Adults
Thursday, 7:00-8:15pm
starts January 26

Intermediate Tap for Adults
Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
starts February 8

Street Dance, Jazz & Funk - Adult
Wednesday, 7:30 - 8:30pm
starts February 8

Morning Tai Chi
Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:00am
starts January 18

Evening Tai Chi
Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
starts February 9

Prepare Your Property for the Real Estate Market
Friday, 10:00-11:00am
1 day, January 17

Public Relations for Small Business
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To give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Most medications and medical conditions do not prohibit a person from being a blood donor. Donors can give blood safely every eight weeks. To make an appointment to donate call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290, or the Red Cross Blood Services at 1-800-448-3543, or visit www.givelife.org. For information on the blood donation process and current eligibility guidelines visit www.newenglandblood.org.

Deer Hill School to pilot new internet-based enrichment program

By Samantha Brown
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Students fill out a questionnaire which determines their interests and creates a profile based on topics and learning styles that work well for each specific student.

Deer Hill will soon be piloting a new kind of learning program. For 30-days, some fifth-grade students will be chosen to test out the Renzulli Learning System, which uses the same teaching methods provided in gifted education programs to students from all ability levels.

At the Jan. 5 school committee meeting, Gara Field — a former teacher and representative from Renzulli Learning who works with the program's creators, Joseph Renzulli and Sally Reis, at the University of Connecticut — explained what the program entails.

Renzulli Learning is an Internet-based search engine and profiler that matches how students learn to thousands of enrichment activities. Students fill out a questionnaire which determines their interests and a profile is created based on topics and learning styles that work well for each specific student. Students must sign in using a username and password each time they wish to access the program.

Once the learning style and interests are determined, the program provides challenging activities in 14 different learning categories. For example, the program offers activities in the categories of virtual fieldtrips, critical thinking, and contests and competitions. While the categories are the same for every student, the activities under the category are specifically catered to the student's needs, based on the answers from the questionnaires.

The program benefits teachers as well. Once a student has created a profile, it becomes available to the teacher, who can then see how that child answered the questionnaire. Teachers can then easily determine which kinds of activities the child likes best, which areas they excel in, and can use that information while teaching lessons. The program also provides tips for how to teach in a way that caters to the child's learning style.

Field said the program began last spring and schools from New York City to Montana are using it. "This is one of many tools for education," she said, meaning it will not replace any classroom activities, only add to the curriculum already being learned. She said often children who are on individualized education plans or special education students thrive with Renzulli learning because it is catered so specifically to their interests and learning style.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley said school council surveys conducted last year indicated parents wanted to see more enrichment programs for accelerated learners. As a result, he began looking into different programs and found the Renzulli system. While he said it will provide a need for those students who exhibit gifted behaviors (the Renzulli system does not label children as being gifted, but differentiates that some students exhibit gifted behaviors) it is also inclusive, meaning it can be used by all students. Cohasset schools strive to provide the best and most diverse education for all students as it can, and "Renzulli is one part of that answer," he said. "It's high-end learning for all kids."

Gauley said he is not sure how the students who pilot the program will be chosen, but he does know that there will only be subscriptions for 30 children. Schools who wish to pilot the program receive a free 30-day trial for 30 students. Gauley said there is a good possibility the program will be piloted after school because no child should be taken out of the classroom to participate. There is the possibility the program will become part of Deer Hill's EMC^3 afterschool enrichment program.

If the school decides to purchase the program, it would sign up for a one-year subscription. Subscriptions run for the calendar year, not the school year. While a firm price has not yet been discussed, money to cover the cost has been included in the programs and licensed software line item in the fiscal 2007 school budget, which totals $6,850.

Field said Renzulli likes to make the product available for as many schools as possible, and "If anything, they want to get the price lower." She said that is why the more subscriptions which are purchased for students, the more the price goes down. The school department plans to purchase 101 subscriptions.

At this point, subscriptions are only allowed to be purchased through a school system, meaning parents may not purchase subscriptions from home. Once a child is enrolled through the school, the program is accessible via the Internet, which means it can be used from a home computer.

Curriculum coordinator Nancy Mrzyglod said she is very excited about the program and added it taps into the school's technology resources, which is great. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she thought the program was "cutting edge."

School committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said she thought the program sounded like a good idea and said after the 30-day trial, the school will be able to get feedback from students, and track how it was used, and then decide if they want to make it available to everyone.

For those students who are not chosen to participate in the piloting of the program, Renzulli also provides materials for classroom enrichment which are separate from the computer-based learning system.

For more information on the Renzulli Learning system, please visit the company's Web site at www.renzullilearning.com.

Carriage House open house Jan. 21

The Carriage House School will be having their Open House and registration for parents and children at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 No. Main St., Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Carriage House offers programs to toddlers and well as preschool aged children. Guests will have an opportunity to explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. Those unable to attend the open house may call the school director, Georgie Gladdys at 781-383-9785 to obtain a registration form or for more information.

The Toddler program enrolls children who are 15 months by Sept. 1, to two years 9 months. The Toddler program is two days a week: Monday and Wednesday 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Monday and Wednesday12:30 to 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The Preschool program offers three programs for children 2.9 years by Sept. 1, to age 5. The Tuesday and Thursday morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; and the Monday through Thursday afternoon program for children age 4 by Sept. 1 and entering kindergarten the following year, runs from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The afternoon program is also suitable for children who would benefit from a challenging year before they enter kindergarten. The program also offers an extended day opportunity until 4:30 p.m.

Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Feb. 9. A $50 nonrefundable registration fee must accompany the registration form. The School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families, and remaining space will be filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone or mail the week of Feb. 14.

The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Massachusetts Child Care Services and is NAEYC accredited.

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The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces application for the 2006-2007 school year are available at the nursery school and the Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available until Jan. 25. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration." The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 6, and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children age's three to five. The morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch Bunch is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center programs. The youngest program, "The Nursery Program" is for children who will be three years old by Nov. 1. The pre kindergarten program is for children who will be four by Nov. 1. Also offered is a very special enrichment program for those children who are older fours and fives whom are looking for a challenging year before they enter kindergarten.

If you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment to meet the director call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by e-mal at amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and is located at 3 N. Main St., Cohasset.

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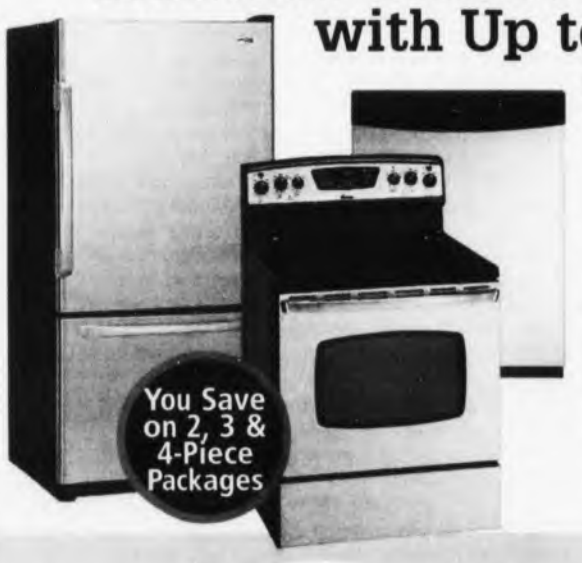

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Déjà vu

This time of year, there is always a disconnect between the town and school department over budgetary needs. In short, the schools are seeking an increase well beyond what the town can afford without an override. So what's new?

In prior years, former Supt. of Schools Edward Malvey's initial requests hovered in the 7-8 percent range over the prior year's budget. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh is coming out of the gate with a 13-1/2 percent increase, roughly $1.67 million over last year.

There are those who will question the need; we won't. Determining what the schools need to continue to provide the education that Cohasset residents expect is the purview of the school committee.

But it is also the school committee's job to direct the superintendent to come up with a budget that is realistic; one that has a chance of being fully funded.

We're not sure what the strategy is here. Ask for the sky and then the taxpayers might be relieved to accept a 7-8 percent increase?

The schools need to come up with a budget that fits within Town Manager Bill Griffin's guidelines and let us know what is at stake without more money. They need to enumerate for us exactly how many teaching positions would be lost and at what levels, and what services would be reduced or eliminated.

A proposed level-services budget would also be helpful, as well as one with new initiatives. Then the taxpayers can have a clear picture of what stands to be gained or lost. It's not difficult to do, the Hingham School Department [which, by the way, presents the press with a budget binder on day one that is added to at every meeting] uses that format.

Time is growing short, the budget season is in full swing. The town side of the budget is getting nailed down while the schools, in our view, are once again coming late to the community table.

No one should blame Cohasset homeowners, who pay some of the highest taxes in the state, for not doing cartwheels and flips over the prospect of another override vote. Cohasset voters have stepped up to the plate time and time again and opened their wallets.

They deserve to fully understand what the school department is asking for this time around.

As your eyes and ears, it's difficult for the Mariner to report fully when copies of budget materials are often not available during the discussion at school committee meetings, only afterwards.

In our view, information is always a positive. Our readers understand budgets are in flux and subject to change. The school department should put all the cards on the table before any more time passes.

Good change

As New Englanders we often abhor change. In a perfect world, we would all like to hold onto our quaint, small-town atmosphere and keep developers at bay.

But some development can be a positive. We're excited about the ideas floated by the economic development committee about the future of Rte. 3A. Clearly the economic development committee and planning board are "thinking outside the box." What a concept!

Creative thinkers and leaders are needed in Cohasset more than ever.

In the village, Wayne Sawchuk has presented plans for a mix of retail and affordable housing for seniors. But his downtown plans to expand the Samuel Bates House could have been stalled permanently by zoning restrictions. However, with the help of the zoning advisory committee, the planning board intends to present a Town Meeting article that would amend the current zoning bylaw and allow those plans to go forward.

For those interested in following this issue, the zoning advisory committee meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 in the Basement Meeting Room at Town Hall.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrestling boosters thank supporters

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset High School wrestling team recently hosted its 15th annual Wrestling Tournament Jan. 14. This year a total of 11 teams from across the region participated in the all-day event.

The Cohasset Wrestling Booster Club provides concessions and T-shirts for the team participants and their fans. The proceeds from these sales all go to the Booster Club to provide uniforms and equipment, as well as senior scholarships for the team.

The Booster Club is generously supported by numerous community organizations, businesses and individuals. We would like to acknowledge and thank our many sponsors who have so generously supported us throughout the years.

Our thanks to: Atlantic Bagel, Atlantic Tire and Alignment, Cohasset Collisions, Cohasset Pizza House, Curtis Liquors, Dunkin Donuts, Good Fella's Pizza, Good Sport, pilgrim Co-operative Bank, Pizza Box, Pizza Zone, Shaw's Supermarket, Stop and Shop Supermarket, West Corner Liquors and any and all individuals who have donated their time, and energy to help our Cohasset wrestlers.

Monica McKenna
Tom and Theresa Littauer
for the Cohasset Wrestling Booster Club

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Library laptops – The library has two wireless laptop computers available for on-site use. Patrons need to present their library card at the circulation desk. Laptops can be checked out for one hour.

Book group selection – The group will discuss "Middlesex," by Jeffrey Eugenides at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Meeting Room. Those needing a copy of the book can place a hold on the title or ask any librarian for assistance. Open to the public.

Artist exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "The Six Styles of Janis," an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Jan. 8 through Feb. 28. Meet the artist at an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Wednesdays.

Downloadable audiobooks – Library users can checkout and download popular and award-winning audiobooks from home. Visit the Library's online catalog, and click eAudio Downloadable Audio Books in the upper right-hand corner. This service allows patrons to listen to audiobooks on their home computers or hand-held devices. Questions may be directed to the online FAQ or ask a librarian for assistance.

Understanding the Modern Middle East – Paul Pratt Memorial Library is joining with the Hingham Public Library to present a new reading and discussion program. Understanding the Modern Middle East was developed by the Humanities Foundations and Massachusetts scholars. The free program offers an opportunity to learn about the history, politics and culture of the Middle East. Four two-hour sessions will be held every other week beginning Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. The sessions will alternate between Hingham and Cohasset libraries with Hingham hosting the first session. Participants are asked to read related material from the text, "Between Memory and Desire: The Middle East in a Troubled Age," by R. Stephen Humphries. Limited copies are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Advance registration required. For more information call Reference librarian Gayle Walsh, 718-383-1348.

Income tax forms – There are a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons room. Reproducible forms can be used on a copier. Inquire at the circulation desk.

FOR CHILDREN

Music and craft helping children have success now - A Community Partnership for Children is sponsoring a music, story, and craft time for preschool age children and their parents in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Musician Mollie Caravello will be performing. This event is funded by Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Essay Contest — The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts is announcing its seventh annual On-line Student Essay Contest for Massachusetts students grades 4-12. The theme is "Making Democracy Work: Our Bill of Rights".

Contest details, including rules, prizes and essay questions, are available on-line at www.lwvma.org. The contest ends on March 15 and the winners will be honored at an event at Fanueil Hall on April 30. Bookmarks outlining contest general information are available in the Young Adult Room.

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Showing respect for our language

ALL I KNOW IS . . .

WILLIAM SPROUT

Even so, there is one thing to be said in Mr. Bush's defense: he never said he could speak or write English well, and, to his credit, he has never shied away from providing ample evidence of that fact.

A national study, reported by Sam Dillon in the New York Times, Dec. 16, 2005, page A28, indicated that literacy among American college graduates had declined "significantly over the past decade." The test, administered in 2003 by the Department of Education and called the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, found that only 31 percent of the graduates scored at the proficient level, whereas in 1992, which is the most recent testing time before 2003, 40 percent scored at the proficient level. The report blamed the "rising number of young Americans in recent years (who) had spent their free time watching television and surfing the internet." It seems to me that only mentioning two possible reasons is too limited. There are, I would submit, many other possible causes: affection for video games, failure of the parents to speak properly in the home, failure to teach grammar in the classroom, shallowness and superficiality among some teenagers, a loss of cultural values, and a lack of respect for the English language — the only native language today's abusers of English will ever have.

When one realizes that not even one third of America's college graduates are proficient in English, the "Frontline" report last week revealing the academic inadequacies of American students in comparison to Belgian students should have come as no surprise. Educators have long known that, globally, K-4 American students generally compare well to K-4 students from other countries, after which a separation begins to occur academically, quite evident by the eighth grade and pronounced by the 12th grade, by which time American students have, in general, lost a great deal of ground.

I saw this gap between American high school students and French high school students a few years ago when, for three years, I served as an Assistant d'anglais in a French lycée in Paris called Janson de Sailly, located in the posh 16th arrondissement. Often the seniors and juniors I taught there had a better command of English than American high school students do, as well as a much greater interest in being proficient. I also was delighted that the French frequently corrected my French, so that I could improve and so that they could feel proud of their language and literature. This pattern also applied when I went to Spain and Germany to learn Spanish and German. Most Americans hesitate to correct a foreigner who makes a mistake in English and this attitude is itself a mistake. I could never have learned three foreign languages in five years without the interest and cooperation of many native speakers. The grammatical errors that are noted in this column are made in the same spirit: **learn the rules of grammar, accept benign criticism so that you will improve, and show respect for your language.**

Of course, besides our national indifference to learning other languages and cultures, we have now an additional problem: our own President George W. Bush struggles with the English language as ferociously as Daniel Webster fought with the Devil. As a result, we rarely hear or read the English language used correctly in political discourse. Instead, we encounter the following: about a month ago Mr. Bush was taking questions from a group of reporters at the White House about the unfavorable Amnesty International report concerning America's alleged abuse of prisoners in Cuba and Iraq. Mr. Bush replied that Amnesty International was "disassembling." He then added, for the benefit of anyone who might not understand his impressive use of English, that "disassembling" meant "lying." Several of the reporters guffawed but none was impressed. Why? The word that Mr. Bush had meant to use was "dissembling" (to hide or disguise one's true feelings), not "disassembling" (to take to pieces), and he had boldly exposed his ignorance.

Although our nation has gradually adjusted to Mr. Bush's solecisms, faulty syntax, dangling modifiers, faulty parallelism and other infelicitous and inappropriate grammatical impossibilities, it must be a bit unsettling to many Americans to know that they speak better English than their president. Even so, there is one thing to be said in Mr. Bush's defense: he never said he could speak or write English well, and, to his credit, he has never shied away from providing ample evidence of that fact. One critic calls it NGELB (No Grammatical Error Left Behind).

There are, however, millions of professionals who have been forced to make the commitment, overtly or by implication, to speak and write English correctly, by virtue of their line of work. They are the journalists, copy editors, TV reporters, regional editors, free lancers, managing editors, TV news directors, news writers, ministers, professors, TV weathermen, lawyers and public speakers of all ilk who fill the rooms, air waves and pages of print every day but who, sadly, have only a limited knowledge of their native language. Since speaking and writing English correctly are essential to their craft, why do they allow themselves to err? As professionals, are they indifferent to what a professional communicator should be able to do: write and speak English correctly? If you heard a musician playing his instrument poorly, would you not feel that the musician should first learn how to play before performing in public? Most Americans, doubting their own knowledge of their own language, assume that, if it appears on TV or is printed in a newspaper, it must be grammatically correct. **Not so.**

Here are some examples of what I mean:

1. **Dr. Phil** - About a month and a half ago, Dr. Phil was discussing on his program an unusual ménage à trois involving a married man, his wife and his mistress. The married man had recently impregnated both wife and mistress, who was married and lived across the street. Dr. Phil asked this philandering spouse, "And what gave you the right *to lay* with another man's wife?" **No.** Dr. Phil should have said *to lie*. There are two verbs, *to lay* and *to lie*. The first verb is transitive. It means "to place," and takes an object, as in "I lay the book on the table." The simple past is I *laid* and the present perfect is I *have laid*. The other verb is intransitive. It means "to rest," and does not take a direct object, as in I *lie down*. The simple past is I *lay down* and the present perfect is I *have lain down*. The tendency of Americans challenged by grammar is to use only *to lay* for both verbs, as Dr. Phil did. There is reason for confusion: I *lay* is the present tense of *to lay* and the simple past of *to lie*. Also, *I have lain down*, though correct, strikes those grammatically challenged as archaic and I have had students tell me that no such tense exists. That is why they are students.

As a footnote, let me mention that, on the several occasions when I have had surgery that required hospitalization, all doctors and nurses have said to me, if I was sitting up in bed, "OK, now lay back," instead of "lie back." On one occasion, when I had been in the hospital for several days and had heard every doctor and every nurse make this same mistake, out of pure curiosity, I asked why they did not say, "lie back." To a person - doctor or nurse - they swore that "lay back" was correct and, when challenged, they simply said, "Well, whatever." **No.** I am glad to report that their medical knowledge exceeded their knowledge of English, which after all was the main point in this case. However, do not make any assumptions about whether a doctor or a nurse speaks English correctly or not. The ones I have met, as a unified group, do not.

2. **Dr. Phil** — Last week, Dr. Phil had Starr, from "The View," as his special celebrity friend, on his program to plug her new book and explain how she had recently lost 150 pounds. As the first guest took her seat next to Starr and opposite to Dr. Phil, he said to his guest, "Well, you have already heard Starr and *I* talking, haven't you?" **No.** Starr and *me* talking. With pronouns, there are case endings: Nominative or subject (I), Genitive or Possessive (my), Dative or Indirect Object (me), and Accusative or Direct Object (me). *Me* in this instance is the Indirect Object (put *to* in front of *me* as a test that this is an indirect object, not a direct object).

3. **Oprah** - I have great respect for Oprah, who has performed many wise, positive and generous acts over the years, and I mention her grammatical mistakes only in the spirit that I hope my comments will be helpful, not hurtful. She was once a journalist and, in general, she speaks extremely well. However, she - or perhaps a young assistant who writes her cue cards - has an affection for dangling constructions, mostly participles, which have nothing to modify. On Dec. 14, Channel 5, at 4:30 p.m., she introduced a guest as follows: "After fighting for his life for an agonizing four months in and out of the hospital, doctors believed that Eric was going to lose his battle." Were the doctors fighting for his life? **No.** Eric was and the sentence should be rewritten as follows: "After fighting...the hospital, Eric was on the verge of losing his life." To correct a dangling participle, go to the comma that follows and make sure that the next noun or pronoun can perform the act described by the participle.

4. **Oprah** - The next day, Dec. 15, 2005, Oprah introduced a guest as follows: "As a young girl growing up in Texas, people often told Jenny that she looked like Julia Roberts." People are a young girl growing up in Texas? **No.** How do you fix this? Go to the comma and look at the first noun or pronoun that follows. Can people be a young girl growing up in Texas? Who is the young girl growing up in Texas? Jenny. Then rewrite as follows: "As a young girl growing up in Texas, Jenny was often told that she looked like Julia Roberts."

5. Here is an example from the Fruit Center in Hingham, observed last week. There was on Jan. 4, 2006, a sign attached to a pile of watermelons which read, "Personel Size Water Melons $3.99 each." What are the grammatical errors? The word "personel" does not exist in our language and watermelons is one word. I saw the errors uncorrected for several days and perhaps the erroneous sign is still there. During those several days hundreds of shoppers walked by. Many employees as well. No one did or said anything. My point is that we should strive to speak and write English correctly, we should politely try to correct an obvious mistake, and we should not become indifferent to the value of our language, which depends on grammatical accuracy, clarity of thought, and respect.

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Our Chinese discoverers

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I see they are unveiling this week in Beijing a map that proves that a Chinese admiral called Zheng He discovered America in 1421 long before Christopher Columbus was even a gleam in his old man's eye.

A Chinese lawyer named Liu Gang came into possession of the map, which is said to show all the world, even the new one, with remarkable accuracy, in 2001 and has spent the intervening years trying to authenticate it.

"It's authentic. It supports my book to the hilt," says Gavin Menzies, the Brit author who first laid out Admiral Zheng He's claim, including the theory that his fleet reached the coast of Rhode Island.

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I hate to break it like this to the Knights of Columbus but in the realm of fantasy, with occasional hard evidence, there apparently were so many strangers wandering around the Americas in 1492 that Chris was hard put the find room to land.

A good deal of them wound up in New England, too.

Some 50 years ago, a man named Frederick Pohl discovered holes in some rocks along Bass River and Follins Pond in Yarmouth and decided they were mooring holes for the Viking Leif Ericson's ships and proclaimed Cape Cod to be the long-sought Vinland.

He was so pleased with himself he wrote a whole book about it.

A hundred years ago, Harvard professor Eben Norton Horsford was so certain the Norse Vinland was up the Charles River at the place the Indians called Norumbega that he promoted a statue of Leif Ericson in Boston.

His reasoning was a trifle circuitous — the Norse were Norwegians from Norway and they called their homeland Norbega. New England Indians had a habit of dropping an "um" in the middle of words. Hences "Norumbega."

There is also the round stone tower in Newport, R. I., once identified as Governor Benedict Arnold's mill, whose possible origins as part of the Norse settlement have been romanticized in a poem by Longfellow.

Vinland, of course, has since been identified almost certainly as the northern tip of Newfoundland, a far cry from New England.

Rock carvings resembling a knight found in Westford, Mass., have been identified as evidence of a visit to New England by Henry Sinclair, the prince of Scotland and Orkney in 1398.

Columbus even has rival Italians, Nicolo and Antonio Zeno of Venice, who claim to have discovered a new land by sailing west into the Atlantic for 28 days either with or without Prince Henry Sinclair.

There was the Mali Emperor Abubakarl II, who gave up his throne and sailed away to the west in 1311, which possibly at least partially accounts for the African features on some of the ancient statues in Central America.

Fishermen from Portugal and Brittany will tell you that they have been coming to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland for hundreds of years. It's just that the fishing was so good they couldn't bring themselves to let the world in on it.

So, Admiral Zheng He, welcome. We'll set another place at the table for you.

HEALTH NOTES

Shedding light on seasonal affective disorder

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Seasonal affective disorder is also sometimes called winter depression or the hibernation reaction.

You may have seasonal affective disorder, or winter depression, a form of depression that tends to occur as the days grow shorter in the fall and winter. It is believed that affected persons react adversely to the decreasing amount of light and the colder temperature as autumn and winter progress.

The symptoms of "SAD" include regularly occurring symptoms of depression (excessive eating and sleeping, weight gain) during the fall or winter months and full remission from depression in the spring and summer months, with no nonseasonal depressive episodes. A craving for sugary and/or starchy foods has also been said to be characteristic of SAD and separate it from other depressive disorders. Other symptoms include: low mood starting in autumn or winter; lack of energy; irritability; lack of interest in socializing; increased sleep and daytime sleepiness. Women may be affected more often than men.

Seasonal affective disorder has not been recognized very long as a medical condition. The term first appeared in print in 1985. Seasonal affective disorder is also sometimes called winter depression or the hibernation reaction.

Opinion is divided as to whether SAD is a separate disease from other forms of depression, although there does appear to be a group of people that suffer with it on a regular basis starting in the autumn or winter and then recovering in the spring or summer.

It is unusual for these symptoms to be of sufficient severity for them to be brought to the attention of doctors but for those individuals who do find that they need medical help, all the usual medication and psychological treatments may be tried. There have also been reports of successful treatment using exposure to bright light as well as several studies leaving some doubt about the effectiveness of artificial light in solving the problem.

There is a small proportion of people with regular winter depression who find that their mood does not simply return to normal in the spring/summer, but that it becomes excessively high. It is possible that these individuals have another disorder and psychiatrists may propose mood stabilizing treatments for a more common non-seasonal form of the illness.

What causes winter depression?

In some people the apparent relationship to the seasons is simply because of stresses and difficulties that regularly happen for them at that time of year. It takes a serious effort to get by the holiday season without some type of mood variation. Regardless of what people call these episodes, they would seem to be little different from any depression that is triggered by a stressful event with which most of us cope.

Where a stressful event doesn't occur expert opinion varies. Some theorize that SAD is related to the reduction in natural light and the lower temperatures in the winter months but there is no good evidence that SAD is more common in very northern countries where the winter hours of daylight are much shorter.

It has been suggested that the release of a brain chemical (melatonin) may be involved. Melatonin release is influenced by exposure to light and can exert an effect on several bodily rhythms, but research has been fairly inconclusive.

SAD is known to run in families; is more common in certain countries, and investigators indicate that Doctors in Sweden say SAD affects up to 20 percent of Sweden's 8.5 million people to some degree. However, people living in some far northern countries such as Iceland seem to be less prone to the condition.

Researchers from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) in Bethesda, Md., believe they have discovered a gene that may make people prone to SAD. NIMH Researcher Dr. Leo Sher who works with the gene believes that a version affects a person's response to light. However, Dr Sher also suspects SAD could have a purely psychological component. The symptoms of SAD could simply be a natural and desirable response to winter, he said. "In nature, animals are generally less functional in winter."

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Housing needs for seniors

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin for a discussion on the needs of Cohasset seniors. Denise Baxter, executive director of Sunrise Assisted Living, discusses things to consider and watch out for when seniors are living alone.

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Local realtor and senior activist Margie Charles talks about what Cohasset seniors need in terms of housing.

And on a lighter note, roving reporter Rich Ofsthun seeks to answer the question as to why Cohasset needs five pizzerias.

Also as election season begins with nomination papers available stay tuned to Our Town, which will feature candidates running for the various positions.

Adding excitement this season will be open seats on the school committee and board of selectmen. Other boards with positions up for election include: planning board, water commission, board of health, sewer commission, recreation commission, housing authority, assessors and library trustees.

Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

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Balanced budget falls short in several areas, Griffin says

By Samantha Brown
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Whoever said less is more never had to prepare a town budget.

The fiscal 2007 budget has been presented, but Town Manager Bill Griffin said he is particularly concerned about a series of line items that are very important to the town, but due to budget constraints, are not fully funded.

Prior to developing the budget, Griffin asked department heads to come up with a budget requesting every item necessary. Griffin said while he encouraged departments to ask for what they really needed, he made it clear there is a shortage of money and items would be prioritized. From those requests, Griffin cut $900,000 to ensure he could present a balanced budget.

The town's side of the budget does not have any new positions, which is part of the reason Griffin was able to keep the bottom-line figure within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 — the state law that caps the amount a municipality can increase its tax levy from year to year. However, he said the town will have to decide what to do about the volunteer coordinator position at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office, which is instrumental in keeping the department running. Currently, the position is being funded by a grant, "but the grant is running out and at this point, I can't fund the position," Griffin said.

Griffin said he would have liked to have allocated funding for a school resources officer, which would ensure a member of the police department is on hand at the schools every day. The constant police presence would allow for positive relationships to be made, but the officer could also be used for safety in the building. The lack of funding for the officer ties in with Griffin's overall feeling that the school budget he has recommended has a significant shortfall.

The building maintenance department is also significantly under-budgeted. "It is not nearly as staffed as it should be," he said, adding there is not enough help to adequately take care of the town's buildings, including the town's brand new schools. Griffin said 75 percent of the maintenance budget is school-related. The department of public works is also in need of more staffing.

Griffin said the town also has a need for engineering expertise and there is no money in the budget to hire an employee or consultant. Griffin said he had included the position in the budget, but was forced to take it out due to a lack of funds. He said the town has been very lucky to have the Greenbush liaisons working in Town Hall, as they have been able to answer many of the engineering questions that come up.

In addition, the town has a need for additional planning services and currently the budget can only accommodate paying for the town planner one day per week.

In light of the needs expressed, and due to the fact that the school department says it needs an increase of $1.6 million this year, selectman Michael Sullivan said in his opinion, "It looks to me like it's impossible to not have an override."

Town departments didn't get what they asked for in fiscal 2007 budget

Department	Request	Recommended	Difference
Planning board	$53,372	$14,450	$38,922
Police department	$1,983,034	$1,764,982	$218,052
Fire department	$2,014,597	$1,842,864	$171,733
School department	$13,791,366	$12,714,714	$1,076,652
DPW	$1,323,329	$1,271,899	$51,430
Building maintenance	$718,619	$504,504	$214,115
Elder Affairs	$209, 954	$179, 024	$30,930
Library	$503,753	$460,430	$43,323

Department heads to make their case for budget funding

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen plan to review the recommendations for some larger departmental budgets over the course of the next two weeks.

At the request of Town Manager Bill Griffin — rather than reviewing the details of every one of the small budgets which make up the larger town operating budget — the board will meet with department heads from the police department, fire department, department of public works, building maintenance department, library, and elder affairs.

"I feel based upon what I have recommended, these six departments deserve more conversation," Griffin said.

He said over the next two weeks, the board should meet with three department heads each night. The agenda for the Jan. 24 meeting will likely include the police, fire, and public works budgets, while the Jan. 31 meeting could include building maintenance, library, and elder affairs. Scheduling will depend on the department heads' availability.

However, Griffin has a list of 15 additional items that are also on his "wish list" but were not included in order to keep the operating budget within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2. If funding becomes available, he would like to see as many of those funded as possible, but the town would need to find an extra $482,000 to add all 15 items to the budget.

Griffin said prior to the meetings with department heads, he would like the board to review the additional 15 budget expenses which were proposed and prioritized in his budget message (See related sidebar). Griffin said the board should also consider the impact on departments if further reductions in their budgets become necessary or are imposed by Town Meeting, including options for cost savings, consolidation, and service level modifications.

Griffin said he will instruct the department heads to be prepared to describe how their departments are currently staffed, how that staffing impacts overtime expenses, and how budget reductions or additions will affect the level of service available to the public.

Selectmen asked about receiving an update from the school department, which makes up a large portion of the overall town's operating budget. Griffin said he understood the school department would be having its last budget presentation from the principals Jan. 19 and after that, there would be a joint meeting scheduled with the selectmen, school department and advisory committee. He said the meeting would likely take place at the end of January or the first week of February to give time for the governor's budget to be finalized. (The governor's budget should include local aid figures).

Griffin has suggested the town take a new approach to budgeting this year and produce balanced budgets from the start as well as supplemental budgets which can be used to add items if funding becomes available.

Selectman Rob Spofford said although the board has not been given a formal presentation on what the school department's budget would entail, it is clear from the school committee the school department's budget will seek a $1.6 million increase over last year. Griffin has factored in a 3 percent increase for the school department in his recommended budget or roughly $350,000.

The $1.6 million amount is not within the confines of Prop. 2-1/2 and therefore, would be out of balance unless the town seeks an override.

"We never voted, but as a board, we have to decide whether we support Bill's budget message and send that message up there (to the school department)," Spofford said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the school department is aware the selectmen favor seeing a balanced budget from the start. However, he said that conversation should take place at the joint meeting with the advisory committee.

For more information on meeting schedules, please contact Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100 or the selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Wish list items for the town's budget

If additional revenues become available beyond those projected or a Prop. 2-1/2 override is sought, Town Manager Bill Griffin recommends the following general government expenses be considered as priorities for restoration, in addition to adding funds to the school department's budget.

Department	Description	Amount
Police department	School resources officer (.5)	$40,286*
Elder affairs	Vol. coordinator (now grant funded)	$24,270**
Building maintenance	Maintenance worker	$55,654**
Building maintenance	Part-time custodian for library	$16,713**
Town manager	Engineering consulting services	$30,000
Planning board	Planning consulting services	$17,000
Public works	Heavy equipment operator	$54,610**
Building maintenance	Maintenance services	$50,000
Library	Additional staff hours	$23,690**
Police department	Overtime	$20,000
Fire department	Overtime	$20,000
Public works	Overtime	$10,000
Snow & ice	Expenses	$25,000
Legal services	Town Counsel services	$25,000
Fire department	Fire hydrant rental	$70,000

* Represents 50 percent of shared position with the Cohasset school department and 100 percent of estimated fringe benefit expenses.

** Cost includes estimate for fringe benefits well applicable (health insurance, pensions, worker's compensation, Medicare and life insurance).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Housing consultant got us thinking

TO THE EDITOR:

The Mariner coverage of Mr. Engler's sharing of his senior housing expertise was bittersweet. It is wonderful that we have, somewhat belatedly, sought expertise that apparently was overlooked in the runup to the Cook Estate deal. It is sad that what Mr. Engler said, according to the Mariner, could have been known and had actually been suggested indirectly a number of times over the past three years. The bittersweet part is that his insights may now be discounted due to charges of conflict of interest as stated by Peter Pratt. My own view after reading Mr. Engler's saga is that he was in a conflict of interest, but that should not devalue his comments.

For example, Mr. Engler has been quoted as saying that affordable apartment units and at-market residences are odd bed fellows in his experience. He seems to believe that developers will likely stay away from apartments and he gives reasonable explanations of why. I think his position is valid.

However, on the issue of apartments I agree with former selectman McMorris that they should have been placed higher in the selection criteria as a public policy matter in providing affordable housing. On the other hand, I also agree with Engler's observation to the effect that the town tried to build too many goals into the Cook Estate Project. In some sense it was predictable that Goal A [to manage 40-B development on the town's terms] and Goal B [to provide affordable housing to Cohasset residents age 55 and above] were bound to come into conflict. If nothing else Mr. Engler's public observations should alert us to the complexity of the deal and the fact that the sequence of decision-making has been, well, odd.

Maybe an example of this conflict can be seen in the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District [SMRD] bylaw. I voted against this bylaw. One of the reasons was that as I read the zoning bylaw for the SMRD, Section 16.10.6 contains this prohibition: "A SMRD shall constitute housing for persons of age fifty-five or over within the meaning of MGL...and in accordance therewith one hundred percent (100%) of the dwelling units in a SMRD shall be owned and occupied by at least one person fifty-five..."

If that is an accurate reading of the bylaw and that it is a reasonable assumption that "apartments" can't be owned, then the SMRD bylaw prohibits apartments from a SMRD. Yet the Cook Estate **is** a SMRD. Therefore, the RFP could not include apartments and if apartments were recommended by a bidder it would not fit the parameters of the bylaw.

If that is true, then Mr. Engler could also have argued against mixing apartments and condos on the basis that the bylaw under which the Cook Estate is being built actually prohibits them. Mr. Engler deserves thanks from Cohasset Taxpayers for getting us to think hard about this project and to question assumptions. Four to five million dollars is a lot of money no matter how we cut it. And, if as some have suggested, the town could buy the property and then seek a developer, we'd have a lot more at risk than we do now.

Terry McCarthy
Old Pasture Road

Thanks to many benefactors

TO THE EDITOR:

As we complete our 13th year in operation, the Cohasset Food Pantry would like to thank our many benefactors. We are now located at the St. Anthony Parish Rectory and can now provide ground floor access to the Pantry. We thank Fr. John Mulvehill and the staff at St. Anthony for their continued support and generosity.

As always, we are also thankful for our loyal volunteers who come to help stock the shelves, distribute food and provide cheerful conversation and guidance to our grateful recipients. Several of these volunteers have been with us for many years. Our current volunteers are:

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The Cohasset Food Pantry relies on food and monetary donations throughout the year. We have been blessed this season with an abundance of food donations thanks to the monthly food drives at our local churches and our many benefactors. There are many churches, organizations, businesses and families who helped us provide holiday meals and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas and supported us throughout the year. We wish to acknowledge:

Beechwood Congregational Church; First Parish; Nativity Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church; Second Congregational Church; St. Anthony Parish; and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

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The South Shore Chamber of Commerce is hosting a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday (Jan. 23) at the Radisson in Hotel Rockland.

The topic is "What's behind the high cost of housing?"

Why are houses so expensive in eastern Massachusetts? Researchers from the Pioneer Institute and Harvard's Rappaport Institute examined the regulations in 187 communities east of Worcester. Their provocative new study "Regulation and the Rise of Housing Prices in Greater Boston" points to the patchwork of local land-use regulations governing zoning, wetlands, septic, and subdivisions.

"The greater Boston area's housing shortage is not the result of a shortage of land, but rather of restrictions on the existing land that make denser development difficult to impossible. While low densities have their virtues, they also ensure that housing will stay expensive and retard economic growth," the study states.

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce, one of the sponsors of the study, has invited the study's authors to discuss their findings with local officials and South Shore business leaders.

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Sustainable farming in Africa slide show

Tim Ashton, previous farm manager of Holly Hill Farm on Jerusalem Road, has returned from Southern Africa where he has been promoting sustainable farming methods amongst rural farming communities in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. He will present a slide show on his activities over the last year, at 7 p.m., Thursday Jan. 26, at the Cohasset Library. Free and open to the public. For more on his work in Southern Africa, visit www.gomango.org. For further questions contact Tim at timfromzim@gomango.org.

Republicans celebrate vice president's birthday

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is having an informal gathering Wednesday, Jan 25, in the Sails Room at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset to celebrate Vice President Richard Cheney's birthday. All are invited to attend and enjoy a convivial evening. Drop in anytime after 7 p.m. and have hors d'oeuvres, dinner or just beverages while socializing with some of your favorite Republicans. Any cost is whatever you personally order from the menu. For further information call Lee Jenkins at 781-383-0024 or Edythe Ford, 781-383 1648.

Teachers hold another 'informational' picket

Members of the Cohasset Teachers' Association gathered at 7:15 a.m. yesterday (Thursday) at the corner of Rte. 3A and Sohier Street to hold another informational picket. The demonstration was intended to increase awareness of what teachers have said is an "ongoing crisis."

Cohasset teachers began this school year without a contract and are still working without one. A press release issued by the CTA states that after "yet another bargaining session last night (Tuesday, Jan. 17) with a mediator, teachers and the school committee remain apart on key issues that will impact the schools' ability to attract and retain highly qualified teachers."

The release quotes Ed Leonard, high school guidance counselor and teachers bargaining team chairperson. "It's been over a year and we're losing patience," he stated, adding "Fundamentally, this contract is about our schools' willingness to pay teachers commensurate with surrounding towns like Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Duxbury, and Hanover.

"We've been extremely flexible in our negotiations. While we've made some progress, we're not there yet. The bottom line remains: how will Cohasset schools attract and retain the best and brightest if they fail to pay teachers fairly?"

Cohasset teachers have been gradually escalating their protests in an effort to settle the contract. The beginning of the year saw teachers attending school committee meetings en masse, all wearing red buttons to show their solidarity. Statements were read stating their desire to move forward with negotiations.

Into the year, teachers began holding informational pickets or walking out together at the end of the school day. A work-to-rule was instated, meaning teachers would only perform the duties outlined in their contracts, and nothing more, such as chaperoning dances or coordinating overnight trips. Teachers also held an informational picket at the corner of Rte. 3A and Pond Street in December.

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Another close call for gymnasts

By Rachel Thomas
CORRESPONDENT

Another meet, another narrow loss.

The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team took part in a meet at home this past Saturday against Hanover. Although it was originally scheduled to be a tri-meet, Bridgewater Raynham was unable to attend; therefore, the meet only included Coh-Noh and Hanover, with the local team dropping a 124.6-124.1 decision.

The meet was quite close between the two teams throughout the entire competition, as many members of both teams had scores in the 7's and 8's. One of Coh-Noh's strongest events was bars, as captains Kate Carpenter and Erin Kelly received scores of 8.0 and 8.1, respectively. Both Lisa Spirito of Cohasset, also a captain, and Melissa Murphy of Norwell followed close behind, earning scores of 7.9.

"One particular girl who had a very great meet was captain CJ Himberg," said coach Amy Maree. "She obtained an 8.0 on beam, a 7.6 on floor and a 7.5 on bars, all of which were very important scores to the team."

In addition to Himberg, all of the seniors again were strong assets to the team. Both Kelly and Spirito, captains of the team and the all-around competitors, had high scoring meets. Kelly, who scored an 8.65 on floor, obtained a 31.75 for her all around score, and Spirito, a senior from Cohasset, scored a 31.05 all around.

Murphy competed on three events, scoring a 7.4 on vault, a 7.45 on floor, and a 7.9 on bars, scores which were significant contributions.

"Melissa Murphy also had a very good meet as she was very strong on the three events she competed on," Maree said.

Norwell freshman Cassie Pacella competed on floor, as she surpassed her previous score of a 7.2 with a 7.5.

The Hanover team's strongest event proved to be floor, where one of the gymnasts scored an impressive 9.2, while another competitor scored an 8.7.

"We knew it was going to be a close meet because Hanover had been scoring about the same as us in their previous meets," Maree said of the competition.

Although the meet did not go in Coh-Noh's favor, the team was quite happy with how each gymnast did.

"The meet was so close and everyone tried her hardest, so we are all proud of how we competed," Murphy said.

The meet against Bridgewater-Raynham was rescheduled to be included in the meet this past Tuesday against Plymouth South. B-R will be tough competition for Cohasset-Norwell, as the team has been scoring between 130 and 140 throughout the season.

Cohasset defenseman Conor Holway administers some punishment upon Abington-EB's Anthony Poliatti during the third period of the Skippers' 3-2 victory on Saturday.

CHS skaters showing promise

Coach encouraged by recent efforts against Norwell, Abington-EB

By Mark Goodman
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Judging by how coaches Ben Virga and Paul Hurley were talking after Wednesday night's Norwell-Cohasset hockey showdown, you'd have thought the score was the other way around.

Norwell was victorious, 3-0, but it was Cohasset's Virga who was raving about his team's effort, while Hurley was clearly frustrated.

The Skippers out-shot Norwell 33-18 for the game, 17-7 in the third period alone, and that's not the only category in which the Skippers' third-year coach feels his team had the advantage.

"[Norwell] has a very talented team, but I felt that for 45 minutes, we carried the play," Virga said. "I thought we out-hit them, out-skated them and out-hustled them."

The game started out as a primarily defensive battle for the first seven minutes. The top blue-liners on each side - Conor Holway and Charlie Czerkawski for Cohasset, Andrew McClendon and Brendan Gilligan for Norwell - made it tough for their opponents to get quality shots on the net. Czerkawski had a big-time hit two minutes into the game, one of many on the night for the Skippers sophomore.

Virga also praised the defensive play of junior Corbin Faber, who started the season as a forward.

"Corbin played an unbelievable game of defense tonight," Virga said. "He's been playing defense for two weeks, and he already knows the system better than everyone."

It was McClendon, though, who came up with the play of the night to set up Norwell's first goal. With 1:40 to go in the first period, Cohasset freshman Andrew Smith broke into the offensive zone on a 2-on-1. McClendon cut to his right, skated Smith off the puck, controlled it himself and passed it up the ice to teammate Cody Cavicchi.

Now it was Cavicchi and fellow sophomore Cory Himberg moving in on their own 2-on-1. The Clippers duo made it count, as Cavicchi hit Himberg with a pass and Himberg put it in for a 1-0 lead with 1:33 left in the period. Cohasset's Mark Bouchard had a good chance to score on a wrister just 13 seconds later, but Norwell junior goalie John Collins (33 saves) made the stop.

The second period started the same as the first, with the defense in control of the game. Norwell sophomore center Dan Dempsey joined the hit parade with a couple major shots of his own. At the 7:21 mark, Dempsey was on the other end of a big hit, but not before he got off a perfect pass to freshman James McAteer in front of the net.

McAteer backhanded it past Cohasset netminder Jonny Wade (15 saves) for a 2-0 Norwell lead. Sophomore Zach Smith also picked up an assist on the goal.

From there, it was all Cohasset in every phase of the game except for the one that matters most: the scoreboard. Holway and junior center Austin Lanzillotti had great back-to-back chances with five minutes to go in the second, but Collins was up to the task on both.

It was the play of Collins and McClendon that made the difference for Norwell, who picked up its third goal with 4:23 left in the game when freshman Garrett Duffy found Dempsey with a nice cross-ice pass on a two-on-one for the goal.

Collins made six more saves after that for the shutout, including two on monster shots by Cohasset senior Brandon Smith from the point.

Virga again complimented the play of his "black line," T.J. Kennedy, Alex Goetz and Chris Davis. The coach says his team as a whole has improved vastly since the beginning of the year.

"A month ago, we were hoping we didn't lose [to Norwell] by 10 goals," Virga said. "That's how far we've come."

Cohasset 3, Abington-EB 2

Against a team that Virga expected in the preseason to be

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Three finish first at Cohasset Tournament

Dorian, McKenna, McClellan take top spot in their respective weight classes

By Ben Libby
CORRESPONDENT

Several Cohasset wrestlers left the Cohasset High Gym on Saturday night with smiles on their faces.

Senior co-captains Shane Dorian and Dave McKenna finished first in their respective weight classes. Joining Dorian and McKenna on the winners stand was junior Ryan McClellan. Although Cohasset didn't win its own tournament as a team, they were in the hunt all along and finished fifth out of 10 squads.

The story of the day, however, was the impressive performance of Dorian, who was voted Outstanding Wrestler by the coaches. In all three of his matches, he pinned his opponents for the victory. In the finals, Dorian pinned Josh Sardy of Lynnfield.

Going into the tournament, Dorian was seen as the favorite in the 145 weight class, and he responded with dominating triumphs.

"Today I had the confidence and I knew no one could stop me from getting the championship," Dorian said after his title bout. "Especially since it's my last Cohasset tournament, I wanted to go out in a good way."

Also going out in a good way in his final Cohasset

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Jaffe named most innovative youth lax coach

Cohasset's Chuck Jaffe has been named the country's most innovative youth lacrosse coach by U.S. Lacrosse, the sport's national governing body.

The founder and director of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, Jaffe traveled to Philadelphia last Saturday to receive a plaque and also a certificate of recognition for his 10 years of involvement in youth lacrosse. The town's youth program started in 1996; Jaffe coached boys for six years and is entering his fifth season of running the girls program.

Among the concepts Jaffe says he has brought into his practices are "tackle lacrosse" (which is exactly what the name implies) and the philosophy of "dominant moments," in which making a big play is more highly emphasized than being a dominant overall player.

"If you scoop the ball up in traffic and pass it to the right person in the right place, and do it without panicking," Jaffe explained, "then for those five seconds, everyone else on the field is waiting on you. You are totally in control of the game."

Cohasset lacrosse parents Lynn Previte and Paula Buick, who have both had multiple children play for Jaffe in the youth system, nominated him for the award. Jaffe also thanked coaches Bob Inman and Jen Palmer, both coaches in the youth lacrosse program.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has 250 players in grades 3-8 for the upcoming season, split into 14 teams (eight boys teams, six for girls).

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Cohasset's Chuck Jaffe, with the Most Innovative Youth Lacrosse Coach plaque awarded to by him by U.S. Lacrosse.

Lady hoopsters hoping to bounce back

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Let's face it, last week was not the best week for John Levangie and his Lady Skippers.

On a balmy Tuesday evening - Jan. 10 to be exact - the squad headed south into Carver country to square off against last year's South Shore League champions. The temperature soared past 50 degrees, but the Skipper shooting hit the freezing mark.

From the get-go, the Crusaders spelled trouble for Cohasset. Just minutes into the game, senior captain Chelsea Grossman injured her knee, sidelining her for the rest of the game. Without Grossman's spark on both ends of the floor, the Skippers struggled both offensively and defensively.

The first half seemed more like "The Carver Show" than a fairly-matched contest.

"We weren't playing like ourselves," explained junior Lacey Richardson. "We were asleep defensively and our offense was nonexistent."

The Skippers emerged from hibernation in the second half. Freshman Gabriella Flibbotte ran the floor with confidence. Captain Mia Lieb-Lappen ran up eight points in the final minutes. Despite these impressive personal efforts, the Crusaders put the game way out of reach, ultimately winning by a 45-24 score.

Part two of the disappointing week occurred three days later. A long bus trip down to Harwich didn't change the downward direction of the team. On a positive note, the Skippers played solid defense during for much of the first half. Unfortunately, soon after the buzzer sounded for the start of the second half, the Rough Riders trampled on the Skipper defense.

"We always find it tough to defend Harwich," admits Levangie. "They are very consistent and their outside shooting is outstanding."

The Skippers fell by a respectable 49-37 score.

No reason exists to lose hope however. Both Carver and Harwich represent some of the toughest competition Cohasset will face this season. The girls should perform better as they gain more experience.

Just take Levangie's word for it.

"These losses did not discourage us," he said. "Because we are a young team, we expect to be unpredictable. We keep improving. I am confident we will bounce back."

Hopefully the Lady Skippers can get back into the groove just as quickly as the fell out of it, as they got off to a good start in that direction with Tuesday night's win over Hull. Tonight's game at Norwell, who are in second place in the league after knocking off Harwich earlier this week, will be a true test.

All-Scholastic field hockey team

Remy Lee - Senior (Capt.)
Defender - Cohasset

Remy Lee

One of the most improved players on the Skippers team; won Cohasset's Defensive Player of the Year award at postseason awards dinner…Stopped many opponents attacks from her left back position…One of three defenders to play all 60 minutes in 2-1 upset win over Mashpee on Oct. 17…Praised by coaches for her play in Cohasset's 2-0 loss to Case in state tournament…Participated in offseason camps to improve her game…A member of the CHS chorus, Lee also performed in last year's school production of "Grease" and has an interest in Shakespeare…Plans to study either criminal justice or communications in college, where she will likely play club field hockey…Plays tennis for CHS, and is a team captain this spring…Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Remy's intensity boosted our team in so many cases. She would do whatever she could to help the team. She always remained positive, gave 110 percent, and really helped this team along."

Kelly Downs -
Senior (Capt.)
Stopper - Hanover

As the equivalent of an infield utility player, Downs made her presence felt all over the field…Working primarily as a midfield/stopper, Downs was an essential part of a defense that shut out 11 opponents in 17 regular season games…A strong and skilled player, Downs came up huge in a rematch with Patriot League rival East Bridgewater, marking the league's best attacker and denying her the opportunity to score in a 0-0 tie…Downs' play across the field helped the Lady Indians to a 13-3-1 overall record, while going 12-1-1 in the Patriot League, the loss and tie coming against EB…A Patriot League All-star, Downs is a two-year starter on the field hockey team…Also a standout catcher on the HHS softball squad, Downs will captain that team this spring…She was an All-Scholastic in that sport last spring.

Angela Stearns -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hanover

One of the best midfielders in the Patriot League over the last three seasons, Stearns is a two-time PL All-star for the runners-up (12-1-1, 13-3-1 overall)…Opposing offenses found it hard to get by this talented center midfielder, who made key contributions both offensively and defensively…Stearns' speed and stick skills made her most effective in breaking up plays before they began…She was also a key member of the Hanover offense, assisting on 19 goals, while scoring two herself…Stearns was the go-to person on corner penalties because of her ability to convert her hard, flat hits…Stearns was a member of the Massachusetts Best of 60 Senior team this past fall…She is making her second appearance on the All-Scholastic field hockey team…Stearns also made our softball squad after turning in a solid junior campaign with the PL champion Lady Indians last spring…She will captain that team in April.

Kate LaRose - Junior
Goalie - Hanover

In her first starting season, this talented keeper was one of the best in the Patriot League this season, finishing with a 0.76 goals against average, second to only fellow All-Scholastic Caitryn McCullam…LaRose allowed just 13 goals and shut out 12 opponents in 17 regular season games…Helped get Hanover off to a stellar 9-0 start in giving up just two goals in those contests…Came up huge in a trio of big games against rivals East Bridgwater and Hingham, shutting out the Harborwomen (2-0) and denying several chances in a 2-1 win…In a rematch with EB, LaRose was stellar in shutting out the Patriot League's leading scorer en route to a 0-0 tie…Her performance in the cage helped the Lady Indians nail down a 12-1-1 record, good for second behind only EB…Met up with the Lady Vikings again in the Div. 2 South tourney and turned in a great effort in a tough 3-2 OT loss…Just a junior, LaRose will return to the field hockey squad next season.

Caitryn McCullam -
Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Hingham

Was the anchor of a Hingham squad that enjoyed one of its best seasons in recent years…McCallum recorded nine shutouts in 18 regular season games and did not allow more than two goals in a single game all season…She only did that three times…In all, McCullam allowed just 12 goals in 18 games for a Patriot League-leading 0.67 goals against average…The confident keeper denied some of the better opponents in the PL, shutting out Duxbury and allowing just one goal in a 1-0 loss to champs East Bridgewater, a team loaded with offensive power…Also shut out highly regarded Div. 1 Bridgewater-Raynham (1-0)…Her solid play in the cage led the Harborwomen to an 11-4-3 record (9-3-2 PL, third place)…In the Div. 1 South tourney, the PL All-star was sensational, denying New Bedford in regulation and in OT in Hingham's 1-0 first round win…Turned in a very respectable performance against Div. 1 power Walpole with a 26-save effort in a quarterfinal loss to the eventual Sectional champs…McCullam also runs track indoors and plays lacrosse…She is vice-president of her Senior Class and plans to attend college next fall. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "Caitryn is a veteran of the tournament. She is a seasoned goalie and we will miss her next year."

Tori Popp - Senior
Midfielder - Hingham

This Patriot League All-star is a two-year starter on the Harborwomen squad and was an essential part of the team's speedy offense…Popp was a key fixture in the midfield, her speed and stick skills making her one of the squad's best setup players…Not one of those players who racks up the stats, Popp's impact in the midfield went far beyond points…Playing in the middle, there weren't many balls Popp didn't get a stick on, consistently creating opportunity for the Hingham squad…She was also an essential part of the defensive midfield, contributing to a Harborwomen defense that shut out nine opponents in 18 regular season games and allowed just 12 goals…Her impact on the field helped Hingham to an 11-4-3 record, while going 9-3-2 in the Patriot League to finish third…Played very strong in the team's 2-2 tie with PL champs, EB, putting what was the first blemish on the Lady Vikings' record…Popp also played well in a 1-0 OT win over New Bedford in the Div. 1 South tourney before leaving the field prematurely in a quarterfinal loss to Walpole due to injury…Popp plans to attend college in the fall.

Taylor Gorman -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Marshfield

Was the key set-up person on offense for the Lady Rams…Gorman's speed, skills, and scoring ability earned her the Most Valuable Player award from her team…The senior captain racked up 17 points on seven goals, 10 assists…Had two of her best games against non-league foe Plymouth North, netting one goal in a 1-0 win and both in a 2-1 victory…The Old Colony League All-star was one of the few returning starters on a squad that graduated 15 seniors from the previous fall and was an excellent leader, according to her coach…Gorman was mainly the team's center midfielder, but also dropped back to center back when the Lady Rams (6-11-1) needed to protect a lead…Is also a standout lacrosse player at MHS and the three-year starter will captain the squad this spring…Gorman plans to continue her field hockey career in college next fall. Marshfield coach Carol Anderson: "She is the backbone of the team. Everything goes through her. She sets up her teammates well."

Margot Littlehale -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Norwell

Arguably the Clippers' best two-way player, helping lead the program to its first state tournament berth in nearly a decade…South Shore League All-Star made plays all over the field…Defensively, almost always in the right position to stop an opponent's attack…Took most of the restarts in the attacking half of the field…Says the Oct. 24 game in Hull, where Norwell clinched a spot in the postseason, was her and the team's best of the season…Scored two goals in 6-0 win over Chatham on Sept. 12…Assisted on key insurance goal during Sept. 30 4-2 win in Marshfield…A captain on the defending Division 2 state champion lacrosse team; currently playing in an indoor lacrosse league to prepare for the spring season…Hopes to continue her lacrosse career at Connecticut College, her first choice for college, and plans to major in political science and minor in Spanish…A member of the Young Republicans club and Diversity Club at NHS…Norwell coach Jen Schad: "Margot was probably our strongest leader on the team, and our most versatile player. She just loves the game."

Erin McCarthy - Senior
Midfielder - Norwell

One of Norwell's top defenders from her midfield position, McCarthy was one of three South Shore League All-Stars on the Norwell roster this season...Showed great improvement over the course of the season, to the point where she was one of the Clippers' most valuable players by year's end…Contributed a lot to a defense that allowed more than two goals only four times during the whole season…A good athlete with never-ending stamina…A former trackster at NHS…Peer Educator is also a member of the Diversity Club and Yearbook Club…Norwell coach Jen Schad: "Erin really came a long way for us this year. By the end of the year, I thought she was consistently one of the best players on the field."

Chelsea Bracchi
Senior (Capt.)
Goalkeeper - Pembroke

Next season the Titans will miss this solid rock between the posts as well as her leadership qualities. The Titans' season was an up and down affair for the young squad, but Bracchi was a definite bright spot for Pembroke all season long. The senior goalkeeper was voted the team MVP this season as well as winning the coach's award at the Fall banquet. She stopped 166 shots this year including a pair of shutouts a tie with Scituate and a win over Divsion 1 Taunton. She also had a monster game in a losing effort to Hanover. She earned league all-star recognition for her efforts this season. She is a captain in three sports, including the basketball and softball teams, and was a Patriot league all-star in softball last spring as a junior captain in the outfield.

Melissa McGinley -
Senior (Capt.) -
Forward - Scituate

The most consistent offensive threat for a Sciutate team that doubled its win total from last year…One of two Patriot League first-team All-Stars this season…A solid stick handler that started many attacks with her runs upfield…Took many of Scituate's restarts in the offensive end…Her penalty corner led to Scituate's goal in a 1-1 tie with heavily favored Duxbury on Oct. 13…Has only played the game since her sophomore year…Also a captain for the SHS softball team, where she plays second base…Will go to college in Florida, either at Nova Southeastern University or Florida Southern…Plans to play field hockey and softball in college, and major in biology…Aspires to a career in the medical field…Has recently taken up kickboxing…Consistently praised by SHS coach Heather True for her leadership on what was a young Sailors team this year

Michelle Pecinovsky
Junior - (Capt.)'
Center Midfield - Silver Lake

The Silver Lake field hockey team was fortunate to have this stalwart on the field at all times this season. Early in the year head coach Marlene Lopes moved Pecinovsky into the center midfield spot in order to have everything go through her and she rewarded her coach with solid play in the middle. She scored four goals this season for a team that had a hard time generating offense, and she was often a prime target of opposing defenses. She was a captain of the team as a junior, and will perform the same task next season in her fourth final year as a member of the varsity. She is a member of the girls basketball team in the winter and the golf team at Silver Lake.

Coach Lopes on her star player, "She's a tremendous leader and one of our hardest workers."

Honorable Mention:

Katie James - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Cohasset
Katherine Whoriskey - Sr. (Capt.) - Defender - Cohasset
Jen Parisi - Sr. - Forward - Hanover
Jamie Reddish - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Hanover
Lauren Pastuszak - Jr. - Midfielder - Hingham
Gina Viola - Sr. (Capt.) - Goalie - Marshfield
Kathryn Ankner - Sr. (Capt.) - Defender - Norwell
Heidi Sheehan - Jr. - Midfielder - Scituate

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Three finish first at Cohasset Tournament

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Tournament was Mckenna. Mckenna won his first match by major decision (11-2) and his second match by tech-fall (15-0). In the finals, Mckenna beat Joe Bois in easy fashion (10-4) to win the 171 weight class.

Junior Ryan McClellan had himself a nice day, winning his first match by pin and his second match by decision (10-5). Then in the finals, McClellan stormed his opponent and pinned him to win the 112-pound weight class.

Also having a fine tourney for Cohasset was Jake Watts (103) and Adam Smith (135), both finished third in their respective weight classes. Nick Cambi finished his day with a record of 2-2, landing him in the fourth place slot.

The Cohasset wrestling team traveled to Carver Wednesday night, and tomorrow afternoon (2 p.m. start) compete in a challenging quad with Wayland, Whitman-Hanson and Durfee.

CHS skaters showing promise

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a contender for the South Shore League title, Bouchard scored the game-winning goal with 1:30 left to give the Skippers a huge win at Rockland Rink.

After a scoreless first period, Cohasset sophomore Patrick Doonan put his team in front early in the second. Coming out of the penalty box, Doonan took the puck toward the AEB net and went top shelf for the goal. The home team tied it soon thereafter, and it was 1-1 at the second intermission.

In the opening minutes of the third, Andrew Smith put in the rebound of his own shot for a 2-1 Skippers advantage. That lead held until there were two minutes left in the game, when AEB tied it up, setting the stage for Bouchard's dramatic score.

Virga said Doonan and the Smith brothers came up huge in this game, as did Wade in net.

After the loss to Norwell, Cohasset's record stood at 3-5-2 at the halfway point of the season, 2-2-2 in the league. Virga admitted Wednesday night that catching first-place Norwell in the league may be wishful thinking at this point, but said second place "is wide open." Mashpee, Harwich-Provincetown and AEB are all in contention for that second spot with Cohasset, who is 1-1-1 against those teams so far this season.

As for the Skippers' ultimate goal of qualifying for the state tournament, Virga says his team virtually has to win its next two games: Saturday night in Pembroke (6:50 face-off at Hobomock), and Wednesday night (5:40 scheduled start) in Bridgewater against Carver-Sacred Heart. Cohasset will be looking to avenge a 3-3 tie against the Crusaders at Pilgrim on Dec. 28.

CHS boys come up short against Harwich

By Fletcher Smalzel
CORRESPONDENT

In the middle of a stretch riddled with South Shore League games, the Cohasset High boys basketball team played host to the Harwich Rough Riders last Friday night.

Coming into the night, the Skippers had already played three straight games against opponents in the South Shore League, and Harwich would make it four. Since league games are so vital to a team's success in the regular season, Cohasset head coach Dorian Bryant and his team knew they would be in for a fight against Harwich.

"Harwich is a scrappy team, pretty well coached, and they have a really good player in Ryan Soares," said Bryant after his team's 52-46 loss. "We knew that they were going to come in here and give us a good challenge. We just came up a little short tonight. But the kids played great."

The Harwich boys came out of the gate very aggressively, pressing Cohasset's guards, senior Trevor Brady and sophomore Pat McCarthy. Junior forward Jeff Brown proved to be a reliable outlet to break the Rough Riders' presses.

Brown's skillful ball-handling resulted in numerous drives to the hoop. Although Brown and his teammates had some trouble making lay-ups in traffic, their consistent efforts to get to the hoop resulted in several trips to the free throw line.

By the end of the first half the "rough" Riders sent Cohasset to the line 10 times, while the Skippers finished the half with just four fouls. The abundance of fouls by Harwich did not hurt them, however, as they went into the half ahead, 25-15.

Brown and Soares proved to be the stars for each team, going into the halftime break with nine and 11 points, respectively. Despite Soares' short stature, he was able to drive through the paint on multiple occasions to help Harwich jump ahead.

Cohasset may have been down at halftime, but they were certainly not out. The Skippers were able to come out of the locker room motivated and ready to play, thanks to some words of criticism by Bryant.

"I said that we need to get more focused…we could give a little bit more effort," said the coach.

As the two teams took the floor for the second half, Cohasset was able to close the gap on the Rough Riders, and with eight-and-a-half minutes to go in the game the Skippers had taken their first lead, 31-30.

A huge contributor to the resilience of the Skippers was John McCarthy. Even though he finished the first half with no points, McCarthy came out firing in the second, finishing the game with 10 points. Brown continued to contribute in the second half as well, matching his first half total of nine to give him 18 points for the game.

Despite their slow start to the second half, Soares and his Rough Riders were able to regain the lead. With one minute left in the game, Harwich was comfortably ahead, 47-41. Soares' game-high 20 points propelled Harwich to a 52-46 victory over Cohasset.

Hull 47, Cohasset 39

By Eric MacCarthy

Monday night the Skippers traveled to Hull to tip off against the Pirates. Coming in with only two wins, and one being outside of the league, Cohasset was looking to win this big game.

Right from the beginning, things were not looking up for Cohasset. After only the first six minutes of play, Cohasset already trailed Hull 15-3 with only a mere three-point shot made by starting small forward Jeff Brown. It appeared that the Pirates strong attack and pushing of the ball was too much for Cohasset to handle.

The explosive offense of Hull was led by senior point guard Henry O'Loughlin, who finished the game with 24 points. O'Loughlin seemed unstoppable, draining almost every single shot he took and outrunning everyone else on the court.

The inability of Cohasset's defense to keep up with the fast-paced game of O'Loughlin and the rest of the Pirates led to a horrible sight of the scoreboard for the Cohasset fans that made the trip. As the buzzer went off to signal the end of the first half, the Skippers were looking down as the scoreboard read 32-10, Hull. O'Loughlin had 19 points which contributed for more than half of Hull's points. Brown had half of Cohasset's points with five.

Coming out of the locker room, the Skippers knew that they had to play much better than they did in the first half, and it seemed to show. In the first seven minutes of the second half, Cohasset had already doubled their score, but now trailed Hull 43-20.

About a minute later Hull finally took O'Loughlin out of the game, giving the Skippers a chance to make the score more respectable. Cohasset's defense was stepping it up and in the next five minutes only allowed a single point, and trailed only by 13.

O'Loughlin re-entered the game, but this didn't faze the Skippers, as they continued to cut the lead down and play the tough defense they had been lacking in the first half. Senior co-captain Trevor Brady nailed a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded to account for the final score of 47-39, Hull.

Even though it was another loss for Cohasset, they showed that if their hearts are truly into the game they can play pretty well. In the second half, Cohasset outscored the Pirates 29-15, which was probably partially caused by another halftime speech from Coach Bryant. Unfortunately, that first half hole was too much to overcome.

The boys face another tough challenge tonight when Norwell comes to town for a 6:30 tipoff. Cohasset hosts Mashpee on Tuesday night.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset youth baseball and softball registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season up through February 1, 2006.

Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the lower lobby of the High School gymnasium. In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than February 1, 2006.

Registration forms will be available at Town Hall, or via e-mail requests at CYBSA02025@yahoo.com. Registrations that are received or postmarked after Feb. 1 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2006. The registration is for the girls softball aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 12 and 14 (for Junior League) as of December 31, 2005.

A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the junior league baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the American League division for baseball (ages 9-11) and softball (ages 9-11) divisions will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls in the National League division for baseball (ages 6-8) and Instructional Softball (ages 7-8) will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (boys and girls ages 5-6) will be $65.

Be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register. Please note that boys and girls who are six years old, but who played in the farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year.

Be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at 781-383-9538 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

Sci-Coh youth football elections

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleader Organization will be holding its Annual Board of Director Elections at the Scituate Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend. For information, please call 781-556-0215.

Gymnastics clinic

Want to be on a high school gymnastics team someday? Come one, come all and see what it is all about!

Watch exhibitions from all the Cohasset/Norwell competitors! The clinic will meet at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street in Cohasset on Monday, Jan. 23 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Cost for this fun-filled evening is $14 (make checks payable to Ruthann Ardizzoni and return to the South Shore Community Center gym).

For more information, contact Ruthann Ardizzoni, director of gymnastics at the South Shore Community Center at (781)871-6586 or (781)383-0088. The event is for girls ages 7-14; space is limited, so sign up today.

CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE THE FINAL CHOICE IN YOUR CAMP SEARCH

BY BETTE BUSSEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION, NEW ENGLAND

• **Use your knowledge** about the prospective camper when making the final decision. That's why advisors and experts, like those on staff at ACA England, cannot choose a camp for you. Consider the camp in terms of the child or teen's current needs and interests.

• **Revisit the initial conversations** you had with your child or teen. Are the expectations you both had from the start still realistic? The elements that you both felt were essential to find in a camp (dealbreakers) may now have changed since you've found out what's really offered.

• **Compare and balance** the family's expectations based on knowledge about the prospective camper WITH the list of what your actual camp research has turned up. If the lists don't match at all, start over and find other options by contacting a camp advisor or consultant. It's at the intersection of these lists that

• **Explore the potential fit of your finalists.** Nothing can replace visiting a camp when children are present; so if at all possible, go see your finalist camps the summer before you plan to send your child. That way you can imagine what it will be like. Recognize that it will be slightly different next summer. Weather may be different, counselors and activities may change, and new children will be part of the group. Still, you'll get a sense

• **Try to meet some of the camp personnel** in person or over the phone. Attend camp informational sessions and Open Houses, go to camp fairs and meet the camp's administrators, and take the opportunity to talk with them on the telephone. Look at pictures of the camp on the Web site, on DVD or video and in print materials.

• **Get a peek at the camp through the eyes of other parents.** Ask for references and check them. Hear about what other families did and didn't like about the camp you are considering; let your prospective camper do part of the interviewing too. Ask good questions and listen carefully to the answers.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Some seniors bid adieu to English

LIFE AT CHS

CHRIS PESCATORE

The high school is extremely mundane following the long weekend and it seems as though there is almost nothing going on this week. Exciting news is not something that is abundant in this edition; however, I'll do my best to spice up the few events that are taking place. The term is coming to an end next Friday and report cards will be issued on Feb. 3. For those lucky seniors who began the year with English, this week will be their last full one (except for AP they meet all four quarters) of English for the rest of their high school careers, congratulations. Martin Luther King Day was observed on Monday, and there was a breakfast sponsored by the Diversity Committee to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. King. Zachary Etkind, an astute young adult here at the High School participated with others at the event. Here we go again, the news in the Cohasset High School for this week.

• The Debate Team will have met on Tuesday, the 17th to review their objectives and strategies for their big meet on Wednesday against Bishop Feehan. Good luck students, make a point.

• The Drama club will have met on Tuesday and Thursday in the auditorium to rehearse for their upcoming event.

• The PSO President's Council will have met on Tuesday.

• The Varsity Swim Team will have had a competition Wednesday at Randolph High School. Best of luck swimmers, do as the fish do.

• The Varsity Ice Hockey Team will have had a huge game at Norwell on Wednesday. They need support so if you missed this one; make it a point to go to their next home game in Hingham.

• Congratulations to the following students who were published in the January issue of Teen Ink: **Ryan Ingram, Toby Norman, Chelsea Richardson,** and **Nicole Whitney.**

• Wrestlers have a quad meet on Saturday at Wayland, vs. Whitman-Hanson, Durfee.

• The High School Band and Chorus will have had their annual Cabaret at 7 p.m. at Atlantica on Thursday, the 19th.

• Juniors will be receiving their college binders soon, which will help guide them through the arduous college process next year. Have fun with it juniors.

• The Faculty Senate suggested to the administration that they reinstate backpacks in classrooms, returning the school back to some form of normality.

• SAT's will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, which is the same day as the Junior-Senior Semi-Formal Dance.

• A committee has been formed for the selection of the members of National Honor Society; the committee is comprised of are the Department Chairpersons. This means that new students are now able to be admitted to the venerable society, and those who qualify were notified this past week.

There you have it, a committee was formed for the National Honor Society, which is big news for those juniors striving for excellence, but too little too late for some seniors hoping to join the club before the second term of their senior year. That's really all there is this week, it's a bit sad I know, but what can you do after a long weekend except enjoy the four day week, so try to stay warm in this frigid weather pattern.. So long.

Helping the hungry in South America

By Graham Blackburn, Cali Guiggio. Lauren McManus, Owen Burchill
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Mrs. Wells's class collected the cans in the recycling bin at the Joseph Osgood School. We recycled them for five cents each. We bought a chicken with the money. Chickens lay eggs to feed hungry people in South America.

Since a chicken can lay 200 eggs a year, it can feed a family for a year. When a chicken gets old, families can eat the chicken. We hope by the end of the year we can collect more bottles to earn enough money to buy another animal.

This article was submitted by a second grade class at the Joseph Osgood Elementary School that is studying the continents. The students completed learning about South America and contributed to Heifer International. This organization sends animals to Third World countries to build sustainable income and food for needy people.

PAC by-law panel meeting

The Parent Advisory Council for Special Needs By-Law Panel will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. The goal of this meeting is to review the current by-laws and update them so that the updated draft can be shared with members in the school district for additional input and approval.

For more information, e-mail: southshorepac@comcast.net.

Integrated Preschool applications available

The Integrated Preschool of Cohasset Public Schools is accepting applications for typically developing children. Children who are 3-years-old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 are appropriate for the morning class. Children who will be 4-years-old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 will be considered for the afternoon class.

Applications, which are available in the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St. and at Osgood Elementary School, must be returned by Feb. 17: Student services Office, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Watershed Academy to start

The Center for Student Coastal Research in collaboration with the town of Cohasset, Coastal Zone Management and Cohasset Middle-High School Summer Institute program, announces the establishment of the Watershed Academy. This initiative builds upon CSCR's expectation that academy students can learn how to produce research findings that meet the rigors of professional, peer review standards. The academy is a series of instructional classes that will provide students with the knowledge and training needed to properly assist their communities in carrying out coastal research projects.

Students will learn how to do environmental science, and how to actively protect, preserve, and promote stewardship of our coastal resources. For ambitious, curious, and concerned young people interested in learning the basics of coastal watershed problems and research, the academy will provide a comprehensive set of skills directly applicable to research projects currently underway in Cohasset, Scituate, Hull, Hingham, Marshfield, Hanover, and Norwell. For experienced students who have participated in past environmental research projects, the academy will both strengthen and broaden the knowledge and skills they have previously acquired.

Tentative dates and times are Wednesdays, from 7:15 to 9 p.m., at CSCR, 40 Parker Ave, Cohasset, for 10 weeks, beginning March 1. There is no tuition for the academy. The academy is supported by Coastal Zone Management grants to CSCR and the town of Cohasset. Enrollment is open to all, with preference given to area high school students. For information call Jack Buckley, 781-383-0129 or email jbuckley.cscr@verizon.net.

Students will learn how to do environmental science, and how to actively protect, preserve, and promote stewardship of our coastal resources.

The Watershed Academy will address the following general topics and objectives:

How to set up and organize a major environmental study plan. How professionals approach a problem such as non-point source pollution and how they conceive, organize, and develop a plan of study.

GIS and ArcView watershed analysis tools. How to use the computer mapping software ArcView and geographical information systems technology to create, analyze, visualize, or present environmental data.

How to conduct Field Inspection Efforts. What needs to be examined in a watershed study area, how to find it, what to observe, and how to record it.

Water quality sampling and analysis plans. What to test for, how to test for it, how to understand it; how to record it, and how to analyze it. Use of mathematical statistical analysis tools.

Hydrologic Analysis and Pollutant Load Allocation. How to figure out how much water moves through an area such as rainfall washing down roads, into the ground, or into catch basins. How to calculate the amount of freshwater flowing into the harbor, or how to calculate how much saltwater is flowing into a marsh. How to calculate the amount, or load of pollution entering the system.

BMP assessment and optimization. What a Best Management Practice is, what it looks like, and how it might fit into the needs of a problem area.

Summary reporting. What is needed by a town or organization for its final report. How to put together a report that will "meet the rigors of professional scientific review."

Prospective students will be interested in knowing that CSCR is working closely with area schools to provide eligibility for course credit. Cohasset High School students will be advised by science department chair Dave Magnussen regarding course credit. Additionally, highly motivated students who complete the program may be eligible for a paid position in the Summer Institute program, subject to additional grant funding. Students should understand that the Academy program is the type of extra curricular study that could possibly open doors to future unforeseen opportunities.

Juniors organize PASSBACK project

"Passback" is something that you might think gets yelled during a basketball game or a soccer match. But in Mr. Buckley's Community Service/Civics class at Cohasset High School, it has a completely different meaning. To three Cohasset juniors, Haley Haracz, Taylor Bukowski and Sarah Beth Butman, it means giving a group of kids in a completely different country a chance to play a sport they love with some slightly used equipment.

Sarah Beth Butman, Taylor Bukowski and Haley Haracz standing behind some of the equipment collected for the PASSBACK project.

Early in the fall semester, Haley, Taylor and Sarah Beth needed to come up with a service project to complete the main focus of Mr. Buckley's class. Coming up with the idea was fairly easy, but completing the task became a huge undertaking.

The trio put together flyers and made posters, usually distributing and displaying them near Milliken Soccer Field and at the middle-high school. They also had a homeroom contest at the middle school. Collection boxes at Milliken and CMHS were filled to the brim and the three girls began to deal with the problem of boxing and shipping the equipment.

During the collection period, two unexpected donations occurred. The Cohasset Soccer Club kindly donated dozens and dozens of mildly-worn soccer balls and bags, and another wonderful friend and booster of Cohasset soccer donated some brand new equipment, uniforms, pads, goalie gloves and other new soccer items to the cause.

Once the collection period ended, two more daunting challenges lay ahead: boxing and shipping. The equipment was brought to the CMHS locker room and easily took up a good portion of it. The girls spent days and days deflating each ball, cleaning and organizing equipment and packing them in boxes for shipping. Uniforms were organized, folded and boxed. The other miscellaneous articles were cleaned and packaged.

Finally, more than 150 soccer balls, 454 pairs of cleats, 75 jerseys, 100 pairs of shorts, pads, gloves, ball bags and equipment bags were securely packaged and labeled.

But who would pay for the shipping? Thanks to the Cohasset Soccer Boosters, the girls had nothing to worry about. The Boosters generously provided over $250 in postage to "PASSBACK" 14 boxes providing much-needed equipment to a group of youngsters in Zimbabwe, Africa.

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Discover the Galapagos Islands

By BEN LYONS
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, Ecuador -- No matter how many National Geographic specials you've seen or how many stories you've heard, nothing prepares you for the Galapagos Islands. This is a place where you can swim inches away from sea lions and sidestep hundreds of marine iguanas. The catch is, to explore the islands, you need to travel by water.

I went with the well-established Lindblad Expeditions, which operates the 80-passenger MS Polaris here.

Sailing everywhere from Antarctica to the Columbia River in Oregon, Lindblad is deeply committed to ecologically sensitive tourism. Strong parternships with National Geographic and the World Wildlife Fund have helped it build a large base of loyal passengers who, like the infinitely curious Charles Darwin who made these islands famous, want to see, do and learn as much as possible.

From our first landing in one of the ship's inflatable Zodiacs, we came shockingly close to the animals. Numerous sea lions were lethargically draped across our path, and as we stepped around them, they looked at us with only a casual indifference. Just a few feet beyond, we were again blocked by a jumble of prehistoric-looking marine iguanas. It was immediately obvious we were the ones who had to make way for the animals, as they were not moving for us.

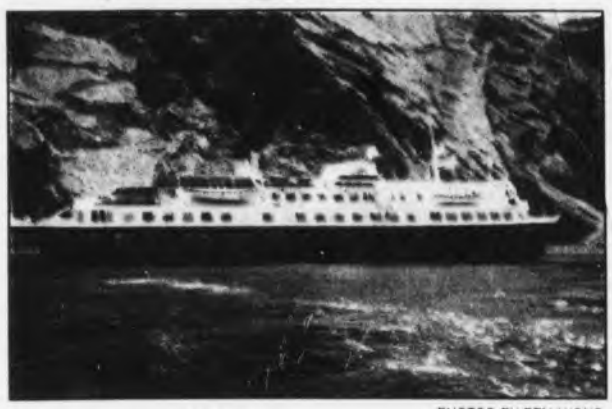
Visiting nine islands in seven days, my fellow Polaris passengers and I got the point that this is a Mother Nature hotspot. With all the animals we viewed, I was surprised I found the birds among the most appealing. Being able to walk up to hundreds of them at close range made bird watching far more interesting than that thing with binoculars.

A male Frigate bird with its inflated red pouch that is expanded during mating season

Most endearing were the comical blue-footed boobies. Walking through a vast colony of them, as they lifted one foot, bent their wings and whistled shrilly during their mating dance, reminded me of a Monty Python skit.

Perhaps the highlight for me, however, was sharing a beach not with tourists but with sea lions. Streamlined and sleek, curious babies came face to face with our snorkel masks before teasingly veering off and looping around again in a playful manner.

Most days on the Polaris followed the same basic structure, with swimming, snorkeling, walking or going for a ride in a Zodiac repeated daily. Some days started as early as 6 a.m., when we went on optional pre-breakfast hikes and Zodiac rides.



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The 80-passenger MS Polaris

There are always numerous opportunities for photographers- here, a passenger photographs sea lions

Longer excursions followed breakfast and lunch, when we climbed into Zodiacs and went looking for giant tortoises or snorkeled with a feeding sea turtle while sharks coolly swam past. Snorkeling excursions were divided into different activity levels, allowing experienced swimmers to go to deepwater sites while those less confident swam off the beach.

Walks varied by length. For those who didn't want to walk at all, longer Zodiac rides surveying the coast were offered. Two scuba dives and a short uphill bike ride also were available.

In the evening, a short presentation by an onboard naturalist about the natural history of the islands preceded dinner. Afterward, activities included videos or a gathering on a darkened deck to identify with a laser pointer the constellations -- more than most had ever seen. By 10 p.m., most passengers were in bed, tired but enthused.

Lindblad's reputation for having top-notch naturalists was well-founded -- we had an ornithologist, a geologist and an "underwater specialist" onboard. We learned a lot during lectures, on hikes and even at dinner when the scientists joined passengers.

The array of tools at their disposal included a video microscope for presentations, a hydrophone that could broadcast whale songs throughout the ship and underwater cameras that filmed each day's swims and marine life.

Though most passengers were 50 and older, almost all were active and negotiated the occasionally tricky transfer between the ship and the Zodiac with ease. Families come onboard mainly in summer.

After a 40-year career that included decades of worldwide cruising, the cozy and charming Polaris has settled into year-round Galapagos sailings. With a simple lounge, an intimate library and an attractive, wood-paneled dining room, the atmosphere onboard was casual and never required dressing up. The food onboard was surprisingly good and featured local ingredients and some Ecuadorian dishes.

Cabins are snug, as is common on expedition ships, but attractive and with ample storage. A masseuse tends to a small gym and spa and leads stretching at sunrise on the top deck. The spa even offers a small anchored boat with a glass bottom, allowing you to be massaged outdoors while peering at the marine life below.

All in all, the ship offered comfort while still providing a sense of exploration and excitement.

By the end of the week, I had almost come to take the islands for granted until I was instantly reminded how removed I was from the real world. Overhearing a teenage passenger say to an Ecuadorian crew member, "They call this an iPod," I knew that even though Darwin would find his outdoor laboratory much the same, the inevitable march of time was finding the Galapagos.

Rates for 10-day expeditions on the Polaris (including two nights at the Hotel Hilton Colon) are from $3,650 per person, double occupancy. Lindblad also recently introduced the smaller, more modern Islander in the Galapagos, with rates for 10-day expeditions from $3,650 per person. Go to www.expeditions.com or call 800-EXPEDITION.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House)781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Jan. 22. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "What is this church?" - New Member Sunday

As we welcome new members, expanding the family of First Parish Unitarian Universalist, how might we understand church in ways that vitalize and revitalize us? Who are we? What is this church as we change and grow? What remains constant? How are we called to adapt to new ways of being and doing?

Coffee hour will directly follow the service. All are welcome.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers. To learn more about these programs and our Senior High Youth Group, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the January newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy: the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Healing Group Tuesday at 7 p.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Last Sunday after Pentecost, in the prophecy of Ezekiel the Lord promises to be the shepherd of God's people. In the Epistle Paul describes the plan of the resurrection age: it has begun with Christ's rising from the dead and will be fulfilled when all things are subjected to God. The Gospel of Matthew presents a picture of the universal judgment. Preacher: The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Jeremiah O'Sullivan

Worked in financial industry

Jeremiah O'Sullivan

Jeremiah Francis O'Sullivan, 58, of Cohasset, died suddenly Jan. 15, 2006, at the Falmouth Hospital.

The son of the late James Victory and Frances M. (Cronin) O'Sullivan, he was a graduate of Norwood High School, and Boston College class of 1969. He received a masters degree in business from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1973.

Mr. O'Sullivan served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1971.

He worked for more than 20 years in the financial industry, including 14 years at Paine Webber Co. More recently, he worked as an executive recruiter.

Mr. O'Sullivan was an active member of the St. Anthony church in Cohasset. He loved to travel and enjoyed spending time on Cape Cod in all seasons. He was an avid fan of New England sports teams and a gifted storyteller. Above all, he loved spending time with his family, and will be sorely missed by all.

He leaves his loving wife, Elizabeth (Orme) O'Sullivan; a son, James; two daughters, Meghan, and Kathleen, and her husband Kevin Williams; a second son, Nicholas Herzog; a sister, Lucinda; his devoted cousin, Jane Woelfel, and family; and several family members and friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Springs, KY 41076; or to Germaine Lawrence Inc., 18 Claremont Ave., Arlington, MA 02476; or to a charity of choice.

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1:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, caller states a motor vehicle has been parked in the driveway. Indications of a motor vehicle parked overnight. Building and area appear secure. Extra patrols requested.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy. Temp: 35. Wind: Light.

9:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:23 a.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller requesting officer to speak to regarding checks from a customer that have been bouncing.

9:44 a.m. **Pond St.**, investigation.

10:29 a.m. **Ash St.**, investigation, transported QMC/BLS.

11:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, illegal dumping, party into report someone has been dumping car bumper covers into his dumpster.

1:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person with possible warrants.

2:48 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports car is in the way of traffic.

4:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost cell phone.

5:06 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports someone has gotten a hold of her credit card information and has charged over a thousand dollars.

5:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, from Weymouth PD, armed robbery just occurred at Eastern Bank in Weymouth. 20-30 year-old white male, scruffy beard and a puffy leather jacket and a stocking cap. The suspect did show the handle of a gun in his waist.

6:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

6:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

11:06 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, domestic (in progress), female reports she was just "beat up" by her boyfriend. He left the area on foot. Officers responding to check the area. Caller believes he is in possession of a hand gun at this time. Surrounding towns notified. Sgt. request K-9. State Police K-9 responding. Chief paged at this time. Officer has confirmed the male is armed and dangerous. Male in custody at this time K-9 cancelled.

Arrest: Kevin Barry, 56, of 589 Jerusalem Road. Charges: Assault and battery; intimidating a witness; and threats to commit a crime.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

12:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:19 a.m. **Pond St., at Spring St.**, will be detoured.

9:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports a raccoon running in circles in his front yard.

10:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check secure.

11:38 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:10 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:19 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer at his location for dismissal.

2:29 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he was walking along the beach and a suspicious item floated up onto the beach.

4:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports that over the weekend someone tried to pry his front door, does not want to file a formal complaint, just wants log note for further reference if necessary.

4:28 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports she has arrived home and notice things in her house were knocked over.

4:59 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, employee with chest pain.

7:28 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports that vehicles are blocking his drive.

7:46 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:08 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, Pond St., is detoured.

9:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, party reports his cell phone was taken while he was in coffee shop.

9:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure. .

9:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

10 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint, propane truck blocking sidewalk across the street.

10:35 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports female has fallen out of bed, feels very weak, like she is going to pass out.

1:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:11 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

3 p.m. **Rust Way**, parking complaint, caller reports a construction truck parked on the corner making it difficult to travel.

4:15 p.m. **Elm St.** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports she is having chest pain short of breath.

4:46 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:40 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports that the stop sign at above area is down and may make a hazard in future.

7:26 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered).

7:33 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, caller reports 69-year-old person chest pain.

9:16 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

12:26 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller advised no smoke or fire showing. Caller advised odor of some kind - like a motor burning. Location of smell on 1st floor.

1:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

4 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:58 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fire - public assist, good intent call.

7:31 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, officer advised that the stop sign was on the ground. Officer advised he put sign back up but to notify DPW.

8:46 a.m. **Elm St.**, threats, altercation between two youth.

9 a.m. **Pond St.**, check of the high school.

9:13 a.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, traffic safety inspection, 10 wheeler trucks park in Manner, causing traffic safety concern. Moving the vehicles out of intersection.

9:24 a.m. **Church St.**, medical aid.

11:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, male into HQ to report lost cell phone.

12:15 p.m. **King St.**, notification, caller reported that earlier today a vehicle had left with out full payment, unknown registration or direction of travel.

1:35 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, notification, above party reporting caretaker had secured the chain at 6 p.m. and at 5 a.m., the chain was in the water and bolt unscrewed, party does not want to see officer or make formal complaint, just log note and see if it does happen again.

6:48 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, smoke in building.

10:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/ALS. Officer advised citation issued for marked lanes.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

9:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transporting SSH/ALS, patient having chest pain.

11:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, caller reports a customer fell, unknown injuries, front end by registers.

12:01 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports that his mother is not feeling well and needs transport to hospital.

12:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller reports a Suburban unknown reg. with luggage rack, drove off without finishing transaction, unknown direction of travel about.

1:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, well being check, caller reports that her neighbor was taken out by ambulance before Christmas and now her mail is piling up and she is concerned that something has happened to her.

1:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, walk in party reports while she was in Shaw's Plaza, someone stole her placard from her vehicle, which was unlocked at the time, she is in process of getting a new one. Needed to log report. The placard was found - it is going to be dropped off at PD in the morning - when it arrives they will call owner at above number - owner is aware of this.

Police issued 43 traffic tickets last month

During the month of December the police department investigated 12 motor vehicle accidents; two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 43 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $475 in fines, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Additionally, there were 34 parking tickets issued totaling $725 in fines, Hussey said.

There were six arrests; two for shoplifting; two for malicious destruction of property; one for assault and battery and finally one for protective custody.

Also in the month of December the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 970 calls for police services, of those 108 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of December there was one report of breaking and entering involving a private residence. Also in December there were two criminal complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 05P3060EP

In the Estate of JEAN MASSIMINO
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 31, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARY-ELLEN MIACH of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 15, 2006**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 6, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#10964221
Cohasset Mariner 1/20/06

STURMAN III ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 90P1661EP

In the Estate of JOHN F. STURMAN III

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 2, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that EVELYN E. STURMAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and MARION DIAMOND of MARSHFIELD in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 22, 2006.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 11, 2006.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

JANUARY 19-27, 2006

Dickstein draws on memories in creating 'Women' music

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National Touring Company, Little Women - The Broadway Musical.

Like many people, Mindi Dickstein was still in grade school in Brookline when she first discovered Louisa May Alcott's classic coming-of-age novel "Little Women." Those childhood memories came in handy years later when Dickstein was chosen to write the lyrics for "Little Women: The Broadway Musical" which opens this week at Boston's Opera House.

Mindi Dickstein

"I read my mother's copy of the book when I was 12 years old," Dickstein recalled last week by telephone from her home in Bloomingdale, N.J. "I remember being very torn about which girl I was. I knew I wanted to be a writer like Jo, but I also like to think I was pretty like Amy or Meg or sensitive like Beth. I re-read it when I first started working on the show and everything came back to me. I could really understand the power of each of the four sisters and the mother. The strength of their characters, their creativity, and their passion for each other is so clear. They're wonderful women."

A Boston Children's Theater alum, Dickstein first signed on to "Little Women: The Broadway Musical" six years ago when she and Concord's Jason Howland replaced an earlier songwriting team on the project. Dickstein and Howland were new to the show, but the existing libretto by Allan Knee was retained.

"We were initially given six months to write a score that was supposed to play the Wilbur Theatre in 2000 prior to what was supposed to be a fall opening on Broadway that same year," Dickstein recalls.

When backers pulled out in 2000, the project embarked on a longer road to Broadway — which it finally reached just a year ago — including workshops at Duke University and the addition of Susan H. Schulman ("The Secret Garden") as the production's new director. For the next five years, much would change about the show but Dickstein's commitment to the story of the March sisters' life in New England during the Civil War only grew stronger.

"What we were given was a libretto without songs," Dickstein says of Knee's work. "His scenes were very moving from the first read. Part of the reason that I knew that I really wanted to do this show was that I knew Allan had such a great sense of Jo's passion and her yearning to be her own woman, which I think is very true to the novel and to Louisa May Alcott."

Dickstein, who received her master's degree from New York University's Graduate Music Theater Writing Program, often writes both book and lyrics as she is on her current project, "Strange Vacation," a new musical commissioned by New York's Playwright's Horizon. Dickstein, however, also appreciates good source material like that provided by Alcott.

"For me there is liberation in writing lyrics based on already existing material. I don't have to figure out how to write a good story. 'Little Women' is already a good story."

"Little Women: The Broadway Musical," starring Maureen McGovern, will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through Jan. 22. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com.

R. Scott Reedy

Mark your calendar

WINTER CONCERT SERIES hosted by Thayer Academy, Braintree. Series of classical music concerts in academy's Frothingham Hall, Feb. 5 and April 2. All concerts at 4 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-664-2515.

AN EVENING WITH RONAN TYNAN, Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave., Back Bay. Tickets are $40.50, $30.50 and are available online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 781-931-2000. Tickets can be purchased in person at Berklee Performance Center box office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SECOND GRAND SLAM TENNIS TOURNEY, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at The Scituate Racquet and Fitness Club on Route 3A in Scituate. DJ, wine tasting, appetizers, gourmet pizza, silent auction and raffles. Sponsored by Friends of Women's Health at South Shore Hospital. Proceeds benefit Cardiovascular Services at SSH. Tickets are available at the door or in advance. For information, call Donna at 781-340-4170 or visit www.southshorehospital.org.

SEVENTH ANNUAL WARM HEARTS, WARM HOMES GALA for Habitat For Humanity of Greater Plymouth. Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at The Loring Center, Route 3 A in Plymouth. Proceeds will help build homes for families in need. Tickets are $60. To learn more, make a donation or order tickets, visit www.hfhplymouth.org or call 508-886-4188.

"AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY TODD LINCOLN," Saturday, Feb. 11, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Mrs. Lincoln will speak as part of the museum's Lincoln's birthday events, musician Emma Jean Moulton will lead period music, and the afternoon will close at dusk with a candlelight walk to the Lincoln cabin. Admission is $20. For information, call 617-696-1815.

"FROZEN," Boston premiere at the New Repertory Theatre, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Performances begin Jan. 22 and run through Feb. 12. Finalized for the Pulitzer Prize and nominated for five Tony Awards, the play explores the intersection of three shattered lives, all of them connected by the death of a child. Tickets are $30-$48. Senior, student and group discounts available. Call 617-923-8487 or buy online at www.newrep.org.

FOURTH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVERS AND WINE TASTING, Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center. Enjoy an afternoon of food, wine and chocolate sampling as well as a silent auction. All proceeds to benefit Why Me, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping more than 300 families of children with cancer.

"Summers Eve on Maine Coast," Pastel by Diana Rousseau

BEST BET

The South Shore Art Center is featuring works by "Friends of Susan DeMichele—JoAnne Chittick, Kimberlee Alemian, Diana Rousseau, and Patricia Gray" in the Dillon Gallery. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

BEST BET

New England Humane Association will sponsor a series of Group Dog Training Classes for beginner and advanced dogs, indoors in several South Shore towns. Start dates are: Hingham Recreation Center, Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, Feb. 4, March 14 and March 25. Milton Animal Shelter dates are: Thursday, Jan. 26 and March 16. Abington date is March 7. Classes are held once a week for one hour. Cost is $100. Free dog training hotline is available on Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hotline number is 617-529-dogs. For information, visit www.nehassociation.org or call the dog trainer at 781-878-4343.

Thursday, Jan. 19

North River Art Society's Little Gallery will host an exhibit by member **Robert D. Harvey**. **"On Cloud Nine"** runs through Jan. 20. The gallery is located in the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091.

Relay for Life of Weymouth Open House, Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Eagles Hall. Find out how to get involved in the fight against breast cancer. Relay teams can be comprised of families, churches, businesses or neighbors. For more information about Relay For Life of Weymouth, call Patrick Connors at 888-648-4880.

South Shore Home Learners Homeschooling Support Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., Canoe Room, Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Discuss various homeschooling topics and connect with other families on the South Shore. All homeschooling families and families considering homeschooling are welcome. Free. For more information, visit the Yahoo group southshorehomelearnersmembers or e-mail southshorehomelearners@comcast.net. Meetings are held third Thursday of the month.

Adventures and Beyond, Thursdays, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 2, at **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Six-week session for children in grades 1 and 2 with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist. Children investigate interesting science questions and explore natural world of animals, plants and their habitats. $84/members, $108 nonmembers, preregistration required, call 781-659-2559. Limit eight children.

Call for Entries for the Duxbury Art Association's 33rd Annual Winter Juried Show. Exhibit will be at the Art Complex Museum, Feb. 5 through April 30. Artists may submit their work on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts at 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Fee of $12 for first entry or two entries for $20 and $10 for each additional entry. All works must be securely framed and ready to hang. All sculpture must be accompanied by a pedestal. For information call 781-934-2731, ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Regatta Bar at the Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge. **The Headhunters** w/ original members plus George Porter Jr. - the Meters and Donald Harrison - Jazz Messengers, Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or visit www.getshowtix.com/regattabar.

Your Key to Diabetes Management, Thursdays, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York St., Stoughton. Four-day education program to teach people with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes basic information about diabetes management. Physician's referral needed for participation. Cost is covered by most insurance. For information and registration, 781-297-1385.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each kid's meal. For information call 781-843-3648.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Thursdays, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café** with **Glen McAuliff and Friends**. Enjoy sounds of the Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Petty, Niel Young and more. 6-9 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party**, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary pizza from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Age 21 and over only. 781-871-7175.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Earthbound Misfits, Thursday, Jan. 19**. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, Jan. 20

Third Annual Taste of the South Shore, Red Parrot Restaurant, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Friday, Jan. 20, 6 to 10 p.m., to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center and Hull Lifesaving Museum. Specialties of over 25 fine restaurants, and wine from Port Side Wines. Tickets need to be purchased in advance and are $50. Call Wellspring at 781-925-3211, or Hull Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433.

The Piano Men, a 1970s musical featuring songs of Billy Joel and Elton John, at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Tickets $30 at the box office, or call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Candlelight Singing Tour of the Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House, 188 Main St., Avon. Sponsored by the H.L.Blanchard Trust, on Friday, Jan. 20 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tour this historic 1820s sea captain's home by candlelight as our guide serenades you in every room Coffee, cider and cookies will be served. Admission by voluntary donation. For information call 508-583-7616.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Doghouse,** Friday, Jan. 20. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

CALENDAR, see next page

Classes

BEGINNER'S FOIL FENCING at Hingham Community Center, begins Feb. 2 for ten Thursdays. Cost is $200, plus equipment. Offered by Hingham SaEF Fencing Club Head Coach Harry Shamir. For information, call Judy at 781-749-9786.

VALENTINE WREATH CLASS offered at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Class will be held Thursday, Feb. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is $45 ($43 for members) and includes all materials. Bring scissors, garden snips and a glue gun. Register by Jan. 26. Visit www.ssnsc.org

SAT PREP CLASSES for high school juniors, twelve sessions begins on Feb. 2 for the May SAT, held at Hingham Community Center. Open to Hingham residents. Reserve by Jan. 26. For Norwell residents, session begins Feb. 4 at Norwell High School. Reserve by Jan. 28. Call 800-mytutor or 800-698-8867.

WINTER COURSES AT SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER. Registrations are now open for Children's and Teen's Art Courses. Most classes are eight weeks and begin Jan. 23. Also weekend art workshops for adults, children and family. For complete list of classes visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

POWER OF COACHING WORKSHOP at the Lane Center, for 8 weeks, Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Dates are Feb. 7, 14, 21 and March 1, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Led by certified professional coach Joan Vasconcellos, this workshop will include activities and exercises designed to help you create a greater sense of balance and purpose in your life. Cost is $180. For more information call 781-826-2554 or by email joan@whatspossiblecoaching.com.

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CLASSES, Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Classes offered include Acting for Students age 6-8, Acting for Students age 9-12, Acting for Teens, Improvisation open to students age 9 through adult. All classes are eight-week courses concluding with performance by all students March 11. For prices or further information, call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS WORKSHOP with award-winning photographer Cindy Vallino. For anyone who received a digital camera for the holidays, and wants to learn more about it. Class meets at the South Shore Art Center, Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. and is designed for beginners and anyone interested in digital photography. Young adults are also welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras and sample photos. The cost is $60 ($50 for members of the Art Center). To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY. Many new classes and workshops offered, as well as new "Sunday Sessions." Fee: $20. Pre-registration preferred, but drop-ins welcome. Drawing and Painting: Skills for Life, for ages 9-14, Mondays, Jan. 23-March 6; Dressmaking for ages 11 and up, Mondays Jan. 23-March 20; and Collage College, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call NRAS office for more details, 781.837.8091. Web site: www.northriverarts.org.

LEARN TO SCULPT AT SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER. Sculptor Susan Luery will guide participants as they explore form, basic anatomy, armature building and clay modeling techniques. All skill levels welcome. Class meets Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 19 through March 30. Call 781-383-2787 to register or visit www.ssac.org.

HOME SCHOOL ART CAPSULE AT SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER. For ages 6-11. Weekly program for students eager to explore creative learning experiences. Students will work with different kinds of media including oil, watercolor, printmaking, clay and collage, explore art center galleries, hear docent presentations about exhibitions and complete hands-on art projects. Classes meet Tuesday mornings, Jan. 24-March 21. $115 for one child, $75 for each additional child ($95 for members, $65 for each additional child). For more information, call 781-383-2787 or to register, visit www.ssac.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT CAGELESS DOG BOARDING AND DAY CARE CENTER. Saturday, Feb 5, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Happy Dog House, 398 Ashland St., Abington. Alternative to traditional boarding kennel for your pet. Offers dogs ability to interact with other friendly dogs and animal caregivers in home-like setting. For more information, call 781-857-1990 or visit www.happydogtraining.com.

FIRST AID TRAINING AT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, 1495 Hancock St. in Quincy. Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 10 p.m., $50. Course teaches how to handle bleeding, choking, poisoning and other emergencies. Call 617-770-2600. Pre-registration required. Adult CPR and First Aid offered on Jan. 24 and 31, from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is $69. Completion of this course awards a CPR certificate valid for one year and a First Aid certificate valid for three years. Call 617-770-2600

STUDIO PAINTING WORKSHOP IN WATER MEDIA, Feb 11 and 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Taught by Susan Swinand. Cost is $45. Bring whatever materials you have and a few examples of your work. To register call 781-934-6634, ext. 15. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.artcomplex.org.

MARSHFIELD YMCA WINTER CLASSES, Workshops and demonstrations include crafts: beading, glass mosaics, sewing, quilting, knitting, rug hooking, scrapping, stamping and carving; exercising: Pilates, Tai Chi or walking; gardening in winter: forcing bulbs, garden layouts and starting seeds. For children: Crafts and Stories Jan. 19, winter wonderland theme; playgroup Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For complete schedule visit office@ywcamarshfield.org or call 781-834-8371.

INTRODUCTION TO SCULPTING FROM LIFE at the South Shore Art Center. Class begins Jan. 19 and runs through March 30. Develop skills for sculpture portraiture or figure modeling. All skill levels invited. To register call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

GELATIN MONOPRINTING MINI WORKSHOP offered at the North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield on Feb. 26. Snacks and beverages will be available. Register by calling NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com.

Calendar

JANUARY 19-27, 2006

Starcreations Theater presents "An Evening of Comedy and Music" Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m. held at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer Street, Kingston. General Admission is $5. For more information or reservations, email info@starcreations.org

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South Shore Folk Music Club, Friday, Jan. 20, at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, **Annual All Open Mike Night and CD Recording Party**. All performance types welcome, not just folk. Featured performer Lynn Feingold. Admission $5 members and performers, $6 nonmembers. For more information, call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

"Amidst the Gladiolas," presented by the **North River Theatre**, Jan. 20, 21, 27, 28, Feb. 3, 4, at **North River Community Club,** 513 River St., Norwell. Curtain: 8 p.m., cabaret seating, cash bar. Tickets $17, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit www.northrivertheater.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. to midnight., **Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom**, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. For singles and couples 30+. Proper business dress required. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m., free door prizes. 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

Regatta Bar at the Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge. **Sophie B. Hawkins**, Friday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $24. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or visitwww.getshowtix.com/regattabar.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, Jan. 20, **The HouseRockers,** 9:15 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Jan. 21

Tiny Tot Tunes at James Library and Center for the Arts, at First Parish Preschool, 24 West St., Norwell, Saturday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Singing, dancing and playing simple instruments in a relaxed atmosphere for children ages 3-4. Admission is free. Preregistration is required. Class size limited to 20. For information call 781-659-7100. Visit www.James library.org.

Weymouth Art Association will meet on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Diane Parnerelli will demonstrate oil landscape painting. The meeting is open to the public and free. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

South Shore Writer's Club meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 10:15 a.m., at Abington Public Library, 600 Gliniewicz Way. Members assist one another in preparation of their stories, poems, novels or essays to become acceptable for publication. For information, 781-331-1790 or e-mail: ingoboy@rcn.com.

The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft, on exhibit at fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, Jan. 21 through April 30. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles. Call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

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Divi Zheni, Bulgarian Woman's Chorus to perform at Hingham Old Ship Coffeehouse, 107 Main St., off the Square, Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. Performing folk music from many different regions in Bulgaria. Concert is preceded by an open mic. Admission is $10 at the door. Variety of coffee, teas and desserts will be available for .50 cents. Net proceeds benefit Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Regatta Bar at the Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge. **Kenny Werner Quartet**, Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or visitwww.getshowtix.com/regattabar.

Joe-Kers Comedy Show will feature Jim Lauletta, Arty J. and Jon Lincoln, on Saturday, Jan. 21 at the River Club in Scituate.

The Winsor House Inn, 390 Washington St., Duxbury will host **Pete Collins and Friends** on Friday, Jan. 21 at 8:30 p.m. Featuring Jim Mazzy on banjo and Fred Clifford on tuba. For information, call 781-934-9409.

Liverpool Legends, a Beatles tribute rescheduled from October will now take place on Saturday, Jan. 21 at **Taunton High School**, 50 Williams St. at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at Future Graphics, 120 Summer St. and Whittenton Hardware, 348 Bay St., both in Taunton. For more information visit www.liverpoollegends.com or www.thedessertclub.com.

Conley School PAC presents a comedy show fundraiser for the Whitman-Conley School, an adults night out. Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at Whitman VFW. Individual tickets or tables of ten available. Produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum and featuring: Paul Keenan, Annette Pollack, Dave Rattigan and Dan Boulger. Cost is $20 per person and includes dinner, dessert and door prizes. For tickets, call Diane McCarter 781-447-3676 or Mary Barbone at 781-447-9984.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Jon Frattasio and Friends,** Saturday, Jan. 21. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, Jan. 21, **Mission of Blues,** 9:15 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Jan. 22

"In Another Light," Brett G. Jardim Photography Exhibit, through Jan. 31, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Photographs including scenic landscapes and nature settings taken primarily throughout South Shore region. For sample of presentation see www.NaturesLines.com. For more information, call 781-659-2559.

One and Only Boston Chocolate Tour, Old Town Trolley Tour of Top of the Hub Restaurant, Prudential Building; historic Omni Parker House Hotel; and The Chocolate Bar Buffet at the Langham Hotel, Boston. Departing from the Trolley Stop Store, Boylston and So. Charles Streets, until April 30, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; Sundays, noon. $65 per person. Charter and group rates. Gift certificates. Call 617-269-3626.

Open House Tour of the Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House, 188 Main St., Avon. Sponsored by the H.L.Blanchard Trust, on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2-4 p.m. Tour this historic 1820s sea captain's home. Coffee, cider and cookies will be served. Admission by voluntary donation. For information call 508-583-7616.

Exhibit of botanical drawings by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, throughout January and February, at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-934-2721.

PHOTO BY T. CHARLES ERICKSON

La Presidente de Tourvel (Yvonne Woods) confesses a secret to Madame de Rosemonde (Alice Duffy) in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses".

A wicked good time at the Huntington

Theater stages 'Les Liasons Dangereuses'

Eighteenth-century games of love, lust and betrayal are currently heating up the Huntington Theatre as the Boston company stages Christopher Hampton's "Les Liaisons Dangereuses." As cast member Alice Duffy — who plays Madame de Rosemonde — sees it, however, the story isn't just a period piece that played out in the Parisian bedrooms and salons of the 1780s.

"It's set in the 18th century, but it's really a universal story about immoral, amoral, hedonistic people who are participants in their own destruction," explained Duffy by telephone recently from her Hingham home. "At one point my character says it surprises her how little things change. And I think she is right."

One of the things that doesn't change is the kindly woman's devotion to her nephew, the rakish Vicomte de Valmont, played by television and film actor Michael T. Weiss, who partners with a former flame to seduce her former lover's bride-to-be in this adaptation of the original novel by Choderlos de Laclos.

"My character is a counter-balance to all the wickedness around her. She's just a nice old lady. Madame loves her nephew who is this handsome, dashing, lecherous, immoral and amoral man with great charm. She looks for the good in him, however, because she is his protector. Madame is a great lady and a very wealthy woman who never had any children of her own. She has been very close to her nephew since his infancy. She loves him dearly and, as such, is willing to turn a blind eye on occasion. Madame is not stupid. She is just a realist," says Duffy, 77, who has previously appeared at the Huntington in "A Month in the Country," "Dead End," and "Heartbreak House." "She well understands the libertine nature of the society in which she lives."

That society was first described in the novel published in 1782 which Hampton adapted for a 1987 Broadway production starring Alan Rickman. The following year, Hampton adapted his play for the Academy Award-winning film version starring Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer, Keanu Reeves, and Uma Thurman. Helping the Huntington convey its own highly stylized and stylish view of that society is a team led by director Daniel Goldstein, set designer James Noone, costume designer Erin Chainani, composer Loren Toolajian who provides an original score, and a cast of 10. Creative teams may alter the look of the piece, but the story remains the same.

"This is a complicated play about some very wicked people who ultimately get what they deserve. Goodness knows, we live in a naughty world. We always have," says Duffy. "There really isn't anything too strange about what these characters are doing. Every generation has these sorts of people."

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses" is being presented by the Huntington Theatre Company at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through February 5. For tickets and information, call 617-266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org

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P.S. A threshold shift is a decrease in the ability to hear.

Monday, Jan. 23

Snug Harbor Community Chorus announces **open call for singers** for spring show in May. Performance will consist of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. No auditions required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

The Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St. (Codman Building), Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. See web site: SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

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The Piano Men, a 1970s musical featuring songs of Billy Joel and Elton John, at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Tickets are $30and are available at the box office, or call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

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Huntington Theatre Company, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," through Feb. 5, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Love, lust and betrayal in 18th century Paris, directed by Daniel Goldstein. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.; Matinees: 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 and Feb. 1; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets $15-$70. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or BostonTheatreScene.com, or call 617-266-0800 for reservations and box office hours.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

New England Humane Association will sponsor a series of **Group Dog Training Classes** for beginner and advanced dogs, indoors in several South Shore towns. Start dates are: Hingham Recreation Center, Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, Feb. 4, March 14 and March 25. Milton Animal Shelter dates are: Thursday, Jan. 26 and March 16. Abington date is March 7. Classes are held once a week for one hour. Cost is $100. Free dog training hotline is available on Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hotline number is 617-529-dogs. For information, visit www.nehassociation.org or call the dog trainer at 781-878-4343.

Fundraiser for Deval Patrick, the Democratic candidate for Massachusetts governor, Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Windsor House Inn, 390 Washington St., Duxbury. Sponsored by Duxbury residents. If you are interested in attending, call David O'Donnell at 781-934-0991 for a reservation.

Singles Dining Out at Reggio's Ristorante, 1037 Main St., Weymouth on Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For single professionals 40-55 years old. Cost is $45, reservations are required. Seating is limited to 20 men and 20 women. Cost includes complete four course dinner, tax and tip. Cash bar from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Guests change seats after each course. Co-sponsored by www.Singlesvacationclub.com. For reservations, call 781-283-5900 or visit www.se-4u.com.

Tuesday Trivia Night, 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648.

Dog Obedience classes at Hingham Recreation Center, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.: Beginners Obedience; 7:30 p.m. Obedience with Distractions; Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.: Beginners Obedience; 11 a.m. Level Two/Level Three Obedience Combination Class. For more information, visit www.hingham-rec.com or call 781-878-4343.

"Winter Scenes," exhibition and sale by five N.E. artists, Joan Brancale, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Stefan Pastuhov, Hal DeWaltoff, and Ronald Tinney, through Jan. 26, at **South Street Gallery,** 149 South Street in Hingham. Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North St. A non-profit weight loss support group. If you are struggling to lose weight, come to a mutually supportive environment where members share ideas and suggestions for losing weight. Visitors welcome. For information, www.tops.org or call Eleanor at 781- 335-4942.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

South Shore Business Alliance meetings on Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. Meet with local professionals who are interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, call or email for more information. Email Elizabeth Ladas, eladas@ladaslaw.com, phone: 781-829-8986 or Carolyn Cleveland, Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Poetry at the Main Street Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 8 p.m. Poet Dana Rowe, ("Train Orders"). Open Mic, 7 p.m. Sign up, 6:30 p.m. Email Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

"Reflections-Inside and Out," by Jack Dickerson of Hingham will be on view and sale through Feb. 1, The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, 781-659-7100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org.

"Witches, Rakes and Rogues: True Stories of Scam, Scandal, Murder and Mayhem in Boston, 1630-1775," author D. Brenton Simons book discussion and signing, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m., at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Call 781-741-1404, ext. 2609.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape ," through Feb. 19, **Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, 781-383-2787, www.ssac.org.

Decorating 101 with Ann McMahon at the North River Arts Society, Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. from Jan. 25-March 15. Cost is $125 for members and $145 for non-members. NRAS is located at 157 Old Main St. in Marshfield. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.info@northriverarts.org.

WaterWatch winter lecture series, every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 15 Next lecture is Wednesday, Jan. 25, **"Living with Coyotes and Foxes on the South Shore,"** with Jason Zimmer, MassWildlife Southeast District Supervisor. Presented by NSRWA, South Shore Natural Science Center and Mass. Audubon South Regional Headquarters and sponsored by Rockland Trust Company. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.nsrwa.org or call the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400 or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

"No Ordinary Leader," Deval Patrick, Democratic candidate for Massachusetts governor, Wednesday, Jan. 25, Norwell High School, South St., Norwell. Sponsored by Norwell and Hanover Democratic Town Committees. Call 781-659-4796 or email schacter@comcast.net.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League featuring Ladies Poker School. Win gifts and prizes. Wednesdays at **Applebees,** 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. For more information visit www.BigStackPoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Wednesdays, **Dave Foley,** solo rock and rock show and acoustic open mic. From 8 to 11p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Hingham artist **John Lewiecki's "Pieces of Matrimony"** photography show, through Feb. 2, at Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery. Collection of images from 2005 weddings depicting special emotions and moments of the day, beautiful abstract images, and artistic portraits. For additional information, visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Photography of Boston, Fenway Park, Cape Cod, and New England by South Shore photographer, Ellie Keenan, whose patrons include the Red Sox organization, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boylston St., Boston through Jan. 31. Call for appointment, 508-631-7130.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Lisa Love Experience,** Thursday, Jan. 26. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Russell Biles, "Onward Christian Soldiers" (Little Homo, Jesus & Terry Schiavo), 2005, porcelain

"The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft" is on exhibit at the Fuller Craft Museum Jan. 21 – April 30. This unusual exhibition turns conventional notions of contemporary craft on their head. Traditionally thought of as makers of functional art, the craft artists in The Edges of Grace have created familiar craft objects that are commentaries on controversial, and often uncomfortable, topics. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles are all part of this provocative exhibition. The Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. For more information call 508.588.6000 ext. 118 or visit www.fullercraft.org

Friday, Jan. 27

"Design by Nature," series of prints by Marshfield photographer **Cindy Vallino,** through Feb. 2, **Dolphin Gallery of Hingham Public Library.** Features intensely colored, intricately detailed prints of botanical and marine subjects. For more information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org., for example of exhibit, www.cvallino.com.

South Shore Singles Dance, Friday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. to midnight, Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Featuring **DJ Dave.** Admission $7 members, $10 non-members. Proper dress required. For singles, 45+. For information, 781-331-0021, www.southshoresingles.org.

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"The Joyous Dance" by S. Luery

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Sculptor Susan Luery and The South Shore Art Center are offering "Introduction to Sculpting from Life" a course designed to develop the skills for sculpture portraiture or figure modeling. Participants will develop their own A course designed to develop the skills for sculpture portraiture or figure modeling. Participants will develop their own projects as they explore form, basic anatomy, armature building and clay modeling techniques. This enjoyable exercise will not only result in a personal work of art, but an enhanced awareness of expression and nuance in the human form. Individual direction will be given along with a series of developmental exercises. Fundamental casting and an overview of this traditional sculpture process will also be explored. All skill levels invited. Sculptor Susan Luery has created many monuments throughout the country, including the Babe Ruth Monument at Oriole Park Stadium, and widely exhibited her work. The Class begins Jan. 19 and runs through March 30. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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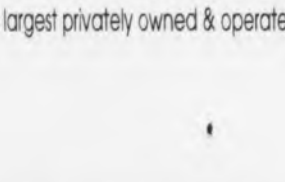

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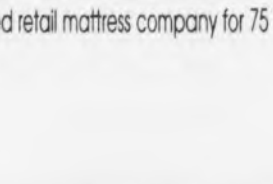

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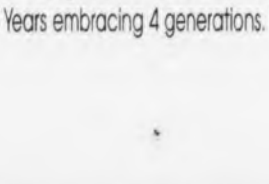

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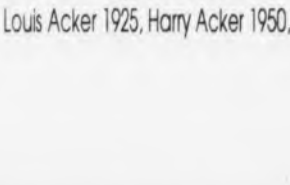

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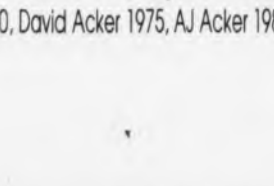

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Expert to talk about violence prevention

Another note found Tuesday

By Samantha Brown
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A string of threats at the middle-high school has led school administrators and the police department to seek some outside expertise.

"We all as a community have a responsibility when it comes to youth in crisis."
— Police Chief James Hussey

The first week of January, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh announced Dr. Robert Macy, director of community services for the trauma center in Boston, will be at the middle-high school Monday, Feb. 13 to share his tips for violence prevention with the community. In light of the most recent threat which took place at the middle-high school Tuesday (Jan. 24) it seems Macy could not be coming at a better time.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

As part of a heightened police presence at the middle-high school, Officer James McLean stands by as middle-high school students walk toward the exits at the end of the day Wednesday. Police are investigating a threatening note that was found at the school Tuesday.

Wind trial

Landfill site on the table

By Samantha Brown

The alternative energy committee and board of selectmen would like to see land located near the town landfill tested to see if it would be a site suitable to host a wind turbine.

The committee has been working with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative on the wind turbine initiative. Turbines must be installed on town-owned land, and the committee found much of what the town owns is swamp. However, there were some potential spots located, including land in Whitney Woods, land on Turkey Hill and land near the middle-high school.

Committee member Mike Bliss explained while the middle-high school land is a good option and the wind turbine would be able to provide power for the building, there is a water

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Lot-size requirement could curb village housing project

Zoning amendment to be sought

By Mary Ford
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Local developer Wayne Sawchuk's proposal to expand the 1811 Samuel Bates House in the village, increasing its footprint by some 6,000 square feet, and adding retail space on the first floor and 12 units of affordable housing for seniors on its upper floors, could hinge on whether Town Meeting agrees to amend the zoning bylaw.

As it stands now without a variance, the zoning bylaw would prohibit the project because the lot where the Bates House sits is less than 40,000 square feet. According to the zoning board of appeals, the current bylaw (section 5.3.1) prohibits adding multi-family dwellings in the downtown business district on lots less than that size.

It's not likely Sawchuk's plans would meet the strict variance test enumerated in the bylaw so the zoning board suggested he ask the planning board to draft an amendment to the bylaw about changing the 40,000 square-foot requirement, noting that no lot in the village meets that criteria. The planning board must hold a public hearing on proposed bylaw changes before Town Meeting.

A recently reconstituted zoning advisory committee has been meeting to draft articles to amend several bylaws including the one that has currently curbed Sawchuk's plans. The next ZAC meeting is Monday (Jan. 30) at 7 p.m.

At this past Monday's meeting, officials speculated the 40,000-square-foot requirement was adopted as far back as 1978 to prevent Cohasset Village from becoming more residential with less business. But a more recent 2003 bylaw allows stores in combination with apartments and condominiums in the village as a matter of right rather than a special permit. The bylaw states the units would have to be created in con-

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Jenkins to try again for school board

Carr, Hill to run for selectman

By Mary Ford
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Leonora "Lee" Jenkins, who narrowly lost to Pam Wilson in last year's school committee race, will try again.

Wilson, who plans to seek reelection, edged out Jenkins by just 33 votes last April to fill a one-year, unexpired term on the school committee.

Roger Q. Hill of 19A Highland Ave., and Edwin G. "Ted" Carr of 88 S. Main St. have pulled papers for selectman Michael Sullivan's seat. Sullivan is not seeking reelection.

This year, however, there won't be a head-to-head rematch between Jenkins and Wilson for the school committee because there are two seats up for grabs, both for full, three-year terms.

Last year Chartis Tebbetts resigned from the school board with one year left on her term that is being filled by Wilson, who is a local real-estate agent. Long-time member and former chairman Rick Flynn has announced he will not seek a third term. However, the school committee race could get crowded depending on how many others pull papers which are available at the Town Clerk's office through Feb. 16.

Jenkins, 57, a resident since 1978 whose two daughters attended Cohasset schools, says she cares deeply about Cohasset schools and believes there are fresh and creative ways to achieve the education Cohasset children need to succeed in today's competitive world rather than just steadily increasing the tax burden on local citizens.

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JUNIOR HOOPSTER

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George Grech, 4, does his best Kobe Bryant impression while shooting hoops during "Sports 4 Kids" at the South Shore Community Center on Friday. For more photos see page 21.

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Name: Alfred "Al" S. Moore Jr.

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Best days of your life: When my three children and five grandchildren were born.

Best vacation: Bare Boat cruise, Tortola in the British Virgin Islands.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July.

Favorite junk food: Hot dogs.

Best books: "Breakfast of Champions," by Kurt Vonnegut.

Best recent movie: "Blues Brothers."

Best TV show: "Boston Legal."

Pet peeve: People who take themselves too seriously.

Most memorable moment: Surviving a heart attack.

Goal: To try to make a difference.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with planning board chairman Al Moore, who is also chairman of the zoning advisory committee, at the ZAC meeting Monday at Town Hall.

Person I'd most like to meet: Benjamin Franklin.

Biggest worry: In Cohasset, over development.

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor and the ocean.

Town Census for 2006

The Town Census for 2006 has been mailed to each household. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2006. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2005 license. If you did not receive your census, call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

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The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Developers hit roadblock for Castle Road subdivision

By Samantha Brown
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The public hearing for the proposed Castle Road subdivision has been continued for at least another two weeks.

Issues concerning frontage and access may have caused a slight roadblock for developers, who are trying to build five new single family homes on the 14-acre site, accessed off Castle Road, which is off South Main Street.

Business partners David Calhoun and Tom Ragno of King Taylor Cohasset, LLC came before the planning board Wednesday to continue the public hearing for the project. Early on in the discussion, planning board member Stuart Ivimey asked developers if they were intending on building Castle Road up to subdivision standards. When developers replied they did not, Ivimey said, "Then I have a very big problem with you having frontage — none of these lots has frontage."

For a subdivision to be built, it is required to have frontage on an accepted public way. Board members disagreed whether Castle Road, located off South Main Street, provides the frontage necessary for development.

Ivimey said Castle Road "is currently a trail" and if it is not going to be built to subdivision standards, he does not see how it can provide the frontage the development will need.

But member Bob Sturdy said the town's bylaws allow the board to waive subdivision requirements in special circumstances. He said bringing the roadway up to standard would impact abutting wetlands. In addition, the development has another means of access through a Cedarmere roadway called Manor Way.

Developers plan to build five homes on the 14 acre site, and leave the home which currently exists, which was formerly owned by Charles Flint. Flint had an easement over the Cedarmere property which allowed him to access his property. That easement is being paved and turned into Manor Way, which will be a proper subdivision roadway. That roadway will essentially be extended to service the Castle Road subdivision.

However, Ivimey pointed out, "We've never allowed frontage off a subdivision."

Member Peter Pratt said he wondered how the board would not be exposing itself to lawsuits if it allowed frontage off Manor Way. He said historically the board has been against "daisy-chaining," which is allowing a piece of property to take frontage from another subdivision and create a subdivision off of it.

But member Mike Westcott pointed out the property in question has always had access through the subdivision which makes the case unique.

"I don't think there's anything special here about anything," said Ivimey.

Ivimey added he thinks the board would be creating a horrible precedent if it allows the development to take access and frontage from another pre-existing subdivision. "There is no frontage from the lots to the street via a subdivision road. This is a terrible slippery slope we're embarking upon," he said.

The board could not come to a consensus on the matter and asked Town Counsel to provide something in writing outlining his position on the matter. In turn, attorney for the developer Walter Sullivan said he would provide a response to Town Counsel's opinion before the next hearing. The planning board will take the matter up again Feb. 8.

New Web site helps neighbors in need

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is a town full of generous residents eager to donate to causes far and wide. But when tragedy strikes at home, the response is even more overwhelming, which can easily be seen in the outpouring of support for the Doonan family of Jerusalem Road.

A fire on New Year's Day left the Doonan family home uninhabitable. However, before the last of the embers had been put out, neighbors had already sprung into action, asking for donations of every kind. While there were many generous offers, there needed to be some organization. That is when the Doonans' neighbor George McGoldrick stepped in with the idea to create a Web site for the cause.

McGoldrick said there were many phone calls made by residents who wanted to help the family in any way they could and wanted to know if the family had any specific needs. McGoldrick then thought it might be easier to keep track of donations if there was a way to get the information on the Internet. He contacted Highland Avenue resident and web designer Melissa Clark, who owns her own design company appropriately called Melissa Clark Designs, to see if she would be interested in creating a site to help the cause.

Clark said when she got the call from McGoldrick, it was just the thing she needed to take the initiative to get the site she had in her mind up and running.

"Melissa had always thought about doing something like this," said McGoldrick, adding there are needs in every town that often neighbors can meet. If there is a death in the family, someone has a sick child, or a tragedy of any kind takes place, often neighbors are ready and willing to help as much as they can.

Clark said when she got the call from McGoldrick, it was just the thing she needed to take the initiative to get the site she had in her mind up and running. She had always envisioned a site that would essentially provide a wish list for residents and non-profit groups in the community, and now that Web site, dubbed Cohasset Cares, is up and running.

"Right now it is based on collecting for the Doonans," she said, but she hopes it will evolve into a message board where anyone from leaders of the Appalachia Service Project to the art boosters can make their needs known and feel comfortable asking for help.

McGoldrick said he understands sometimes people can be hesitant to ask for help. He said at first, the Doonans did not want to be featured on the site, but when they found out about the larger goals he and Clark had in mind, they were willing to participate in order to give the site a jump-start.

"This can grow in any direction," said McGoldrick, adding already some of the donations which were offered to the Doonans but were not needs the family had, are being given to other organizations. He said Wellspring in Hull is in the process of expanding into another building and is in need of furniture, and furniture the Doonans did not need is now being passed on because the town was able to identify Wellspring's needs.

"As long as people provide us with their needs" the site can get the word out to others, said Clark. "We can't pull people's needs out of hats."

For more information, please visit www.cohassetcares.com. The site has e-mail links for those who would like to make a donation or ask for help fulfilling the needs of other residents or organizations.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

To learn about the unveiling of the new Cohasset Historical Society weathervane, see page 25.

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A parent, waiting to pick up her child, stands at the edge of the walkway on Old Pasture Road that leads to the Osgood School. With the Sohier Street detour some parents have been leaving their cars standing on Old Pasture while they walk their children to school.

Police urge parents to follow the rules

The Cohasset Police department and MBTA liaisons ask residents to obey the signage on Old Pasture Road and not park in front of the paved path. With the closure of Sohier Street for Greenbush line construction, some parents have been using the path as a means of access to the Osgood and Deer Hill schools, leaving their cars parked and running while they walk their children to school.

Police Chief James Hussey said the path, which is roughly 5 feet wide, is an emergency driveway, and "we don't want that impeded." He said especially with Sohier Street closed, the path provides a means for public safety vehicles to access the schools and Sohier Street in an extreme emergency. "It is very important people don't park at or near the egress," he said.

School Web site full of information

The school committee is urging the public to add www.cohassetk12.org to their "favorites" list. The school district Web site is full of information for all three schools, and is continually being updated. School committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said if parents are looking to find out what's going on at their child's school, the Web site can be a valuable resource.

Wind trial

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tower in close proximity and when the wind blows from the west, "there could be turbulence." Turbines need an undisturbed flow of wind to operate to their fullest potential.

The MTC had visited the site and would be in favor of installing a meteorological tower for pre-testing of the site.

The area in Whitney Woods is far away from everything, which would make it difficult for anyone to use the energy a turbine would generate. "The same thing goes for Turkey Hill," said Bliss.

Bliss said he had spoken with Kristen Burke, wind siting and project manager for MTC, and she had suggested the land near the landfill be tested as a potential spot. The MTC had visited the site and would be in favor of installing a meteorological tower for pre-testing of the site. The tower is installed at the site where a turbine would be located and remains for one year as a means of measuring and monitoring wind at the proposed location throughout all four seasons. The data then helps the town determine whether the turbine would be a feasible power source. There is no charge to the town during the feasibility study.

The board of selectmen agreed it has nothing to lose by going forward with testing on the site.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Schools participate in METCO job fair

Cohasset schools are trying to attract a diverse teaching population and will be participating in a job fair sponsored by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program. The fair will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Charter School in Norwell.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said Cohasset is excited about participating in the fair and said she thinks it provides an opportunity for Cohasset to sell itself to the larger community. "I think it does as much for us as it does for prospective employees," she said.

Walsh said Cohasset offered its buildings as a potential site for the job fair, but "the train doesn't stop here yet," and people felt it was a little too far off the beaten path. "Maybe in the future," she said.

Companies show interest in Cook Estate project

The new Request for Proposals for the Cook Estate project has been available since Jan. 18. Already, the town has had 12 companies or individuals pay the $25 fee to obtain a copy of the document, including: Accord Development Corp. of Norwell; Bay View Development of Quincy; BR Development of Hingham; Brian Heggie of Cohasset; Bristol Bros. Development of South Weymouth; Cohasset Associates of Cohasset; Deer Hill Partners of Braintree; Fennell Development, Inc., of Boxford; Powers Realty & Development of Cohasset; Russ Development of Boston; Witsop Development Group of Norwell; and Wyman St. Advisors of Waltham. Bid submissions must be received by the town by Feb. 17.

Board of selectmen change meeting date

The board of selectmen will meet Monday Feb. 13 instead of Tuesday, Feb. 14. Selectman Gary Vanderweil pointed out the 14th is Valentine's Day and some of the board members may want to celebrate. The board agreed to change the date.

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Carr, Hill to enter selectman's race

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Leonora "Lee" Jenkins

Pam Wilson

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Ted Carr

"I'm not alone in these beliefs," said Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road. "At the April '05 annual Town Meeting, the report issued by the School Budget Investigation Committee had four key recommendations: to develop a truly realistic and balanced school budget within available revenues; to have the school committee involved on a monthly basis to become aware of deficits and develop solutions; to share financial information with the town; and to put an end to the idea that overrides are an annual necessity."

Wilson, 42, of 80 N. Main St., who had internet service problems this week, did not receive telephone messages from the Mariner left on Monday and again on Wednesday evening in time to comment for this week's paper. "Since it is so late in the process, I will give you an explanation of my interest in seeking reelection to the school committee next week. Thanks for your effort," Wilson wrote in an email message early Thursday morning.

Carr, 37, who is a partner in a consulting business, worked for eight years in the Clinton administration. "I saw an opportunity to serve when Michael Sullivan said he wasn't running again," said Carr, who has lived in town 2-1/2 years. "I miss public service."

Carr says pressing issues for Cohasset include town growth, the effect of the train, the tax situation, the unresolved teachers' contract, and economic development.

Hill, 45, a commercial property owner in Cohasset, has served on the advisory board for the past three years.

"My experience in local government and longevity in town are important assets that will be needed in helping to guide the town and its citizens toward a positive future," said Hill, a life-long resident and a seasoned campaigner. In 2002, Hill gave incumbents Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris a scare, coming within about 100 votes in that three way race for two seats on the board of selectmen. The following year, Hill came in second behind Michael Sullivan and ahead of Gabriel Gomez in a three-way race for one seat on the board.

In addition to Pam Wilson, the following incumbents have pulled nomination papers indicating their interest in seeking reelection: planning board member Peter Pratt; water commissioner John McNabb; sewer commissioner John Beck; Peggy Chapman of the board of health; Lisa LoJacono for recreation commission; and assessor Michael C. Patrolia.

There are three seats available on the Board of Library Trustees. Incumbents Patience Towle and Agnes McCann have pulled papers, as has Elizabeth Baker, who would be seeking her first term. Library trustee Carol Riley has indicated she won't seek another term.

Nomination papers for the 2006 annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 16.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies the signatures collected on the nomination papers. Positions available for the 2006 town election include:

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Friday, March 10 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 8.

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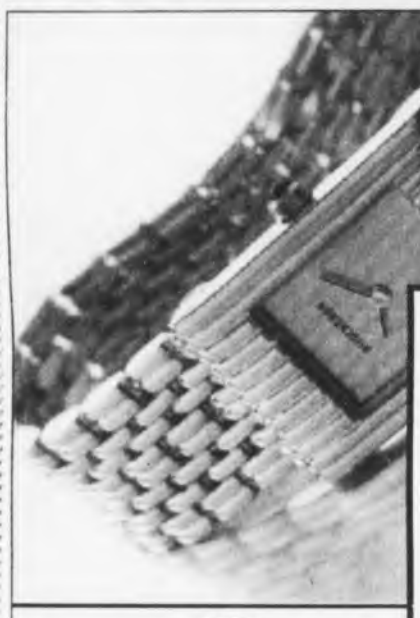

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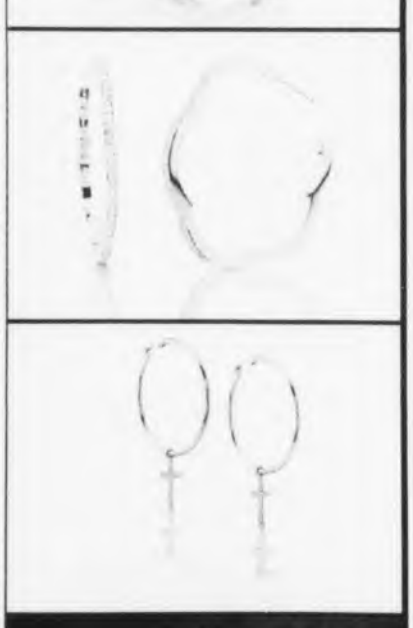

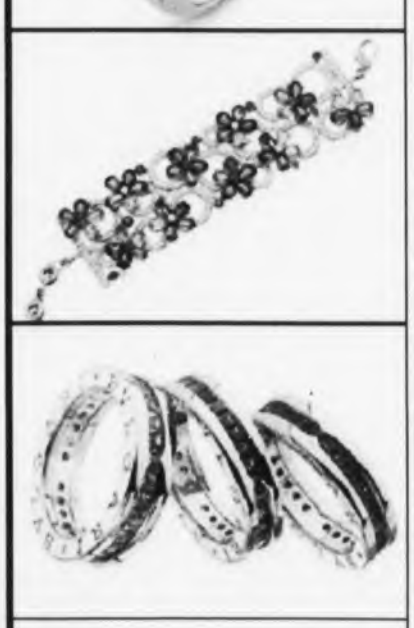

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Artist exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "The Six Styles of Janis," an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the library through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Wednesdays.

Income tax forms – There are a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons room. Reproducible forms can be used on a copier. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Upcoming author visits – Thursday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m., Buttonwood Books and PPML will host author Carol Goodman at a luncheon at the Minot Lightkeeper's Residence in Cohasset. The author will discuss her latest book, "The Ghost Orchid." Tickets are $18 and are available at Buttonwood Books and the library. On Sunday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m., at the PPML, the Friends of the Library present Michael Tougais, author of "Ten Hours Until Dawn," who will present a narrated slide show.

Museum passes – Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m., take advantage of the library's pass to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and attend a discussion at the museum with Michael Downing and Alan Chong on Orhan Pamuk's "My Name is Red." A copy of the book is available through the library. Museum passes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Learn about oriental rugs – Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2:30 p.m., Scott Gregorian, from Gregorian Rugs, will be at the library to talk about oriental rugs.

Retirement Planning – Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m., local resident, Chuck Jaffe, will discuss retirement planning in the meeting room. Free.

Understanding the Modern Middle East – Paul Pratt Memorial Library is joining with the Hingham Public Library to present a new reading and discussion program. Understanding the Modern Middle East was developed by the Humanities Foundations and Massachusetts scholars. The free program offers an opportunity to learn about the history, politics and culture of the Middle East. Four two-hour sessions will be held every other week beginning Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. The sessions will alternate between Hingham and Cohasset libraries with Hingham hosting the first session. Participants are asked to read related material from the text, "Between Memory and Desire: The Middle East in a Troubled Age," by R. Stephen Humphries. Limited copies are available at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Advance registration required. For more information call Reference librarian Gayle Walsh, 718-383-1348.

FOR CHILDREN

Music and craft helping children have success now - A Community Partnership for Children is sponsoring a music, story, and craft time for preschool age children and their parents in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. Musician Mollie Caravello will be performing. This event is funded by Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Essay Contest — The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts is announcing its seventh annual On-line Student Essay Contest for Massachusetts students grades 4-12. The theme is "Making Democracy Work: Our Bill of Rights".

Contest details, including rules, prizes and essay questions, are available on-line at www.lwvma.org. The contest ends on March 15 and the winners will be honored at an event at Fanueil Hall on April 30. Bookmarks outlining contest general information are available in the Young Adult Room.

Community to learn lesson on violence prevention

FROM VIOLENCE, PAGE 1

At roughly 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Cohasset police were called to the middle-high school to investigate a threatening note found in one of the student bathrooms. The note, which was recovered by a high school student, references the deadly shooting which took place at Columbine High School in 1999.

School remained in session all day Tuesday and classes were undisturbed while members of the police department conducted an investigation. Officers interviewed school staff members to determine who might have been out of the classroom at the time the note was left and who might have had access to a computer, as the note was typed and not handwritten. Police Chief James Hussey said he feels there was no imminent danger to students Tuesday, and the school continues to be a safe place. "We feel we have plenty of police presence in and outside the school to provide safety for our students," he said.

Hussey said the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office as well as the FBI's behavioral science unit are helping with the investigation. "They will evaluate the content of the note and try to identify the type of person who would have authored the note," said Hussey of the FBI involvement. The FBI has also been involved in some of the prior school incidents. The DA's office has provided the school with an expert in computer forensics to help search the computers at the school for evidence.

But even with the extra help from the DA's office and the FBI, Hussey said it is extremely important for parents and students to come forward and assist the department with any information they can. "If anyone has any information, if anyone saw something or heard something, maybe even the day before the incident, anything they can give us will help. We need the assistance of the community," said Hussey.

With Macy coming to town, the community may soon have a much better understanding of behaviors to look for which may indicate there is a problem with a student. When Hussey was a member of the Boston Police Department he worked with Macy, and said he was a very beneficial asset to have when a rash of teen suicides broke out in a Boston community. "The number was off the charts," in terms of the number of teens who were committing suicide said Hussey, which caused the city much concern. "That's where he (Macy) became involved" to help residents identify the warning signs before it was too late, he said.

Hussey said it is easy to see there is something going on with Cohasset's youth, as there are obviously one or more students who feel they are not part of the community and are acting out. "We all as a community have a responsibility when it comes to youth in crisis," said Hussey, adding Macy will help adults recognize the behaviors associated with the kinds of acts the school has been experiencing. "The untrained eye may miss those behaviors," he said.

Hussey said from working with Macy, he knows he will emphasize the parent's responsibility to say "no." He said there is a reason movies and video games are rated in terms of age-appropriateness and allowing children to watch mature movies or play mature video games at a young age could be part of the problem.

"We're very lucky to have someone coming in with this kind of expertise and credentials," said Hussey. "This is a great opportunity for our community to pull together and work together and get educated on how to best influence the well-being of our youth."

An anonymous tip line remains in place at the Cohasset Police Department. Anyone with information is encouraged to call (781) 383-1055 X1050. There is no caller ID function on the phone to ensure anonymity. Tips can also be sent to the Cohasset Police Department via e-mail. A link can be found on its Web site at www.cohassetpolice.com.

Robert Macy will be at Cohasset Middle High School Monday, Feb. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. to meet with teachers, school staff members and members of the police department, and from 7 to 9 p.m. to meet with parents and interested members of the community. Childcare will be provided to ensure parents are able to attend. For more information, please call the office of the superintendent at (781) 383-6111.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Police Officer James McLean walks along the outside of the middle-high school at the end of the school day on Wednesday. There is a police presence at the school in response to the discovery of another threatening note.

String of threats at CMHS

- **May 11, 2005:** a threatening note and bullet are found outside the middle-high school by a faculty member opening the school for the day. Students are put into "lockdown" upon their arrival and are dismissed early to allow a thorough search of the school and its grounds.
- **Sept. 26, 2005:** Cohasset police respond to an alarm at the school, set off at roughly 1:30 a.m. Responding officers find a torn screen on the first floor of the middle school section of the building. Further investigation leads officers to find notes inside the building which indicate there is a bomb in the school. A written note on the front door has the same message. The Boston Bomb Squad is called in to investigate a suspicious package.
- **Oct. 16, 2005:** A written note is discovered on school property by a teacher and students meeting to carpool to Boston. The note includes the threat to bring a gun to school, and in turn, Principal Joel Antolini decides backpacks, purses, and lunch bags are all subject to searches. School is delayed for two hours Monday, Oct. 17.
- **Oct. 18, 2005:** The middle school is closed for the entire day when police discover a threatening note at roughly 1:30 a.m. on the middle-high school sign at the school's entrance. The note indicates there is a bomb in the school. A 13-year-old student is arrested in connection with the threat, as well as the Sept. 26 bomb threat.
- **Jan. 24, 2006:** A high school student finds a threatening note which references the Columbine shooting of 1999 in one of the student bathrooms. Police respond to the scene at about 11:45 a.m., and conduct an investigation. A police presence will remain at the school until further notice.

Parents concerned about communication delay

By Samantha Brown
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Some parents in town are concerned formal information about Tuesday's threat, which took place at 11:45 a.m., was not sent home to parents in the form of a Connect-Ed pre-recorded message until after 7 p.m. In fact, two mothers came to that night's selectmen's meeting to ask Police Chief James Hussey questions about the incident. Hussey had attended the meeting to discuss the police department budget.

Cohasset Middle High School Principal Joel Antolini said the school department "tried to send out a message at a time when it would be most well received, before evening activities and after parents returned home from a later day at work." He said if the message had been sent when potentially only the children are home, there is a greater chance the message might have been deleted before parents would have been able to hear it.

Antolini said parents should not worry about the safety of their children, as there is a police presence at the school and it will remain until further notice. "They are as safe today as they were yesterday," he said during an interview Wednesday morning. "With all of our staff and a heightened police presence, there are many people paying attention to behavior in the building," he said.

While visitors to the school may have noticed staff members are wearing ID badges around their necks, Antolini said it has nothing to do with the recent incident. "Parents just may want to know who's working with their students," he said, and ID badges are a quick way for parents to read the name and title of the staff member if they visit the building. Antolini said other than the police presence, the threat will not affect the way school is being run, which includes being able to bring backpacks to school.

Students had previously been instructed to not bring backpacks into the school in light of threats dealing with guns and bombs. After Thanksgiving, the faculty, through many meetings, decided it would be OK for backpacks to once again be allowed, if only kept in student lockers during the day. Up through Christmas, students were gradually allowed to bring backpacks back into the classrooms, with the understanding each teacher could decide whether they felt comfortable with the practice in their individual rooms. Students are still able to bring backpacks to class with permission from the classroom teacher.

Antolini said at Cohasset Middle High School, the goal remains to first and foremost provide an education for the children who attend. He said the incident did not affect attendance as roughly 95 percent of students were present Wednesday morning. He said that number may actually be higher, as some students were tardy due to traffic problems resulting from an accident on Rte. 3A, and may have been marked absent.

Antolini said it is imperative parents talk to their children about the incident. "Maybe a friend of a friend will have heard something and that may be a tip we need," he said. Antolini encouraged parents and students to come forward with any information, even if it seems small, either through the police department's anonymous tip line at (781) 383-1055X1050 or by sending an anonymous e-mail by visiting the Cohasset Police Department's Web site at www.cohassetpolice.com.

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Ned Tebbetts joins the octogenarian club

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

NEW ARRIVAL

Benjamin Lawrence Henry was born on Dec. 13, 2005 to **Mary and Scott Henry**. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces. He joins his older brother, **Nicholas**, who turns 2 on Jan. 31. He is the grandson of **Kate and Roger Clark** of New Canaan, Conn., and **May and Bob Henry** of Sunapee, N.H.

Congratulations to all on this wonderful addition to your family.

NEW OCTOGENARIAN

Happy Birthday goes out to a well-known man around town. **Ned Tebbetts** celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 24. He is in excellent health, and very active, still playing tennis, walking every day, reading three newspapers, and attending seminars at the Kennedy School of Government several times a week. He still loves politics, and is especially interested in the Social Security issue. Hope you had a wonderful and special day. Happy Birthday!

ART EXHIBIT

The South Shore Art Center presents Celtic Odyssey – Fiona and John Owen, on display from Feb. 24 - April 2, with an opening reception Friday the 24th at 6 p.m.. This exhibition features the most recent work of two artists who live in the UK and whose Celtic inheritance informs their work and frequently sends them back to Ireland for fresh inspiration. The paintings reflect the Irish landscape from South West Cork to Achill Island as well as impressions from the artists' forays into Wales, Scotland and Cornwall capturing the Celtic imprint of these isles. For more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Congratulations to **Frannie Noble**, a sophomore at Connecticut College who was recently accepted into the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts(CISLA) certificate program. Frannie, a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School, is the daughter of **Stephanie and Howie Noble,** who are beaming with pride.

SYRACUSE HONORS

Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts recently named **Jennifer Murray** of Cohasset to the dean's list. Jennifer is a freshman majoring in design/technical theater. Keep up that hard work!

SEADOGS BASEBALL

Cohasset resident **John Sturino** has recently been named as an early selection to the 2006 S.S.B.C. "Seadogs" 15-and-Under Division AAU Travel Team Baseball Program as announced by the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham.

As a member of the "Seadogs", John will compete against other AAU organizations in Massachusetts for the right to appear in the AAU Baseball National Championships to be held in Kingsport, Tenn. this coming August.

"John is an enthusiastic player who will be a great asset to this team." says Gary Donovan, 15-and-Under Team Manager. Growing in popularity, AAU Travel Team Baseball gives players, coaches and families the opportunity to travel and compete in a national tournament.

"Competing in the National Championships is a thrill of a lifetime", says Frank Niles, President of the South Shore Baseball Club.

John's family wishes him, as well as his other teammates, all the best this season. The whole Sturino family is looking forward to another year of great baseball games with talented players. Go Seadogs!

CYBSA SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is holding its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 1. Registration forms are also be available at Town Hall, or via e-mail requests at CYBSA02025@yahoo.com. For more detailed information, please see the Sports section.

QUINCY COLLEGE

Karolina Marzec and **Steve Murray** of Cohasset have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Quincy College. Students on the dean's list earned a GPA of 3.75 or better last semester to achieve this honor.

EXETER HONORS

Jared H. Dick of Cohasset, an 11th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, earned honors for the fall term. The son of **Michael Dick and Lisa Hewitt Dick**, Jared is in his second year at the independent secondary school in Exeter, N.H.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Douglas Huntington Pearce, son of **Peter and Ansley Pearce** of Cohasset, has been named to the president's list for the 2005 fall semester at Elon University in Elon, N.C. The president's list is composed of student who had no grade below an A-minus in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Alexander G. Hunt of Cohasset, a junior at Boston College High School, was among the 115 seniors and juniors inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, S.J. Chapter of the National Honor Society at an evening ceremony Jan. 10 at Boston College High School's Fahey-Hunter Commons. The guest speaker was Massachusetts State Senator Jack Hart, an alumnus of BC High, class of 1979. A reception for the inductees and their parents followed the ceremonies. The National Honor Society is established under the National Association of Secondary School Principals to provide recognition to high school students who have clearly distinguished themselves in their school and community for scholarship, character, leadership and service.

That is all the news for this week. Send in all your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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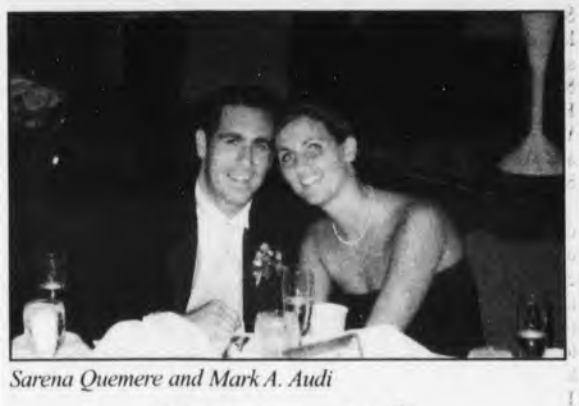

Sarena Quemere and Mark A. Audi

Quemere - Audi

Announcement is made of the engagement of Sarena Quemere, the daughter of Kathleen Talarico, of W. Yarmouth, and Larry Quemere, of E. Bridgewater, to Mark A. Audi, the son of Anthony and Deborah Audi, of Colonie, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Cohasset High School, and received a bachelor of science degree from Curry College in Milton. She is employed as a Human Resource associate for Papa Gino's and D'Angelo's Corp.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Colonie Central High School, N.Y., and received a bachelor of science degree from Boston College in Chestnut Hill. He is employed as a manager at Ernst & Young, LLP.

A Sept. 30, 2006 wedding is planned.

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The Full Moon Family Walk: Rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7- 8:30 p.m. at The Weir River Farm. The open, quiet winter forest surrounding the farm is the perfect place for families to discover the sights and sounds of the seasons. Hot cocoa to follow. Preregistration necessary.

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Cohasset acquires Brass Kettle Conservation area

The town has just erected an information kiosk on King Street in a small parking area leading into 100 acres of open space bounded by Lily Pond, 824 acres of The Trustees of Reservations Whitney Thayer Woods including Turkey Hill and 4,000 acres of Wompatuck State Park.

Altogether these properties offer many miles of lovely uninterrupted walking trails, creating an interesting network that leads from the King Street trailhead to Lily Pond and west to Wompatuck Park, then north to Whitney Thayer Woods and Turkey Hill. Thanks to the vote of Cohasset citizens at the 2004 Town Meeting, the Water Department — together with generous financial assistance from the Cohasset Preservation Commission, grants from the state and the private Cohasset Conservation Trust — made the funding available to purchase the private lots of land comprising this conservation area. Cohasset has more than 30 percent of its landmass set aside as green space, which gives the town its unique character by having one of the finest coastlines and harbors on the South Shore together with an abundance of green space.

These 100 acres provide a vital conservation area and watershed for Cohasset's drinking water supply at Lily Pond into which two tributaries flow, the major one being Brass Kettle Brook. The National Heritage and Endangered Species Program has identified the entire property and much of its surroundings as core habitat for rare species. There are more than 70 species of trees and plants inhabiting this woodland. Grouse, partridge and deer make the heavily wooded areas their home.

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This area is an important part of Cohasset's Colonial history dating back to 1770 when the Massachusetts General Court granted permission for Cohasset to separate from Hingham. The path from King Street, called Great Lot Lane on Gilbert Tower's hand-drawn Cohasset maps, was one of the roads that linked the two towns. It crosses two tributaries, bridged by rock slabs that once supported the weight of horses and wagons. The many stonewalls seen from the path are indications that the landscape was once cleared of trees for the grazing of livestock. Today, trees and undergrowth have once again reclaimed the land giving it the appearance that it had when Native Americans made this their home before it was settled. Several of the stonewalls follow the 18th-century narrow parcels of land along east-west property lines that comprised the way the town was divided into First, Second and Third Precincts.

At the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, King Street was one of the major rural farm sections of town. Just yards from the parking lot stood the cider mill shed for the Samuel James Farm, which featured a one-horse-powered cider mill. For more detail about this area's geography and early Colonial times through the mid-20th-century, read Cohasset's first two histories, E. Victor Bigelow's Narrative "History of Cohasset," Volume I and Bertram Pratt's Narrative "History of Cohasset," Volume II.

Michelle, Peter and Anna Deininger admire new kiosk at the trailhead of Brass Kettle Conservation Area.

Residents are asked to stay in the path to avoid stepping on undergrowth and to respect the King Street neighbors' privacy. All refuse including animal should be picked up since this entire area is one of Cohasset's primary drinking water watersheds. Extra caution should be exercised when crossing Brass Kettle Brook especially during the winter months when the stones can become icy. During periods of heavy rain sections of the path, particularly Brass Kettle Brook, can become flooded and impassable.

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Principal Antolini paints the CMHS budget picture

Nine new positions sought

By Samantha Brown
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Reducing class sizes and offering more elective courses are top priorities at both the middle and high schools. That goal is reflected in the proposed fiscal 2007 middle-high school budget, presented by principal Joel Antolini at the Jan. 19 school committee meeting.

"I can tell you there are no staff reductions" in either of the schools' budgets, said Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh, which will help the school department stay on course with its 5-year strategic plan. The middle school and high school are located under one roof, but the schools are in the process of becoming two separate entities with their own philosophies and cultures. Antolini presides over both, but each school has its own assistant principal, and in turn, its own set of needs.

The total middle school budget for fiscal 2006 was $1,946,749. Antolini suggested an increase of $233,832 or roughly 12 percent, for fiscal 2007, which brings the budget up to $2,180,581. There are four new positions proposed for fiscal 2007, including one English and reading teacher for grade six; one foreign language teacher for grades seven and eight; one music teacher for grades six through eight; and one shared guidance/adjustment counselor for grades six through 12. All tolled, the positions would cost $180,000.

Antolini explained there are some concerns regarding the data collected for grade-six reading and language arts MCAS scores, which warrants hiring an English and reading specialist. "Students need additional support," he said. He added there is a new reading program being started at Deer Hill, and there needs to be someone on hand at the middle school to help keep that momentum going. He said the perfect candidate for the position would serve as a reading coach for students as well as other teachers.

The middle school would also benefit from a new foreign language teacher. Antolini said the ideal candidate would be someone who is fluent in both French and Spanish. He said by adding a staff member, it will help reduce class size.

The music teacher would be added as a way to "stabilize a program which currently has shared staff from Deer Hill and the high school," said Antolini.

Although it is only included in the middle-school budget, the new guidance/adjustment counselor would be shared by the schools. The new employee would provide adequate support for those already working in the guidance department, to help increase resources available for students. The new guidance/adjustment counselor would deal with specific social and emotional concerns, which would free up the other counselors to work with a broader spectrum of students on a day-to-day basis.

There are other additions proposed for the middle-school budget, including materials to start up a new technology education program for the sixth grade. "They're not being taught the content area in this age group," said Antolini, although technology will soon become part of the MCAS test.

To start the program, $20,900 has been added to the science purchases line item. Last year that line item totaled $2,600. Antolini said the program will be phased in over the course of three years.

School committee member Alfred Slanetz said while he was happy to see students will soon be learning about engineering and technology, "Why aren't you hiring a new engineering or science teacher for the new program?" he asked.

Antolini explained he wanted to produce a responsible budget, and therefore did not include the position. He added the school currently has a staff member who would be a perfect fit for the position.

At the high school, the fiscal 2006 budget was $3,718,192. It has increased by $577,202, or 15.5 percent, for a total of $4,295,394. The high school budget includes the custodial and utility costs for both schools. Requests have been made in the form of one new English language arts teacher; one new math teacher; one half-time foreign language teacher; one secretary/receptionist; and one half-time athletic trainer. Together, the five positions total $159,052.

Antolini explained "block scheduling" at the high school — which means students adhere to a schedule where classes are held for longer periods of time, but not all classes are attended every day — allows more material to be covered in a shorter amount of time, and therefore as students become juniors and seniors, they have sometimes taken all the classes the school has to offer. This is especially true with the math and English classes. In order to offer more courses, more staff is needed.

"Lots of classes have 30-plus students, and we have a limited number of electives. Next semester, kids will be forced to take study halls because they've maxed out on the courses we can offer them," said Antolini.

School committee chairman Jamie Wiliams asked whether students could take an independent study class or become involved in e-learning, meaning students could take classes on their own via the Internet during that study hall time. Antolini said some students are already taking classes on the Internet and independent study classes are offered as well. He said the school is also going to begin a peer-tutoring program, which could be conducted during study hall.

School committee member Adrienne MacCarthy asked Antolini to speak to the importance of offering more electives. "Are they crucial to the academic career?" she asked. Antolini said students need 175 credits to graduate, and only 16 classes are required, which means students must take a number of electives in order to graduate.

The half-time foreign language teacher would complement the half-time position which currently exists, and would reduce class sizes. It would also allow the school to be able to offer a sequence of classes for students, such as French I, II, III, IV, and advanced placement.

The half-time athletic trainer position was discussed in detail during the athletic budget discussion (see sidebar).

In the main office, there is currently only one employee, and Antolini said it is very important to have another secretary added to the budget. Antolini said if the current secretary has to leave the office for any reason, either the school nurse or a student volunteer must cover for her. However, visitors to the school are required to buzz in at the main office and students are not allowed to open the door, which means without another adult in the office, visitors can be left waiting outside until the secretary returns. The main office is far too busy to be staffed by only one person, he said.

Cohasset Middle High School currently has roughly 800 students, and Antolini said 90 percent of the student population has MCAS scores in the proficient or advanced category. "The budget process is very complex, and it has a lot of details," he said, adding he tried to present a budget which could provide diverse learning opportunities for students and keep their success going, while realizing the tough fiscal constraints.

The school committee was scheduled to hold another budget hearing Thursday, Jan. 26 after the Mariner went to press.

What's next for the school budget?

- Jan. 26: budget review meeting for entire school budget.
- Late January, early February: school committee presents budget to joint meeting of selectmen and advisory committee (exact date TBD).
- March 2: school committee public hearing on budget. School committee will also vote final adoption of budget and certify budget figure.
- March 17: budget document ready for distribution.
- April 1: Annual Town Meeting.

Athletic department makes a pitch for half-time trainer

By Samantha Brown
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The school department is relying on the high school athletics department's anticipated revenues for fiscal 2007.

However, a successful athletics program is only as good as its athletes, and Athletic Director Ron Ford said it is imperative an athletic trainer be included in this year's budget to ensure the school's athletes are able to receive medical attention at a moment's notice.

Currently, the school department has a contracted part-time athletic trainer. She works with the students on a daily basis and the athletics department feels very fortunate to have her on board. Ford said prior to her arrival, he had advertised the position for a full year without any response. He said he would like to see the position become a half-time employee position, salaried at $18,900 per year with benefits. "We have to make the position attractive to keep her or be able to get someone else" in the future, if it becomes necessary, he said. "This is a position that makes sense."

The school is required to provide medical aid at every game as part of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules. Ford said if the school does not have its own medical trainer on hand, it would have to pay for EMT coverage, which would likely be at least double the cost of having its own trainer present.

"I can't explain to you how important this position is. I can't be at every practice and I can't leave medical aid up to the coaches. We need a professional person in the building every day who can be the eyes and ears of the athletic department. It is critical," said Ford.

The total recommended athletics budget for fiscal 2007 is $298,292. That includes anticipated revenues in the amount of $81,000 from gate receipts and

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Proposed school budget continues its uphill climb

Teachers' contract numbers not solid

By Samantha Brown
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As the weeks go on, the proposed fiscal 2007 school department budget continues to grow. Heating bills have come in which have bumped the schools' bottom line up by roughly $25,000 to $14,066,612, or a 13.95 percent increase over last year, not including anticipated offsets.

"We know that when you look at a 13 percent increase you choke — we all do — but there are fixed costs," said Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh during budget discussions with the school committee Thursday, Jan. 19.

The school department anticipates bringing in $81,000 from the athletics department from gate receipts and user fees. It also anticipate receiving $150,089 in circuit breaker reimbursement from the state, for costs related to special education. The schools will find out what the actual amount of funding will be once the state budget is finalized.

The school department also receives grant funding for taking part in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, and anticipates having $86,980 available to help offset the budget. Combined, the three areas could leave the school department with $318,069 available to help bring the difference between this year's budget and last from $1,722,230 down to $1,404,161.

But those offsets may not amount to much when the contract is finalized with the Cohasset Teachers' Association. The CTA has been working without a contract since the beginning of the year, and without an agreement, there are no solid numbers to plug into the salary line items. Walsh has plugged in a cost of living increase figure of $238,655 as a placeholder, which could increase significantly once the contract is settled. Even with the offsets from athletics, circuit breaker and METCO funding, which help bring the school budget down, plugging in the placeholder figure for the cost of living increase, which is much less than it will be once the contract is settled, brings the total fiscal 2007 proposed budget up to $13,987,198.

The CTA has been working without a contract since the beginning of the year, and without an agreement, there are no solid numbers to plug into the salary line items.

"In order to open our doors in September, we need a 7 percent increase," said school committee chairman Jamie Williams, as she pointed out the contractual obligations and fixed costs prepared by Walsh amount to $637,109, or a 5.16 percent increase, and the minimal cost of living increase that has been factored in without being agreed upon by the teachers is an additional 1.93 percent increase over last year. Together, they equal a 7.09 percent increase over fiscal 2006.

Walsh noted Town Manager Bill Griffin has recommended an increase of $370,000 for the school department in his proposed fiscal 2007 general government operating budget. "That $370,000 wouldn't cover contractual obligations and fixed costs alone," she said.

She also said Griffin's figure is only a placeholder as only the school committee can decide on the final proposed budget figure for the school department. The number voted by the school committee "is the number that has to go in" the town's general operating budget, and must be voted on by Town Meeting, she said.

Walsh said virtually every school system in the state needs at least a 7 percent increase every year in order to maintain services. School committee member Rick Flynn said the school department is still playing catch-up from only receiving a 4 percent increase last year.

In fiscal 2004, the school department's budget was $11,418,429. With the passage of a $400,000 override for fiscal 2005, the budget increased by 4.6 percent to become $11,943,800. As the fiscal year went on, Walsh announced the numbers had been underbudgeted by roughly $500,000.

Roughly $160,500 ($93,500 for utilities and $67,000 for unemployment) was then put into the reserve fund to cover costs associated with fiscal 2005, followed by an additional $100,000 in the reserve fund for costs that might come up. Another $100,000 was also added directly into the school budget, which made an additional $360,500 available for its disposal on top of the budget allocation.

A few months into fiscal 2006, Walsh announced the school department had $190,652 left over from what was available in fiscal 2005, of which it used roughly $80,000 to pre-pay special education tuitions for fiscal 2006. From fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006, the school department's budget was increased by $400,582, or 3.3 percent. The schools had gone for another $400,000 override for fiscal 2006, but it did not pass muster with the voters.

However, the school department did receive some additional funds for fiscal 2006 in the form of a state Foundation Reserve Award, dubbed a "pothole program," in the amount of $205,000. The money was awarded as a result of significant reductions in state aid, which is one of the priority categories set by the legislature.

Osgood School has fingers crossed for full-day K grant

Kids flock to new program

By Samantha Brown
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Full-day kindergarten has proven to be a successful program in Cohasset. With only one session of roughly 11 half-day students, virtually all of the town's youngest students enrolled in the program this first year of operation.

But to keep the program going into the future takes money, and there are only two ways to generate the funding: continue imposing tuition fees, and go after grants.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh has filed for a full-day kindergarten grant from the state. She said for the past two years the school department has been told money for programs such as the one Cohasset began this fall would be forthcoming, and it appears that time could be approaching.

"They're surveying the state to see how many full-day kindergarten classes there will be," said Walsh, adding schools must fill out applications for each classroom for the chance to receive $15,000 per room. Cohasset currently has five full-day kindergarten classrooms, meaning it could be eligible to receive $75,000 in grant funding.

The state has been singing the praises of full-day kindergarten programs, but has given limited start-up aid to communities who choose to begin the programs. Without help from the state, many communities will not be as fortunate as Cohasset and will not be able to get their programs off the ground.

"We put together what I believe is a very good grant proposal."
— Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan

The Massachusetts Department of Education is required to file a report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means on the progress which has been made to increase the number of full-day programs, and ensure those which are operating are high quality. The report states to aid in that mission, for the past six fiscal years, the Commonwealth has been delegating funds to various school districts to help promote voluntary full-day kindergarten programs. Between two different grants under the state's Kindergarten Development Grant Program, schools have been given the funding both to begin full-day programs and keep them going.

Cohasset has applied for a "transitional funds" grant. First, the school must be deemed an eligible applicant by the state, and then it will be considered for the $15,000 per classroom award. If found eligible, the school district then automatically becomes eligible for a second grant — an $18,000 "quality of full-day kindergarten" grant, which is awarded in full, not by the classroom.

Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan said Cohasset is unique because it has five full-day kindergarten classes which have just begun and the school will be proposing two new classes in 2006. She said before Cohasset began the program, it had been advised by the Department of Education not to apply for the grants to help get it started. However, now that the program is up and running, the school's circumstances have changed, she said.

"We have moved forward (with implementing full-day kindergarten) because of communication from the state and the community," said Sheehan. She said the town was able to provide documentation of the entire process leading up to beginning full-day kindergarten classes and the benefit it has to the town, thanks to the kindergarten task force which was very active in collecting data for the schools prior to the program's implementation.

"We have tremendous documentation from parent surveys to educational research. We put together what I believe is a very good grant proposal," said Sheehan.

However, Sheehan pointed out the grant process is a very competitive one and funds are usually awarded to lower performing school districts "so it'll be tough." She said the application makes it clear Cohasset cannot provide full-day kindergarten classes without charging tuition to students "and I think we made a good case" for receiving the money. If received, the funds would go toward teacher salaries, supplies, and additional professional development.

Walsh said the money will be awarded to schools likely in June, which means there is no way to know whether it should be factored into the fiscal 2007 budget. However, she wanted both the school committee and the public to know "we're being very proactive."

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user fees. Anticipated funds to be generated by the local boosters clubs are not factored in, as they typically pay for items such as uniforms and equipment for athletes as well as celebratory banquets.

School committee chairman Jamie Williams asked whether there are funds allocated in the budget for ongoing maintenance costs such as refinishing the new gymnasium floor.

"We did it this year through an offset," said Ford, adding the floor was complete just before Christmas and it received a tremendous response from those who attended holiday tournaments. Ford added the winter is the best time to refinish the floors as it provides more protection from the salt and mud that is tracked in during that time. Moving forward, it is still unclear whether the town or the school department will pick up the cost for any further refinishing of the floors.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Under siege

We live in a post-Columbine, post-9-11 world in which every threat has to be taken seriously.

The days when a student pulled the fire alarm as a prank providing classmates with an unscheduled recess and got a slap on the wrist are well behind us.

Unfortunately here in Cohasset, the threats keep coming. It's unclear if the student or students responsible for Tuesday's threatening note have also been behind some of the previous incidents.

What we do know is that someone out there likely knows who the perpetrator or perpetrators are. It's critically important that these individuals come forward and report what they know to the police. Whoever is perpetrating these threats needs help and won't receive it if he, she, or they are not "caught."

To help all of us understand the mentality behind this type of destructive behavior, an expert on violence prevention has been invited to the middle-high school to provide insight and answer questions on the issue.

It is important that members of the community hear Dr. Robert Macy, from 7-9 p.m., Feb. 13. Please mark your calendars.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to pull together and work together, and get an education on how best to influence the well being of our youth," Police Chief James Hussey said.

Budgetary concerns

As reporters, we are not budget experts. Our job is to present the news in as clear a format as possible so our readers have the information they need and can get involved in the process and issues, if they choose to do so.

However, in his column, we provide the newspaper's view of what is taking place.

You don't have to agree with us; and we provide ample space for all opinion and rebuttal.

What we see currently emerging is a disturbing picture. The school department is not interested in providing a "balanced budget" to Town Meeting, as Town Manager Bill Griffin has requested.

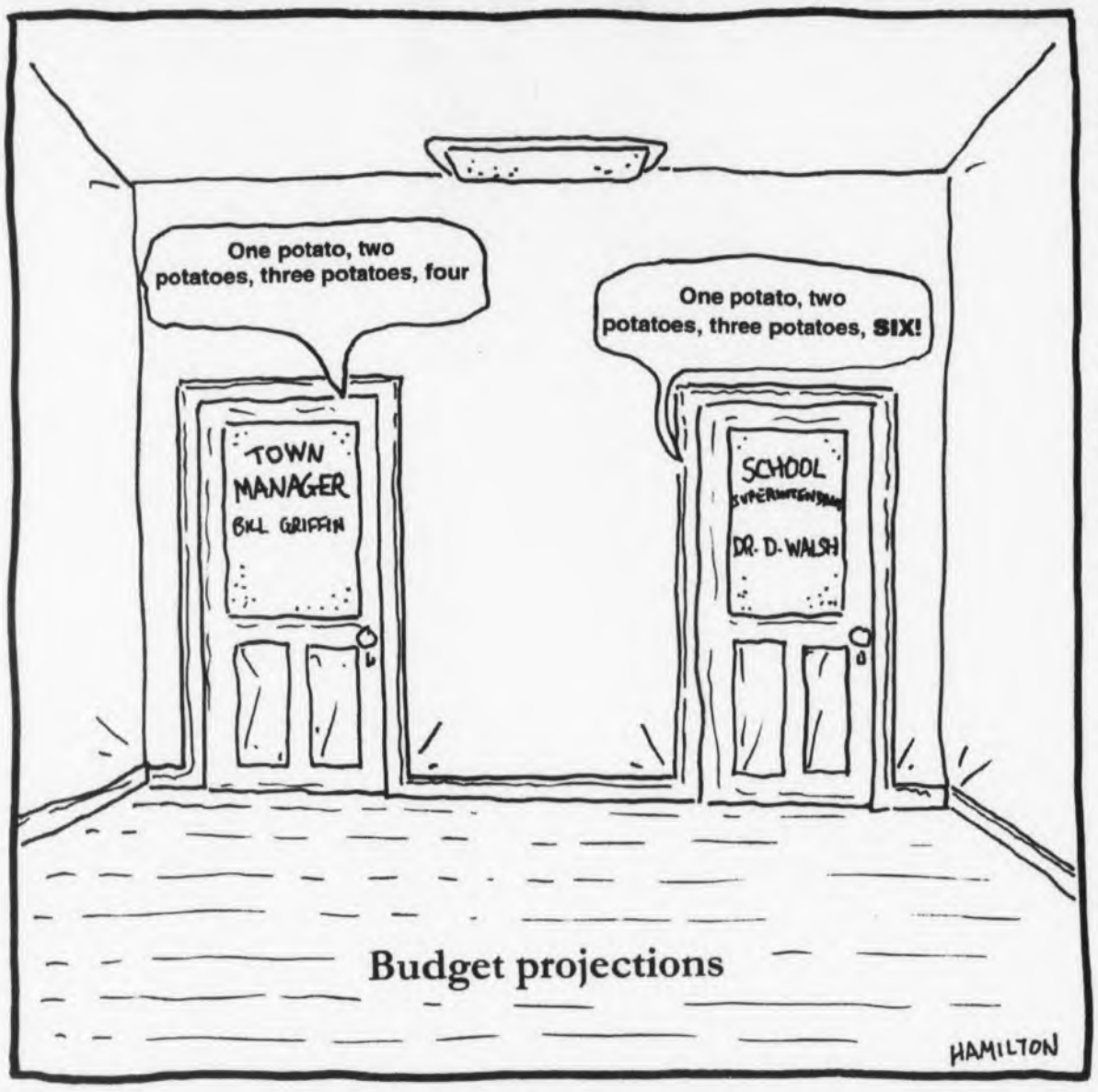
From what we understand, Griffin's strategy behind the request is not to stop an override or dictate to the schools what they need to finance the school system. Simply put, a "balanced" budget within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 would eliminate the need for another Town Meeting to "balance" the budget should an override fail at the polls.

Cohasset has traditionally done the reverse. The town has passed its budget "contingent" on the passing of an override – then if the override fails, the budget is out of balance and has to be cut because there is not enough revenue to fully fund it.

Under the new system, a supplemental budget could be passed at Town Meeting, with specifics about what would be added in, contingent on an override passing.

So what's the problem with that?

On a related matter, while we're hearing a lot about what the schools would gain with a hefty budget increase, we think the point could be driven home about what specifically stands to be lost if the schools have to stay within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2. Tell us how big the classes would get and what programs and teachers would be cut.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Downtown needs a cleanup

TO THE EDITOR:

When I walked downtown today I sadly compared it to the dump. I must apologize for my thinking, because when I went to the dump today it was much cleaner than the downtown.

I'm ashamed and disgusted not to mention embarrassed.

I hope it snows.

Susie O'Brien
3 N. Main St.

Cohasset schools are under-funded

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Mariner's editorial, Déjà vu, stated that the taxes paid by Cohasset residents are among the highest in the state, sure when you compare us to Rowe ($469) or Erving ($771) which have an industrial base. Both are nice towns, but I was not considering living in either. So let's compare apples to apples as the Town Bench Marking Committee suggests.

When compared to the 20 like communities suggested by the Bench Mark, Cohasset's tax rate is 10.84 right in the middle. Boxborough at 13.24 is the highest and Marion 7.00 is the lowest. The average family tax bill according to the Department of Revenue is $8,422 for Cohasset, putting us fifth behind Dover, Wayland, Lincoln and Sudbury.

I guess you wouldn't expect the schools to need so much considering our taxes. But where is the money going? Measuring school spending as a percentage of the overall town general expenditures Cohasset falls at the bottom of the list. Based on fiscal 2004 data, the latest available from the Department of Revenue shows *only* Southborough spends less of its overall budget on schools. What about debt? Most of these towns also have capital expenditures; yet their school budgets are still considered a top priority.

Many of the towns in the Bench Mark have regionalized high schools, meaning they share the cost of running a high school with other towns. It is more expensive to run a stand alone K-12 system. Cohasset spends a smaller percentage of the town budget to accomplish this. If Cohasset were to increase the percentage of the general revenue allocated to the schools to just the median of our Bench Mark communities we would not even need an override! Again, this increase would only put us in the *middle* of our Bench Mark communities in terms of school spending and would cover the additional $1.6 million proposed by Superintendent Walsh.

We have opened our wallets time and time again, but so have other Massachusetts communities. This is the legacy of Prop. 2-1/2. Ten of the bench mark communities approved overrides in fiscal 2006: Boxborough $1.0M, Wayland $2.3M, Marblehead $2.7M, Swampscott $2.2M, and Dover $.9M. Compared to our cohorts, the possibility of a $1.6 million override does not seem so out of line especially when historically our schools have received less of the overall town budget.

The Mariner suggests the school committee only request a budget increase of 6-7percent, as Dr. Malvey has in the past. At this rate we will not maintain the status quo. Last week the at school committee budget meeting, (which I attended and received the budget information at the meeting) Chairman Williams stated that it takes an extra 6-7 percent of additional funds just to open our doors every September. School committee representative Slanetz explained that continuously under-funding the school budget has a cumulative effect. The 6-7percent does not address added staff to cover rising enrollments. A consequence of the failed override last year, teachers requested to address increased enrollment at the high school went unfunded. The result — at least nine core classes have over 30 students in them and instead of taking advanced classes and expanding their knowledge base, students are forced to attend study halls.

The school committee doesn't have to illuminate the clear picture of what will happen if we stay with in Town Manager's Bill Griffin's proposed 3percent increase over last year. The 3percent doesn't even cover current contractual agreements and fixed costs. Teachers will be lost, class sizes will increase, and programming will be cut. This may be okay in other towns, but not in Cohasset, where we expect our tax dollars to fund excellent schools that we can be proud of. Let's open the door in September with appropriate staffing and programming to ensure our students have a quality education.

Pam Miles
18 Linden Drive

POLITICAL NOTES

Republicans to elect delegates

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will be holding the Convention Delegate Selection Caucus at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley road, on Tuesday Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. (snow date Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. to elect eight delegates and two alternates to the 2006 Massachusetts Republican Convention.

The Convention will be held Saturday, April 29, in Lowell. Republican Delegates will elect candidates for U.S. senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of the commonwealth, attorney general, treasurer and auditor.

By majority vote the CRTC members will elect delegates. Any Republican registered in Cohasset as of Dec. 1, 2005 may be elected. Attendance is not required to be elected. Visit the web site: www.cohassetrepublicans.com.

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HEALTH NOTES

Resistance to some flu vaccines

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Jan. 14, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that clinicians should not prescribe two common antivirals (amantadine and rimantadine) to treat or prevent influenza during the 2005-2006 influenza season. Recent testing by CDC concludes that the predominant strain of influenza in the US shows that it is resistant to these drugs. Fortunately, according to CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding. "We still have antivirals available that work but this new development serves as a reminder of the importance of getting people vaccinated to prevent them from getting influenza in the first place."

Influenza activity is starting to pick up across the country as 18 states are reporting either widespread or regional activity. Individuals who have not had flu shots can still get them especially since influenza will continue to circulate for several more months. This year over 80 million doses of vaccine have been distributed but remaining supplies vary. For Cohasset, we have had several clinics, and distributed most of the flu shots remaining after the clinics, to local physicians who can administer them. Also, CDC will have available 3.5 million doses from its stockpile to sell through manufacturers as soon as possible. Doses of vaccine are presently available for sale by manufacturers and distributors. Each year, the Board buys vaccines to supplement those supplied by the State.

According to the CDC, testing of influenza isolates for resistance to antivirals will continue throughout the 2005-2006 influenza season and recommendations will be updated as needed. In addition, CDC is working with state and local health departments and clinicians across the country to monitor drug resistance in influenza viruses. For more information see <www.cdc.gov/flu>.

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Sohier Street closing is toughest of all

MAKING TRACKS

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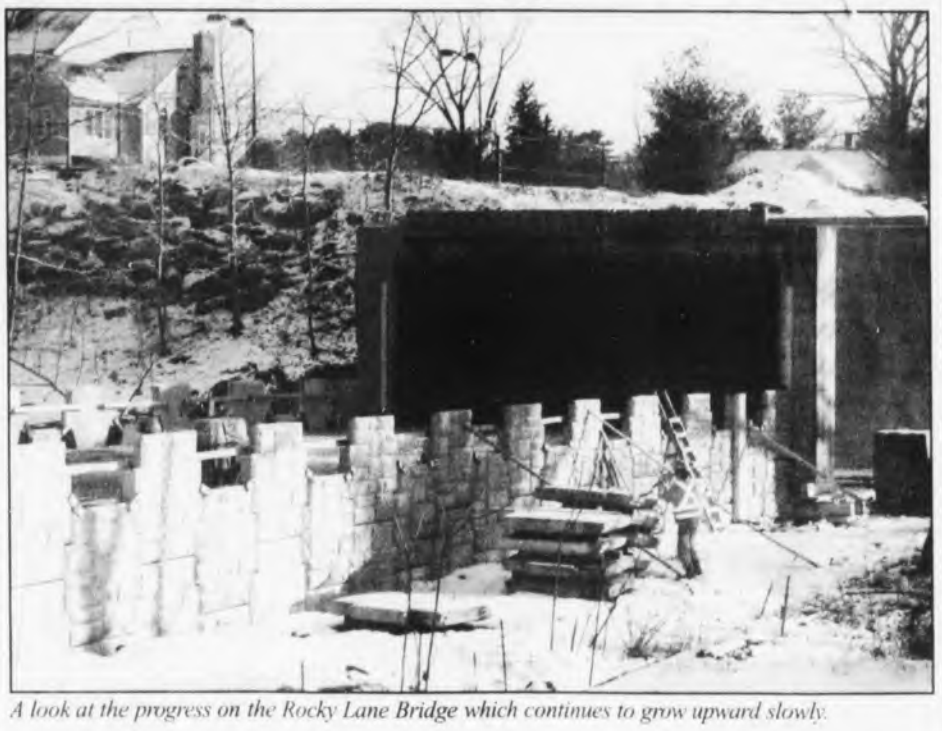
Well, the Sohier Street closure is now a fact. This is the most difficult crossing closure so far, for a number of reasons. Now, both the Osgood and Deer Hill schools can only be accessed from Route 3A. The same is true for the approximately 70 homes on Fair Oaks and Sohier Street. For all of the other road closures we have experienced so far, traffic can generally find alternate routes. After a time, everyone learns the "best" way to bypass the construction areas. Not for this closure – there is only one way in and one way out of Sohier Street.

We have worked closely with police, school administration and the school bus staff on Sohier Street to find the best way to provide the safest traffic management for our impacted schools and the local residents. When school is in session, we have provided traffic control officers at 3A and Sohier Street to control left and right turns onto 3A, both morning and afternoon. After several days experience, this seems to be working about as well as it can. Please give us a call with any observations you may have or any things that may need correction.

We had a meeting with Cashman, Balfour, Beatty, the Greenbush contractors, to review the engineering details of the Sohier Street grade crossing. This crossing is absolutely the most difficult crossing construction project in Cohasset. There are two culverts associated with James Brook to be replaced under the tracks. Additionally, a gas line, water line and a sleeve for a potential future sewer line which need to be replaced or added, at depths of up to 12 feet. Further, Cashman may have to deal with water from James Brook leaching into their trenches. Any wet weather will only exacerbate the job. A poured-in-place concrete retaining wall will also be constructed alongside James Brook. Only when these items are finished, can the actual crossing be constructed. As you can see, this is not a fun crossing for the contractor. Cashman has scheduled a four-month time period for constructing this crossing. As of now, Cashman has not completed a crossing *ahead* of schedule in our town. So, when Sohier will reopen is anyone's guess.

By the time you read this, Pleasant Street will also be closed. As we have mentioned before, if you use Smith Place as a detour, please be very respectful of this congested neighborhood with its narrow roads. The customers of James Brook Crossing will be able to access these stores and offices from Smith Place. The South Shore Art Center and the James Brook Crossing businesses will also be able to use the new parking lot across from James Lane on Pleasant Street and walk to their destination.

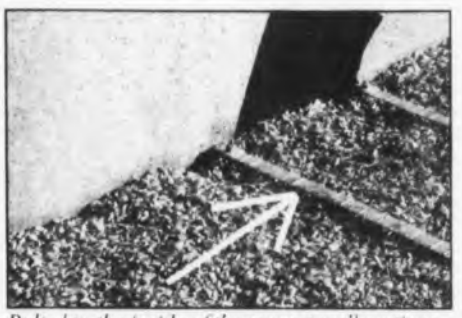


A look at the progress on the Rocky Lane Bridge which continues to grow upward slowly.

Rocky Lane

The Rocky Lane bridge continues to grow upward, slowly. The supports for the side walls are a very interesting. The precast cross-shaped side-wall pieces are set in place and lock together in a tongue and groove fashion. Crushed stone is filled in between them. If you think carefully about this, you might think that the weight of the stone pushing outward might make the walls push out and collapse. This is where the solution gets clever. Bolted to the inside of the precast wall sections are long galvanized flat steel straps with ridges in them. These strips reach from the inside edge of the wall sections to nearly the middle of the bridge ramp.

After a complete layer of these strips is set into place, the strips are covered with tightly compacted gravel. The friction between the gravel and the ridges on the straps actually holds the side walls in place and keeps them from bowing out. This sounds a bit like "boot strapping." It seems counterintuitive, but the design engineers tell us this construction technique works very well.



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Collective failure blamed for Great Neck

COMMENTARY

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So old houses tremble with each explosion, and large quantities of ledge are blasted apart and dumped free-form on the steep hillside directly above us.

As this old house shakes with each blasting of the granite ledge above us, a review is in order of Cohasset's collective failure to preserve a ledge-based woodland that for almost 40 years the town has unsuccessfully tried to set aside as open space. That is the pristine area above the town center known historically as Great Neck. Other parts of town could tell a similar tale.

Half of Great Neck was purchased several decades ago by public spirited citizens and donated to the town to be managed by the Conservation Trust. This is Great Brewster Woods, whose rocky pathways provide citizens a nearby piece of wilderness to enjoy. On the other half of Great Neck stands one house whose owners have volunteered their seven acres to be accessible for any future conservation use. The remaining 13.6 acres abutting the conservation land have long also been available for purchase or eminent domain-taking to create an integrated public recreational area long envisaged by town bodies.

In 1969 the Board of Selectmen, at the request of the Planning Board, asked the Conservation Commission to acquire for public purposes the then 20 or so remaining acres. The Commission voted to purchase or, if necessary, to explore taking that land "for town recreational purposes". In the end, nothing happened. Thirty-three years later, the Community Preservation Committee voted to contribute $600,000 toward the purchase for public purposes of what were now two strips of land on 13.6 acres. The Conservation Trust added another $100,000, an abutter offered additional land, and the 2002 Town Meeting voted enthusiastic approval of the CPC proposal. But one owner refused to sell, and a year later the money reverted to the CPC.

The residents of Beach Street worked for a decade to keep the ledge from being blasted away, and sought ways to preserve for public use the still-undeveloped rocky woodlands above them. Those who dismissed our concern as NIMBY were correct that some of us are directly and painfully affected. But they should know that we were joined throughout by individual members of town boards and other interested citizens concerned with the steady disappearance of open space. Some town boards also shared our concern, but seemed incapable of finding a basis for disapproving the developer's plan. Meanwhile, efforts to put reasonable limits on the destruction of irreplaceable ledge gained majorities in Town Meeting but failed to acquire two-thirds, thanks in part to insistence by some (including some Town officials) that "no one is going to tell me what I can or cannot do on my property".

So old houses tremble with each explosion, and large quantities of ledge (possibly including historic formations described in Bigelow's 1898 Narrative History of Cohasset) are blasted apart and dumped free-form on the steep hillside directly above us. What lessons can be drawn from this collective failure to act on the Town's oft-proclaimed commitment to preserve open space — including this space — for public use?

There is plenty of fault to go around — indifference of town officials; insufficient concern for possible fire and safety hazards; failure of wealthy residents to step up to the plate in time; lack of support from the local media; absence of coordination between town boards; and the narrow focus that kept at least one of them from exercising its legal authority to develop "a conservation and passive outdoor recreation plan" for areas "which public necessity requires to be retained for conservation and passive recreation use".

At the end of the day, nothing will take the place of actually implementing an effective and enforceable master plan for the Town of Cohasset. In the meantime, town boards will continue to operate without a coordinated vision or mandate, and more committees will be formed to discuss the need for better planning while the remaining open space in our beautiful town is blasted to make way for new mansions.

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What's up with the school budget?

COMMENTARY

TERRY GREEN & MARK FILBOTTE

The 3.0percent ($370k) increase in the budget proposed by the town doesn't cover required annual increases of 6-7percent just to maintain contractual obligations and infrastructure.

Dr Walsh and the Cohasset School principals have presented the 2007 School Budget, requesting a total of $13,791,366 representing an 11.7 percent increase over 2006. As Cohasset residents consider the impact to the overall town budget, we encourage them to gain an understanding of the components of the School budget, the direction it takes toward restoring our school curriculum and the responsible approach taken by Dr Walsh and her team in setting a direction for the future.

At its core the budget is responding to quantifiable realities:

- Student enrollment has increased 22percent over the past 10 years.
- In September, there will be an additional 38 students enrolled in Kindergarten.
- Nearly 75percent of the total school budget is tied to our existing salaries.

The 3.0percent ($370k) increase in the budget proposed by the town doesn't cover required annual increases of 6-7percent just to maintain contractual obligations and infrastructure. Opening the doors in September with less than this could result in staffing cuts.

If the proposed budget is approved Cohasset will begin addressing some of the identified gaps:

- An English/reading teacher at the middle school in response to concerns over the reading progress of our students.
- Adjustment counselor at the middle/high school to increase student support services.
- Additions to science, technology and engineering programs at the middle school to commensurate with MCAS requirements.
- Math and English teachers at the high school providing a reduction of class sizes.
- Expand foreign language and music at the middle-high school.
- A shared physical education/health teacher between the Osgood and Deer Hill schools to restore physical education to twice week and health once a week at Osgood.
- Osgood School would add two Kindergarten teachers and one second-grade teacher (in response to increasing enrollment).
- Funds for the purchase of Advance Placement textbooks at the High School vs. charging participating students.

Proposed class sizes would be as follows:

- Kindergarten - avg. class size of 17.5
- Grade 2 - avg. class size of 19.7
- Grade 3 - avg. class size of 20.2
- Grade 4 - avg. class size of 22.4
- Grade 5 - avg. class size of 23
- Grade 6-12 avg. class size under 30

YES another override may be needed to support Cohasset's quality school system. Dr. Walsh's team has done an admirable job creating a "bottoms up" budget that applies the resources where most needed across the school district. Unfortunately, the failure of an override last year makes this year's school budget more critical.

Without the proposed budget increase, the programs and staffing highlighted above cannot be implemented. Failure to support the school budget this year will unfortunately result in increased class sizes, a reduction in core programming and an inevitable decline in the quality of Cohasset's schools.

Terry Green and Mark Flibotte are co-chairs, Committee To Support Cohasset Schools.

Gourmet chili, pizza

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I like chili, as long as it doesn't burn the roof of my mouth off.

The best chili I ever had was at the Alamo, a Mexican restaurant on 47th Street in Manhattan run by a Swede named Axel. I liked it because I was able to eat a whole plate of chili with rice and beans without calling for help from Station 5.

Once I took Dave, a friend who grew up in San Antonio, to lunch with me at the Alamo and he sneered at my favorite dish. "Kansas chili!" he cried with all the disdain of a man who expected filet mignon and got ground chuck hamburger.

There are three kinds of chili, he explained. "Mexican chili" gives you third degree burns of the alimentary canal. "Texas chili" causes you to drink great quantities of cold beer, one swig for each spoonful. "Kansas chili" is for wimps.

I don't recall if I ever lunched with Dave again.

I don't know how pizza took its first step up the food chain...

Later, I had a housekeeper from Guatemala who couldn't understand why I wanted her to cook chili with beans for supper occasionally since everybody knew that the only folks who ate it were Indians who were too poor to buy real food.

The hottest chili peppers were added to the mix, she said, because sometimes the meat was a little green with age around the edges and that burning sensation was enough to kill the taste, not to mention your taste buds.

I bring this up because I note that Lydia Shire, one of the premiere chefs in Boston, is planning to open a gourmet pizzeria in the North End, which seems to me a little like selling Kansas chili at a cantina in Chihuahua.

I don't know how pizza took its first step up the food chain but I can imagine a destitute paisano of long ago gathering his bambinos around him, rolling out a flat hunk of leftover dough and dousing it with tomato sauce and cheese for a cheap evening meal.

Lydia has shown us what she was in mind for her gourmet pizzeria since she is already well known for the lobster pizza she has whipped up for patrons of her previous Italian restaurants, Biba and Pignoli.

Maybe a gourmet pizzeria in the North End will elevate that humble food to a level where, like lobster, it can be sold at Raffael's for "market value," which means "we're not going to tell you how much it is until you've finished eating."

Lobster got its start that way. The early settlers thought of the succulent crustaceans as something that got in the way of real fish, like cod and eels. In some cases, they slopped them to the hogs.

"The most use that I made of them in five years after I came there was but to bait my hook to catch bass, I had been so cloyed with them the first day I went ashore," wrote Tom Morton, the man from Merrymount, in his memoirs.

Prior to the 18th century, according to Linda Greenlaw in her "Lobster Chronicles," there were laws in some parts of New England forbidding prisons to serve lobster to inmates more than once a week.

To do so would be "cruel and unusual punishment."

Benchmarking discussion

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin for a discussion on the new Municipal Benchmarking report with advisory committee members Jamie Gilman and Pat Waters, who will talk about how they hope the new report will be used in the town planning and budget process.

And on a lighter note, roving reporter Rich Ofsthun gets a visit from his twin from "down under" who comes to Cohasset with advice from "the outback."

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Also as election season begins with nomination papers available stay tuned to Our Town, which will feature candidates running for the various positions.

Adding excitement this season will be open seats on the school committee and board of selectmen. Other boards with positions up for election include: planning board, water commission, board of health, sewer commission, recreation commission, housing authority, assessors and library trustees.

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Proposed zoning bylaw changes are not ready for primetime

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

With all due respect to Peter Pratt, his comment in last week's Mariner that the owner of the 1811 House is being "pushed from pillar to post *unfairly* (my emphasis) in this building, he has neither by law changes nor zoning relief," has to rate as one of the most ridiculous statements ever uttered by a public official in this town.

According to the Mariner article, the 1811 owner "would like to build a three story building behind the 1811 building that will have retail or office space on the first floor, six apartments on the second floor, and six apartments on the third floor." According to the article, the 1811 property presently has two apartments on the second floor and two commercial spaces on the first floor. I should note that the Mariner reporter refers to this proposal as "an upgrade" of the existing structure, a euphemistic use of language if there ever was one.

So, unless I'm missing something, the situation is this: somebody bought a building downtown that has a total of four rental units (two commercial and two residential) and has decided that he now wants to build a new, three-story structure behind it with at least two more commercial spaces and 12 more residential units – which apparently is not allowed under present zoning – and there is something "unfair" about his inability to do so? Is Mr. Pratt suggesting that anytime someone wants to do something outside of the zoning by-laws, then the town should change the by-law to permit the new use?

But it is not merely the mischaracterization of this proposal, whether by Mr. Pratt or the newspaper, that is the problem. Far more disturbing is the apparent desire by the Planning Board and the Economic Growth and Development Committee (EGDC) to willy-nilly recommend dramatic changes to our zoning by-laws which will change the face of Cohasset, both in the village and along Route 3A, without anything resembling due consideration.

According to the article, the EGDC has been meeting "since October to come up with ideas to boost commercial tax revenue in Cohasset." That's all of about three months – and perhaps a handful of meetings – and they are proposing these drastic zoning changes? Moreover, a board known as the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) apparently has been defunct for some time and never has been consulted by either the EGDC or the Planning Bd. – but now it will be hastily assembled to consider the new zoning changes in time for Town Meeting? Shouldn't the ZAC have been involved from the start, rather than at the end, of the process?

One cannot read last week's newspaper article without coming to the conclusion that these zoning changes are being brought forward not because of a well-documented need for our town, as determined by town officials after appropriate study and consultation with experts to develop a comprehensive zoning plan, but rather by the desires of developers who are eager to get moving with their single-minded projects.

Moreover, the contradictions by the board members in their own words are the best arguments against recommending these zoning changes at this time. After Mr. Pratt's statements in favor of certain multi-unit housing proposals, he then says, just a few paragraphs later, that he wants to sunset the senior multi-family residence overlay district (SMROD), "because we need to get control of the multi-family developments." So on the one hand, Mr. Pratt and others say they want to stop multi-family developments under the existing zoning laws — but then they want new zoning by-laws to permit more multi-family construction? It makes no sense at all and is contradictory on its face.

I also would ask this question of our Planning Bd and the EGDC: prior to considering these zoning proposals for the village and the area of the new train station, have they hired a consultant to advise them as to how other towns have handled these matters and what the specific ramifications will be for Cohasset?

The Planning Bd. has a proven bad track record when it comes to large-scale zoning changes. The board brought us the SMROD (that it now wants to "sunset," another euphemism), even though it is evident that it had no idea what it was doing because it did not talk to experts in the field of affordable senior housing before recommending the SMROD to Town Meeting. It was not until three years after the by-law was passed that the town hired a consultant to explain how this sort of housing works. Three years after the fact, we have learned that our SMROD, the highlight of which ostensibly was to provide affordable housing for Cohasset's senior citizens, will benefit absolutely no one in Cohasset because they do not qualify for this type of senior housing. (Instead, we have the Cedarmere project that is selling town homes in the $900,000s.) And now, three years after we went along with this zoning change, the same Planning Bd. that brought us the SMROD (it was their article at the November 2002 Town Meeting) is now telling us, in essence, "Oops, sorry folks, we should dump this by-law because we're losing control of multi-family developments."

Similarly, it should be clear to everybody that there is nobody on the Planning Bd or the EGDRC who has the expertise to draw up the zoning changes being contemplated for our village and the area of the train station. It also should be clear that there has been no consideration by these boards of the ramifications of these dramatic zoning changes. By no means am I a real estate developer, but anyone with half a brain should realize that if a zoning change of the magnitude that will permit the 1811 owner to go forward with his project is pushed through Town Meeting, there is not one inch of land in our village which would make economic sense to be retained as it is. Every building would be subject to an "upgrade" that would intensify its use by the same four-fold degree as is being proposed for the 1811 property. That may be a good thing or a bad thing, but we need a lot more time, due consideration, straightforward discussion (without the euphemisms and mischaracterizations), and an understanding of what we're getting ourselves into before we undertake such dramatic change. The owner of the 1811 building may have a vision for his property, but who is putting forth the vision for the village and what is it? If the 1811 owner can construct 12 new apartment units on his property, how many more apartment units can we expect will be built in the village?

Moreover, it is incomprehensible that these boards are ignoring the Avalon Bay project. Until it is determined whether the Avalon Bay project is going to go forward, there should be a moratorium on any zoning changes which would allow for construction of more residential rental units in Cohasset. If Avalon's 250 apartments (which alone will increase the number of dwelling units in Cohasset by 10 percent) become a reality, can anyone seriously suggest that Cohasset should encourage the development of more rental housing?

I'm all in favor of trying to expand our commercial tax base. But let's make sure that when we do it, we have all of the facts beforehand from people who are experts in the field, so that when we come to Town Meeting to vote on these things, we will know that what we are doing will be in the best interests of the town, not just a few special interests. But as things stand now, the Great Cohasset Land Rush of 2006 is in full swing, being aided and abetted by town officials who are willing to sacrifice the fabric of our community on the altars of "economic development" and so-called "senior housing."

If these boards intend to bring these zoning changes forward at this time, then here's my "vision" for my one acre of land which is in close proximity to the village: I would like to construct a 10-story apartment building of about 50 units, for seniors only, which will increase foot traffic for the benefit of our downtown businesses. To Peter and all of the other members of the Planning Bd. and EGDC, I assume I can count on your support for "by law changes or zoning relief."

Similarly, I expect an editorial from the Mariner praising me for "thinking outside the box" to enhance the economic value of my property (to quote yet another euphemistic phrase used in the Mariner editorial).

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Resistance to some flu vaccines

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The effectiveness of a vaccine depends, amongst other things, on the percentage of the population which has received it and is still within the period of protection offered by that vaccine. Vaccinated people act as a sort of "firebreak" in the spread of the disease, slowing or preventing the further transmission of the disease to others. Since the protection offered by vaccines is rarely 100 percent, the vaccine will be more effective if more people have been vaccinated. The disease may be able to jump from one unvaccinated person to another who has not been vaccinated, but is unlikely able to jump to another who has been vaccinated. Studies of these characteristics have found that when a certain percentage of a population is vaccinated, the spread of the disease is effectively stopped. This critical percentage depends on the disease and the vaccine, but 90 percent is not uncommon. This condition is called *herd immunity* — the fact that others in the herd or population have been vaccinated provides protection to all others, whether or not vaccinated themselves. It is therefore the general aim of those involved in public health to establish herd immunity in the populations for which they are responsible to ensure the success of their campaigns.

Vaccination is a way of life for toddlers which on average receive more than 15 separate shots for a dozen diseases before the age of 2, and controversy can arise regarding the efficacy of a vaccine, because some scientists and parents contend that the vaccine might be linked to the development of a number of conditions, such as autism, Crohn's disease (a bowel disorder), and the brain disorder Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD).

During the 1980s and 1990s, a number of lawsuits were brought in the United States against manufacturers of vaccines, alleging the vaccines had caused a variety of physical and mental disorders in children. While these were inconclusive, they did lead to a massive jump in the costs of certain vaccines.

Actually, loss of faith in some vaccination programs and the consequent reduction of the percentage of those vaccinated below a critical level, has seriously damaged immunization programs in several countries. For example, as the result of publication in a British medical journal of erroneous information, later retracted, about the Measles/Mumps/Rubella vaccine, the takeup of MMR dropped sharply, from 92 percent in 1996 to 84 percent in 2002. In some parts of London, it was said to be as low as 60 percent — far below the rate thought to be needed to avoid an epidemic of measles. Although an epidemic has not yet occurred, measles rates have risen and doctors have warned of a future epidemic, because of the failure of the protection offered by herd immunity.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls and local senators' votes on one roll call from the week of January 16-20.

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF SEAT BELT LAW (H 229)

House 77-74 and then 76-74, approved a bill providing for "primary enforcement" of the state's seat belt law. The measure had been defeated by the House three times since 2000. A switch to a "No" vote by any one legislator who voted "Yes" on the second roll call would have resulted in a tie vote and defeat of the bill. The proposal allows police officers to stop and issue $25 tickets to a driver and passengers solely for not wearing seat belts. Current law permits only secondary enforcement and prohibits the $25 fine from being imposed unless the driver is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense. The legislation prohibits police officers from searching the vehicle, its contents, the driver or passengers solely because of the seat belt violation. It also leaves intact the current law that bans the offense from being considered a moving violation that would be used to impose a surcharge on the driver. Supporters said that the state already requires use of seat belts and the bill simply increases the level of enforcement. They argued that secondary enforcement is not working well and noted that more than one-third of Bay State residents are still not buckling up while the national average is only 18 percent noncompliance. They said that the bill would increase seat belt use, save lives, prevent serious injuries and save more than $160 million in annual medical and other costs. Opponents said that the bill is another example of "Big Brother" invading people's private lives and cars and argued that drivers and passengers should have the freedom to decide whether they want to wear seat belts. They argued that passage of this bill is a slippery slope and asked if supporters intend to act in the name of protecting people by banning junk food, fast food and others things that are bad for them. Others noted that this vague new power is tantamount to establishing roadblocks and would lead to random stops and unfair racial profiling. A review of the bill by Beacon Hill Roll Call found a provision that allows backseat passengers who are not wearing a seat belt to be fined only if the driver or front-seat passengers are not buckled up. This means that if the driver and front-seat passengers are wearing seat belts, unbuckled passengers in the back seat would not be fined. (On both roll call votes, a "Yes" vote is for primary enforcement of the seat belt law. A "No" vote is against primary enforcement).

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT FOR UNDER AGE 22 (H 229)

House 9-141, rejected an amendment making the seat belt law a primary enforcement one for drivers under the age of 22 and a secondary enforcement one for drivers over 22. The amendment allows police officers to stop and issue tickets to a driver under 22 solely for not wearing a seat belt. Officers would be allowed to impose the $25 fine on drivers over 22 only if the vehicle is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense. Amendment supporters said that this education approach is a good one that would help younger people get into the habit of buckling up by being tougher with them until the age of 22. Amendment opponents said that the amendment is misguided because the current problem is that adults, not children, are the ones who are not using seat belts. (A "Yes" vote is for the "age 22" amendment. A "No" vote is against it).

UPHOLD SPEAKER'S RULING ON JURIES AND SEAT BELTS (H 229)

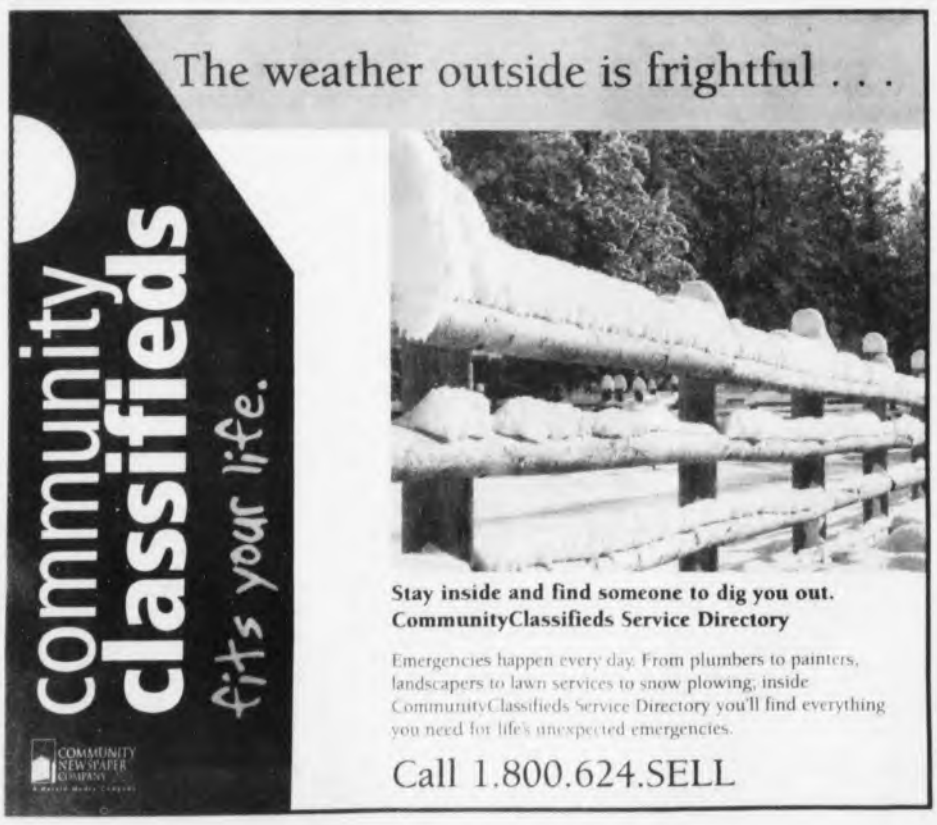
House 131-20, upheld the speaker's ruling prohibiting consideration of an amendment allowing juries that assess fault and damages in automobile accident cases to consider whether drivers and passengers were wearing their seat belts. Supporters of the speaker's ruling said that the amendment goes beyond the scope of the basic seat belt bill and should not be allowed for consideration. Opponents of the speaker's ruling said that the amendment is clearly related to seat belt use and should be debated. They noted that current practice prohibits the jury from considering seat belt use and said this prohibition is unfair and inconsistent because the law requires seat belt use. (A "Yes" vote is for the speaker's ruling prohibiting consideration of the amendment. A "No" vote is against the speaker's ruling and favors allowing consideration of the amendment).

MEETINGS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS (H 4489)

Senate 37-0, approved a local option bill allowing local communities to permit members of city and town boards to vote on a matter despite the fact that they have missed one or more of the hearings related to it. The measure allows these members to vote if they examine all the evidence that was submitted at the missed hearing including audio or video tapes of the proceedings. Supporters said that a 1983 court ruling prohibits members of these boards from counting as part of a quorum and voting on an important matter if they missed even one meeting. They noted that this lack of a quorum often results in the board's legal inability to act and requires the entire lengthy hearing process to begin from scratch. The House has already approved a different version of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF SEAT BELT LAW (H 229)	Y/Y
PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT FOR UNDER AGE 22 (H 229)	N
UPHOLD SPEAKER'S RULING ON JURIES AND SEAT BELTS (H 229)	Y
MEETINGS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS (H 4489)	Y



Lot-size issue may go to TM

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nection with a commercial use on the first floor of the structure. The 2003 bylaw also extended to dwellings the parking requirement exemption for commercial parcels in the village section of the downtown business district provided that a project is within 500 feet of the Town Parking Lot.

"But 5.3.1 [40,000 square feet] prevents anyone from even applying," Sawchuk told the ZAC this week.

It's not clear why the 2003 bylaw does not supercede other restrictions such as the 40,000 square foot requirement. To resolve this problem, under consideration are two articles for the Town Meeting warrant relating to the village, town planner Liz Harrington explained.

The first would create a new downtown business village district, so bylaw changes meant for the village would not affect other downtown business districts that include West Corner (near DiNero's); a section in Beechwood (by the ballpark); and a small area at the harbor (near the American Legion). The second article would reach for some of the dimensional issues that include the minimum 40,000-square-foot requirement; the question of whether lot size should be tied to the number of units (for example, 5,000 square feet to begin with "x" number of square ,feet needed for each additional unit; and possible elimination of the front-yard setback consistent with historic patterns to encourage development and redevelopment along the sidewalk (that could be installed along the "front" of the shops that back up to the municipal parking lot).

Mark DeGiacomo, a former long-time zoning board member who sits on the ZAC, said the board needed to think about the bylaw amendment's effect on other village properties. He said the amendment might encourage teardowns and would make village property much more valuable. "How much do we want to do in the village district?" he asked.

ZAC member Peter Pratt, who is on the planning board, said the village has not measurably changed in his lifetime. He said the building facades needed to be preserved and suggested a comprehensive bylaw might have to be crafted that is more discretionary-based. He speculated without restrictions a developer could come in and knock down the old post office block at the corner of Depot Court and South Main Street.

Zoning board member Ben Lacy, who also sits on the ZAC, is concerned about parking requirements for residential units and noted the town parking lot cannot absorb unlimited residential parking. He suggested a project provide one space per bedroom.

Sawchuk said he could not currently meet that requirement and said his research shows half the seniors, who would live in his project, would not have cars.

ZAC chairman Al Moore, who is also chairman of the planning board, said – while enthusiastic about the Sawchuk project — the committee needed to consider "unintended consequences" of any bylaw change. Moore said the issue may require more time.

But Sawchuk pointed out that the timing for his project is critical with the village revitalization project set to begin in the spring. The MBTA is also going to be reconstructing the town parking lot and Sawchuk plans to create a brick sidewalk along the back of the 1811 building lot next to the curbing the MBTA will install.

Moore said the project has received broad-based support. "But the bylaw has to be drafted in a form not to let all the horses out of the barn," he said, adding the question was whether the bylaw could be nailed down in time for Town Meeting.

3A parking

The ZAC reached a consensus this week to limit changes to the town's parking requirements for commercial properties to the proposed TOD (Transit Oriented District) adjacent to the Greenbush station.

Currently the bylaw requires one space per 100 square feet of commercial building; the change would allow one space per 200 square feet.

The economic development committee is recommending relaxing the parking bylaw to encourage more commercial development along the state highway and grow the town's commercial tax base.

But ZAC chairman Al Moore said while everyone agrees the current parking requirement is excessive, he noted the planning board usually forgives some of that requirement and uses that as leverage to get a developer to provide more green space and increase setbacks, for example.

"If you want to change parking in the whole area (Rte. 3A)," Moore said, "It's chances of passing Town Meeting are slim to none and slim is on a fast horse riding out of town."

Moore said reduced parking restrictions in the TOD would "provide us a laboratory to see how it works." The proposed TOD is a separate article that includes reducing the parking requirements in TOD zoning overlay district.

Also under consideration by the ZAC is an article to sunset the Senior Multi-unit Overlay Residential District, dubbed SMORD, and to strengthen the large home site plan review bylaw.

Pratt said with Cook, Cedarmere and Avalon on the horizon, the time for large, multi-unit projects in town is coming to a close. Pratt said "it makes perfect sense to sunset the bylaw now but allow Cook to move forward."

He explained that the 15 percent multi-unit dwelling cap in the SMORD is not legally reached until building permits are pulled for Avalon, Cook and Cedarmere. And as is the case with Cedarmere, not all building permits are pulled all at once.

"Irrespective of the fact that the 'pipeline' now contains almost 400 units, another SMORD application could come into Town Hall today, given that we have not reached the 15 percent threshold as the bylaw defines," Pratt explained Wednesday. A multi-family unit is any structure with three or more units; there are roughly 200-250 units in town today; 15 percent of the total housing units in town would be 435-450 units.

Pratt said Cohasset remains an attractive enough marketplace for other "mega" projects.

The ZAC has asked Town Counsel to see if there are any legal issues regarding sunsetting the SMORD but carving out the Cook project so that can go forward, Pratt said.

The ZAC also plans to consider an article that would put more "teeth" in the large home site review bylaw.

SENIOR SCENE

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Tax Preparation – Again this year seniors may schedule an appointment with friend and dedicated volunteer, Roger Sullivan, for help with simple taxes

Medicare Part D for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Members — Wednesday, March 1, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

A representative answers questions on Medical Advantage Plans 2006 at Cohasset Elder Affairs. Free. Call to register.

Medicare Part D for Tufts Health Plan Members — Wednesday, March 8, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

Barbara Lynch of Tufts Health Plans answers questions at Cohasset Elder Affairs. Free. Call to register.

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Time to make hay

Skaters need wins in a hurry if they are to make tourney

By Mark Goodman
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For the second straight year, the Cohasset High hockey team enters the home stretch of its schedule facing an uphill battle to qualify for the Division 3 state tournament.

Last season, the Skippers fought back to put themselves in a position where their season finale against Norwell was for a postseason berth. If they are to do something similar this season, they need wins, fast.

Cohasset's critical stretch starts tonight with an 8 p.m. face-off at Pilgrim, when they host South Shore League foe Harwich-Provincetown. HP dismantled Cohasset by a 10-3 score in Orleans on Jan. 4 and, needless to say, the Skippers will need to play a lot better.

"[Tonight] is a big game," said head coach Ben Virga. "We're 4-6-2 right now, and we have some tough games to end the year. We need to make hay with these next few."

The Skippers improved to that record with Wednesday night's 7-4 win over Carver-Sacred Heart in Bridgewater. Mark Bouchard and Chris Davis led the offense with two goals each, as Brian Straughn, Charlie Czerkawski and Pat Doonan all scored once.

For Czerkawski, it was the first goal of his high school career, and came off a great feed by Alex Goetz from behind the net.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Dan Sullivan (left), shown here in action against Abington-East Bridgewater earlier this month, was one of several defensemen to play well in Wednesday night's win over Carver.

Lady hoopsters back in business

Three straight wins put CHS girls in contention for postseason berth

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Any way you look at it, one word sums up the Cohasset girls basketball team: unpredictable. And we wouldn't want it any other way.

At the beginning of last week, the Lady Skippers hoped for anything better than the week before. After back-to-back losses against Carver and Harwich, the confidence meter began to plummet a few notches.

Don't throw in the towel yet; the Skippers certainly did not. Instead of dwelling on the defeats, the girls made up their minds that enough is enough. As the Hull team strolled into the Cohasset gym on Tuesday the 17th, the Skippers realized it was now or never in terms of bouncing back. With a new pep in their step, the home team lit up the court.

Head coach John Levangie did his best to convince his team not to surrender. Apparently, they listened.

From the opening tip-off, the Skippers controlled the situation. Junior Lacey Richardson tallied 12 points, while freshman Gabriella Flibotte contributed 15. Cohasset's fast pace and athleticism distanced them from the bewildered Pirates.

Defensively, the Skippers held down the fort like pros. Senior captains Mia Lieb-Lappen and Chelsea Grossman, along with freshmen Sam Lehr, dominated the boards. Not convinced yet? Cohasset's press left the Pirates cowering in their boots.

"Our press really kept the pressure on them [Hull]," said Lieb-Lappen. "They panicked, and we took advantage of the opportunities."

After a rough week before, this 47-20 win was just what "Doctor" Levangie ordered. The players felt much better.

With the wind at their backs, the Skippers prepared for another challenge: on the road Norwell. With the Clippers ranking second in the South Shore League and the game on their home court, most fans would give Norwell the edge in this contest.

What an unforgettable game! As the first half came to a close, the Norwell team swaggered off the court, leaving the Skippers in the dust with a 17-point lead. At this point, some fans began to wonder if the earlier game against Hull would prove yet another false hope for the Skippers.

Head coach John Levangie did his best to convince his team not to surrender. Apparently, they listened.

Starting immediately in the second half, the Skippers left the Norwell squad with their jaws on the ground in astonishment.

Norwell fans buried their heads as Flibotte racked up 19 of her 25 points in the second half. Drawing fouls like there was no tomorrow, Flibotte went 7-of-8 at the free throw line.

The rest of the team caught the Flibotte fever. Lehr put in 14 points and tore down 15 rebounds to register an impressive double-double. Grossman and Lieb-Lappen threw down nine points each. As the final buzzer sounded, the 44 final half Skipper points sank the Clipper ship by a score of 62-54.

"Our shot selection definitely made a difference in this one," said Flibotte. "Everyone drove more and our offense was generally more aggressive. Looking for these inside shots really helped us."

Defensively speaking, the Skipper press locked up the Norwell offense in the second half, clearing the way for Cohasset's miraculous comeback.

The next day in practice, Levangie gave the girls a short and snappy speech about their performance. "I have one thing to say: Wow!"

Now 7-4 after Tuesday's 59-32 rout of Mashpee, the Skippers are back in business. Cohasset played Avon last night after the Mariner went to press, and travel to Abington on Tuesday.

STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Chelsea Grossman and her Cohasset girls basketball teammates are three wins away from a return trip to the Division 4 state tournament.

Correction

The Jan. 6 CHS girls basketball article incorrectly stated that Gabriella Flibotte won the Tim Owens MVP award at the Cohasset Holiday Basketball Tournament. Teammate Chelsea Grossman earned those honors. The Mariner apologizes for the error.

Sci-Coh swimmers form an unbeatable force

By Caitlin Donovan
CORRESPONDENT

In the beginning of the season, Sci-Coh swim team coach Jon Fortin said one of his main goals for the season was to get the Scituate swimmers and the Cohasset swimmers to form one team.

They have done that, and more.

The combination of Scituate and Cohasset swimmers on one team has produced an unbeatable force with a record of 4-1 so far. Captain Maura Whalen said the team's work ethic has been its biggest key to success.

"Hard practices and determined athletes translates into the pool with the best times and team wins," she said.

The attitude of the team is extremely positive and optimistic, and they carry that over into their meets where they cheer on their teammates and express fantastic sportsmanship towards the opposition.

So far this team has had an amazing season, with only one loss to Duxbury. The talent this team brings to the swimming pool is phenomenal. Each and every swimmer shows heart and determination at every practice and meet.

Members of the Sci-Coh Swim Team who have qualified for the State Sectionals include: James Smith, 100-yard backstroke; Mamme Daley, 100-yard butterfly; Alison Costa, 100-yard butterfly; Caitlin Little, 100-yard freestyle; and Emily Mulcahy, 500-yard freestyle.

The team has been dominant in its four wins. Their intensity this season will be remembered for seasons to come.

Sci-Coh times/results vs. Randolph, Jan. 18

Boys Meet:

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200 Free: Sean Crowley, 2:26.45*; Justin Damaso, 2:32.62*

200 IM: James Smith, 2:26.8

50 Free: Rob Lilly, *24.26**; Brent Daly, 24.88*

100 Fly: Jonny Drybanski, 1:02.15*; Colin Conway, 1:06.28

100 Free: Mike Wall, 1:00.84*; Tony DeAngelo, 1:08.78*

500 Free: Rob Lilly, 5:52.46*; Sean Crowley, 6:42.56*

200 Free Relay: Tony DeAngelo, Colin Conway, Justin Damaso, Brent Daly, 1:55.60

100 Back: James Smith, *1:03.56**; Jonny Drybanski, 1:06.44*

100 Breast: Mike Wall, 1:18.07*, Justin Damaso, 1:25.06; Tony DeAngelo, 1:31.59

400 Free Relay: Jonny Drybanski, Colin Conway, Tony DeAngelo, Rob Lilly, 3:44.93; Mike Wall, James Smith, Sean Crowley, Brent Daly, 4:27.16

* Season-best time; any time in *italics* signifies state sectional qualifying time

Girls Meet:

200 Medley Relay: Julia Rodgers, Torey Hart, Emily Mulcahy, Caitlin Little, 2:07.92*; Alyssa Rodgers, Kerry Sorensen, Mamme Daley, Ashley Scott, 2:16.47*; Alyssa McCarthy, Caroline McElhinny,

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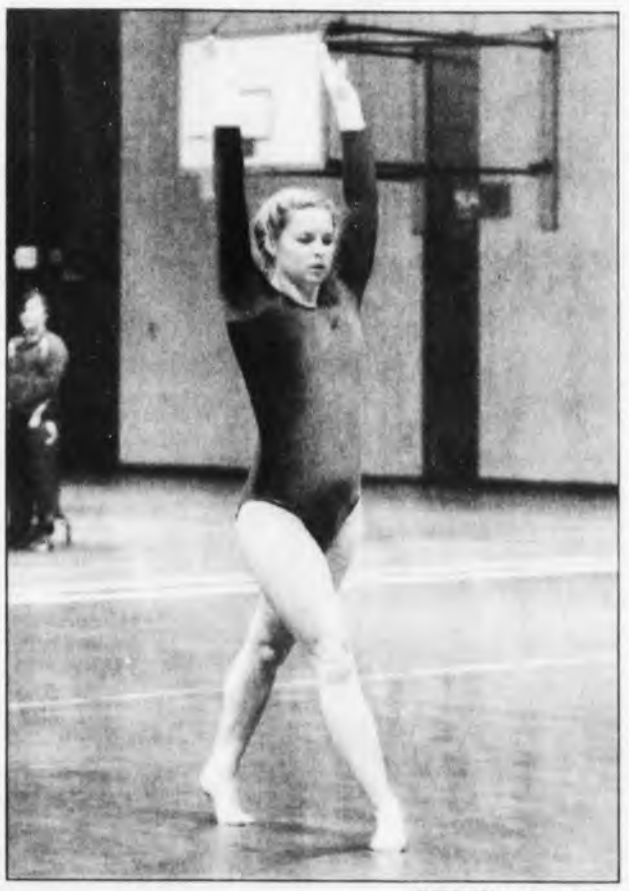
Another tough meet for Coh-Noh gymnasts



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Cohasset senior Lisa Spirito during her floor exercise routine on Tuesday against Marshfield. The Coh-Noh gymnasts got back on the winning track with a convincing victory over the Rams that night.

By Rachel Thomas
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team competed in another difficult tri-meet this past Saturday, as the opposing two teams were Attleboro and the 2004 state champions, Barnstable.

The outcome of the meet gave Barnstable a victory, finishing with a total score of 140, followed by Attleboro with a 132.3 and Coh-Noh, scoring a 123.5.

"It was a hard meet, and the two other teams showed to be extremely tough competition," said coach Amy Maree.

Although the team was facing exceptionally well-rounded teams, which was an intimidating factor, the Coh-Noh gymnasts performed quite well.

Maree said the team's best event was the floor exercise. All-around competitor and team co-captain Erin Kelly scored a remarkable 8.8, followed by C.J. Himberg, who obtained an 8.3. Lisa Spirito, who also competed all four events, scored an 8.1, as did junior Melissa Murphy.

Himberg and Spirito also performed very well on beam, as they earned scores of 8.0 and 7.6, respectively, on a difficult event. Many other gymnasts scored in the high 7's on many events, such as Cohasset junior Corinna Durham's mark of 7.8 on the vault.

"It was a hard meet, and the two other teams showed to be extremely tough competition."
Coach Amy Maree

"Corinna did very well in the meet also, and I was very impressed with her vault score," Maree said.

Also, Norwell's Melissa Murphy performed a noteworthy bar routine, which earned her a score of 7.7, the team's highest score in that event. Murphy has proven herself to be a valuable asset to the team with her strong talent and consistent performances.

Although the team suffered a tough loss against the two teams on Saturday, the gymnasts bounced back with a convincing win over Marshfield on Tuesday; details to come in next week's Mariner.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through Feb. 1. Parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than Feb. 1. Registration forms are available at Town Hall, or via e-mail requests at CYBSA02025@yahoo.com.

Registrations that are received or postmarked after February 1, 2006 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on Feb. 1. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

The registration is for boys aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of April 30, 2006. The registration is for the girls softball aged 5 to 12 (for Little League) and 13 and 14 (for Junior League) as of December 31, 2005.

Please note that these age cutoff dates are changes that are being implemented by our organization's governing body this year. Note that girls softball has a different age cutoff date than baseball; that is a rule implemented by the CYBSA's governing body. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the junior league baseball and softball programs will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $125. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the American League division for baseball (ages 9-11) and softball (ages 9-11) divisions will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls in the National League division for baseball (ages 6-8) and Instructional Softball (ages 7-8) will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (boys and girls ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register. Please note that boys and girls who are 6 years old, but who played in the farm league last year are eligible to play in the National League Division this year. Please contact Liam O'Connell at 781-383-9538, or via email at ltoconnell@hklaw.com if you have questions about player eligibility.

Please be advised that the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization requires that all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration, or the programs offered to players, may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781) 383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)-383-1897. Thank you.

Sci-Coh youth football elections

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleader Organization will be holding its Annual Board of Director Elections at the Scituate Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call 781-556-0215.

GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

8th graders stand at 6-2

The 8th grade girls hoop team suffered its first loss of the season in a thrilling but heartbreaking 35-32 double overtime game at Norwell on Saturday, Jan. 7.

It was a close, hard-fought battle throughout until Norwell took an eight point lead with a little over three minutes remaining in the contest. Cohasset called a timeout, regrouped and came out in a very aggressive man-to-man defense. The constant pressure caused numerous turnovers and the girls were able to score 12 points in the next three minutes to only two for Norwell.

With a two point lead with eight seconds to go and possession of the ball, it appeared that Cohasset would cap its remarkable comeback with a victory. However, Norwell was able to tie up the ball and with the possession arrow in their favor, got the ball back. An errant Norwell shot with two seconds was rebounded on the opposite side of the basket and put back up to tie the score as time ran out.

In the first OT, the teams traded free throws and in the second OT, Norwell scored a couple of quick baskets to win. Cohasset was led in scoring by **Tori Lehr** with 11 points, **Lindsey Allard** with eight, and **Isabelle Franklin** with six.

The girls rebounded the next day with a win over Hull to improve their season record to 5-1 and a share of the league lead. Cohasset led by double digits for most of the second half until Hull hit a couple of meaningless, late three-pointers to make the final score 31-23. **Meredith Kelly** led a balanced scoring effort with 10 points. All 10 Blue & White girls contributed to the win with good ball movement and aggressive defense.

On the 14th, the Super Eights traveled to Hanson to play a game for sole possession of the league lead, as both teams entered the contest with identical 5-1 records. Cohasset didn't play their best game and lost 27-15. It was by far the lowest point total for the Super Eights this year. Defensively the effort was strong, but the girls just could not get anything going offensively. Hanson is a strong team, but Cohasset looks forward to a February rematch at home.

On the 15th, the Blue & White girls rebounded with a convincing 29-8 win over inter-divisional big-school rival Scituate. Strong rebounding by **Lucy Noble** and aggressive defensive work by **Hannah Burgess** and **Mimi Mahoney** allowed Cohasset to pull away in the second half as Scituate only scored two points after the break.

The team was led in scoring by Allard with nine points, Franklin and Kelly with seven, and **Samantha Crough**, who chipped in with three points.

Double dip for Seven-Ups

The 7th grade girls suffered their first double-loss weekend of the season, dropping a 25-19 contest to a first-place Hanson team on Jan. 14 and then a 28-14 decision the next day to big-school opponent Scituate.

Kate French, moving from her usual wing position to take over the pivot spot, turned in one of the best performances of her travel basketball career against Hanson. Kate did it all at both ends of the court, playing strong defense, anchoring the rebounding effort, and scoring on a variety of mid-range jumpers, strong moves to the hoop, and free throws, as Cohasset grabbed a 14-13 lead at the intermission.

Also playing her best game of the season was forward **Emma Musto**, who scored four points and was strong under the boards. **Carly Martin** also put forth a strong effort on defense and in the rebounding department.

The Seven-Ups continued to maintain their slim edge until about the midpoint of the second half when Hanson scored two quick buckets in succession to take a 21-18 lead. The Cohasset girls saw many of their shots, notably by **Lindsay Davis** and a pair of trey attempts by **Emma Quigley**, fall in-and-out, as they attempted to come back. However, a free throw by **Rachel Fredey** would prove to be the last Cohasset point of the night in a well-played, but ultimately frustrating effort.

On the 15th, the Cohasset Sevens once again played well, but hot shooting by Scituate proved to be the difference. Although trailing by 16 points at the midpoint of the second half, the Seven-Ups refused to give up and mounted a bit of a comeback effort with a man-to-man, pressure defense which resulted in six quick points to trim the Scituate margin to 24-14. However, the comeback bid proved to be too little, too late and the visitors from our south held on for the victory.

Carli Haggerty and French had four points each for Cohasset, with Davis and Musto netting a bucket apiece and Martin sinking a pair of free throws.

6th graders improving

The 6th grade girls travel team tipped off against Norwell on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Cohasset's tight zone defense forced outside shooting, but Norwell answered, taking an 8-0 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the half. However, Cohasset fast breaks by **Christie Fitzgerald** and **Anna Seraikis** created scoring opportunities and trips to the foul line. A jumper from the foul line by Seraikis put Cohasset on the board with a halftime score of 12-2.

Defensive rebounds by **Jenn Mullin** set up scoring in the second half. **Allie Farren** and **Watson Lieffel** dropped in baskets, bringing the score to 18-6. All alone on a Norwell fastbreak, **Olivia Franklin** drew an offensive foul. Steals by Cohasset guards and aggressive play by **Sage Stebbins** set up scoring by Mullin and Seraikis, but Norwell took home the win, 22-10.

The Blue & White hosted Hull on Sunday, Jan. 8, in a hard-fought defensive battle. Early in the game, Mullin drew shooting fouls, but few shots went up from the floor for either side. Drives to the basket by Seraikis evened the score at 5-5. Aggressive play by **Isabel Robinson**, Franklin, Stebbins, Tedeschi, and Lieffel kept the Hull team in check.

With minutes left in the contest, Fitzgerald sank two foul shots on separate trips to the charity stripe, bringing the score to 7-7. Hull hit the front end of a one-and-one to take an 8-7 lead. Seraikis answered with a basket pulling Cohasset in front 9-8. A foul brought Hull to the line where the Hull girl sank two, making the score 10-9 in Hull's favor. A final trip to the line by Cohasset was unsuccessful and the game ended with the 6th graders being the third Cohasset team to lose by a single point that day.

With only seven players for the following long weekend's games, the Sixers faced a 12-person Hanson squad on Saturday and the first place team in the large school division, Scituate, at home on Sunday.

Against Hanson, Lieffel put in the team's first basket and a hoop by Seraikis put Cohasset out front 4-1. A series of quick foul calls on Robinson increased the pressure on the Cohasset squad, but guards Stebbins and Franklin did a great job helping out at the forward position. Hanson attempted to take the lead, but a hoop by Seraikis on a fast break assist from Lieffel kept Cohasset in the lead 6-5.

On a great assist by Franklin, Robinson scored bringing the tally to 10-8 Cohasset. A basket off an offensive rebound by Fitzgerald evened the score again 11-11. In the final minutes of the half, Hanson put in two quick baskets, setting the half time mark at 15-11.

A fatigued Sixer squad took the floor in the second half, but was not able to respond to Hanson's pressure defense. Mullin established her territory under the hoop, scooping defensive rebounds, but the team could not get their shots to fall. Hanson put in 22 unanswered points. The Cohasset squad added just one from the foul line, ending this exhausting contest at 37-12.

The next day, the Sixers faced first-place Scituate at home. The Scituate team is the best team we have seen thus far, with well-coached, patient, and very athletic players. Cohasset put in a good performance, especially on defense, holding Scituate in the first half.

Mullin and Lieffel were strong under the basket on defense. Guards Stebbins, Seraikis, and Fitzgerald and forwards Franklin and Robinson made Scituate work hard for every point. Cohasset moved the ball around well and played a very controlled game against the seasoned Scituate squad. Scituate won the contest 29-5.

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BOYS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Cohasset Boys win over Weymouth

While many sports fans were begrudgingly watching Pittsburgh demolish Denver in the AFC Championship game, the boys travel hoop squads provided great action and excitement at the Abigail Adams Middle School in Weymouth.

Late Sunday afternoon, the 6th graders took to the court, matching up well against Weymouth. It was a tough, aggressive game from start to finish. **Robbie Mahoney** owned the paint on both ends of the court for Cohasset, getting second and third shot chances and converting points from the foul line.

Trailing towards the end of the first half, **Christian Allard** masterfully stole the ball on the Eagle trap and layed up a bunny for two and was fouled. He sunk the bucket and his team led 24-23 at the end of the first half.

Determined and focused, the sixers started the second half. **Jay Salerno** knocked down a sweet shot from the corner. Things looked good. But in the blink of an eye, and a few turnovers later, Weymouth took the lead. Strong, tough defense and great ball movement by **Patrick MacCormack**, **Patrick Kearney**, **Charlie Neaves**, **Morgan McCarthy** and **Chris Lunde** helped the boys in blue. Kearney got the action going with a great steal and feed to Allard for two.

And that was the name of the game for the final eight minutes. Great defensive positioning created turnovers and the fastbreak got Cohasset on top. Mahoney fed MacCormack for two, Kearney hit from the corner, Allard fed Mahoney and so on. Cohasset's fast break wore Weymouth down. Strong drives to the hoop created foul shot opportunities and whether it was Allard, Mahoney or Salerno, those points helped put Cohasset on top for the win.

The 7th graders came out strong, winning the tip and **Robert Jones** scored the first bucket of the game. He also scored the second bucket of the game on a fastbreak from a **Ben Campbell** steal. He also scored the third bucket of the game. Weymouth didn't score for the first three minutes of the game.

Cohasset easily controlled the tempo for most of the game. **Kelby Pontes**, **Eric Wasel** and **Gabe Seksay** dominated inside the key offensively and defensively, creating point scoring situations. The sevens played their trademark brand of hoop, with accurate passing, strong rebounding and and fast break scoring. **Mike Monaco** and **Ben Campbell** found the big men underneath the hoop. **Justin Liburd**, **Sam Richardson** and **Alex Harper** brought tremendous speed and agility onto the floor.

But the game wasn't over. Weymouth fought back with a barrage of 3-point shots and strong pressing to bring the game to within two points of Cohasset. The boys in blue held on to win the game.

The 8th graders played the last game of the night. Goose eggs were on the board until **Robbie McCunney** stole the ball and scored at the 12-minute mark. It was a defensive battle. Cohasset transitioned well, feeding McCunney for another bucket, but Weymouth was tallying point for point, and took a brief lead, until Kevin O'Connell hit a serious 3-pointer. The lead went back and forth and at the break Weymouth was up by two.

The second half showcased a ferocious and aggressive Cohasset squad. The tag team of McCunney and **Johnny Maher** put Cohasset up 24-20 and the boys in blue didn't look back. **John Kearney**, **Brendan Doonan**, **Jeff Charles** and **Will Wise** mixed it up well on the perimeter, keeping the ball out of Weymouth's hands. Their man-to-man defense was strong and these boys came up with most every loose ball. **Dana Valentine** had good positioning in the paint. **Taylor MacQuade**, with his trademark turnaround jumper gave Cohasset a 30-23 lead.

MacQuade also delivered a resounding blocked shot on the other end of the court that prevented a Weymouth score. Cohasset won, 42-34.

Editor's Note: *The following report, from games played Jan. 14 and 15, was omitted from last week's edition due to space constraints. It is running in full this week.*

Great hoop action took place in both Pembroke and Cohasset as the middle school travel basketball teams had a winning weekend on Jan. 14 and 15, with a combined 5-1 record.

On the 14th, the squads were in Pembroke. The 6th graders played first and came out looking confident. The game plan was simple: play your position and execute. The sixers began strong and stayed strong. The offense was evenly spread out, leading to an early 11-0 run. Pembroke battled back, down by two at the half.

The second half began as the first, as the sixers dominated again. **Danny Barnes**, **Chris Lunde**, **Patrick Kearney** and **Charlie Neaves** ignited the defense with their quick hands and feet, keeping the Pembroke offense frazzled. **Jay Salerno** and **Jamie Faber** rebounded strongly, protecting the paint. **Pat MacCormack**, **Christian Allard** and **Robbie Mahoney** provided the offensive spark with timely and accurate shooting.

Coach Salerno commented, "As solid as our offense was, it was the defense that won the game." The full court press, mixed up with the "Eagle" trap, kept Pembroke confused. The "steal and go" defensive effort put the boys in blue on top for the win.

The 7th graders hit the wood next. The Pembroke 7's, perhaps learning from their own sixers, came out aggressively, building to a commanding 18-8 lead. Pembroke played very strong, passing the ball well and shooting well. Despite a buzzer beating 3-pointer by **Ben Campbell**, Cohasset was down 23-15 at the half.

After the break, Cohasset chipped away at the Pembroke lead, ignited by a tremendous blocked shot by **K.J Pontes**. Pontes, **Robert Jones** and Campbell then rallied their teammates and their shots started to drop, and their defense started to undermine the Pembroke offense.

The boys pulled to within four, 35-31 Pembroke. They were battling back. **Gabe Seksay** tied the game by grabbing a fastbreak rebound and dropping in a sweet inside the paint jumper.

Sam Richardson put his team on top, sinking one of two foul shots, but that was the first and only lead they would enjoy. Pembroke clawed their way back with scrappy defense and good shooting. **Jack Carrier**, **Mike Monaco**, **Derek Youngman** and **Justin Liburd** played well for Cohasset.

The 8's took to the floor next, looking for their first win. Coach Campbell had simple instructions for his team: "No turnovers and keep your heads in the game." With that in mind, Cohasset won the tip. It was a defensive battle early on, but Cohasset found the net. Aggressive defensive created offensive opportunities. **Dana Valentine** and **Brendan Doonan** forced Pembroke turnovers that became Cohasset points. A buzzer beating 3-pointer from mid court by **Johnny Maher** put Cohasset on top 20-14.

Robbie McCunney, **Will Wise** and **John Kearney** kept the ball on the offensive side of the court, diving on any and every loose ball. They were hungry. Good team passing and shot selection kept Cohasset on top 27-18. Coming off the bench, **Dan 'Sully' Sullivan** was strong in the paint, creating second chance shots and getting to the line.

The Cohasset defense confused Pembroke, leading to turnovers. Cohasset stayed on top. **Jeff Charles** and **Kevin O'Connell** ran the Philly offense and kept the ball away from Pembroke. **Taylor MacQuade** was a tower in the paint. The 8's earned their first win of the season, 40-28.

The temperature dropped on Sunday the 15th, but the intensity didn't for the boys travel teams as Hanson visited CMHS gym.

The sixers, as usual started the action, feeling pretty good coming off the prior day's win. Coach Salerno commented, "Again, it was a great team effort. The boys dug in and executed." Faber was explosive on offense contributing 14 points. Playing time was spread out with timely rotations keeping fresh legs on the court. Every player contributed to the win.

The sevens, looking to rebound from a tough loss in Pembroke, came ready to play. Youngman got the action going, stealing the ball on the press getting it to Robert Jones for the first points of the game. Hanson was physically bigger than Cohasset, so the boys relied on their speed to overcome the size advantage held by Hanson.

Cohasset played solid team defense and had great offensive ball movement. Jones and Pontes were on fire, with shots sinking left and right. At the half, Cohasset was up 20-18. The boys in blue maintained their lead throughout the second half. Great team passing from Sam Richardson and Jack Carrier kept the ball in Cohasset's hands. Time ran out and Cohasset won 40-35.

The 8th graders took to the pine next. What ensued for the first four minutes was a defensive battle until McCunney scored the first points of the game, ending the scoring drought, nailing two buckets. And then Hanson scored. It was a rough and tumble first half, with lots of fouls, turnovers and bodies on the floor.

McCunney kept his team in the game with his quick, defensive hands, creating offensive opportunities. On a fast break, **JoDi Rosano** was deliberately fouled, and sank one of two shots, extending Cohasset's lead to 13-6. Great team passing and heady up court handling pushed Cohasset's lead beyond the reach of Hanson.

MacQuade, Valentine, Doonan, Sullivan and Maher were all strong under the basket, while Rosano, Kearney, Wise and Charles controlled the ball. Cohasset won, 31-15.

Time to make hay

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Cohasset was looking to avenge a poorly played 3-3 tie on Dec. 28 against the same team. After a so-so first period - after which the Skippers had a 2-1 lead - the team came out blazing in the second, outscoring the home team 5-0. The six-goal lead at the second intermission allowed Virga to rest his regulars for a good part of the third period.

While the offense was on point, Virga also praised his defensemen for their efforts. The Skippers were playing without their top blue-liner, Conor Holway, who is nursing a hip injury. Brandon Smith moved back to defense after playing the last several games as a winger, and was one of several kids who played well.

Virga said the entire group of defensmen played well, including Corbin Faber, Dan Sullivan, Frank Wheelwright, Ben Masotta, Melissa Crowley-Buck and Ian Lyster. Goalies Jonny Wade and Brendan Barrett split the action in net for Cohasset.

"All the defensemen did a really good job," Virga said. "It was nice to get everybody some good ice time."

The new first line of Bouchard, Doonan and center Austin Lanzillotti did a nice job of moving the puck and creating good scoring opportunities, Virga said. forwards Andrew Smith and RK Quebec both played solid games.

The Carver-SH game kicked off a stretch of six consecutive league games against teams that Cohasset has already played once this season. The Skippers' record in that first go-round the league: 2-2-2. Following that are matinees against South Shore Voc-Tech, Pembroke and Westwood, against whom the Skippers are 1-2 this year.

"It will be interesting to see if lessons have been learned from those games," Virga said. "That's going to make or break our season."

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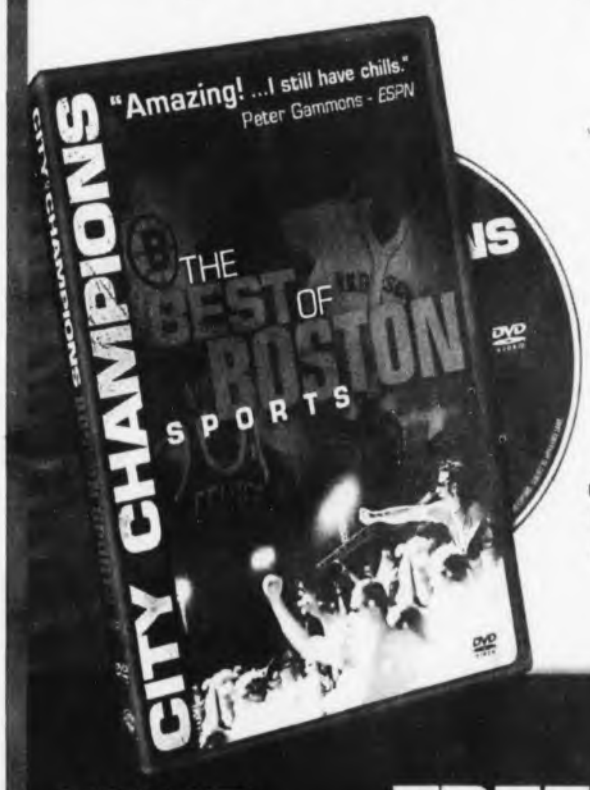

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COASTAL STARS

Pee Wee C1

Looking for their 10th win in a row, the Stars Pee Wee C-1 team took to the ice to take on a ready Westwood team looking for an upset and got one in a 7-3 win. **Charlie Coffman** got the Stars up 1–0 early in the first period making a great move around a Westwood defender but Westwood was quick to retaliate with a score of their own.

Jamie Faber got the Stars back in the lead with a beautiful roof shot that the goalie never saw coming but once again Westwood was quick to score again and it looked like the Stars were going to have their hands full. **Nick Craig** on defense kept the puck in the Westwood zone keeping the pressure on and when the Westwood goalie went down after a save, **Tucker Welch** was quick to capitalize on the loose puck and flip it up into the net.

With the exception of one more Westwood goal in the second it was all Stars after that. Tucker and Jamie each had another goal in the second period and Coffman added another to his tally and **Brandon Terrio** kept the pressure on and managed to drain a goal of his own.

This was a whole team effort. **Kevin Quinn**, the Stars goalie, was a force and has been all season but was all over the puck against a desperate Westwood squad battling back. Defense was phenomenal and very physical to combat Westwood who were more than "chippy".

Ellie Leong, **Sean Keneally**, Craig and our latest defensive standout, **Willie Brown** kept the puck out of our zone to let our hustling forwards make plays and score goals. Lastly, our forwards hustled to they dropped, made great passes and kept the momentum on the Stars end.

Whether it was **Joe Kiley** winning a number of face-offs, **Brian Craig** putting on the jets, **Kevin Friedland's** quick thinking, **Evan Yeager's** tenacity or **Sara Evan's** smart and patient play, all contributed to an outstanding effort and win.

Although Westwood was quick and strong, they were simply outplayed. Congratulations to the Stars C-1 team as they continue to march closer to first place in the Yankee conference.

--Submitted by Kevin Kiley, Asst. Coach

Sci-Coh swimmers form an unbeatable force

FROM SWIMMERS, PAGE 17

Caitlin Mahoney, Katelyn Ryan, 2:19.86

200 Free: Maura Whalen, 2:20.64; Sheelah Scott, 2:24.41*; Alyssa Campbell, 2:46.78*

200 IM: Alyssa Rodgers, 2:45.38*; Katelyn Ryan, 2:52.20*

50 Free: Caitlin Little, *26.33**; Alyssa McCarthy, 29.66; Maura Regan, 33.51*

100 Fly: Mamme Daley, *1:10.09**; Alison Costa, *1:09.5*; Caitlin Mahoney, 1:19.07

100 Free: Caitlin Little, *1:01.07**; Ashley Scott, 1:03.07; Caitlin O'Neil, 1:08.80*

500 Free: Emily Mulcahy, *6:17.63**; Maura Whalen, 6:29.62; Sheelah Scott, 6:46.54

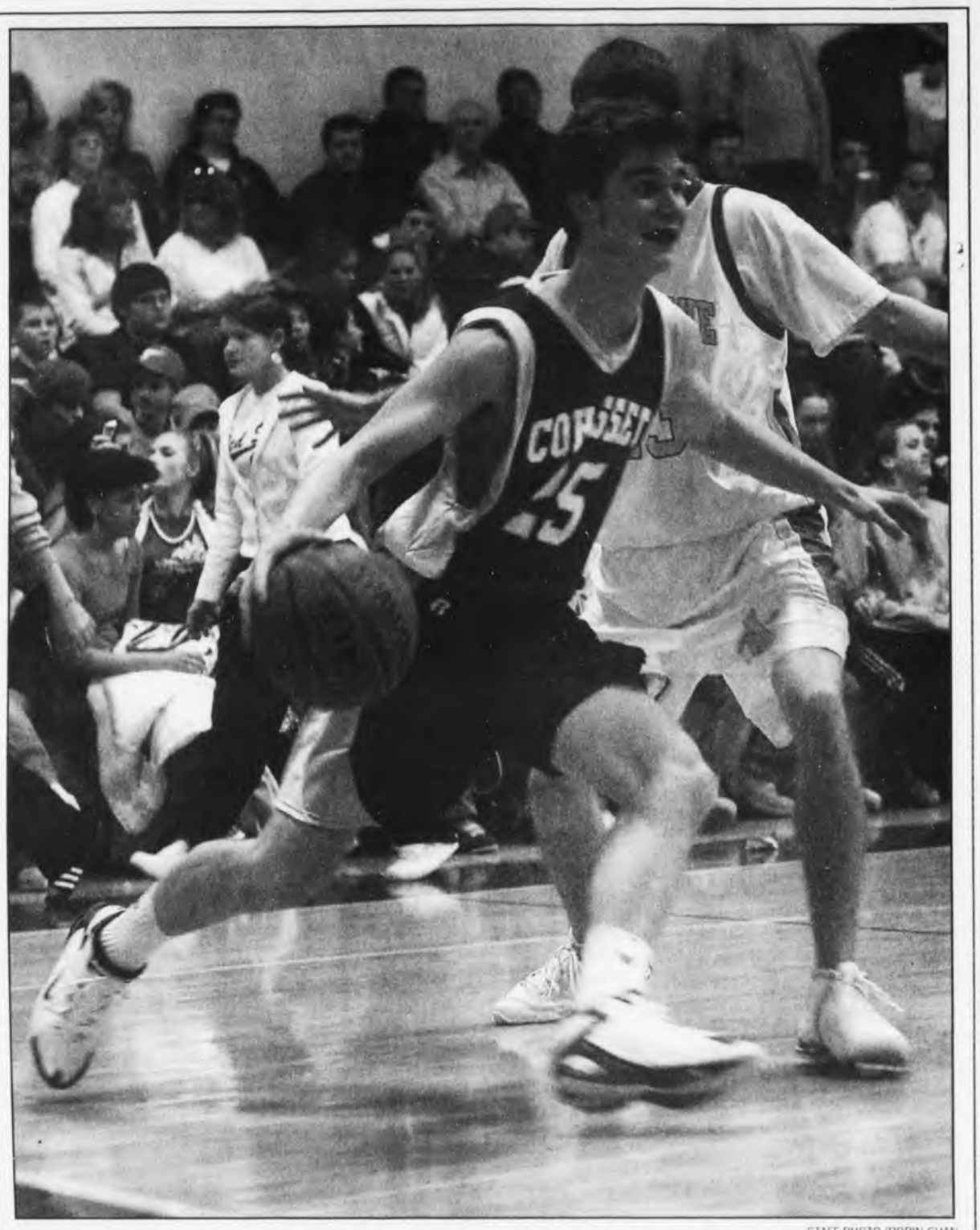
200 Free Relay: Jen Noonan, Caitlin Mahoney, Caitlin O'Neil, Alyssa McCarthy, 2:02.64; Maggie Kirismide, Maura Regan, Cristina Seibert, Alyssa Campbell, 2:10.90; Jenny Gavis, Tess Wankum, Caroline McElhinny, Brittany Dunn, 2:18.62

100 Back: Julia Rodgers, 1:14.31; Alyssa McCarthy, 1:16.12; Katelyn Ryan, 1:21.12*

100 Breast: Torey Hart, 1:23.96; Kerry Sorensen, 1:28.69; Brittany Dunn, 1:37.26*

400 Free Relay: Alison Costa, Emily Mulcahy, Caitlin Little, Ashley Scott, 4:11.37*; Mamme Daley, Maura Whalen, Julia Rodgers, Alyssa Rodgers, 4:26.13; Jen Noonan, Maggie Kirksbride, Alyssa Campbell, Caitlin O'Neil, 4:55.56

* Season best time; any time in *italics* signifies state sectional qualifying time



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Chris Bryan and the CHS boys basketball team have not played since last Friday, as their recent scheduled games against Nantucket and Mashpee were postponed. The Skippers are back in action tonight in Avon (6:30 tip-off), and host Abington Tuesday night.

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Kids line up to play

Sports program is a winner

Judge Murphy, 5, watches the batter while he gets ready to run for home during "Sports 4 Kids" at the community center. Call the center at 781-383-0088 for information about programs.

Lilly Hoehn, 3-1/2, zeroes in on shooting the basketball while her classmates wait their turn. The community center is at the corner of North Main Street and Depot Court in the village.

STAFF PHOTOS/ ROBIN CHAN

Sam DeCaprio, 5, looks up while playing in a tunnel during free time in the "Sports 4 Kids" program at the South Shore Community Center last Friday.

Instructor Susie O'Brien helps Ben Grimes, 4-3/4, hit a Whiffle ball during the "Sports 4 Kids" class at the community center, 3 N. Main St. For more information about community center programs, call 781-383-0088.

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Cohasset's Vo-Tech graduates continue to excel

By Pam Titus
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Elyse Portanova, a 2004 Vo-Tech graduate, is currently a first year student at Rensellaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., studying electrical engineering.

Kristen James, a 2005 Vo-Tech graduate, is a sophomore computer science major at Fitchburg State College.

It's probably one of the best-kept secrets in town — Cohasset has two high schools.

For decades, Cohasset has belonged to the South Shore Regional School District, which governs the South Shore Vocational Technical High School in Hanover. This 600-student public school, which accepts students from the towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, Whitman, has made its mark in graduating students prepared to succeed in whatever the next chapter of their lives brings, whether it be college, further training, or the workforce.

Vo-Tech maintains the mission of providing two educational avenues for students in one integrated high school experience. One educational path pushes students to technical excellence in 14 career areas including electronics, drafting, health careers, computer information technology, automotive, carpentry, graphic communications, auto body, culinary arts, cosmetology, precision machine technology, metal fabrication and welding, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, and carpentry. Students who complete the technical coursework receive a technical performance certificate, proving competency in a trade.

The parallel educational path is an academic course of study that addresses the requirements of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS test, and builds skills for post-secondary education. The work completed earns students a regular high school diploma.

"Students who attend South Shore receive a first rate integrated curriculum from dedicated teachers. These academic experiences will continue to help students meet current and future MCAS demands," said Tom Hickey, director of curriculum and instruction. In fact, 100 percent of Vo-Tech students in the class of 2005 passed the MCAS tests in English and mathematics.

Taking a closer look at Vo-Tech graduates, it is clear to see they are thriving in the next phases of their academic careers. Cohasset residents Kristen James of the class of 2004 and Elyse Portanova of the class of 2005 both graduated from the school's electronic engineering program and are continuing to build on that foundation. Portanova is currently a first year student at Rensellaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., studying electrical engineering. James is a sophomore computer science major at Fitchburg State College.

While James admits when she enrolled at Vo-Tech she had anticipated pursuing an education in the field of cosmetology, she changed her mind during the "exploratory" portion of her first year.

Vo-Tech places all incoming ninth grade students in an exploratory program which allows them to visit eight of the school's 14 programs for two weeks each during the first half of the school year, thereby allowing them to experience all the school has to offer before settling on an educational path. The exploratory program allows students to see a wide range of programs, so when they finally choose a program in the middle of ninth grade, it is based on the hands-on experiences that occurred during exploratory.

For James, being exposed to electronics gave her the opportunity to pursue a career path she may not have otherwise chosen.

Students at Vo-Tech spend nearly four consecutive years with either one or two vocational instructors. Portanova said that led to a very positive experience, as that kind of constant interaction "creates a bond between the teacher and the students, and it allows you to learn a lot from them."

Beyond the classroom, Portanova said she has fond memories of the drama club, which "became like a family," over the course of preparing for their annual springtime productions. She added classroom teachers play a big part in encouraging students to take on extra-curricular activities.

Both James and Portanova say the experiences they had at Vo-Tech, coupled with the college coursework they are currently completing, have fully prepared them to enter the workforce. James said not only did she feel academically prepared upon graduation, but she had been taught skills such as business plan writing, résumé preparation, how to write compelling college essays, and how to work in groups.

Vo-Tech offers a Tech Prep (technical preparation) program which is designed to provide the level of coursework necessary to help those students who have a high level of technical competence advance into higher education programs. Many Tech Prep students from Vo-Tech are awarded college credit at local area schools based on their performance in their vocational studies while in high school.

James took advantage of the Tech Prep program, and the experience has encouraged her to accept Fitchburg State College's invitation to participate in a leadership studies program — which in essence is a second major — that includes courses in the humanities and political science.

Vo-Tech is preparing to accept applications for the incoming class of 2010, and James hopes it won't be a secret to Cohasset eighth graders and their parents. Just because the school is not in Cohasset, James said, "don't let that stop you. It was one of the best experiences ever."

Pam Titus is director of pupil services at Vo-Tech. For more information on Vo-Tech, please visit its Web site at www.ssvotech.org.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Whew! First semester is finished

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Tickets were sold all week during lunch, so if you failed to buy one and wish to go to what should be a terrific dance, you are out of luck because tickets will not be sold at the door.

We are finished with the first semester here at the High School, and it feels wonderful to be over and done with final tests and projects. We encountered our first significant snowfall of the year this past Monday, but ironically, the ski team race that was scheduled for Monday was cancelled, go figure. But, as I said, the term is over finally, and the grueling work that the seniors have put in over their High School careers should take a steady decline in the second semester.

The Junior-Senior Semi-Formal dance is this Saturday at Atlantica. Tickets were sold all week during lunch, so if you failed to buy one and wish to go to what should be a terrific dance, you are out of luck because tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door. I am rather pleased with the news in the High School this week, albeit a bit dull, it is really important so here we go.

• First semester grades for seniors will be mailed out to colleges next week.

• Seniors are being offered new courses for the second semester: Study Hall, Peer Tutor, and Music Theory.

• The Social Awareness Organization will be visiting Father Bill's in February, if you are interested in participating or helping out in any way, contact Mr. Scott Newkirk at the High School.

• The Middle School is experiencing a heating problem; every classroom is either extremely hot or extremely cold, there is no middle ground of delightfulness.

• Sign-ups for after school intramural activities in the Middle School are underway and students can sign up for over ten different programs.

• The debate team is red hot and has debated their way to an astounding season so far. They won their debate last week, 10-2.

• The National Honor Society will have met on Thursday during lunch to discuss the status of their organization and any progress that has been made for juniors and seniors alike.

• The following students have received rave reviews by their advisors for their community service work and will be receiving outstanding grades as a reward for their excellence: **Emilie Shea** at the Wellspring Social Services Agency in Hull. **Carrie Muir, Erin Liddell, Ellen Tarpey, Jessica Wheelwright, Katrina Reardon,** and **Nikki Dugan** at the Osgood Elementary School. **Katherine Whoriskey** and **Christie Muir** at the South Shore Nursery. School. **Caitlin Sanchez** and **Katie DeWaal** at the South Shore Art Center. **Jess Hinman** at the Deer Hill School working with Mrs. Berman.

• The Varsity Swim Team will have competed against Duxbury High School on Tuesday. This meet will have probably determined the Girls and Boys League Championships.

• It's not too soon to start working on Summer Institute Research Projects. Students interested in working on a project this summer to study the pollution that enters James Brook which then empties into Cohasset Harbor, need to attend some evening training classes being held at CSCR. The classes will train students in all of the skills needed to assist the town in completing this project. Ten classes are planned, beginning March 1st, and will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:15-9 pm. This is the Watershed Academy.

• The Boys Varsity Wrestling will compete in a quad meet vs. Rockland, Marshfield, and North Quincy on Friday.

There you have it, news again presented in a timely fashion for your reading pleasure. The term may be finished, but that doesn't mean that I am finished reporting the news to you, I will return for the second semester to share with you my knowledge of riveting events taking place in the High School week after week. Don't forget that the junior-senior semi is tomorrow, and if you get your hands on a Mariner before lunch on Friday, then you can still purchase a ticket for it, otherwise it is too late and you have missed out. So, until next week, I bid you adieu.

Integrated Preschool applications available

The Integrated Preschool of Cohasset Public Schools is accepting applications for typically developing children. Children who are 3-years-old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 are appropriate for the morning class. Children who will be 4-years-old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 will be considered for the afternoon class.

Applications, which are available in the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St. and at Osgood Elementary School, must be returned by Feb. 17: Student services Office, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The cost per student is $1,600 per year and will be paid on a quarterly basis. Fees may be reduced upon completing and submitting a parent income statement. The lottery process is Monday, Feb. 27; parents will be notified by mail.

Garage dance

There will be a Dance at the Garage on Friday, Feb. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. for all sixth through eighth graders.

There will be a door charge of $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Registrations being taken for Computer Camp

South Shore Computer Camp will be held the week of July 10 through July 14 at Hingham High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is co-educational for boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Campers will rotate between interactive technology classes in the computer labs and outside sports activities such as tennis and basketball. Campers receive individualized and small group instruction based on age, skill level, and interests.

Hingham High School guidance counselor Mark Awdycki, and business and technology teacher Steven George, will co-direct the camp. Awdycki, who has held previous leadership positions at specialty camps and in various summer programs, has a background in professional sports, having worked in media and public relations for the Boston Bruins and Boston Red Sox. Prior to teaching, George worked in technology and software development for 10 years.

Classes will be differentiated based on ability, aptitude and interests so campers can learn new skills or reinforce previously learned skills. Internet safety for kids will also be addressed and discussed by a local law enforcement agency representative. Outside sports activities will involve instruction and games in tennis and basketball with emphasis on fundamentals, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Some computer applications campers can choose from include MS Office, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash, and Adobe Photoshop. Advanced concepts will be clustered around web design, graphic-image editing and creation, and web animation. At the end of the program, students will receive a CD of their projects.

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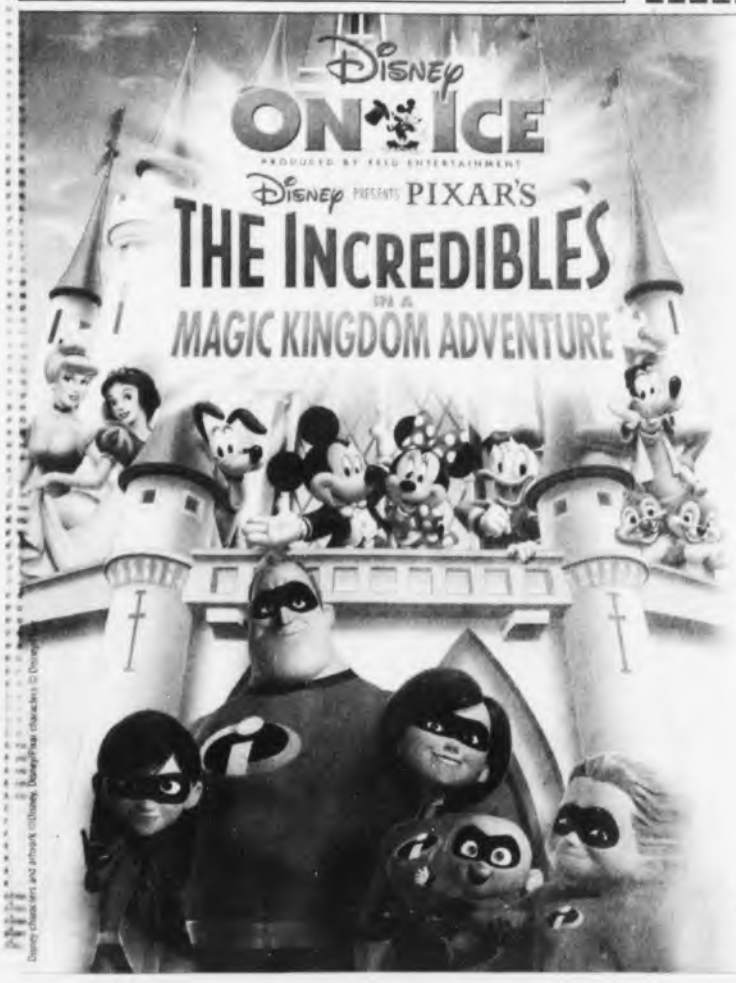

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Jan. 29. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "In Praise of Heresy"

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Coffee hour will directly follow the service. All are welcome.

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First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the January and February newsletters, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

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Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study. Beginning January 18, the Bible Study will focus on the Gnostic writings of The Gospels of Thomas and Mary Magdalene Evening Prayer for World Peace, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. On Sunday, February 5, the parish annual meeting will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service. We will hear reports from the various ministry areas, review the 2006 budget and elect officers.Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Moses promises the people that after his death, God will raise up another prophet for them. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians gives counsel to the people who are unsure whether it is permissible to eat the meat of animals which have been sacrificed in pagan temples. In the Gospel of Mark Jesus both teaches and acts with authority. Preacher: Ms. Colette Wood, Seminarian Intern.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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John "Jack" Ambrose Golden Jr., of Cohasset, 77, retired owner and president of The Golden Print of Quincy, died Jan. 24, 2006, at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

A graduate of Mount Saint Charles Academy, Mr. Golden served in both the U.S. Army and Navy, receiving the World War II Victory Medal.

Living in Cohasset for 43 years, he was former chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and the Substance Abuse Committee. He was president of the Quincy Lions Club, president of Our Lady of the Highway program, a member of the Big Brothers Association, American Legion and Mass. Chief of Police Association, honorary member of the Blue Angels, former director of the Quincy Salvation Army and the Quincy Red Cross.

Massachusetts Governor Foster Furcolo appointed Mr. Golden to the State Commission on Higher Education and Congressman James A. Burke appointed him to

John A. Golden Jr.

the Rivers and Harbors Congress. Years later, he was appointed by District Attorney George Burke to the first drug and alcohol program in Norfolk County. For nine years he served on the board of trustees of the South Shore Council on Alcoholism. He was a proud member of the Cohasset Chanticleers.

Mr. Golden lived for all the joys and wonders of his family and friends. He loved life and will be missed by all who had the privilege to know his wit, generosity and humor.

He leaves his beloved wife of 50 years, Doris (Train) Golden; two daughters, Karen Golden Oronte and her husband Stephen Oronte of Cohasset and Cari Golden Teal and her husband Bruce Teal of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters Mary Ring of Marshfield and Barbara Golden of Florida; and five grandchildren, John Thomas and Emerson Oronte and Robert, Caroline and Rebecca Teal.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Visiting hours will be held from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St. (across from St. Anthony's Church), Cohasset. Relatives and friends are invited.

Religious traditions series continues at Glastonbury Abbey

This seventh annual series of "Listening to Other Voices" has the theme of "Religion and the World We Live In." The title was motivated by the abundance of news items that were defined or interpreted by a religious perspective, from the Tsunami to stem cell research, from war to political elections, from creationism to end of life issues. Although religion can be polarizing among people, this year's speakers have found it to be inspirational in shaping their life's work and its potential to draw people together. The series will include presentations by speakers representing the Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim traditions. Each of us is asked to listen to these voices in dialogue with our own particular religious tradition.

This series continues on the following dates at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St..

The remainder of the series includes:

- Dr. Mohammad Dadrass and Westy Egmont — Feb. 16 — "One Nation? Under God."
- Tania Leontov — April 6 — "The Common Heart, and Inter-Religious Dialogue Lasting 21 Years."
- Margaret O'Brien Steinfels — May 4 — "Catholic Culture and American Culture."

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- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying Jan. '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying Jan '06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army;
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- Capt. Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

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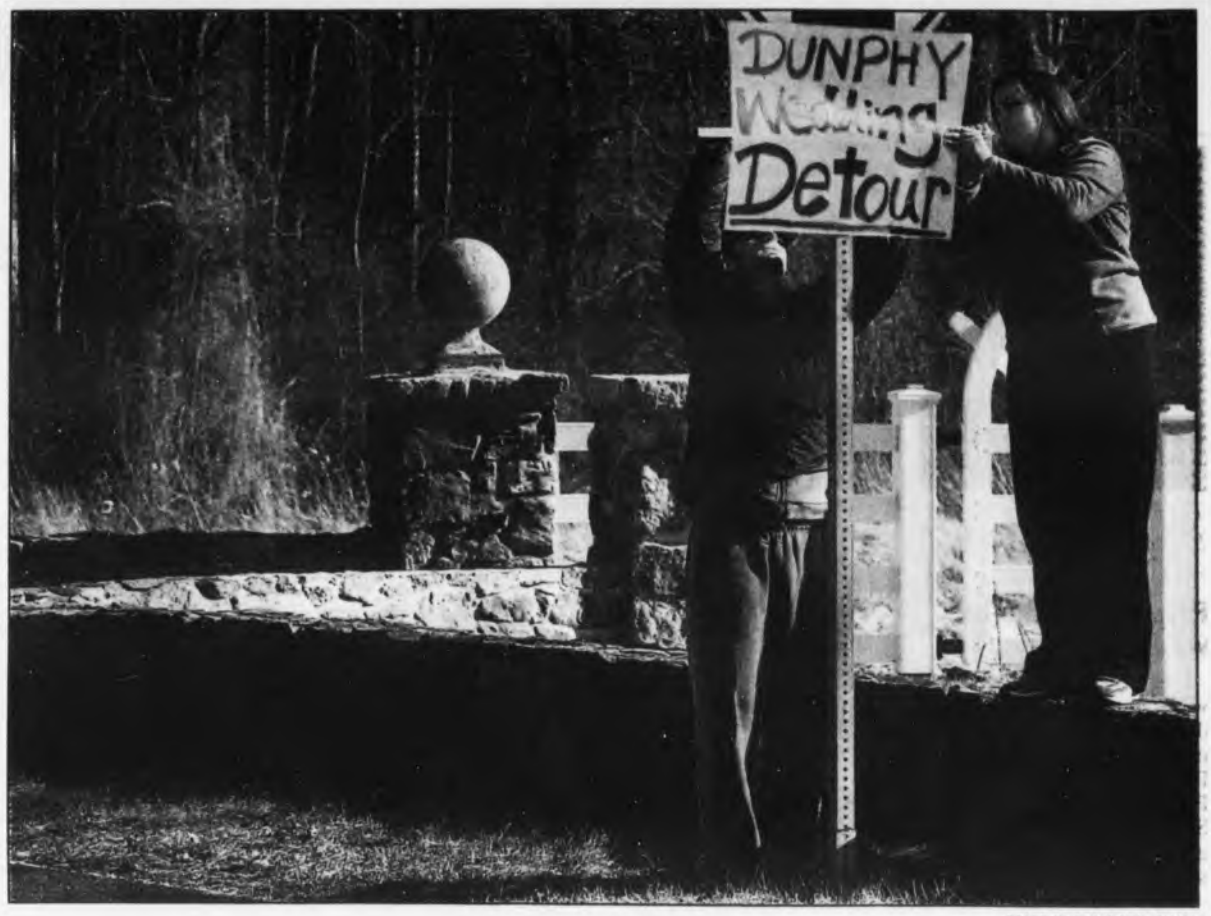

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WEDDING DETOUR

Greg Schultz and Aislynn Benoit put up a detour sign on Rte. 228 in Hingham last Friday for Mike Dunphy's wedding in Cohasset on Saturday. The wedding directions had to be revised as a result of the Sohier Street detour. Dunphy's wedding at First Parish Church in Cohasset and reception at the Red Lion Inn was to be filmed for TV Diner since Dunphy is a chef/comedian who knows Kiss 108's Billy Costa.

Sandcastles open house is Feb. 8

Sandcastles Childcare and Preschool (infant-through-kindergarten) has announced open registration for fall 2006.

Kindergarten open house Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Sandcastles, 152 King St. (Rte. 3A). The program is accredited by the National Association of Early Childhood Education.

Sandcastles offers full-day kindergarten and enrichment programs (ratio 1:13); pre-kindergarten and preschool programs; and summer camp programs.

Kindergarten/enrichment programs include music, art, gym and Spanish along with additional activities. Summer camp programs include swimming lessons, field trips, beach trips, Music Circus and other activities.

For more information, call 781-383-9987.

Historical Society Spring Lecture Series

The Cohasset Historical Society begins its spring lecture series Wednesday, Feb. 15 with a talk by Steve Bobo on the "History of Our Harbor." All programs are held at the society's headquarters in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., Cohasset, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

From the fishing schooners of the 19th century to the 20th century luxury yachts, Cohasset Harbor's waters hold many stories of the changes that affected the economy and lifestyle in this quiet little seaside town. Bobo, who has a life long affection for maritime history, shares some stories and their relationship to the town and its people.

Other programs planned for the series include a discussion of the mackerel fishing industry with Susan Playfair on April 19, and a talk on courtship and marriage in the post-revolutionary war generation by Tim Kenslea on May 17.

POLITICAL NOTES

Democratic Town Committee to hold caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Saturday, Feb. 4, to elect four delegates and two alternates to the 2006 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the DCU Center in Worcester and Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of auditor, treasurer, attorney general, secretary of the commonwealth, lt. governor, governor and U.S. senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Sept. 19, 2006, Democratic Primary ballot.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, 02129 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at 617-776-2676, call Agnes McCann, chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit www.cohassetdems.org.

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IT'S HAPPENING

The new weathervane, created by Steve Bobo, is a copper replica of a Colonial Pinky.

Reception planned for weathervane unveiling

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold a reception to celebrate the unveiling of its newly-completed weathervane on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., Cohasset. After a short program, light refreshments will be served.

The vane, a copper replica of a Colonial Pinky, was created by Steve Bobo, an artistic and creative builder of boats, large and small. It is modeled after the post revolutionary war schooner, "Fame," a privateer, built in Essex, and used in the War of 1812. Once installed on the cupola of the Pratt Building, it will serve as a visible reminder of Cohasset's maritime past.

Sea Chest Consignment half-price sale to start

Managers Andi Merrill of Scituate and Colleen Roth of Cohasset announced the annual Sea Chest half-price sale is Saturday, Jan. 28, through Feb. 18. The shop is located on Route 3A across from Shaw's.

Offered are a wide selection of designer suits, sweaters from L.L. Bean and Talbot's, handcrafted sweaters from Nepal, Ralph Lauren, Lord & Taylor, Tse and Forte. Don't miss the wide selection of cashmere scarves and sweaters, corduroys, designers slacks, leather jackets and quilted snow jackets.

For the grandmothers there are racks of children's snowsuits, velvet dresses and infant wear for cool spring days. In addition, there are picture frames for all those holiday pictures. If you are planning a trip to Florida or the islands there is luggage of all sizes.

If you are planning a tea party you will want to see the antique tea set complete with tea cups, plates, sugar, creamer and handsome tea pot. There is a rare array of glasswear that includes goblets, wine glasses, unusual colorful platters, bowls, pitchers and imported rare vases.

The shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, call 781-383-2293 to assist.

Proceeds support the non-profit organization Road to Responsibility whose mission is to provide training opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Auditions for 'Seussical!'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club announces auditions for its spring musical, "Seussical!" which will be presented on May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. Auditions will be held on Feb. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium.

Seussical takes a whimsical look into the engaging world of Dr. Seuss and his colorful characters as they come to life on the stage. Auditioners should come prepared to sing 16-24 bars of an upbeat tune, preferably from the show. If you're not singing something from the show, please bring your own music. An accompanist will be provided. There will be a dance/movement audition as well. Director Lisa Pratt, Music Directors John and Katie Duff and Choreographer JoJo Fichtner plan to cast the show with 35 actors, mostly adults and young people, with a key role for an 11ish year-old boy or girl. There are a few roles for children under 13. The show will be Produced by Jean DiGiacomandrea. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Pratt at 781-383-1387.

Concerto competition, awards party, Jan. 29

On Sunday, Jan. 29, Hingham Symphony sponsors its own star search among the best young professional musicians in the Boston area.

HSO's first annual Bay State Concerto Competition invites musicians aged 18 to 30 to apply to participate in two rounds of competition. On Saturday, Jan 28, the judges will narrow the field to a maximum of eight finalists. These eight will move on to compete in front of a live audience in Hingham on Jan. 29.

"Special projects such as the concerto competition are a vital part of the diverse programming that HSO provides to the community," says music director Jin Kim. "Whether it be taking musicians into bars, senior centers or small concert halls, these events provide not only a wonderful opportunity for listeners, but also for musicians to grow as professionals."

Each finalist will perform part of a concerto (a composition for orchestra and one or more solo instruments, typically in three movements), accompanied by a pianist. Depending on the results of the preliminaries, these soloists could be performing on any instrument — strings, brass, woodwinds, piano or even percussion. The winner receives $1000 and the opportunity to perform the concerto with the full HSO at Masterworks Encore in March. Second and third place finishers receive cash prizes, and one musician will win the Audience Choice award. Cash prizes are generously sponsored by Watch All, Inc.

Immediately after the competition, the audience is invited to join in an Awards Party, hosted by m3 (music, martinis & more), HSO's newest group of supporters, and sponsored by Cherrywood Barbeque. While the judges deliberate, nosh on authentic New Orleans BBQ treats, beer and wine. Meet the musicians and toast the winners!

Tickets at $10 include the m3 Awards party (cash bar). Available in advance at Hingham Library, La Petite Maison and Nobles, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, call 781-740-5694, or go to: www.hinghamsymphony.org.

Landscape design

Julie Moir Messervy, author of "Outside the Not So Big House: Creating the Landscape of Home," will discuss her new book she co-wrote with Sarah Susanka, on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. To purchase a signed copy of the book call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

OUR WORLD

China is cultural focus in the weeks ahead

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is open Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m. -5 p.m. and Sat. noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free for members or $5 per person. The museum is located at 100 Sohier St. in Cohasset, just behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and down the road from the Music Circus.

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Samuel Laugelle, 3, of Cohasset, play with his truck underneath a colorful dragon which was set up for Chinese New Year's celebrations at Our World.

The cultural focus for January and February at Our World is China! Each week we will offer a new craft project related to the culture such as ribbon wishes, paper flowers and paper lanterns. Chinese New year is Jan. 29 and this is the year of the dog. Join Our World on Feb. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. as it celebrates this joyful beginning of the year. This special family festival will include entertainment, art activities, Chinese calligraphy and plenty of tasty food to try. Entertainment will begin at 4:30 with a Chinese Lion Dance and will be followed by an acrobat showing off her plate spinning skills at 5:30! Admission is $10 per adult, $5 per child five and older for members and $12 per adult, $6 per child five and older for nonmembers. Call to reserve space for your family, tickets can be purchased over the phone with Visa or Mastercard (781-383-3198) in advance or at the door. Please let Our World know if you will be attending to help it figure out the amount of food to order!

Programs beginning in February:

Mid-Week Camps — Mid-week camps for first and second grade students offer a great opportunity for children to have fun while learning something new and give parents the chance to get some extra errands done or have a moment to relax. These camps take place on half days for Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate. Each camp has a cultural focus and includes an art project, a movie and a healthy snack. Cost is $15 for members and $20 for nonmembers per child, per camp session. Class size is limited to 15 children, call early to register your children, 781-383-3198. Dates: Cohasset - Feb. 8 & 9, March 8, and May 10; **Hingham** - Feb. 2, March 1 & 29, and May 3; **Scituate** - March 1 & 30 and May 31.

Spanish Program at Our World — ¡Cantemos Pequeños! Let's sing little ones! For toddlers and preschoolers with a parent or guardian, this playgroup teaches children basic Spanish vocabulary such as numbers and parts of the body through a variety of techniques including music, games, toys and activities. A small snack is provided. Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Feb. 8 – March 29. Cost: $120 members, $150 nonmembers for eight weeks, call or email Jodi Craft to register at 781-871-1267 or jodicraft@hotmail.com

Reiki for kids — Children who apply compassionate touch [REIKI] to playmates to help relieve pain, strengthen self-esteem and positive behaviors, according to research. The program centers around a hands-on technique called intention of energy. Training includes the Reiki Attunement that reintroduces the idea of healing touch in a safe way, a full Reiki treatment, and information needed to assist themselves and share with others. Manual and certificate included. Dress comfy, wear white, and bring snacks. Saturday Jan. 28 or March 11; 11:45am – 4:30p.m. Cost: $75 members, $85 non-members. Pre-registration Required. Four children minimum to run class & will not exceed eight children.

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(50) Chinese Restaurant
(51) Sushi Restaurant
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POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

2:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:28 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Department, Hingham PD advised they had a road rage occur - subject is traveling on 3A. Officer has located vehicle, no one in it. Hingham PD advised to disregard - other vehicle wants to drop it.

4:39 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, caller advised she may need assistance with subject that has truck parked out front of his fathers residence.

5:50 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, assist citizen.

6:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller advised that motor vehicle accident just occurred - no one in vehicle. Vehicle left scene. Left towards Border Street. Contacted Hull, Hingham, Scituate about this information. Operator of vehicle that fled called on Jan. 14, and stated she left the scene because she panicked and dozed off at the wheel and that's why she left the scene. Female was advised by dispatch to come to Cohasset PD today to report this, but she stated she couldn't operate her motor vehicle due to the damage.

7:09 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller advised she found a dog.

8:45 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:09 p.m. **Cohasset Town Lot**, abandoned motor vehicle, officer advised there is a vehicle with flat tires and no rear plates, several items inside vehicle.

9:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, threats, caller advised male subject possibly drunk, wearing green jacket, jeans, baseball cap. Male subject causing a problem. Officer out in the area checking for male subject. Officer advised subject to stay away.

9:31 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, disturbance, caller advised juvenile having a party - causing a problem. Officer advised juveniles are running into the woods, unknown if parents are home. Officer out at location. Officer advised house is cleared out.

9:54 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, assist citizen, caller advised her house was egged. Caller didn't want an officer - just log information.

11:17 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, fire, investigation.

11:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

12:46 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, moving a trash bag from the road.

12:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, moving a trash bag form the road.

1:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property damage, walk in party reports a rock thrown through the glass door of the main entrance.

10:25 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, supicious activity, caller reports suspcious phone calls.

11:08 a.m. **Border St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, officer reports everything is secure.

2:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports it looks like someone was trying to steal tires off of a vehicle.

2:31 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

2:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

6:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

7:05 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:09 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:10 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

2:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, lockout/lock-in, walk in party reports she locked herself out of the house.

2:53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a man who's been seen walking around in the cold for a while. Caller wants to make sure he's o.k.

4:21 p.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance, caller advised landlord is threatening him. Officers advised both parties have been advised.

4:32 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid, female fell hit head and nose.

4:50 p.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised her 2 pugs ran out the door.

4:57 p.m. **King St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer advised out with vehicle that is out of gas.

5:02 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller advised the front door is unlocked.

6:22 p.m. Weather: Very, very cold. Temp: 14.8.

7:38 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, well being check, mad econtact with female, everything is fine.

7:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:23 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8:24 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there is a white vehicle parked infront of residence. Caller doesn't know whose it is. Officer advised the vehicle is parked with on one inside.

8:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, caller advised there is a tree that has fallen down. Officer removing tree. Contacted Mass Highway. Officer removed most of the tree from the road.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

12:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:23 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

7:34 a.m. **Pond St.**, public services, Pond Street from Spring Street to Bancroft Road is closed. They are working in front of Virginia Lane.

8:48 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for speeding.

9:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for speeding.

10:04 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports an unusual amount of smoke coming from the roof at the garage next to the Red Lion Inn. Units reporting it's the generator next to the building.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Cohasset pediatrics request transport for a 2-year-old female with difficult breathing.

11:24 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:54 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for speeding.

12:21 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, warning for a child not in a car seat.

1:55 p.m. Caller reports vandalism to a piece of his equipment about one week ago. The door and rear window on his mini excavator were broken.

1:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, vandalism report, caller wants to report graffiti scribbled at the end of his driveway. He's going to try to get rid of it, and didn't want to see an officer, just wanted o make a report of it.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports suspicious person running around the parking lot between cars and hiding when a car drives by.

3:37 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports she thinks her pipes burst above the garage because its leaking water.

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medial aid, transported to SSH/ALS, seizure.

5:05 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:39 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:58 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

10:26 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports that he saw a flare going off somewhere on the water by Jerusalem Road.

10:56 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:25 a.m. **HQ.**, walk in party would like to speak to an officer.

3:13 a.m. **Diab Lane**, fire, 911 caller states there is a burst water pipe. She needs assistance in locating the pipe and turning off the water.

4:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop verbal warning.

9:18 a.m. **Deep Run**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for speeding.

9:41 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:08 a.m. **North Main St., and Green St.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for speeding.

11:12 a.m. **High School Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

11:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports both building checks secure.

12:21 p.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for running a stop sign.

12:34 p.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for running a stop sign.

1:58 p.m. **Deep Run**, animal complaint, caller complains of a yellow lab with no tags and no collar. Caller reports the dog runs loose all the time hanging around her yard and her neighbors. She has pets of her own and so do her neighbors.

2:25 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, investigation, referred to CID.

2:55 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, officer requesting 2 tow trucks.

3:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported to SSH/BLS, caller reports motor vehicle accident on South Main Street.

5:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, transported to BLS, problem with a customer.

6:12 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS.

7:16 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, keep the peace.

10:25 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

12:59 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:43 a.m. **King St.**, officer advised property checks out fine.

5:09 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire, investigation, Fire Dept. advised they received a call from above address reference to alarms going off. Fire Dept. advised boiler malfunction.

7:38 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, traffic complaint, officer advised parent needed help at the drop off and pick up of kids at the Osgood School.

8:18 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:19 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:19 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:26 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, tree fallen on some wires. Electricity still intact.

11:02 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports that three fallen down, and caused damage to the deck.

11:15 a.m. **Summer St., and South Main St.**, downed tree in roadway.

11:26 a.m. **Summer St.**, downed tree, tree against building.

11:30 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, downed tree, checking on status on tree by St. Stephens.

11:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reporting that a person is dumping illegally into her dumpster.

12:12 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, elevated heart rate.

12:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed tree, leaning tree limb.

12:28 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, downed power lines, wire pulled from the house.

12:45 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed power lines.

1:10 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, downed tree, caller reports a tree is about to fall onto her neighbor's house.

1:17 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed power lines, wire on sidewalk.

1:56 p.m. **Hill St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:33 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed power lines, low hanging wire.

2:38 p.m. **King St.**, downed power lines.

3:06 p.m. **Forest Ave., North Main St.**, traffic safety inspection, stop sign taken down by Fed Ex truck, unknown reg.

Five building fires last month

Chief Roger Lincoln provided a summary of fire department responses during the month of December is as follows: building fires 5; motor vehicle crashes 13; medical emergency 74; investigations 9; inspections 64; assistance calls 14; and miscellaneous responses 42.

There were no brush or motor vehicle fires during December. Thirty-eight emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone, Lincoln said.

The fire department ambulance transported 52 patients to South Shore Hospital. Mutual aid ambulances transported nine patients from Cohasset to South Shore Hospital, he said.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 16 during December. Accidental activation of the alarm systems accounted for two responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 11 responses. Three fire situations were reported by activation of the alarm system. The five responses classed as building fires were caused by: oil burner malfunction one; blocked chimney flue/oil burner one; hearing system electrical component one; chimney malfunction one; and food on the stove one, Lincoln said.

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Danny Banks with David Letterman

Thursday, Jan. 26

"Winter Scenes," exhibition and sale by five N.E. artists, Joan Brancale, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Stefan Pastuhov, Hal DeWaltoff, and Ronald Tinney, through Thursday, Jan. 26, at **South Street Gallery**, 149 South St., Hingham. Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com

New England Humane Association will sponsor a series of indoor **Group Dog Training Classes** for beginner and advanced dogs, in several South Shore towns. Hingham Recreation Center: Saturday, Feb. 4, Tuesday, March 14 and Saturday, March 25. **Milton Animal Shelter: Thursday, Jan. 26** and Thursday, March 16. Abington: Tuesday, March 7. Classes are held once a week for one hour. Cost is $100. Free dog training hotline available Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hotline number is 617-529-dogs. For information, visit www.nehasociation.org or call the dog trainer at 781-878-4343.

Adventures and Beyond, Thursdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 2, at **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Six-week session for children in grades 1 and 2 with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist. Children investigate interesting science questions and explore natural world of animals, plants and their habitats. $84 members, $108 non-members, pre-registration required, call 781-659-2559. Limit eight children.

Your Key to Diabetes Management, Thursdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, and Feb. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York St., Stoughton. Four-day education program to teach people with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes basic information about diabetes management. Physician's referral needed for participation. Cost covered by most insurance. For information and registration, call 781-297-1385.

The Huntington Theatre Company, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," through Feb. 5, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Love, lust and betrayal in 18th century Paris, directed by Daniel Goldstein. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; matinees: Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m.; Saturday Feb. 4 and Sunday Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets $15-$70. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or BostonTheatreScene.com, or call 617-266-0800 for reservations and box office hours.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each kid's meal. For information call 781-843-3648.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Thursdays, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café** with **Glen McAuliff and Friends**. Sounds of the Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Petty, Neil Young and more. 6-9 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party**, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary pizza from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Age 21 and over only. 781-871-7175.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Lisa Love Experience,** Thursday, Jan. 26. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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The Academy of the Company Theatre presents "Into the Woods Jr.," at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8.p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 at the box office. For information call 781-871-2787, or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Friday, Jan. 27

The Drowned Hog Beach Ball, Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Parrot, 1 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, in the upstairs lounge. Dance to the music of Hull's Pemberton All Stars and gear up for the swim on Saturday. There will be a swim survivors **After The Plunge Party** on Jan. 28 after the swim. Ear pleasing music and thawing food will be provided free of charge. Whether you swim or just watch, come and have some fun. For information, www.wellspringhull.org or by calling 781-925-3211.

"Amidst the Gladiolas," presented by the **North River Theatre**, Jan. 27, 28, Feb. 3, 4, at **North River Community Club,** 513 River St., Norwell. Curtain: 8 p.m., cabaret seating, cash bar. Tickets $17, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit www.northrivertheater.com.

Pembroke Jazz, Rhythm and Blues Festival, Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Community Middle School, 559 School St. Proceeds will support Pembroke High School music and drama programs. Features Leah Souza Quintet with trumpeter Johnny Souza, Danny Banks and the Moondance Blues Band with special guest Ricky King Russell and Lonesome Jukebox. Tickets $10 adults, $7 students. Refreshments and raffles. For information call Dave Becker at 781-826-5402 or dbecker2@adelphia.net.

South Shore Singles Dance, Friday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. to midnight, Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Featuring **DJ Dave**. Admission $7 members, $10 non-members. Proper dress required. For singles, 45+. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, **Dave Foley Band,** Friday, Jan. 27. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, Jan. 27, **Hoodoo Revelator,** 9:15 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Jan. 28

South Shore Writer's Club meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 10:15 a.m., at Abington Public Library, 600 Gliniewicz Way. Members assist one another in preparation of their stories, poems, novels or essays to become acceptable for publication. For information call 781-331-1790 or email ingoboy@rcn.com.

Drowned Hogs 11th Annual Swim, Saturday, Jan. 28 at noon at Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at www.wellspringhull.org or by calling 781-925-3211.

Meet author Mike Carey at Barnes and Noble, 96 Derby St., Hingham on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Author of the book "Boston Celtics: Where Have You Gone?" Mr. Carey will be singing copies of his book. Free event and open to the public.

The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, through April 30. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles. Call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

Jett Foundation Texas Hold'em Tournament and Lunch Buffet, Saturday, Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Pine Hills Country Club, Plymouth. Lunch buffet, cash bar, cigar lounge, silent auction, final table players receive prizes. All proceeds benefit Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Cost is $100 for players, $30 for non players. Make a reservation by calling Chip Rogan at 508-364-3947. For more information visit www.jettfoundation.org.

Comedy Night, Saturday, Jan. 28, 9:30 p.m., **F1 Boston**, 290 Wood Road, Braintree, featuring **Paul D'Angelo** and others, also **Rex Trailer** of "Boomtown" will sing and play guitar. Admission $20 show only, or $40 dinner and show, 7:30 p.m. Advance reservations recommended, call 781-228-2003 or 781-843-4833.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, **Five to the Face,** Saturday, Jan. 28. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, Jan. 28, **Memphis Rockabilly,** 9:15 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Jan. 29

Cabin Fever Antique and Collectible Toy Show, Sunday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn in Dedham. See toys of yesterday, cars, boats, trucks, planes, etc. Admission before noon is $4.50, $3.50 after noon. Early admission at 7:30 a.m. is $20. Children under 12 admitted free with adult from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information call 508-379-9733 or visit www.bostontoyshow.com.

Scituate Animal Shelter Cut-A-Thon, Sunday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **K.A. Ricco Designs** in Scituate Harbor. Humans only. Proceeds benefit the Shelter's relocation fund. Wet cuts will be $25, cash and checks only. Finger foods served. Appointments recommended, call 781-545-7772. Walk ins welcome. For more information on the relocation to the 3A Farm, visit www.3afarmfund.com. The no kill shelter serves Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, book presentation, "Sammy the Boston Lighthouse Dog," with author Sally Snowman, U.S. Coast Guard civilian keeper of Boston Light. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m. Free with museum admission, $5 adults, $3 seniors, children admitted free. Call 781-925-5433.

Braintree High School Jazz Ensemble, Sunday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. at the **Thayer Public Library**, Upper Level Program Room, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 Ext. 4420.

The Calyx Piano Trio will perform on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. The program includes works by Beethoven, Brahms, Piazzolla and Augusta Read Thomas. Complimentary reception. Tickets $20, $18 seniors, $10 students, in advance or at the door. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.JamesLibrary.org.

One and Only Boston Chocolate Tour, Old Town Trolley Tour of Top of the Hub Restaurant, Prudential Building; historic Omni Parker House Hotel; and The Chocolate Bar Buffet at the Langham Hotel, Boston. Departing from the Trolley Stop Store, Boylston and So. Charles Streets, through April 30, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., Sundays, noon. $65 per person. Charter and group rates. Call 617-269-3626.

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Fantasy Wedding Festival at Lombardo's, Randolph, Sunday, Jan. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. Featuring a live broadcast of Pat Whitley's Restaurant show; fashion show by Yolanda's and Mr. Tux; $20,000 Free Wedding Giveaway. Admission is $5 in advance and $8 at the door, spouses are free. For more information call 781-986-5000 or visit www.lombardos.com.

Monday, Jan. 30

Snug Harbor Community Chorus announces **open call for singers** for spring show in May. Performance will consist of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

Hingham artist **John Lewiecki's "Pieces of Matrimony"** photography show, through Feb. 2, at Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery. Collection of images from 2005 weddings depicting special emotions and moments of the day. For more information, visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

"Design by Nature," series of prints by Marshfield photographer **Cindy Vallino**, through Feb. 2, **Dolphin Gallery of Hingham Public Library**. Features intensely colored, intricately detailed prints of botanical and marine subjects. For event information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org. For exhibit images visit www.cvallino.com.

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S DAFFODIL DAYS, place orders until March 3. Receive ten flowers for $7. Also, a new special Boyd's bear is available designed for ACS. Order by calling 888-648-4880. For more information visit www.cancer.org.

NATIONAL GOLF EXPO, Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5 at Bayside Expo Center, Boston. Sponsored by the Boston Herald. Hours are: Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $10 adults, $9 seniors and children under 12 are free. Visit www.golfexpoboston.com.

PLYMOUTH AREA CHAMBER 2006 BUSINESS EXPO, March 23 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Luncheon for businesspeople from noon to 1:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by March 3. For information, contact PACC at 508-830-1620.

HANOVER FIREFIGHTER'S BALL, Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at Pembroke Country Club. Dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight with music by Classic Traxx. Tickets are $30 per couple which includes a buffet meal. Raffles for 42" Plasma television. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Sponsored by the Hanover Call Firefighter's Association.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES hosted by Thayer Academy, Braintree. Series of classical music concerts in academy's Frothingham Hall, Feb. 5 and April 2. All concerts at 4 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-664-2515.

SECOND GRAND SLAM TENNIS TOURNEY, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at The Scituate Racquet and Fitness Club on Route 3A in Scituate. DJ, wine tasting, appetizers, gourmet pizza, silent auction and raffles. Sponsored by Friends of Women's Health at South Shore Hospital. Proceeds benefit Cardiovascular Services at SSH. Tickets are available at the door or in advance. For information, call Donna at 781-340-4170 or visit www.southshorehospital.org.

A LOTTA NIGHT MUSIC, an evening to benefit programming at the South Shore Conservatory. March 4 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury. Music by Situation, the Snugtones and the Steve Deitz Piano Bar. Silent auction, cocktails, hor d'oeuvres and three buffet stations. For information or to purchase tickets, call 781-954-2731, ext. 14.

SEVENTH ANNUAL WARM HEARTS, WARM HOMES GALA for Habitat For Humanity of Greater Plymouth. Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at The Loring Center, Route 3 A in Plymouth. Proceeds will help build homes for families in need. Tickets are $60. To learn more, make a donation or order tickets, visit www.hfhplymouth.org or call 508-886-4188.

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"New Plays at New Rep," winter play reading series, at **New Repertory Theatre**, **Arsenal Center for the Arts**, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Three new works by American playwrights, open to the public, and admission is free. All readings directed and performed by New Rep artists, followed by short talk-back session. Readings take place Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30: "A Crooked Man," by Richard Kalinoski; Feb. 6: "She Calls Up the Sun," by Addae Moon. Reservations recommended. For information, call 617-923-8487 or visit www.tickets@newrep.org.

Sustainable South Shore meets at New Song Arts Center, Codman Building, 51 Maple St., Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www. Sustainable SS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Photography of Boston, Fenway Park, Cape Cod, and New England by South Shore photographer, Ellie Keenan at the Hynes Convention Center, Boylston St., Boston through Jan. 31. Call for appointment, 508-631-7130.

"In Another Light," Brett G. Jardim Photography exhibit, through Jan. 31, at Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Photographs include scenic landscapes and nature settings taken primarily throughout South Shore region. For exhibit images visit www.NaturesLines.com. For more information, call 781-659-2559.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. For more information call 781-843-3648.

T.O.P.S. -Take Off Pounds Sensibly - non-profit weight loss support group, meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North St. If struggling to lose weight, come to a mutually supportive environment where members share ideas and suggestions for losing weight. Visitors welcome. For information visit www.tops.org or call Eleanor at 781- 335-4942.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

South Shore Business Alliance meetings on Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. Meet with local professionals who are interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas, eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape" through Feb. 19, **Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

WaterWatch winter lecture series, Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at the Natural Science Center in Norwell through March 15. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.nsrwa.org, call NSRWA 781-659-8168, Mass. Audubon 781-659-9400, or SSNSC 781-659-2559.

North River Arts Society Members Show, G.A.R. Hall, Marshfield Hills, Opening Reception Friday, Feb. 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. On exhibit Feb. 4 through 12, free admission. **Volunteers needed to hang artwork on Feb. 1.** Call 781-837-8091.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League featuring Ladies Poker School. Win gifts and prizes. Wednesdays at **Applebees,** 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. For more information visit www.BigStackPoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Wednesdays, **Dave Foley**, solo rock and rock show and acoustic open mic. From 8 to 11p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Beginners' Foil Fencing course, at Hingham Community Center, with instructor Harry Shamir, head coach Hingham SaEF Fencing Club. 10 weeks, Thursdays, beginning Feb. 2. Cost $200, plus equipment. Call 781-749-9786.

"Reflections-Inside and Out," by Jack Dickerson of Hingham will be on view and sale through Feb. 1, at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org.

Botanical Drawings exhibit by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, through February, at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-934-2721.

"Sinbad of the Coast Guard" presentation and book signing with Mike Walling at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets $3 members, $5 non-members. For information call 781-925-5433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

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Comedy Night, Thursday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., **Jimbo's Restaurant**, Braintree Five Corners, featuring **Larry Miles.** Admission $12, dinner available before show. Advance reservations recommended, 781-848-0300.

Friday, Feb. 3

"Sara Crewe: A Little Princess" at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, Boston," through Feb. 26. Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; school vacation matinees, Feb. 21-24, 1 p.m. Tickets $20, $16, $12. Group Rates available. Call 617-879-2300 or email tickets@wheelock.edu.

Northeast Motorcycle Expo 2006, Friday, Feb. 3-Sunday, Feb. 5, at the World Trade Center, Boston. Featuring custom bikes, stunts, The Super Builders, and stage shows. More than 100 exhibitors of products for the avid or novice motorcyclist. Admission $15 adults, $7 children 6-12; children under 6 admitted free. Hours: Friday, 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 1-877-BIKEXPO (877-245-3976) or visit: www.NEMotorcycleExpo.com.

"Forever Plaid," Saturday, Feb. 3-14, **Quincy Center Dinner Theater**, Quincy Square. Bee-Bop era musical with memorable songs of the '50s. Call 781-843-5862 for ticket information.

Guided Imagery Workshop, On The Path Wellness Center, Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., with Dawne Corti-Migre. Cost $20. Call 781-826-7076 or visit www.on-the-path.com.

Comedy Night, Friday, Feb. 3, 9 p.m. Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, with host Hugo Maienza, featuring Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Shane Mauss, Chris Trabulsie, Kevin Pace, Tony Gugliotta. Admission $15, call 781-871-7175 for reservations

Pink Voyd lights up Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. This four-person lineup recreates timeless classics. Impressive computer-controlled lasers, video projection, and robotic lighting provides a multimedia spectacle for which Pink Floyd is so well known. Tickets $28, available at the box office. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com. For more information visit www.pinkvoyd.com.

Mad Agnes Concert at South Shore Folk Music Club, Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Hennebach's and Jones' award-winning songwriting is sometimes whimsical, often poignant, and powerful. The group has a recently released a DVD, Who's Mad Agnes? Tickets $13 members, $15 non-members, at the door. SSFMC will be collecting non-perishable food goods for a local food pantry at concerts. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Feb. 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Sheraton Braintree, 37 Forbes Road. Music by the Entertainers Band with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. For ages 35 plus. Tickets $10. For information call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdance-newengland.com.

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Volunteers

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS, a network of support groups for parents who want to improve relationship with their children, needs volunteers to act as group facilitators. Must commit to 1.5 to 2 hours per week for at least one year. Training and ongoing supervision are provided. For more information, call 1-800-882-1250.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2006 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR, March 30- April 5. Each volunteer will be required to work three 4-hour shifts or a total of 12 hours. Must be over 18. Will receive special uniform jacket, polo shirt and cap and a 7 day MBTA pass. Volunteers are needed for hotel information desks, airport welcome and other events. Visit www.masports.org/womensfinalfour.

BE A BIG SISTER. Orientations are held at 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Bldg., Suite 7, second floor, Quincy Center. Dates are Monday, Feb. 13, from noon to 1 p.m. and Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m. Applications are available at sessions. For more information, call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsisters.com.

OLD COLONY HOSPICE seeks volunteers to assist patients. Provide companionship and support, help with errands, read or play games with patients. Flexible schedules, monthly support group

NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE has opportunities for volunteers in a variety of areas; mailings, administrative, events, maintenance and animal care. Mandatory orientation meeting. For information and meeting schedule, call 781-740-1625 www.newildlife.com.

FOSTER PARROTS, a nonprofit Parrot Rescue, Sanctuary and Adoption Center, is seeking parrot lovers to volunteer in the care of 200 parrots at the center in Rockland. Volunteers are involved in education, cleaning, feeding and improving the lives of the growing number of unwanted parrots in captivity. Volunteer positions are available for all days of the week especially Saturday and Sunday. Currently looking for parrot lovers to spend time at the center, changing water and food cups and offering attention to the many grateful residents. Visit their web site at www.fosterparrots.com. for additional information about Foster Parrots or contact Marc Johnson at 781-878-3733.

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Hearing loss occurs early during the course of uncontrolled Type I diabetes in children, say researchers. The culprit may be diabetic damage to nerves or blood vessels. This finding is based on a study of 63 children below age 18 who had a confirmed diagnosis of Type I diabetes. The children had the disease for an average of 5 years at the time of the study. Hearing assessments showed that all the children had some degree of hearing loss, but one-third of them had a loss of more than 25 decibels, which indicates functional impairment. Hearing loss was predominantly in the middle and high frequencies, which can affect speech discrimination. Tighter diabetes control might prevent or delay this complication.

Research continues to work toward enhancing the quality of life of the hearing impaired, from scientific studies to the creation of today's hearing instrument marvels. We'd like to do our part by providing you with a free hearing test and the most advanced, comfortable, dependable instruments on the market today. At FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER, we can help with acoustic appraisal of your hearing ability, discussion of the listening devices available, and follow-up care and service of your hearing aid. You can reach us at 781-337-1144, 534 Main Street (Rt. 18), across from the Stetson Bldg. in Weymouth. You can also visit us on the web at www.familyhearing.net.

P.S. It should be stressed that the children in the above-mentioned study had diabetes that was poorly controlled.

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Ongoing events

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. For more information, call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomeless-children.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

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Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188 for information.

North River Network Group, at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. For information call 1-800-246-0493.

Feed the Animals at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Come watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. Free with admission. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For information call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Pick a Party, Route 139, Hanover, will host a mother's group meeting every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost $5 per hour per child with the purchase of a 10 visit family pass for $50. The pass entitles holder to any Tuesday morning visit for up to two children per family pass. Call Stacy Smith Wheel, 781-826-7077 to reserve a spot.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. A non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group that meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m**. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience is helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard provided materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. For information email mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a new marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard-flag squad members. A family style group open to those age 13 to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at Pembroke Community Center, Route. 14, Pembroke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Men's Support Group. Discussion group for men who are in relationships with women undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Explore many issues that are the result of cancer and its impact on those who are close to the survivors. Free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen Church in Cohasset. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-393-0771.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adeline's International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The **woman's a cappella chorus**, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, gives vocal training to members who provide musical entertainment throughout the South Shore area. For more information call Sweet Adeline's, 781-843-4355.

Neighboring Support Organization ia a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting-wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Membership fee: $20 per year. For information call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request, visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. For more information call 508-830-4250.

Parental Stress Line. Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. For information call 800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus. Rehearsals Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

New Natural Foods Co-op A group of South Shore residents are starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information, call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

The Three B's. To introduce more of our neighbors to the world of chamber music, the Chamber Music Society of Easton, non-profit organization is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how to host a chamber music party. For information call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Poetry at the Main Street Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, last Wednesday of every month. Open Mic, 7 p.m. Sign up, 6:30 p.m. Email Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

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The South Shore Art Center presents Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape" on display through Feb. 19 in the Bancroft Gallery. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Classes

YOGA CLASSES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, at Body to Soul Fitness, Pembroke. New 7-week session begins Feb. 23. Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., taught by Kezia Bacon-Bernstein, RYT. Ideal way to prepare for labor, birth and mothering. Cost is $69 for Body to Soul members, $89 for non-members or pay $16 per session ($13 members.) New students can begin anytime. To sign up or for information, call 781-829-2002.

KNITTING CLASSES at Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal, 8 Nevin Road, S. Weymouth on Saturday mornings. All are welcome. For information, call 781-335-2030.

MAKING CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES, at the YWCA in Marshfield, Monday, Feb. 13 from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Why buy truffles when you can make your own. Taste some and bring home the rest. For information, call 781-834-8371 or visit www.ymarshfield.org.

POWER OF COACHING WORKSHOP at the Lane Center, for 8 weeks, Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Dates are Feb. 7, 14, 21 and March 1, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Led by certified professional coach Joan Vasconcellos, this workshop will include activities and exercises designed to help you create a greater sense of balance and purpose in your life. Cost is $180. For more information call 781-826-2554 or by email joan@whatspossiblecoaching.com.

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CLASSES, Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Classes offered include Acting for Students age 6-8, Acting for Students age 9-12, Acting for Teens, Improvisation open to students age 9 through adult. All classes are eight-week courses concluding with performance by all students March 11. For prices or further information, call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org.

STUDIO PAINTING WORKSHOP IN WATER MEDIA, Feb 11 and 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Taught by Susan Swinand. Cost is $45. Bring whatever materials you have and a few examples of your work. To register call 781-934-6634, ext. 15. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.artcomplex.org.

MARSHFIELD YMCA WINTER CLASSES, Workshops and demonstrations include crafts: beading, glass mosaics, sewing, quilting, knitting, rug hooking, scrapping, stamping and carving; exercising: Pilates, Tai Chi or walking; gardening in winter: forcing bulbs, garden layouts and starting seeds. For complete schedule visit office@ywcamarshfield.org or call 781-834-8371.

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DESTINATIONS

Sweet escapes

By KIM FOLEY MACKINNON
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

While candy, roses, cards and the like are the staples of Valen-tine's Day, they disappear pretty quickly. As the years go by, one gift after another can blur into a vague memory of Valentines past. One way to make sure your Valentine doesn't forget this particular year is to spirit him or her out of town for a romantic getaway. Often packages offered at hotels and inns include all the fixings for a special night. All you have to do is show up prepared to be charming and to enjoy yourself.

The seaside off-season holds an allure that's particularly hard to beat: wind whipping through your hair while walking on the beach, holding one another close for warmth, the desolate dunes begging for you to make up an ode on the spot -- OK, maybe that's a stretch, but still, there is something compelling about the water. There are plenty of enticing places close to Boston that are perfect for igniting your amour.

For a true getaway, head to Nantucket for a great Valentine's deal at the Martin House Inn. This property was built by Captain Nathaniel Sherman in 1803 for his bride, Hepsabeth. The winter rates are almost half off regular season (your love interest does not need to know!). You'll get a bottle of champagne upon arrival and there's a wine and cheese reception if you come on a Friday. Complimentary afternoon tea is served on Saturday, and on top of that you'll get a $100 gift certificate for dinner at the nearby Centre Street Bistro. Make sure to ask for a room with a fireplace. Prices start at $360. While on the island, visit the renovated Whaling Museum and check out the scrimshaw collection, where you can look at work that sailors did at sea while pining for their loved ones. Very romantic!

For those who can't spare the time to take an island retreat but love the Cape, Falmouth offers many charms, and getting there is a snap. The Inn on the Square is offering an $89 package on Valentine's Day only, which includes a bottle of champagne. The inn is close to the Village Green and shops and, in addition to being near the ocean, it has an indoor heated pool.

If you prefer your water frozen, not lapping at your feet, book a night at The Charles Hotel in Cambridge. Last year, the hotel decided to build an ice rink in its courtyard, and it has brought it back this year, affording lovers the perfect opportunity to skate hand in hand. Two packages hold romantic appeal. "Room & Blades" includes a night in a deluxe guest room, valet parking, skate rentals and ice-skating for two, plus a room service breakfast in bed. Rates start at $269. To take it to another level, "A Love Story" package includes a three-course dinner for two at Rialto (at the hotel), transportation around Harvard Square in an authentic 1977 diesel-run London Taxi, a bottle of sparkling wine and chocolates, plus an Origins Ginger Float Cream Bubble Bath. This package starts at $399, and while it doesn't include ice-skating, rentals and skating cost just $5 each.

To the north, the Emerson Inn by the Sea in Rockport offers stunning views of the ocean. While the 36-room inn bustles in the summertime, it has a more relaxed pace in the winter. Each room is unique, some with canopy beds, others with hot tubs right in the room. Room 305 is particularly charming, according to a staff member who would know. And while Ralph Waldo Emerson did indeed stay at the property, his room is not particularly romantic, so don't reserve it (unless history really turns you on). In Rockport proper, many of the shops open in the summer are closed, but there are a few that stay open, and without the tourist crowds the shopkeepers are more than willing to chat for a while. The Emerson offers a Valentine's package that includes two nights' accommodation, continental breakfast, welcome gift and dinner for two on Feb. 11 or 14 in the hotel's Grand Cafe. Rates start at $344.

The Harbor Light Inn in Marblehead is another charming option. Located in the heart of the Old Town, it's close to the harbor, shops, galleries and restaurants; however, you may not want to leave the premises once you settle in. Several rooms have both fireplaces and two-person hot tubs. On weekends, a two-night stay is required, plenty of time to relax. A deluxe breakfast buffet is included, plus cookies and cider every afternoon. On the weekend before Valentine's, a bottle of champagne also is included. Prices start at $315.

South of Boston, indulge in some pampering at The Hotel Providence, Rhode Island's only member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World. While the hotel might not be on the water, the Valentine's package takes on the theme with its "Passion" bath and body amenities that can be taken advantage of in a hot tub built for two. You also get a suite, an "aphrodisiac" platter served in your room, flower petal turndown and breakfast buffet at L'Epicureo in the hotel. The package is $475.

A tip for would-be Cupids longing to head out of town, but who are on a budget: All the above hotels offer cut-rate deals during the winter. If you decide against a package, book a night that works for you and bring your own amenities. Arrive early before your date and decorate with fresh flowers, iced champagne you've brought yourself, or greet your lover with a bubble bath. This year can be the romantic getaway that won't be forgotten.

If you go...

Martin House Inn, 61 Centre St., Nantucket, 508-228-0678, www.martinhouseinn.net

Emerson Inn by the Sea, 1 Cathedral Avenue, Rockport, 800-964-5550, www.emersoninnbythesea.com

Inn on the Square, 40 North Main St., Falmouth, 508-457-0606, www.innonthesquare.com

The Harbor Light Inn, 58 Washington St., Marblehead, 781-631-2186, www.harborlightinn.com

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June 4	Bingo Cruise
June 11	Women's Fitness with Mary Kmiec
June 18	Walking & Running Clinics with Kevin Petrovek
June 25	"I Just Got Out of School" Cruise
July 2	Fitness For Kids Cruise
July 9	Arts and Crafts for Kids Cruise
July 16	Karate for Kids with Doyle Martial Arts
July 23	College Counseling Cruise
July 30	Cruise with Paul Lockhart, NASA Astronaut
Aug. 6	CSI Bermuda for Kids Cruise
Aug. 13	Fitness For Kids Cruise
Aug. 20	Last Blast Before School Cruise
Aug. 27	Guest Comedian Cruise
Sept. 3	Irish Festival at Sea Cruise
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Students offered healthy lunches

And more kids lining up to buy

By Samantha Brown
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No soda. No ice cream. No unhealthy eating habits during school hours. That's the goal Director of Food Services Bob Levy has set for the Cohasset public schools dining program, and it is paying off in a number of ways.

Every four years the Department of Education audits Cohasset's food services program for nutritional content to ensure it meets state guidelines. This year, the school department can proudly say it passed with flying colors.

"We were very prepared for them to come out and we did very well in all areas," Levy said.

Cohasset runs its own food services program, but that was not always the case. For 15 years, Cohasset relied on Chartwells Educational Dining Services, a company that provides food service to more than 500 school districts in the United States, serving more than 1.5 million meals daily.

"We're far beyond most school districts and cities in the commonwealth."
— Bob Levy, food services director

However, when the Chartwells contract expired at the end of the school year in June 2003, former Supt. of Schools Edward Malvey made the decision to bring food services in-house and try to increase profits. Levy, who had previously worked for Chartwells, stayed on as a private employee for the schools and has transformed the way

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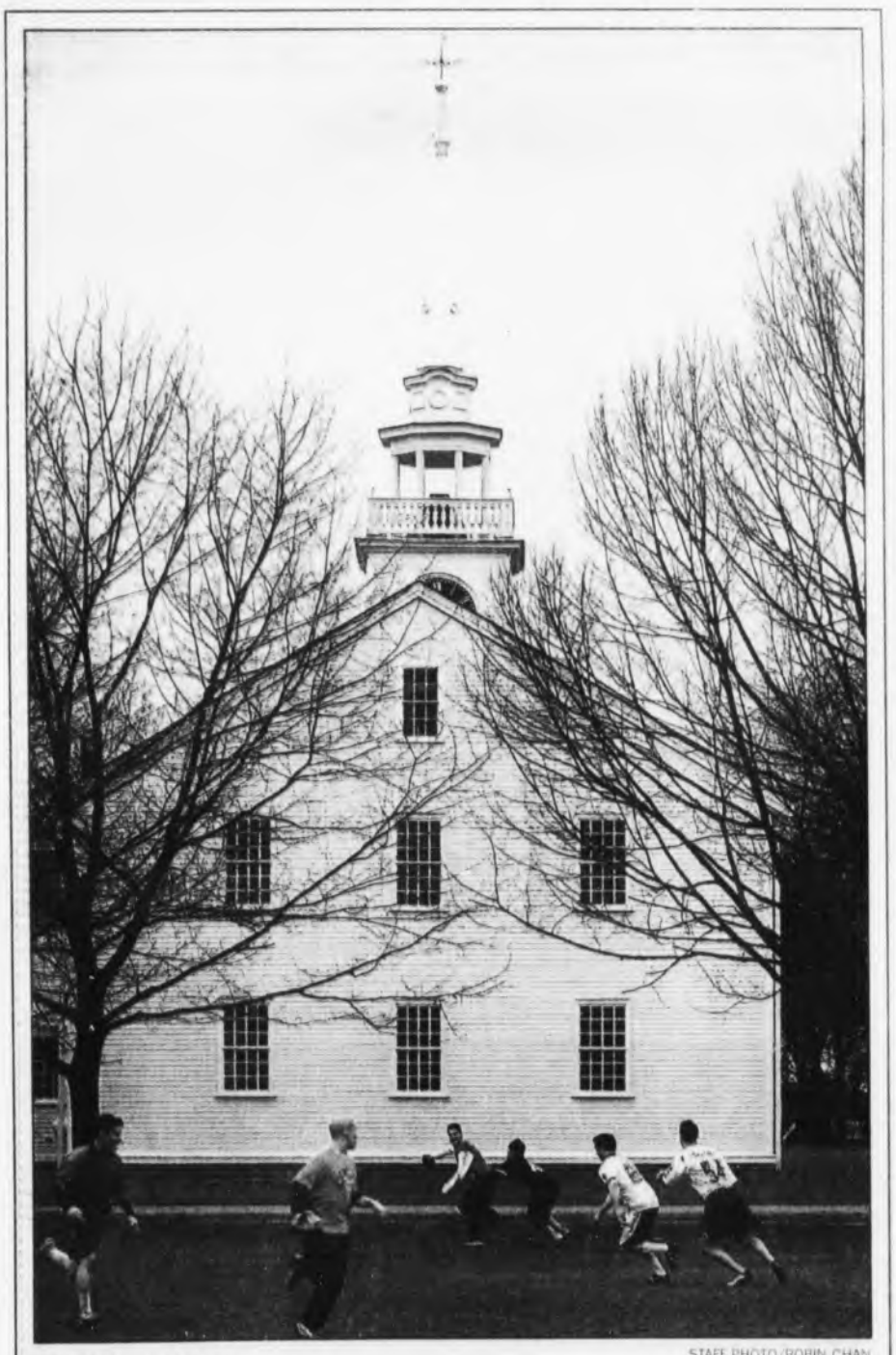
ROCKY RUN

Andrew Littauer jogs along Atlantic Avenue that is littered with debris from Tuesday's nor'easter. Luckily the storm's high winds came a few hours after the highest tide of the year that caused flooding in the usual spots around town including Margin Street by Stockbridge Road, part of Atlantic Avenue, and Jerusalem Road at Bow Street. After two hours the streets were passable again, police said.



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PICKUP GAME

Pete Whoriskey, Cohasset High Class of 2002, tries to escape from his classmate, Christopher Caron, while playing football with other alumni home from college on a muddy Saturday. For more photos, see page 23.

Area near Greenbush station eyed for proposed new bylaw

Would create Transit Oriented District

By Mary Ford
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Turn the clock ahead a few years and imagine a vibrant mixed-use district surrounding the new Greenbush train station – one that might bring in some badly needed tax revenue for the town.

Voters at the April 1 annual Town Meeting could have the chance to set the stage for just such a place – by establishing a Transit Oriented District or TOD through an article proposed by the Economic Development Committee, whose charge in part is to explore strategies to reduce the town's reliance on residential taxes.

The Cohasset Zoning Advisory Committee is looking at the wording of the TOD and several other articles that will be discussed at a planning board public hearing Wed., Feb. 22 at which citizens are encouraged to attend and ask questions. The planning board will then decide whether to recommend the articles to Town Meeting.

In addition to the TOD, other zoning articles on the table include reducing the lot-size requirement in the village for mixed-use retail and residential; reducing the parking requirements for commercial space along Rte. 3A that could encourage more development; and "sunsetting" the Senior Multi-unit Residential Overlay District, dubbed SMROD, while still allowing the Cook Estate senior housing project to move forward.

Proponents of the TOD say with Greenbush train service due to resume in mid-2007, it is an opportune time to establish the

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Staffing drives police budget

By Samantha Brown
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The fiscal 2007 Town Manager's recommended budget does not have the funds available to meet the requests of every department. While Town Manager Bill Griffin said he has done his best to prioritize, he knows there are areas that need funding which the town simply cannot supply while staying within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2.

Police Chief James Hussey came before the board of selectmen Tuesday, Jan. 24 to explain his departmental requests. Of major concern is the amount of officers currently on staff. Hussey said without a full police force, it is causing an increase in overtime costs and officers are getting tired. Hussey said he worries Cohasset will continue the trend of not being able to retain its officers on a long-term basis if it does not start offering a more attractive package.

Hussey said currently, there are 18 positions on the police department, including his, and one of those positions is occupied by an officer who is currently in the police academy and will join the force full time upon completion of the program in April. To be fully staffed, there should be 20 total department members. Three of the current positions — the prosecutor, detective, and Sgt. Detective — are used as support staff, providing communication with the elderly and schools, investigating crimes, writing grants, and representing the department at meetings.

"They are not always going to be in town. They don't get used as part of minimum manning," he said.

The contract the department has with the police union requires there be a minimum of three officers on each shift on duty in town. However, Hussey said the department has trouble keeping its positions full, which leads to overtime costs. "We never have since I've been here," he said, adding there have been injuries, retirements, and one officer returned to the town which had previously laid him off. Another officer left to go to a larger department where there was more opportunity, which Hussey said could be indicative of the challenges facing the department in the future.

"I've replaced two of our losses with lateral transfers so they didn't need training. But finding people off the civil service list is tough. We have hired one and we have him in the academy" but the department pays for him to attend, he said. In addition, Hussey said there will be another retirement coming within the next six months and the town must prepare for it. "Those are some of the things we're up against," he said.

Hussey's budget asks for one position back that was lost last year. He said during the night shift, he would like to be able to have one person on patrol near Rte. 3A, another on patrol near the shore, and keep one officer at the station.

Selectman Rob Spofford asked Hussey if he had looked into the possibility of having permanent intermittent officers. Hussey said there is $10,000 budgeted for permanent intermittent officers, but the department won't necessarily have someone it can count on. Permanent intermittent officers

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Best vacation: The vacation we will take as soon as I retire.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Just about anything with too much sugar or salt.

Best book: "Fields of Fire," by James Webb.

Best movie: "A Rumor of War."

Best TV show: I never get past the Weather Channel or the History Channel for some reason.

Pet peeve: Tardiness.

Most embarrassing moment: Having to speak at Town Meeting years ago with a mouthful of Novocain from a dentist appointment.

Most memorable moment: Our youngest son Eric's first Big Ten football game.

Goal: To serve the town for 35 years and not have to be taken out in a wheelbarrow.

Person I'd most like to meet: John Howland, my mother's ever-so-great grandfather, who came over on the Mayflower.

Biggest worry: World unrest, poverty, and man's inability to solve differences without weaponry.

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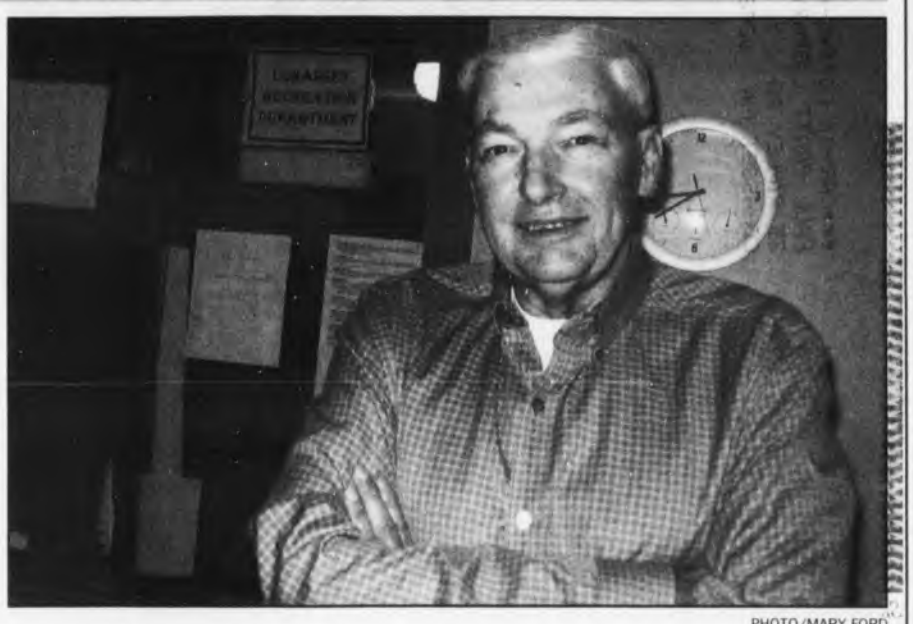

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Director of Recreation Jack Worley in his office on the first floor at Town Hall

Selectmen to meet on Wed., Feb. 15

Next week's selectmen's meeting has changed again. While the board had scheduled its meeting for Feb. 13 in light of Valentine's Day on the 14th, the 13th posed a conflict with the violence prevention meeting being held at the schools with Dr. Robert Macy, director of community services for the trauma center in Boston. Therefore, the board of selectmen will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

Town Census for 2006

The Town Census for 2006 has been mailed to each household. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2006. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2005 license. If you did not receive your census, call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

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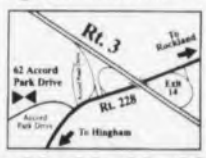

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Fusco adds excitement to the school board race

Steve Fusco

Lee Jenkins

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By Mary Ford
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A three-way race for the school committee is shaping up as Surry Drive resident Steven Fusco has pulled papers to fill one of two open seats on the board. This will be his first time seeking a position in elected office.

Fusco, who is the vice president of technology for Fidelity Strategic Investments, is also chairman of the planning and technology sub-committee of the school department's strategic planning committee. He and his wife and their two children have lived in Cohasset since 2000, and he said he is looking forward to restoring academic excellence in town as a member of the board.

"I believe it is our collective responsibility as a town to provide our children with an excellent education. We simply need to do a better job. With proper planning and strategic vision, I feel strongly we can make annual overrides a thing of the past," he said in a press release announcing his intent to run.

Fusco believes the town has some difficult challenges to overcome, including the impact of proposed housing developments, teachers' union contract negotiations, and a continued slide in the MCAS ranking. "I plan to better utilize technology to enhance communications with Cohasset residents to make sure everyone has the most timely and accurate information possible. As a member of the school committee, I plan to do what is best for the children of Cohasset while respecting the needs of the taxpayers. Like many people in town, I am both a parent and a taxpayer," he said.

Also in the race are Leonora "Lee" Jenkins, of 198 Jerusalem Road, and incumbent Pam Wilson of 80 N. Main St. Jenkins narrowly lost to Wilson in last year's school committee race for a one-year, unexpired term on the school committee. The two seats currently open are both for three-year terms.

"As a member of the school committee, I plan to do what is best for the children of Cohasset while respecting the needs of the taxpayers."

— Steve Fusco, candidate

Residents have until Feb. 16 to pull papers for elected office, which means there is still plenty of time to add to the excitement. So far, the board of selectmen has two interested candidates in Roger Q. Hill of 19A Highland Avenue and Edwin G. "Ted" Carr of 88 S. Main St. The two are vying for selectman Michael Sullivan's seat. Sullivan is not seeking reelection.

In addition to Wilson, the following incumbents have pulled nomination papers indicating their interest in seeking reelection: planning board member Peter Pratt; water commissioner John McNabb; sewer commissioner John Beck; Peggy Chapman of the board of health; Lisa LoJacono for recreation commission; and assessor Michael C. Patrolia.

There are three seats available on the Board of Library Trustees. Incumbents Patience Towle and Agnes McCann have pulled papers, as has Elizabeth Baker, who would be seeking her first term. Library trustee Carol Riley has indicated she won't seek another term.

There is one open five-year seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority and incumbent John Muncey will not seek reelection.

Nomination papers for the 2006 annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 16.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies the signatures collected on the nomination papers. Positions available for the 2006 town election include:

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- Board of Health - One for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority - One for five years
- Planning Board - One for five years
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- Sewer Commission - One for three years
- Water Commission - One for three years

Friday, March 10 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 8.

To find out more about "signs of the times," see Making Tracks, page 11.

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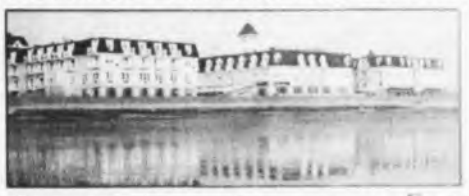

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Area near Greenbush station eyed for proposed new bylaw

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overlay district. With an overlay district, the underlying zoning remains in tact. Therefore, parcels incorporated in the TOD would not lose their status as light industry (on the north side of 3A) or highway technology (on the south side of 3A) but would have the TOD as an alternative set of standards for development.

The TOD could include retail establishments such as restaurants, dry cleaners and beauty shops; business offices; community facilities; and one- and/or two-bedroom dwelling units with some affordable housing.

The proposed Cohasset TOD bylaw is based largely on the state model. The TOD is the central theme of Gov. Mitt Romney's "Smart Growth" initiative and establishing one could help Cohasset qualify for state grants.

At the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting Monday, Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road, said while she is not opposed to the concept, she suggested the proposed TOD bylaw should be postponed to allow it to be more fully vetted. ZAC member Mark DeGiacomo echoed her comments, asking proponents if they could wait until the fall Special Town Meeting.

"Why not provide a prudent zoning by-law that will guide new and better property developments at the northern gateway to the town?"

— Peter L. Brown, Economic Development Committee

But Walter Sullivan, an attorney working with the new owners of the five-acre property that abuts the train station, said the concept is fully vetted and has been used successfully nationally and in other Massachusetts towns, such as Concord. "Don't look at this as not vetted," he said. "This just didn't happen overnight."

In a interview Wednesday, Peter L. Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said the timing to establish a TOD is right.

"It is a concept whose time has come to Cohasset," Brown said. "The commuter train and station is a reality. Why not provide a prudent zoning by-law that will guide new and better property developments at the northern gateway to the town?

"The proximity to the train station allows for higher density developments thereby reducing on-site parking, creating more pedestrian friendly site plans and a unique opportunity for a new mixed-use development whose site plan is fully integrated with the station," Brown said. "With the higher density, it would also create a higher property value and thereby higher commercial and business tax revenues for the town than would otherwise not occur in a light industrial development."

Geoffrey E. Wolf of Connell Real Estate & Development Co. whose affiliate Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC now owns the former Davenport site that includes the building that houses Mary Lou's News and Aveni Cleaners, and the area behind that includes a florist/greenhouse and a boatyard, said the MBTA is rapidly moving forward and could open the Cohasset transit station in mid -2007.

"The most significant reason we hope the TOD article can be acted on at this April's Town Meeting is to comply with the MBTA's construction schedule," Wolf said in an interview Wednesday. "Our intention is to develop an attractive retail center and zoning permitting, potentially a limited number of one- and two-bedroom apartments.

"In keeping with the MBTA's and the Governor's support of transit-oriented development, we intend to include two pedestrian walkways connecting the site to the walkway/bikepath leading to the train platform," he said "In addition, we are in discussions with the MBTA to incorporate a vehicular connection from the property into the MBTA parking lot, allowing for mutuality of access from 3A and minimization of additional curb cuts, in keeping with the Town's stated desires."

Other parcels on the north side of 3A that could become part of the TOD include the Barnes property which is less than two-acres and houses JJ's and the 3A carpet store; the roughly 2-acre Alco Oil property that includes an office building; the train station itself; and across 3A, the Frank Williams landscaping site that is about 10 acres, according to Building Commissioner Bob Egan.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said, as now contemplated, the TOD would create the need for a special permit issued by the Planning Board should a developer choose to seek to build under TOD provisions.

"If the TOD concept passes Town Meeting, the Planning Board's mission would be to call together all the possible direct and abutting property owners to call for coordinated planning," he said. "The key components in such a coordinated effort are: traffic access points, traffic control signals, sidewalks and affiliated pedestrian access points and overall traffic and parking flow/control planning."

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Threats have no effect on dance

By Samantha Brown
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Some details of the threatening note found at the middle-high school have been released, due to the nature of the content and its correlation to an upcoming school event.

The note, found Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 11:45 a.m., made reference to "student behaviors" at school dances. The junior/senior semi formal was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28 at Atlantica, which caused school administrators some concern.

In a message sent Wednesday, Jan. 25 via the Connect-Ed pre-recorded telephone messaging system, middle-high school Principal Joel Antolini said, "I share with you that within the threat that was found yesterday, there was a reference to student behaviors at dances. While this reference was general in nature, it causes me to have a heightened sense of concern for the safety of all individuals at the junior/senior semi-formal." He added it was up to the parents of each student to make the decision as to whether they felt comfortable having their son or daughter attend. Antolini also informed parents the time of the dance was changed from 8 to 11 p.m. to 7:30 to 10 p.m.

"There were five parent chaperones plus a teacher, and school administrators. There was also a police detail present, along with Chief Hussey."

— Principal Joel Antolini

"The dance was well attended, with more participants than last year. The students seemed to have a good time. There were five parent chaperones plus a teacher, and school administrators. There was also a police detail present, along with Chief Hussey. All in all, it was a nice evening for the students," said Antolini Monday.

New harbormaster search underway

The town has received a total of 18 résumés for the harbormaster position being vacated by John Muncey. Town Manager Bill Griffin requested the harbor committee review the résumés and narrow the field down to approximately five semi-finalists. The committee recommended six candidates and Griffin said he added a seventh candidate who had missed the application deadline due to being on active duty in the military.

Griffin said he has asked selectman Rob Spofford, Police Chief Jim Hussey, director of finance Michael Buckley, and Dick Avery to serve on the interview team. "I wanted an interview team that would bring knowledge of boating, law enforcement, and management, but at the same time be neutral toward the candidates themselves," said Griffin in a memo to the board of selectmen.

The semi-finalists will be interviewing over the next two weeks. The field will then be narrowed down to two or three finalists who will be brought in for a second interview. At that point, with the input of the selection team, Griffin will make the selection.

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Override could be just a matter of time

By Samantha Brown
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The school department and the town are not seeing eye-to-eye on the amounts they are recommending for the fiscal 2007 school budget.

A joint budget meeting between the school department, selectmen and advisory committee was scheduled for last night (Thursday, Feb. 2) after the Mariner went to press. The boards were expected to discuss the school budget from both the town and school angles.

Town Manager Bill Griffin's recommended school budget would increase the bottom line by 3 percent to ensure it stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 — the state law which caps the amount a municipality can increase its tax levy from year to year. At the same time, at its Thursday, Jan. 26 meeting, the school committee decided it would come to last night's meeting with the intention to inform Griffin it would consider taking a 5 percent increase as its balanced-budget figure and that it would not rule out the possibility of going for at least a $1 million override.

Under the Town Manager Act, Griffin is required to present a balanced budget to Town Meeting. If the town and the school department cannot agree on a budget figure, Griffin said he has spoken with Town Counsel who advised the town manager's recommended budget is the budget that must be considered first by Town Meeting. But the town manager does have an obligation to show the budget request certified by the school committee to Town Meeting.

In a perfect world, the school committee would like to see an increase of $1.6 million over last year's budget, or roughly 13 percent. The compromise of a 5 percent increase would add about $617,219. Griffin's 3 percent increase would add $370,000 to the school budget. For the schools to have a 5 percent increase, either the money will have to be found somewhere on the town's side of the budget, which means town departments could see cuts, or there will need to be an override vote at the Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, April 1.

"We need 5 percent as a starting point to open the doors. We need to get away from the old way of thinking and playing catch up. We need to tell the town what we need to manage responsibly," said school committee member Pam Wilson.

Rick Flynn has been on the school committee for the past six years and said the way the budget is being handled this year is much different than in years past. He said in the past the school committee has drafted a budget it thought was responsible, then put the number out on the table for the town to consider.

This year, Griffin is asking all town departments to work within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, to ensure a balanced budget is voted on at Town Meeting, which will avoid having to return to Town Meeting in the fall to certify a new budget.

Flynn said when he heard Griffin had recommended an increase of $370,000 for the schools, he thought it was "somewhat unrealistic," because the only place to cut is salaries. Rather than stay within the 3 percent recommended by the town manager and risk devastating the school system "we do have another option which is to do our own thing and present with a much higher number" and put all our cards on the table, said Flynn.

Member Adrienne MacCarthy said she agreed with Flynn and that she has spent a lot of time looking at the budget and sees it as a tool to help the committee envision its mission of "continuing the commitment to excellence."

"I couldn't rationalize giving up much," she said, adding she couldn't imagine presenting a budget that only had a $370,000 increase. "It would decimate this school system. I truly believe we will need an override to sustain our commitment toward excellence."

"I'm not being disrespectful to the town side, but they have their job to do for the town and we have our job to do for the schools and it's totally separate," she said.

Committee member Alfred Slanetz said in his opinion, "We have to negotiate with the town to bridge the gap. I don't think they want to decimate the schools either," he said.

Flynn said what he feels needs to happen now, is that the residents need to direct both the selectmen and the school committee. "People need to fight for what they want," he said, adding the schools have had to beg for everything they've gotten over the years and if people want to keep the level of service they have become accustomed to, they need to publicly show their support and come to meetings.

"We need to show the schools are the most important part of our budget," said Wilson.

School committee chairman Jamie Williams said she had spoken with Griffin and understands the process he is trying to put in place this year. She said there are limited funds for all departments and everyone is being asked to present one balanced budget that comes within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, one restorative budget which would provide the wish list items that are still very important if funding becomes available, and a third aspirational budget which would include all the items the school department would want if funds were unlimited.

"I think that's very confusing. Let's be completely honest about what we're trying to accomplish here," Flynn said.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh added, "It's difficult to present a balanced budget. The schools can't function that way," adding if the school department stays within 2-1/2, "We'll be giving out pink slips by the middle of April."

The school department, board of selectmen, and advisory committee were scheduled to hold a budget hearing Thursday, Feb. 2 after the Mariner went to press.

School budget statistics

Total fiscal 2006 school budget	$12,344,382
Total school proposed fiscal 2007 budget	$14,066,612 (increase of 13.95 percent)
Difference	$1,722,230
Predicted fiscal 2007 school offsets	$81,000 (athletics) $150,000 (circuit breaker) $86,980 (METCO)
New total proposed school budget	$13,748,543 (increase of 11.37 percent)
Town Manager's recommended school budget figure	$12,714,714 (increase of 3 percent)
Difference with offsets	$1,033,829
School budget if manager agrees to a 5 percent increase	$12,961,601
Difference with offsets	$786,942

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04/10/99	Debt Exclusion	Sewer Const.	$1,300,000	1,131	1,129
12/11/99	Debt Exclusion	School Renov.	$640,000	770	476
04/08/00	Debt Exclusion	School Renov.	$41,800,000	1,537	887
05/22/99	Operating	Operating Budget	$380,000	1,413	1,364
04/07/01	Operating	Operating Budget	$300,000	951	819
04/04/03	Operating	Operating Budget	$350,000	1,271	1,034
04/03/04	Operating	Operating Budget	$400,000	1,379	1,228

Bryanton to resign from CEA

After 20 years on the job, Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs Kathy Bryanton has decided to resign from the position, effective June 30, 2006. "This is when my contract is finished and I feel the department of Elder Affairs needs to follow a new direction. I have enjoyed my time and work in Cohasset," she stated in a letter to the board of selectmen.

"I leave Cohasset with the highest regard for the wonderful people that I have had the opportunity to work and associate with. The long association has been a very happy one for me, and I leave with all the sincere gratitude to the board of directors, board of selectmen, and the people in town who have stepped up to act as volunteers for all these years," she said.

Selectmen look at Monday nights

Selectmen may be meeting on Monday nights rather than Tuesdays at some point in the near future, but not before Town Meeting, scheduled for April 1. Selectman Gary Vanderweil suggested the change, as personally, Monday nights would be easier for him than Tuesdays, and he finds those who travel for business are typically in town on Monday, which could make things easier for other board members. "That being said, when I ran, I knew meetings were on Tuesdays," he said.

However, members of the board said selectmen's meetings used to be held on Monday nights and somewhere along the line, that was changed, although no one could remember when or why.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he had heard rumors that Monday meetings interfered with Monday night football and perhaps that is why the meetings were changed. Selectmen chairman Fred Koed joked if meetings are moved back to Monday night and have to compete with football. "What will that do to our ratings."

Griffin cautioned the board there are many holidays which fall on Mondays, so it should take that into consideration before making any changes. Selectman Michael Sullivan said during those weeks, the board could make a policy to roll the meetings to Tuesday. The board will bring the matter up again at a future meeting.

Pond Street is in rough shape

Selectman Michael Sullivan said he is very concerned about the condition of Pond Street, which is under construction by the water department. He said with MBTA construction around town and the Sohier Street closing, Pond Street is being heavily traveled and the condition of the road is terrible. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he had spoken to the water department and it is trying to improve the road as quickly as it can.

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Residents have until Friday, March 3 to place orders for daffodils. Receive a bunch of 10 flowers for a donation of $7. This year also marks the addition of Flowers R. Hope, a special Boyds Bear designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Bear and a Bunch that can be ordered for a donation of $25. The Bear and Bunch campaign is only offered during Daffodil Days and isn't available without flowers.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and colorectal cancer can be preventable through screening. Contact your American Cancer Society for information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through its National Cancer Information Center at 1.800.ACS.2345 and via the Web at www.cancer.org.

POST-PROM FUN(D)RAISER

The Class of 2006 Post Prom Committee kicks off their fundraising activities with a Texas Hold'Em Tournament on Friday, Feb. 17. The fundraiser will be held at the Sons of Italy Hall, Rte 3A, Hingham. The tournament is limited to 140 players and net proceeds benefit the Class of 2006 post-prom activities. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please mail the $125 tournament fee with your name, address and phone number to Monica McKenna, 324 North Main St., Cohasset, Ma 02025. Walk-in registrations will be taken at the door at 6:30 based on availability. Tournament play begins promptly at 7:30. Prizes are awarded to the top eight players. For additional information on the Texas Hold'Em, please call Chris McKenna at 781-844-2448.

EAGLE SCOUT TO SOAR

Cohasset's **Christian Hartmann**, son of **Christina** and brother of **Alex**, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This is a great accomplishment, as only 2 percent of all scouts make it to the Eagle Scout level. His service project was cutting a woodland path and making stairs to join a shore trail along Broad Cove down behind the Derby Academy campus. Christian is a graduate of Derby Academy and currently is a junior at Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut. . His Eagle Court will be held this Sunday, Feb. 5th at Derby Academy. All of his family are so proud of him. Congratulations, Christian.

GIRL SCOUT BAKE SALES

Girl Scout Troop #4784 will be hosting bake sales after church services at St. Stephen's Church and St Anthony's Church this coming Sunday, Feb. 5 in the parish halls. There will be a variety of delectable treats!! Please help the scouts to raise funds for a donation to the Cohasset Food Pantry. Please help them with their community service project to make this a great success!

REC PROGRAMS

The Cohasset Recreation Department is getting ready to release several new children's programs including sports programs, science, arts and crafts and more. The next session will start the week of March 6 and information can be had by calling 781-383-4109.

VIOLINIST HITS THE RIGHT NOTE

South Shore Conservatory awarded violin student **Madeline Blackburn** of Cohasset first place in her division at the Conservatory's 18th Annual Concerto Competition, which took place Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.

Madeline, a student of violin instructor Connie Hagen, received a Conservatory scholarship and performed in the Concerto Competition Winners Recital on Jan. 27 at the Ellison Center for the Arts.

Flutist Sarah Tower-Richard of Weymouth was awarded overall winner and was invited to perform Chaminade's "Concertino" with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra at its Family Concert on March 5 at Memorial Hall in Plymouth.

The Concerto Competition is open to all South Shore Conservatory students.

Cohasset's Madeline Blackburn, right, with fellow violinist Audrey Hasegawa, in the All-Star Orchestra at the South Shore Conservatory. Madeline was awarded first place in her division at the Conservatory's 18th Annual Concerto Competition.

ANGEL FUND

Cohasset's Rich Kennedy, center, President of The Angel Fund, accepts a ceremonial check from Harpoon Brewery co-founder Rich Doyle, right, which represents the proceeds from the 2005 Harpoon 5-Miler road race held recently in Boston. Boston City Council President Michael Flaherty, left, who was instrumental in guiding race organizers during the planning stages of the race, was on-hand for the presentation. The Angel Fund is a nonprofit charitable organization benefiting ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) research at the Cecil B. Day Laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Dr. Robert H. Brown, Jr.

The event is made possible by support from the Mary DeForest Seymour Endowment Fund.

DERBY HONORS

Derby Academy headmaster Edward Foley recently acknowledged qualifying students from Cohasset in grades seven, eight, and nine, who achieved academic First or Second Honors for the fall semester.

Those students awarded First Honors earned an A- (90) or better average in all academic subjects.

FIRST HONORS: **Elizabeth Saltonstall,** grade 7; **Polly Murray** and **Jennifer Spofford,** grade 8.

Those students awarded Second Honors earned a B (84) or better average in all academic subjects. SECOND HONORS: **Peter McKenna, Danny Sears , Gabe Seksay**, and **Mike Troy**, grade 7. Andrew Cantillon and Sammy Sears, grade 8. **John Giuggio** and **John McKenna**, grade 9.

Derby Academy, founded in 1784 by the will of Madam Sarah Derby to educate boys and girls of Hingham, now serves approximately 300 students in pre-kindergarten through grade nine from more than 20 Greater Boston communities.

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m..

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Efforts toward more tolerance in town continue

Cohasset keeps 'No Place for Hate' status

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Diversity Committee is proud to continue the tradition of being certified as a No Place for Hate community for the fifth year in a row. The designation means Cohasset has been recognized by the New England office of the Anti-Defamation League for its commitment to maintaining a zero-tolerance policy for hate crimes, hate language, and any acts of intolerance or racism.

Co-chairs of the diversity committee Susan Etkind and Chartis Tebbetts informed selectmen Tuesday of the town's designation once again, and invited them to participate in the committee's ongoing efforts by designating a formal liaison from the board.

The committee told selectmen of the many events the diversity committee has been involved with to help bring forward a mission of tolerance. Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, who volunteered to be the liaison to the committee, said he enjoyed attending the Martin Luther King Day breakfast, which was one of the most recent programs put on with the help of the diversity committee, and looks forward to other programs in the future.

The Cohasset Diversity Committee heads up the town's NPFH recertification process. Cohasset must meet a number of qualifications in order to be certified, including offering programming to spread the word of acceptance and tolerance for differences in the community.

Cohasset Diversity Committee co-chairs Susan Etkind and Chartis Tebbetts proudly display the certificate that certifies the town as a "No Place For Hate" community.

Etkind said in October, the diversity committee held an event in celebration of United Nations Day. In February of 2005, it hosted an International Day party. "Both were supported by many local merchants with food, and by 100 or more attendees from many nations and cultures — most of whom live in Cohasset," she said.

Etkind also said the diversity committee regularly partners with Project Safeguard (formerly the drug and alcohol awareness committee), the Social Service League, the Cohasset Clergy Association, and the Social Awareness Club at the middle-high school.

"During the school year, 2004-2005, we held four evening meetings with either a single speaker or a panel to bring to the community at large a varied program about diversity and international perspectives," she said. "Subjects included perspectives on AIDS/HIV here and around the world, Italian art history, how the United States is perceived by other countries, and living on the South Shore when you are from somewhere else."

Tebbetts said while the diversity committee often works with the schools, its varied programs demonstrate "we want the activities to be interesting for everyone."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer asked if there are any issues the diversity committee/no place for hate committee has encountered in the community which give it concern.

Etkind said the committee hears more from the schools in terms of hate language and acts, and the most recent example would be the threat at the high school, in which a student left a note in a student bathroom which referenced the 1999 Columbine High School massacre.

Etkind said she has been told there are students who feel bullied at school, in particular, some who participate in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, which allows students from more urban areas to commute to schools in suburban areas as a way of expanding educational opportunities and reducing racial imbalance. She heard there are problems with those students feeling accepted and some have had language used against them. In addition, she said there have been incidents where students who are Jewish have had comments directed at them. "Anyone who is slightly different," can be targeted, she said, which is why it is so important to spread the message of tolerance.

In addition, the staff at the schools and some students do not feel there is enough programming going on to accentuate differences, and the committee will continue that mission moving forward.

The town was given a $1,000 grant from the Anti-Defamation League, a matching grant from the PSO, and some money which was raised from other community groups to sponsor peer leader training at the middle-high school.

"This program will be launched this week, with a visit from the director of the World of Difference Program at the ADL to CMHS to begin building a plan tailored to the needs of Cohasset," said Etkind.

Next month, the diversity committee will be sponsoring a training session on hate-crimes awareness and response for the town and school staff. A speaker series this spring will include talks about the Tuskegee Airmen and Islam, as well as hosting a Holocaust survivor at CMHS.

OUR WORLD

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is offering a few new programs for children and families. call *Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, 781.383.3198*

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CEA makes a plea for volunteer coordinator funds

By Samantha Brown
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When your fiscal resources total less than one-half of one percent of a $30 million budget, it can be hard to make ends meet. That is exactly the situation Director of Elder Affairs Kathy Bryanton has been facing for years.

While she says she does the best she can with what she has, and is always actively seeking out grant possibilities, one of those grants has run out this year, and there is not enough money in the budget to replace the position which is being lost.

Bryanton, along with chairman of the board of elder affairs Anna Abbruzzese, came before the board of selectmen Tuesday to plead their case for restoring a volunteer coordinator position which will no longer be funded by a grant this year. Currently, Town Manager Bill Griffin says there is not enough money to support the position in the budget.

The CEA relies almost entirely on volunteerism. Office help, van drivers, luncheon helpers — they all became involved out of the goodness of their hearts. The director, outreach coordinator, and volunteer are all paid positions, but that volunteer coordinator could soon be a thing of the past.

"There are people who are truly depending on this and I can't stress enough the importance of bringing this position back."
— Selectman Rob Spofford, CEA liaison

Bryanton submitted a budget she thought was fair and reasonable. Her total request was for $209,954, a figure which included $20,490 for a volunteer coordinator. However, Griffin is under tight restrictions to recommend a budget which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a town can raise its tax levy from year to year, and he said at this time, the funding is not there to pay for that position. He has recommended $179,024.

"Bill does not feel we can include the volunteer coordinator position and I respect that. These are tough financial times," said Bryanton, but added it is projected that by 2020 Cohasset will double its senior population, and the resources provided by the CEA will become even more critical as time goes on.

Bryanton explained Cohasset currently has an older, frailer senior population than many surrounding towns, and therefore, more resources are needed. She said the CEA is very fortunate to have roughly 150 volunteers, and it takes a lot to coordinate them all. "They drive vans, they work in the kitchen, they work in the dining room, they work in the office, they provide instruction for classes," said Bryanton, adding without the help of volunteers, the CEA would not be able to provide the services it does.

She said many seniors would not be able to go out shopping or get their hair done or take a trip to the post office without the help of CEA transportation, and someone needs to be there to coordinate drivers and make sure when that senior is waiting for a ride, someone will be there to pick them up.

Selectman Rob Spofford who is the board's liaison with the CEA, said he is amazed with what the office accomplishes with such little funding. "People depend on the volunteers showing up and you need a full time person to coordinate that. There are people who are truly depending on this and I can't stress enough the importance of bringing this position back."

Selectman Chairman Fred Koed added coordinating such a large number of volunteers, "Seems like a pretty full time job."

Spofford asked the women what will happen if the position is not reinstated.

"We go back to playing BINGO," replied Abbruzzese.

"We can't drop the ball with the seniors. We owe it to them. You can't go up to a little old lady who wants to go to the market and say no, you can't do it. This may be the one day a week she gets out," she added.

Griffin said he would like the board of selectmen to listen to the budget presentations from each department head before voting to recommend any of the budgets. "It pained me to have to do it," he said of cutting the position, and said he hears everything the board and the CEA representatives are saying.

At the close of the meeting, Abbruzzese left the board with one last wish — "May you all grow old gracefully."

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DPW makes a case for more personnel

Not enough staff for big workload

By Samantha Brown
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If Department of Public Works superintendent Carl Sestito had his way, there would be more funds in the fiscal 2007 budget to pay for an employee to clear the town's brooks and streams, which could become an environmental issue. If money was no object, it would also like to purchase a new dump truck, sander, and utility truck.

But unfortunately, Sestito is one of many department heads who has been told his needs will not be met in full this year, as there simply is not enough money to go around. Sestito came before the selectmen Tuesday to explain how limited funding is affecting his operation.

Sestito explained there is a long list of items to be completed by the DPW, but without the staff to do it, items must be prioritized and sometimes matters take a back seat. To help with staffing issues, Town Manager Bill Griffin has recommended allocating roughly $39,000 to replace a position that was taken out of last year's budget.

There are three divisions in the DPW, including the tree and park department, highway department and recycling transfer facility. Sestito said he would like the additional person to work in the highway division, which would make a total of five workers in that department. Three employees cover the RTF and five work for tree and park.

Sestito explained all three divisions help each other out. He said every department helps with trash pickup, and when things get slow for the tree and park department in the winter, they will help with snow removal and sanding of streets.

Selectman Michael Sullivan asked Sestito if currently he feels he is able to get done what needs to be done. "Absolutely not. Not with four guys on the highway department," Sestito replied. He added just to sweep the streets and sidewalks after a long winter of salt and sand, it takes two men 12 weeks.

He said an even more pressing matter is finding the time to send someone around to clear out the catch basins. Griffin said that was the rationale behind adding an employee to the department — to have someone dedicated to keeping up with storm drain management. "We've got to pick up the pace because of our requirements with federal law," Griffin said.

On a day-to-day basis, Sestito said he never knows what to expect when he comes in. "I don't plan anything," he said, adding he jumps into his day only after he has listened to the answering machine to see if there are any pressing matters, and after he sees who is in for the day. "With 12 guys, I'm shorthanded 42 weeks of the year," he said, as many are longtime employees who have accrued a substantial amount of vacation time.

Sestito said currently, there is a backlog of items that should be done in town, but haven't, such as replacement and/or repair of fencing and signs. "There is a lot of ongoing maintenance," he said. He added the town has done a lot of work on its fields and parks and there are irrigation systems in place and keeping up with cutting the grass in the summer is a huge chore. "Tree and park gets two helpers part-time in the summer, but they can barely keep up," he said, adding a day or two of rain can really affect the workload.

Griffin said with the amount of work the DPW is expected to handle and the limited staff it has, "he's (Sestito) doing a great job," adding the board only needs to look at the size of the Common, then factor that in with the many other pieces of property which must be maintained to realize the scope of work the DPW employees cover. "They're getting a lot done with the staff they have, but we could enhance it," he said.

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MOTHER'S HELPER

Burke Mattey, 2-1/2, of Cohasset stays with his mom, Becky, while she was giving blood during the Community Blood Drive at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Wednesday. The event was sponsored by the American Red Cross.

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Cohasset students eat up healthy school lunch choices

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students eat in the cafeteria.

Cohasset middle high school provides the food for itself, as well as the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools. The middle-high school cafeteria is very similar to a college dining hall. There are many different "stations" where students have a variety of options, including entrees, a deli, and a salad bar. "Our salad consumption has increased drastically" over the course of the past few years, said Levy.

Levy said he has taken many unhealthy choices off the menu, and in turn has added many healthy alternatives. French fries are no longer offered, ice cream has been taken out of the freezer cases, and there is no more soda in the vending machines. Instead, students have been flocking to the deli where they have a variety of lean meats and cheeses to choose from, accompanied by either100 percent juice, water, or milk, and topped off with frozen yogurt or ice pops. "We also have fresh and canned fruits," he said, adding virtually every snack offered in the cafeteria has eight grams of fat or less as an informal requirement.

Levy said the state Department of Education has required a number of changes due to the high rate of obesity in young children. He said there are also bills in the works at the state level which would impose further restrictions on what kinds of food can be served during and even after the school day on school grounds.

"They're going to mandate a lot, but we're not that concerned about it," said Levy. With the work Levy has completed, he believes Cohasset's program will likely be able to stay the way it is regardless of what is passed. "We're way above the curve as far as changes we're supposed to make. We're far beyond most school districts and cities in the commonwealth," he said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said there is an act of legislation in progress called the "Act to Promote Proper School Nutrition" that would apply standards to food and beverages sold in vending machines, school stores, concession stands, a la carte lines, cafeterias, and during bake sales and fund raisers.

A copy of the bill indicates the new guidelines would not permit food to be sold for which fat contributes to more than 30 percent of its total calories, or 7 grams of fat maximum per package (not including nuts and seeds). Saturated fat could be no more than 10 percent of a package's total calories, or 2 grams maximum per package from saturated and trans fat. Carbohydrates could contribute to no more than 30 grams total, including natural and added sugar.

The standards also apply to beverages, and only water, fruit or vegetable-based juices with at least 50 percent juice and no added natural or artificial sweeteners, and milk could be provided. Drinks would also be limited to 12 ounce serving sizes for juices and 16 ounce servings for milks. There would be no serving size limits for water. In Cohasset, virtually all the standards that would be imposed if the bill passes have already been met.

"I'm glad Cohasset is taking a pre-emptive stance" on improving nutrition in its schools, said Bradley.

While the bill was drafted largely in part due to the rising cases of obesity in school aged children, in Cohasset Levy said having overweight students is not his biggest concern.

"I worry the other way," he said, as being too thin can have just as negative an impact on a student's overall health. "We want to have the offerings for a well-rounded, well balanced diet," he said, to ensure there are healthy choices for even the pickiest eater.

Since Levy took over as a town employee and the changes to the food services program were implemented, the number of school lunches being bought has dramatically increased. "We sell almost 300 lunches a day," he said, where previously, the school had been selling roughly 30.

Levy said while there have been rumors the food services program has lost money, the opposite is true. He said at the end of the school year last year, the food services account had made a profit of several thousand dollars.

Levy said the school lunch program would not be the success it is without the help of his very cooperative staff. "Without their support and the support of the school administration who let me take the ball and run with it," he said, the changes toward a more healthy lunch program would not have taken place.

Dormitzer reports on FAA progress

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said a meeting has been scheduled with the Federal Aviation Administration for Feb. 17 and at that time some final tracks for flights going over the North and South Shore will be presented.

Dormitzer serves as co-chairman of the Community Advisory Committee, which has been working on many initiatives to help improve the noise pollution communities under Logan's flight paths now face, and said he is optimistic about the latest developments.

"The FAA is showing some flexibility," said Dormitzer, adding it is moving in the direction of soon having all flights controlled by computers. Currently, there is a control tower in Merrimack, N.H. that directs all the flights by voice communication and radar. The FAA wants flights to be controlled using GPS points, which is good news for Cohasset.

Many communities have been working to get flights redirected to stay over the ocean for a longer period of time, thereby lessening noise pollution on the ground. However, with human controllers, changing all the flight paths would be a complicated situation. With the new GPS system, "When a plane takes off, there will be a computer on board that will have the points set and it will fly automatically," he said.

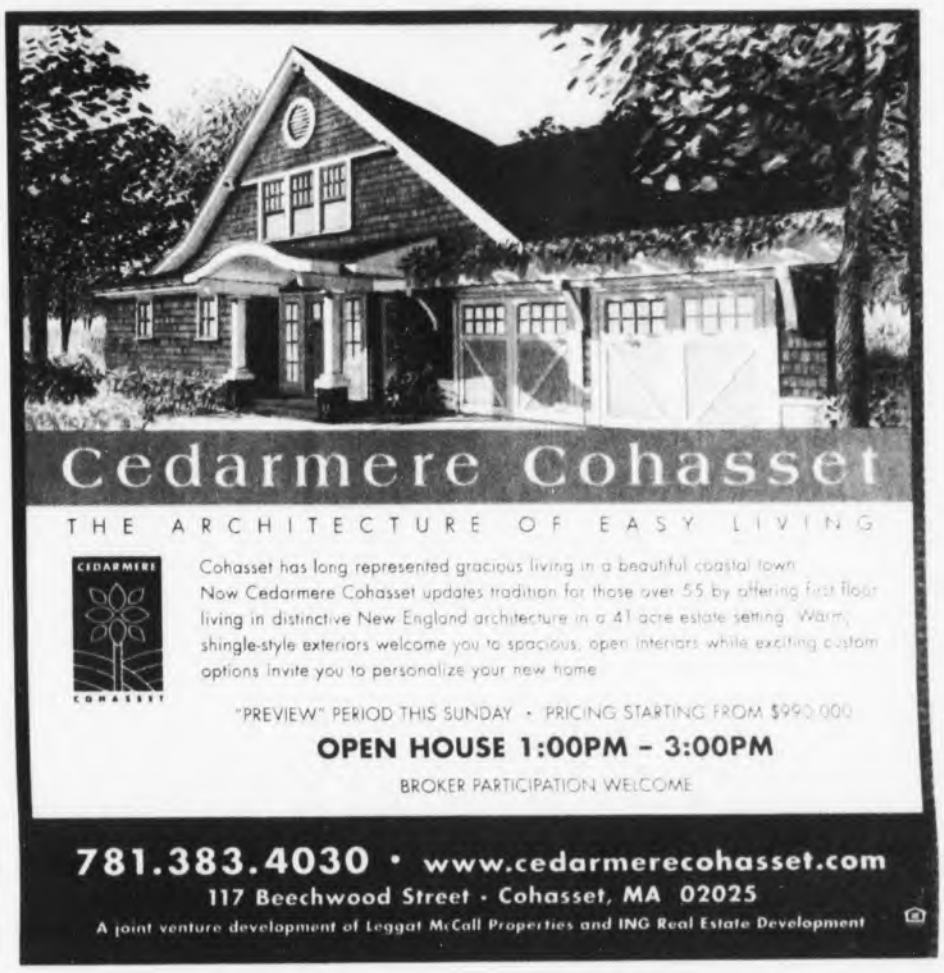
Upgrades slated for Music Circus

Music Circus General Manager Vince Longo came before the planning board Wednesday, Jan. 25 with preliminary plans to expand its restroom facilities.

Longo explained the restrooms have been the same for the past 45 years. By expanding they hope to make the restrooms more convenient by improving traffic flow.

Planning board member Bob Sturdy joked when he pointed out the Music Circus currently only has four restrooms for men and 17 for the women and he hoped that ratio would be improved.

The expansion would be more than 200 square feet, which means it will require a site plan review from the planning board. Longo said he would file the project with the planning board the following day, to ensure it can get through the site plan review process and complete the renovations before the Music Circus season gets underway.



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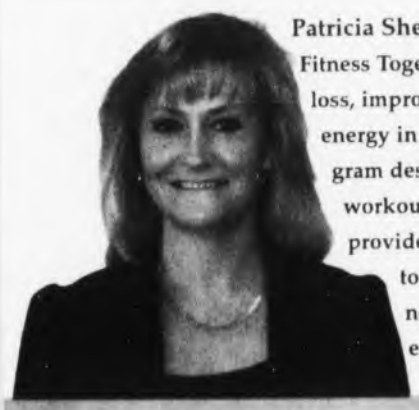
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Transit Oriented District

Cohasset has a new acronym that will be tossed around in the months ahead "TOD," which stands for Transit Oriented District.

TODs are not new, although the concept – which is part of Gov. Mitt Romney's "Smart Growth" initiative — is relatively new in Massachusetts.

The multi-page proposed bylaw before voters at the annual Town Meeting on April 1, is based largely on the state model TOD bylaw.

In essence, TOD zoning overlay provides for mixed-use development near the train station in a pedestrian and commuter-friendly environment.

We are excited about the potential of the TOD for Cohasset and agree with proponents that with train construction moving along rapidly, the Town should consider acting on the TOD at the annual Town Meeting this spring so any development, such as combined curb cuts, could be coordinated with plans for the station.

We hear the voices of caution out there that fear the town is moving too quickly and urge the TOD be put off until the fall or next year. But we think if one steps back and takes a look at that stretch of 3A near the station, there's a real opportunity there to accomplish a lot – not the least of which is generating more tax revenue.

The run-down parcel near the station that includes the former Davenport property housing Aveni Cleaners, Mary Lou's News and a former boatyard and florist, needs redevelopment. The TOD could offer some real creativity for the site which would not be possible under its current zoning as light industry.

The Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on the TOD and several other proposed zoning articles on Feb. 22. It could be a long night but one that interested citizens could find well worth staying up for.

As we understand it, the TOD would not provide carte blanche for a developer. Plans could still be subject to a special permit from the Planning Board, which would conduct site plan review.

It is evident to everyone that Cohasset has a revenue problem that is not getting any better. There is no "manna from heaven" out there to provide the town the relief it needs and lift the burden off the residential taxpayer.

We often bring up neighboring Hingham in this column because we also cover that town and are familiar with the issues there. Hingham worked creatively with the new owners of the former Hingham Plaza – which had become a virtual ghost town and a very real eyesore. Today, Hingham, despite some real parking and traffic concerns, which were resolved, now has the Derby Street Shoppes. In the first year, the commercial value of the plaza escalated about $95 million – generating roughly $950,000 in taxes for fiscal 2006. And because of its location, the plaza had little impact on neighborhoods or quality-of-life issues. In fact, accidents on Derby Street have actually dropped thanks to the new traffic signals at the plaza.

Cohasset's TOD would encompass the train station and could turn out to be a real gem. Because of the fact Greenbush will soon come down the tracks – the time to act on the TOD is this spring.

As Peter Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Committee says:

"Why not provide a prudent zoning by-law that will guide new and better property developments at the northern gateway to the town?"

All too familar gesture at Tuesday's budget hearings

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School budget proposals supported

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been giving the situation in our schools a great deal of thought and I conclude by offering my wholehearted support for the proposed 2007 school budget. Painful as it may seem, I feel that we are being given the opportunity to get our schools back on track and provide the level of resources we need to give our children a truly great education.

I can't quite believe that, after what seems like a minute, I have two daughters in high school, with one just about to leave for college. In the last eight years since we moved from London to Cohasset, and our children were warmly welcomed into first and fourth grade, we have watched them being supported and encouraged at every level. They have had the benefit of a tremendous public school education, wonderfully experienced and dedicated teachers, and an atmosphere of real community in schools where the entire faculty knew them by name. I have many examples, but most recently I think of how the guidance department and teachers helped with the nightmare of the college application process, working with us to explain this "foreign" system and get my daughter in exactly the right position to be accepted to the college of her choice. I also have memories of the very early days of adjusting to a new school, and how Mrs. Free carefully guided my first–grader through her first ever "show and tell" and guided me to finally stop following her into the classroom every day to offer unnecessary support.

The spirit and quality of education in Cohasset has been wonderful, but now I can see strains on the system. The class sizes are increasing and the teachers are managing with fewer and fewer resources. The enthusiasm and effort that allowed my daughter to successfully complete an AP class in tenth grade has had to be squashed — she now has to supplement her senior year classes with evening courses outside school. Have a look at your children's textbooks and see if they are anything close to the quality of the books you used 20 years ago and ask your children about art supplies, or why they can no longer take chorus in the second half of the high school year. There are examples of cuts at every grade level.

I feel very strongly about preserving and protecting public education. When I was growing up in Ireland, one of my mother's favorite expressions was "education's easy carried." It was her way of saying you will never regret working hard at school, a good education will make a real difference in your life — it will be your best investment and will never weigh you down! I still agree with her. I also think that as stakeholders making the decision about where best to invest our taxes, education continues to be a critical priority and one we can really afford to bear. We can carry this one and we will never regret it. That is why I support Dr Walsh's proposals and her new budget.

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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently by the Building Commissioner's Office at Town Hall.

Joe Campbell, 14 Pleasant St., 20 x 28 tow story addition and breezeway, $170.000; Mascort, 9 Jerusalem Lane, 3 new windows and sidewall, $15,000; Cedarmere, 2 Conihasset Way, building to house sewage plant, $200,000; Marlette Office, 9 Brook St., sign 36" x 48", $2,000; Healy, 119 Pleasant St., bath half, $4,000; Blackington, 118 Jerusalem Rd, front porch, $25,000; Kelly, 45 Linden Drive, re-roof 30 squares, $20,000; Dooley, 241 Pond St., enclose screen porch, $15,000; Driscoll 515 CJCH, barn, $45,000; Dravis. 114 Wheelwright, partial gut kitchen and bath. $46.137;

Lehr, 70 Red Gate Lane, shed 10 x 12, $1,000; Houghton, 91 Atlantic Ave., re-roof 37 squares, $13,950; Badia, 41 Hobart Lane, 2 bump out addition, $30,000; MacGregor, 112 Jerusalem Rd., bathroom remodel, $6,500; Cronin, 265 Fairoaks Lane, install wood stove, $1,500; Alemian, 131 Beach St., extend existing deck, $3,200; Turgis, 96 Jerusalem Rd., remodel bathroom, $13,100; Evergreen Bldgs., 52 Ledgewood Drive, single family dwelling, $375,000;

Farren, 21 Gammons Rd., kitchen addition, $150,000; Herzgelder, 133 Beach St., remodel bathroom, install garage door, window, $20,000; Noering, 35 Lantern Lane, re-roof 28 squares, $14,000; Noering, 35 Lantern Lane, insulate, replace door, window casing, $6,297; and Gildea, 31 Highland Ave., insulate attic room, renovated closet/repairs, $5,800.

HEALTH NOTES

Pedestrian access to the train station

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The last Health Notes about walking was way back in November, 2005, and there have been some developments. The previous "Notes" waxed long and hard about the MBTA, which has deliberately omitted planning for pedestrian access to the proposed Cohasset 'T' Station. Fortunately, our dialog about the subject has borne fruit. According to the 'T', we can have pedestrian access if we pay for it" is what the "Notes" said. Well, Bob Hedlund recently (Jan.11) asked the Town to attend a meeting at T' chief Daniel Grabuskas' office to discuss 'Rails With Trails' which the Board of Health chooses to interpret as "Pedestrian Access to the 'T'".

The Board of Health has consistently approached the Rails with Trails initiative as a locally based method to get federal money to pay for the degradation of health which their subsidies to carbohydrates :sugar and grain, have indirectly caused. That is, if we have to eat Corn Pops and Sugary Fruit Creeps because they're cheap, the least we can do is try to induce people to walk to the bus stop. A weak wand at best.

The meeting with Grabuskas, that Hedlund, engineered was to support building a biking and walking corridor along the 'T' right of way. A reasonable proposition in many areas, but not where the original rail barons bought the cheapest and most level property: swamps, which we now call wetlands.

So, Cohasset, after looking at the difficulties and the realities of danger near a modern high speed suburban rail corridor, chose an expert who identified those places along the right of way which would be both safe and economical to build and came up with a plan to use some of our existing sidewalks, some new stretches of sidewalk, and some corridors along the right of way. In the end, the only area in which controversy became apparent was along a stretch where the 'T' had a clear road, and the Town would have to build more expensive sidewalks along 3A. As in most arguments, there is some right on both sides. And the cost of the solution, still unresolved, compared to the cost of the project in general, is almost negligible.

The meeting with Grabuskas, Hedlund, Cohasset Town officials and representatives from Scituate in the form of a RWT activist: Mark Fenton bore substantial fruit for Cohasset. After the compulsory posturings about mitigation, , safety, walking, health, and motherhood, we were able to determine that, in order for the Feds to fund walking trails it was necessary to ensure connectivity between towns. To that end, we were able to articulate to the head of the 'T' the following:

- With the Transportation Oriented Development grants which the Town is requesting, we will finally be able to realize our goal which is to induce the people of Cohasset to walk to more places as a matter of health. One of the more beneficial means of accomplishment of this goal is to facilitate walking and biking to the 'T' station. Without the grant, the Town will not have pedestrian

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Case of the disappearing traffic light

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Once upon a time, in the charming village of Cohasset, the MBTA decided to restore a commuter rail line that had been abandoned years ago. As a part of this restoration, the Board of Selectmen entered into a Mitigation Agreement with the MBTA. This agreement spelled out certain responsibilities for the Town and the MBTA.

For the time being, this has been a large exercise in how to chase your own tail.

One of the features that was to have been provided to the Town, according to this agreement, is a new traffic light on Route 3A at the station exit. This will enable the cars to easily make a left turn onto Route 3A. And, a light will also be of assistance to pedestrians wanting to cross 3A on the new path the MBTA is building into Wompatuck Park.

The plot thickens – There was one stated condition to the installation of this traffic light. Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) had to approve this light. (MHD has the final jurisdiction over this sort of thing.) But, MHD did not approve the light. So, the MBTA, being a very frugal organization, immediately withdrew the funds from the project that had been set aside to pay for the design and installation of this light.

The plot thickens even more – However, MHD had a change of heart and subsequently did approve the traffic light and notified the MBTA's contractor on April 28, 2005 of this change. At a summit meeting held, Jan. 6, 2006, by the Planning Board, with all concerned parties, MHD presented the approval letter to the MBTA who immediately denied ever having seen it.

So as we write this, Cohasset has an approved traffic light, the MBTA claims they no longer have funds, and Cohasset has an agreement from the MBTA stating that the MBTA will supply a traffic light. For the time being, this has been a large exercise in how to chase your own tail. We do expect that the MBTA will provide the traffic light, but we have not seen anything in writing, yet. Stay tuned.

Flash! We mentioned above about the bike path from the station to Wompatuck Park. Starting Feb 2nd, the MBTA will be clearing the path from Route 3A to Wompatuck. You might be able to see this as you drive down 3A toward Hingham.

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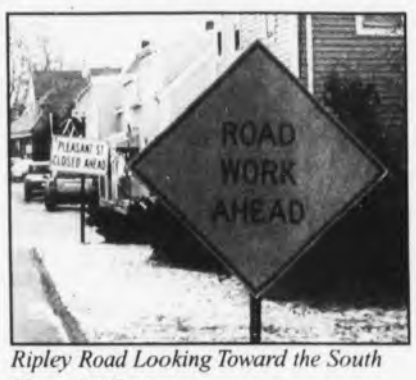
Pleasant Street at the Town Parking Lot



Ripley Road Looking Toward the South Shore Art Center

Smith Place (First place for creative sign use)

Robert Burns supper is a kilt-clad affair

THE COLLEGE BOY

KATHLEEN HEALY

Third in a series: a mother's tale of a Cohasset boy's first year at a small coastal college in Scotland.

Men in kilts, even the ones not blessed with a fine physique or abundant and shiny locks, are handsome and majestic.

A bit of background After moving from Cohasset to a village in rural Scotland in the spring of 1995, young sons Gerald and Anthony were quickly introduced to a number of Scottish customs and traditions at the small village school which they had begun attending.

Ceilidh dancing (somewhat similar to American square dancing, but with better music!) formed a regular part of their school physical education classes and school dances. By the time they joined the village school, their classmates from age five to 11 were already skilled in the intricate formations and patterns which combined to form traditional Scottish dances with curious and wonderful names, such as *Strip the Willow, The Dashing White Sergeant, The Gay Gordons, Eightsome Reel,* and the always-popular *Lassie Wi' The Yellow Coatie*.

Some younger children had begun lessons on the chanter, and some older pupils were already years into their bagpipe or violin lessons.

Kilts were comfortably and confidently worn by both boys and girls for special occasions, such as dances and parties. The highlight of the school social calendar was the children's annual Burns Supper; a celebration in recitation and song which marked the anniversary of the January 25th, 1759 birth of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns.

Before Christmas, the schoolchildren began poring through printed collections of Burns' poetry, listening to song recordings, selecting and practicing oral recitations and pieces of music. After school resumed in the New Year, violin trios, chanter duets, the occasional struggle to tame a set of bagpipes, along with young voices singing *She's Fair and Fause* or recitations of *The Highland Widow's Lament* could be heard in the school playground, library and cloakroom. Our sons caught the spirit of the enterprise, and happily participated in the Burns Supper competitions. Burns Suppers take place at the end of January in schools, village halls and church halls all over the country, all in honor and pride for one man's voice and vision.

The College Boy

Fast–forward one decade, and the traditions, music, poetry, dance steps and attire of those first Burns Suppers are now *well-kent* (well-known and familiar) to Gerald in his freshman year at the University of St Andrews, on Scotland's rocky eastern shore.

For the January 2006 Burns Supper, Gerald, along with thousands of other men of all ages around Scotland, will attire himself in a tartan wool kilt, attach a kilt pin, pull on his cream woolen kilt socks, tuck ribbon flashes into the tops of his socks, arrange a heavy belt around the top of his kilt, hang a sporran pouch around his waist so that it hangs front and center on his kilt, button his dress shirt, insert his cuff links, knot his woolen necktie, shrug on and button his black woolen jacket and finally, slide the *sgian dhu* (ornamental dagger) into the side of one sock and pin a sprig of thistle onto his lapel. All this effort will be in preparation for a night of celebration of the life and works of Burns; a night of food and toasting, music and ceilidh dancing, culture and great fun.

In the last decade I've attended many events, such as weddings, ceilidhs and birthday celebrations which featured men in kilts and women in their finest finery. This I've learned: no matter how much effort, time and thought a woman has expended in her effort to impress and dazzle at these events, once she has been paired with a man in full-blown kilt attire, her game is lost. There is nothing to compete with the splendor and majesty of a man in a kilt. Men in kilts are like male birds seen against a snowy Cohasset winter; their plumage is bright and clear, designed to catch the eye of the beholder, while the female of its species can only carry on with respectable feathers of muted browns and grays. It's not fair, but it's the unhappy truth. Men in kilts, even the ones not blessed with a fine physique or abundant and shiny locks, are handsome and majestic. In Scotland, a boy or a man wearing the kilt has an air of confidence. You'll just need to take my word on this matter.

At a Burns Supper, after piping in the guests, the host's address of welcome and the Selkirk Grace, tradition is that the main course, the cooked *haggis*, is carried aloft on a silver platter into the dining hall, and it is followed by the chef, the bag-piper who is sounding his musical tribute, and the person who has the honor of addressing the haggis once it has been placed at the head table, by reciting the Burns poem "Tae a Haggis". At the appropriate place in the poem, the speaker plunges a dagger into the haggis. High drama abounding! When the main course arrives with a procession and a song, and addressed with its' own poem, then toasted by a roomful of people holding high their glasses of golden single malt, you can be certain a good evening awaits.

After a fine meal, there will a Toast to the Lassies, praising their honor, good sense and fine personal qualities, and a ladies' reply to the gents, again complete with much praising and toasting. The dancing will then begin and carry on long into the early hours of the next morning.

Our college boy has truly found a home at the University of St Andrews. We're delighted that he is a part of a university which is so well-suited to him. We know he's happy there, not just because he's told us so, but also because he rarely returns home to visit! This is the clearest indicator of his contentment with his new long, rocky place. His father and I continue to give thanks for his happiness.

And if you have Scottish roots, no matter how many generations back they go, consider raising a wee glass of golden nectar in honor of the bard this weekend. I'm sure that somewhere he'll be thanking you for it.

Kathleen Healy, a CHS graduate, lives and works in the west of Scotland.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Retirement Planning – Chuck Jaffe, senior columnist for MarketWatch, will discuss retirement planning Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the meeting room. Free.

Learn about oriental rugs – Scott Gregorian, from Gregorian Rugs, will be at the library Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2:30 p.m., to talk about oriental rugs.

Artist exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "The Six Styles of Janis," an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the library through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Wednesdays.

Income tax forms – There are a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons room. Reproducible forms can be used on a copier. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Upcoming author visits – Thursday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m., Buttonwood Books and PPML will host author Carol Goodman at a luncheon at the Minot Lightkeeper's Residence in Cohasset. The author will discuss her latest book, "The Ghost Orchid." Tickets are $18 and are available at Buttonwood Books and the library. On Sunday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m., at the PPML, the Friends of the Library present Michael Tougais, author of "Ten Hours Until Dawn," who will present a narrated slide show.

Independent film night – Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m., the library will show "Spare Parts." Free admission and refreshment courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Book group –Join the library's monthly book group that meets the last Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. This month's book is David Kelley's "The Captain's Wife." All are welcome.

Museum passes – The Museum of Science in Boston has a special exhibit, "Star Wars," where science meets imagination, now until April 30. Plan a special day at the museum. Start by reserving the museum pass at the library. Museum passes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Essay Contest — The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts is announcing its seventh annual On-line Student Essay Contest for Massachusetts students grades 4-12. The theme is "Making Democracy Work: Our Bill of Rights".

Contest details, including rules, prizes and essay questions, are available on-line at www.lwvma.org. The contest ends on March 15 and the winners will be honored at an event at Fanueil Hall on April 30. Bookmarks outlining contest general information are available in the Young Adult Room.

Déjà vu in the capital

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I was reading a book on John Adams the other day when the thought occurred to me that his day in Washington wasn't a hell of a lot different from ours.

There was a president who was hailed on one side, vilified on the other.

There was the threat of a war that no one actually wanted.

There were the initials XYZ that, in their day, raised passions as high as WMD (weapons of mass destruction) in ours.

There were the two political parties, each screaming at the other, neither listening.

Finally, there were the Alien and Sedition Acts, enacted by the party seeking security, denounced by the other in the name of liberty.

The Alien Act empowered Adams to seize and deport any non-citizen that he deemed to be a danger to the nation.

John Adams, a Federalist from Massachusetts, succeeded George Washington as president at a time when the old world was in turmoil from the French Revolution. He tried to maintain neutrality which angered our old allies, the French.

Adams tried to allay their fears but the French revolutionaries refused even to talk to his emissaries until they first coughed up a $250,000 bribe. Anti-Federalists, then called Republicans, thought he was lying to promote a war with France.

Finally, Adams released the text of the French demand after first blacking out the three names of the authors, who became known as X, Y and Z. A wave of angry patriotism swept the country. Republicans urged caution and were condemned for it.

Adams charged they were "agents of a foreign nation" and noted that there was "a party in this country devoted to their (French) interest." Congressman William Edmund demanded that Republicans take a more "manly course of conduct."

Republicans gave back as good as they got. Their paper, the Aurora, edited by Benjamin Franklin Bache, Ben's grandson, called Adams "blind, bald, crippled, toothless and querulous." He even questioned Washington's competence as a soldier.

Massachusetts Congressman Harrison Gray Otis warned "the times are full of danger and it would be the height of madness not to take every precaution in our power."

That set the stage for the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798.

The Sedition Act banned the writing, publishing or uttering of a "false, scandalous and malicious" nature against the U. S. government or the Congress or the President under penalty of a $2,000 fine or two years in jail. It passed by a party vote of 44-41.

The Alien Act empowered Adams to seize and deport any non-citizen that he deemed to be a danger to the nation. There would be no hearing, no counsel, no witnesses, no right to hear the charges, no right to present evidence.

If that wasn't enough, the time of residence needed to apply for citizenship was extended to 14 years, mostly because new immigrants tended to vote Republican.

The first man to be indicted under the Sedition Act was Matthew Lyon, a Republican congressman from Vermont, and publisher of a magazine called "Scourge of Aristocracy and Repository of Important Political Truths."

He was charged with "malicious (intent) to bring the President and government of the United States into contempt" for accusing Adams of being "swallowed up in a continued grasp for power, in an unbounded thirst for ridiculous pomp."

He was sentenced to four months in jail, a $1,000 fines and $60.96 in court costs and when he couldn't pay up a number of Republicans, including future Presidents Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe, took up a collection for him.

The Alien and Sedition Acts expired with the Adams administration in March, 1801, and Jefferson, his Republican successor, had no further use for them.

Benchmarking discussion

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin for a discussion on the new Municipal Benchmarking report with advisory committee members Jamie Gilman and Pat Waters, who will talk about how they hope the new report will be used in the town planning and budget process.

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And on a lighter note, roving reporter Rich Ofsthun gets a visit from his twin from "down under" who comes to Cohasset with advice from "the outback."

Also as election season begins with nomination papers available stay tuned to Our Town, which will feature candidates running for the various positions.

Adding excitement this season will be open seats on the school committee and board of selectmen. Other boards with positions up for election include: planning board, water commission, board of health, sewer commission, recreation commission, housing authority, assessors and library trustees.

Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Questions remain about proposed village bylaw change

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

After the publication of my commentary last week concerning the proposed zoning by-law for the village area which will allow for high-density, mixed-use (commercial and residential) construction, I spoke with members of the Planning Board and Sewer Commission.

Although those discussions proved informative and enlightening (and I should note that included Planning Bd. member Peter Pratt, who was mentioned in the commentary and who as always was courteous, professional, and engaging), there are still many open questions that are of concern to ordinary citizens regarding the proposed by-law change. The purpose of this commentary is to state those concerns succinctly and directly (without the sarcasm of my column of last week for which I apologize to all concerned).

I also initially wish to point out that I think the proposal by Mr. Sawchuk for the 1811 building is a wonderful idea. There is no doubt that there is some demand among some of our senior citizens for small (700-900 sq. ft), market-rate apartments in our village area. He has presented a quality proposal to the town which by itself will have little impact on our village area. (I am curious however, to know pursuant to what provision of state law he will be creating this senior housing.)

However, neither the plan for the 1811 property nor the need for low-cost rental housing for our seniors exists in a vacuum. In order to permit these plans to go forward in our village area, a change in the bylaw is being proposed that represents the potential for a fundamental transformation of our village. It will allow the owner of the 1811 project, for example, to construct a new building (behind the 1811 structure) consisting of commercial space on the first floor and 12 apartments on two-floors above (six units per floor) on a 6000 sq. ft. footprint for the new building.

Those areas of concern, for which the answers presently do not exist, can be summarized as follows:

- If 12 apartment units can be constructed in a new building with a small, 6000 sq. ft. footprint, how many more condo/apartment units can we expect to see built in our village because of this zoning change? How many buildings will be razed and what will their replacements look like?
- Although the 1811 property owner says his will be a senior-only project, the by-law does not expressly provide solely for senior housing. The owners and developers of other village properties will be able to rent to whomever they can find to pay the rent. Thus, who will be the target market to occupy this new housing? How will this influx of residential population change the character of our downtown? Can we expect that there will be predominantly senior citizens or a young, partying-type of crowd living there?
- In every other community where I have lived, whenever that city or town has sought to undertake the difficult and sensitive task of revitalizing a downtown area, there is a vision that is presented to, and adopted by, a consensus of the community. Appropriate zoning by-laws are then tailored to fit that vision based on specific information prepared by experts hired by the city or town. Who has presented a vision for our village and what is that vision? Where are the reports from experts supporting it, in which every parcel is looked at and an examination made of its potential impact on the whole? Studies are made to detail traffic and parking impacts, along with anticipated tax revenue and costs in the growth of services, among other things. Where are those reports? Instead of the proposed 10,000 sq. ft. lot minimum, where is the analysis comparing what would be the result if the minimum lot size for this mixed use (which now is 40,000 sq. ft.) were 15,000, or 20,000, or 30,000 sq. ft.?
- There appears to have been no coordination with the sewer commission and no consideration of the limitations of the central sewer district in proposing this article. While it is true that the sewer board gave the 1811 developer a permit to connect to the town sewer, there has been no input from the sewer board about the impact of "X" number of additional units on sewer capacity if the by-law is approved. After speaking to two sewer board members, I learned that their engineers have told them that they presently have capacity for 23 hook-ups — of which the 1811 house now has taken 12. If we get applications for another 30-40-50-60-70 hook-ups, will we have to expand the sewer plant, at great expense? How will that affect the Little Harbor project? Or can the sewer board say, "Sorry, we're full," but then face a multitude of lawsuits? Shouldn't the Planning Board have explored these issues before drawing up a new zoning by-law that inevitably will increase density in an area with limited sewer capacity?
- What is the status of Avalon and its 250-unit apartment complex? How does that factor into the equation for housing needs in our community? Can anyone seriously argue that if Avalon goes through (not to mention Cedarmere and the Cook Estate), we still will need additional high density rental or ownership housing units for any segment of our population?
- Finally, this comment: I enjoy our village the way it is. It is a family-friendly commercial area, often described as the quintessential New England village. There should be no doubt that this by-law proposal will represent a fundamental shift in its character (from commercial to residential) and scale (more buildings, bigger buildings, more cars, more congestion, and less parking). On the other hand, if we can improve upon what we already have and maintain its family-friendliness, then by all means, let's hear that plan. But let's get all of the facts on the table, before we get to the floor of Town Meeting, so all of us can make a reasoned and informed judgment as to whether we are sacrificing the quality of life that we enjoy today. In short, what do we stand to gain vs. what do we stand to lose?

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats hold caucus— Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their caucus at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m., to elect four delegates and two alternates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on June 2 & 3 at the DCU Center in Worcester where Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Lt. Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator.

Participants must have been a registered Democrat since Dec. 31, 2005. The doors will open at 8:30a.m. and close at 9:15a.m., only those still in line at that time will be admitted.

Political forum talks about government — The Cohasset Political Forum will sponsor a conversation about "Government and Your Wallet", reconciling the "disconnect" between what services we want from government and how willing we are to pay for them at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Paul Pratt Library.

Discussion will include the role of government, identifying community values and priorities; examining Prop. 2-1/2; education and health care; and spending challenges confronting municipal and state governments.

Free admission and all are welcome. Call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 383-0222 or visit www.cohassetdems.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Support entire school budget increase

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing as a concerned parent. While I have always supported the overrides that the school department has requested, I confess that I have not been as attuned to the degradation of our school system over the past few years as I should have been. I recently attended a meeting sponsored by the Committee Supporting Cohasset Schools where I became informed, and concerned, about the importance of the FY07 School Budget.

Over the past few years, Cohasset has experienced sharp decreases in aid from the state coupled with rising student populations and rising costs. The result has been an overall decline in the number of teachers and programs, along with larger class sizes in all four schools. Our town manager wants the school department to balance its budget within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, yet the School Committee and Superintendent Walsh have stated that because 75percent of their budget is made up of teachers' salaries, it takes at least a 6-7 percent increase to meet contractual obligations and fixed costs. Even that 6-7 percent is not enough to restore positions that had to be cut within the past few years when we lost state aid, let alone provide programs that our students need to be competitive in the 21st century.

Our own children have experienced both public and private school systems in Canada, Australia and here on the South Shore. When we moved to the US in 1998, one of our primary reasons for choosing Cohasset was its strong school system. I wasn't living here when Prop.2-1/2 passed but it is my understanding that requests for overrides to supplement the school department's budget are not, as some Cohasset residents would like us to believe, a result of poor fiscal management, but instead, are a reflection of the community's desire to have the schools be a high priority for the town. Given the needs based budget that Dr. Walsh has presented, we shouldn't be appalled at override requests. We should be expecting override requests until our budget adequately reflects the programs required to meet the 5-year educational strategic plan. As School Committee member Rick Flynn has stated, we're playing catch-up.

Two of my children currently attend the High School. My three younger children are at Derby Academy and will likely enter CHS when they reach the 9th grade. I am alarmed to read about upperclassmen having to take study halls or an extra gym class due to the limited number of electives offered. I am alarmed that there are only two guidance counselors for the entire high school. I am alarmed that Latin can only be offered once per year.

But what alarms me the most is that the parent community does not realize how much trouble our school system is in. It's time for everyone to start paying attention to what we have already lost and how much more we will lose if we don't stand behind our superintendent and support her *entire* budget increase. I urge every parent to get informed, attend school committee meetings, contact the Committee Supporting Cohasset Schools, and most importantly attend town meeting and vote.

I urge you to support Dr. Walsh and support our schools.

Emily J. Brown
30 Black Horse Lane

True friend will be missed

TO THE EDITOR:

To me, Jack Golden, who passed away last week, was the brother I never had. He called all his many friends "pal". He was proudly Irish through and through and enjoyed commiserating with me about my English Yankee heritage.

Jack, to me, stands in the Pantheon of great men and women who truly love people and live their daily lives helping people in trouble.

Over his long life, Jack helped hundreds of people, both close friends and people he hardly knew. To him, it was enough that they were in trouble.

Also, for decades, Jack was the "go to" guy in South Shore Democratic politics. He had everyone's ear because he had helped them all in some way.

His declining health in recent years prevented his continued involvement in local affairs, but his final triumph was helping his friend and political confidant Bill Delahunt win his seat in Congress in an exceedingly close primary election.

During the 10 years "Pierson to Person" aired on local access television, Jack was responsible for bringing over 100 guests on the show and significantly increased its visibility and credibility.

Jack Golden and his wife, Doris, have been very dear friends to my wife, Molly, and me.

You will be greatly missed, dear friend. It was a unique privilege to know such a caring and good man. I know you are now with the Lord, and I know you are calling Him "Pal."

Wig Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

Annual Cabaret, a hit!

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Middle High School Arts Boosters hosted the annual Cabaret at Atlantica Restaurant on Jan. 19. Every year patrons are treated to an array of new talent and this year's event continued in that spirit. From the High School Chorus to the individual performances, the evening was a total success.

We would like to thank the following people for their continued support: Michelle Scully & her hard working staff at Atlantica; Mr. Bryan Marks and Ms. Stephanie Hoskin, musical instructors at the Middle High School; Reverend Gary Ritts from the Second Congregational Church for accompanying many of the performers; and finally thanks to all who attended and made the night shine.

If you would like more information about the Cohasset Arts Boosters, please contact Elaine Breslow or Paula Dickinson and don't forget to visit our new website at cohassetartsboosters.com.

Cohasset Middle High School
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Sue Thompson

Perspective on preservation

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset has many features that deserve to be preserved, especially the Town Common. But is the commercial area of the village one of them? Are any of its buildings the site of an event of historical significance? Well, there are a few that are considered historical, though young compared with the historical buildings of Europe and Asia. Are any of the buildings great examples of period architecture or of unique workmanship? Are any of them uniquely beautiful?

As a group, have they any redeeming features (other than that we have gotten used to them, and they generate an affection similar to that we feel for a tattered old jacket that wasn't much in the first place but we hate to throw away). Is the village quaint, or is it just a hodge-podge of undistinguished buildings of eclectic styles, with a few colonials whose historical value has been eroded by butchering the facades and adding store fronts? Are the add-on facades worthy of preservation?

Granted, bylaws should not be changed or variances issued without careful consideration of the original reasons for the bylaw and the future consequences of changing it or issuing a variance. But let's not get too solemn about "preservation" unless there is something there really worth preserving. Some old stuff is worth preserving, but not just because it is old. If it doesn't have any better reason than mere age to justify preservation, then surely it can be discarded or modified when there comes a better use for the space. Serving the people's needs shouldn't be shortchanged by misplaced reverence for preserving old stuff just because it's old.

The criteria for "affordable" housing would exclude most Cohasset residents but that shouldn't be interpreted as meaning there is no demand by Cohasset residents for rental housing. There certainly *is* such a demand, and it should be recognized in considering bylaw changes or variances.

Before leaving the subject of preservation; are you having knee joint or hip joint problems? They may be caused by, or exacerbated by, how you enter your automobile. We instinctively put one foot in first, than with one foot still grounded and the other in the car, defy the laws of physics and torture our already stressed joints by semi-squatting while swiveling and lowering the posterior into the seat. A more joint-friendly way is to sit in first, the swivel on the seat to bring the feet in. It's more demure than macho, but better wimpy than gimpy!

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

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Fiscal 2007 police budget won't quell staffing concerns

FROM POLICE, PAGE 1

can be called in at any time, but they are not required to come in.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said the budget includes $250,000 in salaries for dispatchers. "Can the police and firefighters go back to doing it?" he asked.

Hussey explained calls for both departments come into one dispatch station and last year it answered more than 11,000 calls. He said it does not make sense to have officers serving as dispatchers. He said if there is a bad accident on Rte. 3A, all three officers on the shift will need to be sent out. One officer can attend to the scene while the other two block traffic in both directions. Usually an officer out on patrol can respond the fastest to the accident scene.

The officer can then update responders from the fire department when they arrive. Everyone on duty at the fire department responds when there is an accident to ensure there is an ambulance and fire truck available. The dispatcher is the only person left behind at the station.

During that accident, there could be close to 100 calls that come in to the station by people who drive by. The dispatcher must handle the calls about the accident, potentially coordinate a MedFlight helicopter and perhaps mutual aid if something else happens in town while everyone is responding.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said in his view, the overtime costs are really what the department has to look out for. He said an assessment must be done which accurately calculates the overtime the department knows it will have due to members taking allowed vacation and sick time. Currently there is $210,000 in the recommended overtime budget. Hussey requested $325,000.

Dormitzer also brought up the municipal benchmarking report which the town recently received and said compared to the town's peer groups, "We have a bigger police force than other towns." Vanderweil added that is likely because of the minimum manning requirement outlined in the union contract.

Spofford said the town has signed a contract and for the next three years, and it must abide by that contract so there is no sense discussing the possibility of trying to change the minimum manning requirement at this point.

Vanderweil suggested having a meeting in executive session soon to get the conversation going and see what the union thinks.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said it is important to note while the benchmarking report might say Cohasset has more officers, it does not take into account the specific details of the town. "Some towns don't have a stretch of 3A like we do," he said, reminding the board it is a state highway.

Hussey agreed and said he feels the benchmarking study is somewhat limited in what it looks at for the very reason that things like state highways or traffic from venues such as the Music Circus, and attractions such as the beach and the harbor are not taken into account. Hussey joked in some towns Cohasset was compared with, "there are cows and people," and those towns may not need as many officers.

Hussey said the report also does not show whether other towns are using permanent intermittent officers on a regular basis, which are not considered full-time staff, but may be acting as almost full-time department members. In response to Vanderweil's suggestion the town consider reducing minimum manning requirements, "I wouldn't recommend it at all, especially during the day."

Spofford said he knows there is a perception in town that there is waste in the police department budget, and it simply isn't true. "I welcome anyone to show me those inefficiencies," he said.

School officers

Hussey said he would like to be able to dedicate one of his officers to helping the youth in town, especially in light of the threats which have plagued the middle-high school since May of last year. "Look at all the different towns that surround us, most of them have officers in the school," he said. He added when two Marshfield High School students plotted a massacre at the school in September 2004, students who found out about the plot went to a school resource officer and plans were halted in their tracks. The officer who would be in Cohasset's schools would be used toward minimum manning. "It would in essence replace the position lost last year," he said, meaning he is only asking for one officer to be added to the payroll this year, whether that person is used to help out in the schools or during the night shift.

Town Manger Bill Griffin pointed out while he would like to be able to hire an officer for the schools, it is currently not included in his recommended budget. It is on the top of his list should funding become available. Half of the funding for the position is included in the school department's budget.

The police department has tried to supplement its budget through grants, namely through Homeland Security. Hussey said Cohasset has joined forces with the towns of Hull, Scituate, Hingham and Weymouth and all have chipped in with grant funds to hire a grant writer. He said so far, the town has received some protective suits with Homeland Security funds, however, there was no money allocated for training in how to use the suits, which will require applying for another grant. Hussey said the department will continue to pursue grant opportunities wherever possible.

Fiscal 2007 police budget at a glance

Category	Requested	Manager recommended	Difference
Full time salaries	$1,079,728	$1,009,326	$70,402
Overtime	$325,000	$210,000	$115,000
Equipment maintenance	$28,000	$25,000	$3,000
Training and equipment	$8,000	$7,000	$1,000
Cruiser	$28,000	$0	$28,000
Department total	$1,983,034	$1,764,982	$218,052

Fire dept. service calls are on the rise

By Samantha Brown
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When a call comes in to the fire department, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said often the ladder truck stays behind. With two department members on the ambulance and two department members on the pump engine, there simply aren't enough members on duty to drive the third vehicle.

Minimal staff at the fire department was just one of the concerns brought forward by Lincoln during budget discussions with the board of selectmen Tuesday, Jan. 24. While Lincoln's requests for fiscal 2007 totaled $2,014,597, Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended $1,842,864. Griffin's recommendation is an increase of $55,463 from fiscal 2006, or roughly 3 percent.

While there are no minimum manning requirements outlined in the contracts for members of the fire department as there are for the police department, Lincoln said the town has agreed to have four members on duty at all times. "I'm comfortable with four men, but five would be better," said Lincoln.

With four people on duty "the aerial ladder doesn't leave (the station) and it's as important as any piece of equipment we have," he said, adding in a fire, ventilation of a building is critical early on in order to save the property and the ladder truck allows access to the highest points of a building. "It sits in the station unmanned," he said. Often, Lincoln said he will leave his house during an emergency to come down to the station and drive a truck himself.

Lincoln has been a member of the Cohasset Fire Department for the past 37 years, and therefore has a long-range historical perspective. He said he has seen the department grow from responding to 315 emergency incidents in 1969 to 1,784 in 2005. He has also seen the station through the transition from relying on ambulance service from South Shore Hospital to providing its own ambulance service (South Shore Hospital stopped offering the service to the town Dec. 31, 2003).

Cohasset has certified paramedics on staff and currently nine of the 24 total department members are paramedics. The department can require all new hires be certified as paramedics until there are 20 on the department. Adding the paramedics has allowed the department to be able to increase its ambulance service from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support.

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Lincoln explained with BLS, those who respond must be certified EMTs, but they are limited in the treatment they can provide. BLS includes administering oxygen, splinting injuries, bandaging injuries and administering CPR with or without an automated defibrillator.

With ALS service, responders must be certified paramedics. They are able to administer medication and fluids. They can use manual defibrillators and heart monitors. "It is much more advanced," said Lincoln, adding "many more people have survived the ride to South Shore Hospital than before."

Lincoln said 70 percent of the medical emergency calls the department responds to require ALS skills, whereas only 30 percent are non-life-threatening injuries such as broken wrists or ankles. "ALS is there for very good reason," he said.

Griffin pointed out because the town provides ALS service, the fees double that it can charge for those who use the ambulance. He said if the town went back to BLS service, not only would it affect the department's ability to adequately respond to emergencies "we'd lose between $100,000 to $125,000 in revenue."

Salaries make up the bulk of the fire department's budget. There are 25 positions accounted for in the fiscal 2007 budget, including the chief. Salaries, not including longevity pay, education, holiday pay, or overtime total $1,189,931. Griffin has recommended a $200,000 allocation for overtime.

The state requires there be two paramedics on the ambulance at all times. "We try for four men on duty at all times, but it's very difficult" said Lincoln, as there are often injuries or vacation days to be dealt with. When people are missing, overtime is required to ensure there are enough members on duty to run the ambulance and one fire truck. Griffin noted the town should pay attention to trends going forward, as the 55-plus housing developments which the town has planned typically increase the number of calls the department must respond to.

Griffin said he has been conducting research into the benchmarking figures provided by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC for the town, and he said while the numbers may indicate Cohasset pays more for its fire department than other towns, some phone calls have determined at least half of the other departments are primarily call forces, which means they have volunteers responding.

Lincoln said he remembers the days when Cohasset used to have 42 call members on the roster, but today, there are four currently on duty. "It's becoming more and more difficult to recruit people who want to get up at 3 a.m. and chase a fire engine," he said, adding call firefighters only respond to paged out box alarms, which are typically in buildings where a large number of people gather, such as a nursing home or a school.

Van drivers are needed at the Senior Center

The Cohasset Elder Affairs office is in need of volunteer van drivers. This is approximately a three-hour commitment each month on a day chosen by the volunteer. The CEA primarily uses a seven-passenger town van to transport seniors for shopping, visits to the library, to keep local appointments, for transportation to congregate meals, and other scheduled events. A valid Massachusetts driver's license is required. Experience driving an SUV or van is helpful, but not a requirement. Anyone interested in helping should call the CEA office Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays at (781) 383-9112, or leave a message.

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'I'm going to tell you what I believe'

Patrick addresses jobs, education, health care

By Lydia Crafts
CORRESPONDENT

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick promised creative leadership and a more trustworthy government to the crowd of about 50 South Shore residents who attended his speech last Wednesday night at Norwell High School.

"For too long, Democrats have been telling people what they want to hear," Patrick said. "I'm going to tell you what I believe."

A Chicago native and a Harvard Law School graduate who worked as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights during the Clinton administration, Patrick announced his candidacy last spring, the first time he's ever run for political office.

He's campaigning against Bay State Attorney General Tom Reilly, among others, for the Democratic nomination.

In his hour-long address, Patrick discussed three issues he said he feels have the greatest impact on people's lives today: the economy, education and healthcare. The only way to make significant changes regarding these wide-ranging issues, Patrick said, is to think about the effects policies will have down the line. "We don't govern in terms of long term interest," he said, " because there's no political payoff."

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick answers questions from the floor during an event last Wednesday at Norwell High School.

Patrick said he believes the story of the American dream is a possibility and told more frequently in the United States than any other place on earth. On the other hand, he said he believes people are losing faith in opportunity because of bad leadership.

"We need a government that is what we are at our best," Patrick said. "Smart, efficient, pragmatic and compassionate."

Patrick said he agrees with Governor Romney's strategy of acting as the chief salesman to the state, and if elected, he would work with companies to demonstrate to them the benefits of investing in the government. Patrick said Romney has been a poor salesman for the state, though, because "he's using [Massachusetts] as his laughing line." Patrick also spoke about making capital more available to small businesses, and he wants it to be easier for new companies to gain permit approval. "Democrats need to get more comfortable with private economy," he said.

But while he promised to focus on improving the economy, Patrick said he plans to make education his number one priority.

"I know from my own life that education can be transforming," he said. Patrick said he envisions a "comprehensive" educational program, one that includes more spending on higher education, broader access to early education for children ages 3-4, longer school hours that are more compatible with the workday and the creation of a structure for young people that will prepare them for the increasing societal demands they face.

"Massachusetts' workforce comes from our public colleges," Patrick said. "Investing in higher education is an investment in our future."

Patrick emphasized too, the need for a new healthcare system.

"No one's happy with it," he said. "There needs to be healthcare that's decent, affordable, accessible and portable for every person in the state."

At the end of the speech, audience members peppered Patrick with questions about a wide range of issues.

Libby Bates, a member of the Pembroke Board of Assessors, expressed concern with local towns that are reducing benefits to the elderly because there is no reimbursement from the state. If elected, Patrick said he would increase local aid by guaranteeing a percentage of tax revenues to municipalities and through uncapping the lottery. Patrick urged residents to brainstorm ideas about how to increase local revenue, and he suggested that restaurants consider adding a percentage additional tax to meals to benefit the town. Patrick expanded on the current problems with the tax system, saying Romney's cuts to the income tax have only put pressure on the property tax to pay for services. In order to begin to improve the tax system, Patrick urged those in the audience to think about what combination of services are really necessary.

Sheikh Rahman, a Norwell resident, asked Patrick for his ideas on affordable solutions to improve the environment. Although Patrick offered no solution for how to control cost, he said his work in the oil industry has made him acutely aware of the "urgent need to break dependency on oil." Efforts to improve the environment have to take place at the state level, he added, because the federal government is not taking initiative. Patrick said he supports the Cape Wind project that's been proposed for the waters off Nantucket.

Bruce Burgess, Chairman of Norwell's recently formed Affordable Housing Partnership, asked Patrick about his plans to implement affordable housing in Bay State communities. Patrick said Massachusetts has lost population because of a shortage of affordable housing, and the main problem with the Chapter 40B plan stems from a lack of trust between state and local government. According to Patrick, the state needs to work with local authorities to make the permit approval process easier and give towns the confidence that the state government will help them deal with the potential impact that affordable housing has on their communities.

Brett Thomas, a student at Norwell High, asked Patrick if he had a strategy for furthering stem cell research. Patrick said he would like to invest bonds to assist the development of stem cell research and hopes to put money into public education facilities and faculty.

"If we get it right with technology, the whole world will be our customer," said Patrick.

In the weeks and months to come, Patrick said he plans to run a grassroots campaign, where he can have conversations with voters and give them an "idea of what's possible."

As the event drew to a close, the response from audience members was enthusiastic, and some attendees stood just to offer appreciation for what Patrick had to say.

"I'm writing a check for donation," said Grey Wolf of Hull.

Donna Brown, a guidance counselor at Silver Lake High School in Kingston said Patrick deals with issues that mean a lot to the families she works with at her school.

A selectman from Pembroke, Arthur Boyle described Patrick as "a different kind of politician."

"He has integrity and character," Boyle said. "He stands for something."

The event was hosted by the Norwell Democratic Town Committee, in conjunction with a number of similar groups on the South Shore.

Deval Patrick, center, speaks with event organizer Catherine Rahman, right, and Elvoid Mayers, chairman of the Norwell Democratic Committee, left.

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Pedestrian access to the train station

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access from the Town's sidewalk network to the Greenbush line.

• With respect to Mr. Grabuskas' legitimate issue of connectivity for a suburban trail system, we have agreed to assist by contacting appropriate people in Hingham and Scituate for the purpose of assisting in the creation of such a plan throughout the entire Greenbush corridor, near if not always adjacent to the line.

• In addition, since we brought two individuals who had been in a dialog with the 'T' for almost two years, the so called Greenbush Gang: Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, we were therefore able to bring to the highest authority in the MBTA several issues which were most poignant and galling. According to their thank you letter to the 'T' they said:

The only portion lacking pedestrian connectivity is the last one-half mile or so from the intersection of Main Street and Forest Avenue to the Greenbush station. This is the distance that will be directly connected by a 12-foot wide Greenbush gravel service road. We had hoped that there was a way to create a design that would permit this road to serve the dual purpose of pedestrian access as well as MBTA needs. However, in our discussions with the Greenbush project team it became apparent that this was not an item open for discussion.

Consequently, we have applied for a Transportation Oriented Development grant which closed Nov. 14, 2005. The MBTA was kind enough to write a letter of endorsement for this grant request. This grant request will permit us to construct sidewalk to connect the end of our sidewalk to the Greenbush station. It is also interesting to note that the portion of this proposed sidewalk that does cross the Greenbush tracks did not have a pedestrian crossing as a part of the design. This is clearly different from the message your right of way people have given you. We were forced by the MBTA to spend $67,000 of our own mitigation funds to design and construct this pedestrian crossing. Otherwise, we would lose, forever, the opportunity to create a pedestrian crossing for access to the station. If we are fortunate enough to be awarded this grant, Cohasset will be reimbursed. If not, we are out these monies. We, like you, are not flush with funds and this will reduce the useful things we can accomplish with our mitigation funds.

And so, as the political process wends its way through the pathways of Federal, State and Town government, we all wait breathlessly for the outcome. Hopefully, some day, many of us will be able to walk to the new MBTA station.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Meeting to be held on violence prevention

Dr. Robert Macy, director of community services for the trauma center in Boston, will be at the middle-high school Monday, Feb. 13 to share his tips for violence prevention with the community. Macy will discuss ways to identify behaviors which indicate a child may be heading in a violent direction, as well as the role of parents in saying no to inappropriate movies and video games, which can aid in violent behaviors.

Macy will meet with teachers, school staff members and members of the police department from 3 to 5 p.m., and with parents and interested community members from 7 to 9 p.m. Childcare will be provided to ensure parents are able to attend. For more information, please call the office of the superintendent at (781) 383-6111.

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Community blood drive held

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Mike DiRienzo of the American Red Cross loads an ice cooler with pints of blood during Wednesday's blood drive. The Red Cross says every two seconds someone needs blood.

Karen Kirkendall, in the back, is framed by Rosemary O'Connell of Cohasset, who is holding up her arm to stop the bleeding after donating a pint of blood on Wednesday.

Red Cross phlebotomist Sandy Sullivan makes sure that Joan Allen of Cohasset is ready to go after she donated a pint of blood Wednesday.

Margie Hillman of Cohasset holds a sponge heart while donating a pint of blood during the Community Blood Drive on Wednesday at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

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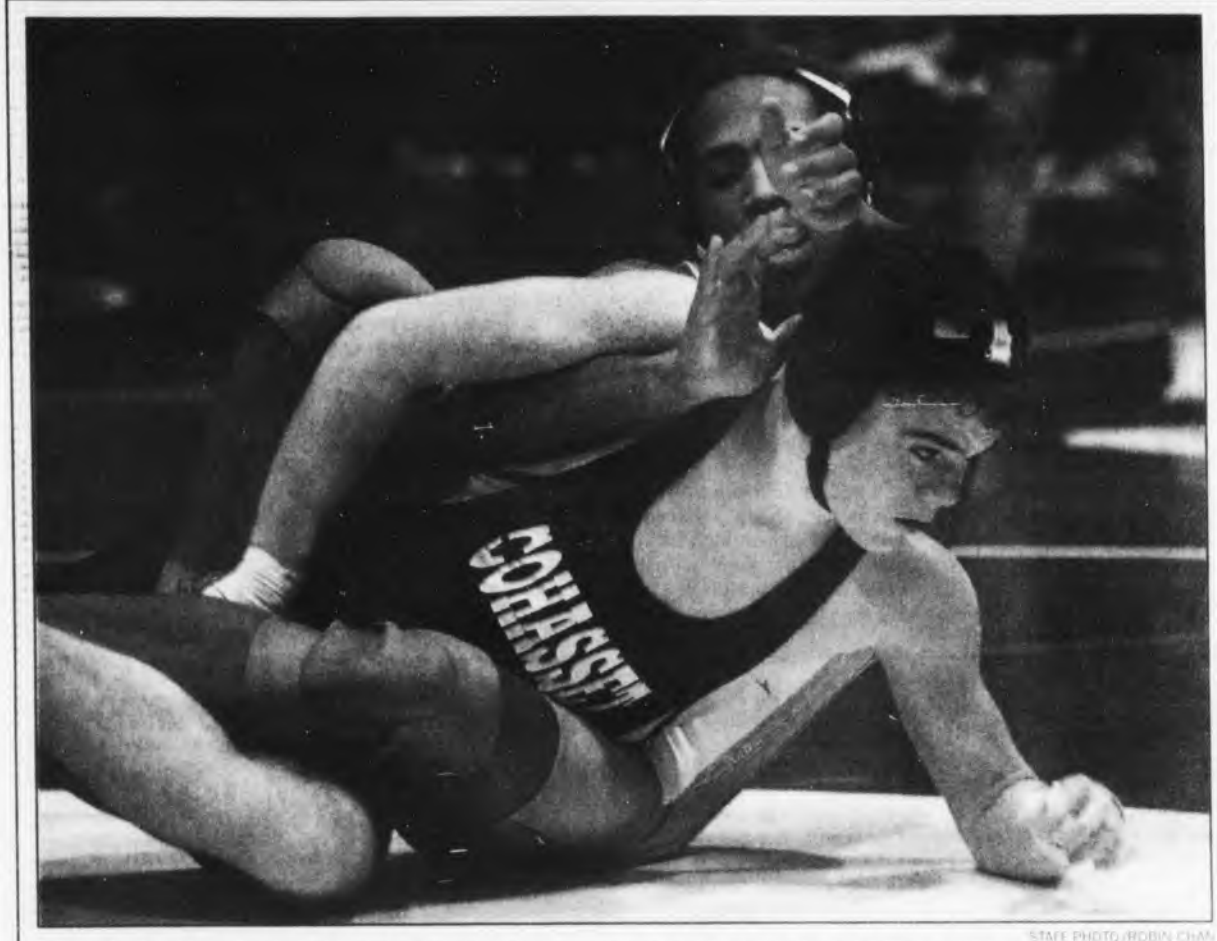

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Cohasset's Tim Toomey, pictured here in the Marshfield Tournament, has been a solid performer for the wrestling squad so far this season.

Grapplers search for glory

By Ben Libby
CORRESPONDENT

This year hasn't been one of Cohasset wrestling's best, but coach Torin Sweeney can't complain because his team is still in the thick of things.

With an 8-8 record, Cohasset is, according to Sweeney, "Right where we thought we would be as far as wins and losses. The kids are working hard."

Last Friday, Cohasset hosted a tri-meet featuring Rockland, Scituate and North Quincy. Although Cohasset lost all of its matches as a team, senior Shane Dorian had a good day, winning all three of his matches. Against a new and improved Scituate squad, Cohasset lost 36-22.

Following that match, Cohasset faced a strong Rockland team and lost 60-12. Finally, Cohasset hoped to sneak out of the gym with a win against NQ, but left with nothing, losing 15-54.

Next up on Tuesday was Marshfield, a squad that Cohasset most certainly could have beaten, but it just wasn't their day. Dave McKenna, Shane Dorian and Nick Cambi won, but the rest of the team struggled and Cohasset left Marshfield with a 52-18 loss.

After the loss, Sweeney commented on the teams progress so far, saying, "The team has done well as a whole and is improving, but we have a lot of work to do before sectionals and the team tourney."

Individually for the team, Dorian, Cambi, McKenna, and Ryan McLellan have been solid all year. Jake Watts, Adam Smith, Steve Manley, Tim Toomey, and George Miller have won key matches and are above .500 in terms of wins to loses. First year starters like Dave Toomey, Mike Frotu, Ross Collins-Wooley, Steve

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Lady hoopsters flying high

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset lady hoopsters have found their rhythm just in time. After a shifty first half, the Skippers had strung together four big wins in a row heading into this week's action.

On Tuesday the 24th, the Falcons of Mashpee played host to a Skippers team and were hoping to avenge the Cohasset 12-point victory earlier in the season. Unfortunately for the Falcons, 12 points was not enough. After the game, the Mashpee team probably wished the Skippers' bus had never driven over the Sagamore Bridge.

From the get go, the Mashpee players, looking more like penguins than falcons, could not get their offense off the ground. The home team collapsed under Cohasset's press, which, by the way, is developing quite the reputation in the South Shore League.

Freshman Gabriella Flibotte contributed 20 points, while senior captain Chelsea Grossman added 13. Sam Lehr led the Skippers' rebounding charge; not an easy feat considering the Falcons' height advantage.

The 34-16 halftime Skipper lead swelled in the second half as Cohasset forced turnover after turnover. Falcon fans emptied from the stadium shaking their heads at the 66-27 final score.

"This win just verifies the girls' improvement," said head coach John Levangie. "The 27-point improvement upon our last meeting with Mashpee really shows the girls' offensive work has paid off."

The improvement and talent of the Skippers is becoming more and more obvious. But would it be enough to hold up against Avon on January 26th?

You bet. The fact that the Panthers were 9-0 in the Mayflower League did not rattle the Skippers one bit.

Once again, Cohasset came onto the court with a point to prove. The Panthers could not overcome the Skippers' flawless press.

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Freshman sensation Gabriella Flibotte goes up for two in the first half of Tuesday's game with Abington.

Skaters still in postseason hunt

Holway, Davis (two goals each) and Wade (25 saves) lead Skippers to victory over Mashpee

By Mark Goodman
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The first time Jonny Wade took the ice in between the pipes this season, it was his first game as a goaltender, period.

The Cohasset freshman has made strides with each game, culminating in perhaps his finest performance of the year in Wednesday night's 4-2 win over Mashpee.

With the Skippers offense getting off the a slow start in the first several minutes of the game, Wade kept the visiting Falcons off the board with some key saves. He kept it up for the full 45 minutes, stopping 25 of the 27 shots he saw to help lead his team to victory.

Wade, who had primarily played defenseman in the youth ranks, said after the game he feels a lot more comfortable in net now than he did in early December.

"It's been hard at times," Wade said of the transition. "But it's a pretty good feeling to know that the whole team is behind you."

Cohasset's rookie goalie was certainly not without help in Wednesday's victory. Defensemen Brandon Smith and Conor Holway played most of their shifts together, and it was easy to see why. A Smith/Holway combo gives Cohasset one of the best blue line pairings in the South Shore League.

What makes the duo more dangerous is that both are skilled offensive players, as well, and they combined on what turned out to be the game-winning goal with 3:55 left in the second period. After having his slapshot from the point saved, Smith regained control of the puck and fired it toward the net again. Holway was there to deflect it over the goalie's right shoulder, giving the Skippers the 3-1 lead.

Just 1:31 into the third, Holway made it 4-1. On his way out of the penalty box, the junior collected a pass from senior Mark Bouchard, skated down the left wing one-on-one with a Mashpee defenseman, and then went five-hole on the goalie.

Sophomore Charlie Czerkawski nearly scored off the ensuing face-off, only to have his breakaway attempt saved. Holway nearly got his hat trick at the 11:47 mark, but his monstrous blast from about 35 feet out skipped off the crossbar.

After an inauspicious beginning that featured little pressure on the Mashpee net, Cohasset got on the board 4:02 into the game on the first of two goals from junior Chris Davis. Davis doubled his tally just two minutes later, tipping in a hard slapshot from sophomore Alex Goetz. Holway also picked up an assist on the play to begin his three-point night.

All things considered, it wasn't the most convincing of victories, as the shots were nearly even (30-27 in favor of Cohasset). But that wasn't going to bother Skippers head coach Ben Virga.

"This is the first time in a while we've had an ugly win," he said. "We made some good plays, and we made some bad plays. Ugly wins are nice; it shows you're a good team and that you made the plays when you had to."

Playing well again was the "black line" of Davis, Goetz and junior T.J. Kennedy. The "red line" of Andrew Smith, Austin Lanzillotti and Brian Straughn kept consistent pressure in the Mashpee end during the second and third periods. Senior Dan Sullivan also played a solid game in defense.

Last Friday, the Skippers dropped a 7-4 decision to Harwich-Provincetown. Straughn scored a couple quick goals to stake Cohasset to a 2-0 lead, but HP stormed back with three of its own before the first intermission.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset defenseman Brandon Smith charges down the ice during the Jan. 14 win over Abington-East Bridgewater. The teams square off again on Wednesday in a game crucial to the Skippers' hopes of state tournament qualification.

Memorable meet for Coh-Noh seniors

By Rachel Thomas
CORRESPONDENT

The senior gymnasts on the Cohasset-Norwell team competed in the last home meet of their high school career on Monday.

Although the team suffered an unfortunate 128.3-126.6 loss to Somerset High School, the meet was unforgettable to the entire team.

All of the team's seniors competed in at least three events. All-around competitors Erin Kelly and Lisa Spirito competed very well on floor, both obtaining scores of 8.2. The two other senior captains, CJ Himberg and Kate Carpenter, competed on bars, beam and floor.

The four captains all obtained impressive scores on beam with Kelly, Himberg, Carpenter and Spirito scoring 7.8, 8.0, 8.1, and 8.3 respectively.

Norwell juniors Melissa Murphy, Jamie Nichols and Kiersten Shontz also competed well on Monday, as coach Amy Maree was pleased with their performances in the meet.

"We were all very proud of Kiersten because she competed floor for only the second time in her career," she said. "Also, Melissa Murphy's three scores helped the team greatly."

Murphy earned scores of 7.4 on beam, and a 7.7 on vault and bars, while Cohasset's Corrina Durham scored a 7.5 on bars, 7.8 on floor and 7.9 on vault.

Additionally, Nichols and Norwell's Cassie Pacella both scored 7.3 on the vault.

As the end of the season draws near, the gymnasts find themselves with mixed feelings. They are extremely pleased with how the team has performed so far this season, but they also show feelings of sorrow as the senior captains' final meets approach.

The team will compete in an away meet against Carver tonight (7:30 start), which is predicted to be very close and enticing. Also, on Feb. 11, the Coh-Noh gymnasts will compete in the All-League meet, which includes all of the teams from the Cranberry League. The meet will take place at Somerset High School.

Lady hoopsters flying high

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Unfortunately for the Panthers, the word about Cohasset's press must not have made its way to the Mayflower League.

In the meantime, Flibotte led the team once again, this time with 18 points. Classmate Lehr followed with 14, while Grossman and senior captain Mia Lieb-Lappen contributed nine each.

"Right now, the general team attitude helps us along," said Grossman. "Once we realized we had the capability to win, we got more excited about each game. We feed off this energy and use it to play better."

With only eight games remaining, the Skippers realize the critical point in the season has arrived. Two more wins would earn the girls yet another spot in the MIAA tourney.

"The underclassmen, in particular, have really come along," said senior captain Katie James. "The mistakes they were making earlier disappear as they gain more experience."

After a few long weeks out with an ankle injury, James plans to return this week. Her leadership will prove crucial, especially if the Skippers advance to the postseason. Her return may give the team the lift they need to qualify for post season play.

Fans are keeping their fingers crossed that the hard-hitting Skipper press will remain intact as Cohasset begins a stretch of four games in five days tonight with a big home game against Carver. Tomorrow, the girls will travel to Nantucket, followed by home games Monday against Holbrook and Tuesday with Harwich.

Search for glory

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Hurlburt and Gannon Dorian have done a nice job when called upon.

Looking ahead, Cohasset has Nauset on Saturday, with a win putting Cohasset in the Division 3 state tournament. Upon qualification, Cohasset can begin to prepare to defend the title they currently hold.

One thing is for sure, you can never count Cohasset out when it comes down to the postseason.

Boys travel hoops in East Bridgewater

Some call it "old school," some call it "outdated," but whatever you call it, the gym at East Bridgewater High School was the scene of great basketball action this past Saturday. Adorned with championship banners from the distant and recent past, this gym was the perfect setting for fast paced, nail biting action.

The sixers took to the court first, and the first half was a give and take for 14 minutes. **Christian Allard** ignited the offense in his usual fashion with quick, defensive hands creating offensive opportunities. The highlight was Allard dropping a three-pointer. Despite efforts from all in the first half, the boys in blue were down at the half.

The second half started with an energized EB team, converting fast break opportunities into points. EB was aggressive and it seemed that they might have the game in the bag. But never, ever, count the sixers out. A drive by Allard for two started the comeback.

Chris Lunde played superior defense, forcing an EB turnover that **Jamie Faber** converted to points. **Pat Kearney** stole the ball on the inbound pass, made the shot, was fouled and converted from the stripe for two. Cohasset was in the game.

Jay Salerno and **Robbie Mahoney** took over the paint, keeping EB from getting rebounds. Once again, it was the sixers' defense that got them back in the game. Faber was terrific, anticipating an EB pass and stealing the ball.

Pat MacCormack was fierce, ripping a board and executing a classic give and go with Faber for two. **Danny Barnes** set a textbook pick for Allard, allowing him to drive and score for two. **Charlie Neaves** kept the offensive motion under control with strong ball handling.

The Cohasset 1-2-2 defense had EB stymied. An EB turnover created a fastbreak for Allard who tied the game up. EB returned and scored. With only seconds left on the clock, Cohasset got the ball down court to MacCormack who let loose a beautiful, arcing ball that hit the rim, bounced and spun around the rim, and fell out. The score was 35-33 East Bridgwater, but Cohasset won on sheer determination, focus and desire.

Kelby Pontes - "KJ" to his friends and fans - let EB know that KJ was in the house. KJ started the action with a block that was felt all along the South Shore. He then was fouled and converted both shots to put Cohasset on the board. Cohasset was in control of the game.

Ben Campbell made a behind the back bounce pass look easy as he fed KJ for two again. **Robert Jones** stole the ball on defense and went coast to coast for a bucket. **Gabe Seksay** got in on the block shots, laying one on EB to prevent a score. **Sam "Legs" Richardson** stole the ball and fed Jones for two.

Justin Liburd was a defensive menace. He stole the ball several times with his quick hands and feet. **Alex Harper** and **Jack Carrier** were great under the boards. **Derek Youngman** and **Mike Monaco** kept the offense in check, directing and executing plays. Cohasset had a commanding lead at the half 27-11.

The second half was magic to watch. **Eric Wasel** was just great. It was all Wasel, all the time. Boxing out on defense to rip down rebounds, and great offensive positioning in the low post to score, Wasel was giving EB fits. When EB got his number, Harper and Liburd forced EB to focus on the perimeter with their quickness and anticipation. That freed up the low post again, and Carrier and Seksay played great. Campbell made passing look easy, as he effortlessly found the open man for a score. Cohasset won 51-18.

The 8's finished the action for Cohasset, winning the tip and **Kevin O'Connell** hit a jumper for the first points of the game. **Robby McCunney** delivered a resounding block, and then ripped the ball and went end to end for a bucket. **Johnny Maher** hit O'Connell again for another score. **Brenden Doonan** was fouled in the paint, made the bucket and the free throw to put Cohasset on top 12-7.

Dan Sullivan and **Taylor MacQuade** were tremendous in the low post, out rebounding the EB boys. Both converted offensive rebounds for points. **Jodi Rosano** drove to the basket for a bucket and was fouled. Just when EB thought they had Cohasset's inside game figured out, **John Kearney** hit a three-pointer that hit nothing but net.

Will Wise hit a couple of 12-foot jumpers. McCunney stole the ball and went coast to coast again for two, Maher hit for a three to extend the Cohasset lead to 42-33. **Jeff Charles** provided quick hands and feet, keeping the EB squad frazzled. Cohasset clearly controlled the game, the paint and the final outcome, winning easily 48-35.

Check out all Cohasset basketball schedules on www.cohassetbasketball.com.

Swimmers suffer first loss

By Caitlin Donovan
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team suffered its first loss of the season to Duxbury last Tuesday.

Although the Sci-Cohs lost, they put up some fierce competition. Coach Jon Fortin was very pleased with the results.

"We have so many personal best times and sectional qualifying times, as well as state qualifying times," he said. "Plus, if the girls 400 free relay hadn't been disqualified at the end of the meet, their time of 4:04.50 is under the state qualifying time by four seconds, and that is a seven second difference between their time from the Randolph meet."

The final score of the meet was extremely close with the Sci-Coh girls scoring 87 points and the Duxbury girls finishing with 98. The boys meet was even closer, as they dropped a narrow 87-84 decision.

Needless to say, the effort put forth by both the girls and boys of the Sci-Coh swim team was phenomenal and the team looks poised to rake in more wins in the future.

Results

Girls Meet: SCI-COHs 87, Duxbury 98

200 Medley Relay: Alyssa Rodgers, Kerry Sorensen, Mamme Daley, Ashley Scott, 2:13.25; Katelyn Ryan, Sheelah Scott, Caitlin Mahoney, Maura Whalen, 2:18.08

200 Free: Emily Mulcahy, *2:15.31**; Maura Whalen, *2:17.22**; Sheelah Scott, 2:23.80*

200 IM: Mamme Daley, *2:35.13*, Alison Costa, 2:38.22*; Julia Rodgers, 2:44.17

50 Free: Caitlin Little, *25.59**, Ashley Scott, 28.41*; Katelyn Ryan, 29.57*

100 Fly: Caitlin Little, *1:08.72**; Emily Mulcahy, *1:10.47**; Caitlin Mahoney, 1:19.99

100 Free: Ashley Scott, *1:00.44**, Alison Costa, *1:02.03**; Alyssa Rodgers, 1:09.63*

500 Free: Mamme Daley, *6:12.81*; Maura Whalen, 6:24.39; Sheelah Scott, 6:37.93*

200 Free Relay: Jen Noonan, Caitlin Mahoney, Caitlin O'Neil, Alyssa McCarthy, 1:57.54*; Brittany Dunn, Maura Regan, Cristina Seibert, Alyssa Campbell, 2:15.56

100 Back: Julia Rodgers, *1:11.18**; Alyssa Rodgers, 1:15.66; Katelyn Ryan, 1:18.52*

100 Breast: Torey Hart, 1:22.53; Kerry Sorensen, 1:25.69*; Alyssa Campbell, 1:34.60*

400 Free Relay: Mamme Daley, Maura Whalen, Caitlin Mahoney, Alyssa Rodgers, 4:26.13*; Jen Noonan, Sheelah Scott, Katelyn Ryan, Caitlin O'Neil, 4:42.28*

* Season Best Time; *italics* signifies State Sectional qualifying time

Boys Meet: SCI-COHs 84, Duxbury 87

200 Medley Relay: James Smith, Mike Wall, Jonny Drybanski, Rob Lilly, 1:53.12*; Sean Crowley, Justin Damaso, Colin Conway, Brent Daly, 2:04.38

200 Free: Mike Wall, 2:20.44*; Justin Damaso, 2:27.22*

200 IM: Jonny Drybanski, *2:14.15**

50 Free: Rob Lilly, 24.28; Brent Daly, 25.53

100 Fly: James Smith, *59.43**; Colin Conway, 1:08.03

100 Free: Rob Lilly, *53.87**; Sean Crowley, 1:03.81*

500 Free: Jonny Drybanski, 5:47.57*

200 Free Relay: Sean Crowley, Colin Conway, Justin Damaso, Brent Daly, 1:46.50*

100 Back: James Smith, *1:02.59**, Sean Crowley, 1:11.68

100 Breast: Mike Wall, 1:16.15*; Justin Damaso, 1:25.69; Tony DeAngelo, 1:29.57*

400 Free Relay: Jonny Drybanski, Colin Conway, Rob Lilly, Brent Daly, 3:43.13*; Mike Wall, James Smith, Justin Damaso, Tony DeAngelo, 4:32.47

* Season Best Time; *italics* signifies State Sectional qualifying time

Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club in the home stretch

Hoop season in Cohasset is in full swing with action in the school gyms every weekend.

The Recreation program is fielding several teams of boys and girls Grades 1-8. The action starts every Saturday at 8 a.m. at each school. Over 300 kids participate in the Town Rec program. Dedicated volunteer coaches and parents make this program a success.

Our middle school travel programs are in great shape, fielding 11 teams between the boys and girls, up from six teams two years ago. The boys play in the competitive Patriot League and the girls play in South Shore League. Check out the boys action this Saturday Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. The 6th graders tip off at 1 p.m. followed by the 7th and 8th grade boys at the CMHS gym. The girls play on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. The 5th graders start the action at 1 p.m., followed by grades 6-8.

The Varsity teams are fast approaching the end of their seasons. Catch great hoop action and bring the kids for a fun night. The boys next play at home on Friday Feb. 10 at 6:30 versus our arch rival Hull. They are at home again on Feb. 13, and then they travel to Norwell on Feb. 14. Come cheer on the boys and have a great night of fun. All games start at 6:30.

The girls varsity is tearing up the court, and you can catch their action tonight at 6:30 at the CMHS gym. The girls are also at home on Monday, Feb. 6 and Tuesday; gametime is 6:30.

The CBBC, behind the scenes, has been instrumental in garnering ever increasing interest in the game of hoop in Cohasset. From sponsoring a night with the Harlem Rockets in December, to promotional nights during the Varsity games, the Boosters are dedicated to making basketball a fun, family activity, as well as building a program that will be competitive at the high school level.

Check out all Cohasset hoop action and schedules at www.cohassetbasketball.com. The CBBC is looking for additional spirited, dedicated members to help us take basketball to the next level in Cohasset. Contact us through the website.

Skaters still in postseason hunt

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It stayed 3-2 until the opening minute of the third, when Lanzillotti tied things up. HP, however, scored another quick trifecta to make it 6-3. Bouchard got one back for the Skippers, but it wasn't enough, as the Rough Riders scored an empty-netter as time was expiring to account for the final score.

So Cohasset finds itself today with a 5-7-2 record heading into two critical league games in the next week of action. Tomorrow at Pilgrim, the Skippers face off against Hull at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday night, Cohasset hosts Abington-East Bridgewater in a game between two teams on the bubble for state tournament qualification.

Cohasset beat both teams in its first trip through the league schedule, and should they do so again, the Skippers would be back at .500 heading into the Feb. 11 showdown with league-leading Norwell. Against the Clippers on Jan. 18, Cohasset out-shot and outplayed Norwell, but still came out on the short end of a 3-0 score.

Brandon Smith said after the Mashpee game that he and his teammates will be confident going into the rematch.

"We know that we can beat Norwell," he said. "We just have to take better advantage of our opportunities. We've been doing a better job of that lately, and we need to keep it up."

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GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Eighth graders coast past Duxbury, 37-19

The 8th grade girls hoop team tipped off against Duxbury on Jan. 22 for the second time this season. The results were the same, with the hoopsters winning again, this time by a margin of 37-19.

Like many of the games this year, the V-8 girls started out very slowly and had difficulty scoring early. This tendency to start slowly was compounded by very tight officiating that saw 24 fouls called in the first half alone.

However, after the break Cohasset was able to pick up the pace (only 14 fouls were called) and pull away with a relatively easy victory. Everybody contributed to the win. **Lindsay Allard** led the scoring with 11 points (nine on free throws), **Tori Lehr** poured in eight, **Meredith Kelly** tossed in seven, and **Isabelle Franklin** added five.

Lucy Noble was like Bill Russell on the boards pulling down 12 rebounds. **Erin Fontaine** found seams in the zone and hit two key jump shots, while **Mimi Mahoney** and **Samantha Crough** again efficiently directed the Super Eight offense from the guard spots.

Two big wins for 7th graders over Duxbury and Halifax

The Cohasset 7th grade travel team turned in the best back-to-back performances of their two and a half years together with pulsating victories over Duxbury two weeks ago and Halifax this past Sunday.

Duxbury, the defending league champion which was tied for first place entering the game, had defeated Cohasset in their first meeting two weeks before Christmas. Cohasset fell behind early in that contest, fought back to take the lead with two minutes to go, but eventually ended up on the short end of a 17-11 decision.

However, in the rematch the Blue & White came out roaring from the start thanks to a balanced scoring attack which saw six Cohasset girls tingle the twine for a 14-6 lead at the half. On the other end, the Cohasset 2-3 zone defense was flawless, limiting Duxbury to long-range outside shooting and few offensive rebounds for second chance opportunities.

Cohasset continued to step on the throttle after the break, led by **Carli Haggerty**. Haggerty (game-high 14 points) went on an offensive tear, dropping in 10 points on a variety of moves to the hoop and short-range shots. With the Blue & White continuing to play solid defense, the Seven-Ups enlarged their lead to a commanding 24-8 margin with six minutes to go.

Although Duxbury narrowed the gap down the stretch thanks to good free throw shooting and a three point hoop at the end, the Cohasset lead never was seriously threatened and the Blue & White came away with a 30-25 win to knock the visitors out of first place.

The Halifax game this Sunday proved to be one of the most exhilarating wins ever for the Seven-Ups (matched only by their last-second win over Rockland last season). Halifax is one of the most improved teams in the league and battled Cohasset all the way in a hard-fought 26-18 Blue & White victory earlier in the season at Halifax. The rematch had playoff implications, with Halifax needing a win to move into a tie with Cohasset in the standings.

Halifax came out in a full-court, man-to-man press which proved bothersome for the Cohasset offense. Although the Halifax girls were whistled into the penalty situation within six minutes of the start of the game, their aggressive tactics had the effect of frustrating the Blue & White offense. Both teams then settled into a battle of 2-3 zone defenses. The Cohasset girls were unable to find their rhythm and the result was a 12-8 Halifax edge at the half.

So how do you get your team to pick up the tempo? You tell them to "get after" the opposition, and Cohasset turned the tables at the start of the second half by instituting their own man-to-man press all over the court. The result was a number of Halifax turnovers which led to Cohasset scoring opportunities. Buckets by **Emma Musto**, **Lindsay Davis**, and Haggerty soon drew Cohasset even at 14-14. Another hoop by Haggerty and three-of-four foul shots by French gave the Blue & White a 19-16 edge.

However, Halifax would not go down without a fight, and scored two quick buckets to regain the lead, 20-19. At that point Davis stepped up on the offensive front, giving the momentum back to Cohasset with a bucket, two free throws, and another hoop to propel the Blue & White into a 25-20 advantage.

Cohasset (which by now was in the penalty situation) then went back into its 2-3 zone and effectively stifled any chance of a Halifax comeback bid. The Seven-Ups closed out the big win with a hoop by French and two free throws by **Caroline Fein** for the 32-24 final score (Halifax hit a three pointer at the buzzer to bring the final margin under double digits).

The victory was a total team effort for the Cohasset Sevens. In addition to the scoring of Davis (10 points) and French (nine points), the Blue & White received five points from Haggerty and a bucket from **Amy Costa**. The backcourt tandem of **Emma Quigley** and **Rachel Fredey** directed the Cohasset scoring attack with a near-flawless passing game, while **Carly Martin** as always was a forceful presence under the boards with her defense and rebounding.

What was most satisfying for the Cohasset squad was the key element of their improved free throw shooting. Last year the girls shot about 20 percent from the free throw line, a shortcoming that proved costly in many close defeats. However, against Halifax the Seven-Ups sank 10-of-16 from the charity stripe (a percentage of 62.5%), while Halifax made good on only 1-of- 9 attempts. With a strong emphasis by the coaches on free throw shooting, the Cohasset Sevens have been shooting at about the 50 percent mark from the charity stripe this season.

Win, lose and a close call for combined 5th-6th team

The combined 5th and 6th grade travel team has shown vast improvement over the last three games with their record now standing at 2- 2. In the Saturday game vs Norwell the depleted squad of seven 56ers took on the 12-girl squad of their opponents.

In the first half the Blue & White looked solid. The team's leading scorer, **Kayla Orner**, kept up her pace with six points in the first half, while **Scarlett McQuade** and **Whitney Jaffe** also filled the net. The unheralded **Allison Whelan** did some tough offensive and defensive rebounding, one of the keys to keeping this contest close throughout most of the first half. Once again the guard play of **Mariel Teague**, **Elizabeth Hagearty** and **Meghan Kearney** was solid, moving the ball through the tough press of Norwell.

But Team 56 was trailing 14-10 with two minutes to go in the first half, and up until this point in the game, Cohasset's aggressive defense was clearly slowing down their opponents. But Norwell surprised the 56ers with a full court press and scored six unanswered points, running the halftime score to 20-10.

In spite of this the 7-player squad did not give up. They came out in the second half and closed the gap, trailing 26-20 with eight minutes remaining. But fatigue set in down the stretch and Norwell won this contest 36-20.

The second contest of the weekend was against Hanover. Both teams carried an eight-player squad. Cohasset dominated the boards, led by **Annie Robinson** and McQuade pulling down rebound after rebound, which created two or three shots per trip for the 56ers. Teague ran the offense flawlessly with crisp passing and slick dribbling through Hanover's center court press.

The scoring trio of Orner, Jaffe, and McQuade kept pace with Hanover throughout the game. But in spite of outshooting Hanover, Team 56 found themselves down 17-14 with 30 seconds to go. Who better to take control of the game but Orner, as she raced down the court and fired up a three pointer…It's good! However the referee awarded Orner only two points, giving Team 56 a 17-16 loss. Ouch!

The following weekend pit the Blue & White vs. Scituate. The team once again played shorthanded with a 7-girl squad facing the 11-player Scituate squad. But this game highlighted the return of center **Julia Thompson**, adding another scrappy player to this already tough defensive unit.

The seven-player squad did not disappoint the Cohasset fans by stealing this show from Scituate. Jaffe played outstanding two way ball with her stealing and diving, smothering Scituate on both ends of the court. Adding to this defensive struggle were the countless blocked shots by Thompson and tough defensive pressure on the ball by Hagearty and **Courtney Monroe**.

The offense was spread around to five players this game, led by "Three Point" Orner, followed by Jaffe and McQuade, Robinson and Hagearty. The most thrilling baskets came from the following three 56 players: First, Robinson hit on a great outside bank shot from the left side to tie the score at that point. Second, Orner hits a three pointer late in the game to tie the score. Third, the highlight of highlights came from Elizabeth Hagearty, who fired up a shot under extreme pressure, missed, but followed up the shot and was fouled on the second attempt.

The ref, who let the teams play most of the game, finally called a foul on Scituate, putting Hagearty at the line. Elizabeth stepped up big time, sinking the front end of her free throws to put Cohasset ahead for good. Team 56 added a last second basket to put an exclamation point on this exciting effort, giving them a 16-13 win.

SPORTS NOTES

Limited space left for spring lacrosse

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has completed its spring registration period, but a limited number of roster spaces remain available at some age levels.

"We've been lucky to come through our registration period with just about our preferred roster sizes at all levels," says Chuck Jaffe, director of the program, which will field 14 boys and girls teams in grades 3-8 this spring. "We have just a few open spaces, and we will give them out on a first-come, first-served basis."

Jaffe notes that the lacrosse organization starts practices in early March and, each year, winds up with a few children who only decide that they want to play after a friend tells them about the start of workouts. Typically, at that point, it is too late to add the additional kids at that time.

"This year, more than most, we may have some extra flexibility – particularly on the boys side of things," Jaffe says, "but ideally we will have everyone who wants to play signed up soon, before they wind up missing out."

Registration costs $150 for one player and $275 for two. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins practicing in March, completes its season in June and works throughout the spring to avoid scheduling conflicts with the other youth sports in town.

To get registration paperwork, contact Jaffe at CAJaffe@aol.com or at 781-383-9858.

For more information, visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse looking for coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season. Cohasset will field 14 teams this spring - for boys and girls in grades 3-8 - a number large enough to stretch the available coaching staff thin.

For the first time in several seasons, the shortage of coaches is a problem with the boys program, and not just the younger, emerging girls teams. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with roughly 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Throughout its history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys and girls have one weekly practice, which is held on the weekend. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858, or write him at CAJaffe@aol.com.

Sci-Coh youth football elections

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleader Organization will be holding its Annual Board of Director Elections at the Scituate Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P0186EP

In the Estate of CLIFFORD J. DICKSON
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 13, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARGARET C. RITA DICKSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 25, 2006.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Hat's off to those top MCAS scorers

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Both of these achievements are quite commendable, so anyone who received one of these awards should feel proud.

Congratulations to everyone who received the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery (by having at least one score on the 10th-grade MCAS that was in the *Advanced* category and the other in the *Proficient* category) and/or the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship offers four years of free tuition to full-time students attending any University of Massachusetts campus, or any state or community college. Both of these achievements are quite commendable, so anyone who received one of these awards should feel proud.

The semi-formal dance was a success thanks to the elevated police presence and random breathalyzers; students enjoyed themselves despite the disc jockey's interesting choice of music. Let's get down to business with the news as fresh as the new semester.

• Congratulations to **Kelsey Bell, Mia Lieb-Lappen**, and **Chris Ofsthun** for being published in the February issue of Teen Ink. Kelsey Bell also had an original drawing published.

• The drama club will have met on Tuesday and Wednesday for a rehearsal in the auditorium.

• The Debate Team will have competed at Scituate on Wednesday.

• Teachers must have submitted their grades for the first semester by Thursday, which was by the way, Ground Hog Day.

• There will have been a School Committee Meeting on Thursday.

• The Middle-High School Band has admitted new students to their elite programs who promise to contribute their past expertise in the field.

• The music department will also be sending talented band and chorus members to the SEMSBA auditions on Feb. 11th.

• Intramural activities will have begun this week for the Middle School.

• The Math League will have competed in a meet vs. Norwood this week.

• The Art Magazine will have met after school on Thursday. They are still looking for poems and creative stories for the magazine which is published as an insert with The Spinnaker.

• The Spinnaker staff will be selling and distributing the second issue of the award winning newspaper on Valentines Day, which is Feb. 14th for all of you not in the know.

• A reminder from the health office that all seventh- and 10th-graders are required to have an updated physical on file at the school. The physical must have preferably taken place between June 2006 – June 2007. If your child's physical is due in the spring 2006 please remember to send a copy to the nurse's office. Have the physical either faxed to the health office at (781) 383-4168 or mailed to Cohasset Middle/High School attention health office.

• Ms. Berkowitz will be participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on May 20 & 21. She is attempting to raise money for The Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade, and she is required to raise $1,800 to participate. You can send a donation by check made payable to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer to her at Nina Berkowitz, 135 Inman Street #4, Cambridge, MA 02139 or online by typing the link below into your browser or::

www.avonwalk.org/site/TR?px=2200167&pg=personal&fr_id=1160.

• In honor of Black History Month the METCO Coordinator, Aleise Gittens-Carle has arranged for a presentation of the ABC's of Black Doll Collecting and History display in the high school display case near the language classrooms.

The new semester has brought with it some interesting changes to the course selections here at the High School. The seniors are being offered a number of new classes that appear to be intended to strictly keep them at least in the building. Fun happenings here at the school. Here's looking at you Cohasset.

Osgood murals honor Rosa Parks' legacy

The second-grade artists of the Joseph Osgood School created murals in honor of Rosa Parks called "With Liberty and Justice for All." Coordinating with their social studies "Justice" curriculum, Miss Diminnie, the Library teacher, read the book "Rosa" by Nikki Giovanni to the second-grade students. Following the story, the students made lists of words to describe Rosa Parks to be used in their art murals.

In the art room with Mrs. Ogden, the students drew portraits, wrote descriptive words in calligraphy, made colorful borders and cut out multi-cultural hands. The second-grade artists then combined them together to create thoughtful murals. During Black History month, these murals will be on display in the second grade corridor.

Character education — Thanks to Osgood Character Education Committee members Kay Slater, Selene Eymer, Cindy Schubert and Jenny Consadine for organizing "Brunch with Bob" on Jan. 24. Adjustment counselor Bob LeCount led an interesting discussion on the topic of "The Friendship Factor" with 40 parents! The committee received excellent feedback and parents are looking forward to the next "get together" on March 7th. The topic of discussion will be "Talking Safety".

Mrs. Tritto's students Conor Naughton, Malachi Nelson, Ethan Avotins and Riley Mahoney stand by the Rosa Parks mural at the Osgood School.

PAC general meeting is Feb. 7

The general meeting of the Parent Advisory Council for Special Education is 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Osgood School, 210 Sohier St. The council is looking forward to meeting some new faces in the school district, an update on some changes that have taken place, and information regarding the SPED budget. Some time will be devoted to talk about PAC business. Remember your involvement is of utmost importance.

If you would like to be added to the PAC e-mail network for updates please forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net

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Cohasset's Dave Ingber, CHS Class of 2003, braces for the hit by classmate Nick Spirito, while reeling in the interception during a pickup football game on the town common.

Are you ready for some football?

Christopher Caron, Class of 2002, celebrates his touchdown catch in the end zone during a pick-up football game on the common on a recent Saturday.

John Durkin, left, CHS Class of 2003, gets a high five from Eric Libby, Class of 2002, after he recovered a fumble and ran back for a touchdown.

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Essential Camp Terms

By Bette Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

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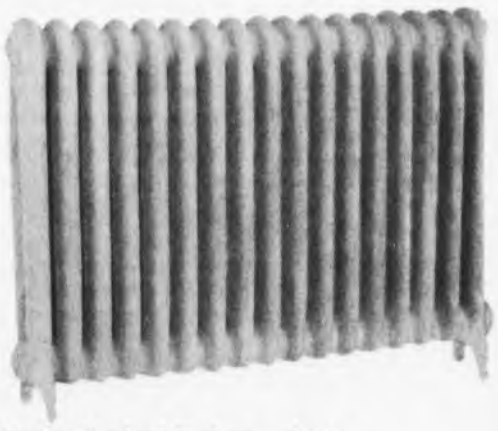

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor Cooney Smith

Retired library director

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On a snowy day, Eleanor Cooney Smith, then in her mid-80s, hops on her cross-country skis to get to her mailbox.

Eleanor (Trowt) Cooney Smith, 93, of Cohasset died Jan. 26, 2006, peacefully at her home.

Born in Wenham, Mrs. Smith graduated from Beverly High School and received her B.S. degree in library science from Simmons College.

She worked in the libraries of Amherst and Littleton, N.H., Scituate and Cohasset, prior to working in the Weymouth library system for 25 years, where she served as library director for many years until her retirement in 1976. During her tenure, a new main library building and two new branch library buildings were constructed. She initiated many programs to expand the traditional role of the library to better serve the different needs and interests of the public.

She was active in the Massachusetts Library Association, and was a past president of the Old Colony Chapter. Upon her retirement, a proclamation from the governor honored her public service.

Mrs. Smith was a resident of Cohasset for 63 years, moving there in 1943 with her husband, Wilfred Cooney.

She became familiar with the town while working with the late Charlotte Tower, head librarian of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

She was involved in many civic and volunteer organizations, including the Cohasset Social Service League and Now, Fish, Shine (for the Landfill Study Committee). She was active in Simmons South Shore Alumnae Club, Hingham Poetry Group, Bare Cove Investment Group and was a member of the Second Congregational Church.

Mrs. Smith loved the natural beauty of Cohasset, particularly of the wooded property where she lived. In 2005, she placed a conservation restriction on her property to preserve the native holly trees and lady's slippers that grow there.

Wife of the late Wilfred O. Cooney and the late Chester W. Smith, she leaves three daughters, Nancy Cooney of Boston, Carolyn Cooney and her husband Darrell Bird of Milford and Christine Cooney and her husband Peter Black of Sherborn; a sister, Doris (Trowt) Eldredge of Orleans; two granddaughters, Julia Bird and Justine Black; and many stepchildren; step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late William A. Trowt Jr., George B. Trowt, Barbara (Trowt) Lindberg and Franklin Trowt.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Commons.

Visiting hours are omitted

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth 02188, or the Social Service League of Cohasset, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House)781-383-1100. www.first-parishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Feb. 5. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Sacred Quilts."

In our own time and in generations past quilts have told stories that connect us to one another, that chart our way to freedom, and that reveal in ways hidden and manifest what we hold dear, what we hold sacred even. First Parish has its own stories to tell through this art form that has long been a medium of religious community.

This service will include a Time for All Generations, so please bring your youngsters first to the Meeting House at 10 a.m.

Coffee hour will directly follow the service. All are welcome. During this time, our 7th and 8th graders will hold their Superbowl Sunday Chili Sale. Proceeds will support the annual Coming of Age class trip to Boston at the end of the school year.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the February newsletter, *The Common,* or visit our website at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation is held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays is held at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which is focusing on the Gnostic writings of The Gospels of Thomas and Mary Magdalene. The Alpha Course meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. while Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship meets at 7 a.m. On Sunday, February 5, the parish annual meeting will be held after the 10 a.m. service. We will hear reports from the various ministry areas, review the 2006 budget and elect officers. The youth group will be collecting donations to celebrate the Souperbowl of Caring and the Girl Scouts will hold a bake sale to support the food pantry. Visit us on the web at: www.ststephenscohasset.org. In the Scripture lessons this week as we celebrate the ministry of St. Stephen's, Jeremiah is arrested for his prophecy and later released. In the Acts of the Apostles, it becomes necessary for the early church to choose certain individuals for roles of service in the community. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus laments over Jerusalem. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

3:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:05 p.m. **King St.**, fire, limb on the wire. National Grid notified.

4:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, peace restored, detail officer reports a problem with a citizen.

5:08 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, fire, tree fell against the roof, no apparent structural damage, homeowner will contact oil burner company to check the system.

5:48 p.m. **Summer St.**, fire, tree on the power lines. Tree took down primaries, power still on to the house. National Grid notified.

6:35 p.m. **Pond St.**, check of the school.

6:36 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Deer ill and Osgood School.

7:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigated, inside investigation. National Grid on scene.

8:04 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check. Party is fine.

9:39 p.m. **Hammond Ave.**, fire, low wires. National Grid notified. Cable and phone lines hanging low.

10:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, house lock-out.

10:10 p.m. **Doane St.**, noise complaint, alarm sounding, will not reset. Has been sounding since about noon.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

12:42 a.m. **Virginia Lane**, fire, investigation, caller advised carbon monoxide alarm going off.

1:35 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:56 a.m. **Shore Sector**, notification, officer advised have DPW sand.

7:46 a.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, notification, caller advised the stop sign is gone at above address. Contacted DPW, they are aware of this.

9:04 a.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, medical aid.

11:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, lock-out/lock-in, 2-year-old child locked in car.

11:39 a.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services.

12:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:34 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

1:10 p.m. **Washington St., Hanover**, notification, Hanover Police reports at 11 a.m. this date, a larceny of a 10K gold necklace from Kiosk's at Hanover Mall. Subject described as white male, blonde hair, wearing scully cap, black sweater, jeans and black shoes, was seen leaving in white Volvo. No plate or description of female driver.

2:16 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, assist other police department, request cruiser to above address to speak with party about threats to party in Hull.

3:49 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, larceny, walk in party report cell phone and MP3 player.

5:31 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised she found a dog - looks like part Pitt Bull.

5:41 p.m. **Elm St.**, property, walk in party found cell phone in the town parking lot.

8:33 p.m. **Shaw's, Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller advised employee cut finger.

10:07 p.m. **Forest Notch**, well being check, transported QMC/ALS, caller is concerned about male subject well being. Rescue is evaluating patient.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:08a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:16 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller reports a suspicious person on Rockland Street. He then stated he wanted the Hingham Police. He was advised that he called 911 and was asked his emergency. He, again, stated he wanted the Hingham Police. Hingham advised.

3:19 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller called back asking for the Hingham Police. He stated "I don't know why she keeps connecting me to this #". He was given the phone # for the Hingham Police. Confirmed via radio transmission, Hingham Police have the call.

7:42 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, the teachers are picketing in front of the building.

9:29 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, Fire Captain reports outside odor of gas at this location.

9:38 a.m. **Border St.**, property (lost), caller reports stolen cell phone needs incident number.

9:56 a.m. **Spindrift Lane**, animal complaint, caller is requesting the ACO for a loose dog.

9:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:31 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location.

1:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assault and battery (past), party reports past assault at Shaw's.

2:12 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, detail officer requesting back up for an unregistered vehicle that passed him. Officers on scene. One male party in custody at this location. Arrest: Michael D. Bonomi, 52, 7 Mordecai Lincoln Rd., Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation, license not in possession.

3:06 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports she was sideswiped by a truck. Caller states the operator of the truck is "out of control."

3:29 p.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:57 a.m. **South Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, employee of the Red Lion Inn states there is a dark Nissan Altima operating erratically in the lot.

10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, caller reports man walked off with a newspaper.

1 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assault and battery, party seeking complaint for past A&B.

2:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E of motor vehicle, walk in party reports his vehicle was broken into and items taken.

2:27 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

3:18 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, vandalism report resident reports property damage taking place during evening hours. Requests extra patrols.

3:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, from Norwell PD, an armed robbery took place at the Lobster Pot on Washington Street at 3:10 p.m. Suspect is a white male, about 5'7, weighing about 170 lbs., wearing a black sweatshirt with white print, black baseball hat, showed a handle of a black hand gun in his waisthand, possibly on foot in the Queen Anne's corner area. 3:31 p.m. suspect is said to be in a small dark blue motor vehicle, 2 door, left behind Norwell Medial Center, direction unknown.

6:52 p.m. **Doane St.**, assist citizen.

5:36 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:38 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, caller advised her dog is missing.

6:06 p.m. **North Main St.**, well being check, transported to SSH/ALS.

6:43 p.m. **Surry Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, male subject in the middle of the road.

7:17 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, structure, 7:17 p.m. caller advised sparks on the roof - possibly fire in wood stove, caller was advised to evacuate house.

8:28 p.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, disturbance, caller reports youth's throwing eggs at vehicles in the square. Officer advises youth GOA.

9:44 p.m. **Pond St.**, all schools secure.

11:37 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports that someone placed a burning bag of feces on his door step. GOA.

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

8:39 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid.

9:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:35 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:53 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

5:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Area search negative.

5:54 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:17 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity.

10 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

MONDAY, JAN. 23

12:26 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, spray paint on the back of the building.

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:52 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, shortness of breath.

5:56 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

7:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, disabled motor vehicle, Pond Street impassable. 2 Disabled motor vehicles on the side of the road. DPW notified for sand. One motor vehicle has been pushed out of the snow. 2nd Motor vehicle on the side of the road, no one around.

7:32 a.m. **Pond St.**, icy conditions, several motor vehicles off the road. It is a gridlock.

7:34 a.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle. Assisted an elderly motorist.

7:37 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, icy road conditions, caller states Norfolk Road needs to be sanded. She was advised that the DPW is aware of the problem.

7:41 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, assist citizen, irate walk in party "wants to know why Norfolk Road was not sanded." He was advised the DPW is aware of the problem is and doing the best they can. He is going to bring his complaint to Town Hall.

7:45 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, ran out of gas. It is far enough off the road. Motor vehicle owner is going to get gas.

7:46 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, icy road conditions, caller states she is sliding down the road and causing a traffic hazard. 2nd call about motor vehicle sliding.

7:53 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, icy road conditions, caller reports her motor vehicle is stuck in the middle of the road..

9:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9;26 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:49 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal for speed.

10:10 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist motorist, caller reports a man in a truck hit his wall and is stuck. Wrecker needed to assist truck from now and mud. Wrecker cancelled. Assisted by a good Samaritan.

10:47 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/o injury.

11:25 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed power lines. A caller reports the wire is laying on a car. Officer reports Beechwood at King Closing down due to the downed wires.

12:02 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist fire department, received 911 call from resident for her father which lives in Clinton Mass. Clinton Fire notified.

2:31 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

4:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

12:46 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

4 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:51 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, public assist, lift assist.

6:24 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, walk in party advised she hit black ice. She did damage to her vehicle.

6:59 a.m. **Border St.**, icy road conditions, contacted DPW to sand the road.

8:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports his 7-year-old yellow Lab has run away from his residence around 4 p.m. last afternoon, he has electric collar and it is malfunctioning.

8:40 a.m. **Cedar Lane**, disabled motor vehicle, Anderson Fuel called stating that one of its trucks is disabled on side of road, unknown if hazard.

10:14 a.m. **Turkey Hill**, suspicious activity, party reported on Sunday, Jan. 22, he was walking with his family by Turkey Hill when he saw a male, very suspicious getting into a white vehicle, just wanted it logged for future patrols.

10:38 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

11:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 70-year-old male short of breath.

11:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, suspicious activity.

3:23 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal complaint, dog seen in back of station.

5:58 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:33 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, investigation.

8:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:46 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:04 p.m. **Oak St.**, animal complaint, dogs barking.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

1:35 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

2:11 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification. Water Dept. advised hydrants are back up.

7:42 a.m. **Tad Lane**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are 2 teenagers that were at rental property.

7:46 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

7:49 a.m. **Summer St., and Black Horse Lane**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

8 a.m. Weather: Snow. Wind: Light. Temp: 23.

8:05 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), traffic sergeant advises that MBTA construction workers told to remove truck from roadway. Creating a dangerous situation.

8:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, parking ticket issued. Caller reports motor vehicle off the road.

8:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, suspicious vehicle, unfounded.

9:03 a.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, calling party reports his daughter hit the stone wall this a.m. she is already at school, party will be in for report this afternoon.

1 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, property damage.

1:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire-public assist, caller reports she locked herself out of the house and child upstairs is sleeping.

5 p.m. **Hull PD**, assist other police department, Hull PD advised bolo for small dark blue vehicle, unknown tag, approached a female walking on the side of the road. Driver of vehicle was white male, shaved head, wearing navy blue jacket, left headed towards Nantasket Ave. Officer advised looked in the area of Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Ave., also to Hull line. Nothing found.

7:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Garage dance

There will be a Dance at the Garage on Friday, Feb. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. for all sixth through eighth graders.

There will be a door charge of $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Historical Society Spring Lecture Series

The Cohasset Historical Society begins its spring lecture series Wednesday, Feb. 15 with a talk by Steve Bobo on the "History of Our Harbor." All programs are held at the society's headquarters in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., Cohasset, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

From the fishing schooners of the 19th century to the 20th century luxury yachts, Cohasset Harbor's waters hold many stories of the changes that affected the economy and lifestyle in this quiet little seaside town. Bobo, who has a life long affection for maritime history, shares some stories and their relationship to the town and its people.

Other programs planned for the series include a discussion of the mackerel fishing industry with Susan Playfair on April 19, and a talk on courtship and marriage in the post-revolutionary war generation by Tim Kenslea on May 17.

Reception planned for weathervane unveiling

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold a reception to celebrate the unveiling of its newly-completed weathervane on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., Cohasset. After a short program, light refreshments will be served.

The vane, a copper replica of a Colonial Pinky, was created by Steve Bobo, an artistic and creative builder of boats, large and small. It is modeled after the post revolutionary war schooner, "Fame," a privateer, built in Essex, and used in the War of 1812. Once installed on the cupola of the Pratt Building, it will serve as a visible reminder of Cohasset's maritime past.

Teen driving program

Concerned parents of teens, members of the Cohasset Police Department and staff from the advanced driver's training program, In Control ADT will be on hand Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7p.m. to discuss the issue of teen drivers' safety and talk about solutions to combat the epidemic of teen car accidents. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Cohasset Middle High School. In Control ADT runs an intensive, hands-on driving program at the former Naval Air Station in South Weymouth.

According to the National Highway and Safety Administration, driving accidents are the number one cause of death among teenagers and 43 percent of first year Massachusetts drivers will be involved in a car crash. The In Control ADT program helps make the roads safer for all drivers and teaches the community's newest drivers how to avoid and handle all types of driving situations. For More information on In Control ADT, call 888-301-SAFE.

In Control ADT, founded in 2002, is an extreme driver training course designed to not only teach participants the appropriate way to respond to unavoidable, real-life road situations, but to also instill lifelong attitudes that make safer drivers.

Romantic organ music

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland St., Cohasset, will present David Macfarlane in an organ recital on Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Dr. Macfarlane is a prize-winner in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation and Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Englewood, N.J. Macfarlane has played for the Papal Mass in New York City and a number of recitals at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is an expert in romantic and contemporary works for the organ and will present compositions in those areas. Macfarlane will play on St. Stephen's magnificent 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, known for its tonal diversity and size, with pipe placement at various locations within the church nave and chancel. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. For information call 781.383.1083.

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Winter Trees of World's End: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. World's End Ranger Ryland Rogers will teach how to unravel the mysteries of winter tree identification using only clues like bark, buds and tree shape. Call 781-740-4796 to preregister. Members are free, nonmembers, $4.50.

The Full Moon Family Walk: Rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11, from 7- 8:30 p.m. at The Weir River Farm. The open, quiet winter forest surrounding the farm is the perfect place for families to discover the sights and sounds of the seasons. Hot cocoa to follow. Preregistration necessary.

Cross Country Ski Club: World's End Rangers will introduce you to new places, new people and a new way to enjoy the winter season. Program aimed at beginners, but open to all. Call to pre-register. This is an on-going program, and weather dependent. Members are free, nonmembers, $4.50.

DESTINATIONS

Aspen is better

By GAYLE FEE

ASPEN, Colo. -- It may have been the altitude, but as I stood at the summit of Ajax I succumbed to the hype. Aspen, I declared, is better. The sky is bluer! The snow is fluffier! The sun is shinier (an average of 300 good tanning days a year!). The bistros are trendier. The shops are ritzier. And, yes, it's true, the Beautiful People are, in fact, more beautiful!

It's "Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous" on snow. Look, there's Jack Nicholson schussing down Ruthie's Run! There's Mischa Barton sipping hot cocoa in the lobby of the Little Nell! It's Mariah Carey hitting the shops on Main Street! Seal and Heidi! Goldie and Kurt! Will and Jada! Jerry Seinfeld!

You get the picture. So much of Aspen's allure is the celebrity shoulder-rubbing and during the winter months there's no telling which famous faces you'll encounter on the Silver Queen gondola.

"Celebrities love it here because no one bothers them," said Aspen/Snowmass spokeswoman Kristen Rust.

Most longtime Aspenites take pride in being far too sophisticated to gawk. And most of the ultra-rich newcomers to Colorado's chicest outpost could buy and sell the celebs a hundred times over, anyway. But the former mining town still attracts thousands of more run-of-the-mill visitors every year eager to ski -- and party -- with the stars.

And ski. The presence of Kate Moss, Kevin Costner and Sharon Osbourne shouldn't discourage serious skiers. Despite the plethora of fur and Fendi, Aspen remains the ultimate alpine experience -- an Olympic-caliber village surrounded by four fab mountains with everything from kiddie slopes to the 40-degree, 1,500-vertical-foot Highland Bowl atop Aspen Highlands.

Buttermilk is the beginners hill. Even though ski bunnies such as "The O.C.'s" Mischa Barton and Heidi Klum hit the slopes there, Buttermilk is also home to one of the hottest extreme-sports competitions -- ESPN's Winter X Games (Jan. 28-31) -- and its terrain park is two miles of mind-boggling jumps, rails and boxes.

If Buttermilk is the novice hill, Aspen Highlands is the experts' playground. The extreme terrain encompasses leg-burning steeps, thrilling powder runs and the Highland Bowl -- a north-facing slope accessible only by hiking. But if hoofing it isn't on your agenda, the new Deep Temerity lift accesses an alternate 1,000 vertical feet and 180 acres of extreme terrain for the first time this season.

Aspen the mountain -- Ajax to locals -- soars 3,000 feet up from the village and boasts some of the longest, steepest, top-to-bottom runs in the West. If you're lucky, a savvy local might point out the powder stashes on Trainor Ridge. And if some star-gazing is in order, head for Bonnie's Restaurant mid-mountain or just soak in the panoramic views from The Sundeck at the top of Ajax.

Snowmass is the biggest of the four mountains. Spread over 3,100 acres, it has an embarrassment of riches terrainwise not to mention the longest lift-served vertical rise (4,406 feet) in the United States. Ski magazine ranked Snowmass No. 4 on its list of the Top 50 ski resorts because of its "vast, varied mountain."

"Snowmass unfairly has a rep as an intermediate mountain," said Rust. "But in reality, it has more expert slopes than the other three combined."

Extreme skiers will love the heart-pounding steeps in Hanging Valley and the Cirque. The adults and the ski racers in our group were partial to the full-throttle cruisers off the Big Burn and Coney Glade lifts. Not to be missed is the First Tracks program that allows early-risers to be the first to carve up freshly laid corduroy or plow through new powder on Snowmass and Aspen mountains. Just sign up in advance, it's free and fantastic.

Our family of four, including two teenagers, spent a week in

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The Little Nell

The Crestwood, a 125-unit slopeside complex at the base of Snowmass. ResortQuest (www.resortquest.com) has one-, two- and three-bedroom, fully equipped condos beginning at $179 a night -- a bargain for ski-in, ski-out convenience!

Snowmass' base village -- a warren of shops, restaurants and entertainment -- has suffered by comparison to Aspen's glamour. But there are a few great dining spots that are worth a stop -- Artisan in the Stonebridge Inn, Krablooniks for wild game and Butch's Lobster Bar.

At the end of February, Snowmass will celebrate Mardi Gras, an event begun here by some New Orleans natives who came to Colorado to escape the Bourbon Street madness. The event features a parade and bead toss, a wild Mardi Gras ball, all-day -- and night -- partying and a not-for-the-faint-of-calf-muscles uphill race, the Mother of All Ascensions, that goes 1,700 feet up the mountain.

Construction has begun on a new Snowmass base village that will include 11 restaurants and bars, a 25,000-square-foot kids center, two hotels (one a Westin, the other a sister to the Little Nell in Aspen village), an aqua center and a high-speed gondola. (A new base six-pack debuted this year.) When all is said and done (in 2011) there will be little reason to leave Snowmass and make the 15-minute drive up Route 84 to Aspen. But you will. Because while the skiing is great at Snowmass, the party's in Aspen.

The village has scores of five-star caliber restaurants. We loved the sushi at Kenichi, the truffle oil french fries at the Ajax Tavern (yes, that was CNBC's Donnie Deutsch at the next table) and the elk loin au poivre at Todd English's Olives in the swish St. Regis hotel.

For the ultimate in decadence, be sure to max out the credit card at the Montagna in the Little Nell. Chef Ryan Hardy, who came to Aspen from the Harborview Hotel in Martha's Vineyard, is serving up delectable American contemporary cuisine. His cheese sampler is not to be missed -- especially if you accompany it with a glass of chilled bubbly from the champagne cart the waiter will wheel to your table.

Skiing at Snowmass

Non-skiers will love the Aspen street scene, the incomparable shopping for Prada, Gucci, Chanel, et al., and celebrity gawking in the lobby of the Little Nell.

And another incentive to visit: In March, the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival returns to Aspen for its 12th year. The event, featuring live comedy performances, sketch shows, a comedic film competition and hobnobbing with some of the biggest names in the entertainment biz, will honor Aspenite Goldie Hawn with its AFI Star Award. Sitcom king James Burrows, who brought iconic entertainment such as the "Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Cheers" and "Friends" to TV will accept the USCAF Career Tribute. Other programming during the March 8-12 fest includes a tribute to the "The Larry Sanders Show" featuring Garry Shandling and Jeffrey Tambor; Jim Henson's Puppet Improv from the late Muppetmeisters troupe; and a salute to "Def Comedy Jam."

As I packed to depart, I began to despair over the prospect of spending the rest of the winter commuting to New Hampshire. Would it spoil some vast eternal plan if I were a wealthy Aspenite????

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Dinner theater returns to Raffael's

"Misgivings."

Quincy-based entertainment presenter JM Productions and Raffael's of Hull and Walpole recently reunited to present dinner theater this month, in March and April at Raffael's Nantasket in Hull. South Shore dinner theater fans will recall that JM Productions produced shows at Raffael's former location in North Quincy for many years.

"Everywhere I go, from the T to the supermarket, people stop me and ask when we will be back at Raffael's," explains JM's Founder and Producing DIrector John F. McDonald, Jr. "I'm delighted to finally be able to answer those questions and to let people know that we'll be back at the new Raffael's Nantasket for these special shows."

Dave Kane will open the new series Feb. 17 with "Misgivings." Kane — a local radio personality, comedian, and actor — plays a quick-witted, Irish Catholic priest who shares anecdotes, jokes and one-liners on growing up Catholic.

"Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me"

The musical revue "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" proved so popular in North Quincy that JM Productions will present the tribute show in Hull on March 17. "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" is a combination of the sounds and styles of Connie Francis, Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee. The music of these three legendary ladies fills an evening headlined by local favorite Sheila Fahey of Neponset. Fahey has added the "Me" component so she can incorporate other artists who have influenced her throughout her years as a performer. Fahey is joined on stage by four talented back-up singers. With the show scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, Fahey and company also plan a sing-along that promises to keep Irish eyes a smiling!

Bandstand Revue

Popular fixtures on the Southern New England music scene since 1979, Bandstand Revue — complete with a special Elvis Presley tribute — comes to Raffael's Nantasket on April 21 with a play list covering swing and standards from the 40's right up to the 70s. Whether it's doo-wop, rhythm and blues, British invasion or Motown soul, the Bandstand Revue will be playing it in Hull.

Raffael's Nantasket and JM Productions are offering three dinner theatre packages as well as show only tickets, in addition to a overnight package with the Clarion hotel. Groups of 20 or more may contact us for special group rates. For tickets or additional information call JM Productions at 617- 786 -7469 or Raffael's at 781-925-4515 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com or www.raffaels.com.

-R. Scott Reedy

For Your Health

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Monday, Feb. 6 from 2-3 p.m. at the South Shore Baptist Church, 578 Main St., Hingham. Focus of the meeting is: Sweet Success, Taking Control of Your Diabetes. Free and no pre-registration is needed. Light refreshments served. For more information call Norwell VNA at 781-659-2342, ext. 633 or visit www.nvna.org.

RETHINKING ALZHEIMER'S: A NEW APPROACH, Thursday, Feb. 16 from 4-5 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital's Alzheimer's Adult Day Health Center, 143York St., Stoughton. Program will be led by Alzheimer Coach, Beverly Moore, RN, CS. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-297-1369.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOOK GOOD...FEEL BETTER PROGRAM will be held on Monday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the South Shore Breast Care Center, 55 Fogg Road, Emerson 1 Conference Room, So. Weymouth. Unique event designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. Features cosmetologists who will provide tips for coping with hair loss and skin changes that often occur with treatment. To pre-register call Leslie Leveille at 781-682-4569 or for more information, call 800-ACS-2345.

GREATER PLYMOUTH LUPUS GROUP will meet on the fourth Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. Open to the public and no registration is required. Meetings are scheduled for 2/23, 3/23, 4/27 and 5/25. For more information, call Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770.

YOGA CLASSES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, at Body to Soul Fitness, Pembroke. New 7-week session begins Feb. 23. Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., taught by Kezia Bacon-Bernstein, RYT. Ideal way to prepare for labor, birth and mothering. Cost is $69 for Body to Soul members, $89 for non-members or pay $16 per session ($13 members.) New students can begin anytime. To sign up or for information, call 781-829-2002.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE: AN UNDERSTANDING, Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at New England Sinai Hospital, 150 York St., Stoughton. This free lecture will acquaint people with the disease, its treatment and prognosis. Open to the public. A light breakfast will be served. For more information or to register, call Diane at 781-297-1369.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Adventures and Beyond, Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 2, at **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Six-week session for children in grades 1-2 with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist. Children investigate interesting science questions and explore natural world of animals, plants and their habitats. $84 members, $108 non-members, pre-registration required, call 781-659-2559. Limit eight children.

"Design by Nature," series of prints by Marshfield photographer **Cindy Vallino**, through Feb. 2, **Dolphin Gallery at Hingham Public Library**. Features intensely colored, intricately detailed prints of botanical and marine subjects. For event information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org. For exhibit images visit www.cvallino.com.

Botanical Drawings exhibit by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, through end of Feb., at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-934-2721.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each kid's meal. For information call 781-843-3648.

"Sinbad of the Coast Guard" presentation and book signing with Mike Walling at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets $3 members, $5 non-members. For information call 781-925-5433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Comedy Night, Thursday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m., **Jimbo's Restaurant**, Braintree Five Corners, featuring **Larry Miles.** Admission $12, dinner available before show. Advance reservations recommended, 781-848-0300.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. **Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends**. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party with Slick Jim Murray.** Complimentary pizza from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Age 21 and over only. 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Living Proof** Thursday, Feb. 2. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, Feb. 3

Mass. Audubon Digiscoping Workshop, Friday, Feb. 3, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Lincoln; Saturday, Feb. 4, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield. Instruction on taking wildlife photographs with digital cameras aided by scopes. Cost is $65, $55 members. For information call 781-837-9400.

Northeast Motorcycle Expo 2006, Friday, Feb. 3-Sunday, Feb. 5, at the World Trade Center, Boston. Featuring custom bikes, stunts, The Super Builders, and stage shows. Admission $15 adults, $7 children 6-12; children under 6 admitted free. Hours: Friday, 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 1-877-BIKEXPO (877-245-3976) or visit: www.NEMotorcycleExpo.com.

Guided Imagery Workshop, On The Path Wellness Center, Friday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., with Dawne Corti-Migre. Cost $20. Call 781-826-7076 or visit www.on-the-path.com.

Single Executive Club 4th Anniversary singles dance, Friday, Feb. 3 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing with music provided by a DJ. Drawings for prizes. For singles 30+. Cost is $10. Proper dress required, jackets recommended for men. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. For information www.se-4u.com or 781-446-0234.

Comedy Night, Friday, Feb. 3 at 9 p.m. **Purple Eggplant Café**, 400 Bedford St., Abington, with host Hugo Maienza, featuring Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Shane Mauss, Chris Trabulsie, Kevin Pace, Tony Gugliotta. Admission $15, call 781-871-7175 for reservations

Pink Voyd lights up Company Theatre, **30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. This four-person lineup recreates timeless classics. Impressive computer-controlled lasers, video projection, and robotic lighting provides a multimedia spectacle for which Pink Floyd is so well known**. Tickets $28, available at the box office. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com. For more information visit www.pinkvoyd.com.

Mad Agnes Concert at South Shore Folk Music Club, Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Hennebach's and Jones' award-winning songwriting is sometimes whimsical, often poignant, and powerful. Tickets $13 members, $15 non-members, at the door. SSFMC will be collecting non-perishable food goods for a local food pantry at concerts. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Feb. 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Sheraton Braintree, 37 Forbes Road. Music by the Entertainers Band with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. For ages 35 plus. Tickets $10. For information call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdance-newengland.com.

North River Arts Society Members Show, G.A.R. Hall, Marshfield Hills, **Opening Reception Friday, Feb. 3, from 7 to 10 p.m**. On exhibit Feb. 4 through 12, free admission. Call 781-837-8091.

"Amidst the Gladiolas," presented by the **North River Theatre**, Feb. 3 and 4, at North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell. Curtain: 8 p.m., cabaret seating, cash bar. Tickets $17, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit www.northrivertheater.com.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Home & Away"** paintings by watercolor artist/illustrator **Maureen Brookfield** on display Feb. 3-March 1. An opening reception will be held Friday, Feb. 3 from 6-8 p.m. The James Library is located at 24 West Street in Norwell Center. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host the **Jeff Lowe Band** Friday, Feb. 3. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Jah Spirit reggae band, at Mount Blue restaurant, Norwell, Friday, Feb. 3. For information call 781-659-0500.

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The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Beethoven and Friends," Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, with Steven Karidoyanes conducting Symphony No.3, Eroica, accompanied by Duxbury and Marshfield High Schools select string orchestras. Tickets are $17-$42 at box office, 16 Court St., Plymouth or call 508-746-8008.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Appalachian Mountain Club Annual Winter Festival at Wompatuck State Park, Norwell, Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., registration 9 a.m. Cost is $5 and includes morning refreshments and hot indoor lunch. Hiking, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking weather permitting. Call 508-252-4164 or 508-884-8185. For directions visit www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/womp.htm.

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"Critters, etc." — mixed media works by artist Laura Harvey will be on display Feb. 5-24 at Bella's Restaurant in Rockland. An opening reception will be held Friday, Feb. 5 from 4-7 p.m. Bella's is located at 933 Hingham Street. For more information call 781-871-5789.

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PLYMOUTH AREA CHAMBER 2006 BUSINESS EXPO, March 23 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Luncheon for businesspeople from noon to 1:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by March 3. For information, contact PACC at 508-830-1620.

SEVENTH ANNUAL WARM HEARTS, WARM HOMES GALA for Habitat For Humanity of Greater Plymouth. Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at The Loring Center, Route 3 A in Plymouth. Proceeds will help build homes for families in need. Tickets are $60. To learn more, make a donation or order tickets, visit www.hfhplymouth.org or call 508-886-4188.

THE MADELEINE HALL BAND featuring husband **Chris Stovall Brown** will perform at The Purple Eggplant, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Madeleine, a fabulous blues diva will come out of retirement for one night only. Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 p.m. Reservations suggested. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S DAFFODIL DAYS, place orders until March 3. Receive ten flowers for $7. Also, a new special Boyd's bear is available designed for ACS. Order by calling 888-648-4880. For more information visit www.cancer.org.

NATIONAL GOLF EXPO, Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5 at Bayside Expo Center, Boston. Sponsored by the Boston Herald. Hours are: Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $10 adults, $9 seniors and children under 12 are free. Visit www.golfexpo-boston.com.

A LOTTA NIGHT MUSIC, an evening to benefit programming at the South Shore Conservatory. March 4 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury. Music by Situation, the Snugtones and the Steve Deitz Piano Bar. Silent auction, cocktails, hor d'oeuvres and three buffet stations. Tickets $75 per person; Angel tickets are $150 and patron tickets are $250. For information or to purchase tickets, call 781-934-2731, ext. 14 or email: lauracarleton@southshoreconservatory.org.

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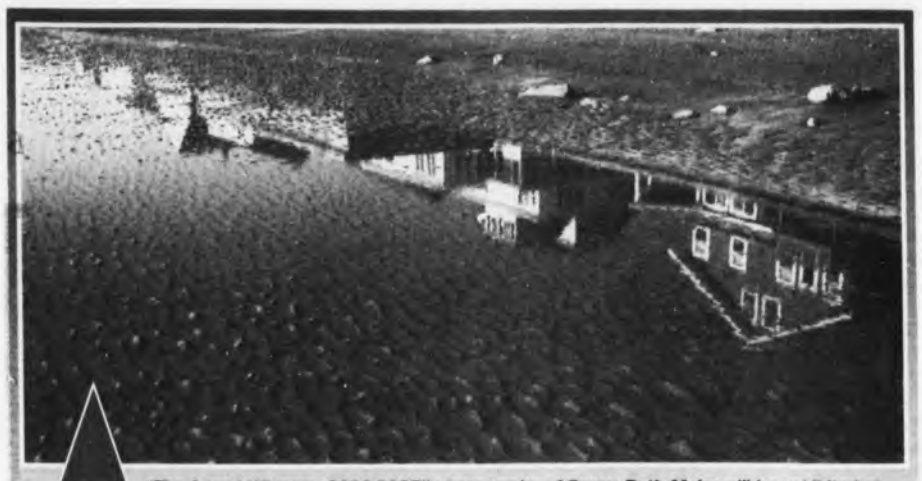

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Fourth Annual Chocolate Lovers and Wine Tasting event, Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center. Participants will enjoy an afternoon of food, wine and chocolate sampling, as well as a silent auction. All proceeds benefit Why Me, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families of children with cancer.

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Ballroom Dance at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad Street, Weymouth. Saturday, Feb. 4 from 7:30-11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 advance/$12 door. For information call 617-325-1562.

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New England Humane Association will sponsor a series of indoor **Group Dog Training Classes** for beginner and advanced dogs, in several South Shore towns. Hingham Recreation Center: Saturday, Feb. 4, Tuesday, March 14 and Saturday, March 25. Milton Animal Shelter: Thursday, March 16. Abington: Tuesday, March 7. Classes are held once a week for one hour. Cost is $100. Free dog training hotline available Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hotline number is 617-529-dogs. For information, visit www.nehassociation.org or call the dog trainer at 781-878-4343.

Single Executive Club singles dance, Saturday, Feb. 4 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at the Best Western Hotel Grand Ballroom, 477 Totten Pond Road, Waltham. Dancing with music provided by a DJ. Free dance lesson from 8-8:45 p.m. For singles 30+. Proper dress required, jackets recommended for men. For information www.se-4u.com or 781-446-0234.

"Forever Plaid," Feb. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14. **Quincy Center Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Bee-Bop era musical with memorable songs of the '50s, with the original Boston cast. Call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com for ticket information.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Spank,** Saturday, Feb. 4. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, Feb. 4, **Dave Howard and the High Rollers**. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Saturday, Feb. 4 , **Ricky "King" Russell**. Call 781-335-9796.

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Sunday Sunrise at Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Sunday, Feb. 5 at 6:51 a.m., Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield. Winter and darkness combine to create a special natural world few ever see. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Fee is $8 / $5 for Audubon members.

Open House at Cageless Dog Boarding and Day Care Center, 398 Ashland St., Abington on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. New alternative to traditional boarding kennel. Gives dogs ability to interact with other friendly dogs and animal caregivers in a home like setting. For information or directions, call 781-857-1990 or www.happydogtraining.com.

"Latest Works," paintings by Susan Kilmartin, will be displayed at Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through March 2. An artist reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Meridian Yoga Workshop, with Robin Killeen, RN, certified yoga instructor, Sunday, Feb. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at On The Path Wellness Center, 31 Schoosett St., Pembroke. Suitable for all levels. $20, pre-registration required. Call 781-826-7076 or visit www.on-the-path.com.

The Art Complex Museum, Phoenix Gallery,189 Alden St., Duxbury presents "On Their Own," exhibit by Boston painter Scott Hadfield, comparing the sculpted architecture of museum to its landscaped grounds, through April 9. **Opening reception Sunday, Feb. 5** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 781-934-6634.

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First ladies coming to Norwell

Tea for Three on stage at Company Theatre

Emmy Award-winning actress Elaine Bromka has played a host of memorable women, from Macaulay Culkin's mother in the 1989 feature film "Uncle Buck" and Miranda's gynecologist on HBO's "Sex and the City," to uber-heroine Marlena's unhinged kidnapper Stella on NBC-TV's "Days of Our Lives." Next week in Norwell, however, Bromka moves from fictional females to first ladies when she stars in "Tea for Three: Lady Bird, Pat and Betty" at the Company Theatre. Written by Bromka and Eric H. Weinberger, the play offers intimate portraits of Lady Bird Johnson, Betty Ford and Pat Nixon. The inspiration for the show came to Bromka a few years back while she was touring in "The Presidents," with Rich Little, and playing eight first ladies from Jacqueline Kennedy to Hillary Clinton.

"I realized I wanted to tell the story from their point of view. These were women of intelligence and determination who suddenly found themselves in a fishbowl," Bromka explained last week by telephone from her home in Montclair, N.J. "Pat Nixon once described it as 'the hardest unpaid job in the world.' "

After two years of her own research, including reading extensively and viewing videotapes of the three women to study their body language and how each spoke, Bromka was introduced to playwright Weinberger and the pair decided to collaborate.

"The more I learned about our recent first ladies, the more I was taken with their strengths. I found out that five out of eight them lost at least one parent while she was still a child. II knew whatever I did I had to involve the audience emotionally. It was thanks to Eric's genius that we decided to focus on these three particular women whose times in the White House were back to back. It allowed us to have them talk about and look forward to each other. We've also woven the history of the times into the story without getting preachy. It's a history lesson put in an engaging People magazine context."

The piece may be a one-woman show, but Bromka — who won her New England Emmy Award for her work on the 1970s WCVB-TV children's series "Catch a Rainbow" — is quick to point out that it is about three very different characters.

"The political leanings of each of these women affect the play for sure but we poke fun in both political directions. I'm crazy about all three of these ladies. Lady Bird Johnson is just so intelligent and such a good businesswoman but she is also a 'stand-by-your-man' kind of woman, too. In many ways, Betty Ford is the classic good-time gal. She was also, however, highly intelligent and unafraid to speak her mind. And Pat Nixon is so very different from her public persona. People called her 'Plastic Pat,' but she was anything but plastic. It was Pat Nixon's loneliness that first drew me to this project. Pat Nixon hated the limelight. She just wanted to gather the wagons around her family. She was an introvert caught in circumstances she never saw coming. She went through a great deal and still managed to be one of the kindest first ladies in history."

Elaine Bromka will perform "Tea for Three: Lady Bird, Pat and Betty," at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell Saturday, Feb. 11. For tickets and information, call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

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Monday, Feb. 6

Women's Business Network luncheon, Monday, Feb. 6 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at La Scala Restaurant in Randolph. An opportunity to network with surrounding Randolph area business colleagues. Seating is limited, register early by calling 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus announces **open call for singers** for spring show in May. Performance will consist of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

South Street Gallery will exhibit works by **artist Eli Cedrone** of Stoughton until Feb. 16. Her collection of landscapes, still lifes, figure studies, portraits and narratives show a masterful handling of color and paint. The Gallery is located at 149 South St., Hingham. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreet-gallery.com.

Huntington Theatre Company, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," through Feb. 5, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Love, lust and betrayal in 18th century Paris, directed by Daniel Goldstein. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; matinees: Saturday Feb. 4 and Sunday Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets $15-$70. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or BostonTheatreScene.com, or call 617-266-0800 for reservations and box office hours.

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Classes

ITALIAN CONVERSATION CLASSES AT PLYMOUTH ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, Monday evenings for four weeks beginning Feb. 6 from 7-8 p.m. at the Loring Center. Taught by Tatiana Cicuto McKay, course will cover basic conversational techniques and vocabulary. No previous experience necessary. All levels welcome. Pre-registration is required. Fee is $40 for the series; $30 for Antiquarian Society members. For more information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@verizon.net.

SATURDAY MUSICAL WORKSHOP, sponsored by Arts For Youth at Bridgewater State College. Begins Feb. 11 and will teach young people about singing and acting through working on a show entitled "Project Rescue, Save the Planet!" No previous experience necessary. Total of ten Saturday classes, from 1 to 4 p.m. Held at the Library lecture hall. For enrollment information, call Prof. Jim Quinn at 508-531-2141 or email jquinn@bridgw.edu.

AN EVENING OF TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALING with Mark Mincolla, Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at On The Path, 31 Schoosett St., Suite 506, Pembroke. Explore the healing potentials of the mind and spirit. Cost is $30. Pre-registration is required, call 781-826-7076 or visit www.on-the-path.com For more information on Mr. Mincolla, visit www.maxhealing.com.

PILLOW MAKING at the YMCA, Friday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Marie Kurmin will teach the skill of custom made pillows as well as welting. To register, call 781-834-8371 or visit www.ymarshfield.org.

MANAGING THE STRONG-WILLED CHILD, ages 2-12, Monday, Feb. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Canton Community Kindergarten, 1541 Washington St., United Church of Christ in Canton or Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Curran Early Childhood Education Center, 322 Sprague St., Dedham. Sponsored by Insight Education. Cost is $25 per person, $40 per co-parenting couple and $20 for groups of 4 or more. Pre-registration is required, www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004

"Sara Crewe: A Little Princess" at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, Boston," through Feb. 26. Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; school vacation matinees, Feb. 21-24, 1 p.m. Tickets $20, $16, $12. Group Rates available. Call 617-879-2300 or email tickets@wheelock.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Hingham Public Library hosts Timothy Kenslea, author of **"The Sedgwicks in Love: Courtship, Engagement, and Marriage in the Early Republic"** Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. Part of the free "Evening with the Author" series. Coffee and dessert will be available starting at 6:45 p.m. Copies of the book will be available.

Free presentation by Women's Financial Network partners Louise "Weegie" Dodd and Nancy Olt, Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at Bella's Italian Restaurant, 933 Rockland St. Topic will be "Never Kissed A Frog, Never Had To; A Woman's Guide to Financial Security." Public is invited. Designed to educate women about personal finance and investing. No products or services offered. For more information, call 781-319-0465 or hlld@aol.com.

Skyline at Marina Bay in Quincy will host an 8-Minute dating event - **Cupid Party** on Tuesday, Feb. 7. For Ages 28-40, single professionals. Hosted by Dianne O'Neill. Mix and mingle with single people in a low-pressure environment. Advance registration is required at www.8minuteDating.com.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. For more information call 781-843-3648.

18th annual Great Chefs Food and Wine Tasting, Boston Marriott Quincy, Tuesday, Feb. 7. Cuisine from Boston restaurants, select wines, desserts, with host Eileen Curran, CBS TV-4 News. Silent and live auction. Proceeds benefit PHC's Cardiac Telemonitoring program. Tickets $75 per person. Visit www.partnershomecare.org or call 781-681-1232

The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, through April 30. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles. Call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fuller-craft.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

South Shore Business Alliance meetings on Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. Meet with local professionals who are interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas, eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Silk painting workshop, with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m., Feb. 8 through April 5. No class Feb. 22. $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634, ext 15.

Duxbury Before And After Dark program, Free demonstration of the sport of fencing, Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 7 p.m., Alden School, Alden St., Duxbury. Call BAAD, 781-934-7633.

The Brain Aneurysm Foundation February meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Topic will be: Cognitive evaluations. For information call Tom Quirk at 617-513-3578.

Reiki Level 2 Workshop, with Laura Wischmeyer, Reiki Master-teacher, Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at On the Path Wellness Center, 31 Schoosett St., Pembroke. $250. Limited class size, pre-registration required with $50 deposit. Call 781-826-7076.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League featuring Ladies Poker School. Win gifts and prizes. Wednesdays at **Applebees,** 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. For more information visit www.BigStackPoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Wednesdays, **Dave Foley**, solo rock and rock show and acoustic open mic. From 8 to 11p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Feb. 9

North American Home Show, Feb. 9-12, Gillette Stadium, Foxborough. Free parking. Over 500 exhibits, Hours are Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 800-225-1577 or visit www.naexpo.com.

Sewing Classes for Kids, at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, with seamstress Brooke, working with fleece and cotton. Eight weeks, beginning Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. $140. Students provide machines and fabric. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634, ext 15.

February meeting of the **Civil War Circle**, Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. This history discussion group looks at various battles and generals of the Civil War. A suggested donation of $5 is asked to cover expenses. Open to the public. Light refreshments served. For information call 617-696-1815.

The Southestern Mass Mineral Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The public is invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset welcomes **Julie Moir Messervy** discussing "Outside the Not So Big House: Creating the Landscape of Home," on Thursday. Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. This book shows homeowners and professionals how to break down design barriers between the home and its surroundings to create a unified design — the landscape of home. Refreshments will be served. Free event and the public is welcome. For information call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Brian Stratton Band,** Thursday, Feb. 9. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, **Satch Blues Jam featuring Racky Thomas Acoustic show**. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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The James Library and Center for the Arts presents "Home & Away" paintings by watercolor artist/illustrator Maureen Brookfield on display Feb. 3- March 1. An opening reception will be held Friday, Feb. 3 from 6-8 p.m. The James Library is located at 24 West Street in Norwell Center. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Friday, Feb. 10

St. Joseph School Silent Auction, 143 So. Franklin St., Holbrook, Friday, Feb. 10. Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph School. Goal is to raise $20,000 for the school's General Fund to maintain and upgrade the school. For information call 781-767-1544.

Nature's Still Life, photograph exhibit by Katie Kduzma at Mass. Audubon North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield through Feb. 25. Free. Call 781-837-9400.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape" through Feb. 19, Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Feb.10, **Cindy Daley Blues Band.** For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

South Shore Singles Dance, Friday, Feb. 10, Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, with the Emanon Orchestra Call 781-331-0021.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke will host **Darwin's Children,** Friday, Feb. 10. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Friday, Feb. 10, **Steve Murphy Band**. Call 781-335-9796.

Ongoing events

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. For more information, call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

South Shore Brain Aneurysm Support Group, second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Wednesday, Feb. 8, "Cognitive Evaluations. For information call 617-513-3578 or email tfquirk@aol.com.

Winter Concert Series, hosted by Thayer Academy, Braintree, Series of classical music concerts in academy's Frothingham Hall, Feb. 5 and April 2. All concerts at 4 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-664-2515.

Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188 for information.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. For information call 1-800-246-0493.

North River Network Group, at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

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Pink Voyd lights up Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. This four-person lineup recreates timeless classics. Impressive computer-controlled lasers, video projection, and robotic lighting provides a multimedia spectacle for which Pink Floyd is so well known. Tickets are $28 and are available at the box office. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com. For more information visit www.pinkvoyd.com.

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Hingham's South Street Gallery will exhibit works by artist Eli Cedrone through Feb. 16. Her collection of landscapes, still lifes, figure studies, portraits and narratives show a masterful handling of color and paint. The Gallery is located at 149 South St. . Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

Feed the Animals at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Come watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. Free with admission. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For information call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Pick a Party, Route 139, Hanover, will host a mother's group meeting every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost $5 per hour per child with the purchase of a 10 visit family pass for $50. The pass entitles holder to any Tuesday morning visit for up to two children per family pass. Call Stacy Smith Wheel, 781-826-7077 to reserve a spot.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. A non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group that meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m**. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience is helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard provided materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. For information email mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a new marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard-flag squad members. A family style group open to those age 13 to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at Pembroke Community Center, Route. 14, Pembroke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Men's Support Group. Discussion group for men who are in relationships with women undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Explore many issues that are the result of cancer and its impact on those who are close to the survivors. Free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen Church in Cohasset. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-393-0771.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adeline's International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The **woman's a cappella chorus**, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, gives vocal training to members who provide musical entertainment throughout the South Shore area. For more information call Sweet Adeline's, 781-843-4355.

Neighboring Support Organization is a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting-wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Membership fee: $20 per year. For information call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request, visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. For more information call 508-830-4250.

Parental Stress Line. Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. For information call 800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus. Rehearsals Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

New Natural Foods Co-op A group of South Shore residents are starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information, call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

The Three B's. To introduce more of our neighbors to the world of chamber music, the Chamber Music Society of Easton non-profit organization is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how to host a chamber music party. For information call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Ala-teen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Hanover First Baptist Church in the back lower level, 580 Webster St. For more information call Kris, 781-834-5973. For schedule information on similar fellowships in the state, call 781-843-5300.

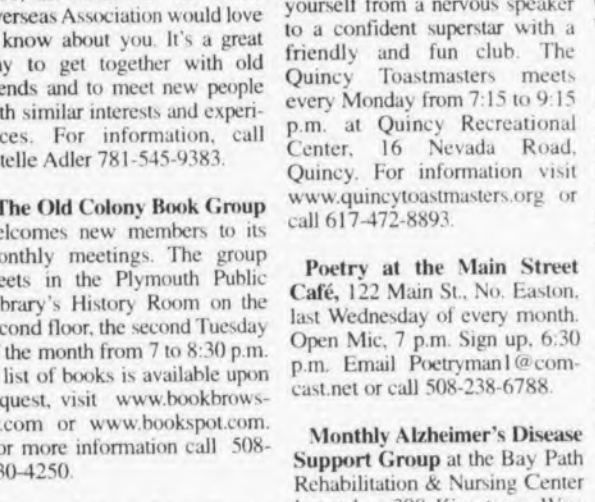
Quincy Toastmasters Club. Look forward to the next time you speak in public. Transform yourself from a nervous speaker to a confident superstar with a friendly and fun club. The Quincy Toastmasters meets every Monday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Quincy Recreational Center, 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. For information visit www.quincytoastmasters.org or call 617-472-8893.

Poetry at the Main Street Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, last Wednesday of every month. Open Mic, 7 p.m. Sign up, 6:30 p.m. Email Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Pembroke Library will meet each Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. for **story** time for 30 to 45 minutes. No registration required. Children of all ages are welcome. Read books, sing songs, play games and make crafts. Call 781-293-6771.

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz, 781-878-7041, email Vze2n8tr@verizon.net, call Cindy,781-878-5835 or email aRockland119@aol.com.



"Latest Works," paintings by Susan Kilmartin, will be displayed at Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through March 2. An artist reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405, ext. 2600 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org

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The Quincy Dinner Theater presents "Forever Plaid," Feb. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14. The Bee-Bop era musical features memorable songs of the '50s, with the original Boston cast. The Quincy Center Dinner Theater is located at 1170 Hancock St. For more information call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com.

South Shore Parents, are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community listing family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hotspots along the South Shore. Visit www.southshoreparents.com

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group, open to those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meetings held at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. For directions or questions, call 781-829-7211.

Bingo on Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., game starts at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot is up to $3,000. Non-smoking. For more information call 781-925-2700.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating them to help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Donors need to call 1-800-720-6233.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. **Mary's Hall**, Edward Foster Rd., Front St. on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are also held in most surrounding towns. For more information and meeting list, call 781-641-2303.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College is accepting applicants for its clinic for children with disabilities for the fall 2005 semester. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For information or application, call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Buttonwood Books & Toys Story Time: Buttonwood Storytellers entertain 2-5 -year-olds with a half-hour of delightful stories. Book selections are a mix of new releases, traditional favorites and seasonal. Story time is every Tuesday at 10 a.m. No signup is necessary. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-383-2665 or see Web site www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. 508-947-4877.

The Sustainable South Shore meets at the **New Song Arts Center,** 51 Maple St. (Codman Building), Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. See web site: SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

T.O.P.S. Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club, North St., Weymouth. A non-profit weight loss support group for those struggling to lose weight, in a mutually supportive environment where members share ideas and suggestions for losing weight. Visitors welcome. For information visit www.tops.org or call Eleanor at 781-335-4942

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GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Clark Indek, 10, left, and Dylan Bomeisler, 10, far right, shake hands following an after-school volleyball game at Deer Hill sponsored by the recreation department. Also pictured are Sam Curatola, 9, second from left, and Willam Lucas, 9, second from right.

Harbor health news alarming

Study issued by committee

By Samantha Brown
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Lobsters are dying in the harbor. Boats by the yacht club are seeing rapid deterioration of galvanized chain. Beaches are being closed during the summer due to high levels of bacteria.

While it is obvious there is something very serious going on in Cohasset waters, there has never been a committee solely dedicated to investigating the causes. This July, the board of selectmen appointed eight residents to serve on the harbor health committee in the hopes it would be able to identify possible sources of pollution and/or other negative influences contributing to the apparent decline of the harbor environment.

The committee studied the water in the main harbor and outer channel, Bailey's Creek, the Parker Avenue cut, the mouth of the Gulf River, the Inner Cove, and Jacob's Meadow. Chairman Karen Quigley presented a preliminary report of its findings to the board of selectmen Jan. 31.

Quigley said in its research, no possible source of pollution was excluded without first having a thorough investigation. "I think we stepped on everyone's toes

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Harbor concerns

- bacterial pollution: coliform (shellfish)/enterococci (swimming).
- nutrient loading from storm water drains and the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- runoff from lawn chemicals and products.
- an increase in fresh water flow into the harbor.
- degradation of salt water marshes — Parker Avenue Cut and Jacob's Meadow.
- loss of marine life — plant and animal.
- lobster mortality when stored in the "cars."
- rapid corrosion and disintegration of mooring chains and boat zincs.

Weathervane reflects fishing heritage

'Pinky' to go atop the Pratt building

By Samantha Brown
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This spring the Cohasset Historical Society will have a brand new weathervane blowing in the breeze, thanks to Jerusalem Road resident and historical society member, Steve Bobo.

Steve Bobo's pinky weathervane is intended to depict three pinkys built in Cohasset around 1817 called "Lady Washington," "Fawn," and "Lizard."

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At a special historical society event Sunday at the Pratt Building, Steve Bobo stands by the copper weathervane, which he crafted.

Made out of copper, the vane Bobo has fashioned depicts an early mackerel schooner, also known as a "pinky." Pinkys are an ancient design of ship, brought to the colonies by British shipwrights in roughly 1634. The New England pinky was derived from the Chebacco boat, its early predecessor, but the pinky was larger and found to be much handier.

By 1817 pinkys were being built about 50 feet long on deck and about 40 tons displacement. Bobo's pinky weathervane is intended to depict three pinkys built in Cohasset around 1817 called "Lady Washington," "Fawn," and "Lizard."

Cohasset is a town with a strong fishing heritage, and for roughly 150 years, mackerel fishing was essentially responsible for the town's wealth, prominence, and growth, as an abundance of maritime trades led to a booming economy. Bobo said at one time, Cohasset was the fourth most successful fishing port in Massachusetts, and in 1845, its fishing schooners landed 91,899 barrels of fish, mostly mackerel.

Therefore, Bobo thought a pinky weathervane adorning the cupola of the Cohasset Historical Society headquarters, located in the Pratt building on South Main Street, would be a fitting tribute to the town's past.

Bobo has made weathervanes before, although he jokes none thus far has been completely successful. "There are only three basic requirements for a weathervane: that it point in the direction

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

School committee member Rick Flynn listens closely as Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh answers a question about the school budget during last week's joint meeting of the selectmen, school committee and advisory committee.

Boards hold fiscal powwow

Griffin presses for balanced budget

By Samantha Brown
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"I suggest you inflict more pain on the public by showing this is what we're going to lose. The doors are going to open no matter what. Show us what we'll have."
— Tucker Glavin, advisory committee

The advisory committee, board of selectmen, and school committee are slated to have another round-table budget discussion Thursday, Feb. 16. While the first joint budget session, held Thursday, Feb. 2, was a good starting point, all three boards agreed there are many more issues to be vetted before the numbers are ready for Town Meeting.

This year, Cohasset is experiencing a new way of budgeting. Under the direction of Town Manager Bill Griffin, who is charged with presenting a balanced budget to Town Meeting under the town's Town Manager Act (voted at the 1997 annual Town Meeting and subsequently enacted by the state Legislature), departments have been asked to draft budgets that stay within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a town can raise its tax levy from year to year. From those requests, Griffin drafted a balanced budget which takes the

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PICTURE THIS/Peggy Lewis and Carrie Muir

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The Mariner caught up with school secretary Peggy Lewis and office assistant Carrie Muir, who is a senior at CHS, in the main office at the middle-high school.

Names: Peggy Lewis and Carrie Muir.

Occupation: School secretary (Peggy). Office assistant (Carrie).

Best day of your life: Everyday! (Peggy). Getting into college (Carrie).

Best vacation: Cruise to the Caribbean (Peggy). Belize and Guatemala (Carrie).

Favorite season: Fall (Peggy). Summer (Carrie).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving (Peggy). Christmas (Carrie).

Favorite junk food: Pizza (Peggy). Crow Point Buffalo Chicken Calzone (Carrie).

Best book: "The Latter Years" (Peggy). "The Da Vinci Code" (Carrie).

Best movie: Anything funny (Peggy). "Wedding Crashers" (Carrie).

Best TV show: "Two and a Half Men" (Peggy). "Desperate Housewives" (Carrie).

Pet peeve: People who throw cigarettes out the window (Peggy). Bad drivers, but I'm one of them! (Carrie).

Most embarrassing moment: Too embarrassing to talk about (Peggy). When I spelled the easiest word wrong in the eighth-grade spelling bee and the entire school couldn't stop laughing at me (Carrie).

Goal: Making it through the day without any big issues (Peggy). Having a successful job (Carrie).

Person I'd most like to meet: JFK (Peggy). Any celebrity (Carrie).

Biggest worry: The health and safety of my children (Peggy). Losing touch with my high school classmates (Carrie).

Best part of Cohasset: The beach (Peggy). Sandy Beach (Carrie).

Dept. of corrections

An article in last week's Mariner should have said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln is uncomfortable with four department members on each shift. Lincoln feels there should be more than four members on duty at all times. In addition, the fire department has been running its own ambulance service since 1977, but was receiving Advanced Life Support services from South Shore Hospital until 2003 when it took over that function. The Mariner regrets the error.

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Wilson withdraws from school board race

Last day to pull papers Feb. 16

By Samantha Brown
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The school committee race is back down to two — at least for the time being.

According to Town Clerk Marion Douglas, school committee incumbent Pam Wison has decided to withdraw her name from being a candidate for the school committee. Wilson could not be reached for comment by the time the Mariner went to press.

Without Wilson, and if no other candidates pull papers before the Feb. 16 deadline, school committee hopefuls Steven Fusco, 4 Surry Drive, and Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, are assured seats on the board, as there are currently two open three-year seats. However, if history is any indication, elections always tend to heat up at the last minute, and there is always the possibility one or more additional candidates could step forward.

The board of selectmen currently has two interested candidates in Roger Q. Hill of 19A Highland Avenue and Edwin G. "Ted" Carr of 88 S. Main St. The two are vying for selectman Michael Sullivan's seat. Sullivan is not seeking reelection.

The following incumbents have pulled nomination papers indicating their interest in seeking reelection: planning board member Peter Pratt; water commissioner John McNabb; sewer commissioner John Beck; Peggy Chapman of the board of health; Lisa LoJacono for recreation commission; and assessor Michael C. Patrolia.

There are three seats available on the Board of Library Trustees. Incumbents Patience Towle and Agnes McCann have pulled papers, as has Elizabeth Baker, who would be seeking her first term. Library trustee Carol Riley has indicated she will not seek another term.

There is one open five-year seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority and incumbent John Muncey will not seek reelection.

Nomination papers for the 2006 annual Town Election are available at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 16.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies the signatures collected on the nomination papers. Positions available for the 2006 town election include:

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The grounded Italian Freighter Etrusco became a major tourist attraction during its 9-month stay in Scituate in 1956. For more see page 28.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Board of selectmen changes meeting date

Next week's selectmen's meeting has changed dates for a third time. The board has moved its meeting back to Monday Feb. 13, but will meet at 6 p.m. to allow members to attend the violence prevention meeting being held at the schools with Dr. Robert Macy, which begins at 7 p.m. The board originally changed its meeting schedule in light of Valentine's Day on the 14th.

Meeting to be held on violence prevention

Dr. Robert Macy, director of community services for the trauma center in Boston, will be at the middle-high school Monday, Feb. 13 to share his tips for violence prevention with the community. Macy will discuss ways to identify behaviors which indicate a child may be heading in a violent direction, as well as the role of parents in saying no to inappropriate movies and video games, which can aid in violent behaviors.

Macy will meet with teachers, school staff members and members of the police department from 3 to 5 p.m., and with parents and interested community members from 7 to 9 p.m. Childcare will be provided to ensure parents are able to attend. For more information, please call the office of the superintendent at (781) 383-6111.

Cohasset women elected to Boys and Girls Club boards

At the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston's 111th annual meeting, held Nov. 30, Cohasset residents Emily Brown, Kristin Astley, Susan Carrabes, and Jane Roy were elected to various BGCB board positions. Brown has moved to the board of directors from the overseers, Astley, Carrabes, and Roy have joined the overseers.

The board of directors sets the policies and strategic direction of the agency, as well as approves plans and programs for the nearly 12,000 young people whom the BGCB serves in the five clubs in Charlestown, Chelsea, Dorchester, Roxbury, and South Boston, four community learning centers, and youth service providers network. The board of directors also adopts the annual budget for the organization in addition to raising and dispersing funds, and considers all actions on matters of general policy.

The board of overseers is charged with supporting BGCB's principal activities and policies, and acts as a liaison between the agency and the various communities it serves.

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Committee dives into harbor health issues

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pretty well," she quipped.

The report states that over a number of years, Cohasset Harbor has developed what appear to be a variety of indicators that the marine environment and the biodiversity of marine life have deteriorated. "Significant among these are the Harbor's inability to support marine life which had previously flourished, including but not limited to: rockweed, eelgrass, white clams, eels, smelt, flounder, perch, crabs, starfish, and sand dollars," it states.

The harbor also has very high levels of bacterial pollution (coliform/enterococci), especially during the summer. "It was worse last summer than prior summers," said Quigley, who added the majority of testing in the harbor is done during the summer months by students at the Center for Student Coastal Research. Their reports have been a very good resource for the committee, she said.

Possible contributors to the high levels include septic flowing into the harbor from Bailey's Creek and/or the Gulf River, from systems on Parker Avenue, from the Lightkeeper's House, and potentially the cottage on Bassing Beach. Potential culprits also include the illegal dumping of boat holds and stormwater drainage.

Quigley said more tests will need to be conducted and the sewer commission should verify Title 5 compliance for homes within the harbor area. In addition, she suggested a sub-committee be formed to take the lead in terms of stormwater management. She said either someone or a small team of people could meet with members of the Dept. of Public Works to manage and oversee stormwater drain management, to ensure the town is in compliance with state requirements.

Another problem in the harbor is the increase in algal blooms, nutrient loading, and levels of nitrates. Algal blooms can adversely affect water quality and are stimulated by the input of nutrients, such as phosphates. Nutrient loading can be the result of sewage or fertilizer runoff into a body of water. The primary source of nitrates are human waste and manure.

There is more water runoff flowing into the harbor due to development and more impervious surfaces, but there is also approximately 230,000 gallons of treated wastewater discharged daily into the Inner Cove by the wastewater treatment plant.

Quigley said the committee recommends investigating the best techniques to lessen the amount of nitrogen discharged into the harbor in the treated water from the wastewater treatment plant. She said the town should also try to restore the clam beds as shellfish help lower bacterial counts and control the algal blooms.

In addition, Quigley said the town should campaign for homes to use organic methods of lawn care to lessen the amount of chemicals flowing into stormwater drains, and in turn, into the waters of the harbor. She said some lawn treatments are intended to kill bugs, and it is important to remember, lobsters are in essence, large bugs that live in the sea. She said the committee has been working with a member of the Maine Lobster Institute and has sent one of Cohasset's lobsters up for an autopsy.

Lobsters are also being affected by the amount of fresh water flowing into the harbor. There is more water runoff flowing into the harbor due to development and more impervious surfaces, but there is also approximately 230,000 gallons of treated wastewater discharged daily into the Inner Cove by the wastewater treatment plant. Couple that with rain, and the salt levels in the harbor quickly decline.

"The lack of seaweed growth and many marine life forms that had previously flourished in the Harbor may be attributed to the decrease in salinity. Additionally, the lobstermen report deaths in lobsters stored in the cars after rain events (lobster deaths caused by fresh water are easily identifiable) that results in limited use of the cars," the report states.

The committee also found the harbor's salt marshes are being continually degraded. Quigley said marshes help filter pollutants, and it is vital their health be restored. Currently, phragmites, a plant that tends to invade and take over salt marshes when there is too much fresh water present, are taking over in Jacob's Meadow. Phragmites can be a fire hazard, and therefore the committee wants to look into periodic salt water flooding of the marsh to help control the plants. The committee would like to see the culverts repaired or replaced to ensure water is flowing properly.

The rapid rate of corrosion and disintegration of mooring chains and boat zincs are also causing some concern. Quigley said boat owners have reported quick deterioration of their mooring chains at the yacht club and the lobstermen have reported the same thing. What is weird about the disintegration is that the mooring chains are corroding from the bottom up, when they normally corrode at the top first.

Selectman Chairman Fred Koed said he has heard the galvanized chains being used by the lobstermen are the same kind of chain the Coast Guard uses, and they are deteriorating in Cohasset waters, although they are of the finest quality.

Quigley said testing needs to be done regarding water chemistry, temperature, and dissolved oxygen. If the water is lacking dissolved oxygen, the lack of oxygen could produce electrolysis (chemical changes caused by the passage of current through an electrolyte) and rapid disintegration.

The committee said it would like to look at any possible stray current running from electric lines on any docks by the water. It will also contact other harbors to compare similar incidents, and continue testing in Cohasset.

Quigley said there are many grants the town can look into for furthering the work of the committee. "We may not be at the stage yet where we can apply for them," she said, but if their progress continues as it has been, the town soon may be at a point where it does have the kind of concrete information necessary to apply for funding. The harbor health committee will be included on an upcoming board of selectmen's meeting agenda to further discuss the harbor's issues.

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Aquarion water rate reduction approved

Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts has announced that the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy has approved, effective January 1, 2006, a decrease in the annual water treatment facility surcharge rate for customers in Hingham, Hull and portions of Cohasset and Norwell.

"At a time when many utilities are increasing their rates, Aquarion is pleased to implement a reduction in the annual surcharge for the Hingham water treatment facility," said senior vice president Larry Bingaman. "Last year, our average residential customer used about 70,900 gallons and paid an annual water bill of $572. With the reduction in the water treatment facility surcharge, that same customer will now pay $549, a decrease of some $23, or 4.1 percent."

On Dec. 22, 2005 Aquarion filed an application with the Massachusetts DTE to reduce the water treatment facility surcharge billed to customers in Hingham, Hull, No. Cohasset and a portion of Norwell to cover the investment in the Hingham Water Treatment Facility. The original surcharge had been approved by the DTE in May 1996 after the treatment facility was placed in service. The surcharge reduction is a result of the redemption in 2005 of $2,565,000 in tax-exempt bonds originally issued by Aquarion's predecessor company in 1995 to finance a portion of the water treatment facility construction in Hingham.

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— senior vice president Larry Bingaman

Although the DTE approved a reduction in the surcharge, it noted that further investigation is necessary to review the application including the amount redeemed and the financial modeling. However, the Department agreed the reduced surcharge should be allowed so customers receive the benefit of an immediate reduction in the surcharge effective Jan. 1, 2006. The DTE is expected to begin its review later in the month, at the conclusion of which Aquarion will implement any additional findings.

Aquarion provides water to approximately 12,000 customers, or more than 30,000 people in Hingham, Hull, and portions of Cohasset and Norwell.

Prop. 2-1/2 taxpayer law turns 25

Requires ballot vote to raise levy

By Samantha Brown
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Proposition 2-1/2 is one of the laws municipalities deal with every year. While residents often hear about it, many may not know exactly what it entails or why it exists.

Prop. 2-1/2 is a state law passed by Massachusetts voters in 1980 which limits the amount a town can raise its property taxes each year to 2-1/2 percent more than was raised the year before, plus taxes that will be paid from new construction and substantial renovations to property. It also provides a mechanism for a city or town, with approval from its voters, to override the tax cap and increase property taxes above the 2-1/2 percent to generate more revenue.

Angry Massachusetts taxpayers, who were fed up with continual tax hikes, were the driving force behind enacting Prop. 2-1/2. They collected thousands of signatures and were able to place a question on the November 1980 statewide ballot, asking voters if they wanted to take control of their soaring property taxes. By a margin of 59 to 41 percent, residents across the state voted "yes" to capping their property taxes and profoundly changed the way the state's hundreds of municipalities would conduct their finances going forward. Prop. 2-1/2 became law and took effect on July 1, 1981.

Property taxes are not the only means of revenue for a town, but they are the funds Cohasset relies most heavily on. Funds from new construction, motor vehicle excise taxes, parking tickets, building permits, state aid, etc., all help boost a town's bottom line.

Building a town budget that stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 does not mean the operating budget or each departmental budget is limited to receiving only 2-1/2 percent more than it did the year before. Prop. 2-1/2 only limits property taxes, which means the total operating budget can increase beyond that 2-1/2 percent when fees collected from areas such as excise taxes and building permits as well as funding from the state are factored in.

When the funding coming in is not enough to cover the expenses in a town, a community may decide to override the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 through either a debt exclusion or override vote. Debt exclusions are passed by a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting and a majority vote at the ballot box. Debt exclusions are used solely to cover special projects, such as sewer construction and school renovations, and their taxes go away when the debt is paid off. Operating budget overrides require a majority vote both at Town Meeting and the ballot box, and they permanently increase taxes.

An override or debt exclusion question can only be placed on an election ballot by the board of selectmen. Overrides require a majority vote of the entire board of selectmen, while debt exclusions require a 2/3 vote of the board. There are requirements set by the state which regulate the phrasing of override questions.

Traditionally in Cohasset on override years, a budget that is "out of balance" has been approved by a majority vote at Town Meeting contingent on a favorable ballot vote at the polls.

This year, Town Manager Bill Griffin wants Town Meeting to first vote on a balanced budget, followed by a supplemental budget contingent on an override. In other words, the town will pass a budget which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, and a second budget will then be presented which requires using more funds than are available.

Interestingly, towns are also permitted to have an election first to see if the town would approve a budget with an override, then go to Town Meeting to pass the appropriation.

The state regulates the wording of override questions that are put on a ballot, but there are many formats for questions which are acceptable. A town may decide to pose a single question to voters, or multiple questions. Single questions would include wording such as, "for the purposes of funding operating budgets of the town and schools." They can be as general as the aforementioned question, or as specific as asking, "for the purposes of funding for two full time custodians for the school department."

Multiple questions can be presented in a menu format where funding would specifically be allocated for different services or programs. Each question either passes or fails on its own, separate from all other override questions.

A pyramid question is another option where voters are given a choice of two or more funding levels for either general or specific funding purposes. The funding levels are presented as alternatives, not individual proposals. If voters approve more than one funding level, the highest level of funding prevails, with the understanding that funds allocated include all lower funding levels.

Information for this article was provided by Town Manager Bill Griffin, Director of Finance Michael Buckley, and the Department of Revenue.

What Prop. 2-1/2 does	What Prop. 2 1/2 does not do
• Limits the amount the tax levy may increase from one year to the next. • Limits the maximum the tax levy can ever be. • Establishes mechanisms to allow the voters to exceed the usual limits on increases to the levy.	• Does not limit how much the entire operating budget can increase from one year to the next. • Does not limit how much any individual town budget can increase in a year. • Does not limit how much any individual taxpayer's property tax bill will increase one year to the next.

Some real estate tax exemptions offered

The Assessors Office is accepting applications for fiscal 2006 real estate tax exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 30. The following exemptions are available:

• PERSONS OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE — $1,000 OFF Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple).

• SURVIVING SPOUSE — $350 OFF Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000.

• DISABLED VETERANS — $500 OFF Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans.

• BLIND PERSONS — $875 OFF Clause 37 – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

• TAX DEFERRAL ALL OR PART OF THE TAX — Clause 41A - Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2005 with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred.

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Happy birthday, Wayne Robbins Jr.!

AROUND TOWN

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THINK SNOW

Is it ever going to snow? I am so discouraged with our winter as in my eyes, we need a ton of snow with temperatures in the mid to upper 20s or, just skip all the in between stuff and go right to the 60s and warmer. I guess that is wishful thinking but it is there nonetheless. Happy Valentine's Day next Tuesday to all.

PASSION PLUNGE

Hey Cohasset, this Saturday, Feb.11, three members from the **Sida family — Graham, Nicholas** (18) and **Charlotte** (17) — together with **Jeff and Jay Nothnagle**, **Jessie MacDonald** and **Laurel Hickey**, a wonderful lady who worked in the Cohasset schools for many years and now works as a full-time employee with the South Shore ARC program will all be plunging into the freezing cold Atlantic at Nantasket Beach as part of the eighth annual Passion Plunge, to benefit Massachusetts Special Olympics. It's a wonderful event — last year more than 600 people participated, raising over $250,000 for a fabulous cause..... and this amazing group will all be there again!

Donations can be made to Mass Special Olympics, 450 Maple Street, Building 1, Danvers, MA 01923; checks for MSO can be sent to the Sidas' home address (51 Deep Run) or you can donate via a web site www.passionplunge.org. Information surrounding the event is available on the web site too. The crazies are due to begin plunging at 1 p.m.! Come out to see the fun and the silly costumes, support your neighbors and be part of something truly worthwhile.....but pray the snow holds off!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Well, we have a birthday boy(OK, a man) in town. **Wayne Robbins Jr.** is celebrating his birthday and his wife **Pam** and daughter **Nicole** wanted to wish him a very special and happy birthday. Enjoy!

Wayne Robbins Jr

VACATION FUN

Looking for something to do over February Vacation? The Cohasset Recreation Department is holding Sports with Mr. Dykas Day at the Deer Hill School on Tuesday, Feb 21 with ages 4-6 from 8:30-9:30 a.m., grades K-2 from 9:30 a.m.-noon and grades 2 and up from 12:30-3 p.m. Also, on Wednesday, Feb 22, Big Ryan the storyteller be telling his tales at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 and older and "BugWorks" will be holding fun and interactive workshops in the afternoon for ages 3-5 and 6 and up. For more information, call 781-383-4109.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to **Tim Toomey** for participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C. last week. Tim, a Junior at CHS, was invited to join other students from across the country in an intense six-day seminar concerning national security, government and international relations. Great job, Tim!

SWEETHEART DANCE

This past Friday night the Girl Scouts held their annual Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Dads and daughters enjoyed a wonderful evening of dancing! Red Hot Entertainment provided the music and pictures and a craft rounded out the event. A special thank you goes out to **Megan and Elizabeth Leong** along with the night custodian **Bob** for all of their help. A special thanks goes to the committee which as usual poured their hearts and souls into the event which includes: **Leesa Bleicken, Leslie Bryan, Lori McCabe, Kristin Norton, Paula Pozniac, Trisha Czjack**, and **Michelle Cayer**. **Mary Jo Blackington** and **Carole Myers** did a great job volunteering as well and all the leaders who helped coordinate this fun event! With nearly 200 girl scouts in the town, this is no small feat!

If you're interested in having your daughter join the scouting program please contact Amy Brash, Registrar at 781-923-1099.

MISSING BIKE

If you are the one responsible for this, please do the right thing and make the phone call. Here is a sad story to read about an eight-year-old girl and her now missing bike. After spending some time at the library the little girl's dad picked her up at the library, and unfortunately, she forgot she rode her bike. When she remembered on Saturday, she and her dad went by the library. Her helmet was there, but no bike. They went to the police station to see if anyone had turned in a bike, and unfortunately, nobody has.

Obviously, this little girl knows she made a mistake, as she left the bike at the library, but It is sad that in such a special town as Cohasset, someone would steal a kid's bike. Heres hoping that whoever took the bike might read this and return the bike. The bike is a boy's styled bike, black, from Decathlon sports. If anyone finds the bike, please call 383-9125.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Andrea Marie Grew and Brian James Pattison

Grew - Pattison

Jo-Ann Grew of Cohasset and William Grew of Wareham announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie Grew, to Brian James Pattison, the son of Jill Mant of Scituate and Robert Pattison of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Cohasset High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. Following a five-year career in marketing, she is now currently employed in the Hanover school system and pursuing a master's degree in education.

The groom-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Cohasset High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Bridgewater State College. He recently completed a Master's of Education program from Fitchburg State College. He is employed by both the Hingham and Cohasset school systems.

A Nov. 11, 2006, wedding is planned.

Lubitz - Suprenard

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Lubitz, of Cohasset, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Gwynne Lubitz, to Mr. Raymond Ralph Suprenard Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Suprenard, of Effingham, N.H., and the late Elizabeth Suprenard.

The bride-to-be graduated from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, and is a property manager for WayMoore Properties in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Her fiancé graduated from Johnson & Wales University, and is the owner of Lakeside Property Maintenance, Ossipee, N.H., and a partner in WayMoore Properties, Ft. Myers, Fla.

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Above, George Baumgartner, manages to keep his hula hoop spinning the longest during the dad's competition at the Girl Scout Sweetheart Dance last Friday.

At right, Charlotte Marcelli has a blast doing the hokey-pokey with her dad Marc at the Sweetheart dance sponsored by the Girl Scouts at the Deer Hill School.

A sweetheart of a dance

Staff photos by Craig Goedecke

Above, Todd Whilton and his daughter, Zoe, a junior Girl Scout, do the Macarena together on stage during the Sweetheart Dance.

At right, Emma Steele, 9, enjoys a moment on the dance floor with her dad, Dan Steele. Red Hot Entertainment provided the music for the annual event.

Sara Blackington, 6, a Brownie, wins the hula-hoop contest at the Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance last Friday at Deer Hill.

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Steve Bobo poses with his two granddaughters, Melissa Specht, 10, of Fitchburg, and Samantha Bobo, 12, of Cohasset, during a reception at Cohasset Historical Society headquarters. During the reception, there was a special unveiling of a copper weathervane Bobo built with the help of both girls. The vane will be installed on the cupola of the Pratt Building, which serves as the historical society's headquarters, after the cupola's balustrade is repaired, which will likely be between April and June. Until then, the weathervane is being "weathered" atop Samantha's house.

Cohasset Historical Society First Vice President Tom Gruber unveils the hand-crafted weathervane built by historical society member Steve Bobo at a special reception held Sunday, Feb. 5. While there had been a mackerel weathervane atop the Pratt Building when it served as the town library, when the library took up residence in the renovated former Osgood School on the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street, the mackerel, having become the library's symbol, went with it. Bobo crafted the new weathervane to adorn the Pratt Building's cupola, and pay homage to the town's maritime heritage.

This weathervane, crafted by Jerusalem Road resident and historical society member Steve Bobo, was unveiled Sunday Feb. 5 during a reception at the Cohasset Historical Society, located in the Pratt Building on South Main Street. The vane is a copper replica of a Colonial Pinky, a boat used by mackerel fishermen in Cohasset in the 1800s, and will be installed on the cupola of the Pratt Building to serve as a reminder of the town's maritime past.

Weathervane reflects town's fishing heritage

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of the wind, that it be relatively theft proof, and that is last as long as the building on which it's perched, because it's no picnic getting it up there. All of mine have failed at least one of the above requirements," he quipped.

Bobo said one of his earliest attempts was in the 1970s, when he built a vane to replicate a Baltimore Clipper schooner for the Yacht Club. However, he recalled the vane was never balanced quite right and tended to move up and down like a sailboat on the water. One day, Cliff Dickson climbed up with a hacksaw and cut off the jib, "and then it was fine," Bobo said.

Before beginning the pinky weathervane, Bobo carved a wooden replica of the ship to use as a model. Building models is nothing new for Bobo, who has also built full-size boats in his workshop. Bobo has built eight boats total, some as large as 32-feet long, and he has built a model boat for each. The model he used to build the pinky weathervane is now part of the Cohasset Maritime Museum's collection, located at 4 Elm St.

Once the model boat was complete, it was photographed and overlaid on a photo of the cupola of the historical society building at the appropriate scale. From there, Bobo began building the weathervane itself.

Currently, the weathervane is being "weathered" atop Bobo's son's house which has northeasterly and southwesterly exposure. "We've mounted it to see if it falls apart," Bobo joked. He said the Historical Society is in the process of having the cupola balustrade repaired, and once that is complete, sometime between April and June, the weathervane will be installed.

Fourth-grader Arianna Tosi, 9, puts a dent in the volleyball as she gets ready to send it back over the net during an after-school program sponsored by the recreation department.

Gym teacher, Michael Weydt, tries to help Derek Benson, 9, look for empty space on the other side of the net while serving during an after-school volleyball game.

After-school volleyball is a hit

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Middle left, Julien Geyer tries to hit the ball back to the other side while his teammates watch during an after-school volleyball game at Deer Hill last Wednesday.

Bottom left, fourth-grader Dylan Bomeisler, 10, eyes his return while playing beach volleyball in an after-school program at Deer Hill School sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department.

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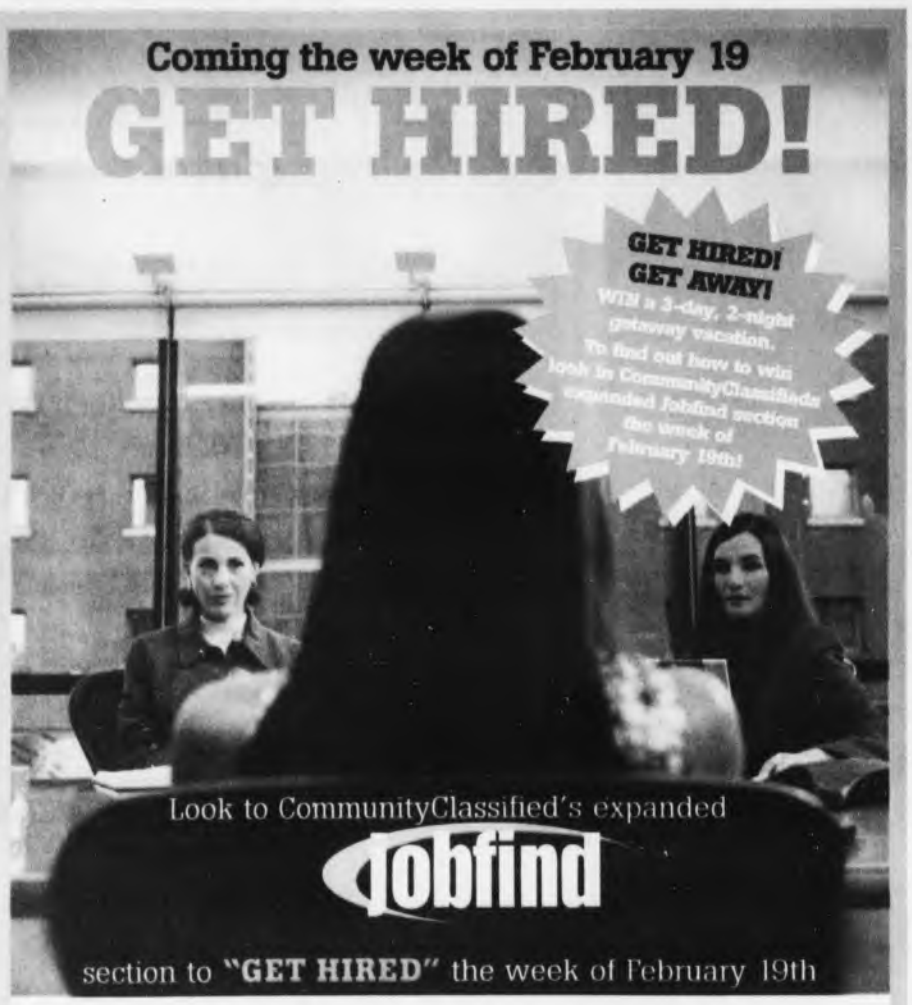

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Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh reviews the school budget during a joint meeting with selectmen and the advisory committee last week in front of an audience of 40-50 people in the middle-high school library.

School budget is focus of town boards' powwow

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requests into account, but would not require an override, or an increase in property taxes of more than 2-1/2 percent.

Presenting a balanced budget to Town Meeting does not mean the town cannot go for an override. Voters would first pass the balanced budget, then a subsequent budget with an override figure included. Should the override fail at the ballot box during the town election one week later, passing a balanced budget first would eliminate the need to balance it at the Town Meeting in the fall. "This is the most common way to do it in the state," said Griffin, adding if in the past overrides had always passed and the system always worked, he wouldn't be trying to change the process. "But the system didn't work," he said.

The advisory committee voted its unanimous support for Griffin's budget philosophy, and while the board of selectmen has not yet taken a vote, Griffin said he has spoken with its members and he believes a majority are in support. At the time the Mariner went to press, the school committee was scheduled to meet Thursday, Feb. 9 to further discuss its budget, and perhaps agree to present figures which coincide with Griffin's method. However, the draft budget presented at the joint meeting included an increase of 13.3 percent for the schools, which is not in balance with Griffin's budget.

Griffin's recommended budget would increase the school budget by $370,000, which is roughly a 3 percent increase over last year's allocation. Before the first joint meeting, the school committee had said it was virtually impossible to stay within the confines of a 3 percent increase, and would need at least a 5 percent increase, or roughly $617,219, just to open the doors.

"When we decided we'd go for 5 percent, we knew at least if that was the addition to our base budget, we could keep it (school program) floating if the override happened to fail," said school committee member Adrienne MacCarthy.

But the school committee did not present a budget with a 5 percent increase, it presented what Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh called a "needs based" budget, of $13,987,198 which would be a 13.3 percent increase. She said every year, to keep things moving ahead, the school department needs roughly 7 percent, and cuts in the past are continuing to have an effect on the school system today.

The13.3 percent increase includes 16 new positions as well as assumed budget offsets of $81,000 for the athletic department, $150,089 in circuit breaker special education reimbursement funds, and $86,980 from the METCO program. It also includes a placeholder cost of living increase for teachers of $238,655. The teachers' union has not settled a contract with the school department, which means that number is not yet finalized. Selectman Michael Sullivan said therefore, whatever budget the school committee decides on, the $238,655 number would be much larger than it is currently.

Advisory committee member Sam Wakeman said because the school committee was discussing both a budget with a 5 percent increase and a 13.3 percent increase, it was hard to understand what the base budget for the schools would be. A true figure could not be nailed down, but at best guess, the base was stated as $12,344,382 (fiscal 2006 budget) plus the 5 percent increase of $617,219 plus at least $238,655 for the increase in cost of living for

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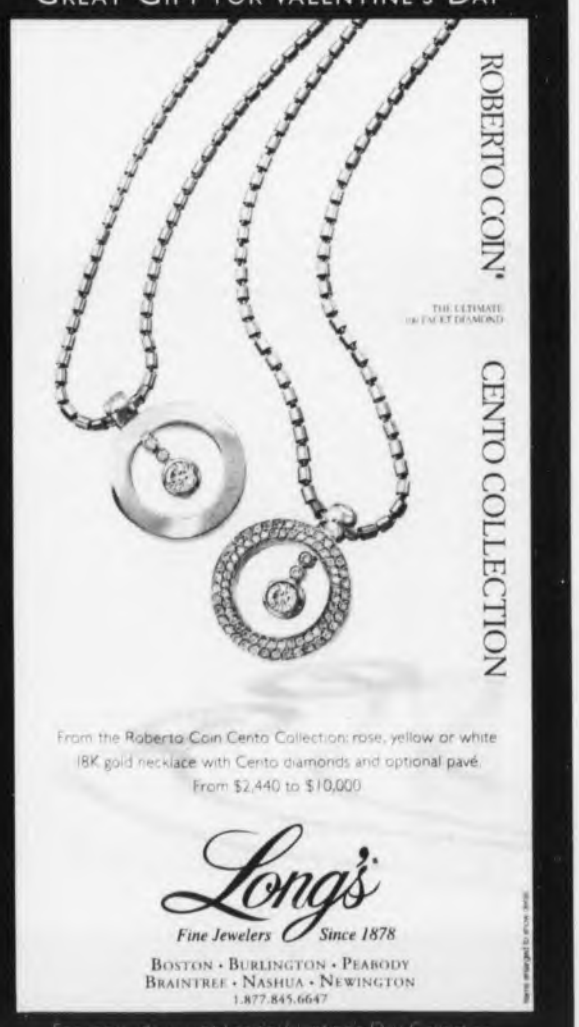

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School budget is focus of town boards' powwow

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teacher salaries, or $13,200,256. Taking into account the $370,000 allocated by Griffin, that would bring the gap down to roughly $486,000, but that number could increase depending on the outcome of contract negotiations.

Advisory committee member Tucker Glavin asked the school committee to look at the budget from strictly a fiscal standpoint. He said if it is not articulated as to what the schools will receive with the 3 percent increase which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, it is difficult for the public to understand what is at stake if an override does not pass. "I suggest you inflict more pain on the public by showing this is what we're going to lose," he said. "The doors are going to open no matter what. Show us what we'll have."

Selectman Rob Spofford pointed out if the override fails, the school committee will have to go through the exercise of making cuts which stay within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 anyway.

School committee chairman Jamie Williams said there is projected to be an increase in state aid this year and she feels with that money, the gap could be smaller than anticipated. However, Griffin, who said he is getting used to being the "bearer of bad news," said while there is a projected increase of roughly $135,000, assessments for retired teachers are projected to increase by $214,000. While he too had been optimistic at first, "You need to look at both sides of the equation," he said.

Spofford asked Griffin what would happen if the school department does not agree to present a budget which comes in at the 3 percent increase Griffin has allocated. Griffin said if the school committee wants to certify a budget that is greater than his budget, "You have the right to do it. It's not strange, the police and DPW did, and I have an obligation to show Town Meeting what you really wanted," he said. However, Griffin's recommended budget will be presented first and will be the one printed on the Warrant.

Advisory committee chairman Donna McGee said alternately, if the school committee does not choose to join the other boards in sharing the philosophy of presenting a balanced budget to Town Meeting, "Where did you think that (extra) money was going to come from?"

Williams said the school committee had thought part would have come from state aid, until Griffin stated otherwise.

Big crowd

Between 40 and 50 interested residents attended the meeting and many spoke up, voicing opinions and asking questions. Some wondered why money could not be taken out of the police and fire department budgets to help the school department which they see is obviously in greater need of funding. Others asked how Griffin came up with the budget figures and whether they could be changed. Griffin explained his budgeting process and pointed out any resident can get up on the floor of Town Meeting and present a motion to amend the budget.

Others in the audience asked why every departmental budget had to be increased by 2-1/2 percent each year, and why couldn't some budgets be increased by more, such as 6 or 7 percent, while others which were not as in need of funding were increased by 1 percent. Under Prop. 2-1/2 property taxes are increased by 2-1/2 percent, but other means of revenue can increase the overall operating budget by a few more percentage points. The money raised by 2-1/2 becomes part of the overall budget which is divvied up among the various departments, which means some departments could receive more or less than 2-1/2 percent increases, based on needs. Many departmental budgets in Griffin's recommended budget include 3 percent increases.

At the end of the meeting, the three boards agreed to reconvene in two weeks, after the school committee has had a chance to regroup with its board members and come back with more budgeting options it feels comfortable with. Selectman Rob Spofford urged the board to come back with a number which stays within the balanced budget figure recommended by Griffin.

"I support the balanced budget approach," said Spofford, adding the numbers proposed by the school committee are not complete as it does not include raises for teachers. He reminded everyone the 16 new positions will also add more money to the town's budget which is not accounted for, as the town pays insurance costs for all town employees. He said if the town goes for an override, "perhaps personally, I'll vote for it," but added he has a role as a member of the board of selectmen, "to be a voice for that citizen who is getting priced out of here."

The school committee was scheduled to meet Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. to discuss its budget. The next joint budget meeting of the advisory committee, board of selectmen, and school committee is slated for Thursday, Feb. 16.

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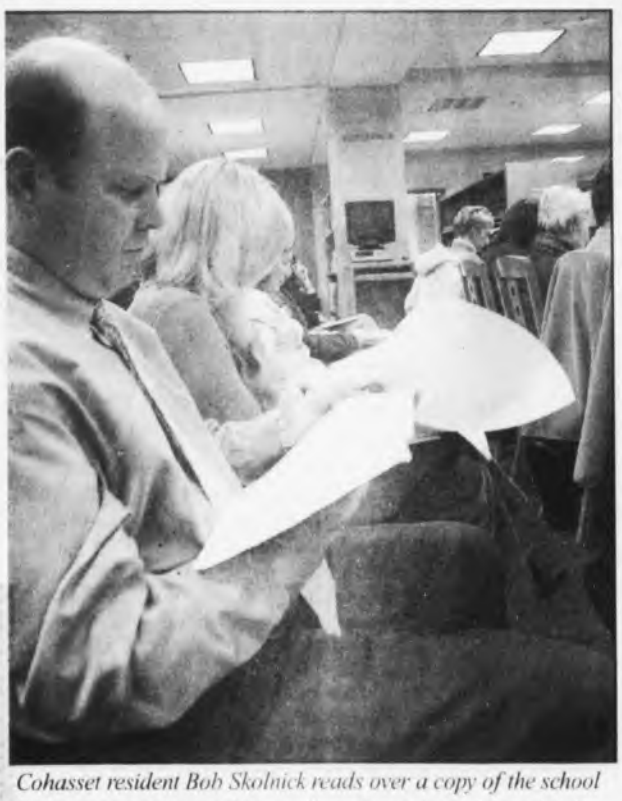
Advisory committee member Sam Wakeman asks a question about the school budget at last week's joint meeting in the middle-high school library.

Cohasset resident Christine Cunning listens to members of the school committee, selectmen, and advisory committee discuss the proposed fiscal 2007 school budget.



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EDITORIAL

Tax law came from the people

It's hard to believe but an entire generation of Massachusetts residents have been born since Proposition 2-1/2 became law some 25 years ago.

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So as Cohasset gears up for another override campaign, we think it's a good time to turn the clock back to the mid- to late-1970s, when Massachusetts was known as "Taxachusetts" and important industries and jobs were headed south to warmer climes and friendlier tax policy.

A taxpayer rebellion had been boiling just below the surface for some time when Citizens for Limited Taxation took the ball and ran with it. The grassroots group garnered enough signatures to get the tax-limitation question put on the November 1980 state ballot — on that same ballot Republicans Ronald Reagan and George Bush challenged President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale for the keys to the White House. Prop. 2-1/2 took effect on July 1, 1981.

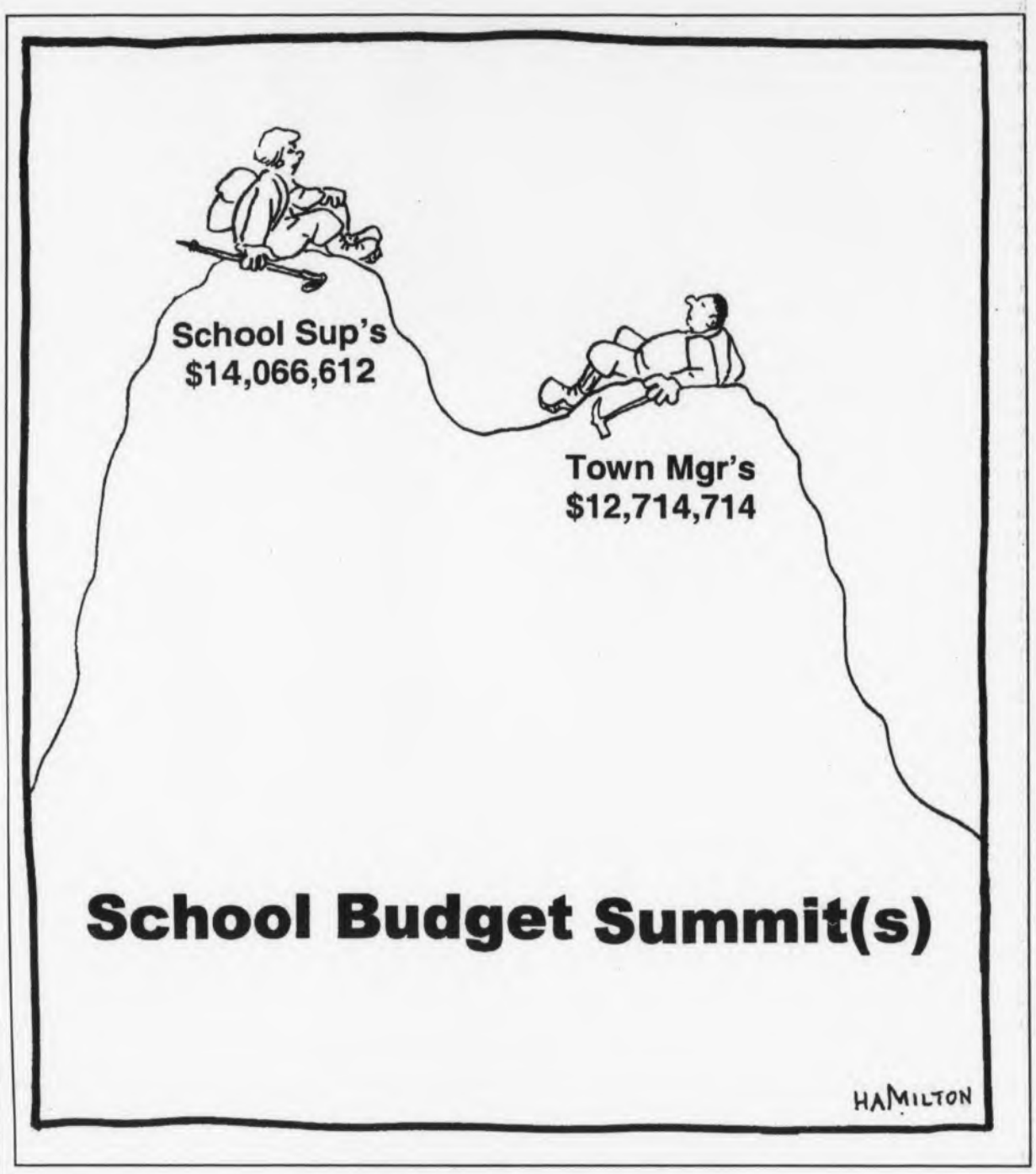
Today, nearly 25 years later, taxes have still gone up but clearly not at the same soaring rate they would have without the law.

However, under 2-1/2, for taxes to increase beyond allowed limits — the people have to be asked permission. Voters must approve "overriding" the 2-1/2 tax cap at the polls. This can be a cumbersome task and oftentimes, the resulting debate pits interest groups such as parents of schoolchildren and senior citizens against one another. But nevertheless, we think Prop. 2-1/2 is a good thing because it makes government fiscally accountable.

We also think, as citizens and homeowners, it is crucial that we understand Prop. 2-1/2 is not an enemy to government but a control mechanism.

Barbara Anderson, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, has said, "Before Prop. 2-1/2, government thought it was entitled to just take instead of ask."

For many of us, a large portion of our hard-earned dollars pay for the privilege of living in our town. So it's incumbent on us to understand the laws that govern our property taxes, so we can make a fair determination when an override is needed.



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Teachers reject proposed contract

COMMENTARY

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Last Thursday, the Cohasset Teachers Association rejected the School Committee's final contract proposal by a 72 - 3 margin. In spite of numerous concessions by the teachers, the contract put forth by the School Committee represented a significant step backward and a loss of benefits that teachers had worked long and hard in order to acquire. After a long and arduous negotiating process that has stretched out for over 437 days, the teachers received an offer that the membership found to be insulting in many ways.

These are strong words, and they might appear to be mere posturing until one looks at the reality of what the new contract entails.

In the first place, the School Committee has insisted upon totally restructuring the salary schedule for the staff. Teachers discovered that there are *serious* flaws in the package. The School Committee may boast that it has offered an average 2 percent salary increase to the staff and that some teachers will receive significant raises. In fact, careful analysis reveals that 44 percent of the professional staff would receive less than 2 percent as a raise for the current year. Even worse, numerous staff would receive a whopping $19 as a cost of living increase for this year! How could teachers support such blatant inequities in the proposal?

The School Committee will also say that there have been increases in the maximum salaries attainable at the top of the columns; what they won't say is that they have increased to 16 the number of years needed to reach the top. In Norwell and Hanover, teachers reach maximum in 11 years, in Hingham 12, and in Scituate 13.

Those teachers struggling in the middle of the columns suffer the greatest. Under the new proposal, a teacher with a Master's degree and six years of experience will earn $4,782 less than his/her peer in Norwell. Over his/her career, the cumulative impact of such inequity between towns might exceed $40,000 - $50,000! The School Committee also proposes an increase in the starting salary for new teachers at the bottom of the pay scale; for this, they should be lauded, but why do they assume that the rest of the staff should bear the burden of this increase? This year alone Hingham and Scituate teachers received a 4 percent cost of living increase. The School Committee has offered 3 percent *next* year.

The concerns are not only about money. At the beginning of negotiations, teachers in the elementary school asked to increase the amount of planning time available during the school day. To continue to provide high quality instruction for Cohasset students, teachers need more planning time. And for good reason.

Elementary education has changed over the past 20 years. In academically competitive school districts such as Cohasset, instruction has become more rigorous and much more highly individualized. In addition, with the introduction of new state and federal mandates such as No Child Left Behind and MCAS, teachers now have an ever-increasing burden of paperwork. These factors mean that responsible teachers in highly performing school districts must have more time to properly prepare their classes; thus the teachers asked to lengthen the school day to include additional planning time.

Unfortunately, the Cohasset School Committee is insisting that elementary teachers increase the amount of time, not in planning but in supervising students by up to 20 minutes a day. This would come to an additional 60 hours of work a year—*without any additional compensation*! They have said they must do this, not to increase the number

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HEALTH NOTES

Signs of hearing loss should not be ignored

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More than 30 million Americans are exposed to hazardous sound levels on a regular basis. Individuals of all ages, including children, adolescents, young adults, and older people, can develop hearing loss. Exposure occurs in the workplace, in recreational settings, and at home.

Noisy recreational activities include snowmobiling, riding go-carts, woodworking and other noisy hobbies, target shooting and hunting, playing iPods and other portable audio devices, power horns, cap guns, and model airplanes. Harmful noises at home include vacuum cleaners, garbage disposals, gas-powered lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and shop tools.

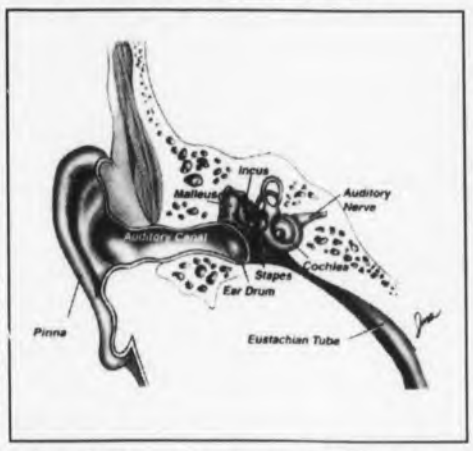
Of the 28 million Americans who have some degree of hearing loss, about one-third can attribute their hearing loss, at least in part, to loud noise.

We hear when the ear converts sound waves into electrical signals sent to the brain and interpreted as sound. The ear has three main parts: the outer, middle, and inner ear(*see illustration*). Sound waves enter through the outer ear and reach the middle ear where they cause the eardrum to vibrate. The vibrations are transmitted through three tiny bones known as the hammer, anvil, and stirrup. The eardrum and bones amplify the sonic vibrations and carry them to the inner ear. The stirrup transmits the amplified vibrations through the oval window and into the fluid that fills the inner ear. The vibrations move through fluid in the snail-shaped hearing part of the inner ear (cochlea) that contains the hair cells. The fluid in the cochlea moves the top portion of the hair cells, called the hair bundle, which initiates the changes that lead to the production of nerve impulses.

These nerve impulses are carried to the brain, where they are interpreted as sound. Sounds move the hair bundles in different ways allowing the brain to distinguish one sound from another, such as vowels from consonants.

Noise Induced Hearing loss (NIHL) can be caused by a one-time exposure to loud sound as well as by repeated exposure to sounds at various loudness levels over an extended period of time. Loudness is measured in units called decibels. Normal conversation is approximately 60 decibels, a refrigerator, 40 decibels, city traffic noise can be 80 decibels (Db). Loud noises that cause NIHL are motorcycles, firecrackers, and firearms, all emitting sounds from 120 to 140 Db. Sounds of less than 80Db, even after long exposure, are unlikely to cause hearing loss. Your iPod or other personal audio device set at 60 percent of its top value is about 80 Db.

Exposure to harmful sounds causes damage to the sensitive hair cells of the inner ear as well as the hearing nerve. These structures can be injured by two kinds of noise: loud impulse noise, such as an explosion, or loud continuous noise, such as that generated in a woodworking shop.



Symptoms — Symptoms of NIHL increase gradually over a period of continuous exposure. Sounds may become distorted or muffled, and it may be difficult for the person to understand speech. The individual may not be aware of the loss, but it can be detected with a hearing test.

NIHL is preventable — Know that noise above 90 decibels noises can cause damage. (about 7 out of a 10 on your iPod setting).

- Wear earplugs or other hearing protective devices when involved in a loud activity (special earplugs and earmuffs are available at hardware stores and sporting good stores).
- Be alert to hazardous noise in the environment.
- Protect children who are too young to protect themselves.
- Make family, friends, and colleagues aware of the hazards of noise.
- Have a medical examination by an otolaryngologist or physician who specializes in diseases of the ears, nose, throat, head, and neck, and a hearing test by an audiologist, a health professional trained to identify and measure hearing loss and to rehabilitate persons with hearing impairments.

Elder hearing loss is one of the most common

Elder hearing Loss

conditions affecting older adults. One in three people older than 60 and half of those older than 85 have hearing loss. Hearing problems can make it hard to understand and follow a doctor's advice, to respond to warnings, and to hear doorbells and alarms. They can also make it hard to enjoy talking with friends and family. All of this can be frustrating, embarrassing, and even dangerous.

Some people lose their hearing slowly as they age, a condition known as presbycusis (prez-buh-KYOO-sis). Doctors do not know why it happens, but it seems to run in families. Sometimes loud noise can cause a ringing, hissing, or roaring sound in the ears, called tinnitus (tin-NY-tus).

Tinnitus is a symptom associated with many forms of hearing loss. It can also be a symptom of other health problems. According to estimates by the American Tinnitus Association, at least 12 million Americans have tinnitusand at least 1 million experience it so severely that it interferes with their daily activities. People with severe cases of tinnitus may find it difficult to hear, work, or even sleep.

Causes of Tinnitus — Doctors and scientists have discovered that people with different kinds of hearing loss also have tinnitus.

Too much exposure to loud noise can cause noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus.

More than 200 medicines can cause tinnitus. If you have tinnitus and you take medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist whether your medicine could be involved.

Allergies, tumors, and problems in the heart and blood vessels, jaws, and neck can cause tinnitus.

Remedy —See your doctor who can try to determine what is causing your tinnitus to see if it's related to blood pressure, kidney function, diet, or allergies or, perhaps any medicine you are taking. Although there is no cure for tinnitus, scientists and doctors have discovered several treatments that may give you some relief such as:

Try hearing aids, relaxing, or possibly maskers, which are small electronic devices that use white noise. They don't make tinnitus go away, but they make the ringing or roaring seem softer like listening to static at a low volume on the radio. Avoid anything that can make your tinnitus worse including smoking, alcohol, and loud noise. If you are regularly exposed to loud noise at home or at work, wear ear plugs or special earmuffs to protect your hearing and keep your tinnitus from getting worse.

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Brits take on obesity

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Well, I guess it's all over for obesity.

Bonnie Prince Charlie, the deep thinker who is next in line for the British throne, has warned his subjects that they are in imminent danger of becoming lard asses like we folk in the colonies if they don't shape up.

"We are perhaps not very far behind our American cousins in the 'super sizing epidemic,'" was the way he put it in a lecture to the British Medical Association as quoted by the Times of London.

Charlie barely had time to recommend a routine of one meal of organic food a day, long walks on the Scottish moors and cycling for a half hour a day before he was picked up by his limousine and whisked away.

There is evidence that at least some in the UK are taking their Prince seriously. (Did someone say, "For a change?")

Authorities in Scotland have identified "haggis," their national dish, as a contributing factor in obesity among the bairns due to its high fat and salt content.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with haggis, it's the lining of a sheep's stomach filled with offal, oatmeal, onions and spices, which probably explains why there are no Scottish restaurants on the South Shore --- or any other shore, for that matter.

Haggis has such a hold on the Celtic psyche that they have an official "Scottish Haggis Master," a much-coveted title like Secretary of Defense, only in this case it's more like Secretary of Offense.

The current holder of the title, one Alan Pirie, defends his delicacy in an interview with Agence France Presse.

"It's made of all natural ingredients," he explained. "There's no rubbish in it at all. To compare it to processed meat like chicken nuggets and hot dogs is just ridiculous." I'll say.

But I digress . . .

Meanwhile, the war on obesity in the colonies goes on . . . and on . . . and on, winning some (like in the North Side Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) and losing some (like in Burger Kings everywhere).

It was the kids themselves who led the skirmish at North Side when they refused to sell chocolate bars and potato chips to finance their spring trip to Washington. Ten-year-old Daphne Auguste failed to see the logic in that kind of fund-raising.

"If they tell us to don't eat junk food and then after school we sell it, that disobeys what they said," she said.

At the same time, Burger King was promoting its new Triple Whopper, a virtual banquet between two buns, armed with 1,230 calories and 32 grams of saturated fat, enough to last the average American (if there is one) for two days.

And the research firm of Thomson Medstat of Ann Arbor, Mich., studied trends in health insurance for children and came up with the statistic that kids covered by Medicaid were more likely to suffer from obesity.

Thomson doesn't say why but I'm willing to bet it was more likely the Triple Whopper than haggis.

Convenience and demand drive bottom line

WRITER'S BLOCK

JEFF CUTLER

On consecutive days in downtown Hingham, I purchased the same food — two eggs, toast, coffee and sausages — but paid two vastly different prices. Granted, I enjoyed these meals at different establishments, but the food and the service were essentially the same.

At one restaurant, I paid less than $4 and even got a small glass of juice with my breakfast. The other charged me nearly $7 for the identical dining experience.

Was it the ambiance, the wait staff, the reputation or the abundant parking that justified the higher price?

I say, "Not at all."

The less expensive venue has more parking, better views and a larger seating area.

I don't think it is reputation either. Without naming names, both places are long-time Hingham eateries that are within walking distance of the tunnel construction and they each had different names before their current owners purchased them.

Not to dwell on breakfast, but had I prepared the meal at home the entire course would have probably cost me $2 in food, time, fuel and other incidentals combined. It's odd to think that the same consumer items can hit your wallet differently solely based on their delivery venue. Perhaps it's not venue at all, but simply supply and demand.

The traditional economic theory applies to most consumer activity and if something has a higher value to a buyer, most good sellers will pick up on that and price their item(s) accordingly.

But what of the places that price their goods just because of perceived value? Are items more costly because they're more valuable; or are they more valuable because they're more costly?

Tiger Woods is now using a new Nike putter that retails for around $300 and stores can't keep it in stock. The design is similar to a Ping putter that costs $100 and an Odyssey putter that sells for $120. What makes it different? The demand.

Golfers have seen Tiger win a few early-season tournaments. They watch the equipment he uses and they want to be like him. It seems there are enough people who believe this to keep the price up in the stratosphere for a metal rod used to tap golf balls.

Conversely, look at how quickly Johnny Damon Red Sox shirts became a surplus item. He's the same outfielder but the demand dropped off faster than his flowing locks of hair.

Or take a look at Beanie Babies. You can still buy them for $3 or $4 a pop I think, but what ever happened to the insane $100-200 price tag for the Princess Diana Beanie or any of the other 'limited' edition stuffed toys? Demand dropped and so did the price.

When it comes to necessities like fuel or groceries, the sheer number of suppliers who can deliver these products manages the market. Unless they've created a monopoly by being the only game in town, they are compelled to remain competitive.

The downside of this equation is that some companies through their own success can cripple competition and then morph into a monopoly. Witness Lowe's and Home Depot knocking Walsh & Packard out of business. On the upside of this for consumers is that Lowe's and Home Depot are in fierce battle for your dollars so prices should remain mostly in check.

It's a different case with Stop & Shop. Their aisles are now cluttered with an almost equal number of brand-name products and Stop & Shop brand packages. Because we only have one large supermarket at either end of town, and S&S has a store right over the line in Cohasset, the store is able to eliminate certain products that might not sell well. Then they dedicate the shelves to their own brands that they can sell at a higher margin.

A while back, my mother vowed to do the bulk of her shopping at the Fruit Center because the larger store was "out" of her favorite items on multiple occasions. She had spoken with a Stop & Shop manager twice asking that the store carry certain products, but those requests didn't garner any results.

The wildcard in product pricing is the convenience effect. When you're at the movies, your $4 drink would have cost only $1.29 outside the theater, but it was more convenient to buy it inside. The same holds true for snacks at the airport, postcards and batteries on any resort island, daily Internet access at any coffee shop or bookstore, or the delivery of food or items right to your door.

Essentially, it's pretty convenient not to have to shop for eggs, bread, sausages, coffee and juice. It's also convenient not to worry about setting the table, doing dishes or paying for parking.

I guess the price of my convenience is between $4 and $7.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Cohasset Democrats support Deval Patrick

Participating in the state-wide caucuses held Saturday, Feb. 4, Cohasset Democrats elected Chartis Tebbetts, Donna McGee, Tom Callahan and Coleman Nee as delegates to the 2006 Massachusetts Democratic Convention to be held in June at the DCU Center in Worcester where Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates state office. Margey Charles and Kevin McCarthy were elected as alternates.

All of the elected delegates support Deval Patrick for governor. Cohasset will also be represented at the convention by Agnes McCann, Town Committee chairman and Fred Koed, a member of the Democratic State Committee. For more information, please visit www.cohassetdems.org.

Political forum talks about government

The Cohasset Political Forum will sponsor a conversation about "Government and Your Wallet", reconciling the "disconnect" between what services we want from government and how willing we are to pay for them at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Paul Pratt Library.

Discussion will include the role of government, identifying community values and priorities; examining Prop. 2-1/2; education and health care; and spending challenges confronting municipal and state governments.

Free admission and all are welcome. Call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 383-0222 or visit www.cohassetdems.org.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Learn About Oriental Rugs – Scott Gregorian, from Gregorian Rugs, will be at the library on Sun. Feb. 26th at 2:30pm to talk about oriental rugs.

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center presents The Six Style of Janis, an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library January 8 – Feb. 28, 2006. Meet the artist at an opening reception on Sunday, January 8th 3-5pm. Gallery Hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. 9am-9pm, Fri. and Sat. 9am-5pm, and Sundays 2-5pm. Closed Wednesdays.

Income tax forms – The library now has a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons Room. Reproducible forms can be used on a copier. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Upcoming author visits – Thursday, March 2: Buttonwood Books and PPML will host author Carol Goodman at a luncheon at the Minot Lightkeeper's Residence in Cohasset at 11:30 a.m. Meet the author, hear her discuss her latest book "The Ghost Orchid," and enjoy a catered lunch. Tickets are $18 and available at Buttonwood Books and the library.

Sunday, March 5: Friends of the Library will welcome Michael Tougais, author of "Ten Hours Until Dawn" at PPML at 2:30 p.m.. Tougais will present a narrated slide show.

Independent film night – "Spare Parts," Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Free admission and refreshment courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Book group – Book group meets the last Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. This month's book is David Kelley's "The Captain's Wife." Open to all.

Website features – To view new titles to our collection or suggest a title visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click Good Books, then click New Arrivals or Suggest a Title.

School committee candidate interviewed

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin as they sit down with school committee candidate Steven Fusco to discuss his aspirations for Cohasset schools.

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Cohasset Teacher Association Member David Ames presents the teachers union's latest response to the recent failed teacher contract negotiations.

Future shows scheduled include individual interviews with selectmen candidates Roger Hill and Edwin Carr beginning Feb. 23 and the televised selectmen's debate scheduled to begin airing on March 9. Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Library trustees fight for more funding

But are in same boat as other depts.

By Samantha Brown
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The new Paul Pratt Memorial Library opened for business from its new headquarters at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street in March 2003. With a larger building and more patrons, those involved with the library say the fiscal 2007 recommended library budget is far from adequate.

"We need the resources to be able to deliver."
— Jackie Rafferty, library director

Library Director Jacqueline Rafferty, library trustees chair Sarah Pease, and trustees treasurer Patience Towle came before the board of selectmen Jan. 31 to discuss their thoughts on Town Manager Bill Griffin's proposed recommended budget. While the library had requested a total budget of $503,753, Griffin has recommended $460,430, in an effort to keep the fiscal 2007 budget within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2.

"We would like to see our budget fully funded," said Pease, adding the increase in the building's use, while exciting, requires more cleaning and repairs. Maintenance funds have not been properly allocated since it opened, and the building is slowly deteriorating, she said, adding, "We are suffering from our own success."

The increase in patrons has not only led to more wear and tear on the building, it has led to a need for more library staff. There are 10 library positions included in Griffin's fiscal 2007 recommended budget.

Towle said the library trustees and staff members feel as if their backs are up against a wall. "The library is poorly maintained, dirty and understaffed," she said, adding this year it is essential the library receive $41,000 for staffing; $17,000 in capital items for computer related items; and $16,000 must be added to the town's custodial budget line item and earmarked for the library. "It may seem small, but to us, it would mean the world," she said.

Rafferty pointed out the library is roughly 1.5 percent of the total town operating budget, "and we're busier than ever. We need the resources to be able to deliver," she said, adding she thinks the library does a very good job considering the resources it has to work with.

Rafferty said there has been a 42 percent increase in loan activity but staffing levels have stayed the same, which makes things very difficult. She said the library also has 42 computers it must maintain and the funding should be allocated in the town budget every year to allow the library to make the necessary updates and replacements on a regular rotation cycle. Adding $17,000 this year would start that cycle off, she said.

Towle added there are roughly 12,000 checkouts per year on the computers in the reference section of the library, which means they are being used very frequently. "We just added three more (computers) because of the demand," she said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said while it is sad to hear what is happening to the library, "every department says the same thing," in terms of needing more funding, which does not make for easy decisions.

Rafferty said to the library's credit, it tries to supplement its budget with grants whenever possible. "I am an avid grant writer, and in the last three years we have received two worth $17,000. I believe in going above and beyond municipal resources, but this is a very popular library in this town," she said, and currently, funding is not adequate.

While Towle said she understands the library is not alone in requesting more funding, and all requests will be taken into consideration before the board of selectmen votes to approve a final budget, she said it is her job and the job of library staff and trustees to advocate for the library and not look at the big picture. "It is our job to ask you to rob Peter to pay Paul Pratt," she said.

Library trustee Sheila Evans said when residents agreed to renovate the former Osgood School and turn it into a brand new town library, they trusted the building would be maintained. "We would have promised our souls that we would," she said, adding the funding to properly take care of the library should be included in the library's base budget.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said the reason the money is currently not available is because the town is limited by Prop. 2-1/2 — the state law this puts a cap on the amount a town can raise its tax levy from year to year. "We need an override," he said.

However, Selectman Rob Spofford said while an override might provide the funds necessary, there are residents who don't want to keep raising taxes. With Vanderweil's philosophy, "You'll drive everyone out of this town who isn't rich," Spofford said.

Library budget facts

Fiscal 2007 request	$503,753
Fiscal 2007 recommended	$460,430
Difference	$43,323
Fiscal 2004 expended	$406,258
Fiscal 2005 expended	$413,256 (increase of 1.7 percent)
Fiscal 2006 appropriated	$455,894 (increase of 10.3 percent)
Requested increase from 2006 to 2007	$47,859 (increase of 10.4 percent)
Recommended increase from 2006 to 2007	$4,536 (increase of .99 percent)
Percentage of total 2007 recommended budget	1.4

Library statistics

- The former library had an average estimated 100 visitors per day. The new library by conservative estimate has 460 visitors per day.
- The former library had 9,500 square feet and cost $20,000 to clean. The new library is 15,000 square feet and $10,000 is being spent to clean.
- The former library had an annual circulation of 80,000 with the equivalent of 7.8 full time employees. The new library has a circulation of 134,000 with the equivalent of 8.9 full time employees.
- The former library had four public computers with limited speed and Internet access. The new library has 32 public, high speed, full access computers and 10 staff computers.

**Facts provided by members of the Library Board of Trustees.*

Facilities manager needs more maintenance money

Buildings are not that clean

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Facilities Manager Brian Adams has a stack of maintenance requests building up in his office, but he doesn't have the staff required to get the job done.

Adams is responsible for managing the maintenance for Town Hall, the library, the police and fire station, the department of public works building, the harbormaster's shack, and all three schools, but currently, he has only three employees working for him, including one foreman and two maintenance workers. The lack of employees has taken Adams out of his role as a manager, and has put him to work doing hands-on repairs.

"I'm way behind right now," said Adams, adding he currently has one employee serving as the custodian for the library, Town Hall, the police and fire department, and the DPW building.

Adams came before the board of selectmen Jan. 31 to explain how his budget is affecting operations. Adams requested $718,619 for fiscal 2007, but Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended $504,504. Griffin's recommended budget is a balanced budget which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2.

Adams said ideally, he would like to have 12 or 13 employees to cover the buildings in Cohasset. Griffin said his budget would add two maintenance workers, salaried at roughly $40,000 per year, and one half-time custodian, salaried at roughly $14,000 per year, which will help complete the tasks currently on hold, and will also free up Adams to take on the managerial role he was hired to have. Griffin has also allocated money in the service budget for maintenance.

"The facilities are in need of attention," said Adams, adding if the town neglects them, the problem is only going to get worse. He said there are regular maintenance items that should be completed on an ongoing basis, such as changing of filters and other similar items, "and we're not doing them," he said. Adams added on a scale of one to 10 in terms of cleanliness, the town's buildings are at roughly a three or four.

This October, Adams came before the school committee to provide an update on where the schools stand from a cleaning and custodial standpoint, and he was very dismayed to report his findings. Schools are ranked on a scale of one through five with level one as "hospital standard" clean, and Cohasset's schools were a four. At that time, he said level four is typically not acceptable for schools.

The schools have four custodians (included in the school budget) and it also uses the One Source cleaning company, which works in the buildings at night. One Source provides 6-1/2 employees for each shift. "We're not given enough money for the One Source people to do their job adequately," said Adams, as the contract the school has with the company directs the company to perform certain tasks, based on what it can afford to spend. Adams added he would guess some of the problems the school department has had with vandalism at the school could be due to the level of cleanliness at the schools. He said if the buildings are not kept clean, students are less likely to have respect for them.

Facilities manager Brian Adams said on a scale of one to 10 in terms of cleanliness, the town's buildings are at roughly a three or four.

Selectman Michael Sullivan asked Adams what it would take to bring the town's buildings up to the point where they are at a nine or 10 in terms of cleanliness. Adams said he wouldn't even venture to take a guess, as it would first require hiring more personnel to get the work done, followed by the necessary materials and equipment.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said at night, he often drives by the schools and sees many lights on. "How come we can't get those turned off," and save some money, he asked. Adams said because the cleaning service works at night, the lights need to be on during after-school hours, but they are supposed to be off by 11 p.m.

Dormitzer also asked why the heat in the town's buildings cannot be better controlled. "How about this room at 80 degrees?" he said of the selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall.

Adams replied when the town's newest buildings were redone, very efficient equipment was installed, "You just have to shut them off," he said. Many of the buildings have computers which can be programmed to do that automatically. However, until there is more staff to help him out, Adams will continue working on the hands on tasks, which take him away from those kinds of managerial responsibilities.

Commane is named water superintendent

Glenn Pratt, chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission recently announced the appointment of Eileen Commane as water superintendent. A resident of Norwell, Commane was water facilities manager for the Town of Weymouth. Prior to her work in Weymouth she spent 14 years as water utility manager for American Water Company's Massachusetts subsidiaries.

"Throughout her 23 year career in the waterworks field, Eileen has established herself as a dedicated, highly capable individual who has been recognized by the water supply community for her contributions to the industry," commented Pratt. She has been particularly active with the education committee of the New England Water Works Association, a trade group dedicated to safe drinking water through education and public outreach," Pratt noted.

"We endorse this appointment wholeheartedly and encourage customers with water quality questions or concerns to contact her."
— Glenn Pratt, water commission

Commane is involved in the Rotary Club of Hingham and Hull, and will serve as president-elect of the club next year. Following Hurricane Mitch in Honduras several years ago, Commane traveled with fellow Rotarians to see first hand what was needed. Subsequently the Hingham and Hull Club contributed funding for several modest block homes for desperately needy Honduran families. The Rotary Club presented Commane with the Paul Harris Fellow Award last year for her contribution to the organization.

Eileen Commane is the new Cohasset water superintendent.

"The focus of Rotary International this year," Commane said, "is to provide safe drinking water to the one billion people in the world without access to it."

Commane received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Holy Cross College in Worcester and is presently pursuing a master's degree at Boston College in Chestnut Hill.

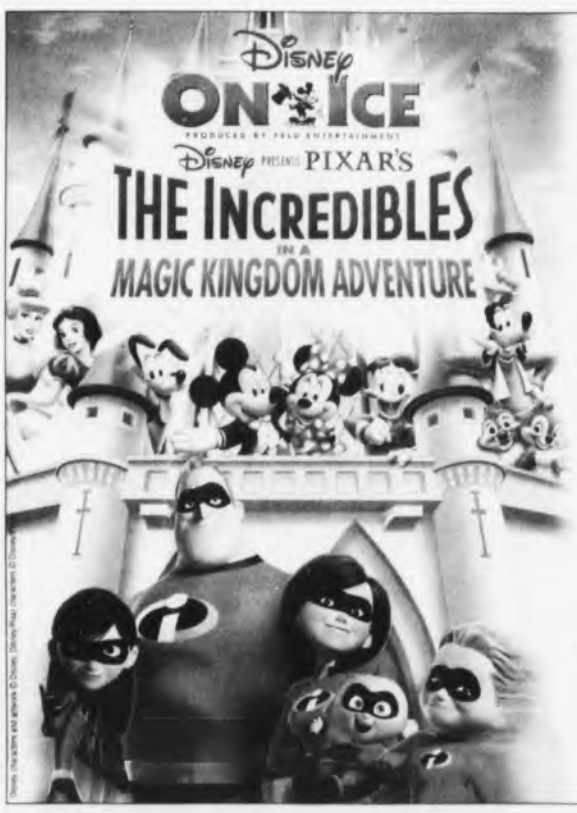
"We endorse this appointment wholeheartedly and encourage customers with water quality questions or concerns to contact her," Pratt said.

"I am looking forward to working in the Cohasset Community. I want residents to contact me if they have any questions or concerns regarding the drinking water," said Commane. To reach Eileen Commane call 781-383-0057 or email ecommane@amwater.com.

Town Census for 2006

The Town Census for 2006 has been mailed to each household. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2006. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2005 license. If you did not receive your census, call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.



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School budget more than a slice of the town's budget pie

By Samantha Brown
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At face value, it would appear the school department budget makes up roughly 38 percent of the fiscal 2007 budget recommended by Town Manager Bill Griffin. However, there are many costs which are picked up on the town's side which directly impact the schools, which in reality increases the school department's budget allocation by millions of dollars.

The fiscal 2007 budget is not yet finalized, but taking a look at fiscal 2006, the school department's allocation was $12,344,382. Against the town's total fiscal 2006 operating budget figure of $31,724,743, it would be easy to assume the schools received 38.9 percent. However, when the costs associated with school employees' health insurance, life insurance, Medicare, pensions, etc., are factored in, in reality, 60.69 percent of the fiscal 2006 total operating budget was spent on school-related items.

Griffin said last year, the town paid $446,056 for building maintenance, which includes the costs associated with the school buildings.

According to Town Manager Bill Griffin, in fiscal 2006 the school department was allocated $12,344,382. On top of that, the town paid $5,201,074 in costs related to the schools, which means the amount of money which was spent on the schools was actually $17,545,456.

Griffin said last year, the town paid $446,056 for building maintenance, which includes the costs associated with the school buildings. In fact, the schools make up roughly 75 percent of the cost, or $334,542. Another $100,000 was spent on field maintenance directly related to the schools.

Throughout the year, the town pays roughly $1,966,000 in health insurance for all town employees, including those that work for the schools. In fiscal 2006, the school's share of health insurance was roughly $1,107,448. Also included were $4,947 in life insurance costs (out of a town-wide total of roughly $8,000), another $117,496 in Medicare taxes ($190,000 total), and $544,229 in retired teachers' health insurance.

The school department has presented a fiscal 2007 budget which includes a 13.3 percent increase over fiscal 2006, including anticipated offsets. Within that increase, there are 16 new positions, which would cost the school department $581,759. On the town side, insurance costs for those new positions alone would be $181,104.

The state Department of Education takes into account money spent on the schools from both the school and town budgets. The DOE determines a foundation budget each year which reflects the state's estimate of the minimum amount needed in each district to provide an adequate educational program. There is also a figure set for required net school spending, which is the annual minimum that must be spent on schools, including carryovers from prior years. Net school spending includes municipal indirect spending for schools, but excludes capital expenditures and transportation costs.

According to the DOE, the net school spending required in fiscal 2006 for Cohasset was $10,573,518, which includes the required local contribution and chapter 70 state aid funds. The actual amount spent by the town was $13,956,500, which is 32 percent, or $3,382,982, more than required.

Budget breakdown

Department	Request	Recommended	Difference	% of total budget
School	$13,791,366	$12,714,714	$1,076,652	38.7
Fire	$2,014,597	$1,842,864	$171,733	5.6
Police	$1,983,034	$1,764,982	$218,052	5.4
Public works	$1,323,329	$1,271,899	$51,430	3.9
Building maint.	$718,619	$504,504	$214,115	1.5
Library	$503,753	$460,430	$43,323	1.4
Elder affairs	$209,954	$179,024	$30,930	.54
Grand total	$34,824,327	$32,867,188	$1,957,139	

School department figures do not include the amounts paid by the town for school building and field maintenance, health insurance, life insurance, property insurance, workers comp., Medicare taxes, unemployment, pensions, debt service or retired teachers health insurance, which totals roughly $5 million.

Cost of proposed school positions

Position
2 kindergarten teachers (one salary funded by tuition)
1.3 physical education/health Osgood and Deer Hill
1 grade two teacher
1 custodian
1 English and reading teacher grade six
1 foreign language teacher grade 7&8
1 guidance/adjustment counselor grades six-12
1 music teacher middle school
1 English language arts teacher grades nine through 12
1 math teacher grades nine through 12
1 secretary/receptionist high school main office
.5 foreign language grades nine through 12
20 hour athletic trainer
2 custodians
.5 juvenile police officer

Anticipated school cost	Anticipated town cost
$581,759	$181,104

* school cost includes estimated salaries for teachers as employees at a higher or lower step could be hired.
* town numbers factor in $16,819 per year in total benefits for non-teacher employees and $8,819 for teachers, with salaries of $50,000 per year.

DOE reports Cohasset's spending trends

The following figures were reported by the Department of Education and were last updated Jan. 4, 2006

Fiscal year	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Foundation enrollment	1,304	1,352	1,422	1,467
Percent change	1.0	3.7	5.2	3.2
Foundation budget	$8,458,877	$8,888,793	$9,589,684	$10,255,772
Percent change	3.1	5.1	7.9	6.9
Required local contribution	$7,024,786	$7,933,682	$8,922,219	$9,352,895
Chapter 70 aid	$1,434,091	$1,147,273	$1,147,273	$1,220,623
Percent change	0	-20	0	6.4
Required net school spending	$8,458,877	$9,080,955	$10,069,492	$10,573,518
Percent change	-4.7	7.4	10.9	5
Actual net school spending	$12,031,525	$12,494,103	$13,068,549	$13,956,500*
Percent change	4.6	3.8	4.6	6.8
Dollars over/under requirement	$3,572,648	$3,413,148	$2,999,057	$3,382,982
Percent over/under	42.2	37.6	29.8	32

- Foundation enrollment is reported in October of the prior fiscal year (e.g. FY06 enrollment = Oct. 1, 2004 headcount).
- Foundation budget is the state's estimate of the minimum amount needed in each district to provide an adequate educational program.
- Required net school spending is the annual minimum that must be spent on schools, including carryovers from prior years.
- Net school spending includes municipal indirect spending for schools but excludes capital expenditures and transportation.
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Preventative screenings at St. Anthony's, Feb. 23

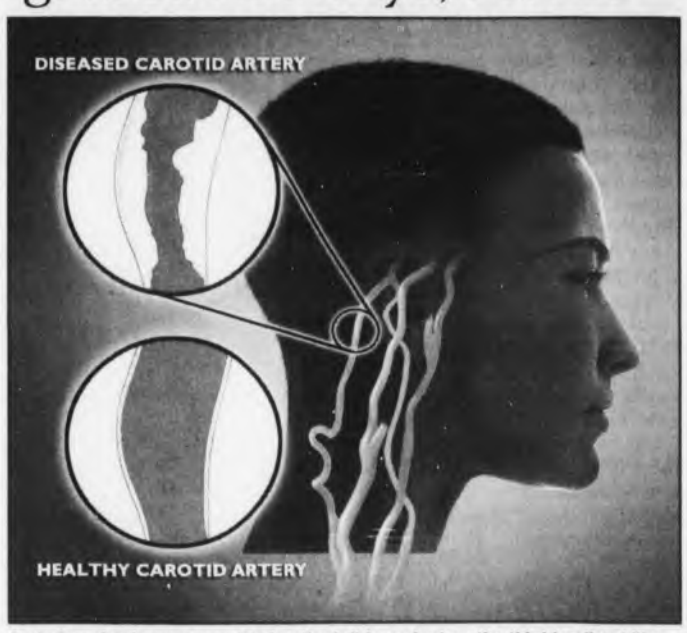
Residents living in and around Cohasset can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., Feb. 23. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

Each screening requires 10 minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is $109. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only $129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 800-697-9721. Pre-registration is required.



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CPR-to-Go course being offered

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GPS for Mariners Course offered

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Scituate Flotilla 12-8, will conduct a GPS for Mariners course at the Marshfield Yacht Club, 11 Ridge Rd., Marshfield, on the following nights: Monday, March 20, and 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Monday, April 3, and 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is $50 which includes the text book GPS for Mariners by Robert Sweet, and four two hour classes at the Yacht Club.

You don't have to own a GPS to gain knowledge from this course.

Registration on the first night of the course at 6:30 p.m. on March 20. Call George Murphy, Staff Officer in charge of Public Education, USCGAUX Scituate 12-8, if you have any questions at 781-710-7594 or glmurphy7594@aol.com.

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By Bette Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

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Teachers reject proposed contract

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of hours of instruction but to meet the needs of a new bus schedule. A member of the committee has specifically stated that the necessity for this increased supervision is a direct result of the firing of instructional aides last year, aides who were never replaced.

Our teachers are willing to work the longer day that the School Committee is demanding — and work it without additional pay. But the additional time needs to be designated as planning time, devoted to accomplishing the educational tasks listed above.

There are more problems with the proposed package, more concessions and losses of present benefits, and these will be discussed at a later date.

So, what is the current state of affairs? In response to a request from the PSO, the teachers are modifying the current "work to rule" policy. Teachers will return to the previous practices in terms of meeting with parents and providing extra help to students before and after school. There will be no restrictions on writing recommendations for colleges, private schools, internships, scholarships, or employment.

In the near future we will be reaching out to the parents to support us in our efforts to obtain a fair and reasonable contract. We are asking parents to become more involved in our struggle; please email pmcgrail@cohassetk12.org in order to find out how you may assist us.

In closing, the teachers of Cohasset provide a quality educational experience for the students. We deserve respect and a fair contract. In terms of attracting and retaining quality staff, we are competing with towns that value their teachers and treat them accordingly. Please contact the members of the School Committee, the Advisory Board, and the Selectmen to urge them to settle this contract.

Ed Leonard and Ed Leary are members the Cohasset Teachers Association.

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As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland St., Cohasset, will present David Macfarlane in an organ recital on Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Dr. Macfarlane is a prize-winner in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation and Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Englewood, N.J. Macfarlane has played for the Papal Mass in New York City and a number of recitals at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is an expert in romantic and contemporary works for the organ and will present compositions in those areas. Macfarlane will play on St. Stephen's magnificent 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, known for its tonal diversity and size, with pipe placement at various locations within the church nave and chancel. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. For information call 781.383. 1083.

Auditions for 'Seussical!'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club announces auditions for its spring musical, "Seussical!" which will be presented on May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. Auditions will be held on Feb. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium.

Seussical takes a whimsical look into the engaging world of Dr. Seuss and his colorful characters as they come to life on the stage. Auditioners should come prepared to sing 16-24 bars of an upbeat tune, preferably from the show. If you're not singing something from the show, please bring your own music. An accompanist will be provided. There will be a dance/movement audition as well. Director Lisa Pratt, Music Directors John and Katie Duff and Choreographer JoJo Fichtner plan to cast the show with 35 actors, mostly adults and young people, with a key role for an 11ish year-old boy or girl. There are a few roles for children under 13. The show will be Produced by Jean DiGiacomandrea. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Pratt at 781-383-1387.

Texas Hold 'Em helps post-prom

The Class of 2006 Post-Prom Committee kicks off its fund-raising activities with a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Friday, Feb. 17. The fund-raiser will be held at the Sons of Italy Hall, Route 3A, Hingham. The tournament is limited to 140 players and net proceeds benefit the Class of 2006 post-prom activities. Preregistration is encouraged. Participants are asked to mail the $125 tournament fee with their name, address and phone number to Monica McKenna, 324 North Main St., Cohasset, 02025. Walk-in registrations will be taken at the door at 6:30 p.m. based on availability. Tournament play begins promptly at 7:30. Prizes are awarded to the top eight players. For additional information on the Texas Hold 'Em, call Chris McKenna at 781-844-2448.

The Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is the first of several activities sponsored by the Post-Prom Committee. Chairpersons are Derry Schwantner, Linda Bolster and Chris Taylor. "Many preparations are under way to make the post-prom gathering a night of great entertainment and a safe place for the kids to be with their friends," said Schwantner. Tax-deductible donations to the Post-Prom are greatly appreciated. They may be mailed to Ellen Sanchez, 227 Beechwood St., Cohasset, 02025.

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Lady hoopsters going back to the tournament

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

They have crossed over the doorstep and have entered into the House of Hoops, the Division 4 state tournament for basketball. And what a journey it has been for the Lady Skippers. Fans have closed their eyes and thanked their lucky stars.

Who could have imagined in early January, when they were hitting the lower levels of the South Shore League standings, they would emerge into tournament status and claim a 10-6 record at this point. No, Cohasset did not rise to the top spot in its league. Carver holds that honor with an 11-1 record as of Feb. 1.

Nevertheless, the Lady Skippers can feel very proud of their progress. Monday marked the day the Lady Skippers qualified for their third tournament berth in a row. That puts head coach John Levangie to near Belichick status when it comes to coaching basketball.

So here's what happened. Holbrook came to town and Cohasset went to town. With a point (or many points) to prove, the Skippers put on a show. Passing, shooting, rebounding, defense. You name it. The Cohasset players showed how badly they wanted this win when they tightened the defensive leash on the Bulldogs.

At the end of the first half, a double take at the scoreboard would reveal a 20-0 Skipper lead.

Overall, Chelsea Grossman pumped in 16 points, Gabriella Flibotte 12, and Samantha Lehr eight. Things got a little scary when Holbrook's Jenna Mamme caught fire in the second half and tallied an amazing 27 points.

Yet, Cohasset proved it wouldn't take no for an answer, especially on its home court. The 46-33 final score gave the Skippers what they wanted: the tourney invite.

"It's just incredible how far the girls have come since day one," said Levangie. "Now they can really be rewarded for their hard work."

The victory over the Bulldogs came on the heels of another victory against the

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Lacey Richardson, shown here in action last week against Abington, scored 12 points in Saturday's win over Nantucket.

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Pat Doonan (pictured above during the Skippers' first game against Abington-EB) scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal in Wednesday night's rematch. Cohasset is now 7-7-2, and can clinch a state tournament berth with a win tomorrow night against Norwell.

Tournament hopes on ice

Skippers can get in postseason with win over Norwell on Saturday

By Mark Goodman
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Cohasset High hockey fans could not have asked for a more scintillating scenario.

For the second straight season, Norwell stands between the Skipper skaters and a berth in the Division 3 state tournament.

When Cohasset squares off against its rivals Saturday night (8 p.m.

face-off) at Pilgrim, they will be playing for at least a share of second place in the South Shore League. Norwell (14-1-1 overall, 10-0 league) has already clinched the league title. Finishing second automatically qualifies a team for the postseason, regardless of whether it finishes .500.

Even with a loss to Norwell, Cohasset (7-7-2, 6-3-2) could still get in the postseason dance by winning two of its last three games against South Shore Voc. Tech, Pembroke and Westwood. That would give the Skippers the necessary .500 minimum record.

But Skippers head coach Ben Virga and his charges want it Saturday.

"I know I'm fired up for it," Virga said Thursday morning. "I know I'll be thinking about Cohasset High School hockey for the next 48 hours. I think the players will be ready to; they've been pumped up the last couple days."

Norwell has plenty of firepower up front, led by two of the league's leading scorers, sophomore centers Dan Dempsey and Cody Cavicchi. In the teams' first meeting Jan. 18, Cohasset outplayed and out-shot (33-18) Norwell, but the Clippers took home the 3-0 win, thanks in large part to the play of junior goalie John Collins.

The Cohasset players have expressed confidence in recent weeks that they can even the score in the rematch, a sentiment that Virga echoed on Thursday.

Cohasset vs. Norwell
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Pilgrim Ice Arena

"I think if we can chase rebounds, crash the net and play aggressive, we can do it," said the coach, who sounded like he was ready to lace up his skates himself. "I feel we can play with them. They have a couple kids who can really finish. If we take five minutes off, they'll probably score three goals. We need to play for 45 minutes."

Cohasset finds itself in a position to make the postseason by virtue of its current three-game winning streak, all against league teams. The most recent victory came Wednesday night.

Skippers 3, Abington-East Bridgewater 2

After a sluggish first period that saw the Skippers on the wrong end of a 1-0 score, Cohasset tri-captains Brandon Smith, Brian Straughn and Mark Bouchard talked to their teammates in the locker room about the importance of this game.

"They conveyed the message that, hey, the stars are aligning here for Saturday's game with Norwell to be for a spot in the tournament," Virga said. "They knocked us out of it last year [with a 3-2 win in the season

finale], and the kids knew they wanted to avenge what happened last year."

Following those speeches, Cohasset came out and played what Virga called the best 15 minutes his team has played in his three years coaching the team.

Just 30 seconds in, junior defenseman Conor Holway took the puck from an AEB player on a fore-check and fired it toward the net. Junior Chris Davis was there to tip it in for his eighth goal in his last six games.

Shortly thereafter, the Smith brothers combined to give Cohasset the lead.

Andrew, a freshman, controlled the face-off back to Brandon, who unleashed a beautiful shot, top corner. With just 1:30 remaining in the second period, sophomore Pat Doonan scored a crucial insurance goal.

The Skippers committed a couple quick penalties to open the third period, and AEB scored on the 5-on-3 advantage to pull back within one. The game was played pretty evenly over the last 10 minutes. Brandon Smith and Bouchard both had great opportunities to score, and freshman goalie Jonny Wade had to make a couple good stops to keep the visitors from tying it up.

In the end, Cohasset came away with the huge win. Virga said the play of his team's veterans set the tone for everyone wearing a white sweater.

"Brandon Smith played his best game in the time I've had him," said the coach. "Brian Straughn played unbelievable. They are two seniors who desperately want to make the tournament in their last year."

Virga switched up his lines before the second period, putting junior Austin Lanzillotti in between Davis and sophomore Alex Goetz. Junior T.J. Kennedy, whom Virga says is the team's best face-off guy, centered a line between Doonan and sophomore Charlie Czerkawski.

Skippers 6, Hull 2

The Pirates held a 2-1 lead early in Saturday's contest. Knowing there was no way they could afford to lose this game, the Skippers stormed back over the last 35 minutes with five unanswered goals.

Lanzillotti led the attack with two scores, and Wade played another fine game in net for Cohasset.

Next up

After Saturday's showdown, Cohasset will play South Shore Voc. Tech on Wednesday, 7:40 p.m. at Pilgrim. Cohasset won the teams' first meeting on Dec. 17.

CHS boys hoops looking for wins

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High boys basketball team continues to go through its growing pains.

The Skippers have been more competitive of late, but have yet to figure out how to get over the hump. The team's most recent game was a 64-50 loss down the Cape to Harwich.

Sophomore guard Patrick McCarthy led the Skippers with a career-high 22 points. McCarthy played an all-around strong offensive game, hitting a couple threes against the Harwich zone and getting himself to the line with aggressive moves to the basket.

Senior Trevor Brady was Cohasset's other main scorer with 16. The Skippers hung tough with Harwich throughout most of the first half, but the Rough Riders built a double-digit lead in the last few minutes. In that run was a Ryan Soares three just before the buzzer that Cohasset head coach Dorian Bryant called "a killer" for his team.

Bryant said after the game he and his assistants will continue to preach the fundamentals that have proven to be a problem for Cohasset.

"We had some issues taking care of the ball tonight," Bryant

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Swimmers rack up two more victories

By Caitlin Donovan
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team came out with two big wins last week against Oliver Ames and Hanover, bringing their record to 7-1.

The team has been working well together in practices and meets, and as a result, has had a winning season so far with only one loss to Duxbury. The Sci-Cohs have one last meet against Pembroke before the Championships.

So far this season the team has had numerous swimmers make sectionals as well as states. The team has really come together this season, not just in the pool but as a whole. The roster looks promising for next season.

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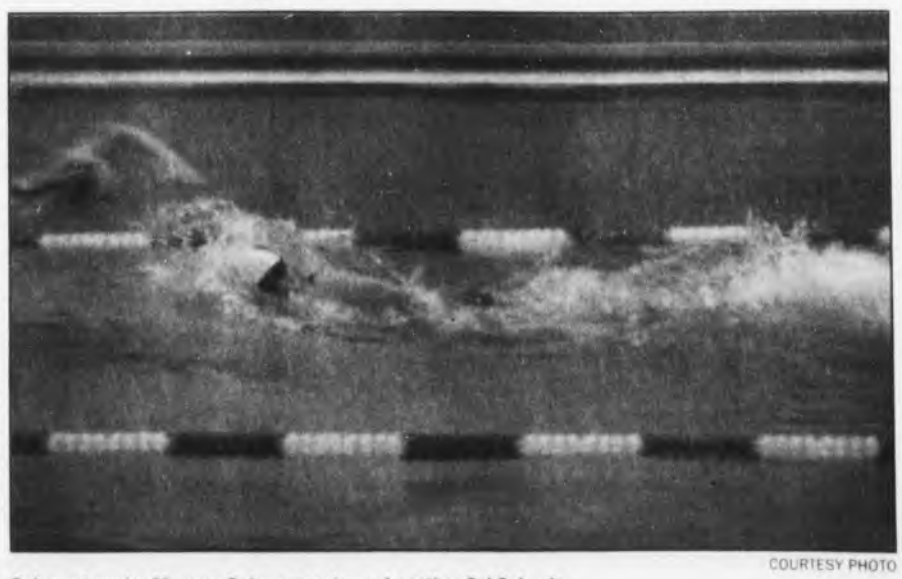

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Cohasset senior Mamme Daley races toward another Sci-Coh win.

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Cohasset's Kate Carpenter - shown here on the beam in a recent meet against Marshfield - and her Coh-Noh teammates will compete in the Cranberry League Meet this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Somerset High School.

Limited space left for spring lacrosse

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has completed its spring registration period, but a limited number of roster spaces remain available at some age levels.

"We've been lucky to come through our registration period with just about our preferred roster sizes at all levels," says Chuck Jaffe, director of the program, which will field 14 boys and girls teams in grades 3-8 this spring. "We have just a few open spaces, and we will give them out on a first-come, first-served basis."

Jaffe notes that the lacrosse organization starts practices in early March and, each year, winds up with a few children who only decide that they want to play after a friend tells them about the start of workouts. Typically, at that point, it is too late to add the additional kids at that time.

"This year, more than most, we may have some extra flexibility – particularly on the boys side of things," Jaffe says, "but ideally we will have everyone who wants to play signed up soon, before they wind up missing out."

Registration costs $150 for one player and $275 for two. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins practicing in March, completes its season in June and works throughout the spring to avoid scheduling conflicts with the other youth sports in town.

To get registration paperwork, contact Jaffe at CAJaffe@aol.com or at 781-383-9858.

For more information, visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

CHS boys hoops looking for wins

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said. "We had too many turnovers, and we also got out-rebounded. Those two areas is where we lost the game."

The second-year coach remains optimistic that his team will begin to put it together offensively over its last four games.

"I think it's something we can fix, but it comes with effort," Bryant said. "In practice, we've been doing a lot of drills that emphasize making the right decision with the ball, especially in 2-on-1 and 3-on-2 situations.

"Once we get a little more mature, we will get better."

One thing that has encouraged Bryant this season is the development of freshman guard John Sturino. After playing the first half of the year with the JVs, Sturino was recently called up to varsity and started against Harwich.

"He played with a lot of energy and focus," Bryant said of Sturino. "He's a freshman and he will make his share of mistakes, but he will make some nice plays, too."

Cohasset took another tough loss on Saturday in Nantucket, 50-40. After playing the night before against Carver, the boys woke up for a 7 a.m. bus to take them to the ferry.

Despite that, the Skippers kept it close for most of the game. The Whalers pulled it out, however, when Jordan Ferriera (game-high 14 points) found holes in the Cohasset zone and hit a couple late threes in the corner to clinch it for the home team.

Junior forward Justin Alexander led the Skippers with 12 points, followed by 11 from McCarthy. Bryant said overall execution on offense was again his team's biggest drawback.

"We had our chances to win when [Nantucket] had some turnovers in our end," he said. "We just couldn't make the play to put us over."

After hosting league champion Hull tonight, Cohasset closes out its season with three games in four days next week: Monday at home against Avon, Tuesday at Norwell, and Thursday at home with Mashpee.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Skippers' Justin Alexander has provided the team with a strong rebounding presence and some tough inside scoring.

Lady hoopsters going back to the tournament

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Whalers in Nantucket the prior Saturday. As you may recall, the Whalers came to Cohasset earlier in the season and took advantage of the struggling Skippers by handing them a 13-point loss. This time the Lady Skippers "reversed the curse."

If any Cohasset Skipper felt seasick from the boat cruise to Nantucket it didn't show in their performance. Flibotte sparked another fire in the beginning, eventually totaling a career-high 32 points. Junior Lacey Richardson did her part with 12, closely followed by Lehr with eight.

Just in case the Whalers didn't have a hard enough time controlling the new and improved Skipper offense, Grossman and Lieb-Lappen led the way with the infamous Cohasset press. This deadly offense-defense combination gave the Skippers a well earned 59-48 victory.

The victory at Nantucket proved important for two reasons. First, the game gave the Lady Skippers significant momentum going into the all-important game against Holbrook. Second, it halted a potential slide in the standings due to two earlier losses in a row, against Abington and Carver.

Speaking of these losses, the Skippers fell to the Green Wave of Abington on the last day of January. For starters, Grossman could not play, leaving a big hole in the offense. At the beginning of the second half, Lehr and Flibotte fouled out.

Even worse for the Skippers, Abington senior captain Lauren Conway returned to the roster and drilled in 15 points to further disadvantage Cohasset. With the odds stacked up against them, the Skippers battled their way through the game. Despite the 47-43 Cohasset loss, some positive things happened for the Lady Skippers.

Flibotte contributed 13 points before she got into foul trouble. Richardson stepped onto the court and ran up nine points while freshman Carley Salerno contributed six of her own points.

"It's tough to lose in this type of situation," explained Levangie. "Chelsea, Gabby, and Sam are a big part of this team. Playing without them, we can't be too disappointed by the final score."

The second loss came at the hands of the league-leading Carver Crusaders in Cohasset on Feb. 3. Cohasset started the game with some good energy and managed to keep the score close through the first half.

Unfortunately for Flibotte, the refs in the first half did not take her aggressive playing very lightly. She faced foul trouble yet again in the second half, limiting her to 10 points. Grossman and Richardson supplied six points each while Lieb-Lappen took control of the rebounding.

Still, the Lady Skippers could not subdue the Crusader crush. As Carver controlled the second half, frustration emerged on the Cohasset bench. The Crusaders drove away with yet another league victory, this time by a score of 49-36.

"We didn't take this loss too hard," said Lieb-Lappen. "We played with them [Carver] for most of the game. This game proved we can compete with higher level teams."

The Lady Skippers know they will face teams like Carver in the tournament. So they must tighten their game even more if they want to climb up the tournament ladder and perhaps get a home game in the first round. After tonight's home game with Hull, Cohasset closes its schedule in Avon on Monday and at home against Norwell on Tuesday.

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GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

8th graders continue torrid pace in SSL competition

The 8th graders played Halifax on Sunday, Jan. 29 and the result was the same as the last time these teams met; Cohasset won handily, 37-18.

Breaking a season long trend, this time the girls started the game quickly behind **Lindsay Allard's** six first half points. At halftime the hoopsters had a comfortable 18-7 lead. In the second half **Tori Lehr** rebounded strongly and scored 8 points. A particularly noteworthy play by **Chelsea Silvia** was a court length drive and pull-up jumper that banked perfectly off the glass. For the game the blue and white were led in scoring by Lehr with 12 (including 4 of 5 from the charity stripe), Allard with nine and **Meredith Kelly** with six.

This past weekend the travel team played a home-and-home series against the Abington Green Wave. Both teams entered Saturday night's contest with 8-2 records and tied for second place in the division. The evening did not start off well when one of Cohasset's top players, Meredith Kelly, was unable to play because of the flu. Then midway through the first half Allard had to leave the game with a head injury and early in the second half **Isabelle Franklin** had to go to the hospital to receive five stitches in her chin.

Regardless of these manpower issues, the team did not play well and Abington was on top of its game, scoring 15 straight points during one stretch on three-point shots and uncontested fast breaks. The final score was Abington 37 and Cohasset 16.

On Sunday, at home against the Green Wave, the V-Eights were able to shake-off the disappointing loss of the prior day and the absence again of Allard. Cohasset started strongly behind two quick baskets from Franklin. The first half action was intense and the 15-13 score at the intermission reflected this heated exchange.

In the second half Cohasset played their best defense of the entire year. Exclusively using a 1-2-2 half-court zone, Abington's high powered offense was limited to only four more points. **Mimi Mahoney** poured in five second half points and Franklin added six more. Cohasset won the game going away, 29 to 17, behind Mahoney's season high 10 points, Franklin's 10 points and Lehr's six points. Cohasset was able to shut off Abington's fast break by getting back on defense quickly in the transition. The hoopsters also looked for their outside shot on Sunday and made a number of long-range jumpers.

A key to the game was the inspired play of Mahoney, both offensively and defensively. But as usual, there were strong contributions by everyone in different areas of the game. Kelly continually slashed to the basket drawing defenders. **Samantha Crough** demonstrated her versatility by playing both guard and forward. **Erin Fontaine** provided steady ball handling and is always a threat to hit an outside shot. **Lucy Noble** was a rebounding force on the boards. **Hannah Burgess** played strong underneath, even though giving up several inches in height.

Finally, Silvia was able handle to break Abington's full court press. Cohasset is looking forward to having Allard back for the final four games and the playoffs.

7th graders dump Abington twice, move into third place

The Cohasset Seventh Graders continued their impressive play of the past three weeks, knocking off Abington twice in an old-fashioned, NBA-style, home-and-home series, to make it four wins in a row, the best-ever winning streak in So. Shore League play by the Seven-Ups.

The double-wins by the Blue & White were all the more impressive because the teams were tied for third place coming into the game and Abington, the regular season champ in the league last year, had defeated Cohasset in both of their encounters last season.

After getting off to a slow start in the Saturday evening contest (trailing 6-4 after seven minutes of play), the Seven-Ups came out of their 2-3 zone and picked up the tempo with a full-court, man-to-man defense which threw the Green Wave off-stride and created scoring opportunities off Abington turnovers. The result was an 11-8 advantage at the half.

Lindsay Davis drained two long-range buckets and **Rachel Fredey**, who enjoyed a career-high game with eight points, swished a 16 footer. (Rachel did it all against Abington, scoring on a jump shot, two free throws, a right-handed lay-up, and a left-handed lay-up.)

Abington tried to apply defensive pressure at the start of the second half, but the Cohasset girls broke the Green Wave press with ease, with five girls getting into the scoring column. The 11-8 Cohasset advantage at the intermission blossomed into a commanding 25-14 with about four minutes to go. However, just when it appeared that Cohasset was about to put the game away, Abington fought back, scoring two quick hoops to cut the Blue & White lead to 25-18.

But then the Cohasset backcourt tandem of **Emma Quigley** and Fredey put the daggers into the Green Wave's heart. Fredey scord on a left-handed lay-up (Rachel is right-handed) on a textbook Cohasset fast break in which Quigley took the outlet pass, dribbled to half court, and then hit the streaking Fredey down the left side, who laid the ball in under pressure.

When Abington answered that bucket, it was Quigley's turn on a fast break opportunity, taking the ball to the hoop against two Abington defenders, making the basket, and drawing the foul. Emma Q's successful conversion of the foul shot for the three point play boosted the Cohasset lead back into double digits, 30-20, with about 3:30 to go, and it was lights out for the Green Wave.

The Cohasset second half tidal wave of 23 points was the most-ever in a half for the Seven-Ups. **Carli Haggerty** led the Blue & White scoring parade with 13 points, Fredey popped in eight, **Kate French** and Davis hit for four, Quigley had three, and **Emma Musto** sank a bucket.

The Cohasset girls once again started slowly in Sunday's return match in the CHS gym, falling behind early 6-2. But as they did the night before, the girls picked up the pace with some man-to-man pressure which led to Abington turnovers and Cohasset break-outs. The Blue & White offense resumed its torrid pace and accumulated 20 first half points. However, the Green Wave also went on an offensive tear, hitting a number of outside shots, and were hanging in at the intermission trailing by only three, 20-17.

However, Cohasset was hampered at the start of the second half by the loss of two of their point guards, Quigley (who had sprained her ankle the night before and who did not suit up) and Davis, who also suffered an ankle injury on a drive to the hoop late in the first half.

As a result, the Cohasset offense sputtered in the early going of the second half. Fortunately, Abington also went cold, as neither team could buy a bucket for the first five minutes. However, the pace soon began to pick up and Cohasset, bolstered by the return of Davis, parried every Abington thrust.

A key bucket was made by French when Abington had taken a 23-22 lead with under three minutes to play. Kate took an outlet pass at half court and drove to the hoop with a Green Wave defender draped all over. She made the bucket to give the lead back to Cohasset. After Haggerty made a hoop to make it 26-23, Abington responded to make it a one-point affair, 26-25, with under 2:00 to go.

Both teams took turns either throwing the ball away or missing their shots until Musto broke out at half court, drove into the lane amidst three Green Wave defenders, and then tossed up a spinning, looping shot which swished cleanly through the twine with 25 seconds to play for a 28-25 Cohasset lead. Abington got the ball back twice in that span and managed a three point attempt, but the ball clanged off the front-rim and then bounced over the basket at the buzzer, leaving the Cohasset girls with the victory.

Haggerty led Cohasset with nine points and French had eight, Davis and Musto scored four each and **Carly Martin** added a nice hoop on a follow-up of her missed FT. **Amy Costa** also added a big free throw when she came off the bench to take Davis's place at the free throw line when Lindsey was injured on her drive to the hoop in the first half. A key ingredient for the Seven-Ups was their free throw shooting, as they sank eight on the game (on 16 attempts) compared to four for Abington.

The Cohasset Seven-Ups now have run off four straight wins and have moved into sole possession of third place in the South Shore League. They have set their sights on second place, presently held by Hanson, which would earn them a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

6th graders give it their all in games with Halifax, Abington

The injured and beleaguered 6th grade team took to the court two weeks ago against a Halifax team that has only lost a handful of games in two seasons. Neither team scored in the first five minutes and at the nine minute mark Halifax was up 4-0. However, outside shooting by an extremely athletic forward on the Halifax squad put the tally at 10-0.

Against a zone defense, Cohasset moved the ball well around the outside, however, the Blue & White had difficulty getting the ball inside to its forwards. In the first half, many shots went up from the floor, but they just weren't dropping. **Allie Farren** put up the squad's first points on an inbound play. Halifax added a basket just before the close of the half, putting the score at 12-2.

In the second half the game continued to be very physical, and the Cohasset squad led by **Watson Leffel** and **Isabel Robinson** fought hard for rebounds, shots and loose balls. Pressure defense on the Halifax ball handler by **Ellie Tedeschi** and **Olivia Franklin** upset Halifax play, and held the team to just four points in the second half.

Robinson pulled down defensive rebounds that sparked Cohasset, but points were difficult to convert. Off an offensive rebound, Farren dropped one in, bringing the score to 14-4. **Jenn Mullin** later added two with a jumper from the top of the key. The team did get to the foul line and **Anna Serakis** handled the ball well at point, however, they were unable to overcome the point deficit created in the first half and Halifax took the game 16-6.

With a six person squad, the 6th grade girls traveled to Abington for the first of a weekend double header. Cohasset took an early 4-0 lead when Farren dropped in two quick baskets for the Blue & White. Tedeschi and Robinson each drew fouls on drives to hoop earning visits to the line, but both were unable to convert. A couple of outside shots by Abington tied the score at 4-4.

Cohasset pulled ahead on a fast break basket by Tedeschi. Down the defensive end of the court, Leffel pulled down five first half rebounds, blocked two shots during the contest, and had two low post steals. At the top of the key, Franklin and Seraikis pressured the Abington guards, creating turnovers and steals. A fast break basket put Abington up at the half, 8-6.

Cohasset faced full court pressure in the second half and the Abington defense created scoring opportunities that increased their lead to 13-6. Tired, with only one substitute, Cohasset never let up for a second. With four minutes remaining in the game, Franklin continued to keep the Abington offense at bay, tying up the ball giving Cohasset possession. Cohasset then cut the lead to four when Farren hit the front end of a 1-and-1 and Seraikis added a basket off an inbound play.

A foul shot and basket put Abington back in command with a 16-9 lead. Seraikis drew a foul, but missed the 1-and-1. With precious time left on the clock, Leffel scored twice on offensive rebounds to put the score at 16-13. With just seconds remaining, Robinson stole the ball and drove the court but time ran out.

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Boys travel hoop in back-to-back action

Great hoop action took place in the CMHS gym last Saturday, as the boys travel squads battled Hull and all three teams came out victorious.

The sixers hit the pine first and went on a 12-2 run, as **Robbie Mahoney**, **Jamie Faber** and **Christian Allard** took charge. Mahoney hit two free throws, Faber hit a bucket and Allard dropped a three pointer that set the tone for the rest of the game. **Chris Lunde** and **Pat MacCormack** added great defensive and offensive support for the team which lead 19-10 at the half.

Faber started the second half with a nice 14-foot jumper and he had the hot hand for the rest of the game. But once again, it was great defensive and the now famous eagle trap, that kept the boys in blue on top. **Morgan McCarthy** and **Patrick Kearney** played awesome defensively ripping down rebounds and stealing the ball. **Charlie Neaves** and **Danny Barnes** kept the top of the key protected from any Hull penetration. Power forward **Jay Salerno** summed up the action by commenting, "It was a good game overall."

The sevens started in the same fashion, running up a 12-0 run. **KJ Pontes**, as usual, was a monster on the offensive boards. **Sam "sure hands" Richardson** got in on the action, driving to the hoop and getting fouled. He sunk both shots from the charity stripe. **Jack Carrier** maintained superior positioning on offense, snaring many rebounds. It was 37-7 at the half.

The second half started with **Eric Wasel** at the line, hitting one of two. **Robert Jones** fed **Gabe Seksay** for a bucket, and he was promptly fouled and made the shot. **Mike Monaco** dropped a bucket. **Derek Youngman** and **Ben Campbell** controlled the offense with patience and precision passing. **Justin Liburd** and **Alex Harper** gave the boys in blue speed and aggressive defense. Cohasset won 55-31.

The 8's finished the action against a much bigger Hull squad. **Johnny Maher** won the tip and the boys were rocking and rolling. Maher hit for a bucket, then **Will Wise** hit for two. Maher had a defensive steal and fed **Robbie McCunney** for a fastbreak bucket.

But Hull was tallying basket for basket. It was a scrappy game with bodies, particularly **Brendan Doonan's** and **John Kearney's** flying all over the floor. **Dana Valentine** came up big with defensive rebounding and and a tip in on a missed shot. McCunney blocked a shot and then fed **Jeff Charles** for a bucket that put Cohasset on top.

Despite the size advantage of Hull, Cohasset protected the paint and forced Hull into a perimeter game. **Taylor McQuade**, Valentine, Maher and **Dan Sullivan** played bigger than Hull and used positioning to box Hull off the boards.

In the second half, the 8's came out strong. Maher fed Kearney who split the defense and came up with a hoop. Cohasset stopped Hull, and it was Kearney who really ignited the Cohasset offense with a 3 pointer. With less than 5 minutes left, the game was tied. Wise made a strong drive to the hoop, made the shot and was fouled. His shot from the stripe put Cohasset ahead. Valentine and McCunney finished the scoring for Cohasset and at the buzzer it was Cohasset 38, Hull 37.

On Super Bowl Sunday the teams traveled to Taunton, but someone forgot to tell the Taunton sixth graders that they had a game, leading to a forfeit. Cohasset scrimmaged a group of Taunton kids including a few 8th graders and the boys in blue stayed in the game.

The first half was unremarkable, but by the second half the Taunton sixers showed. Perhaps they shouldn't have. Cohasset went on a 23-0 run in the second half and won on the court. McCarthy, Barnes and Lunde played inspired ball for Cohasset.

The 7's played Taunton fiercely from opening tip off through overtime. The usual tandem of Pontes, Jones, Campbell, Seksay and Youngman kept the pressure on Taunton. They executed their trademark brand of team ball, fast breaking at every opportunity. Jones to Pontes was the theme of the game as Jones found Pontes open in the paint.

By the second half, Taunton had Pontes number, and Jones sank shot after shot. Taunton employed a half court press that stymied Cohasset for just a bit. Campbell, though, faked a pass to Wasel, pulled back and hit a 12-foot jumper to put his team ahead. Carrier and Wasel provided fresh legs in the paint, and kept Taunton from second and third opportunities while scoring themselves.

Pontes and Seksay delivered three consecutive blocked shots that quieted the Taunton crowd, but a couple of 3 pointers got them back in the game. Jones then hit Harper for a bucket to go ahead. The lead went back and forth and in to overtime and the 7's won the game 51-50.

The 8's finished the action but didn't have the basketball gods on their side. Early turnovers and cold shooting caused the 8's to be on the low end of the score. Doonan and Sullivan played well for Cohasset. Sully had seven rebounds by the half. The 8's lost 51-30 and ended their five game win streak.

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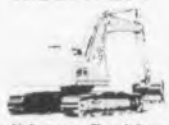

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Swimmers rack up two more victories

FROM SWIMMERS, PAGE 19

Sci-Coh Varsity Swimming vs. Oliver Ames

Boys Meet: SCI-COHS: 79 Oliver Ames: 62

200 Medley Relay: James Smith, Mike Wall, Jonny Drybanski, Rob Lilly, 1:53.74

200 Free: James Smith, 2:04.44*; Sean Crowley, 2:21.90; Justin Damaso, 2:28.32

200 IM: Jonny Drybanski, *2:15.98*

50 Free: Rob Lilly, *23.80**; Brent Daly, 24.45*

100 Fly: James Smith, *1:01.11*

100 Free: Rob Lilly, *52.88*; Colin Conway, 59.18*; Tony DeAngelo, 1:10.28

500 Free: Mike Wall, 6:19.11*

200 Free Relay: Tony DeAngelo, Colin Conway, Justin Damaso, Brent Daly, 1:46.91

100 Back: Sean Crowley, 1:08.27*

100 Breast: Mike Wall, 1:17.71; Tony DeAngelo, 1:30.46

400 Free Relay: Jonny Drybanski, Colin Conway, Sean Crowley, Rob Lilly, 3:41.23*; Mike Wall, James Smith, Justin Damaso, Brent Daly, 4:13.08*

* Season Best Time; *State Sectional Qualifying Time*

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(Left to right) Head coach Jon Fortin, assistant coach Alissa Antonowicz, and swimmer Justin Damaso celebrate another Sci-Coh victory.

Girls Meet: SCI-COHS: 89 Oliver Ames: 79

200 Medley Relay: Julia Rodgers, Torey Hart, Emily Mulcahy, Caitlin Little, 2:08.65; Alyssa Rodgers, Kerry Sorensen, Mamme Daley, Ashley Scott, 2:12.65; Alyssa McCarthy, Alison Costa, Katelyn Ryan, Caitlin Mahoney, 2:13.85

200 Free: Maura Whalen, 2:19.34; Sheelah Scott, 2:25.68; Cristina Seibert, 2:35.56*

200 IM: Mamme Daley, *2:34.61**; Alison Costa, 2:38.69*; Julia Rodgers, 2:43.90*

50 Free: Caitlin Little, *26.14*; Ashley Scott, 28.32*; Alyssa Rodgers, 31.18

100 Fly: Mamme Daley, *1:10.17*; Emily Mulcahy, *1:14.03*; Katelyn Ryan, 1:16.57

100 Free: Caitlin Little, *58.77**; Ashley Scott, 1:03.16; Alison Costa, *1:02.03**

500 Free: Maura Whalen, *6:20.42*; Emily Mulcahy, 6:21.65; Sheelah Scott, 6:44.89

200 Free Relay: Alyssa McCarthy, Katelyn Ryan, Caitlin Mahoney, Torey Hart, 1:58.16; Caitlin O'Neil, Maura Regan, Cristina Seibert, Jen Noonan, 2:04.39*; Jenny Gavis, Caroline McElhinny, Caitlin Donovan, Lauren Johnson, 2:27.15

100 Back: Julia Rodgers, *1:10.90**; Alyssa Rodgers, 1:13.00*; Alyssa McCarthy, 1:16.47

100 Breast: Torey Hart, *1:19.87**; Kerry Sorensen, 1:26.28; Brittany Dunn, 1:34.30

400 Free Relay: Alison Costa, Emily Mulcahy, Caitlin Little, Ashley Scott, 4:12.30; Maura Whalen, Mamme Daley, Julia Rodgers, Alyssa Rodgers, 4:21.07*; Jen Noonan, Caitlin O'Neil, Caitlin Mahoney, Sheelah Scott, 4:40.77

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Ski team sidelined but not girls' hoop

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February is here, isn't it? February is supposed to be the heart of winter, however, this year it feels like the heart of spring. The Cohasset Ski Team strapped on their ski racks in December and prepared for what was expected to be a devastating winter. Unfortunately, still without a heavy snowfall, the team has raced just once, and for many participants, the one was their first of the season.

Oh well, at least the Girls Varsity Basketball team is tearing it up in the South Shore League, while the Hockey team needs to win their next two games to clinch a berth in the State Tournament.

But enough on sports lets get to the exciting part of the week…school news! Let me tell you, with an all-new rendition of the award winning Spinnaker hitting the streets on Valentine's Day, the school is buzzing with excitement and love is in th_ air. Now for the news.

• Register online for the SAT's by Feb. 24th for the April 3rd test session or pick up a form in the high school guidance office.

• You can pick up Internet links for college scholarships in the high school guidance office. FAFSA forms and Summer School program pamphlets are also available in the guidance office.

• The High School Band and Chorus will be sending students to audition at SEMSBA this Saturday.

• Mr. Newkirk's Student Awareness Organization and National Honor Society will be participating in a Passion Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics on Feb. 11th at the Nantasket Beach in Hull.

• The NHS will also be sponsoring a car cleanout for the elderly.

• The high school seniors plan to invite the senior citizens at the Cohasset Elderly Affairs to have lunch with them in the upcoming events.

• The SAO visited Father Bill's this past weekend and plan to make a few more before the year is over. They also plan to organize a project that entails collecting old shoes to donate to the less fortunate kids in Afghanistan.

• It's not too early to start planning for the Relay for Life coming up in June.

• The Student Council is planning to begin the "Skipper of the Month", which will basically be the student of the month, voted on by the Student Council and faculty.

• The Watershed Academy will begin classes on the Wednesday after February vacation from 7-9 pm at the CSCR.

• Congrats to the Math Club who recently completed their season with a terrific record.

• The beautiful weather has allowed Mr. Buckley's Outdoor Education Class to trek over the hills and through the woods, and two students commented on their experience in the class so far. Robert Murley and Dan McCarthy said, "The temperature may be low, but the excitement level is outrageous."

It's a beautiful thing the way we make news in this school. Whether we're discussing the upcoming events or the past festivities, everything seems relevant and enticing. February vacation is coming up, and I think I speak for every senior when I say that a break is much needed given our grueling schedules this term. Who knows, maybe we'll get lucky soon and it will snow for a change…then again maybe not.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available (starting Tuesday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 33rd consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Friday, March 31.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Watershed Academy to start March 8

The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) invites students to join its Watershed Academy. The Watershed Academy is a series of instructional classes that will train students to conduct coastal research projects. In this Academy session, students will learn to identify urban NPS (Non Point Source) pollution impacting James Brook, a waterway that runs through Cohasset Center and empties into Cohasset Harbor. Once properly trained, Academy students will work with the town board of health and a private consultant to verify the James Brook drainage system, conduct water quality sampling, develop pollution load estimates, and identify appropriate storm water BMPs (Best Management Practices).

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 – 9 p.m., beginning March 8 and continuing through April 26. Interested students should call CSCR at 781 383 0129, or email Jack Buckley at jbuckley.cscr@verizon.net. Student hours in the Academy may be transferable to course credit, upon approval of the student's host school. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research is a newly founded educational nonprofit organization that emphasizes research in the environmental sciences. Among its goals, CSCR's mission is to inspire students to become stewards of the region's marine environment; engage students in the study of coastal watershed issues; teach students how to research real environmental issues; encourage awareness about the environment; and promote activism within the community. CSCR is located at 40 Parker Ave in Cohasset. Visit: www.cscr.org.

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Texas Hold 'Em event helps post-prom party

The Class of 2006 Post-Prom Committee kicks off its fund-raising activities with a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Friday, Feb. 17. The fund-raiser will be held at the Sons of Italy Hall, Route 3A, Hingham. The tournament is limited to 140 players and net proceeds benefit the Class of 2006 post-prom activities. Preregistration is encouraged. Participants are asked to mail the $125 tournament fee with their name, address and phone number to Monica McKenna, 324 North Main St., Cohasset, 02025. Walk-in registrations will be taken at the door at 6:30 p.m. based on availability. Tournament play begins promptly at 7:30. Prizes are awarded to the top eight players. For additional information on the Texas Hold 'Em, call Chris McKenna at 781-844-2448.

The Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is the first of several activities sponsored by the Post-Prom Committee. Chairpersons are Derry Schwantner, Linda Bolster and Chris Taylor. "Many preparations are under way to make the post-prom gathering a night of great entertainment and a safe place for the kids to be with their friends," said Schwantner. Tax-deductible donations to the Post-Prom are greatly appreciated. They may be mailed to Ellen Sanchez, 227 Beechwood St., Cohasset, 02025.

Stay tuned for more information on post-prom activities in the coming weeks.

Computer Camp signups sought

South Shore Computer Camp will be held the week of July 10 through July 14 at Hingham High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is co-educational for boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Campers will rotate between interactive technology classes in the computer labs and outside sports activities such as tennis and basketball. Campers receive individualized and small group instruction based on age, skill level, and interests.

Hingham High School guidance counselor Mark Awdycki, and business and technology teacher Steven George, will co-direct the camp.

Classes will be differentiated based on ability, aptitude and interests so campers can learn new skills or reinforce previously learned skills. Internet safety for kids will also be addressed and discussed by a local law enforcement agency representative. Outside sports activities will involve instruction and games in tennis and basketball with emphasis on fundamentals, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Tuition is $259, $239 if paid in full by April 1. Campers will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. Space is limited. For more information or a registration form visit www.southshorecomputercamp.com.

Art scholarships

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2006 Art Scholarship Competition for South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2006. Students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. Four scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $300. Portfolios and applications may be submitted to the Art Center on April 22, 10-4; April 23, 12-4; April 24, 9-9; April 25, 9-9;and April 26, 9-9.

A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified promptly. Award money will be paid directly to the winners' schools to be applied toward tuition costs. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the 51st South Shore Art Center Arts Festival, June 16. For more information call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail Heather Collins hcollins@ssac.org.

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OBITUARIES

Theodore O. Macklin

Lieutenant, U.S. Marines, WWII

Theodore O. Macklin

Theodore O. Macklin, Ph.D., 83, of Cohasset, died peacefully at his home on Feb. 3, 2006.

The son of Ora and Elizabeth (Mahan) Macklin, he was born in Lowell, and graduated from Lowell High School at the age of 16.

In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. After boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., he was ordered to Duke University in North Carolina for officer training, and before the end of World War II, had achieved the rank of first lieutenant. He served in the Pacific theater, primarily in Guam, the Marianas Islands, and China, and remained in the Marine Corps Reserves until 1958. He was particularly proud of his service as a China Marine, and felt a lifelong connection to China.

In 1948, Dr. Macklin graduated from Harvard College with a degree in psychology, and followed it with graduate studies at Duke and Boston University. As a psychologist, he served in many settings in the Greater Boston area. He was a staff member at Massachusetts General Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Carney Hospital, Mass. Association for the Blind, and Westwood Lodge, among other places. He was a consultant to the Quincy Public Schools, a therapist at St. Paul's Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Newton, and an instructor of psychology at Catherine Laboure School of Nursing. He was a director of pupil services and school psychologist at Brockton Public Schools for many years. Dr. Macklin was a fellow in the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

A resident of Cohasset since 1959, he was very active in the community, serving as Commodore and founding trustee of the Cohasset Sailing Club, president and director of the South Shore Art Center, and professional advisory council member of the Social Service League. In addition, he served on the Cohasset Harbor Committee and was chairman of the Harbor Bicentennial Committee. He was deeply involved with the development of youth hockey programs in Cohasset, including the Tars and Bantam Youth Hockey, peewees and juniors. He was commissioner of the Cohasset Executive Hockey League and played for the Cohasset Flyers.

Dr. Macklin had great wit and humor and always had a warm smile, a twinkle in his eye and a friendly joke or riddle for family and friends alike. He loved to sing, especially Irish melodies, and read and write poetry. As a devoted family man, he traveled with his family on many exciting vacations throughout the country. Through his mother, he developed a great love for Ireland and Irish music and was able to visit her home of birth in Darragh, Country Clare, Ireland.

His love of life and his family was expressed the day before he died in a note to his daughter, saying, "In truth, life is delicious, and mother and I have lots to laugh about and feel good about. I think we're in love."

He leaves his beloved wife, Marie C. (Moriarty) Macklin; five loving children, Linda of Germantown, Md., Theodore Jr. of Mclean, Va., Chris of South Portland, Maine, Steven of Ludlow, Vt., and Brian of Anchorage, Alaska; and nine grandchildren. He was the brother of the Late Eileen Macklin.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Interment is in V.A. National Cemetery, in Bourne.

Contributions in Dr. Macklin's memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Rita Logan

Worked many years for Quincy Y.M.C.A.

Rita (Donlan) Logan, 84, a Cohasset resident for 53 years, died Feb. 2, 2006, at the Norwell Knoll Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, after a long illness.

Born in Dorchester, she graduated from Girls' High School in Boston. Trained in therapeutic massage, she worked for many years at the Quincy Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Logan spent the final period of her working career with New England Telephone Company, as a coordinator for field engineers.

Upon her retirement in 1984, she traveled and divided her years between residences in Cohasset and Sarasota, Fla. Mrs. Logan enjoyed poetry, Dixieland jazz, and places by the sea.

Wife of the late William T. Logan for 57 years, she leaves three children, Ellen Logan, and her husband Thomas P. Ostrander of Hingham, Gregory F. Logan of Middleboro, and Carolyn M. Logan of Cohasset; a granddaughter, Jennifer Miranda of Middleboro; and three great-grandchildren, Cain, Kai, and Nicholas Miranda.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Interment is in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in her name may be made to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, 521 N. Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960. Arrangements by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Kevin M. Snowdale

Age 30, of Scituate

Kevin M. Snowdale, 30, of Scituate died suddenly by accident Jan. 25, 2006, in Arizona.

Mr. Snowdale was born and raised in Scituate, the son of Jane E. (MacLellan) Snowdale and the late Wayne T. Snowdale. He was a graduate of B.C. High School, Class of 1993, and Colgate University, Class of 1997.

He then entered the Jet Program, which led him to Japan, where he lived and taught the English language to Japanese students for three years. He also worked in San Francisco, Calif. for a time before moving to Arizona, where he was a student at the Motorcycles Mechanic Institute.

He leaves his mother, Jane E. (MacLellan) Snowdale; three brothers, Brian L. Snowdale of Hyannis, Brad A. Snowdale of Holbrook and Sean Galiano of Weymouth; a sister, Danielle Galiano of New Jersey; his grandmother, Nancy Snowdale of Cohasset; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was grandson of the late Lloyd Snowdale and Joseph and Sarah MacLellan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 2, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment is in Church Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Snowdale may be made to B.C. High School, c/o Advancement Office, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, 02125.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Feb. 12. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "There's No Place Like Home!"

Dorothy learned well from her sojourn to Oz. There really is no place like home. And sometimes there is no place to call home. Some of our neighbors, not too distant, are neighbors without homes. What does this mean for us at First Parish? What does this mean for us all?

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. in the Parish House

Coffee Hour, followed at 11:30 a.m. by: Forum on Homelessness, Co-sponsored by our Outreach Committee and Adult Education Committee – Atkinson Room, Parish House.

Homelessness happens in our backyards. Who and why? What can we do about it? Come learn more about this pressing problem from Dorothy Newell of the South Shore Friends of the Homeless.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the February newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the Gospel of Thomas. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. Special events this week include Youth Worship on Sunday, the 12th at 9:10 in Walton Rodgers Hall. Organist David MacFarlane will present an organ concert on Sunday the 12th at 3:00PM. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Naaman is cured of his leprosy, Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians emphasizes the importance of self-discipline in the life of a Christian. In the Gospel of Mark Jesus heals a leper. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091. 781-925-2377. Conservative Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan. Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Citizens for Life meets Feb. 14

Massachusetts Citizens for Life South Shore Chapter will hold its monthly meetings on Feb. 14, and March 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. downstairs at Resurrection Church, 1057 Main St. Anyone interested in becoming more active in the pro-life movement is welcome.

The chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month. On April 11, and May 9, meetings will resume at the chapter's former location, St. Paul Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. On June 13, the meeting will be held at Resurrection Church again.

For more information, call Helen Cross at 781-925-5866.

'One Nation? Under God' is Feb. 16 Abbey topic

The abbey presents "Listening to Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In," Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:15 p.m., at the Glastonbury Conference Center.

Dr. Mohammad Dadrass and Westey Egmont will speak on "One Nation? Under God."

Dr., Dadrass, a refugee from Afghanistan, has been in the United States for four years. He was a professor at the Medical School in Kabul and had to emigrate to Pakistan during the Soviet War. He fled to Pakistan a second time during the reign of the Taliban while he was living in Mazar-E-Shariff and tending to the victims of torture by the Taliban. He now works as a Patient Care Assistant at Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Westy Egmont became the executive director of the International Institute of Boston, a primary agency for resettling refugees from war-torn countries around the globe, in 1995. Formerly Egmont served as the executive director of the Greater Boston Food Bank, a major supplier of food for more than 750 community agencies in eastern Massachusetts. His prior experience includes the Commonwealth Service Corps, Rift Valley Academy in Kenya and a Sunday morning talk-show on WBZ-TV for 11 seasons.

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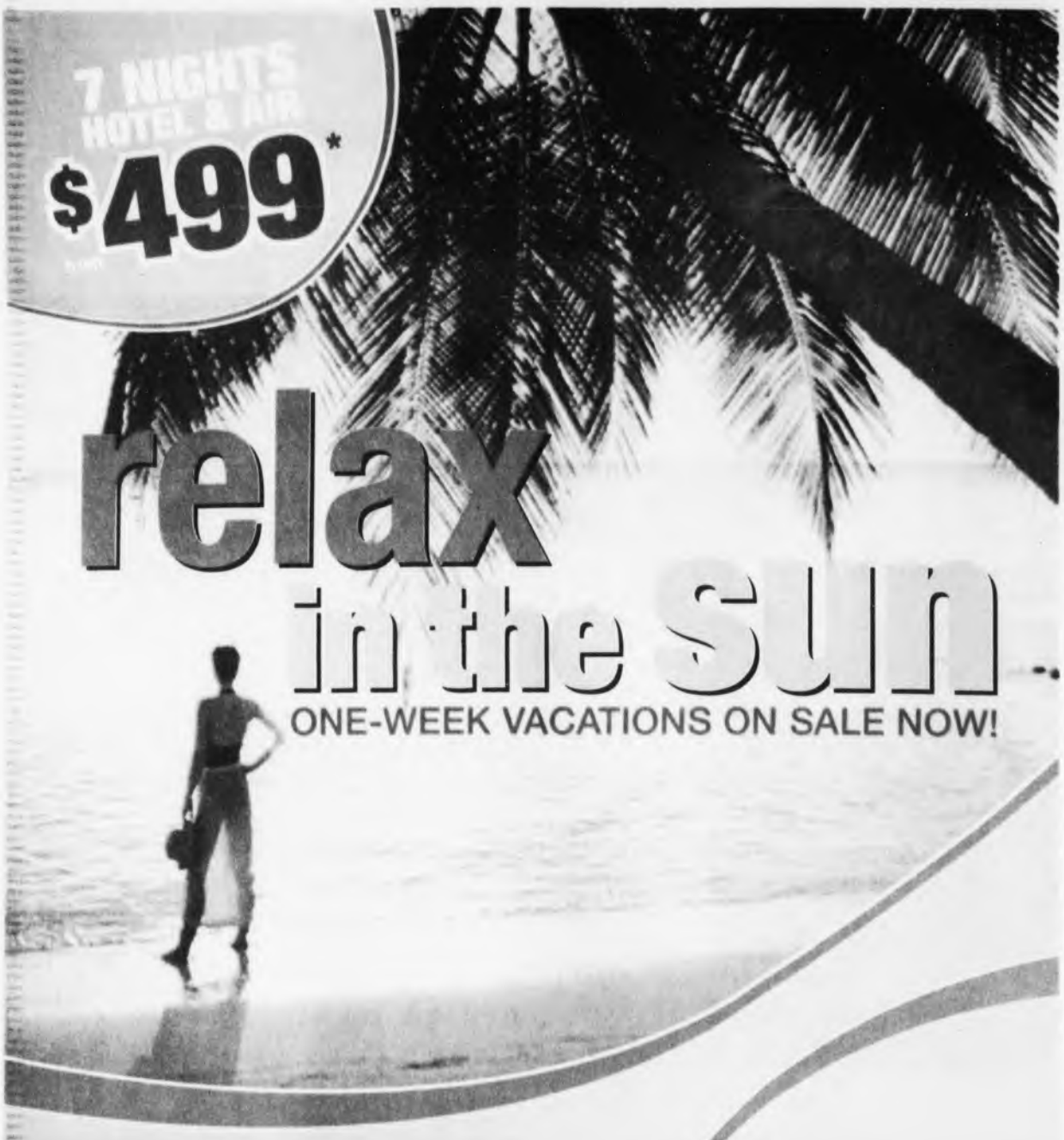

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The following men and women from Cohasset are on active duty:

- Maj. John Atkinson, USMC;
- Cpl. Brenden Anti, USMC (deployed Jan. '06 Iraq);
- Lt. J.g. Michael Baird, USCG;
- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying March'06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army;
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

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DESTINATIONS

Natural Florida

Kayaking trek is Key to amazing discoveries

By David Raterman
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. — Bill Keogh was dipping his paddle on opposite sides of his kayak while gliding over water that shimmered blue from the sky.

"If you open your eyes, you can see anything from dolphins to turtles, bald eagles, sharks, stingrays, even little creatures like single-cell algae," he said. "You get unexpected surprises when you're on the water this close."

Keogh runs a kayak outfitter at the Old Wooden Bridge Fishing Camp here, and I joined him and two other customers for a three-hour trip. We were paddling through Bogie Channel, which cuts through Big Pine and No Name keys.

Fortunately for us, Keogh really knows these waters. In 2004 he published "The Florida Keys Paddling Guide," which includes a sea turtle guide and birding checklist.

Suddenly, to the near left of our procession, we heard a splash and turned to see shiny fish leaping through the air. And a pelican was already diving toward them.

"Those are needlefish," Keogh explained. "Pelicans'll dive for them when they're jumping to escape the teeth of barracudas. Pelicans'll charge in on any feeding frenzy."

After this slight drama faded, Keogh resumed paddling and we followed. No Name stood straight ahead, and to the distant right the sky and sea blended together: There was no horizon line.

"What you smell is the stench of decomposing grasses floating to the surface, or into this area from Florida Bay," Keogh said as we stroked our kayaks forward. "They form hydrogen and sulfur gases."

We all now paid attention to this third sense, and indeed the air reeked.

Kayakers

PHOTO BY DAVID RATERMAN

I looked through the shallow water to the swaying sea grass — it felt like I was paragliding over a breezy Illinois prairie — and soon saw several circular objects that looked like old car tires covered with vegetation.

They were loggerhead sponges, our guide explained.

Keogh pointed to an anchored white boat, which he said was used to hook the sponges. In deeper water, a boater was catching dwarf sea horses to sell.

After we silently observed the marine goings-on while bobbing on the slightly rippling sea, Keogh led us right up to the sponge boat.

A dinghy was tethered to it and held a freakish scarecrow. From a distance Keogh exclaimed, "Smells like guano, doesn't it? Spongers drop their catches there to die and dry out, and the birds love it."

We were paddling through the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, which overlaps the National Key Deer Refuge. Amid such protection, the fauna thrives.

We paddled to a tiny No Name Key cove that was dense with red mangroves and their propped roots. The water stood 2 feet, and we could see scores of what appeared to be upside-down jellyfish.

"What are those?" I asked.

"Upside-down jellyfish," Keogh said.

I looked quizzically.

"That's the name," he said with a smile. He paused, then rattled off a Latin name for the species.

"There's lots of unusual stuff out here," he said.

We paddled onward and soon reached a small opening in the dense mangrove forest. Keogh described it as a tidal creek that fills and empties with the tide.

As he maneuvered into it, a yellow-crowned night heron flew past us. A few seconds later a great egret flew by, and on a mangrove scrambled a mangrove tree crab. Under the kayaks swam mangrove snapper.

We paddled at first, then pushed off roots as the path narrowed, then with our hands pulled ourselves forward while occasionally limboing under fallen branches.

All the while Keogh regaled us with details such as the fact early pioneers would use a few mangrove leaves as soup seasoning.

Where the creek tapered to an end, we just sat. For maybe 15 of the calmest minutes possible we just looked and listened — to nature, and occasionally to Keogh.

He told us how the tiny, endangered Key deer, which live almost exclusively on Big Pine and No Name, nimbly jump over the expansive mangrove roots, and he talked about a 19th-century Russian fruit farmer who was paid in gold by Cuban revolutionaries to allow training on his land — the gold supposedly still is buried around here somewhere.

After leaving the tidal creek we paddled along more mangroves, and twice Keogh said he saw a baby nurse shark, although the rest of us didn't find it.

Paddling hard across Bogie Channel, we broke a sweat and finally got a good burn in our arms.

But even as we strained to reach land, Keogh couldn't resist telling us more, this time about the various fish that are caught in the channel.

For more information, call 305-872-7474 or go to www.keyskayaktours.com. Big Pine Key is a two-hour drive from Miami. Reservations for the kayak trips ($50 per person) are required.

Next week: Pirates of the Caribbean

Miniature deer on Big Key

PHOTO BY DAVID RATERMAN

Encounter with endangered Key deer

By David Raterman
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. — They were miniature deer. Bambis, but not babies. Barely taller than the multicolored chickens skittering around this Lower Key.

My friend John and I were squatting in front of a dozen endangered Key deer that were foraging on plants and handouts next to the Big Pine Key Lion's Club. I had extended my hand in an attempt to get closer, also aware that the animals might approach because they thought I had food; near us two Canadian-accented seniors were tossing them popcorn even though feeding the deer is illegal, and unhealthy (for the deer).

On Big Pine Key and the surrounding islands live up to 800 Key deer, a subspecies of the white-tailed deer that bound throughout much of North America. These tiny, tawny ruminants weigh about 70 pounds, with does standing only 26 inches high at the shoulders and bucks standing 30 inches high.

Scientists theorize that white-tailed deer migrated here when most of the Keys were connected by nature, not by the frenzied Overseas Highway (U.S. 1).

When glaciers from the Wisconsin Ice Age melted 10,000 years ago, oceans rose and turned Florida's southern highlands into islands. All creatures that couldn't swim or fly were stranded.

Adapting over the millennia to their small-islands habitat, the species shrank in size. And then came the humans.

By 1957, when the 8,600-acre National Key Deer Refuge was established, only 27 Key deer were living.

Two of the animals coyly sauntered toward my outstretched hand, then stopped three feet away and stared. One was a fawn, and I guessed the other was its mother.

The fawn's coat was dappled black, gray and white, and its mom's was light brown.

The mom twinkled her nose at me before she and the fawn darted away.

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An evening to remember Etrusco

Historical Society marks 50th anniversary of grounding with gala event

By Alice Coyle
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Fifty years ago next month, Giovanni Belfiore's ship came in.

The 18-year-old junior officer was the youngest crewmember aboard the Italian freighter Etrusco which was grounded March 16, 1956 on Cedar Point during a powerful nor'easter.

Belfiore, now 68 and retired after a life spent at sea working on board container and cruise ships, remembers with remarkable clarity the events of that stormy March night a half-century ago. It is with great fondness he recalls the hospitality of the small seaside community where he and his fellow shipmates were pulled ashore and literally given shelter from the storm.

The 7,000-ton, 444-foot-long cargo ship was bound for Boston out of Emden, Germany, where Etrusco had unloaded a cargo of mineral from Tunisia. The ship was riding light —"in ballast"— with no cargo on board when it cruised into harm's way off the Massachusetts coast. The freighter was scheduled to pick up a load of grain in Boston before heading back across the Atlantic to deliver it to Romania,

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The grounded Italian Freighter Etrusco became a major tourist attraction during its 9-month stay in Scituate in 1956. Thousands flocked to town to get a look at the 7,000-ton vessel parked outside Scituate Lighthouse.

but it never made it into Boston Harbor. A howling Atlantic storm scrapped the Etrusco's itinerary, and in driving the ship ashore in Scituate forever changed its history, and the town's

On March 10, the Scituate Historical Society will remember that amazing piece of the town's maritime heritage at a special dinner program marking the 50th anniversary of Etrusco's unexpected port of call in Scituate. The gala event will be held at the Barker Tavern beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Scituate Historical Society President David Ball said tickets are selling fast for the event, which will feature cocktails, dinner, and a power-point presentation on the history of Etrusco and its lasting legacy. Members of the Etrusco Associates – a non-profit organization that lends medical equipment to South Shore residents at no charge – will also be on hand to remember the giant freighter for which they were named, and to honor their own volunteers.

There will be many special guests and speakers, according to Ball. Many who remember first-hand the Etrusco's grounding and nine-month stay on Cedar Point and the incredible impact it had on Scituate and the entire South Shore.

The grounding in Scituate was a frightening experience for Belfiore and the entire crew, which after several hours aboard the vessel, left without steam power in the grounding, were pulled safely to shore via breeches buoys. Jim Howard was 22 years old when the Etrusco went aground and found himself in charge of communications during the rescue after the storm stranded the Coast Guard's radio truck in Marshfield. A Ham radio operator who worked with the Civil Defense group in town, Howard played a key role in conveying information back and forth to the Coast Guard at the scene, at Point Allerton in Hull and the Scituate Station during the dark stormy hours overnight. Ball said Howard, who winters

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Giovanni Belfiore was the youngest crewmember aboard Etrusco when it went aground at Cedar Point. He is pictured here in an old Scituate Herald photo with Lina Russo, a Lighthouse Road resident who opened her home to the ship wrecked crew and dozens others during the crisis and ensuing salvage effort.

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On Saturday, Feb. 11, Hingham Symphony Orchestra shares the magic of classical music with young and old alike. The annual Discovery Concerts introduce audiences to timeless classical music, the musicians who bring it alive and the instruments they play.

This year's program features the enchanting "Peter and the Wolf," narrated by BSO bassist Larry Wolfe. Sergei Prokofiev's famous symphony, written in Russia in 1936, is a perfect introduction to the orchestra. Each character in the story is represented by a different instrument, playing easily recognizable musical themes. The interwoven strains of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, percussion and strings take on a life of their own to tell a story that will entertain all ages.

The full orchestra also performs other lively works, and then presents an Instrument Showcase, where audience members visit with the musician up close, learning more about each instrument. HSO Discovery Concerts have been known to strongly influence budding young musicians — helping them choose an instrument to play or reinforcing their enthusiasm for a newfound skill. Even longtime symphony-goers will discover something new.

Two concerts will be held at the Inly School, Route 123 in Scituate, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 seniors, $8 youth through age 18, and are available at Front Street Books, Scituate; Marsh's, Norwell; Hingham Public Library; Buttonwood Books in Cohasset; or call 781-740-5694, or visit: www.hingham-symphony.org.

An evening to remember Etrusco

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in Sarasota and spends the warmer months of the year in Scituate, plans to attend the anniversary gala and share his recollections.

After the 30 crew members were rescued they found comfort in the home of Italian-born Lina Russo, in front of whose Lighthouse Road home the Etrusco seemed to be parked. Russo spoke the crew's native tongue and warmed the men with steaming pots of espresso and her gracious hospitality. After the crew moved on to the Boston Seaman's Friends Society before returning home to Italy, Russo allowed her house to become the command post for retired Navy Admiral Lebbeus Curtis, who devised a plan and led the effort to get the big ship off the beach and back afloat.

As the complicated salvage effort dragged on throughout the spring and into the summer, Scituate found itself flooded with curious tourists, eager to a glimpse of the giant freighter that literally dwarfed the lighthouse, which stood in its shadow.

Lena Russo's granddaughter, Linda Yarosh recalls how enormous the ship seemed to her from her bedroom window. Then just 7 years old, Yarosh recalls those hectic days and weeks when her grandmother's house seemed constantly full of people – first Italian crew members and rescue workers, then salvage crews and journalists. Her grandmother welcomed them all with coffee and cakes and heaping plates of pasta. Yarosh, too, plans to attend next month's dinner, and offer her reminiscences, Ball said.

But no speaker will be more anticipated than Belfiore, whose video interview will be shown during the dinner. Historical Society Trustee Tom Hall traveled to Italy last summer to interview Belfiore about his experience aboard Etrusco. His poor health is the only thing preventing Belfiore from being at the anniversary event in person.

In addition to speakers, Ball and Historical Society Trustee Fred Freitas hope to have copies of their updated book on the Etrusco — "Etrusco From Cradle to Grave"— which will include a new chapter telling the story of how the historical society came in contact with Belfiore, the first of the crewmembers reached since that fateful night nearly five decades ago.

Now, 68 and retired after a life and career at sea, Giovanni Belfiore won't be able to attend the anniversary celebration in person due to poor health, but a video interview taken last summer will be shown.

"It'll be a fun and informative evening for everyone," said Ball, who tried to consider every possible detail in planning the event. The food served will have an Italian influence, and the music will be appropriate to the 1950s era, he said.

Etrusco Associates President Jean Hoogeveen is thrilled to be a part of the big Etrusco party and said many of those who have served the agency as volunteers and board members since its founding by Allan Wheeler in 1957, will be honored. Now serving nine South Shore communities, Etrusco is busier than ever, Hoogeveen said. "There are more people who know we're here now," she said. To reach those who don't, Hoogeveen said she plans to have pamphlets on the Etrusco Associates on every table the night of the anniversary celebration. "This is going to be a biggie," she said of the dinner. "I'm looking forward to it."

Tickets for the Etrusco 50th anniversary dinner are $50 and include an invitation to the pre-opening of a new Etrusco exhibit on display at the Maritime Museum from March 11 through the end of the year. Tickets are available at Scituate Historical Society Headquart-ers – the Little Red Schoolhouse – on Cudworth Road. For more information, call 781-545-1083.

Historical Society Spring Lecture Series

The Cohasset Historical Society begins its spring lecture series Wednesday, Feb. 15 with a talk by Steve Bobo on the "History of Our Harbor." All programs are held at the society's headquarters in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., Cohasset, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

From the fishing schooners of the 19th century to the 20th century luxury yachts, Cohasset Harbor's waters hold many stories of the changes that affected the economy and lifestyle in this quiet little seaside town. Bobo, who has a life long affection for maritime history, shares some stories and their relationship to the town and its people.

Other programs planned for the series include a discussion of the mackerel fishing industry with Susan Playfair on April 19, and a talk on courtship and marriage in the post-revolutionary war generation by Tim Kenslea on May 17.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

8 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:07 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance, investigated.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:14 a.m. **HQ.**, the State DPW is out.

4:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:35 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

7:20 a.m. **Pond St.**, icy road conditions, hill is slippery.

8:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, traffic complaint, officer on portable at this location to keep the traffic flowing.

10:28 a.m. **Old Farm Rd.**, medical aid, medial aid to Scituate for a 79-year-old male with shortness of breath.

11:15 a.m. **James Lane**, lost property, caller reports her handicap plaque is missing.

1:19 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, investigation, 884 to special assignment at the high school.

2:30 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports a person in a mini van parked outside her house for about 20 minutes.

3:28 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer gives written warning for tinted windows.

4:36 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:39 p.m. **Border St.**, property damage, caller advised a truck drove on his property, did some damage to it. Caller advised this is an ongoing problem.

4:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

4:50 p.m. **Deep Run**, suspicious activity, caller advised her vehicle was hit by snowballs.

5:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:34 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller advised 7-year-old boy had gum stuck in his throat. He is breathing fine.

7:01 p.m. **Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 41-year-old male chest pain.

9:50 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:50 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

12:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

8:36 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, suspicious activity, resident reports she is concerned about a youth in the neighborhood.

10:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:33 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:50 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid.

11:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, property damage, caller reports damage to stone wall, car possibly hit it.

11:36 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:44 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:32 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, just occurred in Hull. Hull PD is looking for a dark blue Buick. Male attempted to run his wife over with his vehicle and fled the area.

2:31 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:07 p.m. **Oak St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Nantasket Ave., Hull**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:47 p.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location, truck vs. car.

5:18 p.m. **Wheeler Park**, medical aid, Scituate Fire request R3 for a well being check.

5:18 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:03 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking enforcement, Sgt. tagging vehicles at this location.

7:33 p.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:07 p.m. **Linden Drive**, assist citizen, caller request permission to park her vehicle on the street for the night, she is having emergency plumbing work done at her house. Permission granted by the Sgt.

9:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:20 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, Sgt. reports building checks secure.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:16 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller states a motor vehicle has been "doing donuts in the parking lost" for about 20 minutes. She states the motor vehicle may be leaving. No motor vehicle description.

5:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:45 a.m. **Cedar St.**, there will be goose hunting on the course today.

8:52 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:17 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

12:25 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports fallen tree branch laying on the power lines. Fire Captain reports there is a branch on the power lines and to contact the National Grid.

2:37 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:43 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and White Head Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of youths running in and out of yards and running up to people's doors and running way.

4:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire-public assist, motor vehicle lock out by child. PD, Fire, 3A notified. 3 minutes later, cancel, vehicle is now opened by mother.

8:30 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:46 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, noise complaint.

8:54 p.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports that kids throwing ice balls at cars.

10:37 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports that the light are on at high school and request them to be shut off.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

12:16 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:37 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, caller states there is a man walking down the sidewalk, who appears to be drunk. 883 spoke to the caller. Male party appears to have made it home.

6:37 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Hammond Ave.**, outside odor of gas. Odor from Locust Road to Hammond Ave. Keyspan on scene.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

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9:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:08 p.m. **Linden Drive**, animal complaint, caller reports 7 a.m. dog missing. Tri colored Burmiese Mountain dog black/yellow/tan, blue collar, red zapper collar.

4:09 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.**, suspicious activity, callers reports youths on the tracks causing damage. Office has spoken to youths, they did not steal anything, but they have been sent on their way, does not appear any damage was done.

5:06 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

5:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check ok.

7:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a male party needs an ambulance, unknown problem.

8:24 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

8:25 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check ok.

9:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, severe stomach pains.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

1:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:30 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:44 a.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Male in Paint Dept. feeling ill.

2:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, defective equipment.

3:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, speeding.

5:41 p.m. **Quincy District Court**, arrest: Darryl Hart, 40, 5 Holiday St., Dorchester. Charges: WMS warrant.

6:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other police department.

6:48 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Caller is requesting an ambulance for a resident not feeling well.

8:15 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, caller advised she found a cat. Has cat at above address.

8:29 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, diabetic problems.

10:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:55 p.m. Sohier St., officer advised checked schools.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

1:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:03 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, fire, investigation, caller advised there is an odor in her residence - no smoke or fire showing, no smoke detector going off.

7:40 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:30 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:40 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports her husband having chest pain.

1:25 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, fire, LP tank wash up on shore E1 for retrieval.

1:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, dog in the center of town.

1:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports that a vehicle has been seen in parking lot of Starbucks, peering out car watching studio.

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller advised he hit sign - did damage to his vehicle and sign. Caller called AAA - they are enroute. Caller has 2 flat tires. Notified Mass Highway about sign.

4:58 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, harassment report, walk in party advised harassing phone calls.

5:04 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, there is an alarm going off in the ACO office. Fire Dept. came over to check it out. The alarm is 911 system. Notified Scituate, Hull, of problem with 911 system. 2 men for station coverage per order of car 20. Notified 911 system they will call back. 5:52 p.m. E 911 system called they are still attempting to get a tech no ETA. Assist dispatch supervise on duty at 5:45 p.m. 6:05 p.m. E 911 system called back ETA 1 hour. 7:33 p.m. E 911 tech has arrived. Dispatch off duty at 9:33 p.m.

5:10 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, assist citizen, caller advised there is flooding in the roadways. Officer advised the roadway is passable.

6:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, caller wanted ACO-reference to dog bite report. SSH filed report with Board of Health.

9:39 p.m. **Sankey Rd.**, domestic.

11:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, caller advised someone was ringing her door bell. Caller didn't know who it was. Caller advised she now knows who it was it is her aunt. Officer advised everything is fine.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:07 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, is closed due to the tide.

1:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:47 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Caller states he is about to pass out. He is a diabetic.

6:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states there is a van with its lights on and motor running across the street.

6:47 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, expired registration.

7:43 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, South Main Street by #141 is down to one lane.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy. Temp: 34. Wind: Light.

8:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report).

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, threats (bodily harm), caller reports a female was terminated today and her boyfriend came into the store threatening to do bodily harm to the manager. Suspect as been located and returning to HQ.

10:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

11:33 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, chest pain.

3:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:10 p.m. **Red Gate Lane and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:14 p.m. **Pond St., and Clay Spring Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller advised the vehicle is weaving in and out of traffic. The vehicle is a green jeep driven by female. Notified Hingham PD of this.

4:18 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller advised there is a vehicle that almost hit her plastic, small green man. Caller was upset because her kids were in the area. Caller could not get a plate, she will call back if she finds the vehicle.

4:44 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, walk in party reports a civil matter at this residence.

6:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:59 p.m. **Mill Lane**, caller reports carbon monoxide detector activation.

8:36 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, assist citizen, caller reported suspicious phone call, dispatch followed up by making sure the phone number was legitimate.

9:05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:33 p.m. **Cedar St.**, fire, investigation, officer reports an outside fire of a small compost heap at this location.

10:04 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:31 a.m. **HQ.**, female party in lobby needs to speak to an officer.

2:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checks secure.

2:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:57 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Linden Drive**, public service.

7:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:25 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

8:30 a.m. **Route 3A and Henry Turner Bailey Rd., Scituate**, assist other police department, Scituate Police Sergeant requests mutual aid cruiser to assist with a motor vehicle accident.

8:31 a.m. **Henry Turner Bailey Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, traffic assistance to Scituate for the motor vehicle accident.

8:47 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:13 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:45 a.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:03 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, traffic citation/warning.

12:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for following too close.

12:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, female reports her vehicle was hit and the mirror was taken off and the vehicle took off that hit her car.

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OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)

PI — Personal Injury

Principle Party —Person who called

PT — Patient

QMC — Quincy Medical Center

R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO — Restraining Order

RP — Reporting Party

S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P — Suspicious Person

SSH — South Shore Hospital

WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882 -888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

886 or 888 — Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

Legal Notices

WOOD ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P0124EP

In the Estate of JOSEPH E. WOOD

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 30, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CHARLES B. WOOD of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH
or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 1, 2006**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 19, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#10980283
Cohasset Mariner 2/10/06

MCDERMOTT GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 05P1629GI

In the Matter Of BRIAN MCDERMOTT
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To BRIAN MCDERMOTT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said BRIAN MCDERMOTT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a physically incapacitated person and praying that SUITABLE PERSON of in the County of or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 17, 2006**.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 6, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#10978479
Cohasset Mariner 2/10/06

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

FEBRUARY 9-17 2006

Animal magnetism

'Critters, Etc...' exhibit embraces the absurd

By Matthew Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Art can be profound. It can be intellectual, emotional, spiritual, enlightening or even disturbing.

And sometimes art can simply be fun and entertaining.

Laura Harvey finds her creative niche in this realm of the visual arts universe.

The Marshfield artist explores these possibilities in both two-and three-dimensional mixed media work, usually with a keen, quirky sense of the absurd and inspiration drawn from the animal planet.

Harvey displays her unique artistry from this perspective and a two-dimensional focus in her latest solo exhibit, "...Critters, Etc.," on view in the Service Bar area at Bella's Restaurant, Route 228, Rockland, through February.

The show is actually one of the first results of a collaboration of sorts between Bella's and Marshfield's North River Arts Society, where Harvey works weekday mornings as office manager. Bella's bar manager Vivien Harlow is also an artist member and student at NRAS, and last summer approached Harvey with the idea of launching an exhibit series at Bella's featuring a revolving cast of NRAS artists.

"I like art to be fun and humorous, something for people to have a good time with. I take art seriously when I work on it, but I always try to not take myself too seriously," said Harvey at last Sunday's opening reception at Bella's.

All sorts of animals, horses, barnyard fowl and dogs make their way onto the canvas in Harvey's collection of critters.

North River Arts Society artist Laura Harvey poses with some of the quirky critters at the opening of her new exhibit at Bella's Restaurant in Rockland. "Critters, Etc..." will be on display through Feb. 24.

"I like art to be fun and humorous, something for people to have a good time with. I take art seriously when I work on it, but I always try to not take myself too seriously."
Laura Harvey

"In every artwork I do, there's always going to be whimsy, even with some of the junk object elements I use that are hard to find. I love to use a lot of color, and combine colors, and to use unusual subject matter," Harvey said.

Harvey's aim in the switch from her usual 3-D to 2-D images in "Critters" is in effort for "swapping dimension for size."

Most of her show's 11 works spotlight animal characters such as cats, dogs, rabbits, cows and barnyard fowl, some of them portraits of creatures who reside with the artist at her Green Harbor home, which also houses the studio where she creates her work.

With them, Harvey said she combines a variety of elements to add texture, depth and story, all of it rendered in colors that "just happen." Along with the animals with names such as "Stars and Stripes," "Onree the Magni-ficent," "Sir Charles" and "A Mighty Bird," there's even a glimpse of Woodstock-era nostalgia with the 1960s Volkswagon Van image of "Magic Bus."

"Two dimensional work is a whole new realm for me. I'm still using texture, but I'm really enjoying working large," Harvey said.

Laura Harvey's exhibit "Critters, Etc..." will be on display at Bella's Restaurant, 933 Hingham Street in Rockland through Feb. 24. For more information call the North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091.

Thursday, Feb. 9

North American Home Show, Feb. 9-12, Gillette Stadium, Foxborough. Free parking. Over 500 exhibits, Hours are Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 800-225-1577 or visit www.naexpo.com.

Sewing Classes for Kids at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, with seamstress Brooke, sewing with fleece and cotton. Eight weeks, beginning Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4-6 p.m. $140. Students provide machines and fabric. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634, ext 15.

February meeting of the **Civil War Circle**, Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the **Forbes House Museum**, 215 Adams St., Milton. History discussion group looks at various battles and generals of the Civil War. Suggested donation of $5 to cover expenses. Open to the public. Light refreshments served. Call 617-696-1815.

Adventures and Beyond, Thursdays, Feb. 9, 16, and March 2 at **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Six-week session for children grades one and two, with Karen Kurkoski, naturalist. Children investigate interesting science questions and explore natural world of animals, plants and their habitats. $84 members, $108 non-members, pre-registration required, call 781-659-2559. Limit eight children.

The Southeastern Mass Mineral Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free admission and open to the public. Refreshments served.

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host author **Julie Moir Messervy** discussing "Outside the Not So Big House: Creating the Landscape of Home," Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Messervy's book shows homeowners and professionals how to break down design barriers between the home and its surroundings to create a unified design – the landscape of home. Refreshments served. Free admission, open to the public. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

The Regattabar at the Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, will host **Judy Collins**, Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in the Charles Ballroom. Tickets $50. For information visit www.regattabarjazz.com.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, **Brian Stratton Band,** Thursday, Feb. 9. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Concert at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Popular song stylists Bobbi Carrey and Will McMillan will perform songs from their CD "If I Loved You: A Musical Valentine." This free program will be in Logan Auditorium. Call 781-848-0405.for more information.

BEST BET

Will McMillan and Bobbi Carrey

Mark your calendar

BUS TRIP TO RHODE ISLAND FLOWER SHOW, Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Travel by luxury coach, after seeing the show, you are free to lunch on your own or spend time shopping at the Providence Place Mall. Meet back at 3 p.m. for the ride home. Fee is $41 for members or $45 for non-members and includes admission to the Flower Show and transportation. Limited to 45 people.

BLUES NIGHT FEATURING THE JIM WEIDER BAND at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth on Saturday, Feb. 25. Show and dinner buffet is $65 per person, plus tax and service charge. Reservations suggested. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information call 508-746-7100 or visit www.JohnCarverInn.com.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S DAFFODIL DAYS, place orders until March 3. Receive ten flowers for $7. Also, a new special Boyd's bear is available designed for ACS. Order by calling 888-648-4880. For more information visit www.cancer.org.

CRAFTBOSTON'S PREVIEW PARTY, Thursday, March 30 from 6-9 p.m. Exclusive opportunity to have first choice of works by over 175 craft artists before the show opens to the public. Meet the artists, view and purchase artwork, enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and live music. Held at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston. Cost is $150 per person from 6-9 p.m. and includes dinner, cocktails, dessert and shopping or $75 per person from 7-9:30 p.m. which includes cocktails, dessert and shopping. For tickets call 617-266-1810 or email show@craftboston.org. Visit www.craftboston.com.

NATIONAL GOLF EXPO, Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5 at Bayside Expo Center, Boston. Sponsored by the Boston Herald. Hours are: Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $10 adults, $9 seniors and children under 12 are free. Visit www.golfexpoboston.com.

BROAD COMEDY comes to the Stuart Street Playhouse, 745 Boylston St., Boston on Saturday evenings beginning March 4. Nothing is sacred. A bright and unflinching look at politicos, women, men, fertilization, corporate shenanigans and the real desperate housewives. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $28.50, seniors are 10% off that price and student tickets are $20. Tickets are available at Telecharge.com or 800-447-7400 or at the Stuart Street Playhouse box office, 200 Stuart St., Boston. Visit www.broadcomedy.com.

Movie review

Bank security specialist Jack Stanfield (Harrison Ford) is put in a compromising position by the nasty Bill Cox (Paul Bettany).

Ford rises above shaky "Wall'

Firewall (B+)

JAMES VERNIERE
FILM CRITIC

In "Firewall," 63-year-old action-hero Harrison Ford becomes a poster boy for ibuprofen and glucosamine.

Best known as the screen's Han Solo and Indiana Jones, Ford is bank security specialist Jack Stanfield here, an accomplished man with a sexy wife (Virginia Madsen) and two children rather young for someone his age (Are they Jack's second family?).

Jack, his wife Beth and their son and daughter live in splendor in suburban Seattle in a modern, multi-million-dollar house on a lake, and while Jack doesn't like the creepy suit (a glowering Robert Patrick), who's newly overseeing his work, life is sweet.

That is until a bill collector shows up at the bank and calls Jack a deadbeat in front of his new boss and colleagues.

Apparently, someone has stolen Jack's identity and is making his dolce vita not so dolce. Things get worse when criminal mastermind and unrepentant killer Bill Cox (Paul Bettany of "Master and Commander" and "A Knight's Tale" in the Alan Rickman role) and his team of heavily armed ninja-hackers take over Jack's house, hold his wife and children hostage and demand . . . well, you know the drill.

Routine in most ways, "Firewall" gets a jolt of adrenaline from Ford's always-reliable screen presence, Madsen's new confidence since winning acclaim for her turn in the 2004 comedy "Sideways" and Bettany's heavy — a milk-colored reptile.

Directed by Richard Loncraine ("Wimbeldon"), who is recycling his 1987 thriller "Bellman and True," "Firewall" goes through the motions — the resourceful kids in peril, the henchmen who range from utterly despicable to faintly sympathetic, sudden ultra-violent outbreaks and, of course, the ingenious tricks the captives use to outsmart their captors. It's "Panic Room" for "Air Force One" and "Fugitive" fans.

In some ways, "Firewall" is an exploration of our high-tech-inspired, modern-day paranoia and suggests a pop-movie version of the French existential thriller "Cache."

But the film asks an awful lot of people who actually pay attention. Why, for example, doesn't Jack just pass a note saying he and his family are being held hostage when he's sent to the bank to do the dirty work? And why do these bad guy know all there is to know about the Stanfields, but not a certain high-tech detail involving the family dog? Oh, you hairsplitting jerks.

How bad is the bad guy? Bad enough to feed Jack's son (Jimmy Bennett) nuts even though he knows he's deadly allergic – shades of the diabetic daughter in "Panic Room." As this hints, "Firewall" is often tech-outs and strictly by the numbers.

Still, it's undeniably fun to watch Jack "MacGyver" piece together a helpful device consisting of his daughter's MP3 player, the scan head from a fax machine, a Tickle Me Elmo doll (OK, I made that last bit up) and, of course, duct tape.

"I'm gonna find my dog," an enraged Jack declares near the film's climax, by which he means, "It's clobbering time, Fido." And I must admit I was awed by Ford's continued ability to play a fight scene like a, umm, 40-year-old stunt man. It really is Harrison up there getting the stuffing kicked out of him and being tossed through a window. But I suppose the prospect of Ford's salary would make all of us happily go to the gym and jump out windows, too. I know I would.

Rated PG-13. "Firewall" contains graphic violence and profanities.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 9-17 2006

BEST BET

Hui-Min Wang

From Downbeat Club Ruddick Music, a Weymouth nonprofit, is among the funded performers in Music from the Heart, South Shore Conservatory's annual Music Festival, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Ellison Center for the Arts. The event, focuses on "love" because its placement just days before Valentine's Day. Music from the Heart is free and open to the public, and features a 2 pm student concert, 3 pm lecture by Dr. Jane Viemeister on composers whose works were influenced by love, and a 4 pm combined student and faculty concert. For more information, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-934-2731, ext. 10.

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Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Feb. 9, **Satch Blues Jam featuring Racky Thomas Acoustic show**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, Feb. 10

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will host artist and educator **Susan Swinnand** presenting a slide lecture on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m., "Painting: An Artist's Journey of Discovery. Free admission and open to the public. Visit www.artcomplex.org.

St. Joseph School Silent Auction, 143 So. Franklin St., Holbrook, Friday, Feb. 10. Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph School's General Fund to maintain and upgrade the school. For information call 781-767-1544.

Thimbles and Friends Quilting Guild's Annual Retreat will be held Feb. 10, 11 and 12 at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. This group meets monthly on a Saturday morning at the Abington Library and makes quilts each year and donates them to such charities as Dove Shelter, Abington Police Department, Old Colony Hospice, and My Brother's Keeper. The charity quilts for 2006 will be baby quilts for "Friends of the Unborn" located in Quincy. Come meet the Thimble and Friends Quilting Guild members and see their work in progress.

Annette's Comedy Asylum presents Paul D'Angelo, Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Randolph Holiday Inn, 1374 N. Main St., Randolph. Also featuring Annette Pollack, Rob Brown, Chris Bilello, Barry Kneller and hosted by Mike Baker. Admission is $15 in advance, $20 day of the show. For information, call 781-961-1000 or 781-843-4833 for tickets. Visit www.annettepollack.com.

The Regattabar at the Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, will host **The Originator Bo Diddley with the Debbie Hastings Band**, Friday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles Ballroom. Tickets $38. For information visit www.regattabarjazz.com.

The Irish Ancestral Research Association's next meeting will take place on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Boston College, Commonwealth Ave. in Chestnut Hill. The meeting will be in Higgins Hall Room. Speaker will be Walter Hickey of the National Archives. Free admission. For information visit www.tiara.ie.com.

"Forever Plaid," Feb. 10, 11, 12, 14 at the **Quincy Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Bee-Bop era musical with memorable songs of the '50s, with the original Boston cast. Call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com for ticket information.

South Shore Singles Dance, Friday, Feb. 10, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, Music by **The Emanon Orchestra.** For singles age 45+, proper dress required. Italian buffet at 9 p.m. Admission is $10, $7 members. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Comedy Night, Friday, Feb. 10 at 9 p.m. **Purple Eggplant Café**, 400 Bedford St., Abington, with host Hugo Maienza, featuring Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Shane Mauss, Chris Trabulsie, Kevin Pace, Tony Gugliotta. Admission $15. Call 781-871-7175 for reservations.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Friday, Feb. 10, **Darwin's Children,** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Friday, Feb. 10, **Steve Murphy Band**. All shows at 9:15 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Feb.10, **Cindy Daley Blues Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Saturday, Feb.11

In-Studio Watermedia Workshop, Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Saturday, Feb. 11 and Sunday, Feb. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with artist-teacher Susan Swinnand. Swinnand has taught painting at Worcester Art Museum, Clark University and Wellesley College. $150 fee. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

Valentine Craft Fair at Bay Farm Montessori Academy, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 22 crafters/artisans will be displaying and selling their work. Creative items such as accessories, chocolates, fleece hats and handmade soaps, etc. Admission is free. There will be a special event for kids during the fair. Kids create crafts while parents shop. The kids can design a canvas bag for $10. Bay Farm is located at 145 Loring St., Duxbury. For more information, call 781-934-7101.

Indian Pond Country Club and Estates Designer Showcase, 396 Country Club Way, Kingston, Saturday, Feb. 11 from noon to 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Blue Hills Chapter of the National Charity League. Two-dozen South Shore interior design firms have collaborated with Hannigan Development Co. of Kingston to decorate a 7,600 square foot luxury new construction home. Cost $20 per person.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra Discovery Series, "Wolfe on Wolf," bassist Larry Wolfe narrates Peter and the Wolf, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate. Call 781-740-5694. Tickets are $20 adults, $15 seniors, $8 youth through age 18 and are available at Front Street Books, Scituate, Marsh's Liquors in Norwell, Hingham Library or call 781-740-5694. To order online visit www.hinghamsymphony.org

An Afternoon with Mary Todd Lincoln, Feb. 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Mary Todd Lincoln will speak about her life, her family and Mr. Lincoln. Period music and refreshments. There will be a candlelight walk to the Lincoln cabin. Reservations are required. Admission $20, $18 museum members. For reservations or information, call 617-696-1815.

American Kempo Karate Academy, 12 W. Water Street in Rockland, will host a free anti-child abduction seminar called "Steal Proof Masters," Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3-4 p.m. AKKA has locations in Pembroke, Weymouth, and Hanson and are inviting South Shore children ages 5-12 to participate. For information, visit www.akka.com. Spots are limited. Reservations are required. Call 781- 878-4011.

Spring Musical Workshop, Saturdays, Feb. 11-April 29, from 1 to 4 p.m., Bridgewater State College library lecture hall, for children interested in singing and acting. Students participate in one-act musical revue, "Project Rescue, Save the Planet." Participants receive two free tickets to BSC Children's Theatre production "The E-College-E Bowl, Live!" No previous performance experience necessary. Call professor Jim Quinn, 508-531-2141 or email jquinn@bridgew.edu.

South Shore Conservatory's Annual Music Festival, Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Ellison Center for the Arts. "Music From The Heart" is free and open to the public. There will be a lecture at 3 p.m. by Dr. Jane Viemeister on composers whose works were influenced by love and at 4 p.m., a combined student and faculty concert. For more information, call 781-934-2731, ext. 10. Visit www.southshoreconservatory.org

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Brockton, 325 W. Elm St., will hold a Religion and Science Winter Conference on **Evolution and Intelligent Design** on Saturday, Feb. 11 at noon. Cost is $10 for adult, $5 for students and seniors. Refreshments will be served. Two workshops are included. Everyone is welcome. For information call 508-583-7775.

Tea For Three: Lady Bird, Pat and Betty, a gallery of intimate portraits of three remarkable, radically different First Ladies. This one-woman show is deeply touching and funny. Show times are Saturday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone 781-871-2787 or online at www.companytheatre.com.

Second Annual Grand Slam Tennis Tourney sponsored by the Friends of Women's Health at South Shore Hospital, Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at Scituate Racquet and Fitness Club. Enjoy music by a DJ, wine tasting, appetizers, gourmet pizza, silent auction and raffles. Proceeds benefit Cardiovascular Services at SSH. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance. For more information call Donna Shecrallah at 781-340-4170 or visit www.southshorehospital.org.

Valentine's Dinner Dance at the Weymouth Elks, Saturday, Feb. 11. Cocktail hour from 7-8 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. Dinner show and dancing to follow. Entertainment by Joey Canzano, the Man of a Thousand Voices. Cost is $25 per person. Tables of eight are available. Call 781- 331-5593.

South Shore Dancers will hold a Valentine Dance with a "Love Boat" theme on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Cushing Center, Route 123, Norwell. Informal cruise wear is suggested. Richard Horblit will give a rumba lesson at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will follow from 8-11 p.m. For information and reservations call Tom Osterland at 781-659-4703 or visit www.SouthShoreDancers.org.

Down East Dancers, Country Western dancing, at Taunton Elk Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton, Thursday, Feb. 11. Valentine Dance with DJ Donna Shea. Dance instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cash bar. Admission is $5.

Prowl for Owls with Mass. Audubon, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 4 to 7 a.m., at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield. For information call John Galluzzo, 781-837-9400.

"The New Folk Song Movement in Latin America," a lecture by poet and human rights activist **Marjorie Agosin,** Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m., Brandeis University Rose Art Museum, 415 South St., Waltham. Free admission. Call 781-736-3434.

Blues Rock Extravaganza on Boston Harbor aboard Voyager III, Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., with the **Racky Thomas Band** departing at 8 p.m. Tickets $25, in advance at terminal or call 617-222-6999.

Jah Spirit, reggae band, Saturday, Feb. 11, **Black Raspberry Pub**, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Saturday, Feb. 11, **John Truscelli**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, Feb. 11, **Mission of Blues.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Saturday, Feb. 11, **Cindy Daley Blues Band featuring Satch Romano.** All shows at 9:15 p.m. No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Feb. 12

USS Salem Volunteer Open House, aboard the USS Salem, 739 Washington St., Quincy, Sunday, Feb. 12, noon to 2 p.m., Tours and discussion of volunteer opportunities. Call 617-479-7900 or visit www.usssalem.org.

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Natural edge bowl" by Ken Lindgren

Untitled bowl by Nigel Howe

Robert Ellen Associates will feature the collections Wickedly Wild and Wonderful Wood: Recent Works by the Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners through April 2. The show features a variety of useful and sculptural lathe-turned objects by 30 members of the local organization. A reception is planned for March 12, 2 – 5 p.m. Members of the MSSW will be involved with the Woodturning Weekend February 11-12, at the museum with lectures and demonstrations.. Admission for the lecture is $12 non-members and $8 members. For more information any of these exhibitions and their related programming, please visit our website, www.fullercraft.org. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

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BEST BET

Paul D'Angelo

Classes

SAT PREPARATION CLASS offered at Hull High School, March 11. Presented by Summit Educational Group, Inc. This is a 12-session course to prepare students who are taking the SAT in the spring. Open to all students in the community. Taught by experts in math, critical reading and writing who will teach powerful strategies to help students improve their time management skills and build confidence. Call 800-698-8867 by March 6 to reserve a spot.

MANAGE YOUR MONEY class offered by Wellspring, Inc. A four-session course to teach people of all income levels the best ways to manage their money. Tuesday, Feb. 28: Goals and Budgeting 101; Tuesday, March 7: Effective Money Management; Tuesday, March 14: Money Management Tools and Recordkeeping and Tuesday, March 21: Credit and review. All classes are 7-9 p.m. Course fee is $80. Financial assistance is available. Pre-registration is required. Call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY STILL LIFE: THE ACADEMIC WAY, Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. for seven weeks, Feb. 28-April 25. Using exact drawing methods to finish a painting in one session. Beginners to advanced artists will benefit from this class. Cost is $140 members and $160 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR/AED/FOR PROFESSIONAL RESCUER REVIEW, Monday, Feb. 27 from 6-10:30 p.m. Pre-requisite: current certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. Class held at Red Cross South Area Office, 1495 Hancock St., Third Floor, Quincy. Cost is $60. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 617-770-2600 or visit bostonredcross.org.

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'Harleys' of Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge in Rhode Island. See the largest wintering population of Harlequin ducks on the East Coast with Mass. Audubon, Sunday, Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is $30, $25 members. For information call John Galuzzo, 781-837-9400.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands Annual meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2-5 p.m. Learn about 2006 program activities and volunteer opportunities. Will include review, election of directors, speakers and refreshments. Event will be held at the Beacon House, 19 Myrtle St., Beacon Hill. For more information on FBHI visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

St. Stephen's Sunday Concert Series with David MacFarlane, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland St., Cohasset. For information call 781-383-1083.

Cohasset Dramatic Club auditions for "Seussical" will be held on Feb. 12 from 1-4 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. The show will be presented on May 5-21 and takes a whimsical look into the world of Dr. Seuss and his colorful characters. Auditioners should come prepared to sing 16-24 bars of an upbeat tune, preferably from the show. If you are not singing something from the show bring your own music. An accompanist will be provided. There will be a dance/movement audition as well. For information contact Lisa Pratt at 781-383-1387.

Lincoln Day at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton, Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Mr. Lincoln in person, the US Navy Band Northeast Brass Quintet and Civil War re-enactors from the 22nd Mass. Volunteer Infantry. Free event, but $5 donation is encourage. Call 617-696-1815.

Jouissance to perform at Hingham Library, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. This musical ensemble performs medieval and renaissance music. The concert will be held in the Whiton Room. Admission is free and open to all. Sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Library.

The **Ventress Memorial Library Concert Series** presents **Bobby Gallegos and Perry Rossi** performing Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public. For more information call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535.

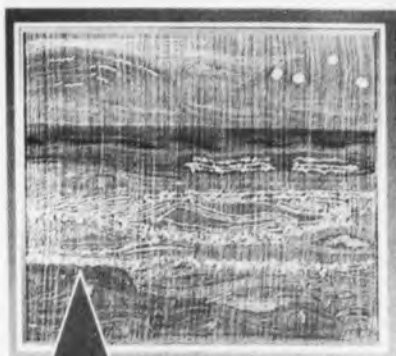
Concert at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Popular song stylists Bobbi Carrey and Will McMillan will perform songs from their CD "If I Loved You: A Musical Valentine." This free program will be in Logan Auditorium. Call 781-848-0405.

New Bethlehem Coffee House, in the Lutheran Church of the Cross, Route 139, Hanover, with guest entertainer, **Lisa Hendrickson,** Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. Handicap elevator for adults with disabilities. Admission $3. For information call 781-826-5121.

"Latest Works," paintings by Susan Kilmartin, at Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through March 2.

"Critters, etc.," mixed media works by artist **Laura Harvey** through Feb. 24 at **Bella's Restaurant,** 933 Hingham St., Rockland. Call 781-871-5789.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Sunday, Feb. 12, **Bay State Stompers Dixieland Jazz Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.



Seascape by Lucretia Chase

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South Shore Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery features the fiber artwork of Lucretia Chase of Scituate, Eleanor Elkin of Newton and Virginia Holloway of Randolph through the end of April. The fiber artists have coupled with watercolorists Virginia Avery of Marshfield and T. Nicholas Phakos of Milton, who are exhibiting in the Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery, to present Two Worlds, Watercolor and Fiber. Admission to the South Shore Music Circus Gallery and the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

Monday, Feb. 13

Seniors' Valentine Social, Monday, Feb. 13 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. An afternoon get-together with music, refreshments, games and fun. Gather in an informal setting, reconnect with old friends or make new ones. No registration is required. Event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Sharon LaRosa at 508-830-4250, ext. 219.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. Newcomers and all levels of knitters are welcome. Fee of $5 for non-members. For more information call Janice at 508-224-4658.

Nature's Still Life, photography exhibit by Katie Kduzma at Mass. Audubon North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield through Feb. 25. Admission is free. Call 781-837-9400.

North River Arts Society Members Show, G.A.R. Hall, Marshfield Hills, on exhibit through Feb. 12. Free admission. Call 781-837-8091.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center, will exhibit **"Home & Away"** paintings by watercolor artist/illustrator **Maureen Brookfield** on display through March 1. Call 781-659-7100

Snug Harbor Community Chorus open call for singers for spring show performance in May of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

South Street Gallery will exhibit the works of **artist Eli Cedrone** of Stoughton through to Feb. 16. Cedrone's landscapes, still lifes, figure studies, portraits and narratives show a masterful handling of color and paint. The Gallery is located at 149 South St., Hingham. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

"Sara Crewe: A Little Princess" at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, Boston," through Feb. 26. Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; school vacation matinees, Feb. 21-24, 1 p.m. Tickets $20, $16, $12. Group rates available. Call 617-879-2300 or email tickets@wheelock.edu.

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Tuesday, Feb. 14

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon, Tuesday, Feb. 14 from noon to 1:30 at the Rustic Kitchen in Hingham. A great opportunity to introduce yourself and your business to other colleagues around the South Shore. Seating is limited. Register by calling 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Mass. Audubon Volunteer Open House, Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Refreshments. Call Ellyn Einhorn, 781-837-9400.

"The Award Winners, 2002-2005" photography of Peggy Roth Major, at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through March 2. Open during regular library hours. For directions and gallery showing information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org .

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere Hose, Old North Church, the USS Constitution and the State House. Eleven kilometers (6.8 miles.) Walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at the National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship by provided non-competitive walking and other sporting events free to the public. For information call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Brian de Lorenzo will perform his show "Listen To My Heart" at the Company Theatre, Norwell on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. A Weymouth native, Brian will perform songs from the Great American Songbook and musical theatre. Tickets are $10 and are available at the Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or online at www.companytheatre.com.

Autism Speaks and The National Alliance for Autism Research will celebrate Valentine's Day at Avalon with "A Funny Kind of Love," an **evening of comedy** to raise money for autism research, Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Acclaimed local comedians Steven Wright and Lenny Clarke will headline the event, hosted by Boston's own Tony V. General admission tickets are $60 and are available through www.ticketmaster.com. VIP tickets are also available for $1,000 and include a private reception before the show, a table for four with champagne, and free parking. To purchase VIP tickets, contact NAAR New England at 617-924-3300. Event is being sponsored by Bass Pale Ale and Avalon.

The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, through April 30. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles. Call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life South Shore Chapter, monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., Resurrection Church, 1057 Main St., Hingham. Open to all interested in pro-life movement. Call Helen Cross at 781-925-5866.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. For information call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Marion Midweek Antiques Show, every other Wednesday in February from 9-11:30 a.m. Early-bird buying begins at 7 a.m. for an additional $5 charge per person. Parking is free. Call 508-758-3445 for more information.

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. Local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

WaterWatch Lecture Series, Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. "The 2005 New England Red Tide," with Don Anderson, senior scientist from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Free admission and open to the public. Visit www.nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; call Mass. Audubon 781-659-9400 or SSNSC 781-659-2559.

Silk painting workshop, with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. No class Feb. 22. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634, ext 15.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League featuring Ladies Poker School. Win gifts and prizes. Wednesdays at **Applebees,** 755 Granite St., Braintree, 781-843-3648. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. For information visit www.BigStackPoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Feb. 16

"Love Letters" will be performed at Thursday's Tea at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 186 Jacobs Lane, Norwell on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tea and desserts will be served following the show. Program fee is $8 for members, $10 for non-members. Space is limited. For information visit www.ssnsc.org.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape" through Feb. 19, Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

The Regattabar at the Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Harvard Square, Cambridge will host **The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson**, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in the Charles Ballroom. Tickets are $27. For information visit www.regattabarjazz.com.

Comedy Show at Kilroy's Restaurant, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. Headliner is **Bob Niles** and other comics performing are: Annette Pollack, Phil Doyle, Sheila Van Dyke and hosted by Jim Cahillane. Hosted by Annette's Comedy Asylum. Dinner and appetizers available. Call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833. Visit www.annettepollack.com.

"Ain't Misbehavin" at the **Company Theatre,** 30 Accord Park, Norwell. The music of Fats Waller featuring Vivian Jett of Broadway cast . Feb. 16-19. Tickets are $32. Visit www.companytheatre.com or call 781-871-2787.

Glastonbury Abbey "Listening to Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In," Inter-Religious lecture series, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7:15 p.m., Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. "One Nation? Under God" with Dr. Mohammed Dadrass, Afghanistan refugee, and Westy Egmont, Executive Director of the International Institute of Boston. Free admission, donations accepted. Reservations recommended. Call 781-749-2155.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Feb. 16, **Satch's Blues Jam featuring the J Place Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts a **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Thursday, Feb. 16, **Earthbound Misfits.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com

Friday, Feb. 17

The 24th Annual Regional Transportation Breakfast hosted by the Plymouth County Development Council will be held Friday, Feb. 17 from 7:45-10:15 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Speakers will be John Cogliano, Commissioner of Mass. Highway Dept., Dennis Dizoglio, Asst. GM for Planning and Real Estate for the MBTA and Rep. Joseph Wagner, House Chairman of the Joint Committee of Transportation. Admission is $20. Reservations required. Call 508-747-0100.

Botanical Drawings exhibit by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, through February, at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Free admission and open to the public. Call 781-934-2721.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

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Hingham Symphony Orchestra Discovery Series presents "Wolfe on Wolf," featuring bassist Larry Wolfe narrating Peter and the Wolf, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate. For more information call 781-740-5694. Tickets are $20 adults, $15 seniors, $8 youth through age 18 and are available at Front Street Books, Scituate, Marsh's Liquors in Norwell, Hingham Library or call 781-740-5694. To order online visit www.hinghamsymphony.org

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STORIES IN THE SNOW, Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, for 5 and 6 year olds. Explore the trails for animal tracks and other signs and make up stories about the animals that left them.

WINTER BEACHCOMBING, Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 7 to 11 year olds. Scour the sands for natural and man-made treasures and then make works of art from the found objects.

MAPLE SUGARING AT MOOSE HILL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, Thursday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 7 to 11.

ANIMAL SIGNS, Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 7 to 11 year olds. Investigate trails to find winter signs of life and then make a nature journal of a day in the great outdoors.

All programs begin and end at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Pre-registration is required. For prices, directions or information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at 781-837-9400.

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER SCHOOL VACATION WEEK ACTIVITIES:

LIVE REPTILE SHOW, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. Herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows will bring his menagerie of reptiles, including lizards, turtles, really big snakes and an American alligator. Tickets are $6 for members and $7 non-members and must be purchased in advance. Recommended for ages 3 and up. No food, drink or strollers will be allowed in Vine Hall. To purchase tickets, call 781-659-2559.

STAR WARS: EPISODE VII – RETURN TO THE SCIENCE CENTER, Tuesday, Feb. 21: Secrets of Spacecraft and Space Travel; Wednesday, Feb. 22: Foreign Foliage from the Future; Thursday, Feb. 23: Odd Features of Alien Creatures and Friday, Feb. 24: Resourceful Robots. For kindergarteners and for Grades 1-5, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is $30 members and $34 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

South Shore Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. For information, visit www.ssnsc.org.

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— Moira Stansell, co-director

'Heart and soul of the food pantry'

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHIN

Marjorie "Margie" Steele says getting involved with the food pantry "seemed like an easy way to help the community." That was more than 13 years ago and she's been involved ever since.

Margie Steele is Citizen of the Year

By Mary Ford
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After just a few minutes with Marjorie Steele it becomes clear why so many Cohasset residents over the years have felt comfortable enough to sit down with her and explain why they need help.

Steele, who is affectionately called "Margie," has a relaxed, friendly manner and a warm, compassionate smile that puts one immediately at ease.

Those qualities coupled with the intangible ability to be discrete are critical to having ensured over the years that the Cohasset Food Pantry is able to serve people in times of need.

That is no easy feat in an affluent town that is better known for its million-dollar homes and households with incomes well into the six figures, than those who may have hit hard times because they've lost their jobs or are elderly citizens who cannot make ends meet on Social Security checks.

As a member of the outreach committee at the Second Congregational

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School committee race heating up

Flynn, Buckley pull papers to run

By Samantha Brown
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School committee incumbent Rick Flynn announced in January, that after six years on the board, he would not run for re-election. This week he added a little excitement to the race, when he announced he has changed his mind.

"I've been thinking about running again for a while, and I decided this weekend. There is more business to be done, and I thought my experience could be beneficial to the committee. It just wasn't the right time to leave," he said.

Flynn, who has three sons, including one at the middle school, one at college, and one at B.C. High, has a historical perspective on the school's budget process, which could be beneficial at a time when the school budget is front and center for the school committee.

Flynn said unlike last year, a lot of people are coming forward to work for an override, which he says is an good sign. "It's encouraging to see young families become active." He said it is also important that the town and school committee support Supt. of Schools Dr. Denise Walsh, whom he describes as a seasoned professional who has transformed the budget process.

There are currently two open three-year seats on the board, and Flynn, along with 272 N. Main Street resident

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Border collies are in the dog house

Alleged attacks subject of hearing

By Samantha Brown
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A group of border collies is causing some concern in town. While the owner of the dogs says they are sweet and gentle animals, several residents who were allegedly bitten by the dogs tell a different story.

Due to the number of complaints filed about the dogs, Animal Control officer Paul Murphy requested a vicious dog hearing with Town Manager Bill Griffin, who serves as the town's dog hearing officer. That meeting was held yesterday (Thursday, Feb. 16) after the Mariner went to press.

John Dean of Meadow Lane owns the border collies. He has nine dogs, two of which are the parents of the others. The dogs are pure bred, and are registered with the American Border Collie Association. By nature, border collies are sheep-herding dogs, and therefore require lots of open space to run and get their exercise. "To us, they are the sweetest animals we've ever known," he said.

Dean's home abuts land owned by the Cohasset Conservation Trust. Last August, he said he was out walking with seven of the dogs on the conservation property when the path they were walking on joined another. Resident Donald Staszko was walking the other path, and when the dogs saw him, Dean said they

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Powdery white snow pushes cleanup budget into the red

But timing kept folks off streets

By Samantha Brown
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Mild winter weather thus far had Cohasset right within its spending limits in terms of the snow and ice budget. However, Sunday's storm, which brought more than a foot of snow to town, has pushed that figure into a deficit.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said the Department of Public Works is still working on compiling the figure for the total cost. However, he said the fiscal 2006 snow and ice budget was $51,000, "and we had just used it up before the storm."

Director of Finance Michael Buckley explained the snow and ice budget is the only budget for which the state allows towns to have a temporary deficit. Buckley said before the town sets the next year's tax rate, "You have to find a way to pay for it," and usually in Cohasset, that money comes from free cash.

"Everything's expensive when you're dealing with the snow, but you've got to get it done."
— DPW Supt. Carl Sestito

DPW Superintendent Carl Sestito said during the storm, all 12 of the town's DPW employees as well as 14 private contractors responded to help clear the streets. "Some came in about 3:30 p.m., and hit the roads with sand and salt," he said. Around 7 p.m., Sestito said everyone was called out to help plow the streets, and when people started finishing up their routes, he began sending them home around 8 p.m.

Just before the storm, Sestito said he had ordered one load of salt for $1,500. "Everything's expensive when you're dealing with the snow, but you've got to get it done" he said.

Sestito said overall, the storm was pretty typical for a New England winter. "Sometimes the visibility was not very good," but his crew was able to clear the streets well enough to allow students to attend school Monday morning.

Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling said the storm was a "classic."

"It was a classic New England nor'easter that brought over a foot of wind-blown powdery snow with visibility near zero at times," he said. "The storm is now officially known as 'The Pre-Valentine's Day Blizzard of 2006'."

Police Chief James Hussey said he was very pleased from a police safety standpoint with the way things went. "Only one car slid off the road and it didn't hit another car," he said, adding fortunately, for the most part, people stayed off the roads, which made it much easier for the DPW to do its job.

"I came down here Sunday for a few hours anticipating the

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Everything was frozen over at Black Rock Beach during last Sunday's blizzard that kept most Cohasset residents at home. Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling notes the storm is now officially known as 'The Pre-Valentine's Day Blizzard of 2006.'

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PICTURE THIS/Aleisa Gittens-Carle

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

This week the Mariner caught up with Cohasset's METCO coordinator, Aleisa Gittens-Carle, in her office at the middle-high school.

Name: Aleisa Gittens-Carle.

Occupation: Cohasset METCO Coordinator

Best days of your life: The day my daughter was born; the day I got married; the day my son was born; and the day we adopted my husband's two nieces who are currently 4 and 16 years old.

Best vacation: In the summer of 2005, my husband and I took our four children to Disney World.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Pizza.

Best authors: Pearl Cleage, Angela Benson, Maya Angelou, Victoria Christopher Murray, Toni Morrison, and Alice Walker.

Best movies: The original "Charlie & The Chocolate Factory" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Best actor: Morgan Freeman.

Best TV shows: "CSI" and "Law & Order."

Pet peeve: People swearing, using foul language.

Most embarrassing moment: In Mr. Freitas' sixth grade English class, (Cushing Elementary School in Scituate), I had to recite the Langston Hughes Poem, "Mother to Son" and I froze in front of the class. Later on I was able to find my voice and I received an A-.

Goal: To become a School Superintendent and to one day write a novel .

Person I'd most like to meet: Oprah Winfrey.

Biggest worry: Not being able to accomplish all that I want to in my lifetime.

Best part of Cohasset: The people that I have met.

Planning board office hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

To schedule an appointment with Town Planner Liz Harrington, email her at lizh@townofcohasset.org. She will contact you promptly to arrange a Monday appointment.

Town Census for 2006

The Town Census for 2006 has been mailed to each household. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2006. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2005 license. If you did not receive your census, call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

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Cohasset Mariner wins top honors

The New England Press Association has recognized the Cohasset Mariner with a first place award in its annual Better Newspaper Contest. The Cohasset Mariner placed first in its circulation class for having the best editorial pages, according to judges for 2005 New England Better Newspaper Competition.

Judges said the Cohasset Mariner has a "classic editorial section."

"Its opinion pages contain editorials which not only point out concerns but offered solutions, then went beyond by opening the pages to commentary from knowledgeable sources," the judges said. "A local editorial cartoon and numerous letters to the editor were frosting on the cake."

Editor Mary Ford said being recognized for the editorial and op-ed pages is a true honor.

"The Cohasset Mariner has won many awards over the years, but to have our peers in the newspaper industry recognize our editorial pages as outstanding is extremely gratifying," Ford said. "I've always believed the editorial and op-ed pages are the 'heart' of the Cohasset Mariner and a true reflection of a community that cares deeply about the issues."

Contest winners were announced to newspaper publishers, editors, staff and guests at the awards banquet last Saturday at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

New England newspapers submitted upwards of 6,000 entries to the 2005 contest, one of the largest regional competitions in the nation. Entries were judged by the American Press Institute, Reston, Va.

CNC/South, parent company of the Mariner, earned a total of 12 awards:

- First place: Cohasset Mariner, best editorial pages
- First place: Marshfield Mariner, editorial supplement (The Coast Guard section).
- First place: Marshfield Mariner, Bert Lane, photo series
- First place: Weymouth News, Cathy Conley, editorial
- Second place: Weymouth News, editorial supplement (Church fire)
- Second place: Weymouth News, Rob Slager, sports column
- Second place: Braintree Forum, editorial pages
- Second place: Scituate Mariner, Jillian Fennimore, reporting on religious issues
- Third place: Hingham Journal, community involvement in the paper
- Third place: Braintree Forum, Cathy Conley, coverage of racial or ethnic issue
- Third place: Norwell Mariner, sports page or section
- Third place: Kingston Mariner, Paula Woodhull, spot news story

Founded in 1950, the New England Press Association, a professional newspaper trade association of more than 525 weekly and daily newspapers, promotes growth and excellence in New England newspapers through technology, networking, education and recognition among its members.

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Nakilah Skeens, right, shows Molly Cunny material to use on her doll. For more photos about the special doll-making program, see page 23.

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School committee race heating up

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Barbara Buckley, both pulled papers this week. In 2004, Buckley headed up the effort to raise money to save three teachers which were being cut from the fiscal 2005 budget.

"As a parent, teacher, and taxpayer, I feel I have a broad perspective, and I look forward to working very hard to make a difference in our schools," she said.

Resident Steven Fusco, 4 Surry Drive has also pulled papers for a school committee seat. Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, has returned her papers, and the signatures have been certified by the Town Clerk, which officially makes her a candidate. While incumbent Pam Wilson had pulled nomination papers, she withdrew from the race last week.

"It just wasn't the right time to leave."

— Rick Flynn, incumbent and candidate

The board of selectmen currently has two interested candidates in Roger Q. Hill of 19A Highland Avenue and Edwin G. "Ted" Carr of 88 S. Main St. The two are vying for selectman Michael Sullivan's seat. Sullivan is not seeking reelection.

Many incumbents have pulled nomination papers indicating their interest in seeking reelection, including planning board member Peter Pratt; sewer commissioner John Beck; and Lisa LoJacono for recreation commission. Other incumbents have already returned their nomination papers and have been certified by the Town Clerk, which has secured them a spot on the election ballot. Peggy Chapman of the board of health was the first to return her papers, followed by water commissioner John McNabb, and assessor Michael C. Patrolia.

There are three seats available on the Board of Library Trustees. Incumbents Patience Towle and Agnes McCann have pulled papers, as has Elizabeth Baker, who would be seeking her first term. Library trustee Carol Riley has indicated she will not seek another term.

There is one open five-year seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority and incumbent John Muncey will not seek reelection. Susan Sardina, 271 South Main St., pulled papers for the position Wednesday.

In order to hold an elected office, a potential candidate must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that a person is not running for office until he or she takes out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies the signatures collected on the nomination papers. Thursday Feb. 16 was the last day to pull papers, and they must be returned by Tuesday, Feb. 21. Town Hall is open until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and the Town Clerk's office will accept papers until the end of the day.

Friday, March 10 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 8.

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Minimum school budget could mean painful cuts, Walsh says

Budget powwow slated for Feb. 27

By Mary Ford
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Information presented at the next school committee meeting won't be pretty, school officials say.

The school committee last week directed Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh to detail exactly what could be lost if the schools have to stick with a 3 percent or $370,331 increase in its proposed fiscal 2007 budget when it needs a budget hike of upwards of a $1 million to move the district forward.

This year Town Manager Bill Griffin plans to present a balanced budget to Town Meeting that would be in effect if an override vote does not pass muster with voters at the polls. Overrides are a two-step process: they usually sail through Town Meeting followed by override ballot votes that can be extremely close.

Last year voters rejected a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override, the lion's share of which would have gone to the schools. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that limits the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy in any given year without an override.

The school committee, advisory committee and selectmen had planned to meet last night (Thursday) to further discuss the school budget, but that meeting has been postponed to allow the schools more time to prepare. The joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27.

Walsh and the school committee have said the schools need at least a 5 percent or $637,109 budget increase "just to open the doors" in the fall that would cover fixed costs, contractual obligations and transportation. They would like the 5 percent increase to be the "balanced budget" figure that Griffin wants. Last Thursday, Walsh presented a scenario about how to reach 5 percent by proposing to use $250,000 in the salary line item in this year's budget to prepay out-of-district tuitions and school supplies for fiscal 2007. In other words, the $250,000 from this year would be used to boost next year's budget increase from the 3 to 5 percent. However, the money would only be available if the teachers' contract is not settled this fiscal year. Walsh and several members of the school committee said numerous times during the meeting that they hoped the contract would be settled.

As the school department deals with the fiscal realities facing the town, a group of parents and concerned citizens have organized to prepare for an override campaign for the operating budget. The Committee to Support Cohasset Schools is registered with the Town Clerk's office as a ballot question committee.

Committee chairman Terry Green of Linden Drive said the group has two main purposes. "First, to educate Cohasset voters on the issues we as a town are facing to support the vast services we all demand, including the schools," he said. "It is imperative voters have the facts to make informed decision. It is our committee's specific job to educate the town on the financial investment necessary to return the schools to the standards we all expect."

Green said one of the first things Walsh did when she came to Cohasset was to ask about 20 citizens and educators to develop a plan to return Cohasset schools "to being the best we can deliver." The result was the Cohasset Educational Strategic Plan, a road map for achieving this goal, which can be viewed at: www.cohassetk12.org.

Green explained the school department's $13.7 million proposed fiscal 2007 budget — representing about an 11-1/2 percent increase would require upwards of a $1 million override — is crucial because it begins to replace the most critical components needed for the school system. Those include addressing class sizes at Deer Hill and Osgood; and adding back math, science, English and foreign language studies that have been cut at the middle-high school.

"It begins to deliver on MCAS standards such as updating the curriculum and adding physics/engineering labs," he said in a recent interview. "Finally it addresses security issues that must be funded. All of these requests are adding back what has been removed over the years due to budgets not keeping pace."

Town finance director Mike Buckley estimates that a $1 million override would equate to a 45-cent impact on the tax rate. For a house valued at $700,000, that would mean an increase of $316 on the property tax bill for the override itself.

At last week's school committee meeting, chairman Jamie Williams said if the override fails, the school committee would have to make serious decisions about restructuring the school system.

"We'd have to put our heads together and find out some way to get the system up and running under Prop. 2-1/2," she said.

Walsh said living within the 3 percent increase without an override would translate into staff layoffs. "Three percent will not do it," she said.

Selectmen weigh in on budget issues

By Samantha Brown
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The joint budget meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16 (after the Mariner went to press) with the advisory committee, board of selectmen, and school committee has been postponed. It has been tentatively rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 27.

The school committee is expected to come back to the meeting with a budget that reflects only a 3 percent increase over last year's allocation, which is an additional $370,000. The schools have presented a proposed fiscal 2007 budget with a 13 percent increase, which would require an override.

Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended a 3 percent increase for the schools as part of his plans to present a balanced budget, which lives within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, to Town Meeting. The school committee was asked to go through the "3 percent" exercise as a result of the last joint hearing of the three boards on Feb. 2.

The nine member advisory committee had already voted and was unanimously in favor of Griffin's budget process at the time of the first joint meeting. The board of selectmen threw its support Tuesday unanimously behind the process.

However, members of the school committee and superintendent of schools are going through the process reluctantly; they say with the contractual obligations alone, the school department will need a minimum of a 5 percent increase, just to open the doors.

While the board of selectmen agrees with the process, that does not mean it agrees with the figures presented. If there is no override, departments will have live within the limits of the revenue which is brought in from an increase in property taxes of 2-1/2 percent, plus the fees collected from areas such as excise taxes and building permits, new growth, and funding from the state.

Selectmen said through this process, the town will be able to pass a budget that is balanced and would not require going back to Town Meeting in the fall should an override fail, as was the case last year. However, the amount of funding the budget allocates is not enough in many areas, which has led selectmen to begin discussing at least what the town's portion of a potential override might be.

When Griffin drafted his budget, he came up with a list of items which are essentially a "wish list." He asked the board to review the requests and rank them in terms of priority. The board said five areas right off the bat must be funded: police department overtime, fire department overtime, public works overtime, snow and ice expenses, and legal services. These areas have traditionally been underfunded.

"On a scale of one to 10, what is the probability we'll spend all this?" asked Selectman Michael Sullivan of the money Griffin said he would like to see added to those budgets, but which is currently not included. "It's probably about a seven that we'll spend it," said Griffin. Those five categories alone would require adding $100,000 to the budget.

There were 10 other areas which were not included in Griffin's budget, and various members of the board found reasons to argue for almost every one. Other positions include budgeting half the cost of a school resource officer (the other half is in the school budget); a volunteer coordinator for the elder affairs office; a maintenance worker and heavy equipment operator; a part-time custodian for the library; and planning consulting services for the planning board.

With so many needs on the town side, selectmen said they would like to begin discussion of an override as soon as possible with the school committee. If the school department decides it must go for an override, a figure will have to be nailed down that can accommodate the needs of both the town and the schools. If the override fails, the board agreed the cuts which would have to be made would be split by both sides. Griffin said the cuts should be proportional, with a 60/40 percent (schools/town) split.

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Deadline here for Cook proposals

By Samantha Brown
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At the time the Mariner went to press the town had not yet received any bids, but Town Manager Bill Griffin said it is not unusual for developers to wait until the last minute to make a submission.

The Cook Estate is off the back burner.

Bid proposals for the project were due today (Friday) by 10 a.m. At the time the Mariner went to press the town had not yet received any bids, but Town Manager Bill Griffin said it is not unusual for developers to wait until the last minute to make a submission.

The town has had 12 companies or individuals pay the $25 fee to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals for the Cook Estate project. The RFP outlines the details of what the town would like to see built on the property. The RFP had been available since Jan. 18, and the following companies and individuals showed interest: Accord Development Corp. of Norwell; Bay View Development of Quincy; BR Development of Hingham; Brian Heggie of Cohasset; Bristol Bros. Development of South Weymouth; Cohasset Associates of Cohasset; Deer Hill Partners of Braintree; Fennell Development, Inc., of Boxford; Powers Realty & Development of Cohasset; Russ Development of Boston; Witsop Development Group of Norwell; and Wyman St. Advisors of Waltham.

The board of selectmen tentatively scheduled a meeting for Thursday, Feb. 23 in anticipation of the bids. "Assuming you have more than one (bid), you'll need another meeting," Town Manager Bill Griffin said. Selectmen will have until March 1 to make a designation, and will then have 30 days in which to negotiate a Land Disposition Agreement with the bidder. An LDA is a document which is similar to a purchase and sale agreement.

The Cook project has been in the works since 2003. Originally, Northland Residential was designated as the company to carry out the project. It had plans to build 95 units of mixed-income senior housing on a combined 22-acres of town-owned land and Cook owned land off Sohier Street. A simultaneous closing was planned for the town to purchase the property from the Cook trustees for $4.5 million and the developer to then purchase the land from the town for $5.2 million.

However, wastewater disposal issues on the site made it impossible to carry out 95 units of development with an on-site septic system. Therefore, Northland agreed it would scale back the project to 65 units, for which the wastewater could be accommodated. But with such a substantial change in the project, Town Counsel advised the entire project be put back out to bid.

A second RFP was sent out and the town received three bids. Deer Hill Partners, which bid $4.9 million and proposed building 56 units, was chosen over Cohasset Associates and Northland Residential. Deer Hill's bid was different from the others in that it did not have a rental component. All 56 units, whether affordable or market rate, were ownership housing.

Cohasset Associates, which was the second runner-up, threatened to sue the town if it did not rescind its vote to appoint Deer Hill. The company asserted the town violated the RFP as well as state procurement laws in its award, partially due to the project's lack of a rental component.

The pending lawsuit put a damper on LDA negotiations. The town paid $20,000 to gain a 30-day extension for the project with the Cook trustees. The Cooks then told the town it had until Jan. 15, 2006 to completely finalize and close on the project.

The town sent a letter to Deer Hill Partners asking it for a firm commitment to close on the project by Jan. 15. Deer Hill replied that was not enough time and backed out of the deal. Cohasset Associates, as the second runner-up, was then contacted and it too said that was not enough time and pulled out of the offer.

Selectmen were able to negotiate an extension with the heirs of the estate until March 31, 2007, although an article was in the works for the Special Town Meeting in December to allow the town to purchase the property. However, an article placing a conservation restriction on the town's adjacent parcel of land passed, which took those nine acres out of the development package.

Selectmen will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21, when they will likely announce the number of bids received and the companies which made the submissions. A meeting solely for the purposes of discussing the Cook project has tentatively been set for Thursday, Feb. 23. For more information, please contact the selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Selectmen weigh in on budget issues

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Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he thinks the board of selectmen has gone through its budget line by line and has scrutinized and prioritized its needs. He said he would like to see the school committee do the same, and bring that information to the other boards. "We heard a presentation. As a discussion, it was pretty weak," he said about the Feb. 2 joint meeting. He added because there have been so many overrides in Cohasset, officials must be careful about what they ask the town to support, as increasing taxes every year could force some people out of town.

However, Selectman Rob Spofford said on the school's side, roughly 80 percent of the budget is salaries, leaving little discretionary funds. "Is there fat? Are you saying the school committee didn't do its job?" he asked.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said from his point of view, the major issue with the school budget is the fact that it has a 13 percent increase, which accommodates 16 new positions. "Everyone wants more people, but we're carrying zero people on the town side," he said, adding he wants to know the priority of those positions and the reasons why.

The board also discussed what the process would be should an override become necessary. If an override passes at Town Meeting, a special election would be needed to be held no sooner than 30 days after Town Meeting, per town bylaws. Overrides must pass at both Town Meeting and through a subsequent ballot box vote. In the past, the town has presented a budget to town meeting with an override figure included, which has allowed it to be placed on the regular election ballot. This year, Griffin would like the town to approve a balanced budget first, followed by a supplemental budget which includes an override figure. It is unclear how much an override would be or whether it would pass, and therefore the town must wait until after Town Meeting for its firm override figure.

In the future, Spofford said it would make more sense to schedule the regular Town Election for 30 days after Town Meeting to accommodate an override vote if necessary. He said that save the town the cost of an election or roughly $4,000.

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For all of the families and people who are on vacation this upcoming week, enjoy and bring back some of the warm sunshine and temperatures!

REC FUN NEXT WEEK

Looking for some activities to do with the kids next week right here at home? The Cohasset Recreation Department is sponsoring a Tuesday gym program with Mr. Dykas on Tuesday for ages Pre K- grades 4. On Wednesday, Big Ryan the Storyteller and the Bugworks program will be offering some great offerings and on Thursday, a program for ages 4 and up will be held with Stuff-N-Snuggle bears (think Build-A-well, you know) and arts and crafts program from 9-30 a.m.-noon. For more information, call 781-383-4109. Openings are available in all classes but are filling up fast!

YEAR IN SPAIN

Congratulations to **John Mateu**, a third-year student in Northeastern University's International Business Program. John has been selected to participate in the study/co-op year abroad. John will spend the 2006-2007 school year in Spain. He will study in Madrid for a semester and, second semester, hopes to do his co-op experience with a multinational company in Barcelona.

SUFFOLK DEAN'S LIST

The fall semester dean's list at Suffolk University in Boston was released for the 2005-2006 school year and Cohasset's **Anthony Truglia** was on it. Congratulations Anthony and keep up the hard work.

REGIS DEAN'S LIST

Sara Wallace, a senior from Cohasset, has been named to the dean's list at Regis College in Weston for the fall semester. Sara maintained a minimum of a 3.5 grade-point average to achieve this honor.

UMASS BOSTON HONORS

Cohasset students at UMass Boston are making our town proud. The following residents have been named to the dean's list there for the fall semester: **Tamara Corriette, Jennifer Fiori, Kathryn Hines, Abby Murphy, Patrick Reardon** and **Katherine Schroeder**, who are all enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts. Also earning dean's list honors are **Peter Kovach** and **Arthur Meacham**, who are both enrolled in the College of Science and Mathematics.

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Cohasset students at Connecticut College are excelling academically. **Ashley M. Faber**, class of 2008, and **Rachel D. Garber**, class of 2009, achieved dean's high honors. **Scott D. Faber**, class of 2007, and **Sarah F. Noble**, class of 2008, achieved dean's honors.

CURRY STANDOUTS

Earning dean's list honors at Curry College for the fall semester are the following Cohasset students: **Alexis Christina Devine, Christopher F. Laitinen, Helen Pitts,** and **Leigh-Anne Walsh.** "This is a significant achievement," says Academic Dean David Fedo. "These students have really made a commitment to their learning, and we are proud of each and every one of them." To qualify for the dean's list at Curry, students must earn a 3.3 G.P.A.

GEORGETOWN HONORS

Anna Elizabeth Roche of Cohasset was named to the dean's list for academic accomplishments during the fall semester at Georgetown University. Undergraduates receiving this honor earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4 point scale. "We are extremely proud of Anna's accomplishments at Georgetown," University President John J. DeGioia said. "Anna's academic achievements speak to the talent, work ethic and outstanding quality of Georgetown's student body."

HONOR ROLL

Samuel K. Parker, a member of the class of 2008 from Cohasset, was named to Cushing Academy's honor roll for the 2005 fall term. To be awarded honors, students must be enrolled in four major courses and earn a grade point average of 85 or better for the term. Cushing Academy, which is in Ashburnham, is an independent, college preparatory school.

QUINNIPIAC DEAN'S LIST

Kyle Bunstein of Cohasset has been named to the Quinnipiac University dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. Kyle maintained a grade point average of at least a 3.0 to achieve this honor.

STONEHILL STANDOUT

Michael Devine of Cohasset, a member of the class of 2008 at Stonehill College in Easton has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Michael had to have a GPA of 3.5 or better to earned dean's list status.

COLBY DEAN'S LIST

Jessie W. Guild, Thomas A. Myers, and **Nicole A. Turgiss** have been named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine for the fall 2005 semester.

Jessie, a sophomore and the daughter of **Peter Guild** and **Lindsay Cooney**, is majoring in psychology and Spanish. Thomas, a sophomore and the son of **Michael and Rhonda Myers**, is majoring in philosophy. Nicole, a sophomore and the daughter of **Robert and Susan Turgiss**, is majoring in biology.

Jessie and Nicole are CHS graduates and Thomas is a graduate of Milton Academy. To make the dean's list, Colby requires a 3.2 grade point average for upperclassmen.

SPRING FARMING

The Friends of Holly Hill Farm is now receiving applications for the Spring after school farm programs beginning April 26 for 5-7 year olds and April 27 for 8-10 year olds. Each program is four weeks long and lasts from 3:30-5 p.m. Please contact Education Director, **Jon Belber** at the Farm for more information. (781) 383-1455.

GARDEN CLUB

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Following the business meeting at 9:30 a.m. **Donald Bishop** will discuss the threat of invasive plant species to native habitats. He will recommend strategies for combating encroachment by prolific outsider vegetation on sensitive forest, wetland and aquatic plant communities, and will present native alternatives to potentially invasive plants in local gardens. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Calling all pokerfaces who want a fun-filled and action packed evening. Tonight is your last chance to play your cards right at the Texas Hold'Em Tournament on Friday, Feb. 17. The Post Prom Committee is sponsoring this fundraiser at the Sons of Italy Hall, Rte 3A, Hingham. The tournament is limited to 140 players and net proceeds benefit the Class of 2006 post-prom activities. Walk-in registrations will be taken at the door at 6:30 based on availability. Tournament play begins promptly at 7:30. Prizes are awarded to the top eight players. For additional information on the Texas Hold'Em, please call **Chris McKenna** at 781-844-2448.

WALK FOR HOSPICE

Here is a wonderful event for families and people of all ages to take part in. The Walk for Hospice of the South Shore is coming up and is so important. The Walk, which takes place March 4, from 7 to 10 a.m. at South Shore Plaza in Braintree, raises money to support Hospice of the South Shore, which provides end-of-life care to hundreds of patients throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, regardless of ability to pay. Every dollar raised by the Walk for Hospice goes to support patient care. Last year Hospice of the South Shore provided more than $250,000 in free care for patients dying from Alzheimer's disease and cancer, as well as heart, kidney, and lung ailments.

Approximately 450 patients lived their remaining weeks to the fullest, in the comfort of their own homes, surrounded by family and friends, with the help of caregivers from Hospice of the South Shore. Hospice of the South Shore also provides care and comfort for family members who are losing their loved one. Hospice caregivers teach families how to comfort and nurture their loved one, and each other. And bereavement counseling is available for family members of every age. Individual walkers, teams, sponsors, and members of the community are encouraged to sign up for the walk at: www.southshorehospital.org. The 15th annual event is a terrific way for families to get together with musical entertainment, a Tae Kwon Doe demonstration, giveaways, raffles, and refreshments.

SQUARE DANCE

First Parish in Cohasset, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, will host its 2nd annual Family Square Dance on Sunday, March 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House on Cohasset Common. **Beth Parkes**, a caller well-known throughout New England, will be accompanied by her band of a fiddler and piano. The event is open to all ages and levels, especially beginners. Beth and her group will explain square dancing basics. Cocoa, hot cider, and cookies will be served. Cost is $10 per person, $20 entire family. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling, 781-383-1100, or at the door.

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Opening lines of communication is job one in violence prevention

By Samantha Brown
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Messages of violence surround children every day. It is in the music they listen to, in the television they watch, and in the video games they play.

While adults may think their child is old enough to realize the difference between real and make-believe or right and wrong, Dr. Robert Macy says that kind of attitude may be the driving force behind many of the acts of violence being seen at high schools across the country — including in Cohasset.

Macy is the director of community services for the trauma center in Boston. He paid a visit to Cohasset Middle High School Monday, Feb. 13 to help the community make sense of the threats which have taken place at the middle high school since last May.

Macy gave two lectures, one for school staff and police personnel after school, and a second at night for parents. There were roughly 50 people in attendance at the night session including all five school committee members, all three building principals, other school administrators, members of the board of selectmen and police department, and some parents.

While Macy said Cohasset has been fortunate the threatening notes which have been left on school grounds have posed no immediate threat to students, he said it is important for the community to really begin observing the behavior of its students on a daily basis.

"Violence is not something that comes naturally," said Macy. He said it takes a lot of conditioning for a person to get to the point where they are capable of carrying out a severely violent act. He said there are two types of aggression: targeted and generalized, and it is the targeted aggression that must be watched out for as a clue violent thoughts are escalating.

Macy explained generalized aggression would be a situation where a child is on the playground and another child trips and bumps into them. The child that was bumped gets angry and pushes back, thinking the child who fell pushed them on purpose. "This is going to happen, and it should," he said. However, targeted aggression which picks a victim in advance is much more dangerous as it can lead to violent acts such as murder.

But by nature, children seek approval and permission for virtually everything they do, which can be a good deterrent. One of the driving forces behind children and adolescents is the feeling of wanting to belong. Macy said statistically, of the students that have committed violent acts in their schools, 75 percent of the time they have told their peers when and where it would happen.

Permission doesn't necessarily have to come from peers, it can come from the music they listen to, the television they watch, or the games they play which promote it. Macy told the story of a 14-year-old from Kentucky who shot eight of his fellow students. "Three students were killed and all had head wounds. Five were wounded and all had center-mass wounds," he said. The shots were fired at a range of between 30 and 70 feet with a .22 caliber Ruger pistol, but the student had never fired a weapon before.

Macy asked Police Chief James Hussey how many of his officers could hit a target that accurately. "With that kind of range, probably none of our officers could do it," Hussey replied. However, after looking into the boy's background, investigators found he was very well versed in video games and often played games which required shooting a video game gun. Macy said one of the teachers who watched the incident take place in the school said the boy came into the room and very methodically and calmly fired the shots — just as if he was playing a video game.

To help get to the root of problems before they come to a head, Macy said it is imperative for schools to have good mental health screening capabilities. He said 75 percent of students who commit school shootings have threatened to kill themselves prior to the incident. Less than 30 percent have any history of substance abuse. There are very few resounding qualities for students who commit these kinds of crimes as they come from intact families or can be neglected, they can be advanced placement students to failing, they can be popular students to very isolated. Many often do not have any marked change in behavior prior to carrying out the act. There does, however, seem to be a correlation between children who do not have a significant attachment to adults.

Macy said the best prevention for Cohasset will be to form a partnership between the parents and the schools, to ensure the lines of communication are always open. He said together, the "taboo" factor for acts of violence has to be raised to the point where it is considered extremely inappropriate and shocking, rather than something to laugh at as it results in a day off from school. He said if a parent will sit down and ask their child, "What is the most meaningful thing in your life," and really take the time to listen, it can open up a world of information into that child's life that may otherwise never have been shared. Parents must remember what it was like to be a child and try to understand all the things they are going through. Macy said even though they might not always show it, innately, children look to their parents for the answers they need.

The school department will be forming an alliance of parents, school staff, and community members to work together on issues raised by Robert Macy. Interested residents should contact the office of the superintendent for more information at (781) 383-6111.

String of threats at CMHS

- **May 11, 2005:** a threatening note and bullet are found outside the middle-high school by a faculty member opening the school for the day. Students are put into "lockdown" upon their arrival and are dismissed early to allow a thorough search of the school and its grounds.
- **Sept. 26, 2005:** Cohasset police respond to an alarm at the school, set off at roughly 1:30 a.m. Responding officers find a torn screen on the first floor of the middle school section of the building. Further investigation leads officers to find notes inside the building which indicate there is a bomb in the school. A written note on the front door has the same message. The Boston Bomb Squad is called in to investigate a suspicious package.
- **Oct. 16, 2005:** A written note is discovered on school property by a teacher and students meeting to carpool to Boston. The note includes the threat to bring a gun to school, and in turn, Principal Joel Antolini decides backpacks, purses, and lunch bags are all subject to searches. School is delayed for two hours Monday, Oct. 17.
- **Oct. 18, 2005:** The middle school is closed for the entire day when police discover a threatening note at roughly 1:30 a.m. on the middle-high school sign at the school's entrance. The note indicates there is a bomb in the school. A 13-year-old student is arrested in connection with the threat, as well as the Sept. 26 bomb threat.
- **Jan. 24, 2006:** A high school student finds a threatening note which references the Columbine shooting of 1999 in one of the student bathrooms. Police respond to the scene at about 11:45 a.m.,

Class of 1956 to award scholarship to CHS senior

To mark its upcoming 50th reunion June 2 through June 4 in Cohasset, the Cohasset High School Class of 1956 will be awarding an Alumni Scholarship to a deserving CHS 2006 graduate.

Class of 1956 alumnus Joel Pratt said, "While we were planning the reunion, classmate David Truesdell suggested we should do something for the school. The scholarship idea seemed perfect. We all remember friends at Cohasset High who were able to further their education because they got help. And we remember some who could not. We hope to give a boost to a young person who might not otherwise be able to improve his or her chances in life without some help," Pratt noted. "We believe that we are the first Cohasset class ever to offer a scholarship. It is our hope that what we are starting will become an ongoing CHS Alumni Scholarship," he added.

Seniors applying to four-year colleges or universities, two-year community colleges or trade schools will be eligible. The scholarship will not be based solely on academic achievement. Candidates must also have shown potential to succeed and clear financial need. Cohasset High School will administer the selection process with the participation of representatives from the Class of 1956. Winner will be announced at CHS Awards night May 31.

Members of the Class of '56 have already begun soliciting donations from its alumni. Anyone who attended Cohasset schools with the class at any time before graduating is considered a class member. Contributions will also be welcomed from any and all Cohasset alumni.

The Town of Cohasset has agreed to collect the donations so they will be tax deductible. Donation forms are available at the Middle-High School office at 143 Pond St., as well as the Treasurer's Office at Town Hall on Highland Ave.

"Cohasset High – Middle School Principal Joel Antolini told me that he strongly supports our efforts, as he wants to find ways to involve more alumni in the school," Pratt concluded.

For scholarship information call Ed Leonard at the CHS Guidance Office, 781-383-6102 or Joel Pratt, 207-255-4740.

SENIOR SCENE

The Senior Center is at 3 N. Main St., call 781-383-9112 for more information

Medicare Part D questions answered — Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan will have representatives to answer questions Wednesday, March 1 and 8, at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. Those who are currently members of either of these plans or are thinking of switching, are encouraged to attend. Guests are also invited for lunch starting at noon. The cost is $2.50. No fee for the program. Register at 781-383-9112.

Harvard Pilgrim Health: Wednesday, March 1, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Tufts Health Plan: Wednesday, March 8, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Volunteer van drivers needed — Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to appointments using Cohasset's seven-person CEA van. No special license required. Call Martha at 781-383-9112.

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Book signing at historical society

The Cohasset Historical Society will host a book signing by Jennifer Grisdale Krieger, formerly of Cohasset, on Sunday, March 5, 2-4 p.m., at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main Street.

"What? No Spaghetti and Meatballs?!? A charming collection of stories and musings about everyday life in a culturally diverse family," is about a proper Bostonian who marries a "good Jewish boy from Brooklyn," with an older sister who married an Italian Catholic.

Krieger is an award-winning journalist and non-fiction writer...

"I look at this book as one of those Prevention Magazines," Krieger says. "You know what I mean: turn to page 71 for tips on how to find True Love, or page 62 to learn how life really relates to football."

Krieger is an award-winning journalist and non-fiction writer, but most importantly, she is a mother, and a staunch advocate of the family unit (La Famiglia!). If you like Dave Barry or Erma Bombeck, you will enjoy her talk. For more information, please call the Society at 781-383-1434, or email at cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

Grub Street South fiction workshop is Feb. 28

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset has joined forces with Boston's Grub Street, the city's only independent writing center, to create Grub Street South at Buttonwood. On Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., in Buttonwood's own writers' corner, located in Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Amanda Eyre Ward will be the instructor for a fiction-writing workshop. This introductory fiction seminar is guaranteed to inspire and provide writers with lots of new material to work on in the coming year. Through a series of fun-directed writing exercises, subjects like mining for material, constructing characters and settings, shaping vivid dialogue, and understanding point of view will be explored. There will be time for writing and for sharing with the rest of the group. Amanda Eyre Ward graduated from Williams College and the University of Montana.

Reservations are requested for planning purposes. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve.

Many fine citizens nominated for award

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Mariner received 16 nominations from 27 individuals and families for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. A selection committee consisting of Ronnie Goodwin, 166 Sohier St.; Betts Murray, 8 Westgate Lane; Jeff Waal, 36 Old Pasture Road; and editor Mary Ford pored over the nominations at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday and selected Marjorie "Margie" Steele of Black Horse Lane for the annual award.

The decision was unanimous, although not reached without considerable discussion about all the other very deserving candidates:

- **Steve Bobo** for his commitment to the health of Cohasset citizens that is demonstrated through his work on the board of health and his weekly "Health Notes" columns.
- **Mary Brennock** for her years of involvement with the children of Cohasset helping with plays and activities and serving as Mrs. Claus during the annual Jingle Bell Walk.
- **Merle S. Brown** for giving his time and talent for many years to make the community a better place as a selectman, serving on the conservation commission, advisory committee, recycling committee and more, for his service with the Boy Scouts program and many other good works.
- **Margaret Casey** for her support of the many activities at Cohasset Elder Affairs over 20 years including service as Volunteer Program Chairman through which she is the driving force behind establishing programs, activities and speakers; and for her personal generosity that covered the cost of renovating and decorating three rooms at the Senior Center.
- **The Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler**, former pastor of St. Stephen's Church, for his leadership in a town which has needed his energy and concern including his service on the drug and alcohol committee, and many other good works.
- The late **Cliff Dickson**, for having exemplified the spirit of Cohasset through a life-long commitment to the community; and as steward of the yacht club where he showed exceptional kindness and encouragement to young sailors.
- **Louis F. "Lou" Eaton**, former town counsel, for contributing much time and energy to the town over 60 years including serving as the town's long-time representative on the MBTA advisory board and service on innumerable town committees and other organizations.
- **Judy Fitzsimmons**, public health nurse, for her compassion over the years, especially toward the town's elderly citizens and for being someone that can be counted on at any time.
- **Lucia Flibotte** who embodies the principle "a woman for others" through lending her effort and enthusiasm to many programs including the PSO, helping with cooking classes for senior citizens, and the lacrosse boosters, to name just a few.
- **Tom Gruber** for his tireless work as a member of the Rotary Club, Cohasset Historical Society, and as MBTA liaison.
- **Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan** for their tireless and conscientious work as town representatives dealing with the multitude of complex issues related to Greenbush construction.
- **June Hubbard**, an avid environmentalist, former library trustee, volunteer senior shuttle driver, Meals on Wheels driver, and volunteer at the New England Wildlife Center.
- **Wallace St. John**, volunteer president of the Cohasset Soccer Club, whose vision and professionalism have helped make it one of the premier programs in the Boston area and for his unparalleled commitment to each child in the program.
- **Hamilton Tewksbury** for embodying quiet giving and unselfishness through his years of service on town committees; for serving as a volunteer senior shuttle driver; and for being willing to help anywhere, any time.
- **Roger and Kitty Whitley**, for exhibiting spirit of volunteerism that is an inspiration to all through their countless hours volunteering at churches, the library, town boards, Rusty Skippers, the Old Goats, and more; and for being a strong voice at Town Meeting.

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Margie Steele is Citizen of the Year

FROM MARGIE STEELE, PAGE 1

Church on Highland Avenue, Steele thought the food pantry sounded like an endeavor that she would like to get involved in. That was 13 years ago and over the years, the Cohasset Food Pantry has proved to be the perfect fit for her energy, along with her quiet sincerity, and interest in helping others.

It is Steele's undying commitment to this important service manned entirely by volunteers that led to her selection as this year's Citizen of the Year.

A selection committee consisting of Ronald Goodwin of 166 Sohier St.; Jeffrey Waal of 36 Old Pasture Road; Betts Murray of 8 Westgate Lane; and Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford met at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday to pore over the names submitted from Mariner readers for the annual award. Steele, who lives on Black Horse Lane, follows last year's "citizen" John Coe and will be the 13th annual Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year.

In addition to Citizen of the Year honors, the married mother of three will also celebrate her 50th birthday this year as well as her 25th wedding anniversary.

Steele notes she started at the food pantry when her youngest. Grace, now 15 and a sophomore at Cohasset High School, was only two years old.

"It seemed like an easy way to help the community," Steele recalls about her motivation.

She says the Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, who noted there were a number of families and elderly citizens in town who needed support, provided the impetus to start a food pantry with the church providing the space in its basement during the pantry's early years. Now the food pantry is housed in the rear of St. Anthony's Rectory off South Main Street, which is a more accessible location because it doesn't involve lugging food and groceries up and down steps.

Ritts said Steele's name has been synonymous with the Cohasset Food Pantry since near its inception.

"Taking over the reins from Stuart Pratt in the early 1990s, she has been the prime mover, organizer and shaker ever since," Ritts says. "Her 'ministry' to our community has been round the clock — taking calls and making connections in order to keep the food pantry a truly humane effort.

"And, to our benefit, her wonderful family (husband Matt; Sam, Callie and Gracie) has been there to help as they (sometimes alone) collect, transport and shelve donated food from local churches and organizations. I know she'll say there are so many other people who make it happen — perhaps that's true, but Margie Steele has been its heart and soul — she is well deserving of this great honor!" Ritts says.

Steele, who moved to Cohasset just a few years before the food pantry got under way, recalls visiting area food pantries, like the one at Wellspring in Hull, to see how they were set up. The food pantry received a grant from Project Bread to help it get started.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Citizen of the Year, Margie Steele, packs cereal into Tupperware containers to keep it fresh. Steele has volunteered at the Cohasset Food Pantry for upwards of 13 years.

Today the food pantry is supported through monetary and food donations from churches and citizens, and food drives from Scout troops and the schools.

"The town has been so generous," says Steele, who grew up in Hingham but was living in Salem with her family before moving to Cohasset nearly 20 years ago

She praises food pantry co-director Moira Stansell who has been an enormous help. For Stansell, the praise is mutual.

"Margie is loving, kind and patient," Stansell says. "She has the ability to talk to people and understand what they are going through; she is so perfect in her role.

"She makes people feel like they have come to the right place."

Long-time volunteer Jean Thompson says Steele makes volunteering at the food pantry easy and enjoyable.

"The clients who come to the food pantry all know Margie and also know they can depend on her to help them," Thompson says. "She is pleasant and kind to everyone and for volunteers, she has a strict policy of confidentiality."

Osborne "Ozzie" Ingram was involved in the food pantry's early years, helping out with publicity.

"She saw the need and took action," recalls Ingram, adding Steele's enthusiasm, openness and friendliness were key in ensuring the food pantry filled a need. "She also set up a criteria that is inclusive so people don't hesitate about using the food pantry."

Steele shops at Stop & Shop once a week for meats like hamburger, hot dogs and chicken, and also visits the churches were parishioners have dropped off canned goods and personal items.

The food pantry, which currently serves 12-15 households, is open on Tuesday mornings and is staffed by volunteers who help the clients get the food and items they need. The food pantry is open to Cohasset residents only.

Many find out about the food pantry through word of mouth, which is one of the advantages of life in a small town, Steele says.

No one is more proud of Steele's commitment to the food pantry than her husband, Matt.

"I once read something written by someone famous advising us all to 'Do something good for other people each day and not get found out,'" Matt Steel says. "I think that the work that Margie has been doing embodies that spirit. She's a great role model for others, and the children and I couldn't be more proud of her commitment to the food pantry over the years."

Steele admits to being a little taken aback by her selection as Citizen of the Year.

"I'm very thankful," she says. "But I'm not one to be in the spotlight."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'A great role model'

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Marjorie "Margie" Steele of Black Horse Lane is the Citizen of the Year.

The town can count itself lucky that Margie, who grew up in Hingham and had been living in Salem with her husband, Matt, before moving to town nearly 20 years ago, chose Cohasset as her adopted hometown.

Over the past 13 years, Margie's quiet dedication, coupled with a true commitment to help those in need, have proved to be the perfect fit for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

The mother of three has been the "prime mover, organizer and shaker" ever since taking over the reins from Stuart Pratt in the early 1990s, says the Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church.

"Her 'ministry' to our community has been around the clock — taking calls and making connections in order to keep the food pantry a truly humane effort," Ritts says.

Steele was gracious in accepting the honor, which will be formally presented at a reception in the spring.

"I'm very thankful," says Steele, who adds modestly she is not one to be in the spotlight.

While nominations were open, dozens of individuals or families took the time to propose a citizen, couple or group for the annual award, detailing the nominees' contributions to help make this town we all love a better place.

The selection committee consisting of Ronnie Goodwin, Betts Murray, Jeff Wall and editor Mary Ford met at the Cohasset Mariner in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday afternoon to review all the heartfelt letters of nomination. The decision was unanimous, although not reached without considerable discussion about all the very deserving candidates.

Matt Steele says Margie's work embodies the spirit of "doing something good for other people each day and not getting found out.

"She's a great role model for others, and the children and I couldn't be more proud of her commitment to the food pantry over the years."

With this award, the Cohasset Mariner offers recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie stars with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to those among us who go that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

Zoning articles hearing is Wednesday, Feb. 22

The planning board will conduct a public hearing at 7 p.m., Wed. Feb. 22 to discuss zoning articles on the Town Meeting Warrant that include creating a Transit Oriented District or TOD near the Greenbush train station on Rte. 3A and an overlay district in the village to allow for multi-family units in conjunction with first-floor commercial uses.

Proponents say the timing of these zoning bylaw changes is important so potential development in the TOD near the train station on 3A, and on South Main Street in the village (where buildings back on to the municipal parking lot) can coincide with Greenbush construction. However, some say the proposed TOD and overlay zoning bylaws need more study.

The planning board will also review proposed changes to the Large House Site Plan Review bylaw; "sunsetting" the SMROD (Senior Multi-Family Residential Overlay District); and reducing parking requirements along the Rte. 3A corridor.

The planning board makes a recommendation to Town Meeting. Selectmen will also review the zoning articles.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep the dialog going

TO THE EDITOR:

In the midst of our teacher crisis in Cohasset, it's easy to think that we're completely powerless as parents to help or even understand the depth of their non-contractual existence. Quite the contrary —our smallness gives us greater power to exercise our civil rights by freely expressing our opinions on all matters, in all arenas and at all times. Regardless of what side of the argument you're on, our hard working (yes, they really do put in 10-hour days with the majority working supplemental jobs throughout the year) teachers deserve our attention right now.

We should give them the courtesy of keeping their fight alive by simply sharing our ideas on the matter or, better yet, giving them a phone call or e-mail telling them how appreciative you are of what they do.

Speaking from experience, Cohasset teachers are extraordinary in that they set bars of expectation that are always over and above the state recommendation. Additionally, by the mere fact of being a teacher in Cohasset, they willingly take on not just a student, but the students families as well. They have this uncanny understanding that if one of their students is struggling, then his or her entire family must be too. Believe me, this teaching model is hard to come by in most other towns.

It's safe to say that budget constraints are a way of life in Cohasset. It takes a savvy school committee, administrators who can creatively think and execute their ideas and parents who will not accept the status-quo to make a great school system under hard financial times. Our teachers have always been there, day in and day out, preparing our children for the next step in their lives with the utmost professionalism.

So, keep the everyday banter, dinner table conversations, commuter boat talk, grocery store exchanges, etc. going. Words are only as powerful and action-packed as they get exchanged and as dead and lifeless as they get silenced.

Beth Seraikas
45 Ledgewood Drive

Contract wasn't fair to all

TO THE EDITOR:

For townspeople struggling to understand some of the dynamics that caused the Cohasset Teachers Association to overwhelmingly reject the latest contract offered to the teachers, allow me to provide this personal reflection as a teacher, civic-minded citizen, and resident of Cohasset.

The latest offer tendered to the teachers was quite appealing to me. If my math is correct, the next four years would be favorable to me when compared to the current contract. But this same contract is punitive to many of my colleagues, in both financial and non-financial terms.

As a teacher I work in a culture that holds dear the value that all are equal, and that "no child is to be left behind." I am expected to be principled in all of my actions as an educator. What, then, to do with the fact that many of my colleagues are disadvantaged by the contract, while I am not? Check my principles at the bank teller's window? Leave my colleagues behind? Or, advocate for a fair and equitable contract that speaks to the quality of education expected in the community? For me, the choice is compellingly clear.

Check the facts for yourself.

Jack Buckley
272 N. Main St.

Critical of school budget process

TO THE EDITOR:

At the December 2004 Special Town Meeting I asked that a committee be formed by the Troika to investigate the school budget. The committee claimed that they uncovered many systemic problems, and presented their findings to the April 2, 2005 Town Meeting. Their findings were the following: insufficient up-front information; incompatible financial reporting systems; acceptance of overrides; poor monitoring; weak communication; and insufficient oversight.

The committee then made the following recommendations:

- A truly realistic and balanced school budget within available revenues must be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. The budget should not be premised on the expectation that it can be supplemented by a later Town Meeting.
- School Committee involvement on a monthly basis to become aware of potential account deficits and possible solutions. Inter-account transfers above a specified dollar amount should be approved by the School Committee. We support use of the newly developed expense encumbrance, and remaining account balance report.
- Financial Information available to the School Committee be shared with the Town Manager, Town Finance Director, and Advisory Committee Chairman.
- End the idea that overrides are an annual necessity. Overrides, we believe, encourage less rigorous budgeting. Annual overrides may create an increasing automatic opposition to overrides even when there might be good cause for their passage.
- Finally, we believe that Cohasset has an opportunity to heal the apparent divisiveness and bitterness in the town with the new School Superintendent, new Town Manager, and the Town Finance Director.

It appears that the superintendent and the school committee do not want to take into account the recommendations of this committee. They appear to be content to continue mismanaging the school budget and creating new positions that are not necessary. They also want to continue the annual override program. They do not appear to want to justify their position. They do want to continue complaining because they do not appear to have a clue about managing the system.

The Mariner (Feb. 20, 2006) article** written by Samantha Brown states that Cohasset is overspending what the state requires by 32 percent in 2006. No one has explained why our *public* school system needs to overspend at this level in order to meet the state requirements of providing an education. It is time for the taxpayers of Cohasset to say enough is enough. When the student population

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Message for Osgood and Deer Hill parents

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We know that this coming week is school vacation, and the number of parents who will read this will be fewer than normal. But, for those parents still in Town, we have some very important information. Please review this very carefully.

When Sohier Street was closed, last month, we received many more calls than any previously closed crossing. We certainly understand why, with Sohier being a main corridor between the village and 3A, as well as the access to 50 percent of our schools. One of the things our safety forces have insisted on, with the Town Manager's strong support, is that the MBTA provide a police detail at the intersection of Sohier and Route 3A during Osgood and Deer Hill schools opening and closing times. Our collective thoughts were that, both in the AM and PM, 3A traffic can be quite fierce and the visibility from Sohier into 3A is not very good. And with 100 percent of the Osgood and Deer Hill traffic forced to use the 3A access point to Sohier, traffic is very heavy at school start and stop times. Plus, the school busses, not being as agile as parents' vehicles, need a bit more time to enter and exit Route 3A.

We would also add that for the first week or so, we instructed the police details to stay directly out of the intersection to see if this would provide adequate intersection control. However, we had a number of parental complaints that they felt that this was not really helping at all. So, working through Cohasset's Safety officer, we asked the police details to become more active in the control of this intersection. The current instructions are that when peak volumes occur out of Sohier Street, the detail is to take an active role in helping the vehicles exit onto Route 3A and exit from 3A. At other times, when traffic is able to clear onto and off of 3A in a reasonable amount of time, the detail will not exercise control over the intersection.

The flip side of providing this police detail is cost. The contractor, who is paying for these details, tells us that the accumulated cost over the planned four-month construction period will be upward of $60,000 (We think this number is high.). Consequently, they have come back to the Town and asked if we feel that these details are really needed. Have you found the details useful? Are they needed both morning and afternoon? We'd like to hear from you, the parents. Do you think that they are needed both mornings and afternoons? Please let us know, either by email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org or phone or 781-383-3094. If for some reason we are not here or you phone after hours, just leave a message on our phone. Please keep in mind that the final determination, as always, will be made by the Police Department. But, we'd like to get your comments.

Village businesses

Now, about our village businesses and Sohier — Pleasant streets closure.

We are experiencing the same phenomenon that Hingham experienced during the height of the MBTA construction in their downtown. That is, without easy access from 3A to the old village, businesses have lost customers. Some merchants in the downtown area tell us that their business is off as much as 50 percent. These merchants need your business and support to survive this difficult construction period. Please take the additional time to use the alternate routes to patronize these merchants. Although it may be a bit inconvenient for all of us, without your support as a customer, businesses may not be able to survive the construction drought. *Please go out of your way to support them.*

Road closure

This week we learned that the Hull Street crossing will be closed for construction starting Wednesday, Feb. 22. (This is on Route 228 near the Abbey.) The contractor, Cashman, Balfour Beatty, expects the work to take a minimum of six weeks. Of course, bad weather could lengthen this time period. This closing will affect the travel corridor travel between 3A or North Main St. (East St. in Hingham) down to West's Corner (Route 228 and Jerusalem Rd.). The alternate route will be through Hingham or Forest Avenue to Jerusalem Rd.

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HEALTH NOTES

Paying attention to carbon monoxide

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, several people in Town have suffered carbon monoxide(CO) poisoning. Fortunately, all were able to get advice and assistance quickly and encountered ill effects. Still, it underscores the danger of neglecting a home safeguard like a smoke detector and a CO detector and ensuring that they are checked and updated regularly.

In today's world of improved insulation and double glazing it has become increasingly important to have good ventilation, maintain all appliances regularly and to have absolutely reliable detector alarms installed giving both a visual and audible warning immediately of a build up of CO to dangerous levels. It's foolish not to have a CO detector in your home. Satisfactory modern CO detectors range in price from slightly above $30 to several hundred. They are available in any hardware or home supply store and instructions for siting and installing them are on the box.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure. Carbon monoxide poisons by entering the lungs via the normal breathing mechanism and displacing oxygen from the bloodstream. Red blood cells pick up CO quicker than they pick up oxygen. If there is a lot of CO in the air, your body may replace oxygen in your blood with CO. This blocks oxygen from getting into your body, which can damage tissues and kill you. Interruption of the normal supply of oxygen puts at risk the functions of the heart, brain and other vital functions of the body. Knowing where CO is found and how to avoid it can protect you from serious injury or death.

Sources — Furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves, and fireplaces; gas stoves; generators and other gasoline powered equipment; automobile exhaust from attached garages; and tobacco smoke. Unvented kerosene and gas space heaters; leaking chimneys and furnaces; incomplete oxidation in gas ranges and unvented gas or kerosene heaters may cause high concentrations of CO in indoor air. As can auto, truck, or bus exhaust from attached garages, nearby roads.

Carbon monoxide exists in all homes — Average levels in homes without gas stoves vary from 0.5 to 5 parts per million (ppm). Levels near properly adjusted gas stoves are often 5 to 15 ppm and those near poorly adjusted stoves may be 30 ppm or higher. Dangerous amounts of CO can accumulate as a result of poor installation, poor maintenance, failure or damage to an appliance in service if the fuel is not burned properly, or when rooms are poorly ventilated and the carbon monoxide is unable to escape.

Steps to reduce exposure — It is most important to be sure combustion equipment is maintained and properly adjusted. Vehicular use should be carefully managed adjacent to buildings and in garages. Additional ventilation can be used as a temporary measure when high levels of CO are expected for short periods of time.

- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted.
- Install and use an exhaust fan vented to outdoors over gas stoves.
- Open flues when fireplaces are in use.
- Choose properly sized wood stoves that are certified to meet EPA emission standards. Make certain that doors on all wood stoves fit tightly.
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean, and tune-up central heating system (furnaces, flues, and chimneys) annually. Repair any leaks promptly.
- Do not idle the car inside garage.

It's unimaginable to consider the loss of the several people in Town whose health was recently threatened by CO.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Effects

Carbon Monoxide produces the following physiological effects on people exposed to the concentrations shown:

Concentration of CO in air	Inhalation time and symptoms
50 parts per million (ppm)	Maximum safe level
200 PPM	Slight headache within 2-3 hours
400 PPM	Frontal headache within 1-2 hours, becoming widespread in 3 hours
800 PPM	Dizziness, nausea, convulsions within 45 minutes, insensible in 2 hours

The above information is for a healthy adult. Persons suffering from heart or respiratory health problems, infants and small children, unborn children, expectant mothers and pets can be affected by CO poisoning more quickly than others in the household and may be the first to show symptoms.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Rick Flynn: 'There is unfinished business'

Will seek third term on school committee

The following is a formal announcement from Rick Flynn, who is running for reelection to the school committee.

"After careful consideration I have decided to become a candidate for reelection to the Cohasset School Committee. This is certainly not a decision arrived at lightly as I was looking forward to a seat on the sidelines after serving six years on the school committee and the six prior years on the advisory board.

"I do believe that this is very crucial time for the Cohasset Public Schools as well as the Town of Cohasset. We are at an important crossroads where financial realities and the decisions we make collectively will either move our town and school district forward or push us further backward. We are all in this together.

"As an individual member of the school committee there is only so much I can do. However, I believe my six years of experience can be helpful in leading our district forward. Admittedly, all of my time on the committee has not been mistake free. There have been some rocky times, but I have always tried to represent our community in a way that would add value to the school district while trying to be fiscally responsible. There is, however, a financial reality that must be understood and acknowledged. The ability to run a school system in this day and age and live under the limitations of Prop. 2-1/2 is virtually impossible. Please beware of those who preach to the contrary. Although I may be a school committee member, I am also a taxpayer and empathize with all taxpayers. But without the necessary investment in our schools, conditions will continue to deteriorate. Many of the constituents I have heard from lately are urging me to support a budget that will ensure meaningful measurable progress in terms of class sizes, course offerings and programs rather than just trying to keep our heads above water.

Rick Flynn

"Not wanting to be the athlete who stuck around too long or the party guest who refused to leave, I don't want to be viewed as a hanger on, but there is unfinished business that needs to be completed. We need to complete a budget that moves our district forward in a meaningful way in the face of increasing unfunded state and federal mandates, growing student populations and reduced state aid. Additionally, a fair and responsible contract must be settled with the Cohasset Teachers Association. We are lucky to have a talented and dedicated teaching staff and as one of the members of the negotiating sub-committee, no one has worked harder to get an agreement struck more than I. Finally, we as a school committee and a town must be supportive of our school Superintendent Dr. Denise Walsh. As the only remaining member of the school committee, who was involved in Dr. Walsh's hiring, I feel the obligation to make sure she has the support of the school committee. I have watched Dr. Walsh positively transform the budget process, successfully implement our full-day kindergarten and take back our special education pre-school program among other things. She is a well-seasoned professional educator who deserves our support.

"My decision to reverse course and run for re-election comes at a late date and has even caught me by surprise. The main reason for my decision is the importance to move our system and our students forward. I have seen the creation of a very dedicated support group for the schools and know many others of you who have worked tirelessly for years to support the schools. Having lost last year's Prop. 2-1/2 override, the school department began the budget process with a lower base that only exacerbates our budget situation. I want to do all I can to focus positive energy on this years override process and hope that as many of you as possible of all ages will realize the importance and the necessity of a quality school system and will work toward that end.

"As a Cohasset parent , I have had the good fortune to watch my children get a fantastic academic foundation in Cohasset and then go on to compete successfully with the best and the brightest of the Boston area and the world. The fact that I will not have any children in the Cohasset school system after this year should not be interpreted as dissatisfaction, but as a personal choice that my family has made to seek out educational alternatives not available in Cohasset. Please do not interpret that choice as diminishing my commitment to the Cohasset Public Schools. I remain a resident of Cohasset who wants to be proud of our town and its schools and feel that everyone deserves a quality public education.

"To all of you who have been supportive of me in the past I thank you for your support and hope that you can support me in this endeavor and to those of you who don't know me, I would greatly appreciate your vote and your support as we all continue to do what's best for our children, our schools and our town."

Reminiscences over 50 years

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I had lunch a while back with a couple of guys I used to work with and, since the place we toiled in those days was the Boston bureau of the Associated Press, the talk turned to reminiscences of the stories we had covered and one of them was the sinking of the Andrea Doria.

We heard about the Italian liner's collision with the Stockholm off Nantucket in a roundabout way. A ham radio operator in Virginia intercepted the distress call and called the AP's Richmond bureau, which called the New York bureau which called the Boston bureau.

There was a small problem there, as I recall, since, except for an office boy and a teletype operator, the entire night staff was down at the Towne Grille catching last call and the office boy had to be sent down to roust them out. But I digress . . .

The point is that all this happened 50 years ago this summer and, if I may coin a phrase, where did the time go and why didn't I notice when it went?

One of the big stories of the year 1956 was the trial of the men who robbed Brink's. My sharpest recollection came during the selection of the jury when defense attorney Paul Smith asked a prospective juror if he had formed an opinion of the guilt or innocence to the men.

"I think they're guilty," the man said.

"Why?" asked Smith.

"The FBI wouldn't have arrested them if they weren't."

I was transferred out of the Boston bureau a few weeks later so I wasn't around for the rest of the trial but, even if I had, that one quote would still have stood out as the trial's highlight.

The year 1956 was a big one for civil rights, too, as Autherine Lucy — a name that should stand with Rosa Parks and Coretta King — was the first African American to register at the University of Alabama only to be suspended "for her own safety" when some 1,000 whites rioted.

When white supporters urged gradualism, Lucy's attorney, Thurgood Marshall, replied, "I believe in gradualism, too, and I also believe that 90 years is pretty gradual."

The Eisenhower administration assigned 350 additional personnel to South Vietnam to help recover equipment abandoned by the French when they left their former colony. This in addition to the 342 Americans allowed to be stationed there under the Geneva Accords.

Bandleaders Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey introduced a new country-rock singer from Memphis on their TV program "Stage Show." This was Elvis Presley's first appearance on television. His record, "Heartbreak Hotel," topped all three song charts, pop, R & B and Country Western.

Brockton's Rocky Marciano retired as undefeated heavyweight boxing champion with 49 victories, 43 by knockouts and 21-year-old Floyd Patterson became the youngest heavyweight champ ever by knocking out 42-year-old Archie Moore in the fifth round.

Candidates on cable

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin as they sit down Monday with school committee candidate Steven Fusco to discuss his aspirations for Cohasset schools.

Cohasset Teacher Association Member David Ames presents the teachers union's latest response to the recent failed teacher contract negotiations.

Future shows scheduled include individual interviews with selectmen candidates Roger Hill and Edwin Carr beginning Tuesday Feb. 23 and the televised selectmen's debate scheduled to begin airing on March 9. Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

What to expect on the annual Town Meeting warrant

By Samantha Brown
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Town Meeting is approaching quickly, and there is only a little more than one month left for the town to prepare.

A draft Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, has been compiled, and it indicates voters could expect to see as many as 29 articles, or items of business, discussed at the meeting, Saturday, April 1. Warrants will be mailed out to households at the end of March.

There is the possibility some articles could be taken off the Warrant prior to the meeting for various reasons. Sometimes during preliminary discussions it is found an article must be reworded and brought back at a later Town Meeting. Articles are also often put on the Warrant as placeholders, to ensure if they are ready by the time Town Meeting comes up, they can be discussed.

The meeting will begin with **Article one**, which asks voters to accept the reports of the Town Officers that are printed in the Annual Town Report for the 2005 calendar year. Copies of the Town Report are available in the Town Clerk's office and the office of the board of selectmen.

Article two will provide an opportunity for boards and committees to present a report directly to Town Meeting. At this time, the board of selectmen had not requested any specific reports.

The meeting will likely heat up with **Article three**, which asks the town to accept the Town Manager's proposed fiscal 2007 operating budget. It is still unknown whether approving the operating budget will include approving additional funds from an override.

Under the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee must make a recommendation every year as to how it would like to see the town spend its Community Preservation funds. This year's recommendation will be outlined in **Article four.** A recommendation must be made to Town Meeting even if the committee recommends the money be reserved rather than spent. The specific recommendation is not currently available, but will be by Town Meeting.

Article five will ask the town to approve allocating available funds to pay for bills incurred by the town from a previous fiscal year, which were not paid during the fiscal year in which the bill was received.

Annual Town Meeting article review schedule (tentative)

Tuesday, Feb. 21
Article 5: Unpaid bills from previous years
Article 7: Tax deferral rate of interest
Article 8: Tax exemptions
Article 9: Veterans memorial appropriation
Article 27: Eminent domain — Sassafras Rock
Article 22: Water Commission — land acquisition
Article 23: Water Commission — amend easements
Article 24: Water Commission — Scituate land
Article 26: Bylaw — door-to-door solicitation
Article 28: Bylaw — pit bulls

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Article 25: Board of Health — mutual aid agreements
Article 4: Community Preservation Committee
Article 6: Supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2006
Article 10: James Lane easement expenses
Article 11: Cook Estate
Article 14: Zoning bylaw — inclusionary zoning
Article 17: Zoning bylaw — large house site plan review
Article 18: Zoning bylaw — SMROD sunset

Thursday, March 2
Article 29: Septic loan program
Article 12: Parking lot construction
Article 13: Disposition of town-owned land
Article 15: Zoning bylaw — downtown business village overlay district
Article 16: Zoning bylaw — off-street parking
Article 19: Zoning bylaw — transit oriented development (TOD)
Article 20: Zoning bylaw — reconciliation
Article 21: Town Planner appropriation

Although there are currently no shortfalls reported on the draft Warrant, **Article six** would ask the town to provide additional funding to various departmental budgets which are experiencing a shortfall in fiscal 2006. The additional funding would be needed to complete the current fiscal year. Funding from the article would come from available funds.

Article seven is being proposed due to recent legislation, which allows towns, by local option, to adopt an interest rate for payback of deferred property taxes. The town would ask voters to approve adopting a rate of 4 percent, as determined for fiscal 2007 by the board of selectmen, which is lower than the current rate of 8 percent.

Article eight will ask voters to approve allowing the board of assessors to grant tax exemptions to qualified applicants. This is a vote which is taken at every Annual Town Meeting.

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee has been working hard to honor the town's veterans, and **Article nine** will ask voters to allocate funds for the construction of a new memorial at Veterans Park on Cohasset Harbor to honor the Cohasset men and women that have served our country during the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Article 10 would add to the funds already appropriated for the James Lane Easement. At the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, voters agreed to authorize selectmen to purchase the easement from owner George Roukounakis for $64,200. Roukounakis said he had an agreement with former Town Manager Mark Haddad, who said the town would also pay Roukounakis for costs associated with legal and appraisal fees, which total roughly $11,346. The selectmen have asked Roukounakis if he would be willing to split the difference of the costs with the town, but he has not yet replied, which means a dollar amount has not yet been attached to the article.

Article 11 deals with the Cook Estate. It would ask voters to amend the scope and amount of funds voted at the November 2003 Special Town Meeting, to give the board of selectmen permission to purchase the land and hold onto it, rather than sell it to a developer. It would also allow the town to spend more than $4.5 million to acquire the property.

Article 12 would ask the town to appropriate the funds necessary to construct parking spaces on the town-owned land in the municipal parking lot.

Article 13 would ask voters to allow the board of selectmen to dispose of all or a portion of town-owned land, located behind the Teen Garage in the municipal parking lot, by soliciting proposals for development for private or public purposes.

Articles 14 through 20 are all zoning articles. **Article 14** deals with inclusionary zoning. In any residential development of five or more multi-family or apartment units, proposed on or after July 1, a minimum of one unit or 10 percent of the total number of dwelling units (whichever is greater) must be eligible for qualification as affordable "Local Initiative Units."

Article 15 would create new zoning for the part of the downtown area bounded by South Main Street, James Lane, Parkingway, and Depot Court. The new zoning would allow development of multi-family units in conjunction with commercial uses on the first floor.

Article 16 would amend parking requirements within the highway business, technology business, and light industry districts to five spaces per 1,000 square feet, rather than 10 spaces per thousand as it currently stands, to help encourage commercial development.

Article 17 would amend the large house site plan review bylaw to give specific criteria which must be met for a house to receive approval under the bylaw, therefore giving the bylaw "more teeth," as some have said it currently does nothing to help neighbors who are concerned about the large homes being built in their neighborhoods.

Article 18 would sunset the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. The article as written would allow the Cook Estate to go forward, but that would be the last multi-family project brought forward under the bylaw.

Article 19 would establish a new transit-oriented development overlay district. The TOD would encourage a mix of moderate to high-density development within walking distance of the new Greenbush train station, to be located on Rte. 3A, therefore creating a commuter-friendly environment to encourage transit use.

Article 20 is a series of zoning bylaw changes which are essentially housekeeping items, such as wording changes.

Article 21 would ask voters to approve allocating $75,000 for the planning and zoning boards to pay the salary and general expenses for the services of a town planner on a full-time basis.

Articles 22, 23, and 24 are all water commission articles. The passage of **Article 22** would allow the water commission to acquire land in town for watershed protection purposes. **Article 23** would allow the board of selectmen to amend easements currently granted to National Grid, to benefit the water department. **Article 24** would authorize the water commission to acquire land in Scituate for watershed protection purposes.

Article 25 would ask the town to approve allowing the board of health and health agent to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services, which the board of health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement.

Article 26 would add a new door-to-door solicitation bylaw to the town's bylaws, which would require solicitors to obtain a license from the chief of police to go door-to-door. Violation of the license would result in a fine.

Article 27 would authorize the board of selectmen to acquire Sassafras Rock.

Article 28 would establish a new bylaw to regulate pit bull ownership in town. Residents who would like to own a pit bull would be required to obtain an annual permit for the dog from the board of selectmen.

Article 29 deals with a septic loan program which is currently under consideration by the board of health. At this time the article on the Warrant is a placeholder.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Some real estate tax exemptions offered

The Assessors Office is accepting applications for fiscal 2006 real estate tax exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 30 and there are several criteria that must be met to qualify. Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. (781) 383-4114.

Village Wine & Spirits under new ownership

The board of selectmen approved a liquor license transfer for Village Wine & Spirits at its Feb. 7 meeting. Cohasset residents Cliff and Amyra Chase have sold the business, located downtown at 29 South Main Street, to Tracy A. O'Connor of Duxbury.

O'Connor has extensive experience in the sales and marketing of wine products. She worked for Violette Imports, Inc., in Cambridge as well as Classic Wines in Norwood. She also has extensive experience with coordinating functions and events, and she hopes to use that experience to plan special events for the shop.

Selectmen said Cliff and Amyra Chase brought much energy to the downtown area and played a big part in drawing visitors downtown by helping plan and participating in special downtown merchant events. O'Connor said she looks forward to keeping the shop a vital part of the downtown community.

Residential brush

Residential brush may be brought to the DPW parking area through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors.

CEA van drivers needed

The Cohasset Elder Affairs office needs volunteer van drivers for a three-hour commitment each month on a day chosen by the volunteer. The CEA primarily uses a seven-passenger town van to transport seniors for shopping, visits to the library, to keep local appointments, to congregate meals, and other scheduled events. Anyone interested in helping should call the CEA office Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays at (781) 383-9112, or leave a message.

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CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

DAY CAMPS CAN BE A GREAT CHOICE!

By Bette Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

Day camps offer experiences that are unique from resident or overnight camps. Because of this, there are specific points to consider when choosing a day camp.

- What training does the staff receive on safety, supervision, counseling, problem solving, and other issues unique to working with young children?
- Is the price all-inclusive or are there extra charges for:
  - transportation
  - overnights
  - swimming lessons
  - food service
  - horseback riding
  - group pictures
  - before and after camp extended care
  - T-shirts
  - field trips
- If transportation is offered, where is the closest pick-up spot?
- Do they have an "express bus" before or after camp?
- Who supervises campers on the bus?
- If before- and after-camp extended care is offered, who is with the children, what activities take place, and where in the camp is this service offered?
- Is lunch served or do campers bring their own bag lunch?
- Are snacks and drinks provided?
- If the camp offers swimming, are there swimming lessons or is it simply recreational swimming?
- Are campers in a group with a counselor all day? Or, are campers free to go from one activity to another with appropriate supervision? In this case, whom would you talk to if you had a question or concern about your child?
- Is an open house offered before camp starts where you can meet your child's counselor and van/bus driver?
- Are parents allowed to drop by for visits? Under what circumstances?
- What should the camper bring to camp each day? Will the child carry some belongings around the camp in a backpack or bag?

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Jenkins turns in papers

School Committee Candidate, Leonora "Lee" Jenkins turned in her nomination papers to the Town Clerk's Office with the maximum number of signatures allowed. "I'm overwhelmed by the positive response I've received. Citizens from all over town agree it's time for a change. They want leadership based in respect, restraint, and responsibility.

"I'm hearing from concerned parents who want a level of education that is essential to their children's success in today's competitive world but see the classroom resources being directed to administrative and overhead costs."

A long-time advocate for keeping the dollars in the classroom, Jenkins believes "With some innovative thinking, it is possible to offer our children the best education consistent with our responsibilities to the taxpayer."

Coming within a few votes of winning a seat on the School Committee in last year's election, Lee looks forward to this year's campaign and the opportunity to return a "culture of learning" to Cohasset's schools.

Wilson won't seek reelection

The following is a formal statement from Pam Wilson on her decision not to seek reelection to the school committee:

"After careful consideration, and for a number of personal reasons, I have decided that this is not a good time for me to seek reelection to the school committee. Over the past year, our committee, along with the superintendent, have worked diligently toward implementing the strategic plan and strengthening our school system. However, I believe that we are at a critical time in our growth. Our school budgets have been reduced in staff and educational programs, negatively impacting our curriculum and increasing overall class sizes. The school committee needs support from our community as a whole, to champion our plan to equip our schools with the tools necessary to continue our positive work for the children.

"I have a great respect for all of those who give up their time to serve on school boards and I now better understand the pressures that teachers and administrators are under while being committed to our wonderful schools. I hope that the majority of Cohasset residents feel that we must all work together to achieve the best education possible for our children. As a parent of children in our schools, I plan to stay actively involved in supporting the growth and development of the Cohasset school system in the future."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critical of school budget process

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dropped from approximately 2,000 students to approximately 1,250 students the budget was not reduced. When the superintendent and school committee were asked to explain why it wasn't there was always an excuse with no real explanation of why. I hope that people will come to Town meeting, question the committee, and demand explanations. I hope that all of the voters in Cohasset will reject this outrageous and unjustified increase in the school budget and if necessary, vote to level fund the school budget.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

***Editor's note: Mr. Fitzsimmons is referring to a chart printed in the Mariner which used information provided on the state department of education's web site.**

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Learn About Oriental Rugs – Scott Gregorian, from Gregorian Rugs, will be at the library on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2:30 p.m., to talk about oriental rugs.

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center presents The Six Style of Janis, an exhibit of the work of Janis Jones Mattox at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library January 8-Feb. 28, 2006. Meet the artist at an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays.

Income tax forms – The library has a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons Room. Reproducible forms can be used on a copier. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Upcoming author visits – Thursday, March 2: Buttonwood Books and PPML will host author Carol Goodman at a luncheon at the Minot Lightkeeper's Residence in Cohasset at 11:30 a.m. Meet the author, hear her discuss her latest book "The Ghost Orchid," and enjoy a catered lunch. Tickets are $18 and available at Buttonwood Books and the library.

Sunday, March 5: Friends of the Library will welcome Michael Tougais, author of "Ten Hours Until Dawn" at PPML at 2:30 p.m.. Tougais will present a narrated slide show.

Book group – Book group meets the last Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. This month's Feb. 23 discussion book is David Kelley's "The Captain's Wife." Open to all.

Family Square Dance at First Parish

First Parish in Cohasset, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, will host its 2nd annual Family Square Dance on Sunday, March 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House on Cohasset Common. Beth Parkes, a caller well-known throughout New England, will be accompanied by her band of a fiddler and piano. The event is open to all ages and levels, especially beginners. Parkes and her group will explain square dancing basics. Cocoa, hot cider, and cookies will be served. Cost is $10 per person, $20 entire family. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling, 781-383-1100, or at the door.

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Border collies' conduct is subject of concern

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ran over and circled Staszko. Dean said at that point, one of the dogs bit the back of one of Staszko's legs.

Staszko wrote a letter to Animal Control officer Paul Murphy outlining the incident. He said he was on his morning walk, and was exiting Great Brewster property by Beach Street, when six dogs circled him and started nipping at his feet. "One dog bit my left calf causing a 1/4 inch puncture which was 1/2 inch in length. Approximately five minutes later, Mr. Dean arrived and took charge of the dogs."

Staszko stated he explained to Dean it was illegal to let dogs run unleashed in Cohasset. "Yes, I was concerned about myself, but I am also concerned about the elderly who walk the property," he stated.

Staszko reported the incident to the Cohasset Police Department and medics at the Cohasset Fire Department cleaned and dressed the wound.

Dean said the morning after, the dog that bit Staszko whelped a litter of puppies. Dean said he believes the dog's reaction to Staszko was simply because she was a protective mother, but when the dogs are together, they tend to have a pack mentality. The dogs were quarantined and vaccinated as a result of the incident.

In December, Claire Barnum was bitten by Dean's dogs. In a letter sent to Murphy detailing the incident, she stated on Dec. 17, she went to Village Greenery, located in the shops at James Brook Crossing on Pleasant Street, which is owned by owned by Dean's daughter Alida. Barnum said when she opened the door, she hesitated half-way through because Alida Dean and her sister, who was visiting the shop, had asked her a question.

"I didn't hear the question and asked them to repeat it," she recalled. Barnum said one of the women was holding a dog by the collar and another dog was unrestrained. "A second time I asked, and then a third because they were speaking at the same time, and the dog, which was restrained, was making noise," she said.

"I was still standing half in the door. The unrestrained dog leaped at me and bit my left thigh. The dog pulled back, tearing my jeans, and lunged forward again, but missed as I was shutting the door," she said.

"To us, they are the sweetest animals we've ever known."
— John Dean, Meadow Lane

Barnum said at that point, Alida Dean came outside to help her. Alida Dean took Barnum to the Windsor Tea Room, also located in the James Brook Crossing shops, and where Barnum was provided first aid supplies. "The dog bit hard enough to bring blood to the surface and leave clear teeth marks dragging down my leg and a large welt," Barnum said.

"I was told the dogs belonged to the other woman in the shop, Alida's sister. When I asked Alida what they were asking me when I walked into the shop she said, 'Do you have any small children because they are not used to children.' Fortunately, my children were behind me," Barnum recalled.

Barnum said after the incident, she went to the police to file a report and then went to South Shore Hospital for a tetanus shot.

John Dean said from what he knows of the incident, because his dogs love to go for rides in the car, his younger daughter had taken two of them down to visit his older daughter at her shop. He said when Barnum opened the door, the squeak of the door must have startled the dog, which then "took a peck" at Barnum. He said he thought Barnum had received a black and blue and a tear in her pant leg. He descried it as an isolated incident and an accident.

On Jan. 20 Mary Hartshorne was walking near Meadow Lane and she heard two of the dogs barking outside Dean's house. They suddenly ran at her. She said she heard more barking coming from inside the house, and within seconds, there were about five or six dogs surrounding her.

Hartshorne, who is 77 years old, said the dogs jumped on her back and tore at her clothes and bit the backs of her legs. The dogs were pulling at the backs of her pant legs, and Hartshorne said it caused her to fall, and when she put her hand out to brace herself, she broke her wrist. "I was yelling no at the dogs and I thought I could frighten them," she said, but the dogs would not let go. Hartshorne said the minute she hit the ground, she heard a whistle blow and the dogs immediately began running back to the house. "Clearly they had been trained" to respond to a whistle, she said.

Hartshorne was able to get herself back up, and she walked home. Her husband then took her to South Shore Hospital where the wounds were cleaned and she was given a shot. Her wrist was put in a cast.

Dean said the path Hartshorne was walking on starts out as Conservation Trust property, but then travels across his property, then turns back into Conservation Trust property. He said the land where the incident took place was on his property, and because they were not expecting anyone, some of the dogs were outside. He said he saw the dogs circling and blew the whistle to call them back to the house. "We didn't see her fall," he said, adding he found out what had happened after the incident and sent a letter to Hartshorne apologizing. He said in terms of the circling," I'm sure she was frightened. There's no doubt they can be frightening when they circle."

Animal Control Officer Murphy said after the third incident, he felt it was time to request the hearing. "There have been multiple bites and multiple incidents, and the dogs are establishing a track record," he said. He said Dean has been cooperative in terms of carrying out orders for temporary quarantines of the dogs, but at this point, the best solution to the problem will be to reduce the number of dogs he owns and increase restraint. "He can't let them roam free," he said.

Dean said he realizes the number of dogs running together is a factor. "The young ones, they're a year old and they're very rambunctious. They love to run," he said. He added he has taken the appropriate precautions to isolate the dogs from each other so they don't form a pack mentality. He said the dogs are protective of their territory, and by nature are high-strung "but they are wonderful, deep-loving animals."

Dean said he thought Thursday's hearing would air both sides of the stories. "We need to maintain better control, but I think their viciousness has been exaggerated," he said.

The hearing on John Dean's border collies was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16 after the Mariner went to press. Look for an update next week.

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CCSCR gets grant

Local legislators recently announced that the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research was awarded a grant by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Through its Office of Coastal Zone Management and in conjunction with the Wetlands Restoration Program, the EOEA has granted monies totaling $18,000 to the center, which monitors local salt marsh restoration projects.

The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research is an educational nonprofit organization that emphasizes research in the environmental sciences. CSCR's mission is to inspire students to become stewards of the region's marine environment, engage students in the study of coastal watershed issues, teach students how to research real environmental issues, encourage awareness about the environment, and promote activism within the community.

The Wetlands Restoration Program, established in 1994, advances the state's wetlands policy by promoting and assisting voluntary projects that restore the Commonwealth's wetlands.

Wetlands Restoration Grants are offered annually through a competitive proposal process. Grants are provided to sponsors of designated Priority Projects to fund construction related activities and restoration site monitoring. The grants are available to any Massachusetts public certified non-profit organization, including but not limited to: state agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, watershed organizations, and public schools.

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What a difference a day makes! The late afternoon suns falls on Cohasset Harbor on Monday, the day following the "Pre-Valentine's Day Blizzard of 2006." Temperatures warmed up all week, but are expected to plummet tomorrow (Saturday).

Powdery white snow pushes cleanup budget into the red

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worst," said Hussey, a Norwood resident, but found his worry was unfounded. He said because the storm occurred during the weekend, people were more inclined to stay home. "If we had had people out on the roads, it would have been a mess," he said, but without the additional traffic, the DPW worked quickly and thoroughly and cleared the streets in no time. "They did a great job," he said.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the fire department did not have many storm-related calls. There was a low-hanging wire or two and the weather made the drive a long and slow one to South Shore Hospital for a couple of medical calls. There was one medical call due to a "slip and fall."

"Overall, we came out pretty good," Lincoln said.

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- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army;
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- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

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Borland deployed to Afghanistan

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland has deployed to a forward operating location in Afghanistan to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Senior Master Sgt. Borland is a superintendent of computer systems and is regularly assigned to the 455th Communications Flight, Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

He is the son of James K. and Nancy M. Borland of Elm St., Cohasset.

Borland graduated in 1984 from Hull High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 1995 from Lesley College, Cambridge. He earned a master's degree in the year 2000 from Oklahoma University, Norman.

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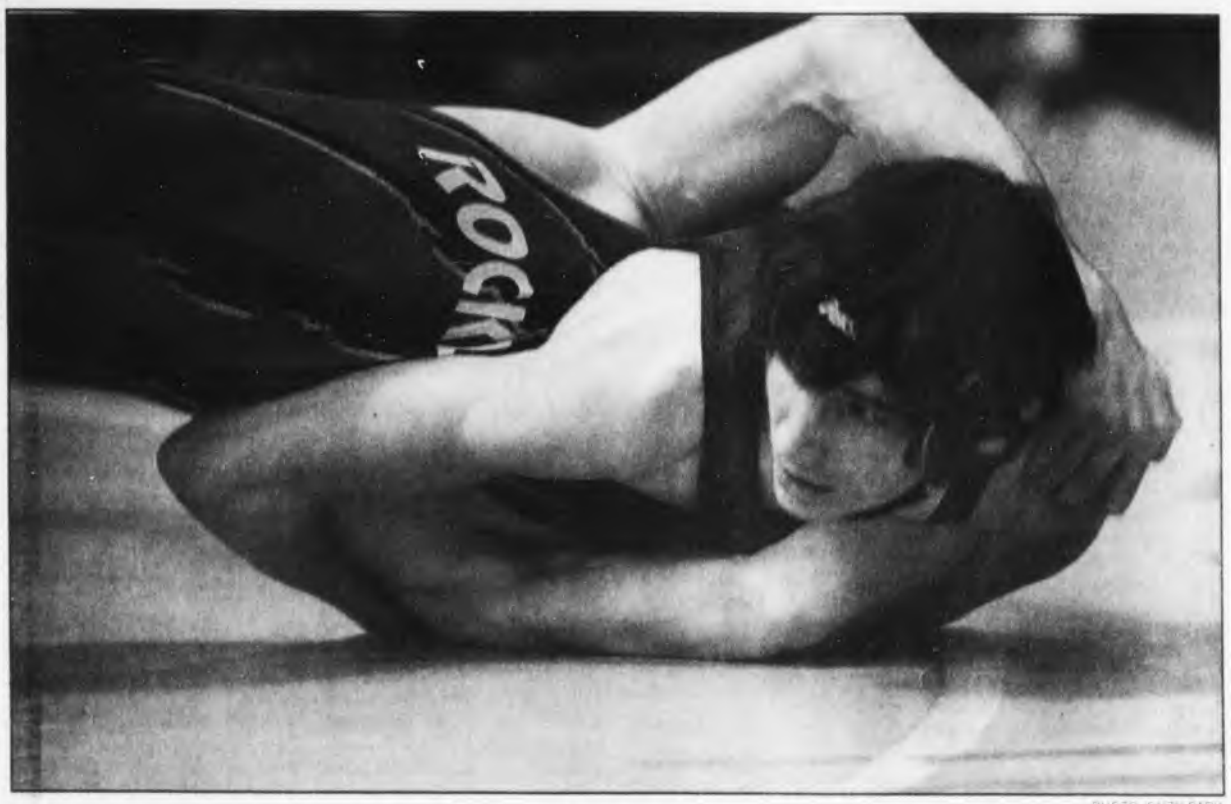

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Adam Smith battles with Rockland's Rob Downey in the Division 3 South sectionals, where he eventually finished third. For coverage of that tournament, see page 19.

Grapplers rock Canton

Cohasset moves on to face Pembroke in Div. 3 South team semifinals

By Mark Goodman
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CANTON - In a December dual meet, the Bulldogs of Canton High School ripped Cohasset to the tune of a 58-18 final score.

Those in attendance for Wednesday night's quarterfinal match of the Division 3 South team tournament would have hardly guessed it, based on the way Cohasset dominated this time around.

To be fair, Canton was without a couple of their top wrestlers. But the Skippers were more than ready for this rematch, winning nine of 14 bouts - six via pin - and returning to Pond Street with a 48-27 victory.

The reward for Torin Sweeney's team is a date this Wednesday (7 p.m. start) in Pembroke with the top-seeded Titans, another team that defeated Cohasset rather handily during the regular season.

Sweeney said after the match that a big reason for the turnaround against Canton is the improvement of the team's younger wrestlers.

"Our younger kids are simply better wrestlers than they were in December," said the veteran coach. "Kids like Adam Smith, Mike Froio, Steven Hurlburt, they gave us some big wins today."

Smith was the first wrestler on the mat for Cohasset, as the match started with the 140-pound weight class. The junior jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead, and then scored the pin with 36 seconds left in the first period.

The next two pins for Cohasset came from its stars, senior captains Shane Dorian and Dave McKenna. Both were typically dominant, pinning their opponents with plenty of time to spare in the first period.

At 189, junior Nick Cambi's match went the distance, with Cambi earning three points for his team with a 9-3 decision. Cambi and junior Ryan McLellan (119) both won via decision, and both got an earful from Sweeney during and after their respective matches.

Those two are among the six Cohasset wrestlers competing at the state individual tournament this weekend in Foxboro, and Sweeney said Cambi and McLellan did some things Wednesday night that they can't afford to do in states.

"I think they can both place this weekend; that's why I was so animated with those two," Sweeney said. "They won't be able to get away with those mistakes against the kids they'll be facing in states."

Hurlburt's performance was one of the revelations of the day, as he dominated his opponent and pinned him just 49 seconds into the match.

Two of the night's best matches came at 112 and 119. At 112, CHS senior Jake Watts had to battle into the third period before pinning the Bulldogs' Jason Rodenhiser. Rodenhiser was on his back for over a minute in the second period, but was able to fight off the pin until the buzzer sounded.

McLellan, meanwhile, was down 5-4 heading into the third. After a long battle in that period, the Cohasset junior picked up two points with just 38 seconds remaining to escape with the win.

Froio was impressive at 125, taking a 6-0 lead into the second period and pinning his opponent just 26 seconds into the frame.

Junior Gannon Dorian won via forfeit at 145, while Cohasset forfeited the 130- and 160-pound weight classes.

Gymnasts save best for last

Earn highest score of season at league meet

By Rachel Thomas
CORRESPONDENT

The team finished off their week with the all-league meet in Somerset, and the girls competed the best they had all season.

The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team's season ended on a high note this past week, first winning its meet against Carver, followed by obtaining a season-high score of 128.6 at the Cranberry League meet in Somerset on Saturday.

Coh-Noh's victory over Carver came via 124.7-116.2 score. It was an important meet for many of the members, but particularly for Sarah Dargin, who competed for the first time.

Many other girls competed very well, especially on floor, as the team scored four 8's on the event. Cohasset's Lisa Spirito, an all-around competitor, performed very well on the event, obtaining an 8.2. Additionally, Norwell's CJ Himberg skillfully executed her routine, which won her a score of 8.1. Junior Melissa Murphy also did quite well scoring a 7.9 on the floor exercise.

Captain Erin Kelly and Cohasset's Corrina Durham both obtained scores of 8.0 on bars, which greatly helped the team's all around score.

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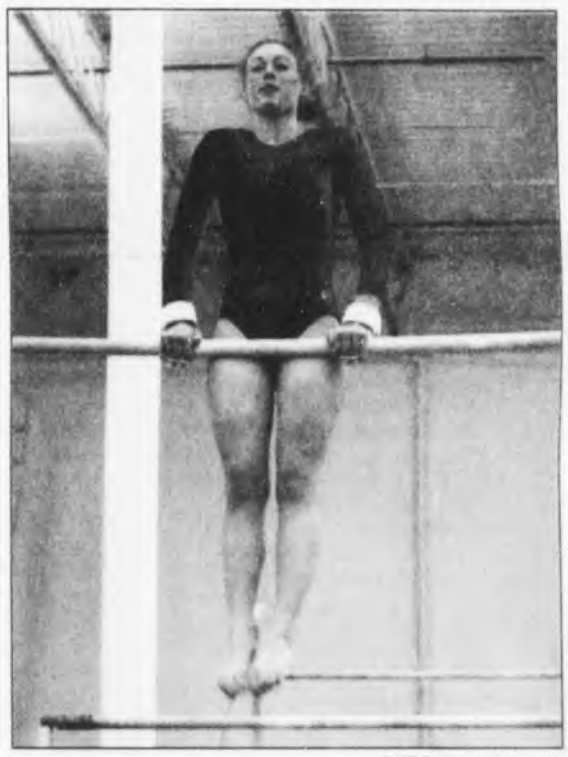

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Cohasset sophomore Corinna Durham put up a number of good scores in the Coh-Noh gymnasts' last two meets.

Tournament bound

Thrilling win over league champion Norwell puts skaters in postseason

By Mark Goodman
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After clinching the South Shore League title last Wednesday night, the Norwell High hockey team's next goal was to go undefeated in the league.

Coming into Saturday night's tilt against Cohasset with a 10-0 SSL record, the Clippers appeared to be on their way to 11-0 when they took a 3-1 lead early in the second period.

Skippers senior Mark Bouchard and teammates, however, had other ideas.

Cohasset ran off four goals in a four-minute span toward the end of the second period, two of which were scored by Bouchard, who finished the game with a hat trick. Norwell got one back right at the end of the period to make it 5-4 at the second intermission.

And that is how things would finish, as Skippers freshman goalie Jonny Wade made 17 saves in the final 15 minutes to preserve the win for Cohasset. As a result, the Skippers had clinched no worse than a second place finish in the league and, more importantly, a berth in the Division 3 state tournament.

Cohasset head coach Ben Virga says the last 12 minutes of that second period was some of the most exciting high school hockey he had ever seen. The puck went up and down the ice, with both teams creating great chances.

It was the Skippers, though, who took better advantage of those opportunities. Senior Brian Straughn started that four-goal stretch to bring his team back within one. Bouchard, who had scored Cohasset's first period goal, then proceeded to tie it up and give the Skippers the 4-3 lead with back-to-back tallies.

Alex Goetz made it 5-3 on a splendid goal that was set up by linemate Austin Lanzillotti. Lanzillotti took out a Norwell player that was charging toward the Skippers net, allowing Goetz to pick up the puck on a breakaway of his own. Goetz made it count, and the Cohasset fans went wild to see their team take a two-goal lead.

Speaking about the game a few nights later, Virga had plenty of praise to go around, starting with senior defenseman Brandon Smith.

"Brandon has been doing his best to carry his team into the tournament the last several games," Virga said. "He has been playing awesome. Dan Sullivan and Austin Lanzillotti were both awesome. Corbin Faber played great defensively."

Norwell head coach Paul Hurley, meanwhile, said he hopes his team learned something from its first league loss.

"We let down a little and Cohasset took full advantage of that," observed Hurley. "We're not the kind of team that can afford any kind of let down. Hopefully, the kids saw that for themselves."

Skippers 5, South Shore Voke 5

On Wednesday night, Cohasset suffered somewhat of a letdown of its own, having to scramble to

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PHOTO/SUSAN HAGSTROM

Corbin Faber congratulates goalie Jonny Wade after Saturday night's 5-4 victory over Norwell.

CHS girls hang tough with Rough Riders

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset chipped away at the Rough Riders' lead, wreaking havoc with the notorious Skipper press.

Last week's performances showed us a few things about the Cohasset High girls basketball team.

First, the Lady Skippers demonstrated they can stay highly competitive with the best teams in the South Shore League. Second, they lose no ground when it comes to playing average teams.

Take the Skippers' match up with Harwich at home on Feb. 7 as evidence to point number one. Both teams came out firing on all burners, and neither team seemed to cut the other any slack.

One way or another, though, the Rough Riders seemed to sneak in a few extra points here and there. Near the beginning of the second half, Harwich's small lead climbed higher and higher. How did the Skippers react?

Cohasset chipped away at the Rough Riders' lead, wreaking havoc with the notorious Skipper press. With Cohasset trailing 42-39 and less than a second left in the game, the Skippers had one opportunity to make one of the most exciting comebacks in team history.

Hoping to send the game into overtime, freshman Gabriella Flibotte threw up a prayer from half-court. The crowd held their breath as the ball headed toward the basket. A bounce off the rim, however, deflated the keyed up fans. Not a bad try though.

"The fact that we held them [Harwich] to 42 points shows a lot about us as a team," said head coach John Levangie. "Harwich averages 62 points per game, and our defense did a great job containing them."

Offensively, Flibotte totaled 19 points, followed by senior Mia Lieb-Lappen with seven.

A loss is a loss. Yet, this game certainly illustrated that Cohasset has the attitude, talent, and perseverance to hang with the top dogs in the league.

Three days later, the Skippers showed they play just as hard against more run of the mill teams as they do against solid programs like Harwich. When Hull came to town, the Skippers took care of business. And fast.

On both ends of the floor, Cohasset did its best to confirm they were the better team. With

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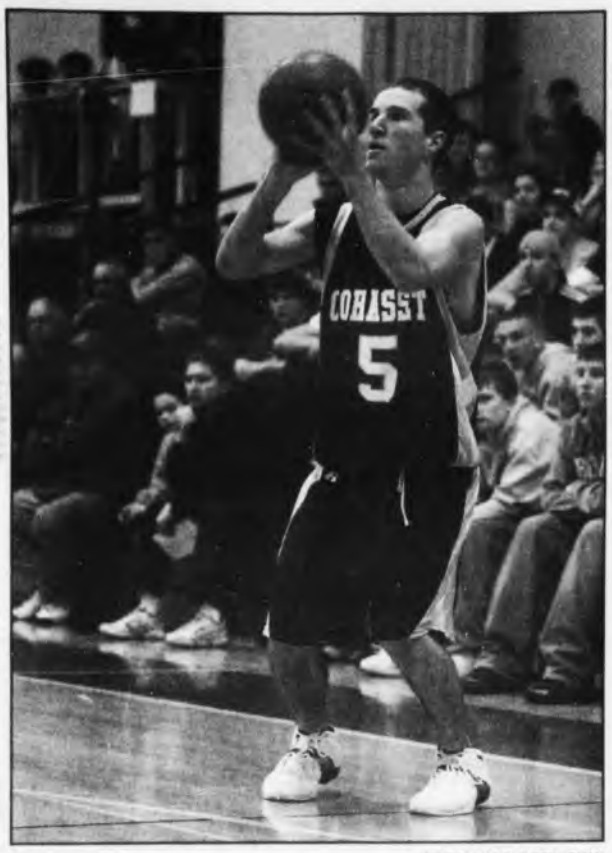

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The Skippers' Trevor Brady scored 12 points in last Friday's near upset of South Shore League champion Hull.

Hoopsters showing signs

CHS boys keep up with SSL's best

By Mark Goodman
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For 24 minutes, the Cohasset High boys basketball team looked like it would pull the upset of the season last Friday night.

Hosting South Shore League champion Hull, the Skippers held an eight-point lead with seven minutes to go. Led by the hot shooting of sophomore Pat McCarthy (25 points) and Trevor Brady (12 points), Cohasset was more than able to keep up with Hull's run-and-gun style offense.

It was at that seven-minute mark, however, where two things started going wrong for the home: they suddenly went into a drought on offense, and Hull star Henry O'Loughlin began to take over.

Cohasset head coach Dorian Bryant said his team defended the league's leading scorer (at over 28 a game) well, but O'Loughlin simply made tough shots. The ultimate result was a tough 57-52 loss.

"O'Loughlin just took the game into his hands," Bryant said. "His leadership and our youth didn't mix well for us. He is just an awesome leader for them."

With that being said, the second-year coach was proud of his team's effort. He said his players executed what they learned in the scouting report well, and it nearly led them to victory over Cohasset's rivals.

"The kids played a really nice game, and the crowd was a big help for us," Bryant said. "I think they really lifted the players' spirits."

Norwell 47, Skippers 32

Norwell boys basketball head coach John Willis hopes his team's performance Tuesday night was just an off night.

The Clippers defeated Cohasset 47-32 and, as they say, a win is a win. But the 12th year coach was clearly disappointed with his team's intensity in the game.

The biggest reason for that disappointment is the fact that Norwell did not play like a team that is primed for a good run in the postseason, and Willis firmly believes that is the kind of team he has.

"I see the big picture, and I think we have a real good chance to do some damage in the tournament," Willis said. "At any level - the NBA, college, high school - teams have nights like this. But coaches can't be happy with it."

Despite allowing just 32 points, it was Norwell's defense that Willis felt was most lacking. At times, the Clippers' defense was suffocating, including a seven-minute stretch in the middle of the first half in which the visiting Skippers did not score a point. Led by senior Tom Genatossio, Norwell held Cohasset's leading scorer, sophomore guard Pat McCarthy, 13 points, many coming on some tough shots.

But there were other instances in which Cohasset got wide open looks for shooters and fooled Norwell's defense with some back door cuts. The Clippers preceded that seven-minute scoreless run by giving up eight points in less than four minutes to begin the game, culminating with an open three for Cohasset senior Trevor Brady.

"We brought it in spurts defensively, but it wasn't there for 32 minutes," Willis said. "I can live with missed shots, but you have to be consistent defensively."

Willis did credit Genatossio and fellow senior Jake Corcoran (eight points, nine rebounds) for their defensive efforts.

From Cohasset's perspective, head coach Dorian Bryant liked what he saw defensively, but it is at the other end of the court that he will be looking for improvement as he begins to look toward next season.

"Defensively, we were OK," Bryant said. "Offense is where we're finding our struggles. We have two games left [Wednesday against Avon, last night with Mashpee], so there isn't much time to practice. In the offseason, we need to really work at our overall skills to become better.

"If they want to compete in this league and win games, they have to work in the offseason."

Cohasset got a solid effort from junior center Justin Alexander, who pulled down eight rebounds and held Norwell sophomore James Long - a consistent double figures scorer - to just seven.

Norwell junior Mike Kramer led all scorers with 18. Genatossio scored six, and junior Ryan Kane hit a key three toward the end of the first half to help give Norwell an 11-point lead heading into the locker room. Senior Billy Arria dished out six assists.

In addition to his team-high 13 points, McCarthy also had six rebounds out of the backcourt.

GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

6th graders taste victory, upset first place Raynham

COURTESY PHOTO

Flashing their victory smiles are the members of the Cohasset 6th grade girls travel hoop team after their thrilling 15-12 win over first place Raynham on Saturday. (Left to right): Allie Farren, Olivia Franklin, Anna Seraikas, Ellie Tedeschi, Isabel Robinson and Jen Mullin.

With the approaching blizzard in the air, the 6th grade girls traveled to face the first-place, 10-1 Raynham team Saturday evening. The Blue & White had lost to Raynham in December by 15 points, but this time 15 points would be all it took to come home with the win. Defense was the key to success as the Cohasset squad held the Raynham girls, who average 21 points a game, to just 14 total points, eight of which came from the foul line.

Cohasset set the tone in the opening seconds with a blocked shot by **Allie Farren**. Drawing a foul, Raynham put the first two points on the board from the line. The Sixers responded when **Isabel Robinson** grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back up for two.

A tight 2-3 defense led at the top of the key by aggressive guards **Olivia Franklin** and **Anna Seraikis** denied Raynham shots and stripped the ball for turnovers that set the Cohasset fast break in motion. Farren drove the length of the court for a pair and Seraikis converted an offensive rebound for a basket, upping the score to 6-2.

Impressive teamwork on defense trapped Raynham shooters in the seam for jump balls. Defensive rebounds by **Jen Mullin** assured that Raynham did not get a second chance to score. The remainder of the half was spent on the foul line where Raynham hit 4-of-4 and Cohasset's Farren went 3-for-4. At the half the score stood with Cohasset on top 9-6 with Raynham's only points coming from the charity stripe.

Although the Cohasset team only had six girls against Raynham's full bench, they set fatigue aside and took command immediately in the second half when Farren grabbed an offensive board for a basket. Raynham asserted full court pressure and Cohasset mixed things up coming out in a pressure 1-2-2 defense.

Raynham's first half perfect foul shooting performance began to waiver, hitting 1-of-3 trips to the line in the early going of the second half. However, with the score at 11-7, Raynham's press forced errors that gave them two baskets and a single from the line. For the first time in the contest Raynham had taken the lead, 12-11.

But Cohasset could taste victory. Franklin grabbed a defensive rebound catalyzing a fast break that came up empty, but the momentum was carried into the next break where Robinson put Cohasset back on top 13-12 with a 12-footer from the side off the backboard. Continuing to shut Raynham down on offense, Farren took command with a defensive rebound and outletted to Seraikis for a fast break. Anna drove to the hoop and drew the foul, giving her two chances to increase the lead.

But Anna did one better, swishing both shots cleanly through the twine to give the Sixres a three point edge, 15-12. With minutes left on the clock, Raynham hit a shot from the top of the key pulling them within one. However, the Cohasset girls dug deep and the final sequences were nothing but intense!

Farren blocked a shot which Raynham gained control of and tossed back up, but it was no good. Farren boxed out, grabbed a huge defensive rebound and immediately turned and threw a long pass to Seraikis who drew the fast break foul. Not in the bonus, Cohasset called a timeout to tweak their inbound play.

Franklin faked the inbound pass to Farren in the lane and fed Serakis in the corner. Her shot went up, the crowd held its breath, the ball went in, spun around the rim and came back out again. Raynham ran the court for another attempt at a hoop, but Cohasset's defense was unrelenting. With seconds on the clock Mullin owned the defensive rebound that put Farren back on the line shooting one-and-one. Tired, she missed the front end, but Raynham could not break past the Cohasset pressure to get within shooting range.

This game was an all-out team effort that proved this squad has heart and the tenacity to win. Contributions came from everyone in the form of baskets, rebounds, blocked shots, steals and success at breaking full court pressure. Farren led the scoring with seven points, joined by both Robinson and Serakis with four each.

Franklin made great inbound passes and was a court leader in keeping the squad focused on defense. **Ellie Tedeschi's** quickness in defending the post position shut down Raynham's power forwards and Mullin frustrated the Raynham squad all day, pulling down rebounds at both ends of the court.

Sunday did bring a Nor'easter, but the Cohasset sixers already had brought the real blizzard to the Raynham court!

Next week, the Mariner will feature reports on the girls' Sevens, Eights and 56ers.

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Pictured above after Saturday's Division 3 South sectional in Canton, standing left to right: assistant coach Pete Buckley, Nick Cambi, Dave McKenna, Adam Smith, Shane Dorian (voted Most Outstanding Wrestler at the tournament), George Miller, Gannon Dorian, head coach Torin Sweeney. Kneeling, right to left: Ryan McLellan and Rudy Helbock.

Dorian, Cohasset storm their way to Foxboro High

By Ben Libby
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Six CHS grapplers qualify for states

Entering Saturday's Division 3 South sectionals, no one knew what to expect from the contingent of Cohasset wrestlers who competed.

Well, all those questions were answered when Shane Dorian and fellow wrestlers had a successful day on the mat. Dorian, the rock of the team all year, left the Canton High gym with a big smile on his face after being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler for the second consecutive tournament.

In the semifinals of the 145 weight class, Dorian avenged a loss to Canton's Joey White earlier in the season, winning by major decision. Then in the finals, Dorian was considered the "underdog" against number-1 seed Nick Ranko of Foxboro. Dorian responded with a vengeance, however, winning by decision, 8-5.

Following the match, Dorian spoke about his success.

"I knew coming in that no one could beat me, but my motivation all along was the fact that I was the number-3 seed going in," he said. "That allowed me to take the pressure off myself and just wrestle, and that's what I did. And now I'm looking to continue that confidence into the individual state tournament."

In the 112 weight class, Ryan McLellan finished off a stellar day by beating Garrett Lincoln in the third place match by major decision. McLellan drew a tough semifinal match, losing to eventual champion Eric Johnson of Pembroke.

In the 125 weight class, freshman Mike Froio surprised everyone except his own teammates by placing sixth. Froio battled hard all day, and head coach Torin Sweeney said this week Froio is in position to do even better at next year's sectionals.

In the 140 weight class, Adam Smith provided his teammates with a sense of excitement before Dorian's big match when he bested Canton's Nick Saraf by major decision. Smith has been the unsung hero of this year's team, and after his win in Wednesday night's dual meet, is 10-2 in his last 12 matches.

Dave McKenna (reigning 145 state champ) lost in the semifinals to Steve Tressel of Pembroke at 152. Tressel has had McKenna's number all year, knocking him off three times before their semifinal bout. Nonetheless, McKenna ended up placing third when his opponent Manasseh Remy (Canton) had to take an injury forfeit.

Then came the big one, with Nick Cambi facing undefeated Dan Bohenek of Rockland in the finals of the 189 weight class. In the semifinals, Cambi pinned Canton's Josh Bystock on his signature "leg roll" move.

Cambi came into the final match with a previous loss to Bohenek, but he hoped to use his array of moves to surprise Bohenek. Although Cambi captured the first points of the match on a take-down in the first period, he was pinned by Bohenek in the second period.

Nevertheless, Cambi walked away with a well deserved second place finish. Explaining his plan to attack Bohenek, Cambi said, "Going in, I knew he was an amazing wrestler, as last year he beat (former CHS star) Matt Baroudi. So this year I went into the match looking to get as many points possible, while not allowing him to lock me up and pin me.

"But I can't get discouraged when he does beat me because he's the state champ and that's what he's supposed to do."

Finally, in the 215 weight class, as a result of a fourth place finish, George Miller left the Canton gym with a smile just as wide as Dorian because he knows he lives to wrestle another weekend. Those two will join McKenna, Cambi, Smith and McLellan at states.

Looking ahead to this Friday's Division 3 state tournament at Foxboro High School, let's hope this success keeps rolling all the way to New Englands. One thing is for sure, though, and that is that Shane Dorian will make his presence known on the mat whether he wins or loses, because he's a champ and that's what champions do.

Gymnasts earn highest score of season at league meet

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"The all league meet was the best meet of the year," said coach Amy Maree. "It was very nice to end the season with the girls competing as well as they possibly could have."

The girls' effort throughout the season showed with their scores, as Kelly placed fifth in the all-around with a 32.8, and fifth on vault with a score of 8.05. The team was especially impressed with Kelly because "there were a lot of tough teams at the meet, so it was hard to place with many of our scores," Maree remarked.

The gymnasts competed very well on floor, with both Kelly and Spirito scoring 8.6. Himberg scored an 8.5, and Durham followed closely behind, obtaining an 8.4. Murphy also did very well, as she scored an 8.1 in this event.

On the beam, the seniors' scores were equally as high, as Kelly, Spirito, and Himberg scored an 8.3, 8.2 and 8.1 respectively.

"Many of our juniors did very well in the meet," Maree said, which was shown by the vault performances of Norwell's Kiersten Shontz and Jamie Nichols. Shontz's front handspring vault earned a score of 7.7, and Nichols' scored a 7.45 with her vault.

The girls were quite satisfied with their performance overall, as they await the naming of the league All-Stars on the team. Also, on the close of the season, Maree said, "We had a great season this year, and all of the girls should be extremely happy and proud of how they performed."

CHS girls hang tough with Rough Riders

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15 points from Flibotte, and eight apiece from freshman Sam Lehr, junior Lacey Richardson and senior Chelsea Grossman, the Skippers stopped the visitors dead in their tracks.

The Skippers defense and press, coupled with eight boards from Lehr and six from Lieb-Lappen buried the hatchet on this one. Final score: 49-34, Cohasset.

So while the Skippers would have obviously preferred to go 2-0 last week, they did maintain an all-important momentum. With the tournament just around the corner, what could be more important? They could have coasted in these two games knowing they already had qualified for postseason play. But they behaved just the opposite.

If the Cohasset players can put up a fight against solid SSL schools like Harwich, they may hold their own against top tier teams in the Division 4 tournament.

"We're going in full force," explained Flibotte, referring to the tournament. "Things are working pretty well right now, and we're definitely going for the win."

Next week, the Mariner will cover this week's CHS girls basketball games and look ahead to their tournament prospects.

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Cohasset's Charlie Czerkawski leaves a Norwell player in the dust as he charges toward the Clippers net.

Tournament bound

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score two goals in the final nine minutes just to come away with a point against a Vikings team it had beaten handily earlier in the season.

With the game tied 3-3 going into the third, SSVT scored two breakaway goals in the first five minutes of the final period to take a two-goal advantage. The second goal seemed to finally put some life into the boys in blue, and junior defenseman Conor Holway got one back at the 8:10 mark with a nice wrist shot from 25 feet out.

Cohasset withstood some pressure over the next four minutes, with Wade making four key saves to keep his team in it. Smith made that effort count with 3:28 left in the game, as he took a pass at the point from Straughn, skated up to the right face-off circle and buried a wrister past the Vikings goalie to tie it up.

SSVT nearly stole the win at the very end, but Wade made an unbelievable stop on a breakaway and tied it up with just 0.5 showing on the clock.

Virga will certainly be looking for his team to play more like it did Saturday night, as the Skippers finish their season with Pembroke tomorrow night and Westwood on Wednesday.

"We didn't play well [Wednesday night]. We definitely had a huge letdown from Saturday night against Norwell," said Virga after the SSVT game. "In the state tournament, if we play like that, we're going home. It's very, very simple."

Lanzillotti, Smith and Ben Massotta, playing his first ever game at forward in place of an ill Charlie Czerkawski, scored the team's first three goals. Sophomore Patrick Doonan played another strong game for Cohasset, and finished with two assists.

Mike Spellman contributed to this story.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Valentine's Day was sweet!

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Happy belated Valentine's Day to you and yours. The best part about this Holiday is all the candy and chocolate that gets delivered in this school. I'm talking candy hearts and chocolate bunnies galore, it's actually pretty ridiculous.

Big ups to the CHS hockey team who showed tremendous guts and grit in a heart-stopping victory over league champs, Norwell. Tuesday (Feb. 14), was senior night for the Girls Varsity Basketball team; the High School honored honor **Chelsea Grossman, Mia Lieb-Lappen**, and **Kaitlin James** for their stellar play over the past four years.

All around, it was an exciting week for the High School and it is still bubbling with news as the much-anticipated vacation approaches, so here we go.

• The guidance counselors have been and will continue to meet with juniors to discuss post-high school planning.

• The administration has begun to review the schedules for next year and revise the class lists.

• The student council sold Valentine's Day candy bags for a dollar. A student was able to purchase a bag for a dollar and send it to anyone in the school that they desire.

• Attention seniors: The guidance office will distribute local scholarship booklets in mid-March and students will have about a month to complete and return the forms.

• The Cohasset Swim Team placed second in the League meet this week behind Duxbury. Captain, **Mamme Daly**, placed first in the 500-yard Freestyle, and **Jonny Drybanski** placed first in the 200-yard Individual Medley. Sectionals will be this Saturday and Sunday at Northeastern University; the boys will compete Saturday and the girls on Sunday. States will be the following weekend at MIT.

• Congratulations to the following band and chorus students who qualified for the annual SEMSBA competition. Band: **Myles Collins-Wooley, Aisling Guinee, Kristen Schwerin**, and **Molly Trisler.** Chorus: **Anne Chapman, Myles Collins-Wooley, Jessica Dupre**, and **Katie Jensen.**

• Robert Macy delivered separate presentations to the staff and community in the auditorium on Monday to talk about the safety in schools and how to detect unrest in a student.

• The Class Presidents, and student leaders; **Brendon Barrett, Daniel McCarthy, Chris Pescatore, Kenny Muir** and **Melissa Crowley-Buck**, met with Dr. Gill on Tuesday morning to discuss school issues, Doc Gill filled in for Mr. Antolini who was unable to attend.

• The Cancer Society's Relay for Life will have met on Wednesday morning in the library.

• There will have been a H.S. Student Assistance Team meeting on Thursday.

This vacation truly cannot come fast enough, especially with the blizzard on Sunday toying with the students and making them think that maybe, possibly we could have a snow day. No delay or anything put a bit of a damper on the entire week. Oh well, it will soon be over and the seniors will be sitting pretty after the vacation with only a few weeks left in their High School careers.

English teacher to bid adieu

By Molly Trisler
SPINNAKER STAFF

Mr. Leary, then.

Mr. Leary, now.

"It will not be easy to walk out at the end of this year."
— Mr. Leary

"He's really going to be missed. Within his department, I see him as the person who held everything together."

Who but Mr. Leary, head of the English department and the one responsible for introducing students to "The Great Gatsby," "Huckleberry Finn," "Walden," and countless other crucial pieces of the American literary repertoire, could earn such a compliment from Mr. Bouchard? This spring, Cohasset High School will lose this invaluable asset, while Home Depot may or may not gain it.

Mr. Leary began teaching at Cohasset in 1973, and has taught eighth grade, juniors and seniors since then. He has dedicated the great majority of his time here, however, to teaching sophomores American Literature, a subject he says he "begged" not to teach, preferring the mythology and Shakespeare units of the freshman curriculum. The administration wouldn't move him, though, and thus another coincidence was added to the string of them that have shaped Leary's life.

His beginnings as an English teacher likewise rested on happenstance. A chemistry major, Leary had never concentrated on English, but one Shakespeare course he happened to take was enough to change his mind. Even after switching to English, Leary didn't necessarily want to teach it, but a friend's chance mention of a teaching assistant position caused the new English major to decide to take it up and teach his peers the subject he now loved. Leary was hooked.

Mr. Leary says his favorite books to teach to students are "Huckleberry Finn," "Of Mice and Men," "The Great Gatsby," and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." The last is also one of his personal favorites to read, along with Stephen King's books. Throughout his years at CHS, Leary says he has found it strange to transition from being a new teacher who looked up to experienced teachers to being a veteran himself.

"It will not be easy to walk out at the end of this year," he says, since he now defines himself as a teacher, though then again, "it will be a new adventure," much like the one seniors will begin. His plans after his "graduation"?

"Working at Home Depot. 'Here's a hammer!' 'Here's a wrench!'"

"Are you serious? I'm writing this down."

"Yes!"

Beyond this, Leary would also like to return to Ireland with his wife and continue to drive the launch at the Scituate Yacht Club perhaps giving Mr. Kite a lift to the sailboat he keeps there. Of his time as an English teacher, Leary says, "You never know what will change you" — a brief conversation about a teaching assistant position, for instance, can lead you to the career to which you will dedicate your life.

"I think I've been very fortunate. I've worked with wonderful people and good kids." With this, the man often found behind "The Minister's Black Veil" wielding an axe, the "E.B. White of Cohasset High School" (thank you, Mr. O'Neil), will hop out the door and into the Scituate Harbor launch, perhaps giving us a final maniacal laugh as he drives off into the sunset.

This article is reprinted from the Spinnaker, the middle-high school newspaper.

HPA playwriting contest

Aspiring high school playwrights from the towns of Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, and Norwell are invited to submit scripts for Hull Performing Arts' first playwriting contest. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hull Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Rules: All plays submitted must be the original work by a single author. Plays must be appropriate for all audiences. All plays must be submitted only to this contest. Playwrights maintain all literary rights to their own material. Screenplays, musicals and adaptations are not eligible. Scripts should be typed and stapled, and pages must be numbered.

Cover page is necessary with: title of play, playwright's name, home address with apartment # and zip code, phone number, email, school, and grade. Submissions should be typed and double-spaced using a simple font such as Times New Roman or Ariel.

Submit two copies of the play to: HPA, P.O. Box 236, Hull, MA 02045 Attn: Artistic Director.

Keep the original, as scripts will not be returned. Or, submissions can be emailed as an MSWord document to: hpa@hullperformingarts.com. All plays must be emailed or postmarked by April 20, 2006. HPA's board of directors and artistic director will judge the entries. Plays will be judged on content, dialogue, ingenuity, and ability to be staged. Winners will be notified by letter in May.

Winner prizes: $100 in cash. Winning play will be presented on the amphitheater at Fort Revere the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August. Playwright may co-direct his or her own play. Playwright directors will be assisted by committee members. Winner receives a free video tape or DVD of the production of the winning play(s).

Guidelines: No special effects, or elaborate lighting. Keep in mind that lighting at Fort Revere is either on or off – no fades, flashes, colors, etc. At least one performance may be during daylight hours. Play must have a single set. Sets should be simple and easy to install within 15 minutes. Storage is limited at Fort Revere, so all sets, props, costumes, and lighting has to fit into one or two loads of a pick-up truck. Production time should be at least 45 minutes, but should not exceed 1 hour and 45 minutes including a 15 minute intermission. There should be no more than three scenes. Author must be currently enrolled in High School, grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. All set, prop and costume items should be easy to obtain. Play needs to use at least two actors, but no more than eight. One actor may play additional characters.

Suggestions: Write the play so that characters exit or enter the stage in character. This is especially important since all exits and entrances will be easily viewed by the audience. Take some time to explore the stage and Fort Revere. Picture the scenes of your play unfolding on that stage. Study some of the history of the Boston Harbor Islands or Fort Revere and use it as inspiration for the play.

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A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified promptly. Award money will be paid directly to the winners' schools to be applied toward tuition costs. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the 51st South Shore Art Center Arts Festival, June 16. For more information call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail Heather Collins hcollins@ssac.org.

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Opening cultural doors

Children learn through doll making

Nakilah Skeens, 8, right, shows Molly Cunny material she could use while making her doll. Nakilah and Molly were taking part in a doll-making and storytelling event, held at Osgood School Feb. 8., to celebrate Black History Month. Students who participate in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, as well as their host families, friends, and Cohasset METCO big sisters were invited to attend.

Doll maker and collector Debbie Britt shows Kiyarmi Cofield one of the dolls from her extensive collection. Britt and her family have more than 8,000 dolls in their collection, some of which will be on display at the high school as part of the school's celebration of Black History Month.

(Left) Whitney Graham gives a helping hand to Malaki Nelson while he attaches the head to the doll he made during the Osgood School's doll-making and storytelling event. Students who take part in the METCO program, as well as their host families and friends were invited to attend the program, held in honor of Black History Month.

Staff photos by Mark Gardner

Nya Robinson lets her creative juices flow while making clothes for her doll during a doll-making event at Osgood School.

Matthew Legge works on a doll with his mom, Leisa, during a special doll-making and storytelling event held at the Osgood School Feb. 8.

Cohasset High School student Mercedees Barnes-Jackson is all smiles while working on a doll she made during a doll-making and storytelling event honoring Black History month.

Madelyn Schwandt fashions a skirt out of some material during a doll-making event held at the Osgood School Feb. 8.

Doll maker and collector Debbie Britt tells the inspirational story of the "Legend of Cecilia," as children gather around. Britt was at Osgood School Feb. 8 to help teach the children about the history of black doll collecting and doll making, in celebration of Black History Month. The story ends with children making dolls of their own, which is exactly what children at Osgood were invited to do.

DESTINATIONS

'Pirates' life

Jolly brushes with fame as Depp and crew film in Bahamas

By J.M. LAWRENCE
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

LUCAYA, Grand Bahama Island -- In a secluded cove, a ghastly gray ghost ship festooned with howling sea monsters awaits the likes of Johnny Depp, Bill Nighy, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom and the rest of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" cast.

On a recent January morning, however, the only character resembling a pirate aboard The Flying Dutchman, the ship featured in Part 2, "Dead Man's Chest," due out July 7, is a Disney goon threatening to send a bunch of tourists down to Davey Jones' locker for pointing cameras at his prop.

No point in risking the plank when Depp's Capt. Jack Sparrow isn't even around. We forget the scallywag, hoist our Jolly Roger and set out to splice the main brace with a ration of grog.

Filming on Grand Bahama of Disney's wildly successful "Pirates" (Part 2 and Part 3, which opens in 2007) was set to resume a few days after my visit, and has unleashed a cascade of pirate metaphors and promotions on the Islands of the Bahamas, a breathtaking archipelago 50 miles off the coast of Florida. Locations have included this island as well as the Exumas, part of the Bahamas Out Islands. Filming also has taken place elsewhere in the Caribbean, including Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Though the actual sets are closed to the public and security is tight, every resort, tchotchke shop and colada hut here stands ready to capitalize on pirate mania. Pirate hotel packages abound for families and couples. The pirate museum in near-

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Johnny Depp (center) in a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest.

by Nassau, a favorite excursion for families who arrive there on cruises, seems invigorated. And residents of Grand Bahama tend to have stories about brushes with "Pirates" fame.

Take Greg Vincent, a Welshman who operates bonefishing charters based at the Pelican Bay hotel. Vincent worked as an extra, he said, donning the military uniform of an East India Company militiaman. A less-than-glamorous 15-hour day of filming at sea followed. The rumble of passenger planes overhead often interrupted filming, while Vincent shouldered an 18-pound gun in the heat. A fellow "soldier" fainted, he said.

The fishing boat captain also was tapped for his special expertise. He provided director Gore Verbinski with a fisherman's stew of uncleaned conch, sardines and squid to spew from a sea monster's belly during a battle scene.

Vincent said he dyed the squid yellow and bleached some of the chum to create the proper appearance of a sea monster's half-digested diet.

"I want a (film) credit," he said, added with a grin, "Chief of guts."

During my stay, I opted to try bonefishing sans sea monster guts (we used shrimp on our hooks).

A 63-year-old taxi-driving grandma named Paddy, a former paralegal, said she had spent months driving makeup artists and other behind-the-scenes crew from their hotel (most are staying at The Westin at Our Lucaya) out to filming locations, including a 60 million-gallon, open-water filming tank operated by the Bahamas Film Studios at Gold Rock Creek.

Paddy described getting her picture taken with Depp and other "Pirates" stars as bright spots in what have been some brutal years on storm-battered Grand Bahama. The island suffered direct hits from two hurricanes in two years and took another blow from Hurricane Wilma last fall. Remnants of the hurricanes' wrath were still visible. Shingles were missing from some of the finest resorts. And a handful of empty properties in Freeport awaited renovation.

"I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly," Paddy quipped while burning rubber up the battered Grand Bahama Highway.

Though it's hard to spot the films' stars -- Depp reportedly is staying on a yacht while the others are in private rented homes -- some of the less recognizable pirate actors have been known to hang out at hot spots here including Yellow Tails at Pelican Bay.

For Joseph Garvey, the "Pirates" sequels spell more tourists piling into the Pirates of Nassau Museum, in the nation's capital, where Garvey plays Captain Argh!, ushering kids aboard a 75-foot pirate ship replica called Revenge. He spins tails of the Bahamas' most famous pirates -- Blackbeard, Henry Morgan, Calico Jack -- and the pirate hunters commissioned by the King of England in 1718.

PHOTO BY J.M. LAWRENCE

The Flying Dutchman prop ship on Grand Bahama Island.

Other tales of pirate lore on Grand Bahama come from nature guide Wellington Clark, a father of five who grew up in a tiny village here. Clark, who earned degrees in biology and political science, works for Grand Bahamas Nature Tours (www.gbn-tours.com) and leads treks through the Lucaya National Park out to Gold Rock Beach. At sunset, a glowing rock several hundred feet offshore once lured merchant ships into the shallows, where pirates pounced, he said.

Clark led my group on a 90-minute morning kayak through pristine mangroves. Enduring a rare cold front that pushed temperatures down into the 50s this day, we pressed on, paddling against a strong head wind and shouting for all to hear, "Shiver me timbers."

For more information on Grand Bahama Island, go to www.grand-bahama.com.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Ed Bartholomew and Diane O'Sullivan (front) savor their roles in Bernstein's CANDIDE, part of The Broad Cove Chorale / Unicorn Singers' Encore! concert March 4 and 5 at Norwell's Cushing Center.

'Encore!' comes to the Cushing Center

It's time to shake off the winter blues with the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale as they present "Encore!" on Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m., at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St. in Norwell.

"Encore!" is a festive musical romp through jazz, pop, barbershop, Broadway, and light classical favorites. The audience is seated pops-style at tables in a colorfully decorated setting, and creative concert picnics are encouraged.

This year's program features a costumed medley from Lerner and Loewe's "Camelot," with arrangements by the Unicorn Singer's own Rich Jensen, as well as selections from Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." A dramatized Victorian medley entitled 'The Heroine Triumphant' showcases the talents of sopranos Jeanne Scammell of Norwell, Amy Martin of Scituate and Joan Gatturna of Hingham. The men get their moments in the spotlight too, most notably, the very versatile and multi-talented Bob Ruplenas and Rich Jensen of Weymouth.

In case winter never arrives, a creative medley of familiar winter pop tunes, with slight variations in the lyrics, will remind us all of what could have been.

Purchase single tickets for $15 at Noble's in Hingham Square or call Diane at 781-331-4255 to reserve tickets. A discount rate of $135 for a table of 10 is available. On Sundays tickets are $10 for seniors and students.

Curious George makes movie debut

Curious George, the inquisitive little monkey who is always getting into trouble, makes his movie debut in February. Buttonwood is celebrating his star status with a party and a contest. The contest is a find Curious George at Buttonwood Counting Contest. The object is to count the specially marked Curious George pictures. A fixed number of these pictures have been placed throughout the store. Count the pictures and write your total on the Curious George entry form available at the front desk. The winner will be drawn from the correct answers submitted. The prize is a Curious George Gift Basket.

Contest rules: One entry per family. No purchase necessary. Participants need not be present to win. Winner will be selected at the Curious George Party. The Curious George Party is at 3 p.m.., Tuesday, Feb. 21. Buttonwood invites all Curious George fans to share the red carpet excitement (or the green carpet at Buttonwood) of Curious George's movie opening. The celebration will include fun activities and story time. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are requested for planning purposes. Free. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve.

GPS for Mariners Course offered

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Scituate Flotilla 12-8, will conduct a GPS for Mariners course at the Marshfield Yacht Club, 11 Ridge Rd., Marshfield, on the following nights: Monday, March 20, and 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Monday, April 3, and 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is $50 which includes the text book GPS for Mariners by Robert Sweet, and four two hour classes at the Yacht Club.

You don't have to own a GPS to gain knowledge from this course.

Registration on the first night of the course at 6:30 p.m. on March 20. Call George Murphy, Staff Officer in charge of Public Education, USCGAUX Scituate 12-8, if you have any questions at 781-710-7594 or glmurphy7594@aol.com.

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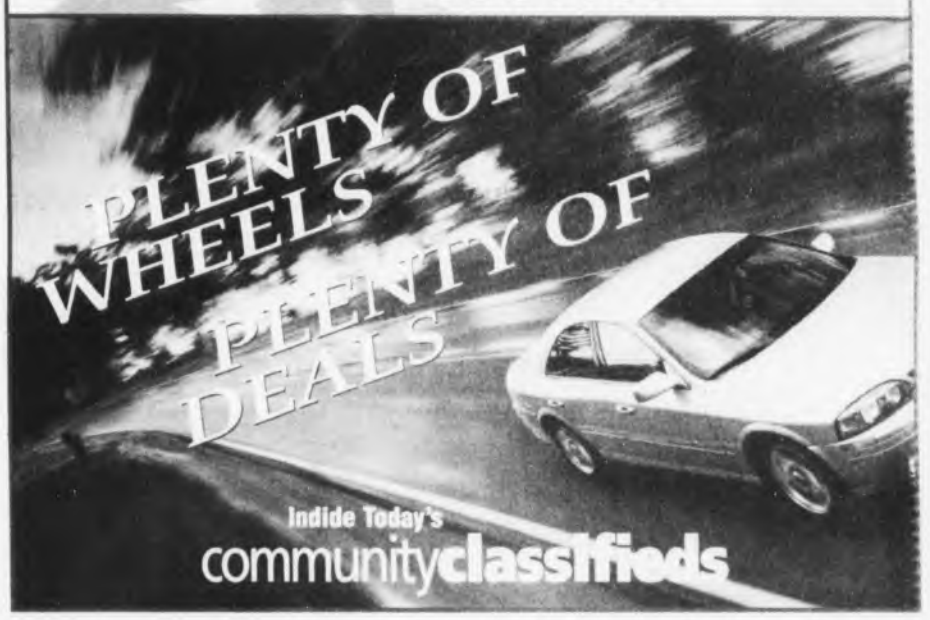

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June 18	Walking & Running Clinics with Kevin Petrovek
June 25	"I Just Got Out of School" Cruise
July 2	Fitness For Kids Cruise
July 9	Arts and Crafts for Kids Cruise
July 16	Karate for Kids with Doyle Martial Arts
July 23	College Counseling Cruise
July 30	Cruise with Paul Lockhart, NASA Astronaut
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Aug. 13	Fitness For Kids Cruise
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., March 6, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Susan & Michael Sardina** seek to construct an addition at **271 South Main St**. according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-02-13.

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ZBA/498 BEECHWOOD ST.
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AD#10986987
Cohasset Mariner 2/17, 2/24/06

2007 SCHOOL BUDGET
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING ON COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
F.Y. 2007 SCHOOL BUDGET

There will be a public hearing on the F.Y. 2007 School Budget on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Committee Meeting Room/Central Office at the Cohasset Middle-High School, located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset. A copy of the budget will be available, on March 1, 2006, for review in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA.

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OBITUARIES

Paul F. Igo

Former restaurant owner

Paul F. Igo, 67, of Cohasset, died Feb. 7, 2006, at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Cambridge, he was a 1956 graduate of St. Sebastian's High School at its former location in Newton, and attended Boston University in Boston, and Bentley College in Waltham.

Mr. Igo worked for many years in the family business as an owner of Igo's restaurant, which had two locations, one in Waltham and one in Cambridge. He also owned and operated the Bell In Hand Lounge in Cambridge with his family. He was later self-employed for 10 years as a consultant. For the last 14 years, Mr. Igo worked diligently for Boston Coach.

The husband of the late Katherine (Signorelli) Igo, he leaves a daughter, Donna Lutz, and her husband David of Belmont; two sons, Paul L. Igo of Cohasset, and Gregory P. Igo, and his wife Kerry of Needham; four grandchildren; a brother, Frank Igo of Abington; and three sisters, Geraldine Mood of No. Attleboro, Lillian Igo of Abington, and Marie Spinale of Juniper, Fla. He was the brother of the late Sister Jane Francis, S.N.D, the late Jack Igo, and the late Fred Igo.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 10, in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. at 11:30 a.m. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center for Lung Cancer Research, c/o of Fund Development, 736 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

Ann J. Ernst

Former librarian

Ann J. (Melis) Ernst, 85, of Twinsburg, Ohio and Cohasset, formerly of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and Pittsfield, N.Y., died on Feb. 6, 2006 after a long illness at the Pope Nursing Home in Weymouth.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ernst worked for over 30 years as a librarian and Director of Circulation at St. John Fisher College. She was a member of the Ohio Cosmos Damian Church in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Loving wife of Robert C. Ernst Sr. She leaves a son, Robert C. Ernst Jr. of Cohasset and the late Marianne Cortelli. She also leaves nine grandchildren: Gregory, Micael, Callie, Peter, Luke, and Maggie Ernst and Lisa Parks, Gwynee Cortelli, Lauren Cortelli-Hundhammer, as well as two great-grandchildren, Jordan and Marie Parks.

A funeral Mass was held in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment in Beechwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ann's memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Arrangements handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, Cohasset.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Feb. 19: worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "The Muddy Stuff of Love." Love isn't easy. The Hallmark variety, maybe; the committed kind, definitely not. How might some of the strands of discussion from our recent "Conversation that matters" become touchstones of wisdom as we move sometimes sluggishly through the muddy stuff of love?

Coffee Hour directly following the service. All are welcome!

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. in the Parish House

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the February newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy: the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson. Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the Gospel of Mar Magdalene. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. Special events this week: Outreach and worship committees will meet on Sunday 2/19 at 11:40 a.m. Office closed Monday 2/20 for President's day. Vestry meets at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 2/20. Deadline for the parish newsletter, *The Carillon* is Monday 2/20. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, The Lord promises to forgive the sins of the people and to bring them back from exile through the wilderness. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians maintains that his teaching to them has been consistent and affirmative based as it is in Jesus and in God's own promises. In the Gospel of Mark Jesus heals a paralyzed man. Preacher: Ms. Colette Wood, Seminarian

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday & holidays, 9 a.m.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

1:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports an out of control male party threatening bodily harm.

2:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:42 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4 p.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 43.

5:11 p.m. **Bound Brook Ct.**, call was given to Scituate PD.

5:52 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

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5:53 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, area search negative. Caller reports motor vehicles on the property.

9:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

12:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen, meet a Hingham unit at the Knoll for a transport to the Scituate line.

5:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

8:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, peace restored, caller reports a male party at the door trying to get in and "beat him up". Same incident occurred yesterday. Officers spoke to calling party, the suspect was not on scene and he never was. The calling party was having some sort of breakdown.

9:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, lockout/lock-in, caller reports 28-month-old locked in motor vehicle with the keys.

9:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

10:24 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company is reporting a fire alarm activation. Resident reports smoke in the house from the fireplace. Alarm has reset the fire place vent has been open.

11:04 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, medical aid, transport SSH/ALS, heart condition.

11:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), investigated.

11:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bank robbery in Hingham just occurred - white male, late 20's, about 5'7, 140 lbs., wearing a hooded yellow jacket with gray stripes. No direction of travel, no weapon shown, but did indicate he had one.

1:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, husband barely breathing, unconscious and not alert.

2:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Hingham**, medical aid, transported AAH/BLS, Hingham Fire requesting R3 for a motor vehicle accident. One victim complaining of chest pain.

5:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud, walk in party reports someone used his credit card information on line to buy a cell phone account.

6:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance, walk in party is having trouble with roommate. Officer advised roommate left on his own - no problem at this location.

7:50 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 77-year-old male subject difficulty breathing.

8:16 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged 6 vehicles.

8:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:30 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, caller advised that she dialed the wrong cell #. Caller stated the cell # that she called the person on the other end needed assistance. Traced cell #, received the name and address of person. Contacted father of cell #, left message. Father has called back the son is fine.

9:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, disturbance.

11:03 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, assist citizen, caller states 2 female parties in a black Volvo station wagon are being followed by a pick up truck. Female parties are on the way home. Male party cited for defective equipment.

4:06 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, while responding to case 883, heard a motor vehicle horn honk and a woman yell. Area was searched. Nothing showing.

6:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:14 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, there will be goose hunting on the golf course.

8:20 a.m. **Cedar St.**, medial aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:25 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, abandoned/hang-up 911, received hang up 911 call from this location, spoke to resident on call back, she stated her son dialed it by accident. After officer cleared, received call from telephone company stating this resident is attempting to call 911 and it is failing. Officers going back to speak to residents to make sure everything is ok.

10:31 a.m. **Lothrop Lane**, abandoned/hang-up 911, received hang up 911 call from this location. Resident reports she is unsure how the phone dialed out. Officer going to confirm.

11:43 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, fire, auto, caller reports a vehicle pulled over with fire coming out of the hood. Units report overheated engine compartment, no fire.

1:15 p.m. **Church St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:03 p.m. **Mill Lane**, medical aid.

8:05 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement, caller reports vehicles are being tagged that are not within the area of the violations.

8:14 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:31 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, fire, investigation, outside gas leak. Keyspan sending crew for repair.

9:33 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

12:17 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

2:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

3:04 a.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, animal complaint, caller advised at the top of above address there were several coyote's. Caller is not injured.

5:06 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, notification, caller advised the gas company has been working at above location, they want someone to inspect the hole before they cover it.

7:16 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:48 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:53 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

12:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:24 p.m. **South Main St.**, hit and run (property damage), caller reports a motor vehicle that hit another parked motor vehicle twice and kept going. Scituate has the accused motor vehicle pulled over and is getting his info. 883 found hit car parked in front of the Village Liquor store. Suspected party left his info at the station, 883 to leave a note on the windshield of the hit car.

3 p.m. **North Main St., fire, investigation**, caller reports her fire alarm is going off, but there is no fire, E 3 to investigate.

4:58 p.m. **North Main St., traffic** enforcement, follow up on complaint.

5:08 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:30 p.m. **Seaview Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:33 p.m. **Surry Drive**, fire, resident reports that a wire is arching due to tree limb.

6:13 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, animal complaint, calling to report his black lab is missing for extended period of time, 7-year-old by name of Budd, no tags noted.

6:56 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:29 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

12:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:55 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, car 20 investigated strange odor, question of natural gas, car 20 cleared with no gas emergency.

9:01 a.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 21-year-old female feeling dizzy.

10:57 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports 76-year-old male hit his head and not responding to verbal prompts.

11:54 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports on Sunday, Feb. 5, at about 3:10 p.m. she was driving down Cedar Street on the way to the dump when the window exploded. She did not see anyone or anything. Party wanted to make a report of this. She also had been told that this has happened to another person in the same area.

12:58 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports there is an injured bunny in her yard.

3:20 p.m. **Rust Way and Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports that a construction truck parked on Rust Way obstructing the roadway.

3:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller advised vehicle all over the roadway. Officer is observing vehicle. Erratic operation on a white car, female operator. Officer observing operation of vehicle. Officer now out with vehicle on Lower King Street. Verbal for marked lanes.

4:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, walk in party advised there was a vehicle that was too close to her school bus, they had words.

4:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:23 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:24 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised there is a truck that is parked where construction is going on. Officer advised everything is fine - looks like workers.

11:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:43 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, disturbance, transported SSH/BLS.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:12 a.m. **Square**, one of the pieces of construction equipment has its rear lights on. Unable to turn off. Everything appears secure.

2 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:54 a.m. **Summer St.**, caller requesting info about private ambulance service.

6:13 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:43 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:22 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid.

8:50 a.m. **Spring St.**, fire chief is requesting a tractor trailer removed from the fire hydrant.

10:28 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports her elderly mother feels very ill and feels like she is going to faint.

11:28 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she just got home and heard a door close in the house and believes she heard someone moving around upstairs. Units report everything is all set at this location.

9:20 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:30 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:37 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, speed.

9:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, inspection sticker.

Three building fires last month

The three responses classed as building fires were caused by: clothes dryer lint , fireplace damper closed, and chimney fire/creosote build-up.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln provided the following summary of fire department responses during the month of January:

Building fires three; motor vehicle crashes 13; motor vehicle fires one; medical emergencies 74; investigations 11; inspections 24, assistance calls eight; and miscellaneous responses 50. There were no brush fires during January. Fifty-nine emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 50 medical emergencies and nine fire calls, Lincoln said.

The fire department ambulance transported 51 patients to South Shore Hospital and two patients to Quincy Medical Center. Mutual aid ambulances transported 11 patients from Cohasset to South Shore Hospital. One motor vehicle crash in January required transport to a hospital.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 14 during January. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for seven responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of seven responses. The three responses classed as building fires were caused by: clothes dryer lint , fireplace damper closed, and chimney fire/creosote build-up.

High winds on Jan.18, generated 22 storm-related incidents. Downed trees and electrical wires kept the fire dept. busy from mid-morning until the early morning of Jan. 19.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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South Shore cousins form 'Rock Solid' partnership

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A few years ago, Derek Stearns and Dean Marsico, two trained actors with stage and film credits, decided to trade show business for the family business and open Stone By Stearns, a South Shore company specializing in hand-cut veneer stone. Now, thanks to their cable television series "Rock Solid" - currently in its second season on DIY, the Do-It-Yourself network — Braintree-born cousins Stearns and Marsico have been able to combine their work as skilled stone masons with their ease in front of the camera.

"The show and the business complement each other," explained Stearns, 42, recently by telephone from Norwell where he and Marsico were installing a cathedral veneer fireplace. "The spine of all of our shows is to make them entertaining and funny. If you're not really interested in doing a stone landing, you watch us do it and we make it interesting. We also provide proper information on the projects and all the necessary outlines to do things right."

Stearns and Marsico learned about doing stone masonry right from Arthur Stearns, a master stone mason and Derek's father. The Stearns family has been in the stone masonry business since the 1950s, when Arthur Stearns began as a yard laborer with the Plymouth Quarries in Hingham. During breaks, according to his son, he would go down to the cutting sheds and study the stone cutters at their craft, cutting granite with hammers and chisels. Arthur later bought a truck and started his professional life as a stonemason. After high school, Derek joined his brother Butch, now a television sportscaster on Fox-25, and went to work full-time for his father. In 1987, Arthur Stearns was killed by a 17-year-old drunk driver in a Holbrook accident.

"My brother, Butch, took over the business. We went back to work on the job we were doing when my dad died. When we were finished, we couldn't tell where my father had stopped and where we had started. That's when we realized just how much he had taught us. We learned everything we needed to know from my father."

The elder Stearns also taught his sons and his nephew that while they were skilled tradesmen they could also pursue other careers.

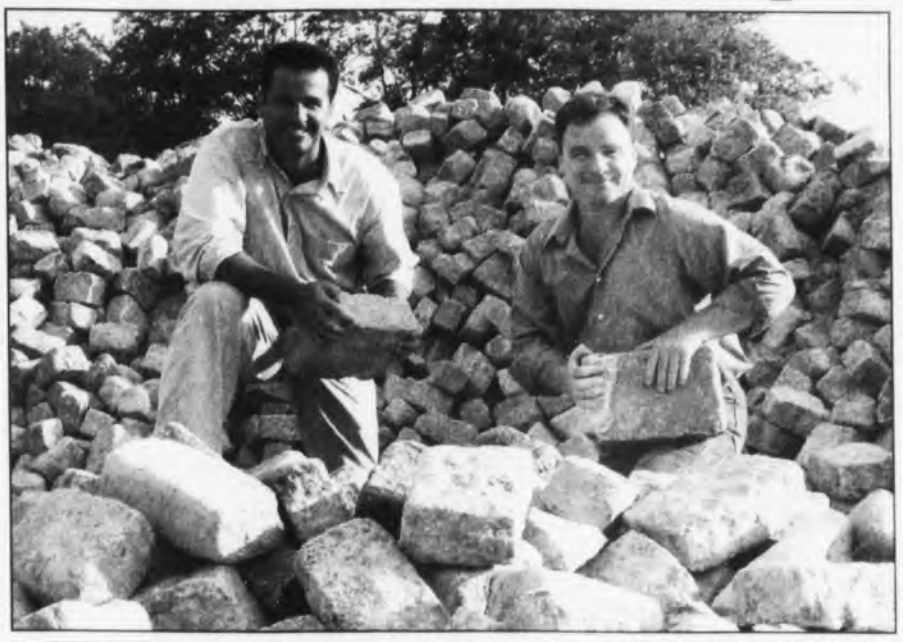
"I knew if I didn't at least try acting I never would," recalls Stearns who stepped away from the family business in 1989 for a career on the stage in Boston and New York. Since acting gigs didn't always pay all the bills, Stearns continued with stone masonry on a part-time basis.

At the same time, Marsico was pursuing a similar career path in Los Angeles, where he appeared in several made-for-television movies and the 1999 feature film "The Mod Squad."

"I had my first son in California," says Marsico, who now lives in Norwell with his wife, Kristen, and their sons Jack and Matthew. "As an actor, you work a little and you starve a lot. I wanted to buy a house for my family so I decided to move back home and focus on the masonry business. If you had told me then that I'd move home and all this would happen, I would have laughed."

But happen it did when Stearns and Marsico put together a videotape of two sample shows and sent it off to several networks.

"Both Derek and I had watched quite a few shows on HGTV and none of them dealt specifically with stone masonry, so we thought it would be worth a shot to send in our tape," Marsico recalled recently in a conference call with his cousin. When HGTV passed on the series, its sister network, DIY, picked it up and in September 2004 the pair inked a two-year deal for 26 episodes of the show, which is produced by the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



"The spine of all of our shows is to make them entertaining and funny. If you're not really interested in doing a stone landing, you watch us do it and we make it interesting. We also provide proper information on the projects and all the necessary outlines to do things right."
Derek Stearns

The two have traveled extensively to film segments on everything from the installation of a slate floor in Washington to an outdoor waterfall in Arizona and the making of adobe clay bricks in Orlando, Florida.

"We're careful to reiterate as often as we can that regional weather conditions affect the materials you can use. In Orlando, we worked with a local artisan. We didn't pretend to be experts although all stone and brick work uses at least some of the same techniques," says Stearns, who makes his home in Weymouth with his wife, Carol, and their children, Ian and Julia.

Their television work has sent them to Wyoming to quarry fossil stone from an ancient river bed and to Florence, Italy, for the International Stone Show, but the craftsmen still prefer to ply their trade a little closer to home. Examples of their work, from brick patios to stone walls and walkways to fire pits, can be seen in Norwell, Hingham, Braintree, Quincy, Milton, Duxbury, Co-hasset, and Plymouth, and on Cape Cod.

Stearns and Marsico tackled three types of flagging stonework for an episode, entitled "Stone Patio, Walkway and Stepping Stones" which was filmed in Manomet over three days last August.

Other of these recent projects will be featured on episodes of the series including "Firehouse Patio Revamp" in which the partners team up to spruce up the firehouse patio of Engine 3 in Quincy.

"We happened to meet a firefighter one day and went from there. The fire station is their house so we wanted to help them replace their existing patio with one they could really enjoy. We had a blast with some of the firefighters even helping us to install the new concrete pavers. J. F. Price of Weymouth donated the paving materials and Lowe's even donated a brand new gas grill."

In an episode entitled "Bluestone Landing," airing March 21 with repeat broadcasts on March 22 and 26, Stearns and Marsico take on a project in Marshfield Hills.

"They are planning to hold a wedding there this summer so they asked us to create a new patio. The house was built in 1740 so we chose a tumbled bluestone paver to complement the existing stone wall on the property. We actually rehabbed almost all the stone work at the site. The challenge was to make our work look like it wasn't just done so that it would fit in well with the surroundings," explains Stearns.

The pair - who also teach classes in stone masonry in the spring and fall at the Plymouth Quarries - say that they're all about the work even when the cameras are rolling.

"We have a good reputation that we have worked hard for," says Marsico. "Our craft was passed down to us by Derek's dad so it is something we take seriously even when we're having fun on a job. After the first day of taping on the show, the glamour wears off. We have help with the heavy lifting but otherwise we do all the work ourselves."

And that work is not always easy, according to Stearns. "It's exhausting to try and shoot an entire episode in just 2 to 3 days. We have acting backgrounds, of course, and that has helped us for sure. That said, it still takes an amazing amount of energy to do what we do."

(Derek Stearns and Dean Marsico can be seen on "Rock Solid" airing on the DIY Network. For more information and air dates for the series, check local listings or visit www.diynetwork.com. For more information about Stone by Stearns, visit www.stonebystearns.com or call 617-388-6947. To learn more about Stearns and Marsico's workshops at Plymouth Quarries in Hingham, call 781-335-3686 or visit www.plymouthquarries.com.)

Au Revoir "Les Miserables"

When Cameron MacKintosh decided it was time to close his long-running "Les Miserables" on Broadway three years ago, the legendary producer turned to Randal Keith to play the hero, Jean Valjean, for the show's final three months in New York. So it is not surprising that Keith is also playing Valjean on the farewell tour of the mega-musical which this week opened its eighth and final Boston engagement at the Opera House.

"The final weeks on Broadway were more emotional than anything I have ever experienced," recalled Keith last week by telephone. "The entire company was energized but it was still like being on a roller coaster for all of us. Our audiences were amazing. People who hadn't seen the show in years came back again. And some people came to more than one performance in those final weeks."

Keith first joined the Alain Boubil and Claude-Michel Schonberg musical, based on the novel by Victor Hugo, in 1997 as an understudy on the third national tour. He has since played the fugitive Jean Valjean, who struggles to evade capture through three turbulent decades of the 19th century, at thousands of performances from New York to Shanghai, China and South Korea.

Randal Keith

"I know the character a lot better now after nine years. People admire him, because of his humanity. Jean Valjean is not a saint. His whole life is a struggle for redemption with which many of us can relate."

A native of North Carolina, Keith - whose previous stage credits include 'Sunset Boulevard" and "Phantom of the Opera." - knows what it is like to reach the end of a long road tour. "Before I joined this show, I had done six years of touring with 'Phantom.' I really enjoy the traveling. As far as we know now, these are our final visits to each city. It has been interesting so far, however, because it's really renewed the tour itself. It's meant more ticket sales and more interest which is great. It will be very unusual to say goodbye for the last time. We know there will never be another show quite like 'Les Miserables'."

"Les Miserables" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, through February 26. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-931-2787.

- R. Scott Reedy

Movie review

Remake will tickle you 'Pink'

The Pink Panther
(B+)

JAMES VERNIERE
FILM CRITIC

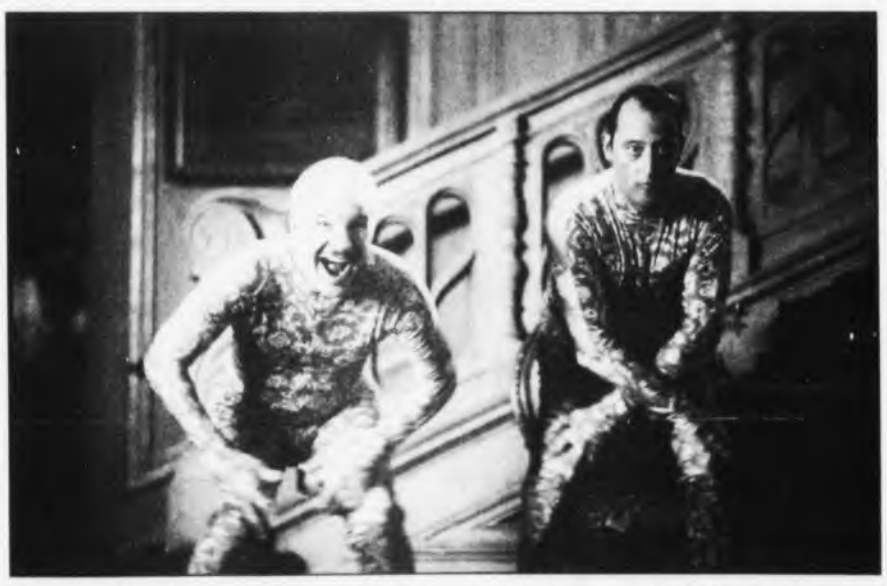
At the risk of stating the obvious, Hollywood no longer makes movies. It remakes them.

Having said that, "The Pink Panther" is a pleasant surprise, if not quite a golden goose. And it is a pleasure to hear Henry Mancini's theme music, among the most famous musical themes in movie history, played for a new generation.

While Steve Martin's Inspector Jacques Clouseau, the bumbling but sublimely confident French policeman with the bizarre accent, is not going to make anyone forget Peter Sellers' brilliant original, he is a worthy and respectful descendant of Sellers' screen icon. ("Panther" buffs will recall that such actors as Alan Arkin, Ted Wass and Roberto Benigni tried and failed to make us forget Sellers.)

Once again, the plot revolves around the theft of the legendary Pink Panther, a rose-tinted diamond the size of a walnut. Paris Chief Inspector Dreyfus (Kevin Kline in the role played brilliantly by Herbert Lom) decides to recruit France's most idiotic policeman to investigate. His plan is to take over from Clouseau after he fails and cover himself in glory.

Among the many suspects Clouseau rounds up for questioning are the beautiful pop superstar Xania (Beyonce Knowles, following ably and voluptuously in the stiletto-heeled footsteps of Claudia Cardinale and Elke Sommer), a dour Russian soccer trainer named Yuri (Henry Czerny) and everyone named "You," or in the case of Paris' Franco-Asian population, "Yu."


Clouseau (Steve Martin) and Ponton (Jean Reno) display a unique method of getting in shape.

Aiding Clouseau in his quest are primly sexy assistant Nicole (an enchanting Emily Mortimer of "Match Point") and a new sidekick. Gone is Clouseau's trusty kung-fu partner Cato (Burt Kwouk). His new associate is Ponton (French star Jean Reno), who drives Clouseau around in the inspector's comically miniscule Smart Car. Of course, the delightful animated credit sequence (by the animation house Kurtz & Friends) has returned and arguably continues to be worth the price of admission.

Like Blake Edwards' original films, this new one is a mix of slapstick hijinks, most of it involving ways in which Clouseau wreaks havoc wherever he goes (he is especially dangerous to French cyclists), Clouseau's inability to say English words such as "hamburger," gorgeous women and one-liners and double entendres. "Can't you see she's sexy," protests Clouseau when someone has the nerve to suspect the luscious Xania.

Directed by Shawn Levy ("Cheaper By the Dozen") and scripted by Len Blum ("Meatballs," "Stripes"), newcomer Michael Saltzman and Martin, the film falls short of the original's comic zaniness and cosmopolitan flair. But it's well-cast and silly enough to fill your lungs with laughing gas.

Of course, fans of Kline might suggest he would have made a fine Clouseau as well. But Martin is often inspired. His Clouseau thinks he can play good cop-bad cop by himself, is likely to have smoke pouring out of his pants and manages to make that cliche of present-day comedies, the fart joke, work.

Clive Owen makes a cameo appearance as Agent 006 and gives new 007 Daniel Craig a run for his money. Not much is made of the film's Paris setting outside of obligatory shots of the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame, perhaps because Prague was used as a frequent stand-in. At the screening I attended, the film often looked murky and out of focus, perhaps a result of bad photography, bad processing, bad projection or all of the above.

But overall it's safe to say, Vive la "Panther."

Rated PG. "The Pink Panther" contains slapstick violence.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 16-24 2006

BEST BET

South Shore Conservatory presents the Hausmann String Quartet Sunday, Feb. 19, 3 pm at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The quartet, featuring South Shore Conservatory string instructor Lauren Burns on viola, Isaac Allen and Bram Goldstein on violin, and Yuan Zhang on cello, recently made its debut with the Lyrica Boston Chamber Music Players in a performance of the *Mendelssohn Octet*, and was highly praised for its charismatic playing and "deeply lyrical sound." Their program includes the *Mendelssohn String Quartet Op. 12*, the *Bartok String Quartet No. 2*, and *Beethoven Op. 18/2*. Admission to the concert is free. For directions please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Thursday, Feb. 16

"Love Letters" will be performed at Thursday's Tea at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 186 Jacobs Lane, Norwell on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tea and desserts will be served following the show. Program fee is $8 for members, $10 for non-members. Space is limited. Visit www.ssnsc.org.

Oil portrait painting demonstration by John Kilroy, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Sponsored by Braintree Art Association. Free admission and open to the public. Refreshments. Call 781-335-4675.

The Regattabar at the Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Harvard Square, Cambridge will host **The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson**, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in the Charles Ballroom. Tickets are $27. Visit www.regattabarjazz.com.

Comedy Show at Kilroy's Restaurant, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. Headliner is **Bob Niles** and other comics performing are: Annette Pollack, Phil Doyle, Sheila Van Dyke and hosted by Jim Cahillane. Hosted by Annette's Comedy Asylum. Dinner and appetizers available. Call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833, or visit www.annettepollack.com.

Glastonbury Abbey "Listening to Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In." Inter-religious lecture series, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7:15 p.m., Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham, "One Nation? Under God" with Dr. Mohammed Dadrass, Afghanistan refugee, and Westy Egmont, Executive Director of the International Institute of Boston. Free admission, donations accepted. Reservations recommended. Call 781-749-2155.

"Ain't Misbehavin" at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell. The music of Fats Waller featuring Vivian Jett of Broadway cast, Feb. 16-19. Tickets are $32. Visit www.companytheatre.com or call 781-871-2787.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Feb. 16, **Satch's Blues Jam featuring the J Place Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts a **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Thursday, Feb. 16, **Earthbound Misfits.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, Feb. 17

South Shore Folk Music Club, Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Feb. 17, features **Tesseract,** Joanne Doherty. Open Microphone sign up at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $6, $5 members. Call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Lyric Stage Company presents Edward Albee's **"The Goat,"** Feb. 17 through March 18. Tickets $20-45 at 140 Clarendon St., Boston or call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

The 24th Annual Regional Transportation Breakfast hosted by the Plymouth County Development Council, Friday, Feb. 17 from 7:45 to 10:15 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor. Speakers will be John Cogliano, Commissioner of Mass. Highway Dept., Dennis Dizoglio, Asst. GM for Planning and Real Estate for the MBTA and Rep. Joseph Wagner, House Chairman of the Joint Committee of Transportation. Admission is $20. Reservations required. Call 508-747-0100.

Boston Wine Festival, through April 7, Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, Boston. Friday, Feb. 17, Reception at 7 p.m., **Down Under in New Zealand and Oz,** $85 per person. Sunday, Feb. 19, **New Orleans Jazz Brunch,** open to the public. $70 per person. Reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 617-330-9355 or visit www.bhh.com or www.bostonwinefestival.net.

South Street Gallery will host an exhibit by Cape Cod artists Doug Rugh and Hillary Osborn, through Thursday, Mar. 9. Opening reception Friday, Feb. 17, 6-9 p.m., South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Friday, Feb. 17, **Johnny Hoy and The Blue Fish.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Feb. 17, **"Undaunted" Professor Harp.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Ryan Fardy and Shades of Blue**, Friday, Feb. 17. Call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Feb.18

New England Boat Show, Feb. 18-26, **Bayside Expo Center.** Over 600 power and sail boats, prize drawings, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission $10 adults, $5 children 6-12, under age six free.

Winterfest 2006, Saturday, Feb. 18, Sunday, Feb. 19, and Monday, Feb. 20 is Kids Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kennedy's Country Gardens, Route 3A, Scituate. Lectures, demonstrations, colorful displays. Free admission. To register call 781-545-1266. For schedule and activities visit www.KennedysCountryGardens.com.

Jake Armerding concert at Old Ship Coffeehouse, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m., open mic precedes concert. Admission $10 at the door. Refreshments available. Call Jim Watson, 781-749-1767.

Susan DeMichele Retrospective: "A Life in Landscape" through Feb. 19, Bancroft Gallery, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, Saturday, Feb. 18, Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Pasta dinner served at 7:30 p.m., music by DJ Bob Caldera. $15 per person. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, Feb. 18, **The Houserockers**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Steve DiCecco Band**, Saturday, Feb. 18. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Saturday, Feb. 18, **John Frattasio and Friends.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Sunday, Feb. 19

"Latest Works," paintings by Susan Kilmartin, at Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery through March 2.

"Critters, etc.," mixed media works by artist **Laura Harvey** through Feb. 24 at **Bella's Restaurant,** 933 Hingham St., Rockland. Call 781-871-5789.

Hausmann String Quartet, Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m., South Shore Conservatory. Mendelssohn String Quartet Op. 12, Bartok String Quartet No. 2, and Betthoven Op. 18/2. Free admission. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Monday, Feb. 20

President's Day Forum, a conversation with biographer Richard Reeves on presidents Kennedy, Nixon, and Reagan, Monday, Feb. 20, 2 to 3 p.m., Stephen Smith Center, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Admission is free and open to the public. For reservations call 617-514-1643. For directions or information visit www.jfklibrary.org.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center, will exhibit **"Home & Away"** paintings by watercolor artist/illustrator **Maureen Brookfield** on display through March 1. Call 781-659-7100.

Sippewisset Light by Hillary Osborn

BEST BET

The South Street Gallery will host an exhibit featuring the works of Cape Cod artists Doug Rugh and Hillary Osborn. The show runs from Friday, February 17 to Thursday, March 9.. The artists will appear at the opening on Friday, February 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. amid a festive atmosphere of music, good company, and refreshments. Everyone is encouraged to attend to have a chance to speak to the artists in person and view the collection of phenomenal paintings for sale. The South Street Gallery is located 149 South Street outside Hingham Square. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Corner of the Commons by Doug Rugh

Snug Harbor Community Chorus open call for singers for spring show performance in May of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

"Sara Crewe: A Little Princess" at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, Boston," through Feb. 26. Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; school vacation matinees, Feb. 21-24, 1 p.m. Tickets $20, $16, $12. Group rates available. Call 617-879-2300 or email tickets@wheelock.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Curious George Party, Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m., Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Celebration of Curious George's film opening. Refreshments will be served. Free admission. Call Buttonwood, 781-383-2665 for reservations.

School Vacation programs at South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tuesday, Feb. 21, Secrets of Spacecraft and Space Travel; Wednesday, Feb. 22, Foreign Foliage from the Future; Thursday, Feb. 23, Odd Features of Alien Creatures, Friday, Feb. 24, Resourceful Robots. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $34 per day, $30 members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Specify kindergarten or grades one-five. Visit www.ssnsc.org.

North River Network Group, at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

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BEST BET

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents Jake Armerding in concert on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. An open mic precedes the concert. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts is available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome! For further information, call (781) 749-1767.

Mark your calendar

MAPLE SUGAR DAYS at Brookwood Farm, Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The farm is located in the DCR Blue Hills Reservation in Milton. Make maple syrup the traditional way. Travel along the trail of time and meet costumed characters demonstrating changes in maple sugaring methods from Native Americans to Yankee farmers. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 3-12 and children under 2 are free. For information call 617-698-1802 or 617-333-0690.

CABARET AU CHOCOLAT! Join the South Shore Choral Arts Society conducted by Danica Buckley for an evening of music, merriment, appetizers, wine and chocolate, on Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, Scituate Harbor. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front St. Books in Scituate and choir members. Cost is $20 person, $25 at the door. For information call Paul 781-585-8910.

REAL ESTATE BUYER WORKSHOPS sponsored by Quincy Community Action Programs. Sessions are: Tuesday, March 28; Thursday, March 30 and Thursday, April 6 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Workshops will be held at Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock St., Quincy. Speakers are real estate professionals who will speak on purchasing a home. Participants will receive reference materials. For information or to register, call Kathy Pratt at 617-479-8181, ext. 119 or visit www.qcap.org.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S DAFFODIL DAYS, place orders until March 3. Receive ten flowers for $7. Also, a new special Boyd's bear is available designed for ACS. Order by calling 888-648-4880. For more information visit www.cancer.org.

CRAFTBOSTON'S PREVIEW PARTY, Thursday, March 30 from 6-9 p.m. Exclusive opportunity to have first choice of works by over 175 craft artists before the show opens to the public. Meet the artists, view and purchase artwork, enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and live music. Held at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston. Cost is $150 per person from 6-9 p.m. and includes dinner, cocktails, dessert and shopping or $75 per person from 7-9:30 p.m. which includes cocktails, dessert and shopping. For tickets call 617-266-1810 or email show@craftboston.org. Visit www.craftboston.com.

Vacation activities

VACATION PROGRAM AT SCIENCE CENTER, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tuesday, Feb. 21, Secrets of Spacecraft and Space Travel; Wednesday, Feb. 22, Foreign Foliage from the Future; Thursday, Feb. 23, Odd Features of Alien Creatures, Friday, Feb. 24, Resourceful Robots. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $34 per day, $30 members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Specify kindergarten or grades one-five. Visit www.ssnsc.org.

PAUL REVERE HOUSE features **"The Revere Family at Work,"** February school vacation program, Wednesday, Feb. 22, and Friday, Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m. to noon, 19 North Square, Boston. Ages 7-11, $4.50. Reservations required. Call 617-523-2338. For information visit www.paulreverehouse.org.

FEBRUARY VACATION ART CAMP AT NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY, for children ages 6-9. Come explore the arts. Sign up for a whole week or pick one or two days. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is $25 per day or $100 for whole week. Bring a snack. Pre-registration is required. Call NRAS Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and noon at 781-837-8091.

MASS AUDUBON SCHOOL VACATION WEEK ACTIVITIES:

STORIES IN THE SNOW, Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, for 5 and 6 year olds. Explore the trails for animal tracks and other signs and make up stories about the animals that left them.

WINTER BEACHCOMBING, Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 7 to 11 year olds. Scour the sands for natural and man-made treasures and then make works of art from the found objects.

NIGHT SKY GAZING AND STARLIGHT STORIES, Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 7-8:30 p.m. Astronomer Bob Sturdy will point out planets, star clusters and nebulae. Hot chocolate will be served. For ages 7 and up. Cost is $8 adults and $6 children. Members are $6 for adults, $3 for children.

MAPLE SUGARING AT MOOSE HILL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, Thursday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 7 to 11.

ANIMAL SIGNS, Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 7 to 11 year olds. Investigate trails to find winter signs of life and then make a nature journal of a day in the great outdoors.

All programs begin and end at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Pre-registration is required. For prices, directions or information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at 781-837-9400.

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER SCHOOL VACATION WEEK ACTIVITIES:

LIVE REPTILE SHOW, Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. Herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows will bring his menagerie of reptiles, including lizards, turtles, really big snakes and an American alligator. Tickets are $6 for members and $7 non-members and must be purchased in advance. Recommended for ages 3 and up. No food, drink or strollers will be allowed in Vine Hall. To purchase tickets, call 781-659-2559.

STAR WARS: EPISODE VII – RETURN TO THE SCIENCE CENTER, Tuesday, Feb. 21: Secrets of Spacecraft and Space Travel; Wednesday, Feb. 22: Foreign Foliage from the Future; Thursday, Feb. 23: Odd Features of Alien Creatures and Friday, Feb. 24: Resourceful Robots. For kindergarteners and for Grades 1-5, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is $30 members and $34 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

South Shore Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. For information, visit www.ssnsc.org.

BOOK CLUB AT THE JOHN CURTIS LIBRARY, Tuesdays at 4 p.m. for grades 1 and 2. For more information, call the Children's Librarian at 781-826-2972, ext. 5. Library is located at 534 Hanover St., Hanover.

Calendar

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The South Shore Folk Music Club will host a coffeehouse on February 17th featuring Tesseract and Joanne Doherty at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30. The coffeehouse starts at 8:00 PM. Tickets are $5 for members and $6 for non-members. The evening will close with an Open Mike, with sign up at the door.. For mrore information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

Inter-Agency Council of the South Shore, agency networking meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21, noon to 2 p.m., Quincy Medical Center, Whitwell St. Guest speaker will be Alejandro Rivera, Impact Quincy. Cost is $10, $7 members. Call Karen McKim, 617-376-1285.

"The Award Winners, 2002-2005" photography of Peggy Roth Major, at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through March 2. Open during regular library hours. For directions and gallery showing information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org .

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, the USS Constitution and the State House. Eleven kilometers (6.8 miles.) Suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Starts at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Club free events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, through April 30. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles. Call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

Men's Spiritual Discussion Group, monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m., "The Sermon on the Mount," Church of the Holy Nativity, 8 Nevin Road, So. Weymouth. Open to men seeking fellowship on the South Shore. Call Bob Pettiti, 781-848-5922.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Paul Revere House "The Revere Family at Work," February school vacation program, Wednesday, Feb. 22, and Friday, Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m. to noon, 19 North Square, Boston. Ages 7-11, $4.50. Reservations required. Call 617-523-2338. For information visit www.paulreverehouse.org.

Shrek Family Movie, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m., Loring Theatre, Hingham, sponsored by Hingham Newcomers Club. Admission $5 at the door ages 2 and up, $20 family maximum. Advance tickets $4. Mail check to Toni Grimm, 81 Thaxter St., Hingham for reserved seats. For information call 781-749-0705.

Children's Story Hour every Wednesday, 10 a.m. at Front Street Book Shop. 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Reading aloud to good listeners of pre-school age. Free admission. Call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon, Wednesday, Feb. 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m., East Bay Grille, Plymouth. To register call 781-749-8883.

Djembe Dell'arte African dance and drumming performance for children, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Stephen Smith Center, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point. Free admission. Reservations required. Call 617-514-1646 or email JFKcelebrate@nara.gov.

Marion Midweek Antiques Show, every other Wednesday in February from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Early bird buying begins at 7 a.m. for an additional $5 charge per person. Free parking Call 508-758-3445.

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Silk painting workshop with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. No class Feb. 22. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

Poetry at the Main St. Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m., poet **Sou Macmillan,** Open mic, 7 p.m., sign up 6:30 p.m. Email Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. Wednesday Night Blues featuring **Danny Banks and the Moondance Blues Band.** Banks is a 13 year-old local drum prodigy. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Botanical Drawings exhibit by members of the **New England Society of Botanical Artists**, through February, at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. in Duxbury. Free admission and open to the public. Call 781-934-2721.

Nature's Still Life, photography exhibit by Katie Kduzma at Mass. Audubon North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield through Feb. 25. Admission is free. Call 781-837-9400.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizons-forhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizons-forhomelesschildren.org.

Two Worlds: Watercolor and Fiber exhibit, South Shore Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery and Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery, Cohasset, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April. Free admission. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 ext 10.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Thursday, Feb. 23, **Brian Stratton Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Feb. 23, **Satch's Blues Jam featuring "Sweet" Melissa Barbosa.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, Feb. 24

Bus trip to Rhode Island Flower Show, Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Travel by luxury coach, after seeing the show, you are free to lunch on your own or spend time shopping at the Providence Place Mall. Meet back at 3 p.m. for the ride home. Fee is $41 for members or $45 for non-members and includes admission to the Flower Show and transportation. Limited to 45 people.

Celtic Odyssey art exhibit of the work of Fiona and John Owen, Feb. 24 through April 2, **South Shore Art Center Bancroft Gallery,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Opening Reception Friday, Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.ssac.org.

The 14th Annual Cajun and Zydeco Mardi Gras Ball, Saturday, Feb. 25, Rhodes on the Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, R.I. from 7 p.m. to midnight. Featuring Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, Geno Delafose and French Rockin Boogie and Balfa Toujours. Tickets are $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Features a costume contest and Cajun and Creole cuisine for purchase. Part of proceeds to benefit Very Special Arts Rhode Island. For information call 401-783-3926 or visit www.mardigras-ri.com.

The 17th Annual Boston Wine Festival at Boston Harbor Hotel, Friday, Feb. 24. Featuring Neyers Vineyards. Dinner and seminar at 6:30 p.m. or dinner at 8 p.m., in The Atlantic Room. Experience world-renowned wines with Chef Bruce's exquisite cuisine. Tickets are $235 per person to attend seminar and dinner, $190 for the dinner. For more information call 617-330-9355 or visit www.bostonwinefestival.net.

New England Singles dance, Friday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. to midnight, **Moseley's on the Charles**, 50 Bridge St., Dedham; 60s, 70s and 80s music by DJ Paul Dipanfilo. Ages 35+. Admission $10. Call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdancenewengland.com.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. to midnight, with DJ Dave Joubert. Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Admission $10, $7 members. Ages 45+. Proper dress. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Feb. 24, **Motown Night w/Boston Soul Revue**. Cover $15. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Jo-Jomima featuring Joey Sullivan**, Friday, Feb. 24. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Saturday, Feb. 24, **Dave Foley Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Ongoing events

South Shore Brain Aneurysm Support Group, second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Call 617-513-3578 or email tfquirk@aol.com.

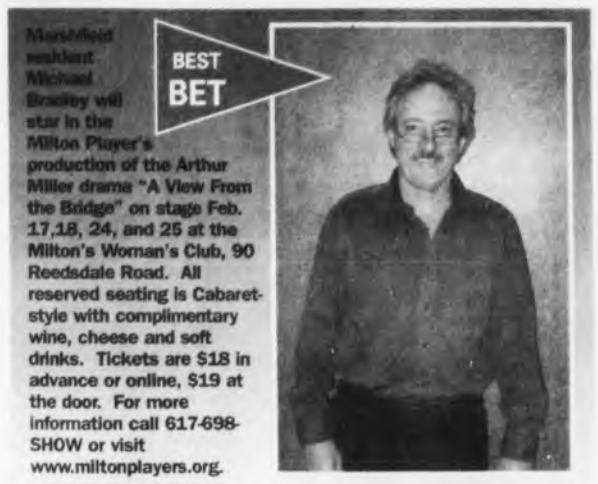
Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Buttonwood Books & Toys Story Time every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Storytellers entertain 2-5 year olds with a half-hour of delightful stories. Book selections are a mix of new releases, traditional favorites and seasonal. No signup necessary. Free admission and open to the public. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwood-books.com.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.



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Marshfield resident Michael Bradley will star in the Milton Player's production of the Arthur Miller drama "A View From the Bridge" on stage Feb. 17,18, 24, and 25 at the Milton's Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Road. All reserved seating is Cabaret-style with complimentary wine, cheese and soft drinks. Tickets are $18 in advance or online, $19 at the door. For more information call 617-698-SHOW or visit www.miltonplayers.org.

Feed the Animals at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. Free with admission. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Pick a Party, Route 139, Hanover, **mother's group meeting** Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost $5 per hour per child with the purchase of a 10-visit family pass for $50. Pass entitles holder to any Tuesday morning visit for up to two children per family pass. Call Stacy Smith Wheel, 781-826-7077 to register.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/-0121208.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a new marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard-flag squad members. A family style group open to those from age 13 to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at Pembroke Community Center, Route 14, Pembroke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.

Men's Support Group. Discussion group for men who are in relationships with women undergoing or surviving cancer treatment, every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m., at St. Stephen Church in Cohasset. Explore many issues that are the result of cancer and its impact on those who are close to the survivors. Groups facilitated by Licensed Clinical Social Worker Free and confidential. Space is limited. Call 781-393-0771.

For Your Health

"MEDICATIONS AND YOU" free seminar sponsored by Norwell Visiting Nurse Association through a Title IIID Grant from South Shore Elder Services. Educates seniors on the proper use of medication, Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Cohasset COA, 3 North Main St. in Cohasset. South Shore residents are invited to attend and learn how to properly manage medications, how to read labels and find additional information on medication bottles. Discussion of which foods react with certain medications and doctor-pharmacy relations. For more information call the Norwell VNA at 781-659-2342, ext. 232.

INFANT MASSAGE CLASS at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. Four sessions will meet Tuesdays from 12:30-2 p.m. Next class scheduled for March 7 in the Sgarzi conference room. Fee is $35. Call JordanCall at 800-750-5343 to register.

GREATER PLYMOUTH LUPUS GROUP will meet on the fourth Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. Open to the public and no registration is required. Meetings are scheduled for 2/23, 3/23, 4/27 and 5/25. For more information, call Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770.

YOGA CLASSES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, at Body to Soul Fitness, Pembroke. New 7-week session begins Feb. 23. Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., taught by Kezia Bacon-Bernstein, RYT. Ideal way to prepare for labor, birth and mothering. Cost is $69 for Body to Soul members, $89 for non-members or pay $16 per session ($13 members.) New students can begin anytime. To sign up or for information, call 781-829-2002.

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Families pitch in for ailing pooch

Provide money for pet's surgery

By Samantha Brown
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Dama Dow has been floored by an act of kindness.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, Dow was the recipient of an unbelievable outpouring of love and support from 27 families while driving her Cohasset school bus route. With her beloved bull mastiff Brady scheduled to go in for surgery Friday, Dow was presented with a card filled with words of encouragement, and a $400 donation to help with the $2,800 bill.

"I talk about my dog like he's my other child," said Dow, adding she is constantly sharing stories about 4-year-old Brady and showing pictures. Recently, those stories have included Brady's upcoming tibial plateau leveling osteotomy surgery, which is essentially knee ligament surgery for dogs. "It's very common in big dogs," she said, adding Brady is roughly 140 pounds and hip to waist high on the average adult. "He's a big boy," she said.

Dow has been driving the same bus route in Cohasset for the past 13 years. "They're like my extended family," she said of the students she picks up each week, and their families. Last week, while she was stopping to pick up children on King Street, Jody Golden came running out of her house waving the card like a flag. Not having read the card, Dow assumed it included well-wishes for her dog, but never expected to see a $400 check enclosed.

"I talk about my dog like he's my other child."
— Dama Dow, about her bull mastiff Brady

"I'm still trying to get my jaw up off the floor," said Dow.

But not only was Dow stunned by the gesture of the 27 families who gave her the card, she was overwhelmed by the very generous offering of one very thoughtful Osgood student.

Second grade student Julia Stanganelli had been saving money in a piggy bank given to her by the Humane Society. Her family is on the organization's mailing list, and the piggy bank was sent to encourage children to save up their pennies and make a donation to their favorite shelter. For the past

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Julia Stanganelli, 8, gave the money she had saved in her piggy bank to help pay for Brady's operation. Brady is her school bus driver's dog.

State aid has net decrease

Local legislators try to explain why

By Samantha Brown
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Most Massachusetts towns are currently in the throes of a budgetary crisis. Expenses are increasing, but many would say the state isn't doing enough to help cover the costs.

To help gain a better picture of what is happening at the state level in terms of local aid, Town Manager Bill Griffin invited Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley to Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting.

The two gave an update on Governor Mitt Romney's recommended fiscal 2007 local aid budget. They said the good news is that statewide, Romney increased Chapter 70 funding (school funds and state aid for public schools) by $164 million.

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Honoring more recent veterans

New memorial being planned

By Samantha Brown
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On Nov. 11, 2006 the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee hopes to hold a special Veterans Day dedication for a monument built to honor those in town who have served our country in the armed forces.

Currently, the monument is in the planning stages, and Town Meeting will decide April 1 whether it would like to see the project move forward, when it votes on allocating half of the necessary funding, or roughly $60,000, to build the monument. Town Manager Bill Griffin said if the article passes, the funding would likely come from free cash, but the Community Preservation Committee has been contacted and Town

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Volunteered to serve in the Army

Korean War soldier paid ultimate price

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset sent 164 men off to battle during the Korean War and 163 came home. For the town and those who knew and loved CPL C. David Strout, his loss was one too many.

Strout was born in Arlington, Mass., where he lived with his parents and his older brother, Stanley. His father, an executive at John Hancock Insurance, then moved the family to Weston where Stanley entered the service in World War II, and David attended Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania. David graduated from the school in 1947, and returned home to Massachusetts.

In June 1950, the Strout family moved again, this time to a home at 353 South Main St., in Cohasset. That November, David made the decision to follow in his brother's footsteps and enlist in the United States Army.

David spent time in Camp Polk, La. from November 1950 through January 1951. While there is no information regarding other assignments he had, he was ultimately deployed to Korea. History of the Korean War indicates the 279th Infantry, of which David was a member, was in the area about 10 miles west of the rubble piles of Chorwon — known as the "iron triangle," between Chorwon, Kumhwa, and Pyonggang, north of Seoul — at the time of David's death.

The 45th Division was the first National Guard Division to fight in Korea, and it arrived in Korea from Japan in the third week of December, 1951. Records indicate David was killed in action on Feb. 6, 1952 near Sungyang-ni, North Korea. He was just 23 years old.

David had been attached to the second platoon of Company L, 279th Infantry as a litter bearer. Differing records indicate his rank as either PFC or CPL. The second platoon was attacking hill "Old Baldy" when David was hit by mortar fragments in the back of his head and was killed instantly. His body was recovered and eventually shipped to the United States. When he was found, he was still wearing his Valley Forge Military Academy class ring.

David Strout in his Valley Forge Military Academy uniform.

The 45th Division was the first National Guard Division to fight in Korea.

David was buried in the Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston. However, in 1972, his remains were removed and sent to his mother in Sun City, Ariz., and inured with his father at Sunland Memorial Park and Crematory.

Stanley Strout remembers being at the family home in Cohasset the day he was notified by the Department of Defense that his brother had sacrificed his life for his country. He and his broth-

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Election races ready to start

By Samantha Brown
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All residents, who pulled papers seeking positions in elected office, are now officially running. All nomination papers were returned on time, and the Town Clerk has certified the signatures, which means the races can officially begin.

The school committee has two open three-year seats, and four candidates are vying for the positions. Incumbent Rick Flynn of Summer Street will try to keep his seat, while Barbara Buckley, 272 N. Main St., Steven Fusco, 4 Surry Drive, and Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road will fight for spots on the board as well. Incumbent Pam Wilson is not seeking re-election.

Board of Selectmen incumbent Michael Sullivan is not running for re-election, and there are two residents competing to fill his seat — Edwin G. "Ted" Carr of 88 S. Main St., and Roger Q. Hill of 19A Highland Avenue.

Many seats in this year's election will be uncontested. Incumbent Peter Pratt is the only

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VANTAGE POINT

Audrey deMurias, 2, of Cohasset doesn't know what to think about the festivities during the Chinese New Year Family Festival at Our World. The event was sponsored by the South Shore Multicultural Club. For more photos, see page 19.

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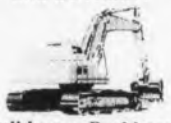

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Names: Linda M. Litchfield.

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Best day of your life: Births of my three children.

Best vacation: Camping on Bassings Beach.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Anything with chicken.

Best book: "Clear and Present Danger," by Tom Clancy.

Best movie: "White Christmas."

Best TV show: "Grey's Anatomy."

Pet peeve: Being incorrectly charged for things.

Dumbest thing I've every done: Pulling up to a drive-through and waiting only to find it boarded up.

Goal: To enjoy each day with my husband and children.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Cohasset Mariner caught up with Treasurer/Collector Linda Litchfield this week at the treasurer's office on the second floor of Town Hall.

Person I'd most like to meet: Elvis.

Biggest worry: My children's future.

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor.

One bid for Cook project

Bids for the Cook project were due Friday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. The town received one bid for $4,950,000 from the Weathervane Development Corp. of South Weymouth. Its proposal is for 45 single family homes, 12 of which would be affordable under state guidelines. There are no rental units included with the project. The company was scheduled to come before the Board of Selectmen Thursday, Feb. 23 after the Mariner went to press, to give a formal presentation of its project.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Feb.	High AM	Hgt.	High PM	Hgt.	Low AM	Hgt.	Low PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 23	6:24	8.8	7:12	7.5	12:03	1.6	12:54	0.7
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:26 p.m.*			
Fri. 24	7:27	9.2	8:14	7.9	1:06	1.3	1:56	-0.2
Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:27 p.m.*			
Sat. 25	8:28	9.7	9:12	8.5	2:07	0.8	2:53	-0.4
Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:28 p.m.*			
Sun. 26	9:26	10.3	10:06	9.2	3:05	-0.2	3:47	-1.0
Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:29 p.m.*			
Mon. 27	10:21	10.7	10:56	9.8	4:00	-0.5	4:37	-1.4
Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:31 p.m.*			
Tues. 28	11:14	10.9	11:45	10.3	4:53	-1.0	5:25	-1.6
Sunrise: 6:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:32 p.m.*			
Wed. 1	—	—	12:05	10.9	5:45	-1.4	6:13	-1.6
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:33 p.m.*			
Thurs. 2	12:32	10.5	12:56	10.6	6:36	-1.5	7:00	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:34 p.m.*			

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Hearing on transit district continued

TOD language being ironed out

By Samantha Brown
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"It's going to be a real shame if we can't find a way to make it happen."
— Peter Brown, Economic Development Committee

An article that would allow for the creation of a Transit Oriented District, dubbed TOD, surrounding the new Greenbush train station has been temporarily stalled in its tracks.

At a public hearing held by the Planning Board Wednesday, Feb. 22, the board agreed to continue the hearing on the proposed zoning article to its March 1 meeting, due to the fact that a compromise could not be reached on the language included in the article. The board will allow for 30 minutes of discussion March 1, and will then take a vote on the matter. The article is slated to come before the Board of Selectmen March 2.

The Economic Development Committee has been looking at ways for the town to grow its commercial tax base, which would help the town rely less on residential taxes for revenue. To that end, it has proposed establishing a TOD, which is an overlay district that would make it possible to have mixed-use development in a limited area surrounding the new train station. The TOD would also allow for more dense development than is allowed under current zoning.

With an overlay district, the underlying zoning remains in tact. Therefore, parcels incorporated in the TOD would not lose their status as light industry (on the north side of 3A) but would have the TOD has an alternative set of standards for development.

With Greenbush train service due to resume in mid-2007, construction on the station is now under way, and members of the Economic Development Committee say now is the right time to establish the district. EDC chairman Peter Brown said with approval to develop the TOD, "We could improve access points and have everything integrated" with the MBTA as construction progresses, and not after the fact.

Brown said mixed-use development would be a benefit to the town not only from a revenue standpoint, but because it will add more housing options in town. Rental units would be built with either one or two bedrooms on the upper levels, and because of its proximity to the train, would be geared toward young working professionals, rather than families with children. The businesses which would be located in the lower levels would also be geared toward commuters. He added that portion of Route 3A serves as a gateway to the town and allowing it to be developed in a visually appealing way would be an asset to the community.

However, while in concept members of the Planning Board might agree forming a TOD is a good idea, and most members seemed amenable to some suggested language changes, there were some points of contention. Members discussed the article for upwards of one hour before carrying the hearing over to another night.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy had the most concern regarding the language of the article, and specifically, what the procedure would be for a developer looking to build within the TOD. He wanted to ensure his board had a say in what was built through the site plan review process. He was also concerned with some of the language that allowed uses within a TOD "by right."

"This needs major revisions, then maybe it can come up again in the fall," he said.

However, Brown pointed out time is of the essence with MBTA construction already in progress. He said the EDC is willing to work with the board to change the language enough so that it will be acceptable to move forward. "I do believe if this doesn't come before Town Meeting in April, we're going to lose our chance. It's going to be a real shame if we can't find a way to make it happen," he said.

Town Counsel will be working on the wording of the article for the March 1 meeting in an effort to find a compromise which the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Board can agree on. The board will allow for 30 minutes of discussion on the article and will then take a vote whether to recommend it to Town Meeting, which will have the final say. For more information, please contact the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

Protecting watershed is a priority

Town Meeting to address land issues

By Samantha Brown
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Town Meeting will vote on two Water Commission articles Saturday, April 1. Both deal with the land the commission has acquired to continue its mission of protecting the town's water supply.

The commission had proposed three articles for the Warrant, but one has since been withdrawn. The commission was given permission at the fall Special Town Meeting to work with the town of Scituate to acquire a parcel of land which would be mutually beneficial for watershed protection purposes. There had been some question as to whether the language in that article was adequate for the deal the towns are trying to make, and the article was put on the draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant as a placeholder. Town Counsel has since said he believes the wording is sufficient.

The two articles which will be taken up are fairly routine. Chairman Glenn Pratt explained the commission has been working to acquire land in the town's watershed, and at the Special Town Meeting, many acquisitions were approved. On that list were two parcels of land, which on the floor of Town Meeting were taken out of the article because the town thought it had already received permission to acquire them. Pratt said after Town Meeting, it was determined permission was not received and the parcels should have been voted on in the fall.

"This was included in the original appropriation, but we inadvertently took it off," said Pratt. "It was a mistake."

Pratt said with Town Meeting's permission, the commission will purchase the two parcels of land, located deep in Whitney Woods, for roughly $170,000 using funds previously appropriated by Town Meeting.

The second article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend easements located over land which has been acquired by the Water Commission. The easements are currently granted to National Grid, and Pratt said the company has asked that the easements be widened to allow it better access. Pratt said the easements are roughly 30 to 50 feet wide right now, and National Grid would like to have 100 foot easements.

Pratt said Town Counsel has said the best way to change the easement is to have the Board of Selectmen grant the company a license for the additional footage because otherwise, the town would need to pass a Home Rule Petition, which would in turn need to be approved by the Legislature.

The board asked Pratt to get in touch with Town Counsel to ensure the wording would not allow any building on the easements and that they would only be used for access.

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Alex Woo portrays Buddha during the Lion Dance at the Chinese New Year Family Festival. For more, see page 19.

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Census forms should be returned

The Town Census for 2006 has been mailed to each household. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2006. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2005 license. If you did not receive your census, call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

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New military monument to honor more recent veterans

FROM VETERANS, PAGE 1

Counsel is ruling on whether the project qualifies for a Community Preservation Fund grant.

Chairman of the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt said a new monument would be built in Veteran's Park on Cohasset Harbor, which would be dedicated to those who served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Currently, Veteran's Park has two monuments which list the names of all who served from the Civil War up to World War II. Pratt said this new monument would be the perfect way to honor the men and women who served or are serving in the country's more recent wars.

The landscaping and layout of Veteran's Park would change to feature the new, centrally located memorial. The monument would be circular, and sunken into the ground. "It will be recessed so it will not block the view of the harbor," said Pratt, adding from the ground up, it will be roughly 16 inches tall on the outside, and 22 inches tall on the inside. It would have a diameter of 28 feet, and the outside portion, which would be visible from the street, would be made of fieldstone. The monument will also feature a big flagpole in the center of the circle. There is currently a flag pole in Veteran's Park, but this would be slightly larger and more prominent, said Pratt.

"It will be recessed so it will not block the view of the harbor."

— Glenn Pratt, Veterans Memorial Committee

There would be a gently sloping walkway that will bring visitors down into the inside of the circle where the actual honor roll wall will be located. The inside walls of the circle will be made of gray granite and beveled to allow for easy reading of the names for all who have served. Pratt estimated there are roughly 168 names from the Korean War, 243 from Vietnam, 19 from the Gulf War, and 38 from the War on Terror.

Pratt said Tutela Engineering has completed the engineering for the project. He said engineering was vital for the area, as it used to serve as the site of the old fire station. Pratt said test pits were dug to ensure the land was "all set to go."

There will be drainage on the site and Pratt said his group has been in contact with the various garden clubs to ensure the plants that are planned for the site are acceptable. He said veterans groups in town are very happy about the prospect of a monument.

Pratt said with the blessing of Town Meeting, the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee will begin soliciting donations for the other $60,000 necessary to complete the project. He said he hopes construction will be ready to begin after the Memorial Day parade.

The most important aspect of the memorial will be ensuring all names of those who served are included and that the spelling is correct. Pratt said anyone who went into active service from a Cohasset address is eligible to have his or her name included on the monument, and being deployed is not a requirement.

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee is collecting names for those who have served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror. The most current lists of names can be found on the committee's Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com. To add a name to any of the lists, or to correct a name, please contact Chairman Glenn Pratt at info@cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

An artist's rendering of the new memorial which would be dedicated to those who served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying March'06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army;
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

Visit: www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Volunteered to serve in the Army

FROM STROUT, PAGE 1

er had spent many fond days not only in Cohasset, but in nearby Duxbury, where the family had a summer home.

While Strout was not a lifelong resident of Cohasset, he will forever remain in the hearts of those who live here. A square has been dedicated in his honor, and is located at the intersection of Red Gate Lane and Jerusalem Road.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt provided the Mariner with the information for this article, some of which was taken from the Valley Forge Military Academy's 50th class reunion publication, published in 1997. For more information on C. David Strout or any of the Cohasset veterans who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Medicare Part D questions answered

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan will have representatives to answer questions Wednesday, March 1 and 8, at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. Those who are currently members of either of these plans or are thinking of switching, are encouraged to attend. Guests are also invited for lunch starting at noon. The cost is $2.50. No fee for the program. Register at 781-383-9112.

Harvard Pilgrim Health: Wednesday, March 1, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

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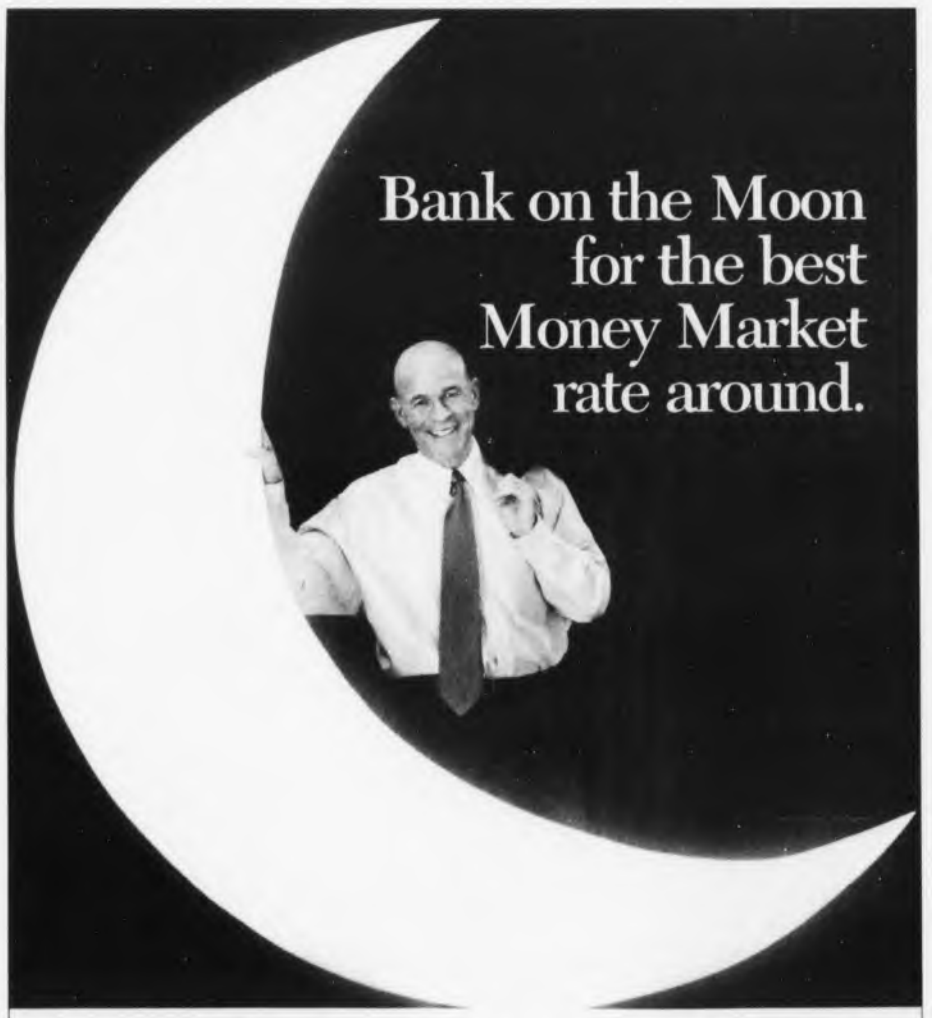

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Legislators explain why town ends up with net decrease in state aid

FROM AID, PAGE 1

Cohasset is likely to receive $1,356,399 for fiscal 2007, which is an increase of $135,776, or 11.1 percent, over its fiscal 2006 allocation.

Other positive news included the fact that Romney is proposing to uncap the $150 million in lottery fund diversion, sending the total amount to cities and towns in fiscal 2007. The fiscal 2006 budget included a plan to uncap the lottery surplus to cities and towns over a four-year period, with 100 percent of the surplus being paid out in fiscal 2009. For Cohasset, lottery aid is projected at $468,094, which is an increase of $63,164 or 15.6 percent over the fiscal 2006 allocation.

Romney is also proposing a total of $90 million statewide for education reform, and Cohasset stands to receive an additional $94,149.

Bradley and Hedlund also pointed out Cohasset could gain more local aid through a housing incentive program. Romney has recommended $30 million be distributed to those cities and towns that demonstrate an increase in dwelling units of at least 1 percent over the number of housing units in place as of Jan. 1, 2006. For Cohasset, that could mean an extra $11,944.

Romney has also proposed level funding additional assistance for fiscal 2007, which would mean Cohasset will again receive $166,099.

While at first glance it would appear Cohasset will potentially receive $3.9 million in state aid, Bradley and Hedlund were the bearers of bad news as well. Cohasset's fiscal 2007 state assessments are increasing by $239,277. The majority of the increase is the result of a 39.3 percent increase, or $214,124, in Cohasset's share of retired teacher's health insurance.

The way retired teacher's health insurance works is that each participating municipality is assessed for the governmental share of health and life insurance premiums paid on behalf of its teacher retirees by the state. The state pays 90 percent of the total premium, and the retiree's co-payment is 10 percent of the total premium. The retiree also pays full payment for catastrophic illness coverage. Town Manager Bill Griffin said while teachers are working in the school system, the town pays 69 percent of the total premium, and once they retire, that jumps up to 90 percent.

Bradley and Hedlund said for now, the bottom line for Cohasset is, based on cherry sheets alone (minus offsets) Cohasset will likely see a net decrease in state aid of $32,119 from fiscal 2006 to fiscal 2007.

Selectmen were not impressed with the level of funding the state will be dolling out. Selectman Michael Sullivan said state aid has been on a decline and it is greatly affecting the town's schools. "We're eroding our educational system," he said, as the only way to help offset the cost of running a school district is to increase taxes through Prop. 2-1/2 overrides. "Unless we ask for overrides every year, we're going to go backwards."

Sullivan added Cohasset currently has 45 students in their junior and senior year at Cohasset High School who are taking study halls because there is not enough staff to offer additional classes. He said to say Cohasset should look at the positives in Romney's budget is ridiculous, as "year after year, it's the same situation and it keeps getting worse."

"We're failing our kids," he said.

Hedlund said part of the problem in his view is the fact that there are votes being taken to spend money on items that are not priorities. "We're blowing a huge surplus on junk," he said, adding votes were recently taken at the state level to spend a huge amount of money on hosting the women's Final Four basketball tournament at the Fleet Center. "I don't see any lobbying ever that we should be spending less," he said.

Hedlund said there is only so much money to go around and in his opinion, much is being spent in "an abusive and wasteful way."

Bradley added there is a problem with accountability as larger cities have in the past, perhaps during election years, taken surplus funds and handed out huge pay raises to teachers, police, and firefighters, which have been as high as 8 or 9 percent. "While you're out here fighting for 1 or 2 percent."

Sullivan said in Cohasset, residents cannot keep voting in favor of overrides every year and many are frustrated they have been asked so many times already. "What do we do?" he asked.

"You have to insist that your legislators have the right priorities because the money is there. Don't let anyone tell you it isn't," Hedlund replied.

The House and Senate will release their own budgets in April and May, with a final budget adopted in June.

Cohasset's projected state aid for fiscal 2007

Chapter 70	$1,356,399
Lottery aid	$468,094
Education reform	$94,149
Housing incentive	$11,944
Additional assistance (level funded)	$166,099
State assessment increase	$239,277
State aid net decrease	$32,119

"We're eroding our educational system."

— Selectman Michael Sullivan

Selectmen, school board have contests

FROM ELECTION, PAGE 1

candidate for one open five-year seat on the Planning Board. Sewer Commissioner John Beck will run uncontested to retain his seat, as will Lisa LoJacono for the Recreation Commission. Peggy Chapman of the Board of Health, Water Commissioner John McNabb, and Assessor Michael C. Patrolia are all running uncontested as well.

There are three candidates for the three open seats on the Board of Library Trustees, and incumbents Patience Towle and Agnes McCann will seek re-election with Elizabeth Baker campaigning for the third seat.

Susan Sardina, 271 S. Main St., is the only candidate for the one open five-year seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority.

Friday, March 10 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 8.

Village overlay article withdrawn

An article that would have formed an overlay district in the village has been withdrawn from the Town Meeting Warrant. The article would have allowed for mixed-use buildings, meaning businesses would operate on the first floor, but residential units would be a possibility for upper levels.

The planning board voted unanimously to withdraw the article Wednesday, due largely in part to the fact there is not enough sewer capacity to handle additional residences. Vice Chairman Peter Pratt said he had been in contact with the Sewer Commission which stated there are 18 connections left in the entire Central Sewer District, and to give the hookups to new units in the village while there are residents who have been waiting is not fair and could cause litigation against the town. He said the Sewer Commission is willing to work with the Planning Board to see if a resolution could be found, but that will take time. "I think it is irresponsible for us to pull the trigger on something that will create a land rush for sewer capacity that doesn't exist," Pratt said.

Pratt added the article as written does not provide any provisions to preserve the character of the village, such as façade protection. "Shame on us if in three to six years Cohasset Village looks like Scituate Harbor," he said. With some work, the article could come before voters in the fall.

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Jody Kehoe Jr. was welcomed to the world Feb. 13

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Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone who had a February vacation has enjoyed it so far and will close out the week with a bang.

I had the pleasure of talking with **Dama Dow,** a local bus driver for the town and what a story she had to tell. Her beloved dog, Brady had surgery last week and many of her families on her bus route all pitched in and presented her with a check to help defray the costs. Along with this wonderful donation, one little girl in particular made a huge donation both in dollar amount and heart.

Julia Stanganelli gave Dama her piggy bank filled with money to help with Brady. What a great thing to do Julia, I know that your family is so proud of you and your town is to. Dama and her family, especially Brady send a huge thank you to all who helped.

NEW BABY BOY

A 7 lb. 7 oz. baby boy was born to **Jody and Stacey Kehoe** on Feb. 13. His two big sisters **Sarah and Samantha** are so excited about him along with his grandmothers **Shirley Kehoe** of Cohasset and **Joyce Olsen** of Hingham. His name is **Jody Jr.** and is surrounded by love.

Congratulations to all on this wonderful new addition to your family.

CABARET AU CHOCOLAT!

What do the names **Game, Tebbetts, Haber, Kovach, Sceery**, and **Norman** have in common? The South Shore's Choral Arts Society, conducted by **Danica A. Buckley**, and composed of your neighbors and local friends from many South Shore towns who love to sing. The choral group, will hold its the first annual Cabaret au Chocolat, a delightful evening of music, merriment, snacks, wine and chocolate from your favorite sources. Saturday March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St Mary's Parish Center, Scituate Harbor. Tickets are limited and are available at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St. in Scituate, and from choir members. $20. per person, $160. per table of 8 in advance. $25 per person at the door, space permitting. For information call Paul at 781-585-8910.

The choral arts society is a non-profit organization and proceeds will be used to support the society's concerts and the scholarship fund. The spring concert is set for Saturday May 6, a marvelous program of music by composers who composed in Vienna, including Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven and Hayden. But don't wait until may to hear good tunes. Join us March 18 for fun, sweets, and songs. This will be a wonderful way to get ready for Spring and enjoy some beautiful music, great food and good friends.

BC HIGH HONORS

Boston College High School announced that **Alexander Hunt**, class of 2007; **Thomas Chase**, class of 2008; **Kyle DeSisto, Evan Richardson** and **Eric Vanderpool,** all class of 2009, achieved high honors for the second quarter. **Michael Pecca**, class of 2006; **Alan Kershaw** and **Alexander Shipp**, class of 2008 all received honors. Great work boys, keep it up.

DEAN'S LIST

Cohasset resident, **Alicia Sanchez**, a sophomore has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Salve Regina. This is super news Alicia and your family and friends are all so proud of your hard work.

Keep it up. That is all the news for this week. Send in any news, vacation stories, upcoming birthdays and more no later than Tuesday by 5 p.m.

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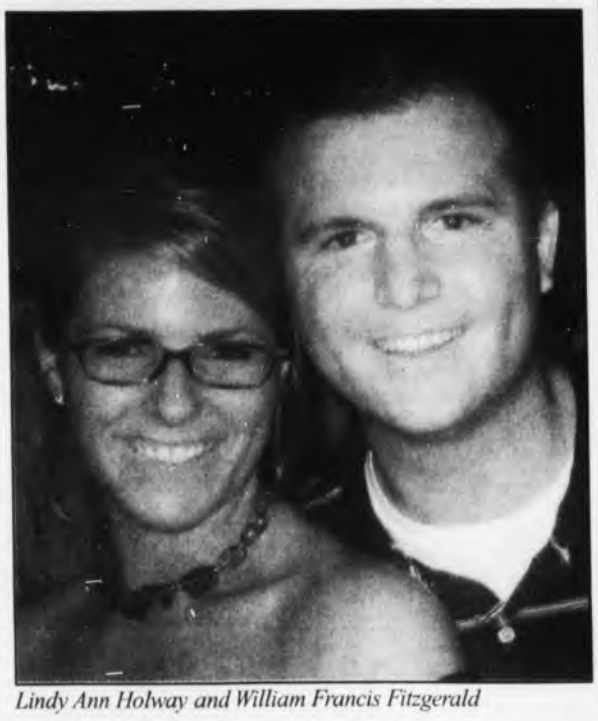
Her fiancé graduated from Boston College High School in 1999 and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Babson College in 2001. He is employed as a Sales Executive with Computer Associates in Framingham.

A July 1 wedding in Cohasset is planned.



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Lifeguards sought

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for lifeguard and water safety instructor positions for the 2006 summer season Both positions require Lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid Certification. Programs to become a certified lifeguard will be offered throughout the region during the winter and spring. Lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years old. Water safety instructors must be at least 17 years old and enjoy working and swimming with children. To apply, send a letter of interest by April 15 to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information email cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Book signing at historical society

The Cohasset Historical Society will host a book signing by Jennifer Grisdale Krieger, formerly of Cohasset, on Sunday, March 5, 2-4 p.m., at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main Street.

"What? No Spaghetti and Meatballs?!? A charming collection of stories and musings about everyday life in a culturally diverse family," is about a proper Bostonian who marries a "good Jewish boy from Brooklyn," with an older sister who married an Italian Catholic.

"I look at this book as one of those Prevention Magazines," Krieger says. "You know what I mean: turn to page 71 for tips on how to find True Love, or page 62 to learn how life really relates to football."

Krieger is an award-winning journalist and non-fiction writer, but most importantly, she is a mother, and a staunch advocate of the family unit (La Famiglia!). If you like Dave Barry or Erma Bombeck, you will enjoy her talk. For more information, please call the Society at 781-383-1434, or email at cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

Dance benefits homeless

The fourth annual Valentine's Fund Dance to benefit Bread&Jams Self-Advocacy Center for the homeless will be held on the evening of Feb. 25 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor. Great dance music will be provided by the Pemberton All-Stars, hors d'ouevres provided by the Atlantica staff, and works from local artist including Donna Green are available for silent auction along with items from local merchants and restaurants.

This year's homeless census showed a 10 percent increase in the greater Boston area, especially in homeless families. Creative black tie, which means more creative than black tie. A $20 donation is gratefully accepted, as all music and food are donated and all proceeds go directly to Bread&Jams, Inc.

For dinner reservations, call Atlantica at 781-383-0900. For more information on the benefit, or to donate items for auction, call 781-383-6568. Dances are the answer to the February mid-winter blues.

Digital camera class

South Shore Community Center announces a new class offering designed to appeal to beginners with digital camera. For those who have recently purchased a digital camera or are thinking about doing so, this class is a must.

Laura Sinclair, local professional photographer and digital photo enthusiast, will lead the class in demonstrating the marvelous capabilities of the amazing digital camera. Students are encouraged to bring their own camera and manual to class for individual attention. Sinclair will discuss how digital cameras relate to computers, pixels, resolution, and storage and battery systems. Other topics will cover downloading photos and printing options, as well as editing techniques.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Question of the Week

The School Committee and Board of Selectmen races promise to perk up the April 8 Town Election.

Rick Flynn, 30 Summer St.; Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road; Barbara Buckley, 272 N. Main St.; and Steve Fusco, 4 Surry Drive are in a four-way race for two seats on the School Committee. Flynn is seeking a third term and incumbent Pam Wilson is not seeking reelection.

Roger Hill, 19A Highland Ave. and Ted Carr, 88 S. Main St., are in a two-way race for one seat on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Michael Sullivan is not seeking reelection.

As in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates in contested races.

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies. There is no word limit on formal announcements but if the text is overly long, it could be held a week for space reasons.

Starting next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

The following is the first Question of the Week for the School Committee candidates:

• *The school system is talking about an override of at least $1 million to keep the district moving forward. With a failed override last year, and the town's history of passing substantially smaller overrides, is this a wise move?*

The following is the first Question of the Week for the Board of Selectmen candidates:

• *Given the constraints of Prop. 2-1/2, how can the Town reconcile its needs to deliver services provided by employees (teachers, police, fire, public works, etc.) when salaries and benefits are the largest line items in the budget and rise faster than 2-1/2 percent per year?*

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words) per week, from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers or short statements on issues.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued by the Building Commissioner's office at Town Hall:

Dunne, 21 Beach St., re-roof, $16,000; Blackington, 118 Jerusalem Rd., build out exist, basement, 2 ext. doors, $18,000; Conetta, 173A Hull St., remodel kitchen, $30,000; Covell, 83 Elm St., demolish/rebuild barn/garage, $60,000; Verrochi, 434 King St., porch screened deck, $22,500; Frattaroli, 55 Cushing Rd., re-roof 20 squares, $6,300; and Sestito, 51 Hill St., garage 24 x 26, $20,000.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who created the snow budget?

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the Feb. 26 article, "Powdery white snow pushes cleanup budget into the red," I must admit that I'm completely baffled. In what has been an extraordinarily mild winter by any reasonable person's standards, and with a very modest amount of snowfall prior to the storm of Feb. 12, the article cites Cohasset as having just been within its budgeted snow and ice spending limits *prior to* this storm and that Feb. 12 pushed this line item well into a deficit.

One has no choice but to wonder who created this budget in the first place? Have our elected officials included anyone with true financial planning expertise in the budget creation process? Have these individuals (assuming they exist) lived in Florida for the past few decades? This is Massachusetts! Snow falls here every winter.

Last year should have provided a wake-up call that we never know when our snow season is going to be particularly severe, yet the creators of our town budget appear to have decided instead to plan for a balmy winter with orders of magnitude less snow than is normal. Is it any wonder that come time for our Town Meeting, we the taxpayers are always asked for a Proposition 2-1/2 override? It seems that the school system always takes the blame for poor fiscal management at these meetings, but maybe we should be casting a closer eye toward the rest of the town's activities as well.

Ironically, this same issue of the Mariner contained the article "Selectmen weigh in on budget issues," in which the school committee was asked to go through an exercise in which its budget was "only" allowed a 3 percent increase. While the school committee is going through this budgetary exercise "reluctantly," a smart and efficient town would force the school committee to keep to this limit. Additionally, the rest of our town's public spending should be held to similar controls. Only by setting a precedent (as voters did in finally preventing the "annual" override request last year) and sticking to it will we ever teach our elected officials that it is their job to push back on spending requests, suppliers, special interests, etc. in order to maintain a system of acceptable annual tax increases.

Without responsible and accountable financial representatives in this town's planning process, our tax bills will continue to rise at an inexcusable rate. Worse, what will happen when we hit the inevitable economic downtown? Where will the buck stop then?

Paul Antico
124 Atlantic Ave.

CHS artists honored

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset High School Art Department and the Cohasset Arts Boosters are proud to announce that several students were selected to receive the prestigious Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award. Among those chosen to represent Cohasset were Caitlin Hurley, Amanda Thompson, Sarah Malone, Katharine Murphy, and John Burgoon.

Award winners were Kathleen DeWaal and John Rohrer who both received a Silver key for their artwork. John Rohrer also received an Honorable Mention for one of his photographs. Emily Bertovich, Christine Corr, and Colin Quinlan also received Honorable Mentions.

Gold and Silver Key winners will be exhibited for the entire month at the Mass. Transportation Building at Park Place in Boston. Congratulations! We are all very proud of these students for their hard work and achievements.

Mary Charwat
Cohasset MHS Fine Arts, chairman

Catherine Davis
Paula Dickinson
Elaine Breslow
Kathy Guinee
Sue Thompson
Barbara Baumgarten
Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters

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3 percent not grounded in reality

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

It has been disconcerting to read of the general ignorance of the financial problems facing our school system by some of our public officials on the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee. Although one has come to expect that certain members of the general public either do not understand the issues or choose not to try to understand them one would expect a higher standard from our elected and appointed public officials both as to their knowledge of the issues and their willingness to be open-minded.

In addition, one would expect that those who sit on the Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen, even if they are not experts on school budget matters, would at least understand that the school budget is far more complex and variable than any other town department budget. Moreover, one also would hope that our town officials would realize that simplistic statements and solutions have no place in a serious discussion about the school budget.

As Selectman Rob Spofford pointed out, about 80 percent of the school budget is related to salaries. Thus, even someone with no knowledge of the school budget, once confronted with that fact, would realize that failure to keep up with the annual necessary increases in the school budget will result in layoffs of teachers. Sure, perhaps we could eliminate the entire athletic program to avoid layoffs and "keep the money in the classroom." Moreover, such solutions do not address the long term problem. Eliminating sports, for example, might save layoffs this year, but where do we cut next year?

It also has been distressing to read of the back-and-forth over the past few weeks about the insistence the School Committee present a so-called "balanced budget" to conform to some pre-set notion of an overall balanced budget for the town. Although conceptually it is understandable why the Town Manager wants it this way, this idea too, is not grounded in reality.

The notion that the School Department should have a "balanced budget" within the limit of a

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Electrification and other Greenbush matters

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

OOPS ... Last week we gave an incorrect date for the closure of Hull Street (Route 228) for construction of this railroad crossing. It is planned for closure Feb. 27th at the earliest.

The photo shows the progress that has been made constructing the ramp on the North Main Street side of the Rocky Lane bridge. This part of the structure is really nearing completion. The finished height of the bridge is now readily apparent.

We might also add that the bridge will be a small bit higher than is really needed to provide clearance above the diesel locomotives that will be used on the Greenbush system. The reason is that all overhead structures have been designed to clear overhead wires and other equipment necessary should the line ever be electrified.

But, another piece of background is important to know about electrification. When the Greenbush was in the planning stages, a number of residents questioned why Greenbush was designed as diesel rather that electric. Electric seemed to be so much more environmentally friendly. Why couldn't the Greenbush be electric? The reason is that the trackage from Quincy into Boston is common among the two other legs of the MBTA's southeastern commuter rail system. Not only that, but they share common train equipment. And, these lines were already in operation. This means that if the Greenbush line were to be electrified, the other two lines (Middleboro/Lakeville and Plymouth/Kingston) would also need to be electrified at the same time. The total cost to add electrification to this three legged rail network plus, the change-out of all locomotives was just too great an expense. Perhaps, at some time in the future we'll see electrification, but not now.

The Rocky Lane bridge has been designed to clear overhead wires and other equipment necessary should the line ever be electrified.

Village chaos

This past fall, into the start of winter the downtown area of the village was the location of lots of construction. There are four separate construction projects that are underway, or have been underway in the village. We thought it might be of interest to tell you a little bit about each of these.

• Cohasset Water Department – This fall, the Cohasset Water Department undertook a construction project to replace all of the lateral water lines to all buildings in the downtown. This was certainly a prudent move. Imagine the mess of tearing up newly constructed streets and sidewalks to replace these water lines. All of the Revitalization work would be in vain and useless. This work started after Labor Day and concluded in October. The Water Department also has work underway on Pond Street and further South on South Main Street.

• Cohasset Village Revitalization – This project has a very checkered past and took a very long time to coalesce so that construction could begin. The revitalization project initially meant different things to different people and in the eyes of some it may have turned Cohasset Village into Disney Land North. Now, it is a very streamlined project that only replaces the existing street, curbs and sidewalk infrastructure with new materials, but of similar design to what is there now.

One bit of construction that is necessary and adds to the mess in the village is the restoration of stormwater drainage in downtown. This includes the storm drain grates and catch basins, drain manholes and, in some cases the pipes that interconnect them. These structures are all in the streets and digging them is a messy affair and the temporary patching that was put in place during the winter has made travel in the village a rough affair.

This March, Revitalization will restart. Rock removal for the widened sidewalk below St. Stephen's on South Main Street will be completed. The drainage will be finished, and curbs, streets and sidewalks will be replaced. The sidewalks and streets will be asphalt and the curbing will be granite. Unfortunately, this construction will also be disruptive for both residents and businesses alike. We wish there was a way to accomplish this construction without impact. But, that is impossible by definition. Our goal is to get this work finished before start of the summer. In fact, our contractors must be finished by the end of May.

• MBTA – Of course it is evident that the MBTA is constructing a train through the village. The crossing closures at Sohier Street, Pleasant Street, and Pond Street all have repercussions to village traffic. As you know, Pleasant and Sohier streets are currently under construction. When Pleasant Street is completed, Smith Place will be closed. This spring work should start on Pond Street and the crossing at the Golf Club on North Main Street. But, we don't have start dates for these crossings yet. Each of these construction areas will impact our residents, depending on where they live and the season.

• Other – You may have noticed that there is also construction activity around St. Stephen's Church in the center of the village. Essentially, this project includes a columbarium area around the church overlooking the village and access improvements to the building entrance from Highland Avenue. This work from the village side is essentially complete. You may have noticed construction equipment and materials stored and accessed from the corner of the Common, across from the South Shore Community Center.

As we mentioned last week, please continue to patronize our village merchants. We need a strong, viable business downtown. You can help.

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HEALTH NOTES

Getting to the bottom of stormwater runoff

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last September, the Town submitted grant requests totaling nearly a $100,000 to upgrade some of the infrastructure which controls stormwater runoff into our waters. Health Notes at that time indicated that the Town had made significant progress in developing a consensus by groups with different objectives including the Health of the Harbor Committee and the Water Resource Protection Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Greenbush coordinators (known as the Greenbush Gang).

Before Christmas, the Department of Coastal Zone Management of the EOEA awarded the grants and Cohasset received a grant or $45,000 to plan stormwater remediation for stormwater systems in the Town center which enter the harbor through tide gates at the veteran's park near the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

Briefly the grant is comprised of three parts.

• Support of a Watershed Academy under the aegis of Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR). This organization will provide the backbone of any assessment activities needed to support evidence of pollution reported to Town officials. The data will be confirmed by strict oversight and validity sampling by a Board of Health representative and State certified labs.

• The second part of the grant will cover an evaluation of the waters entering Jacobs Meadow. These consist of several sub watersheds covering parts of south Cohasset including much of the Pond Street hills, Ellms Meadow and James Brook. Water samples will be taken over much of the center of Town and recommendations made to provide means for managing stormwater overflows as occurred several times last summer.

• Based on findings from the assessment activities, the Town will select sites for remediation and develop a plan for stormwater treatment of each site including engineering calculations and estimates.

The first phase of work will involve a compilation of available information, and development of a so-called Quality Assurance Program Plan, a roadmap for accomplishing the work. A previous storm water mapping program has identified most drainage structures within the town; however, detailed information regarding the structures and their overall connectivity still needs further definition.

The Cohasset DPW will conduct cleaning of catch basin structures and assist with facility inspection. Five engineering firms were requested to bid to provide technical oversight for the field evaluation efforts, generate an updated drainage plan for the sub-basin and coordinate volunteer assessment activities. Once the drainage system has been verified relative to extent and location, a sampling program will be devised to appropriately assess pollution influences.

It is currently anticipated that three sampling events will be conducted: one during dry weather and two during wet weather. Testing is anticipated to be conducted for dissolved oxygen, salinity, oil/grease, total nitrogen, fecal coliform, enterococcus, conductivity, temperature and acidity. The CSCR will utilize the volunteer efforts of area high school students to conduct system inspection, sample collection and to conduct some of the laboratory analysis. Work will be supervised by the Board of Health with technical input from the successful bidder for the engineering work: Coughlin Environmental Services.

Hopefully, the work now being proposed to the DEP through the department of Coastal Zone Management will allow the Town to begin its Townwide Stormwater Plan. The plan will require participation of many private citizens and considerable resources, but the Town has always solved such problems before when there's a need.

Much till needs to be done, but the work covered by this grant will go far toward implementing planning for activities crucial to the cleanup of Cohasset Harbor which has been labeled by CZM as an endangered estuary and for which the Board of Health has been seeking help for six years. Thanks to a new awareness by many in Town, perhaps because Bassing Beach was closed to swimmers for most of last summer, many in Town are coming to a recognition that something needs to be done about the condition of our coastal water bodies, a condition which is sure to worsen without the care, concern and participation by those using them.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

LEARN ABOUT ORIENTAL RUGS — Scott Gregorian, from Gregorian Rugs, will be at the library on Sun. Feb. 26th at 2:30pm to talk about oriental rugs.

ARTIST EXHIBIT — Watercolor Artist Lilly Cleveland will exhibit her new works at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library March through April. Meet the artist at a reception on Monday, March 13th, 6-8 p.m.Gallery Hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. 9am-9pm, Fri. and Sat. 9a.m.-5p.m., and Sundays 2-5p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

INCOME TAX FORMS — The library now has a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons Room. Reproducible forms are available to copy. Inquire at the circulation desk.

UPCOMING AUTHOR VISITS — Thursday, March 2nd: Buttonwood Books and PPML will host author Carol Goodman at a luncheon at the Minot Lightkeeper's Residence in Cohasset at 11:30 am. Come meet the author, hear her discuss her latest book "The Ghost Orchid" and treat yourself to a catered lunch. Tickets are $18 and are available at Buttonwood Books and the library.

Sunday, March 5th: The Friends of the Library are pleased to have Michael Tougais, author of "Ten Hours Until Dawn"... visit the PPML at 2:30pm. Mr. Tougais will present a narrated slide show. Free.

Carol Goodman will discuss her new novel "Ghost Orchid" over lunch on Thursday, March 2.

NEW TITLES — Planning a vacation? Check out our updated travel section. You'll find books on domestic and international travel destinations from author such as Rick Steves, Karen Brown, Lonely Planet, Frommer, and Fodor.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FUNDRAISER — Back by popular demand, Sunrise of Cohasset, will host its 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal Event on Sunday, March 26th, 2-4p.m. Professional appraisers Mr. Mark Schwortzer, a local dealer and collector, and Ms. Sandi Johnson, owner of the Goodies Shop 1 & 2, will be here to share their skills and insight into the heirlooms you may bring in for appraisal. Please bring $10 for each item to be appraised with a limit of three items from any one person. All proceeds go to the outreach program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library of Cohasset. For further information, call Gayle Walsh at the library 781-383-1348.

The Olympics nobody watched

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I know folks who can tell you where they were and what they were doing on Feb. 24, 1980, when a team of American college kids won the gold medal for hockey in the Olympic games at Lake Placid.

I also know folks who can't tell you that the winter games are going on right now in Turin, Italy, and they don't much care. For all I know they may even be the same people who chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!" for Jim Craig. Dave Silk, et al, 26 years ago.

What has happened to the Olympics we used to stay up late to watch?

Have you ever seen an event like the Winter Olympics of 2006 take such a dive in popularity, particularly on television where NBC paid millions of dollars for rights that may have turned out to be not worth giving away.

The last I saw, the Olympics on NBC, CNBC and MSNBC had been knocked out of the box by the Fox Channel's "American Idol." The best in the world had been beaten solidly by, as those who have watched the program can attest, the worst in the world.

What has happened to the Olympics we used to stay up late to watch?

For one thing, there's no dramatic confrontations anymore now that the Soviet Union has been broken up, leaving Kazakhstan with a world class hockey team and scattering Russians throughout the National Hockey League where they are viewed nightly in your living room.

What we need is a bobsled team from Iran or ice dancers from Saudi Arabia to get the old Cold War juices flowing again.

Many of the sports in the Winter Olympics are so obscure that they appear in print or on TV only once every four years. Quick now, who are John Schuster, Joe Polo, Shawn Rojeski and Pete Fenson? Why, they're the American men's curling team.

Curling is like bocce on ice with one man scaling the rock while a man with a broom frantically sweeps the ice in front of it for what reason I've never quite figured out. MSNBC devoted three hours of air time to it on Sunday night.

Me, I'm watching a "Mr. Ed" marathon on TV Land.

There are no stars in these Olympics, too, and the rules that govern viewership say there has to be a beautiful, shapely, young American female contesting for the gold in figure skating. Think Nancy Kerrigan, Tenley Albright, Peggy Fleming, Dorothy Hamill.

Figure skating is one of those sports that relies on judges, not goals or times, to choose a winner and judging took a hit in the 2002 Winter games in Salt Lake City when a French judge admitted fixing the ice dancing competition to assure Russian winners.

Olympic athletes are viewed with as much suspicion as Barry Bonds when the subject of performance-enhancing drugs comes up. Only the other day, members of the Austrian team were routed out of bed in the early morning hours in the search for drugs.

Olga Pyleva, a member of the Russian biathlon team, was kicked out of the Olympic village when she turned up with a stimulant called carphedon in her test. Believe me, a biathloner who skis and shoots a rifle needs no stimulation.

Think of what they did to poor old Dick Cheney and he only had a beer for lunch.

Candidates on cable

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin as they sit down with selectmen candidates Roger Hill and Edwin Carr.

The televised selectmen's debate is scheduled to begin airing on March 9.

Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

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Border collies confined to owners' property

ACO Murphy, victims testify

By Samantha Brown
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"You put far more priority on satisfying the needs of the dogs than the safety of the human beings who live in your neighborhood."
— Town Manager Bill Griffin

A group of nine border collies is under "house arrest" until further notice.

At a hearing held Thursday, Feb. 16, Town Manager Bill Griffin, who serves as the town's dog hearing officer, listened to testimony from four residents who have been threatened by the border collies, owned by Meadow Lane residents Mia and John Dean. In three of the cases, the victims were bitten by one or more of the dogs.

Until selectmen — who will take the matter up Feb. 28 — issue a ruling, Griffin said all nine of the dogs must remain on the Dean property at all times. He said the dogs must also be on a leash when they leave the house, even though they will be on their owners' property.

"I'm not going to expose any residents of the town to danger," Griffin said.

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said all four victims requested the matter come before the town to prevent further incidents.

Murphy said on Aug. 25 resident Donald Staszko was out for a morning walk, when six of the border collies circled him and started nipping at his feet. Staszko was then bit on his calf, and was left with a puncture wound that required treatment from the fire department. Staszko, who did not attend the hearing but had provided written account to Murphy, said John Dean was not with the dogs during the incident, but arrived and took charge of the dogs roughly 5 minutes later.

Murphy issued a 10-day quarantine, which is standard with a dog bite to allow the time for the offending dog to show signs of rabies. At the time of the Stazsko incident, only four of the Deans' seven dogs were vaccinated against rabies. Murphy also said the dogs needed to be re-licensed and issued a mandate on re-licensing the dogs by April 1.

Murphy said resident Claire Barnum had provided him a written account of her Dec. 17 incident, and stated she went into Village Greenery on Pleasant Street, owned by Mia and John Dean's daughter Alida. Barnum was half-way through the door when she paused because Alida Dean and her sister Erica, who had brought two of the dogs down to the shop, asked her a question. One of the dogs was being held by the collar while the other one was unrestrained. Barnum said she could not hear the question because both women were speaking at the same time and the restrained dog was making noise. She asked a second and a third time for the women to repeat the question when the unrestrained dog leapt at her and bit her thigh, tearing her jeans. Barnum quickly backed out the door while the dog leapt at her again.

Alida Dean then came out to help Barnum, who was given some first aid supplies by the Windsor Tea Shop. When Barnum asked Dean what she and her sister had been asking her, Dean said they were asking if she had any small children because the dogs were not used to children.

On Friday, Jan. 20, Mary Hartshorne, a 77-year-old resident "was accosted on trails close to the Dean property," Murphy said. Hartshorne had been out for a walk, when suddenly she was faced with two dogs circling her, followed by four more. Murphy said the dogs then began jumping on Hartshorne and tugging at her pant legs. Some started biting at the backs of her legs and tore her pants. The dogs were pushing and pulling, which caused her to fall into a mud puddle and she broke her wrist trying to brace herself. A whistle then could be heard from the direction of the house and the dogs ran home. Hartshorne was able to pull herself up and walked home.

"This put her in fear of her life," said Murphy about Hartshorne's incident. "Based on that, I felt the situation was at a point where I needed to take action." He issued another 10-day quarantine for the dogs and requested the hearing.

While the dogs were under quarantine, another call came in. Kearin Lewis, who lives next door to the Dean family, reported she had been outside with her two dogs when the Dean dogs came running up and in the commotion, Lewis became tangled in her dog's leash and fell. When John Dean heard the commotion, he whistled for his dogs and they left.

Each victim also had the opportunity to testify. Barnum brought the jeans she had on when she was attacked at the Village Greenery, and displayed a large tear, roughly 2-1/2 inches wide, which stretched down the top portion of the thigh. "I had my 7 year-old and my 11-year-old with me, so I guess I'm lucky I walked in the door first," she said.

Hartshorne said she immediately recognized the dogs as being border collies. She said when the dogs approached her, they began nipping at her, like they would when guiding sheep. She said as soon as she hit the ground, she heard a whistle, and at once, the dogs retreated and ran off to the house.

Lewis, the Deans' neighbor, said it has become fairly routine for her to come outside and soon be surrounded by a pack of dogs. She has called the Deans roughly 10 times asking them to call the dogs back to their house. She added there have been times when someone trying to make a delivery to her home will call her from the driveway because they cannot get out of their truck .

The owners' side

The Deans have nine dogs, ranging in age from 8 years old to roughly 6 months old.

"As they have matured, they are becoming more like teenagers," John Dean said. "They are more unruly, more recalcitrant. In the last 6 or 7 months, three have become more problematic in terms of pushing the envelope," he said.

He noted the dog that bit Staszko was pregnant and ready to deliver a litter and that may have attributed to her aggressive behavior. Dean was with the dogs when Staszko was bitten, but said the incident happened before he could call the dogs off.

He said at the Village Greenery, his daughter's shop, it was possible the noise of the door startled the dog and caused it to lunge at Barnum.

The day of the Hartshorne incident, he heard the barks and knew something was going on and called the dogs back to the house when he heard the commotion. He said he did not see Hartshorne fall, and if he had, he would have come down to help her.

Dean explained because the dogs are sheep herders by nature, if they're idle for too long, such as when they are quarantined, they tend to get very antsy. "They're herding dogs who need a job," he said, adding they are intelligent and easy to train, but they do require lost of exercise. He suggested they try to decrease the number of dogs they own, and separate them from each other, as the younger ones tend to excite the entire pack.

"We know there is an issue with controlling the dogs, and we regret the incidents which have happened," Dean said, adding he would ask the Town Manager recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the dogs be put on probation while he and his family work to better train them.

However, Griffin said the threats which have come forward are very serious. "Under law, I have a range of sanctions which run from issuing a fine to having the dogs destroyed. I would prefer not to order to have them destroyed, but I'm not hearing much on what you're going to do to be proactive," he said.

Griffin then asked Dean whether the dogs are leashed when they go outside. Dean replied during the quarantine periods, they have been, but normally, even when walking on conservation land, they are not. He said the dogs need to run free and get a lot of exercise.

"You put far more priority on satisfying the needs of the dogs than the safety of the human beings who live in your neighborhood," said Griffin, adding if he was to recommend placing a restriction on the dogs as punishment, Dean was not giving him any reason to believe he would comply. "You will not be given the option to train (the dogs) because someone could die. Someone could have already died," he said.

Dean said he would be willing to build a kennel on his property to help handle the dogs. He said that would not only help ensure the dogs are securely confined, but it would help separate the dogs to break up the "pack mentality." Griffin said that was a good start, and asked when the kennel could be built. Dean replied, "When the ground thaws."

Griffin pointed out every time the dogs run out of his control "they're breaking the law." However, Dean reiterated that border collies are runners by nature. "These are not Labrador retrievers. To leash a dog like this is inhumane," Dean said.

Griffin said it appeared Dean did not understand the severity of what has transpired. He also said Dean came to Town Hall the day of the hearing to re-license the dogs, after he was told to do so last August. "I would have thought that would have been done long before," Griffin said.

At that point Mia Dean, John's wife, spoke to the incidents. She said she is the owner and the breeder of the dogs and that her husband and children help her. She said they live on a large portion of land that abuts conservation property and has been in her husband's family for many years. She said the dogs have a large field where they can run, but they also like to take walks on the conservation land nearby. "Instinctually, they love to run, but they're not mean by nature. They, in play, have jumped on me. They do get rambunctious in pack, but one on one, they are absolutely magnificent animals," she said.

Mia Dean added they have been attempting to separate the dogs to help gain better control over their behavior. "We have the offenders and they are the teenagers," she said, adding the older dogs are not a problem. She said the dogs hit maturity at roughly 2 years old, which is when they really begin to settle down. "They're just bad kids right now," she said.

"I'm not sure the town can wait for the dogs to mature," replied Griffin.

After the testimony, Griffin said he would file a report with the Board of Selectmen within the next couple of days. "In the meantime, the dogs will be restrained, and you'll have to figure out a way to deal with it. If not, I've told Mr. Murphy to confiscate the dogs," said Griffin.

Murphy added he would recommend the dogs only be allowed out on their own property. "You have adequate acreage," he said. Murphy added even at home, he would like the dogs on a leash when going outside until the problem is solved. Griffin agreed.

The Dean family was not happy with the ruling and Mia Dean said she did not think all the dogs should be punished when they are not all offenders. But Griffin said the hearing was held for nine dogs, and all nine dogs will be subject to the same ruling.

The board of selectmen will hold a hearing on the dogs Tuesday, Feb. 28 during its scheduled meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., but a time had not been set for the hearing at the time the Mariner went to press. Griffin said he would prepare a report and recommendation for the board and would present the highlights of the incidents during the meeting. The dog owners and complainants will have the right to be present and provide comments with respect to the report. The board may or may not choose to vote on the matter that evening. For more information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Selectmen eye pit bull bylaw

Put article on warrant

By Samantha Brown
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The article would allow responsible residents to own pit bulls, while ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the town's residents.

Pit bulls have a reputation for being a very aggressive breed of dog. To that end, the Board of Selectmen asked Town Manager Bill Griffin to come up with an article for the April 1 Town Meeting Warrant which regulates pit bull ownership in town.

Although there have not been any pit bull attacks in Cohasset, Selectman Michael Sullivan had requested Griffin look into what other towns are doing to regulate the dogs, to ensure the rules are clear to the owners, and that residents are guaranteed to always have a certain level of protection.

"It's my understanding there are a couple such dogs in town," said Griffin of pit bulls, and to date, there have been no issues at all. To ensure the town maintains that track record, and responsible pit bull ownership is encouraged, Griffin presented the board with a draft article Tuesday, which is very similar to the ordinance adopted by the city of Boston. The board felt it covered all the necessary points and decided to go forward to Town Meeting with the article.

The article states pit bulls, (which includes any dog that is an American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, or any dog of mixed breed displaying the majority of physical traits of any one or more of those breeds) have generally exhibited traits such as powerful instincts for dominance, which naturally result in a tendency for fighting; a strong prey drive, which inspires a natural chase instinct that often leads to the aggressive pursuit of cats, rabbits, other dogs, and children; a stubbornness that results in sustained, unyielding aggressiveness once an attack begins; powerful jaws capable of crushing bones and hanging on to victims even while the pit bill withstands infliction of injury or pain; and a combination of stamina, agility, strength, and the will to successfully complete a task.

If passed, the article would amend the town's bylaws to allow responsible residents to own pit bulls, while ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the town's residents. All pit bulls would need to be registered with the Animal Control Officer, in addition to the regular registration and licensure required for all dogs. The article states no household may have more than two pit bulls at any time, with puppies less than nine weeks old as the only exception.

Whenever a pit bull is away from the private property of the owner, it must be adequately and securely led and leashed by a person with the clear ability to physically control and restrain the dog. The dog must also wear a muzzle. If not on a leash, the dog must be in a secure temporary enclosure. No pit bull owner may be less than 18 years old.

Owners of pit bulls must display a sign which clearly indicates there is a pit bull on the premises. The sign must be visible and legible from either the nearest public or private way, or 100 feet, whichever is farther. The sign must be at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches and must either say "pit bull dog" or "beware of dog" in lettering larger than 2 inches in height in letters which sharply contrast with the color of the sign.

There is also a provocation clause which prevents anyone from antagonizing the dog in a way that would spur on an attack.

Any pit bull that is found in violation of the bylaw, whether it be on the loose, or whether it has mauled, bitten, attacked, threatened, or in any way menaced another animal or human, is subject to immediate impoundment. The Animal Control Officer is authorized to house and/or dispose of any impounded Pit Bull at his or her sole professional discretion.

Griffin said he thought the bylaw was an important first step in regulating dogs in town. He said in the future, the board would likely be taking up the issue of regulating the number of dogs allowed for a single household, as there is currently no restriction.

GPS for Mariners Course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Scituate Flotilla 12-8, will conduct a GPS for Mariners course at the Marshfield Yacht Club, 11 Ridge Road, Marshfield, on the following nights: Monday, March 20, and 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Monday, April 3, and 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is $50 which includes the text book GPS for Mariners by Robert Sweet, and four two hour classes at the Yacht Club.

You don't have to own a GPS to gain knowledge from this course.

Registration on the first night of the course at 6:30 p.m. on March 20. Call George Murphy, Staff Officer in charge of Public Education, USCGAUX Scituate 12-8 p.m., if you have any questions at 781-710-7594 or glmurphy7594@aol.com.

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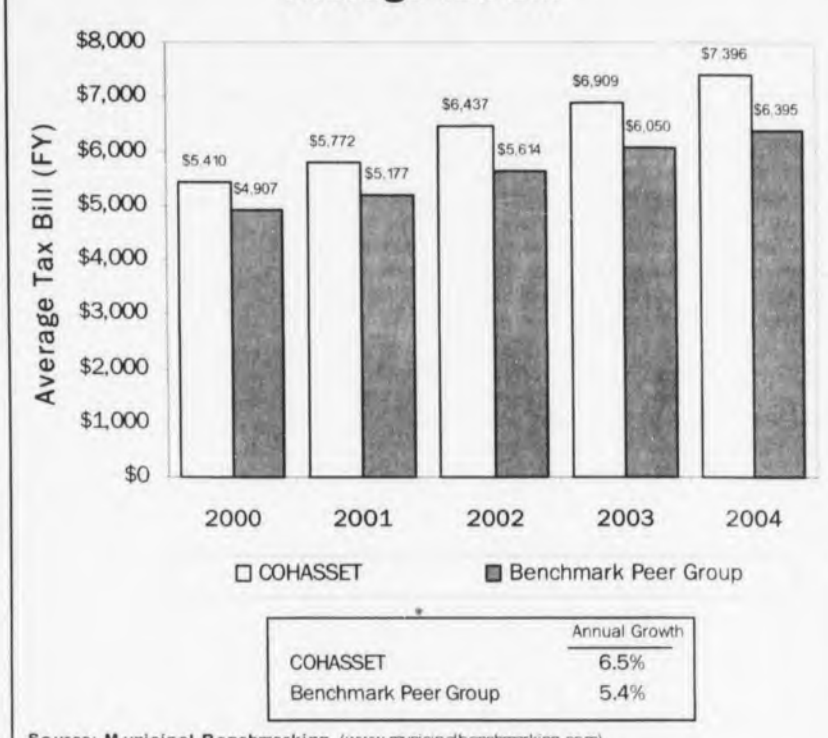
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



	Annual Growth
COHASSET	6.5%
Benchmark Peer Group	5.4%

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart shows Cohasset's average tax bill from 2000 through 2004. A resident's tax bill is calculated by multiplying Cohasset's residential tax rate by the assessed value of their property less any exemptions. Residential taxes represent the largest source of income for most communities and the most significant financial contribution made by most residents. This chart also provides the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

Starting this week, the Cohasset Mariner will begin to publish a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

"Our goal is to help improve municipal decision-making by providing access to better information," said General Manager Ken Strachan.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Municipal Benchmarking was founded over two years ago by two "frustrated citizens," said Strachan.

Founders Tom Cronin and Bill Haylon had gotten involved in town meetings in their respective hometowns. Long time businessmen, they were surprised at the lack of a source of cheap and readily accessible data and analysis to help communities make more-informed decisions about issues such as pay packages for municipal managers or the need for a Proposition 2 fi override. They founded Municipal Benchmarking to fill that void.

They talked about the idea with Cronin's college classmate Warren E. Tolman, a former state senator and 2002 gubernatorial candidate. Tolman, a longtime proponent of smart government, "loved the idea," said Strachan, and started working with the company.

"City and town officials face tough fiscal constraints and must balance competing constituent demands. I believe that having quality information and analysis — like that provided by Municipal Benchmarking — is essential for making the best of these difficult decisions," said Tolman, who is now Municipal Benchmark's chairman.

The company's methodology stems from the idea that one can learn a lot about how and how not to deliver services by looking at how other similar communities provide those same services. The cornerstone of this approach is to find an appropriate group of similar communities. Municipal Benchmarking derives a community's Benchmark Peer Group by comparing it to the other 350 communities in Massachusetts across 15 different variables.

The variables measure socio-economic factors, such as income per capita or median family income, demographic information, such as population and portion of the population that speaks English as a second language, and geographic factors, such as how big the community is and how many miles of road it contains.

"By looking at the dynamics that shape a community, we can find communities that have similar resources and face similar demands from their citizens, and are a good basis of comparison," said Strachan.

Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group consists of: Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall. That report, at Cohasset's request, includes Marion and Hingham in the top 20 list of comparable towns. Municipal Benchmarking LLC allows towns to swap out two or three of their top-20 towns for other towns they would like to see themselves measured up against. Cohasset chose to include Marion and Hingham instead of its number 19 and 20 towns, Wenham and Winchester, which are included in the analysis depicted in the chart. Hingham and Marion would have been numbers 23 and 24 respectively, and therefore Strachan said including their data would not skew Cohasset's results.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Town tries to protect Sassafras Rock

There is an island in Little Harbor known as Sassafras Rock, which residents coming from Highland Avenue can see as they turn onto Beach Street. Director of Finance Michael Buckley said as far as the town knows, no one owns it. To ensure the land is not built upon, the town would like to take ownership of the land. It will therefore hold a public hearing at a date to be determined in March, and anyone with ownership rights is invited to attend. If no owner can be found, the town will proceed to the Annual Town Meeting with an article to take the property by eminent domain.

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Textbooks large part of school improvement needs

By Samantha Brown
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With a 13.3 percent increase over last year's budget allocation, the school department says it will be able to move its program forward. Outside of the mandatory contractual obligations, which alone would total a 5 percent increase, there are three categories of increases the school department is looking at. Cost of living salary increases (almost 2 percent), new personnel (4.71 percent) and program improvements (1.5 percent).

The program improvements, which would be the smallest increase, would be roughly $185,000. That figure is exactly half of the $370,000 increase Town Manager Bill Griffin has designated for the school department in his recommended budget, which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 — the state law that limits the amount a town can raise its tax levy from year to year.

Program improvements have been proposed for all three schools. The Osgood School began its first year of the Scott Foresman reading program this year and would like to continue with it. To keep the program going, it will require $5,356 for kindergarten, $6,860 for grade one, $7,200 for grade two and $4,608 for a new grade two classroom set. The Scott Foresman supplies for Osgood total $24,024.

At Deer Hill, there are many textbook needs. Grades three, four, and five all need new science texts. It would cost $7,500 to purchase the books necessary for each grade, meaning science texts for Deer Hill would total $22,500.

School improvements at a glance

Osgood School	
Scott Foresman reading materials	
kindergarten	$5,356
grade 1	$6,860
grade 2	$7,200
new grade 2 set	$4,608
Total	**$24,024**
Deer Hill School	
New science texts	
grades 3,4,5	$7,500 each
New Scott Foresman books	
grade 3 grammar	$3,000
grade 4 reading	$3,000
grade 5 reading	$3,000
History books	
grade 3	$1,250
MacMillan/McGraw replacements	
grade five	$3,300
Math interactive software	
grades 3,4,5	$2,800
Total	**$38,850**
Middle School	
Science texts	
grade 6 new set	$2,340
grade 7 replacements	$400
grade 8 replacements	$400
Reading	
grade 6	$4,000
Everyday Math	
grade 6	$7,689
World history replacements	
grades 6,7,8	$1,650
Social studies resource materials	
grades 6,7,8	$2,250
Language arts texts	
grades 6,7,8	$2,100
Language texts	
grades 6,7,8	$1,743
English teacher supplies	
grades 6,7,8	$1,000
Language teacher supplies	
grades 6,7,8	$1,000
Instrumental equipment	
grades 6,7,8	$1,963
New technology education program	
grades 6,7,8	$20,000
Total	**$48,535**
High School	
English texts	$10,300
Algebra I texts	$5,400
AP texts in science, calculus, statistics, finance	$8,500
70 U.S. History replacement texts	$5,600
35 economics replacement texts	$2,625
Replacement texts for world history, sociology, law, psychology	$1,200
Latin II texts	$260
Spanish I texts	$10,110
French I texts	$6,850
Update library collection	$5,000
Science supplies	$6,200
Fine arts supplies	$6,688
Total	**$73,883**
Grand total	**$185,293**

All three grades also need new Scott Foresman books. Grade three needs grammar books, while grades four and five both need reading books. Requests total $3,000 for each school, for a total of $9,000 in Scott Foresman texts for Deer Hill.

In addition, grade three also needs history textbooks which would cost $1,250. Grade five needs MacMillan/McGraw replacement texts which would cost $3,300. The school also needs math interactive software, which costs $2,800.

All tolled, the requests for Deer Hill add up to $38,850.

Science texts are also a big need at the middle school. Grade six needs an entire new set, which costs $2,340, while grades seven and eight need replacement texts for $400 each.

Grade six needs reading texts which would cost $4,000. It also needs Everyday Math texts, which would cost $7,689.

Across the board at the middle school, there is a need for world history and geography replacement texts, which total $1,650, social studies resource materials for $2,250, language arts texts, for increased class size, for $2,100, language texts, also for increased class size, for $1,743. New English teacher supplies are listed at $1,000 and new language teacher supplies are listed at $3,000.

There is a need to replace instrumental equipment, which would cost $1,963. There is also a need to begin a new technology education program, which would cost $20,000.

Program improvements for the middle school total $48,535.

The high school has some significant needs as well, and most are in the form of textbooks. English texts would cost $10,300, and algebra I texts would cost $5,400. Advanced placement texts for science, calculus, statistics and finance would cost $8,500, and students would have the option, as they have in the past, to purchase the books outright from the school.

Honors chemistry textbooks are also necessary, which would cost $3,900. Marine science, finance, and statistics texts would cost $1,250. The school also needs 70 replacement U. S. history texts which would cost $5,600 and 35 replacement economics texts for $2,625. Replacement texts are also needed for world history, sociology, law, and psychology, which total $1,200.

Texts are also required for the high school's language classes. Latin II texts would cost $260, Spanish I texts would cost $10,110, and French I texts would cost $6,850.

The high school's library collection must also be updated, which would cost $5,000. The science program needs supplies, including microscopes, which would cost $6,200. The fine arts department is also in need of instructional supplies, which would total $6,688.

All tolled, the high school improvements would be $73,883. Coupled with the middle school improvements at $48,535, the Deer Hill improvements at $38,850, and the Osgood improvement plans at $24,024, the school budget has accounted for $185,293 in school program improvements for the fiscal 2007 budget.

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CAMP FAIRS CAN HELP YOU DECIDE

By Bette Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

With kids back in school and winter weather looming over much of New England, summer seems a world away. It's not too soon, however, for parents to start thinking about ways to create a safe and enriching summer for their children. And the sooner the better! Camps can fill up early and many are full by late February. It may seem early, but honestly...it isn't!

Nationwide, more than 11 million children attend camp each summer. Finding and securing the perfect camp experience for each child can be tricky. If you have not begun your camp search, now is the time!

Camp Fairs can really help! At camp fairs, some families will begin to explore their options while others will finalize their decision and reserve space at the camp of their choice. Wherever you are in the camp search process, attending a camp fair can assist in important ways: Talking with a camp director or representative at a camp fair often helps with making the final decision. And for folks just beginning to look into camp options, stopping by the camps' displays and gathering their materials can provide a sense of what's out there—no better way to jump start the camp search process.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Suggests calculation to determine available school funds

TO THE EDITOR:

The average Cohasset voter never knows what to believe when the uncompromising advocates and critics of the schools go after each other. Their failure to compromise is why we have the out-of-control costs on the Osgood-Deer Hill "Campus."

Perhaps Michael Buckley should be asked to do the following calculation:

a. Start with the all-inclusive actual expenses to run the school system for the year prior to opening the "new" Osgood School. This would include the school budget, building maintenance costs, insurance, retirement, and other related costs paid out of the municipal budget. Do not include debt service.

b. Take the figure arrived at in paragraph "a," above and increase it by the Federal cost of living index (COLI) for each year since the opening of the new Osgood School to the present time and assume that the COLI will be the same for school years 2006-7, and 2007-8 as it was for the year 2005(4.1 percent)

c. Take the enrollment for the year preceding the opening of the "new" Osgood School and *very precisely* project the enrollment for the 2006-7 school year.

d. Take the average cost of teaching a Cohasset student (weight special education into the equation) for the year 2004 and increase that figure by 4.1percent for 2005-6 and 2006-7. Multiply the number of additional students by the average cost per student.

e. Determine the difference between the original debt service figure and the projected year 2006-7 debt service figure.

f. Establish the year 2006-7 budget based upon paragraph "b" plus paragraph "d" while adding debt service that exceeds whatever was the figure prior to the opening of the "new" Osgood School. Also include a 1 percent per year addition to the budget to keep up with technology changes and provide for incentives to attract teachers.

This methodology could serve to establish a figure for the 2006-7 school-operating budget and could reveal the amount of money that is available to allocate to the Teachers' contract.

Some type of methodology has to be adopted to stop the constant bickering between the school unions and the school committee/town manager. I would remind all concerned that the best MCAS results that Cohasset ever received was the first year-before we ever occupied the "new" Osgood or the renovated Deer Hill and middle high schools.

Joseph R. McElroy
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3 percent exercise for schools not grounded in reality

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3 percent increase completely fails to recognize that the "one size fits all" mind-set for other town departments is not applicable to the School Department. The school budget is what is. For our schools to deliver the same services next year as they did last year, the 3 percent solution won't work. For the Town Manager or anyone else to suggest that any amount beyond that should be considered as part of a "supplemental budget" for consideration by Town Meeting is more than just engaging in an exercise in semantics. The notion that a 3 percent increase is a "balanced budget" is misleading. In truth, it should be termed for what it really is: "An artificial and contrived budget figure that conforms to the unrealistic requirements of the state law known as Proposition 2-1/2." At least then we would have a starting point that acknowledges the reality of the situation.

Our public officials also do not advance the debate and public understanding of the issues by invoking the old canard that "the taxes are driving people out of the town," as one of our selectman did last week. Who are these mythical people? I have yet to meet anyone in my 12 years in this town who has told me, "We're moving to Hull because the taxes are too high in Cohasset." Certainly, there are senior citizens on limited fixed incomes (as opposed to the seniors on high fixed incomes from their bonds, stock dividends, pensions, etc.) for whom the property taxes are an enormous expense. But state law provides a simple remedy to alleviate this burden: they can go to the assessors' office, fill out a form in 10 minutes, and defer all or part of their property taxes until their home is sold. I know senior citizens who have done this and it has worked wonderfully for them.

Finally, speaking solely as a parent and taxpayer, I fail to understand the apparent negativity which has greeted Superintendent Walsh and the School Committee by members of our other town boards. It is not as if the Superintendent is some CEO who is lining her own pockets with the budget increase she is seeking. She is simply setting out the facts to inform the community of what it costs to operate a quality school system. The hostility toward the presentation of these facts is a simple-minded version of "let's shoot the messenger" on the part of some of our town officials.

The bottom line, which we must face up to as a community, is that every town department is being operated on a shoestring, and the School Department more so than others. The prolonged contract negotiations with the teachers have served to highlight how far Cohasset lags other communities in terms of what we pay our teachers. As someone who has lived in cities and towns large and small prior to living here, I do not see any fat or waste in our town or school budget. While anything in life always can be improved, I have found Cohasset to be an exceptionally well-run community in my 12 years as a resident.

The upcoming budget summit meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27, presumably will enlighten those who still might have doubts about the precarious financial situation facing our schools. Hopefully, our town officials will dispense with the rhetoric and work to make the public aware of what it will take to keep our schools moving along the path of excellence.

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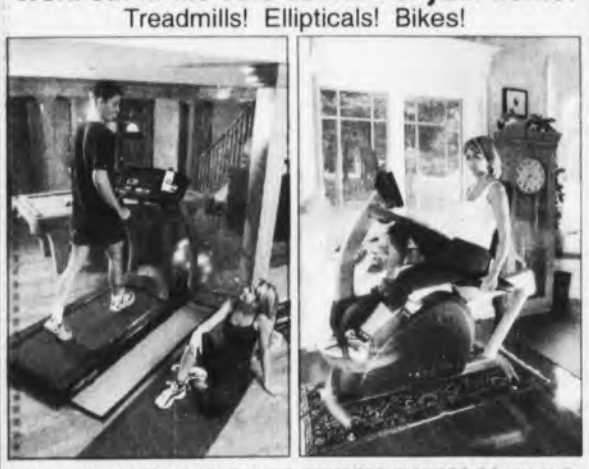

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Brady, who is Dama Dow's beloved dog, is doing well after surgery. Schoolchildren who ride her bus and their families helped pay for the operation.

Families help with Brady's operation

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year, Julia said she has been putting money into the bank. "I was saving to give it to the animal shelter, but Dama needed it more," said Julia, which is why she handed over all $9.40 to go toward Brady's operation.

Julia has a lab/chow/shepherd named Lucy who is a big part of the Stanganelli family, and although she hasn't met Dow's dog Brady, she knows how important he is to the Dow family. Julia said it made her really glad to be able to donate the money she had been saving to be put toward Brady's operation. "She (Dow) was really happy," Julia said.

Julia's mother Sarah Stanganelli said Julia came up with the idea to give her money to Dow all on her own. "We do a lot for animals in this family, so it doesn't surprise me at all," she said of Julia's generosity.

Stanganelli added Lucy, the family dog, and their calico cat Audrey, were both adopted from local shelters. "There is a lot of generosity toward animals here, whether it's in the yard with a squirrel or donating food and medicine to the animal shelter in Scituate," she said. Julia added recently, they found a bird with a broken wing in the yard and took it to the New England Wildlife Center in Hingham to receive treatment.

Dow said now, more than one week later, she is still fighting back the tears when she thinks of the kindness that has been bestowed upon her. In an interview Tuesday she said Brady had returned home from surgery and he is doing very well. She said her husband James and his friend built a ramp for Brady over the weekend so he can get in and out of the house on his own without having to go up and down the stairs. "We're taking every precaution we can," she said, adding it will take about six months for Brady to fully recover.

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Cohasset's Alison Costa navigates the waters at last weekend's South sectional swimming meet.

Sci-Coh swimmers send 10 athletes to state championship

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team had a very successful year, coming in a close second in the Patriot League championship meet.

In the boys competition, Jonny Drybanski received a first in the 200-meter IM and a second in the 100 fly. Rob Lilly placed third in the 50 free and first in the 100 Free.

James Smith III placed first in the 100 Fly and second in the 100 back. Sean Crowley placed second in the 500 free.

For the girls, Mamme Daley placed first in the 500 free and third in the 200 IM. Emily Mulcahy placed second in the 100 Fly. Julia Rogers received a third in the 100 back and Torey Hart placed third in the 100 breaststroke.

Scituate-Cohasset controlled the relays, winning the 400 free (girls) and placing second in the 200 free and third in the 200 medley.

Eighteen swimmers qualified for sectionals, which were held Northeastern University on Feb. 18 and 19. Headling this effort was Caitlin Little, who placed second in the 50 Free.

Scituate-Cohasset had 10 swimmers qualify for the state championship meet to be held this weekend, Feb. 25 and 26. The boys state meet will be held on the 25th at MIT and the girls will compete on the 26th at Wellesley College.

Five swimmers from each school qualified to swim in the state championship meet. The boys who qualified are Jonny Drybanski (Cohasset), Colin Conway (Cohasset), Rob Lilly (Sciuate) and James Smith III (Sciuate). The girls who are traveling to the state meet are captain Mamme Daley (Cohasset), Torey Hart (Cohasset), Allison Costa (Cohasset), Caitlin Little (Scituate), Julia Rogers (Sciuate) and Ashley Scott (Scituate).

Caitlin Little will be competing in both the 50 free and the 100 free. The individual male competitors will be Jonny Drybanski swimming the 200 IM (individual medley), Rob Lilly swimming the 50 free and the 100 free and James Smith III will swim the 100 Fly.

The boys will join together with Colin Conway to compete in the 400 free relay. The girls will join forces to compete in the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay.

This was expected to be a building year for this team, but it has surpassed all expectations. With only two seniors - James Smith III and Mamme Daley - included in the group

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Cambi, Dorian shine at states

By Ben Libby
CORRESPONDENT

FOXBORO - Just last year, Shane Dorian and Dave McKenna wrestled their way into the record books when they became Division 3 state champions in their respective weight classes.

Heading into the 2006 state tournament last weekend at Foxboro, hopes were high again for both wrestlers.

After Friday's early round action ended, both Dorian and McKenna had rolled over their first two opponents. However, things looked questionable as both wrestlers drew tough semi-finals foes.

First, Dorian (145) prepared for a highly touted match with Hopkinton's Eric DeWolfe. DeWolfe finished third last year in the 119-pound weight class, but became a strong wrestler over the summer and bumped his way up to the 145 weight class.

Words couldn't explain the surprises felt by both Dorian and coach Torin Sweeney when Shane looked around the Foxboro gym after being pinned by DeWolfe. Dorian was not in his usual zone where he can dominate, and his slow start costed him the match.

Nonetheless, Dorian shook off the tough loss and beat Wakefield's Devon Brown and Foxboro's Nick Ranko to finish third in his class.

Secondly, McKenna (152) entered his semifinal match against Wayland's Greg "Birdman" Bergmen. Many believed that McKenna would roll over Bergmen as he did earlier in the season. Late in the second period, however, McKenna got stuck by Bergmen and entered the loser bracket.

Then, in his first loser bracket match against Tri-County's John Cavanaugh, McKenna got trapped attempting to perform a special move on Cavanaugh late in the period and got pinned. Still, McKenna finished off his day with commanding 9-2 decision over Burlington's Keith Mantia.

The story of the weekend was the third place finish by junior Nick Cambi at 189. The way he did it was just as amazing as his final result. After losing his second round match versus Hopkinton's Marty Racenis (12-6 decision), Cambi followed the path of both Dorian and McKenna and entered the loser bracket.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset's Shane Dorian (left) and Nick Cambi pose for the cameras after both finished third in their respective weight classes at last weekend's Division 3 state tournament. Dorian and Cambi will join teammate Dave McKenna to compete at this weekend's All-State competition in North Andover.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Patrick McCarthy goes up strong for two during a game against Abington. The sophomore led the Skippers in scoring this season, averaging over 13 points per game.

Girls build momentum heading into postseason

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

If ever there was a point in time when coach John Levangie wanted his team to begin peaking in its performance, it's now. That dream has come true.

The Lady Skippers have triumphed in nine out of their last 12 games. Two of these victories came last week to bring their overall seasonal record to an impressive 13-7.

The Lady Skippers gave their coach a thoughtful home court gift on Valentine's Day by knocking off Norwell. For the visitors, this game brought trouble from the very start. For the Skipper fans this contest spelled M-O-M-E-N-T-U-M.

Cohasset rocketed off to a 14-2 run in the opening minutes. From there, everything fell into place.

"We finally got on track offensively," said Levangie. "Our defense proved as solid as ever. The press came alive in the second half."

Indeed it did. With another Cohasset run at the beginning of the second half, the Clippers spiraled into a slump.

Freshmen Gabriella Flibotte put up 18 points, followed by Sam Lehr with 11 and Chelsea Grossman and Mia Lieb-Lappen contributing eight each. Lehr also snagged 11 rebounds, giving the Skippers plenty of second chances. The final outcome: a confidence boosting 53-24 Skipper success.

The confidence meter hit another high mark as a result of the next day's trek to Avon. Again, the Skippers dominated from the beginning. In the last minutes of the first half, the Cohasset press further energized their domination, leading to a Skipper 20-2 run.

With a commanding 48-19 lead going into the second half, the Skippers finished off their season with a bang. Lehr led the offensive with 20 points, closely followed by Grossman's 19 and Flibotte's 18. The final score sounded more like a college match-up with the Lady Skippers prevailing by a lopsided 75-36 score.

"The whole team clicked on the press," said Levangie. "They're at a point now where each person on the team understands the strategies as well as the next. This will be a big help in the tournament."

Both Levangie and his players seem optimistic about their postseason potential.

"The girls' phenomenal work ethic will play a big role in their success," said the coach.

Senior co-captain Katie James also showed enthusiasm.

"We're feeling confident going into the playoffs," she said. "As long as we can stay focused, we can do very well."

The tournament information will be released today, and will be available this afternoon on the MIAA's postseason web site, www.massachusetts.ihigh.com.

Let's hope the Skippers get a good draw and keep the momentum going through the very challenging postseason games.

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Mia Lieb-Lappen (23) and her Lady Skippers teammates head into the Division 4 state tournament with a 13-7 record. The postseason pairings will be announced today.

The wide world of winter sports

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Cohasset's Mark Bouchard (above) celebrates his game-winning goal in a January game against Abington-East Bridgewater. The Skipper skaters hope to be doing some celebrating when the Division 3 state tournament kicks off next week. The Skippers' regular season did not end on a high note, as they suffered losses to Pembroke on Saturday and Westwood on Wednesday.
Bouchard, Brian Straughn (below) and fellow tri-captain Brandon Smith will hope to lead their team back on the right path in the postseason. Pairings for the hockey tournament will be announced tomorrow, and will be available tomorrow night on the MIAA's postseason web site, www.massachusetts.ihigh.com.

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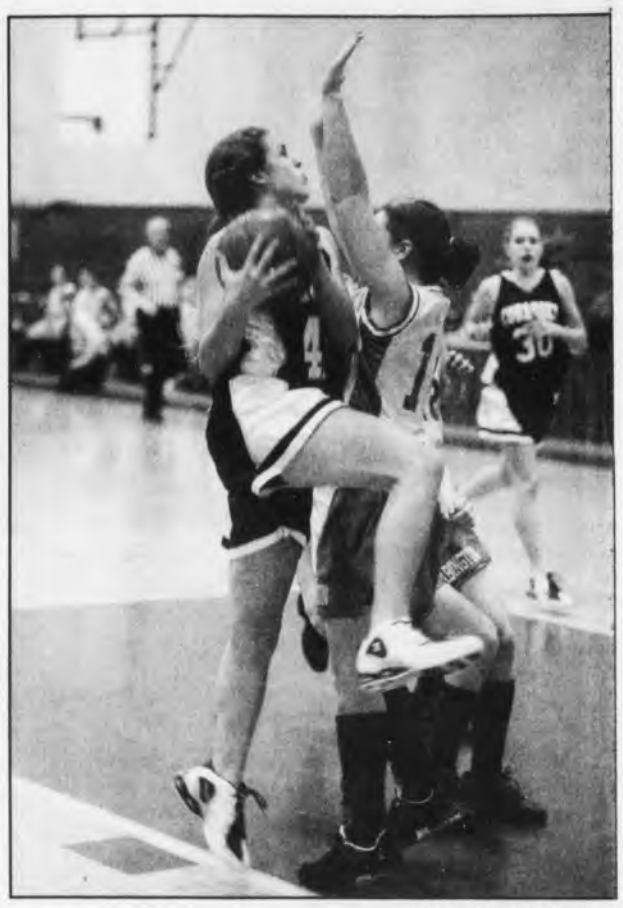

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Gabriella Flibotte goes up for two against Abington earlier this season. The freshman led her team - and ranked second in the South Shore League - in scoring at over 14 points per game to help lead the Lady Skippers into their third straight postseason berth.

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Cohasset's Lisa Spirito earns a few style points on the balance beam during a meet against Marshfield.

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GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

7th graders make it five straight wins

With the inspiring victory of the Sixers having occurred just before their game, the Cohasset 7th grade team had plenty of incentive to come out firing against their Raynham counterparts two weekends ago. But truth be told, the Raynham Sevens are winless in three years and have yet to lose a game by less than 20 points this season.

Thus, the Cohasset Sevens put their game on cruise control en route to a comfortable 34-10 triumph. **Carly Martin** enjoyed a career-high game, leading the Blue & White with 10 points. Carly did it all, making sharp cuts to the basket without the ball to await passes underneath from teammates for layups; driving around opponents for power buckets; and on one memorable possession, fighting relentlessly for three rebounds before sinking the ball through the twine.

Guard **Rachel Fredey** equaled her career-high, set just the week before, with eight points, including an impressive 4-for-4 from the free throw line. **Emma Musto** turned in her best game of the season with a six point effort, which was matched by **Carli Haggerty**. **Kate French** scored a hoop and **Lindsay Davis** added two free throws, while **Emma Quigley** directed the offense with her usual selfless passing and **Caroline Fein** was a thorn in the side of Raynham with her quickness on defense.

Logan Pratt, recently returned from Hawaii, also saw some significant action and pulled down her share of rebounds.

The Sevens now are 8-5 (8-4 in their division) and are in sole possession of third place. They will take on second-place Hanson on the Sunday after vacation week. If the Blue & White win that one, they will be in prime position to overtake Hanson for second to earn a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

8th graders fall, 28-14

Two Saturdays ago, the 8th graders played Raynham, a team they had easily defeated earlier in the year. Unfortunately, coming off their biggest win of the year last week, a strong performance against Abington, the Cohasset team did not show up to play. In the first half the girls were only able to score seven points and allowed Raynham to score 11.

Hoping to build some excitement in the second half Cohasset came out aggressively and scored the first two points after the intermission. But after that brief moment of comeback hopes, Raynham scored easily and frequently to win going away, 28-14.

The only real highlight was a beautiful 16-foot jump shot by **Hannah Burgess** in the second half. Cohasset will look to rebound after the winter break and build momentum going into the playoffs in March. On the year the V-Eights now are 9-4 and in third place in their division.

Team 56 shows heart

The 56ers took on Hanover two Sundays ago and produced yet another thriller. The first half was all offense with the 56ers showing a well-balanced scoring attack, a clear sign that the team is improving week to week.

The leading scorers for the Blue & White, **Scarlett McQuade** and **Whitney Jaffe**, continued their pace. Also filling the net were **Allison Whelan**, **Annie Robinson**, and **Courtney Monroe**. The baskets by Whelan (a beauty from the right side) and Monroe (a swish from the left) were keys in keeping this contest close in the first half.

In spite of the well-balanced attack, Hanover took a 15-10 halftime lead. But as most teams have found out this season, don't count the 56ers out. The team re-grouped for the second half and focused on shutting down the 1-3-1 offense of Hanover. The guard play of **Meghan Kearney**, **Mariel Teague**, **Julia Thompson**, **Elizabeth Hagearty**, and **Annie Robinson** continually trapped the guards of Hanover at center court.

The 56ers continually fought off picks, forcing turnover after turnover. The defense was so effective it held the Hanover team to just two points in the second half. The guards also set the offense up for numerous opportunities by beating Hanover's press.

But even with this remarkable defensive effort it did not produce the 56ers the win they so deserved. The offense watched as shot after shot rolled off the rim, but team 56 continued to fight with Whelan, McQuade, and Jaffe pulling down offensive rebound after rebound, only to see another shot roll around and spin out.

The guards also stepped up their offense with sharp passing and well timed give-and-go plays, especially a Kearney-to-Jaffe-back-to-Kearney gem, but these shots also fell just off the mark. Team 56 continued hustling, diving, stealing and, beating Hanover to every loose ball, but the clock eventually did the 56ers in, dealing Team 56 a 17-14 heartbreaking loss.

No repeat for grapplers

Defending Div. 3 champs ousted by Pembroke

By Mark Goodman
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PEMBROKE - Another point here or there, and things could have been different for the defending Division 3 state wrestling champions.

Cohasset won the pre-match coin toss, giving them the advantage in setting up the match-ups they wanted. But led by two hard-fought victories from junior Steve Tressel and senior Eric Johnson, the Titans of Pembroke High moved on to the Division 3 South sectional finals against Rockland with a 40-29 win over Cohasset on Wednesday night.

At 160, Tressel matched up with Cohasset senior Dave McKenna, a state champion last year at 145. Tressel pinned McKenna in all three of their prior match-ups this season, but the Skippers co-captain was on his game on this night, and was down just 4-3 heading into the third period.

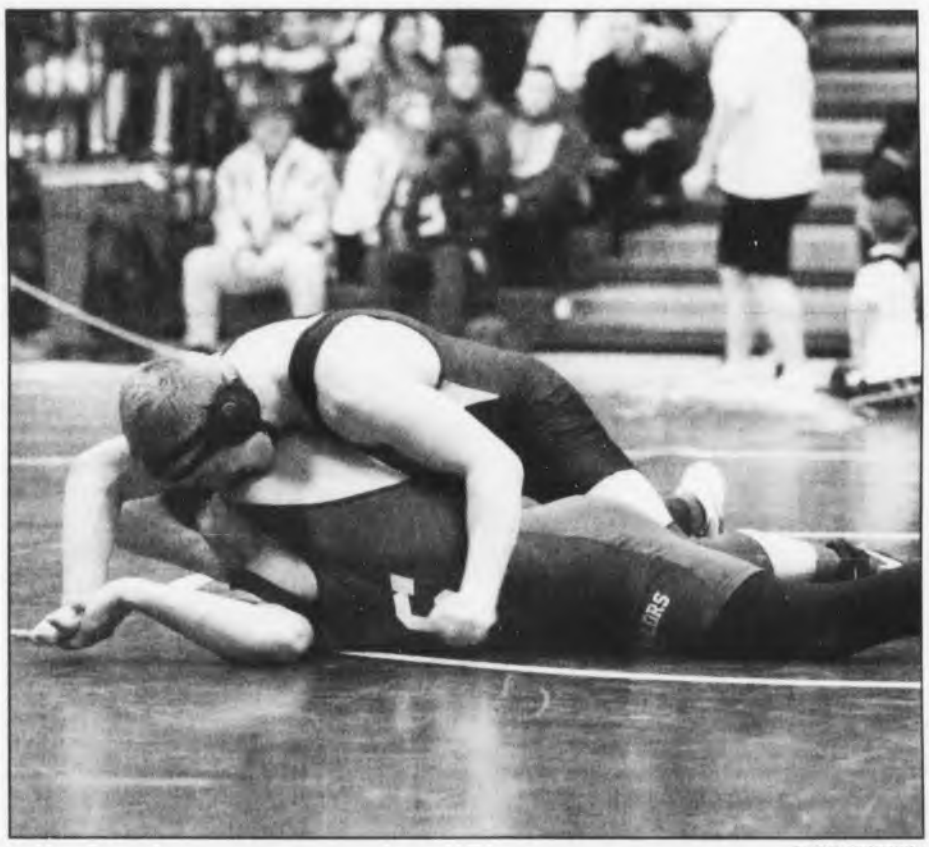
McKenna started the third period on top of Tressel and stayed that way for the whole two minutes, but could not turn his opponent over the pin. Tressel kept that 4-3 lead and earned his team three critical points.

The match of the night came at 119, with Johnson squaring off against Cohasset junior Ryan McLellan. It was a spirited match throughout, and a clutch takedown by Johnson with 24 seconds left in the third period sent the match to a one-minute sudden death overtime.

Johnson narrowly avoided a loss with 27 seconds left, and then picked up two points with 10 seconds remaining to get the 6-4 match win.

"If we get the three points in those matches, it's 35-34, us," said Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney afterward. "Things pretty much worked out as we had planned [with the match-ups] except for those close matches, which could have gone either way."

The match began at 130, where Pembroke senior Ben Hannon defeated Cohasset's Steve Manly with a second period pin. Cohasset junior Adam Smith, who has wrestled better and better as the season has progressed, took a 12-3 decision over the Titans' Ryan Kopper to put his team on the board with four points.



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Cohasset's Shane Dorian, shown here in action at the Division 3 South individual sectionals, scored an impressive 14-5 win over his Pembroke opponent on Wednesday. The Titans, however, won the match, 40-29.

After Pembroke picked up six points via forfeit at 140, Cohasset star Shane Dorian scored an impressive 14-5 victory over sophomore Dan Longo in a match-up of two wrestlers who will be competing at All-States this weekend.

The scoreboard showed 12-8 in favor of Pembroke at this point, and everyone in the gym knew this was going to be a match. The Titans had soundly defeated Cohasset in a December dual meet, but Titans head coach Dave Vining said he knew things would be different this time around.

At 152, Pembroke freshman Adam Bowker fought back from an early deficit to defeat Cohasset's Gannon Dorian, 13-5. That set the stage for the Tressel-McKenna showdown.

Junior Dan Wandell made quick work of his Cohasset opponent in the 171-pound division with a first period pin. At 189, Cohasset's George Miller fought hard for the pin, but had to settle for a 6-4 decision over Pembroke senior Tim Beam.

The 171 and 189 matches showed the slight difference between the two teams that showed throughout the contest. Pembroke was better able to finish off its opponents and did well to avoid pins when a Skipper wrestler had the advantage. The Titans earned four pins (for 24 team points), while Cohasset could only get two.

Those Skippers pins came from junior Nick Cambi at 275 and freshman Mike Froio in the last match of the night at 125. Particularly impressive was Cambi, who was wrestling two classes above his usual level; he will be competing at All-States this weekend at 189.

Pembroke ultimately clinched the match with pins from freshman Joe Eldridge (103) and senior Karl Gumpright (112).

Cambi, Dorian shine at states

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In his first loser bracket match, Cambi squeaked by Dedham's Frank Grenham via a 4-0 decision. After Grenham was Mount Greylock's John LaCasse who also was sent packing by Cambi after a 4-3 loss.

Then, Cambi turned on the jets and cruised over Southwick's Brett Jeffery 9-2 before finishing his day with a 9-3 triumph over Hamilton-Wenham's Tom Zagorski.

"Nick Cambi wrestled the best tournament I think he could have," said Sweeney. "Finishing third in that weight class, he beat some really good kids along the way."

Juniors Adam Smith (140) and Ryan McLellan (112) both had solid tournaments, each winning a couple matches.

If Dorian, Cambi and McKenna can get on a hot streak and come out hard, Cohasset wrestling could have a good weekend at North Andover this Friday and Saturday. And one can never count out a wrestler who's guided by coaching legend Torin Sweeney.

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Mamme Daley in action at the sectional meet.

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Sci-Coh swimmers send 10 athletes to state championship

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traveling to the state championship, this team has a great opportunity to improve and return to the title meet next year.

Head coach Jon Fortin and assistant coach Alissa Anotonowicz could not be more pleased. But for Fortin, it is even more noteworthy that "many swimmers on this team have achieved their personal best times this season."

"This group really came together as a team, which is difficult to sometimes achieve when joining two schools into one team, and that accomplishment means more to me than any record," said Fortin.

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Gymnastics and sports class registration

There are still openings for the following Session 2 gymnastics classes at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

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Tuesdays, 1:45-2:30 - Tumble Bugs, boys and girls, age 3; 2:30-3:30 - Sports for Kids, boys and girls, ages 4-6; 3:30-4:30 - Sports for Kids, Ages 6-10, boys and girls

Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 - Beginner/Intermediate girls, ages 5-8

Thursdays, 11-11:45 - Tumble Bugs, boys and girls, ages 3-4; 4:30-5:30 - Beginner/Intermediate girls, ages 7-12

Fridays, 11:45-12:45 - Gym Explorers, boys and girls, ages 4-6

Classes run through May. Call the South Shore Community Center for more information, (781) 383-0088.

Limited space left for spring lacrosse

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has completed its spring registration period, but a limited number of roster spaces remain available at some age levels.

"We've been lucky to come through our registration period with just about our preferred roster sizes at all levels," says Chuck Jaffe, director of the program, which will field 14 boys and girls teams in grades 3-8 this spring. "We have just a few open spaces, and we will give them out on a first-come, first-served basis."

Jaffe notes that the lacrosse organization starts practices in early March and, each year, winds up with a few children who only decide that they want to play after a friend tells them about the start of workouts. Typically, at that point, it is too late to add the additional kids at that time.

"This year, more than most, we may have some extra flexibility – particularly on the boys side of things," Jaffe says, "but ideally we will have everyone who wants to play signed up soon, before they wind up missing out."

Registration costs $150 for one player and $275 for two. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins practicing in March, completes its season in June and works throughout the spring to avoid scheduling conflicts with the other youth sports in town.

To get registration paperwork, contact Jaffe at CAJaffe@aol.com or at 781-383-9858.

For more information, visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse looking for coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season.

Cohasset will field 14 teams this spring - for boys and girls in grades 3-8 - a number large enough to stretch the available coaching staff thin.

For the first time in several seasons, the shortage of coaches is a problem with the boys program, and not just the younger, emerging girls teams. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with roughly 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Throughout its history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys and girls have one weekly practice, which is held on the weekend. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858, or write him at CAJaffe@aol.com.

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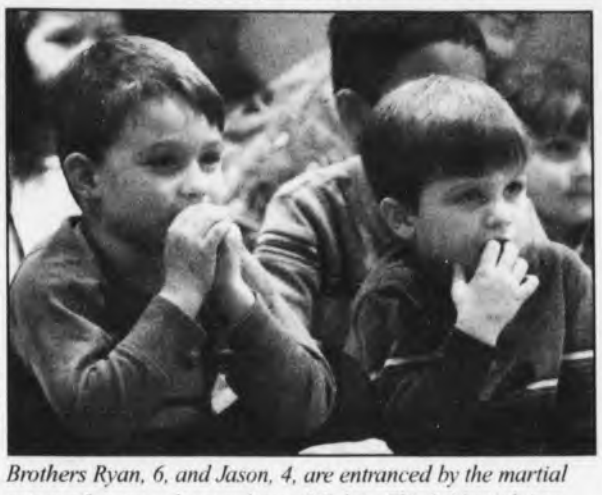

Brothers Ryan, 6, and Jason, 4, are entranced by the martial arts performance by members of Calvin Chin's Martial Arts Academy during the Chinese New Year Family Festival at Our World.

Chris Wong of Calvin Chin's Martial Arts Academy delights the crowd with his sword moves. The festival was sponsored by the South Shore Multicultural Club.

Our World hosts family festival

At right, The Lion Dance heralds the beginning of the Chinese New Year. The event was held at Our World, Children's Discovery Museum off Sohier Street.

Chris Lan demonstrates the art of the Chinese War Fan during the festival that also featured ribbon dancing, Chinese calligraphy and more.

Judy Chen performs acrobatic plate spinning that delighted the audience. Food from Feng Shui topped off the day of festivities at Our World.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset High School second term honor roll

The following CHS students were recognized for their academic achievement second term.

GRADE 9
HIGH HONORS

Choi, Jingyu; Fitts, Jessica; Malveira, Stephanie; McBride, Fiona; McMorris, Rachel; Monaco, Kristin; Murley, Georgia; Oddleifson, David; and Sinclaire, Graham.

FIRST HONORS

Barrett, Marcus; Baumgarten, Eleanor; Berger, Adam; Brady, Daniel; Brewer, Luke; Brophy, Johanna; Brown, Lennart; Cahill, Jennifer; Castro, Melissa; Daly, Ryan; Dunn, Brittany; Flibotte, Gabriella; Hart, Torey; Lehr, Samantha; Masotta, Amanda; McGoldrick, Margaret; Murphy, Conor; Ofsthun, Conor; Omer, Erika; Parnell, Megan; Salerno, Carly; Sceery, Ivan; Smith, Gordon; Smith, Stephanie; Thomae, Jean; Toomey, David; Wilcox, Christopher; and Zappolo, Carley.

SECOND HONORS

Charles, Widmaier; Farren, Kayla; Gilbert, Molly; Goodwin, Margaret; Hurley, Patrick; Kearns, Aisling; Livingstone, Alexander; Mack, Lauren; Mahoney, Caitlin; and Mullin, Alyssa.

GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Boehmke, Alexandra; and Brown, Sarah.

FIRST HONORS

Coakley, Meagan; Daniel, Penisha; Deutsch, Evan; Durham, Corinna; Goetz, Alexander; Goldhammer, Emma; Haggerty, Anna; Laas, Alexandra; McCarthy, May; Meehan, Sara; Silvia, Jennifer; and Strecker, Paige.

SECOND HONORS

Anderson, Meghan; Bushnell, Abigail; Crough, Ryan; Cundall, Ian; Czerkawski, Charles; Devaney, Kali; Flibotte, Mark; Gallagher, Gregory; Hart, Sondra; Hill, Brian; Hunter, Regina; Karp, Juliette; Kent, Christine; Koines, Chloe; Kusek, Michael; Meade, Jesse; Muir, Kenneth; Regan, Maura; Rose, Christopher; and Secatore, Nicholas.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

Barber, Kevin; Breslow, Austin; Campedelli, Laura; Garber, Caren; Ingram, Ryan; Richardson, Colleen; and Thompson, Amanda.

FIRST HONORS

Bellone, Teresa; Coggins, Emily; Daly, Brent; Madge, Michelle; Malone, Sarah; Miller, Charles; Murray, Zachary; Novak, Lara; Spofford, Virginia; St. John, Robert ; Strazzulla, Lauren; Toomey, Timothy; Treese, Caitlyn; Wendorf-French, Reed; and Wilcox, Kara.

SECOND HONORS

Brady, Robert; Campbell, Alyssa; Corry, Michael; Dattola-Harris, Kyle; Dooley, Kristen; Evans, Meredyth; Fewsmith, Stephanie; Haracz, Haley; Hurley, Caitlin; Masotta, Benjamin; Meikleham, Robert; Morin, Charles; Previte, Mary; Rohrer, John; Silvia, Robert; Simon, Emma; Stevenson, Owen; and Tangherlini, Alida.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Allen, Brooke; McBride, Kate; Nash, Emily; and Sceery, Nils.

FIRST HONORS

Bilbo, Jessica; Crawford, Melissa; Crowley-Buck, Melissa; Curry, Susan; Devlin, Michael; Fithian, Matthew; Fortunato, Aileen; James, Kaitlin; Jensen, Katherine; Kent, Jeffrey; Lee, Remy; Liddell, Erin; Lieb-Lappen, Mia; Ofsthun, Christopher; Plante, Vanessa; Reynolds, Christopher; Savage, Emily; Simmons, Stephen; Smith, Brandon; Trisler, Molly; and Whoriskey, Katherine.

SECOND HONORS

Bell, Kelsey; Bouchard, Mark; Busk, Prescott; Carpenter, Rita; Etkind, Zachary; Grossman, Chelsea; Hamilton, Joanna; Libby, Benjamin; McCarthy, Daniel; Moore, Mary; Musto, Lisa; Needle, Nathan; Pescatore, Christopher; Reardon, Katrina; Schwerin, Kristen; Sida, Charlotte; Trahon, Molly; Watts, James; Wheelwright, Jessica; and White, Shevaughn.

Watershed Academy to start March 8

The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) invites students to join its Watershed Academy. The Watershed Academy is a series of instructional classes that will train students to conduct coastal research projects. In this Academy session, students will learn to identify urban NPS (Non Point Source) pollution impacting James Brook, a waterway that runs through Cohasset Center and empties into Cohasset Harbor. Once properly trained, Academy students will work with the town board of health and a private consultant to verify the James Brook drainage system, conduct water quality sampling, develop pollution load estimates, and identify appropriate storm water BMPs (Best Management Practices).

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 – 9 p.m., beginning March 8 and continuing through April 26. Interested students should call CSCR at 781 383 0129, or email Jack Buckley at jbuckley.cscr@verizon.net. Student hours in the Academy may be transferable to course credit, upon approval of the student's host school. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research is a newly founded educational nonprofit organization that emphasizes research in the environmental sciences. Among its goals, CSCR's mission is to inspire students to become stewards of the region's marine environment; engage students in the study of coastal watershed issues; teach students how to research real environmental issues; encourage awareness about the environment; and promote activism within the community. CSCR is located at 40 Parker Ave in Cohasset. Visit: www.cscr.org.

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Carnival Liberty show production.

Liberty for all

Finding family harmony on Caribbean cruise

By FRAN GOLDEN

ABOARD THE CARNIVAL LIBERTY -- Ah, togetherness, relaxation, that's what a family vacation is all about, even if your family is a bit, well, unconventional.

And so I found myself on Carnival's newest ship in the Caribbean, with my daughter, 21, son, 18, and soon-to-be-ex-husband; boys in one cabin and girls in the other. The boys' cabin soon began to resemble "Animal House" despite the fine efforts of the stewards, but blissfully it was not my problem.

We'd chosen this cruise for its eight-day itinerary that included port calls at San Juan, Antigua, Tortola, St. Thomas and Nassau, as well as two full days at sea -- a little more interesting than the standard Caribbean routes.

To assure we'd get to the ship on time, we arrived in Fort Lauderdale a day early and spent a comfortable night at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort right on the beach and with a nice spa for those who want to get an early start on relaxing.

On to the ship. While out wandering at 6 our first evening onboard, we overheard a woman on her cell telling a friend she was having a great ole' time. "I've been drinking since 2," she slurred. Welcome to the party.

But the great thing about a cruise is everyone can do their own thing and go their separate ways. On a big ship like this, people hardly meet up unless they want to. The Liberty seems a fitting name.

As a family, we vowed to at least get together for lunch and dinner each day (the boys missed one dinner, though, because the Pats were playing; the game was broadcast onboard).

Daughter, ex and I all vowed to not gain weight on the cruise, so hitting the ship's big and well-equipped gym was a goal, mostly in the mornings (when skinny son slept in).

Days at sea were otherwise spent sunning and napping, reading and watching in-cabin movies. In other words, relaxing. At night we watched the production shows and guest singers and checked out the bars.

One afternoon, the kids and I entered the late-afternoon movie trivia contest -- part of a long list of activities for those who want them -- and we won (a genuine plastic gold Carnival trophy).

We celebrated in the ship's lively casino, where I was up $25 before both kids put their hands out. That experiment was not repeated.

Old San Juan is pretty, with its pastel colonial buildings, and on our arrival we wandered the streets checking out the views from historic Fort San Cristobel before stopping at El Patio (102 San Sebastian) to try some Puerto Rican cuisine. While a guitar player lazily strummed out tunes, we dived into mofongo (garlicky mashed plantain), fried plantain, hearts of palm salad, fried olives stuffed with cheese, beer and margaritas and, of course, rice and beans.

Back on the ship, the kids decided to enter the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" contest, attended by a crowd of about 150 mostly older passengers. They tied to win, coming back to the cabin with medals. Both were giggling, and they said they were told by several audience members they were smart kids.

One afternoon I felt like some extra exercise and convinced the ex to join me on the jogging track. We walked more than three miles (around and around the track) while we talked about life, dating and some upcoming legal stuff. We were both totally relaxed, walking in a light breeze and warm temperatures as we watched the sun set in shades of yellow over the very blue, nicely calm Caribbean. While people told us pre-trip we were crazy to want to travel together, it was a nice way to solidify our post-marriage friendship.

We toured sleepy Tortola (named by Columbus for the turtle dove), which quickly became my favorite of the Caribbean islands visited on this cruise. It's the kind of place where chickens (and sheep) do indeed cross the road to get to the other side, where steep green mountains grow out of the turquoise sea and jewelry stores and other tourist outlets are minimal.

The ship was wonderfully quiet in the morning when we called at St. Thomas, the majority of the 3,700 passengers having rushed ashore, so we took full advantage of the empty gym (no waiting for equipment).

When we did go ashore, we wanted the beach, so we avoided crowded Charlotte Amalie, known for its numerous duty-free shopping opportunities, and instead caught one of the open-air buses to Magen's Bay Beach, where we ate burgers and drank cold beer at the beach shack and spent the next several hours reading and sunning on lounge chairs, resisting the "Painkillers" being hawked by bikini-clad barmaids.

We found Antigua pretty low-key once you get out of hustling, bustling St. John's. We again hit the beach, our cab driver, Walter, suggesting Millers by the Sea, which cost us only $12 each way to get there (we prearranged for Walter to pick us up after two hours in the glorious sun).

The final full day of our cruise was to include a call at Nassau in the Bahamas, a port my family has visited many times in the past. We were debating whether to hit the Paradise Island beach, the straw market (where negotiating is a sport), the Pirate Museum or all three.

But we woke up to clouds and rain, 46-mph winds and 12-foot swells, enough to cause the captain to cancel the visit.

We didn't mind, really, as the extra day at sea gave us time to pack and veg out, although our suntans could have used another day of refreshing. The Carnival Liberty's onboard team scurried to add indoor activities, and the cruise line kindly deducted $25 per passenger from everyone's bill as a goodwill gesture.

We were all talking to each other at vacation's end, but, for some reason, the cab ride back to my place (where the cars were parked) from Logan did us in. Everyone started arguing. The cabbie must have thought we were nuts.

Our vacation experiment was a success. We all relaxed. We all had fun. Only next time, we'll take separate cabs home.

Rates for eight-day Carnival Liberty sailings in the Caribbean are priced from $749 per person. For more information, call 800-438-6744 or go to www.carnival.com

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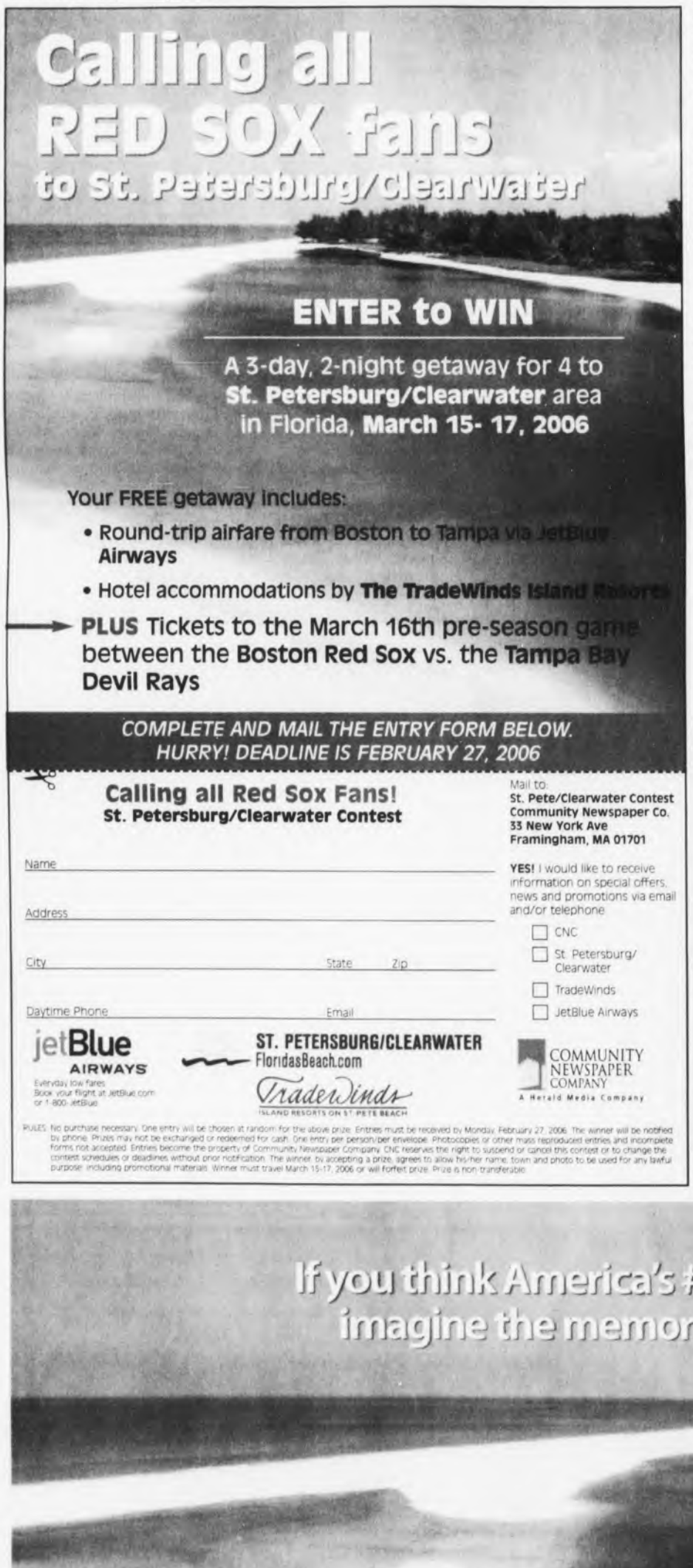

Quilt show and luncheon coming to Cohasset March 4

Cohasset's 13th Annual Quilt Show and Luncheon, will be held Saturday, March 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Second Congregational Church in Cohasset This year, more than 60 quilts will be on display. Tickets are $12 each and include a sit-down luncheon where volunteer waiters serve homemade strata, salads and a selection of desserts.

"When the idea of a small quilt show and elegant luncheon came to mind, we thought it would be just a one-time, cheerful way to spend a March Saturday," says Carol Sandblom, one of the event's original organizers. "It was not intended to be a fundraiser, but if we made a little money, it would go to charity. We must have struck a chord: over the past 12 years we've shown 650 quilts and donated over $16,000 to charity."

"We decorate the tables with linens and beautiful flowers to help bring a hint of spring to the midst of winter," Sandblom added. "It's really a fun way to spend a Saturday."

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— Carol Sandblom, one of the original organizers

The quilts displayed come from all over the South Shore and beyond. And each quilt has its own story which is shared in the show's program. This year's show includes both new and antique quilts, as well quilts from the 30's and 40's.

All proceeds will be shared between the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets should be bought in advance at the Second Congregational Church next to Cohasset's Town Hall on Highland Avenue. Stop by the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday, or call 781-383-0345 for information.

Class of '56 to award scholarship to CHS senior

To mark its upcoming 50th reunion June 2 through June 4 in Cohasset, the Cohasset High School Class of 1956 will be awarding an Alumni Scholarship to a deserving CHS 2006 graduate.

Class of 1956 alumnus Joel Pratt said, "While we were planning the reunion, classmate David Truesdell suggested we should do something for the school. The scholarship idea seemed perfect.

"We all remember friends at Cohasset High who were able to further their education because they got help. And we remember some who could not. We hope to give a boost to a young person who might not otherwise be able to improve his or her chances in life without some help," Pratt said.

"We believe that we are the first Cohasset class ever to offer a scholarship. It is our hope that what we are starting will become an ongoing CHS Alumni Scholarship," he added.

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— Joel Pratt

Seniors applying to four-year colleges or universities, two-year community colleges or trade schools will be eligible. The scholarship will not be based solely on academic achievement. Candidates must also have shown potential to succeed and clear financial need. Cohasset High School will administer the selection process with the participation of representatives from the Class of 1956. Winner will be announced at CHS Awards night May 31.

Members of the Class of '56 have already begun soliciting donations from its alumni. Anyone who attended Cohasset schools with the class at any time before graduating is considered a class member. Contributions will also be welcomed from any and all Cohasset alumni.

The Town of Cohasset has agreed to collect the donations so they will be tax deductible. Donation forms are available at the Middle-High School office at 143 Pond St., as well as the Treasurer's Office at Town Hall on Highland Ave.

"Cohasset Middle High School Principal Joel Antolini told me that he strongly supports our efforts, as he wants to find ways to involve more alumni in the school," Pratt said.

For scholarship information call Ed Leonard at the CHS Guidance Office, 781-383-6102 or Joel Pratt, 207-255-4740.

Jewelry, art show helps 3A Farm Fund

Tickets are now available for a Sunday brunch, jewelry and art show to benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter's 3A Farm Fund.

The event will be at the Scituate Country Club on Sunday, March 5, from noon to 4 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are $25 each.

The shelter is raising funds to relocate to the 3A Farm, at the corner of Route 3A and Mann Lot Road. A 2,500 square foot facility will be built to accommodate the growing area need to help stray, homeless, injured, and surrendered companion animals from Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull. To learn more, visit www.3afarmfund.com

Tickets may be purchased for $25 each by calling the Shelter at 781-545-8703 or sending a check — made out to "3A Farm Fund" — to Scituate Animal Shelter, PO Box 823, Scituate, 02066.

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OBITUARIES

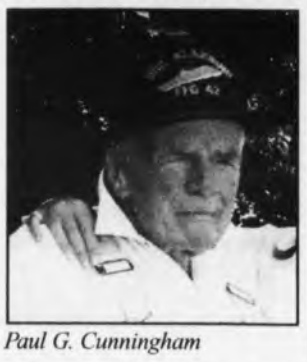
Paul G. Cunningham

WWII U.S. Navy veteran

Paul Gilmore Cunningham Sr., 89, of Cohasset, formerly of Lexington, died Feb. 5, 2006, one month before his 90th birthday.

Born in Boston, he was the eldest of nine children of Spurgeon and Mary Elizabeth (Murphy) Cunningham. He was raised in Cohasset and graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree. He graduated from Harvard University in Cambridge, and worked for Tucker Anthony as an investment advisor until his enlistment in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Cunningham served as midshipman and later as an officer aboard the USS Greene and USS Tillman, supporting the invasions at Casablanca, Salerno and Anzio. He served his last year in active service as the skipper of a Motor Torpedo Boat, PT 460, patrolling the English Channel, and received a commendation ribbon for performance in the Normandy invasion as Commanding Officer while patrolling off the coast of France.


Paul G. Cunningham

After military service he held positions from salesman to groundskeeper with IBM, Lexington Golf Club, Lexington Tennis Club, Hayden Ice Center, and Wellesley College.

He was a firm believer in the benefits of regular physical exercise and being outdoors and enjoyed being active rather than leading a sedentary lifestyle.

Husband of the late Ann Frances Lyon, he leaves a daughter, Cynthia McCormack, and her husband John of Gorham, Maine, two sons, Paul. G. Cunningham Jr., and his wife Nancy of Portland, Maine, and Philip L. Cunningham, of Lexington; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Nancy Pillet, and her husband Jean of Dinard, France, and Barbara Corey, of Petersham; 10 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; many nieces and nephews; and a great-niece and great-nephew. He was the brother of the late Calvin, Spurgeon, James, John, Perry, and the late Cornelia, Cunningham.

Arrangements by Douglas Funeral Home. A Celebration of his Life will be held in the spring in Cohasset. Contributions in memory of Paul and Ann Cunningham may be made to the Salvation Army or the Alzheimer's Association.

Robert B. Bell

U.S. Marine Corps Korean War veteran

Robert B. Bell, 72, of Reading, died Feb. 19, 2006.

The son of Marguerite B. (Saxon) Bell, and the late Frederick B. Bell, he was born in Barre Vt., and was raised and educated in Reading. He graduated from Reading Memorial High School, and attended UMass in Amherst, and the University of Lowell.

Mr. Bell served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

As was his father, Mr. Bell was a local businessman who owned and operated Bell's Barber Shop in Reading.

He had a passion for baseball, having played in high school and in college, as well as professionally, with the Carolina League, as a second baseman. He was a faithful sponsor of reading Youth Baseball.

He was a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge AM & FM, Reading; a member of the Wakefield Lodge of Elks BPOE, Wakefield; and a former member of the Meadow Brook Golf Club in Reading.

He leaves his loving wife, Ellen (Sillars) Bell; his mother, Marguerite B. Bell, of Stoneham, three daughters, Kathleen Sartorelli, and her husband John of Chelmsford, Susan Enis, and her husband Timothy of Westford, and Karen Mungenast, and her husband Kurt of Reading; two sons, Thomas M. Bell, and his wife Nancee Caughey of Intervale, N.H., and Richard W. Bell, and his wife Susan Caughey of Marshfield, .14 grandchildren; two brothers, Richard E. Bell, of Reading, and Stephen S. Bell, of Groton; a sister, Barbara L. Cornell, of Cohasset; and several nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late Frederick B. Bell.

A funeral service was held Thursday at the First Baptist Church Reading. Arrangements by Douglass, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home Reading.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made in his memory to Reading Youth Baseball, c/o David Gray, 29 Libby Ave., Reading, MA 01867 or to the First Baptist Church, 45 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Feb. 26: Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "A Piece of the Truth"

We welcome to our pulpit this Sunday guest Eva Marx. Ms. Marx serves as the Trustee from the Ballou Channing District on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association. She lives in Hingham and is an active member of First Parish (Old Ship). Eric Kluz will serve as liturgical host. All are welcome!

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. in the Parish House

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. Special events this week: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 28th at 6:30 p.m. We will hear Lee Childes and his Jazz Band. Ash Wednesday, March1, marks the beginning of our Lenten Observance. Services of the Imposition of Ashes will be held at 9:30 a.m. 4 p.m. (family and youth oriented) and 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Healing class will meet on March 2 at 7 p.m. A 5 week children's program on the Holy Eucharist will begin March 9 from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. This program is appropriate for any child pre-K through grade 3. Please call the church office at 781-383-1083 to register. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Final Sunday after the Epiphany, God makes himself known to Elijah, not in wind, earthquake or fire but in a still small voice. Paul's Epistle recalls his vision of Jesus in majesty on the holy mountain and the heavenly voice which announced that this was God's beloved Son. The Gospel of Mark relates the Transfiguration of Jesus. Preacher: The Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Carbon monoxide alarms required

"The Cohasset Fire Department stands ready to educate and assist homeowners meet the new requirement for carbon monoxide alarms."

— Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Chief Roger Lincoln wish to inform homeowners that as of March 31, carbon monoxide alarms will be required in all residences with potential sources of carbon monoxide. The vast majority of homes will not be required to install hard-wired systems although, where hard-wired systems are required by regulation, the deadline is Jan. 1, 2007. The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations recently passed emergency regulations to implement the law known as "Nicole's Law."

"Each year we see the devastating effects of carbon monoxide poisoning," Coan said. "Many of these incidents are avoidable with early detection and warning as provided through this new law.

"Consumers should work with their local fire departments to educate themselves carefully, because not every CO alarm on the shelf at the local hardware store will bring your home into compliance with these regulations," he said.

Chief Lincoln said the fire department is ready to help.

"The fire service urged passage of this legislation and the Cohasset Fire Dept. stands ready to educate and assist homeowners meet the new requirement for carbon monoxide alarms. Call at 781-383-0616," he said.

Consumer Information — The Dept. of Fire Services is distributing "A Consumer's Guide to Requirements for Residential Carbon Monoxide Alarms." This guide and information about the regulations can be obtained from local fire departments and on the DFS web site: www.mass.gov/dfs/osfm/pubed/firesafetytopics/carbon_monoxide_safety.htm.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission also has information in both English and Spanish on common sources of carbon monoxide in the home and recognizing the www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/464.pdf.

General Requirements — For most residential buildings with fossil fuel burning equipment or enclosed parking areas, the new regulations require carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home or dwelling unit including habitable portions of basements and attics. On levels with sleeping areas, the alarms must be placed within 10 feet of the bedroom doors. The regulations allow the following options for CO alarms:

- Battery operated with battery monitoring
- Plug-ins with battery backup
- Hard-wired with battery backup
- Low voltage system
- Wireless
- Qualified combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm.

Acceptable Combination Alarms — Acceptable combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must have simulated voice and tone alarms that clearly distinguish between the two types of emergencies. The State Building Code mandates that only photoelectric smoke alarms are permitted within twenty feet of a bathroom or kitchen. Consumers are urged to check with the local fire department on whether a specific alarm meets the code requirements.

Alternative Compliance Option — Owners of larger buildings with centralized or minimal sources of carbon monoxide may wish to consider the alternative compliance option contained in the regulation.

Enforcement — Fire departments are currently required to inspect smoke alarms when homes are being sold and transferred. Starting March 31, 2006 or Jan. 1, 2007 where hard-wired alarms are required, fire departments will now inspect all residences upon sale and transfer for carbon monoxide alarms.

Legal Notices

ZBA/6 JOY PLACE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., March 6, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Eric C. & Allyson L. Crews** seek to add a second floor to existing garage within the setbacks at **6 Joy Place** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-02-14b.

AD#10987683
Cohasset Mariner 2/24/06

ZBA/271 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., March 6, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Susan & Michael Sardina** seek to construct an addition at **271 South Main St.** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-02-13.

AD#10986916
Cohasset Mariner 2/17, 2/24/06

ZBA/498 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., March 6, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Alexander Ambroult**, seek to construct a second floor addition at **498 Beechwood St.** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-02-14.

AD#10986987
Cohasset Mariner 2/17, 2/24/06

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

12:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, found wallet.

8:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, investigation, school department business manager into HQ to report past motor vehicle accident involving a contracted student transport service vehicle and a private passenger car. Police log checked - incident never reported to police by parties involved in motor vehicle accident on Feb. 6, at 3:10 p.m.

8:10 a.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:47 a.m. **Williamsberg Lane**, medical aid, Scituate requests an assist for a medical aid for an older man who has fallen.

8:56 a.m. **Hull St.**, officer reports gas can left near electrical service, dispatch tried to contact key holders without success.

9:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, woman reports she put her wallet down at the gumball machine and when she turned to get it, it was gone.

12:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, difficulty breathing.

12:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

3:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports his vehicle was just hit and the suspect vehicle fled the scene. Driver side is dented in and broken glass. Hingham PD notified at this time looking for a white pick-up with ladder racks.

5:36 p.m. **North Main St.**, abandoned/hang-up 911, 911 caller reports they locked the keys in the car when asked if they had AAA the male hung the phone up.

6:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, bolo from Canton PD, they are looking for black Acura. Male just called him mother stating he was going to harm himself with a razor and that he was at an unknown Walgreen's. Male party has been located at this time.

8:01 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, Sgt. reports building checks secure.

9:28 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer out with a possible disabled motor vehicle. Officer reports no problems. Operator ran out of fuel they are attempting to make arrangements.

11:24 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Sgt. reports school building check secure.

11:31 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, Sgt. reports building checks secure.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

12:34 a.m. **Border St.**, a pick-up truck will be parked on the street overnight.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller states there is a dead coyote in the middle of the roadway. State DPW notified.

7:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, South Main Street at Spring Street is closed. South Main Street, between Spring and Summer Street will be down to one lane.

7:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, suspicious activity, knife found on the Metco bus.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:34 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Motor vehicle into tree.

5:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:26 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire, inspections, oil tank removal.

9:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

11:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

6:01 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports seeing a white American car, unknown plate, sitting in lot space for over 20 minutes.

8:30 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Sheldon Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, 2 occupants ran from vehicle; still 2 occupants left in vehicle. 884 one in custody. Arrest: Joseph F. Kehoe, 18, 65 Maple St., Scituate. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, speeding, marked lanes violation.

9:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

11:33 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports when he drove by Town Hall parking lot, noticed kids hanging around possibly suspicious activity.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:07 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, 883 reports flagged down by homeowner, her dog has gotten loose and not to be found for 10 minutes.

10:22 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, stop sign violation.

11:18 a.m. **Beach St.**, fire, investigation, call into fire house for possible boxes from blasting left in bobcat.

11:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:01 p.m. **Brook St.**, assault and battery (past), report that a high school kid was hitting a younger kid, unknown direction of travel after the fight.

1:06 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, investigation, follow-up on previous call last night.

2:15 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious person, initial call for male party acting strange. 886 Coming in with one under custody. Arrest: Carlos Zepeda, 48, 1098 Grant Ave., Apt. A1, Bronx, NY. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, possession open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

2:19 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:30 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:20 p.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, well being check.

8:29 p.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, medical aid.

9:17 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking violation, parking ticket issued, parking violation between signs.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

12:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:32 a.m. **Deer Hill and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:04 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid.

6:02 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, downed tree, large pine tree broken no damage.

7:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8 a.m. Weather: Snow. Wind: Gusty. Temp: 20.

8:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, caller reports motor vehicle into a pole.

8:07 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, caller reports operator of the motor vehicle accident is at the Mobil Mart.

10:15 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he observed a kayak go under the bridge upside down.

12:02 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, threats (bodily harm), walk in to HQ reports that she received a threat via telephone.

12:31 p.m. **Brook St.**, medical aid, caller is reporting a party has fallen.

2:17 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious activity, resident is reporting a snowmobile traveling at a high rate of speed.

2:24 p.m. **Linden Drive**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports a motor vehicle into a stone wall.

3:02 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint. Caller reports his dog is missing. Caller is reporting he talked to DPW and a motorist had picked up the dog.

3:27 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, assist motorist, fire department is requesting a tow truck for a motor vehicle with engine problems.

4:31 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity.

4:43 p.m. **East St.**, downed power lines, a low wire. Hingham Police notified.

6:49 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

6:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

10:06 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports youths walking around the building. Sgt. reports youths snowboarding.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

12:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window. Able to close window, but there appears to be snow inside. Left message for contact person.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:35 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller requests info on time of use for snowblowers. No known time restrictions.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

8 a.m. Weather: Snow. Temp: 9. Wind: Light Gust.

8:11 a.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:25 a.m. **Beedchwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Sgt. reports he was involved in a motor vehicle accident, no injuries.

9:34 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, assist motorist, caller reports a car stuck in the snow at this location. Cannot make it up the hill.

9:48 a.m. **Dayton Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a n 18-month-old with a head injury.

9:50 a.m. **Lower King St.**, assist motorist, caller reports an MBTA slid off the road at this location. Sgt. reports vehicle has a tow truck on the way from the "T", they are off to the side, no hazard.

1:38 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation, illegal burning. Fire has been extinguished.

4:40 p.m. **Central Park**, well being check, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a well being check.

6:20 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports 2 females were terminated this evening, they are concerned that one may show up sometime through the night.

8:02 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Hull Fire requesting R3 for a heart attack.

9:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports her daughter is working at the gas station and is being harassed by a male party acting very strange.

10:15 p.m. Attempted suicide, transported SSH/ALS, Police Chief on scene. Officers reports subject is in custody, R3 to transport shortly. Officers were spit on and Fire Dept did treat on scene.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

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What's happening on the South Shore

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 3 2006

Uggams joins local actors for 'A Raisin in the Sun' reading

Broadway and television veteran Leslie Uggams will join a cast of local actors in a reading of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" on Monday at Boston's Shubert Theatre. Joining Uggams will be Jacqui Parker, Vincent Siders, Darius Williams, John Thompson, and Derek Jackson of Brockton.

Uggams will portray Lena Younger, the matriarch of a family living on Chicago's South Side in the 1950s. After her husband passes away, Lena's family grapples with the proper way to use his life insurance check. With strong urging from their mother, the Youngers decide to spend the money on a new home in a white suburban neighborhood.

The story of an American family whose hopes and dreams are constantly deferred, "A Raisin in the Sun" was the first play written by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway when it premiered in 1959 with a cast that included Sidney Poitier, Ruby Dee, Louis Gossett, Jr., and Claudia McNeil. Most of the original Broadway cast reunited for a 1961 feature film version. In 2004, the play received its first Broadway revival with an all-star cast led by music mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs, Audra McDonald and Phylicia Rashad, and directed by Kenny Leon. Local audiences may recall that Leon also directed "A Raisin in the Sun" at Boston's Huntington Theatre in 1995. That production featured Esther Rolle in a magnificent and still memorable portrayal of the matriarch.

Audience members who attend Monday's reading are also invited to register for free acting workshops to be held next Tuesday and Wednesday evening by the Education department of the Wang Center for the Performing Arts. The acting workshops are led by professional actors and directors and are open to participants of all acting abilities 14 years old and above. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will take place during the intermission at Monday's reading. Advance registration is not available.

The American Voices: Drama, Dialogue, Downtown play reading of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun," under the directron of Steven Maler and starring Leslie Uggams, will take place Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston. For tickets and information, call1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

Movie review

'Eight Below' avoids mush

Actor Paul Walker conveys genuine concern for the dogs he works with in "Eight Below."

Eight Below (B+)

JAMES VERNIERE
FILM CRITIC

Attention penguin-loving moviegoers: All aboard for another trip to the frozen South Pole to fall in love with and be edified by a "truthy" story of animal survival.

"Eight Below" re-creates a fact-based survival story involving a team of Siberian huskies, which probably means it's mostly fabricated. The film is a happy return to the good-old days when the Disney company knew how to make charming live-action family films. Directed by Frank Marshall ("Alive," "Arachnophobia"), the film is inspired by a real-life story from 1957 that was the basis of a Japanese movie (1957 was also the year Disney released its canine landmark "Old Yeller").

Like "March of the Penguins," "Eight Below," which was shot in British Columbia and Greenland, is both spectacular-looking and a tad too eager to anthropomorphize its lovable beasties. But with the help of the handsome young actor Paul Walker ("The Fast and the Furious"), who brings an easygoing masculinity and genuine sense of concern for the well-being of the animals, "Eight Below" works surprisingly well, in spite of that tone-deaf title. Of course, Walker has the help of an amazing supporting cast, most of whom have fur and four legs.

Walker is the aptly named Antarctic guide and sled-dog musher Jerry Shepard, a young, competent outdoorsman assigned to take Indiana Jones-like scientist "Doc" McLaren (ever-reliable Bruce Greenwood) to a perilous mountainside in search of a meteorite (some of these scenes appear to be played on sets).

Jerry's cohorts back at camp include team clown Cooper (an amiably goofy Jason Biggs) and sexy bush pilot Katie (an appealing Moon Bloodgood), who is Jerry's ex-girlfriend.

At their destination, a storm blows up, forcing Jerry, Doc and everyone to evacuate by air, leaving Jerry's beloved "kids" - regal Maya, princely Max, twins Dewey and Truman, weathered Old Jack and three others - behind, chained together.

When Jerry is told they cannot go back to retrieve the dogs until spring, something everyone believes is equivalent to a death sentence, he is heartbroken, and that is when the film's action begins in earnest. Stranded in the open during the raging storm, the dogs somehow survive; most break free and go on a series of adventures across spectacular frozen wastelands.

Brrr. As the frigid days and long nights of winter pass, the dogs evade horrific dangers, in one case a (CGI) leopard seal, and learn to feed themselves. While I find it impossible to believe a starving dog would feed another starving dog, the scenes undeniably tug the heartstrings. The dogs even have some fun, in one case rummaging through an abandoned camp site.

But what's most fascinating is that Marshall manages to stage scenes in which the animals actually appear to communicate with one another on cue, without actually talking as they do in a scene in Disney's "Snow Dogs." At this point, the dogs have fully taken center stage, while Jerry is back in civilization trying to persuade Doc and others to finance an expedition to return to the dogs in the unlikely event some have survived.

Although the leopard seal will terrorize very young children, kids should love "Eight Below" and maybe even want to learn more about life in the still-mysterious icy wilderness.

Moviegoers have been in love with man's best friend since the days of such canine superstars as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie.

To that list, we can now add Maya and the gang. Mush!

Rated PG, "Eight Below" contains scenes of nature-movie violence and animals and humans in peril.

Thursday, Feb. 23

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Thursday, Feb. 23, Odd Features of Alien Creatures, Friday, Feb. 24, Resourceful Robots. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $34 per day, $30 members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Specify kindergarten or grades one-five. Visit www.ssnsc.org.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Thursday, Feb. 23, **Brian Stratton Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

Steve Hurl with Jumpin Juba will perform at Big D's Neponset Café, 497 Washington St., Canton, on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. For information all 781-828-9834.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Feb. 23, **Satch's Blues Jam featuring "Sweet" Melissa Barbosa.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe .com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts a **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Friday, Feb. 24

Bus trip to Rhode Island Flower Show, Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Travel by luxury coach, after seeing the show, you are free to lunch on your own or spend time shopping at the Providence Place Mall. Meet back at 3 p.m. for the ride home. Fee is $41 for members or $45 for non-members and includes admission to the Flower Show and transportation. Limited to 45 people.

Paul Revere House "The Revere Family at Work," February school vacation program, Friday, Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m. to noon, 19 North Square, Boston. Ages 7-11, $4.50. Reservations required. Call 617-523-2338. For information visit www.paulreverehouse.org.

"Sara Crewe: A Little Princess" at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, Boston," through Feb. 26. Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; school vacation matinees, Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday 24, 1 p.m. Tickets $20, $16, $12. Group rates available. Call 617-879-2300 or email tickets@wheelock.edu.

Blue Suede Shoes, musical extravaganza direct from Las Vegas, featuring Elvis the early years and in later life, Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25, at Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell. Tickets $30. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Celtic Odyssey art exhibit featuring the work of Fiona and John Owen will be on display Feb. 24 through April 2 in the **South Shore Art Center Bancroft Gallery,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Opening Reception Friday, Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.ssac.org.

The 17th Annual Boston Wine Festival at Boston Harbor Hotel, Friday, Feb. 24. Featuring Neyers Vineyards. Dinner and seminar at 6:30 p.m. or dinner at 8 p.m., in The Atlantic Room. Experience world-renowned wines with Chef Bruce's exquisite cuisine. Tickets are $235 per person to attend seminar and dinner, $190 for the dinner. For more information call 617-330-9355 or visit www.bostonwinefestival.net.

New England Singles dance, Friday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. to midnight, **Moseley's on the Charles**, 50 Bridge St., Dedham; 60s, 70s and 80s music by DJ Paul Dipanfilo. Ages 35+. Admission $10. Call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdance-newengland .com.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. to midnight, with DJ Dave Joubert, Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Admission $10, $7 members. Ages 45+. Proper dress. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Feb. 24, **Motown Night w/Boston Soul Revue**. Cover $15. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Jo-Jomima featuring Joey Sullivan**, Friday, Feb. 24. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Friday, Feb. 24, **Dave Foley Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Saturday, Feb. 25

ArtsFest 2006 at Kennedy's Country Gardens, Route 3A Scituate, Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art, photography, pottery and sculpture by local artisans. Complimentary refreshments. Call 781-545-1266 or visit www.KennedysCountryGardens .com.

The 14th Annual Cajun and Zydeco Mardi Gras Ball, Saturday, Feb. 25, Rhodes on the Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, R.I. from 7 p.m. to midnight. Featuring Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, Geno Delafose and French Rockin Boogie and Balfa Toujours. Tickets are $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Features a costume contest and Cajun and Creole cuisine for purchase. Part of proceeds to benefit Very Special Arts Rhode Island. For information call 401-783-3926 or visit www.mardigrasri.com.

The Madeleine Hall Band featuring Chris Stovall Brown will perform an exclusive Boston area engagement on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 p.m. at The Purple Eggplant Cafe', 400 Bedford Street, Abington. For information call 781-871-7175 Admission is $5. Reservations suggested.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Saturday, Feb. 25, **Five to the Face.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Pete Collins and Friends, featuring Jim Mazzy on banjo and Fred Clifford on tuba, Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m., at The Winsor House Inn, 390 Washington St., Duxbury. Call 781-934-0991.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, Feb. 25, **Madeleine Hall Band featuring Stovall Brown**. All shows 9:15 p.m. No cover. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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Mark your calendar

WEIR RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION FUND-RAISING SILENT AUCTION at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel. Buffet dinner by Raffael's, on Thursday, March 30, from 6:30-10 pm. There will be many fantastic items to bid on include sporting equipment rentals, restaurant and local business gift certificates, works of local artists, and more. Reservations are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. To make a reservation visit www.weirriver.org, or call 781-773-1522 or send a check made out to WRWA to Weir River Watershed Association, PO Box 1112, Hull, MA 02045.

FOURTH ANNUAL JORDAN'S POLAR PLUNGE to benefit the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center, Saturday, March 4, at Plymouth Beach. Registration at 10:30 a.m. and plunge at noon. More than 300 plungers and 1,000 spectators were at the 2005 plunge. Join either individually or as a team. Creative costumes are encouraged and footwear is a must. Following the plunge, participants will gather at Stoneforge at Bert's Cove, 140 Warren Ave, Plymouth, for a complimentary buffet, prizes and awards. All monies benefit the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center. For a registration form, call Catherine McKenna at 508-746-0103, or visit www.jordanspolarplunge.com.

ANTHONY RAPP, star of television, stage and film, will read selections of his book "Without You – A Memoir of Love, Loss and the Musical RENT," at the Wang Theatre on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. The reading is free and open to the public. After the reading, area college students will join him for a special performance of a hit song from RENT. For information visit www.wangcenter.org.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL BLUE HILLS MOUNTAIN BIKE DAY, Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Perfect your pedaling power with the DCR Rangers, Blue Hills TrailWatch and the NE Mountain Bike Association. Marked trail loops for all abilities and skills clinics.

CABARET AU CHOCOLAT! Join the South Shore Choral Arts Society conducted by Danica Buckley for an evening of music, merriment, appetizers, wine and chocolate, on Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, Scituate Harbor. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front St. Books in Scituate and choir members. Cost is $20 person, $25 at the door. For information call Paul 781-585-8910.

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The North River Arts Society is pleased to present *Nurturing the New*, a new exhibit in our Little Gallery featuring original mixed media and traditional monoprints by member artist *Mary Taylor*. This exhibit will run from Feb. 25-March 24. The public is invited to an artist's reception on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 5-7 p.m. Mary Taylor will also offer a hands-on demonstration of her monoprinting techniques on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration for this is appreciated. $20 per person payable at the door. Hours for the Little Gallery, located in NRAS' G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills are Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or by appointment on the weekends. For more information call 781-837-8091

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Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Saturday, Feb. 25, **The Hivewhackers.** No cover. Call 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Feb. 26

South Shore Natural Science Center has rescheduled the **Rainforest Reptile Show** for Sunday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. Herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky will present reptiles, including lizards, turtles, really big snakes and an American alligator. Show was rescheduled due to the snow, the Feb. 12 tickets may be used for this show. Tickets are $6 for members, $7 for non-members and must be purchased in advance. Show recommended for ages 3 and up. Purchase tickets by calling 781-659-2559.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

Church of the Holy Nativity's Youth Group's latest FUN-draiser will be a three-course spaghetti dinner, in the church hall on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. The $5 per person feast includes salad, deserts, spaghetti and meatballs. All are invited For tickets, call the church at 781-335-2030 or members of the youth group. The youth group has been raising funds for its activities. The group hopes to get to a Red Sox game, and go on a working trip to the Rosebud Mission in South Dakota. The youths meet on Sunday at noon in the hall in the Church at 8 Nevin Road , Weymouth. For information call 781-335-2030.

Rail-A-Rama XXXVIII, annual **railroad hobby show,** sponsored by Mystic Valley Railway Society Inc. Sunday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Christina's function Facility, Route 1, Foxboro. Adults $4, children 5-12, $1, under age 5, free. Call Russ Rylko, 617-361-4445 or visit www.mysticvalleyrs.org.

Forever Plaid's Feb. 12 performance, which was cancelled due to snow has been rescheduled. The new date is Sunday Fe. 26. at the Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy Center. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. A four-course dinner served at 2 p.m. Show starts at 3:30 p.m. Dinner/show tickets are $37.50. Show without dinner, $17.50 For reservations call 781-843-5862.

Pianist, songwriter, singer **Bob Malone** will to perform at New Song Arts Center, 76 Park St., Rockland on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Malone's music is pure Americana, uptown blues, gutbucket New Orleans ragtime stomp, and classic. For information 781-335-0249 or visit www.bobmalone.com. or www.newsongartscenter.org.

Monday, Feb. 27

South Street Gallery will host an exhibit by Cape Cod artists Doug Rugh and Hillary Osborn, through Thursday, Mar. 9. 149 South St., Hingham. Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery .com

Pembroke Library storytime, meets Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for 30 to 45 minutes. No registration required. Open to children of all ages. Read books, sing songs, play games and make crafts. Call 781-293-6771.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center, will exhibit **"Home & Away"** paintings by watercolor artist/illustrator **Maureen Brookfield** on display through March 1. Call 781-659-7100.

"The Award Winners, 2002-2005" photography of Peggy Roth Major, at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through March 2. Open during regular library hours. For directions and gallery showing information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Two Worlds: Watercolor and Fiber exhibit, South Shore Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery and Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery, Cohasset, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April. Free admission. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 ext 10.

An Evening of Transformational Healing with Mark Mincolla, Monday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., On the Path Wellness Center, Schoosett St., Pembroke. Cost $30. Call 781-826-7076 or visit www.on-the-path.com.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

North River Network Group, at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

Combined Sustainable South Shore and Sustainable Transportation meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m., at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Ave. This will be a planning meeting for a regional transportation survey and The Sustainable Living Festival (3rd Annual Climate InfoFest), that will be held at the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse on Earth Day, April 22. For information call 781-925-5665 or 781-413-7604.

Pick a Party, Route 139, Hanover, **mother's group meeting** Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost $5 per hour per child with the purchase of a 10-visit family pass for $50. Pass entitles holder to any Tuesday morning visit for up to two children per family pass. Call Stacy Smith Wheel, 781-826-7077 to register.

Beacon Hospice volunteer training program, Tuesday, Feb. 28 through Tuesday, April 11, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Queen Anne Nursing Home, Hingham. Free admission. To register call Diane Gibson, 508-747-7222.

No Pain Piano Workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Massasoit Community College with instructor Frank Dunne. To register, call Registrar, 508-588-9100 ext 1951. For free pamphlet "How to Read Music Notation in Just 30 Minutes" send SASE to Pop Piano Workshop, 56 Endicott St., Quincy, MA 02169.

Fiction-writing workshop sponsored by Buttonwood Books, in Cohasset and Boston's Grub Street, the city's only independent writing center, on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books. Amanda Eyre Ward will be the instructor. This introductory fiction seminar will inspire and provide lots of new material through a series of fun directed writing exercises. Subjects like mining for material, constructing characters and settings, shaping vivid dialogue, and understanding point of view will be explored Reservations are requested. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Tynan brings his tenor to town in time for St. Patrick's Day

Legendary tenor Ronan Tynan promises plenty of Irish favorites just in time for St. Patrick's Day when he plays Boston's Berklee Performance Center on Saturday, March 11.

"Every year at this time, I make sure the programs are even more Irish than usual. The Irish want to hear the Irish songs, especially in March, and I'm happy to oblige. It's fun for me," explained Tynan by telephone last week from his New York home. The Dublin native will also perform selections from "Ronan," his self-titled solo debut album for Universal Classics. The album reached number two on Billboard's Classical Crossover Chart, just behind Josh Groban, and was the eighth best-selling classical crossover album of 2005.

"When I recorded 'Ronan,' I wanted people to see that I could sing all kinds of music. I think it shows a greater versatility than any other album I've ever done," says Tynan, a founding member of The Irish Tenors. "The material on the album has tremendous depth and weight. I wanted to sing a greater variety of music and spread my wings a bit."

In addition to a busy touring schedule, Tynan, 45, will go back into the recording studio in April to begin work on a new faith-based album to be released this fall. At least two of the selections on the upcoming album will be songs with which Tynan has a long history.

"When we were selecting the music, we chose two songs that I had sung as a child in church. Now, of course, my depth of understanding has increased."

Tynan, a Trinity College-educated medical doctor who, disabled from birth, had both legs amputated at age 20 following a car accident, has found contentment with the performing career he launched in his early 30s.

"I'm happy inside myself. You have to be happy with who you are."

Music Circus Productions, the producing arm of The South Shore Music Circus, will present "An Evening with Ronan Tynan" Saturday, March 11 at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2000 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

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Pianist, songwriter, singer Bob Malone, on tour to celebrate the release of his fifth CD "Born Too Late" returns to Massachusetts to perform at New Song Arts Center Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m at the New Song Arts Center in Rockland. Bob Malone's music has a rare timeless sound that is pure Americana: an intoxicating distillation of uptown blues, gutbucket New Orleans ragtime stomp, and classic singer/songwriter pop songcraft, delivered with a wry lyrical eye for detail, and the ferocious energy of a great rock and roll piano man. The New Song Arts Center is located at 76 Park St, Rockland. For more information call 781-335-0249 or visit www.newsongartscenter.org

Classes

FICTION WRITERS' WORKSHOP begins Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. A ten-week fiction-writing workshop with Kim Davis, who has a MFA in creative writing from Emerson College. The workshop is limited to twelve participants. Cost for the class is $70 plus a small materials fee. Pre-registration is required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 19 or email mayes@artcomplex.org.

BASIC BOATING offered by The Old Colony Squadron of the U.S Power Squadron. This course teaches safe boating, charting, basic piloting and related topics beginning Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 at the South Shore Vocational-Technical High School, Route 123, Hanover. The course is free. Materials cost $50. For information call John Gardmer at 508-378-7928.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THAYER ACADEMY, "A Splash of Color" is the latest offering in Thayer's long-running Saturday Programs, an academic enrichment program open to all South Shore residents. For fourth and fifth graders, this two-hour art class will be taught by drawing instructor Anni McDonough. Begins on March 25 and will run for five weeks. For more information, call 781-664-2216 or email amcdonough@Thayer.org.

HOT POWER YOGA class will be held on Friday, Feb. 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Whidden's School of Fitness, 822 Webster St., Marshfield Center. A powerful, flowing yoga class, held in a heated room. Increase flexibility, strength, endurance, release toxins, and reduce stress. Yoga experience is recommended, but not required. Cost is $12 by Feb. 23, or $ 15 at the door. Space is limited. Bring a water bottle, towel and a yoga mat. For more information, call 781-834-9161, email wsfi@rcn.com or visit http://users.rcn.com/wsfi/.

PAINTING THE PORTRAIT FROM LIFE, workshop presented by Thomas Tietjen and offered by North River Arts Society, Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn to understand what you are seeing, making portrait painting as simple as shapes, colors and values. Some drawing and oil painting experience will be helpful. Pre-registration is required. To sign up: email northriverarts@rcn.com, or call 781-837-8091.

Wednesday, March 1

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Silk painting workshop with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

Duxbury No Place for Hate committee will meet on March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Setter Room of the Duxbury Library. If you care about combating hate and bias in our community come be part of the committee. For more information, contact the Duxbury Interfaith Council at 781-934-8288.

Transformation Place Bible Study, meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Au Bon Pain on Route 139 in Pembroke. Transformation Place is an outreach ministry of The New England Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to Marshfield and Pembroke.

South Shore Brain Aneurysm Support Group, second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Call 617-513-3578 or email tfquirk@aol.com.

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"Emergence, 1988" by Elizabeth Lilly

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Thursday, March 2

South Shore Women's Business Network breakfast, Thursday, March 2 from 7:30-9:30 am. at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. Features keynote speaker Jane Pollack, an internationally known entrepreneur, artist, professional speaker and author. Topic is "If I can make a business out of this. You can make a business out of anything." Regsiter by calling SSWBN at 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

"A Night of Boston History and Music," Thursday, March 2 at 7-8 p.m. at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate. This free event features the authors of two books on Boston politics and history. Authors Clint Richmond and Susan Gedutis Lindsay will perform music as well. For information call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Lyric Stage Company presents Edward Albee's **"The Goat,"** through March 18. Tickets $20-45 at 140 Clarendon St., Boston or call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families; married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866

Philatelists or stamp collectors are needed for a new Plymouth stamp club. This is an opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Meetings will be monthly. If you are interested or know someone who is, call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

"Lunch with the Author" at the Minot Lightkeepers' Residence, Cohasset on Thursday, March. 2 at 11:30 a.m. Hosted by Paul Pratt Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys. Featured author is Carol Goodman, discussing her new book, "The Ghost Orchid." She has also written "The Seduction of Water" and "The Drowning Tree." Tickets are $18 per person and must be purchased in advance and are non-refundable. Tickets are available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Circulation Desk and at Buttonwood Books. For information call 781-383-2665.

Friday, March 3

Single Executives Club singles and couples dance, Friday, March 3 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 1125 Boston-Providence Highway, Route 1, Norwood. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres all night. Generous door prizes. Ages 30+. Proper business dress. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. Call 781-255-3144 or visit www.se-4u.com.

The Edges of Grace: Provocative, Uncommon Craft, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, through April 30. Erotic jewelry, unorthodox religious icons, and war-inspired textiles. Call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fuller-craft.org.

R&B star Chris Brown will perform a special concert following the Celtics vs. Indiana Pacers game on Friday, March 3 at the TD Banknorth Garden. Event sponsored by the Verizon Wireless Concert Series. Seats are available for $10 in the Brooks Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets call 800-4NBA-TIX, online at www.Celtics.com or at the Garden box office. One ticket grants admission to both the basketball game and the special concert.

Comedy at the Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, comedy night with Paul Keenan, Friday, March 3, 9-10:30 p.m. Other comedians performing are: Annette Pollack, Harrison Stebbins, Nikki Flynn, Michael Acciola and others. Admission is $15. Call to reserved tickets 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Chris Potter Quartet at Regattabar, Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4. Tickets call 617-395-7757

The National Golf Expo Boston, Friday, March 3-5 at the Bayside Expo Center. Expo includes over three football fields of golf-related exhibits, displays and interactive features. There is a Long Drive Championship qualifying process on March 4. Tickets for the Expo are $10 for adults, $9 for children and seniors, age 12 and under are free. Sponsored by Herald Media, Inc. and Paragon Group. For more information, call 800-756-7606 or visit www.golfexpoboston.com

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

Ongoing events

Old Ship Labyrinth Available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request, visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus open call for singers for spring show performance in May of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys

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The 14th Annual Cajun & Zydeco Mardi Gras Ball will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI, at 7 p.m. to midnight featuring: Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys, Geno Delafose & French Rockin' Boogie, and Balfa Toujours. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door. Tables of ten (sold in advance only) are $325. The ball features a costume contest, Cajun & Creole cuisine for purchase, and a cash bar. To purchase tickets, send a check or money order and SASE to Lagniappe Productions, 255 Holly Rd, Wakefield, RI 02879. For more information, call 401-783-3926 or go towww.mardigrasri.com. Part of the proceeds will benefit Very Special Arts Rhode Island.

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MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting-wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Membership fee $20 per year. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

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The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke presents the Dave Foley Band performing Saturday, Feb. 24. For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Volunteers

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S ROAD TO RECOVERY needs volunteers to drive cancer patients to and from their cancer treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible and appointments take place weekdays during business hours. For more information contact your ACS 800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPICE TRAINING. Cranberry Hospice is currently seeking new volunteers for a training session to begin March 20, for nine sessions (weekly on Mondays.) Pre-registration is required. Held at Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, from 6:30- 9:00 p.m. Hospice volunteers provide companionship, support and understanding to people living with a life-limiting illness and their families, in their homes. Other opportunities include clerical tasks in the hospice office and fundraising activities. Call Karen Foster at 508-830-2762.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2006 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR, March 30- April 5. Each volunteer will be required to work three 4-hour shifts or a total of 12 hours. Must be over 18. Will receive special uniform jacket, polo shirt and cap and a 7-day MBTA pass. Volunteers are needed for hotel information desks, airport welcome and other events. Visit www.masports.org/womensfinalfour.

BE A BIG SISTER. Orientations are held at 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Bldg., Suite 7, second floor, Quincy Center. Next orientation is Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m. Applications are available at sessions. For more information, call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsisters.com.

FOSTER PARROTS, a nonprofit Parrot Rescue, Sanctuary and Adoption Center, is seeking parrot lovers to volunteer in the care of 200 parrots at the center in Rockland. Volunteers are involved in education, cleaning, feeding and improving the lives of the growing number of unwanted parrots in captivity. Volunteer positions are available for all days of the week especially Saturday and Sunday. Currently looking for parrot lovers to spend time at the center, changing water and food cups and offering attention to the many grateful residents. Visit their web site at www.fosterparrots.com. for additional information about Foster Parrots or contact Marc Johnson at 781-878-3733.

MASS AUDUBON SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR DANIEL WEBSTER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. Volunteers needed to help in guiding visitors on the trails of the Sanctuary on weekends this spring. Mass Audubon educators Ellyn Einhorn and John Galluzzo will provide training for new Volunteer Sanctuary Guides by taking them for guided walks on the property and providing all of the information needed to answer the public's questions. For information contact: John Galluzzo, 781-837-9400 ext 7909.

LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS

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Tinnitus is a potentially debilitating condition characterized by ringing, buzzing, or other sounds in one or both ears without any outside source. Tinnitus is a symptom, not a disease, and no one knows its cause. It often occurs along with noise-induced hearing loss or age-related hearing loss (presbycusis). It can also be a side effect of medication (including aspirin, quinine, and some antibiotics). In addition, tinnitus can be a symptom of Meniere's disease. If tinnitus is associated with hearing loss, a hearing instrument will increase the sounds that should be heard and may help drown out the ringing. Special devices are available that produce "white noise" that may mask the annoying sounds.

We bring you this column on hearing in order to better educate our friends here in the Weymouth area on the importance and benefits of taking care of their hearing and thus enhancing their quality of life. If you are having problems with your hearing, or if a family member seems to be experiencing hearing difficulties, we welcome you to call us at FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER, 781-337-1144. We offer comprehensive hearing services, including testing, evaluation, fittings, and follow-up care. Located at 534 Main Street (Rt. 18), across from the Stetson Bldg. in Weymouth, we accept most HMOs, State GIC, Union Benefits, and Mass Health. Visit us on the web at www.familyhearing.net.

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Historic override could come before voters

Number could be as high as $2M

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Cohasset has passed 28 overrides since 1988, and this year, will be asked to do so again.

Although a final figure, or figures, have not been completely settled upon, at a joint meeting held Monday, Feb. 27, the idea was floated for the town and school department to ask voters to support allocating all the funding they need — roughly $640,000 for the town and $1.3 million for the schools — through a Proposition 2-1/2 override.

Prop. 2-1/2 is a state law passed by Massachusetts voters in 1980 which limits the amount a town can raise its property taxes each year to 2-1/2 percent more than was raised the year before, plus taxes that will be paid from new construction and substantial renovations to property. It also provides a mechanism for a city or town, with approval from its voters, to override the tax cap and increase property taxes above the 2-1/2 percent to generate more revenue.

"We need to be sure we're at a level where we can succeed and there is a political reality. If we reach too far, we'll go backwards."
— Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed

Cohasset is a town which does not have a large commercial tax base, and therefore the majority of revenue coming into the town is from property taxes. That is part of the reason the town has had to go for Prop. 2-1/2 overrides year after year. With more commercial development, which is a task currently being worked on by the Economic Growth and Development Committee, the town could rely less on residential taxes.

There are three kinds of overrides — capital exclusions, debt exclusions, and operating budget overrides. Capital exclusions are very rare and they raise taxes only for one year to pay for specific projects that will be paid off within the year. Cohasset has passed three capital exclusions over the years, including one for fire equipment and another for DPW equipment.

Debt exclusions are passed by a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting and a majority vote at the ballot box. Debt exclusions are used solely to cover special projects.

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Pack attack

New homes for five dogs

By Samantha Brown
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A group of nine border collies which have threatened and/or bitten four Cohasset residents will be separated permanently, in an effort to break up the "pack mentality" which may have contributed to some of the attacks. The dogs will also undergo a behavioral analysis to determine whether they are a threat to humans on their own.

At a dog hearing held during Tuesday's Board of Selectmen's meeting, the board said it agreed with recommendations brought forward by Town Manager Bill Griffin, who serves as the town's dog hearing officer. Until five of the dogs can be placed in good homes, all nine will be restrained at all times while outdoors — with the exception of showing the dogs to an interested buyer — and are not allowed to leave the property of their owners, John and Mia Dean of Meadow Lane. The board will take a final vote on a revised set of recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

"We have a range of options," said Griffin, in terms of dealing with the dogs' behavior, adding the maximum penalty would be to order one or more of the dogs to be destroyed. He said that was not an option he recommended.

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WHO WILL BE THE NEXT MR. SKIPPER?

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Judges at the fourth annual "Mr. Skipper Pageant" March 10 will have to choose among many candidates including (back row, from left) junior Charles Miller, senior Pat O'Brien, junior Tim Toomey, junior Mike Corry, senior Scott Wakefield, senior Zach Etkind, senior Dan McCarthy and senior Chris Pescatore. In the front row are senior Rick Grassie, senior Brendon Barrett, and senior Rob Murley. Contestants will be judged on formal wear, signature wear, talent and response to a philosophical question. Proceeds for the event help offset the cost of the prom and other senior activities.

Weathervane at Deer Hill could be town's next senior project

Cook Estate developer chosen

By Mary Ford
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The home that sits atop Deer Hill that belonged to the late Jane Bancroft Cook is going to remain and be the centerpiece of a new 45-home "senior" development that will include 12 units of affordable housing.

Selectmen voted last week to accept Weymouth-based Weathervane Construction Corporation's $4.9 million proposal to build Cape-style condominiums for those 55 and older on the Cook Estate off Sohier Street.

If Weathervane signs the Land Disposition Agreement by March 31, as expected, the three-year-long "Cook saga" could be coming to an end. The LDA is a detailed purchase and sales agreement that also spells out how the property will be used when sold to a developer, addressing such issues, for example, as the commitment to construct affordable units.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said the board was looking forward to working with Weathervane.

"The Town is pleased that a local company, Weathervane, based in Weymouth is the selected tentative developer for the Cook Estate," Koed said.

"The Town of Cohasset is excited to be moving forward on this project."
— Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed

"This has been a complicated process dealing with the state procurement laws (MGLA Chapter 30B) on top of the general complexities involved with any real estate transaction. The board of selectmen is committed to working diligently to make this a success.

"Weathervane submitted an exciting design and proposal and, again, the Town of Cohasset is excited to be moving forward on this project," he said.

President Jim Bristol, who is the fourth generation of his family in the business, explained why the company did not return the RFP (Request for Proposals) when the town first advertised for proposals two years ago. He said while the Cook Estate is a "beautiful property that excited us," at that time what the town was looking for did not match up with Weathervane's experience. The project was for close to 100 units with a desired concentration on rentals.

But after reading recent newspaper articles, he said the project "sounded like it was becoming our cup of tea and we would have a good shot of at least coming in for an interview."

Weathervane — which is currently constructing the 150-home adult-active community, dubbed the Village at Weathervane, one-half mile from Columbian Square on 170 acres in South Weymouth — was the sole bidder in this round.

Weathervane offers seven base styles of homes ranging from 1,600 to 2,400 square feet. Depending on the options selected, the actual price of the homes may vary from base prices.

Bristol said Weathervane plans to build 22 homes ranging from 1,900 to 2,400 square feet of which there are four styles that would sell in the $699,000 to $969,000 range; and 22 smaller homes (of which there are three styles) from 1,600-1,800 square feet. Of the smaller homes, 12 would be affordable with the remainder priced in the $599,000 to $669,000 range.

Seventy percent of the affordable units — whose initial pricing is estimated at $175,000 — would be "local preference"

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PICTURE THIS/Jamie Williams

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The Mariner caught up with School Committee Chairman Jamie Williams in the middle-high school library this week.

Name: Jamie Williams

Occupation: Chairman of the Cohasset School Committee

Best days of your life: When my boys were born.

Best vacation: Family vacation at Elbow Beach, Bermuda.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July.

Favorite junk food: Ice cream — Ben and Jerry's New York chocolate chunk.

Best book: Any historical fiction

Best movie: Anything with Humphrey Bogart, especially "The African Queen"

Best TV show: Old musicals.

Pet peeve: Arrogance.

Most memorable moment: When I got the call telling me my 5-year-old bone marrow recipient was thriving after the transplant took place.

Person I'd most like to meet: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

Biggest worry: The Cohasest public school system.

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor.

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Cohasset Board of Health seeks mutual aid agreement

Town Meeting to have final say

By Samantha Brown
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By entering into the agreement, Cohasset would be able to use the resources from any of the other 27 towns in the region that also have inter-municipal agreements.

Cohasset's fire and police departments routinely work with other towns to provide mutual aid to citizens. The Board of Health would like to form the same kind of working relationship with health boards in other towns, and will ask Town Meeting to approve an article April 1 that would make that possible.

Members of the Board of Health came before Selectmen Tuesday asking for support for the article. Selectmen said forming new partnerships with other towns was a great idea and voted unanimously to support the article.

The Board of Health asked Kerry Dunnell of the Cambridge Public Health Department to attend the meeting and speak to the importance of forming a mutual aid agreement with other boards of health. The Cambridge Public Health Department serves as the coordinator for Massachusetts Emergency Preparedness in Region 4B, of which Cohasset is a part. Region 4B is comprised of 27 cities and towns which stretch from Winthrop to Scituate, and by entering into the agreement, Cohasset would be able to use the resources from any of the other 27 towns in the region who also have inter-municipal agreements.

Dunnell explained after Sept. 11, the way people viewed emergency preparedness changed. She said it makes a lot of sense to provide support over community lines, and increase the resources available to a town. She explained events that threaten public health can sometimes overwhelm the departments that provide health resources in a community, even if there is no declared emergency. An incident may require immediate attention and towns may not have the manpower to take action, which is where having more bodies available makes a difference.

Dunnell said there was recently a Hepatitis A scare in a town near Boston, and with the number of residents coming in to be vaccinated, its two employees were not enough to meet the demands. Therefore, members of health boards from other towns were called in to assist with vaccinations, which would not have been possible without an agreement. While there was no emergency situation, having the additional help ensured the residents were vaccinated more quickly.

Selectman Michael Sullivan asked whether the town would be opening itself up to any more liability by offering services to another town, or taking people into its town. Dunnell explained Cohasset employees will remain Cohasset employees and the town has the last say in all matters, and the same is true in other communities. "If you need them to come back, you can do it. You retain control and all the liability that goes along with it" she said. Dunnell pointed out the agreement is in place to make things more clear in terms of what is expected when responding to another town or accepting aid, and sets up a process to follow to eliminate confusion.

Board of Health Chairman Peggy Chapman noted while individual towns pay for the cost of its responders to provide aid in other towns, there is the ability to ask for reimbursement from the state for those costs. "The Board of Health is unanimously in favor" of the article, she said.

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The Mariner caught up with School Committee Chairman Jamie Williams in the middle-high school library this week.

Name: Jamie Williams

Occupation: Chairman of the Cohasset School Committee

Best days of your life: When my boys were born.

Best vacation: Family vacation at Elbow Beach, Bermuda.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July.

Favorite junk food: Ice cream — Ben and Jerry's New York chocolate chunk.

Best book: Any historical fiction

Best movie: Anything with Humphrey Bogart, especially "The African Queen"

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Pet peeve: Arrogance.

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Cohasset Board of Health seeks mutual aid agreement

Town Meeting to have final say

By Samantha Brown
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By entering into the agreement, Cohasset would be able to use the resources from any of the other 27 towns in the region that also have inter-municipal agreements.

Cohasset's fire and police departments routinely work with other towns to provide mutual aid to citizens. The Board of Health would like to form the same kind of working relationship with health boards in other towns, and will ask Town Meeting to approve an article April 1 that would make that possible.

Members of the Board of Health came before Selectmen Tuesday asking for support for the article. Selectmen said forming new partnerships with other towns was a great idea and voted unanimously to support the article.

The Board of Health asked Kerry Dunnell of the Cambridge Public Health Department to attend the meeting and speak to the importance of forming a mutual aid agreement with other boards of health. The Cambridge Public Health Department serves as the coordinator for Massachusetts Emergency Preparedness in Region 4B, of which Cohasset is a part. Region 4B is comprised of 27 cities and towns which stretch from Winthrop to Scituate, and by entering into the agreement, Cohasset would be able to use the resources from any of the other 27 towns in the region who also have inter-municipal agreements.

Dunnell explained after Sept. 11, the way people viewed emergency preparedness changed. She said it makes a lot of sense to provide support over community lines, and increase the resources available to a town. She explained events that threaten public health can sometimes overwhelm the departments that provide health resources in a community, even if there is no declared emergency. An incident may require immediate attention and towns may not have the manpower to take action, which is where having more bodies available makes a difference.

Dunnell said there was recently a Hepatitis A scare in a town near Boston, and with the number of residents coming in to be vaccinated, its two employees were not enough to meet the demands. Therefore, members of health boards from other towns were called in to assist with vaccinations, which would not have been possible without an agreement. While there was no emergency situation, having the additional help ensured the residents were vaccinated more quickly.

Selectman Michael Sullivan asked whether the town would be opening itself up to any more liability by offering services to another town, or taking people into its town. Dunnell explained Cohasset employees will remain Cohasset employees and the town has the last say in all matters, and the same is true in other communities. "If you need them to come back, you can do it. You retain control and all the liability that goes along with it" she said. Dunnell pointed out the agreement is in place to make things more clear in terms of what is expected when responding to another town or accepting aid, and sets up a process to follow to eliminate confusion.

Board of Health Chairman Peggy Chapman noted while individual towns pay for the cost of its responders to provide aid in other towns, there is the ability to ask for reimbursement from the state for those costs. "The Board of Health is unanimously in favor" of the article, she said.

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Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

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Fri. 3	1:20	10.6	1:48	10.1	7:28	-1.4	7:48	-0.8
Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:35 p.m.*			
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Macquarie Bank acquiring Aquarion Water Company

No change in local operations

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Aquarion plans to continue its evaluation of the most cost-effective ways to supply its customers with water to meet the demands of a growing population.

An Australian bank is acquiring the parent company of Aquarion Water Company for $860 million.

There will be no change to the operation in Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset and no expected rate increases. Aquarion will continue to supply water to customers in these communities under its current name. Macquarie Bank Limited of Australia is acquiring the United Kingdom-based Kelda Group, which is Aquarion's parent company. The acquisition is subject to regulatory approval.

"This is great news for Aquarion customers," said Aquarion President and Chief Executive Officer Charles V. Firlotte, noting Macquarie and Aquarion's shared focus on "high-quality water, customer service excellence, and operating efficiency.

"Macquarie is a well-respected organization and an international leader in infrastructure investment," he said. "Of particular interest is Macquarie's depth of experience in the regulated utility arena."

Aquarion Vice President of Operations Larry Bingaman said the acquisition will benefit Aquarion's customer base "with a continued focus on service delivery and investment in infrastructure."

Aquarion plans to continue its evaluation of the most cost-effective ways to supply its customers with water to meet the demands of a growing population, according to Bingaman.

This includes seeking a permit to bring Free Street Well No. 4 in Hingham online "as a permanent water source," said Bingaman. "We expect to see an evaluation of this well coming on line and a recommended level [of withdrawal] in March."

Last May, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder determined that the project requires a full Environmental Impact Report. Concerns center around potential negative environmental impacts. The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission has classified the Weir River basin, in which Well No. 4 is located, as highly stressed.

Among the some 60 areas of study the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs asked Aquarion to look at was a comprehensive review of the supply and demand needs of its customers.

In response, Aquarion hired the engineering firm Tata & Howard to take a look at projected population growth, the associated water demand, and the best way to meet those demands. The results of this study will determine Aquarion's future direction.

TOD gains approval from Planning Board majority

By Samantha Brown
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Four out of five Planning Board members voted to recommend approval for an article which would allow the formation of a new Transit Oriented Development overlay district near the proposed train station on Rte. 3A.

The board held a hearing Feb. 22 on the article, but a compromise could not be reached on the language. Therefore, the hearing was postponed until Wednesday, March 1 to allow Town Counsel and Town Planner Liz Harrington to make necessary changes. The Board of Selectmen was scheduled to vote a recommendation on the article Thursday, March 2 after the Mariner went to press.

While the majority of the Planning Board felt the changes allayed any concerns it had about the article, member Bob Sturdy was the lone vote against recommending the article. He said he worried the new district would adversely affect the downtown area, as business on Rte. 3A could take its business.

"The downtown can't exist unless it has retail shops," he said, adding if the TOD is formed and shops are built which cater to commuters, people will be more likely to stop at those shops on their way to and from work, rather than in the shops downtown. He also said he worries about the character of 3A, and what would happen if the TOD was allowed. "The Witches of Eastwick didn't do any shooting on Rte. 3A to my knowledge," he said.

However, the Economic Development Committee has been looking at ways for the town to grow its commercial tax base, which would help the town rely less on residential taxes for revenue. It proposed establishing the TOD, which is an overlay district that would make it possible to have mixed-use development in a limited area surrounding the new train station, as one possible solution. The TOD would also allow for more dense development than is allowed under current zoning, and a residential component would be required.

Members of the EDC have said currently, the area where the train station will be (at the gateway to Cohasset from Hingham) is lacking any kind of character and the town has the opportunity to build something which can be attractive as well as provide some revenue and new housing options for residents. EDC chairman Peter Brown said construction of the TOD should be aligned with the MBTA construction to help assure the two are in synch with each other. Members of the EDC attended the meeting and said they agreed wholeheartedly with the changes that had been made concerning the language and asked the Planning Board to recommend the article.

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Taking a look at Cohasset overrides

Cohasset's override history

Date	Type	Purpose	Amount	Date	Type	Purpose	Amount
05/14/88	Capital outlay	Various	$228,890	05/03/97	Debt exclusion	Sewer construction	$20,363,600
06/28/89	Capital outlay	Fire equipment	$7,500	12/05/98	Debt exclusion	Sewer construction	$2,700,000
05/16/92	Capital outlay	DPW equipment	$9,000	04/10/99	Debt exclusion	Sewer construction.	$1,300,000
				12/11/99	Debt exclusion	School renovation plans	$640,000
05/14/88	Debt exclusion	School science lab	$70,000				
05/14/88	Debt exclusion	School bus	$32,000	04/08/00	Debt exclusion	School renovations	$41,800,000
05/14/88	Debt exclusion	Transfer station	$550,000				
05/06/89	Debt exclusion	School roof	$41,656	05/11/88	General override	Operating budget	$659,911
04/14/90	Debt exclusion	School repairs	$85,000	06/28/89	General override	Operating budget	$203,800
05/18/91	Debt exclusion	School repairs	$230,000	05/18/91	General override	Operating budget	$146,169
05/16/92	Debt exclusion	School repairs	$95,000	05/16/92	General override	Operating budget	$392,416
05/16/92	Debt exclusion	Ambulance	$90,000	05/13/95	General override	Operating budget	$358,000
05/14/94	Debt exclusion	Athletic fields	$775,000	05/22/99	General override	Operating Budget	$380,000
05/13/95	Debt exclusion	DPW garage	$752,000	04/07/01	General override	Operating Budget	$300,000
04/06/96	Debt exclusion	New elementary school	$9,890,000	04/04/03	General override	Operating Budget	$350,000
				04/03/04	General override	Operating Budget	$400,000

Override impact analysis

	FY07 tax rate	Tax rate $ increase	Tax rate % increase	Tax bill increase $250,000 value	Tax bill increase $500,000 value	Tax bill increase $750,000 value	Tax bill increase $1 million value
Override level							
No override	$10.95	$0.11	1.01%	$27	$55	$82	$110
$500,000	$11.17	$0.33	3.04%	$83	$165	$248	$330
$750,000	$11.28	$0.44	4.06%	$110	$220	$330	$440
$1,000,000	$11.40	$0.56	5.17%	$140	$280	$420	$560
$1,250,000	$11.51	$0.67	6.18%	$168	$335	$503	$670
$1,500,000	$11.62	$0.78	7.20%	$195	$390	$585	$780
$1,750,000	$11.74	$0.90	8.30%	$225	$450	$675	$900
$1,900,000	$11.80	$0.96	8.86%	$240	$480	$720	$960

What will taxes look like without an override?

	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2007
Prior year levy limit	$18,700,559	$19,926,902	$20,864,721
Add: Prop. 2-1/2 increase	$467,514	$498,173	$521,618
New growth *	$358,829	$439,646	$425,000
Override	$400,000	$0	$0
Levy limit	$19,926,902	$20,864,721	$21,811,339
Add: debt exclusion	$1,862,830	$2,712,570	$2,428,943
Allowable levy	$21,789,732	$23,577,291	$24,240,282
Town valuation	$2,086,149,189	$2,173,147,423	$2,212,647,423
Tax rate	$10.44	$10.84	$10.95
Average home value	$670,000	$700,000	$700,000
Average tax bill	$6,998	$7,588	$7,662
CPC surcharge	$89	$98	$99
Average TOTAL tax bill	$7,087	$7,685	$7,760
Average increase	5.2 percent	8.4 percent	1.0 percent

* New growth is new revenue that gets added to the tax levy. Under Prop. 2-1/2, the levy can increase one year to the next by 2.5 percent, plus new growth. New growth is calculated by adding up the value of all new construction and substantial renovation and multiplying by the previous year's tax rate. The new growth money becomes a permanent part of the tax levy.

Historic override could come before voters

FROM OVERRIDE, PAGE 1

such as sewer construction and school renovations, and their taxes go away when the debt is paid off, which can take years.

The town will look to pass an operating budget override this year, and it will likely be for $1.9 million. While members of the School Committee have said the town should ask residents to vote on only one override figure, some members of the Board of Selectmen say that is too risky.

"We can't afford to have an override that's going to fail," Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said, adding if the town is given the option of all or nothing, the town could end up with nothing.

Koed added while there is the thought that everyone should stand behind the figures they truly need, "There is a political component, and the closer you get to a higher number, the less votes you're likely to get," he said. "We need to be sure we're at a level where we can succeed and there is a political reality. If we reach too far, we'll go backwards."

Operating budget overrides require a majority vote both at Town Meeting and the ballot box, and they permanently increase taxes. Override questions can only be placed on an election ballot by the Board of Selectmen. Operating budget overrides require a majority vote of the entire Board of Selectmen, while debt exclusions require a two-thirds vote of the board.

For an override to pass, there is a two-step process. First, a budget must be passed at Town Meeting which includes an override figure. From there, an override question can be put on the election ballot. The town would need to hold a special election, most likely on May 6, as the Board of Selectmen must vote to hold a special election 30 days in advance, and May 6 will be the first Saturday after that 30-day period. Holding a special election costs roughly $5,000.

Griffin noted if the Board of Selectmen decides to go with more than one override option, it would require a pyramid override vote on the ballot. Each question must win by a majority vote, and if the larger figure wins, all items included in the lower override also pass. If both receive a majority vote, it is the largest number that wins, not the one that received the most votes. For example, if 1,000 people voted for a $1.9 million override and 501 vote yes while 499 vote no, and 600 people vote for a $1.5 million override and 400 vote yes while 200 vote no, the $1.5 million override wins because a greater majority voted yes, even though more people voted in favor of the $1.9 million figure.

The Board of Selectmen will finalize its override figure and decide what funding levels will be put on the special election ballot, if necessary, at its Tuesday, March 7 meeting.

For coverage of Monday's budget summit, see page 10.

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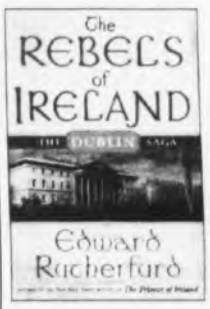

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RESPECTING EACH OTHER'S OPINION

Hey Cohasset, how are we all enjoying the blast of Winter that is finally here? March has arrived however and somewhere on the other end, spring is coming. As we head into this dreary time of the year when it is so in-between, we also have some major issues within our budget for the town etc. One thing to remember if at all possible, is that everyone in town has their own opinions about what should or should not take place, how it should happen and so on.

It is so important for every one of us to keep this in mind and remember that at the end of Town Meeting and voting etc, we all still live in town as neighbors.(with our own opinions but still as neighbors) I get so upset at times as I can already see and hear the arguments happening and some of what is happening is so ugly. Opinions and beliefs are fantastic for us all to have, how we share them and present them is the issue. OK, off my soapbox onto the rest of the column.

DEAN'S LIST

The University of Maine at Farmington recently announced the fall semester dean's list and Cohasset resident, **William McArthur III** was on it. Super work!

BUDGET COFFEE

Are you interested in hearing what is included in the 13.7 million fiscal 2007 School Budget...what programs will be cut and how will class sizes increase if the school budget decreases? Attend an informational coffee with members of the Cohasset school committee at Our World Children's Museum Tuesday March 14 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your children let them experience Our World Children's Museum while you learn about the Cohasset School Budget. For more information call **Cindy Swartwood** at 781-383-6864.

REC OPENINGS

The Cohasset Recreation Department has limited openings in their children's programs including Indoor Soccer, Pre-K Sports, Arts and Crafts and more. For more information or to register your child, call 781-383-4109.

SLÁINTE!

Did you know that Sláinte—(say slawncha)—means cheers!

Why not kick off your St. Patrick's Day with a night of Celtic enjoyment on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. and have some cheers with friends new and old? The South Shore Art Center's Celtic Odyssey: Fiona and John Owen exhibition sets the scene for a festive gathering, an Irish pub with beer and whiskey tastings, food, music, dancing and a creative silent auction of all things Irish....artwork, jewelry, golf outings, trips, knits and more. Music by The Exiles, an Irish Trio presenting music both traditional and hot! Proceeds will benefit the Art Center's exhibition and education programs, with the educational outreach to area schools a particular focus. Space is limited, so reserve today. Tickets are $50, ($40 for SSAC members). For reservations visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787

That is all I have for this week. Send in all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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Family Square Dance at First Parish

First Parish in Cohasset, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, will host a Family Square Dance on Sunday, March 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House. Beth Parkes, a caller well-known throughout New England, will be accompanied by her band of a fiddler and piano. The event is open to all ages and levels, especially beginners. Parkes and her group will explain square dancing basics. Cocoa, hot cider, and cookies will be served. Cost is $10 per person, $20 entire family. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling, 781-383-1100, or at the door.

Border collie owners advised to thin out the pack

FROM PACK ATTACK, PAGE 1

but there have been several incidents that can't be ignored. By breaking up the pack, he felt some of the concern could be lifted, but not all, as resident Claire Barnum was attacked by a single dog when she entered Cohasset Greenery, owned by Alida Dean, John and Mia Dean's daughter. He said therefore, the dogs must also be constantly restrained, at least for the next six months. At the end of that trial period, the Deans could have the option to ask for another hearing and try to have the restriction lifted by the board.

Griffin conducted the first dog hearing Feb. 16. Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy had requested the hearing on behalf of four residents, three of whom had been bitten by one or more of the Dean dogs. At the hearing, Murphy gave his testimony, as did John and Mia Dean and three of the victims — Barnum, who was bitten by one dog at Cohasset Greenery; Mary Hartshorne, a 77-year-old resident who was out for a walk when a group of dogs circled her, bit her, and pushed her off-balance which caused her to fall and break a wrist; and Kearin Lewis, the Dean's neighbor who says the Dean dogs are always up on her property and one day circled her and caused her to trip over her dog's leash. Donald Staszko was also circled by a group of dogs and bitten while out for a walk, but did not attend the hearing to provide testimony.

Border collies are by nature sheep-herding dogs, which means they love to run free. They also have a tendency to try to "herd" things other than sheep. The dogs will circle cars and nip at the tires in an attempt to move them where they want, as they would when herding, and have tried the same technique with people, which is how most of the incidents happened.

"I've tried to take a difficult situation with the number of dogs and strategically reduce the size of the herd to a reasonable number."
— Town Manager Bill Griffin

After the first hearing, Griffin compiled a report of his findings and a list of recommendations and gave it to the Board of Selectmen, which hands down rulings in dog hearing cases. He suggested the three "red dogs" which have been called the "offenders" by their owners, be permanently removed from the Dean property. Griffin had suggested the dogs be removed within two weeks, but the board agreed to provide some flexibility to allow the Deans to match them up with capable owners.

Griffin also recommended two additional dogs be removed within two months, and again, the board agreed there could be some flexibility if needed to ensure the dogs are placed in good homes, as long as the family is being proactive. Murphy will be visiting the Deans periodically to ensure the process is moving forward.

"I've tried to take a difficult situation with the number of dogs and strategically reduce the size of the herd to a reasonable number," said Griffin.

Because the dogs would be removed from the Dean property, the board wanted to ensure whomever purchases the dogs will be protected as well. Barnum had raised the point at the beginning of Tuesday's hearing that the dogs which the Deans are being asked to get rid of are the ones that have been biting. "I have a scar and what if that was somebody's face?" she asked, noting when she opened the door to the shop, her 7-year-old son was fortunately behind her, but had he gone in first, the situation could have been much different.

Selectman Rob Spofford asked Barnum whether she thought the board should ultimately recommend the dogs be put down. "Is that what you're saying?" he asked.

"Yes it is," she replied, adding "It's a horrific recommendation to make, but it is very important to make sure it doesn't happen again. I did nothing to warrant being attacked."

Resident John Kenney, a former town police officer who is a member of the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners and has worked for the MSPCA, suggested a behavioral analysis be conducted on the dogs. He said he has been in touch with the Deans since he first heard of the incidents and has since spoken to a doctor that specializes in behavior analysis and she would be willing to evaluate the Dean dogs for temperament, if the Deans are willing. He said he would also be willing to help place the dogs into loving homes which can keep up with the demands of the breed, and would also help set up training for the dogs.

The Deans said they would be willing to participate, and the board made sure they understood any costs incurred for training, behavior analysis, etc., would be their responsibility.

The Deans will also be restricted to owning no more than four dogs at any time, after the removal of five dogs is complete. While breeding was prohibited in Griffin's recommendation, the board said it might be flexible and allow one more litter. The Deans said the mother dog is approaching the age where breeding may no longer be an option, and if she had one more litter, it would be her last. The board agreed to add a provision in the ruling that would allow the Deans to have more than four dogs, provided the additional dogs were all under 6 months old.

Until the Deans are down to four dogs, all nine dogs must be restrained and controlled at all times, and may not leave the Dean property. John Dean is also required to build a kennel structure or fence enclosure within one month of the order issued by the Board of Selectmen. Upon full compliance, the four remaining dogs will be allowed off the Dean property, but only if on a leash.

After six months of compliance, the Deans may petition the Board of Selectmen to lift the restraint order on the dogs, which would require another public hearing. If at any time the Deans are found to be in violation of any part of the orders, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to seize any dogs which are in violation.

The Board of Selectmen will vote on a revised set of recommendations which take Tuesday's hearing into account at an upcoming meeting. For more information, please contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

SENIORS SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is located at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. For reservations or information call 781-383-9112.

Medicare Part D/ Harvard Pilgrim Health – Wednesday, March 1, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Edward Estey answers questions about Medical Advantage programs. Reserve early for transport.

Casino Night – Friday, March 3, 7 to 11p.m., $75. at Atlantica Restaurant, to benefit Cohasset Community Center. Cocktails, buffet, craps, roulette, blackjack. For tickets call 781-383-0088.

Annual Quilt Show – Saturday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., $12. 2nd Congregational Church quilts from 1800s and 1920s and 1930s. For luncheon tickets call Kathy, 781-383-0345.

Medicare Part D/ Tufts – Wednesday, March 8, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Answers to Prescription Advantage questions. Reserve early for transport.

N.E. Flower Show – Saturday, March 11 to Sunday, March 19.

Cardigan Nursing Home Brunch – Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., no fee. Limited to 15. Meet at St. Anthony's Church at 9:45 a.m. Transportation available. Reservations required.

St. Patrick's Dinner – Thursday, March 16, 1 p.m., $10, at St. Anthony's Parish Center. Irish Step Dancers. RSVP requested.

Transportation Focus Group – Tuesday, March 21, 1 to 3 p.m., Hingham Council on Aging. How to find a ride when needed. Reserve by March 14 for transport.

Susan Cox, Attorney – Wednesday, March 22, 12:30 p.m., no fee. CEA, 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. Answers to legal questions and changes in elder law.

New Women, Old Gardens – Tuesday, March 28, 9 a.m., Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. Community Garden Club hosts landscape historian Virginia Lopez Begg who will discuss the 1901 movement emphasizing the garden as a place of beauty. Registration required.

Town Meeting – Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. Transportation provided.

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Weathervane at Deer Hill could be town's next senior project

FROM DEER HILL, PAGE 1

meaning they would be initially offered to Cohasset residents or those with ties to the community. Examples of local preference would be current residents, children or parents of current residents, and/or employees of the town. The affordable units (which would be interspersed throughout the complex) would be filed through the state's local initiative program or LIP application process to be included in the town's affordable housing inventory.

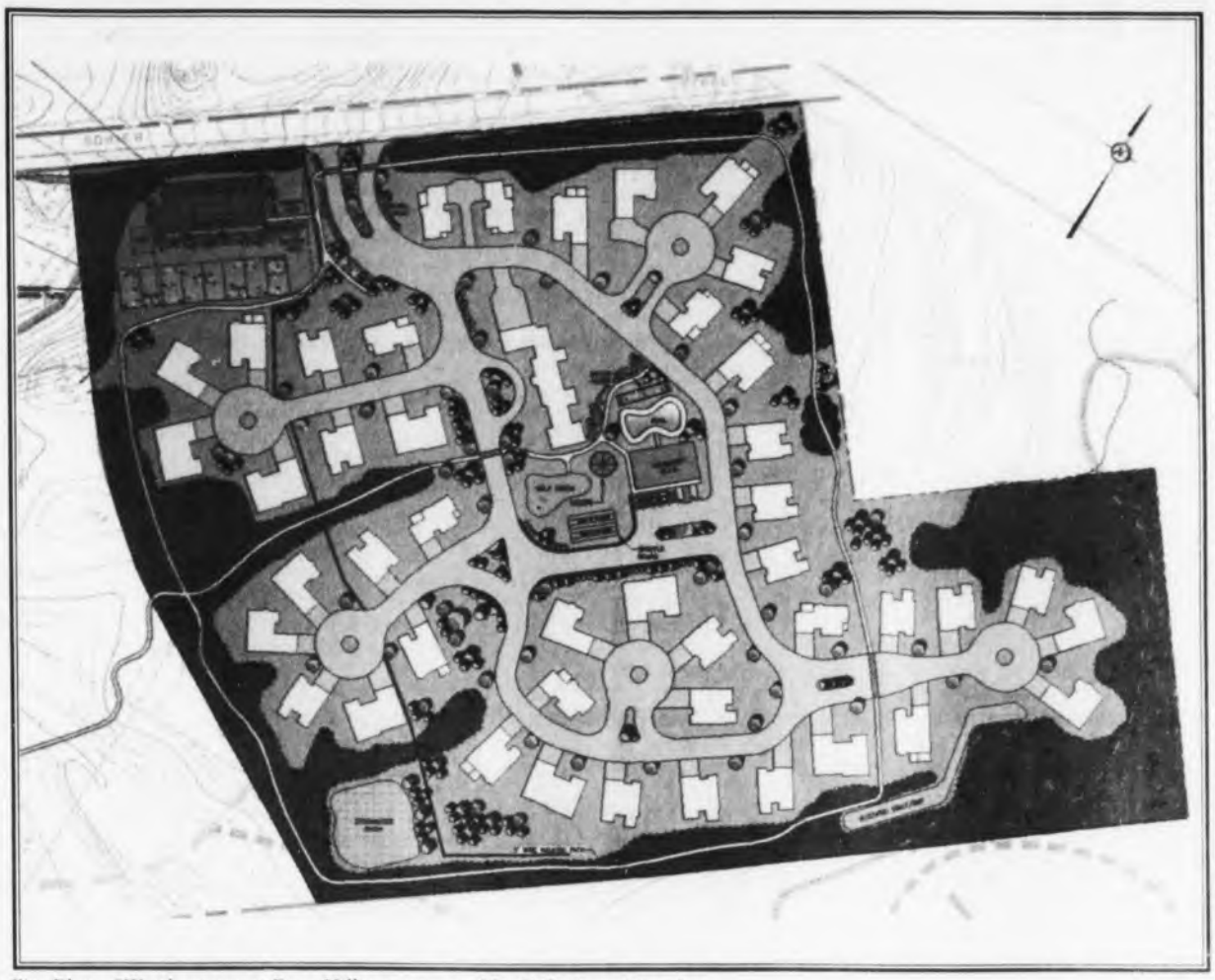
Rental units, which have been the subject of contention during previous Cook proposals, are not part of the Weathervane project. Town Manager Bill Griffin explained the RFP had a minimum of 45 units and the option of for-purchase units, rental units or a combination. "The RFP left it to the developers to decide the mix of units provided that 25 percent are affordable," he said.

The condominium homes, set on a series of cul de sacs, would all be unattached with "exclusive use" concept that is almost like a subdivision lot. The concept provides flexibility, Bristol explained. All the smaller homes fit where larger homes are planned so if the market dictates more of the smaller homes, the project could accommodate that.

Carl Erickson, who works for Bristol, explained that on paper the "exclusive use" areas look like small lots. The unit owner has exclusive use of that area, subject to the condominium removing the snow and maintaining the landscaping.

"The development looks and feels like a single-family subdivision, yet from the town's perspective, it is one big lot," Erickson said.

The existing Cook house, which would be part of the condominium association, would be renovated and sold for whatever the market would bear.



Site Plan of Weathervane at Deer Hill was prepared by Gale Associates, Inc.

The development proposes a community center, which would be in the center of the site, as the focal point of recreational activities on the property. The center would house the central mail facility and have a common room for community activities. Other activities such as a putting green, bocce and tennis courts, a community garden plot, and walking trails are also proposed.

William J. Seymour of Gale Associates, engineers for the project, said preserving the Cook house would limit disruption to the top of the hill and set the architectural tone for the project. The entrance would be close to the existing driveway to the estate.

Seymour said the topography of the site allows the residences to be pushed off the top of the hill and built down slope providing a sense of neighborhood and privacy.

A small treatment plant and leaching field on site would handle sewage. Seymour explained the units are expected to generate about 7,000 gallons per day of wastewater, which is 3,000 less than the Department of Environmental Protection threshold of 10,000 gallons. Therefore the developer will not have to seek a ground-water discharge permit, which could be time consuming.

As proposed, all the homes would have full basements and two-car garages, however ground conditions may necessitate some homes being built on slabs, Erickson said. Heat would be forced hot air powered by natural gas; the air-conditioning system would use the same ductwork.

In responding to a question from selectmen last week about rental units, Bristol explained that Weathervane builds a "for-sale" product. He said rental projects for the 55-plus set are "struggling." He pointed out a project in Pembroke that is looking to switch from rental to for-sale units.

Bristol said he is excited about the opportunities to develop the Cook Estate.

"We have a long 12 months ahead of us to complete the permitting process and meet the schedule outlined under the Cook agreement," he said. "We look forward to working closely with the Town and its departments, and the abutters and other interested parties following the development of the Cook Estate."

The Cohasset project will be called "Weathervane at Deer Hill." In addition to South Weymouth, Weathervane is developing an eight-lot subdivision in Hingham on Stevens Way, located off of Fresh River Avenue. Weathervane at Chestnut Gardens in Hingham received Planning Board approval under the flexible residential development (FRD) bylaw in February. This development includes 23 homes, of which two will be affordable. Site construction is expected to begin this spring/summer.

The Cook project has been in the works since 2003 but wastewater issues forced a reduction in scope of the project. Subsequent developers pulled out because of tight permitting deadlines.

The town set a minimum bid for this round of $4.9 million, $4.5 of which will cover the purchase price of the 19-acre site from the Cook heirs. The balance will cover the town's costs.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Get a grip with a graph

Get a grip on how wisely your tax dollars are spent with the new At-A-Glance Benchmark charts featured in the Cohasset Mariner.

We can learn a lot about how our town delivers services by seeing what other towns are doing.

Each week we will feature a chart comparing an area of interest such as education spending or fire staffing to our town's peer group, which is made up of the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts.

Each week the chart will look at a different topic concerning town government, including taxes, police spending, municipal salaries, debt, land use, and more. The idea behind Benchmark charts is that we can learn a lot about how effectively our town delivers services by looking at how other similar communities provide those same services.

Community Newspaper Company, publishers of the Cohasset Mariner, is offering this valuable service for our readers as a way to judge their community by its peers.

These charts put a wealth of information at our fingertips.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Waltham-based Municipal Benchmarking, a company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, educators, taxpayers, union members, and others make more informed decisions.

According to company founders Tom Cronin and Bill Haylon, Benchmark charts are a source of "readily accessible data and analysis."

The charts have the kind of practical information we all need to make sound decisions, providing a unique tool for a wide array of people.

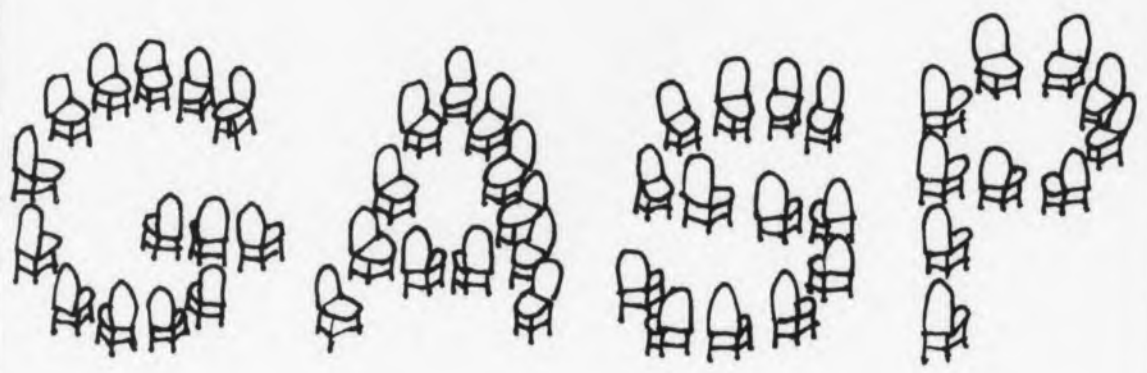
What a great service this is during budget time!

Last week's chart compared Cohasset's average property tax bill with its peer group. This week's looks at Educational Staffing. (See page 11).

Check out the charts each week. In the Municipal Yardstick report, available at Town Hall, all of the back up data is provided.

With the help of our computer technical staff, we hope to add the charts to our Web site www.cohassetmariner.com which will carry all the graphs we are running as they appear in the paper. We will let you know once the graphs are launched on line.

Seating arrangement for combined selectmen's, school committee's and advisors' override meeting



POLITICAL NOTES

Cohasset Political Forum to discuss energy issues

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will be hosting a session of the Cohasset Political Forum on Saturday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset to discuss the complexities surrounding U.S. energy policy.

Topics may include the administration's energy task force and corporate cronyism, the political implications of American dependence on foreign oil, a range of expert opinion on oil supply and production capacity, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and public reaction toward energy conservation.

To prepare for this discussion, visit www.energycommission.org and other recommended reading described on www.cohassetdems.org.

For more information contact Agnes McCann at 781-383-0222.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Ted Carr goes door-to-door

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"If you would like to learn more about me and my campaign, please visit my web site: www.carrforcohasset.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For some, toll of taxes is reality not 'myth'

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: Mr.Quigley's letter in the Feb. 24 Mariner: Well, you're meeting one of those "mythical people" who have to consider leaving a beautiful home, in a beautiful town, due to taxes.

Mr. Quigley, I hope you have had 12 good years in Cohasset. We have had 46 great years in Cohasset, until what has become a "tax crisis," for us.

In 2001 our rates were $5,567; in 2006, our taxes are $10,044.

I personally knew a Hingham family with good incomes who way back in the 60s were saying, "If they can't afford to live here, they should leave." And he was in town politics! Hopefully, and thankfully, we have some town government officials who don't feel the same way.

Sure the deferred taxes are a consideration. Maybe you will never have to consider moving from what you care for or paying another 8 percent. Yes, 8 percent to defer my taxes, is a wonderful choice?

Yes, some of us folks are out there.

Bill Chisholm
605 Jerusalem Road

Thoughts on issues, columns and Route 3A

TO THE EDITOR:

There are several items I look forward to reading in the Cohasset Mariner each week.

One is the progress of the commuter rail construction. I really appreciate the continuous updating of information on what to expect. Thanks guys.

One other is under School Notebooks. "Life at CHS". We no longer have youngsters in the school system so it is wonderful to read about the social and academic activities, as sports are so well covered elsewhere in the paper. So, thanks Chris for writing about the other aspects of being a student at CHS. Hope you are not a senior and if you are please find someone to carry on!

Also it was fun reading the article about Mr. Leary. It has been many years since our children were at CHS. I shall be forwarding it to them and they will most likely remember him perhaps more from the "then" photo than the "now" photo.

But aren't youngsters somewhat unkind? Just think of what they will be thinking of their own 2006 photos when they look at them in 2036? What fun that would be! Good luck and thanks Mr. Leary you are well appreciated and have a good time whatever you do. If you read this please don't give me a grade.

There is something I do not look forward to and that is driving along 3A in Cohasset. Granted this is one of our largest commercial areas but does it really have to look so like edging on urban "clutter"? Do any remember a while back when Bergson's moved across 3A to what is now Bank of America? Memory serves me that they were held up or at least severely criticized about their landscaping plans. Think of that! Trees/bushes did not meet certain board's expectations. It seems that those expectations have blown away. Perhaps by all the traffic. There are a few locations that look attractive but it seems that many others could certainly improve.

Also, it is wonderful to have this column in the paper for all to be able to share thoughts with Cohasset residents.

Martha Hurtig
58 Gammons Road

Library funding is literally losing ground

TO THE EDITOR:

In all the news about the Town's budget issues, one fact seems to be lost: While most departments are concerned that they will not be able to maintain or add to their current budgets without an override, our library actually has been facing a *reduction* in its proportion of the town's budget for almost two decades. This year the actions and their effects are more severe than before.

- Back in 1988, when our library was in its old location on South Main Street, its allocation was 2.2 percent of the Town budget. The recommended allocation for fiscal 2007 is 1.4 percent.
- The library is understaffed. The old library had about one staff member for every 10,000 items circulated; the new library has one staff member for every 15,000 items circulated. Today there are almost five times as many visitors each day as there were at the old library.
- Perhaps most disturbing, or at least most visible, cleaning and maintenance of this beautifully restored building has been grossly under-budgeted since its opening in 2003. The new library is 60 percent larger than the old one, and the base custodial budget for fiscal 2007 is less than it was in fiscal 2001.

This steady decline has occurred despite urgent requests from the Trustees every year for more equitable funding. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library provides more services than tax dollars support. The Friends of the Library raise over $10,000 each year to cover the costs of books, museum passes and programs that otherwise wouldn't exist. Volunteers offer services for the housebound, host events, repair and cover books and call patrons about held books. The library's endowment also contributes up to prudent limits to buy new books.

We urge our Selectmen and Town Manager to fully fund our budget, within the balanced budget to be presented at Town Meeting. Otherwise, our new library, which hosts over 450 visitors each day, could become a shambles.

Stacey Weaver
Library Trustee
44 Nichols Road

The Mariner welcomes letters to the editor. Email your letters to mford@cnc.com

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'Greenbush guys' complete first year

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Just to give you an idea, last week alone we dealt with 28 local issues, questions, and problems.

Believe it or not, the end of January was the first anniversary of these commentaries on the Greenbush project. It was just over a year ago that we were appointed to interface with the Greenbush on behalf of the Town. Around Town Hall, we are known as the "Greenbush Guys." I guess that sort of sums up our role working for the Town Manager. If anything smells like, tastes like, or looks like Greenbush it lands on our desk.

The variety of comments and issues we deal with every day is astounding. But, we might add, we do enjoy it. Being able to do our best to support Town's people to make this project less intrusive for them is a personal reward for us. But, like all things in the real world, not all problems have smooth solutions. Rest assured, we both do the best we can on your behalf.

Just to give you an idea, last week alone we dealt with 28 local issues, questions, and problems. However, there is another side to our function that may not occur to most people. We are also the Greenbush Project's communication channel into the Town. Whenever, the project has questions or needs information, we provide it to the MBTA and their contractor Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB). So, our role is really one that requires constant, two way communications.

Street closings

The most recent construction site to close is Hull Street (Route 228) near the Glastonbury Abbey. This site will be closed for about six weeks. There are detour signs posted, but we are not particularly pleased with their clarity and are working with CBB to remedy the deficiencies.

Sohier Street continues to be closed and will remain a construction site into May. Based on observations by our safety forces, they have undertaken a trial without a traffic detail at Route 3A and Sohier Street in the afternoon. Please let us know if you think this trial is causing serious inconvenience or safety hazards.

Pleasant Street work continues near the South Shore Art Center. Again, there are signage problems. When detour signs are blown down by the winter winds, CBB is not very good about re-erecting the signs. In some cases they have laid on sidewalks or streets with their mounting nails pointing up. This is clearly a dangerous situation. But, getting adequate response from the contractor is not easy, since construction is their focus, not signage. But, to residents and visitors, detour signage is important. So, we will continue to press this issue.

Later this year, CBB will return to Lower King Street to finish their work at this site. Final paving, crossing gates, sidewalk and other items need to be finished here along with the necessary equipment for a traffic light at North Main and Forest / King. The reason this work was stopped before completion was so the crews could work on the infrastructure at Sohier and Pleasant streets. The remaining work in the area of King Street is not critical to the railroad right of way construction. Completing the King Street work will generally not require any substantial road closures, since it is mostly off of the road. If you are interested, the reason a traffic light is being installed at Forest / King / Main is that under some circumstances the light must keep cars from queuing up across the tracks or into the intersection.

Safety

In these articles, we very often talk about safety. To date, most of our articles have dealt with safety during construction. Construction sites are very dangerous places. Just because the workman have gone home does not mean that the construction site is safe. To the contrary, if someone falls or otherwise injures themselves, there will be no one around to offer assistance. Please, as a practice, stay out of construction areas. For those of you with children, from the youngest to high schoolers, make sure they know construction areas are totally off-limits. Heaven forbid, your child should have an inadvertent accident in a construction zone.

But, there's another type of safety we need to start worrying about! The current plans are that trains may be running on the tracks, for testing purposes, as soon as January 2007. Think about it. That's only 10 short months away. Once trains start running there is a whole new set of safety issues to think about. We've all read about catastrophes that can happen at railroad crossings as cars "try to beat the train" or, children on bicycles don't pay attention to flashing crossing lights or barrier gates in the "down" position. Yes, train operation is totally different and presents new safety hazards.

There is a program underway, called Operation Lifesaver (OL). This program is traditionally focused at the school-aged children. OL is a national program (see oli.org for more information). It is based on the idea of training the trainer. That is, one or more of our safety officers is selected, and attends special classes designed to train these officers to become safety trainers. Then the officers will bring the Operation Lifesaver into the schools to teach school children the ins and outs of train safety. To learn more about this training, we plan to attend one of the training classes very shortly, ourselves.

This however, does nothing to bring the safety message to the general adult population. A recent letter from the General Manager of the MBTA, Dan Grabauskas, put forth a plan to reach the general adult population. We think that this is very important concept. Cohasset is blessed with a large number of civic, educational, political, religious, and other organizations. All of these are very active in their respective fields of endeavor. If you belong to such an organization and are interested in understanding more about train safety and are willing to carry the message back to your respective organization, we'd love to hear from you. Any organization is welcome. We are establishing list of citizens who are interested in learning more about train safety. As we formulate our detailed plans we'll be contacting all who express an interest as our plans take shape.

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Ground tackle's clues to harbor health

MARINER'S CORNER

STEVE BOBO

This is the first in a series of columns whose purpose is to stimulate a general recognition of the part our maritime heritage has had in shaping the character of Cohasset.

"The way to gauge the commitment of a fisherman, a waterman or a yachtsman in a harbor is to find out if he pays attention to his ground tackle. If he does, he's down at the shore in a storm, particularly if he has a fit of conscience about not replacing that shackle or frayed line. The more occasional sailor stays home — unless he's really fallen in love with the boat that's out there on its mooring.

"Recently, in Cohasset, the harbormaster and others have been receiving complaints about the early and severe corrosion of ground tackle including anchors and chain. Some have reported that the metal is shiny and clean, which speaks to sulphur (from plant material), which corrodes the material, away from the presence of oxygen. Others say that the corrosion is of a reddish tinge, which comes from conventional rusting. This appears to occur at the boundary between air and water. We don't have enough real data to know.

Inquiries at nearby harbors such as Scituate and Hingham, and even some reports from Bailey's Creek where we have a large Marina indicate nothing unusual. From the flukes of recovered ancient anchors we know that, after long immersion, the exposed flukes generally tend to be corroded; those buried are generally less corroded *(see illustration)*.

But the problem in Cohasset Harbor seems to be that the life of much of the ground tackle is being shortened ostensibly because of changes in the water in the harbor. Recent analysis from very little data indicates that the harbor in certain areas is less salty than in previous years. Other phenomena say that we are seeing changes such as more nitrogen, leading to increased growth of several species of aquatic plants and die off of others. There has been a die off of shellfish, some damage to lobsters, and fewer fish in some places and more in others. Also, of course, the harbor has become sufficiently polluted, having been closed for most of last summer to prevent swimming, and to have become one of many estuaries along the coast to have been cited under the Federal Clean Water Act.

Progress has been hard on our environment; particularly, our coastline. Fortunately, more people have become involved in trying to solve these complex problems. The Selectmen have formed a committee of knowledgeable people, the Harbor Health Committee that has become increasingly effective in identifying the problems and recommending solutions. And the Center for Student Coastal Research is planning this spring's activities to help obtain appropriate and well-qualified data as a part of the high school's spring semester's activities. They will help identify stormdrains, which contribute significant pollution in tributaries to the Harbor.

Wrought iron anchor circa 1840 brought up by Cohasset fisherman.

Others are working to correct the long-standing abuse, which has been the lot of many of the nations estuaries. But only by the participation of everyone who considers it important to preserve a healthy and attractive coastline will we be able to preserve the beauty and tranquility we have come to associate with our life in Cohasset.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

HEALTH NOTES

Taking charge of your medications

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

But the fact is that we all need to carefully screen the medications we take.

"A 1992 study by Susan Lynn, University of Pennsylvania, asserts literature in the late 1970s often (erroneously) claimed that Americans were 'overmedicated' with drugs such as amphetamines and minor tranquilizers and that, regardless of available scientific knowledge, enduring drug myths have helped determine American drug policy since 1900.

Four years ago, Jennifer Collison, a Canadian women's rights activist, wrote "One of the worst forms of abuse by doctors is the over-prescribing and under-informing of women when it comes to potentially dangerous drugs. And many of these drugs are created and distributed to treat the harm caused by last year's miracle drugs."

A recent article by Jim Evans a consultant on fitness for seniors and San Diego talk show host asserts people may take medications for non-existent problems, prescribed for them by doctors who for one reason or another don't have enough information about the patient.

Modern forensics principles declare that overmedication is one of the things to look for by medical examiners as a cause of death.

So, what are we to believe? It often seems that media is hinting that the medical industry is more interested in profit than the health of its customers. While the concept is not preposterous, it's highly unlikely that such a bias is a part of any conscious plan to heedlessly do harm to its customer base. Similarly, fast food chains, although often doing so, probably have no specific plans to get us fat and raise our cholesterol.

There may be specific instances of abuses; from the volume of citations on the web, it seems that medications for behavior modification as well as medications routinely given to elders and possibly women, as noted above, may seem to be a problem. But the fact is that we all need to carefully screen the medications we take.

What has really happened is that after drug companies and pharmaceuticals were permitted to advertise, just like nail polish, perfume, soap and lawn fertilizer, we concluded we may need some of these pharmaceutical chemicals in the same way our gardens need lawn chemicals. So, now everyone who thinks they have something wrong sees a doctor who obviously prescribes something, and we're caught up in a trap. "I did it because the doctor told me to."

The question is how much to listen to advertising, and there are examples of advertising working too well; after all, we don't need the fast food calories; we don't need the extra fertilizer; how much medicine do we need? The answer is we have all the good advice we need from the same sources we get our bad advice; the media:

"Read the labels on the bottles or the inserts that came with your medications and check for unexpected side effects when taken with other medications or even with certain foods or nutritional supplements. If you have any questions ask your pharmacist.

"If you are seeing specialists who prescribe something, check with your primary care physician to be sure there's no conflict with something you are already taking. And, of course carry a complete list of all your medications and share it with *all* of your physicians including dentists and oral surgeons as well as eye doctors.

"Ask your primary care physician *why* you are taking certain medications — particularly if you feel you don't have the condition for which the medication is supposedly designated. Educate yourself to ask the right questions and take control of your health. After all, you (or your insurance company) is paying the bill. Make sure you get what you are paying for.

"When starting new medications, ask your doctor about prescribing the lowest dose possible to help your condition. Side effects at a lower dosage means not to increase the dosage.

Throw away old prescriptions. Medicines lose their potency over time. *Abstracted from Jim Evans above.*

Stay active, even if it takes an effort. Remember, if you don't use it, you'll lose it, and that goes for your mind as well as your body. Something as simple as walking or climbing stairs a few more times a day can help to control your weight and metabolize your medications more efficiently.

But above all, use commonsense.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

The truth about blogs

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I didn't realize that the marriage of former First Lady Hillary and her husband, First Philanderer Bill, had reached such a sanguine stage until I read last week that Hillary had been awarded a Purple Heart.

Several thousand veterans must have read the same news item because they were reported to be up in arms over the alleged presentation to a civilian of the medal which is reserved for those are wounded or killed in combat.

The false item was on Wikipedia for 132 days.

Of course, Bill himself might have deserved one for the wounds he suffered from flying pots and pans in the White House kitchen in the wake of the Monica Lewinski affair. But I digress.

The problem with the story of Hillary's Purple Heart was that it wasn't quite accurate.

True, the Military Order of the Purple Heart did present an award to Hillary for her help, as a senator, in preserving a Purple Heart postage stamp and establishing Aug. 7 as Purple Heart Recognition Day.

But the story reported on the politically conservative blog NewsMax.com began: "New York Sen. Hillary Clinton has put in for a Purple Heart award — and she received the decoration yesterday."

Could it be that Newsmax.com is gearing up to do to Hillary what the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth did to John Kerry when she runs for reelection in November and runs for something else in 2008?

Blogs and the Internet are probably the most far-reaching and, in most cases, the best development in the news business since television made current events move across the screen and into our living rooms. But who among them can you trust?

The poster boy for misinformation on the Internet is John Seigenthaler, the retired NBC newsman, who was trolling through his own biography on Wikipedia, the popular, online encyclopedia, when he came across this notation:

"For a brief time, he (Seigenthaler) was thought to have been directly involved in the Kennedy assassinations of John and his brother, Bobby. Nothing was ever proven."

This was news to Seigenthaler and everyone else, including the wildest conspiracy theorist.

Naturally, he wanted to find out who planted the lie in his biography. Wikipedia could only give him an Internet Protocol Number 65-81-97-208, an unidentified customer of Bell South, which promised an investigation that went nowhere.

Eventually, a Nashville, Tenn., man confessed that he planted the false entry as a joke. "I didn't think anyone would ever take it seriously for more than a few seconds," he said.

The false item was on Wikipedia for 132 days. The free encyclopedia has had as many as 16 million hits in a month. It was picked up by Reference.com, Answers.com and who knows how many other Internet sites. How many took it serious?

In the course of covering scores of elections, national, state and local, since 1952, I have received tips of congressional wannabes driving drunk, a city councilor out with a woman not his wife, state senators molesting kids and yada, yada, yada.

None were provable and none saw the light of print.

Can we say the same for the blogs?

Candidates on cable

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Override gains support from parents

By Samantha Brown
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Some Cohasset residents still have the Olympics on their minds and have instructed the School Committee and Board of Selectmen to "go for the gold."

At a joint budget meeting held Monday, and a Board of Selectmen's meeting Tuesday, parents came out to support going for an override which could be as much as $1.9 million. Roughly $1.3 million would be for the schools, while the general government budget would receive roughly $488,000 for improvements and $155,000 to pay the benefits for the new school personnel hired as a result of the additional school funding.

"There is nothing frivolous in these budgets. It's critical to have an infrastructure you can depend on," said Meg Bertolami, 24 Stevens Lane. She added she was shocked to hear of the lack of manpower at the fire department due to funding issues, as well as the lack of supplies at the schools. "It's the whole picture," she said.

The school department says it needs an increase of roughly 7 percent every year just to open the doors, and past budgets have resulted in many setbacks. With a 13.3 percent increase, it will take a small step forward to being where it would like to be.

"This budget moves us forward, but not at great leaps and bounds," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy, as year after year, the schools are only given enough money to temporarily stop the bleeding. "We've had a wound and we've put a band aid on it. This year, stitch it closed and let us heal," she said.

While an override this year will help get things back on track, with the 7 percent necessary every year just to cover the fixed costs means even with a large override this year, taxpayers are not necessarily off the hook for fiscal 2008.

Members of the committee said they were going to certify a budget figure of $13,987,198 during a public budget hearing Thursday, after the Mariner went to press. That figure would be a 13.3 percent increase over last year's allocation, and would require a roughly $1.3 million override for the school department alone.

"The budget was built from the bottom up and we're going to stand behind that number," said School Committee member Rick Flynn.

Without a Prop. 2-1/2 override, the school department must work with a 3 percent increase for fiscal 2007. Three percent is an increase of roughly $370,000, which would give the school department a budget of $12,714,714.

PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Resident Mark Flibotte listens closely as town officials discuss the override numbers for the school budget last Monday evening.

Town Manager Bill Griffin discusses the possible override figures during Monday's budget summit with the School Committee, Advisory Committee and Selectmen.

Advisory Committee chairman Donna McGee offers suggestions on how to reduce the override figure during Monday's budget summit at the middle-high school library.

The fiscal 2006 school department budget was $12,344,382. To cover contractual obligations and fixed costs alone, it will need $637,109. Couple that with $238,655 for a cost of living increase for teachers (the teacher's contract is not yet settled), and the school department automatically needs $13,220,146.

Town Manager Bill Griffin's total recommended school department budget, at $12,714,714, leaves the school department with a shortfall of $505,432 just to stay where it is. The school department would like to add new personnel, in the amount of $581,759, as well as some program improvements for $185,293. To make that dream a reality, the school department would need a $1,272,484 override.

If the town was to go for the $1.9 million override and it failed, on the school side there would automatically be a $266,778 shortfall for contractual obligations, as those obligations total $637,109 and the Town Manager allocated $370,331 total for the schools.

There would also be no cost of living increase included in the budget, which would be an additional $238,635 shortfall. Coupled with the contractual obligations shortfall, the schools would have to make $505,413 in cuts just to maintain the services it currently does.

To make up that $505,413, no new personnel would be hired. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she has also considered not filling positions if staff members decide to retire this year. She said there are currently five contemplating retirement, which if not filled would yield $265,000.

Without new personnel, Walsh said there will be no new adjustment counselor for grades six through 12, which she said has been an issue for the past two years. The ratio for guidance staff to students at the middle school is more than 400 to one. School safety concerns would not be addressed without an evening custodian at Osgood and Deer Hill or a resource officer for the district.

There would also be no new elective offerings at the middle-high school due to a lack of staff, and more students would be enrolled in study halls, rather than taking the upper level English, math, or foreign language classes. An additional $248,402 would be cut in various supplies and materials, including textbooks.

The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted on what would be included in the $488,000 figure (the town portion of the proposed override), but has plans to go through its needs and prioritize them on Tuesday, March 7 with the Advisory Committee.

Where did the roughly $1.3 million school override figure come from?

School budget allocation for FY06	$12,344,382
Manager's recommended FY07 school budget	$12,714,714
Difference	$370,332
Contractual obligations/fixed costs for FY07	$637,109
COLA increase (placeholder until contract settled)	$238,655
Minus the $370,332 allocated by the town equals	$505,432
Add program improvements ($185,293)	$690,725
Add new personnel ($581,759)	$1,272,48

Why a 13.3 percent increase?

- To support the district's Strategic Plan.
- To meet the needs of contractual obligations (salaries) and fixed costs.
- To expand Cohasset's full day kindergarten program (maintain class size at 17).
- To establish and maintain class size, k-12, at levels that are supported by research recommendations.
- To provide curriculum offerings in health for all students at the Osgood and Deer Hill schools.
- To reduce class sizes at the middle and high school — foreign language, music, English, mathematics.
- To provide additional student support in grades 6-12.
- To provide reading support for middle school teachers/students as Action Planning Committee recommended.
- To provide an athletic trainer (.5) to meet MIAA requirements and reduce cost of hiring EMTs to cover necessary athletic programs.
- To provide professional development opportunities and consultants to support teachers in reading and math instruction.
- To increase school safety (provide additional building security with two evening custodians at Osgood and Deer Hill and a secretary/receptionist at the high school).
- To expand studies in the area of engineering and technology (beginning with grade 8).
- To expand enrichment opportunities during the school day at Deer Hill.
- To add a school resource officer to provide collaborative support for parents, students, and staff.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

The official list from the state treasurer's office of "per diems" collected by state legislators in 2005 for "mileage, meals and lodging" expenses reveals that through December 31, lawmakers have collected a total of $614,667. Per diems are paid by the state to senators and representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These per diems are paid to legislators above and beyond their annual salaries which range from a low of $55,569.41 for rank and file members to a high of $90,569.41 for the House speaker and Senate president. The 2005 statistics indicate that legislators received annual payments ranging from $10 to $16,110 and that 41 legislators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. These figures are not necessarily the final ones for 2005. State law does not establish a deadline that legislators must meet in order to collect the per diems. Critics say that some legislators will wait several more months into 2006 before they file for additional per diems from 2005 in order to avoid having their full payments appear on the initial list released by the state treasurer's office.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a legislator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. These payments are not taxable and range from $10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to $90 for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and $100 for those in Nantucket. Legislators who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse often are the ones that collect the highest total of annual per diems.

The Legislature approved, as part of the state budget in 2000, a provision doubling these per diems to the current amounts. Supporters of the hikes said that the per diems had not been raised for many years despite the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. Some opponents said that the hikes were excessive while others argued that the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous. They noted that other state workers and most private workers are not paid additional money for commuting. The House and Senate did not hold a separate roll call vote directly on the doubling of the per diem. The hike was included as a small section of the comprehensive $21.5 billion fiscal 2001 state budget that was approved on roll call votes by both branches.

The legislator who received the most money in 2005 was Rep. Daniel E. Bosley (D-North Adams) with $16,110. The other top ten recipients include Rep. William Pignatelli (D-Lenox) $13,230; Rep. Denis E. Guyer (D-Dalton) $10,332; Rep. John W. Scibak (D-South Hadley) $9,480; Rep. Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) $9,102; Sen. Stanley C. Rosenberg (D-Amherst) $8,760; Rep. Ellen Story (D-Amherst) $8,580; Rep. John P. Fresolo (D-Worcester) $8,460; Rep. John J. Binienda (D-Worcester) $8,388; Sen. Michael R. Knapik (R-Westfield) $8,250 and Rep. Peter V. Kocot (D-Northampton) $8,250.

LOCAL LEGISLATORS' PER DIEMS FOR 2005		
Here are the numbers of days that local legislators certified that they were at the Statehouse in 2005. The dollar figure is the total amount of per diem money that the state paid the legislator in 2005. A total of 41 legislators did not list any days and did not request any per diems. This should not be construed to mean that these 41 legislators were never at the Statehouse in 2005. It simply means that they chose not to list the number of days and not to request their per diems.		
	0 days ($0)	127 days ($2,286)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME HEATING- Beacon Hill Roll Call has received several inquiries from readers about the status of legislation allowing taxpayers to deduct a portion of home heating oil costs. The legislation was in fact signed into law in November by Gov. Romney. The new law allows up to an $800 tax deduction for the purchase of home heating oil, natural gas and propane between November 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006 by individuals who earn less than $50,000 per year and families that earn less than $75,000. For more information go online to www.dor.state.ma.us/help/guides/abate_amend/Personal/Issues/HomeHeating.htm

Another new tax break provides up to a $600 tax credit to all taxpayers for the winter purchase of energy efficient residential home heating items including home insulation, new window installation and fuel efficient furnaces and boilers. For more information go online to www.dor.state.ma.us/help/guides/abate_amend/Personal/Issues/HomeHeatingCredit.htm

Information on both programs can also be obtained by calling 617-887-MDOR or toll-free in Massachusetts 1-800-392-6089

CANCER PRESUMPTION (S 2257)- The House and Senate approved and Gov. Mitt Romney signed into law legislation expanding to officers of the state police K-9 unit the protections of the current law that creates a presumption that certain types of cancer in a police officer or firefighter is a result of their job. The law places the burden on insurance carriers to refute the presumption by proving that the illness resulted from something other than the worker's job.

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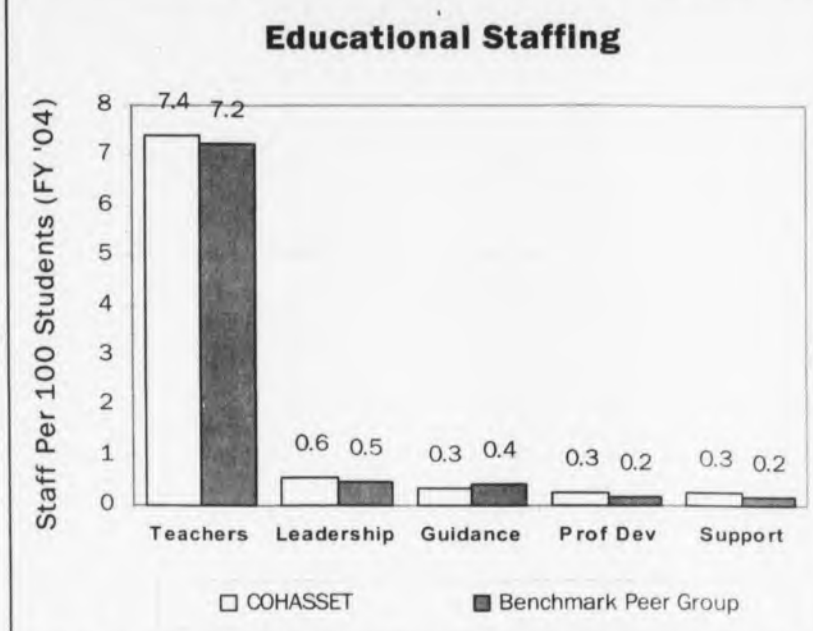
MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (ww.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts. Staff data is for instructional staff. Teachers does not include paraprofessionals. Guidance includes guidance counselors and psychological services. Professional Development includes instructional coordinators and professional development. Support includes library, technology and media services.

This chart breaks down Cohasset's educational staffing in 2004 per hundred students. Education staffing includes teachers, district and school leadership, guidance counselors and providers of psychological services, instructional coordinators and professional development, and library, technology and media services. This chart also provides the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By looking at staffing by functional category, one can get a sense for how a school district has allocated its staff to serve its student population.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

Last week, the Cohasset Mariner began to publish a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

"Our goal is to help improve municipal decision-making by providing access to better information," said General Manager Ken Strachan.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Municipal Benchmarking was founded over two years ago by two "frustrated citizens," said Strachan.

Founders Tom Cronin and Bill Haylon had gotten involved in town meetings in their respective hometowns. Long time businessmen, they were surprised at the lack of a source of cheap and readily accessible data and analysis to help communities make more-informed decisions about issues such as pay packages for municipal managers or the need for a Proposition 2 1/2 override. They founded Municipal Benchmarking to fill that void.

"Our goal is to help improve municipal decision-making by providing access to better information.
—Ken Strachan,Municipal Benchmarking

They talked about the idea with Cronin's college classmate Warren E. Tolman, a former state senator and 2002 gubernatorial candidate. Tolman, a longtime proponent of smart government, "loved the idea," said Strachan, and started working with the company.

"City and town officials face tough fiscal constraints and must balance competing constituent demands. I believe that having quality information and analysis — like that provided by Municipal Benchmarking — is essential for making the best of these difficult decisions," said Tolman, who is now Municipal Benchmark's chairman.

The company's methodology stems from the idea that one can learn a lot about how and how not to deliver services by looking at how other similar communities provide those same services. The cornerstone of this approach is to find an appropriate group of similar communities. Municipal Benchmarking derives a community's Benchmark Peer Group by comparing it to the other 350 communities in Massachusetts across 15 different variables.

The variables measure socio-economic factors, such as income per capita or median family income, demographic information, such as population and portion of the population that speaks English as a second language, and geographic factors, such as how big the community is and how many miles of road it contains.

"By looking at the dynamics that shape a community, we can find communities that have similar resources and face similar demands from their citizens, and are a good basis of comparison," said Strachan.

Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group consists of: Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall. That report, at Cohasset's request, includes Marion and Hingham in the top 20 list of comparable towns. Municipal Benchmarking LLC allows towns to swap out two or three of their top-20 towns for other towns they would like to see themselves measured up against. Cohasset chose to include Marion and Hingham instead of its number 19 and 20 towns, Wenham and Winchester, which are included in the analysis depicted in the chart. Hingham and Marion would have been numbers 23 and 34 respectively, and therefore Strachan said including their data would not skew Cohasset's results.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go tomunicipalbenchmarking.com

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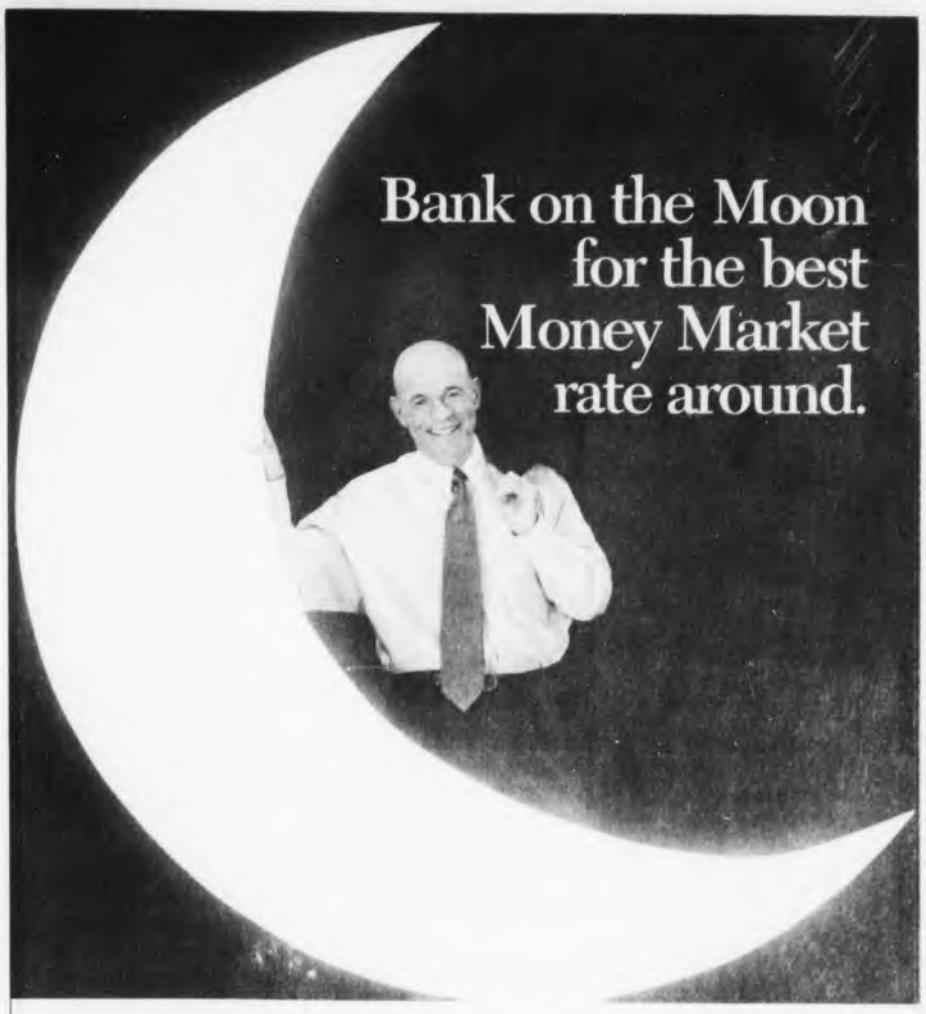

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SCHOOL COMMITTEE

***For the School Committee candidates**: The school system is talking about an override of at least $1 million to keep the district moving forward. With a failed override last year, and the town's history of passing substantially smaller overrides, is this a wise move?*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Barbara Buckley

I fully support the proposed FY07 budget and override as presented by Dr. Walsh and the School Committee. This budget was built upon Cohasset's Strategic Plan and requests funding for what is actually needed to begin to restore the quality in our schools. Many bright people with varying priorities and viewpoints worked on the Plan. It would be unwise to create a budget that doesn't fulfill the Plan's broad goals.

I view the budget through a teacher's eyes, and I see essential personnel, support and supplies for classrooms. Not fat. Not waste. We can all agree that 28 students in a second grade classroom is unacceptable. As enrollment continues to grow, we need to provide the teachers, paraprofessionals, support personnel, classroom furnishings, textbooks and educational equipment necessary to accommodate these additional students.

Nearly half the override amount is for new personnel (and it's no wonder additional teachers are needed when our enrollment is growing by an average of 2.8 percent per year) and program improvements, such as expanding full-day kindergarten, replacing outdated textbooks and increasing course offerings. CHS upper-classmen don't belong in study halls. They belong in AP classes and exciting electives that will prepare them for the challenging college years ahead.

What is even more telling is what has *not* been included in the budget. Significant repairs and maintenance to all three schools, MCAS tutoring, middle school paraprofessionals and technology department line items as recommended, all have been shelved for FY07. These exclusions, and many more as outlined in the budget document, show that the budget is a trim one. The Cohasset Public Schools' mission statement indicates that achieving excellence is paramount. Voters need to decide if they are indeed committed to excellence or merely satisfied with mediocrity. A yes vote for the override says yes to excellence.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Rick Flynn

Yes. The job of the School Committee is to advocate for the school community in the context of the town as a whole. During my tenure as a School Committee member I believe we have taken the budgets presented to us by the administration and tried to responsibly review those requests to provide the best educational program. In some years this has meant substantial cuts to initial budget requests and in others a strong backing for budgets as presented. However, in all cases my belief has been that the *citizens should have the final say at the ballot box.*

In many instances that has meant successful Proposition 2-1/2 overrides and in others failed overrides. But in all instances the voters had the final say. At the same time this is not just a case of the School Committee operating in a vacuum to review and decide on the final budgets. Before final decisions are made budgets are exhaustively vetted by many groups from the PSO to the Board of Selectmen to the Advisory Board.

When the *Mariner* asks if our budget request is a *wise move*, my answer has less to do with the decision of the School Committee and much more to do with the strong input I have received from concerned school and non-school citizens. I have been strongly urged to move forward with a budget request that will positively move our district forward in terms of lower class sizes, additional elective offerings and a teacher's contract that reflects strong support for our staff. My sincere hope is that the voters who we are advocating for *show up* at the polls and support their position.

Without that follow through, many of the budget discussions we are currently undertaking become hollow exercises and our "*commitment to excellence*" becomes a *path to mediocrity.*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Steve Fusco

I believe Dr. Walsh and the school committee should present a single number they believe will move our schools forward. This override will pass only if they then can successfully educate the public about the details of their request and negative implications of not passing the override. The school committee should hold a series of public forums, post the budget on the web, and use articles in the Mariner to highlight critical areas of the budget. Many people in town seem to know the dollar amount of the override, but few have any specific knowledge of the line items.

Reducing the total override amount in the hope that it will be more palatable to voters would be shortsighted and would imply some portion of the requested funds is not absolutely necessary.

Unfortunately, we need an override just to maintain our current fiscal obligations. Higher costs for personnel, energy, insurance, books, technology, as well as an increasing student body are continually increasing our fixed expenses, even without adding staff or new curriculum offerings. The question we must ask ourselves in the face of declining MCAS scores, class size increases, and significant parent dissatisfaction, are we as a community looking to maintain the status quo or are we looking for improvement?

This vote is as much about how we feel about ourselves as a town as it is about anything. What value do we place on our schools and our reputation? That said, there are some people in town on fixed incomes who feel they simply cannot afford to pay more taxes or fees. Like in any democracy, the majority must decide. I feel that once people have a detailed understanding of the funding requests, they will do what is right for our town and our schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Lee Jenkins

Some additions in the proposed '07 budget — teachers for math, languages, programs for accelerated learners, textbooks — have merit. Other additions — nighttime custodians to check windows and doors, — make no sense. The administration should be applying their management skills to address quality of effort issues instead of just inflating payroll.

After the '06 Budget override failed the Superintendent and School Committee had a wonderful opportunity to show they got the message. The popular misconception is voters said "No" to teachers and our children, but many voters told me they said "No" to unaccountable spending — schools should spend money as if it is their personal budget.

They did not get the message. Despite pleas from the community, the current school committee voted 3-2 in June to eliminate teachers and add administrative positions. Many people, myself included, also questioned fee for service costs, and whether non-core programs were cost neutral. For instance, the Town of Milton, our benchmark for pricing full-day kindergarten at $1,800, never had a full-day program; neither do our surrounding towns. Only the towns of Sharon and Plymouth have a tuition-based program — both charging $4,000/student. Without applying the real cost of a full-day kindergarten in a clean, heated, air-conditioned room with the teacher/student ratio parents want, the Superintendent is taking *necessary funds away from the students we are mandated to educate.*

The Benchmark study states Cohasset has been providing more per pupil spending than our peer group, but more dollars have not produced better test scores as seen in MCAS results or curriculum as reported by the Curriculum Review Committee.

Until the schools provide a budget that is not obscured by misleading offsets, net costs, and a substantial lack of detail, the voters won't know if the dollars are earmarked for the classrooms to improve education.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SELECTMAN

***For the Selectman candidates**: Given the constraints of Prop. 2-1/2, how can the Town reconcile its needs to deliver services provided by employees (teachers, police, fire, public works, etc.) when salaries and benefits are the largest line items in the budget and rise faster than 2-1/2 percent per year?*

SELECTMAN/Ted Carr

When costs rise faster than revenues, there are only two ways to have a balanced budget: 1) increase revenues; or 2) decrease costs. As Selectman, I would search for additional revenue sources to fund our town's strategic objectives and would remove any unnecessary expenditure. If the budget remained unbalanced, however, Cohasset voters would need to express their preference for spending versus taxing.

Regarding revenues, Proposition 2-1/2 limits increases in taxes on real and personal property. Other sources of town revenues such as excise taxes, permit and license fees, state funding, and an expanding tax base are not constrained by Proposition 2-1/2. If elected, I would find creative ways to increase revenues from sources other than property taxes, applying my state and Federal connections to obtain local funding and exploring sustainable opportunities for town growth.

Reducing costs may be more difficult. After 25 years of scrutiny under Proposition 2-1/2, our town budget already is lean. It received a shock in 2004 when decreased state funding under Chapter 70 simultaneously reduced our revenues and increased our town's educational costs. One area I would explore is whether competitive procurement can generate further savings. Regardless, we currently have an immediate shortfall that needs to be addressed.

While adding to this dilemma, Proposition 2-1/2 also provides the answer. Proposition 2-1/2 allows a community to pass a town referendum to override its limitations on property taxes. The override can reference either specific or general funding requirements, on either a temporary or permanent basis. If budget scrutiny and alternative revenues cannot balance the budget on an ongoing basis, an override can provide the solution. In this way, Proposition 2-1/2 puts the ultimate decision of whether to raise property taxes in the hands of the right people — the taxpayers of Cohasset.

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

First, creating a bigger commercial tax base, this can take some of the pressure off of the homeowners in town. Currently, approximately 90%+ of our town's tax revenues come from single-family homeowners. In essence, we are a "bedroom community." While it has its advantages in that we have a New England Village, when it comes to taxes the homeowner gets hit the hardest. That is why creating more of a commercial tax base will help resolve some of the problem. We have to very carefully balance this growth to ensure it is within the character of Cohasset. The Growth Committee has been looking precisely at this option and their work should be continued with the other town boards as well.

Second, the majority of our town services are spent on salaries. We must ensure when negotiating our contracts that a balance is struck so that the contracts are both fair and equitable to the town and to its employees. It is of great concern that many of our town employees can't afford to live in town anymore.

Thirdly, when looking to the future, we need to make a concerted effort to reduce the town debt. While the town has made strides in investing in new facilities, the obligations to pay them are still with us and will be a long time. Right now, 14 percent of our budget is spent on paying debt when most towns our size are in 5-10 percent category. Once some of the debts are paid off it will create room in the budget for other priorities.

It will not be easy and will take time, but we need to find solutions together as a town.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For both school committee and selectman candidates: *When it comes to the budget, the town appears to be split into two distinct "camps" – the town side and the school side. What could you do to encourage better communication and decrease the appearance of distrust and skepticism between the "two sides?"*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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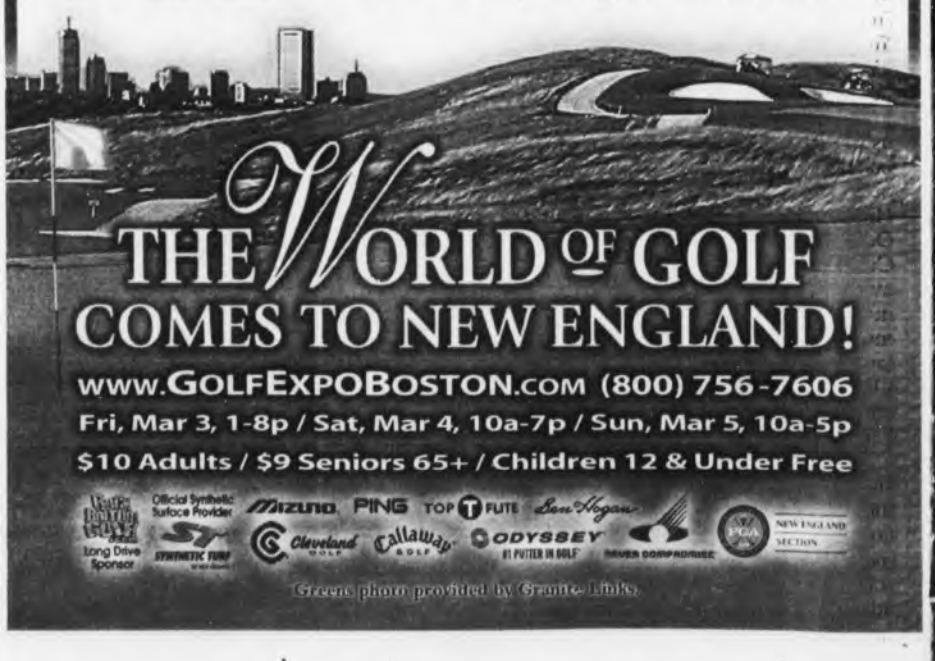

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Buckley announces run for school committee

Barbara Buckley

My name is Barbara Buckley and I am running for School Committee.

- Resident since 1998
- Math teacher at Hingham Middle School, previously taught grades 2 & 3 at Osgood
- Family – husband Jack teaches at Cohasset High School, 3 boys, ages 7, 9, 10
- Chair of the Save Three Teachers fund, frequent volunteer in the schools

I am running for School Committee because:

- I am an advocate for students and will approach all School Committee matters from that vantage point.
- I know what quality classrooms and schools look like, how they work and what they need. I can offer this important perspective to allow us make the decisions that will be most beneficial to students.
- Through my classroom work, I know where dollars provide the most return on the investment we make.
- My family is one that cannot afford continually increasing taxes. I will work with town committees and the schools' administration to scrutinize every expenditure.
- I will work with other School Committees, Superintendents, and Parent/ School organizations in Massachusetts to ceaselessly lobby the state for restoration of local aid to towns. I intend to take a leadership role in this regard.

On April 8, I hope voters will join me in putting students first and allow me the privilege of serving on the School Committee.

Jenkins cites her experience, leadership

Leonora C. Jenkins

Leonora C. Jenkins enthusiastically announces her candidacy for the three-year term on the Cohasset School Committee.

"I am a candidate for a seat on the School Committee because I believe we can and must provide our children with the education they need to succeed in today's competitive world and that there are fresh and creative ways to achieve this goal by intelligently managing the growth of our school system.

"Our schools are where the foundation of our children's learning and social skills are formed. To ensure a nurturing environment, we must be vigilant in maintaining an exceptional quality of teachers, administration, curriculum, and programs. However, our schools exist within the context of our community and we need to be aware of the impact the cost of education has on our community as a whole.

"We can meet the challenge of keeping a balance between community and school needs by being more focused on keeping the dollars in the classroom, and by reevaluating existing assumptions and operating procedures. In short by creating an action plan of 'Progress Through Priorities'.

"My priorities begin with:

- Focusing resources in the classroom
- Providing a strong basic foundation in areas of study essential to our students' lifelong success
- Returning Cohasset to one of the top school districts in the state
- Taming the growth in administrative and non-classroom positions
- Creating annual budgets with Proposition 2-1/2 in mind while being aware of the current budget for potential deficits and enacting immediate solutions.

"Public education is a big business and its success needs to be assessed both financially and qualitatively, using real numbers and agreed upon benchmarks – otherwise our students will be short changed.

"At the April '05 Annual Town Meeting the report issued by the School Budget Investigation Committee made three key recommendations: to develop a truly realistic and balanced school budget within available revenues, to share with and disseminate financial information to the Town; and to put an end to the idea that overrides are an annual necessity.

"The Benchmark Study shows us Cohasset's district funded per pupil spending is $181 above our peer group and $1,223 above Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue lists Cohasset as #9 in the state for average real estate taxes: $2,429 more than Hingham. More money per pupil, more tax dollars per household, and yet at 1100 Cohasset's SAT scores are less than those of Hingham at 1160.

"As a resident of Cohasset since 1978, I have a unique historical perspective on how as the community has steadily increased funding for the schools, the elected officials and administrators have failed to keep the dollars in the classroom, or to provide the educational alternatives of other public schools. Parents and taxpayers deserve better.

"They deserve a leader who will bring the needed oversight to the School Committee that was found totally absent by the School Budget Investigation Committee. A leader who will return accountability and credibility to the school system. A leader who will work with the town-side to effect economies in shared expenses. A leader who will work to correct the issues of concern identified by the Cohasset Curriculum Renewal Committee in November 2005. A leader who will identify priorities and vote to keep teachers, not cut teachers while increasing administration as our current school committee voted in June. Parents deserve a leader who will work diligently to foster a 'culture of learning' in our schools.

"The time is now. Together we must apply innovative thinking to find solutions to the challenges facing our schools and ultimately our community. Together we can do better."

'Lee' and her husband, Leland, have been town residents for 27 years raising and educating their two daughters, Jessica and Rebecca in the Cohasset schools. She volunteered extensively particularly in school math, computer, art and music programs.

Lee has served on the Cultural Exchange Committee and the Council on Aging and was an active member of the Community Center on both the Board of Directors and the Program Committee. She was also a Brownie Leader, Youth Symphony Coordinator, Sunday school teacher, host mother for 23 foreign students and teachers, METCO Host mother and currently is a member of the Community Garden Club. Lee co-founded the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers which has been looking to achieve fiscal responsibility and accountability in all town finances.

Jenkins has a B.A. in Psychology from Rosemont College and has extensive experience in the Public Sector. Currently, a local small business owner, Lee realizes the importance of commonsense and sound business practices in creating and working within an approved budget.

For further information please visit her website: ElectLeeJenkins.com or contact Lee at 781-383-0024 or her Campaign Coordinator, Karen Quigley at 781-383-6368.

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Artist exhibit – Watercolor artist Lilly Cleveland's new works are on display at the library through April. Artist reception will be held Monday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Wednesday.

Income tax forms – A limited number of income tax forms are available in the Commons Room. Reproducible forms are available to copy. Inquire at the Circulation Desk.

Upcoming author visits – Sunday, March 5, 2:30 p.m., Michael Tougais, author of "Ten Hours Until Dawn," will present a narrated slide show. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Free admission.

Antique Appraisal fundraiser – Sunrise of Cohasset will host its 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal event on Sunday, March 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. Professional appraisers Mark Schwortzer, a local dealer and collector, and Ms. Sandi Johnson, owner of the Goodies Shop 1 & 2, will share skills and insight into heirlooms presented for appraisal. Fee is $10 per appraisal. Limit of three items per person. All proceeds go to the library Outreach Program. For more information call Gayle Walsh.

Book group – Thursday, March 30, 10 a.m., coffee and discussion of Erik Larson's "The Devil in the White City." To place a book on hold call Gayle Walsh.

Independent film night – Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m., "Anytown, U.S.A." This 2005 documentary set in Bogota, N.J., is a candid and eye-opening look into a hard fought mayoral race between a Democrat, Republican, and Independent – two of whom are legally blind. Free admission and refreshments.

Wine tasting event – Sunday, March 19, 5 to 7 p.m. Learn the fine art of tasting wines with wine consultant John Avery. White and sparkling wines from three wineries. Wine, cheese and crackers are provided. Must be age 21 and older to attend. Call Gayle Walsh to register.

Essay Contest – The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has announced its 7th annual Online Student Essay Contest for Massachusetts' students in grades 4-12. Theme is Making Democracy Work: Our Bill of Rights.

Contest details, including rules, prizes, and essay questions are available online at www.lwvma.org. Contest deadline is March 15, 2006.Winners will be honored at an event at Fanueil Hall on April 30. Bookmarks outlining contest general information are available in the Young Adult Room.

For Teens – "My Own Café" is a website where teens living in southeastern Massachusetts can connect with other teens to discover local music, find out about books, check out the news, and learn about events happening in the area. Visitors to the site have quick and easy access to local and state databases and library catalogs. Visitors must be at least 13 years old to register and have a valid library card. Visit www.myowncafe.org.

Book signing at historical society

The Cohasset Historical Society will host a book signing by Jennifer Grisdale Krieger, formerly of Cohasset, on Sunday, March 5, 2-4 p.m., at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main Street.

"What? No Spaghetti and Meatballs?!? A charming collection of stories and musings about everyday life in a culturally diverse family," is about a proper Bostonian who marries a "good Jewish boy from Brooklyn," with an older sister who married an Italian Catholic.

Krieger is an award-winning journalist and non-fiction writer, but most importantly, she is a mother, and a staunch advocate of the family unit (La Famiglia!). If you like Dave Barry or Erma Bombeck, you will enjoy her talk. For more information, please call the Society at 781-383-1434, or email at cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

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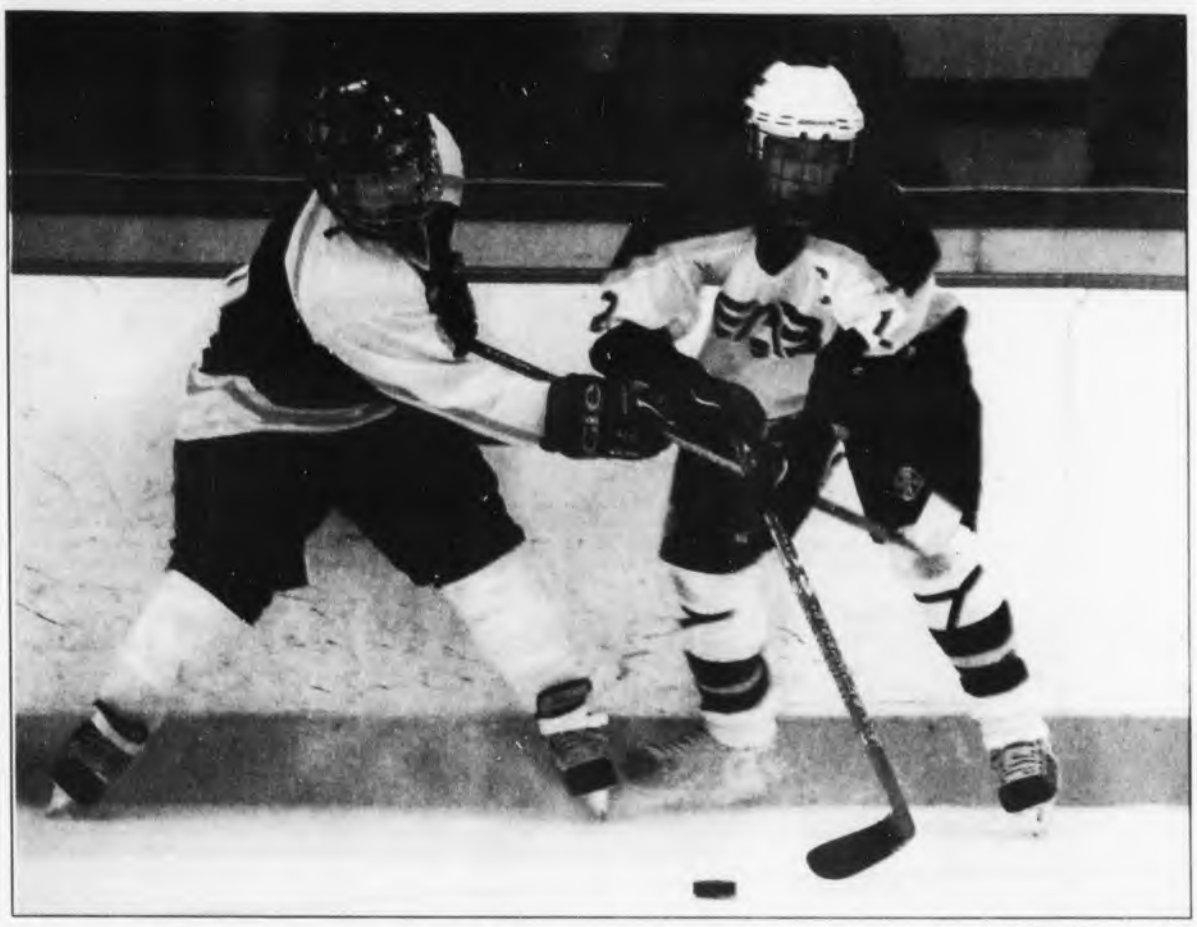

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Cohasset's Charlie Czerkawski, shown above in action against Abington-East Bridgewater earlier this season, scored the Skippers' second goal in Monday night's 3-2 win over Southeastern Regional.

Skaters work overtime

Straughn's goal in extra period sends Cohasset to next round of tournament

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High hockey team was an infirmary on ice Monday night.

With most of the boys playing with a fever that spread throughout the Skippers locker room late last week, it sure didn't help matters when Cohasset's Division 3 South preliminary round game with Southeastern Regional went into overtime.

Fortunately for the Skippers, senior winger Brian Straughn made sure that overtime didn't last too long.

Just 20 seconds into the extra frame, Straughn broke up a 3-on-1 in the neutral zone with a back-check and went the other way on a break-in. After making a good move around a Southeastern defenseman, Straughn let go a wrister from the top of the circle.

"The first eight minutes are crucial; we can't get down too far too early. If we can stay within a goal after that first period, I think we have a chance."
Cohasset head coach Ben Virga

The shot trickled through the goalie's legs and into the net, giving the Skippers a scintillating 3-2 win at Asiaf Rink on the Brockton High School campus. As a result, Cohasset traveled to Natick last night to take on third-seeded Medfield in a first round match-up played after the Mariner went to press.

Cohasset head coach Ben Virga said he and assistant Ryan Murray would have a good sense if their team had a chance at the upset after the first eight minutes of the game.

"We can't be a half-step slow at the beginning of the game. If we are, it's over," Virga said Wednesday. "The first eight minutes are crucial; we can't get down too far too early. If we can stay within a goal after that first period, I think we have a chance.

"Our problem lately has been that we go into a big game and get down 3-0 after five minutes, and it's really tough to come back from that."

That problem was at its worst in the Skippers' final two regular season games against Pembroke and Westwood. Cohasset was down 6-0 after the first against Pembroke, and wound up losing 8-6. Westwood blew out the Skippers by a 9-0 score.

Straughn concurs with his coaches' emphasis on coming out strong at the beginning of last night's game.

"The key to both those games [Pembroke and Westwood] was that we started terrible," said the tri-captain Wednesday night. "We have to put that first goal in against Medfield."

The Skippers' chances of doing that would be helped immensely with some good

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CHS lady hoopsters get a second chance

First round win over Bristol-Plymouth sets up rematch with Cathedral

By Mark Goodman
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Last year's Cohasset High girls basketball season ended with a loss to Cathedral in the Division 4 state tournament.

Tonight, the Lady Skippers are hoping to administer some payback.

After Tuesday night's 52-28 win over Bristol-Plymouth in Taunton, Cohasset gets another crack at the Roxbury-based school. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Senior co-captain Mia Lieb-Lappen says she and her teammates are confident they can make things different this time around.

"We're a different team this year," Lieb-Lappen said. "Last year, Casey (Anderson) was our go-to person. This year, our scoring is much more spread out.

"The first time we went there, I think we were intimidated by the atmosphere; we were totally blown out of sync. Personally, I'm happy we got a rematch."

Turnovers was the Skippers' main problem against Cathedral last season. The team was without injured starting point guard Chelsea Grossman in that game, and Lieb-Lappen and fellow senior captain Katie James both said Wednesday that having Grossman this time around will make a huge difference.

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FILE PHOTO/MARK GARDINER

The Lady Skippers hope this year's meeting with Cathedral will be different with senior point guard Chelsea Grossman in the fold.

Sci-Coh swimmers reflect on successful season

The Cohasset-Scituate High School Swim team season culminated this past weekend at the state championships.

The Division 2 boys state championship meet was held at MIT on Saturday. James Smith III, a Scituate senior, placed seventh in the 100 fly with a time of 57.40.

Other swimmers participating in individual events and in the 400 relay were Scituate junior Rob Lilly, Cohasset sophomore Jonny Drybanski and Cohasset junior Colin Conway. Each participant achieved a personal best for their swims and set new team records.

The Division 1 girls state meet was held Sunday at Wellesley College. Caitlin Little, a senior from Scituate, finished sixth in the 50 free with a time of 25.63, which was a personal best time and set a new team record. In addition, Little placed 17th in the 100 free, which also set a new team record.

Little was joined by Scituate freshman Julia Rogers, Cohasset freshmen Torey Hart and Alison Costa, and Cohasset senior and team captain Mamme Daley to swim the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay.

"This was a fantastic way to end this season," said head coach Jon Fortin. "We had so many achieve personal bests this year. To place second in the league, to have many attend sectionals and to have this number qualify for states was awesome.

"This group paved the path for this team to become a powerhouse."
Head coach Jon Fortin

"Even more important to me are the unspoken heroes of this team - those swimmers who came to practice every day and achieved personal bests and grew not only as athletes and swimmers but as team participants. To watch this group grow through failures and successes and to develop life skills that one learns not always in the classroom but on the playing fields was rewarding to me, personally. This group paved the path for this team to become a powerhouse. We have such strong summer swim teams in both towns that it makes sense to have a strong high school program as well. And this team should be proud of their individual accomplishments as well as the way they developed as a team."

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Cohasset's Trevor Brady collects a loose ball during a January game against Abington. Next week, the Mariner will recap the CHS boys basketball season and look ahead to next year.

GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL REPORT

Streaking Sevens snare sixth straight

Despite playing with a roster depleted by a combination of illness, injury, and vacation schedules, the Cohasset 7th grade girls basketball team rolled to its sixth straight victory by a 30-17 margin over Hanson Sunday afternoon at the Cohasset High gym.

In addition to the aforementioned obstacles, the girls also had to combat the expected rust and lack of conditioning accumulated from the vacation layoff. Indeed, signs of rust abounded in the first half, as a lack of timing, a collective poor shooting touch, and overall lazy ballhandling conspired to limit the Cohasset girls to just nine points – and only two field goals – in the first half.

However, their defense held firm and thanks to a combination of a tight 2-3 zone and a full-court man-to-man defense, the Bue & White managed to take a 9-8 edge into the intermission.

Some timely coaching tips at the half about passing to the right spots, combined with a renewed focus by the Cohasset girls, resulted in a Blue & White run at the start of the second half which saw their lead quickly zoom to 16-8. **Lindsay Davis** sank a bucket from outside, **Carli Haggerty** worked some magic inside, and **Kate French** scored on a nice move to the hoop to propel the Seven-Ups into a commanding lead which they continued to build upon.

Although Hanson stopped the Cohasset momentum to make it 16-10, the Blue & White hit the gas again to boost the margin to 22-10 with about five minutes to go – and it was lights out for Hanson.

Seven of the eight Seven Ups who suited up figured in the scoring, with Haggerty leading the way with 14 points (including 6-of-8 from the free throw line), Davis hitting for six, French scoring four, **Amy Costa** and **Emma Musto** notching a hoop apiece, and **Rachel Fredey** and **Caroline Fein** sinking a free throw each.

Logan Pratt also contributed some valuable rebounding and made the nicest assist of the day on a nice give-and-go from the corner to Musto.

The contest was of huge significance for the Sevens because it pushed them slightly past Hanson in the race for second place, which earns a bye in the opening round of the playoffs. Both Cohasset and Hanson now are 9-4 in the division (9-5 overall), but Cohasset has the edge if it comes down to tiebreakers.

However, the Blue & White girls still must win their next two games, this Saturday at Weymouth and Sunday at home vs. Norwell, if they are to be assured of claiming the second spot. But, with injuries and illnesses still plaguing the team (only six girls were able to make the Tuesday practice this week), the Seven-Ups must re-energize their efforts and their focus if they want that bye.

V-Eights fall to Hanson

The 8th graders played league-leading Hanson this past Sunday and lost 30-18. Cohasset played shorthanded with only six players, as four girls were unavailable to play because of vacation absences and injury.

Nonetheless, the six players who were available, **Tori Lehr, Isabelle Franklin, Erin Fontaine, Hannah Burgess, Lucy Noble and Chelsea Silvia**, played hard and valiantly against a full complement of Hanson's tall and physical team. Relying on a tight 2-3 zone and outside shooting, the Blue & White girls were able to keep the game close in the first half, trailing only 18-12 at the break.

In the second half, the Cohasset six were noticeably tired and were unable to keep up the offensive production. Cohasset was led in scoring by Fontaine's five points (including a three point shot), Franklin's five points, Lehr's four, and two points apiece from Burgess and Silvia. As usual, Noble provided strong defense and rebounding.

For the year, the Cohasset V-8s are now 9-5 with the final two games this weekend before the playoffs start the following Friday.

PHOTO/SUSAN HAGSTROM

The Cohasset High hockey team celebrate their big win over Norwell on Feb. 11. The Skippers were hoping to re-create this scene last night with an upset of third-seeded Medfield.

STAFF PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Skippers senior Brandon Smith was hoping to prolong his high school hockey career by leading his team to victory last night against Medfield.

Skaters work overtime

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health. Virga gave his players Tuesday and Wednesday off in hopes of allowing them to recuperate from Monday's game and fight off their current sickness.

It isn't often that a team doesn't practice between tournament games, but Virga said he felt he had to do it.

"I like our chances a lot better [against Medfield] if we're 100 percent healthy," said the third-year coach.

Against Southeastern, Cohasset carried play in the beginning and took advantage on a power play at the eight-minute mark of the first period. Junior defenseman Conor Holway pursued the puck into the corner in the offensive zone and made a nice centering pass to senior tri-captain Mark Bouchard, whose one-timer found the back of the net to give the Skippers a 1-0 lead.

It was around that time that Virga says the players' illness began to affect their play, and Southeastern would tie it up before the first intermission.

Cohasset still managed to keep their opponents off the board for most of the game, thanks to the strong play of defensemen Corbin Faber and Dan Sullivan.

"They were huge back there," Virga said. "Their back-checking was tremendous. Overall, they just did a great job."

The Skippers regained the lead halfway through the second when sophomore Charlie Czerkawski picked up a loose puck in the corner, skated in toward the crease and stuffed it in for a 2-1 Cohasset advantage.

The lead held until there were five minutes left in the game, when the Skippers lost a key face-off in their defensive zone. A couple missed assignments later, Southeastern had tied it.

Cohasset had to kill a penalty just a minute after that to help send the game into overtime, setting the stage for Straughn's dramatic goal.

CHS lady hoopsters get a second chance

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So should the presence of Cohasset's freshman phenoms, Gabby Flibotte and Sam Lehr. Those two were up to their usual tricks on Tuesday, with Flibotte dropping a game-high 20 points and Lehr putting up a double-double (11 points, 15 rebounds).

Lieb-Lappen says that despite their relative tournament inexperience, Flibotte and Lehr will be up to the challenge in what figures to be a crazed postseason atmosphere.

"They're phenomenal, and they've done well under pressure all year," Lieb-Lappen said. "They'll be fine."

The play of Lehr could be especially key, as Cathedral, like most teams, don't have the height to match a quality 6-foot presence in the lane.

Cohasset will also need to stay out of foul trouble as, with James missing the tournament while recovering from knee surgery, the Skippers' starting five - which also features junior forward Lacey Richardson - plays just about the whole game.

The Skippers can also be counted on to stay with their trademark press defense, which has worked so well in the last month, continuing right into the game with Bristol-Plymouth.

"The press really helped us break them down, both defensively and offensively," James said.

The Cohasset-Cathedral winner will take on the victor of tonight's West Bridgewater-Marian game on Monday. Site and time were still to be determined as of the Mariner's press time.

SPORTS NOTES

Limited space left for spring lacrosse

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has completed its spring registration period, but a limited number of roster spaces remain available at some age levels.

"We've been lucky to come through our registration period with just about our preferred roster sizes at all levels," says Chuck Jaffe, director of the program, which will field 14 boys and girls teams in grades 3-8 this spring. "We have just a few open spaces, and we will give them out on a first-come, first-served basis."

Jaffe notes that the lacrosse organization starts practices in early March and, each year, winds up with a few children who only decide that they want to play after a friend tells them about the start of workouts. Typically, at that point, it is too late to add the additional kids at that time.

"This year, more than most, we may have some extra flexibility – particularly on the boys side of things," Jaffe says, "but ideally we will have everyone who wants to play signed up soon, before they wind up missing out."

Registration costs $150 for one player and $275 for two. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins practicing in March, completes its season in June and works throughout the spring to avoid scheduling conflicts with the other youth sports in town.

To get registration paperwork, contact Jaffe at CAJaffe@aol.com or at 781-383-9858.

For more information, visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Gymnastics and sports class registration

There are still openings for the following Session 2 gymnastics classes at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

Mondays, 4:45-5:45 - Beginner/Intermediate girls, ages 7-12

Tuesdays, 1:45-2:30 - Tumble Bugs, boys and girls, age 3; 2:30-3:30 - Sports for Kids, boys and girls, ages 4-6; 3:30-4:30 - Sports for Kids, Ages 6-10, boys and girls

Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 - Beginner/Intermediate girls, ages 5-8

Thursdays, 11-11:45 - Tumble Bugs, boys and girls, ages 3-4; 4:30-5:30 - Beginner/Intermediate girls, ages 7-12

Fridays, 11:45-12:45 - Gym Explorers, boys and girls, ages 4-6

Classes run through May. Call the South Shore Community Center for more information, (781) 383-0088.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse looking for coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season. Cohasset will field 14 teams this spring - for boys and girls in grades 3-8 - a number large enough to stretch the available coaching staff thin.

For the first time in several seasons, the shortage of coaches is a problem with the boys program, and not just the younger, emerging girls teams. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with roughly 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Throughout its history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys and girls have one weekly practice, which is held on the weekend. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858, or write him at CAJaffe@aol.com.

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THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT

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Fans of the Czech Republic's national hockey team wave their flags and cheer as their team is introduced prior to an Olympic contest against Finland in the preliminary rounds.

CNC staff photographer Robin Chan poses in front of the Olympic torch in Torino, Italy, before watching a hockey game between Finland and the Czech Republic.

SPORTS NOTES

Join the 'STARS' baseball team

The Plymouth County Baseball Club, (PCBC) is looking for players 11 years of age or younger to compete on their new Select Team Area Real Sluggers program.

The new STARS program will be a local tournament team. Players will compete against some of the finest South Shore teams from Kingston to Cape Cod. Players will have the ability to train indoors and outdoors at the Plymouth County Baseball Club. Players will have the opportunity to work and train with a professional staff.

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If you are interested in this program, you may contact the Plymouth County Baseball Training Center at 508-747-5979 or visit their web page at www.plymouthcountybaseball.com

Join the Boston Men's Baseball League

The Boston Men's Baseball League is now accepting registrations for the 2006 season.

The Boston Men's Baseball League provides amateur players of all ages (18+, 30+ and 40+) an opportunity to continue playing baseball. Teams are based in Boston and all around the Boston Metro suburban areas.

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Players can pre-register now by visiting http://www.bostonbaseball.com. For those without internet access, please call 617-BASEBALL.

International basketball tour

The New England Colonials International Basketball Club invites applications for its 2006 Rovers team's summer tour to Europe. This tour is open to boys completing the 8th and 9th grades in June who have had significant basketball experience.

This Colonials' tour will bring the Rovers team to Belgium, France, and the Netherlands in August. In Belgium, the Rovers will be the first team from the USA to take part in the Flanders Trophy Tournament. As on all the team's tours, Colonials' players will be hosted by the families of their basketball peers at each stop on the tour. Several stipends are available for players with financial need.

Colonials' teams do not hold tryouts and rely on references and an assessment of the applicant's commitment to school, community, and basketball. Founded in 1980, the New England Colonials International Basketball Club is a non-profit program that has as its central purpose the support and encouragement of international friendship and understanding between New England student-athletes and their peers around the world.

For additional information, please contact the New England Colonials at (508) 668-1935 or by E-mail at necolonials@aol. Interested players may learn more about the program online at the team's website located at www.NewEnglandColonials.net

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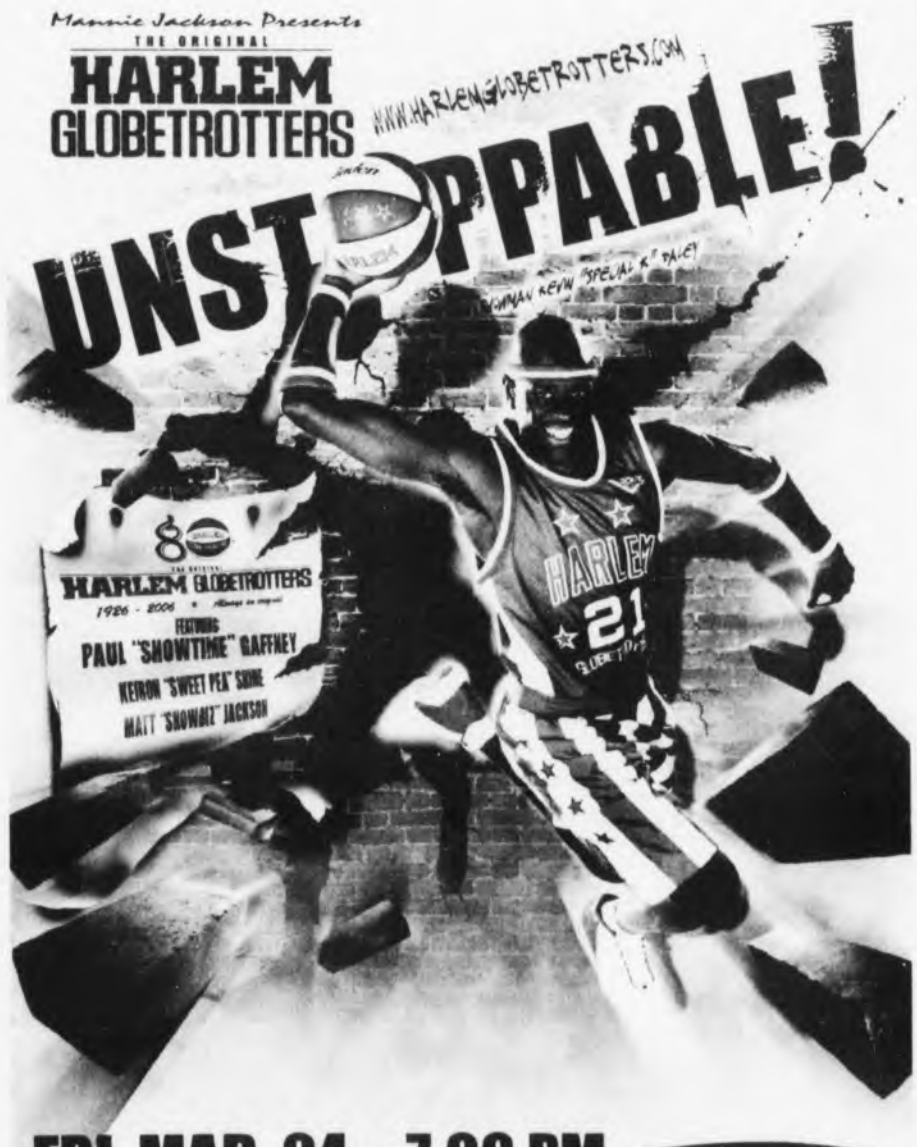

CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

PREPARING FOR CAMP MEANS MORE THAN PACKING YOUR TRUNK

By Bette Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

ADDRESSING YOUR CHILD'S CONCERNS & EXPECTATIONS
• Remind yourselves about why you chose your camp. Something special must have caught your attention. Discuss what's exciting and/or potentially intimidating. Set some goals together, being honest about your expectations.
• Take a look at the camp's Web site, video, & print materials again with your child. Now that you've selected the camp, you can view these differently. They can be useful springboards for discussion.
• Attend the camp's Open House. Meet the camp director and key staff members. Ask any questions you have. Be up-front about your concerns and your child's.

HANDLING HOMESICKNESS
• Feeling homesick is completely normal; most campers (and many adults) miss home when they are away. Camp directors are experts in recognizing and treating homesickness. Follow their advice after you arrive at camp.
• Before you get to camp, the ACA, New England offers these tips to minimize homesickness:
1. Practice sleeping away from home. Visit friends and/or relatives for progressively longer periods of time – first one night, then two or three nights. Having a recent memory of a successful time away from home can help a child get through the first few days of camp.
2. Discuss what will happen if homesickness hits at camp. Ask children up to around 10 or 11 if you will support them always overcoming homesickness and stay at camp.
3. Consider packing something to remind the camper of home, (a favorite photo or stuffed animal). Remind campers that they always have their memories of home and loved ones with them as well.
4. Pre-address and send mail to camp in advance of opening day or bring a couple of letters to give off when you deliver your child. Encourage campers to write a few lines of words of encouragement to themselves.
5. Be positive in your letters. Bad news and sad news are tough to read at camp.

PACKING POINTERS
• Pack enough clothes so the kid at camp on day five doesn't have to hand-wash underwear in the sink. Weather and activity requirements should help with packing, but err on the side of more.
• If your child takes medication, send the medication in the original bottle along with dosage instructions.
• Use waterproof labels. Stickers, drill pinpoint-tip pens, indelible laundry markers, or iron-on labels are all options. Check with camp director for specific rules and recommendations.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

'Great Books' program at Deer Hill School

It's not too late for Deer Hill students to join the nationally acclaimed after school "Great Books" literary program. Junior Great Books is the highly regarded elementary school book group program established in 1962 and designed to bring great literature to life while helping students discover the joys and depth of life-long reading.

Trained parent volunteers will lead book group discussions for one hour after school, from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m., beginning next week. Fourth graders will meet on Mondays, fifth graders on Tuesdays and third graders on Wednesdays. Sessions run through April 12th.

Deer Hill fifth-grader Mollie Chipman reviews one of the books being offered as part of the "Great Books" reading program.

CMHS artists win prestigious awards

Several artists from the Cohasset Middle High School were recognized in a Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Program awards ceremony held on Sunday, Feb. 5 in Boston. Now in its 56th year, the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Program was started in 1950 and is a state-level affiliate of the Scholastic Art Awards Program started in 1927 in New York City. The Scholastic Art Awards Program is the largest and longest running program of its kind in the country.

The Program is open to all students in Grades 7 – 12 in all public, private and parochial schools in Massachusetts and nominees are chosen by the Arts Department faculty at their school. Submissions include paintings and drawings, sculpture, and photography and thousands of pieces from schools all over Massachusetts are submitted for consideration.

According to Mrs. Mary Charwat, Arts Department Chair at Cohasset Middle High School, "Because this is such a competitive program, the standards for nomination are very high. We're thrilled to have had 10 artists nominated to submit their artwork. They should be very proud".

John Rohrer won a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention for his photographs; and Katie DeWaal won a Silver Key for her mixed-media piece.

Among those chosen to represent Cohasset were Sophie Bertolami, Caitlin Hurley, Amanda Thompson, Sarah Malone, Katharine Murphy, John Burgoon and Sophie Bertolami.

Each piece is reviewed by a panel of arts educators and then individually shown to the judges and voted upon. Individual works may win Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards. Award winners from Cohasset included John Rohrer, who won a Silver Key and for an Honorable Mention for his photographs; Katie DeWaal, who won a Silver Key for her mixed-media piece; and Emily Bertovich, Christine Coner and Colin Quinlan, who received Honorable Mention awards.

"These are prestigious awards in the arts community, adds Charwat. "To have been selected from the thousands of submittals is an indication of the talent these young artists possess".

The Gold Key and Silver Key winners had their artwork exhibited during the month of February at the Mass. Transportation Building in downtown Boston. Gold Key winners had their artwork sent on to a national competition in New York City.

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The Mr. Skipper candidates participate in their favorite Olympic event. The three at front, Chris Pescatore, Brendon Barrett and Rob Murley practice curling. Dan McCarthy, kneeling in the back second from left, does the play by play. The four in the back, Zach Etkind, Mike Corry, Charles Miller and Tim Toomey are in the four-man bobsled. Rick Grassie, right, hopes to get top scores from the judges while figure skating. Scott Wakefield brings the summer games to Torino with basketball, and Pat O'Brien, standing at left, is an American fan trying to figure out the game of curling.

Getting ready for the Mr. Skipper contest!

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break and took time to frolic in the beautiful and surprisingly warm weather. It was indeed a vacation to remember, even if the snow did not appear until the very end of the week. Oh well, getting away from the stressful environment at the school was essential for future productivity.

The Varsity Hockey Team won a gritty preliminary tournament game in overtime on Monday to end Southeastern Vocational Technical Institutes dreams of a tournament bid. The quarter will be halfway over as of this Friday, thus leaving the seniors with about a semester left in their high school careers. Now, the news for this first week back from vacation, and predictably it's chock-full of interesting happenings around the school.

• The drama club will have met on Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

• The school council will have met on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the main office to discuss upcoming events around the school.

• The state Drama Festival Preliminaries will have been on Friday. The Jr. District Music Festival will have also taken place on Friday. Mrs. Stephanie Noble is coaching the drama club.

The annual Mr. Skipper pageant will be held on Friday, March 10th in the High School auditorium. The competition is open to any male in the High School (grades 9-12) and you must have signed up by Tuesday, Feb. 28. Therefore if you are reading this and have not yet signed up, I am afraid it is too late. Tickets are at a premium and were sold out last year before the pageant, so make sure you purchase yours from Dr. Gill or Mr. Leonard during lunch.

Anyone interested in advertising or donating something for a raffle for Mr. Skipper should contact Dr. Gill or Mr. Leonard.

• The Jazz Ensemble will be entering a Nation wide music contest entitled "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy High School Jazz Band Competition." This contest will pit High Schools from all over the United States against each other for a chance to win a performance by the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Jazz Band at their school in April.

• March is music in our schools month so we will be looking for something exciting to exude from the music department all month.

• Congratulations to the Varsity Swim Team which competed well at the Sectional and State Tournament last week. Results from both tournaments will be available in the upcoming weeks.

• High School Sports physicals will be held on Friday, March 10th at 2:35 pm in the High School nurse's office. If you are planning on participating in spring athletics please make certain that you have a current physical on file in the nurse's office or show up for the physicals on March 10th.

• The PSO is sponsoring a Read-a-thon for the Middle School this month, which will begin today and end on March 13th. Students will set goals and find sponsors and then record how much they have read in log sheets located in homerooms. Prizes will be issued to the homerooms that log the most minutes and raised the most money, as well as individual students who raised the most money and logged the most minutes. Sounds like a fun and educational event, good luck to all the students who participate.

Done already, the news wasn't as abundant as I predicted, but it was still plentiful in knowledge. It is after all, the first week back from vacation and things are still re-gearing up here at the High School. The following week should bring more news and excitement as the much-anticipated Mr. Skipper pageant draws nearer.

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DESTINATIONS

Honduras in the rough

Central American escape goes the distance with wild animals, Mayan ruins

By TANIA MEJER

COPAN RUINAS, Honduras -- Men in jeans and straw hats walked along the highway that snaked through the mountains from San Pedro Sula to Copan Ruinas; fruit stands and shantytowns speckled the route.

A small landslide caused by some heavy rains made part of our drive difficult, but my local guide, Eli, told me this was nothing -- there had been times when he was unable to bring tourists to Copan because labor strikes blockaded this road.

I'm in my mid-20s,and this was my first solo trip. And to a country where I didn't speak the language, nonetheless.

I was armed with a sense of adventure, a quest to learn a little about Central America and a notebook filled with key phrases a friend had taught me (I memorized the phrase "I am a vegetarian").

I stayed in this quaint town near the Guatemala border for two nights. The major tourist draw is the nearby ancient Mayan ruins. My base here was the Hotel Marina Copan, located by the town's central plaza. From here (or just about anywhere in the small town of Copan Ruinas), the ruins are just a few minutes' drive or short walk away.

At the ruins, I was surprised when the ancient city seemed smaller than it appeared on the map. Hard to believe this city once housed 20,000.

After climbing to the top of one temple, Eli saw a hole in the ground, and with a long piece of grass we enticed a tarantula into a game of tug of war until several of its furry legs were out in the open. When its large, hairy abdomen quickly moved toward my hand, I instinctively jumped back. But it was cool to see the spider nonetheless.

From the temple top we had a good view of the ruins, which included numerous statues and intricately carved art pieces uncommon to other Mayan cities -- Copanians were considered the most artistically advanced of the Mayan world. A highlight here is the largest hieroglyphic stairway in the Mayan world, which dates to the year 749.

PHOTO BY TANIA MEJER

Mayan ruins at Copan

Besides the view above ground, tourists also can access several archaeological tunnels around and under the ruins.

Though it would have been easy to stay here all day, my stomach was growling. Back on the unnamed streets of Copan Ruinas, my guide and I took a relaxing siesta, starting with hibiscus tea and traditional Honduran food (beans and rice with small, thick corn tortillas, avocados and salsa) at local eatery El Meson del Caminante. After lunch, I wandered along the cobblestone streets of Copan Ruinas, which I had to share with numerous toylike taxis -- they have only one wheel in the front, and it was fun to see them barrel down the uneven streets packed with so many people it looked like they would topple over.

In this town, I was surrounded by locals and Guatemalan tourists; I even ate dinner (and attempted, somewhat successfully, some very basic conversation) with a few Guatemalan men when the only open spot at a restaurant was at their outdoor table.

Next morning at the airport -- where there was no ID required and the schedule was "whenever" -- I caught the hour flight (with a stop in between) to Roatan, one of the Bay Islands off the Caribbean coast of Honduras, an area that draws divers from around the world.

On Roatan, I headed to Anthony's Key Resort, a spot well known to divers and snorkelers.

Talk about a change of pace and culture. The Bay Islands, though Honduran, are culturally more Caribbean, and most of the people I met at Anthony's were Americans -- the wealthy kind. I actually felt a little out of place, but that was remedied over drinks and conversation with some of the other resort guests -- even rich divers can be friendly.

The resort offers dive and snorkeling excursions daily (you also can shore dive). Be aware the resort does not have much of a beach. The main attractions are underwater -- even close to shore the brightly colored coral and schools of fish are highly visible.

For those who prefer their sightseeing above ground, there is an optional canopy tour, which I also checked out.

With a harness strapped on and a camera around my neck, I jumped up to be clamped onto the zip line and literally zipped through the rain forest. From above, I saw an iguana in a tree, and a small monkey came right up to me on one of the zip line platforms.

Surprisingly, the guides didn't point out flora and fauna; for them it was more about getting the group from one platform to the next.

Another day, I set out to explore on foot, wandering across the road from Anthony's to the Carambola Botanical Garden. The circular paths of the garden have dozens of well-labeled indigenous plants, but the real fun was hiking up a trail to the top of Carambola Mountain (parts are steep and hiking boots are recommended), where the view is spectacular. If you walk quietly and carefully when you hear rustling in the trees, you just might spot some monkeys on the way up. I saw them along with lizards (which dart around the path with every step you take) and mosquitoes (which bite regardless of how much insect repellent you use).

After the hike, I needed a rest. Luckily, on the deck of my Anthony's cabana, right above the water, I was able to curl up on the hammock with some Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Now if only I could read the original work in Spanish.

If you go:

When to go: Though climate varies in different regions of Honduras, your best bet is to go during dry season, roughly November through May on the mainland, January to August on Roatan.

Staying there: Rates at Hotel Marina Copan (www.hotelmarinacopan.com) are from $75 per night. Seven-night packages at Anthony's Key Resort include meals, airport transfers, snorkeling/diving and other resort activities. Snorkeling packages are $675-$975; diving packages $675-$1,075, depending on the season. All prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Go to www.anthonyskey.com

Shapleigh exhibit coming to town

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold an exhibit of the paintings of Frank Henry Shapleigh (1842-1906) of Boston. He did many paintings of Cohasset as his wife was the former Mary Pratt Studley of Cohasset.

Shapleigh enjoyed long walks along the town's shores, cane in hand, in company with his Cohasset nephew Kenneth Beal, sometimes going as far as Scituate. From these walks came a series of oils showing Cohasset's coastline and the sea, as well as family homes in and around the village.

The first of Shapleigh's Cohasset oils known to be exhibited, was one titled "At Sandy Cove." Shown at the Boston Art Club in 1874. In 1965 the Society held another exhibition at the Maritime Museum in the village, and several people from Cohasset and Hingham loaned their Shapleighs for that exhibit.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Society paintings will be on display, and through the graciousness of the Vose Galleries of Boston, who have agreed to loan four of their Shapleigh's, which will be exhibited, and may be purchased. If anyone has a Shapleigh that they would like to loan for this exhibit, call at 781-383-1434 or e-mail at www.cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

The following is a list of the Shapleighs that will be exhibited. They were painted between 1876 through 1889.

- View of Harbor Entrance, Cohasset
- Christopher James Farmhouse
- John Willcutt House, Elm Street
- Laban Worrick House, 93 South Main Street
- Nathaniel Treat's Boatyard, Sandy Cove

Vose Galleries

- Whitehead, Cohasset
- Stormy Day At Cohasset
- Pleasant Beach
- Mt. Washington and Ellis River at Jackson, New Hampshire (Shapleigh died here in 1906).

Remember to circle your calendar, March 12, and join for an enjoyable afternoon of local art. The exhibit will continue through April 12.

Teen dance

There will be a Dance at the Garage on Friday, March 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. for all sixth through eighth graders. There will be a door charge of $5 per person and snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

The Blizzard of 78 tragedy and rescue

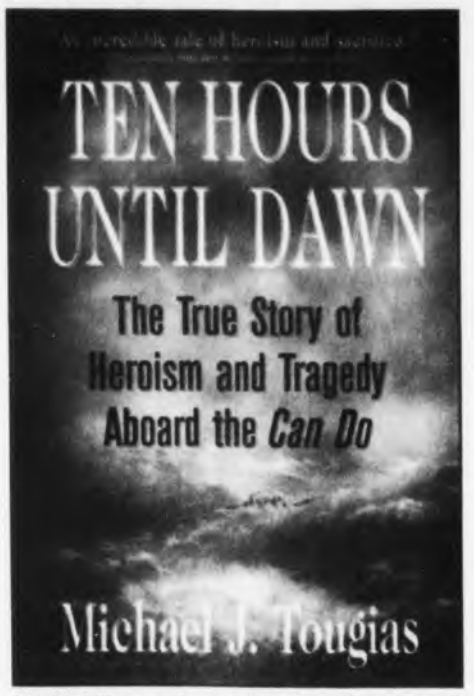
Cohasset Library will host a narrated slide presentation by award winning author Michael Tougias based on his best selling book "Ten Hours Until Dawn," on Sunday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m. Tougias' novel is about a sea rescue and tragedy during the Blizzard of 1978

During the height of the Blizzard of 1978 the pilot boat Can Do, with five men onboard, set out from Gloucester to assist a lost Coast Guard boat and an oil tanker that was in a Mayday situation. "Ten Hours Until Dawn" tells the story of what happened on that awful night when the seas were producing monstrous waves of 40 feet and the wind was screaming at 100 miles per hour.

Using slides of the boats, the men involved, and photos of the storm, Tougias will take the viewer through this incredible night where many lives hung in the balance. With the aid of maps Tougias will show the progression and location of these boats off the Massachusetts coast, and explain what happened and why.

This account is one of the few ocean tragedies we know exactly what happened due to the existence of audio recordings of Coast Guard and Can Do crew taped the night of the storm. The tapes span a 10-hour period during the crew's fight for survival. Tougias will play a portion of the tape at the presentation.

Praise for "Ten Hours Until Dawn" includes a Booklist review which said, "Arguably the best story of peril at sea since Sebastian Junger's 'Perfect Storm'. Superb!" Former Governor Michael Dukakis said, "What a story! Tougias' research and writing make the readers feel they are onboard the Can Do during the Blizzard of '78. 'Ten Hours Until Dawn' is a gripping book about a fascinating event of courage and tragedy." And Nathaniel Philbrick, National Book Award winner, said the book is "An incredible tale of heroism and sacrifice." More about the book and the author can be found on the web at www.michaeltougias.com.



Michael Tougias' book, "Ten Hours Until Dawn" is the subject of a talk Sunday at the library.

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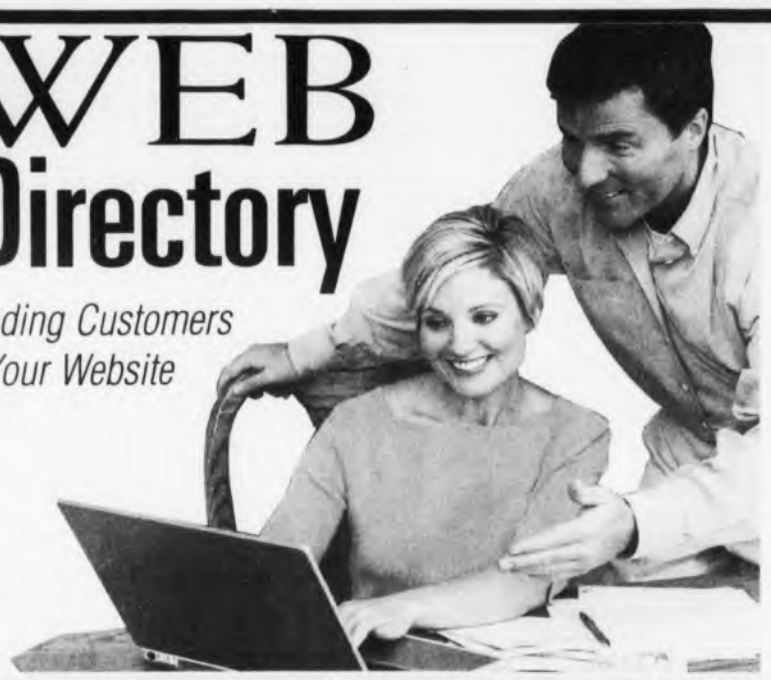

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House)781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, March 5. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Called."

All are welcome for this worship service, led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, and for the Canvass Sunday Brunch immediately afterwards in the Parish House.

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. - Children will gather first in the Meeting House.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

At 3 p.m. — Put your dancing shoes on! It's the Second Annual Family Square Dance in Trueblood Hall! Come join the rhythms of Beth Parkes, caller, and a live fiddle and piano band. The community is welcome, kids and all! Light refreshments, grand fun, and no prior knoweldge needed. Tickets available at the door for a nominal $10 per person and $20 per family. Join the fun and beat the mid-winter blahs

At 2 p.m. — Taylor Branch, renowned authority on America's civil rights movement - First Church in Roxbury

Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's Jack Mendelsohn Forum & the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. Taylor Branch is the Pulitzer Prize winning author of Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63, and Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-65. For directions to First Church in Roxbury, visit www.uuum.org or phone 617-318-6010, x 203.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the March newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney.

Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request.

First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m.

For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on "Digging Deep" our spiritual journey in Lent. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m will study the Letter of James. Special events this week: Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 try out "Fellowship through work" meeting at the Rectory. Sunday, March 5 join us after the 10 a.m. service for "I.F." The Interim's Forum. We will meet in the Bartow Room and reflect on the Scriptures for the week. At 3:00 p.m. we will offer an Adult Lenten program called " Digging Deep". The 5-week children's program on the Holy Eucharist begins Thursday, March 9 from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. This program is appropriate for any child pre-K through grade 3. Please call the church office at 781-383-1083 to register. Friday at noon, our Soup and Sandwich group meets to celebrate March birthdays. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the First Sunday in Lent, God promises Noah never again to flood the earth. Peter's letter speaks of the significance of Christ's death and resurrection. The Gospel of Mark relates the Baptism of Jesus followed by his temptation in the wilderness by Satan. Preacher: The Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public).

Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Marjorie C. Wood

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Marjorie C. "Mardi" (Roy) Wood, 61, of Cohasset, formerly of Marshfield, died Feb. 26, 2006, at the Harbor House in Hingham, after a long illness.

The daughter of Marjorie C. Roy, and the late James Roy, she was a longtime resident of Weymouth, and attended Weymouth Public Schools.

Mrs. Wood worked for over 30 years at Johnson & Johnson Co. in the Orthopedic Surgical Department.

After retirement, she enjoyed walking, needlepoint, sailing, and reading.

She leaves her loving husband, Peter J. Wood; her mother, Marjorie C. Roy; a daughter, Lauren M. Luscombe, and her husband Shane L. of Weymouth; two beloved grandsons, Matthew P. Luscombe, and Daniel G. Luscombe; a niece, Nancy A. Wood; two nephews, Mark H. Wood, and Frederic H. Wood III, and their families; and many friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Stephen Church in Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Interment is private in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Leukemia and Lymphoma Research, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445.

Roy V. Leonard

Founder and president R.V. Leonard Co.

Roy V. Leonard, 90, of Cohasset, died March 1, 2006, at Sunrise Assisted Living, in Cohasset, after a brief illness.

The son of the late Edward and the late Mary (Williams) Leonard, he was born in St. Louis, Mo., and attended the St. Louis, Mo. public schools. He lived in Arlington for 40 years before moving to Cohasset five years ago to be close to his daughter.

Mr. Leonard was the founder and president of R.V. Leonard Co. of Somerville, and Weymouth.

Husband of the late Mary (Banks) Leonard, he leaves five daughters, Brooke Kennedy, of Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard, of Marshfield, Kate McGee, of Silver Springs, Md., Dianne Leonard, of Phoenix, Ariz., and September McGee, of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. Gary Ritts March 3, at 11 a.m., in the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Interment is in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Chapter, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Quilt show and luncheon coming to Cohasset March 4

Cohasset's 13th Annual Quilt Show and Luncheon, will be held Saturday, March 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Second Congregational Church in Cohasset This year, more than 60 quilts will be on display. Tickets are $12 each and include a sit-down luncheon where volunteer waiters serve homemade strata, salads and a selection of desserts.

"When the idea of a small quilt show and elegant luncheon came to mind, we thought it would be just a one-time, cheerful way to spend a March Saturday," says Carol Sandblom, one of the event's original organizers. "It was not intended to be a fundraiser, but if we made a little money, it would go to charity. We must have struck a chord: over the past 12 years we've shown 650 quilts and donated over $16,000 to charity."

"We decorate the tables with linens and beautiful flowers to help bring a hint of spring to the midst of winter," Sandblom added. "It's really a fun way to spend a Saturday."

The quilts displayed come from all over the South Shore and beyond. And each quilt has its own story which is shared in the show's program. This year's show includes both new and antique quilts, as well quilts from the 30's and 40's.

All proceeds will be shared between the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets should be bought in advance at the Second Congregational Church next to Cohasset's Town Hall on Highland Avenue. Stop by the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday, or call 781-383-0345 for information.

Jewelry, art show helps 3A Farm Fund

Tickets are now available for a Sunday brunch, jewelry and art show to benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter's 3A Farm Fund.

The event will be at the Scituate Country Club on Sunday, March 5, from noon to 4 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are $25 each.

High quality, stamped .925 sterling silver jewelry — some with handcrafted stones — will be presented by Silpada Designs' independent representative Janice Wright. Visa, MC and personal checks will be accepted. See jewelry samples at www.mysilpada.com/janice.wright

At the jewelry show, there will be a silent auction of art donated to the shelter's 3A Farm Fund by local artists and photographers, including signed and numbered prints of watercolors by Don Paiva. The local artist's paintings depict coastal landscape and nautical scenes of the South Shore, Cape Cod and the Islands. Also included will be paintings by Mara and photographs by Judith Enright.

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Tickets may be purchased for $25 each by calling the Shelter at 781-545-8703 or sending a check — made out to "3A Farm Fund" — to Scituate Animal Shelter, PO Box 823, Scituate, 02066.

Legal Notices

SMITH ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P0369EP

In the Estate of ELEANOR T. SMITH

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 26, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that NANCY A. COONEY of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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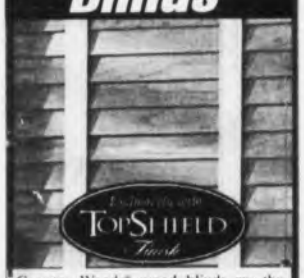

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

6:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:54 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:43 a.m. **Pond St., and Virginia Lane**, motor vehicle crash, Sgt. Reports no injuries.

11:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports her vehicle was backed into and just wants an officer to assist.

6:40 p.m. **Mann Lot Rd.**, medical aid, transported BLS. Scituate Fire is requesting R3.

8:18 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, call came into Fire HQ - resident is reporting smoke in the residence, box struck.

8:42 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal complaint, resident is reporting a coyote under his deck - his dog and the coyote had a fight - resident then poked animal with a stick - animal now growling at him. Officer reports that animal is a raccoon - not a coyote.

9:01 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:09 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:22 p.m. **Border St.**, officer is requesting resident to remove motor vehicle off the roadway.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

12:01 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party states it appears someone is in the boatyard.

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, threats, caller states he has an unwanted guest in the house. He also states his son has threatened him. Peace restored.

6:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states a school bus van is operating erratically. He has observed this motor vehicle for several days and is concerned about the children. Officer stopped the motor vehicle on CJS Highway. Verbal warning.

6:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:37 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:44 a.m. **Cedar St.**, illegal dumping, there is a washing machine dumped in front of the gate.

10:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

10:49 a.m. **James Lane**, officer reports construction crew has the road totally blocked off and closed. Officer reports Water Dept. broke the gas line and never called.

10:59 a.m. **Pond St.**, larceny, walk in party reports he believes his cell phone was stolen.

12:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Linden Drive**, fire, investigation, caller is reporting a white film. E3 is investigating paint in the catch basin.

1:14 p.m. **Driftway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for female feeling ill.

1:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

1:48 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, hazard, officer reports he is pulling over a front end loader with no plates on it driving on the roadway. Plate was obstructed in the front windshield units clear.

4:16 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, property (recovered), walk in party reports while clearing some debris in yard came across a Fuji bike and request any inquiries for bike to be directed to him for return.

4:33 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports she is concerned that the kids that are traveling through her yard that abuts Dinero's Restaurant may get injured by the way they travel through her yard. Just wants it logged, she does not want to see an officer, just log note.

4:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, trespassing, caller reports again that the kids are attempting access to her property via Dinero's.

6:18 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, caller reports she hit her hand on metal where caused injury to vein she request evaluation by EMS.

9:05 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, patient has fallen, hip pain.

10:02 p.m. **Sohier St., and Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint, report of injured deer on roadway. Deer into woods, broken leg.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:23 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 42. Wind: Light.

8:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist citizen, caller reports he will be parking a large yellow Penske moving truck at Sandy Beach for the night, they will be leaving first thing the morning. Permission has been granted by Sgt. on duty.

10:41 a.m. **Grace Drive**, suspicious activity, walk in party to speak to an officer regarding a Molitov Cocktail that was set off the other night and was not reported.

2:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Sgt. reports school buildings check ok.

2:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle behind her with a male party operating appears to be dozing off at the wheel and driving erratically. Officers have the vehicle pulled over on 3A. Officers reports male appears ok.

3:27 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller report drive off of $15.00 gas. Party spoke to, and rectifying situation.

6:49 p.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Short St.**, suspicious vehicle.

8:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

8:25 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

12:21 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:27 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:25 a.m. **Gun Rock**, medical aid, Hull PD needs assistance searching for subject in the water. Officer is blocking Atlantic Ave near Wadley Park until state arrives to assist. Rescue 3 crew is in the boat, it is in the water. Officer advised State Police is on scene to handle road block.

6:02 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller has no emergency, he wanted to know information.

7:25 a.m. **Ash St.**, medical, transported SSH/BLS.

12:09 p.m. **Quincy Ave.**, bolo announcement, city of Quincy: Bank robbery on Quincy Ave., w/m 5'7" tall, scruffy looking, wearing hood, and a mask, no weapon shown, 1/2 hour ago.

1:29 p.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, tree down on over roadway.

1:36 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, domestic (past report), possible incident in car.

1:41 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, caller reported tree down on wires.

1:48 p.m. **King St.**, caller request limbs pick up from down tree.

1:56 p.m. **Border St.**, walk in party reports wire down just north of bridge.

4:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two males just stole his friends bag of marijuana, they are described as 2 males, one is 5'2, the other is 5'9, they both have long blond hair, hooded sweatshirts and boots. Officer reports area search negative, gone on arrival.

5:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports 50-year-old male with unstable angina.

7:16 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:34 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a suspicious male hanging around in the wood behind the gas station. The male was asked to leave the gas station earlier and is now back again hanging around in the back of the gas station. He is described as smaller old man with a long tan jacket and glasses. Officer reports the suspicious male is not in this location. Officer to search the area.

10:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks, alarm company reports they have a key holder on the way to do walk through of the place and request an officer. Officer arrived and reports he'll be clear the previous alarm was due to the weather.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

12:59 a.m. **Pond St.**, office advised checked schools.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:41 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:22 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other Police Department, request a cruiser in area for assist in situation.

10:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, parked in lot.

11 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop.

11:10 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

12:21 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, brush, illegal burning. Advised of regulations.

1:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage.

1:31 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:38 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:59 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:49 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:04 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:48 p.m. **King St.**, littering, caller advised driver of vehicle threw trash out the window. Advised Hingham PD of this. Officer unable to locate.

5:05 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 91-year-old female.

5:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller advised she heard 2 male subject say that they were going to fight. Caller advised both subjects are gone, unknown direction of travel or what kind of vehicle they were in. Officer is checking the area.

6:44 p.m. Weather: Very cold. Temp: 20.5.

7:37 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, inspections, Fire Dept. advised at above address detectors are going off.

9:07 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint, officer advised checked parking at above address.

10:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, officer advised open door. Officer advised no sign of forced entry. The door is secured. Contacted owner of business he advised secure door.

10:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

10:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

12:37 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:45 a.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:02 a.m. **King St.**, B&E - motor vehicle, caller reports the motor vehicles in his driveway were broken into last night. Officer reports there were three cars rummaged through, nothing appeared to be taken except for three dollars out of one of the vehicles. Vehicles were apparently left unlocked.

11 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

12:41 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:53 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his motor vehicle was broken into and his satellite radio was taken. Caller also states his doors were left unlocked.

4:01 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid.

4:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, property (lost), caller advised lost cell phone.

5:51 p.m. **Stoneleigh Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:39 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised a vehicle was in the area - it is not there at this time - he will call back if they return.

6:44 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

12:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:45 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:10 a.m. **Bow St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:24 a.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:12 a.m. **Hull St.**, annoying phone calls, caller reports she is getting suspicious phone calls on her cell phone.

9:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:29 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon in the attic.

10:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

4:08 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:08 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

12:25 a.m. **HQ., bolo from Hingham**: "At about 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 20, the Cracker Barrel Variety Store was held up by a white male, early 30's wearing a hooded black sweatshirt dungaree's, with a white T-shirt that was pulled over the lower part of his face. A silver hand gun was shown, suspect jumped into the passenger side of a older white minivan and fled any dept with similar situation call Det. Mansfield at Hingham Police."

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:53 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, open door/window.

8:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:16 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:36 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:04 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:09 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a skunk running in circles in his driveway.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports odor of smoke in the building. Units investigating the odor at this time. Possibly coming from an outside permit fire on Beechwood Street.

11:48 a.m. Fire, brush, caller reports her neighbor has a large permit fire, she is concerned.

1:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

1:53 p.m. **Ash St.**, identity theft/fraud, walk in party reports his credit card was used without authorization.

6:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:02 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, walk in party to Fire Dept. for inside odor. Misfire of oil burner unit shut off owner to contact repair.

POLICE STATUS REPORT

Five arrests in January

January was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were five arrests; three for assault and battery; one for operating with a suspended license and one for an outstanding warrant, Police Chief Jim Hussey said.

During the month of January, the police department investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 59 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $650 in fines. Additionally, there were 15 parking tickets issued totaling $375 in fines.

Also in the month of January, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 844 calls for police services, of those, 143 were emergency 911 calls.

In the month of January, there was one report of breaking and entering involving a motor vehicle. Also in January, there were six criminal complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

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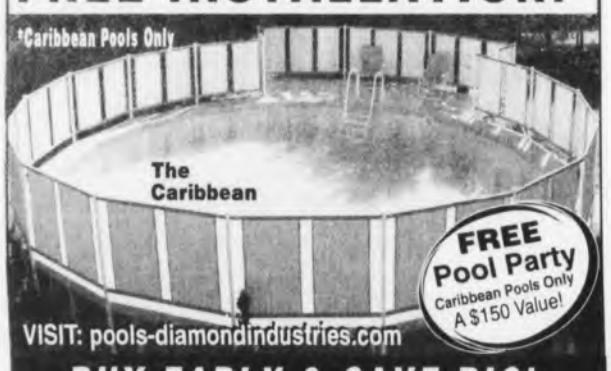

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What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 2-10 2006

Life is a cabaret for Callanan

Weymouth actress to light up stage in Company Theatre concert

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Mary Callanan can be forgiven for interrupting a telephone conversation last week to accept a delivery at her Weymouth home. It was raining outside and the always in-demand performer couldn't afford to let the package containing her new publicity stills get wet. Callanan will need the new headshots this month to promote not only her March 7 concert at the Company Theatre in Norwell, but also her second anniversary as an original cast member of the Boston company of "Menopause The Musical."

Familiar to Boston audiences from "Menopause" and a previous four-year run in "Nunsense" at the now-defunct Theatre Lobby in the North End, Callanan hopes next week's appearance in Norwell — part of the Company Theatre's new Tuesday night cabaret series — will help her reach an even more local audience.

"I'm thrilled with this opportunity to perform in Norwell. It will be great to do a show in my neighborhood. What makes it great, too, is that it represents a brand spanking new audience for cabaret," explains Callanan, who performs her cabaret act every Friday night at the Encore Lounge at the Marriott Hotel in Boston's Theatre District. "Cabaret is all about telling stories. It works whether it's in a hotel bar, a church basement or a legitimate theater."

For her Norwell outing — where she will be backed by her longtime accompanist, Hanson native Brian Patton — Callanan plans to spotlight the music of female vocalists including June Christy, Peggy Lee, Jo Stafford, and Rosemary Clooney.

"Brian and I chose to focus on these ladies because they are our favorites. Whether they were singing to two people or to 10,000 it was an intimate experience for their audience. It was as if they were singing right to you. Jo Stafford had such a great tone to her voice and I love June Christy, too. Her signature song, 'Something Cool,' is a story song about remembrance which I really love to sing."

Boston Cabaret Stars Mary Callanan & Brian Patton To Perform at The Company Theatre in Norwell, MA: March 7th.

PHOTO CREDIT: RICHARD FELDMAN

Kathy St. George (Soap Star) and (right) Mary Callanan (Earth Mother).

Although she admires them all, Callanan admits to having a special place in her heart for Clooney whom she saw in concert many times in Boston and New York.

"Rosemary Clooney had style. She also had two distinct careers, prior to and after her 1968 nervous breakdown. Her voice was so beautiful in the early days and she lost some of that later on but she still had an amazing gift to share. She had such a strong sense of self. After she recovered enough to return to recording and giving concerts, she really turned the microscope to self-examination which made her cabaret work so affecting. Rosie also believed strongly in the lyrics and so do I."

Callanan also believes strongly in the message of "Meno-pause," which uses familiar tunes reworked with new lyrics to celebrate women going through "the change." Callanan plays a lost-in-the-60s "Earth Mother" in the show, which she says speaks to both women and men.

"Cabaret is all about telling stories. It works whether it's in a hotel bar, a church basement or a legitimate theater."
Actress, Mary Callanan

"It's an excellent ladies night out for sure but men also really enjoy the show. We've had men doubled over with laughter, probably because they recognize that some of the women in their lives are going through these experiences."

The women in Callanan's "Menopause" life include her co-stars Kathy St. George and Hingham native Adrienne Cote.

"You have to love the people with whom you work and I love Kathy and Adrienne. The three of us have been in this show together since day one and we've become good friends."

After such a long run, they have also become very familiar with the material. Some performers might become bored but not Callanan, who once toured with Marie Osmond in "The Sound of Music."

"As long as you still believe in what you're saying, then the show will carry you through. You just have to give your all to the show."

Callanan may be about to begin her third year in "Menopause," but that's a short run compared to the more than 20 years that she and pianist Patton have been performing together - a partnership that Callanan clearly values.

"I always say that I never play without a net and Brian Patton is my net. Brian and I share a brain. We each know what the other is going to do all the time. We're like one person when we share a stage."

(Mary Callanan and Brian Patton will perform "Sing Out, Sister" The Great Ladies of American Song" Tuesday, March 7 at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell. Opening for Callanan and Patton will be John King of Weymouth. For tickets, please call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com. Mary Callanan can also be seen in "Menopause The Musical," now in an open-ended run at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart Street, Boston. Tickets are available by calling 800-447-7400. For groups of 15 or more, please call Barbara Conlon at 617-426-4499, extension 25. Callanan and Patton also perform every Friday, from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Encore Lounge at the Marriott Hotel, 275 Tremont Street, Boston.)

Thursday, March 2

South Shore Women's Business Network breakfast, Thursday, March 2 from 7:30-9:30 am. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Keynote speaker is Jane Pollack, an internationally known entrepreneur, artist, professional speaker and author. Topic is "If I can make a business out of this. You can make a business out of anything." Register by calling SSWBN at 781-749-8883. For information visit www.sswbn.org.

The Forbes House Museum, Milton will begin offering **Museum Mornings for preschoolers** on Thursday, March 2 at 9:15 a.m. Museum Mornings, an introduction to museum-going, will last 45-minutes to one hour and include age-appropriate stories and museum tours. The museum is located at 215 Adams Street, Milton. Admission is free for museum members, or $5 per child with mandatory chaperones free. Reservations are not required. For more information about contact the museum at 617.696.1815.

"Lunch with the Author" at the Minot Lightkeepers' Residence, Cohasset on Thursday, March. 2 at 11:30 a.m. Hosted by Paul Pratt Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys. Featured author is Carol Goodman, discussing her new book, "The Ghost Orchid." She has also written "The Seduction of Water" and "The Drowning Tree." Tickets are $18 per person, must be purchased in advance and are non-refundable. Tickets are available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Circulation Desk and at Buttonwood Books. For information call 781-383-2665.

"A Night of Boston History and Music," Thursday, March 2 at 7-8 p.m. at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate. Free event features the authors of two books on Boston politics and history. Authors Clint Richmond and Susan Gedutis Lindsay will perform music as well. For information call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

"The Award Winners, 2002-2005" photography of Peggy Roth Major, at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through March 2. Open during regular library hours. For directions and gallery showing information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

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Movie review

Director shackles 'Freedomland'

Freedomland (C+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

"Freedomland" reminded me of tests many of us once took asking us to identify the thing that didn't fit into a picture.

A drama involving race relations in a powder-keg section of northeastern New Jersey, the film is based on a novel by Richard Price, also the author of "Clockers." So far, so good.

The cast features Samuel L. Jackson and Julianne Moore, both justly acclaimed actors, and stalwarts Edie Falco, Ron Eldard and William Forsythe in crucial supporting roles. OK.

Producer Scott Rudin recently completed such films as "The Life Aquatic," "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" and "The Royal Tenenbaums." All right with me.

The director is Joe Roth. Wait. Here it is. This guy's last movie was "Christmas with the Kranks." Roth, a Boston University alumnus, is a mover and shaker as a producer and studio executive. As a director, he is the auteur of such comedies as "America's Sweethearts," "Revenge of the Nerds II: Nerds in Paradise" and "Coupe de Ville."

Directed by Martin Scorsese or Spike Lee, directors who have worked with writer Price in the past, "Freedomland" might have amounted to something. Directed by Roth, it's not entirely awful, but only barely serviceable and a wasted opportunity.

Moore plays Brenda Martin, who is apparently both a beloved teacher at a preschool in Armstrong, a predominantly African-American housing project, and a white-trash recovering drug addict. When Brenda turns up at an emergency room claiming a black man has hijacked her car, in which her 4-year-old son was sleeping, it's Chuck Stuart time for Armstrong residents.

The paths of Brenda (Julianne Moore) and police detective Council (Samuel L. Jackson) cross when she reports a crime, in "Freedomland."

Before you can say, "Sweep the 'hood," the sketch artist's rendition of the suspect looks like every black man on earth, and a mostly white, hostile police force has quarantined all of Armstrong, convinced the kidnapper lives among the mostly poor, struggling black residents of the housing project.

Jackson, adding a jaunty, round-brimmed chapeau to his collection of screen headgear, is detective Lorenzo Council. He's a hard-working veteran who tries, along with his partner Boyle (Forsythe), to act as a buffer between the angry residents of Armstrong and his intolerant superiors on the force, who consider Armstrong a magnet for drugs, crime and violence.

The plot, which for reasons not entirely clear, is set in 1999, will further involve Felicia (Aunjanue Ellis) and Billy (Anthony Mackie), an unhappily married Armstrong couple with ties to both Brenda and Lorenzo; Rafik (Fly Williams III), a troubled young man who is under suspicion; Brenda's policeman brother Danny (Eldard); and Karen Collucci (Falco), a crusading woman who, after experiencing tragedy in her own life, has become an expert at tracking down missing children.

If this sounds like the making of a good film, it should have been. Falco's incandescent performance suggests someone should be building a TV series around the character she plays.

But "Freedomland" — the title is the name of a ruined children's asylum in the film — is a lurid, histrionic misfire. A red-nosed Moore, speaking in a grotesque "Joy-zee" accent and wearing much of her hair in her face, gives a lousy performance. Brenda seems merely mentally deficient and weird at first and becomes increasingly unsympathetic.

Much of the action is shot in that handheld, shaky-cam style that is supposed to give the film an urgent, you-are-there quality. It only gave me a headache. What Roth, who was born in Manhattan, knows about housing projects I cannot fathom.

Instead of speaking, characters make speeches — long, boring, usually loud speeches. By the time the predictable race riot broke out, I was ready to break out, too — out of the theater.

Rated R. "Freedomland" contains violence and profanity.

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The Snugtones

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South Shore Conservatory's A Lotta Night Music offers a musical extravaganza on Saturday, March 4, at 7 pm, at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street, Duxbury. The Snugtones will perform the swinging sounds and syncopated rhythms of the big band tunes from the 40s and the doo-wop songs from the 50s and 60s. This talented sextet, including Sue Jannetty, Steve Johnson, Nancy Patterson, Bob Norton, Diane Scally and Jeff Turley, performs a captivating revue of nostalgic favorites featuring fast-paced harmonies and smooth moves! The evening will also feature a silent auction with proceeds benefiting students at the Conservatory. Tickets are $75 per person. Angel tickets at $150 per person include a program listing, two complimentary drink tickets and a $75 tax-deductible donation to support arts education and financial assistance. Patron tickets at $250 per person include a program listing, four complimentary drink tickets and a $175 tax-deductible donation to support arts education and financial assistance. Purchase tickets on line at www.southshoreconservatory.org, or call Laura Carleton, 781-945-2731, ext. 14 for additional information.

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Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Juggling, magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 2, from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Living Proof.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts a **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 2, **Blues Jam w/Scoop and Gregg Miller.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, March 3

The National Golf Expo Boston, Friday, March 3-5 at the Bayside Expo Center. Expo. Features golf-related exhibits, displays and interactive features. Long Drive Championship qualifying process on March 4. Tickets for the Expo are $10 for adults, $9 for children and seniors, age 12 and under are free. Sponsored by Herald Media, Inc. and Paragon Group. For information, call 800-756-7606 or visit www.golfexpo-boston.com.

R&B star Chris Brown will perform a special concert following the Celtics vs. Indiana Pacers game on Friday, March 3 at the TD Banknorth Garden. Seats are available for $10 in the Brooks Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets call 800-4NBA-TIX, online at www.Celtics.com or at the Garden box office. One ticket grants admission to both the basketball game and the special concert.

Single Executives Club singles and couples dance, Friday, March 3 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 1125 Boston-Providence Highway, Route 1, Norwood. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres all night. Ages 30+. Proper business dress suggested. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. Call 781-255-3144 or visit www.se-4u.com.

Chris Potter Quartet at Regattabar, Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, Friday, March 3, Saturday, March 4. Tickets call 617-395-7757

Congregation Shirat Hayam will host Celebrate "Shabbat (Sabbath) Across America with a special event on Friday night, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. at their Synagogue located in the Methodist Church, 185 Plain St. in Marshfield. A typical Shabbat dinner will take place prior to the Friday evening service. Everyone is invited. Synagogues in the U.S. will join together. For information or reservations, call 781-582-2700, e-mail info@shirathayam.net. The cost is $15 per adult and $10 per child. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

South Shore Folk Music Club will host **Vance Gilbert,** Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. This Philadelphia-area born and raised performer was invited by Shawn Colvin to be special guest on her Fat City tour. Tickets at the door are $15 for members and $17 for non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least ten days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. SSFMC will be collecting non-perishable food goods for a local food pantry. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

New England Singles dance, Friday, March 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Hors d'oeuvres. Ages 35+. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, hosts a comedy night with **Abington's own funny man, Paul Keenan**, Friday, March 3 at 9 p.m. Admission is $15. Other performers: Annette Pollack, Michael Acciola, Chrissy Kelleher and Brian Robertson. Hosted by Harrison Stebbens. For reservations call 781-871-7175 or visit www.annettepollack.com or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, March 3 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Spank.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale will present Encore! Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m., at the Cushing Center, 673 Main Street in Norwell. Encore! is a festive musical romp through jazz, pop, barbershop, Broadway, and light classical favorites. The audience is seated pops-styl eat tables in a colorfully decorated setting, and creative concert picnics are encouraged! This year's program features a costumed medley from Lerner & Loewe's "Camelot," as well as selections from Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." To reserve tickets call 781-331-4255 Tables of 10 are sold at a discount rate of $135. Sunday offers a family special of $10 for seniors and students.

Saturday, March 4

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Open House at First Baptist Christian School, Saturday March 4 from 1-3 p.m. School is located at 40 West St., Weymouth. Visit the classroom, view the curriculum, and meet the teachers and staff - children are welcome. For information call 781-335-6232 or visit www.fbcweymouth.org

The 23rd annual Camp Fair will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South River School across from the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Event allows families with children and teens to explore summer opportunities. Representatives from dozens of camps and facilities will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free and open to the public.

13th Annual Quilt Show and Luncheon at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset, Saturday, March 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 60 quilts will be on display. Tickets are $12 and include a sit-down luncheon. Proceeds support Boston's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program. For tickets or information, call 781-383-0345.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club weekly recreational walk, led by a park ranger or Walking Club volunteer. Saturday, March 4 at 1 p.m., moderate walk, some hills, 4 miles. Old Route 128 to Beech Hollow and Doe Hollow. Return via green dot trail. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St. in Milton. Rangers recommend walkers wear hiking boots, dress in layers and bring drinking water on all hikes. For information call the DCR at 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

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Congregation Shirat Hayam will sponsor an evening of Klezmer music, Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m. An instrumental form of Jewish folk/jazz music derived from Eastern European melodiesmt the concert will be held at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door and children's tickets are $5 in advance, $7 at the door. For information or to reserve tickets, call 781-582-2700 or email: info@shirathayam.net.

Sociable Singles "Swing Into Spring" singles dance, Saturday, March 4 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Allendale Country Club in Dartmouth. Featuring music by Aramas. Admission is $15 for non-members. Hors d'oeuvres, raffles and a door prize. Business casual dress. For more information call 877-626-4900 or visit www.sociablesingles.org.

"Broad Comedy" playing at the Stuart Street Playhouse, Saturday evenings in March at 8 p.m. A bright and unflinching look at politicos, women, men, fertilization, corporate shenanigans and real desperate housewives. Tickets are $28.50, seniors receive 10 percent off and student tickets are $20. Tickets are available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400, at the Stuart St. Playhouse box office or www.telecharge.com.

The Rose Art Museum of Bradeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, Inside View Gallery Talk with Curator Raphaela Platow. Discusses Dana Schutz: Paintings 2002-05, Post and After: Contemporary art from Brandeis University collection and Oliver Herring: On the Cusp." Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. Free with $3 museum admission. For information, call 781-736-3434 or visit www.brandeis.edu/rose.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, March 4 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Johnny Vance Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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PHOTO BY ERIC ANTONIOU

The cast of "Doubt" performs an exorcism on Kathleen Turner in "Forbidden Broadway". (L-r.: Kevin B. McGlynn, Valerie Fagan, and Janet Dickinson.)

Laughs allowed in 'Forbidden Broadway'

Funny's not forbidden in Huntington Theatre Company production

If Broadway is the "Fabulous Invalid," then "Forbidden Broadway" is its impudent little stepsister. The clever satire was first created 24 years ago by Gerard Alessandrini, and is still being written and directed by the Needham native in its current incarnation, "Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit." Now playing at Boston's Virginia Wimberly Theatre, the show continues to jab mercilessly and with great humor at the many overdone excesses of the Great White Way. Featuring the talented quartet of Janet Dickinson, Valerie Fagan, Kevin B. McGlynn, and Nick Verina, each of whom handles parody lyrics with deftness and numerous off-stage costume changes with amazing swiftness, this "Forbidden Broadway" spares no sacred Broadway cows, past or present.

Legendary leading man Robert Goulet has long been a box office draw in road companies of everything from "Camelot" to "South Pacific," but here his return to Broadway last year as a replacement in the revival of "La Cage Aux Folles" is parodied to show that this now shopworn warhorse can no longer carry a tune, never mind a show.

Younger performers are targeted, too, including Christina Applegate whose broken-ankle woes during last season's pre-Broadway tour of "Sweet Charity" are played out as being perhaps the least of the performer's troubles. The backstage feuding rumored to have gone on between Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth - the original stars of Broadway's "Wicked" - leads to some sniping by the pair that makes you wish you'd seen the real duo go after each other.

The puppet-driven "Avenue Q" and "The Lion King" are satirized, too, with particularly pointed barbs directed at the latter which, along with "Beauty and the Beast," is used to illustrate the sometimes dubious role Disney now plays in the commercial theater.

Thanks to long New York runs and equally long national tours, parodies of "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables," and "Chicago" will be familiar to many. Some less avid, less frequent theatergoers, however, may scratch their heads at the swipes against "The Light in the Piazza" and Yoko Ono's effect on the failed "Lennon."

Musical director Catherine Stornetta, a veteran of many previous "Forbidden Broadway" companies, provides piano work that can sometimes approximate a full-scale pit band. The spot-on costumes by Alvin Colt also deserve special mention.

"Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit" will be presented through March 12 by the Huntington Theatre Company at the Virginia Wimberly Theatre at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont Street, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617-933-8600 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

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In recent years, hearing specialists have been very concerned that people are showing signs of hearing loss at younger ages than ever before. Not only are we living in a noisier world, but many youngsters have adopted lifestyle habits that accelerate hearing loss. Among the most damaging of these involves the use of portable music players that attach directly to the ears. People are no longer just wearing music devices with headphones to occasionally listen to music, they are wearing them on a nearly continual basis to block out ambient street noise. As a result, hearing specialists are seeing too many people in their 30s and 40s with hearing loss that was once associated with people in their 60s.

Whatever their listening habits, recreational pursuits, or occupation, our primary goal here at FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER, is to help as many people as possible protect and improve their hearing abilities. If you are concerned about protecting your hearing, we'll be glad to give you advice as to how. If you have a hearing impairment, you can count on us to help you find the best solution to open your life to better hearing. Why not call us today at 781-337-1144 to start the process with a free hearing test at 534 Main Street (Rt. 18), across from the Stetson Bldg. in Weymouth. Visit us on the web at www.familyhearing.net.

P.S. According to a study by Australia's National Acoustic Laboratories, about one-quarter of people using portable music players experience daily noise exposures high enough to cause hearing damage.

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SOUTH SHORE YMCA'S TENTH ANNUAL "A TASTE OFTHE SOUTH SHORE," Thursday, March 30 at Lombardo's in Randolph. Event will honor **Herb and Paulie Emilson** of Marshfield for their support of theYMCA and contributions of well-being and wholesomeness to the South Shore community. Cuisine provided by 18 of the area's restaurants. Tickets are $75 per person. Proceeds will benefit Y's Strong Kids Annual Support Campaign. For information, call Jill Donovan at 617-479-8500, ext. 146.

WEIR RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING SILENT AUCTION at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel. Buffet dinner by Raffael's, onThursday, March 30, from 6:30-10 p.m. There will be many fantastic items to bid on include sporting equipment rentals, restaurant and local business gift certificates, works of local artists, and more. Reservations are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. To make a reservation visit www.weirriver.org, or call 781-773-1522 or send a check made out to WRWA to Weir River Watershed Association, PO Box 1112, Hull, MA 02045.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL BLUE HILLS MOUNTAIN BIKE DAY, Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Perfect your pedaling power with the DCR Rangers, Blue Hills TrailWatch and the NE Mountain Bike Association. Marked trail loops for all abilities and skills clinics.

SEVENTH ANNUAL WARM HEARTS, WARM HOMES GALA, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Saturday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Loring Center on Route 3A in Plymouth. Evening will feature fare served by local restaurants and caterers, a silent auction, music and a cash bar. Proceeds will build homes for local families in need. Tickets are $60 per person and may be purchased online at www.hfhplymouth.org. For information call 508-866-4188.

MOVIN' OUT returns to Boston, May 17-28. Conceived, directed and choreographed by Twyla Tharp, show is based on 24 classic songs by Billy Joel. Tickets are $25-87.50 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, or by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or at the Opera House box office, 539 Washington St. For information visit www.BroadwayinBoston.com.

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The North River Arts Society presents "Nurturing the New," a new exhibit in the Little Gallery featuring original mixed media and traditional monoprints by member artist Mary Taylor, through March 24. Pre-registration is appreciated. Cost is $20 per person at the door. Hours for the gallery, located in NRAS' G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills are Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or by appointment on the weekends. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, March 4, **Billy Parsons.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Sunday, March 5

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Sunday March 5, **Cabin Fever Hike** at 1 p.m. Meet at Ponkapoag Golf Course main parking lot on Route 138 in Canton. Toss off your winter blues with some exercise in the fresh air. Join a DCR ranger for a four-mile jaunt around Ponkapoag Pond. Hike will take two and a half hours. Rangers recommend hikes wear study footgear, carry drinking water and dress in layers. Hikes are free. For more information, call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

Brandeis-Wellesley Orchestra: "Catch A Rising Star," Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. at Slosberg Recital Hall, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham. Ensemble concerts range from early music to classical repertoire. Tickets are $10, $5 for students/seniors. For tickets call 781-736-3400 or visit www.brandeis.edu/arts.

Two Worlds: Watercolor and Fiber exhibit, South Shore Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery and Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery, Cohasset, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April. Free admission. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 ext 10.

Monday, March 6

Pembroke Library storytime, meets Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for 30 to 45 minutes. No registration required. Open to children of all ages. Read books, sing songs, play games and make crafts. Call 781-293-6771.

Relax-Destress-Renew group sessions led by Ellin Morin. Ongoing sessions meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Guided imagery, meditation and stress relief, all of which can promote wellness and a sense of well-being. Held at Scituate Pediatrics, 10 New Driftway, Suite 201, Scituate. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for teens. For information call Ellin Morin at 781-545-2662.

Silk painting workshop with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

South Street Gallery will host an exhibit by Cape Cod artists Doug Rugh and Hillary Osborn, through Thursday, March 9. 149 South St., Hingham. Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com

8-minute dating event, Monday, March 6 at Town Spa Pizza in Stoughton. For ages 28-39 and 40-50. Hosted by Angela Nuss. Meet and mingle in a low-pressure environment. Advance registration required at www.8minuteDating.com. Events are for single professionals. New daters can save $8 by entering code "8mdBoston8" when registering.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, March 7

The New England Humane Association hosts a dog-training program beginning Tuesday, March 7, at Happy-Dog House, 398 Ashland St., Abington. All classes are held once a week for one hour. Program lasts for five weeks. Cost is $100. For more information call 781-878-4343 or visit www.nehassociation.org.

North River Network Group, at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association hosts a free public forum titled **"Energy: Crisis or Opportunity?"** Tuesday, March 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the Seaport World Trade Center's Amphitheater, moderated by Jim Braude, anchor with NECN's NewsNight show. Discussion of how we can reduce energy costs, meet our needs and deliver profits to businesses who are embracing alternative energy sources. For more information visit www.BuildingEnergy.org.

Monty Python's "Spamalot" at the Colonial Theatre in Boston, March 7 through April 15. Ticket are $37.50-$90 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, by calling 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial box office, 539 Washington St., Boston.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wednesday, March 8

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

NSRWA, South Shore Natural Science Center and Mass Audubon partner together to offer a series of free Wednesday lectures. **The Water Watch Lecture Series presents "Climate Change Affecting Massachusetts: Can Anything Be Done?"** Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Join Sara Murdock, Sr. Policy Advisor to the Climate Change Initiative of the Nature Conservancy. For information, call 781-659-8168 or visit www.nsrwa.org.

Massachusetts Basic Boating Course is being offered at the Plymouth Yacht Club, 34 Union St., Plymouth. Dates are March 8, 9, 13 and 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and attendance at all classes is required. Offered to the public at no charge. Fosters safe boat operation through increased awareness of safety equipment, practices and legal responsibilities. Pre-registration is required with the Mass. Environmental Police, 508-790-9360 or 617-727-8760.

Duxbury No Place for Hate committee will meet on March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Setter Room of the Duxbury Library. If you care about combating hate and bias in our community come be part of the committee. For more information, contact the Duxbury Interfaith Council at 781-934-8288.

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham. The group offers information on research treatments, area services and advice for care giving. This meeting will be to plan the upcoming calendar and to enlist new members. For more information, call Marianne Brickley at 508-733-4218.

Transformation Place Bible Study, meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Au Bon Pain on Route 139 in Pembroke. Transformation Place is an outreach ministry of The New England Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to Marshfield and Pembroke.

South Shore Brain Aneurysm Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Topic for March 8: The Recovery Process. Meetings are held at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Call 617-513-3578 or email tfquirk@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Wednesday, March 8 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Moondance Blues Band featuring Danny Banks.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, March 9

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club will meet on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free admission and the public is invited. Refreshments. For more information call 781-878-9011 or email curt.stevens@hotmail.com.

Lyric Stage Company presents Edward Albee's **"The Goat,"** through March 18. Tickets $20-45 at 140 Clarendon St., Boston or call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 9 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Brian Stratton Band**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 9, **Blues Jam with Slo Burn.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

South Shore Folk Music Club will host Vance Gilbert, Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. This Philadelphia-area born and raised performer was invited by Shawn Colvin to be special guest on her Fat City tour. Tickets at the door are $15 for members and $17 for non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least ten days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. SSFMC will be collecting non-perishable food goods for a local food pantry. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

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Monty Python's "Spamalot" at the Colonial Theatre in Boston, March 7 through April 15. Ticket are $37.50-$90 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, by calling 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial box office, 539 Washington St., Boston.

Friday, March 10

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, March 10 at 8 p.m. to midnight, with Emanon Orchestra at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Admission $10 for non-members, $7 members. Ages 45+. Proper dress. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Celtic Odyssey art exhibit featuring the work of Fiona and John Owen will be on display through April 2 in the **South Shore Art Center Bancroft Gallery,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. free admission. Visit www.ssac.org.

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, March 10 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Basic Black**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, March 10, **Steve DiCecco Band**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Ongoing events

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families; married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Classes

GOLF CONDITIONING PROGRAM for any amateur golfer, begins March 6 at South Shore Hospital's Outpatient Rehab dept. Five-week conditioning program addresses a total body approach to golf with a lecture from a PGA professional on swing mechanics and related topics. Two classes are available, Monday and Thursday, 6-6:45 p.m. or Tuesday and Thursday, 6-6:45 p.m. Cost is $70. Clearance from a physician is required prior to participation. For information call 781-340-8177.

LIVING WREATH CLASS at South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Tuesday, March 21 from 7-9 p.m. Taught by designer, Jane Johansen from Kennedy's Country Gardens. Learn the basics of creating a living wreath with wire, frame, moss and soil. Plants supplied will include succulents, ivy, ground cover mosses and herbs. Bring scissors and garden snips. Cost is $45 ($43 members) and all materials are included. Register by March 14. For information call 781-659-2559.

FICTION WRITERS' WORKSHOP begins Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. A ten-week fiction-writing workshop with Kim Davis, who has a MFA in creative writing from Emerson College. The workshop is limited to twelve participants. Cost for the class is $70 plus a small materials fee. Pre-registration is required. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 19 or email mayes@artcomplex.org.

POWER STRUGGLES AND TANTRUMS, FROM AGES 1 TO 7, Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 p.m. at BASE, 426 Pond St., Braintree. Certificates of attendance for teachers, child care providers and health care providers. Cost is $25 per person, $40 per co-parentlng couple. Pre-registration is required at www.insighteducation.com or by calling 781-294-8004.

WORLD'S END AND WEIR RIVER FARM, spring programs begin March 14. Information can be found on web site www.thetrustees.org. To register call 781-740-4796 or email: wrfbday@ttor.org.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS AT THAYER ACADEMY, "A Splash of Color" is the latest offering in Thayer's long-running Saturday Programs, an academic enrichment program open to all South Shore residents. For fourth and fifth graders, this two-hour art class will be taught by drawing instructor Anni McDonough. Begins on March 25 and will run for five weeks. For more information, call 781-664-2216 or email amcdonough@Thayer.org.

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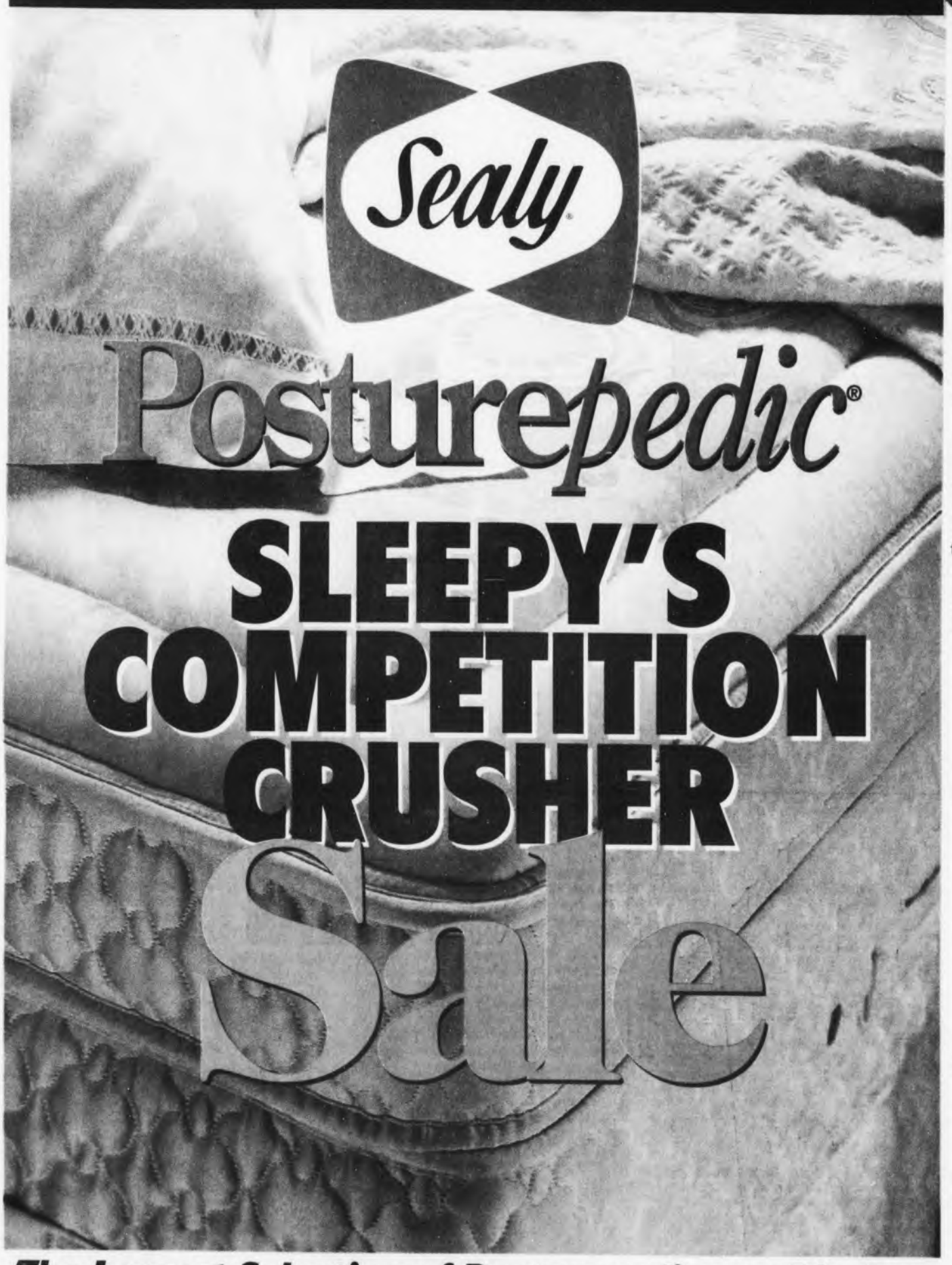

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'He threw me over his shoulder'

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After 61 years, WWII veterans Ben Peak, left, of Indiana and Tom Hernan of Cohasset meet at Atlantica. On March 2, 1945 while on the island of Iwo Jima, Peak dragged the wounded Hernan to safety, but always wondered if Hernan had survived.

WWII veterans reunite after 61 years

By Samantha Brown
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The last time Ben Peak saw his friend Tom Hernan, it was March 2, 1945. Dirty, and severely wounded by a piece of mortar shell, Hernan was lying in a corpsman station in Iwo Jima,. Peak dragged him to safety, but left quickly to return to his unit. Neither man knew whether the other had come home alive.

But they did make it home, albeit at different times and through different circumstances. Sixty-one years later, almost to the day, a reunion in Hernan's hometown of Cohasset brought both men to tears.

Last August, Peak began doing some research on the Internet with the help of his granddaughter, looking for any information they could find on the 4th Marine Division, 24th Regiment. To Peak's surprise, Hernan's name was on that list and the information stated he was alive and well.

"I had always remembered his name," said Peak of Hernan, adding when he left Hernan, he was unconscious and Peak wasn't sure he was going to make it. There were three Hernans on the list and Tom was the first to answer his phone.

"Just to talk on the phone was great," recalled Hernan, adding the first time he heard from Peak, they were both very emotional.

Ben Peak presented Tom Hernan with this baseball cap at their reunion last week.

"I had a lump in my throat," Hernan said. "I always wondered if Bennie made it home and to talk to him was great." He added the two had been friends throughout their time in Iwo Jima and their tents weren't far away from each other when they were stationed in Maui earlier.

The two planned a face-to-face reunion and Peak, who lives in Madison, Ind. arrived in town Wednesday, March 1. He took a train, a bus, and a cab and finally made it to Cohasset, where he was greeted by a man grateful to have had his life saved all those years ago.

"I would have recognized him anywhere," said Peak of Hernan, joking he looks exactly the same, despite having aged a "year or two."

"We're not 18 and 19 anymore Bennie," Hernan quipped.

Peak recalled the last day he saw Hernan. "It was a very bad day. We had advanced two or three miles and there was a lot of mortar fire," he recalled. He said he remembered watching Hernan, who was a Navy corpsman, taking care of the wounded and bringing them back to safety. Peak is a Marine, but he said there were no medics in the Marines, and the Navy corpsmen were taking care of the medical problems.

"I always wondered if Bennie made it home."
— Tom Hernan, WWII veteran

Hernan said four Navy corpsmen including himself were collecting the wounded. "As we were running, a mortar shell fell by us and I fell. I didn't hear it, I just felt it," he said.

Peak said he remembers the men he was with were all withdrawing, and he saw Hernan and the men he was with helping a man who had already been hit when the mortar struck. He watched Hernan fall. Hernan said after he fell, he turned his head to see what had happened, saw the puff of smoke, and realized he couldn't move. He saw some of the other men helping the wounded Marine they had been trying to rescue in the first place, but they then left the area. "I was left alone," Hernan said.

But then, Peak came to his aide and Hernan said he remembers seeing him come out of nowhere. "He threw me over his shoulder and ran with

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Selectmen split on big override

But agree to give voters choices

By Mary Ford
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In a packed meeting that at times resembled more of a pep rally for the school budget than a governmental proceeding, selectmen voted to go along with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and place two override questions on the special election ballot this spring.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, who voiced concern about reaching too far, said asking for just one big override would not be wise.

"If you are starving for water in the desert," he said, "then one-half a glass of water would go a long way rather than none."

He also pointed out the "average" override figure that has won favor with Cohasset voters in the past has hovered in the $350,000 range, far less than both overrides currently on the table.

While Selectmen unanimously agreed to give voters options, board members are deeply divided about whether to throw their support behind the larger of the two numbers: a $1.495 million override of which $1.1 million would provide the schools with much of what they say they need this year to "move the district forward." The lower override figure is $725,000. With either override, the town pays the benefits for any new employees including school workers. The town's share of the larger number would be $395,000 (including $216,321 in benefits) and the lower number $195,000 (including $36,321 in benefits).

"If you are starving for water in the desert, then one half a glass of water would go a long way rather than none."
— Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed

Voters can vote for both override questions, one or neither. Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, if both overrides pass, the larger override would take effect even if it won by fewer votes.

Selectmen Michael Sullivan and Rob Spofford, who came down squarely on the side of supporting the larger number, were loudly cheered and applauded by those in attendance.

Koed was given a hand when he cast the "swing" vote after close to two hours of discussion.

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Reducing parking along 3A corridor

Town Meeting to have final say

By Mary Ford
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Tired of acres of asphalt along Route 3A in places like Tedeschi Plaza, Cohasset Plaza and Shaw's Plaza?

If a Town Meeting article passes muster with voters, commercial property owners along the highway business district could have the option of reducing some asphalt and replacing it with more building space.

As it stands now, Cohasset has one of the most stringent off-street parking bylaws around – requiring 10 spaces for every 1,000 square feet of commercial building space. The proposed bylaw change would cut that in half to five spaces per 1,000 square feet.

The article that will be before voters at Town Meeting on April 1 has passed muster with Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and a majority of the Planning Board.

"I generally think that 10 spaces is too many," Sam Wakeman of the Advisory Committee said this week. "It forces people to blacktop areas they shouldn't have to blacktop."

The Economic Development Committee, whose charge is to seek ways to generate new sources of commercial tax revenue, proposed the bylaw change as a way to increase commercial development that could help ease some of the burden off residential taxpayers. Only about 7 percent of Cohasset's tax base is commercial.

The change would not affect the downtown commercial district and restaurants, which would still be required to have more parking.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said reducing parking requirements makes good environmental sense. "We don't want seas of asphalt," he said.

However, a minority of the Planning Board, including chairman Al Moore, is against reducing the parking requirement.

"There's going to be just as much coverage," Moore said about the environmental argument made by proponents. "There's just going to be more buildings and fewer places to park." In either case, lot coverage cannot exceed 60 percent, he said.

Moore explained that while the current bylaw requires 10 spaces for every 1,000 square feet of building – in reality, the planning board "forgives" much of that parking in exchange for more green space that might not otherwise be there. A development is allowed to have the required

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Name: Katie Howard

Occupation: Director of Marketing & Sales for The Cohasset Harbor Inn and Atlantica Restaurant.

Best days of your life: My wedding day in New Hampshire.

Best vacation: Any vacation is great! Sailing through the West Indies with my husband on a Windjammer cruise. Bermuda with my family to celebrate my Mom's 70th birthday. Weekends in New Hampshire!

Favorite season: Autumn

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July

Favorite meal: My Mom's corned beef & cabbage or Richie Blinn's (chef of Atlantica) steak tips on grilled flatbread.

Best book/magazine: Book: "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom or "Tales of a Female Nomad," by Rita Goldman Gelman. Magazine: Worthwhile.

Best movie: "The Sound of Music"

Best TV show: "Lost"

Pet peeve: People who litter and cigarette smoke.

Most memorable moment: Traveling through the US, Canada and Europe for a year with "Up with People." Yes, I can still sing "the song" too.

Goal: To be fluent in Spanish, learn to knit, go on an African Safari, and spend as much time with my amazing family and friends as possible.

People I'd most like to meet: Maya Angelou and Kermit the Frog.

Biggest worry: I try not to worry too much but I guess I worry about anyone I love becoming sick.

Best part of Cohasset: Views of the beautiful harbor from Atlantica & the Cohasset Harbor Inn - of Course!

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

The Mariner caught up with Katie Howard, Director of Marketing & Sales for The Cohasset Harbor Inn and Atlantica Restaurant, at the Inn this week.

South Shore Tide Chart

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Mar.	High AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	Low AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
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Zoning bylaw would maintain affordable housing numbers

By Samantha Brown
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...the article would create a requirement that any new multi-family development with five or more units must provide at least one (if not more) affordable housing units as part of the overall project

Getting out from under the threat of 40B and staying there is a priority in the town of Cohasset. For that to happen, it must consistently have 10 percent of its overall housing stock deemed affordable by state standards.

To help reach that goal, the town passed the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw which encourages building senior housing with an affordable component in exchange for higher density development. The Cedarmere project has already filed under the bylaw and the Cook Estate is expected to file soon. Those proposed units, coupled with the Avalon 40B housing project, would push Cohasset beyond the required 10 percent.

Recognizing the need for affordable housing for all residents, the Planning Board has recommended by a majority vote, an inclusionary zoning bylaw which will come before voters at the April 1 Town Meeting. In essence, the article would create a requirement that any new multi-family development with five or more units must provide at least one (if not more) affordable housing units as part of the overall project. Affordable units would have to qualify for inclusion on Cohasset's "subsidized housing inventory," which governs the town's compliance with Chapter 40B — the state's 30-year-old law that allows developers to skirt local zoning in exchange for providing affordable housing. The bylaw would help Cohasset maintain that 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state by requiring affordable units with new multi-family development.

The Planning Board voted 3-2 in favor of recommending the bylaw with Chairman Al Moore and member Bob Sturdy opposed. However, member Peter Pratt presented the bylaw to the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, Feb. 28 and said in his opinion, "this is a good maintenance article."

The Planning Board is coming forward with another article at the Annual Town Meeting that will sunset the SMROD bylaw, but will allow the Cook Project to go forward as the last project to be filed under the bylaw. Without the inclusionary zoning article, "What do we have to produce more affordable units?" asked Pratt. As new development takes place in Cohasset, the number of overall housing units will increase, and in turn, the town will need to build more affordable units to ensure the 10 percent threshold is met.

Selectman Rob Spofford asked whether requiring affordable housing in new multi-unit development could deter developers from proposing projects in town. He said as a selectman, he has just come through a lengthy process with the Cook Estate, which because of the affordable component seemed to be a tough sell for developers. "Will this take developers out of the mix?" he asked.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said one of the issues Cohasset is likely to see in the future is that the state will applaud the town's efforts to build affordable housing for seniors, but will eventually say affordable housing needs must be met in another way.

Peter Brown of the Economic Development Committee, who is also in commercial real estate, said in his opinion, 10 percent is not a lot to ask from a developer, and the town will be adding to the variety of housing options it can offer.

However, Spofford said the town is in the process of forming a Cohasset Housing Partnership which will be working on affordable housing issues, including finalizing the town's Affordable Housing Plan. He felt without having that committee in place and without having a housing consultant on board (the town is currently accepting bids for the position), he feels the town is rushing the article. He said he did not see any problem with holding off on the article at least until the fall Special Town Meeting.

Zoning Advisory Committee member Tom Callahan said in his opinion, the article is meant to help the town maintain its compliance with 40B status. "That is our main objective," he said, adding meeting the requirements to comply is a huge accomplishment that will happen when Cedarmere, Avalon, and Cook are built, and the town does not want to take a step backwards. "It's foolish to not have some kind of protection," he said.

Marie Ford and Marge Wilder enjoy the Craft Store at the Second Congregational Church. For more, see page 5

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Cook Estate could be last SMROD development

By Samantha Brown
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The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend the SMROD sunsetting bylaw

At the 2002 fall Special Town Meeting, voters adopted a new bylaw called the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. Since then the bylaw has been amended more than once, and is now on the verge of sunsetting for good.

The bylaw was originally drafted with the intention of killing two birds with one stone — provide much needed affordable housing for seniors while keeping up with the affordable housing requirements set by the state. The town is trying to keep up with the state's 10 percent affordability threshold.

It appears the bylaw has done its job, as the Cedarmere senior housing project has come through the permitting process and is now under construction. The Cook project, a town-sponsored project, is slated to file under the bylaw soon, and the sunsetting provision would allow it to move ahead as the last project to file under the bylaw. Couple that with the proposed units for the Avalon 40B housing development, and the town has reached its quota.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend the SMROD sunsetting bylaw. Member Peter Pratt said according to the Town Assessor, there are 3,019 total housing units in the town and the town, including the three proposed developments, is well over the 10 percent affordability. He added the bylaw would also protect the town from additional developments, now that the pipeline is full.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended the article.

Some real estate tax exemptions offered

The Assessors Office is accepting applications for fiscal 2006 real estate tax exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 30. The following exemptions are available:

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Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. (781) 383-4114.

Playground Program sponsorships sought

The Cohasset Recreation Commission in its continuing effort to remain financially self-supporting, will once again seek Playground Program sponsorships.

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Advisory committee makes case for two-tiered override

By Mary Ford
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"It was extremely discouraging for the school committee to decide to certify the budget given to us originally and not make any fine tuning changes."
— Tucker Glavin, Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee — making the decision to issue a "position statement" rather than just vote the budgets up or down — took the unanimous stance to recommend selectmen put two general override questions on the ballot this spring.

The committee, which consists of nine citizens who recommend actions to Town Meeting on everything that comes before them, met Monday night exactly 24 hours before selectmen also voted for a two-tiered override.

Both override figures include money for the school and municipal budgets and neither figure would provide either budget with everything asked for – in order to do that, the override would have to be about $1.9 million of which $1.3 million would be for the schools.

While the Advisory Committee unanimously supported putting an override choice before the voters this year, it sought to ratchet the larger number that had been floated down to what it said is a more palatable figure.

The committee initially proposed a $750,000 override would provide $505,000 for the schools and $245,000 for the municipal budget, but selectmen reduced that total to $725,000 on Tuesday night.

The school department has floated the $500,000 figure as the minimum needed to meet contractual obligations and fixed costs; it would represent no new personnel, the advisory committee said.

The $1.495 million would provide $1.1 million for the schools and $395,000 for the municipal budget. Of the $395,000 for the municipal side – about $150,000 could be used to pay benefits for new school employees who could be hired if the higher override passes.

Voters can vote for both override questions, one or neither. Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, if both overrides pass, the larger override would take effect even if it won by fewer votes.

Tucker Glavin and Pat Waters of the Advisory Committee are the group's liaisons to the School Committee. They expressed some disappointment that the School committee certified a $13.9 million budget figure – which was the amount the schools put on the table in early February and said it was the advisory committee's job to "push back." The men's consensus was the school committee had not put down the gauntlet, so to speak, and said what the schools really need.

"It was extremely discouraging for the School Committee to decide to certify the budget given to us originally and not make any fine-tuning changes," Glavin said. He said he was fully in favor of an override for the schools and town, noting the school committee would get 90 percent of its requests with the higher override number suggested by the Advisory Committee, although that is about $200,000 less than the School Committee wants.

Glavin, who said it was the charge of the Advisory Committee to be fiscally responsible, was also critical of the Town Manager, noting that his "critical needs list" number needs to also come down. (On Tuesday, however, Town Manager Bill Griffin and Selectmen slashed their "needs" list).

At Monday's meeting, Waters agreed with Glavin noting the School Committee and selectmen had continued to posture and it important that the Advisory Committee help find a middle ground.

"We asked the School Committee 'to tell us what you really need' and they stuck to their guns and left the number of the table."

Waters urged the board to take a strong position "we can all get our minds around." He said the schools should not take the position of supporting an override that would fully fund their proposed budget and nothing else.

During the "budget season" the Advisory Committee had a broad philosophical discussion, conducted line-item reviews, and raised pointed questions on departmental budgets. This formed the basis for the Advisory Committee's unanimous recommendation of the two-tiered override approach with a push back on the top number, Waters said.

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Selectmen divided on support for larger override

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He said he would "reluctantly" support the larger override while at the same time he expressed deep concern for those on fixed incomes who might not be able to afford a tax increase.

The standing-room-only audience, made up largely of parents of school-age children and supporters of the entire proposed school budget, was not happy with selectmen Gary Vanderweil and Ralph Dormitzer, who said they could not support the higher override. While not exactly booed, the two selectmen's opinions were greeted negatively with loud grumbling. Some people retorted without being recognized by the chairman as having the floor.

It remains to be seen if the split in the Board of Selectmen is representative of the public at large.

Historically, Cohasset budgets, contingent on an override, sail through Town Meeting which usually draws upwards of 300 voters. But the ballot votes traditionally have a tougher time where a turnout of 50 percent would equate to more than 2,500 voters.

This year, Town Meeting is trying something new and would eliminate the need for a subsequent Town Meeting to balance the budget following the override vote. Voters will be asked to support Town Manager Bill Griffin's balanced budget that would *not* require an override and to also support two supplemental budgets contingent on the $725,000 and $1.495 million overrides, respectively.

With a $725,000 override, the owner of a property valued at $750,000 would see a tax increase of $241 attributable to the override alone for a total of $323 including the regular increase allowed under Prop. 2-1/2. With a $1.495 million override, the taxes on that same house attributable to the override would be $503 for a total of $585. General overrides are permanent tax increases.

Selectman Spofford said deciding whether to support the entire school budget was an issue of trust. He made it clear he put his trust in the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh and was convinced the schools need everything they are asking for.

"I believe the School Committee worked diligently and this is not wishful thinking," he said.

Both Vanderweil and Dormitzer disagreed. Dormitzer said the school department, which would like to add 16 new or expanded positions, had not prioritized its list. He also criticized the schools financial forecasting for utilities costs. Dormitzer also questioned why the schools aren't charging the "going rate" for its tuition-based, all-day kindergarten program which he said could bring in another $180,000. Vanderweil described all-day kindergarten as "daycare with education" and said the town should not be subsidizing day care. He said the program should cost as much as daycare does.

School Committee Chairman Jamie Williams said what Dormitzer considers luxuries the school department considers necessities, such as someone to answer the security buzzer by the front door.

Dormitzer took umbrage at Williams' characterization of his comments, saying he did not say "luxuries" but viewed potential cost savings as "opportunities."

Williams said the mission of the school department was to move the district forward so students could go to good colleges and be well-rounded.

Ronnie McMorris, a former selectman, who urged the board to put the a single override on the ballot that fully funded the proposed school budget, pointed out state aid has been decreasing, putting greater burden for paying for the schools on property taxes. She also put in a plug for the return of middle school sports, a program that was cut a few years ago.

But Paul Bilodeau, a firefighter, urged caution. "The all-or-nothing approach scares me," he said, adding he sees different factions in town. "My feeling is it would be tough to sell one override number."

The proposed budget certified by the School Committee is $13.9 million (about a 13 percent increase over last year), so if the larger override passes – of which the schools' share is $1.1 million – some trimming would have to be done.

Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee said in a "perfect world everyone would get what they asked for." But she said a $1.1 million infusion into the school budget is considerable.

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Eight teachers offer resignations

At the School Committee's Thursday, March 2 meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh announced eight staff members have submitted their notice of resignation or intention to retire at the end of the school year. Staff members include:

- Anthony (Tony) Rolfe: Middle school social studies (retirement effective June 30, 2006).
- Edward Leary: High school English (retirement effective June 30, 2006).
- Joseph Bouchard: High school social studies (retirement effective June 30, 2006).
- Brenda D'Alotto: High school English (effective Feb. 2, 2006).
- Suzanne Coley: Osgood speech therapist (retirement effective June 30, 2006).
- Shannon McIntosh: Deer Hill grade 5 (effective June 30, 2006).
- Todd Ferguson: Middle school long term English substitute (effective Feb. 17, 2006).
- Lillian Curley: Osgood instructional aide (effective Feb. 22, 2006).

School override request still short

By Samantha Brown
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The school department says typically, it needs a 7 percent increase from year to year just to keep up with fixed costs and contractual obligations.

The school department voted to certify a $13,987,198 budget Thursday (March 2), and in turn, approved going for a $1.3 million override.

While the 13.3 percent increase over fiscal 2006 will be enough to help the department take a "baby step forward," members of the committee pointed out there are at least $500,000 in other requests that were not included in the budget and cannot be put off much longer, a possible indication another override could be necessary for fiscal 2008. The school department says typically, it needs a 7 percent increase from year to year just to keep up with fixed costs and contractual obligations.

There is roughly $345,000 in supplemental needs requests, which were not included in the fiscal 2007 budget and includes the following:

• The Osgood School is in need of new carpet in the library, early reading materials, a cold laminator, science materials, 13 classroom area rugs, two instructional aides, and an increase in work hours for its secretary and clerical aide, the school department said.

• The Deer Hill School needs one automatic floor scrubber, one high-speed floor buffer and one clerical aide for the office.

• At the middle-high school, supplies and materials for one new foreign language teacher and one new humanities teacher are needed, as well as the funds for math league transportation and math league dues, and social studies field trips. The school also needs funding for newspaper and periodical subscriptions.

• The middle school band classes need new concert bass drums and a stand, a xylophone and a stand, chimes, a timpani, snare drums, a drum kit, and music stands.

• The middle-high school also needs one physical education and health teacher, one humanities teacher, one technology education teacher, and three instructional aides as well as one special education department head, one library aide, and MCAS remediation teacher support, which would come in the form of two teachers at six hours per week, and each teacher would work for 10 weeks at a time. The school also needs a .75 part-time technology aide.

• In addition to the supplemental requests, there was $82,600 in technology requests, which were also not included in the fiscal 2007 budget. The recommendations came from the Technology Planning Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Strategic Planning Committee.

• The Osgood and Deer Hill Schools need one data storage and management server, and the district needs 10 ink jet printers. The district also needs one video camera and eight televisions with stands.

• The middle school needs funding for phase II and phase III of its technology education program, which includes 20 modular physics based programs to cover science and engineering related to MCAS testing, and new staff.

• The high school needs five personal computers for the writing lab as well as two "smart boards" for the technology labs. The high school would also like to become an annual member of Virtual High School, which offers online courses for high school students.

• There is also a list of capital needs which did not have any figures associated for costs as members of the school committee suggested the capital projects be included in future town budgets.

• The Osgood School needs a new generator, paint in the classrooms and hallways, refinishing of its wood railing and stairs in the front entrance, replacement of the cement sidewalk at the building's entrance, buzzer intercom system and security cameras, and 10 personal computers or Apple computers for the computer lab.

• Deer Hill needs its tiles repaired in the main corridor, a buzzer intercom system and security cameras, paint in the corridors and cafeteria, and the gym floor refinished.

• The middle-high school needs new bleachers for Alumni Field, as well as paint for the corridors and classrooms. The school also needs a computer and telephone drop for room 266 A to increase police support and presence. The track needs to be resurfaced, the gym floor needs to be refinished, and the school needs 10 new cafeteria tables, 50 student desks and 30 middle school lockers.

Full copies of the fiscal 2007 school budget are available at the office of the superintendent. For more information, please call the office at (781) 383-6111.

Reducing Route 3A parking could help the bottom line

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parking "in reserve" that could be converted to parking if needed down the road.

Moore also said he does not buy the contention the parking change will raise much revenue. "I think it's a real stretch for us to believe by making this zoning change we will solve the financial problems in town very much," he said.

"...we believe it will not only provide the town with new commercial tax revenues, but additional retail, business amenities and services."

— Peter Brown, Economic Development Committee

Economic Development Committee Chairman Peter Brown said the bylaw change would make a difference.

"To the contrary, we believe it will not only provide the town with new commercial tax revenues, but additional retail, business amenities and services — all well controlled under the review by the relevant town boards," he said.

Brown said the EDC reached a preliminary estimate that additional revenue in excess of $100,000 could be generated each year for the next five to 10 years with the commercial expansion the bylaw change would allow.

"This would be conditioned by market forces, financing rates, municipal and governmental cooperation with new development and a positive attitude from the relevant town boards to make this happen," he said.

Brown also said the parking change would not alter the town's character.

"Due to the limited number and size of 3A properties, the kind of large-scale development that would negatively impact the town character, will not occur for a variety of reasons," he said citing demand, demographics, and lack of immediate access to a major highway.

"It is estimated that the new and expanded development along 3A brought about by the change in the parking bylaw — in addition to being subject to the review by the town boards, primarily the Planning Board, and market forces — will generate an approximate additional 15-25 percent greater density in those properties that take advantage of the bylaw change," he said. "We are also estimating that a few property owners may not take advantage of the new bylaw."

The article would also increase the required green strip along the highway from 20 to 35 feet – a move which Moore, the Planning Board chairman, applauds. Before the green strip was increased, Moore said he was adamantly opposed to the bylaw. "I went from adamantly opposed to mildly concerned," he said.

Moore, who has served on the Planning Board for 20 years, said what has been replaced along 3A has been attractive for the most part due in part to the board having some discretion with the parking bylaw.

He cited two examples: Cohasset Plaza, which was once an old car dealership, and Cushing Plaza (now Shaw's) which was an unattractive strip mall with tons of asphalt. He also noted those two plazas are also designed to have stacking lanes so traffic does not back up out onto 3A.

"I'm concerned about the possible long-term effects of making a wholesale change in the parking," Moore said.

But Brown, the EDC chairman, said the bylaw change could be a good news story for Cohasset.

"The parking bylaw article and the TOD (Transit Oriented District) article accomplish the selectmen's mission of generating new sources of commercial tax revenues that do not add a burden to existing businesses," he said "The Town's current Highway Business District Parking Bylaw is out of sync with current environmental and development standards in greater Boston and completely discourages commercial expansion and development.

"It will take time to generate new development but the sooner we provide the opportunity, the faster new revenues will happen."

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Cohasset ballerina, Brianne Crough, to light up the stage

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ON STAGE

Congratulations to a young dancer from Cohasset, **Brianne Crough**. Brianne was selected to perform with The Tchaikovsky Perm Ballet at the Culter Majestic Theater in the performance of The Sleeping Beauty. Brianne will perform in the role of a page and she has been a student at Boston Ballet School for 3 years.

The show will be held on March 14 and it is an honor to be selected. Fantastic job Brianne, enjoy.

COLLEGE STANDOUT

I mentioned briefly this young man in last week's column but did not do him justice. Many are so proud of you! **William McArthur** was recently named to the Fall Semester dean's list at the University of Maine in Famington. Will was a 2002 graduate of CHS. He is a business-economics major at the University and will be graduating in May. While at school, he has for four years played trumpet in the College/Community Concert Band, comprised on students, faculty, staff and community members. He has worked at the Computer Center on Campus. He currently is the Station Manager of the College radio station, WUMF-100.1 FM, and has been responsible for the station programming, special events and the audio needs of other campus groups. He is the son of **Rebecca Bates-McArthur** and the late **Bill McArthur.**

REASON FOR CHEERS

Sláinte! Sláinte! Sláinte!(this means Cheers!) The SSAC has reason for cheers! They will offer an an incredible all-expense paid vacation for two (complete with round-trip airfare from Boston to Shannon) to be auctioned off this Saturday night, March 11, at the South Shore Art Center Irish pub dance. Don't miss an incredible party and the chance to bid on this trip or other wonderful auction items. Great fun supporting a great cause! The evening will include a bit of everything: music by The Exiles, dancing, drinks and creative Celtic inspired food supplied by some of the South Shore's finest restaurants, caterers and talented Art Center volunteer chefs. Tickets are still available.(And they are cheap! $50 or $40 for SSAC Members) Call the SSAC today for reservations. 781-383-2787.

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations to **Carling Sturino**, class of '08 was named to the dean's list at the Assumption College for the Fall 2005 Semester. Super work.

WINE TASTING

The library will be hosting a Wine Tasting event on Sunday, March 19, from 5-7pm. Learn the art of wine tasting with wine expert **John Avery**. Sample white and sparkling wines from three wineries. Wine, cheese and crackers provided. Free. You must be 21 years or older to attend this after-hours event. Sign up required. Call Adult Services librarian, **Gayle Walsh** to sign up or register on-line at www.cohassetlibrary.org and click Calendar.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Last week the Cohasset School Committee certified the $13.9 million fiscal 2007 School Budget. What does this mean? Find out about full day kindergarten, class sizes and programs, attend an informational coffee with members of the Cohasset School Committee at Our World Children's Museum Tuesday March 14 at 9:30. Bring your children let them experience Our World Children's Museum while you learn about the Cohasset School Budget. For more information call Cindy Swartwood at 781-383-6864.

FAMILY FEUD

Survey Says ...Teams Wanted for Cohasset Family Feud!

A historic moment in game show history takes place on Friday, April 7 at 7pm. The first-ever Cohasset Family Feud will be held at Cohasset High School. Rich Ofsthun will emcee the event. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee to fund post-prom activities. How can you play? Ask friends, neighbors or family to form a five-member team. Each team member pays $25 per team member to play ($125 total per team). Minimum age to play is 10 years old. Call 383-9396 for additional information.

Mail team registration information and the $125 team registration fee to Kathy Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, Cohasset, Ma 02025. Checks are payable to the Post Prom Committee '06. The deadline to register is March 24 and registration is limited to the first 16 teams.

TOP SKIERS

Congratulations to **Marie Gilman** and **Mackenzie Axelson** for qualifying for the N.H. State Skiing Championships held this past weekend at Mt. Cranmore! Both girls worked very hard to represent their teams at this 3 day event. Marie is a sixth-grader at the Cohasset Middle High School and was one of two girls who qualified from the Bretton Woods Ski team in the J4 competition. Mackenzie is a fourth-grade student at the Deer Hill School and qualified representing Loon Mountain in the J5 competition. Congratulations to both girls for such an outstanding achievement!

LIFEGUARDS SOUGHT

Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for lifeguard and water safety instructor positions for the 2006 summer season Both positions require Lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid Certification. Programs to become a certified lifeguard will be offered throughout the region during the winter and spring. Lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years old. Water safety instructors must be at least 17 years old and enjoy working and swimming with children. To apply, send a letter of interest by April 15 to Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information email cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A group of Cohasset and Hingham teens, under the tutelage of Cohasset Hockey Coach and St. Paul's Youth Minister, Ben Virga, will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser this Sun., March 12, from 8:30 - 11:30a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center. Tickets are $5 per person and $20 per family, so pack up the family and come support these industrious teens!

The group will be traveling to Louisia, Louisiana in June. They will spend a week helping to rebuild a fishing village and running a day camp for the town's children. They need to raise funds to make the trip and to purchase supplies to assist in the rebuilding effort. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For questions or tickets, please call Susan Galligan at 781.383.0765. Should you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Lifeteen" and mail it to 31 Border Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

'BEEF AND BLARNEY'

Saint Anthony's Parish, will have its ninth annual "Beef & Blarney" Irish Social Night on Saturday, March 18. The featured entertainment will be the Irish Band. "The O'Reillys". Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by a sit down dinner of corned beef and cabbage and all the fixins' at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. The price is $20 per person and $15 for Seniors 65 and older. A limited number of tickets are still available. To purchase tickets call the Parish Office at 781-383-0219.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB

Catholic Woman's Club of Hingham will be hosting a Welcome Spring Afternoon Tea on March 26. The tea will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Cohasset at 2 in the afternoon. There will be divine refreshments, myriad raffle prizes and a Door Prize for some lucky guest! For reservations and information please call Joanie Fisher at 781-925-3639.

DIGITAL CAMERA CLASS

South Shore Community Center announces a new class offering designed to appeal to beginners with digital camera. For those who have recently purchased a digital camera or are thinking about doing so, this class is a must.

Laura Sinclair, local professional photographer and digital photo enthusiast, will lead the class in demonstrating the marvelous capabilities of the amazing digital camera. Students are encouraged to bring their own camera and manual to class for individual attention. Sinclair will discuss how digital cameras relate to computers, pixels, resolution, and storage and battery systems. Other topics will cover downloading photos and printing options, as well as editing techniques.

Classes are held at South Shore Community Center, 3 No. Main St., on two Tuesday evenings, March 14 and 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fee is $49. Call 781-383-00988 or stop by the center Monday through Friday to register.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news no later than Tuesday by 5p.m.

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WWII veterans reunite after 61 years

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me, but then things get kind of foggy," he said. But Hernan said he never forgot the man who brought him back to safety.

Eventually Hernan was transferred to a hospital Coast Guard ship that was used for transporting the wounded off Iwo Jima, then went to the Army hospital in Guam. He then went back to Hawaii and then to California, followed by Rhode Island and eventually Massachusetts. Altogether, Hernan was transferred from hospital to hospital for seven months.

Hernan was injured in his lower back and there is still a piece of metal shrapnel in the lower lobe of his right lung. "No MRIs for me," he joked.

"I think the government wants it back," Peak quipped.

To celebrate their reunion, Atlantica Restaurant treated the men and members of Hernan's family to dinner Thursday, March 2, exactly 61 years since they had parted ways in Iwo Jima. Hernan said looking around at his family he told Peak, "Just think, if it wasn't for you, none of this could've happened."

Peak began his journey back to Indiana last Friday morning, and when the two met to say their good-byes, Hernan was wearing a baseball cap Peak had given him with "Iwo Jima" and the number of their division embroidered on it.

"This is my trophy from Bennie," said Hernan, to which Peak, with his arm around his friend, replied, "Here's my trophy from the war."

PHOTOS / DAVID LAYMAN

Tom Hernan, left, with is wife, Peggy, and Ben Peak visit at Atlantica last Friday.

Ben Peak gives Tom Hernan a copy of his hometown newspaper, The Madison Courier, which tells their story.

Tom Hernan's son Jack and his wife Cindy, listen to Tom and Ben share their wartime experiences.

Honoring those who serve

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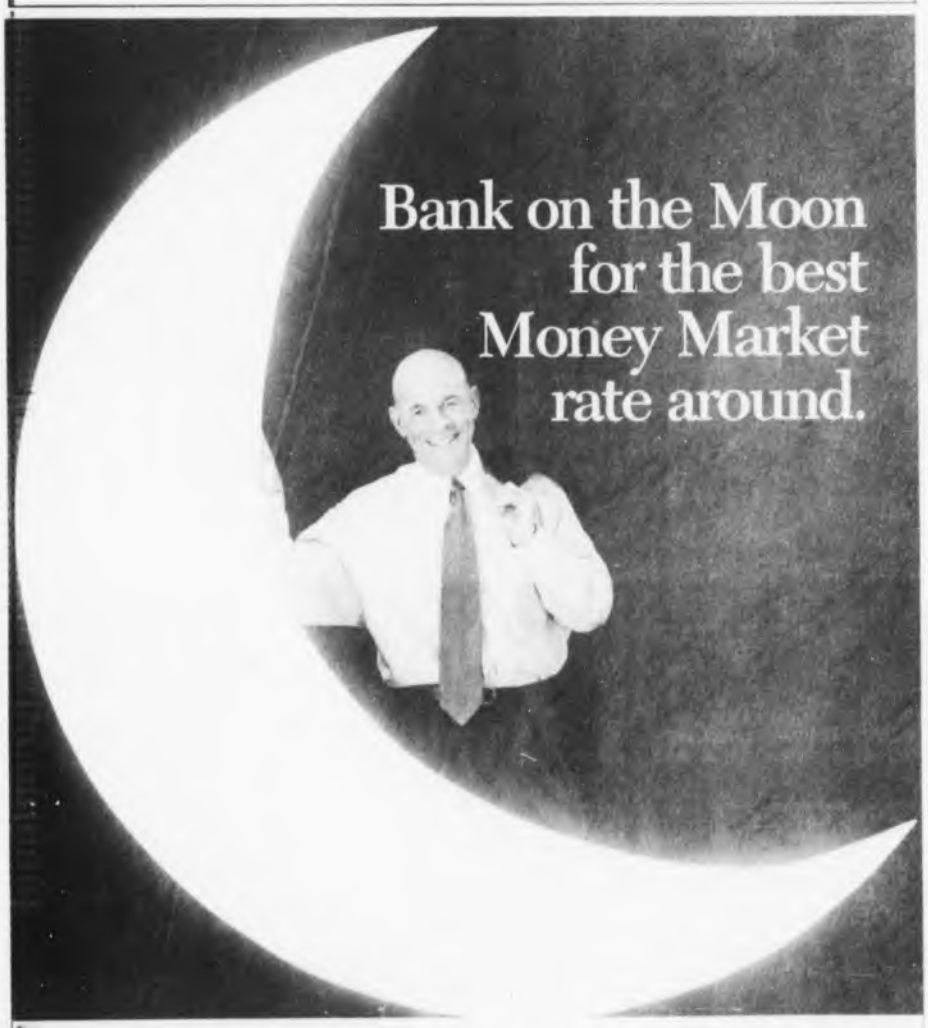
- Lt. J.g. Michael Baird, USCG;
- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM, 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying March'06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army;
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN;
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Latimer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee. Visit: www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.



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Mary Kelly of Whitman views one of the many quilts at the Second Congregational Church on Saturday. The event also included a luncheon where the tables were decorated with linens and beautiful flowers to help bring a hint of spring to the midst of winter.

Colorful quilts draw a crowd

Staff photos
by
Craig Goedecke

Amy Golden, left, and Sandy Theriault view one of the many colorful quilts on display. Some of the quilts dated back to the 1930s and 1940s.

Marie Ford, left, of Scituate, and Marge Wilder of Norwell, read through the brochure explaining the history behind the quilts. More than 60 quilts were on display this year. Not counting this year, the event has raised a total of more than $16,000 for charity.

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Webelos Den 1 captures gold ribbon in Klondike derby

This year's Webelos Klondike Derby was held on Feb. 11 at Camp Squanto in Myles Standish Park and the weather was synonymous with the events name, it was 10 degrees with wind chills hovering around zero.

The Derby was attended by 30 dens (approximately 200, plus Cub Scouts) from the South Shore.

The Klondike Derby is a yearly event held across the country to teach the Scouts about winter survival and camping essentials. The Derby consists of 10 stations, such as knot tying, camp site preparations, outdoor cooking, first aid, map reading, flag ceremony, camp fire building and safety. Each den is required to build their own sled [modeled after a dog sled] and pull it from station to station. The day starts at 9am and ends at 3:30pm.

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Cohasset Webelos I, Den 1 members Derek Benson, Dylan Bomeisler, Clarke Indek, Jake Masci and Jack O'Brien, led by Den Leader Bruce Indek won a Gold Ribbon.

Jack Masci and Derek Benson build a campfire while Clarke Indek and Jack O'Brien set up camp.

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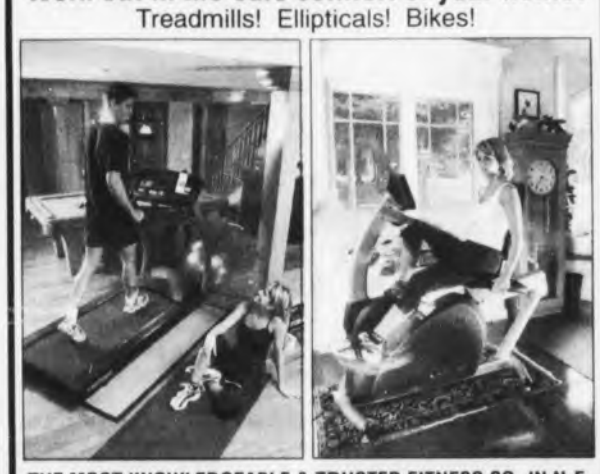

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Override options

It's important that all Cohasset voters understand the two-tiered, "pyramid" override system.

Selectmen have voted to place two override questions on the ballot in a special election that will be held sometime this spring. The overrides would raise the tax levy for fiscal 2007 beyond the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year.

Overriding Prop. 2-1/2 is allowed under the state law and puts the decision to raise the tax levy squarely in the hands of the voters. A general override for the operating budget like the ones proposed this year would be a permanent tax increase and becomes a permanent part of the tax base going forward.

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Selectmen, who have the sole power to put override questions on the ballot, have agreed to two override questions: one asking for a $1.495 million increase and the other asking for a $725,000 increase. An individual voter can vote "yes" on both questions; "no" on both questions; or vote "yes" on one and "no" on the other.

For example, if a voter favors the $725,000 override, but thinks the $1.495 million override is too much, he or she can vote "yes" for the lower number and "no" for the higher number. If a voter feels the $725,000 isn't enough – he or she could vote "no" on that number and "yes" on the higher number. The voter who doesn't want either tax increase would vote "no" for both; the voter that wants to help ensure a tax increase passes might choose to vote "yes" on both questions.

Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, if both overrides pass, the larger override would take effect even if it won by fewer votes. In other words, if the $1.495 million override wins by a majority of just a single vote, it would still take effect, even if the $725,000 override passes by hundreds of votes. It's important to stress that if both overrides pass – *both do not take effect,* just the higher override does.

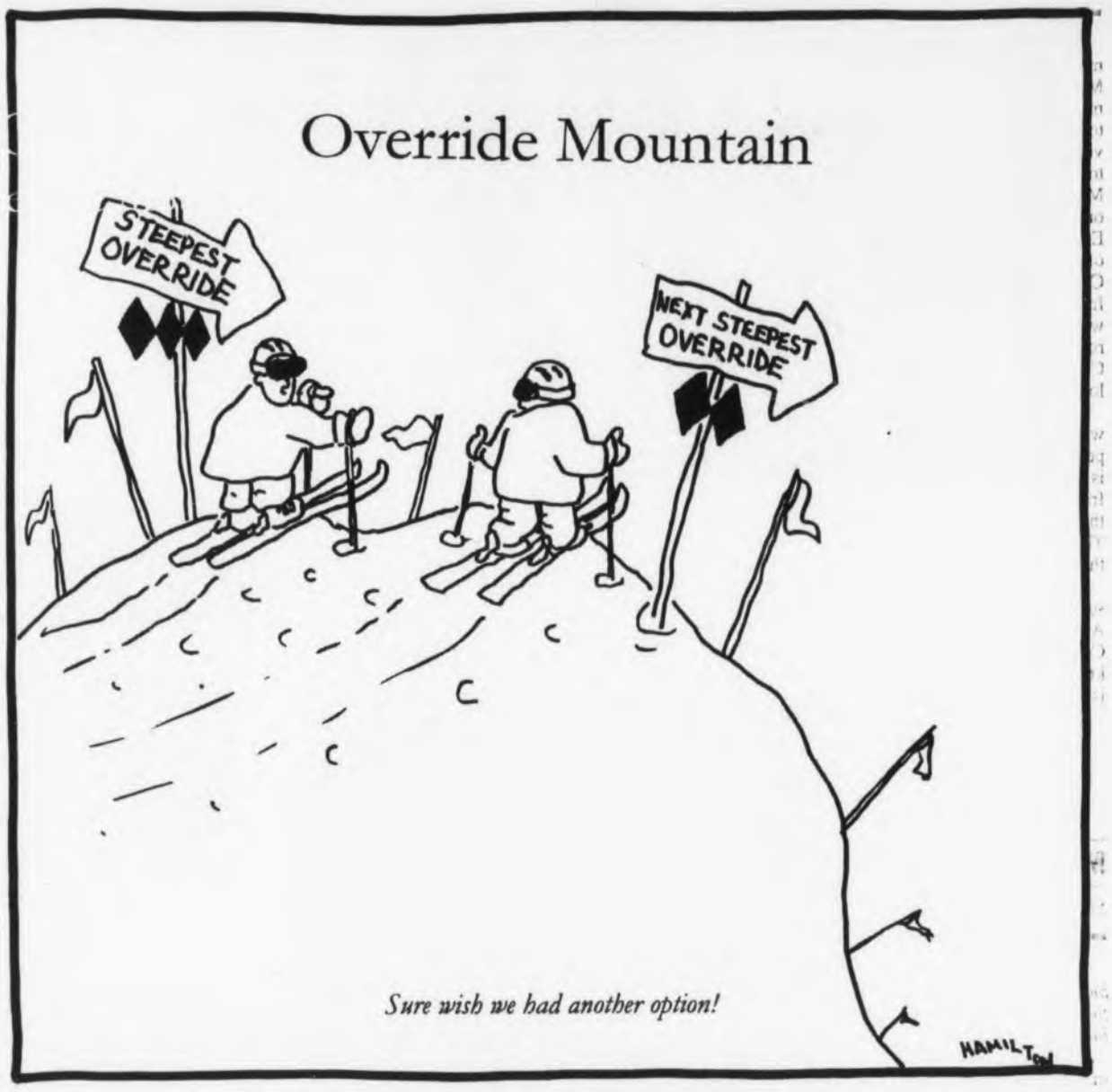
The annual tax impact of the $725,000 override on the owner of a home valued at $750,000 would be $241 attributable to the override. That same property owner would see an increase attributable to the override of $503 if the $1.495 million override passes.

Whew! It is complicated and a lot to try to explain but it is important now that the official "override campaign" season begins in earnest, that everyone understands the rules.

We do hope that going forward in what will likely be an emotional debate that voters will respect the views of those who do not agree with them. We understand there is a lot at stake on all sides of the issue.

As always, here at the Mariner we will provide ample space for letters on the issues including this year's historic override vote.

Selectmen plan to vote on a date for the special election at their meeting March 21.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, 3:30 p.m., March 15

Board of Health, 7 p.m., March 13

Cohasset Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m. March 13

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., March 23

Council on Elder Affairs, 9:30 a.m., March 13, 3 N. Main St.

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., March 15

Selectmen, 7 p.m., March 21.

School Committee, 7 p.m., March 16

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summer job fair for students

TO THE EDITOR:

When our children were growing up at our former property at 50 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, everyone had tasks, either in the house (i.e. cleaning, dusting, etc.) or outside (i.e. weeding, mowing, etc.).

Today I was calling the community center and the high school to inquire if anyone had registered for work after school or for this summer as I would like a high school student(s) to help me organize my closets, my office and to help me on the grounds. Then I remembered that Senator Bob Hedlund was looking for Interns at the State House.

I used to recruit young students to be guides for visitors coming to the State House. They would be trained to know the history of the State House, how a bill was passed, the architectural beauty of the Bullfinch design, what it cost to recover the dome in gold and the pine cone on the dome recognized that Maine was once part of the Commonwealth.

I telephoned our Cohasset Republican Chairman to suggest the Republican Town Committee sponsor a student job fair. The fair would assist students to find summer employment so as to save for college, acquire work skills that could be used on college applications and learn skills that would help in future endeavors. My sister worked in a law office one summer and she later went to law school and was editor of the law review, all because she wrote well and had that early experience.

In cooperation with the Cohasset Republican Town Committee Chair Kevin O'Donnell, I am suggesting we hold a job fair and any business that is looking for summer help should call me or mail us the skills they are looking for, hours required, location, etc.

Please call me if you or your company are interested in registering for our summer employment job fair at 781-383-0031.

Polly Logan
121 Nichols Road

'Cost for me is too great'

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Tuesday night it was tough to decide whether to watch The Unit or The Selectmen. I decided on The Selectmen because I had a horse in the race. It was entertaining but costly. Especially to retirees. One highlight was Rob Spofford's false choice offered to his fellow selectmen via his question:[my phrasing] "It comes down to whether you believe Superintendent Walsh or not. Do you believe her or not?" The answer, of course, is that it is *not* a question of whether you believe her or not. I for one believe that *she* believes what she is proposing. I really do. The problem is I disagree with her conclusion. Further, I don't disagree because I think she is wrong, I disagree because the cost for me is too great. Spofford's question, unintentionally I'm sure, is truly divisive in the debate.

In the past month or so I've heard a lot of numbers and opinions on the issue of the override. Most are somewhat self serving. Let me suggest a number that focuses me on this debate. If I look at my last property tax bill, take the 62.23 percent that the bill states is the "portion attributable to education," multiply that by the next 10 years and I discover I'll be paying $44,040 to educate Cohasset kids. Since I'm living on a fixed income that amount is a lot of money for me. With the larger override suggested I'd expect my share of paying for other folks' education in that 10 years would exceed $50,000. Retirees living on fixed incomes with more valuable real estate than mine [my house is close to the median value] will pay more. Fred Koed was right to identify this as a big issue for the elderly. But it's really an issue for all segments of Cohasset's electorate. This is a tax that will be with us forever.

Clearly what this issue will come down to will be two events: (1) town meeting and (2) the vote to override Prop 2-1/2. For me the larger override is unacceptable while the smaller is merely very costly. For those with kids in the schools they will disagree with me. That's fair. However, every voter in Cohasset ought to make sure they go to town meeting and vote on the override if it survives town meeting. I know those with kids in school will be focused on this and I urge all the other voters who don't have kids in the schools and want to voice their opinion to come out and participate.

Terry McCarthy
Old Pasture Road

Objects to this week's question

TO THE EDITOR:

I find this week's question divisive in and of itself. Perhaps the town "appears to be split into two distinct camps" in your opinion. However, this seems to be a position that only serves to perpetuate divisiveness.

I strongly feel the majority of the community is interested in the best interest of the town as a whole. As on any issues, there are minority "camps", however these sides do not speak to the great number of citizens.

This town has made many efforts to open communication. Examples include the creation of Cohasset's Strategic Plan, a community based Curriculum Committee, and recent forums including the Selectmen, Advisory committee and School committee.

I for one, am for this town, which clearly the schools are part. How can there be a town without the schools, or can the schools exist without the town?

Please present factual based questions to help the community educate themselves about these candidates.

Christine Cunning
48 Jerusalem Road

Confusion over source of signs

TO THE EDITOR:

As elections are approaching, signs are popping around the town of Cohasset. It has come to our attention that there is confusion over the recent posting of several red and white signs supporting the schools of Cohasset.

The Committee to Support Cohasset schools is not responsible for these signs. Although originally formed to support the FY'07 school budget, the group is now focused on supporting a town override — an override that supports both the schools and the municipal services.

The Committee to Support Cohasset schools will be communicating and educating the community on the need for an override. We will be creating materials such as signs, flyers and ads. However, our message will not be singularly focused. We want the best for *our town.*

We hope this letter clarifies any confusion and we look forward to working together with other groups in town to pass a much-needed override!

Terry Green
Mark Flibotte
Chairs, Committee to Support Cohasset Schools

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History behind old railroad spur

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

The Greenbush rail restoration project has many complicated environmental issues. The MBTA chose to obtain their environmental permits at the Commonwealth level. The advantage to them is that they are not beholden to the individual Conservation Commissions of the five towns undergoing rail construction. Now, the MBTA only has to deal with one environmental organization, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. But, the disadvantage of this arrangement is that the Town Conservation Commissions have been removed from the permitting and oversight roles. Thus, when we have questions about the MBTA's environmental methods, we need to go to the Commonwealth DEP. We can't solve the issue locally.

Now, let's switch gears for a moment and then we'll come back to the topic of environmental permitting and oversight. Part of the Greenbush is the construction of a pedestrian / bike path from the station on Route 3A, across Route 3A through Whitney Woods into Wompatuck Park. This path will be about 1.5 miles long. Clearly, this is not a trivial undertaking.

You might ask why the MBTA would build such a path as a part of the commuter rail project. Although it is a great idea and will benefit Cohasset residents, the MBTA is not generally known for their altruistic activities. The answer is very interesting. This path follows the route of an old railroad spur that was used as recently as the Korean War to ship the munitions produced in the factories located in what is know Wompatuck Park.

The MBTA agreed to build the bike path along the path of the railroad spur line to obtain the needed portion of the old spur.

When this spur rail line was no longer used the land came under the ownership of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. A portion of this spur, where it joined the Greenbush main line, was needed by the MBTA to construct the station and a small portion of the main line. The MBTA agreed to build the bike path along the path of the railroad spur line to obtain the needed portion of the old spur. We guess you'd call this is a quid pro quo.

Now back to environmental stuff.

The MBTA bike path was not permitted under the blanket DEP permit, but by the Cohasset Conservation Commission (Con Com). Thus, the local Con Com has jurisdiction over this project. As with any environmental project, the rules that must be followed by the permittee are listed in a document called "Orders of Conditions. Last month, the bike path site was visited by the Trustees of Reservation, owners of Whitney Woods, and they noticed that the MBTA had not followed the Orders of Conditions. Consequently, the Cohasset Con Com stopped all construction and held a public meeting on March 2. They issued a letter to the MBTA to appear before the Con Com at 8:00 PM on March 23 for a hearing about the MBTA's non-compliance. Until this hearing all work on the bike path has been suspended. We'll keep you posted as this topic unfolds.

Other construction areas

In case you noticed, not much work has been done lately on the Pleasant Street rail crossing. The grading and utilities are all in place. The project is waiting for the asphalt plants to open. A layer of asphalt is put under the track as a normal part of crossing construction. They expect that the asphalt plants will open shortly. However, their opening is weather dependent. With the warm weather predicted for this weekend, hopefully it will be sooner rather than later.

Sohier Street construction continues to be "on schedule," which calls for completion in very early May. Let's all hope that this proves to be accurate so we can rid ourselves of the agony of the Sohier Street closure

We expect that work will begin around the end of March or early April on the blasting at the foot of Pond Street at Spring Street. Also, when Sohier Street is complete the work crews will; probably relocate to the new North Main St. crossing near the Cohasset Golf Club.

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Stone piers tell an ancient story

MARINER'S CORNER

STEVE BOBO

This is the second in a series of columns whose purpose is to stimulate a general recognition of the part our maritime heritage has had in shaping the character of Cohasset.

As one looks around Cohasset Harbor, one immediately notices large numbers of stone walls and piers . Many of the piers are now covered with buildings of one sort or another, Atlantica, the Salt House, Mill River Marine, etc. More modern waterfronts have few such structures arrayed around their waterfront; and those that do exist are usually supplemented by concrete abutments and seawalls. In themselves, stone piers tell an ancient story. It was only a 100 years or so in our past that these walls and piers were populated by ships and large fishing vessels.

If one studies the picture, it will be seen that the boats appear to be nearly out of water. The tide was out. They would look much more normal if the water were higher up their sides. These large fishing schooners and world trading vessels were resting on the bottom when the pictures were taken. Their waterlines are some two feet higher than the water. They are all aground and will have to wait for high tide to leave Cohasset.

Nowadays, we think of groundings of larger vessels as being an in-extremis condition. However, for many thousands of years, such was the condition for all floating vessels unless they were moored out in deep water, a condition which made them difficult to load and provision. For nearly 2,000 years one of the requirements to be met by those building boats was to make them so they could be comfortably grounded. As vessels became larger this constraint added bulk and strength to boats considerably in excess of that necessary for travel in any but the worst weather. The stone docks facilitated things greatly.

These large fishing schooners and world trading vessels were resting on the bottom when the picture was taken.

One may judge the significance of a community's early attachment to maritime commerce by the number location, size and importance of it's stone piers. And from this criterion if no other, Cohasset ranks as an important former seagoing community. If we know what to look for, we can see other manifestations of a long and intense connection with the sea. It was only in the late 1870s that maritime commerce became uneconomical for the ships which, because of their small size, could not compete with larger vessels from deeper ports like Gloucester and New Bedford. At that point the harbor was relegated to yachts and other small craft. The families which had made their fortunes in maritime commerce had learned to become traders and were no less successful in their new professions. Accordingly we have many old families, former backers and users of Cohasset vessels, who have dealt in textiles, leather, woolens and other trading commodities of the early 20th century.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

HEALTH NOTES

Answering questions about proposed mutual aid pact

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On April 1st, at the Town meeting, the Board of Health is sponsoring Article 23 which will ask the Town to approve a medical mutual aid agreement to join a mutual aid district which covers greater Boston towns including Cambridge, Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and others. This agreement will enable better communication between towns, and permit us to call upon most of the medical resources available in the greater Boston for a public health emergency. One might ask why we need this. The answers are below.

• Why mutual aid for public health? Public health involves first-responder responsibilities, much like police and fire departments. The mutual aid agreement makes it possible for public health to enjoy similar support from communities for events that overwhelm local capacity. Communities agree to consider requests under the mutual aid agreement, and provide assistance to their colleagues when able.

• Why must this agreement be approved by town meeting, or city council? The mutual aid agreement is an intermunicipal agreement, authorized by MGL c.40, § 4A. This statute requires that citizens of the Town must approve intermunicipal agreements by town meeting or other means.

• There is legislation pending that would create mutual aid. Why not wait for that legislation? The pending legislation creates a mutual aid agreement for a declared state of emergency, or major disaster. This public health mutual aid agreement is designed to permit communities to request support from each other for events that overwhelm local capacity, but may not rise to the level of a state of emergency.

• Are there any cost employment and liability issues associated with participation in the region? No. Any person responding to a mutual aid request remains an employee of his or her own (sending) community even while working in another community. Each agency, sending or receiving, is responsible for its own employees' wages, benefits, and similar obligations. The agreement also stipulates that each employer is responsible for the acts of their own employees. This is consistent with fire and police mutual aid agreements.

This public health mutual aid agreement is designed to permit communities to request support from each other for events that overwhelm local capacity.

• How will someone from another town know what to do in our community? Staff from other communities will operate under the direction of staff of the receiving community. The agreement asks that requesting communities be specific about the scope of work they will require from sending communities.

• Do we have to send our staff? No, the agreement specifies that the provision of aid is voluntary. Communities are asked to consider the request, and send assistance, as they are able. The agreement requires that requesting agencies be as specific as possible about the type of support they need and the length of time it is needed. This information will aid other communities in determining their response.

• What about reimbursement? There are no provisions for automatic reimbursement for the provision of mutual aid. Communities may negotiate arrangements individually. This agreement conforms to FEMA policy regarding mutual aid. FEMA requires that any mutual aid agreement must be in writing, must be in effect before the event, and it cannot be contingent on a Presidential disaster declaration.

• Why do we have to have an agreement with communities far away from us? The mutual aid agreement is being implemented in existing MDPH Emergency Preparedness Regional coalitions. These communities have been collaborating regarding emergency preparedness issues for a number of years. Additionally, it is potentially beneficial to have an agreement in place with communities beyond immediate neighbors. There are more and better resources in a larger coalition.

• Why aren't all our immediate neighbors part of this region? Can we have an agreement with them? MDPH Emergency Preparedness Regional coalitions do sometimes separate natural partners. If there are additional communities outside of our region that we wish to join in a mutual aid agreement, we can enter into a similar agreement with them.

• There may be a better way of doing mutual aid. Why can't we change the agreement, or create our own?

Mutual aid is not mutual if agreements differ between communities. The intent of asking communities to accept the agreement is to preserve mutual aid, not to dictate policy. Nevertheless, communities are afforded flexibility in how they implement the agreement.

Cohasset's Board of Health will, with the Town Manager, authorize representatives who receive requests for assistance. But, it's never mandatory to provide assistance. Communities are not expected to deplete their own resources to provide aid. Communities agree to consider requests under the mutual aid agreement, and provide assistance to their colleagues when able.

The Board hopes you will vote to approve this warrant article.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Scorecards needed today

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

After all these years, I can still remember the names of the infielders for the Boston Bees in 1938 and, believe me, Elbie Fletcher, Tony Cuccinello, Rabbit Warstler and Debs Garms are eminently forgettable. They finished fifth.

But I can't for the life of me recall anything about the infield for the Boston Red Sox in 2004, the year they won their first World Series in 86 years, except that the first baseman kept the ball after the last out and the Sox sued to get it back.

Only two years after Our Olde Towne Team hoisted the most coveted banner in baseball in Fenway Park you'll need more than just a scorecard to identify the players. You'll need a state-of-the-art edition of the Baseball Encyclopedia.

The Boston Globe the other day found it necessary to pause in its coverage of the Red Sox spring training camp in Fort Myers, Fla., to identify the new players by their numbers — in case they haven't finished printing scorecards by opening day, probably.

J. T. Snow is No. 84. Who?

Somehow I knew it would come to this once free agency really settled in, that the 35,000 or so fans who fill Fenway Park daily would wind up rooting for laundry instead of the people who are wearing it.

Why do I get the feeling that, when a member of the Red Sox hits a home run, George Steinbrenner has his checkbook out by the time he touches second and he's New York Yankee by the time he crosses the plate? Hi, there, Johnny Damon!

And why do I get the feeling that the Red Sox don't really care because they have a checkbook, too, and there's this guy who just homered in Cleveland . . . Hi, there, Coco Crisp! (No. 12, you know)

Will there ever be another Ted Williams, who was here for 20 years, long enough to have tunnel named after him? Or Carl Yastrzemski, who was around long enough for everyone to learn to spell his name, which took another 20 years.

Baseball isn't the only sport where laundry has become more important than the person in it.

Bruins' fans will remember the Kraut Line, Milt Schmidt, Bobby Bauer and Porky Dumart, the heart and soul of the hockey club for years, and the Uke Line of Johnny Bucyk, Vic Stasiuk and Bronco Horvath, that succeeded them.

Now it's nothing to see a line start a game only to be broken up in the second period and maybe even traded before the next game.

The great Celtics teams that won 11 out of 13 NBA titles featured the same players, Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, Bill Sharman, Tom Heinsohn, Tom Sanders, Frank Ramsey, John Havlicek, and the Jones boys, Sam and Casey.

Now it seems like it's Paul Pierce and a bunch of guys who played elsewhere two weeks ago and will be playing somewhere else next month.

Don't get me wrong. Free agency, which is behind it all, is a great thing for the players. But sports today is a little like playing cards. You get a new hand dealt to you every year. And you'd better hope you anted up enough to get good cards.

Selectman's debate

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin as they moderate an exciting, televised selectman's debate on the issues with candidates Roger Hill and Ted Carr.

The hour-long debate is scheduled to air on March 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

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The debate with all four School Committee candidates will start airing March 23.

Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

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Shedding light on the snow-removal budget

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

A recent letter to the editor reacting to recent stories about the deficit in the snow removal budget and other budget issues illustrates some common misunderstandings about the municipal budget process.

The town allocated $50,000 at last April's Town Meeting, which already has been depleted by this season's two moderate snowstorms. But this line item is a fiction and for good reason. All parties involved in the budget process — the DPW head, the town manager, finance director, selectmen, Advisory Committee, and Town Meeting — are fully aware that when they plug a figure into the snow removal line item in the budget article for the April Town Meeting, it is an estimate on the low end. We are able to do this because this is the only line item in a municipal budget which state law permits a city or town to operate at a deficit (if needed) throughout the fiscal year. Then, after we have received our certified free cash figure from the state for that fiscal year, we can draw from the free cash at a Special Town Meeting in order to close out the outstanding snow removal deficit on the town's books.

So, contrary to the writer's tongue-in-cheek contention that our public officials must "have lived in Florida for the past few decades," they have a clear idea of what they are doing when they put a number into the line item for snow removal. Indeed, most municipalities in the state similarly tend to make budget estimates for snow removal on the low side. Why do we do so?

For one thing, it is the single-most unpredictable line item in the budget. A few years ago we expended $35,000. A couple of years later we spent more than $235,000. State law takes into account the reality that no one (including municipal officials) can predict the weather. In addition, one must understand some of the nuances of the municipal budget process. At the forthcoming April Town Meeting, we will expend every nickel of our revenues to balance the town budget for fiscal 2007. But if Town Meeting this April were to place say, $150,000 into the snow removal line item instead of $50,000, we would have $100,000 less to use in the FY '07 budget (this is the salary equivalent of two or three town employees) for other needs and obligations that must be met starting July 1 (as opposed to the snow budget line item that may, or may not, be expended at some point mid-year).

Thus, not only does the current manner of estimating the snow removal budget make sense relative to the overall budget, but it also allows our town some degree of flexibility in an otherwise inflexible budgeting process.

The frustration on the part of the average taxpayer with our ever-increasing budgets and property taxes, of which this letter is an example, is understandable. But it also breeds a desire to advocate rigid solutions. In discussing the town budget in general, the letter writer stated, "...a smart and efficient town would force our school committee to keep to the 3 percent spending increase limit. Only by setting a precedent (as voters did in finally preventing the annual override request last year) and sticking to it will we ever teach our elected officials that it is their job to push back on spending requests, suppliers, special interests, etc. in order to maintain a system of acceptable annual tax increases."

However, such reasoning fails to recognize that our seemingly-intractable budget problems truly appear to have become structural relative to the constraints of Prop. 2-1/2. Given that the state may be decreasing our net local aid in FY '07, it should be apparent to every concerned citizen that there will be no easy solutions to our town's budget problems for the foreseeable future.

Speaking as a taxpayer, trust me, I too, share the pain when our taxes go up. But as with everything else in life, you get what you pay for. If we want our town government to provide us with the same level of public safety protection and other services we have now, as well as a quality school system, we will have to pay the necessary taxes for that to happen.

And that's about as simple as it gets.

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

Distressed by high-tax insensitivity

COMMENTARY

RICHARD BROOKS

I had the interesting experience of reading a "challenging" letter from another reader in a recent Mariner. Several of the statements in the letter merit commentary. I am not familiar with the credentials that the writer possesses to support his statements, however well meaning, but please allow me to comment based on my spectrum of professional credentials and related experiences.

Let me begin with the writer's statement that he finds disconcerting the "general ignorance" of some members of our Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee relative to the problems facing our school system. I disagree, especially relative to our selectmen. Cohasset is blessed to have a current group of selectmen with such maturity and business/municipal management experience and who truly have the Town's best interests at heart. This board, who know well that their management job is to turn around Cohasset's years of misdirection, divisiveness and financial missteps, is the finest, most qualified board that Cohasset has had in years.

I'm positive that they recognize that the school department, as with other town departments, have a common history of prior managements choosing to solve multi-dimensional problems by throwing money at the problems rather than dealing with the problems face on in a business like, fiscally prudent manner. Organizations are managed by people who are accountable for managing other people assets and financial assets. Adverse down trends are rarely reversed by adding new money only! No private enterprises, excepting perhaps charities, are run in that naive fashion. It just does not work and can only exacerbate the problem.

I might add that the tax override "no" vote last year was the voters' message of support to the selectmen and to the town manager, calling for the management and fiscal turnaround to commence in earnest. I suspect we may see the same message this year as it appears that the tougher challenges will not be addressed. Very disappointing!

The second statement from the writer that catches the eye is the statement that a town-wide balanced budget is not grounded in reality and that it is an erroneous "notion" that a 3 percent increased balanced budget is an artificial, contrived, misleading objective that conforms to the unrealistic requirements of our state law known as Prop. 2-1/2 WOW!

Decades of experience have proven that Prop 2-1/2 was indeed the right medicine. This law thoughtfully provides for an override vote to exceed the 2-1/2 tax increase limitation if a majority of the voters is convinced that additional funds are also needed. Sounds like a solid democratic process to me. When the allowed "new growth" tax proceeds are added, the 2-1/2 percent in reality increases substantially. For Cohasset for FY 2007, it looks to be over 4 percent and inflation has not been a challenge!

Again, my observation is that Town Manager Bill Griffin is doing his job and doing it quite well. Cohasset is so used to depending upon overrides every year that the budget process departed from the correct approach, which Bill Griffin has appropriately re- instituted. He is an experienced professional and a breath of fresh air for Cohasset.

Relative to the writer's statement that he is unaware of a single person/family that has been forced to move out of Cohasset due to the high and escalating taxes, that may be true for him but I think most of us know of such cases. In the past two years, well over 300 existing homes in Cohasset have been sold and the average selling price for those homes is $650+K. It is naive not to realize that a number of those sellers were escaping the excessive tax burden. My next-door neighbor was one of those. Actually, the latest grumble around Town is that Cohasset is getting too expensive for even the wealthy to live here! Imagine Peter Roy waking up to find out he's the last to leave and having to drive all over Town to put out all the lights, including the schools!

I am distressed by the widespread insensitivity many exhibit relative to the impact that this high tax burden has on a large segment of our Townspeople. Perhaps we may need to look to a town regulation that Cohasset residency is a requirement for holders of top positions in our Town-paid institutions? But-would that force rent control?

The writer also states that he does not understand the "negativity" that has greeted the School Committee and the Superintendent by other Town Boards' members. Maybe this arises from past finger pointing by over-zealous supporters? Can I say, "Who is sans sin?"

In the SC elections in a few weeks, I am not going to vote for the money throwers. We need a steady flow of qualified, new SC members who will help identify the problems and exercise GMP (good management practices) to address all the causes, including justifying additional funding if found truly needed. Again dollars alone are rarely the answer—because they rarely are the only problem!

Concerning school district representatives, my observation is that public relations skills need enhancement, that those who would be lightening rods will attract lightning and that incrementalism is a most effective way to reaching a large goal when commonsense indicates that the "all at once" approach is probably not going to fly given the Town's too-high tax rate and the skepticism that exists. Thus, the school budget is usually the center of attention, with more publicity than all other Town Departments put together. Those other dept. budgets/requests should get "equal time". It's all real money! I'm pretty hopeful that the Selectmen and Town Manager know well that financial challenges exist in most every department. Their task ahead is as tough as it gets! Are the overrides a call for help or for guidance from the taxpaying voters?

I'm concerned that some academic performance indicators are starting to move in the wrong direction, that classic-indeed invaluable-enrichment/developmental programs such as Latin, arts, music, and athletics are disappearing. My intuition and experience tell me that we may well need some additional funds for the schools, but the formula for good performance is absolutely not one-dimensional.

The final statements of the writer that "every Town Dept. is being operated on a shoestring" and "I do not see any fat in our Town or School budgets" and "I have found Cohasset to be an exceptionally well-run community in my 12 years as a resident" also caught my attention. I guess I have to say that everything is relative?

I suggest "fat" comes in many forms and shapes, one just has to know where and how to look for it. Hint -pay attention to the Municipal Benchmarking data that is now being published. Exceptionally well run town? I feel we have now started back in that direction. Surely you must grant that we got a bit astray over the past several years? I lived in a lot of Mass. smaller and larger top, "bedroom" towns, such as Concord and Princeton, prior to moving to Cohasset about 7 years ago — and it was only after moving to this beautiful, charming, sea-side village that I realized how much "excitement" I was missing in those prior years! I truly hope, though, that I can afford to stay here for a few more years—a lot of good, friendly people live here! And without the Mariner and the Internet we probably would not even know we all have a lot in common (in addition to high taxes.)

Richard E. T Brooks, PhD, PE, lives at 68 Nichols Road

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ask legislators to seek more local aid

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to share with you a letter I wrote to Rep. Garrett Bradley. A similar letter was sent to Sen. Robert Hedlund.

Dear Garrett:

As a citizen of Cohasset, I am asking for your support of legislative proposals to establish a minimum per pupil level of Chapter 70 aid to cities and towns, such as the $2,000 minimum advocated by the Town of Acton and endorsed by more than 25 other towns. Since the local aid reductions in mid-fiscal 2003, Cohasset has seen significant erosion in Chapter 70 aid.

Under the Governor's fiscal 2007 proposal, Cohasset's Chapter 70 funding would still be 19 percent below its fiscal 2002 level.

Cohasset's net state aid has remained essentially unchanged since fiscal 2004, while health insurance, special education, and fuel costs have increased at double-digit annual rates.

To meet these demands, Cohasset has reduced teaching staff, seen increases in class sizes, used operating overrides, and is considering another override for fiscal 2007 to maintain level services.

Cohasset receives only $832 in per pupil Chapter 70 aid, a factor of 12 less than the highest aid recipients. While Cohasset continues to cut services and pass overrides to support our schools, many of these highest aid recipients have millions of dollars in unused levy capacity. The Acton proposal establishing a $2,000 minimum would add only 8 percent to total Chapter 70 funding, yet would bring immediate relief to the 134 school districts impacted by the proposal.

We urge you to work with fellow legislators in order to bring greater equity to the system by establishing this minimum per pupil funding level.

Sarah Murphy
41 Aaron River Road

Appalled by Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting

TO THE EDITOR:

I watched the Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday (3/07/2006) and was appalled by the cavalier attitude taken by some regarding the projected override in Cohasset. I would like to thank Selectman Dormitzer for showing the reasons why the school budget must be reviewed, simply the numbers are not trustworthy. The utility cost projections were shown to be numbers that were unsupported and not based on past experience regarding usage.

Mr. Spofford wants a higher number for the override. If I remember correctly, he was the chair of the school construction programs and did he not include cost effective equipment that would save us money on utilities?

It is obvious that there is gross mismanagement going on in the schools. It is also obvious that no one is controlling spending or appears to want to control spending. In all of the discussions I didn't hear one word spoken about who will be held accountable for the various budgets. Will it be the department heads? The Principals? The Fire Chief? The Police Chief? The Superintendent of Schools? Or will the over spending just be brushed off and put on the backs of the taxpayers?

If the Selectmen want to establish responsibility they should mandate that all budgets must be maintained and any overspending can only occur based on a Town emergency. If the department head overspends he/she should be terminated for gross mismanagement.

The school system doesn't appear to know what budget control means. They don't appear to hold anyone responsible for line items and they certainly don't keep us informed. The only way that the taxpayers can stop this runaway train in the schools is to level fund the school budget. I have lived here since 1968 and the schools have operated without financial oversight. The State tells us that the only control that we have over the School budget is the bottom line. Since the schools won't take financial control the taxpayers should. The superintendent has not explained why Cohasset is spending more than the State mandates.

The superintendent stated that she would need an extra $700,000 per year to run the Cohasset School System, it is obvious to me that she is not a manager nor is she able to control spending in our schools. She should be terminated for gross mismanagement and uncontrolled spending. She still hasn't justified to the Town why she increased Administration with an assistant principal position. Our school system only has 1,500 +/- students. Since moving to Town I have seen the school census exceed 2,000 and fall to below 1,300 and yet the budget always went up.

The school committee has not proven a real need for this level of spending nor have they fully explained to the public the need for this level of a budget. The School Committee is supposed to oversee the system to ensure that we are getting the level of education that we are paying for, and they have failed miserably. Our teachers want more money and yet we have many students paying for private tutors. Is this because all of our teachers cannot teach the subjects they are supposed to teach?

The taxpayers now have an election coming up and we can change the make-up of the School Committee and we should to get some fresh new ideas and put people in place who know the past, the present, and have some good ideas on how we should approach the future. We are talking about educating our children and it should not be costing us, as was stated at the Selectmen's meeting, $11,500 per student on average per year. Let's derail this runaway train and VOTE NO on any overrides.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

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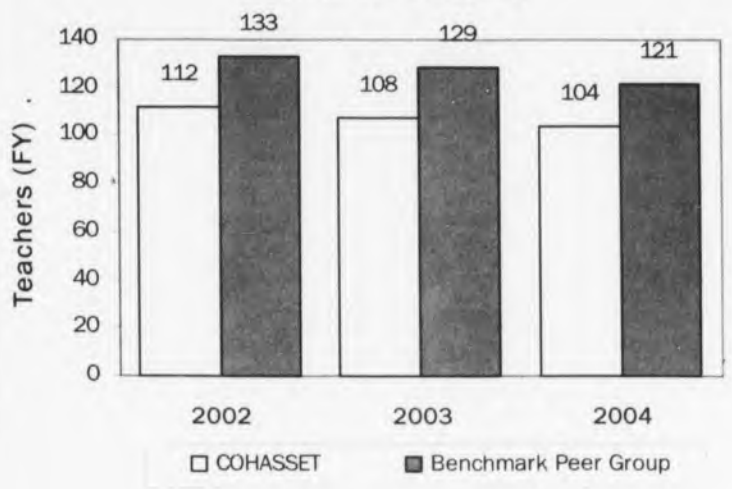
MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE

Teacher Staffing



	'02-'04 Change
COHASSET	-7.1%
Benchmark Peer Group	-9.0%

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts.

This chart looks at the number of full time equivalent teachers in Cohasset's school district in 2002, 2003 and 2004. The table below the chart sets forth the total change in teaching staff over that time period. This chart also provides the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing staffing to other similar communities, one can get a sense for how Cohasset's teaching staff has changed relative to other similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

The company's methodology stems from the idea that one can learn a lot about how and how not to deliver services by looking at how other similar communities provide those same services. The cornerstone of this approach is to find an appropriate group of similar communities. Municipal Benchmarking derives a community's Benchmark Peer Group by comparing it to the other 350 communities in Massachusetts across 15 different variables.

The variables measure socio-economic factors, such as income per capita or median family income, demographic information, such as population and portion of the population that speaks English as a second language, and geographic factors, such as how big the community is and how many miles of road it contains.

Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group consists of: Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

CANDIDATES CORNER

Kickoff for Roger Hill

The campaign kickoff for Roger Q. Hill candidate for Selectman will be held at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Hall on Saturday March 18th from 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there.

Meet Carr over coffee

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• Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at the home of Mary Lou Clark, 190 S Main St.

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Lee Jenkins campaign website

Lee Jenkins Campaign Website: ElectLeeJenkins.com is up and running. Find out where Lee stands on issues important to you and discover her background.

There are also links to Cohasset Schools, the Massachusetts Departments of Education and Revenue, Edweek, the local papers and other sites pertinent to education.

In addition there is statistical data and town reports to help you make an informed decision at the polls on April 8.

Meet Steve Fusco at local coffees

Meet Steve Fusco, candidate for school committee, at coffees planned at the homes of Rob and Michele Skolnick 26 Heather Dr. on Sunday, March 12 from 4-5:30n p.m. (RSVP 3-8164) and also at the home of Martha and Arne Gjesteby 81 Old Pasture Road on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. (RSVP 3-1614).

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SCHOOL COMMITTEE

***For the School Committee candidates**: When it comes to the budget, town appears to be split into two distinct "camps" – the town side and the school side. What could you do to encourage better communication and decrease the appearance of distrust and skepticism between the "two sides?"*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Rick Flynn

I don't believe we are split into two camps. Over the past few years I have witnessed increased cooperation between the town boards during the budget process. I think each of the main players, the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Advisory Board, have tried to cooperatively undertake their particular role in developing the budget. When that has been done, we have all come together in an effort to find common ground and do what we believe is in the best interest of the town.

There has been an increased willingness by each group to listen to various budget needs and to try and educate themselves on what is necessary to provide appropriate services. This is not always a simple process and there are many issues and opinions to consider.

Because there are particular roles and responsibilities for each board, it is not possible to develop a single town budget. The School Committee must focus on the School Department budget while the Board of Selectmen builds the municipal budget. Each group has its own expertise, while the Advisory Board helps to frame certain discussions and ask tough questions to make sure the budgets have been analyzed from many different angles.

I don't believe there is natural distrust and skepticism. In many cases the sheer need for increased funding threatens certain people who translate increased costs with fiscal mismanagement. I would like to thank all of the many people who have spent numerous hours helping to put our new budget together and for their willingness keep an open mind. As difficult as this exercise sometimes becomes, I believe all participants have the best interests of Cohasset in mind and are doing there best to balance delivery of services with ever increasing fiscal pressures.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Steve Fusco

I would approach the situation as I would any business problem – from a management perspective. Given the current split between town and school "camps," the first step is to separate fact from fiction and innuendo. I would convene a "cross camp" team made up of key individuals from the town and schools. We would brainstorm to uncover main conflicts and areas of common ground. An independent, volunteer facilitator would be very beneficial to this process. Once we are working together as a TEAM, we can use the same approach to creatively solve our mutual problems.

I believe one area in which this Cohasset town/school team could make an enormous impact would be on identifying similar service/function opportunities. The team could review the possibility of combining resources for technology, custodial services, general administration, purchasing, finance, etc. Other towns have been successful with this approach. In 2005, **Franklin** managed to overcome their internal boundaries, combining the personnel departments, internet services, phone systems, and other resources of its town and school departments for an estimated *annual* savings of $125,000! Imagine the potential savings if this kind of creative thinking was applied to every area of our town and school budgets.

Everyone tells me they support the proper funding of our schools, but they also rightly expect the town and the school to work together to seek out efficiencies and cost savings. I believe if we take a more managerial approach, we can begin a new chapter and improve the overall budgeting process. If not, we are destined to repeat history and incur unwanted overrides. As Albert Einstein once said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Cohasset has an exciting opportunity to improve town/school communication and the overall budgeting process. We can and must do better.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Lee Jenkins

Cohasset is composed of highly professional intelligent people. Unfortunately when it comes to the issues regarding children and education, it becomes a very emotional debate. But all of us are committed to education.

I believe we must abandon the "old thinking" that has brought us to this difficult place and begin to solve the challenges facing our community as one. There can be no "them" or "us" for only "we" can succeed.

Only through an open dialog, conducted with mutual respect for the views and concerns of our fellow citizens, can we arrive at fair and equitable solutions to the challenges facing our schools and our community.

Quality education, transparency, cooperation, accountability, and responsibility are cornerstones of my action plan — and concepts I have been advocating for 20 years. Recently, I was a proponent for, and successfully passed, a bylaw change requiring the town and the schools to post monthly budget information at the library so citizens can be better informed. In the past, I successfully lobbied to have the school committee meetings televised plus requested that test scores be returned to the Annual Town Report

As a member of the school committee, I will work to open channels of communication between town hall, the schools, and the community; bring the needed oversight to the school committee that the School Budget Investigation Committee found lacking; return accountability and credibility to the school-side budget process; identify opportunities to work with the town-side to effect economies in shared expenses; and, return a "culture of learning" to our schools.

It is up to our elected and appointed officials to lead the way. For my part, I will continue to advocate for transparency and cooperation, and promote a respect for the community, its concerns, and its welfare.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Barbara Buckley

First, we need a commitment to civility and civil discourse. We are all neighbors, after all. Secondly, we need common goals. I have plans for two such goals.

Our most urgent goal is to band together to lobby the state for restoration of local aid. If all Selectmen, School Committee members, Advisory Board members and PSO board members were to speak with one voice, our Representatives, Senators and Governor would have to listen and respond. We can work with officials and citizens from other towns to raise a powerful voice to demand the action that has been promised over and over. Restoring prior levels of state aid would significantly decrease our financial woes. Collaborating toward this goal that serves us all would provide a structure for repairing divisions in town.

We also need to support the Alternative Energy Committee to bring wind energy to Cohasset, just as Hull has done successfully. Hull's wind turbine generates $500,000 of electricity a year, well above the needs of the three Cohasset schools. Additionally, students can participate in research, development, installation, data collection and maintenance of turbines. Student work in the area of alternative energy is supported by 7-1/2 pages of objectives from the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for math, science, technology and engineering. This common goal will result in a cleaner planet, authentic student learning, a profitable energy source for our town and a way to mend fences between committees.

Unity is accomplished by identifying and pursuing the common good. Increasing state aid and decreasing fixed costs are just two identified needs that can unite our community. To bring about collaboration between the Selectmen and the School Committee, I hereby volunteer to serve as a liaison to the Selectmen. I vow to be a respectful listener and speaker in my work for the town.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SELECTMAN

***For the Selectman candidates**: When it comes to the budget, town appears to be split into two distinct "camps" – the town side and the school side. What could you do to encourage better communication and decrease the appearance of distrust and skepticism between the "two sides?"*

SELECTMAN\Roger Hill

We should never see the town's fiscal challenges as being caused by one "side" or another. Residents and taxpayers have the right to expect both top quality education, and the best in our municipal fire, police, and public works services. We also have the right to expect the most efficient use of our tax dollars.

Communication is the key as we work to avoid splitting our community into the "sides" of "schools vs. town." All of our budgetary issues need to be brought forward each year in a timely manner. Waiting until late in the annual budget cycle causes confusion and frustration. As an elected selectman, I will work to improve lines of communication among all elected boards, the town manager, and department heads. Each department head needs to understand that Cohasset residents want the best in all town services, and that other departments have equally legitimate needs for tax dollars.

Under our form of local government, the town manager is the central coordinator of budgets and departments, while respecting the legally quasi-independent status of the School Department under state law. The sooner issues are brought to the town manager, the more options can be explored and better solutions can be reached. I see my job as a selectman to support this process of moving priority items to the town manager, and to joint meetings of multiple boards, as quickly as possible.

All of our departments are today feeling tremendous financial pressure. As we make key decisions, some will walk away from the table unhappy. Our central challenge is to always make sure that everyone involved in the process sees the process itself as fair, open, and accessible to all. That is the key to avoiding the negative perception that different "sides" are contending for increasingly scarce resources.

SELECTMAN/Ted Carr

I do not believe there are two distinct "camps" — the town side versus the school side — and I do not believe that there should be. Anyone who believes differently is part of the problem and not part of the solution. Therefore, achieving budget objectives requires identifying our common goals and working together as a team to achieve our short-term and long-term objectives.

Our schools are an integral part of our town. This should be apparent from the fact that 40 percent of our town's annual budget is devoted to funding our school system, not including appropriations for school employee benefits and building maintenance. Combined, we devote more than a majority of our budget to supporting our school system. Cohasset residents fund our schools through property taxes and pay for services. In return, our school system provides our children with a high quality education and increases our property values. We are interdependent systems that require each other to thrive.

Our interdependency requires short- and long-term strategies to ensure our relationship continues to be mutually beneficial. I have attended a number of school budget discussions and am very impressed with the open and transparent process. I support this process and would ensure that there continues to be an open forum for discussion, debate, and resolution. Although one may not agree with the ultimate outcome, ensuring a fair and transparent process precludes criticism on how that outcome was obtained.

Any time I am involved with a team that may not agree, I do the following: 1) Identify common benefits; 2) Establish short- and long-term strategies to achieve our objectives; and 3) Operate through a fair and transparent process to achieve those objectives. Working together as a team promotes communication, builds trust, and turns skepticism into understanding.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For school committee candidates: *The higher override figure includes $1.1 million for the schools but is $200,000 less than what the schools asked for, so something has to go. Would the school's share of the cost of a school resource officer be on your priority list to remain in the budget? Why or why not?*

For selectman candidates: *Two sitting selectmen are skeptical about the need for a school resource officer and whether that position could make a difference in terms of preventing more threats at the school or reducing police overtime. What's your opinion?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Growing the commercial tax base

TO THE EDITOR:

After attending several meetings regarding the FY 07' budget, I am writing as a concerned taxpayer, parent and commercial property owner.

At the present time, the Selectmen are discussing the possibility of adding a large override question for vote at town meeting. The override is necessary in part because of annual fixed cost increases in excess of the statutory 2-1/2 percent and continual decreases in state aid. The largest impact of the override will be on the residential taxpayers of the community. Although I am not happy about expending more dollars toward my taxes, I feel the override is very important to maintain the quality of schools and services that the people of Cohasset expect and deserve.

However, an override is only a partial short-term solution. The lack of commercial development in Cohasset is another reason why the town is having these financial "growing pains." For years, Cohasset has not welcomed commercial development with open arms. It has been difficult at times for developers to obtain the necessary approvals to move forward with a project. The lack of a *commercial* tax base puts a larger financial burden on the residential tax base.

At the present time, the Planning Board is committed to creating commercial development. At town meeting a few articles will aim to make commercial development more feasible. There is a proposed by-law to reduce the number of parking spaces required for commercial buildings from 10 spaces to 5 spaces per 1000 square feet of net floor area. There is also a Transit Oriented District (TOD) zoning change being proposed which promotes mixed-use development, both residential and light industry, near the new train station. These changes will open the door for a few projects that would not be possible under the current rules. By adding a larger commercial tax base, we can alleviate some of the tax burden on the residents in the future.

The people of Cohasset have some tough choices to make. As responsible citizens we need to vote for the override to ensure that town buildings and town residents receive reasonable funding. This is going to take some money out of our pockets. But for a long-term solution, we need to encourage the type of commercial development along the Route 3A corridor that will complement (and beautify) the Town and in the future require less tax dollars from the residential base.

Please support the override and the zoning changes at Town Meeting on April 1st and at the ballot box. Thank you.

Lynne Schwandt
Tower Lane

Public attitudes deter effective energy policy

TO THE EDITOR:

Why does every Administration, every session of Congress, fail to produce an energy policy that courageously and effectively addresses our real energy issues? Basically, there are **three issues:** satisfying the massive energy demand of our highly developed society, drastically reducing dependence on foreign oil, and protecting the environment by drastically reducing the burning of fossil fuels.

Probably the failure is because Congress and the Administration are either too sensitive to, or share, the attitudes of the public. These attitudes unfortunately stem from ignorance of the quantitative realities and from prejudices instilled by irresponsible journalists who rely on the misinformation disseminated by activist organizations –including many environmentalist organizations. An elected representative or a President who dares try to lead, by telling it like it is, is minced by the media and denounced in legions of letters by the innocents who passionately believe that the promise of renewables and conservation can spare us from facing the need to more fully exploit energy from nuclear fission.

It should be obvious that serious and effective address to the three issues stated in the first paragraph does not permit less-than-determined exploitation of all three answers: conservation, renewables, and electric energy from nuclear fission. Our society increasingly depends on electricity, and will even more, as vehicle propulsion moves inexorably from petroleum to hybrids to full electric. This trend probably will be led by France, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. Whatever electricity can be produced by solar and wind needs to be backed up to some extent by fossil, nuclear, or hydro – essentially all feasible hydro has long since been developed.

The "attitudes" to which our politicians respond, and the continuing national failure to act realistically, were illustrated recently at a local energy forum. As is typical of all such forums, it degenerated into recital of all the hoary clichés against nuclear energy, extravagant expectations for renewables, and condemnation of Washington for not throwing still more money and legislation to further those expectations and force more conservation.

Even nuclear fusion, a process which mimics the temperature of the sun and whose practical application requires engineering techniques so exotic they may not be developed for a very long time if ever, was touted as a substitute for further exploitation of nuclear fission, which did not require great extrapolations from well-established engineering practice and is already well proven. The attitude seems to be – use any excuse to avoid doing what has to be done.

What is really needed is a broader understanding of the quantitative realities of demand and supply, and abandonment of myths that conservation, or that some favored energy source can serve our needs to the exclusion of some other source. Truth is we need all we can get from renewables and nuclear to make a dent in the three issues stated in the above first paragraph. The conservation most needed is conservation of false hopes.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Bravo! to CHS drama students

TO THE EDITOR:

There is more outstanding news from the CMHS Arts! This year marks the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival's seventy fifth year with well over one hundred high schools around the state participating. We are pleased to congratulate the following Cohasset High School students who, directed by Mrs. Stephanie Noble, delivered a superlative performance and progressed to the Semi Final Round: (Crew) Charles Miller, Myles Collins-Wooley, Robby St. John, Molly Trisler, Erin Liddell, Vanessa Plante, (Cast) Molly Gallagher,Emily Savage, Austin Breslow, Mike Corry, and JoAnna Hamilton.

Cohasset's Semi Final performance will take place on Saturday, March 18th at 5:30pm at BMC Durfee High school in Fall River.

Bravo--for a job well done! You have made Cohasset very proud.

The Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters
Catherine Davis
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Full-day kindergarten is a success story

TO THE EDITOR:

At the Joint Meeting of our town boards last Monday (Feb. 27), a comment was made regarding the beginning foundations of statistics being taught in kindergarten. A lofty goal, most would assume. But, I was able to experience these beginnings just this year in Ms. Raymond's full-day kindergarten class at the Osgood School.

The lesson was grounded in a more typical kindergarten topic: gingerbread cookies. Our brave teacher distributed the cookies and asked the children to wait for her signal before taking their first bite. And, yes, they waited. On three, each child took his/her first bite and then placed the cookie in front of them and was again asked to wait. And, yes, they waited. They went on to discuss how many children had taken their first bite from the arm, the leg or the middle of the gingerbread man and then, of course, how many had taken the whole head off with their first bite. Ms. Raymond had each child go up to a chart and, using tally marks, indicate their first bite choice. And there it was — a tool to interpret the data collected from the activity. Beginning statistics.

This is the pilot year of our full-day kindergarten program in Cohasset and an overwhelming majority of our students are enrolled. Ninety percent. Within our benchmarking group of 20 communities, nine towns are offering full-day kindergarten at a variety of tuition levels. Forty-five percent of our established peer group. This is the future of early childhood education. In a statewide climate of ever increasing standards, this program is *one* answer to the call of quality education. Our school system deserves our support in answering this call by remaining true to the outstanding values of small class sizes, quality teaching tools and innovative programs through all levels of the Cohasset Public Schools.

And, yes, after they waited, Ms. Raymond's students were allowed to devour the remaining gingerbread bodies. It is kindergarten, after all.

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Income Tax Forms The library now has a limited number of income tax forms in the Commons room. Reproducible forms are available to copy. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Antique Appraisal Fundraiser Back by popular demand, Sunrise of Cohasset, will host its Second Annual Antique Appraisal Event on Sunday, March 26 from 2-4p.m. Professional appraisers Mr. Mark Schwortzer, a local dealer and collector, and Ms. Sandi Johnson, owner of the Goodies Shop 1 & 2, will be here to share their skills and insight into the heirlooms you may bring in for appraisal. Please bring $10 for each item to be appraised with a limit of three items from any one person. All proceeds go to the outreach program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library of Cohasset. For further information, call Gayle Walsh at the library 781-383-1348.

Book Group — Join us for coffee on Thursday, March 30 at 10 a.m. to discuss Erik Larson's "The Devil in the White City.. To place a hold on the book, call Gayle Walsh at 383-1348.

Independent Film Night — The library will show the movie "Anytown, U.S.A." on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. This 2005 documentary set in Bogota, New Jersey is a candid and eye-opening look into a hard-fought mayoral race between a Democrat, Republican, and independent - two of whom are legally blind. Free admission and refreshments.

Wine Tasting Event —Learn the fine art of tasting wines with wine consultant John Avery on Sunday, March 19 from 5-7p.m. Sample white and sparkling wines from three wineries. Wine, cheese and crackers provided. Free. Must be 21 years old or older to attend this after-hours event. Sign up with Gayle Walsh at 781-383-1348 or on-line at www.cohassetlibrary.org" click Calendar then March 19. Click on Wine Tasting Event.

Lunch Hour Lecture — Thursday, April 6 from noon-2 p.m., bring your bag lunch and enjoy a free talk on fashion sense by certified image professional Julie Foley. Julie will talk about your personal style and how you can adjust your style to what's current. Dessert and coffee provided. Free.

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FOR CHILDREN

Essay Contest – The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has announced its 7th annual On-line Student Essay Contest for Massachusetts' students in grades four-12. Theme is Making Democracy Work: Our Bill of Rights. Contest details, including rules, prizes, and essay questions are available online at www.lwvma.org. Contest deadline is March 15, 2006. Winners will be honored at an event at Fanueil Hall on April 30. Bookmarks outlining contest general information are available in the Young Adult Room.

For Teens – "My Own Café" is a website where teens living in southeastern Massachusetts can connect with other teens to discover local music, find out about books, check out the news, and learn about events happening in the area. Visitors to the site have quick and easy access to local and state databases and library catalogs. Visitors must be at least 13 years old to register and have a valid library card. Visit www.myowncafe.org.

CHILDREN'S ROOM SPRING CALENDAR

Drop-in Music with MamaSteph – Mondays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.: March 27, April 3, and April 10. A lapsit program held in the Meeting Room. Open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Drop-in Storytime – Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.: March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11. A lapsit program held in the Story room. Open to all ages and communities.

Story and Craft – Thursdays, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13. Open to Cohasset children ages 3-6. Registration begins March 10. Telephone registrations accepted.

Lincoln Bloomfield lecture Wednesday

The Cohasset Historical Society continues its monthly Wednesday night lecture series on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation by Lincoln Bloomfield, author of "Accidental Encounters with History." The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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Pancake breakfast is Sunday

A group of teens, under the tutelage of Cohasset Hockey Coach and St. Paul's Youth Minister, Ben Virga, will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser this Sun., March 12, from 8:30 - 11:30a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center. Tickets are $5 per person and $20 per family.

The group will be traveling to Louisia, Louisiana in June. They will spend a week helping to rebuild a fishing village and running a day camp for the town's children. They need to raise funds to make the trip and to purchase supplies to assist in the rebuilding effort. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For questions or tickets, please call Susan Galligan at 781.383.0765. Should you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Lifeteen" and mail it to 31 Border Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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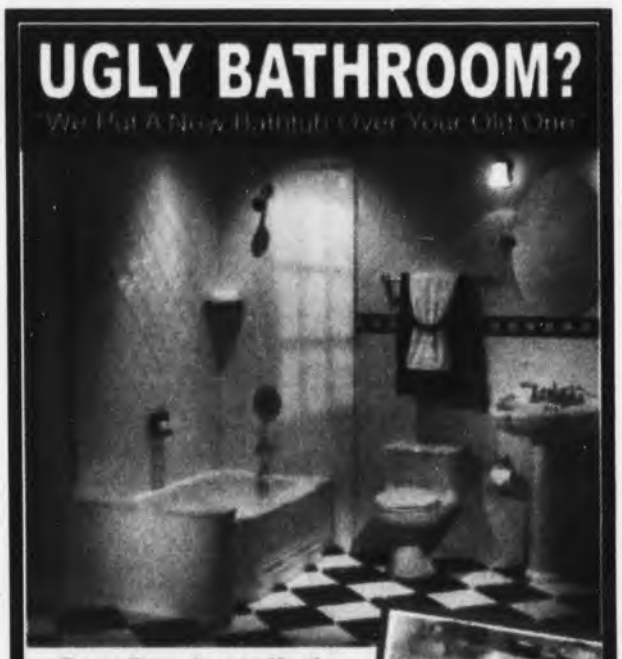

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Road Race by the Sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 30th Annual 10K Cohasset Road Race by the Sea will be held Sunday, April 2.

The proceeds go to the many local, regional, and international projects that Rotary supports. The start for the Road Race will be at 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Long sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 800 registrants to check in.

The Fran Coffey Memorial walk will be held at 10 a.m. on April 2. The 10K (6.2 mile) or a 4.5 mile will start at Sandy Beach in Cohasset. The proceeds from the walk will benefit "People in Need" at St. Patrick's in Roxbury, and Bishop Ruocco House for Girls in Lakeville, in memory of long time Cohasset Rotary race and walk supporter Franny Coffey.

Register to run or walk at http://roadracebythesea.com/ or check for more information at www.coolrunning.com. Applications will also be available in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and the South Shore Community Center. Online registration is $15. Mail-in registration is $18. On site registration at $20 will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, on April 1, 9 a.m. to noon and April 2 at the same time. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

For Race questions, call 781-383-9030 or send an email to info@roadracebythesea.com.

CHS boys wait 'til next year

By Mark Goodman
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In each of the last two seasons, six of the South Shore League's seven boys basketball teams have qualified for state tournament play.

And each time, the one that didn't make it was Cohasset. So what needs to be done to change this trend?

Head coach Dorian Bryant says putting in some serious court time in the offseason would be a good place to start.

"My real season has begun now," Bryant said Wednesday. "From the spring time to September, that's when you really get better."

The recently completed season was a tough one for the Skippers, winning just two games.

"Of course you hope for eight more wins to get into the tournament," said Bryant. "I think this season was a funny one; there were some circumstances that were not in our favor. But the kids tried hard."

One of the highlights of the season for Cohasset was the play of Patrick McCarthy. The sophomore guard led the team in scoring and averaged more than 20 a game over the last five games of the year.

McCarthy was Cohasset's lone representative on the South Shore League All-Star team.

"Patrick stepped up immensely for us this season," Bryant said. "He had a stellar year, and he's only going to get better."

The Skippers are returning four of the five players that were starting at the end of the year, with guard and second-leading scorer Trevor Brady being the only graduating starter. The other senior was center Will Pinkus, whom Bryant said gave the team a spark toward the end of the year.

Among the leading returnees are junior Justin Alexander, sophomore Dave Snowdale and freshman John Sturino. A two-year varsity starter, Alexander had another solid season down low for Cohasset, leading the team in rebounding and providing its best scoring threat in the post.

Bryant says Snowdale, a swingman, showed a lot of improvement as the season wore on. Sturino, a mid-season JV call-up, held his own despite, as Bryant said, being "thrown to the wolves."

Other players set to come back next season are John McCarthy, Ryan Crough, Jake Cuneo and Kyle Pinkus.

Bryant says he also expects a few players from this year's JV team to contribute at the varsity level in 2006-07. Coach Dave Costa's team went 8-8 this year, and played some strong basketball toward the end of the season.

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Cohasset's Mia Lieb-Lappen (foreground), Anna Haggerty (1), Sarah Coggins (12) and the rest of the Skippers bench look on during the final seconds of Monday's game against Marian. The girls lost a heartbreaker, 43-42, to end their season with a 15-8 record.

Close call

Lady Skippers' run ends as late rally against Marian falls one point short

By Mark Goodman
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ABINGTON - If the last three minutes of Monday night's game are any indication, the future of the Cohasset High girls basketball team is looking pretty darn good.

Playing with as many as four freshmen on the floor at once, the Skippers fought back from an eight-point deficit in those final minutes, and had three good shots in the last 20 seconds to win it.

Unfortunately, none of them went in, and Cohasset's dream season came to an end with a 43-42 loss to Marian in the Division 4 South semifinals.

After seeing his team's season end with a 15-8 record - giving them at least twice as many wins as most pundits would have predicted at the beginning of the year - head coach John Levangie said he could not have been more proud of his team's effort, particularly at the defensive end.

"That's the way they've done it all year, with defensive intensity," said the veteran coach. "I've been coaching a lot of years, and I think it's incredible the way they got at it. We have a great group of kids, and we almost pulled it off tonight."

The biggest reason Cohasset was in it at the end was the play of freshman center Sam Lehr. Matched up with a pair of Marian 6-footers in Nancy Littlefield and younger sister Marie, Lehr went toe-to-toe with them and finished the night with a team-high 15 points and 11 tough rebounds.

"She's not a regular freshman," Levangie said of Lehr. "She will be really good down the road."

It was Lehr free throw at the

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Sam Lehr (52) goes up strong in the second half of Monday's game. The freshman center turned in another impressive postseason performance, finishing with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

COURTESY PHOTO

The Cohasset seventh grade travel team concluded their regular season with eight straight wins to finish with an 11-5 record, good for second place in the South Shore League.
Seated (left to right) are: Coach Andrew Quigley, Caroline Fein, Emma Quigley, Rachel Fredey, Amy Costa, and Coach Steve
Fredey. Standing (left to right) are: Kate French, Lindsay Davis, Carli Haggerty, Emma Musto, Carly Martin, and Logan Pratt.

Cohasset 7's make it 8 straight

Let the March Madness begin!

The Cohasset girls 7th grade travel team concluded its regular season in fine style last weekend, winning their games at Weymouth Saturday evening and at home against Norwell Sunday afternoon.

The victories not only extended their winning streak to eight games (tops in their division of the South Shore League), but gave them a fine 11-5 record, good for a second place finish in their division. The Sevens now will compete in the league playoffs this weekend.

The latest conquests, 34-21 over Weymouth and 31-20 over Norwell, were similar to many of the Blue & White's recent triumphs during their run. The Cohasset Sevens employed good shot selection, sharp passing to find the open girl underneath, a stingy defense, good free throw shooting, and strong rebounding that yielded few second chance shots for their opponents.

In Saturday night's triumph at Large School Division opponent Weymouth, Carly Martin's seven points in the first half propelled the Blue & White into a comfortable 17-8 advantage at the intermission, from where Cohasset cruised to the victory.

The Seven-Ups continually picked apart the Weymouth 2-3 zone defense with crisp passing, which usually resulted in lay-ups, many on back-door passes. The best example of the Cohasset offensive attack was a sequence in which the girls swung the ball from Lindsay Davis at the right point to Caroline Fein at the two spot to Logan Pratt on the left wing and then to Kate French, who was cutting underneath for a lay-up.

Martin led all scorers with nine points, followed by Carli Haggerty with eight, French with seven, Emma Musto with five, and Davis with five.

The following day proved to be more of the same as Cohasset once again worked the ball down low to cutters for many close-in baskets. Coupled with some outside shooting by Davis, Norwell was easy pickins' from the beginning, as the Seven-Ups walked off at the intermission with a commanding 16-7 lead. Haggerty was immense in the opening half, as she poured in 13 of her game-high 19 points in a nearly flawless performance.

When Haggerty and Emma Musto scored the first two buckets of the second half to increase the Blue & White margin to 20-7, the Seven-Ups put their game into cruise control. In addition to Haggerty's 19 points, Davis (who also made some superb, professional-style passes to teammates underneath) added six, Musto four, and Fein had a hoop.

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three minute mark that started the Skippers' rally. On Marian's ensuing possession, senior point guard Chelsea Grossman (five points, five rebounds) stole the ball and drew a foul. Grossman made both free throws to make it a 43-38 game.

After a scoreless possession by both teams, some great defense from Grossman and junior forward Lacey Richardson (10 rebounds, four steals on the night) forced a Marian turnover with 1:48 left. Levangie called a timeout and set up a play for freshman guard Gabriella Flibotte.

The play worked to perfection, as Flibotte scored two of her 13 points on a nice baseline runner, and drew a foul in the process. She missed the free throw, but it was still a one-possession game.

With 1:20 to go, Grossman fouled out, joining forward Mia Lieb-Lappen on the bench with five fouls. Those two, along with fellow senior Katie James (who watched from the bench due to injury), had to like what they saw from the team's underclassmen. After Grossman fouled out, Marian's Bridget Robinson missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Cohasset junior Haley Haracz - who had entered the game for Lieb-Lappen - hustled for the rebound to force a jump ball.

The possession arrow favored the girls in white, and Flibotte buried a 16-footer with 54 seconds left to make it 43-42. The Cohasset defense continued its mastery, as Haracz again got on the floor to force a jump ball with 19.2 seconds left in the game, and just three on the shot clock for Marian.

Richardson stole the inbounds pass, and the Skippers stormed down the floor. Haracz found Flibotte for a good look from 17 feet out, which bounced off the rim and into the hands of a hustling Richardson. Her putback was no good, but the rebound went out of bounds off Marian, and Levangie called his last timeout with five seconds left to set up one final play.

Haracz took the ball out from under the basket and looked for Flibotte curling around the elbow, but Marian shut off that passing lane well. Haracz instead passed to Carly Salerno just outside the paint along the sideline, and despite a defender in her face, the freshman got off a good shot off the glass.

It bounced off the rim, and the rebound was swatted back toward halfcourt as the final buzzer sounded. The dream was over.

The Lady Skippers, who were supposed to be in a rebuilding year, had plenty of reason to be proud of what they accomplished.

"I can't say enough about these kids; they're just workers," said Levangie. "I'm sad that it's over, because I enjoyed being with them for three-and-a-half months."

Lady Skippers fans cheer on their team.

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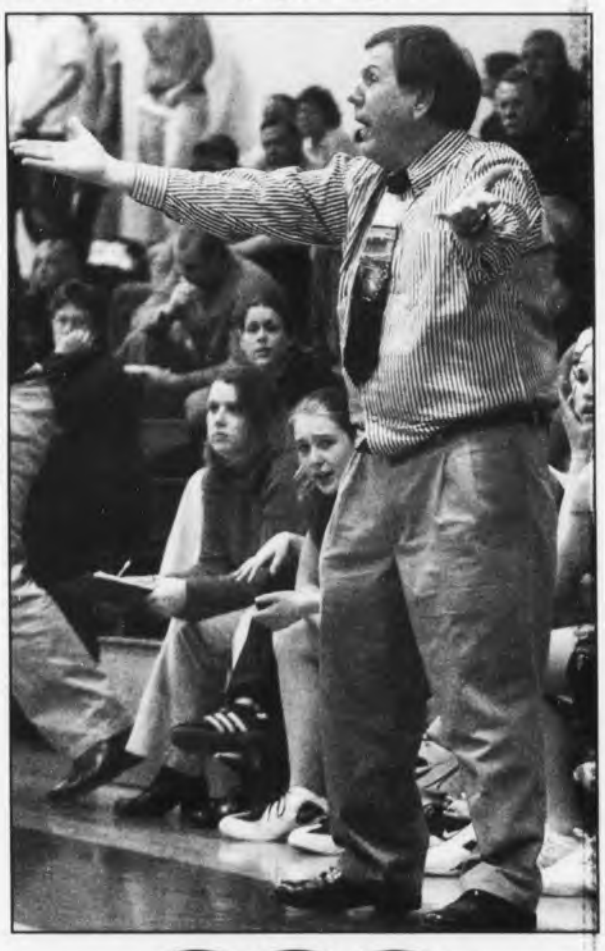
Gabriella Flibotte launches a jumper for two of her 13 points Monday night in Abington.

(Below)
Lacey Richardson (43) races down the court during first half action.



(Far right)
Cohasset head coach John Levangie can barely believe his eyes as a call goes against his team in the second half.

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Cathedral of greatness

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

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BOSTON - The Cohasset girls basketball team received a 10th seed ranking in the tournament. Last Friday, they squared off in a Division 4 quarterfinal against the Panthers of Cathedral High, who were ranked second.

What made matters worse was that the Lady Skippers had to play on Cathedral's home court. Surprisingly, the home team crumbled in one of the biggest upsets in tournament play.

From the opening tip-off, the postseason buzz could be felt in the air. The normal Skipper defense went to work, keeping the Panthers' strike at a minimum. Even Cohasset's offense seemed to have all gears working.

By mid-game Cohasset had surprisingly run up a 21-13 lead against a team which trounced them in last year's first round encounter.

After half time Cohasset came onto the court and ran up a big lead, only to hit the wall after four minutes. For the middle part of the second half, the momentum clearly shifted in Cathedral's favor. Turnover after turnover sent a chill down the spines of the Cohasset fans.

With four minutes left in the game, however, a few Gabriella Flibotte drives forced Cathedral head coach John Jackson to use a timeout. Cohasset head coach John Levangie sent in junior Haley Haracz, who totally reversed the turnover situation. Between her sly defensive moves and some hot shooting from high scorer Lacey Richardson, the Skippers sealed the game's fate.

"Our passing gave us a lot of open shots," explained captain Chelsea Grossman. "Because the scoring is more spread out this year than last year, we have a lot more options in terms of shooting."

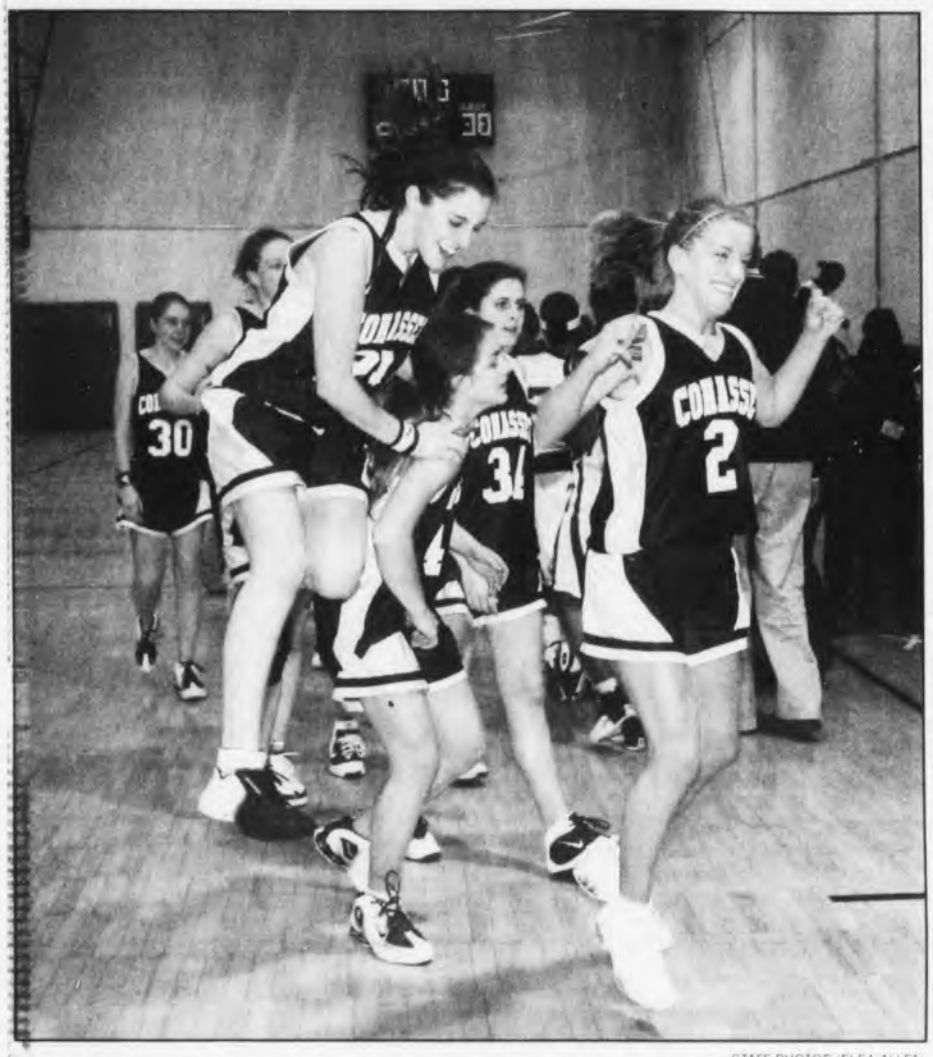
By the look on the faces of the Cathedral players, they knew the game had slipped away. In the last minute of play, Cathedral's Veronica Taveres sustained a nasty leg injury. Several minutes passed before the game resumed. The final seconds ticked away seamlessly as the Skippers celebrated their advancement to the semifinals.

"This is a really big deal," exclaimed Cohasset Athletic Director Ron Ford after the game. "The girls haven't made it this far since I've been here, and its something they should be very proud of."

Jackson obviously didn't share the excitement.

"Things just weren't working for us," he said. "Clarissa had to sit out today after an injury on Wednesday, and that could have made the difference. She creates a lot on the court."

Jones still admitted that the Skippers played an admirable game.



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The Lady Skippers celebrate their victory last Friday over Cathedral to advance to the sectional semifinals.

Gabriella Flibotte pulls down a rebound during Friday night's game.

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Seven-Up notes

During their eight-game winning streak, the Cohasset Sevens have been remarkably consistent. They have averaged just over 30 points per game (their lowest point total was 28) and have yielded an average of 20...

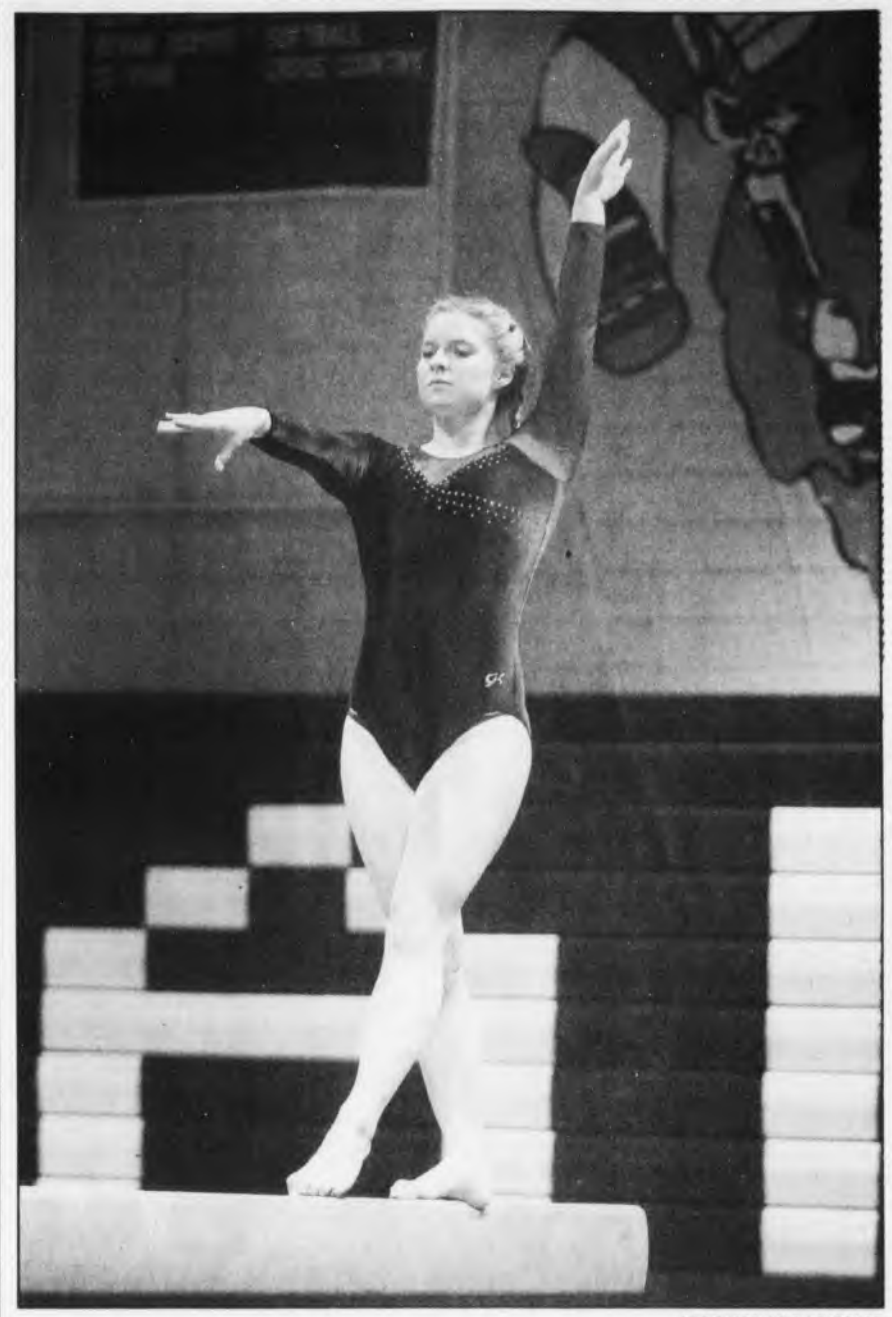
Cohasset finished just one game behind league leader Hull, but in actuality, they were just one bucket away from taking the league title. Cohasset dropped a 20-19 decision to Hull in January when a Hull girl hit two free throws with 15 seconds to go. Had Cohasset pulled out the win, they would have been regular season champs...

A big key in the Blue & White streak has been the girls' free throw shooting, which is approaching that of many high school teams. In the Weymouth win, for example, Cohasset hit 12-of-21 from the charity stripe (57 percent). By contrast, Weymouth only hit one free throw on the night. It is rare for most of the Seven-Ups to miss two free throws in a row...

The win over Weymouth gives the Sevens three triumphs in four attempts in the past two seasons over teams from the Large Town Division, making Cohasset one of the few small town teams to have a winning record against their big town counterparts. The 16-town South Shore League (which is the A league for girls teams; the Old Colony League, to which Cohasset formerly belonged, is the B league) is divided into two divisions, big and small, with Cohasset playing in a division with Hull, Norwell, Duxbury, Abington, Halifax, Raynham, and Hanson. The large division consists of Marshfield, Braintree, Weymouth, Scituate, Hingham, Hanover, Rockland, and Bridgewater...

Cohasset made it through the Weymouth game with only seven players. With one girl away and Emma Quigley still on the DL with a wrist injury, Rachel Fredey turned her foot within a few minutes of the start of the game. However, Rachel fortunately was back in action the next day against Norwell...

Cohasset still was awaiting word of its opponent and the location of its first playoff game as of the Mariner's press time.



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Cohasset senior captain Lisa Spirito has been named an Honorable Mention to this year's Mariner All-Scholastic gymnastics team. To see the whole team, log on to the Cohasset Mariner's web site, www.cohassetmariner.com.

SPORTS NOTES

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The New Amsterdam Boys Choir is coming to Cohasset on March 26. Tickets are $10 per person at the door.

New Amsterdam Boys Choir to perform

New York City's New Amsterdam Boys Choir will pay a visit to the South Shore on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26, performing at the Annual Union Service of five Unitarian Universalist congregations in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common on Sunday, March 26 at 10 a.m., and that same day, at a 1 p.m. concert. Tickets are $10 per person at the door.

This year marks the choir's 20th year. Currently comprised of 21 young men from the neighborhood of East Harlem, the choir has performed in New York, New Jersey, several New England states, as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Germany. A trip to the Netherlands is also scheduled for this year

Open to boys age 8-18, the choir's standards are high and require discipline, respect, and academic success.

Under the leadership of James Backmon, the choir's repertoire includes folk melodies, spirituals, religious and secular pieces. The aim is two-fold: to inspire and educate. Says choir member Patrick Tisdale, "I sing because I want my voice to be heard."

Open to boys age 8-18, the choir's standards are high and require discipline, respect, and academic success. According to director James Backmon, "The boys have learned that their voices, individually and collectively, really matter; they have acquired self-confidence, poise, personal and group discipline in work and other skills for living in this complex world and at the same time brought pleasure to those who have heard them sing."

Support for the choir comes from corporate and foundation grants, congregations, and individuals. Four congregations on the South Shore: First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset; First Parish Hingham Old Ship Church; First Parish in Norwell; and First Parish in Scituate are making the choir's visit to Cohasset possible.

Boot camp fitness training gets under way

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for Boot Camp Fitness Training to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Tuesday, April 11, and Thursday, April 13, on Cohasset Common, front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset.

The session concludes Thursday, June 15, and the second sessions begins Tuesday, June 20.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running, knees and sit ups. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vasular endurance and strength.

Dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring water bottle and jump rope to class and wear running shoes.

Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best not as competition with others. To register call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

SENIOR SCENE

Exercise, hobby and support groups for seniors

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St. Patrick's Day dinner – Thursday, March 16, 1 p.m., $10. St. Anthony Parish Center, featuring Irish step-dancers.

Changes in elder law – Wednesday, March 22, 12:30 p.m.

New women, old gardens – Tuesday, March 28, 9 a.m. Second Congregational Church. Community Garden Club hosts landscape historian Virginia Lopez Begg on the 1901 movement, with the garden as a place of beauty.

Gershwin Musical Brothers – Thursday, April 6, noon, $9. MCC Conference Center Call now. Luncheon and presentation by Jack Craig on the1924 "Lady Be Good" and "Porgy and Bess."

Wellesley College Greenhouse trip – Friday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. Love flowers? Call for information.

Patriot's Day Celebration lunch – Tuesday, April 18, 12 a.m. to noon.

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Tri-town Assisted Living luncheon conference – Friday, May 5, noon to 2 p.m., 224 Central St. Hingham

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

The following is the middle school honor roll for the second term.

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Astino, Francesca; Barry, Ruthann; Brennan, Katie; Brophy, Michaela; Carpenter, Christopher; DeAngelis, Caitlin; Evans, Sarah; Faber, James; Farren, Alexandra; Gilman, Marie; Green, Megan; Hernon, Coleman; Leffel, Catharine; Leong, Elizabeth; Lucas, Eloise; Lunde, Christopher; Mahoney, Robert; McQuade, Scarlett; Naughton, Sarah; Seraikas, Anna; Silvia, Amber; Studley, Kyle; Timothy, James; and Wakefield, Spencer.

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HIGH HONORS

Adkins, Olivia; Aherne, Daniel; Cahill, Bridget; Carrier, Jack; Dick, Mark; Erler, Kelsey; Fitts, Rhiana; Fredey, Rachel; Furtado, Mia; Goetz, Anders; Green, Samuel; Haggerty, Carli; Kinnealey, Elizabeth; MacNaught, Lindsey; Mavilia, Sarah; McCabe, Kerry; McKelvey, James; Michalowski, Anna; Monaco, Jay; Quigley , Emma; Quinlan, Colin; Shwachman, Greta; Sinclaire, Mollie; Sookiasian, Danielle; Toomey, Emily; Williams, Alice; and Youngman, Derek.

HONORS

Altholtz, Colette; Axelson, Dylanne; Berube, Michelle; Bobo, Samantha; Braun, McCauley; Burnett, Andrew; Campbell, Benjamin; Choi, Won Gyu; Coffman, Charles; Collins, Caroline; Costello, Meaghan; Craven, William; Cundall, Jeremy; Davis, Lindsey; DeSisto, Paige; Durant, Matthew; Durkin, Terence; Fewsmith, Andrew; Goodwin, Tara; Hayes, Lauren; Jones, Robert; Kelly, Kathleen; Kissick, Mark; Leahy, Samuel; Liberty, Samantha; MacCleave, Maxwell; Martin, Carly; McGoldrick, John; Musto, Emma; O'Callaghan, Charlotte; Pontes, Kelby; Pozniak, Claire; Quebec, Elise; Salerno, Meghann; Wade, Victoria; Wilson, Christopher; and Wilson, Scott.

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Lady hoopsters deserve our applause

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

This latest rendition of Life at CHS contains a plethora of news that will undoubtedly inform and entertain you. First off, if you have not yet bought a Mr. Skipper ticket for this Friday, I suggest you do so soon because they are going fast and you will not be able to purchase them at the door. Anticipation is mounting up here as the competition inches closer.

Congratulations to the Lady Skippers basketball team who fought hard against Marion this past Monday only to come up one point short in the Semi-Finals. Their loss culminates the Winter sports season and with spring just around the corner, students have begun to organize captain's practices for the spring season. But enough about sports, there is an entire section in the paper devoted to that; here is the news for this week.

• The PSO will have had a meeting on Thursday morning in the main office.

• There will have been a Hate Crimes workshop in the Town Library on Thursday.

• There will have been a School Committee meeting on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

• There will be a Wrestling Banquet at Atlantica from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. on Saturday.

• Ms. Trask's Junior English classes ventured on a field trip to see the play *Othello* at the Boston Center for the Arts this week.

• The PSO sponsored Read-A-Thon is on in full swing in the Middle School.

• The guidance office will be mailing out senior scholarships all this week.

• There will be a meeting on March 14th at 7 p.m. for eighth grade parents about their children's transition from the Middle School to the High School.

• The guidance staff will be meeting with all High School students next week to discuss class selections for next year.

• There will be a breakfast for freshman, sophomore, and junior parents on March 16th to discuss scheduling for next year.

• The Spring Sports meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th in the gymnasium at 6:45 p.m. You must attend with a user fee if you wish to participate in any spring sport.

• If you have not yet received a sports physical for the upcoming season, you will be able to get one in the nurse's office on Friday, March 10th. Contact Mrs. Collins in advance if you are interested.

• There will have been a National Honor Society meeting on Thursday in Mr. Newkirk's room.

• Mr. Welch's Economics class journeyed to the Federal Bank of Boston on Tuesday, March 7th.

• Congratulations to "Dentity"; the one act play by Christopher Durang, chosen to go on to the Semi-Finals of the Massachusetts Theater Guilds one act play competition at Fall River High School on Saturday, March 18th. A special shout out to Austen Breslow and Emily Savage who received acting awards for their performances.

• The Girls Lacrosse Team will have met with their new coaches, Chuck Jaffe and Beth Pierson, on Wednesday.

That wraps it up for this exciting week, which will end with the annual Mr. Skipper pageant on Friday night. Enjoy the show and I hope to see you all in the audience. Goodbye for now.

Hats off to Colin Quinn, Emily Bertovich and Christine Coner on their honorable mention awards at the Boston Globe Scholastic Awards ceremony of Feb. 5.

Watershed academy off to a good start

Students are still welcome to join this tuition-free program.

On Tuesday night, March 7, 19 students flocked to the Center for Student Coastal Research on Parker Avenue to begin a new training program called the Watershed Academy. The Academy is a 10-week program designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively carry out an assessment of non-point source pollution entering Cohasset Harbor via James Brook. The introductory session was delivered by town consultant and project engineer, Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental. Also present for the introductory class was Sara Grady, staff ecologist for the North South River Watershed Association. The students received a briefing on the tasks to be accomplished in this project, and an introduction to watersheds, urbanization, storm water run-off, estuaries, marshland, and local site geography and topography.

Eager to get their hands dirty, and perhaps their feet wet, the enthusiastic group of Cohasset (and Scituate) High School students look forward to their first field session, analyzing catch basins, manholes, and system connectivity with DPW Supt. Carl Sestito. "We're dubbing our March 17 field training, 'Everything you never knew about catch basins!'" Readers should take comfort in knowing that there are a significant number of young people in Cohasset learning, through experience, what environmental stewardship is all about.

Students present at the first training included Aisling Guinee, August Oddleifson, Robin Earle, Robby St. John, Evan Deutsch, John McCarthy, May McCarthy, Mike Kusek, Ali Boehmke, Shalea Daly, Ryan Daly, Brent Daly, Derek St. Peter, Zach Troupe, Katie Pritchard, Elle Baumgarten, Wes Medwid, Emily Nash, and Nathan Needle. Unable to attend, but intending to participate in future trainings are Caren Garber, Cameron Cope, Josh Dupre, and Ryan McClellan.

Students are still welcome to join this tuition-free program to learn how to make a difference on planet earth by thinking globally, but acting locally.

Box top clipping and cash rewards

— DEER HILL NOTES —

• Deer Hill school librarian Barb Mullin is holding a contest to earn cash for the schools through the "Box Top$ for Education" program. Students and community members are urged to simply clip the small, rectangular-shaped "Box Top$ for Education" logo from participating products found at local super markets. Clip and send the coupons to Deer Hill school, 208 Sohier St., and the school receives cash rewards. Many programs and materials have been funded by clipping the coupon from products you already buy. Mullin urges all community members and students to participate to help the schools.

• Deer Hill nursing coordinator Karen Murphy reminded parents that strep throat cases usually rise during the month of March and students should be extra vigilant about hand washing. Good hygiene, plenty of rest and a healthy diet play important roles in preventing this highly contagious disease, according to Murphy.

Health Education teacher Jane Gregory is flanked by Drama Club participants who meet weekly to learn about theater through games, improvisation and script reading. The next eight-week session begins on Monday, March 13, from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

• The Deer Hill School is offering a wide array of after-school programs designed to enrich and enlighten students. Programs include the Game Club, organized by Librarian Barb Mullin, who challenges students to put on their thinking caps over a board of chess, Soduko, Blokus and other thought-provoking games; Drama with Health Education specialist Jane Gregory, who teaches aspiring actors and actresses the fine art of theater, "Renzulli" with Technology Instructor Cassandra O'Brien, who helps students target their interests and aptitudes using the nationally-acclaimed "Renzulli" computer research method, which targets and summarizes your child's talents, interests and preferred learning styles; "Great Books" with trained parent volunteers who help students delve into literature and develop a life-long love of reading; and Invention Convention, with teacher Mr. Kayne Beaudry, who uses the steps of the scientific method to encourage students to create and share ideas and turn them into inventions.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Deer Hill school at 383-6115.

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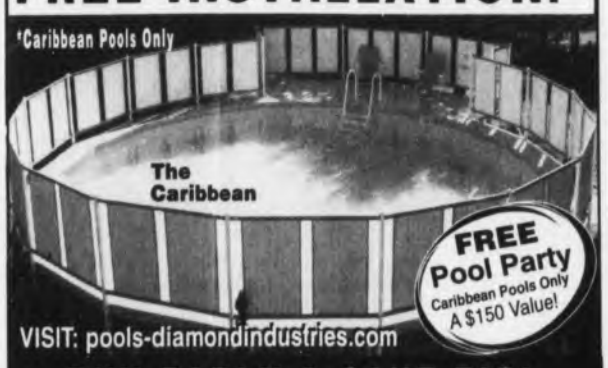

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Zachary Herman plugs his ears as Tribal Rhythms proved too cacophonous for his musical taste.

Paige Roche, a first grader at the Osgood School, raises her hands and screams out loud with the rest of her class Wednesday, during the school's Tribal Rhythms program.

Getting loud and learning

Wyoma of Tribal Rhythms leads students at the Osgood School in a collective clapping of hands.

Osgood first graders Anthony Quinn, left, and Alex Fusco, right, scream and hit each other while making "as much noise as possible" during last Wednesday's musical performance at their school.

Sara Blackington smiles while shaking her music-maker.

Staff photos
by
Robin Chan

Left: Matt Perachi demonstrates his rhythm during last Wednesday's Tribal Rhythms performance at the school.

Curtis Jones of Tribal Rhythms plays a bamboo flute at the end of last Wednesday's performance, while the students file out of the Osgood School gymnasium.

Susan Porter of Tribal Rhythms talks to first graders at the Osgood School about music, and the various musical instruments — from drums to shakers — that have been made naturally during the course of human history.

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DESTINATIONS

Rembrandt's Amsterdam

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

AMSTERDAM -- Like Einstein, Rembrandt is a one-name synonym for genius. But unlike our love affair with the affable, unkempt professor, most Americans don't quite understand just why Rembrandt van Rijn is considered the world's greatest artist.

Maybe the anxiety of Vincent van Gogh, the sexual voracity of Pablo Picasso or the antics of Salvador Dali seem more in tune with modern attitudes about artistic genius than Rembrandt's dark portraits of dour folks in vaguely Pilgrim attire.

Or maybe we just don't know the real Rembrandt. I had the chance to "meet" the master on his home turf during an advance peek at this year's mammoth Rembrandt 400th anniversary celebration.

This year, the Netherlands goes all van Rijn, all the time, to celebrate the July 15, 1606, birthday of the Dutch master. Major exhibits, lectures, parties and even "Rembrandt: the Musical" will explore every aspect of his work and life.

Just as restorations of Rembrandt's paintings have turned what appeared to be dark landscapes into interplays of light and shadow, my Amsterdam visit turned a spotlight on this complicated painter, who, I discovered, trumped some modern masters in antics, anxiety and sex as well as artistic technique and style.

To the Dutch, Rembrandt is less of a revered master and more of a beloved citizen with inner imp. This is the Rembrandt for whom you'd buy a Heineken.

Rembrandt was born in 1606 to a prosperous miller family in the Dutch town of Leiden. A short train or bus ride from Amsterdam, Leiden retains its quaintness today. It's worth a side visit for its windmills, 12 museums -- including Museum De Lakenhal, which has a significant Rembrandt collection -- and numerous "Rembrandt was here" sites, such as his former school.

Rembrandt moved from Leiden to Amsterdam in 1635. To track his life here, pick up "Discover: Amsterdam in Rembrandt's Time," a city walk brochure from the Amsterdam Tourism & Convention Board. It's an excellent introduction to the artist as well as Amsterdam itself.

No. 1 on the walking tour (although you can start anywhere) is the Rembrandthuis (Rembrandt House Museum), set where the artist lived and painted from 1639 until 1658.

These were Rembrandt's most productive years, when he turned out hundreds of prints, taught numerous students and completed masterpieces such as "The Nightwatch." But after the death of his beloved wife, Saskia, in 1642, he started a downward spiral.

PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE SCHOROW
Rembrandt's mug is everywhere in Amsterdam - this one is at the side of Westerkerk (West Church)

He had an affair with his son's nanny that ended unhappily, and later took another mistress with whom he had a daughter. His output suffered and eventually Rembrandt went bankrupt. He was forced to sell his house and most of his assets and move to a smaller dwelling. He died penniless in 1669, a few months after painting his last self-portrait.

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Ironically, "We're very happy that he did go bankrupt," said Femke Haijtema, a Rembrandthuis spokesman. As part of the legal liquidation, an extremely detailed inventory was made of Rembrandt's house and its contents.

This has helped museum staff to reproduce the house almost as it looked in Rembrandt's day, from the pans in the kitchen to the armor and knickknacks in the artist's studio. (Rembrandt was an obsessive collector.) His studio, duplicated from the inventory and his own drawings, has been re-created, down to the messy pots of paint artists of the time used.

From the Rembrandthuis, you can walk along a canal past the Trippenhuis, the 17th century home of a fabulously wealthy family, through the "New Marketplace," to the Old Church (Oude Kerk), where Saskia is buried. From here you walk through the Red Light district (be prepared) to Dam Square, location of the Royal Palace and New Church (Nieuwe Kerk), where the marriage of Rembrandt and Saskia took place.

Take a break at De Drie Fleschjes (Three Little Bottles), a nearby pub where bartenders insist Rembrandt once hung out -- even if it's folklore, you can still admire the rows of casks and hoist a glass of the traditional Dutch oude jenever (juniper-flavored liquor).

Thus braced, continue to the Westerkerk (West Church), where Rembrandt is buried in an unmarked grave.

These sites are but appetizers for the main course: a visit to one of the many museums hosting Rembrandt shows. Neither reproductions in art books nor on cigar boxes prepare you for actually standing before a Rembrandt masterpiece.

"Where other artists sketched the light, Rembrandt caught the light," said Gerben Baaji, business development director for Rembrandt400, the group coordinating the anniversary celebrations.

The famous Rijksmuseum owns many of Rembrandt's best-known works, all of which will be on display at some point through the year. You can be hypnotized by the details of the delicately rendered lace in the 1639 portrait of Maria Trip and the postures of the men in "The Syndics of the Clothmaker's Guild." The roughly rendered tenderness of "The Jewish Bride" recalls the words of Van Gogh, who said he would give 10 years of his life for a chance to sit 10 days before this painting with only a crust of bread.

Seeing "The Nightwatch" in the flesh reveals a richness no reproduction can match. The juxtaposition of brave men-in-arms with a young girl and anxious dog is mesmerizing.

Poignantly, from behind "The Nightwatch" crowd, the tip of a hat and head peeks out: the artist himself. The Hitchcock-like gesture reaches across the centuries, a Rembrandt-was-here moment of witty genius.

Coming next week: Going green in Ireland.

Rembrandthuis (Rembrandt House Museum)

IT'S HAPPENING

Shapleigh exhibit is coming to town

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold an exhibit of the paintings of Frank Henry Shapleigh (1842-1906) of Boston. He did many paintings of Cohasset as his wife was the former Mary Pratt Studley of Cohasset.

Shapleigh enjoyed long walks along the town's shores, cane in hand, in company with his Cohasset nephew Kenneth Beal, sometimes going as far as Scituate. From these walks came a series of oils showing Cohasset's coastline and the sea, as well as family homes in and around the village.

The first of Shapleigh's Cohasset oils known to be exhibited, was one titled "At Sandy Cove." Shown at the Boston Art Club in 1874. In 1965 the Society held another exhibition at the Maritime Museum in the village, and several people from Cohasset and Hingham loaned their Shapleighs for that exhibit.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Society paintings will be on display, and through the graciousness of the Vose Galleries of Boston, who have agreed to loan four of their Shapleigh's, which will be exhibited, and may be purchased. If anyone has a Shapleigh that they would like to loan for this exhibit, call at 781-383-1434 or e-mail at www.cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

The following is a list of the Shapleighs that will be exhibited. They were painted between 1876 through 1889.

- View of Harbor Entrance, Cohasset
- Christopher James Farmhouse
- John Willcutt House, Elm Street
- Laban Worrick House, 93 South Main Street
- Nathaniel Treat's Boatyard, Sandy Cove

Vose Galleries

- Whitehead, Cohasset
- Stormy Day At Cohasset
- Pleasant Beach
- Mt. Washington and Ellis River at Jackson, New Hampshire (Shapleigh died here in 1906).

Remember to circle your calendar, March 12, and join for an enjoyable afternoon of local art. The exhibit will continue through April 12.

Irish Pub at South Shore Art Center

The South Shore Art Center's Celtic Odyssey: Fiona and John Owen exhibit will be the backdrop for a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday evening, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the SSAC, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

The event includes an Irish pub where celebrants will be offering "sláinte (say slawncha) or cheers, and enjoying food, music, dancing and a silent auction featuring Irish artwork, jewelry, golf outings, trips, knits and more. Music will be provided by "The Exiles," an Irish trio that performs traditional and lively Celtic music.

Tickets are $50, $40 for SSAC members. Proceeds benefit the art center's exhibition and education programs, with educational outreach to area schools a focus. For reservations visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

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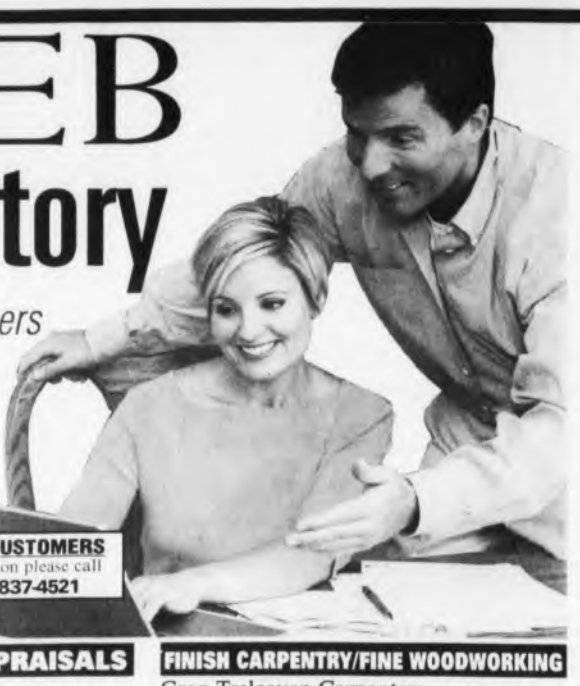

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OBITUARIES

Rita Logan

Worked many years for Quincy Y.M.C.A.

Rita (Donlan) Logan, 84, a Cohasset resident for 53 years, died Feb. 2, 2006, at the Norwell Knoll Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, after a long illness.

Born in Dorchester, she graduated from Girls' High School in Boston. Trained in therapeutic massage, she worked for many years at the Quincy Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Logan spent the final period of her working career with New England Telephone Company, as a coordinator for field engineers.

Upon her retirement in 1984, she traveled and divided her years between residences in Cohasset and Sarasota, Fla. Mrs. Logan enjoyed poetry, Dixieland jazz, and places by the sea.

Wife of the late William T. Logan for 57 years, she leaves three children, Ellen Logan, and her husband Thomas P. Ostrander of Hingham, Gregory F. Logan of Middleboro, and Carolyn M. Logan of Cohasset; a granddaughter, Jennifer Miranda of Middleboro; and three great-grandchildren, Cain, Kai, and Nicholas Miranda.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Interment is in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in her name may be made to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, 521 N. Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960. Arrangements by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Philip G. Facey

Manufacturing engineering director at Wang Laboratories; U.S. Army veteran

Philip G. Facey Jr., died Feb. 28, 2006.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Transport Command.

Mr. Facey was the director of manufacturing engineering at Wang Laboratories.

He was a longtime member of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

He leaves his loving wife, Patricia (Grant) Facey; a son, Mark D. Facey, and his wife Leila of No. Kingstown, R.I.; his grandchildren, Jesse Facey, and Philip Facey, both of No. Kingstown, R.I.; his brother-in-law, Douglas E. Grant, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a nephew, Kenneth B. Pattrell, of Northampton; and many cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. in the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 23 No. Main St., Cohasset.

Donations in his memory may be made to Beacon Hospice, 529 Main St., Boston, MA 02129, or to First Parish Church, 23 Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, March 12. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "A Network of Mutuality"

Dr. Elisabeth McGregor will be a guest in our pulpit this morning, with Chartis Tebbetts as host liturgist. Dr. McGregor is a leader within Unitarian Universalism, as past member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Board of Trustees, Vice-Moderator of the UUA, and an activist in her own congregation in Sharon, Massachusetts. Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull describes her as "a strong and gifted bolt of energy at any pulpit or podium." All are welcome for worship and for coffee hour afterwards.

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 AM - Children will gather in the Parish House.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the March newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on " Digging Deep" our spiritual journey in Lent. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m will study the Letter of James. Sunday, March 12: Teen Worship at 9:10 in the parish hall. This service is open to all teens in Middle and High School. The week's service designed by Emmi St. John and James Earle. The Stewardship Committee will meet after the 10 a.m. service. At 3 p.m. we will offer an Adult Lenten program called " Digging Deep". The children's program on the Holy Eucharist meets Thursdays, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. This program is appropriate for any child pre-K through grade 3. Please call the church office at 781-383-1083 to register. Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. the prayer and healing class wil meet. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent, Abraham is willing to sacrifice his son Isaac in obedience to the Lords' command. Paul exults because nothing can separate us from the love of God. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus teaches the disciples the true nature of his ministry and what it means to follow him. Preacher: Mr. John Seel.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Denomination: Christian Science Church: 386 Main St., Hingham. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public). Until a new location for our Christian Science Reading Room has been found, you may purchase the Christian Science Quarterly, the Christian Science Sentinel, and the Christian Science Journal from the librarian downstairs after the Wednesday and Sunday services. Other items from The Christian Science Publishing Society may be ordered through the librarian.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

9:34 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:02 p.m. Threats (bodily harm), caller reports male threaten bodily harm to woman. Arrest: Ryan Nye, 23, 31 Main St., Taunton. Charges: Assault with dangerous weapon.

11:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, medial treatment after altercation.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

12:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:15 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller states there is a "horrible noise" coming from somewhere outside her house.

3:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states her husband has just fainted.

3:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

5:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:57 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, patient aboard Scituate rescue.

7:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, South Main Street by Summer Street will be down to one lane.

8:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

4:21 p.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 1-year-old shortness of breath.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, chest pain.

5:07 p.m. **North St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:45 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

1:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, office advised checked school.

8:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), party into HQ stating she lost her wallet.

8:50 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, fire-public assist, house lock-out.

10:48 a.m. **Hull St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports over several days delivery vehicles have been blocking traffic during deliveries.

11:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, call directly into fire station from private ambulance for patient having chest pains.

12:30 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, general fire alarm.

1:52 p.m. **Town of Holbrook**, bolo announcement, bolo for vehicle 2002 Chevy Voyager van, party stole van from relatives company enroute possibly to Whitman, relatives wants report stolen but refused to sign RMV-30 party may have psych issues and 94C and may hurt self.

2:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist in civil issue.

5:55 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, fire, investigation, neighbor calls and reports thick black smoke coming from chimney, residents not home. E3 reports no smoke or fire showing no alarm sound. E3 reports gaining entry by force. Anderson Fuel has been notified they are on the way.

6:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports an older male, possibly drunk harassing customers and begging for money. 60-year-old Scituate man in protective custody.

7:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported QMC/BLS, prisoner in house requests medical attention.

7:10 p.m. **Whitwell St.**, prisoner transport, 884 to assist R3 to Quincy Medical Center for prisoner transport.

9:38 p.m. **Whitwell St.**, prisoner transport, doctor calls to report patient that was dropped off earlier needs to be picked up.

11:14 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sober St.**, building checks.

11:28 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

1:15 a.m. **King St.**, abandoned motor vehicle, officer advised the vehicles are parked behind above address. Officer advised on one around the vehicles.

1:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:30 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid.

9:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports odor of smoke.

9:20 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:03 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity.

10:22 a.m. **Stagecoach Way**, fire, investigation.

10:41 a.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid (industrial accident), caller reports a worker fell off scaffolding. Med-flight enroute 30 minutes ETA. Scituate E3 Scituate cruiser enroute. Delta units enroute to scene. Med-flight on ground. Patient aboard Med-flight.

10:45 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Bancroft Way**, assist police officer, Sgt. reports Cohasset Police units are tied-up. Sgt. requesting mutual aid from Scituate Police. Police Officer needed to secure the landing zone for Boston Med-flight. Sgt. also requests Cohasset Detail Officer to be taken off of his traffic detail and to assist Scituate Officer at the landing zone.

11:53 a.m. **Hill St.**, medical aid.

11:59 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Pond St.**, public service, checking safety of the pond.

12:32 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, property (recovered), found bike left on her property, brought to station.

4:55 p.m. **Norwell Fire Dept.**, notification, Capt. of Norwell Fire Dept. advised his new ambulance is in service, however, the VHF radio is not - if they need to contact him use VHF portable radio.

5:47 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:20 p.m. Weather: Very cold. Temp: 31.7.

6:25 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane**, disabled motor vehicle, caller advised she left her vehicle on the side of the road, it has 2 flat tires…there is a tow that is going to pick it up tomorrow.

8:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD advised they received a report of erratic motor vehicle in the above area. Officer advised unable to locate.

10:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, escort, officer is giving male subject a ride to square.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:04 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:16 a.m. **Government Island**, public service, the lights are on in the Harbormaster's building.

1:47 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, 883 out with a male party in the cemetery. Transporting male party home.

2:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, on checking building, a window in the lower floor of the middle school was found open.

6:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, speeding.

8:54 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a male party acting suspicious. Officer reports gone prior to arrival.

12:08 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, lost property (report).

1:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports possible carbon monoxide in the house, no detector sounding at this time.

1:39 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports unknown medical first floor.

2:59 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, officer advised notify DPW - roads need to be sanded.

5:33 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, abandoned motor vehicle.

7:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller advised there is a male subject in the middle of the road, arrest: Frank Loring, 60, 79 Glades Rd., Scituate. Charges: Disorderly conduct, public drinking.

7:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller advised there is a male subject in the middle of the road. This is the second call in reference to this.

8:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged 5 vehicles in the parking lot of above address.

8:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**, disabled motor vehicle, caller advised he broke down at the beach - has a flat tire.

10:20 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, structure, caller advised kitchen fire. Hull is enroute to fire. Officer on scene advised all subject out of residence. Officer advised it is an appliance fire.

10:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised there is a black vehicle that keeps on parking at the church - it comes and goes. Caller advised the vehicle is not there at this time, she will call back if she sees it again.

10:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised the vehicle is back at the church. Caller wants officer to check on it. Officer advised unable to locate.

11:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:30 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, motor vehicle accident, vehicle hit stop sign. The vehicle has left the scene, headed north. Officer advised send rescue and BCI.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

12:37 a.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, believes someone shot a BB through his window.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools.

12:59 a.m. **Pond St.**, check of the school.

2:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools.

5:07 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reported his motor vehicle was broken into. Arrest: Kevin L. McCord, 18, 37 Wildcat Lane, Norwell. Charges: B&E of motor vehicle, larceny over $250. Arrest: Scott H. Kitchen, 18, 42 Summer St., Norwell. Charges: Larceny over $250, B&E of motor vehicle. Arrest: Adam F. Jacobs, 17, 465 River St., Norwell. Charges: Larceny over $250, B&E of motor vehicle.

12:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports he was rear ended.

12:58 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, 23 ft. trailer with boat attached to be towed, no plates.

1:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports a disabled vehicle will be on South Main Street for a while.

2:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, follow-up investigation.

4:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, caller from this location reports they are holding a shoplifter. One female in custody. Arrest: Joanne B. Golyn, 7 Stone Ave., Scituate. Charges: Shoplifting by concealing MDSE.

8:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports he's behind the Papa Gino's and is trying to leave and there is another car behind him that will not let him leave. Caller says he doesn't know who this person is. Officers report party was upset that Papa Gino's was closing early and went out back to block the manager in so that he would make him a pizza. The man took off towards Scituate, where he lives.

11:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:22 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

12:45 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, fire alarm activation, 911 caller states her smoke detectors are going off because the wind has caused smoke from the fireplace to blow into the room.

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:49 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, walk in party had a problem with a jogger.

8:37 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:59 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:27 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:49 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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Carbon monoxide alarms required

Chief Roger Lincoln says as of March 31, carbon monoxide alarms will be required in all residences with potential sources of carbon monoxide. The vast majority of homes will not be required to install hard-wired systems although, where hard-wired systems are required by regulation, the deadline is Jan. 1, 2007. The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations recently passed emergency regulations to implement the law known as "Nicole's Law."

Chief Lincoln said the fire department is ready to help. Call 781-383-0616 for more information.

Consumer Information — The Dept. of Fire Services is distributing "A Consumer's Guide to Requirements for Residential Carbon Monoxide Alarms." This guide and information about the regulations can be obtained from local fire departments and on the DFS web site: www.mass.gov/dfs/osfm/pubed/firesafety-topics/carbon_monoxide_safety.htm.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission also has information in both English and Spanish on common sources of carbon monoxide in the home and recognizing the www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/464.pdf.

General Requirements — For most residential buildings with fossil fuel burning equipment or enclosed parking areas, the new regulations require carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home or dwelling unit including habitable portions of basements and attics. On levels with sleeping areas, the alarms must be placed within 10 feet of the bedroom doors. The regulations allow the following options for CO alarms:

- Battery operated with battery monitoring
- Plug-ins with battery back-up
- Hard-wired with battery backup
- Low voltage system
- Wireless
- Qualified combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm.

Acceptable Combination Alarms — Acceptable combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must have simulated voice and tone alarms that clearly distinguish between the two types of emergencies. The State Building Code mandates that only photo-electric smoke alarms are permitted within twenty feet of a bathroom or kitchen. Consumers are urged to check with the local fire department on whether a specific alarm meets the code requirements.

Alternative Compliance Option — Owners of larger buildings with centralized or minimal sources of carbon monoxide may wish to consider the alternative compliance option contained in the regulation.

Enforcement — Fire departments are currently required to inspect smoke alarms when homes are being sold and transferred. Starting March 31, 2006 or Jan. 1, 2007 where hard-wired alarms are required, fire departments will now inspect all residences upon sale and transfer for carbon monoxide alarms.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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10:13 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, traffic citation/warning.

10:27 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, traffic citation/warning.

11:03 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, disturbance, investigated.

11:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

11:24 a.m. **Grace Drive**, confused person, 911 caller called 4 times, seemed confused, asking about different phone numbers and area codes. Officers report they have spoken to the party, doesn't seem to be a problem, male is slightly intoxicated, but no problem.

12:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:04 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller requesting an officer regarding a problem he just had with a customer. Officer has spoken to the caller, he was just concerned because someone drove off in their vehicle that was being worked on and the wheel was not properly attached yet.

1:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, elderly male with severe abdominal pain.

2:11 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:20 p.m. **South Main St.**, property (recovered), caller reports he has found a bunch of credit cards behind the building. Officer has retrieved the property and will attempt to return to owner.

2:30 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:11 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transferred SSH/ALS, patient unresponsive.

9:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, area search negative.

9:20 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

10:28 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:45 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid.

7:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, public services, South Main St., by #187 is down to one lane.

8:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports hear can hear kids walking around and hanging around in the woods behind his house. Officers reports it is a class from the high school doing an experiment. No problems at this location.

8:39 a.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:50 a.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, public assist, lift assist.

9:22 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking enforcement, officer taking care of a parking problem in the square.

11:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

2:47 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking violation, officer reports issuing parking tickets at this location for vehicles parked on the sidewalk.

2:51 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok during dismissal.

2:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, caller requesting to see the Sgt. on duty.

4:58 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:28 p.m. **All Elementary Schools**, building checks.

11:30 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:46 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked all schools.

1:19 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller advised her vehicle ran out of gas.

8:35 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports employee having fainting spell.

11:34 a.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, fire, training.

11:40 a.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, Fire Dept. doing training.

12:26 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports she was at doctors and was told she needed to go to the hospital for further evaluation.

4:27 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, area, training.

5:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:06 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:07 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, domestic.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

12:42 a.m. **Jamie's Pub**, assist other police department, Scituate PD advised they just had a fight at above address. Subject left in a silver Mercedes. Vehicle headed toward Cohasset. Officer advised unable to locate.

7:19 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, notification, Pond Street down to one lane - at above address.

7:49 a.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, disabled on Pond Street by Bancroft owner is trying to have it removed.

9:12 a.m. **Margin Ct.**, lock-out/lock-in, caller reports she locked herself out of her car and vehicle is still running.

9:26 a.m. Hydrants at several locations out of service until 1 p.m.

9:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:11 a.m. **Linden Circle**, fire, investigation, initial call into Fire Dept. reporting odor of chlorine.

12:53 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, investigated/report taken.

2:45 p.m. **Derby St., Hingham**, bolo announcement, at 10:30, an attempted B&E to above location. Suspect tried to gain entry by force on several doors before fleeing in small green vehicle with Mass. plate, possibly Toyota. Suspect B/M wearing stocking cap rolled up on forehead, dark, corduroy jacket, black pants rolled up several inches.

4:01 p.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller advised his vehicle has a flat tire.

4:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

5:28 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, domestic.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, abandoned motor vehicle, officer advised it is for sale.

7:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, officer advised the knox box is open no key inside. Fire Dept. advised there wasn't a door on the knox box. Fire Dept. secured the box - there is a key to back door inside.

9:10 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:52 p.m. **King St.** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:59 p.m. **Highway 228 and CJC Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, there is a white vehicle broken down in the middle of the road at the lights. Notified Hingham PD.

11:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, open door/window, caller advised the house is in darkness and the front door is open.

11:18 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

12:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **Brook St.**, mutual aid to Scituate.

1:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:37 a.m. **Brown Rd.**, medical aid, mutual aid to Scituate.

4:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:27 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:52 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 a.m. **Forest St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:36 a.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

9:32 a.m. **Forest St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:34 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, traffic enforcement, officer doing traffic radar at this location.

9:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, callers reporting a bunch of wood in the middle of the street.

2:32 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer at this location for inspection.

3:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller is reporting a party is causing a disturbance. Involved party has been told he is no longer welcome.

3:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, property (lost), party in reporting she lost a peace of jewelry.

4:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports motor vehicle is having difficulty by the Stop & Shop.

4:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, arrest: Jonathan W. Wye, 51, 74 Glades Rd., Scituate. Charges: WMS warrant.

7:39 p.m. **Hill St.**, annoying phone calls, calling party is reporting she was contacted by a person who identified himself as being from a government grant program. Asking for her bank account number. She did not give them any numbers and when she called back the number, no one answered. Possible scam.

8:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:15 p.m. **Deer Hill School and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:45 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, power outage, the janitor at Cohasset High School are reporting they have lost power at the school.

Legal Notices

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WHITE PETITION

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 05E0101-PP1

To Walter M. Cabot and Dorothy S. Cabot of Dover, MA; Dale P. Cabot of Dover, MA; St. John Smith, Jr of Boston, MA; Camilla Kenner of New York, NY; Olivia Storey of Hillsborough, NH; Richardson White, Jr. and Margaret R. White of Cohasset, MA; Richardson White Jr. of Cohasset, MA; Frank H. White and Jean M. White of Cohasset, MA; Frank H. White of Cohasset, MA; Donald White and Joan I. White of Philadelphia, PA; Donald White of Philadelphia, PA; Michaela Farber of Philadelphia, PA; Lee M. Metcalf of Kittery, ME; Jonathan W. Metcalf of S. Pomfret, VT; Camilla Roberts of Athens, VT; Patricia M. Lewis of Rye, NH; and Mabel E. Niebling of Boscawen, NH and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Michael M. White of Boston in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows. The land conveyed by the deed of Charles C. Cabot and Charles B. Barnes, Jr., Trustees of the will of Thomas F. Richardson, to Ellen B. Cabot, Richardson White and James C. White, dated May 2, 1965 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4267, Page 573, described as follows:
Thirty four acres and fifteen rods of pasture land in Cohasset known as Cushing pasture, formerly Spencer Binney's.
The said land lies westerly of Forest Avenue, is adjacent to land of the Cohasset Golf Club and is shown as Cohasset Assessor's Map 7, Plot 2, containing 32.40 acres more or less.
There is appurtenant to the said land an easement for access and egress to and from Forest Avenue burdening the following described land:
The land conveyed by the deed of Jerusalem Road Corporation to Ellen P. Cabot and Richardson White, dated April 7, 1981, recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 5857, Page 740, described as follows:
A certain parcel of land situated in Cohasset, Massachusetts being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Forest Avenue Cohasset, Mass." Dated October 24, 1980 and December 10, 1980 by Neil J. Murphy, Engineer, recorded as No. 252-1981 Pl. Bk. 287 with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, containing 73,121 square feet according to said plan.
There is included in said Parcel "A" as shown on said plan a lot of registered land said lot being shown as Lot 8 on a plan drawn by Neil J. Murphy, Engineer, dated January 8, 1981, as modified and approved by said Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as No. 29067B.
For title to the registered portion of said Parcel "A" see Transfer Certificate of Title No. 112568, Book 563, Page 168 in the Norfolk Registry District of the Land Court.
The land burdened by the said easement lies on the western side of Forest Avenue and is shown as Cohasset Assessor's Map 7, Plot 43, containing 1.67 acres more or less.

setting forth that he desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than $700,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Couirt finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Norfolk Probate & Family Court, 35 Shawmut Rd. Canton, MA 02021 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of April 2006, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this Fourteenth day of February 2006.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 9-17 2006

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(L-R) Robert Antonelli (Lawrence), Robyn Lee (Julia), Andrew Miramontes (Peter), Cheryl McMahon (Mrs. Wilson), Timothy Smith (Q), and Barry M. Presss (Enio) in SEVEN RABBITS ON A POLE at Stoneham Theatre, playing March 2-19, 2006.

South Shore is setting for Quincy native's new play

'Seven Rabbits on a Pole' on stage at Stoneham Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The vegetable farms that dotted the South Shore in the 1930s are the setting for "Seven Rabbits on a Pole," the second in Quincy native John C. Picardi's ten-play series about the 20th-century Italian-American experience in Massachusetts now at the Stoneham Theatre.

"I set this play in 1936 on a farm in a non-specific South Shore town. It's part of my chronicle of Italian-American life but people of all ethnic backgrounds will be able to relate to the story. It speaks to the universal themes of the immigrant experience," Picardi explained recently by telephone.

In the drama, Picardi uses love, lust, opera and art to look at what happens when a stranger visits and the long-held secrets of one South Shore farming family — including a father, two sons, and a mentally retarded daughter - are revealed. The involvement of a meddlesome doctor's wife and a stranger selling rabbits sets off a series of emotionally chaotic events that expose secrets and alter lives.

"The father is keeping a secret that leads him to make a lot of mistakes. The story is really about how the past always comes back to haunt you when you keep secrets because the truth always prevails. During the 1930s, there was a lot made of the theory of the survival of the fittest and the whole issue of racial purity as seen through the rise of the Aryan race. Some of the father's past choices were made because of his struggle as an immigrant to fit in with what he considered to be American. He just wanted to be a WASP like his neighbors instead of who he was. This piece is about truth, loyalty, and honor. When you boil it down, however, it is about racism and people doing anything they can to fit in, " Picardi points out. "Now we embrace our culture, but in those days people didn't."

John C. Picardi

Picardi, 42, who grew up in an Italian family in south Quincy, says his plays give him an opportunity to dispel what he believes are too commonly held misconceptions about Italian-Americans.] "I feel very influenced by my own family history. My uncles worked on a farm picking peas when they were boys. My plays, however, are not based on my own experiences. My main goal is to show that not all Italian families are gangsters like you see too often in the movies and on television. My characters are Italians who have come to America, like any other ethnic group, and just tried to make their way here."

Picardi, a 1981 graduate of Quincy High School who earned a BA in English and Creative Writing from UMass Boston and an MFA in Creative Writing from Carnegie Mellon University, has been making his way as a New York-based writer for over a decade. Upon graduation from Carnegie Mellon in 1996, Picardi was awarded the prestigious Mary Martin Fisher Award for outstanding achievement in playwriting. In the summer of 1997, the Red Barn Theater in Pittsburgh produced his first play, "The Sweepers." In 1998, Picardi was a finalist for the Julliard School of Drama Writing Fellowship and a finalist at Coe College's Playwriting Festival and Symposia. In 2002, "The Sweepers" had its off-Broadway premiere. Its New York success earned the playwright the 2002 Urban Stages Emerging Playwright Award. In the spring of 2004, "The Sweepers" broke box office records during its engagement at the Stoneham Theatre.

Picardi is now Playwright in Residence at Urban Stages. He has also been awarded a grant from the National Italian American Foundation in Washington, D.C., for his cycle play series. The as-yet-untitled third play in the series is set to be produced off-Broadway by Urban Stages this fall. Picard has also recently completed his first novel, "The Reluctant Mr. Pepper," which is currently being shopped around to publishers.

"I did a little writing in high school," he recalls. "I was too busy entertaining, however, to really get anything going back then. I've always been a huge reader, though, and I can still remember reading John Steinbeck's 'The Grapes of Wrath' in seventh grade. I've also always loved reading about history.

Picardi's dramatic influences read like a history of American theater "Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Eugene O'Neill and William Inge are the playwrights who influenced me most. Like theirs, my plays are character-driven. Each character gets his or her own story arc."

("Seven Rabbits on a Pole," by John C. Picardi, will be presented by Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main Street, Stoneham, through March 19. For tickets and information, call 781-279-2200 or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.)

Movie review

'Tsotsi'-turvy world of violence

Tsotsi (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Tsotsi (Presley Chweneyagae, far right) and his thug pals get ready to rob subway riders in South Africa.

At a time when gang violence is escalating again in Boston, "Tsotsi" is insanely relevant. But will anyone know?

Based on a great short novel by South African playwright Athol Fugard, "Tsotsi" is a mean-streets parable of sin, repentance, redemption and transcendence. It's a nondenominational religious experience featuring a powerhouse performance by young Presley Chweneyagae in the title role.

Written in 1960-61 and published for the first time in 1980, the novel "Tsotsi" (pronounced with a hard "s") was originally set in a township known as Sophiatown. The film, which won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, is in several languages, notably Zulu, Afrikaan, Sesotha, English and Tsotsi-Taal, which is South African street slang, and the action has been updated to present-day Soweto.

As in the novel, Tsotsi (the word is not a name, but a noun meaning gangster or thug) is a menacing, virtually nonverbal leader of a small "Clockwork Orange"-like criminal band.

Aap (Kenneth Nkosi) is a beer-guzzling bruiser whose affability should in no way be mistaken for benevolence. Boston (Mothusi Magano) is the only gang member with any education, something he says has given him a sense of "decency." Butcher (Zenzo Ngqobe) is what his name says, the one wielding the weapon when the predatory gang picks a victim out at the train station, surrounds him, robs him and fatally stabs him.

After Tsotsi beats Boston almost to death over the decency issue, he flees into a rainy night to a nearby suburb where he then hijacks a car owned by a middle-class African couple.

Unbeknownst to him, an infant in a car seat is in the back. This is where "Tsotsi" could have turned into a sappy fable of the civilizing effect of parenthood. Instead, a miracle occurs.

Tsotsi sees himself in the helpless child and begins to recall his repressed past — his mother's death from AIDS, the killing of his dog, his life on the streets and in sleeping quarters improvised in a pile of stacked-up drain pipes.

His dawning self-awareness is also a moral awakening as he takes an interest in the child's welfare. At the same, though, Tsotsi endangers the child (even the kid gives a great performance) and tries to make him his own, forcing a Madonna-like but terrified young mother (Terry Pheto) to breastfeed the baby. All the while, two police officers search for the child and a manhunt slowly zeros in on Tsotsi.

In another compelling story line, Tsotsi stalks a beggar (scene-stealing actor and director Jerry Mofokeng) who has lost the use of his legs, but Tsotsi finds himself paralyzed, too.

Viewers will be reminded of both Vittorio De Sica's neo-realist classics of post-World War II Italy and of Luis Bunuel's landmark 1950 expose of Mexico City slums "Los Olvidados."

From its opening shot of rolling dice, "Tsotsi" is neo-New Testament tale of the role of divine intervention in our lives, and a film suggesting God sees the world in Super-35mm. Its suspenseful, unpredictable climax, which is a departure from the novel, will leave you emotionally drained and uplifted.

South African "Kwaito" music, much of it provided by superstar Zola, who also plays the smilingly lethal character Fela in the film, is a driving force in "Tsotsi." The more transcendent vocals you hear are from South African musician Vusi Mahlasela, also known in his country as "the Voice."

Director Hood is a South African law school graduate who won a writing award in the film program at the University of California. His previous films have garnered attention on the festival circuit. With "Tsotsi," Hood has arrived.

But the real find may be Tsotsi himself. With roots in the protagonists of Emile Zola, Charles Dickens, Albert Camus and Richard Wright, Fugard's "little gangster" can now take his place in the pantheon of unforgettable screen criminals.

Rated R. "Tsotsi" contains partial nudity and violence.

Calendar of events

Thursday, March 9

South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will host an exhibit by Cape Cod artists **Doug Rugh and Hillary Osborn** through Thursday, March 9. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, will host best-selling British author, **Edward Rutherford**, Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. Discussing his newly released book, **"Rebels of Ireland: The Dublin Saga."** A free event presented in partnership with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset. The author's book will be available for purchase and signing. Coffee and light dessert will be available at 6:45 p.m. For information call 781-741-1405.

The Dedham Historical Society will host a lecture, **"King Philip's War,"** on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Michael Tougias, author of 14 books, will give a lecture and a slide presentation at the Society located at 612 High St., Dedham. There is no cost for members. Non -members $5. For information call 781- 326-1385.

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club will meet on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free admission and open to the public. Refreshments. For information call 781-878-9011 or email: curt stevens@hotmail.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 9, from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Brian Stratton Band.** For information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 9, **Blues Jam w/Slo-Burn**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, March 10

Massachusetts Boat and Water Sport show, March 10-12 at Dana Farber Field House at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough. Hours are: Friday 1-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission $10 for adults; $6 for children and $8 for seniors, children under 12 are free. Free parking. Visit www.macevents.com.

South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will exhibit of the works of **Marjorie Osbourne Whorf and Tatiana Vladimirovna Yanovskaya**, from March 10-30. **Opening reception on Friday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m.**, with music and refreshments. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Kennedy Presidential Library Conference, Columbia Point, Boston, March 10 and 11. **"Vietnam and the Presidency."** Speakers include: Brian Williams of NBC Nightly News, Gen. Alexander Haig, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Pulitzer Prize winner David Halberstam and former President Jimmy Carter will speak via video. Free and open to the public, but reservations are required. To register call 617-5134-1642 or visit www.jfklibrary.org.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, hosts the **Steve DiCecco Band**, Friday, March 10. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, March 10 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Basic Black**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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The Marshall Wood Jazz Trio will perform on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. Tickets are $20/$18 seniors/$10 students and are available in advance and at the door. Appearing with the trio are vocalist Donna Byrne and Marty Ballou on bass. The group will play some standards from the Great American Songbook. The James Library is located at 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell Center. Call 781-659-7100 for information or visit www.JamesLibrary.org.

Donna Byrne

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...ish on you St. Patrick's Day celebration with a night of Celtic enjoyment, Saturday, March 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Art Center where the Celtic Odyssey: Fiona and John Gwen exhibition sets the scene for a festive gathering, an Irish pub with beer and whiskey tastings, food, music, dancing and a creative silent auction of all things Irish...artwork, jewelry, golf outings, trips, knits and more. Music will be provided by The Exiles, an Irish Trio presenting music both traditional and hot! Proceeds will benefit the Art Center's exhibition and education programs, with the educational outreach to area schools a particular focus. Space is limited, so reserve today. Tickets are $50, ($40 for SSAC members). For reservations visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

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The Hawkins-Peterson-Owens Trio will perform on the Westwood Concert Series at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm. The program will include Mozart's Trio in B-flat, K. 502; Malcolm Arnold's Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano; and Trio in D Major, Op. 54 by Vincenzo Ferroni. Westwood Concert Series Tickets for the Hawkins-Peterson-Owens Trio are available in advance and at door: Adults $15, Seniors 65+ $10, Children $8. Advance tickets are available by calling (781) 329-2442. Proceeds benefit the Music Department at St. John's.

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Become a Big Sister to a girl between the ages of 7 to 15. Create a lasting friendship. There will be an information session on Monday, March 13 from noon to 1 p.m., at the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Building, Suite 7, Quincy. For information call 617-328-1061 or 617-236-8060 or visit www.big-sisters.org.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, March 10 at 8 p.m. to midnight, at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Dancing with the Emanon Orchestra. SSS members, $7 or $10 for non-members. Proper dress is required. For information call 781-331-0021 or email: info@southshoresingles.org.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

FunFunFun.org. Singles Dance, Friday, March 10 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the D.A.V. Hall, 788 Liberty St., Braintree. Join area singles for great dance music and mingling. Walk-ins welcome. Cost is $10 at the door. Proper attire required. For information call 781-721-5844 or visit www.funfunfun.org.

Comedy Night at Randolph Holiday Inn, 1374 N. Main St., Friday, March 10, Saturday, March 11 at 9 p.m. Featuring Jim Lauletta, Annette Pollack, Frank Prall, Rick Fingerman, Todd Sharek, Joe Calapi, Jason Margaca, Mark Bedard and hosted by Shane Mauss. For information call 781-961-1000 or visit www. annette-pollack.com.

New England Singles dance, Friday, March 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Hors d'oeuvres. Ages 35+. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Saturday, March 11

Maple Sugar Day at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how the Native Americans tapped maple trees for sap and made syrup. Wood walks, sweet maple treats to eat and crafts for kids. Cost is $6 for members, $7 for non-members. Pre-registration and payment is required. Call 781-659-2559, ext. 203.

"Jerry Garcia/A Visual Journey," Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. Exhibition features a large collection of Garcia's art. Admission is free. All artwork for sale. Sponsored by Image Markers Art. For more information call 617-492-1234 or visit www.imagemakersart.com.

Sixth Annual Reggae Beach Party, Saturday, March 11 from 3-8 p.m. at Beachcomber, Wollaston Beach, Quincy. Featured artist is **Noddachu,** and Reggae D.J. John Ras Kelley. This is a 21+ event. Door prizes and raffles. Net proceeds donated to the Joslin Diabetes Center. Minimum $20 donation collected at the door, $15 if purchased in advanced. To purchase tickets in advance contact John at 781-985-9064.

Highland Jazz presents "It's Miller Time," Saturday, March 11 at 8 p.m. **The Cercie Miller Quartet** will perform a concert celebrating some of jazz's most scintillating female performers at the Christ Episcopal Church, 1132 Highland Ave., Newton. Tickets are $16 in advance for adults, $18 at the door and $10 for students. To order tickets, mail a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to: Highland Jazz, P.O. Box 610037, Newton, MA 02461 or visit www.highlandjazz.org.

Death by Chocolate returns to the Pembroke Public Library, on March 11. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. This year's play is "The Case of the Rancorous Reader." Cast includes: Town Administrator Ed Thorne, Selectman Hilary Wilson, Selectman Bob DeMarzo, Selectman Arthur Boyle, Ruth Carpenter, Tiny Brown, Linda McDonald, Carol Mirotta, Assessor Maureen O'Connor, Anne Roche and WATD's Liz Raven. Admission is $20 and includes crudités and other munchies. This fundraiser supports the Friends of the Pembroke Library. Call 781-293-6771 or visit www.pembrokepubliclibrary.org.

The fourth feature of the **South Shore Jewish Film Festival, "Stolen Summer"** will be shown at Congregation Shirat Hayam at Marshfield United Methodist Church, 185 Plain St., Marshfield, Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and can be reserved by calling 781-582-2700. Leave your name, number and number of tickets requested. Tickets will also be available at the door. Coffee and refreshments will be available after the film. For information, visit www.shirathayam.net.

An Evening with Ronan Tynan, Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston. A Music Circus Production, the tickets are $40.50 and $30.50, and can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at 617-931-2000 or at the Berklee Performance Center box office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

2006 New England Flower Show at Bayside Expo Center, March 11-19. Novice and experienced green thumbs can enjoy the events. **March 12:** March Madness: Gardening for Guys; **March 13**: Garden to Gourmet Festival; **March 14:** Home Gardener's Night and **March 16**: Girls Night Out. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. For information visit info@masshort.org.

"Broad Comedy" at the Stuart Street Playhouse, Saturday evenings in March at 8 p.m. A bright and unflinching look at politicos, women, men, fertilization, corporate shenanigans and real desperate housewives. Tickets are $28.50, seniors receive 10 percent off and student tickets are $20. Tickets are available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400, at the Stuart St. Playhouse box office or www.telecharge.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, March 11 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Jon Frattasio and Friends.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, March 11, **Racky Thomas Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Sunday, March 12

Greater Boston Antique and Collectible Toy Show, Sunday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. Rare antiques, Tonka toys, pressed steel toys, wind up toys, dolls and much more. Admission is $4.50 ($3.50 after noon.) Children under 12 are admitted free with adult. For information call Mrs. Devlin 508-379-9733 or visit www.boston-toyshow.com.

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings Maple Sugar Days, Saturday and Sunday March 11, 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Watch maple sugar being made the traditional way at Brookwood Farm. Enjoy a wagon ride for an additional fee. Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 3-12. Ages 2 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Trailside Museum. For event parking take exit 3 off Route 93 in Milton. At the end of the ramp, follow signs to Maple Sugar Days parking. For more information, call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Special Olympics Massachusetts South Section will host Candlepin Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Alley Kat Bowling Lanes, 7 Tarkiln Road, Kingston. This year 240 athletes are expected to compete. Walk-in volunteers and spectators are welcome to come and show their support. To volunteer at this or any other event, contact Special Olympics at 508-821-3635 or visit www.specialolympicsma.org.

Open House at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, on Sunday, March 12 from 1:30-3 p.m. Admission fees are waived. Indoor exhibits include EcoZone, a quaking bog and Bob the Iguana. Six nature trails are available walks and bridges lead to vernal pools and forested areas. For information visit www.ssnsc.org. Call 781-659-2559.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series Native Irish Music Concert for St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 12, at 2 pm. in the library Program Room. Native Irish musicians, **Eammon Sheehan and Steve Maher** return to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. All ages are invited and concert is free. The program includes American /Irish favorites as well as authentic Irish folk tunes. Light refreshments served at a post-concert social hour. The library and concert space are handicapped accessible. For information please call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, email: cwoods@ocln.org or go to www.ventress library.org.

Hausmann String Quartet at Thayer Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree, Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. Group is currently the ensemble in residence of the Lyrica Boston Concert Series. This concert is part of The Friends of Thayer Public Library Concert Series. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-848-0405.

The Hawkins-Peterson-Owens Trio will perform at the Westwood Concert Series at St. John's Episcopal Church, 95 Deerfield Ave., Westwood; on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available in advance by calling 781-329-2442 and will be available at the door. Adults are $15; seniors 65+ are $10 and children are $8. Proceeds will benefit the Music Dept. at St. John's.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Sunday, March 12, **Bay State Stompers-Dixieland Jazz** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

One Muslim. One Jew. One Stage. Two Very Funny Guys. Dynamic comedy duo Rabbi Bob Alper and Ahmed Ahmed will perform at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., in Boston, on Sunday, March 12 at 6 p.m. Alper is the only practicing clergyman who performs stand-up comedy. Ahmed recently finished a 30-city comedy tour. Tickets are $18-$30 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, or by calling 617-931-2000. For more information call 617-931-2261.

24th Annual International Boston Seafood Show, March 12-14 at the Boston Convention Center and Exhibition Center. Over 800 exhibitors representing all facets of the seafood. Conference seminars on customer safety and federal compliance. For information visit www.boston-seafood.com.

House with Pines by T. Nicholas Phakos

The White Iris by Virginia Avery

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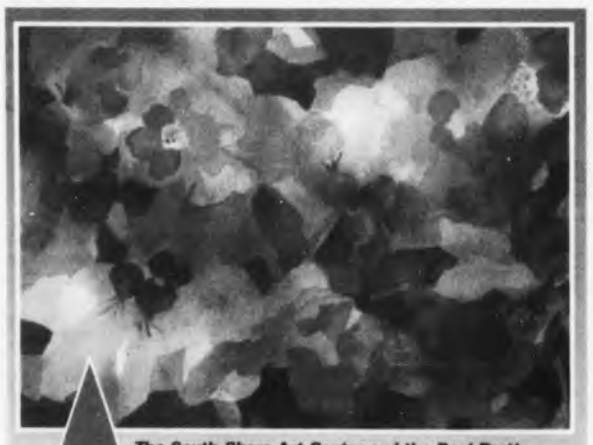
Scituate Conservancy's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery features the watercolor paintings of Virginia Avery of Marshfield and T. Nicholas Phakos of Milton through the end of April. The watercolorists have coupled with fiber artists Lucretia Chase of Scituate, Eleanor Elkin of Newton, and Virginia Holloway of Randolph, who are exhibiting in South Shore Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery, to present *Two Worlds, Watercolor and Fiber.* Admission to the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery and South Shore Music Circus Gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, please visit www.southshoreconservatory .org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.



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The South Shore Art Center and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset present the exhibit "Elements: Painting in watercolor and acylic" by Lilly Cleveland on display through April 28. An opening reception will be held Monday, March 13 from 6-8:30 at the Paul Pratt Library located at 35 Ripley Road Cohasset. For information and library hours call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. For information on the artist visit www.lillycleveland.com.

Classes

MANAGE YOUR MONEY WORKSHOP, offered by Wellspring, Inc., from March 13 through April 3. This financial management program teaches people of all income levels the best ways to manage money. Topics are: goals and budgeting, money management and credit. Cost is $80 and pre-registration is required. For information call 781-925-3211 or visit wwwwellspringhull.org.

YOUTH ACTING CLASSES at South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. starting March 15 for seven weeks. Classes are for middle and high school kids (12-17) with emphasis placed on developing listening, interacting and reacting skills. Taught by Lance Norris. Some acting experience /background is helpful but not necessary. For information call 781-383-0088.

HERITAGE BREEDS WORKSHOP at The Hingham Library, Saturday, March 18 from noon to 1 p.m. If you are interested in agriculture and preserving the genetic diversity found in older, heritage breeds, then this is the class for you. Beef and dairy cows, goats, horses, poultry and sheep will be covered. There will be a tour of Weir River Farm. For information or sign up, call Plymouth County Extension at 781-293-3541.

RUG BRAIDING AND RUG HOOKING CLASSES, at American Folk Art & Craft Supply, 6004B Bedford St., Abington. If you can thread a needle, sew on a button, and braid your hair, then you can create your own heirloom rug. Rug braiding is offered: Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30. Rug hooking is offered: Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m. Cost is $50 per class. For information call 781-871-7277.

Monday, March 13

South Shore Mothers of Multiples, a non-profit support group for mothers and expectant mothers of twins or higher order multiples, will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m., at All Souls Church, 196 Elm St. in Braintree. For information call Debra Pansa at 781-356-0975.

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Annette Pollack

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Comedy Night at Randolph Holiday Inn, 1374 N. Main St., Friday, March 10, Saturday, March 11 at 9 p.m. Featuring Jim Lauletta, Annette Pollack, Frank Prall, Rick Fingerman, Todd Sharek, Joe Calapi, Jason Margaca, Mark Bedard and hosted by Shane Mauss. For information call 781-961-1000 or visit www. annettepollack .com.

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Steve Marchena is a Magna cum Laude graduate of Berklee College of Music with a degree in music performance. Marchena is equally at home performing classical, rock, jazz and traditional blues. In addition to performing regularly as a solist, he also performs with the Back Bay Guitar Trio. This trio will perform at the Library on April 9th. Marchena is a respected teacher of electric, acoustic and classical guitar styles. More information about Marchena's background may be found at www.stevemarchena.com. The Hingham Public Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405.

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Curtain Call Theatre announces open auditions for their spring show, **"One Before Forty"** by John Shanahan. Auditions are March 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the CCT Clubhouse. For information call 781-356-5113 or email auditions@curtaincallbraintree.org Auditions will be cold readings from the script. An excerpt from the script is available at: www.shanahan.netfirms.com. Performances are May 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20, all at 8 p.m. Visit www.curtaincallbraintree.org .

New Rep on Tour presents "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. For tickets call 617-923-8487. Suggested donation is $20, all proceeds go to New Rep on Tour.

The South Area High School of Jewish Studies is sponsoring a **pre-Megillah reading program** at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St., Brockton, on Monday, March 13 at 5 p.m. prior to the Megillah reading of the Scroll of Esther at 6:30 p.m. Charge of $2.50 per person for slice of pizza, salad and drink. Program is open to everyone. To make a reservation, call 508-583-5810. Visit www.templebethemunah.org.

Silk painting workshop with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

Score A Home Run at the "Plate," Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York St., Stoughton. Free lecture on keeping fit and getting into shape. Speakers will discuss portion control, keeping fit without strenuous exercise and reading labels. For registration, call 781-297-1336.

Relax-Destress-Renew group sessions led by Ellin Morin. Ongoing sessions meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Guided imagery, meditation and stress relief, all of which can promote wellness and a sense of well being. Held at Scituate Pediatrics, 10 New Driftway, Suite 201, Scituate. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for teens. For information call Ellin Morin at 781-545-2662.

Tuesday, March 14

North River Network Group will meet at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

"Being There," an exhibit at The James Library and Center for the Arts will exhibit a collection of oil paintings by award winning artists, Jeanne MacFarland of Hull and Margaret McWethy of Hingham. Features plein air paintings of favorite south shore scenes and still lifes. Exhibit runs through April 1. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

Moonlit Esker Hike with Melissa Kurkoski, Naturalist, from the of the South Shore Natural Science Center, Tuesday, March 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Bundle up, lace up your winter boots and trek Esker on Jacob's Trail under the moon's light. Look and listen for nocturnal winter wildlife. Meet at the Science Center at 6:15 p.m., then carpool to the Cliff Prentiss Bridge parking area. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Cost is $3 for members, $4 for non-members. Papooses are free. For information, call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at **The Snow Goose Yarns**, Milton Marketplace, second level in Milton. Newcomers and all levels knitters are welcome. Fee of $5 for non-members. For more information call 508-224-4658.

Monty Python's "Spamalot" at the Colonial Theatre in Boston, through April 15. Ticket are $37.50-$90 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, by calling 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial box office, 539 Washington St., Boston.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, March 15

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

South Shore Elder Services Free Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage seminar, Wednesday, March 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. at South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive in Braintree. Open to all who are interested in the topic. Designed to educate people about the state run prescription program, co-payments and more. To register or for more information, call 781-848-3910 or visit www.sselder.org.

The Rose Art Museum of Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, **"Meet the Artist,"** Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. **Dana Schultz** will give insights on her colorful images and imaginative paintings. Admission is free. RSVP 781-736-3438 or visit www.brandeis.edu/rose.

Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery will feature the marine life giclées of Hull resident Barry Hass through March 30. Hass' exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information about the exhibit and Hass' particular use of the giclée process, visit www.hinghamlibrary.org and select "exhibits and displays."

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands lecture "Landscapes and Seascapes: The Wildland/ Urban/Wildwater Interface" with Roger G. Kennedy, on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boston Public Library, Abbey Room, 700 Boylston St. in Copley Square, Boston. Free and open to the public. For information, call the library at 617-859-2270 or visit www.bpl.org.

NSRWA, South Shore Natural Science Center and Mass Audubon partner together to offer a series of free Wednesday lectures. **The Water Watch Lecture Series** presents **"The Wreck of the Forest Queen: A Treasure on the Sea Floor."** Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The Forest Queen sank off Peggotty Beach and Daniel Ward; a Scituate mosser was awarded salvage rights to the ship. Come here the historic tale. For information, call 781-659-8168 or visit www.nsrwa.org.

Ice Hockey spring/summer leagues begin April/May. Players and teams are needed for all ages and levels of play. Play various south shore locations. For a brochure cal 888-456-3745 or email:adulthockeyneshl@aol.com

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Wednesday, March 15 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Moondance Blues Band featuring Danny Banks.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

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South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will exhibit of the works of Marjorie Osbourne Whorf and Tatiana Vladimirovna Yanovskaya, from March 10-30. Opening reception on Friday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m., with music and refreshments. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Thursday, March 16

Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts-Quincy and Altrusa International will sponsor an **UNScrabble fundraiser** on Thursday, March 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Thomas Crane Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. Refreshments, games, prizes and surprises. Not traditional Scrabble, but play consists of thirty minutes of frenzied word building using all the Scrabble tiles. Registration $15 and proceeds benefit the library's literacy tutoring program. Call Elaine Kline at 617-376-1314 for a registration form and information.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** will demonstrate pastels. Public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-335-4675.

The North River Arts Society presents "Nurturing the New," a new exhibit in the Little Gallery featuring original mixed media and traditional monoprints by member artist Mary Taylor, through March 24. Pre-registration is appreciated. Cost is $20 per person at the door. Hours for the gallery, located in NRAS' G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills are Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or by appointment on the weekends. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

Lyric Stage Company presents Edward Albee's **"The Goat,"** through March 18. Tickets $20-45 at 140 Clarendon St., Boston or call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 16 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Earthbound Misfits**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 16, **Blues Jam with Stovall Brown.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, March 17

Disney's AIDA will be performed at The Company Theatre, Norwell from Friday, March 17 through Sunday, April 9. The Broadway sensation created by Elton John and Tim Rice tells the passionate tale of mystery and magic in ancient Egypt. Tickets are $26-29 and are available at The Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or online www.companytheatre.com.

Art Center, Bancroft Gallery, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.ssac.org.

South Shore Folk Music Club will hold an open mic event at its coffeehouse on Friday, March 17 with **George Cronin and Ana Eder-Mulhane.** Event will be held at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Celtic Odyssey art exhibit featuring the work of **Fiona and John Owen** will be on display through April 2 in the **South Shore**

The James Library and Center for the Arts will exhibit a collection of oil paintings by award winning artists, Jeanne MacFarland of Hull and Margaret McWethy of Hingham, in the Art Gallery through April 1. The collection of paintings features plein air paintings of favorite South Shore scenes and still lifes of treasured objects. The James Library and Center for the Arts is at 24 West St, Norwell. For more information, call the James Library at 781-659-7100 or log on to Jameslibrary.org.

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Mark your calendar

A TASTE OF THE SOUTH SHORE, Thursday, March 30, sponsored by the YMCA. Event takes place at Lombardo's and over 18 of the area's most exciting restaurants will provide cuisine. Tickets are $75 and sponsorships are available. Proceeds benefit Y's Strong Kids Annual Support Campaign. For information, call Jill Donovan at 617-479-8500, ext. 146.

"MARGARITAVILLE IN MARCH" Cliff Myers is Jimmy Buffet on March 18 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Hawaiian buffet Dance the night away while enjoying margaritas and pina coladas at the Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Admission is $15 per person. To purchase tickets or for information, call 781-337-8878 ext. 5.

CABARET AU CHOCOLAT! Join the South Shore Choral Art Society conducted by Danica Buckley for an evening of music, merriment, appetizers, wine and chocolate, on Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, Scituate Harbor. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front St. Books in Scituate and choir members. Cost is $20 person, $25 at the door. For information call Paul 781-585-8910.

THIRD ANNUAL JOHN'S RACE, Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m., at Pope's Tavern, South and Plymouth streets in Halifax. A 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) run/walk and 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) run. To benefit John Kealey's daughter, Kyli who was born five months after he was tragically killed in a car crash caused by a drunk driver. Registration by May 20 is $15; after May 20, $20. For information, visit www.johnsrace.com or www.coolrunning.com.

SKATE AGAINST FORMER BRUINS TO FIGHT ASTHMA, Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Team of former Bruins, will play against area amateur hockey players at Babson Skating Center to raise money for the American Lung Association pediatric and adult asthma services. Such legends as Johnny Bucyk, Bob Beers, Ken Hodge, Bob Sweeney, Johnny "Pieface" McKenzie and Reggie Lemelin will be skating. To register or for information, call 781-890-4262 or visit www.lungma.org.

BOSTON BAKES FOR BREAST CANCER, May 8 through May 14, pastry chefs from various restaurants will create a unique dessert. When ordered, 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit the Eva Brownman Breast Cancer fund. This fund supports research, education and treatment at the Breast Oncology Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more information, visit www.bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org.

Scissormen bring exciting juke joint blues to Rockland's New Song Arts Center Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Come hear one of the contemporary American roots music scene's most exciting new bands, Scissormen, deliver their own take on authentic Mississippi juke joint blues. In the past two years of touring the country, the group's earned praise from critics, DJs and fans for their high energy performances and amazing sonic distillation of this great musical style into an incomparable and fresh slide guitar, vocals and drums approach. The New Song Arts Center is located at 76 Park St., Rockland. For more information, please visit www.scissormen.com or call 617-568-9789.

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Resource officer gets good grades

By Samantha Brown
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Bridging the gap between the police department and the town's youth is a goal shared by both the school and police departments. To that end, the two have proposed sharing the cost of the salary for an additional officer who would serve as a school resource officer.

While the position is not included in the Town Manager's no-override budget, which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, it was one of Griffin's top priorities on his supplemental budget list, not only for safety and building relationships with the town's youth, but due to its potential to save on police overtime.

Since May 2005, there have been five incidents where threatening notes have been found at the middle-high school. One was found during school hours. For that reason alone, school administrators would like to see an officer on duty at the school who can build up a rapport with students and help resolve issues

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Special election for override vote

Selectmen to set the date Tuesday

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen will set the date for a special election at its Tuesday, March 21 meeting, which will have many residents marking their calendars. The special election is being held for one reason only — to give voters the opportunity to raise their taxes by overriding Prop. 2-1/2.

Last week, selectmen voted unanimously to place two override questions on the special election ballot — a $725,000 question and a $1.495 million question. Selectmen then voted on whether as a board, it would recommend each of the questions to Town Meeting. It voted unanimously to recommend the lower figure, and three out of five members voted in favor of recommencing the higher number, with Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Gary Vanderweil opposed.

After the Board of Selectmen cast its vote, the Advisory Committee voted its Town

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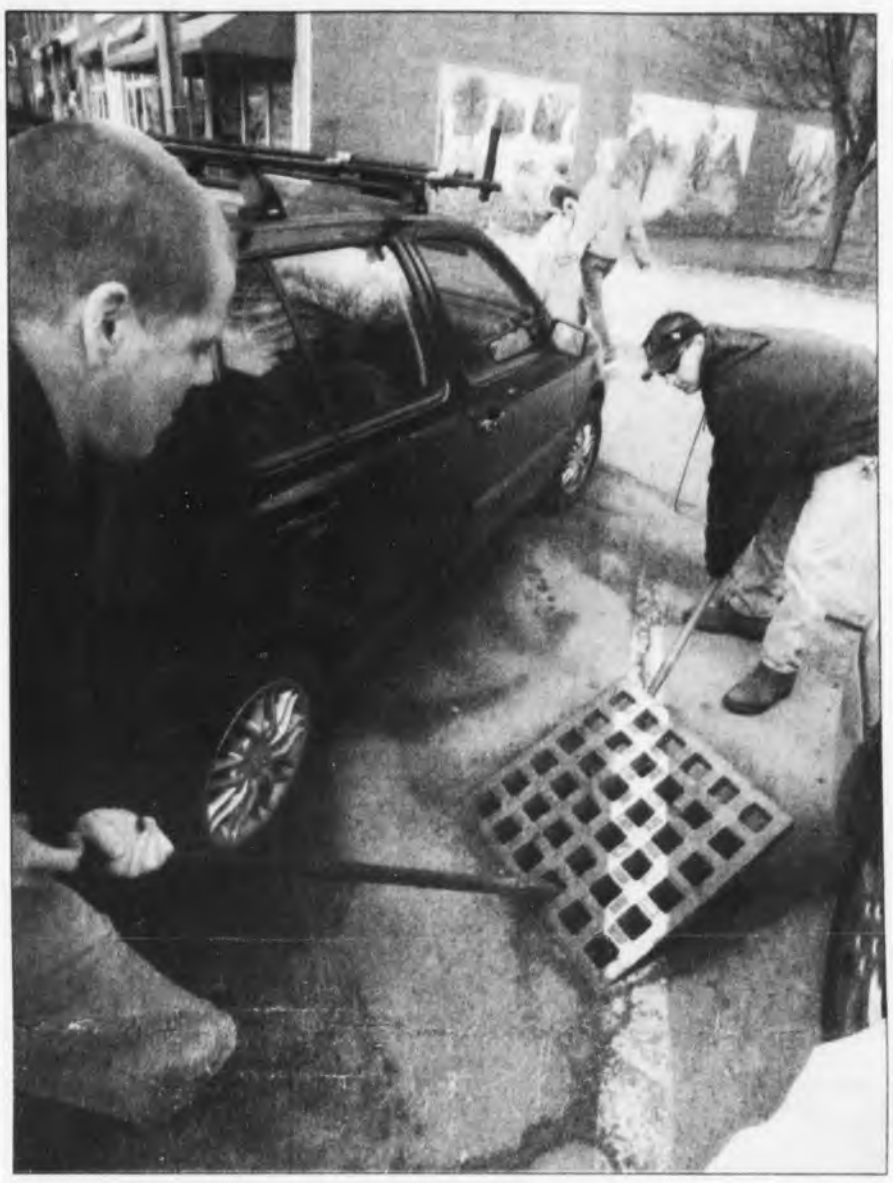

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HELPFUL HANDS

Brendan Stone, left, and Barry Sladen, right, of the Cohasset Water Department remove a drain cover to retrieve a set of car keys that were accidentally dropped into the catch basin last Friday. The grateful motorist, who did not wish to be identified, was thankful for their good deed because it was the only set of keys she had

Buckley bows out

Wants to wait until next year

By Samantha Brown
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Voters at the April 8 Town Election will see four candidates' names on the ballot for the School Committee but there will be only three people running.

Barbara Buckley called the Mariner on Monday to announce she has withdrawn from the race. However, the ballot has been printed with her name on it because the deadline to withdraw was March 6. At the time the Mariner went to press, Buckley had not formally informed the Town Clerk's office of her withdrawal.

The North Main Street resident said she is pulling out for a "variety of reasons" which all come under the umbrella of personal reasons. "I've decided with my family that right this second is not the right time for me," she said.

The news comes as a surprise. Not only did Buckley return her nomination papers, she submitted a formal announcement of her candidacy that was printed two weeks ago in the Mariner. She has participated in the Question of the Week and just last Thursday inquired about reserving pages to advertise her campaign in the Mariner.

Buckley said she is only postponing her campaign for one year. As is the case this spring, there will be two open School Committee seats in

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Gourmet club celebrates 40 years of culinary camaraderie

By Samantha Brown
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Nothing brings friends together like good food and good conversation, and the women who make up the Cohasset Gourmet Food Club can attest to that.

For the past 40 years, members of the gourmet club have met monthly to exchange much more than just recipes. The friendships that have been built have seen the women through everything from raising babies to high school and college graduations, to weddings and funerals. While some of the faces in the club have changed, the premise has always stayed the same — feeding the soul through friendship and food.

On Wednesday Feb. 22, members past and present met for lunch at Raffael's in Hull, located in the Clarion Hotel, to mark — to the day — the 40th anniversary of the club's first meeting. Not only did the ladies enjoy a delicious lunch, they were presented with a silver fork, knife, and spoon charm as well as a red carnation (red is the color for 40th anniversaries) by Pat Mullaney, one of the club's original members and the woman whom the others call the "glue that holds the club together."

"We don't know what everyone's going to bring, but 90 percent of the time, it works out beautifully."
— Pat Mullaney, Cohasset Gourmet Food Club

The women were introduced to each other through the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club in 1966. Today, the club has eight full members including Mullaney, Helen Wilson, Judy Sestito, Eileen Buckley, Grace Wilkin, Angie Kelley, Edwina Migliaccio, Doris Golden, and two alternate members, Marilyn LeBlanc and Carol Townsend. Mullaney, Wilkin, Golden, and Townsend were original members, and Kelley has been a member since 1967.

When the group started, the

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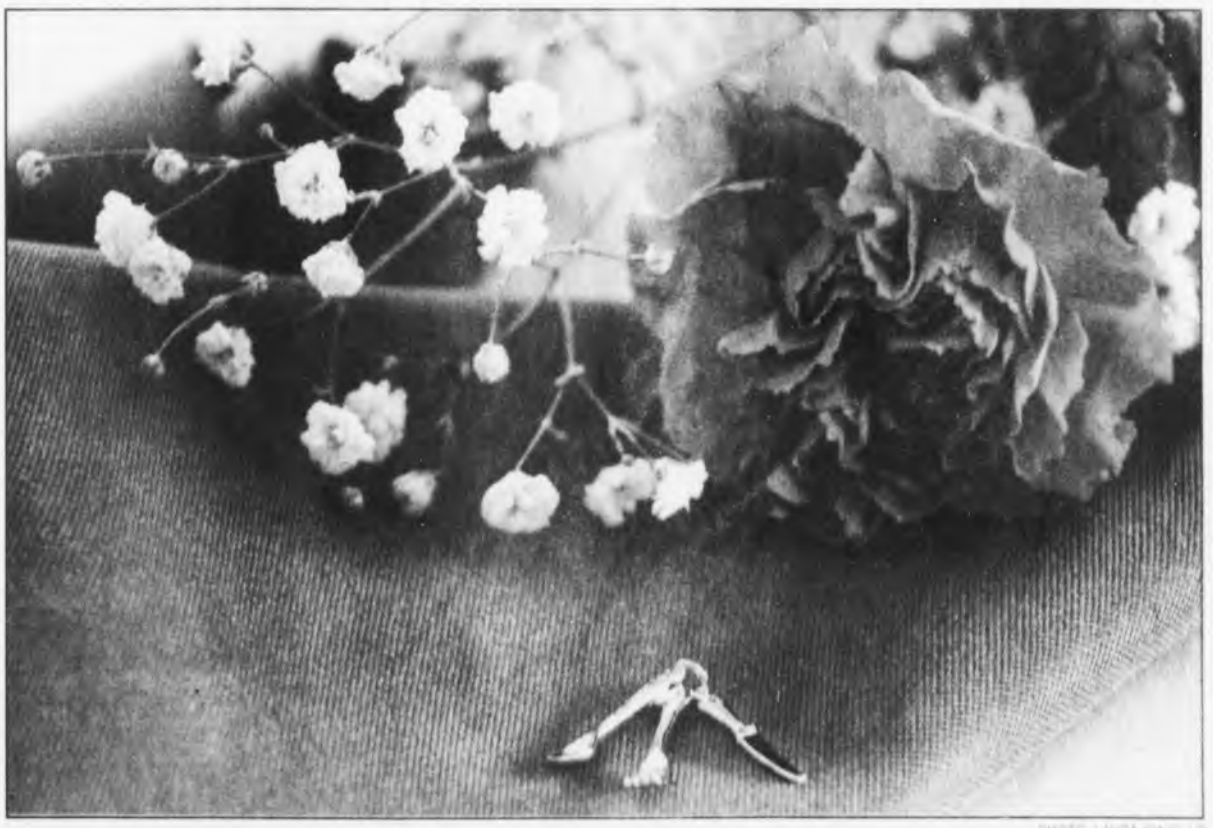

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Members of the Cohasset Gourmet Food Club were presented with a silver fork, knife, and spoon charm as well as a red carnation to celebrate 40 years of dining together. Member Pat Mullaney explained red is the color for 40th anniversaries.

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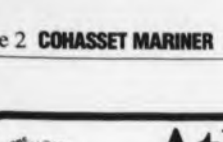

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CHS senior Zach Etkind dons a rain coat after being crowed "Mr. Skipper" at the annual male pageant last week that raises money to help offset the cost of senior activities, such as the prom.

Name: Zach Etkind.

Occupation: Mr. Skipper 2006 and CHS senior.

Best day of your life: The day I won Mr. Skipper.

Best vacation: Belize and Guatemala.

Favorite season: Late spring.

Favorite holiday: Chrismakah and Hannumas.

Favorite junk food or meal: Crab Rangoon and Chalupas.

Best book: "One Flew over the Cuckoos Nest," by Ken Kesey.

Best movie: "The Big Lebowski."

Best TV show: "South Park."

Pet peeve: Extremely narrow-minded people.

Dumbest thing you've ever done: Accidentally spraying a can of spray paint in my eyes when I was six.

Goal: To find an apprentice I can train to be the next Mr. Skipper.

Person you'd most like to meet: Mrs. Skipper.

Biggest worry: That I won't find anyone to do my laundry in college.

Best part of Cohasset: Little Harbor, before I knew it was so polluted.

Most memorable moment: Walking through an extremely primitive Mayan village in Guatemala.

Middle school seeks lunchroom volunteers

Middle school Assistant Principal Beth Sternala is looking for parents or community members to assist in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to noon either on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact middle-high school PSO president Lucia Flibotte at (781) 383-2792.

Volunteers sought for Earth Day cleanup

Cohasset residents are looking to have a successful First Annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup, in honor of Earth Day, and are looking for volunteers to help. On Saturday, April 8 (rain date April 29) residents will meet in front of Town Hall at 2:30 p.m., and will then celebrate Earth Day and the beauty of Cohasset by cleaning selected streets and sites — Black Rock Beach, the Beechwood Ball Field, Government Island, etc. The town will provide garbage bags, but volunteers are asked to bring their own thick work gloves. The effort is supported by the Cohasset Board of Health, the Friends of Black Rock Beach, and the Cohasset Girl Scouts. For more information, please call Alison Callahan at (781) 383-1081 or Bill Burnett at (781) 383-3499.

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Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:51 p.m.*			
Fri. 17	12:29	9.0	12:51	8.8	6:34	0.2	6:49	0.6
Sunrise: 5:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:52 p.m.*			
Sat. 18	1:03	9.0	1:29	8.5	7:12	0.3	7:25	0.8
Sunrise: 5:50 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:53 p.m.*			
Sun. 19	1:39	9.0	2.09	8.2	7:53	0.4	8:05	1.0
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:54 p.m.*			
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Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:55p.m.*			
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Sunrise: 5:45 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:56p.m.*			
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Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:58 p.m.*			
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Lance Norris, right, offers instructions to two young actresses, Savanna Norris, 13, (top) and Christine Coner, 14, before they head on stage. Norris' acting class starts next week. For story, see page 30.

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Requiring door-to-door solicitors to signup

Town Meeting to have final say

By Mary Ford
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"Anything that makes residents feel safer is a good thing."
— Chief James Hussey

When daylight saving time returns in April — the police log could again be filled with complaints from residents about solicitors who come knocking on their doors at dinnertime and later.

However, Town Meeting voters will have the chance to potentially curb some of this activity through a proposed bylaw.

According to Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, the bylaw would allow some restrictions on commercial solicitation and on those who are paid to solicit for non-profits.

Solicitors would not be prohibited from going door-to-door but would be required to register with the Cohasset Police Department where they would apply for a $25 license. They would be required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. In addition solicitors would have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, social security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Exceptions to the bylaw would be town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

Dormitzer said the proposed bylaw is modeled after one in Duxbury. He said it is difficult to restrict door-to-door solicitation, which is protected by the First Amendment. "But we would at least know who is in town doing the soliciting," he said.

He described the bylaw as "a baby step" but not a panacea for stopping undesirable solicitation in town. He explained even attempts to restrict solicitors to early evening hours before dusk has been rejected by the courts.

Dormitzer said the proposed bylaw would at least ensure police have conducted background checks on door-to-door solicitors.

"Last year I received complaints about magazine solicitation by individuals who did show up on peoples' doorsteps at dusk," Dormitzer said. "According to the Duxbury Police Chief, whom Chief Hussey contacted, their solicitation by-law was effective in limiting the number of solicitors who came to town with the intention of getting in and quickly getting out. It also provided some comfort to residents that the people who were soliciting had background checks performed by the police department.

"The bylaw is not a panacea for unwanted solicitation. It is narrowly defined to meet court challenges particularly with respect to the First Amendment to the Constitution," he said.

In an interview Wednesday, Hussey said he and Sgt William Quigley were meeting with the Duxbury chief that afternoon to talk further about the bylaw.

Hussey said the police would provide solicitors with an ID card or badge that would be worn and be clearly visible. He also said the police would conduct a quick background check on the individuals.

He did not think the bylaw would increase the workload at the department. He said the department has a device that can laminate ID cards and is looking to purchasing special holders for the cards that could be worn around the neck.

Hussey is in favor of the proposed by law describing it as a "quality of life" issue. "Anything that makes residents feel safer is a good thing," he said.

Dormitzer also pointed out it is unlawful for solicitors to visit a residence that has a "no trespassing" or "no soliciting" sign or poster.

"One can put out a 'no trespassing, no solicitation' sign even today (without the bylaw)," Dormitzer said. "The courts have held that is enforceable. It is not more enforceable because of the bylaw."

A detailed description of the bylaw is in the Town Warrant that will be mailed to all households. Violators of any provision of the bylaw, should it be adopted, could be subject to loss of solicitation license and fines.

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School resource officer could help foster communication

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to ensure a safe learning environment.

Many other surrounding towns have resource officers, and in one case in Marshfield, a plot by two students to commit a Columbine-like massacre at the high school was stopped in its tracks when three students reported the plans to the school's resource officer.

Police Chief James Hussey said adding the position will make a difference both in the schools and at the department. He said while the main objective is to help increase positive interaction between the police department and the town's youth, it would also bring a body back to the department which was taken out of the budget during fiscal 2006.

The Cohasset Police Department has a contract with its officers that requires there be minimum manning of three officers on duty for each shift. He said with the amount of officers the department currently has, when officers are away from the station for training, or are at court or on vacation, another member has to be brought in and is paid overtime.

"We're looking to add a body and put them on the day shift," he said, which will help bring those overtime costs down. This current fiscal year, the police department has spent over $92,600 on day overtime. That is 2,384 hours of overtime, which is 298 days through March 6. Hussey said by adding the position, he anticipates overtime costs can be reduced to $48,600.

Hussey said the intention is to have four officers on duty during the day, with one of them being the resource officer, in the event someone was out of town from that shift, the resource officer would count toward minimum manning and another officer would not need to be called in. While the resource officer would spend a good deal of time at the schools, he or she would also be available to respond to emergencies in extreme cases.

Hussey said in the 1-1/2 years he has worked in Cohasset, the members of the community have put youth issues are at the top of their list of concerns. He believes having a resource officer at the school on a daily basis, who can interact with the students in a neutral location, would build up a relationship and help bridge the gap currently between the two.

"We have made some headway," said Hussey, as teacher Jack Buckley's Introduction to Law class invites uniformed police officers to make regular visits to the classroom.

However, he said he remembers what it was like to be a kid and how seeing a police officer would usually generate the "Uh-oh" gut reaction, even if the teen was not doing anything wrong. Hussey said he wants to establish the kind of relationship in the town where students will see an officer out of school and will walk over to say hello, rather than turn their backs and walk in the other direction. "I think it's good to have the police department actively involved with the town's youth. It's a win-win for everyone," he said.

Not everyone is on board with the position, however. Selectmen Gary Vanderweil and Ralph Dormizter expressed skepticism at last week's selectmen's meeting about whether the position would indeed reduce overtime or help find the culprits responsible for some of the school threats.

Vanderweil described the position as a "fad" and was concerned about the cost.

"All other towns do it, so we do it," he said, describing the resource officer as a "a big, strapping ex-marine to be put in the high school to bond with the kids." Vanderweil noted hiring new personnel translates into retirement, health and disability benefits.

But School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said when Dr. Robert Macy, director of community services for the trauma center in Boston, came to Cohasset to speak about school violence prevention, he recommended there be two resource officers working in the system.

Hingham's experience

Hingham High School has had a resource officer for the past five years. The town also has a D.A.R.E. officer at the middle school and a safety officer at the elementary school. Police Chief Steve Carlson and HHS Principal Paula Girouard McCann both recommend having a high school resource officer.

Carlson said high school Resource Officer Richard St. Laurent's job description requires he be at the high school every day school is in session. He does not respond to calls that come into the station. Carlson said the position restricts the days which can be taken for personal reasons or vacation to those times school is not in session, but any officer that accepts the position fully understands the responsibilities that come with it. The officer is required to attend all major school functions, and if two functions are happening on the same night, the principal must dictate which is a larger priority. "You've got to have a very special person" to take on the role, Carlson said.

St. Laurent does not wear his uniform to school, and resource officers must have a bachelor's degree to be able to teach. If the officer does not have a degree, he or she must earn one within a timeframe agreed upon by the school administration.

St. Laurent teaches for one period out of the six total periods per day, and Girouard McCann said currently, his course is similar to a criminal law class.

In the past, the resource officer has taught a forensic science class, which Girouard McCann quipped was Hingham High School's "answer to CSI." The students participate in real, hands-on activities including working with fingerprints. "It's a fun class. The kids have really enjoyed that," she said.

Girouard McCann said St. Laurent has many other duties aside from those in the classroom. At the start of the day, he patrols the parking areas, including the student parking lot. He regulates any traffic issues that may occur, including backups from students drop-offs.

During lunch, St. Laurent is always visible. Girouard McCann said this provides students with an opportunity to see him out of the classroom or office setting where they might be more reluctant to ask a question or just stop to say hello. "It helps build relationships," she said, adding because the resource officer position is not one that is responsible for carrying out regular disciplinary actions (the assistant principal does), St. Laurent is very approachable.

"He's not like an armed

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Absentee election ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 8 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 7 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

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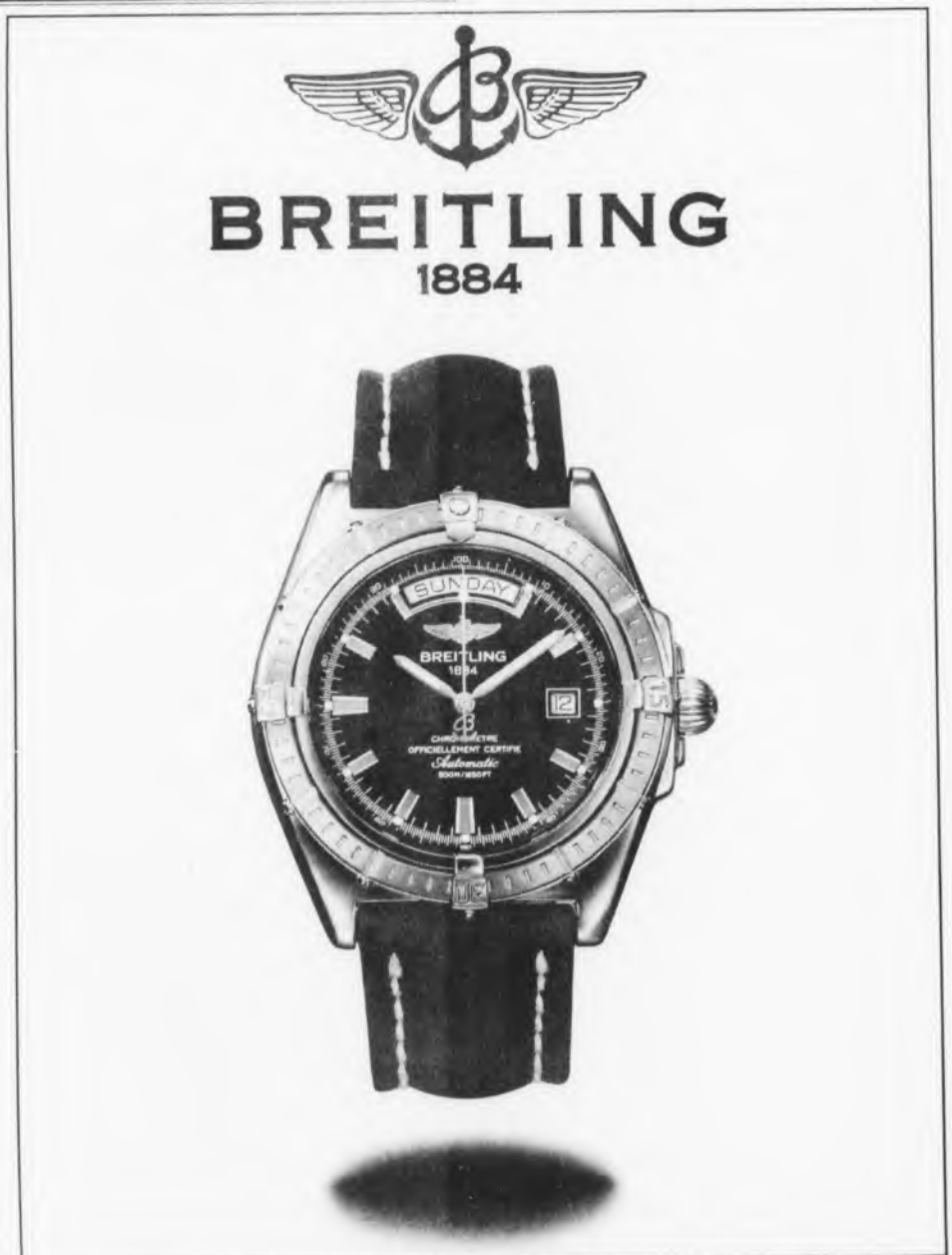

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guard with a gun on his hip," she said, adding "he's been very helpful" in not only dealing with issues at school, but students are often comfortable enough to come to him with private matters involving friends or family.

When not teaching his own class, St. Laurent will often spend time in other classrooms as a guest speaker. Sometimes sociology or social studies classes will ask him to come in and make a presentation. Whatever his role, Girouard McCann said the bottom line is, the resource officer is helping build a relationship between the police department and the youth in the community, and any time that kind of opportunity presents itself, it's a good thing.

Hussey said should the town decide to allocate the funding for the position, he will then meet with members of the school department to determine the role the officer would have in the schools. "It's a work in progress," he said, adding there are many different ways a town can use a resource officer. "The schools are going to be paying for half the cost, so they'll have a major say and we'll have to determine how best to use the officer in the schools," Hussey said.

"I think it's good to have the police department actively involved with the town's youth. It's a win-win for everyone.'
— Police Chief James Hussey

Both the town and school budget have money allocated to cover the cost of the resource officer should the $725,000 override pass. While the school department was slated to receive $505,000 as its portion of the override, Selectmen raised the school department's portion to $530,000 to include $25,000 for the schools' share of the officer's salary. It is still unclear what would happen in terms of funding the position on the school side should the $1.495 million override pass, as that figure will be roughly $200,000 less than the school department's certified budget, which would require making cuts.

Hussey added regardless of whether the position is funded or not, he has already paid for one of his officers to attend a 40-hour resource officer training session in April, which provides valuable tools for working with youth. The training would cover topics such as being a positive role model, public speaking, counseling, adolescent emotional issues, child abuse, dysfunctional families, special education, school safety, school law and substance abuse.

Carlson, the Hingham chief, said he would advise any town considering whether to implement a school resource officer to take a look at its total budget and then compare it with the potential value that position could bring. He said in Hingham, students know any time of day they can contact the police department and it will in turn contact Officer St. Laurent, meaning he is never more than a phone call away. If having a resource officer available helps prevent even one student from making a wrong decision, Carlson said in his opinion, the money has been well spent.

Town Meeting at 10 a.m.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil would like Town Meeting to get under way at 9 a.m. rather than 10 a.m.

But Town Manager Bill Griffin said the general bylaws state Town Meeting must start at 10 a.m.

"Maybe that's something we can think about for the future," Griffin said.

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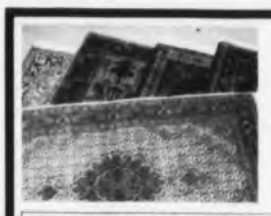
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The Team Kick-Meeting for the American Cancer Society's 10th Annual Cohasset Relay For Life is being held on Thursday, March 23 at the Cohasset Lightkeepers House. Here, Team Captains will be able to come and register their teams, meet and talk with committee members and members of the American Cancer Society, hear and learn all about this amazing event and really get ready to have the best relay ever.

Last year's Relay raised over 150,000 dollars for the American Cancer Society with the help of volunteers from the four town area. Teams of volunteers from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate worked from March to June to raise these funds.

This year's Relay is the tenth and we expect to exceed last year's numbers both in dollars and participation.

Music, prizes, delicious food prepared by Laura Atherton and so much more is in store for this fun and informative evening. Talk with your friends and families to get your teams started, come to the Lightkeepers on Thursday and get ready to start this year's Relay efforts.

If you have any questions at all about starting a team or other information, contact **Harry St. Onge** for Cohasset/Hingham at st.onge@comcast.net or 781-383-9457.

ARROW OF LIGHT

On Sunday, March 12 Cub Scout Pack 38 held its annual Blue and Gold dinner at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. While many Cub Scouts received badges, there were eight fifth-grade Webelos II's who received their Arrow of Light Award, which is Cub Scouting's highest award.

The boys have worked toward this award for two years; this year's recipients are: **Michael Fegreus, Hugh Gideon-Murphy, Robbie Hillman, Alex Kent, Andrew Leighton, Kevin Mack, Jack Thomae**, and **Ian Tracey.**

In addition to their Arrow of Light Badge, each boy received a certificate of recognition from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives, signed by Speaker of the House, Salvatore F. DiMasi, and state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley.

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Florence "Gertrude" Stoughton kisses the hand of her granddaughter during her 100th birthday party at Harbor House in Hingham last week. Mrs. Stoughton was a Cohasset resident for 74 years before moving to Hingham.

NEWEST CENTENARIAN!

A very special 100th birthday wish goes out to **Florence Gertrude Stoughton**, mother of **Beverly Barrett** of Hingham and grandmother of **Sarah Barrett** of Cohasset. Mrs. Stoughton lived in Cohasset for 74 of her 100 years. She is now in neighboring Hingham at Harbor House.

Mrs. Stoughton celebrated her special day with family and friends on Thursday, March 9. A wonderful time was had by all!

HONORABLE MENTION

Congratulations to **Madeline Blackburn** and **Foster Eymer** for earning an Honorable Mention in 2006 Massachusetts Letters About Literature program! They will be honored at the State House along with their families, State Senator, and State Representative. Madeline and Foster were two out the almost 3,000 students that participated from over 100 Massachusetts towns. What an honor for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Cohasset.

BUDGET MEETING

Please join the Cohasset PSO on Tuesday, March 21st at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium for an informational meeting regarding the School Department Budget. Superintendent Dr. Denise Walsh will be available to answer your questions about the budget and its presentation at the upcoming Town Meeting.

NOTED AUTHOR

On Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Center, Author Michael Tougias will be speaking on "Quiet Places: Rambles Through Hidden Massachusetts." Naturalist, photographer, and author Michael Tougias will give a lecture and slide presentation featuring lessor-known natural and historic places of Massachusetts. Michael Tougias in the author of 15 books including "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse!," "Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide," "The Blizzard of '78," and "Until I Have No Country (A Novel of King Philip's Indian War)." His latest book "Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard The Can Do" was selected by the American Library Association as a "Top Pick for 2005". He is a frequent guest on WCVB TV's "Chronicle" and WBZ radio.

Autographed copies of the author's work will be available for sale. A historic moment in game show history takes place on Friday, April 7 at 7pm.

FAMILY FEUD

The first ever Cohasset Family Feud will be held at Cohasset High School. **Rich Ofsthun** will emcee the event. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee to fund post-prom activities. How can you play? Ask friends, neighbors or family to form a five member team. Each team member pays $25 per team member to play- $125 total per team. Minimum age to play is 10 years old. Call 383-9396 for additional information. Mail team registration information and the $125 team registration fee to **Kathy Ofsthun**, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, Cohasset, MA 02025. Checks are payable to the Post Prom Committee '06. The deadline to register is March 24 and registration is limited to the first 16 teams.

TRADITION HIATUS

The Beechwood Church will not host the Annual Election Supper this Spring, due to circumstances beyond its control. But the church is looking forward to continuing the tradition next year. Best wishes to all the candidates running for town office!

HOMELESSNESS

Did you know that homelessness is a growing problem on the South Shore? First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Cohasset's Outreach and Adult Education Committees are sponsoring a discussion about this timely concern and challenge on Sunday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Atkinson Room of the Parish House, 23 North Main St. Leading the discussion will be **Dorothy Newell,** Director of South Shore Friends of the Homeless. She is a leading advocate and expert on the challenges confronting the Homeless. All are welcome and you are encouraged to attend.

TELEPHONE TYPO

Recently, a beige phone-book Tel-A-Cover was mailed into the community of Cohasset. The number for the Cohasset Swim Center was incorrectly published as 781-383-0636. Please fix with a ball point pen. The correct number is 781-383-9463.

That is all the news for this week.

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Cohasset doctor has her eye on optic health

By Samantha Brown
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Geri Goodman has always had a steady hand. As a young girl, she had a knack for the fine precision required for needlepoint — a craft that prepared her hands and mind for the work she now does as a nationally recognized corneal specialist.

Goodman was one of the first ophthalmologists to perform refractive eye surgery (more commonly known as LASIK surgery) in the United States. She was involved in the studies, which gained the surgery approval from the Food and Drug Administration, and is now recognized as an authority on the subject. Fortunately for residents on the South Shore, Goodman and her family recently relocated to Cohasset.

Goodman and her family, which includes husband Dan Counihan and their son Brian, moved to Jerusalem Road from Baltimore, Md. in 2005. Counihan was offered a job at Gensyme in Cambridge, which initiated the move.

"We thought we'd live closer to Cambridge," said Goodman, but after driving through Cohasset, they fell in love with the town. "It's very picturesque," she said, adding they have met many very nice people, her son loves attending the Osgood School, and the whole family loves the small-town feel, which they did not have in Baltimore.

Goodman is a doctor for the Nielsen Eye Center, which has offices in Quincy as well as Derby Street in Hingham. "We're trying to expand our services on the South Shore," she said.

Goodman has known she wanted to be a doctor since the third grade. She said she always had an interest in physics and optics, and the first time she witnessed an eye surgery first hand, "I thought it was beautiful." Goodman received her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Albany, and her Doctor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. Following residency at the University of North Carolina, she completed a

"If you ask a lot of people, many will say their eyes are the most important part of their bodies."
— Dr. Geri Goodman

Fellowship in Corneal Diseases at Wilmer Institute at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She later had her own private practice, including her own laser center, and during that time, she taught many courses and lectured on the procedures.

Goodman's work on refractive eye surgery was done during her time at Johns Hopkins. "I had my eyes done in the studies," she said, which was exciting, but also somewhat intimidating.

"If you ask a lot of people, many will say their eyes are the most important part of their bodies," she said, adding people will often say they would rather lose any other sense but sight. Goodman said she did not hesitate to use her own eyes during the studies because she had had so much exposure to the surgery beforehand and confidence in the doctor who performed it. "I felt really good about the results from the trial and I hand-picked the surgeon," she said, adding because she had a working relationship with the surgeon, it helped put her mind at ease. "I trusted the doctor," she said, which is the most important quality of any patient-doctor relationship.

When the surgery was brand new, doctors were still performing the procedure one eye at a time over a two-day period. "That was over 13 years ago and it was the best thing I ever did," she said.

During refractive eye surgery, Goodman said essentially, the cornea, which is the part of the eye a contact would rest on, is reshaped, which allows light to enter and focus better on the retina. "It is a gentle sculpting," she said, adding these days, it is outpatient, same-day surgery with little down time. "It is very precise," she said. Goodman added it could take some patients more than a year before they have done enough research to feel comfortable having the procedure done. "It's a big step," she said, but added for her, it was well worth it, as she no longer has to depend on glasses.

Goodman said there is a more conservative attitude toward refractive eye surgery in New England than other parts of the country. She said one of the main problems patients around Cohasset want to see addressed is "dry eye." She said the combination of the weather, staring at computer screens all day long, and medicines that people are on such as anti-histamines or anti-depressants can all dry the eyes out. The result is a burning, itching, and sometimes tearing which can all cause discomfort. Therefore, she has opened a dry-eye clinic to help provide relief.

Healthy eyes start from the inside out and Goodman said often, the eyes can be a window into the overall health of a person. She said she can sometimes tell a patient has diabetes or high blood pressure before even they know they have the condition, just by looking at their eyes. "It's pretty amazing," she said.

Goodman recommends everyone between the ages of 50 or 60 have a yearly eye exam, and every two years for people in their 40s. Children are usually screened at their pediatrician's office or at school, and all children should have some type of screening yearly, she said.

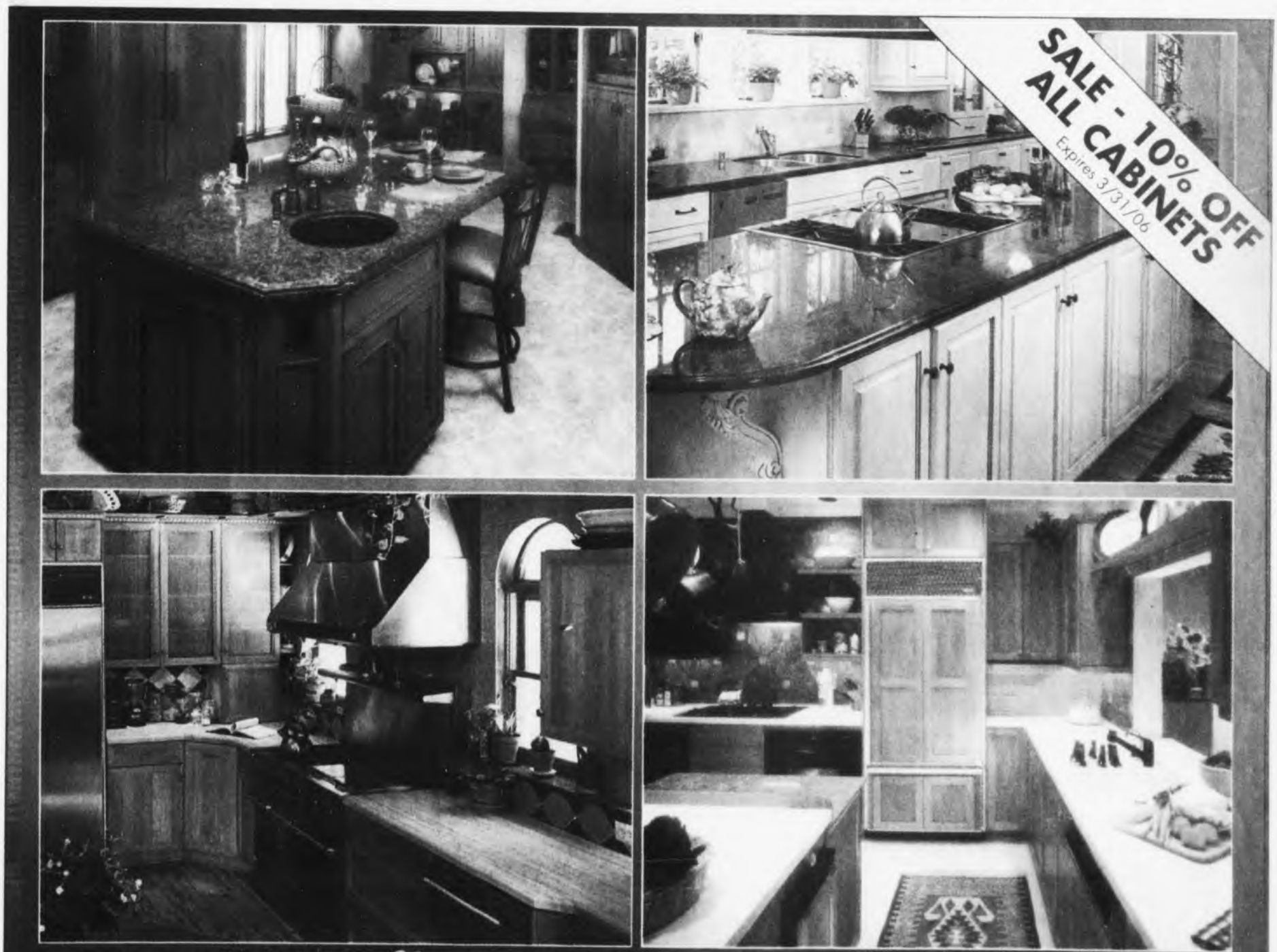
Goodman said many people have the attitude "if it's not broken, don't fix it," when it comes to having regular eye exams, but conditions such as glaucoma do not have any symptoms and people do not know they have them without an exam. "We can pick it up early to ensure a patient does not go blind," she said.

While regular exams are important, so are proactive measures to protect the eyes from outside damage. Goodman said everyone, including children, should always wear sunglasses when going outside, even on days when the sky is overcast, as ultra-violet light can affect eye health. She said there is also a new movement in progress with kids and safety glasses, especially on playing fields. She said one hit from a baseball or a hockey puck can be "devastating," and safety gear can play a big role in eye protection.

Goodman said she is available to help teach the community about eye health and as a new resident in town, is very enthusiastic about helping in any way she can. She said she would be happy to talk with members of various town departments that might have a need for eye screening, and would be happy to give lectures on any facets of eye health. "We want to find ways to give back and volunteer," she said. "We're very happy to be in such a nice community."

For more information on Geri Goodman or the Nielsen Eye Center please visit the Nielsen Eye Center Web site at www.golasik.net.

Dr. Geri Goodman stands next to an Allegretto Excimer laser, which she uses during LASIK eye surgery. LASIK surgery corrects poor vision by gently reshaping the cornea, which allows light to enter and focus better on the retina. The procedure takes roughly 10 minutes and is same-day outpatient surgery. Goodman's laser is one of the latest forms of technology, and is the only laser of its kind in Boston.



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Marines stationed in Iraq will soon receive a sweet treat, thanks to the efforts of seven young Cohasset residents. Caroline Kennedy, Sarah Gruber, Molly Cunning, Nakilah Skeens, Kate Cunning, Anya Gruber, and Lauren Cunning met at the South Shore Art Center after school on March 8 to wrap and label 12 boxes full of Girl Scout cookies to be shipped overseas. The girls made special cards for the Marines as well, to add their own personal touch.

Sending cookies to Marines in Iraq

While selling Girl Scout cookies a few months ago, Caroline Kennedy, who is 9 years old and is in the third grade at Deer Hill School, noticed many people kept telling her they would love to support the Girl Scouts, but didn't need the cookies. At the same time, her uncle Major James Quinn was preparing to deploy to Iraq for seven months, which brought a great idea to mind.

Within 24 hours, 150 boxes were ordered, and many people offered money to assist with postage.

With the help of her mother Diane, Caroline began e-mailing some friends — two days before the Girl Scout cookie orders were due — asking people to buy a box of cookies for Major Quinn and his Marine Corps squadron. Within 24 hours, 150 boxes were ordered, and many people offered money to assist with postage.

Caroline's friends were eager to help, and the cookies were shipped that weekend. Caroline's uncle, and the other members of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 are eagerly anticipating their arrival.

Sons of American Legion to host gathering

The Eastern Region of the Sons of the American Legion will hold an unofficial gathering at American Legion Post 118, 98 Summer St., Cohasset, on Saturday April 1, to celebrate the homecoming of National Vice Commander Thomas W. Wigmore.

A block of 50 rooms has been reserved at the Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull under Sons of the American Legion-Tom Wigmore, with a $75 per night rate for Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2. The hotel has an indoor pool, restaurant and fireplace in every room over looking the water and is within walking distance to restaurants, bars, and shopping. A 10 percent discount is being offered by Dunkin' Donuts to American Legion members. The scheduled itinerary is as follows.

Friday, March 31 – 5 p.m.: Reception for Andrew Newman, candidate for national Vice Commander at Post 118, Cohasset. 7 p.m.: Bus tour of area posts; Karaoke until midnight at Post 118.

Saturday, April 1 – 8 a.m.: Breakfast at Post 118, Cohasset, sponsored by Squadron 118. 10 a.m.: Easter Region unofficial meeting. Hotel shuttle service to Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. 6 p.m.: Cocktails at Clarion Hotel followed by dinner and entertainment at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 2: – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sunday Brunch available at Raffael's restaurant, Clarion Hotel, $16.99 per person. Reservations recommended.

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Gourmet club celebrates 40 years of culinary camaraderie

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ladies would meet regularly to exchange recipes, but decided because they had never tried some of the dishes they were going to prepare, rather than use their families to test them out, once per month they would get together and cook something new and exciting for each other. "Some things you'd never try again," joked Sestito, but overall, the group agreed the majority of dishes they have created have been very good.

"It's fun just to be together," said Mullaney, which is why she relishes all the duties that come along with being the unofficial leader of the group. At each meal, the hostess provides the main course and coffee, and the other seven bring hors d'oeuvres, a salad, bread (that person also brings the wine), two vegetables and dessert.

Every year, Mullaney schedules when everyone will serve as hostess and she coordinates what everyone else is responsible for bringing. Without her coordination, "Everything would be so screwed up, we'd all bring a vegetable," quipped Golden. While Mullaney lets everyone know what they should bring, it is up to each member to decide which dish she will make. "We don't know what everyone's going to bring, but 90 percent of the time, it works out beautifully," said Mullaney.

Mullaney keeps copies of the recipes for all the dishes — which after 40 years has become quite an extensive collection. While some recipes are original, many have been collected from magazines and cookbooks along the way. Mullaney is currently in the process of compiling all the recipes for a cookbook, which the group would like to sell one day. The proceeds from the sales would be forwarded to an agreed upon charity, potentially a local hospice organization.

The gatherings are for the ladies only, which means husbands stay at home. For a while, men were invited to one dinner in June, at which the ladies would choose the best of the recipes they had made during the year. However, that tradition ended in the early 1970s and it's been just the girls ever since.

"We stopped because a lot of them were meat and potato men," said Mullaney, adding their male counterparts weren't as adventurous when it came to trying something new.

"Plus the fact that we didn't want them," quipped Golden, to which all the ladies laughed.

When the gourmet club began, the ladies used it as an opportunity to leave the children at home with their husbands and have a girls night out. The very first meeting was held at Wilkin's house on a very snowy evening. "I remember that night like it was yesterday," said Sestito. At the end of the night, Wilkin said she remembers going upstairs to get ready for bed, and not too long after, she and her husband heard repeated "pings" on the window. They looked out, and there were Golden and former member Doris Dickson, also known as "The two Dorises," throwing stones at the window. Their car was stuck in the snow and they needed assistance. Wilkin said her husband Brian pulled on his coat and "The last thing I saw was the three of them walking down North Main Street into the snow," she said, laughing, which made for a very memorable beginning.

Over the years, the club has tried its best to make as many

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Chicken Italiano

4 packages spinach, frozen, thawed
1-1/2 cups bread crumbs, Italian
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated
16 ounces cream cheese, softened
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8 slices mozzarella, cut in half
4 medium tomatoes

Combine drained spinach with cream cheese. Press spinach mixture evenly into bottom of 9x13 pan coated with cooking spray. Place bread crumbs in a shallow dish. Cut each chicken breast in half horizontally to make two cutlets (partially freeze chicken for easier slicing). Dredge chicken in bread crumbs. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Cook chicken in batches two minutes on each side or until browned, adding additional oil as needed. Arrange chicken evenly over spinach mixture. Top with mozzarella and sprinkle with oregano. Top with 1/2 inch slices of tomato and parmesan. Cover and chill up to 24 hours, if desired. To bake, let chicken stand at room temperature 20 minutes. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serves 8. *Recipe courtesy of Pat Mullaney, December, 2005.*

LAURA SINCLAIR PHOTO

The Cohasset Gourmet Good Club gathered to celebrate its 40th anniversary at Raffael's Restaurant in Hull on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The celebration was held 40 years to the day from the club's first dinner together. Members include (front row left to right) Helen Wilson, Judy Sestito, Angie Kelley, (back row left to right) Carol Townsend, Grace Wilkin, Dolores Leary, Pat Mullaney, Eileen Buckley, Doris Golden, Marilyn LeBlanc, and Edwina Migliaccio.

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Gourmet club celebrates 40 years of culinary camaraderie

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diverse dishes as possible, and the women say they have seen food trends come and go and resurface again. "Watching the Food Network I see them coming up with a lot of our old recipes," said Wilkin. Mullaney added the gourmet club takes credit for baking the first pumpkin bread in 1966, as well as the first zucchini bread. "No one had ever heard of it before," she said.

Mullaney also said the group has found that often the recipes which are the simplest are the favorites, not only because of the difficulty factor, but because they taste better than some of the more exotic dishes. "We've done duck, and we've done snails, and we said, forget it, the simpler recipes are the best," said Mullaney.

Some of the club's favorite dishes — which then turned into favorites for their families as well — have been "chicken in a bundle" which is made with chopped chicken breasts, cream of mushroom soup and onions, all bundled into a Pillsbury crescent roll. "Chicken bundles have never failed," said LeBlanc.

In addition, a lobster-stuffed tenderloin dish was named a favorite, as were baked beans "with all the beans," rolled lasagna, and grapefruit baked Alaska.

But with all the dishes the ladies have made for each other over the years, and still continue to make, that list of favorites is continually growing and appears to have no end in sight, which is sure to be good news for their families. With all the new recipes they keep coming up with, Mullaney said there still remains a surefire way to tell whether it will be popular at home. "If the plate is clean, you know it's a success," said Mullaney.

Java Jolt Ice Cream Pie

20 Oreo chocolate cookies
4 tablespoons butter, melted
2-1/2 tablespoons Kahlúa
1 quart java chip ice cream
2 tablespoons instant coffee mix
2/3 cup chocolate fudge syrup
1 quart vanilla ice cream

Coat a 9-inch pie plate with nonstick spray. Process cookies and coffee granules in food processor until fine crumbs form. Add butter, process until crumbs are moistened. Press over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Freeze 30 minutes until firm. Mix hot fudge sauce and Kahlúa in a small bowl until blended. Transfer 1/3 cup to a small zip top bag and seal bag. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and set aside. Spread two cups softened vanilla ice cream in crust and freeze 30 minutes. Spread softened java chip ice cream on top of vanilla ice cream, cut tip off one corner of zip top bag and pipe over ice cream. Freeze 30 minutes until firm. Spread rest of vanilla ice cream carefully over chocolate topping. Freeze 30 minutes. Spread rest of java chip ice cream on pie one inch from edge. Freeze until firm. Spread rest of chocolate topping, top with chopped chocolate espresso beans or any other chocolate covered candy. Freeze at least 4 hours. Can be made and frozen up to two weeks ahead. Serves 10. *Recipe courtesy of Pat Mullaney, May 2005.*

LAURA SINCLAIR PHOTO

Pat Mullaney shows off her silver necklace, adorned with a silver fork, knife, and spoon charm. Mullaney presented the members of the Cohasset Gourmet Food Club with the charm to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary. The ladies have been meeting regularly since February, 1966.

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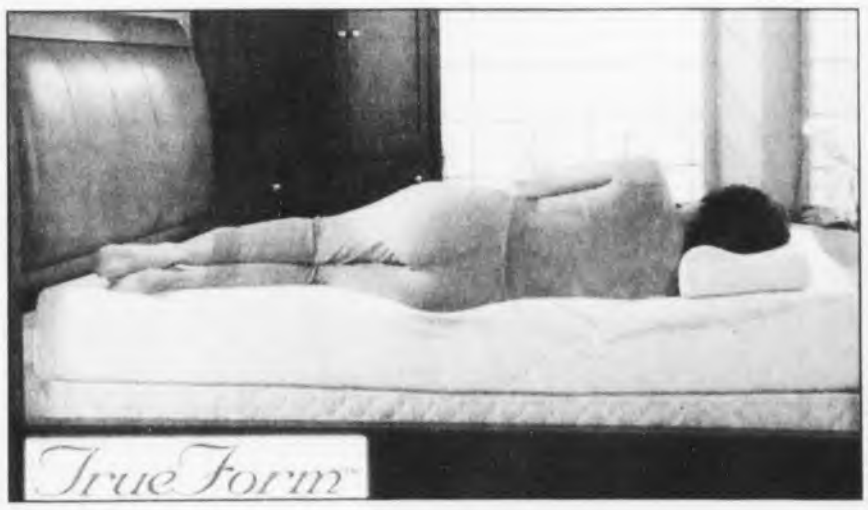

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Warrant for your attention

With Town Meeting just a few weeks away, all households should be receiving a copy of the Town Warrant which was mailed yesterday.

We hope that Cohasset residents will take the time to look it over carefully and mark their calendars to attend Town Meeting on April 1 at the high school.

As residents, some of whom may not be familiar with Town Meeting, will see as they go through the warrant: the override is not the only "item" on the agenda. In fact there are 24 articles "or items of business" that appear in the booklet.

In short there are myriad issues that could be debated, many of which could affect the quality of life here in town.

We admit to being "Town Meeting groupies." Even though the bleacher seats where we must sit are hard and uncomfortable, we enjoy watching the venerable form of government unfold before us and find the debate interesting, educational and at times, entertaining.

There are always plenty of good quotes from the "regulars" and we are often impressed when someone who has not spoken up in the past gets fired up about an issue and goes to the microphone.

One of the more interesting articles – although it contains considerable "legalese" in the warrant – is the proposed solicitation bylaw which would require commercial solicitors or those paid by non-profits to register with the police department before they can go door-to-door in town.

Frankly, it's hard to find another bylaw that could have such an immediate and direct effect on Cohasset once daylight savings time returns next month. During the late spring, summer and early fall the police log has always been peppered with calls from angry citizens about people knocking on their doors selling magazines.

Interestingly, this practice is protected by the First Amendment but the town can require commercial solicitors or those who are paid by nonprofit organizations to register with the police. The police would conduct a background check on the individual and issue a badge with the person's name, photograph and employer.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer points out the proposed bylaw is not a "panacea" but it is definitely a good thing because it would at least give residents a level of comfort that the people knocking on their door have been checked out.

There are some exemptions. For example, the bylaw would not apply to youngsters selling Girl Scout cookies, kids raising money for boosters clubs and the like, or political candidates and campaign workers.

If you feel strongly about the solicitation bylaw – or any of the 24 articles on the warrant – then you should plan to attend Town Meeting April 1.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, 7 p.m., April 10
Capital Budget Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 20
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., March 23
Deer Hill School Council, 2:30 p.m., April 6, at Deer Hill
Harbor Health Committee, 7:30p.m., April 4
Housing Authority, 6 p.m., March 22, 60 Elm St.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., March 21.
Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 21, King Street plant.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cancer fight is marathon effort

TO THE EDITOR:

Though we hear of much progress in news reports, the honest story is that there's still a long way to go before we have a cure for each of the many different types of cancer. And no, we're not all doctors, but yes, we all can help with this fight.

So I run for the Barr Foundation, a cancer research foundation at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. In doing so, I ask supporters to donate to the cause. With the generosity of so many folks in past years, this year I've raised the bar for both the fundraising goal, and the distance. So please support me as I prepare for the Boston Marathon.

From this point forward, you will see me running around town in the D-F multicolored singlet. Feel free to wave, honk, cheer, and even more important, contribute. Your generous gifts can be made out to "Dana-Farber Cancer Institute" and sent to me (I'll forward to the right folks and get you on the electronic "Honor Roll").

If you include an email address, I can keep you informed of our progress. Alternatively, you can go through the Dana-Farber.org website and donate via charge card. No matter how you decide to join the fight, your efforts are so very welcomed and needed. Thanks for your support!

Ken Gritzan
14 Summer St.
ken.gritzan@us.pwc.com

Valentines Fund Dance appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

I and the helpers who put on the fourth annual Valentines Fund Dance to benefit the Bread & Jams Self-Advocacy Center and Shelter for The Homeless of the Greater Boston area would like to thank all the donors who gave and attendees who came out to the Atlantica on a snowy night on Saturday, Feb. 25. They danced to the slamming rock and roll of the Pemberton All-Stars, and to listened to the exceptional Joe Micarelli Trio with guest accompaniment by Cohasset's own Jay Place and surprise guest Les Sampou. The Atlantica was kind and generous for the fourth year to donate the space and gourmet hors d'ouvres, and the bands donated their energy and time to help us raise over $10,000.

The homeless never get a "snow day," so this year I'm especially proud of the South Shore's efforts. We don't have much land left here to help with the state's low-income housing stock problem, but we can show that Cohasset cares enough to share the wealth and health we enjoy.

Be ready for next year. Rock and Roll Philanthropy is the best way to rip the February page off the calendar wall.

Peter Whittemore
47 Elm Court

Election supper canceled

TO THE EDITOR:

The Beechwood Church will not host the annual Election Supper this spring due to circumstances beyond our control. We are looking forward to continuing the tradition next year.

Best wishes to all the candidates running for town office.

Linda Snowdale
50 Mill Lane

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Sign of spring: lawn fertilizer

FROM THE WRPC

JIM KINCH

As the lengthening days warm our chilled bodies it's obvious that even a relatively warm and somewhat snow-less winter as this one leaves its impact. With the longer days our ears perk up to the birdcalls and the condition of our personal landscape and lawns. There really isn't much you can do about the effects of winter freeze/thaw cycles on lawns and shrubbery (or driveways for that matter).

Another harbinger of Spring are the TV/radio commercials for fertilizers and chemical treatments along with the attendant mailbox flyers and billboards extolling the virtues of early and consistent applications to our personal green patches of vegetation. But is this the best way to approach maintenance of our lawns and gardens? If the commercial guys had their way we'd be spraying and dosing from early March through to July. The purpose to all this advertising hype is to get you to buy the product— to generate a need and propose a solution to fill that need.

Does all this makes sense economically and ecologically?

A review of the rather daunting looking chemical ingredients list of any commercial chemical fertilizer or lawn treatment quickly dazzles the non-technical user with its bold warnings about misuse or over-application, protection admonishments to keep children and pets away from application sites (there's a hint!). Long unfamiliar chemical names and descriptions befuddle all but the initiated with the arcane and secretive pharmacopeia of lawn science.

Billions of dollars have been invested to make you mentally link Spring with the lawn spreader or the Chem-lawn Truck. But is all this necessary and correct? On the environmental front some of the birds, are so to speak, have come to roost. Our vastly inappropriate investment in a fossil fuel economy has proven to be something of a bad bargain— gas approaching $2.50/gal, a war going bad in the oil lands and an economy caught up in the spiraling cost of increasingly scarce foreign oil reserves are some of the ominous symptoms of a system out of balance. Shrinking glaciers and creeping average annual temperatures are further signs of the impact 6 billion or so consumers are having on our global systems. But I digress… think locally.

Spring in New England is a wet season, snow melt, ice melt, rainfall all contribute most of the water budget that our region sees over a year. Our lawns and shrubbery will respond beautifully as they do every year to this surfeit of moisture growing dramatically and satisfactorily without any intervention whatsoever. When it rains lawns get green. Problems arise when, responding to the advertising and flyers and the commercial

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Update on village revitalization work

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

This week we had a meeting with the Town's Revitalization contractor preliminary to restarting this construction. The work that remains will begin with completion of the ledge removal at the base of St. Stephen's along Main Street. By way of explanation, the ledge will be moved back about 5 feet. About half of this new space will be used to increase the sidewalk width by 2-1/2 feet and a like amount will be used to widen the street. This additional width will make both the street and sidewalk much safer. Also, when the granite has been removed to its final depth, the face will be resurfaced to make it look more natural. The drill holes that are evident now are necessary for the splitting operation. Soon they will disappear.

Once construction starts it should be complete by Memorial Day.

The drainage under ground was mostly completed last fall. Three areas remain to be completed before the surface work can start. There is a large drainage structure that needs to be placed in front of the park between Tedeschi's and French Memories. This new drain will be cut directly into the James Brook culvert which is underground. Most people don't realize that this culvert, right under the center of Town, is quite large, measuring 5.5' high by 4.5' wide. All of James Brook flows through this culvert as it finds its way from Sanctuary Pond near King Street to Jacobs Meadow between downtown and the harbor.

Additional below ground drainage work will also be done at the Community Center on Main St. and on Depot Court near the kitchen store. When these drainage structures are completed, the project will really zoom.

The street will be scraped down to a much lower level and a binder coat of asphalt will be laid. Then all of the manholes and drain grates will be raised to their finished height, about 1-1/2 inches higher than the binder coat. Until the final paving course is laid, the street will be a bit bumpy. So, drive slowly.

The approaches to the Rocky Lane Bridge have really taken shape. Now it is very apparent how large the bridge will be. The side walls for the approaches on either side of the bridge have been completed. Once the approaches are complete, the bridge deck will be laid. In the photo at left, the Rocky Lane Bridge waits for the deck to be installed. The photo at right shows the North Main Street approach from the track area.

When the binder coat of asphalt has been laid, the old curbs will be removed and new curbing will be set to its finished height. Both foot and vehicular traffic will be affected by this work. At this point it is sort of a toss-up whether the sidewalk will be done next or the street. To do the sidewalk, the old walk will be removed, a new grade established and then new asphalt will be laid. Please note that no more than 300 feet of sidewalk can be under construction at a time, per our contract. And, during sidewalk construction the contractor must maintain temporary access to all shops and businesses. If for any reason, access to any businesses must be blocked, 72 hour advanced notice will be provided to that business. Also, during sidewalk work parking may be limited near the work zone. The street will be asphalted to its final grade on top of the binder coat. Traffic and parking in the village will be limited during final road paving. The last street work will be final striping for lane markings and parking spaces.

There are still some finishing details that must be done. These may be intermixed with the basic work at the option of the contractor. Some of these are:

- Rebuild the POW MIA Island at Depot Court and Main Street.
- Lay the brick in the pocket parks at the corner of Main and Depot Court and the corner of Elm and Main streets.
- Lay the crosswalks which will be concrete pavers laid in a herring bone pattern with granite edging.
- Rebuild areas in sidewalk where trees exist or will be added.
- Add plants and planters at various locations.
- Construct concrete transitional aprons for the handicap access for crosswalks.

That's it in a nut shell. Once construction starts it should be complete by Memorial Day. One other bittersweet thing needs to be mentioned. Because of the huge increase in construction costs, this project is able to only do the construction from the Community Center to Spring Street and from Depot Court to the Art Center. There is no money to do the equivalent work on Brook Street or Elm Street in the village center. Your Town has applied to the Executive Office of Transportation to increase the PWED grant that is paying for this project. This would increase the amount of the grant to cover these originally intended areas. If we are fortunate enough to receive these extra funds, we will use our best efforts to complete the project on time, but it may take a bit more time than currently planned.

These are the details as we know them today. We do understand that this construction will be inconvenient to those who frequent the village area. We ask your patience as we complete the final portion of the long awaited revitalization project in our scenic village. We are available to answer any questions you may have at the referenced email addresses and phone number.

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Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering. Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org

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Time washes over old shipwrecks

MARINER'S CORNER

STEVE BOBO

A little way up Bailey's Creek, next to Parker Avenue, lays the wreck of an ancient boat. For some, the sight of an old hull decaying on a mudflat somewhere is a highly evocative event. For example, the old hull was of sufficient interest for Paul Adams, board member of the Center for Student Coastal Research to wonder about the old planks laying beside the new riprap defining the parking lot. The Center for Student Coastal Research is now at Parker Avenue site of the old Hagerty property, which was formerly John Eltman's boatyard.

Paul brought some of these timbers home and cleaned them up. He then brought them to David Wadsworth at the Maritime Museum. David seldom throws anything away, and correctly judged that the timbers belonged inside rather than outside as Paul proposed. And there they lay.

Upon hearing this, I remembered Francis Hagerty's comment to me in 1971 that he may have gotten the rudder of the Gracie, a yacht shown in some of the historic pictures around the Cove. Upon mentioning this to David, he said that Noel Ripley probably had the fragment about which Fran was talking. When I mentioned this to Noel, he said that he did, and that it was in his backyard.

Discussions with Cliff Dickson last fall revealed that when he was a kid (aged 10 in about 1935), he used to swim in the hold of an old wreck at Eltman's, which the kids used to call the Gundalow. He described it as a fat old round sterned barge brought down by Eltman to serve as a breakwater. David recalled a picture of such a wreck in the historic archives (a blowup of a part of the picture is shown). It's a 1938 aerial photo of Cohasset Cove. The part shown here clearly indicated a boat, but it is not a gundalow. The time was at about the time of Eltman's sale to Fran Hagerty, who bought an interest in the yard. There may be another wreck inside the one depicted but the detail is too badly obscured. Nevertheless, the hull, which is blurringly shown, has the crisp lines of a late 19th century mackerel fisherman about 70 feet long with a clipper bow.

We may never know the boat from which we took what we have of that wreck in the Maritime Museum, but several residents have confirmed that it's an important piece of Cohasset's history.

Incidentally, we'll be making some changes in the Museum. We'll be adding some much needed improvement to the electrical service which will permit better exhibit lighting; we'll have two excellent videos, one of "Fame" the pinky schooner on which the new weathervane planned for the Pratt building is based, and the other on the Clearwater, the Hudson River sloop built by a Maine boatyard to support cleanup of that river. Also many other interesting projects, so come and visit us.

1938 Aerial photo of Cohasset Harbor with expanded inset showing the "Gundalow." (Compare this with an expanded modern-day photo of the harbor you can obtain by using Google "EARTH" on the web.)

Stephen N. Bobo is a member of the Cohasset Historical Society.

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HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I tell you, before I do something nice for somebody I'm going to run it by my lawyer, my accountant, my pastor, maybe even my paper boy, first. I can't take the chance. Not after what they did to Dan Burke.

Dan, in case you haven't been following it, is the owner of the Portland, Maine, Sea Dogs, a minor league baseball affiliated with our Red Sox that has been drawing capacity 7,000 crowds to city-owned Hadlock Field.

In order to show his appreciation and enhance Portland's reputation as an art center, Dan ordered commissioned a statue in bronze showing a family — mom, dad and two little ones — coming into the park to attend a game.

Now you might think such a gift would be gratefully accepted. But no-o-o-o-o.

The Portland Public Art Commission, which has the final say-so on what art goes up in public, ruled that the family depicted was white and failed to reflect the diversity of Portland, which is only 91 percent Caucasian in a state that is 97 percent.

Huh?

Portland is not the only place where political correctness has taken precedence over what some would call commonsense.

This reminded me of the time that Admiral Hyman Rickover, on a visit to Boston, told Connie Hurley, the AP's political writer, that he had figured out the ideal Massachusetts politician — "a Catholic married to a Protestant with three children, two of whom are Jewish."

But I digress . . .

When I last looked, Dan Burke was thinking of withdrawing the gift statue, the Portland City Council was looking for an opportunity to overrule the Arts Commission, and some folks were wondering how one determined the race of a bronze statue.

Portland is not the only place where political correctness has taken precedence over what some would call commonsense. In Portland's case, it's art. In San Francisco's case, it's the opportunity to rake in some tourist dollars.

The US Navy wants to give the World War II battleship USS Iowa to the West Coast city as a tourist attraction and was so sure that the gift would be accepted that it had the big ship towed all the way from Rhode Island to a spot just outside the bay.

But the San Francisco Board of Supervisors turned down the offer by a vote of 8-3, noting that the ship would be coming from a military that rejected openly gay men and women and, besides, voters went on the record in 2004 as opposing the war in Iraq.

"I don't think the climate has improved for tying a 10-story warship, or gun, to the waterfront," said Supervisor Geraldo Sandoval.

Haven't they ever heard of Battleship Cove in Fall River, where the USS Massachusetts proved such a smash hit with the visitors that she has been joined by a destroyer, the USS Joseph, and a submarine, the USS Lionfish, as well as two torpedo boats?

And what shall we do with the replica of the Mayflower docked at Plymouth. You know, the one that, as far as I know, had all-straight, all-white passengers and crew who are said by some to have committed genocide on the Indians.

I guess it's which end of the lens you look through.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist exhibit – Watercolor artist Lilly Cleveland will exhibit her new works at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library March through April. Meet the artist at a reception on Monday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Wednesdays.

Income tax forms – A limited number of income tax forms are in the Commons room. Reproducible forms are available to copy. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Antique Appraisal fundraiser –Sunrise of Cohasset will host its Second Annual Antique Appraisal event on Sunday, March 26 from 2 to 4p.m. Professional appraisers Mark Schwortzer, a local dealer and collector, and Sandi Johnson, owner of the Goodies Shop 1 & 2, will share their skills and insights on heirlooms presented for appraisal. Fee is $10 per appraisal. Limit of three items per person. All proceeds go to the library outreach program. For more information call Gayle Walsh at the library.

Book group – Thursday, March 30 at 10 a.m. Coffee and discussion of Erik Larson's "The Devil in the White City." To place a book on hold call Gayle Walsh.

Wine tasting event – Sunday, March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Learn the fine art of tasting wines with wine consultant John Avery. Sample white and sparkling wines from three wineries. Wine, cheese and crackers provided. Free admission and refreshments. Must be age 21 and older to attend this afterhours event. Call Gayle Walsh to register or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click Calendar; March 19; Wine Tasting Event.

Lunch Hour Lecture – Thursday, April 6 from noon to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a free talk on fashion sense by certified image professional Julie Foley. Foley will talk about your personal style and how you can adjust it to what's current. Dessert and coffee provided. Free admission.

New e-mail – Receive up to the minute information about library programs and events delivered directly to your home or office computer. Visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click the red email list registration button on the home page. Patrons who provide email addresses will receive periodic notices on upcoming programs.

Hot new titles – James Patterson's "The Fifth Horseman," Stephen King's "The Cell," Danielle Steel's "The House," and Thomas Friedman's "The World is Flat." To place holds call the library or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Congratulations – Congratulations to Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer for earning an Honorable Mention in the 2006 Massachusetts Letters About Literature program. Madeline and Foster submitted letters to an author who impacted them in some way. Close to 3000 letters were submitted from over 100 towns across the state. Massachusetts ranks in the top three states in the country for number of students participating. What an honor for Cohasset.

CHILDREN'S ROOM SPRING CALENDAR

Drop-in Music with MamaSteph – Mondays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.: March 27, April 3, and April 10. A lapsit program held in the Meeting Room. Open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Drop-in Storytime – Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.: March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11. A lap sit program held in the Story room. Open to all ages and communities.

Story and Craft – Thursdays, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13. Open to Cohasset children ages 3-6. Registration begins March 10. Telephone registrations accepted.

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our town

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin as they moderate an exciting, televised selectman's debate on the issues with candidates Roger Hill and Ted Carr.

The hour-long debate is scheduled to air on March18, 19, 20 and 21.

Comcast added two additional time slots for election season at 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The debate with all four School Committee candidates will start airing March 23.

Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

New math test for Cohasset school system

COMMENTARY

LOU HARVEY

As a veteran of the financial world, the mathematics that has accompanied this year's override debate present a number of problems that befuddle my mind. It would be useful to understand just how the math is expected to work.

The problems arise from the need to increase School expenditures by 7 percent every year. As explained, this is not simply increasing by 7 percent forever, but actually repeating perpetual increases every year. This would amount to 7 percent for year one, 14 percent for year two, 23 percent for year three and so on. This would double the budget in 10 years. I offer the math problems and my failed attempts to solve them in the hope that someone in the community can help.

• Math problem #1: Why do the Schools need a 7percent annual increase when the teachers only get a 2-1/2 percent pay raise?

I tried to solve this problem by arguing that the teachers are not as important as other school activities. I was unable to find any school activity that was more important than teaching so this approach did not work.

I then tried the solution in which the number of teachers was increasing at 7 percent, thus requiring the perpetual 7 percent increases. This may be warranted if the number of children in the school was growing at that rate. This line of reasoning was shattered when I realized that we were not proposing to increase the number of teachers by 7 percent per year.

The problem remains unsolved, what happens to the missing 4-1/2 percent?

• Math problem #2: How does a 2-1/2 percent increase in revenue fund a 7percent increase in expenses?

I first tried to solve this problem by examining both numbers. If the 2-1/2 percent revenue increase is taken from the entire Town and directed to the School System it would still fall short of the escalating rate. It would continue to fall even shorter in future years, as the School budget becomes a larger and larger part of Town expenditures. In other words, the problem gets progressively worse in future years.

Failing to find a solution this way, I tried to find the mathematical answer by changing underlying assumptions. If we assume that the revenue increase will be 7 percent and not 2-1/2 percent then real estate taxes would increase at 7 percent. This means that taxes would double in about 10 years. If on the other hand, we assume that the expenses increased at 2-1/2 percent then the School department would have to limit its growth to the rate of inflation. In other words the School would have to suffer the pain of inflation that everyone else feels.

This problem is also unsolved, what is the source of the annual 4-1/2 percent revenue increase?

• Math problem #3: If $3,700 per year from every household cannot support the Schools at a time of low inflation and low interest rates what would the public school fees be if we had inflation was 10 percent and interest rates at 12 percent?

This problem calls for a look into history, to establish if these high rates are possible. Those of us that can remember the late 1970 might ask, "Are you kidding?" At that time we easily exceeded those numbers so lets get back to the math.

If inflation were to increase from about 3 percent to 10 percent, we would have to increase the proposed rate of growth by over three times to support the Schools under the current structure. That means instead of a 7 percent annual increase the increase would rise to 23 percent annually. In other words, instead of an override of $1.5 million Town officials would be asking for a cool $5 million. In other words, the current budget proposal could mean that taxes would more than double in as few as four years, with no more teachers in the schools.

This problem remains unsolved as well, what are Cohasset residents going to pay in taxes in five years?

Louis S. Harvey lives at 465 King St.

Proud of Massachusetts public schools

COMMENTARY

PAUL SCHUBERT

When I hear, "I went to school in Massachusetts." I want that person to be proud of that fact.

I have lived all my life in the Commonwealth, born, raised and publicly educated. The Commonwealth has a long and glorious tradition of public education something, which every person that has ever lived in Massachusetts should be proud. Our schools are models of excellence and this is a testament to its citizens, all who support them. We in Massachusetts do not produce automobiles, or have significant heavy industry, but we educate well. Nationally we are enviable. Regionally we are superb, and locally in Cohasset we meld many aspects of our town and school into an education that makes some of the finest citizens in the country.

The tradition of public schools started here and as guardians of them we have a moral and historical obligation to ensure that they remain the finest in the country. When I hear, "I went to school in Massachusetts." I want that person to be proud of that fact. Boston is the Athens of America, for good reason. It is the democratic and educational cradle of our republic.

The economic argument for supporting the 1.4 override is quite simple. The sheer equity in every house in Cohasset has outstripped almost all investments in the past 10 years. This rise in housing prices has been consistent. If you are a homeowner then the best way to protect your investment is to ensure that buyers are willing to pay for houses in town. Buyers look for very few things, good schools for their children, which ensure future resale of their house in addition location. Cohasset does not have miles of beach as Plymouth, Duxbury or Scituate. Nor does it have a business tax base and infrastructure such as Quincy. We as a town have decided that development is limited, so the business tax base is lower. It means we also are willing to shoulder personally more of the tax burden, so while driving through town the look and feel is of a quaint New England village, and not of 3A at the Fore River Bridge. I want new homeowners to see Cohasset as the place to live. Ensuring superior schools is the keystone of the arch.

In the past year and a half I have attended the Cohasset School Committee meetings. I did so at first to obtain an understanding of the concerns regarding the budget. I had heard concern voiced in town regarding an unmanageable and unsupervised costly school system. The inner workings of this Gordian knot I thought would be difficult to master and understand, but it was clearly described and detailed in a clear and precise manner with line items and projections that were thoughtfully and concisely framed. The numbers are open and available and show the price of running a school system in this town.

I am a business owner with similar problems with costs and expenses. My company is in the service industry it has a similar profile as the school system with 320 employees, a 401K retirement program, subsidized health coverage at 49 percent of cost, and dental health coverage. We pay insurance on ourselves and the business. We struggle with the cost of utilities and supplies. We have payroll costs at 68 percent of our revenues. I can honestly say that in the past 10 years the utility costs and the heath and insurance costs have increased in the range of 4-10 percent for supplies and utilities, to 10-18 percent for heath coverage. This has been steady year to year and has not dipped or changed to a significant amount. This is well above the yearly inflation, largely due to heath care costs and retirement plans.

The school system has a restriction on expansion of costs set by the tax base, which in Cohasset is largely residential and homeowner based. This is further set via the proposition 2-1/2 legal mandate. Cost containment can solve some shortfalls in funding, but when inflation and general costs of doing business exceed the 2.5 percent levy legally allowed then the shortfalls fall on the Town. In Cohasset it is the homeowner and business owner. The entire town faces this each and every year. The town does not have products to sell, save water to Hingham. The school does not produce goods to sell; neither can it increase production, nor find new markets the way a standard business can. The town provides services, and the schools produce educated citizens. There is a cost and it should not be shirked.

The end product of our schools is not finished when the students graduate from Cohasset High School. The end product is the educational experience that molds and shapes the future college freshman who then becomes that engineer, or architect, or police officer who knows the right thing to do when needed, or perhaps, when asked.

I am a public school product. My thoughts of school include my first 286 computer, yes, I do remember it. The more lasting and important lessons were these. Mrs. Miriam Bryans, my first grade teacher, who taught me to add and carry the one, showed me to hold the door for the person behind you even if you are running late; Mr. Trimmer my senior high school English teacher that taught me even Hemmingway faced writer's block; Dr. Brown, my chemistry teacher, who taught me the periodic table, entropy and safe handling of nasty acids; Mr. Sawyer, who explained the difference between a state and a commonwealth in 90 words; and Mrs. Fey and her love of Don Quixote de la Mancha in the native tongue. These are my role models, my lessons of life, all through public school.

I strongly support the override of 1.4 million, for Cohasset, for the schools, for the future. It is the right choice and the only choice.

I hope I am not tilting at windmills, Mrs. Fey.

Paul J. Schubert, M.D., lives at 155 Sohier St.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Bottom line: higher tax base needed

TO THE EDITOR:

My wife and I have lived in Cohasset for nearly 25 years. We have raised three children here, all of whom attended the Cohasset public schools. We have critical needs throughout our town (municipal and schools) that will not be met unless the $1.495 million override figure is passed at both Town Meeting and the ballot box. The schools particularly have gone backward over the last few years — higher class sizes, fewer electives (more study halls), ancient textbooks, etc. We have noticed a difference at the high school from our daughter Kate's experience (Cohasset-2002 graduate) to our son Jon's (Cohasset- 2005 graduate) to our son Mike's current experience (class of 2008).

Our schools cost more to run given the upgraded physical plant. We all have experienced the increases in utility, insurance and other fixed costs that the schools and town must also face. Mandates and assessments from the state and federal governments have increased while state aid has decreased. Out-of-district placement costs for special education have skyrocketed. The bulk of the school committee's budget is dedicated to quality teachers — the lifeblood of any successful school system. The proposed increases in the school budget essentially result from fixed costs like utilities and insurance, the need for an equitable teachers' contract and the clear need for more teachers to educate an ever-increasing school age population. Cohasset cannot afford to have a second rate educational program. Unless we remain committed to excellence, there will be a flight from public education in town for those who can afford it and Cohasset will no longer be viewed as one of the most desirable communities in the Commonwealth. Property values and our sense of community will suffer as a result.

When I looked at the town side of the budget, I could not find any real waste or any programs that were not needed by our citizens. Although there may be some structural issues that exist, they cannot be changed in the short term due to contracts and our current mechanisms for service delivery. The bottom line is that the community needs a higher tax base and unfortunately, an increase in residential property taxes is our only current way to achieve it.

I know there is an anti-tax group out there who will vote no whatever the override number and that there are a few who won't be able to afford a large tax increase. However, we need to make this decision based on what is best for the community as a whole. I believe that the voters will support the critical needs the town seeks to fund at the $1.495 million override number if people truly understand the complete picture. Both our Advisory Committee (6-2) and our Board of Selectmen (3-2) supported the larger override because it is necessary to meet real and pressing needs in the Cohasset community.

Let there be no mistake — services throughout the town will be cut and the educational mission of the schools will suffer at a lower override figure. Absent the larger override, there will be no funding available for the new teachers currently needed to keep our class sizes manageable and to increase the courses available to our students. Absent the larger override, the maintenance of our town physical plant will suffer and library services and services to our seniors will be cut. As a community, we cannot afford to let this happen. I urge you to support the $1.495 million override at Town Meeting and at the ballot box. We are all in this together.

Bill Grimm
31 Summer St.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vanderweil gets poor marks on all-day kindergarten view

TO THE EDITOR:

It is discouraging to hear comments, such as the one made by Gary Vanderweil at a recent selectmen's meeting, that all-day kindergarten is "daycare with education". This is especially troubling when you consider that Massachusetts has been a leader in early childhood education since the late 19th century, operating many of the first organized early education programs in the country. In fact, the first English-speaking public kindergarten in the United States opened in Boston in 1860.

Mr. Vanderweil should talk to any kindergarten teacher about the rigorous training and academic requirements that are associated with becoming a Massachusetts kindergarten teacher. They are not day-care providers. They are educators (very talented educators in the case of Cohasset) and their influence on their students has positive long-term academic benefits

In regards to full-day kindergarten, Mr. Vanderweil should look at the research that has come out over the past 20 years. The overwhelming preponderance of evidence shows that full-day kindergarten programs benefit children, schools, and families. Children participating in full-day kindergarten programs gain academically and socially over peers participating in half days programs. In fact a national, longitudinal study tracking children's early school experiences found that children who attend public full-day classes make greater gains in reading during the year than their half-day counterparts. Similar research has shown that children in full-day programs exhibit more independent learning, classroom involvement and productivity in working with their peers.

A 2004 report by national education expert Jonathan Plucker on the effects of full day vs. half day kindergarten concluded that full-day kindergarten is not just half-day kindergarten with an extra half day of play. Research has shown that children in full-day kindergarten programs receive 40-50 percent more instruction than children enrolled in half-day kindergarten programs. More instructional time in full-day kindergarten allows children opportunities for increased learning activities and strategies such as: group read-aloud, peer tutoring, mixed-ability grouping, and child-initiated activities.

More and more, full-day kindergarten is being recognized as a critical component of a child's education. I would encourage anyone interested in this issue to visit www.earlyeducationforall.org to learn about the most recent research and efforts to bring high-quality early education and full-day kindergarten to every city and town in Massachusetts.

Coleman Nee
12 Short St.

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Playground Program sponsorships sought

The Cohasset Recreation Commission in its continuing effort to remain financially self-supporting, will again seek Playground Program sponsorships.

Each sponsor will be listed on more than 250 children's and staff T-shirts and will be noted in the Summer Playground Program activity booklet.

Please call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information regarding this community support opportunity. The following are the 2005 Playground sponsors who are thanked for their support.

The 2005 Playground Sponsorship List includes: Goodwin Graphics, 164 CJC Highway; Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank, 28 South Main Street; The Good Sport, Inc., 166 Cushing Highway (Route 3A); Anderson Fuel, 331 Gannett Rd., P.O. Box 600, North Scituate; Kristine A. Grazioso, D.M.D., 223 Route 3A, Suite 102; South Shore Music Circus; Stop and Shop Supermarket, 400 CJC Highway; American Legion, P.O. Box 118; Cohasset Veterans of Foreign War, P.O. Box 9146; Cohasset Collision Center, Inc., 179 Route 3A; Bernard's, 107 Ripley Road; MKR Building Solutions; The Junk Guy; and JJ's Dairy Hut, 140 Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

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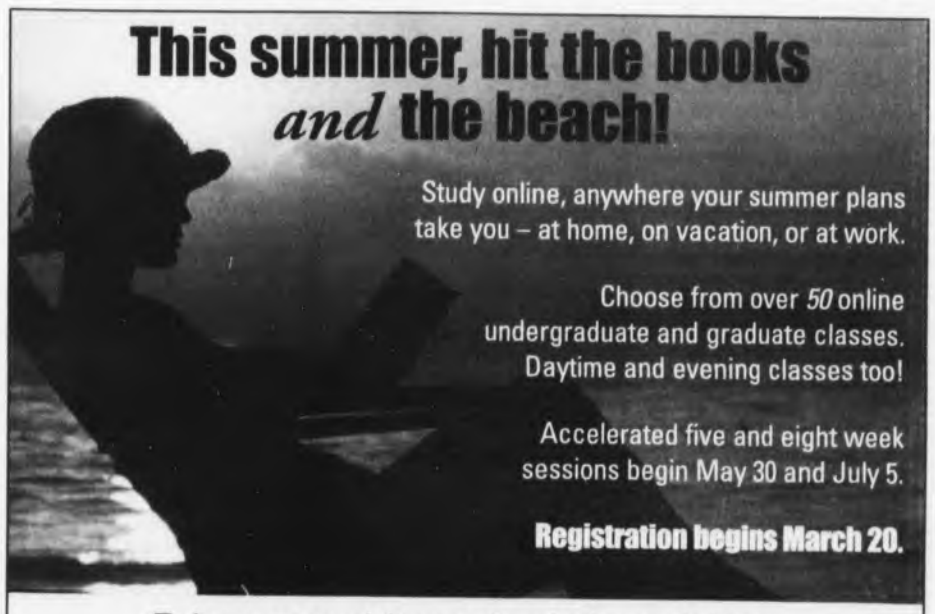

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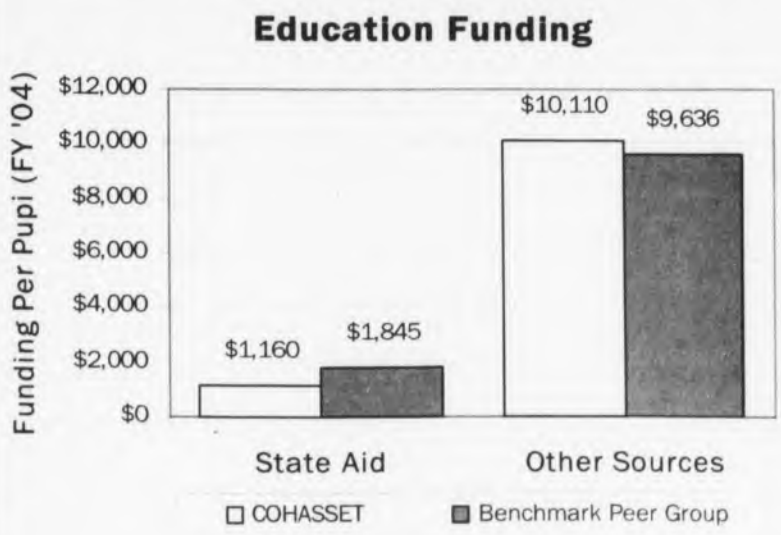
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



	State Funded
COHASSET	10.3%
Benchmark Peer Group	16.3%

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts. State aid includes funding from Chapter 70, school building construction, and public transportion aid, but not grants. Other Sources includes district and town funding, federal and state grants, and special and revolving funds.

This chart shows the total amount that the state has contributed to Cohasset's school per pupil in 2004 and how much has been funded by other sources. The table shows the percentage that state aid represents of the total per pupil spending. State aid is based on a variety of factors, some of which take into account 'equity factors' with respect to community's resources. As such, higher income communities tend to get less in state aid than do lower income communities. The chart also shows the same information for Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

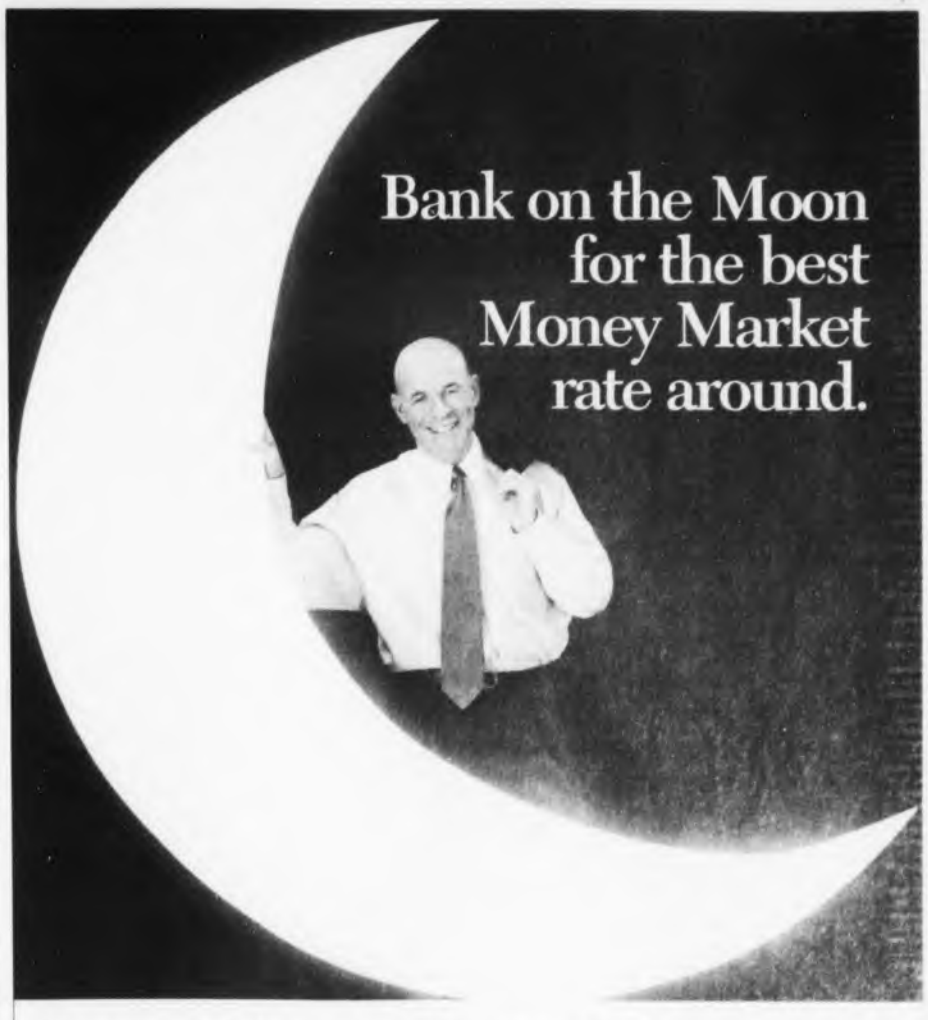
The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com



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HANOVER, MA - **Rob McGee**, Dealer Principal of **The McGee Family of Dealerships** announced plans today for a three-day sales event that will feature **pre-owned vehicles for as low as $29* down and $99* per month!** "**All the recent trade-ins, lease returns, service loaner vehicles and dealer demos from our 2 New car stores in Hanover must be liquidated.**" This unprecedented 3-Day clearance event is scheduled for this Friday, March 17th thru Sunday, March 19th. The massive sell-off must take place regardless of weather conditions.

McGee offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale. "We experienced record sales at our Toyota and Dodge dealerships in Hanover in February. As a result we are now severely overstocked with hundreds of late-model, low mileage trade-ins, most with the remainder of the manufacturers warranties still in effect." He adds, "During this massive sale event we will offer unbelievable discounts on all these pre-owned vehicles and sell many for just $29* down and only $99* per month. The McGee Family of Dealerships is willing to do whatever it takes to get people into the car of their dreams, even if some have had serious credit problems in the past. We've arranged for several local bank representatives to be on-site each day to assist those with past credit issues. We can finance anyone", he states.

He also points out that in most instances their prices may be thousands lower than wholesale auction prices. "Current automotive market conditions indicate that the best values exist in the pre-owned market. The recent surge in new vehicle sales has created a surplus of pre-owned vehicles leading to a rapid decline in the prices of current vehicles. All trades are like-new vehicles. It couldn't be any better for pre-owned vehicle shoppers." Expect to purchase a quality used vehicle at the lowest possible price, including **several vehicles, priced as low as $2,988.** *There will be an enormous selection of vehicles to choose from, including Toyotas, Jeeps, Mazdas, Mercedes-Benz, BMW's, Lexus, Infiniti, Fords, Chevrolets, Dodges, Nissans and many more.*

Remember, Interest rates are still at an all time low but are poised to rise in the near future. "Most of all, between our Toyota and Dodge stores, we've got over 2 million dollars worth of inventory- **that's over 500 pre-owned cars, trucks, minivans and sport utility vehicles** to choose from. It can't get any better for the serious auto buyer."

"February Sales Were Record Breaking. All Trade-Ins Acquired From Our Dodge & Toyota Stores In Hanover Must Now Be Liquidated. Having to Ship These Vehicles To Auctions Across The Region Is A Cost We Wish To Avoid."

Rob McGee, Dealer Principal

For auto shoppers looking for a very low cash price there will be many choices, including a 2000 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 auto, pwr package, for just $29* down and $99* per month. Sample payments will be clearly marked on all vehicles. All you'll need to do is obtain credit approval, pick a vehicle and a payment. It's that simple.

"*All excess trade-in vehicles from our Toyota and Dodge stores in Hanover must be liquidated immediately or shipped to auctions located throughout the Northeast,*" **says McGee.**

He cites another example, a 2001 Pontiac Sunfire, auto, pwr package, only 53k miles, for only $29* down and $99* per month. For those auto shoppers are poised to rise in the near basis, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle you want.

Those wishing to beat the rush should shop early and take advantage of our extended sale hours over these three days at **McGee Pre-Owned which is located directly on Route 53 in Hanover (Exit 13 off Route 3 - 1 Mile South of the Hanover Mall).**

For further info on this liquidation sale, please call:
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Sunday, March 19th
11:00AM - 5:00PM

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Kickoff for Roger Hill

The campaign kickoff for Roger Q. Hill candidate for Selectman will be held at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Hall on Saturday March 18th from 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Nancy Garrison, 429 King St., will hold a coffee for Hill on March 30, time to be announced. To learn to more about Hill, visit: www.rogerqhill.com.

Ted Carr announces Campaign Committee

Ted Carr announces the following members of his Campaign Committee:

Campaign Manager: Coleman Nee. Committee Members: John & Meg Bertolami, Joanne Chittick, Mary Lou Clark, Michael & Rena Karp, Colin Hoehn, Agnes McCann, Donna McGee, Ronnie McMorris, Karen Nee, Marty & Clare Nee, and Dan & Kathy Varney.

Each week, new members to the committee will be listed. Ted encourages you to talk to his committee members about why they support him for Selectman.

Also, don't miss the following opportunities to meet Ted:

Sunday, March 19 at 4 p.m. & Monday, March 20 at 10 am at 24 Stevens Lane (Meg and John Bertolami); Wed. March 22 at 6 p.m. , 15 Clay Spring Road (Marty and Clare Nee), and Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m., 190 S Main St. (Mary Lou Clark). Also at Atlantic Bagel Company: Tues/Thurs 9 -10 a.m. and French Memories: Wednesday 3 – 4 p.m.

Visit: www.carrforcohasset.com

Fusco plans events

Cohasset residents are invited to join Steven Fusco, Candidate for School Committee, at the following events planned for the next week. During each reception, Steve hopes to hear from voters about their concerns, as well as discuss his experience and commitment to the Cohasset

Schools. Please join Steve for coffee at the home of Suzanne and Patrick Waters, 91 Aaron River Road on Tues. March 21 at 10 a.m. (RSVP 3-1560) and for a wine and cheese reception at the home of Collette and Steve McElhinney, 145 Fairoaks Lane on Friday, March 24 at 7:00pm (RSVP 3-1383).

Fusco's website is www.stevenfusco.org. If you would like to make a campaign contribution, please make your check out to:

Committee to Elect Steven Fuscoc/o Richard Avery, Treasurer22 Surry Dr. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Flynn committee forms

The Committee to Elect Rick Flynn announces its formation to support Rick in his bid for re-election to the Cohasset School Committee. The committee is chaired by John Brown with Debbie Shadd as Treasurer. Anyone interested in volunteering to help can contact John Brown at 383-6468, Debbie Shadd at 383-1624 or Rick Flynn at 383-6754. Donations can be sent to Debbie Shadd, 31 Summer Street, Cohasset, MA 02025. Thanks to all for their continued support.

Open house for Lee Jenkins

Cohasset hostesses Nancy Garrison, Polly Logan, Julie Guild and Edythe Ford are holding an open house on Saturday, March 25 from 4-7p.m. at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St.

Stop by and meet candidate for school committee, Lee Jenkins, and find out where she really stands on issues that matter to you.

Prior to the event, you can explore Lee's website: ElectLeeJenkins.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the School Committee candidates: *The higher override figure includes $1.1 million for the schools but is $200,000 less than what the schools asked for, so something has to go. Would the school's share of the cost of a school resource officer be on your priority list to remain in the budget? Why or why not?*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Steve Fusco

This is a difficult question given the recent threats against the school and our resource constraints. After all, our children's safety has to be the highest priority. If students don't feel safe, focusing on their studies is nearly impossible. According to the Center for Prevention of School Violence, the primary responsibilities of the School Resources Officer in the schools are:

- Law enforcement officer; law-related counselor and law-related education teacher
- Maintain a close relationship with principals, parents, students, and members of the community.

Research suggests having an SRO increases awareness of law enforcement and acts as a deterrent for crime in and around schools. We want our children to be and feel safe, but we must be creative about how we solve these problems. If we cannot get support for funding a full-time SRO, I would propose in depth SRO training for appropriate personnel inside the schools and in the Cohasset police department. Training would be a fraction of the cost of hiring a full-time resource while providing some of the tools and techniques of the position. I would also hope the town and the schools will pursue all available State and Federal SRO program funding and grants.

We need to be creative in solving these problems. In the business world we request an annual budget for each project, rarely get everything we ask for, and have to make contingency plans based on current business priorities and staffing levels. As I have said in the past, we cannot plan on the override(s) passing and must begin to prioritize *in advance*. Before too long we may be discussing how we can live without other proposed resources and funding. Let's continue to seek the funds we truly need while at the same time making sure we are well prepared for either scenario.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Lee Jenkins

Children need a safe and secure environment in which to learn and it would certainly be wonderful to have a school resource officer. Unfortunately, there isn't enough line-item detail in the school budget that's been made public to determine what we could trade-off to keep this $25,000 position, so it's hard to give a definitive answer.

In general, to answer all budget questions, I would apply my proposed action plan, "Progress Through Priorities:"

- Focus resources in the classroom
- Provide a strong foundation in areas of study essential to our students' success
- Return Cohasset to one of the top school districts in the state
- Tame the growth of non-classroom positions
- Create annual budgets with Proposition 2-1/2 in mind while being aware of the potential for deficits in the current budget and enacting immediate solutions

On its face, the position of school resources officer does not rank high within these priorities.

The Benchmark Study, the Curriculum Renewal Report, and the School Budget Investigation Committee, provide additional guidance.

The Benchmark Study shows we spend more per pupil than our peer schools (9 staff members per 100 students while peer schools average 8.5) with the majority of this extra staff outside the classroom. *The cost/role of a school resources officer would put us further out of step with our peer schools.*

Neither the Curriculum Renewal Committee Report, which indicates areas of concern from parents, teachers and the community, nor the Report of the School Budget Investigation Committee call for a resource officer.

But remember, I would apply "Progress Through Priorities" to *all* line items behind the proposed school budget. By discovering areas in which we can reallocate funds and then prioritizing needs, we can make these difficult decisions confident the results will best benefit our students.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Rick Flynn

The school resource officer is a great example of the municipal side and the school side teaming up for a common goal while attaining cost efficiency. The town realizes the ability to save Police Dept. overtime costs while the School Dept. gains a necessary officer to bridge the gap between students, administration and parents in an effort to diffuse difficult situations, be more inclusive of students and give the school community an added dimension of safety.

Unfortunately, we don't know exactly where all the budgets will end up at this point. We are headed into Town Meeting with an uncertain outcome. My hope is that Town Meeting votes to support the higher override figure. After that we need to get through the Override Election on May 6. I will say that I am in strong support of passage of the higher override number.

When the decision was made by the Advisory Board to recommend a lower override figure, from $1.9M to $1.495M, there was no consultation with the School department. My hope is that we can commit as many resources as possible to the classroom. I believe the most important priority at this point in to focus on reducing class sizes, adding additional electives at the High School and replacing dated textbooks. The classroom is where resources are most needed and these resources cost money. Contrary to what is being stated elsewhere, the School Department is not in a position where reallocation of resources will bring more resources into the classroom.

If, when the budget process is complete, I feel that enough progress has been made addressing classroom needs, I will recommend that we reassess the our ability to fund the School Department's share of the resource officer which I feel is a worthwhile investment.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SELECTMAN

For the Selectman candidates: *Two sitting selectmen are skeptical about the need for a school resource officer and whether that position could make a difference in terms of preventing more threats at the school or reducing police overtime. What's your opinion?*

SELECTMAN/ Ted Carr

A school resources officer provides significant benefits with little incremental cost. It is the first step in ensuring a safe learning environment, formalizes an existing agreement between the schools and the town police force, and saves in overtime costs. Thus, it seems academic to question the value of having a police official at the school.

Having a school officer is part of the first step in a comprehensive school safety plan, according to the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice. The Children's Defense Fund also advocates collaborative efforts with law enforcement to lower incidents of violence at schools (see: Keeping Children Safe in School: A Resource for States). Consequently, having a close working relationship with the Cohasset Police Department is critical to our school safety.

Our public schools already have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chief of Police that agrees to establish an effective line of communication between the school and police department. Having an officer on site supports this agreement and creates a familiar person to whom students and teachers can report safety issues. Establishing an officer as a member of the school community builds trust and promotes communication.

The incremental cost of having a school officer is minimal. Our contract with the Police Department includes a minimum three-man requirement, meaning three officers must be on duty at one time. However, the low number of officers on payroll means that our full-time officers must work overtime to meet the three-man requirement – an estimated $320,000 in police overtime last year. A new officer on the payroll would count towards our minimum-man requirement and offset high over-time costs. The new position also is flexible enough to address non-school related law enforcement needs.

There is minimal incremental cost to have a school officer and substantial benefits. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support a school resources officer.

For further reference, a full list of organizations dealing with School Violence can be found at http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/crimjust/school.htm

SELECTMAN/ Roger Hill

Yes, I think an officer at the school would be a great asset to the town for four reasons:

1. It gives the school children an opportunity to identify and voice their fears. The past events have created controversy and the concern with many youngsters has not entirely been identified nor has the community been able to resolve the distress that exists with success. Implementation of security would alleviate anxiety that has developed from the past threats to the school and would offer an environment that is more conducive to learning for all students.

2. The decision to use an officer at the school would foster relations with the youth as well as the community as a whole. The availability of a police officer, who will ideally stand as a role model and therefore will be able to provide the kind of information that, will disperse misperceptions. In light of the past threats, it would be sensible that the police officer will provide education on the varieties of violence and the root causes of the dysfunction that promotes violence.

3. As a cost saving measure the officer can serve as the third person towards "the three man minimum manning" issue that is in the contract. They will count as the third person on duty, and if an emergency arises they can still leave the school to respond.

4. Possibly hearing something from a student long before a situation gets out of hand, will allow the officer ample time to take the appropriate action.

From all of the input gathered from Chief Hussey, and some of the other officers I have talked to, they are all in support of this position. I am in total support of this position and would like to see it implemented as soon as possible.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For school committee candidates: *Is block scheduling at the high school all it's cut out to be and what impact, if any, does it have on the availability of electives?*

For selectman candidates: *Has the SMROD helped ease the affordable housing problem for Cohasset senior citizens, as hoped, or instead provided a glut of housing for wealthy baby-boomers?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 8 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 7 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Voting absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open
- Physical disability
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by April 8 to be counted.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disabilities. A completed *application* for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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History lesson on school committees

COMMENTARY

ADRIENNE MACCARTHY

In April, I will finish my second year on the School Committee, a job which I campaigned vigorously to have and a job I feel grateful to have been chosen to do.

I have learned a lot over the past two years. I feel it is important for you to know a little of the history of school committees so that you can better understand, as I do, my role as a School Committee member.

In the early days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and for almost 200 years thereafter — Public Elementary and Secondary Education was the responsibility of each community's Board of Selectmen. However, in 1826, the Massachusetts Legislature — "citing the importance of ensuring public educational opportunities for all its children" — provided for a committee whose sole duty would be to oversee "Those preparing the youth of the community to take their places as educated and responsible citizens."

Our country is the only one where the responsibility for education is entrusted to the citizens of each community — via appointed or elected School Committee. The Constitution gives jurisdiction over public education to the individual States and they in turn, delegate this jurisdiction to the local officials. One of the primary reasons for this system is that it allows educational policies to reflect our local needs and goals.

With this brief history, I hope you can appreciate how seriously I take my position as a member of the School Committee and know that I dedicate myself to the responsibilities that I have been elected to do. I respect the history and very important role the School Committee plays in the development of our children's education.

So it is with this in mind that I take offense to the allegations of mismanagement poor forecasting, and a lack of communication with other elected officials, boards or the public during this budget process. There is absolutely no mismanagement going on in the schools!

Actually, if one takes the time to view the proposed 2007 budget, they would see for the first time, actual costs for 2004 and 2005 plus the present budget for 2006 and what we *need* for 2007 to move us forward. The budget is detailed like never before. The town requested a transparent budget process and according to Webster, transparency is "the state or quality of being transparent, easy to detect or perceive". The 2007 budget process started back in December in open and public meetings. Now that the School Committee has certified the budget figures, there are some critics that don't like what they see. But what they see is not the result of a faulty process. Perhaps if these same critics saw it fit to attend any of the budget meetings leading up to the certified numbers, they would have a better appreciation of the process, efforts and approach that produced those numbers. Maybe that would be asking too much from some.

Utilities seem to the "hot" topic this year. Some like to use this as an example of faulty planning or fiscal mismanagement. Cohasset schools are part of a collaborative formed to purchase fuel. As a member of the Shore Educational Collaborative, we realize a small savings versus purchasing fuel on our own. The utility cost projections that have been provided to our Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee are based on: *past usage, contractual costs, and projected usage provided by an independent, third party energy consultant.* If someone can look at this approach we used and cite this as a faulty process, then they should stand-up and explain how they approach it. The fact is our utility number has grown, not unlike our own personal utility costs. I think there are those who don't like or can't accept the resulting utility number so they unfairly and misleadingly attack the schools budget process. We cannot knowingly under-fund a line item to pacify some who do not want to face the reality of rising energy costs. It would be unethical to knowingly underfund a budget line item.

I would recommend that those in doubt of the *needs* of our schools review the proposed 2007 budget. Make the effort to learn the facts. You will see that it was built with a goal to "maintain the overall strength of our school system while recognizing continued local and general economic challenges." Our Superintendent, Dr. Walsh, was instructed to build a responsible budget and that has been done. We are lucky as a community to have a Superintendent that listens and responds to the needs of the community; while keeping focused on delivering the academic excellence we as a community say we want and our children deserve.

As Mr. Simms use to say: "An educated consumer is our best customer."

Adrienne MacCarthy, a member of the School Committee, lives at 85 Doane St.

Sign of spring: lawn fertilizer

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mantra repeating "spring is fertilizer time" the homeowner applies additional chemical stimuli to a lawn already growing as fast as it can responding to light, warmth and rainfall. The plain facts are that lawns and landscape plants only absorb so much and have taken most nutrients they can use by the end of fall before the winter. Only a small percentage of spring applications have any enduring effect and the spring rains dilute, dissolve and carry off the excess chemicals applied. And where do you think all this excess 'stuff' goes?.... To the lowest place it can – a harbor or local pond.

Cohasset is unique and frankly blessed and cursed in its situation. Based on some shrewd investments over 30 years ago and due to diligent management of late it has a large and relatively secure water supply. It also has a lot of bedrock (no surprise to anyone who has walked Whitney Woods or Wheelwright Park). This means rainfall and other excess water has few places in the ground to go but moves quickly and efficiently to our ponds or harbor. One of those ponds is our drinking water and our harbor is the crown jewel of Cohasset. Anyone see a problem here?

Runoff, in particular, storm water runoff is particularly pernicious in our geologic system because it is contaminated with everything it contacts, septic wastes, animal materials, road oils and petroleum residues and lawn chemicals. Storm water runoff, highest in the Spring, coincident with the spring lawn chemical application phenomena, is a major source of contamination and degradation to the receiving waters (e.g. Lily Pond; Cohasset Harbor). Steve Bobo, a member of Cohasset Board of Health, has written a number of eloquent articles describing the impacts resulting from this contaminant source.

All I am asking is for my fellow residents to consider alternatives before signing those new contacts for another year of chemicals, is that golf course perfect lawn worth the potential impact to your own drinking water and our harbor? Change is coming and its agent is us. Maybe we ought to take this year off.

Consider ecologically sound and sustainable practices in lawn care. The website www.greenscapes.org provides localized information, sources, links and actions that can help break your lawn's chemical addiction.

Jim Kinch is a member of the Cohasset Water Resource Protection Committee.

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Norwell junior Melissa Murphy is one of several talented gymnasts returning to next year's team.

Foundation set for Coh-Noh gymnasts

By Rachel Thomas
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team's season ended recently with the final meet of the season being the All-League meet, in which the team scored its highest all-around score of the year.

Many of the gymnasts and coach Amy Maree said they believed that the last meet was the highlight of the season, with high scores on all events and captain Erin Kelly obtaining two medals, placing fifth on vault and in the all-around competition.

With a score of 128.6, the team successfully ended a season filled with tough competition and strong opponents. Norwell junior Melissa Murphy said her most memorable moment was the All-League meet.

"The team really came together for the end of the season and the outcome of the meet showed how much we enjoyed the season and competing together," she said.

Throughout the season, Murphy competed on two or three events in every meet, excelling in bars, beam and floor.

Another Norwell junior, Jamie Nichols, felt that the All-League meet was a highlight of the season. Nichols added that the team will have some big shoes to fill next year in many respects.

"It will be hard to lose all of the seniors next year, not only because of their strong talent, but

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College laxers making waves

Cohasset High School graduate (Class of '04) Curtis Kahn had four goals and two assists in Trinity College's season-opening 12-9 over Drew University on Saturday, leading a parade of Cohasset-bred lacrosse players having an impact on the college landscape so far this season.

Kahn, the high scorer a year ago for Trinity, a member of NESCAC, faced former teammate Nick Spirito, who is a captain and starting defenseman at Western Connecticut State University, this past Wednesday.

Other Cohasset laxers on the field this season include St. Joseph's University midfielder and face-off specialist Ben Kinch, St. Michael's College senior midfielder and captain Eric Libby and starting freshman attackman Jake Previte, Roanoke College senior attackman Adam Leahy, Connecticut College starting defenseman Tom Anderson, face-off specialist and defensive midfielder Robert Hickey of Widener University, Ursinus College midfielder Matt Davis, Johnson State goalie Evan Pestone and Wentworth Institute sophomore goaltender Nick Murphy.

Also starring in the collegiate ranks is nationally-ranked Lynchburg College goalie Garrett Curran, son of CHS coach Stew Curran and a product of the Cohasset youth lacrosse program.

A separate solution for tournaments

TOSSING BATTING PRACTICE

NICK FRENCH

Take a good look at your high school tournament brackets and you'll find a common theme - a dominance of parochial schools across the board.

The debate over private schools is always a hot button issue during tournament time, as public schools with higher seeds and better records are often sent home with a loss. The high school hockey tournament usually evokes the most elicit reaction because of the dominance of private schools.

Catholic Memorial is the most notable, having won 16 state titles in 20 years and 12 of the 15 Super-8 tournaments. But since the inception of the Super-8, no public school has ever won the tournament and its been 13 years since one reached the finals.

But I think hockey has it right. Aside from the Super-8 there are

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Lady hoopsters look back on great year

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Diehard Skipper fans can put away their cowbells and foam fingers. But the memories of the 2005-06 Cohasset girls basketball season will stay in our minds for many years to come.

Yes, the season came to an exciting but disappointing close on Monday, March 6 in a heartbreaking one-point loss to the Mustangs of Marian High School.

After beating Cohasset, the Mustangs subsequently went on to win the Division 4 state championship. They soundly beat Harwich (67-58) in Brockton and captured the title versus Mt. Alvernia (54-44) at the TD Banknorth Garden last Monday.

So what does this chain of events tell us? Of all the teams Marian faced on the way to the state championship, Cohasset gave the Mustangs the biggest scare.

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Who would have thought the season would play out in such an exciting way?

Recall the first week of hoop action back in December. Some Cohasset fans couldn't believe how head coach John Levangie stacked up the starting lineup with so many freshmen.

On top of this unusual mix of players, fans witnessed a struggling team getting off to a rocky start. Did Levangie make a big error or uncover talent that no one else could see in the early days of the season?

Something magical happened at the Holiday Tournament. The girls played decisively in their match-up against Sacred Heart. A spark went off and the offensive and defensive cylinders kept pumping strong for the rest of the season.

"The Sacred Heart game proved to be the turning point in the season," explained Levangie. "The girls really gained confidence and momentum. From here, their work ethic and attitude took over."

STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARFUNKEL

Cohasset's Carly Salerno (30) is one of several underclassmen looking to make the Lady Skippers even better in 2006-07.

Let's take the defense as a case in point. They practiced hours on their defensive patterns and their discipline paid off big time. The team's hallmark press created, in Levangie's words, "the best defense in the division, if not in the entire state." As the saying goes 'defense wins championships.'

Of course, somebody had to put some points up on the board. This year, that somebody was the whole team.

Last year's play consisted of a one woman offensive show in the name of Casey Anderson. She thought nothing of putting up 25 points per game.

This year the Skippers shared the wealth offensively speaking. The result? The team traveled further down the tournament road this season. In postseason play Cohasset won two very decisive victories before losing the nail-biter to Marian. One of those two victories included the dropping of second-seeded Cathedral.

Freshman Gabriella Flibotte frequently led the pack in the points column. But many others followed close behind in their scoring. Everyone got in on the action to finish off the regular season with a 13-7 record. Overall, they turned in a 15-8 performance.

Flibotte's offensive charge, coupled with freshmen Sam Lehr's rebounding, certainly played a major role in the success of this team. When it comes to picking a team, Levangie obviously knows what he is doing.

But let's not forget the captains. Levangie described the leadership of Chelsea Grossman, Katie James, and Mia Lieb-Lappen as "invaluable." He went on to say, "They really made this a very cohesive team."

The rest of the underclassmen

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COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above are the graduating seniors and coaches from the Cohasset High School wresting team at Sunday's season-ending banquet. Left to right: Head coach Torin Sweeney, Shane Dorian , Dave McKenna, George Miller, Jake Watts, and assistant coach Pete Buckley. Next week, the Mariner will recap the CHS wrestling season, and look ahead to next year.

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The Cohasset girls basketball team will say good-bye to three seniors: Katie James, Chelsea Grossman (above, left) and Mia Lieb-Lappen (above right, 23).

Lady hoopsters look back on great year

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bridged the gap between the senior experience and freshmen prodigies. Juniors Lacey Richardson, Haley Haracz, and sophomore Anna Haggerty all saw considerable playing time. They also contributed to the scoring effort in an important way.

"We really made the best out of what we had," explained Lieb-Lappen. "We didn't let injuries or lack of experience hold us back. I think we really proved a point that we can consistently match any teams in our league."

Looking ahead to next year, Levangie plans to coach again. Also, assistants Jack Levangie and Kay Long will most likely return.

In terms of a roster, Levangie claims it's still too early to determine who will fill the big shoes of departing seniors Grossman, James, and Lieb-Lappen.

However, we can definitely expect some great things out of this very young team. Could another playoff berth be in store? How about a league title (knock on wood)? The story will be continued next year.

A separate solution for tournaments

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three divisions of high school hockey where teams have an opportunity to be a champion. The issue in my mind comes in the lower divisions in other sports.

Asking smaller public schools to compete against parochial schools is unfair.

Parochial schools hold advantages in certain sports. In hockey this season, all five members of the Catholic Conference made the state tournament. The other three teams, St. John's Prep, Malden Catholic, and Xaverian all made the semifinals, and two of them knocked off the top seed to get there.

Archbishop Williams is a Division 3 basketball school and a Division 1 hockey school, yet the Bishops' basketball team rolled its way to the sectional title. I'm aware of the opting up rule, but the simple fact remains that the Bishops are a strong enough school to compete with bigger schools than the ones they currently are competing with.

Basketball doesn't get the attention of hockey, but it's still dominated by parochial schools. Part of the reason for the lack of attention is the lack of a truly dominant school instead its a group of schools.

Catholic Memorial won Division 2 South last year, and as a 16 seed nearly took out top-seeded Duxbury this season. The Knights should be competing in Division 1, as all the other Catholic Conference schools do. BC High was a semifinal participant this season, before falling to another school that has a distinct advantage as well in Madison Park.

On the girls side, there is no equivalent to BC High or CM as far as the sheer size of the enrollment, but Cardinal Spellman is becoming the dominant athletic school for girls. There are 100 more girls than boys at the school. The Cardinals boast a dominant softball team, and a girls' basketball team that is playing for the Division 3 state title on Saturday.

Although they have yet to win the title, this doesn't detract from the fact they are the team nobody wants to play. The team's roster this year boasts girls from 12 different towns, from Stoughton to Dennis and everywhere in between, except for Brockton, the city the school is located in. How is that not a competitive advantage?

They have rolled through top-seeded Rockland and Westwood, both traditional powerhouse programs who own state titles in this century, as well as Scituate and than Case in the sectional final.

In Massachusetts, there will probably never be a "Catholics-only" tournament, and I think asking for one is unfair. The state of New York has one and that is the biggest argument put forth by the public schools, but New York is also a much larger state with more member institutions than the MIAA. A separate tournament with different divisions would simply be an extension of the regular season, like college basketball conference tournaments.

The Catholic Conference would be Division 1 and the Catholic Central League would be Division 2. So a sectional title winner would be most likely the league champion, and at that only a champion of four or five teams, only needing to win two games to raise a banner.

I think there is only one truly amicable solution to the situation: take the Super-8 format to other sports. Basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer would all be perfect for this. Football is a different animal that has to be dealt with as well, but in the interest of putting on my MIAA thinking cap I am adopting their mantra of dealing with the issue when it arises.

Division 1A would be for all parochial schools regardless of size. If you win 50 percent of your games you are in the post-season.

The public schools, before each season, can declare whether or not they want to be considered for Division 1A tournament play (the Super-8 is really just Division 1A).

There will be no limit to the amount of teams in the bracket, the number will consist of however many teams qualify, plus four to six public schools, the amount of which can be determined at the beginning of the season when teams declare their intentions.

An interesting aspect to this would be seeing public schools deciding what to do, much like when teams play Big Three, Old Colony, or Cape League teams they have to declare in the beginning of the season as to whether or not the games will count towards their record.

It would be interesting to see which schools would prefer to go home with their state champions jackets knowing they chose not to compete against the best possible competition.

I realize there is a competitive disadvantage for Archbishop Williams to be competing with BC High, but now the shoe would be on the other foot, and it would be interesting to see how the smaller private schools react to this situation.

The one thing I would be a proponent of if this idea were to go forward is recruiting. If we're going to lump all the parochial schools in together, they should be allowed to recruit openly. The rumors and the innuendoes from the public schools regarding recruiting would stop, and they could no longer gripe about losing kids to teams they have to play, because they don't have to if they don't want to.

The smaller schools would then have a chance to compete with the big boys. Successful coaches will always find a way to compete regardless of the size of the schools. Plus a student may choose a private school closer to home because they are all playing the same competition anyway.

It would then be up to the individual school to determine how much it values athletic success. The MIAA could also make it more difficult for kids to transfer back to public schools because the hardship waiver would be moot if athletes were getting scholarships.

The MIAA wants a uniform policy for all sports, but I think the best way to go is to get officials to specialize in specific sports, and draw up parameters that they see fit for each individual sport. At the very least, do things differently gender wise, and take into account the different situations.

If nothing else, a Super-8 type tournament in all sports would create plenty of buzz and interest, much like it does for hockey and football. This would of course translate to more gate receipts.

Alas, it probably makes too much sense to ever get done.

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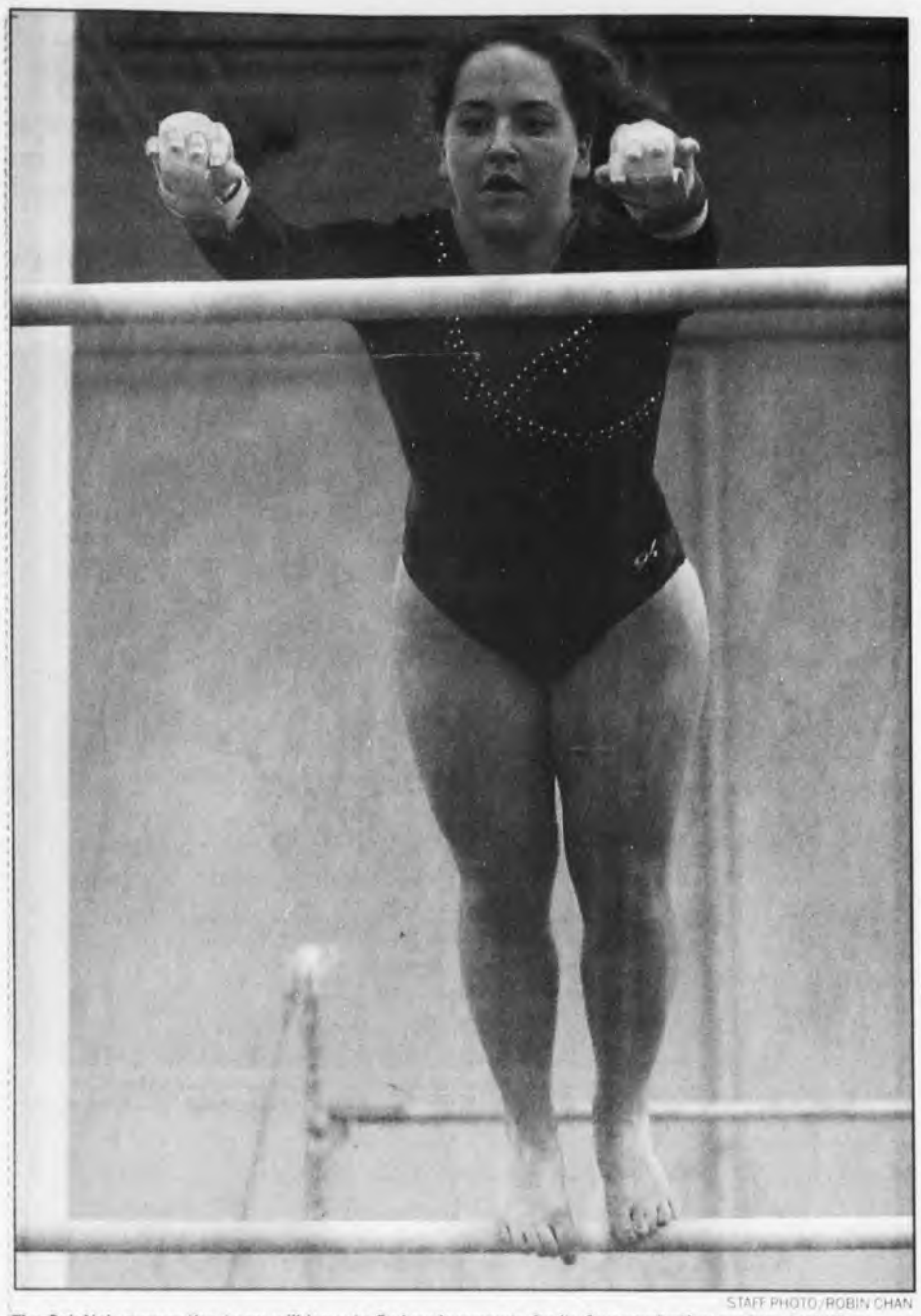

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The Coh-Noh gymnastics team will have to find replacements for its four graduating seniors, including Cohasset's Kate Carpenter.

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also because of how close the whole team was," she said.

There were four seniors on the team: Norwell's CJ Himberg and Erin Kelly, and Cohasset's Kate Carpenter and Lisa Spirito, all of whom were captains of the team and prominent competitors throughout the season. Kelly and Spirito competed all-around in most meets, both obtaining between 28 and 33 for final scores in all of the meets.

As the team entered the season in the Cranberry Conference - which included previous state champions Barnstable - the competition looked tough, and it proved to be so. Although Coh-Noh had to face extremely strong teams such as Barnstable and Bridgewater-Raynham, the gymnasts competed their hardest and most of the competitors obtained noteworthy scores in the high 7's and 8's.

All in all, the season went well for the Coh-Noh gymnasts, with additional pleasure in the outcome of the All-League meet. Although the team will lose strong competitors as the four seniors graduate high school, the remaining athletes are confident and look strong for next season.

SPORTS NOTES

April vacation baseball clinic

The South Shore Baseball Club will be providing an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 18 through Friday, April 21, at Barnes Field Complex.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. The program costs $100 per participant.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at (781)383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Office on the first floor of Town Hall.

You may also register with a credit card by calling South Shore Baseball Club at (781)749-6466.

Cohasset Rec. Dept. Nautical Mile

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department, is pleased to announce registration for Nautical Mile.

Nautical Mile is an instructional track and field program designed for grades 2-8 and all abilities.

Training will include the 100-meters, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, javelin and long jump. The program meets at the Scituate High School track on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning April 9 and running through June 18.

The fee is $50 per participant and you may call the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781)383-4109 to register.

Coaching this unique opportunity will be Betsy Callanan and Brad Mingles. Participants should bring water and jump ropes to class. USATF membership is available and Junior Olympic Training is also available for those who may have interest.

AAU Basketball Tryouts

The POPS Basketball Academy is holding tryouts for Boys AAU teams participating in the Spring of 2006.

Tryouts will be held March 18 and March 19, 2006. for more information and club philosophy please visit www.popsbasketball.com The tryouts will be held at the Pro Shots Athletic Center Oak Street Pembroke, MA (Exit 12 off Route 3) We want to give each player an opportunity to show their abilities in more than one tryout session. It is recommended that you attend all the tryout sessions. Cost: $40.00 NON Refundable

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Eagles ready for Super-8 semis

By Ryan Holt
CORRESPONDENT

For the second time in three years, the BC High hockey team has advanced out of pool play and into the single-elimination semi-finals of the Super Eight.

Last Friday night in Lowell the Eagles jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and hung on to defeat the Arlington Catholic Cougars 4-3. The win solidified the Eagles as the top seed in Pool B and has set them up for a showdown against the best public school in the state, Medford.

The Eagles wasted no time in the first as they got talented goals from John Heffernan, Mike Falvey, and Jeff Sullivan. Falvey scored first as he took a face-off win from senior Brendan Mulcahy and beat the Cougar goaltender stick side. Heffernan scored minutes later on a sniping wrist shot over the right shoulder of the goalie.

The third goal was set up by senior captain Joe Capuano when he streaked down the left-hand side and mustered a shot on net. The goalie made the initial save but Sullivan was there to collect the rebound and give the Eagles the 3-0 advantage at the break.

After AC cut the lead to 3-1 midway through the second on a

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Signs of spring

As the weather warms up (sort of), the beginning of the spring sports season is right around the corner. Spring previews will begin in the March 31 edition of the Mariner.

On this page are a few images from last spring's season.

Lindsay Durkin and her girls lacrosse teammates will be aiming for a return to the state tournament. The program has a new coach this year in Chuck Jaffe, a long-time coach and administrator in the town's youth lacrosse system.

The boys lacrosse team, with the help of talented attacker Mike Grimm (24), made it to the Division 3 championship game last season.

Christina Pinkus rips into one during a game last season against Holbrook. The Mariner All-Scholastic returns as one of the South Shore League's top pitchers.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

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shot that junior goalie and Pembroke native Mark Donovan never got a good look at, senior Jay Driscoll found fellow senior Kyle Dillon who buried a one-timer from the left face-off dot. BC High survived two AC goals in the third period and hung to defeat the Cougars 4-3.

Although Arlington Catholic lost they advanced due to the tiebreaker with Duxbury but will have the formidable task of taking on top-ranked Catholic Memorial in the semis. BC High will play the second game, this Thursday night at 8 p.m. Both games are on the campus of Boston University at Walter Brown Arena, site of BC High's last semi-final win two years ago against Waltham.

Medford comes in having only lost two games all season but those two games were their last two. The first, in overtime, against Austin Prep and then in the final round of pool play against Catholic Memorial. It looks to be the typical public-private school game Thursday night.

The other half of BC High's strong winter season came to end last week as the basketball team fell to Madison Park in the semi-finals of the south sectional. Close throughout, the Eagles fell short in the end 75-72.

Sophomore Tim McKinney's pair of free throws gave the Eagles a four-point lead with four minutes left but Madison Park responded and tied the game with a minute to play. They took the lead with 20 seconds left and the Eagles missed an opportunity to tie the game when Nick McLaughlin's floater hit the rim and the ball deflected out of bounds off the Eagles.

After a free throw made the deficit three with 5 seconds to play, senior captain Jovan Robinson went the length of the court but his NBA-range running three back-rimmed and the Eagles were eliminated.

"We had a strong season and had some big wins but it could have been a lot better," said Robinson, who finished his career at BC High with a 20-point performance. "They just did the little things better tonight, but we still played our hearts out."

Robinson will attend Canisius next year and will to be a force for the Golden Griffins in the future. Also departing from Morrissey Boulevard are Ndubuisi Okreke, Kenney Victor, Brendan Carter, John "JP" Cotton, and Chris Muise.

While it will be difficult to replace this strong senior class, the 18-4 and Catholic Conference champion Eagles return talented point guard Chris Hurley, sharpshooters Tim McKinney and Nick McLaughlin, along with big men Jake O'Brien, Nick Schmeimann, and Andrew Yanulis. With returning players like that, the Eagles should find themselves back in the same position next year.

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COMMENTARY

JOHN SEEL

Good schools are finally not about buildings, but people. Great teachers are what make the difference in the classroom as study after study has shown.

For years my wife and I have longed to live in Boston. Its beauty, history, and collective intelligence were strong incentives to leave Dallas, Texas. After a top to bottom tour of the South Shore, my wife said decisively, "I choose Cohasset." As the new kid on the block, we have read the Mariner with interest and amusement.

The lively civic debate over the state of the Cohasset public schools has filled the pages of the paper for the last nine months. On one side of the debate are those who decry increasing costs and chronic referendums. They want fiscal responsibility and budgetary accountability. No one wants to be constantly writing the equivalent of blank checks to what was recently referred to as a runaway train. This is an important point of view and represents a growing skepticism about governmental agencies and the bureaucracies they spawn.

On the other side of the debate are those school administrators who live with increasing costs and teachers who struggle to be paid a living wage. Good schools are finally not about buildings, but people. Great teachers are what make the difference in the classroom as study after study has shown. Schools are a people-intensive business. There is no way around it. Put simply, you get what you pay for.

I have little to add to this debate, except to remind my friends and fellow residents of Cohasset that we must not think about our schools as consumers, but as citizens. My children are grown. I've never set foot in one of our illustrious schools. But this much I know, "public interest" is not "private interest" writ large. Behind many of the complex political, economic, and educational debates about our school budget is this unquestioned assumption. What obligations do I have as a citizen to the community in which I live? The dominant economic viewpoint animating most Americans today doesn't fit well with either the Democratic or Republican vision of America — it is somewhere in between.

Most Americans are fiscal conservatives and social liberals. They want control over their own money and lives. We have in America a weakening sense of our individual obligation to our neighbor. We do not see our taxes as public money given for a public rationale that may or may not have any direct impact on my own life. No, we tend to see our public taxes in the same light as our private contributions. My money, my choice. But this kind of market rationale is at odds with the republican character of our country. The American republic is not a popular democracy, as advocated by those who would make policy by instant Internet surveys, but a representative democracy, where citizen representatives mediate individual interests with that of the common good. As champions of individual autonomy, we are temperamentally reluctant to concede authority to others — particularly when it comes to my money and my children. Cohasset residents need to remember that Cain's defensive retort "Am I my brother's keeper?" is to be answered in the affirmative. "Yes, you are." To this end, strong public schools are a collective good even if I have no personal benefit.

Public schools in the fragmented South Shore compete directly with other neighboring towns. This will only increase when the commuter rail to Boston is completed. I want our public schools to be second to none not simply because our children deserve nothing less, but because our civic mindedness calls us to such an ideal. The two sides in the debate need to build trust: "Tell me what our school's need, but give the citizens an accurate budget." "We will give what school's need, but administrators and teachers must be held accountability to deliver a measurably outstanding educational product." We want to be great, but we don't want to be irresponsible. On this I think both sides can agree. My dream is that other young families will drive down Route 3A and choose Cohasset because of one reason…its schools are in fact second to none because its citizens are second to none.

John Seel, Ph.D., lives at 50 Forest Ave.

Overrides are about the entire town

COMMENTARY

ELAINE BRESLOW

I read last week's Mariner with great interest and admittedly much sadness regarding the deficits plaguing most of our town department budgets.

What do the recent elections in Haiti and the Mariner's ongoing coverage of budget articles have to do with what our community is currently grappling with? Surprisingly more than one would think.

On Feb. 7, tens of thousands of Haitians rose before dawn, walked at times well over four miles and then stood in half-mile lines in order to cast a vote in their long awaited presidential elections. In a country beset by violence and corruption, where kidnappings are rampant even during daylight hours, people voted by candlelight even after dark. The illiteracy of many voters and poll workers further complicated and frustrated the process, however, despite the escalating violence and protests *people voted*!

I read last week's Mariner with great interest and admittedly much sadness regarding the deficits plaguing most of our town department budgets. I could not help but notice one patent certainty: these overrides are *not* about school budgets versus town budgets. These overrides are about our town, our citizenry making a moral decision that it is of the opinion that it would be shameful if we *all* did not support funding to provide:

- Cohasset Elder Affairs with a Volunteer Coordinator to help schedule the volunteers necessary to provide our seniors with much needed assistance (I am certain I need not point out the absurd irony of eliminating a position that actually helps staff CEA at no cost to taxpayers),
- to support funding for our police and fire departments to staff at safe levels so that when a crisis arises we are prepared
- to staff our library so that it can effectively maintain our growing circulation and take care of custodial responsibilities,
- and yes, to support funding so that our schools are proactively maintained, teachers are fairly compensated, our students provided with a much needed competitive curriculum in our increasingly "flat" world and commitment that those who follow us, as those who have come before, will be afforded superlative opportunities that Cohasset has had the privilege to provide.

It is tempting to delude ourselves by thinking, "I don't really use that service so I don't want to pay for it." Imagine if I filed for tax abatement because I don't drive on Sohier Street very often and thought — why should I pay to have that road shoveled or paved? You see my point.

We have a very real responsibility to each other that includes conscientious management as well as advocating on behalf of our town on state and federal levels and pursuing non traditional revenue generating avenues. I am sure we have in our midst the wisdom and expertise of those who are well versed in grant writing for example. We need you!

So whether you do or do not agree with the content of my observations, and here is the tie in with Haiti, Participate! Think about what is important to you; gather as much information as you can regarding our town's *collective* budget and then ask yourself, do these services matter to you — if so, I would respectfully assert that while no one likes taxes they are necessary for the maintenance and responsible growth of our town as a collective entirety. Act — show up to Town Meeting on April 1st and *cast your vote* for the sake of all of us when it comes time to Invest in Cohasset.

Elaine Breslow lives at 714 Jerusalem Road

Teen Garage renovations slated

The Cohasset Teen Garage will be closed for renovations starting Monday, March 13, through late May.

The Teen Garage serves youngsters grades six and over and is located in the Town's old Highway Garage off Main Street, Cohasset.

During the late 1990's the Highway Department moved to its new facility and the Town gave the old Garage to the Youth Resources Committee for a Teen Center.

No funds were appropriated at that time, however, via a hard working committee and generosity of numerous residents and business/civic organizations, coupled with work performed by the Norfolk County Sheriffs Department of Corrections, the old facility was transformed into the Teen Garage.

After eight years of successful operation, the Garage will be undergoing renovations during the next 10 weeks, re-opening either late May or early June.

Summer camp program at Our World

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset, will offer summer camp during June, July and August. The schedule is as follows.

Preschool and toddler programs – four weeks of camp for children ages 3-5 held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Themes are:

Plants I, Bugs and Water and Plants II. Sign up for one week, two weeks or all four weeks.

For ages 4-6 – July 17, 31 and Aug. 14 with the same themes brought down to this age level. Camps take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For ages 7-10 – July 10, Masks of the World; July 24, Environmental Explorations; and Aug. 7, Native Americans. For this age group, camp takes place 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Space is limited to 12 children per session. Call 781-383-3198 for information and to sign up.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. This month's featured culture is Greece, and there will be costumes and artifacts on display.

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Town set to schedule special election for override main head

FROM OVERRIDE, PAGE 1

Meeting recommendation, which it is required to do for all Warrant articles. It unanimously voted 8-0 to recommend passing the budget which does not require an override, it voted 8-0 to recommend the $725,000 figure, and voted 6-2 in favor of recommending the $1.495 million. Members Merle Brown and Sam Wakeman cast the two no votes.

Prop. 2-1/2 is a state law passed by Massachusetts voters in 1980 which limits the amount a town can raise its property taxes each year to 2-1/2 percent more than was raised the year before, plus taxes that will be paid from new construction and substantial renovations to property.

The law provides a mechanism for a city or town, with approval from its voters, to override the tax cap and increase property taxes above the 2-1/2 percent to generate more revenue. Since 1988, Cohasset has passed 28 overrides.

Passing an override is a two-step process. It must first be approved at Town Meeting, followed by approval at a Town Election. Town Manager Bill Griffin said at Town Meeting, there will be one budget motion which asks voters to consider three different budget scenarios.

Voters will first be asked to approve a budget which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 and does not require an override. Secondly, voters will be asked if they would like to approve an additional $725,000 for supplemental requests, subject to the passage of an override vote at the ballot box. Thirdly, voters will be asked if they would like to approve allocating $1.495 million for supplemental requests, subject to the passage of an override. Approving both override figures ensures they are both put on the special election ballot, as an override needs both Town Meeting and ballot box approval to take effect.

The budget will be presented with three columns of figures. Column one will have the budget which stays within Prop. 2-1/2, next to it will be column two which details the additional items which will be funded if $725,000 is allocated, and column three will detail the items which could be funded with $1.495 million. Griffin noted the $1.495 million includes all items which would be funded with the $725,000, plus $770,000 in additional requests. Passing both override figures does not mean the town receives $725,000 in requests plus $1.495 million, for a total of $2,220,000, it means voters have a choice to go for either the higher or lower level of funding.

After Town Meeting, the override question will be posed again to voters at the ballot box during a special election likely on May 6. Voters will be asked to support an override figure or figures based on what passes at Town Meeting. It is up to the Board of Selectmen to place an override question on the ballot.

Voters can cast a yes or no vote for both override questions, one question, or neither question. Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, if both overrides pass, the larger override would take effect even if won by fewer votes.

Griffin explained any question is approved if a majority votes yes. If both questions are approved by a majority vote, the question with the higher dollar amount wins, regardless of the number of votes taken. For example, if 1,000 people vote for the $1.495 override figure and 501 vote in favor, and 1,600 people vote for the $725,000 figure, and 950 vote in favor, even though more people voted for the smaller number and a greater majority voted in its favor, the larger dollar amount wins because it was passed by a majority — even if it was a majority by only one vote.

What do we get?

If only the budget that stays within Prop. 2-1/2 is passed, the town will have to work with a total budget of $32,867,188, and neither the town nor the school department would be operating at a level which is on par with the services currently provided.

Within that total budget figure, the school department would receive $12,714,714, or an increase of 3 percent over last year. The town's $20,152,474 includes many school-related costs, including school building and field maintenance, health insurance, life insurance, property insurance, workers compensation, Medicare taxes, unemployment, pensions, debt service and retired teachers' health insurance.

The school department proposed a total budget of $13,987,198, which is an increase of 13.3 percent over last year's allocation. Within that increase is $637,109 for contractual obligations and fixed costs, $238,655 for a cost of living salary increase, $581,759 in new personnel, and $185,293 in program improvements. A bottom line budget is approved for the schools to allow for flexible spending, and although there is a list of supplemental budget requests (new personnel and program improvements) the school department has not ranked the requests in terms of priority. Among the schools requests are:

- Half the cost of a school resource officer, $25,000
- One kindergarten teacher, $45,000
- One grade two teacher $45,000
- One half-time Osgood physical education teacher, $22,500
- One half-time elementary health teacher, $22,500
- One Osgood evening custodian, $34,128
- One Deer Hill .3 health teacher, $13,500
- One Deer Hill evening custodian, $34,128
- One middle school English teacher, language teacher, music teacher and adjustment counselor, $45,000 each
- One high school secretary, $28,602
- One high school English teacher, $45,000
- One high school math teacher, $45,000
- One half-time high school foreign language teacher, $22,500
- One 20-hour athletic trainer, $18,900.

The salary estimates are just that — estimates. They do not take into account some teachers could be at higher or lower steps and therefore would be paid higher or lower salaries. The total estimated cost for the positions is $581,759, and there is also $185,293 in program improvements, including new textbooks, reading programs, and teaching supplies.

If the $725,000 override passes, the school department would add $530,000 to its budget, and the town will add $195,000 to its budget. The town has prioritized its list of supplemental items, and an additional $195,000 would add:

- One maintenance worker, $40,612
- One library custodian,$14,114
- Maintenance services, $40,000
- Half the cost of a school resources officer, $23,467
- One volunteer coordinator for the elder affairs office, $20,490
- One engineering consultant, $10,000
- One planning consultant, $10,000.

The town would also need to spend roughly $36,321 of its $195,000 allocation to pay for fringe benefits for both town and school department employees which are retained or added as a result of the additional funds.

If the $1.495 million override passes, the school department will add $1.1 million to its budget and the town will add $395,000 to its budget. Within the town's $395,000 will be the items the town would receive with the lower override, as well as $10,000 to increase library staff hours as well as $10,000 for public works contracted services. The rest of its allocation, or $216,321, will be spent on fringe benefits for employees, and with the increase the school department would get it could be able to afford adding as many as 16 new positions. In essence, increasing the override figure by $770,000 will add $20,000 of services to the town's budget.

Important override points

- Passing an override requires approval twice. Just because an override passes at Town Meeting doesn't mean it will automatically pass at the special election. To take effect, overrides must pass by a simple majority at both Town Meeting and the ballot box.
- There are two figures up for consideration — a $725,000 override or a $1.495 override. Voters can vote for both override questions, one or neither.
- Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, if both overrides pass, only the larger override would take effect even if it won by fewer votes.
- The town is looking to pass an operating budget override, which means taxes will be increased permanently if it passes.

Fiscal 2007 override impact analysis

	Impact based on no override	Impact based on $725K override	Net impact of $725K alone	Impact based on $1.495M override	Net impact of $1.495M alone
Projected tax rate	$10.95	$11.27	$0.32	$11.62	$0.67
Projected tax rate increase	$0.11	$0.43	$0.32	$0.78	$0.67
Projected % increase in tax levy	1.01%	3.97%	2.96%	7.20%	6.19%
Projected impact on property valued at $250K	$27	$108	$81	$195	$168
Projected impact on property valued at $500K	$55	$215	$160	$390	$335
Projected impact on property valued at $750K	$82	$323	$241	$585	$503
Projected impact on property valued at $1M	$110	$430	$320	$780	$670

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Barbara Buckley bows out of School Committee race

FROM BUCKLEY, PAGE 1

2007, when the terms for chairman Jamie Williams and Adrienne MacCarthy expire. Buckley said she will pull nomination papers the first day they become available. Until then, she said she will be throwing her support behind incumbent candidate Rick Flynn and candidate Steve Fusco.

"I feel very comfortable with the two pro-school candidates left in the race, and both will have my votes on election day," she said. "I know it'll keep our schools moving in a positive direction, and I look forward to joining them on the committee next year."

Her unfettered support for two of the three candidates and enthusiasm for next year's race has left the door open for speculation about whether this was a strategic move to help Fusco and Flynn win April 8. But Buckley said her decision to withdraw has nothing to do with conjecture that votes cast in her favor would have taken away votes from Flynn and Fusco, opening the door for candidate Lee Jenkins. "Would it have had an effect? Maybe, maybe not. I don't have a crystal ball," she said.

Jenkins, who hadn't heard the news until the Mariner called for her reaction, said Buckley's endorsement of the other candidates is something that occurs all the time in politics. "I certainly don't take it personally and it will not change my campaign platform," she said.

"I've decided with my family that right this second is not the right time for me."
— Barbara Buckley

Jenkins said she looks forward to campaigning these next few weeks. "I continue to be overwhelmed by the positive response I've received. Citizens from all over town agree it's time for a change. Parents continue to tell me they are concerned about the classroom resources they see being directed to administrative and overhead costs. They want leadership based in respect, restraint, and responsibility," she said.

In an interview Tuesday, Flynn said he was surprised by the news and that the Mariner's phone call was the first he had heard of Buckley's resignation. "I give Barbara tremendous credit for stepping up to be a candidate," he said, adding he thinks she has done great things for the schools in the past and has a strong passion for education. "It's great to know someone's on deck for next year," he said.

Fusco said Buckley called him after she made her decision to let him know she would no longer be a candidate. He said it must have been a difficult decision for her. "I'm disappointed she won't be in the race," Fusco said. "She is very passionate around the topic of schools and she has some really great ideas. I'd like to find a way for her to continue to stay involved even though she's not running."

"I have a lot of respect for her and the commitment she brings and I look forward to when she runs again. I wish her the best," he said.

Buckley said without the campaign, she will still have plenty to focus on in terms of helping Cohasset's schools. She said her first priority will be working to pass the $1.495 million override. "It's essential," she said. She also said she will be lobbying to restore state aid and continue working on ideas for alternate energy at the schools.

Before Buckley pulled out of the race, there had also been rumblings around town that if she was elected, there could be an ethical violation, as her husband, Jack Buckley, is a teacher at the middle-high school. Buckley said she spoke with Massachusetts Association of School Committees representative Jim Gilbert who assured her there would be no conflict.

There would be a few areas where she would not be able to participate, such as on the contract negotiations subcommittee (she said first-year School Committee members are not allowed to be on the negotiations committee anyway and there are only two members on the committee). She said if certain grievances came before the board, she would need to contact the ethics commission to see if it would be appropriate for her to recuse herself. However, Buckley said she would be able to participate in 98 percent of all School Committee business.

Buckley noted many elected officials are married to people who work for the town they serve, and if that was a restriction, the amount of candidates who could come forward to serve would be very limited. She said there are proper guidelines in place to ensure people in her situation are able to serve.

Buckley's name will be on the April 8 election ballot and she could still get votes. The Town Clerk's office said if she did happen to win, she could formally decline the position and the next runner-up would win.

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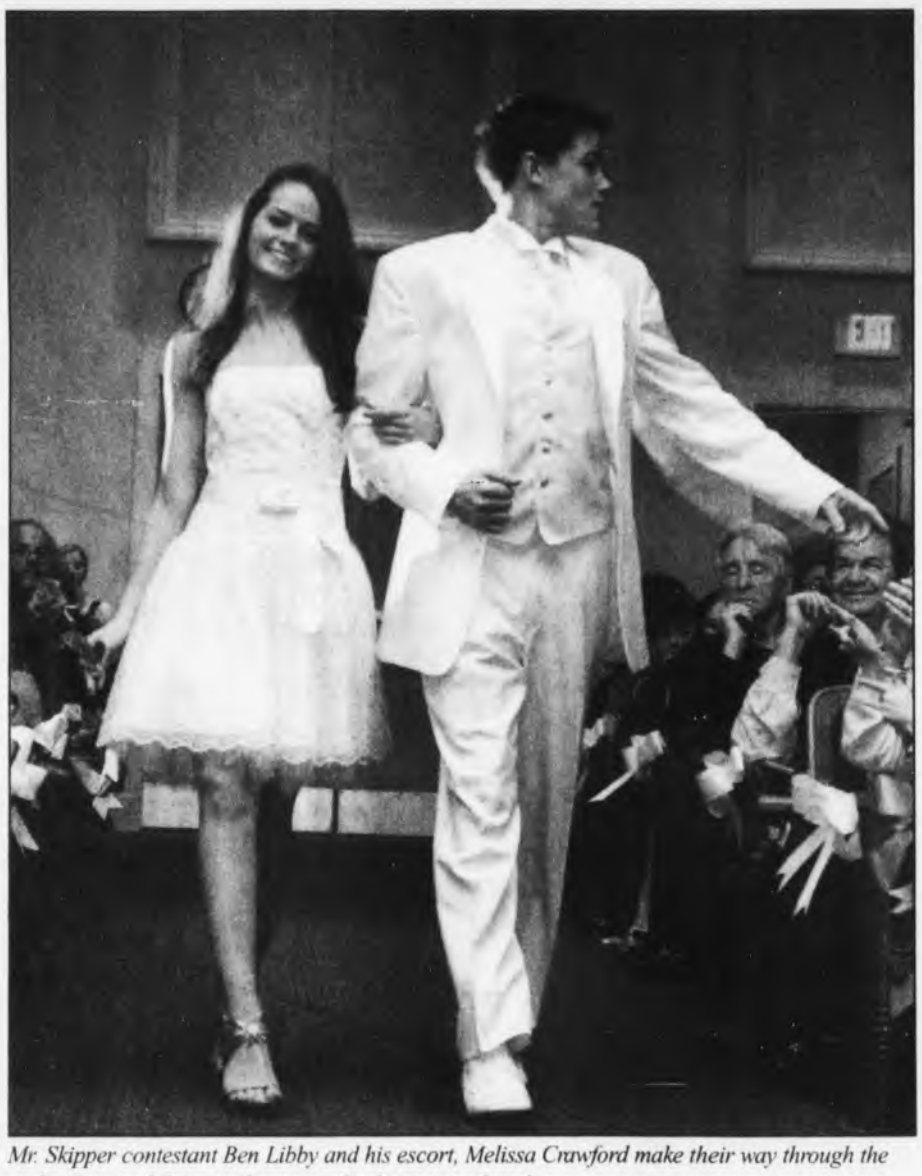

Mr. Skipper contestant Ben Libby and his escort, Melissa Crawford make their way through the auditorium and down to the stage after being introduced.

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Right, contestant Scott Wakefield plays the part of an ill-fated Romeo in a skit with Brendan Barrett, who played the part of Juliet, during the talent portion of the Mr. Skipper contest.

These ladies took time out from their busy schedules to judge the brave high school boys who left their inhibitions at home to compete in the Mr. Skipper contest. Judges from left to right are, senior class treasurer Carrie Muir, high school art teacher Nina Berkowitz, middle school science teacher and high school track coach Lisa Mullen, and high school English teacher Christine Berman.

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Mr. Skipper contestants strut their stuff

And the 2006 Mr. Skipper winner is....Zach Etkind! Zach, dressed in the official "Mr. Skipper rain suit" received cash and a pizza Friday, March 10, after winning the annual male pageant at Cohasset High School. The event is held as a way to raise funds to help offset senior class activities.

Right, Chris Pescatore takes center stage during a cheerleading skit with squad mates Zach Etkind, left, and Robert Murley, right. Dan McCarthy also donned a short skirt for the skit, which showcased the boys' abilities during the talent portion of the Mr. Skipper pageant.

Tim "The hot dog king," Toomey demonstrates why he is the most popular guy on Sandy Beach in the summer. Tim put together a hot dog with all the fixings and presented it to English teacher and Mr. Skipper judge Christine Berman.

Master of Ceremonies coach Tony Rolfe is escorted by Lisa Spirito as he makes his way to the stage to start the show.

Right, Mr. Skipper contestant Rick Grassie sings the George Michael song "Faith" as well as a song from the band Dispatch during the talent portion of the pageant.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, March 19. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "The Bright Blessed Day, the Dark Sacred Night"with discussion of sermon directly following service until 11:15. Coffee Hour directly afterwards in the Parish House .

• 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. – Parenting Our Youngest – Atkinson Room – Adult Ed Led by Georgianna Gladdys and Sine Pounder. The first session of our parenting series, sponsored by our Adult Education Committee. All are welcome to this discussion regarding what, for so many of us, is one of the most important dimensions of our lives.

• **Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. -** Children will gather in the Parish House.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more about these programs, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

• **2 p.m. - Memorial Service for Philip Facey - Meeting House - Reception to follow in Trueblood Hall.** We extend our thoughts and prayers to Pat Facey and her family.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the March newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on " Digging Deep" our spiritual journey in Lent. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m will study the Letter of James. Sunday, March 19, Concert at 3 p.m. in the church. The Outreach Committee will meet after the 10 a.m. service. Monday evening at 7:30 the Vestry will meet. Guests will include Whitney Burr and Warren Radky from the diocesan offices. They will outline the search process for the new rector. The children's program on the Holy Eucharist continues to meet Thursdays, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. This program is appropriate for any child pre-K through grade 3. Please call the church office at 781-383-1083 to register. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Third Sunday in Lent, Moses is given the ten commandments to pass on to the people of Israel, Paul continues to struggle with question of the role of the law. In the Gospel of John, Jesus cleanses the temple of the commercial activities. Preacher: Ms. Colette Wood.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

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Fifth-graders await the accuracy of their hypothesis, which claimed that liquid nitrogen would evaporate into a gas when released by Discovery of Action instructor Paula Puglia.

Students improve science vocabulary

The Discovery Museum of Action recently staged a science program for Deer Hill fifth-graders titled, "The Physical Changes of Matter." Students investigated the physical properties of solids, liquids and gasses as they expanded their vocabulary with words such as "sublimate," which describes a solid turning to gas. Dry ice and liquid nitrogen made learning fun as children learned the five changes of state. Students saw how fresh flowers shatter, elastic bands turn as crisp as chips and a banana becomes a hammer after being submerged in liquid nitrogen.

Health Notes for Osgood and CMS — Sixth grade students entering seventh grade at Cohasset Middle School need to have their physicals and TD booster prior to June 15. Contact a child's health care provider soon to schedule an appointment. Send the child's completed physical exam and updated immunizations to Judy Collins, CMS school nurse, by the June 15 deadline.

All parents of kindergarten students need to submit their child's current physical exam and a complete immunization report to the Osgood school nurse by Aug. 15. These may be obtained from a child's physician and sent to the Osgood School now through Aug. 15.

Brittany Leger correctly predicts that dry ice would "sublimate" when added to warm water.

Fourth-graders in Kayne Beaudry and Pamela McNamara's social studies class recently presented "Facts about the States" as part of studies on the United States. Students illustrated and discussed the project boards and went on to formulate facts about the country through a peer review process. Here, fourth-grader Kathryn Dunn reviews her facts about Vermont before presenting her findings to classmates.

School's been buzzing this week

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Well Mr. Skipper was "utterly amazing" according to judge and coordinator Christine Berman who claimed that it was the best Mr. Skipper pageant she had ever been a part of.

Huge ups to my fellow cheerleaders, especially school icon Mr. Zachary Etkind who won the annual pageant with his vibrant personality and boyish good looks. Zach stated that he found it "...ironic I won a male beauty pageant by dressing up as a female in two of the four scheduled events." The pageant was a blast and I am sure that anyone who paid the seven dollars to get in was not disappointed.

But now, "as the winter solstice comes to an end", according to one Mathew Terrance O'Connell, "the spring weather begins to set in like a cool breeze sweeping across the open ocean." I thought that this was an appropriate analogy for the sensational weather that we have been experiencing this so called "winter". The school was buzzing this week after the weekend and news is plentiful in this version of *Life at CHS*, so here it is.

- The spring sports meeting was Monday night and Mr. Ford would like to thank everyone who attended for making it the highest attended pre-season sports meeting in his tenure as Athletic Director. Practices for all spring sports will begin on Monday, March 20th.
- There will have been a meeting on Tuesday in the auditorium for the parents of eighth grade students to discuss the transition from middle school to high school.
- There will have been a course selection meeting for freshman, sophomores, and juniors on Wednesday.
- There will have been a Relay for Life meeting on Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the library.
- The State Drama Festival Semi Finals will have been on Thursday in Fall River. The All State Music Festival will also be on Thursday and Friday.
- The middle school reading Olympics are coming to a close this week.
- The middle school is also amidst their version of "spirit week" this week. The days are as follow: Monday: Sports day, Tuesday: Clash day, Wednesday: Pajama day, Thursday: Cohasset day, and Friday: Green, White, and Orange day to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The week will culminate with the St. Patrick's Day dance this Friday night from 7-9 pm. Tickets are five dollars in advance and eight dollars at the door.
- Tuesday, March 14 was Pie day and the middle schoolers celebrated with a feast on an array of pies at 2 p.m.
- Seniors are reminded to complete the scholarship applications that they received in the mail from the guidance office and return them no later than April 12.
- The Swim/Dive Team will have had their breakup banquet Wednesday night at The Atlantica restaurant. The team has already begun fundraising for next year after a fabulous year in which they sent 18 kids to sectionals and 10 to states.
- The 2006 yearbooks will be on sale all week during lunch, sign up to purchase one for $60.
- Congratulations to Kevin Barber and Mia Lieb-Lappen who were published in this month's edition of Teen Ink.

That's all I have for you this week, but I promise to return in the weeks to follow to keep you updated on what is happening around this pulsating school of ours. Happy St. Patrick's Day to anyone and everyone!

South Shore Art Center offers scholarships

The South Shore Art Center will offer an additional scholarship for high seniors interested in including art in their college studies. Thanks to the success of the Art Center's retrospective "Susan DeMichele: A Life in Landscape," and the generosity of the DeMichele family, students can now apply for the Susan DeMichele Scholarship as well as the Bergfors Scholarship, the Lucas Scholarship, the Will Robinson Prize and the MacIvor Reddie Scholarship.

Five scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $300.

Portfolios and applications may be submitted to the Art Center on April 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 23, noon to 4 p.m.; April 24, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; April 25, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and April 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified. Award money will be paid directly to the winners' schools to be applied toward tuition costs. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival June 16.

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Acting class puts spotlight on youth

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By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Working at a wide variety of levels in the entertainment industry, Lance Norris has always taken a different approach to his own theatre and show-biz acting career, But starting next week, the Cohasset native brings an alternative approach once again (in a way, brings it back home) to his latest theatre arts project, the Youth Acting Class at the South Shore Community Center.

"This is a great opportunity for any local teens who want to learn about theatre and acting," Norris says. "They can be experienced or simply want to find out about how the whole theatre craft works. It's all very no-pressure and stress-free, because we want everyone who takes part in the class to learn."

The Youth Acting Class meets Wednesdays (starting March 22) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center for seven weeks. Serving as instructor, Norris is offering the classes for middle or high school age kids (12-17).

But unlike other community theatre workshops — particularly those that are youth-oriented — Norris' class does not include the usual central focus of a main theatre production, or the attendant pressures and/or performance jitters that can sometimes bring to class participants.

Instead, the seven-week program places the emphasis on developing listening, interacting and reacting skills as the students work with scene partners and participate in theater games as a group.

Class activities also span into the realm of onstage comedy, as each student will study and perform a monologue, learn the basics of stand-up comedy, improvisational comedy and sketch comedy.

"My goal with the class is to help each student develop a strong foundation to become a confident and skilled actor," Norris says. "We want to give the kids the tools to build their own acting skills."

Even in the multimedia, interactive entertainment business of today, Norris, 43, can qualify as a true industry and media eclectic. His career has covered the range of theatre (as a writer, performer and instructor), TV, movies, radio, publishing, standup comedy and even club management.

Raised in Cohasset, Norris graduated from Whitman College with a BA in Theatre Arts and studied at Emerson College in Boston. As an instructor, his teaching credits since the late 1980s have included UMass Boston and even a stretch at the Chungtu University in the People's Republic of China.

Onscreen, Norris has played bit parts in films such as the Boston-based psychodrama "Mystic River" ("I played the bartender in the scene right before Dave gets taken out," recalled the part-time actor with some amusement), "Glory," with Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington, and "With Honors," with Joe Pesci and Brandon Fraser. Also, he was the SWAT Team leader on the Fox TV show "Against The Law" and was nominated for an Emmy for his work as a writer on "Politically Incorrect."

In the Boston area, Norris spent some 19-1/2 years as writer/producer/co-host on the morning radio shift in Boston on WBCN and WZLX with Charles Laquidara and Steve Sweeney. Until last year, on Steve Sweeney's Neighborhood at 'ZLX, he was known for his daily movie reviews as — with tongue firmly in cheek — "Boston's only straight film critic."

Also in recent years, Norris managed his own comedy club, the Bitterman, which occupied a room for comedy show nights at Cohasset's Red Lion Inn in 2004 and '05. Currently, Norris works as an acting instructor at the John Robert Powers modeling school in the Boston area. He also lives in Cohasset with his wife, Amy, and four children, two of whom — Savana, 13, and Ray, 7 — are actors.

"It was Savana who actually in a way gave me the idea for this acting class," Norris recalls. "She was looking around for some sort of local theatre acting class and talked about how there was nothing in this area that offered various types of scene work.

"I thought I'd put together a class that would focus on details and features of that sort and then combine that with the series of theatre game-type things that I do working with the students in my classes at the John Robert Powers school, where I work with kids as young as four," he says. "These include things like passing an imaginary ball around, and coming up with a sort of non sequitur line that fits the scene, or playing what could be called trust-building games."

Norris also mentioned that if there's an interest in an adult acting class with a similar format and approach at the Community Center, he might try that as well.

For information about registering for the Youth Acting Class, call 781 383-0088.

First-ever Cohasset Family Feud April 7

The fundraiser is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee to fund post-prom activities.

A historic moment in game show history will take place on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m., at Cohasset High School. The first ever Cohasset Family Feud will be emceed by Rich Ofsthun. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee to fund post-prom activities. To play, ask friends, neighbors, or family to form a five-member team. Each team member pays $25 to play for a total of $125 total per team. Minimum age to play is 10 years old. Call 781-383-9396 for more information. Mail team registration information and the $125 team registration fee to Kathy Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, Cohasset, MA 02025. Make checks payable to the Post Prom Committee '06. Registration deadline is March 24 and is limited to the first 16 teams.

IT'S HAPPENING

Seated are some of the Outreach Committee members working on the April 1 Spring Soiree for the Social Services League. From left are: Mary McGoldrick, Linda Malone, Patty Smith, Rosemary O'Connell and Barbara Donahue.

Spring Soiree at Black Rock Country Club

The Social Service League of Cohasset will host a Spring Soiree featuring auctioneer Dan Flynn, on Saturday evening, April 1, at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

Bidders should prepare to pack their bathing suits, as two fabulous vacation weeks will be offered during the live auction: A one-week stay at a beautiful private residence on Kiawah Island, S.C.; and a week at the spectacular Four Seasons Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, Calif. From May 7-14. Just north of San Diego, this Four Seasons resort features an extensive spa, fine dining, and an 18-hole golf course designed by Arnold Palmer.

There will also be an opportunity for a lucky parent or child to win a Boston Bruins package complete with two tickets to a game in April and a ride on the Zamboni machine. A fishing charter, a tennis party, and a spa package, are also available for the right bid.

The Social Service League of Cohasset is a non-profit organization that has been helping people of all ages in the local community since its inception in 1912. Proceeds from this event will go to support programs such as the Council on Aging, Project Safeguard, and Wellspring in Hull.

Tickets are $100 per person and include wine and dinner. For more information call the Social Service League at 781-383-0771.

Author to speak at Garden Club

Cohasset Garden Club will present author Michael Tougias who will discuss "Quiet Places: Rambles Through Hidden Massachusetts" on Wednesday, March 29, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

Naturalist, photographer and author, Tougias will give a lecture and slide presentation featuring lesser-known natural and historic places of Massachusetts. Anecdotes, historical facts and wildlife encounters are woven into the presentation. Suggestions for day trips and weekend outings are given.

Tougias is the author of 15 books including "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse!" "Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide," "The Blizzard of '78" and "Until I Have No Country (A Novel of King Philip's Indian War)." His latest book, "Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard The Can Do," was selected by the American Library Association as a Top Pick for 2005.

He is a frequent guest on WCVB TV's "Chronicle" and WBZ radio. Autographed copies of the author's work will be available for sale. All are welcome.

St. Anthony's ninth annual 'Beef and Blarney'

Saint Anthony's Parish, will have its ninth annual "Beef & Blarney" Irish Social Night on Saturday, March 18. The featured entertainment will be the Irish Band, "The O'Reillys". Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by a sit down dinner of corned beef and cabbage and all the fixins' at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. The price is $20 per person and $15 for Seniors 65 and older. A limited number of tickets are still available. To purchase tickets call the Parish Office at 781-383-0219.

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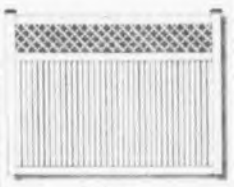

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
SATURDAY, MARCH 4

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:07 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

10:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham PD reports a vehicle traveling south on 3A wit its flashers on causing a traffic problem.

11:34 a.m. **Hatherly Rd., and Gannett Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a motor vehicle accident.

11:45 a.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, well being check, callers reports youth on the ice.

11:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, road rage, verbal warning, caller reports he was involved in a road rage incident with another vehicle that was driving erratically. Caller wanted to remain anonymous.

12:31 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

2:15 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

2:18 p.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she believes 2 youths just walked into the back door of a home. Units report no problem at this time.

2:34 p.m. **Church St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports a vehicle backed into the building. He would like to see an officer. Officer on scene reports the vehicle has returned.

2:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:39 p.m. **Pond St., and Buttonwood Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:15 p.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:51 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:03 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:11 p.m. **South Main St.**, annoying phone calls, caller reports she has received about 10 obscene phone calls from a male caller with a private number. She also stated that this has been happening to her at home and this is the first night this has happened at work.

9:12 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports they are receiving more obscene phone calls, and also there are ex employees driving through the parking lot that aren't supposed to be on the property. Caller requests extra patrols.

9:41 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement.

9:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity.

10:09 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports her house has been egged again. She did not want to speak with an officer, she just wanted it logged.

11:30 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

12:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, the portapotty at the construction site has been tipped over. It is partly in the road. 882 placed a barrel in the roadway. Notification should be made later in the a.m.

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:21 a.m. **Carla Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Scituate. Woman cannot move.

7:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, a wire going across CJC Highway is down. The wire is now on the Village Greenery property. May be a cable wire.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 32. Wind: Light.

9:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

10:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist motorist, caller from OnStar reports a motorist needs assistance at 525 Main St., which does not exist. Officer has been dispatched to 52 Main St., just to make sure no problems. Officer has located the vehicle at this location. Everything appears to be ok.

2:12 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports he would like an officer in the area because vehicles are traveling at high rates of speed in this area.

2:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

2:23 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

2:35 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:46 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:04 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, revoked registration.

3:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, callers reporting a male party out in front of someone's house with a traffic radar doing speed and holding up traffic.

4:42 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

10:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:09 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

12:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, revoke registration.

7:16 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, Pond Street is down to one lane.

8 a.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic complaint. Caller reports traffic is backed up to Forest Ave. 883 is reporting there is normal flow of traffic at this time.

8:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:57 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:35 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:30 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:36 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:46 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:06 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicle parked in lot.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service.

2:46 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint, motor vehicles are using the T construction site as a parking lot.

2:56 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny, walk in party reports bought something online and never received it.

4:34 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance.

9:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, disabled vehicle in front of Tedeschi's will be removed in the morning.

9:13 p.m. **All Schools**, motor vehicle stop.

10:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, property damage, sector car reports someone tipped over "port a potty" at site, currently back in place by officer, no damage to property, just log note.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

12:21 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller advise there was a tractor trailer that was making a lot of noise.

12:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:22 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, caller advised he would be in the woods with some students. Caller stated we would have a least 6 vehicles with him - they will be parked along the road, not in the way of traffic.

7:29 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised her house was egged last night.

7:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, notification, owner of medical building advises there is water in the area of hydrant. Water Dept. they advised they did flow test last night.

9:12 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

10:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:22 a.m. **South Main St.**, hazard (traffic).

1:50 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

7:05 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:07 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:41 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a male in a white station wagon dropped off what looks like something rolled up in front of her fence. Officer reports the vehicle the caller was referring to dropped off hiking gear, there are two people that are going to be hiking, the officer says everything checks out ok.

9:25 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, bolo announcement, Hull reports an armed robbery of Nantasket Liquors. Suspect fled on foot, suspect is described as a white male about 5'6 wearing a dark blue hood with a light colored scarf covering his face, possibly jeans, sneakers and showed a silver handgun, this happened at approximately 8:52.

9:55 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:55 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

12:17 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint, caller advised he can hear a generator running in the area. Noise is from Sohier Street - where the RR construction is going on.

12:43 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:34 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, area search negative. Erratic van crossing back and forth over yellow line.

12:31 p.m. **Town of Weymouth**, assist other Police Department, Sgt. assisting Weymouth PD with incident in their town.

1:06 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance - neighborhood, kids removing signage from T area. Kids placing signage back in place.

1:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, expired registration.

3:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

4:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller advised 3rd floor - 68-year-old female cardiac problems.

6:58 p.m. **King St.**, assist citizen.

7:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:25 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:10 p.m. **Hull St.**, hazard (traffic), caller advised there is a large rock and branch in the middle of the road. Officer moved rock and branch from the road. Contacted DPW in morning - for removal of rock.

9:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

9:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

1:31 a.m. **High St., and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:18 a.m. **King St.**, house checks secure.

6:47 a.m. **King St.**, house checks secure.

7:09 a.m. **Spring St.**, public service, Spring Street at St. Anthony's will be closed.

7:38 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, South Main Street at Brook Street will be down to 1 lane.

8:38 a.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic complaint, caller reports that traffic at lower King and Route 3A has been backing up. Fears that there will be a crash there. Request a police detail in the area.

8:39 a.m. **Rust Way**, larceny (report), caller reports she had a cement statue stolen from her front steps last night. Sgt. did speak to the caller and checked the neighborhood nothing found he will do report.

9:12 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid.

9:28 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, 209A service, Sgt. aitempting to serve order at this location.

4:09 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen.

4:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:54 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:59 p.m. **Forest Lane and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, mutual aid to Scituate for motor vehicle accident. Scituate advised cancel rescue nothing found.

6:03 p.m. **Marion Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, rescue 3 going on another call when they were cancelled from the motor vehicle accident. Scituate advised medical aid, abdominal pain.

8:44 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious person, caller advised there is a blue SUV with male subject inside vehicle. Officer advised unable to locate subject.

8:51 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

9:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

9:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

1:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:24 a.m. **HQ.**, "Reported Missing," male left the home in his vehicle, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, color gray. Left home between 2-6 hours ago. Known to frequent donut shops and fast food restaurants. Originally from South Boston. Any department coming in contact with him, advise the Rockland Police Department.

5:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO — **Be On the Look Out**

BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

C20 — Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

Capt. — Fire Captain (supervisor)

CID — Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

CPAC — State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office

D1 — Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)

D2 — Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)

D/K — Drunk

E1 - E4 — Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA— Gone on Arrival

HQ — Headquarters

Juvenile —Person under the age of 17

L1 — Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC — Police Computer System (National)

ME — Medical Examiner

M/V — Motor Vehicle

OIC — Officer in Charge

OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)

PI — Personal Injury

Principle Party —Person who called

PT — Patient

QMC — Quincy Medical Center

R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO — Restraining Order

RP — Reporting Party

S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P — Suspicious Person

SSH — South Shore Hospital

WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882-888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

886 or 888 — Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

POLICE STATUS REPORT

Nine arrests last month

Police Chief James Hussey said Cohasset Police Department made nine arrests in February; three for breaking and entering involving a motor vehicle; two for operating under the influence of liquor; one for assault with a dangerous weapon. One for shoplifting; one for public drinking, and finally one for protective custody.

During the month of February the police department also investigated 12 motor vehicle accidents; two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 74 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,985 in fines. Additionally, there were 34 parking tickets issued totaling $725 in fines.

Also in the month of February the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 815 calls for police services of those 122 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of February there were three reports of breaking and entering all involving motor vehicles. Also in February there were four criminal complaints issued for the month, he said.

Carbon monoxide alarms are required

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said as of March 31, carbon monoxide alarms will be required in all residences with potential sources of carbon monoxide. The vast majority of homes will not be required to install hard-wired systems although, where hard-wired systems are required by regulation, the deadline is Jan. 1, 2007. The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations recently passed emergency regulations to implement the law known as "Nicole's Law."

Consumer Information — The Dept. of Fire Services is distributing "A Consumer's Guide to Requirements for Residential Carbon Monoxide Alarms." This guide and information about the regulations can be obtained from local fire departments and on the DFS web site: www.mass.gov/dfs/osfm/pubed/firesafetytopics/carbon_monoxide_safety.htm.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission also has information in both English and Spanish on common sources of carbon monoxide in the home and recognizing the www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/464.pdf.

General Requirements — For most residential buildings with fossil fuel burning equipment or enclosed parking areas, the new regulations require carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home or dwelling unit including habitable portions of basements and attics. On levels with sleeping areas, the alarms must be placed within 10 feet of the bedroom doors. The regulations allow the following options for CO alarms:

- Battery operated with battery monitoring
- Plug-ins with battery back-up
- Hard-wired with battery back-up
- Low voltage system
- Wireless
- Qualified combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm.

Acceptable Combination Alarms — Acceptable combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must have simulated voice and tone alarms that clearly distinguish between the two types of emergencies. The State Building Code mandates that only photoelectric smoke alarms are permitted within twenty feet of a bathroom or kitchen. Consumers are urged to check with the local fire department on whether a specific alarm meets the code requirements.

Alternative Compliance Option — Owners of larger buildings with centralized or minimal sources of carbon monoxide may wish to consider the alternative compliance option contained in the regulation.

Enforcement — Fire departments are currently required to inspect smoke alarms when homes are being sold and transferred. Starting March 31, 2006 or Jan. 1, 2007 where hard-wired alarms are required, fire departments will now inspect all residences upon sale and transfer for carbon monoxide alarms.

Legal Notices

WHITE PETITION

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 05E0101-PP1

To Walter M. Cabot and Dorothy S. Cabot of Dover, MA; Dale P. Cabot of Dover, MA; St. John Smith, Jr of Boston, MA; Camilla Kenner of New York, NY; Olivia Storey of Hillsborough, NH; Richardson White, Jr. and Margaret R. White of Cohasset, MA; Richardson White Jr. of Cohasset, MA; Frank H. White and Jean M. White of Cohasset, MA; Frank H. White of Cohasset, MA; Donald White and Joan I. White of Philadelphia, PA; Donald White of Philadelphia, PA; Michaela Farber of Philadelphia, PA; Lee M. Metcalf of Kittery, ME; Jonathan W. Metcalf of S. Pomfret, VT; Camilla Roberts of Athens, VT; Patricia M. Lewis of Rye, NH; and Mabel E. Niebling of Boscawen, NH and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Michael M. White of Boston in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows. The land conveyed by the deed of Charles C. Cabot and Charles B. Barnes, Jr., Trustees of the will of Thomas F. Richardson, to Ellen B. Cabot, Richardson White and James C. White, dated May 2, 1965 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4267, Page 573, described as follows:
Thirty four acres and fifteen rods of pasture land in Cohasset known as Cushing pasture, formerly Spencer Binney's.
The said land lies westerly of Forest Avenue, is adjacent to land of the Cohasset Golf Club and is shown as Cohasset Assessor's Map 7, Plot 2, containing 32.40 acres more or less.
There is appurtenant to the said land an easement for access and egress to and from Forest Avenue burdening the following described land:
The land conveyed by the deed of Jerusalem Road Corporation to Ellen P. Cabot and Richardson White, dated April 7, 1981, recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 5857, Page 740, described as follows:
A certain parcel of land situated in Cohasset, Massachusetts being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Forest Avenue Cohasset, Mass." Dated October 24, 1980 and December 10, 1980 by Neil J. Murphy, Engineer, recorded as No. 252-1981 Pl. Bk. 287 with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, containing 73,121 square feet according to said plan.
There is included in said Parcel "A" as shown on said plan a lot of registered land said lot being shown as Lot 8 on a plan drawn by Neil J. Murphy, Engineer, dated January 8, 1981,
as modified and approved by said Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as No. 29067B.
For title to the registered portion of said Parcel "A" see Transfer Certificate of Title No. 112568, Book 563, Page 168 in the Norfolk Registry District of the Land Court.
The land burdened by the said easement lies on the western side of Forest Avenue and is shown as Cohasset Assessor's Map 7, Plot 43, containing 1.67 acres more or less.

setting forth that he desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than $700,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Couirt finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Norfolk Probate & Family Court, 35 Shawmut Rd. Canton, MA 02021 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of April 2006, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this Fourteenth day of February 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott Register

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 16-24 2006

PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

The cast of "Aida" fills the stage at the Company Theatre. Angela Williams (Aida) of Cranston, Rhode Island, John King (Radames) and Chiristine Maus Joyce (Amneris) both of Weymouth share the spotlight.

Boston beckons, but King's in good 'Company'

Weymouth Actor to star in Norwell theater production of 'Aida'

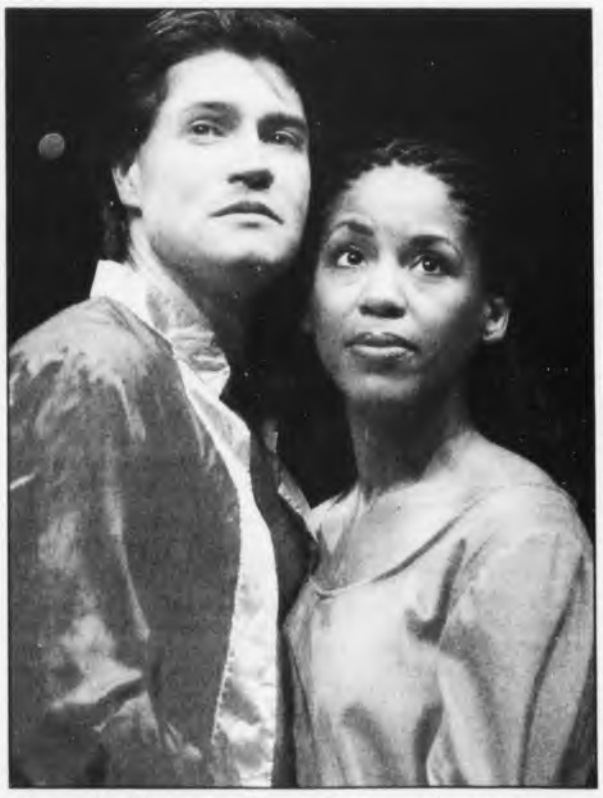
By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The Boston theater scene beckoned to John King last year and the Weymouth actor and singer answered the call. King understudied the lead in the Huntington Theatre Company's "Falsettos," appeared in the ensemble of Overture Productions' "On the 20th Century," and starred in "Kiss of the Spiderwoman" at the SpeakEasy Stage Company for which he earned him an IRNE nomination as Best Actor in a Small Comp-any, Musical, from the Independent Reviewers of New England. This week, however, King returns to his familiar position center stage in Norwell when "Aida" opens at the Company Theatre.

"'Aida' is a great contemporary musical. It's a beautiful love story set to pop music by Elton John and Tim Rice. I play Radames, an Egyptian warrior engaged to the Princess of Egypt. My character returns from battle and becomes captivated by a slave woman who turns out to be a Nubian princess."

Based on the Verdi opera "Aida," the Disney-produced musical premiered on Broadway six years ago this month and ran for four years. In the Disney take on the classic tale, two contemporary youths are swept from an exhibition of Egyptian artifacts back in time to live the real thing. Aida, a royal princess, is captured by Radames. However, complications arise when the two fall in love, particularly because of Radames' engagement to Amneris, another royal princess who is also in love with him.

South Shore audiences developed their fondness for King through his many appearances in Company Theatre productions over the past two decades. It was as "Bobby" - the 35-year-old bachelor who has looks, charm and a great sense of humor, but no soul mate - in the Company staging of Stephen Sondheim's "Company," however, that King attracted the attention of Boston presenters.



Weymouth's John King in the role of Radames shares the stage with Angela Williams as Aida in the Company Theatre production of Elton John and Tim Rice's musical.

"If I have another opportunity to audition in Boston, I will definitely consider it. But the Company Theatre is my real home."
Weymouth actor John King

"When I did 'Company' a lot of Boston people came down to Norwell to see Sarah deLima in the show and seem to have discovered me. I got a call the day after 'Company' closed from someone at the Huntington Theatre telling me I had to get into Boston and audition for 'Falsettos.' I was exhausted and vocally brain-fried but I went in and sang 'Being Alive' and also sight-read two other songs. I went back later to audition for the director and a third time for the understudy callback before I finally got the job."

For King, who is used to the warmth of the spotlight, being an understudy was an adjustment.

"Studying and learning a whole score and then never going on in the show is a lot of pressure on a performer. I saw the good and bad of the process, though, and just getting to work with a company like the Huntington was exciting from start to finish."

When that commitment concluded, King segued into an ensemble role in "On the 20th Century," which starred Tony Award-nominee Alice Ripley and was presented at Boston's Cutler Majestic Theatre. A piece of mail from the SpeakEasy Stage Company led to King's next Boston casting.

"In August, I got a flier from SpeakEasy promoting their 2005-2006 season. I knew immediately that I wanted to do 'Kiss of the Spiderwoman.' Paul Daigneault, the artistic director at Speakeasy, had directed 'The Diary of Anne Frank' at the Company Theatre and I knew him from the time he started SpeakEasy so I thought I'd give it a try. I sang my 16 bars from 'Spiderwoman' at the first audition and then was called back for the dance auditions. It wasn't until my next call back that I realized they were looking at me for the part of Luis Molina, one of the male leads. I was thrilled and immediately bought the script and began to learn the whole show."

It was King's debut in a leading role on a Boston stage and the city's notoriously hard-to-please theater critics liked what they saw. King earned raves for his portrayal of the effeminate homosexual prisoner who escapes his harsh life by inventing romantic movies in his mind.

"The nervousness of opening night is so intensified when you're on a Boston stage in front of those critics. I probably had an advantage with them, however, because they hadn't seen me before. I was like a breath of fresh air. Whatever the reason, I will always be thankful for those reviews."

When the IRNE Awards are presented at the Lenox Hotel on March 27, King plans to be there. He also plans to be on stage in Norwell later that same week in "Aida."

"If I have another opportunity to audition in Boston, I will definitely consider it. But the Company Theatre is my real home."

("Aida" will be presented at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, March 17 through April 9. For tickets and information, call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, March 16

Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts-Quincy and **Altrusa International** will sponsor an **UNScrabble fundraiser**, Thursday, March 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Thomas Crane Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. Refreshments, games, prizes and surprises. Registration $15, proceeds benefit the library's literacy tutoring program. Call Elaine Kline at 617-376-1314 for a registration form and information.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** will demonstrate pastels. Public is welcome and meeting is free. Refreshments. For information call 781-335-4675.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Nurturing the New,"** a new exhibit in the Little Gallery featuring original mixed media and traditional monoprints by member artist **Mary Taylor**, through March 24. Pre-registration is appreciated. Cost is $20 at the door. Hours for the gallery, located in NRAS' G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills are Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment on the weekends. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

Lyric Stage Company presents Edward Albee's **"The Goat,"** through March 18. Tickets $20-45 at 140 Clarendon St., Boston or call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 16 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Earthbound Misfits**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

The Purple Eggplant Cafe, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 16, **Blues Jam with Stovall Brown**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Friday, March 17

Second Massachusetts Camping and RV Show, Friday, March 17, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dana Farber Field house at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough. Adults $8, children 12-17 $6, under age 12 free, seniors $6 Friday only. Two hundred models from over 30 top manufacturers. Discount coupons available. Call 800-332-3976 or visit www.MacEvents.com.

CALENDAR

Movie review

Elizabeth (Rosamund Pike) and Rochester (Johnny Depp) seem to be worrying about their future.

Shagging dog story

The Libertine (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

See Johnny Depp literally shag himself to death in "The Libertine," a much-maligned film adaptation of the play by Stephen Jeffreys set in the swinging '70s — the swinging 1670s, that is.

The film is everything the recent, limp, bowdlerized "Casanova" is not: namely smart, sophisticated, sexually daring and, best of all, not manufactured to please the yahoos.

"You will not like me," says Depp's John Wilmot, also known as the 2nd Earl of Rochester, a real-life poet, playwright and self-declared libertine who rejects respectability and official piety and sets his course upon a life of carnal pleasure.

Watch out, de Sade. Rochester, whose love for his wife (Rosamund Pike of "Pride & Prejudice") is fiercely reciprocated, is soon cutting a sexual swath through 17th century Britain to the alternating amusement and disapproval of toffee-nosed King Charles II (John Malkovich, who played Rochester on stage with Chicago's Steppenwolf Theater). The king wants Rochester, author of "Soddom or The Quintessence of Debauchery" and a sexually lampooning poem titled "A Satyr on Charles II," to write a theatrical masterpiece for him.

Rochester agrees to coach stage actress Elizabeth Barry (Samantha Morton), with whom he falls in love. He enters into a passionate affair with her, only to be rejected. He descends into a life of alcoholism and debauchery and dies, ravaged by syphilis, at age 33.

Directed by commercial and music-video veteran Laurence Dunmore, the film is dazzling and densely atmospheric, perhaps to a fault, with visuals that at times recall Stanley Kubrick's "Barry Lyndon." You can almost smell the stench.

As wonderful as Depp has been in such roles as Edward Scissorhands, Ed Wood and Captain Jack Sparrow, he brings even more conviction, humanity and fire to the role of Rochester (and is the second leading man after Ralph Fiennes' Voldemort to appear onscreen recently without a nose). In one sequence, a minitour de force set weeks before his death, Rochester, a stinking, virtual ambulatory cadaver, pulls himself together to make a speech in defense of the king in the House of Lords.

Also notable in the cast are Tom Hollander as Rochester's friend and literary rival Etherege and British stand-up comic Johnny Vegas as the rake Charles Sackville. As William Hazlitt once said of Rochester, "His contempt for everything that others respect almost amounts to sublimity."

At a time when the earth seems overrun with sheep, the scandalous 2nd Earl of Rochester is a wolf worth knowing.

Rated R. "The Libertine" contains nudity, sexual situations and foul language.

Calendar

MARCH 16-24 2006

University of Connecticut "Chordials"

BEST BET

The 4th Annual Scituate A Cappella Festival will be held Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Scituate High School Auditorium. The concert will feature SHS' "Nothing To Do On Fridays"; University of Connecticut "Chordials"; University of Maryland "Mama's Boys"; Brown University "Higher Keys" and University of Connecticut "Conn-Men". Tickets are $5 at door. Doors open 7 p.m. For more information call 781-545-8750 ext 341. Proceeds benefit Scituate Friends of Music.

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New England Flower Show at Bayside Expo Center, though March 19. Novice and experienced green thumbs will find lots to see. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Theme for the show is "Welcome Home! Celebrating Our Great New England Landscape." Show hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ticket prices are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors, $17 for military personnel, $12 for students; and children (4-12) are $10. For information visit info@massflort.org.

"Impressions of Early Spring," art exhibit on display through April 1, South Shore Natural Science Center, Vine Hall, Norwell. Duxbury artist Lily Cleveland. Works include watercolors, acrylic, and mixed media.

Bay Players presents "The Heiress," Play by Ruth and Augustus Goetz based on the Henry James novel "Washington Square," March 17 and 18, 8 p.m.; March 19, 2 p.m.; March 24 and 25, 8 p.m., at the Good Knight Theatre, Duxbury High School. Reservations recommended. Call 800-290-6825. For information visit www.bayplayers.org.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents George Cronin and Ana Eder-Mulane, Beal Coffee House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, March 17 at 8 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets $6, $5 members. Call 781-871-1052 or 781-878-1683 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Disney's AIDA will be performed at The Company Theatre, Norwell from March 17-April 9. The Broadway sensation created by Elton John and Tim Rice tells the passionate tale of mystery and magic in ancient Egypt. Tickets are $26-29 and are available at The Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or online www.companytheatre.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, March 17 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **"St. Patrick's Day featuring Lonesome Juke Box.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, March 17, **Mission of Blues.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

Saturday, March 18

ROAM book club for the Friends of the Turner Free Library of Randolph has **cancelled it meeting for March 18.**

Norwell Chamber of Commerce business Expo, Saturday, March 18, Norwell Middle School gymnasium, Main St., Norwell, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 781-987-1655 to reserve a table or emailReiko@trbdesigns.com. Admission is free and open to the public.

Ladies Group of the South Shore Viking Club will host their annual **Antiques and Collectibles Flea Market**, Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Braintree. Donation is $1 and children are free. For information call 781-337-0736.

Cabaret au Chocolat! South Shore Choral Art Society, will host a evening of music, merriment, appetizers, wine and chocolate, Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center in Scituate Harbor. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Front St., Scituate and from choir members. Cost is $20 in advance, $25 at the door. For information call 781-585-8910.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, March 18 at 1 p.m., moderate walk, 3+ miles. Walk the St. Moritz Pond green dot loop. Meet at the Shea Rink parking lot on Willard St. in Quincy. Walks will be led by a park ranger or a Walking Club volunteer leader. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing water. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Heritage Breeds Workshop on preserving heritage breeds of beef and dairy cows, goats, horses, poultry and sheep. Hingham Public Library, Saturday, March 18, noon to 3 p.m. Includes tour of Weir River Far. For information or reservations call Plymouth County Extension Office, 781-293-3541.

Weymouth Art Association meeting, Saturday, March 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Nancy Howell will demonstrate watercolor painting. Meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-337-1402 or 781--337-4513.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, "Blooms at the Complex," Paintings featuring floral designs on display Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, 1 to 4 p.m. Free admission. Open to the public.

Spring Cruise to Thompson Island, Saturday, March 18, departs Fan Pier in downtown Boston at noon, returning at 5 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Boston Harbor Islands. Tickets are cash only. Cost is $16, adults, $14 seniors 65+, $12 FBHI members, $10 children ages 4-12. Call 781-740-4290 or visit www.fbhi.org.

Fourth Annual Scituate A Cappella Festival, Saturday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Scituate High School Auditorium, featuring SHS Nothing To Do On Fridays; University of Connecticut Chordials; University of Maryland Mama's Boys; Brown University Higher Keys and University of Connecticut Conn-Men. Tickets $5 at door. Doors open 7 p.m. Call 781-545-8750 ext 341. Proceeds benefit Scituate Friends of Music.

"Margaritaville in March," with Cliff Myers as Jimmy Buffet, Saturday, March 18, Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, 7 p.m. to midnight. Cost is $15 per person. Call 781-337-8875 ext 5 for tickets.

Swing into Spring dance, featuring the 17-piece Fantasy Big Band playing the hits of the Big Band era, Saturday, March 18, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Dancing, 8 to 11 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. $15 per person at the door. Call 781-326-3075 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, Saturday, March 18, Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull, 7 p.m. New England Boiled Dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing by Jimbo's Cranberry Junction Country Band. Tickets $15 per person. Open to public. Call 781-925-1712 for reservations.

"Broad Comedy" at the Stuart Street Playhouse, Saturday evenings in March at 8 p.m. A bright and unflinching look at politicos, women, men, fertilization, corporate shenanigans and real desperate housewives. Tickets are $28.50, seniors receive 10 percent off and student tickets are $20. Tickets are available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400, at the Stuart St. Playhouse box office or www.telecharge.com.

Down East Dancers monthly country dancing, Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton. Couples and line dancing, lesson at 7:30 p.m. with dance instructor Arlene Verity. Music with DJ, Brett Buckius. Cost is $5. Light refreshments, raffles, and a cash bar. For more information call 781-925-4573 or visit www.downeastdancers.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, March 18 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Dave Foley Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, March 18, **Cindy Daley Band with Satch Romano.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Manny Santos — Candida Rose

BEST BET

The North River Arts Society will hold its 11th Annual Cabaret Concert at the Cushing Center in Norwell, Saturday, March 25. This year's program will continue this tradition of superb performances by presenting The Manny Santos Quartet with guest vocalist, Candida Rose. The quartet's very danceable style encompasses jazz, brazilian, swing, latin and the blues. Table seating can be reserved now for $40 per person. Each table seats eight. Pre-concert cocktail party starts at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Reserve your space by calling Laura Harvey at 781-837-8091, or by visiting the NRAS office at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

Indian Pond Country Club & Estates Designer Showcase, 396 Country Club Way, Kingston, Sunday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour a 7,600 square foot model home featuring faux finishes, gourmet kitchen, luxury baths, window treatments, and furnishings. $20. All proceeds to benefit Operation Rebound, assisting hurricane victims in Gulfport, Miss. Visit www.operationrebound.com.

A Day of Renewal, Sunday, March 19, On the Path Wellness Center, Pembroke. Celebration of mind, body and spirit through acuyoga, tai chi, guided mediation, traditional Indian chanting, performance by singer-songwriter Peter Mayer. $40 includes lunch. All proceeds benefit Mwakoni School and Children's Center in Kenya and Vrindavana Preservation Society. Call 781-826-7076 to register.

"Living Right Side Up in an Upside Down World," discussion of Christian Science healing and the role of spirituality in health and well being, with Scott Preller of Andover, Sunday, March 19, Hingham Public Library Whiton Room. Open to the public.

Ensemble Suave at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland St., Cohasset, Sunday, March 19, 3 p.m. Mark Slawson, harpsichord; Constance Cook, soprano and Laurie Israell, violoncello. Free admission, with donations accepted. Call 781-383-1083

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Sunday, March 19 at 1 p.m., **Vernal Equinox Exploration**. Meet at the Shea Rink parking lot on Williard St. in Quincy. Celebraie the start of spring on an easy stroll. Look for skunk cabbage, mourning cloak butterflies and other early signs of spring. Hike lasts 1.5 hours. For information, call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

South Shore Conservatory, pianist Mark Goodman in concert, Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m., Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Works from Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, and Copland. Free and open to the public. Call 781-749-7565 ext 10 for directions or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Sunday, March 19, at 7 p.m., **Moondance Youth Blues Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Monday, March 20

Film "Outfoxed," at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, lower level, Monday, March 20, 7 to 9 p.m. Follow-up discussion and exercises. Call 781-383-9024 for information.

CALENDAR, see next page

BEST BET

In June 1963, President John F. Kennedy, America's first Irish-Catholic president, journeyed to his ancestral homeland of Ireland, a homecoming he later described as "one of the most moving experiences" of his life. On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will open "A Journey Home – John F. Kennedy and Ireland," a special, new exhibit that explores President Kennedy's relationship to his ancestral homeland, featuring a large selection of never-before-seen materials from the Museum Collection including gifts presented to the president by the people of Ireland as well as other artifacts, documents, photographs and film footage relating to his Irish heritage and his June 26-29,1963 state visit to the country of his ancestors. The Library is located in the Dorchester section of Boston, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to the campus of the University of Massachusetts/Boston. For more information, call (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org on the Internet.

Mark your calendar

NSRWA FOURTH ANNUAL KAYAK EXPO, Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Norwell Middle School, Route 123 in Norwell. Features kayak experts presenting slide shows and information. Over 15,000 square feet of displays for the novice or experienced paddler. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under. For information visit www.nsraw.org.

24TH ANNUAL JIMMY FUND SCOOPER BOWL, June 6, 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and June 8 from 11:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is $7 for adults, $3 for children ages 3-10, and free for children younger than 3 Visit www.scooperbowl.org. For more information, call 800- 52-JIMMY.

FIFTH ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE ARTHRITIS WALK IN PLYMOUTH, Sunday, May 7 at Radisson Hotel on Plymouth Harbor. Seeking walkers and volunteers of all ages. Participants have the option of a fully accessible 1-mile or 5K (3.1 mile) route along beautiful Plymouth Harbor. No registration fee. Funds raised support research to prevent and find a cure for arthritis. To register or for more information contact the Arthritis Foundation at 800-766-9449 Ext. 120 or visit http://southshorearthritiswalk.kintera.org.

HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS 16TH ANNUAL "VOICES AND VISIONS" GALA, Monday, May 8 from 6-10 p.m. at: The State Room, 60 State Street, Boston. Powerful exhibit of visual arts and creative writing, expressing the children's "voices and visions." Cocktails and dinner will be served and there will be a silent auction. Tickets cost $125. This year's event honors James and Clemmie Cash for their lifelong commitment to helping young people achieve their dreams. For information call Jamille at 617-927-0682 or visit www.thehome.org

For Your Health

QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS FREE HIV TESTING. By appointment on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Quincy/South Shore AIDS Cares offices at Quincy Medical, 114 Whitwell St. For information, call 617-376-2038.

GREATER PLYMOUTH LUPUS GROUP will meet on Thursday, March 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. Open to the public and no registration is required. For information, call Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770.

MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP at Brockton Hospital, 680 Centre St., Brockton. The hospital is administering a program sponsored by Mass. Dept. of Health to offer free screenings for heart disease, prostate cancer and diabetes to men age 18 and older who do not have health insurance. For information call 508-941-7297 or visit www.brocktonhospital.org.

COFFEE HOUR STROKE CLUB, a support group offering guest speakers and discussion aimed at the challenges facing young victims of stroke and their families. Meets the first Thursday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. in the Boynton conference room at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. For information call 508-830-2104.

FREE COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR, Thursday, March 30 from 6-8 p.m. at Jordan Hospital, Funkhouser conference room, 275 Sandwich St., Plymouth. Speakers are: Jonathan Russo, MD, Chief of Gastrointestinal Services; Matthew Tierney, DO, General Surgeon; Jorge Leguizamo, MD, Oncology & Hematology Specialist; Carol Burns, RD, MS, Chief Dietician and colon cancer survivors. Light supper provided. Register with JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

PRESSURE ULCER AND CHRONIC WOUND MANAGEMENT seminar, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York Street, Stoughton, Brenner Conference Center. Provides nursing professionals the most up-to date information concerning chronic wound care assessment and treatment, Tuition for $100 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Registration by March 29. Contact Diane Lydiksen at 781 297-1300. Nurses will be awarded 7.2 contact hours.

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Jimbo's Restaurant at Braintree 5 Corners presents a St. Patrick's Day Comedy Show, Thursday, March 16 at 8 p.m. featuring the Wildman of comedy Kevin Knox along with comics Annette Pollack, Christine Hurley, Barry Kreller, Alix King and host Shane Mauss. Admission is $15. Dinner is available before the show. Advance reservations are required. Call 781-848-0300.

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Silk painting workshop with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

Celtic Odyssey art exhibit featuring the work of **Fiona and John Owen** will be on display through April 2 in the **South Shore Art Center, Bancroft Gallery,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. free admission. Visit www.ssac.org.

South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will exhibit of the works of **Marjorie Osbourne Whorf and Tatiana Vladimirovna Yanovskaya**, through March 30. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Relax-Destress-Renew group sessions led by Ellin Morin. Ongoing sessions meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Guided imagery, meditation and stress relief, all of which can promote wellness and a sense of well-being. Held at Scituate Pediatrics, 10 New Driftway, Suite 201, Scituate. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for teens. For information call Ellin Morin at 781-545-2662.

Tuesday, March 21

North River Network Group will meet at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 21,1-6 p.m. South Shore Baptist church. Babysitting available. To pre-register visit www.give.life.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Free Basic Entrepreneurial Workshops, Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 231, Plymouth. Session I: "Fundamentals of Preparing for and Financing your Business, Tuesday, March 21, 9 a.m. to noon, registration at 9 a.m. Session II: "Financial Statements and How they Help Demonstrate Business Health." Register by March 16. Call 508-822-1020.

Free evening Legal Clinic, Tuesday, March 21, 6 to 8 p.m., Stoughton District Court, Stoughton, sponsored by Bar Association of Norfolk County. For information call 617-471-9693.

Spring Fashion Show, Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m., at The River Club, Scituate. Spring clothing and accessories from Derby Shoppes, Merchants Rowe, and others. Cash bar available. Tickets $35 per person hors d'oeuvres, light dinner buffet, and decadent desserts. Call Kim Reynolds 781-826-0385, Sharon Cain 781-659-7277, or Carol Pacella 781-871-4061. Sponsored by Norwell Women's Club to benefit local organizations.

Living Wreath class with Kennedy's Country Gardens designer Jane Johansen, at South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell, Tuesday, March 21, 7 to 9 p.m. $45, $43 members includes plants. Participants bring scissors, garden snips, and glue gun. Call 781-659-2559.

"Being There," The James Library and Center for the Arts will exhibit a collection of oil paintings by award winning artists, Jeanne MacFarland of Hull and Margaret McWethy of Hingham. Features plein air paintings of favorite south shore scenes and still lifes. Exhibit runs through April 1. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

Monty Python's "Spamalot" at the Colonial Theatre in Boston, through April 15. Ticket are $37.50-$90 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, by calling 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial box office, 539 Washington St., Boston.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, March 22

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

The Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter will host an informational cocktail party at P.J.'s Country House, Scituate on Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn more about the shelter and plans for the future while showing your support for expanding the services for the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell, Hingham and Hull. Free hors d'oeuvres. For more information call 781-545-8703 or visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter.

Annual Taste of Metro South," Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Shaw's Center, 1 Feinburg Way, Brockton. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Call 508-586-0500 ext 221.

Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery will feature the marine life giclées of Hull resident Barry Hass through March 30. Hass' exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information about the exhibit and Hass' particular use of the giclée process, visit www.hinghamlibrary.org and select "exhibits and displays."

Ice Hockey spring/summer leagues begin April/May. Players and teams are needed for all ages and levels of play. Play various south shore locations. For a brochure cal 888-456-3745 or email:adulthockeyneshl@aol.com

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League on Wednesdays at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. Win gifts and prizes. For information call 781-843-3648 or visit www.bigstackpoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, March 23

Free Medicare seminar, South Shore Elder Services Inc., 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree, Thursday, March 23, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Overview of changes to Medicare and how Prescription Drug Plans work. Call 781-848-3910 to register.

Aspiring culinarians can meet with representatives of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y., at the Doubletree Hotel, 821 Washington St., Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 23 and 24, to discuss educational and careers needs of area residents. To reserve an appointment or get more information, call 800-285-4627 or visit www.ciachef.edu.

Plymouth Area Chamber 2006 Business Expo, Thursday, March 23 from 1:30-7 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth. Over 50 area businesses will participate. Admission is free. For more information call 508-830-1620 or visit www.plymouthchamber.com.

All-you-can-eat pasta dinner hosted by The Committee to Elect Bob Hedlund, Thursday, March 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Weymouth Son's of Italy Hall, 54 Whitman St. Music provided by Liz Raven of WATD. Tickets are $20 per person, $35 per couple. Kids eat free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, call 781-340-9866.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 23, **Blues jam w/Ricky "King" Russell**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 23, **John Cate Band**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.british-beercom.

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The Bay Players presents "The Heiress," Play by Ruth and Augustus Goetz based on the Henry James novel "Washington Square," March 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.; March 19, 2 p.m.; March 24 and 25, 8 p.m., at the Good Knight Theatre, Duxbury High School. Reservations recommended. For information call 800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org.

Friday, March 24

Nathan Gallery presents **"Full Circle"** through April 29, at the Frame Center, second floor, 152 Rockland St Hanover. Fourth annual presentation of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Dept. (K-12.) Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

Firewood Derby at Bare Cove Fire Museum, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. Friday, March 24 6 p.m. $5 per person at the door Cost includes sandwich buffet, soft drinks, and dessert Competition open to all ages, no divisions. Call 781-749-0026.

The Turntables at Quincy Dinner Theatre. 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, March 24-25 and April 1-2. A Las Vegas style show featuring hits of the 50s, 60s, and beyond. Four-course dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Stay for dancing after the show Tickets for dinner and show are $39.95 on Saturday, $37.50 on Friday and Sunday. Cost for just the show is $19.95. Free parking. For information or reservations call 781-843-5862.

South Shore Singles semi-monthly dance. Friday, March 24, at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, from 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ. Ages 45+, proper dress, no jeans or athletic shoes. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, March 24, **Five To The Face**. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.british-beer.com.

New England Singles dance. Friday, March 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Hors d'oeuvres. Ages 35+. For more information call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com.

Purple Eggplant Cafe, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, March 24, **Chris Fitz Band**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Ongoing events

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

Feed the Animals at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. Free with admission. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus is a women's *a cappella* chorus that gives vocal training to its members who provide musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shore area. For information call 781-843-4355.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents George Cronin and Ana Eder-Mulane in concert at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, March 17 at 8 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets $6 for non-members, $5 for members. For information call 781-871-1052 or 781-878-1683 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

The South Shore Conservatory presents pianist Mark Goodman in concert, Sunday, March 19, at 4 p.m. in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Works from Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, and Copland will be performed. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext 10 for directions or visit www.southshore conservatory.org.

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For your information

SALVATION ARMY ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM offers health services, meals, activities and companionship. Transportation is provided from surrounding communities. Mass Health and other funding is available. Call 617-479-3040 for more information.

LOCAL FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS. ASSE International Student Exchange program is seeking local host families for boys and girls from a variety of countries. Students ages 15-18 will attend a semester or a year in this area. These bright kids who speak English, are anxious to learn about the U.S. Students are fully insured, have their own spending money and are willing to share in household responsibilities, as well as be included in family activities. For more information call 800-677-2773.

EVENING FOOD PANTRY at Wellspring, Inc., 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Food pantry will be available to clients in need on Thursday evenings by appointment only. Food will be dispensed between 6-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. This schedule addition has been made to accommodate those families who cannot make the Wednesday morning hours. Transportation is available. Call 781-925-3211.

Classes

QUINCY ART ASSOCIATION LIFE DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASS, Tuesdays, drawing from 7-9 p.m. and painting from 7-10 p.m. Held at the Quincy Art Association, 26 High School Ave., Quincy. Call Bill at 617-472-4578 for more information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ADULT CPR/AED, Thursday, March 30 from 6-10:30 p.m. Teaches treatment for bleeding, first aid for choking and CPR for victims over the age of eight. Held at South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy. Pre-registration is required. Cost is $55. For information call 617-770-2600 or visit www.bostonredcross.org.

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH, sponsored by the Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave., Quincy on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m.. Promotes whole body health. Two free demonstration classes with active participation. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. For more information, call 781-337-5751.

HALF-HULL MODEL CARVING WORKSHOP, Thursday evenings, March 29 through May 18, at the Jones River Landing in Kingston. Instructor is MBMA Boatshop Director Reuben Smith. No prior woodworking experience needed. Cost is $450 ($400 for members.) Limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration is required, call 617-462-7215 or email reuben@tumblehomeboatshop.com.

FICTION WRITERS' WORKSHOP begins Thursday, March 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. for ten weeks. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Instructor Kim Davis, creative writing teacher at Cambridge Center for Adult Education. Cost $70 plus small materials fee. Pre-registration required. For information call 781-934-6634 ext .19 or email mayes@artcomplex.org.

INSIGHT EDUCATION WORKSHOP, Power Struggles and Tantrums (ages 1-7) on Monday, March 27 from 7-9 p.m. at Blue Hill Montessori School in Canton. Cost is $25 for individual, $40 per co-parenting couple. Pre-registration is required at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

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Going green in Ireland

By MEGAN GALLAGHER
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

DUNFANAGHY, Ireland -- I galloped Minstral, a small Irish horse, straight toward a big stone wall. Up ahead, my guide and his horse disappeared over the jump. There was nothing to do but hold on, as Minstral flew over the rocks and glided to the soft turf below.

It was the most fearless thing I've done on a horse in years.

If you love horses, ride in Ireland. The horses are so gentle, they will make you brave. And why walk across that gorgeous Irish landscape when your horse will do it for you?

I spent a week sampling three riding holidays.

All the stables offer strong riders multi-day cross-country trails, with about five hours in the saddle per day. Beginners can take lessons and enjoy gentle hacks on nearby hills or beaches.

My assignment was horses, but each stable reminded me of different sorts of Irish music.

Donegal from the Saddle brings to mind the textures of the Chieftains' flutes, fiddles and hornpipes. The stable is based at the family-owned Arnold's Hotel here overlooking a shallow bay on the remote northern coast of County Donegal.

You walk through the Arnold's Hotel bar and up in a terraced garden to reach the whitewashed stables in the back, where Helen McDavid manages about 20 horses. Many are Irish cobs, medium-sized, often black and white, with thick manes and tails.

One morning, a half dozen horses and riders left the village and crossed the bay at low tide. Riding a gray horse named Oscar, I had to jerk my feet up to the saddle to keep from getting wet as we forded a tidal channel.

We followed narrow roads across the Horn Head peninsula, counting three rainbows stretched from high cliffs to the ocean. When Arnold's sent a car to meet us at an overlook, I faced the happy challenge of juggling a cup of tea, a scone and the reins to Oscar, busy grazing beside the road.

An afternoon trek took us to Sheephaven Bay for a trot through the dunefields and a gallop on the strand. Seals played in the surf as I raced a spotted pony named Rio down the beach. Flocks of oystercatchers and curlews scattered in our wake. No wonder the jigs and reels of traditional Irish music echoed in my head.

To musically depict Donegal Equestrian Holidays, think the international buzz of U2's rockers. This stable is located on Donegal Bay, on the county's southwest coast in the busy resort town of Bundoran. Proprietor Pat Geaghan seems much too hip for a horsewoman, with a raspy voice, plentiful jewelry and scarves, straight blonde hair and skinny jeans.

Pat runs a compound in town with a B&B, holiday homes and La Sabbia, a restaurant/coffeehouse with an open fire. It's an easy walk to The Bridge pub for a session of traditional music, then on to a club, where Pat insists you dance until 3 a.m.

She's just as charmingly bossy at the stables three miles from town. Pat and Maurice (pronounced "Morris") McGlinchey preside over a spotless barn and handsome horses, mostly Irish cobs and Connemara ponies. They've got a full array of facilities: a dressage arena, a cross-country jumping course and an indoor arena.

Riding with Maurice is a bit like playing the groupie to his rock star. He looks like actor Bob Hoskins and rides a big thoroughbred horse that seems ready to explode. As we slid down a three-story dune onto the beach, he winked and shouted, "You'll never pass this horse."

We soon hit racing speed, tears streaming and sand flying. I rode every inch of small brown Minstral, urging him to catch Maurice and the thoroughbred. We never did. Turns out, all the other horses are trained to stay behind Maurice so a guest won't lose control and get hurt.

We reached the end of the beach, but I was determined to jump Pat's cross- country course. That meant I was willing to jump an unknown horse over jumps I had not inspected beforehand. Such bravery is unheard of at home.

Maurice set the pace, with Minstral and me tucked three strides back. We jumped a bank, the drop wall, logs, several combinations, even a miniature Irish cottage. When we were done, I felt like the rock star.

Calliaghstown Riding Centre evokes the refined elegance of the three Irish Tenors. Just 15 miles from Dublin, it is based in the "Garden of Ireland," where counties Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare meet and the Anglo-Irish aristocracy once held sway.

Trail riders here explore the nearby Wicklow mountains, ending up at a haunting seventh-century monastic site at Glendalough. Along the way, riders pass castle ruins, great houses of the gentry and colorful villages, stopping for a picnic or a pub lunch.

American riders will feel at home in Grainne Sugars' stables. Her horses were the best groomed and their tack was the highest quality of any in my travels. Her Irish hunters and cobs are much like American sport horses. Grainne (pronounced grawn-yuh) competed many times in the European eventing championships and is a certified British Horse Society instructor (the MIT of horse instruction).

It was chilly, windy and wet on the day I visited, so we didn't ride. But we walked the cross-country jumping course, where I looked with horror over the edge of the advanced level bank and played with some young horses turned out in the same field.

In the indoor arena, I joined parents watching little children in a beginner's class. All the ponies were lined up nose to tail at our end of the ring. With one instructor in the middle shouting encouragement, another jogged a single pony and child at the trot around the circle, a hand out to steady the bobbing child beside her. I became embarrassed when I found myself humming "Danny Boy."

PHOTO BY ELAINE DALZELL

An Irish cob at Pat Geaghan's stables near Bundoran, County Donegal.

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Main Street, Dunfanaghy, on the north coast of County Donegal.

Wicklow Trail riders stop at a pub for lunch.

IF YOU GO...

Donegal from the Saddle: A five-day trail ride, seven nights accommodation and most meals is priced from about $1,400 per person, double occupancy. Managed by Derek and Gerarda Arnold, and their brother, Bill, Arnold's Hotel boasts a turf fire in the lobby and memorable meals in its two restaurants. For information, go to www.arnoldshotel.com/Trail--riding.htm.

Other activities in Dunfanaghy include a nine-hole golf course, miles of walking trails and a surf and kayak outfitter. Glenveagh National Park and the Dunlewey Heritage Centre are an hour drive away. Arnold's also offers weekend workshops in watercolor painting, photography or writing. Many visitors come from the six Northern Ireland counties next door.

The village is a five-hour drive from Dublin, 20 minutes from Donegal Airport or an hour from Derry International Airport in Northern Ireland.

Donegal Equestrian Holidays: Five days trail riding with a one-week stay in the B&B or a holiday house is from about $505 to $725 per person, double occupancy. Contact www.donegalequestrianholidays.com. Many riders from Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany and France come as much for the nightlife as the horses. The stables host the North West Equestrian Festival the first weekend in October.

Bundoran is famous for huge beaches, golf courses and summer traffic. Nearby Rossnowlagh is much quieter. Here the Britton family's four-star Sandhouse Hotel and Spa (www.sandhousehotel.ie) sits directly on the three-mile-long beach, while Conor Britton's award-winning seafood restaurant, Smuggler's Notch, is perched on the cliffs above.

Bundoran is about 35 miles from Sligo Airport, or a 3 1/2-hour drive from Dublin.

Calliaghstown Riding Centre: Mutli-day rides at this stable are marketed to Americans through Cross Country International in Millbrook, N.Y. The Wicklow Trail Ride, five days riding, six nights in a local guesthouse and most meals, costs $1,995 per person, double occupancy. Go to www.equestrianvacations.com.

For information on the Calliaghstown facilities, go to www.calliaghstownridingcentre.com.

The Dublin/Wicklow/Kildare area is rich in horsey sight-seeing, with the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens at Kildare, Berney Brothers custom saddle makers at Killcullen, racetracks at Naas and Punchestown, and the international three-day event at Punchestown in May.

Other attractions include Anglo-Irish mansions and gardens, Russborough and Powerscourt, countless golf courses and the city delights of Dublin.

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The Community Preservation Fund could continue to help restore an important part of Cohasset's history as well as contribute to preserving open space, refurbish a worn-out ballpark, build a new veterans honor roll, restore the front doors at Town Hall, *and* even buy some new washing machines and dryers for the town's only affordable housing complex.

It is all part of a "suitcase" article in the Town Meeting warrant that asks voters to approve allocations from the fund that was established back in 2001 when Cohasset residents adopted the Community Preservation Act by a 998-756 vote margin and agreed to a 1.5 percent surcharge on their real estate taxes to pay for projects and purchases like those listed above.

The Community Preservation Committee, which consists of a cross-section of town boards and citizens-at-large, has met in recent months with project proponents and gone over plans in detail. CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey likens the fund to a "rainy day fund" that, by law,

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MAKING A SPLASH

Adam Santos of Acushnet causes quite a splash while trying to navigate through the rapids at the mouth of the Gulf River off Border Street in Cohasset Harbor on Sunday. He has been whitewater kayaking for the past two years.

Cohasset road race turns 30

Special T-shirt marks milestone

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Rotary Club is celebrating a very special anniversary this year. Thirty years ago, the organization coordinated the first ever Road Race by the Sea, and today, the popular event is stronger than ever.

On Sunday, April 2, runners and walkers will lace up their sneakers for the Road Race by the Sea as well as the second annual Fran Coffey Memorial Walk. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. at Sandy Beach and is either a 10K (6.2 mile) walk, or with an alternate route is 4.5 miles. The Road Race will begin at 1 p.m. and will be a 10K. The Road Race is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Rotary Club, and proceeds from both events will be donated to charity.

To commemorate the Road Race's anniversary, Rotarian Ronnie Goodwin, owner of Goodwin Graphics, will print this year's special 30th anniversary design on white, long sleeved Road Race T-shirts, which will be guaranteed for the first 800 registrants to check in. While Goodwin provides T-shirts every year for the race, and has designed many of the shirts himself, this year, because it is such a special occasion, Goodwin has turned the job over to Cohasset resident and graphic artist Keith Conforti.

"We're very excited to do something special for the 30th anniversary," said Rotary President and Road Race Director Brad Goodwin, who is brothers with Ronnie Goodwin, adding he is very happy with the design Conforti has come up with, which is a yellow and blue design featuring Minot Light.

Conforti began his own graphic design business, TWIST creative group, with his wife Joyce Whitman in 1995. The business is based in Cohasset, and Conforti has directed and designed award-winning designs for Fidelity Investments, the Make-A-Wish

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George Ayoub, Ronnie Goodwin, and Keith Conforti are pleased with year's Road Race By the Sea T-shirt. Using Conforti's design, Goodwin Graphics has begun printing special 30th anniversary T-shirts for runners participating in this year's race. Ayoub, who works at Goodwin Graphics, began printing the design onto the long-sleeved T-shirts Wednesday.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

About 200 signs, like the one shown above, have been installed around town to show support for Cohasset teachers.

Politics get early start

Timing of signs can't be regulated

By Mary Ford
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This spring Cohasset residents can expect to see more people and groups take advantage of the First Amendment that protects freedom of speech by letting passersby know what candidates and what causes they support.

The first group "out of the gate" this election season has been the Cohasset Teachers Association, which is responsible for the nearly 200 red and white "Keep Quality Education in Cohasset" signs around town.

And with hot races for the School Committee and Selectmen at the April 8 Town Election and an override slated for a special election May 6 – chances are the existing red and white signs along with spring flowers won't be the only colorful addition to Cohasset front yards in the days ahead.

Ed Leonard, negotiations chair of the CTA, said the union initially ordered 100 signs that were placed in yards about six weeks ago through a distribution list the CTA has compiled from parents and citizens who contacted the CTA to see how they could help support the teachers. Supporters could also offer to put a sign in their yard on line through the CTA web site. Leonard said the initial order of 100 signs went quickly so the CTA, which paid for the signs through its crisis fund, ordered 100 more.

Contract negotiations started in

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Name: Martha Horsefield.

Occupation: Volunteer Coordinator, Cohasset Elder Affairs.

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Best vacation: Trip to Scandinavia.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas – a time of giving.

Favorite meal: Steamed lobster.

Best book: "The Killer Angels," by Civil War author, Michael Shaara.

Best movie: "Seabiscuit."

Best TV show: "Bleak House" Masterpiece Theatre Program.

Pet peeve: Rudeness.

Most memorable moment: Attending my high school reunion and meeting old friends from school days.

Goal: To live life to the fullest.

Person you'd most like to meet: Abraham Lincoln.

Biggest worry: Escalating real estate taxes.

Best part of Cohasset: Having the opportunity to meet so many wonderful volunteers through my work at the CEA.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with Martha Horsefield on Tuesday at the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St.

CEA needs volunteers

The Cohasset Elder Affairs office is in need of volunteers of all ages. Any help, whether it be data entry, helping move heavy boxes, answering phones, or other various office help, would be greatly appreciated. While currently there are many adults in the community who volunteer at the center, the CEA reminds the community its younger members are welcome to volunteer as well. Students looking for a way to earn community service credits would be invaluable to the CEA. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact CEA Director Kathy Bryanton at (781) 383-9112.

Earth Day cleanup

Cohasset residents are looking to have a successful First Annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup, in honor of Earth Day, and are looking for volunteers to help. On Saturday, April 8 (rain date April 29) residents will meet in front of Town Hall at 2:30 p.m., and will then celebrate Earth Day and the beauty of Cohasset by cleaning selected streets and sites — Black Rock Beach, the Beechwood Ball Field, Government Island, etc. The town will provide garbage bags, but volunteers are asked to bring their own thick work gloves. The effort is supported by the Cohasset Board of Health, the Friends of Black Rock Beach, and the Cohasset Girl Scouts. For more information, please call Alison Callahan at (781) 383-1081 or Bill Burnett at (781) 383-3499.

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Town Report publishes non-specific vital statistics

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Town Clerk Marion Douglas said publishing that information can increase the potential risk of fraud, stolen identity, and the safety of the town's citizens.

For those who have perused the pages of the 2005 Annual Town Report, the page which covers vital statistics will surely look different than the year before. This is the first year only the number of "vital events" will be published, rather than the individual names and dates of those who were born, married, or passed away.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said for many years, the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics has urged, but not mandated, the clerks throughout the Commonwealth not to list individual births, deaths, and marriages in the annual Town Reports. She said publishing that information can increase the potential risk of fraud, stolen identity, and the safety of the town's citizens.

"It was quite a decision for me to make," said Douglas, but added she thought for the safety of the citizens and their children, the town should adopt a new policy of publishing only the number of vital events which have taken place over the year.

Douglas has been Town Clerk in Cohasset since 1992 and said she was originally contacted about not publishing the information prior to Sept. 11. "Even before then people were using other people's names for fraud. This way we're eliminating that possibility and keeping people safe," she said.

In 2004, every birth was listed by the day and month, and the names of the babies as well as their parents and the mother's maiden name were included. Every Cohasset resident that was married in 2004 was listed in the report, whether they were married in town or not, and every marriage that took place in Cohasset was listed, whether the bride and groom were Cohasset residents or not. The date and the person who officiated the ceremony were also listed. All deaths listed included the name, date of death, and age of the deceased. The information covers six pages.

In 2005, there is only one page dedicated to vital statistics. There were 35 male babies and 40 females born to families in Cohasset. There were 27 total marriages, 21 of which took place in Cohasset. There were 78 total deaths, including residents of Cohasset who died elsewhere and non-residents who died in Cohasset.

Board to revisit Dean dog hearing next week

The Board of Selectmen is slated to take a final vote on the fate of nine border collies which have threatened and/or bitten residents at its next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 28.

Border Street resident Mary Hartshorne was one of four residents who were attacked by the dogs, owned by John and Mia Dean of Meadow Lane. She said she would like to see the board take action sooner rather than later. In a letter written to the board dated March 1, she said she was sorely disappointed to see the Feb. 28 hearing with the board "degenerate into a lengthy negotiation with the Dean family. The Deans are the offenders."

At the meeting, the board said it agreed with recommendations brought forward by Town Manager Bill Griffin, who serves as the town's dog hearing officer, and discussed amendments it would make to the recommendations, but did not take a final vote.

Griffin has suggested that until five of the dogs can be placed in good homes, all nine will be restrained at all times while outdoors —with the exception of showing the dogs to an interested buyer — and are not allowed to leave the property of their owners.

All nine dogs will also be subject to a behavior analysis to be evaluated for temperament. But Hartshorne said calling in help from dog experts serves only to delay decision. "Speaking as one of the Dean dogs' victims, I urge you to take action on the Town Manager's recommendations, before someone else is hurt, or worse," she wrote.

Middle school seeks lunchroom volunteers

Middle school Assistant Principal Beth Sternala is looking for parents or community members to assist in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to noon either on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact middle-high school PSO president Lucia Flibotte at (781) 383-2792.

Special election moves next door

For the second year in a row, the Special Election will not be held at Town Hall, but will be held next door at the Second Congregational Church. The Board of Selectmen voted Tuesday to set Saturday, May 6 as the date for the Special Election, as it was the first date available which met all legal requirements, and worked well for the Town Clerk.

However, the Cohasset Dramatic Club had already planned to hold its spring musical on the Town Hall stage. The CDC had submitted a list of dates to the town for rehearsals and productions, and had received approval. With the conflict, the board agreed to move the election to the church. The same conflict arose for the CDC last year.

Voters will still go to Town Hall for the April 8 Town Election, to cast their votes for candidates running for elected office. Voters who go to the polls at the Second Congregational Church in May will be voting on override questions.

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Kindergartners Ben Healey and Brian Doyle admire the medals they received for participating in the district-wide readathon. For more photos and story, see page 24.

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More political signs sure to pop up this election season

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November 2004 and teachers have been working without a contract since August 2005. They have held several informational "pickets" before and after school in an effort to create more awareness and generate community support. The signs were an extension of that effort, Leonard said.

However, the CTA and School Committee have reached a tentative contract agreement and the CTA could ratify the contract next week. But Leonard said the signs would not be coming down soon. Leonard said the CTA, which has had two meetings with the Committee to Support Cohasset, a pro-override group in town, plans to share its sign distribution list with that group. Therefore, yards with the "Keep Quality Education in Cohasset" signs could also include a pro-override sign.

"This is a pivotal time for Cohasset."
— Ed Leonard, Cohasset Teachers Assoc.

"It's been part of our plan all along to support the override," Leonard said. "This is a pivotal time for Cohasset."

Leonard explained the larger override would help move Cohasset back to an elite school system.

"That's harder to do when you have a class size of 30," he said about the middle-high school. "And elementary classes are creeping up."

Terry Green of the Committee to Support Cohasset said the teachers are part of the group's base of support that also includes parents of current and former students, and a cross section of citizens from the community at large. "It really is a town wide effort with town wide support," he said.

Green said election signs are just one component of a campaign effort.

"Campaigns buttons, signs and flyers are part of awareness and education," he said. "Although helpful, voters being educated on the facts are the keys to winning any campaign so our focus has been in this area."

Leonard explained the CTA signs were carefully worded as to be non political and were intended to be inclusive indicating support for teachers, schools and education that benefit the town as a whole.

Initially when contract talks weren't moving forward, teachers wore plain red buttons that showed solidarity. "But people asked what we were wearing the red buttons for," Leonard recalled. New buttons were ordered with the initials "SOS" meaning Save Our Schools. He said the signs were an outgrowth of parents asking teachers how they could support the teachers and get involved.

Cohasset used to have a policy regulating the amount of time political signs could be posted to two weeks before an election until one week following the election. There was also $10 fee for a building permit to allow 10 signs to be posted. The benefit of the policy was that the building inspector knew who was responsible for the signs and had a contact name should there be an issue such as a sign being posted on a traffic island or other public place. But back in 1999, a Scituate man, who was campaigning for a gubernatorial candidate, challenged the policy questioning how Cohasset would charge money for someone to exercise his or her freedom of speech.

As it turned out, Cohasset's existing bylaw addressed every type of sign except political signs. Town Meeting retooled the sign bylaw in 2004 to include a definition of political signs, which include signs supporting candidates or signs expressing an opinion. Building Commissioner Bob Egan said the town can regulate the size of political signs but not the amount of time they can be posted.

Sons of American Legion to host gathering

The Eastern Region of the Sons of the American Legion will hold an unofficial gathering at American Legion Post 118, 98 Summer St., Cohasset, on Saturday April 1, to celebrate the homecoming of National Vice Commander Thomas W. Wigmore.

A block of 50 rooms has been reserved at the Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull under Sons of the American Legion-Tom Wigmore, with a $75 per night rate for Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2. The hotel has an indoor pool, restaurant and fireplace in every room over looking the water and is within walking distance to restaurants, bars, and shopping. A 10 percent discount is being offered by Dunkin' Donuts to American Legion members. The scheduled itinerary is as follows.

Friday, March 31 – 5 p.m.: Reception for Andrew Newman, candidate for national Vice Commander at Post 118, Cohasset. 7 p.m.: Bus tour of area posts; Karaoke until midnight at Post 118.

Saturday, April 1 – 8 a.m.: Breakfast at Post 118, Cohasset, sponsored by Squadron 118. 10 a.m.: Easter Region unofficial meeting. Hotel shuttle service to Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. 6 p.m.: Cocktails at Clarion Hotel followed by dinner and entertainment at 7 p.m.

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Teachers' contract could be ratified

By Samantha Brown
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CTA bargaining team chairman Ed Leonard described the recently proposed agreement as fair to both sides.

After nearly 18 months of contract negotiations, the Cohasset Teachers' Association and the School Committee have tentatively reached an agreement.

School Committee Chairman Jamie Williams made the announcement during the Thursday, March 16 School Committee meeting. She said the CTA was scheduled to take a vote on the contract March 29, and if it approves the contract, the School Committee will hold a meeting March 30 to vote to accept it.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said everyone involved in the negotiations had the same goal in mind — to agree on a contract everybody could be proud of. She said while the process was a long one, "I don't think it could have been done any sooner."

Contract negotiations began in November, 2004, nine months before the contract expired on Aug. 31, 2005. Teachers have been working without a contract this entire school year. Without a contract and frustrated with the negotiations process, members of CTA have gradually escalated their work actions during the school year.

Teachers began by wearing red buttons as a sign of solidarity and then announced they would no longer be available to volunteer time for activities such as chaperoning school dances or coaching powder puff games. The window of time to ask for college recommendations was also temporarily narrowed, but teachers ultimately took back the restriction and went back to writing recommendations as they were requested.

Members of the CTA also held informational pickets both on school grounds and at the intersections of Rte. 3A and Pond and Sohier streets. One day per week, teachers also exited the building together at the time their contract specified their paid work day was over.

CTA bargaining team chairman Ed Leonard said generally speaking, members of the CTA are excited about the contract, and it seems fair to both sides. However, he said because the contract has not yet been approved by the CTA, he cannot release any of the details of what it includes. "We're quite excited, although we're not ready to celebrate just yet," he said, as the contract will need to be ratified by both the CTA and the School Committee. "We're ready to move forward and it looks very promising," he said.

Leonard said he met with high school and middle school CTA members Monday after school, and with Deer Hill and Osgood CTA members Tuesday to go over the summary of items the contract would entail. He said a ratification vote will be taken Wednesday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m.

While contract details won't be made public until the contract is ratified, the CTA web site outlines the stipulations of a contract offered by the School Committee in early February, which it rejected. The posting, written by Leonard and CTA member Ed Leary states the previous contract was rejected by a 72-3 margin, and in spite of "numerous concessions by the teachers," the contract represented a significant step backward and a loss of benefits that teachers had worked long and hard in order to acquire, they stated.

The site states the School Committee had insisted upon totally restructuring the salary schedule for the staff, and teachers discovered there were serious flaws in the package as 44 percent of the professional staff would have received less than 2 percent as a raise for the current year. Numerous staff would have received $19 as a cost of living increase for the year.

Concerns surrounding the contract previously offered were about more than just money. At the beginning of negotiations, teachers in the elementary grades asked to increase the amount of planning time available during the school day. The CTA web site says the School Committee instead asked elementary teachers to increase the amount of time, not in planning, but in supervising students up to 20 minutes per day.

But it appears all concerns have been allayed with the new contract. Leonard said the teachers must have the specifics of the agreement in their hands for seven school days before a ratification vote can be held. If all goes well, the settled contract would allow the school department to have a clear picture of the financial obligations it will have before Town Meeting on April 1.

Chamber health care coverage meeting

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting to discuss health care coverage and services available to chamber members on Thursday, April 13 at 5 p.m., in the Paul Pratt Library. Representatives of Health Services Administrators, the chamber's provider, will be available to present program information and answer questions. The Open Enrollment Period deadline for plans is April 30. The meeting is open to all interested in health care options. For information call 781-383-1010 or email info@cohasset chamber.org.

Residential brush

Residential brush may be brought to the DPW parking area through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors.

Teen Garage renovations

After eight years of operation, the Cohasset Teen Garage will be closed for renovations starting through late May.

The Teen Garage serves youngsters grades six and over and is located in the Town's old Highway Garage off Main Street.

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COOKIES HAVE ARRIVED!

Major James Quinn read last week's Mariner story on line about **Caroline Kennedy** and her friends packaging up Girl Scout Cookies to send to him and his fellow Marines in Iraq.

Maj. Quinn, who is Caroline's uncle, now reports the cookies have arrived and sent along this photo with a big "thank you" to Cohasset!

Caroline, who is 9 and in the third grade at Deer Hill, noticed when selling Girl Scout cookies that many customers said they would like to support the scouts but didn't want the cookies. So with the help of her mother, Diane, Caroline emailed around asking friends to buy a box of cookies for the Marine Corps Squadron. Within 24 hours, 150 boxes were ordered, with many people offering to help with the postage.

Caroline and a group of friends met at the South Shore Art Center after school on March 8 to wrap and label 12 boxes full of Girl Scout cookies to be shipped overseas. The girls also made special cards for the Marines.

Maj. Quinn is part of the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533.

FAMILY FEUD!

Survey says there's one last chance to feud Cohasset style! The Cohasset Family Feud team registration and fee deadline has been extended to Sunday, March 26. The first ever Cohasset Family Feud will be held at Cohasset High School on Friday, April 7 at 7pm. Rich Ofsthun will emcee the event. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee to fund post-prom activities. How can you play? Ask friends, neighbors or family to form a five member team. Each team member pays $25 per team member to play- $125 total per team. Minimum age to play is ten years old. Call 383-9396 for additional information. Mail team registration information and the $125 team registration fee to Kathy Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, Cohasset, Ma 02025. Checks are payable to the Post Prom Committee '06. Registration is limited to the first 16 teams.

HAVE SPIRIT?

Have spirit? Let's Hear it! Please join the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters in supporting the Cohasset Public Schools Lacrosse Teams as they kick off the lacrosse season on Sunday, April 2nd at Alumni Field. Spirit Day begins with the Girls' Varsity Team vs. Nantucket at 2 p.m. Boys' Varsity vs. Nantucket follows at 3:30 p.m.

COACHES THANKED

The sixth-grade girls travel basketball team would like to say "thank you" to coaches **Paul Farren, Susan Franklin** and **Dave Seraikas.** The girls and their parents appreciate all the time, effort and energy that goes into coaching a team. Great job coaches! I think it is fair to say that even at a time when the town is trying to work through the many issues we are currently facing, we still can come together in so many ways to volunteer, coach and work with each other for the right reasons. Hats off to all who give to our community in the many wonderful ways.

BU DEAN'S LIST

Anne C. Barber of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester. Fantastic!

TM BABYSITTING

As a community service, the Cohasset High School Student Council is hosting a Town Meeting Camp for children 3 (out of diapers) and older at the Cohasset Middle/High School. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, March 29. Please call Student Council Advisor and High School Teacher **David Ames** at 781-383-6100 ext. 156 and leave a voice mail with the number of children attending.

Maj. James Quinn, standing second from left, and other members of the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squardron 533 in Iraq say thanks to Cohasset for all the Girl Scout cookies.

COLLEGE HONORS

Congratulations to **Jenn Buckley**, Class of '09 at Northeastern University's School of Nursing, who was named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester. Your family and friends are all very proud of your hard work. Keep it up!

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Through Cohasset Elder Affairs, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset cordially invites seniors to attend a special presentation by landscape historian **Virginia Lopez Begg,** entitled "New Women, Old Gardens" on Tuesday, March 28 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Following the Garden Club business meeting at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Begg will discuss the birth of the garden club movement at the dawn of the 20th century, and the influence of the 1901 book Old Time Gardens on American women and their gardens. She will emphasize design and its history, and the importance of the garden as a place of beauty. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m. CEA participants are asked to sign up prior to the meeting date.

BONE MARROW DRIVE

A bone marrow drive will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, on March 25, from 10am to 4pm. All people in good health between the ages of 18-59 are eligible. 16 and 17 year olds are eligible with parental consent. This drive is covered by Mass insurance. People should have their insurance information ready. Thank you for all you co-operation. Please call 781-383-1852) or e-mail **Paul Pozniak** at (freemind008@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Wednesday, March 29th at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Center, Author **Michael Tougias** will be speaking on "Quiet Places: Rambles Through Hidden Massachusetts." Naturalist, photographer, and author Michael Tougias will give a lecture and slide presentation featuring lessor-known natural and historic places of Massachusetts. Michael Tougias in the author of 15 books including There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse!, Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide, The Blizzard of '78, and Until I Have No Country (A Novel of King Philip's Indian War). His latest book Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard The Can Do was selected by the American Library Association as a "Top Pick for 2005". He is a frequent guest on WCVB TV's "Chronicle" and WBZ radio. Autographed copies of the author's work will be available for sale.

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL

Back by popular demand, Sunrise of Cohasset, will host its 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal Event on Sunday, March 26th, 2-4pm. Professional appraisers Mr. **Mark Schwortzer,** a local dealer and collector, and Ms. **Sandi Johnson,** owner of the Goodies Shop 1 & 2, will be here to share their skills and insight into the heirlooms you may bring in for appraisal. Please bring $10 for each item to be appraised with a limit of three items from any one person. All proceeds go to the outreach program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library of Cohasset. For further information, call **Gayle Walsh** at the library 781-383-1348.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Cohasset residents receive Partners in Excellence awards Partners HealthCare recently presented its 10th annual Partners in Excellence awards to employees of Partners-affiliated institutions. Six of this year's award recipients are Cohasset residents. Established in 1996, the Partners in Excellence awards recognize individuals and teams at all levels who have contributed to Partners' excellence as a premier health care provider. Recipients are nominated by their colleagues and selected on the basis of "above and beyond the call of duty" contributions in the areas of: quality treatment and service; leadership and innovation; teamwork; operational efficiency; and outstanding community contributions. The 2005 award recipients from Cohasset are: **Mary Cooley**, of Dana-Farber-Partners Cancer Care; **Patricia Fitzpatrick**, and **Shaun Golden**, both of Brigham and Women's Hospital; **Agnes Froio,** and **Patricia Moran,** both of Massachusetts General Hospital; and **Joan Kovach,** of McLean Hospital. Partners HealthCare was founded in 1994 by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital as an integrated health care system that offers patients throughout the region coordinated high quality care. Today, the system also includes primary and specialty care physicians, community hospitals, specialty facilities, community health centers, and rehabilitation and home care services.

SWIM COACH

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team is seeking a highly motivated, responsible individual to be the Head Coach of the swim team. Responsibilities include managing swim practices, swim meets and the general organization of the swim team and personnel. Qualifications and Experience required. Qualified individuals should send applications to PO Box 651,Cohasset, MA 02025.

That is the news for this week.

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Sandcastles Child Care rides the wave of change

New owner is at the helm

By Samantha Brown
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After 10-plus years at the helm of Sandcastles Child Care Center, co-owners Lynn Durkin and Anne Sexton have passed the torch to Cohasset resident Sara Sullivan.

With enthusiasm for the job and boundless creativity, Sullivan is working with Durkin and Sexton to make sure the transition is a smooth one. Sullivan became the sole owner of the business Feb. 15, and is now enjoying making the business her own, while continuing the mission and educational goals set by her predecessors.

Sullivan has lived on the South Shore for seven years, and in Cohasset for three. The Forest Avenue resident and mother of two had been working in the corporate world since last May, but after some soul-searching decided the time was right for her to pursue a new, more "mommy-friendly" career.

"I wanted to do something I cared about, and Sandcastles kept coming into my mind," she said, adding it is a business she has come to know very well over the past seven years. Her oldest son Sam, who is now in first grade, was in Sandcastles from infancy through kindergarten. Her youngest son Jake is currently in the Sandcastles pre-kindergarten program. "We've been raising my children together all these years, it just seemed like a natural fit," said Sullivan.

Sullivan decided to approach Durkin and Sexton and let them know that whether it was now, or 10 years from now, if they were ever interested in selling their share or a portion of their share of the business, she would be very interested. Coincidentally, Sexton, who has been the director at Sandcastles for the past 10 years, had recently begun thinking about retiring within the next year or two.

"We had been approached by a couple of people a few years ago, but it wasn't the right time," said Durkin. However, once Sexton began talking about her retirement, Durkin began contemplating buying out Sexton's share and running the business on her own. But with her own CPA practice and five children at home, Durkin ultimately decided running the business herself might be too much to take on at this time, and seriously began considering Sullivan's offer.

PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Former owners of Sandcastles Child Care Center Lynn Durkin, left, and Anne Sexton, center, and new owner Sara Sullivan, stand with some of Sandcastle's pre-kindergarten students.

The papers were signed Feb. 15 and all three women say everything has worked out for the best. Sexton said there comes a time when a business needs to have an injection of new energy, and Sullivan is providing that new spark. "She's like Tigger, all bouncing with enthusiasm and I'm kind of like Pooh Bear," she quipped. Durkin and Sexton will help with the transition, and Sexton will stay on as director for the next nine months.

Sullivan said she has many ideas for ways to increase the offerings at Sandcastles to meet the needs of families in the area. Sandcastles services families from many South Shore towns, and Sullivan's ultimate goal is to send every child off to elementary school with the tools they need to succeed. She said she will be working with the local schools to ensure the lessons taught at Sandcastles mesh with the curriculum provided at local schools, and children enter into kindergarten or the first grade at the level where they are expected to be.

Continuing the success of the Sandcastles full-day kindergarten program is also a goal of Sullivan's. Currently, the ratio of teachers to students is 11 to 2, which Sullivan said is a very educationally nurturing environment for children. She hopes to be able to expand the full-day program to offer Spanish classes, more art, music, and dance.

Sullivan also has plans to expand the summer program at Sandcastles. Children attend Sandcastles year-round, but the curriculum changes during the summer months to allow children to have some "down time" and enjoy their summer, while continuing their educational experience. Children already participate in swimming lessons, take trips to the beach and the South Shore Music Circus, and explore at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. Sullivan would also like to expand the Sandcastles winter programming and begin offering indoor gym classes to help keep children active when it's too cold to play outside.

Above all, Sullivan said she will work hard to retain the excellent staff at Sandcastles and help attract more staff like them with the same level of enthusiasm and dedication. She said Durkin and Sexton "have done an outstanding job attracting and retaining an incredible staff. They understood the importance of continuity in childcare and have gone to great lengths to keep the staff happy. The result has been a very stable and nurturing environment, run by a staff that seems more like a family," she said, which is exactly what drew her to bring her eldest son there seven years ago.

Durkin and Sexton said everyone at Sandcastles is behind the change 100 percent. She said while many parents were skeptical when they heard the business would be changing ownership, once they heard Sullivan was taking over, all fears were allayed. "I feel proud to hand over the legacy we've created. I know it's going to be in capable hands," said Durkin.

Sara Sullivan, right, stands with her son Jake, 4, who is in the kindergarten program at Sandcastles Child Care Center. Both of Sullivan's children have attended Sandcastles over the past seven years, which led her to inquire about purchasing the business from co-owners Anne Sexton, left, and Lynn Durkin. The women signed the business over to Sullivan Feb. 15.

Anne Sexton, former owner of Sandcastles Child Care Center, makes sure kindergarten student Max Lobe has his hat on straight while getting ready for a field trip. Sexton will stay on as Director at Sandcastles until the end of the year to help new owner Sara Sullivan transition smoothly into her new role.

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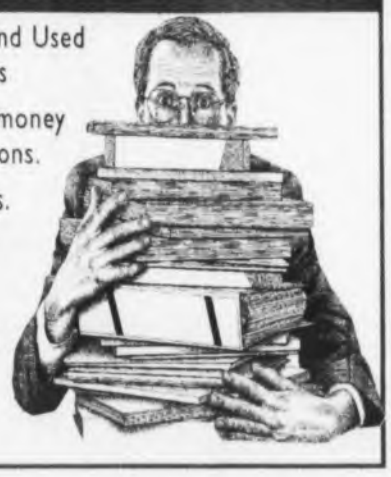

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Young performers gear up for coffeehouse fund-raiser

Event to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs

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"This will be a youth-oriented upscale coffeehouse with some excellent, hand-picked performers."
— Jim Armstrong, coordinator

There is no shortage of young, musical talent on the South Shore, and no one knows that better than guitar teacher Jim Armstrong. While all 50 of his students participate in recitals held for their families and friends, some already have the "itch" to perform in front of a larger audience.

"After they perform, so many ask, 'When is the next gig?' After a while, I knew I had to come up with another one," said Armstrong.

To keep that performance bug alive, Armstrong, along with the Rev. Gary Ritts of the Second Congregational Church, have teamed up to put on the BlueJay Café Coffeehouse. The event will take place Friday, April 7 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Bates Hall at the church at 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children. Tickets will be sold at the door.

"This will be a youth-oriented upscale coffeehouse with some excellent, hand-picked performers," said Armstrong, adding the proceeds from the event will go toward two very good causes. He said after discussing it with some of the children, the general consensus was, they would like to donate part of the funds to a charity which helps other children. Together, they settled on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, and they hope to have a representative from that organization attend the coffeehouse to allow for a formal check presentation that night. The other half of the proceeds will be donated to the Second Congregational Church to help fund the Appalachia Service Project. "We have the capacity for 250 and hopefully, we'll pack the house," Armstrong said.

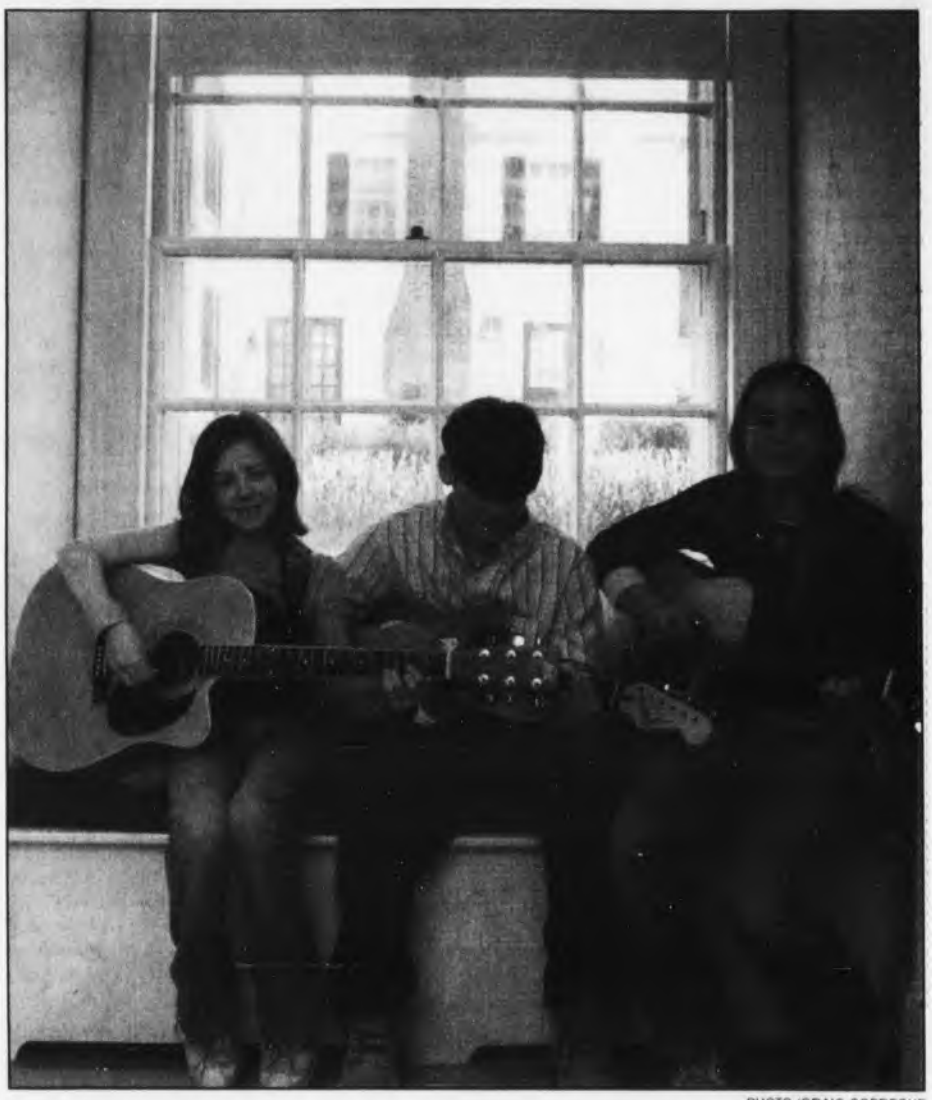
Armstrong said he named the coffeehouse the BlueJay Café after the Bluebird Café, a small café in Nashville where new songwriters are showcased on stage every Sunday night. Armstrong said industry professionals and tourists alike swarm the café to hear the hit-makers of tomorrow. "Garth Brooks was discovered at the Bluebird Café," he said, and quipped while word may not reach Nashville in time for any producers to be on hand during the BlueJay Café, those South Shore residents who do attend are sure to be impressed with the talent.

There will be roughly 10 performances during the coffeehouse, and what is sure to be the most exciting element of the evening is that each student will have the opportunity to "front a band." Armstrong and his two brothers Gerard and Joe make up the Armstrong Brothers Band, which will be providing the backup music and a professional sound system.

Cohasset residents Mimi Mahoney, 14, and her brother Rob, 12, and Maddie Curley, 9, will be among those performing. All three said they cannot wait until the performance. "It's fun playing in front of people," said Mimi to which her brother added, "Especially in front of people we don't know."

Armstrong said because the coffeehouse will feature performers from towns all over the South Shore, he hopes to be able to get the kids networking with each other. "We need to get talented people to meet each other, and maybe someday they can form bands," he said. He said he remembers when he was growing up in Marshfield, everyone who was involved with music knew the kids from other towns who shared that interest, and there was a great musical community. "I think they could really excel if they're all brought together," he said.

The number of students Armstrong teaches continues to grow, which he said is the main reason he is able to coordinate events such as the coffeehouse. He said he hopes to continue offering BlueJay Café events in different locations throughout the course of the year. Armstrong said he is sure this first coffeehouse will be a success and said he can't wait to "Unleash the talent I've assembled to the town."



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Maddie Curley, Rob Mahoney, and his sister Mimi Mahoney practice their guitars in Bates Hall in preparation for the upcoming BlueJay Café Coffeehouse, which will take place at the Second Congregational Church Friday, April 7. All three are students of guitar teacher Jim Armstrong, who coordinated the event with the Rev. Gary Ritts to serve both as a fund-raiser for charity and a fun way for the students to showcase their talent.

Local guitar teacher Jim Armstrong shares the story of how he teamed up with the Rev. Gary Ritts of the Second Congregational Church to coordinate the BlueJay Café Coffeehouse. The event will serve as a fund-raiser, as well as a way for Armstrong's students from all over the South Shore to perform together. Proceeds from the event will be split between the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston and the Second Congregational Church.

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Road Race by the Sea celebrates milestone

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Foundation, the Boston Red Sox, Shaw's and Star Supermarkets and Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare. After making a few last-minute color changes just prior to printing, Conforti said he is happy with the way the shirts have come out.

The new shirts are sure to be an added bonus for many runners whose main objective is to get out and run the first race of the season in preparation for the Boston Marathon, along what is arguably the most beautiful road race course on the South Shore. Brad Goodwin said due to all the construction going on in town, traffic will be a challenge as detours have already blocked off many points of access in town. He said the roads will not be closed on the day of the races as they usually are, but it would help if residents could avoid traveling on the routes during the events. He added he has been working with Police Chief James Hussey as well as Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan to help mitigate traffic concerns.

In years past, Brad Goodwin said there are usually around 850 runners who participate in the Road Race and as of this Monday, already 340 had pre-registered. "We're about 20 percent above where we have been in past years," he said. While Cohasset may seem like a small, out-of-the-way town, the Road Race has already drawn one runner from England and two from Puerto Rico. There are also representatives from all the New England states and New York pre-registered to run.

While the race is a large part of the day, the Fran Coffey Memorial Race is also a big draw. Coffey was instrumental in organizing the Road Race as well as the fun walk year after year, and last year, the walk was renamed to serve as a memorial in his honor. The proceeds from the walk will be donated to "People In Need" at St. Patrick's in Roxbury and Bishop Ruocco House for Girls in Lakeville.

Due to the success of the race and the walk, Goodwin said volunteers are always welcome, especially this year when directing traffic will be essential. "We have a core group of great volunteers, but we could always use a few more," he said. Goodwin added the business community has been very generous both this year and in year's past, even when their services are needed in a pinch.

Rotary Communications Chairman Jean Roche said any donations that can be used to give as prizes to the runners, including gift certificates to local restaurants , and sneakers would be appreciated. She said there are 12 different categories of runners and prizes are given to those with the best time in each category. However, she said this year, the Rotary is considering giving prizes to the man and woman who are the last, and most determined, to finish the race.

The Rotary Club will be supporting some new charities this year with the proceeds from the Road Race. It is working with the Rotary Club of Bourne and Sandwich as well as Rotary International to support digging 11 deep water wells in Calauag Quezon in the Philippines. It is also working with the Scituate Rotary Club and Rotary International to help support a dentist who is working at a hospital for children in Cambodia. It is working with the Hingham and Hull Rotary and Rotary International to start up a scholarship program in Foneducar, Colombia. "It's kind of exciting for us as a small club," to be involved with so many wonderful projects around the world, Goodwin said.

Pre-registration for the walk and run is strongly recommended. Register to run or walk at www.roadracebythesea.com or check for more information at www.coolrunning.com. Applications will also be available in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and the South Shore Community Center. Online registration is $15, mail-in registration is $18. On site registration is $20 and will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., on Saturday, April 1, and Sunday April 2 from 9 a.m. until noon. For race questions or to donate time or potential awards for runners, please call (781) 383-9030 or send an e-mail to info@roadracebythesea.com.

Cohasset Road Race at a glance

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2006

Time: 1 p.m. (Remember Daylight Savings Time)

Where: Begins at Cohasset Common

Distance: 10K (6.2 miles)

Route: From Cohasset Common down South Main Street, to Elm Street, to Margin Street, down Atlantic Avenue past Sandy Beach, to Jerusalem Road, to Forest Avenue, to North Main Street, back to Highland Avenue and the race will end outside of Town Hall.

Fran Coffey Memorial Walk at a glance

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2006

Time: 10 a.m. (Remember Daylight Savings Time)

Where: Begins at Sandy Beach

Distance: Either 10K (6.2 miles) or 4.5 mile

Route: Either same route as Road Race beginning at the beach, or from Sandy Beach down Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road, to North Main Street, to Ripley Road, to Depot Court, to South Main Street, to Elm Street, onto Margin Street, back onto Atlantic Avenue, and the walk will end at Sandy Beach.

How to register

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Drop-in Music with MamaSteph – Mondays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.: March 27, April 3, and April 10. A lap sit program held in the Meeting Room. Open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Drop-in Story time – Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.: March 28, April 4, and April 11. A lap sit program held in the Story room. Open to all ages and communities.

Story and Craft – Sorry, but registration for Story and Craft in March and April is full.

FOR TEENS

My Own Café – My Own Café is a website where teens living in southeastern Massachusetts can connect with other teens to discover local music, find out about books, check out the news, and learn about events happening in the area. Visitors to the site have quick and easy access to local and state databases and library catalogs. Visitors must be at least 13 years old to register and have a valid library card. Visit www.myowncafe.org.

FOR ADULTS

Antique Appraisal fundraiser –Sunrise of Cohasset will host its Second Annual Antique Appraisal event on Sunday, March 26 from 2 to 4p.m. Professional appraisers Mark Schwortzer, a local dealer and collector, and Sandi Johnson, owner of the Goodies Shop 1 & 2, will share their skills and insights on heirlooms presented for appraisal. Fee is $10 per appraisal. Limit of three items per person. All proceeds go to the library outreach program. For more information call Gayle Walsh at the library.

Book group – Thursday, March 30 at 10 a.m. Coffee and discussion of Erik Larson's "The Devil in the White City." To place a book on hold call Gayle Walsh.

Lunch Hour Lecture – Thursday, April 6 from noon to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a free talk on fashion sense by certified image professional Julie Foley. Foley will talk about your personal style and how you can adjust it to what's current. Dessert and coffee provided. Free admission.

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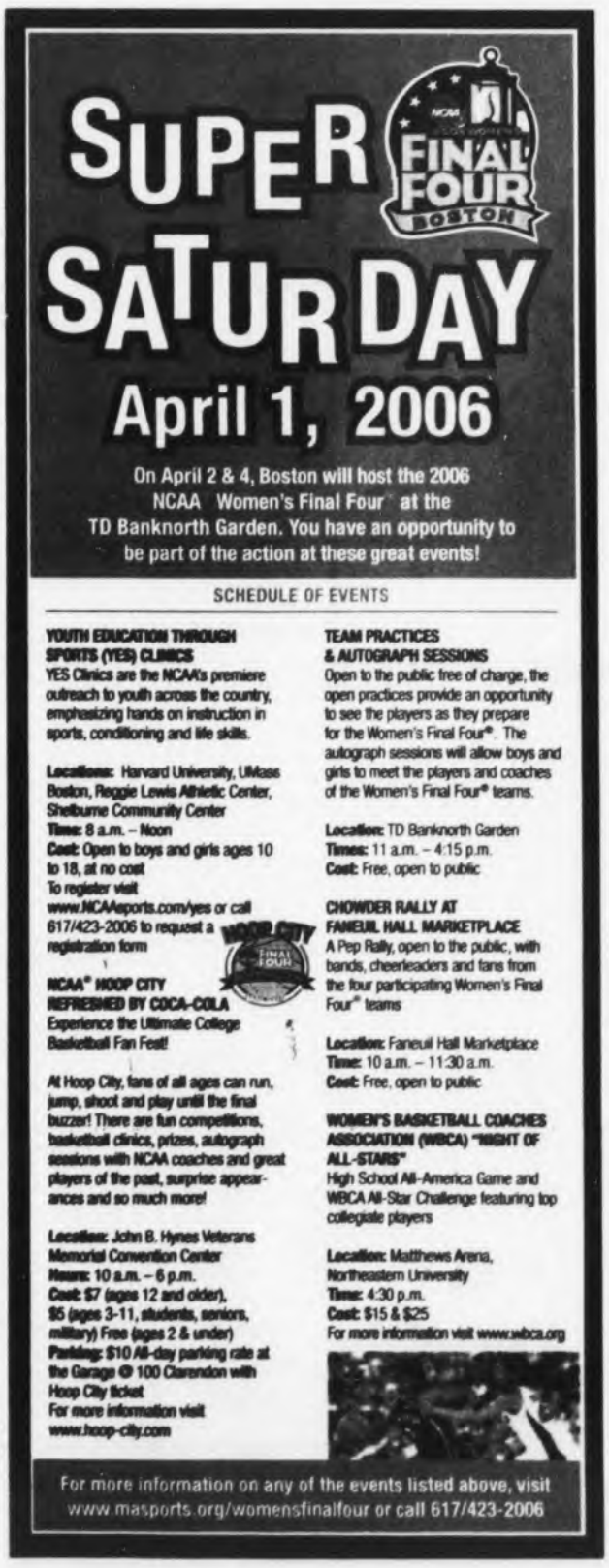
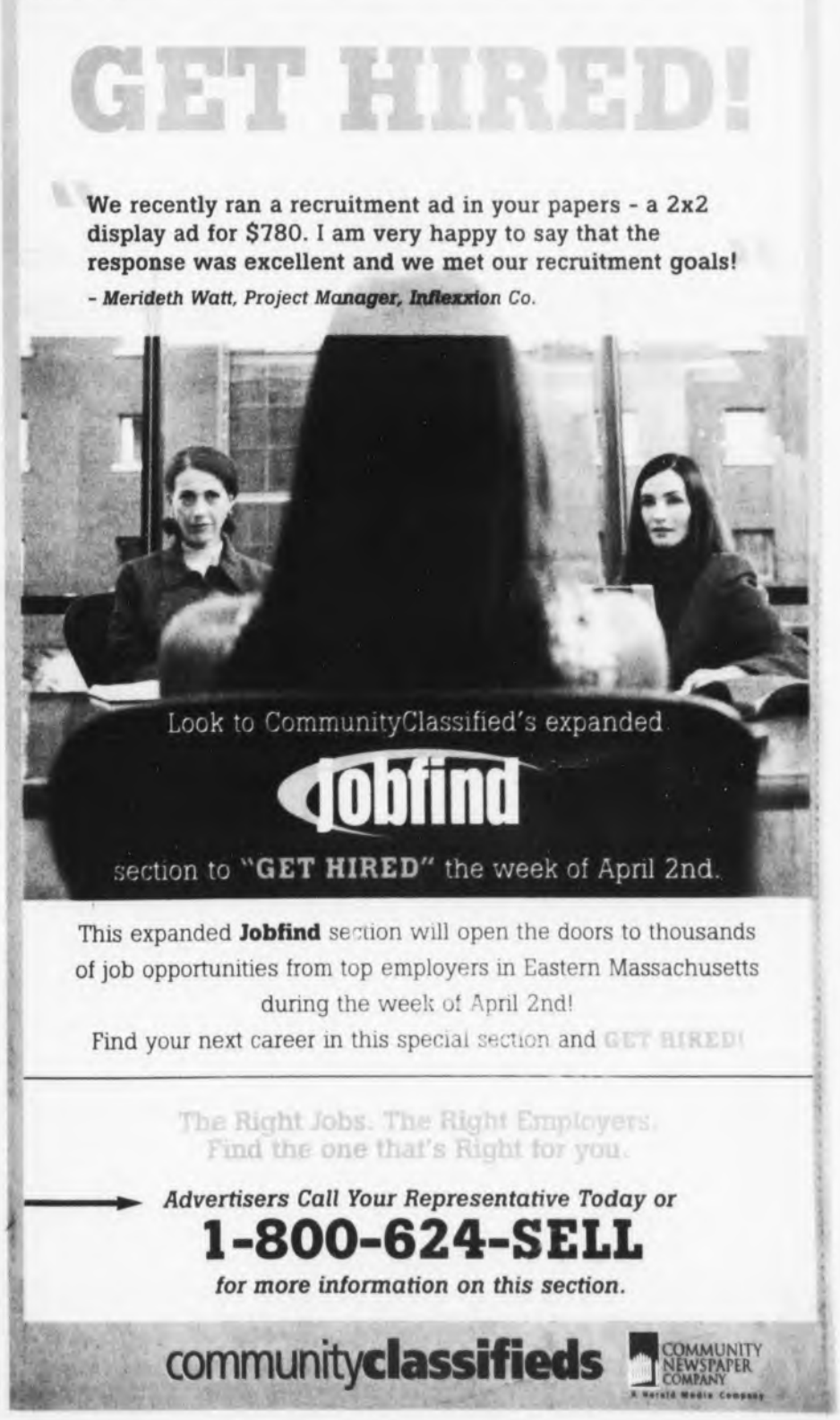
New titles – For a great read consult the 15th Fiction Catalog in the Reference Collection. The book lists classic and contemporary works of adult fiction alphabetically by author, title, or subject. Each entry has a brief paragraph describing the plot. For a book of fiction about the Indians of North America, or a list of Alice Munro's books, it's all in the Fiction Catalog. For those interested in historical fiction, consult the Historical Fiction Catalog, also in the Reference Section.

Museum passes – Reserve museum passes now for the upcoming school vacation week which is a great time to check out the Boston Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, the JFK Museum, the Boston Children's Museum, and Boston By Foot. Simply visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click the Reserve Museum Passes Online button, or call the library and ask a staff member to reserve a pass for you.





Projects line up for preservation funding

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cannot be used for the general operating budget. The money can only be spent by Town Meeting under the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee. Therefore, it's not an emergency slush fund.

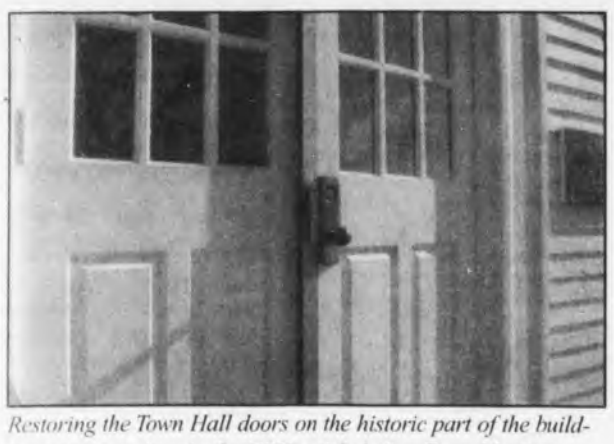
Ivimey explained the CPC monitors projects that receive grants including approving each invoice before its paid and ensuring that any work falls within the parameters of the Community Preservation Act that allows grants for historic preservation, open space protection and low and moderate income housing.

The CPC draws its funds from two sources: the real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset it is 1.5 percent) and some level of matching funds from the state (currently 100 percent), derived from a roughly $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office, mostly mortgages and refinancing. Cohasset was one of 32 towns in Commonwealth that adopted the legislation at the first opportunity, but more than 100 towns are now participating.

In Cohasset, the 1.5 percent surcharge adds $97.56 to the annual property tax bill of a home valued at $700,000.

If all allocations are approved at the April 8 Town Meeting, the preservation fund will still have $222,000 in its various accounts left over with an influx of money coming in fiscal 2007 from the surcharge and state match.

In fiscal year 2006, the town collected $274,000 through the real estate tax surcharge. The state is expected to match that amount this October. In fiscal year 2007, the surcharge is expected to generate $306,000 which coupled with the state match of $274,000 (100 percent of the fiscal 2006 surcharge), would provide the town with $580,000 in new funds for the preservation fund.



Restoring the Town Hall doors on the historic part of the building is just one item in the CPC article before Town Meeting.

• Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve allocating $80,000 from the fund for the restoration of the Captain John Wilson House and Maritime Museum on Elm Street in the village and the Pratt Building on South Main Street. The historical society will provide at match of $12,500.

The money would help restore two chimneys at the Wilson House, one chimney at the Maritime Museum and the wood balustrade at the Pratt Building, which is the headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society.

Plans also include restoring the exterior of the Maritime Museum, including the wood gutters, wood windows and sills and the structure's interior including updating the lighting and wiring.

Both the Wilson House and Maritime Museum are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are a focal point of downtown Cohasset.

If voters approve the allocation, it would bring the total community preservation funds provided to the historical society for projects over the past five years to $630,000 of which $300,000 helped build two apartments in the Pratt building.

Community Preservation Committee Chairman Stuart Ivimey said communication between the CPC and historical society has been "great."

"The society has been very cooperative in letting me know the status of their projects," he said.

• Another project that involves historical preservation is restoring the front doors in the old part of Town Hall. The CPC is recommending $8,000 from the preservation fund be allocated for this project.

• To support affordable housing, voters will be also asked to appropriate $10,000 to purchase commercial washers and dryers at Harborview Apartments, the Cohasset Housing Authority property at 60 Elm St. The appliances, which are in common use, would be coin-operated with those monies helping to pay for their maintenance.

In past years, voters have approved community preservation fund grants to replace stoves at 60 Elm St., add security locks, and replace the siding on the buildings for a total of about $560,000 including this year's proposed allocation.

• $300,000 to restore and improve the Beechwood Ballpark and playground area – which would fall under "open space preservation" is also proposed. Ivimey said the project would be "a great opportunity to make a substantial improvement to that part of town." At a recent meeting, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer expressed regret that no matching funds were raised for the project. Ivimey said project proponents weren't able to raise any money privately but stressed the importance of the project. He described the field, which is used nearly every day, as a "quagmire" on a rainy day.

• Also falling under the CPC "open space" umbrella, is a proposed $120,000 grant for the Water Commission to buy a parcel of land near Brass Kettle Brook as part of the commission's continuing effort to protect the town's water supply.

• Voters will also be asked to approve $60,000, which is half the cost, of a new veterans honor roll at Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor.

After five years, communities are allowed to "opt out" of the Community Preservation Act. There's no sunsetting provision, Ivimey explained, therefore, a community would have to take affirmative action to opt out or change its surcharge percentage. He says most people in Cohasset seem to be happy with the fund.

"To be honest if we didn't have the Community Preservation Fund, we wouldn't have money available to help the historical society, help purchase open space or upgrade the Beechwood Ballpark," he said. "There would be no sympathy with taking money out of the town or school budgets to improve the quality of life for people in town through these projects."

"It's a terrific fund that is brilliantly conceived because it is outside the ordinary political process," he said.

The CPA at a glance

• Cohasset is one of 32 towns that adopted the Community Preservation Act for this fiscal year. Eighteen more towns have adopted the legislation and will participate in the program next year.

• Funds from the CPA can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

• Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality, (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting).

• Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas.

• CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and a some level of state match, determined from year-to-year. So far Cohasset and other participating towns have received a 100 percent state match each year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).

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Override 'True or False'

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Judging by calls to the Mariner, interviews and statements made around town and at meetings, there are many misconceptions floating around town concerning this year's override vote. Below are some "true or false" questions to help alleviate some of the confusion.

1. The lower override figure must pass in order for the higher override figure to pass.

Answer: **FALSE** — Both override figures are scheduled to be voted on at Town Meeting and at the Special Election. Each figure will be taken up separately. At the April 1 Town Meeting, residents will first vote the $725,000 figure up or down and will then vote the $1.495 million figure up or down. If both pass by a majority at Town Meeting, both overrides will then be voted on again at a special Town Election on Saturday, May 6. Voters will have the choice to vote yes or no on each question. Voters can also opt not to vote a question by leaving it blank.

2. Voting yes for the lower override during the Special Election will take votes away from the higher override.

Answer: **FALSE** — An override passes at an election if it receives a majority vote, regardless of how many people voted or how large the majority. Both override questions will be voted on separately. However, if the larger override passes by a majority vote, it automatically wins. Therefore, if the larger override ends up with 51 percent majority, it will win no matter what. If both overrides pass, only the larger override takes effect.

3. Voters will have three budget options to choose from at Town Meeting.

Answer: **TRUE** — Voters will have to take three budget votes: one to approve a budget of $32,891,761 which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 and does not require an override; one to approve allocating an additional $725,000; and one to approve allocating an additional $1.495 million. Voting yes on both override figures only ensures both figures will be put on the May 6 Special Election ballot.

4. Cohasset will be voting on a pyramid override.

Answer: **TRUE** — A pyramid override asks voters to determine which, if any, of two or more funding levels they are willing to approve. Voters may vote for or against each question independently. Any question is approved if a majority of the persons voting on that question voted "yes." If more than one question is approved, the question with the highest dollar amount wins.

5. Cohasset has never had a pyramid override before.

Answer: **FALSE** — In 1999 there was a $766,000 override that failed at the regular Town Election by a margin of 60-40 percent. Due to problems balancing the budget, selectmen later called a Special Election for late May with three override questions on the ballot: one for $612,895, one for $509,554, and one for $380,000. The only figure to receive a majority vote (1413-1364) was the $380,000 figure.

6. Taxes will be increased permanently if the override passes.

Answer: **TRUE** — The town is looking to pass an operating budget override. Unlike debt exclusion overrides, which are typically passed to cover special projects, such as sewer construction and school renovations, and for which taxes go away after the debt is paid off, operating budget override increases are permanent.

7. Residents should cast their votes for the override at the Town Election on Saturday, April 1.

Answer: **FALSE** — The voting for the override will be done at the Special Town Election to be held Saturday, May 6. The April 1 election will only determine who will be the next residents to hold elected office.

8. Residents can propose changes to the budget on the floor of Town Meeting.

Answer: **TRUE** — Any resident can make a motion to amend the budget on the floor of Town Meeting as long as the change abides by the rules. The budget's bottom line cannot be increased, which means because the Board of Selectmen has approved a figure of $32,891,761, any changes must be made within that budget. Money can be moved from one line item to another in the municipal budget, and it would take a majority vote to pass the transfer.

By state law, the school budget is approved as a bottom line figure; Town Meeting does not "lock in" line items in the school budget.

Town Meeting voters cannot change the amount of the override figures, under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, only the Board of Selectmen can do that.

Town Manager Bill Griffin wants to ensure all residents are well informed before casting their votes at either Town Meeting April 1, or the Special Election May 6. He said therefore, he will be fully explaining the process for voting at Town Meeting and there will be a special set of instructions printed on the Special Election ballots to ensure votes are cast in their intended manner. Residents that have questions may contact Griffin at the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

How would taxes be affected?

The total tax bill for fiscal 2006 (includes debt exclusion charges and Community Preservation Act surcharge) for the owner of a home valued at $750,000 is $8,235. Without an override, that same person would pay $8,316 in taxes for fiscal 2007, which would be an increase of $81. With the $725,000 override, that overall increase would expand to $330 of which $249 would be attributed to the override. With the $1.495 million override, the overall increase would be $594, of which $513 would be attributed to the override.

How would override funding be split?

If the $725,000 override passes, the school department would add $530,000 to its budget, and the municipal budget would add $195,000. The town would need to spend roughly $36,321 of its allocation to pay for fringe benefits for both town and school department employees which are retained or added as a result of the additional funds.

If the $1.495 million override passes, the school department would add $1.1 million to its budget and the town would add $395,000. Within the town's $395,000 would be the items the town would receive with the lower override as well as $10,000 to increase library staff hours and $10,000 for public works contracted services. The rest of its allocation, or $216,321, would be spent on fringe benefits for school and town employees.

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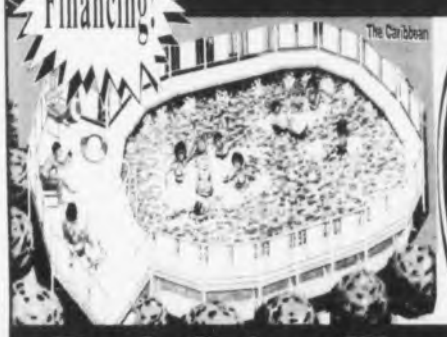

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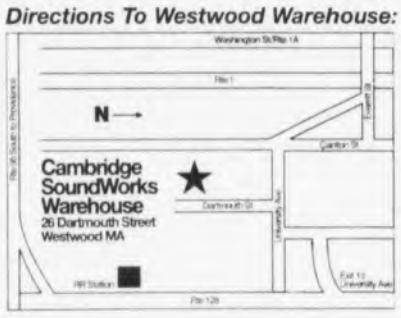

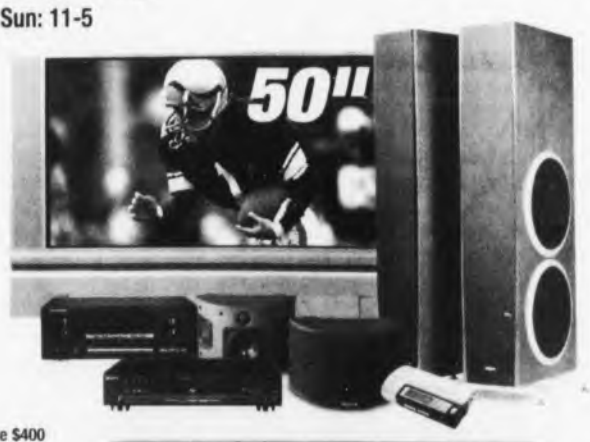

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Traffic headaches

We were driving along Grove Street in Norwell recently and there was a female driver behind us in an SUV that wasn't happy that we were traveling the speed limit.

She served around trying to pass and then tailgated us, at times waving her available hand while she held her cell phone up to her ear with the other hand.

It is impossible to pass a car along Grove Street and nearly impossible to pull over safely – so we were both stuck in this uncomfortable situation for several minutes.

When we reached the red light at Grove Street and Route 53 — we were planning to head straight across to Eastern Bank and the female, who was behind us, was making a right onto Route 53 — so we were suddenly side-by-side.

Those in both cars could now put a face on the individuals that were causing each so much irritation.

Our passenger made the mistake of asking the woman, who was nicely dressed and is probably a nice person under other circumstances, what her problem was. We were then greeted by a hand gesture that cannot be repeated in polite company.

What happens to many of us when we are behind the wheel has been documented for years in the police log that reports countless "traffic stops" every week.

Our lives are so packed with activities and time constraints that we are always in a hurry and think having a "lead foot" on the accelerator will get us there faster.

But the irony is, those of us who "impede" traffic by following the speed limit often catch up to the "speeders" at the next light.

The fact is Grove Street in Norwell is still a neighborhood where people live and children grow up. However, like many area streets, it has turned into a "cut-through." People from Norwell, Scituate and parts of Cohasset take Grove Street to busy Route 53 and beyond.

To help combat the problem in their town, Hingham police are using a solar-powered, radar trailer — that clocks the speed and displays it on a large digital display — to alert motorists about the speed they are travelling. Most of us don't realize how "slow" 30 m.p.h. is because, short of hitting the brakes when we react to a police cruiser waiting on the side of the road, we rarely travel at that speed.

Nothing affects quality of life more profoundly than traffic-clogged streets and speeding cars through otherwise peaceful neighborhoods.

With traffic tie-ups due to work resuming at Queen Ann's Corner, train construction here and in neighboring towns, and more road repair in the months ahead – all of us need to allow more time to get where we are going. And if someone in front of you is going the speed limit, do not "road rage" them. Turn on some easy listening music and relax. All of us will be happier for it.

Pack dogs to undergo behavioral analysis

At what time during your puppyhood were you first aware of these herding tendencies?

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Point on all-day kindergarten clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

Coleman Nee's letter in last week's Mariner lifted a statement I made out of one context and applied it to another context. The context he applied it to concerned the value of an all-day kindergarten program, and I fully agree with him on its value. My three children attended an all-day kindergarten program before starting in the Cohasset school system.

The point I tried to make in my original statement was that the charges for attending Cohasset's voluntary full-day kindergarten should be at least equal to the charges that a family would pay for day care. Presently Cohasset charges far below the cost of day care, so it's a no-brainer for a parent to enroll a child in our all day kindergarten – it's cheaper than day care and education is thrown in to boot! Hence my original statement, "Daycare with education."

The town has extreme budget constraints, and it is incumbent on us to pursue all reasonable means to ease them. One way of doing so is to charge for voluntary full-day kindergarten at or above the market rate for day care, and I would like to see our schools do so.

Gary Vanderweil
500 Jerusalem Road

Missing from Town Report

TO THE EDITOR:

The vital statistics of the town are not in the town report. I cannot remember *ever* that births, marriages and death records were not there. It is useful for genealogists, legal matters and just family needs to have them there.

I cannot imagine why they are missing I also notice that for several years the graduating class is missing from the school report. It is useful for class reunions and other data. We are a small town so this is not too much work to place it in the town report.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Road

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MEETTINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, 7:15 p.m., March 28.
Board of Health, 7 p.m., April 10
Deer Hill School Council, 2:30 p.m., April 6, at Deer Hill
Harbor Health Committee, 7:30p.m., April 4
Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., April 10
Library Trustees, 6 p.m., April 12 at the library.
School Committee, 6:30 p.m., March 30 at the high school.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., March 28.
Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., April 10
Town Meeting, 9 a.m., April 1 at the high school.
Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 30, King St. plant.
Weir River Estuary Park Committee, 7 p.m., April 5 at Hingham Town Hall.
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., April 10

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Roger Hill spells out his priorities

" I would greatly appreciate your support and vote for the one open seat on the Board of Selectman at this year's town election on April 8.

"The Cohasset we all love is increasingly polarized around issues of taxes, growth, the environment, and preservation of the character of our Town. As a long term resident, I remember other times when it seemed that intense questions would overwhelm us. We survived to enjoy the community we have today. Cohasset is a great place to live for all, no matter how long each of us may have made it our home.

" We survived those past battles over issues like school construction, sewer policy, and zoning because our open form of government and mutual respect for all citizens are our greatest traditions. As a selectman, my most important job will be to make sure that every citizen, every department, and every neighborhood has a place at the table; in terms of the decision making that will guide Cohasset.

" With my three-year service on the Advisory Committee, the Town's central fiscal oversight and planning body, I have the unique perspective of having worked with every department in building our school and town budgets from the bottom up. I have been a part of the evaluation of each proposed policy and zoning change brought to town meeting during this time well. With the immense challenges facing the Town fiscally, I have gained the detailed understanding of our schools and town services needed by each selectman.

" My priorities in working with my colleagues on the Board of Selectmen are:

• Reduce new capital spending — with the exception of replacement needs for items like our police cruisers and school buses that have programmed life cycles — to as close to zero as possible for the next 3 to 7 years. We need to ratchet down the heavy debt load we as taxpayers now bear.

• Work with the School Committee to determine how we implement the new Strategic Plan for the Schools as far as possible over its 5 year planning cycle. The responsibility of selectmen and the town manager is to determine what can be funded, and to plan where some level of overrides will be absolutely necessary to sustain improvement in our schools. The role of selectmen is not to second-guess the work that has already gone into the Plan.

• Support the efforts of the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee to prudently expand taxable commercial development opportunities so we can find some level of tax relief for those of us who are homeowners, while maintaining quality school and town services.

• Work to implement the vision of Cohasset, as a seen in the Master Plan, of a community that preserves our local character while providing for affordable housing, security for our seniors, and the best services possible. www.RogerQHill.com"

Roger Hill

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Nothing homey about MBTA bungalows

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

For those of you who pay careful attention while you are navigating Cohasset's detours, you may have noticed a new addition to the landscape at the Beechwood rail crossing. This week the MBTA installed the first signal bungalow.

The term "bungalow," in the context of a home, conjures up an image of a warm inviting style. But, in the railroad context that is not quite true. So, what is a signal bungalow and why is it used? The answer is simple. The signal bungalows hold all of the necessary electronics for the train system for its communications and control of the crossing gates. In the case of the Greenbush, the bungalows are all metal buildings and are painted hunter green. In addition there will be two other metal boxes of smaller size associated with each bungalow installation. One of these boxes is a meter panel that holds the electric meter for the incoming utility power. This box then distributes power to the bungalow and the other box through conduits. The second box holds the relays and associated direct controls for the road and pedestrian gates.

Each railroad crossing will be the home of a signal bungalow installation, with the exception of Castle Road and Sestito Lane. These are two private ways that will each have a one lane "private crossing." In this case, since these two roads are very close together, their controls will share a common signal bungalow system.

Since we have been involved with the Greenbush, on the Town's behalf, we have been asking for detailed information about the dimensional and construction details of each signal bungalow. These have never been provided by the MBTA to the Town. The reason we have been concerned about this is that where these bungalows are in or adjacent to areas deemed by the Massachusetts Historic Commission to be historic. In historic areas there are additional considerations that must be met by the MBTA. Their infrastructure must be constructed and sited in a way that is compatible with the historic surroundings. And, since signal bungalows are an essential part of the train system and cannot be done away with, visual screening needs to be employed to make them a bit less intrusive. Without detailed information, in our opinion, we don't see how the adequacy of siting or screening can be determined.

For example, a signal bungalow and its associated other boxes will be a part of the crossing at Pleasant Street. The bungalow is scheduled to be located at the base of the large sycamore tree closest to Pleasant Street, where it will be very visible and in the middle of everything. We have been especially concerned about the visual effects of the design and placement of this particular bungalow. Yet, without the detailed dimensions and construction of this bungalow it seems that the MBTA and most oversight and approval agencies think that the siting and visual screening are very adequate. Keep in mind that the approved screening is being done with four species of plants, three of which will lose their leaves each fall. We feel that falls short of the definition of screening. When asked if perhaps, the two auxiliary structures could be mounted on the sides of the bungalow, reducing the overall foot print, the MBTA said that could be done due to internal MBTA work rules. Our feeling is that this is not a compelling reason. We are still trying to get answers on this topic and will keep you posted!

Crossing construction continues in Cohasset. Sohier Street is still a beehive of activity. The most complicated construction here is the addition of a new pipe to carry James Brook under the crossing. This is a major construction project, with a lot of concrete work necessary at each end of the new pipe. The fact that James Brook still flows through while the work is underway is quite a complicating factor. There is a large gasoline powered pump that has the job of moving all of the water in James Brook from one side of the construction to the other. This is so the construction areas can be kept reasonably dry for the concrete work.

Pleasant Street crossing construction still waits for the asphalt plants to reopen. A new storm drain connection in the road in front of Pat's Barber Shop was completed this week, but this was a relatively minor construction task.

Pond Street rock removal is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 27 at the foot of Pond Street. All of the work that you have seen in the last 4 or 5 months at this location has been courtesy of the Water Department. Now, it's the MBTA's turn. Speaking of the Water Dept., between Water and the MBTA, Cohasset has become the detour sign capital of the World. Most people seem to be coping with this current state of affairs, but we do admit it is frustrating. Many times we have started out to go somewhere, taking our old habitual route, only to realize "I can't get there from here." Then we feel foolish and backtrack.

The newly installed Beechwood Street signal bungalow.

The signal bungalows hold all of the necessary electronics for the train system for its communications and control of the crossing gates.

Speaking of detours, we have been working with CBB, the contractor about their detour signs. It seems that with the windy weather, they haven't been able to find a good way to keep the signs in place. But, we both keep trying.

The 30th annual Cohasset Rotary Road Race by-the-Sea happens on Sunday, April 2nd. The reason we mention that here, is that with all of the detours, Cohasset residents need to be aware of the traffic conditions during the Fran Coffey Memorial Walk (10 a.m., Sandy Beach start) and the Road Race (1 p.m., Town Common start). In addition to additional traffic generated by participants and spectators coming from out of Town, the detours will increase the automotive traffic during the race. Unless we are all very careful while the runners and walkers are on the roads, a serious accident might result. Please be courteous to the runners and walkers. Safety is very important.

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More to harbor than Cohasset Cove

MARINER'S CORNER

STEVE BOBO

A large part of the tidal system that represents Cohasset Harbor finds its way from Scituate. It begins at the straight channel clearing Whitehead in the upper left corner of the illustration. The white roughly horizontal line about a third of the way down the picture is Bassing Beach. At the eastern end of which is Briggs Harbor, once, a center of shipbuilding for Scituate. There, one finds a small meandering stream going to Minot Beach. Below the crescent of Bassing, is Wood Island, and the adjacent Horse Island to its right. Below the left or western end of Bassing is Bailey's Creek shaped like a rectangle because of dredging. The creek passes Rice Island and goes up toward Otis Avenue, which connects, to Indian Trail in Scituate.

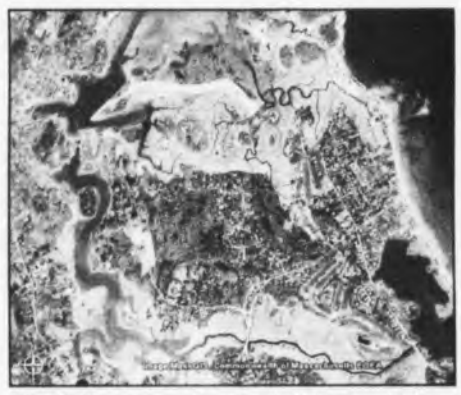
A major part of Cohasset's estuary system is the Gulf. Here begins the sandy marsh system of small streams, which characterizes the southeast part of the state. The early Gulf seems to have contained a part of Cohasset's industrial activity. There were as many as five mills on Bound Brook leading to the Mordecai Lincoln Mill at Factory Pond in Scituate, the dark spot in the lower left, a tributary to the Gulf. And, of course, there was a mill at the race where the Gulf begins. At one time, it was a gristmill, but it was converted several times because the Gulf served as the engine to power many endeavors.

The early Gulf seems to have contained a part of Cohasset's industrial activity

In winter, boats were brought up into the Gulf, which would stay ice-free at least to Supper Island, the oval shape on the left as the gulf meanders south toward Scituate. Sam Crocker, progenitor of as many fine yachts as almost any designer in New England had his yard on the Gulf River, just opposite Supper Island. There was a bit of a flap when one of the Town's biggest donkey engines and boat hauling slipways were sold and covered over by the foundation of a dwelling some called a mansion.

Turning east, the Gulf leaves the environs of South Main Street and goes toward Gannett Road, crossing under and eventually finding its way through an artificial cut south of Hatherly Country Club into Musquashicut Pond.

And so we see that we share with Scituate an important and beautiful resource. This sharing together has always been important: Salt hay and shellfish resources in the past and now, beautiful vistas for our pleasure and recreation. This is a vital bond with our adjacent town, which we must together maintain. The Gulf Association, with both towns participating, is both a symbol of that bond and a means for its maintenance.



The Gulf creates a bond with Scituate which both Towns need to care for.

Steve Bobo is a member of the Cohasset Historical Society.

HEALTH NOTES

Getting particular about particulates

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Have you noticed recently, that our cars, left outside, become dirty quicker? This column has commented in the past about the amount of siltation which goes on in our waterbodies, but it goes on everywhere. That's what dust is. When you wipe off your piano, you're wiping off silt. Think about how much is in the air and falls on everything outside. Well, there's an increasing awareness of the fact that particles now in the air are different from those in it, say, way back in 1970.

Researchers at the Bloomberg School of Public Health reported a March 8, 2006 study, which made an association between particulate matter levels and mortality nationwide. It's title: "Fine Particles Increase Hospital Admissions for Heart Failure and Cardiovascular Disease."

Short-term exposure to fine particulate matter—the microscopic particles that pollute the air—increased hospital admissions for cardiovascular and respiratory disease among Medicare participants. In 2002, for every 10 micrograms per cubic meter increase in particulate matter, the researchers calculated 11,000 additional cardiovascular and respiratory disease hospitalizations. Increased risk for cardiovascular disease hospitalizations, as a result of increased levels of particulate matter, was highest in counties located in the eastern United States. The study authors created a reproducible approach for tracking the health risks of air pollution nationwide. The study is published in the edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association.*

Particulate matter is an airborne mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets. The solid particles come in numerous shapes and sizes and may be composed of different chemical components. Fine particles, defined as 2.5 micrometers or less in size (approximately 1/30th the diameter of a human hair), can penetrate deep into the body's respiratory system. Airborne particles come from a variety of sources, including coal-burning power plants, factories, automobiles, tilled fields, stone crushing and the burning of wood. Other particles may be formed in the air when sunlight and water vapor react with gases emitted from burning fuels.

"By linking geographical locations and the health information of roughly all Medicare enrollees to the national air pollution and weather monitoring network and to U.S. census data, we can now routinely estimate health effects of air pollution nationally and regionally," said the study's lead author, Francesca Dominici, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Biostatistics at the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The researchers estimated associations between day-to-day changes in hospital admission rates for cardiovascular and respiratory outcomes (heart failure, heart rhythm disturbances, cerebrovascular events, peripheral vascular disease, ischemic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and respiratory infection), as compared to fine particulate matter levels for 204 U.S. urban counties from 1999 to 2002. The study included 11.5 million Medicare enrollees who lived, on average, 5.9 miles from fine particulate matter monitors. The study authors used same day hospitalizations for injuries as control measurements.

Dominici and her colleagues found that a 10 µg/m3 increase in particulate matter was associated with a 1.28 percent increase in the risk of admission for heart failure. Cook County, which includes Chicago, can be used as an example. The area has an annual average fine particle level of 16 µg/m3 and a high level of 56 µg/m3. For each 100 hospital admissions for heart failure, the study results showed approximately one extra hospital admission associated with each 10 µg/m3 daily fine particulate matter increase. Therefore, on days with the highest fine particle levels, the study results predicted five extra hospital admissions for each 100 hospital admissions.

The oldest group of study participants also experienced higher risks of ischemic heart disease, heart rhythm disturbances, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease associated with high particulate matter level days. "This study shows an ongoing threat to health from airborne particles," said J. M. Samet, MD, of the Bloomberg School's Department of Epidemiology.

Obvious? Yes! But we can't change what's drifting in on us from the west; what we can do is: first recognize that clean air is somewhat different from that which we are breathing. Ensure that early signs like short breath, coughing, asthma, are noticed and acted upon. Not a "sky is falling thing," but a mature recognition that the shape of the enemy is changing. Also, outside burning is no longer acceptable, the smell of leaf smoke is, or should be, an ancient memory.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Southie memoirs

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Back in the days when I worked in downtown Boston, at a time when ice covered most of the earth, I sometimes used to drive in to the office by way of Day Boulevard and L Street in South Boston to avoid the traffic.

Only now, after reading the recently published flurry of memoirs written by and for the sons of their beloved Southie, do I realize how lucky I was to have escaped total annihilation at the hands of the natives.

I used to think that only the Sopranos and their friends could make me nervous as I drove through New Jersey, until I read the reminiscences of John "Red" Shea, Kevin Weeks and Patrick Nee and their recollections of Whitey Bulger.

The literary assault on that section of Boston is so bad that Flynn, the former mayor and a son of Southie, has been calling for creation of an Irish Anti-Defamation League.

Now I can't think of Southie without calling up visions of an Irish Dodge City or a Celtic Beirut.

I couldn't even turn on the History Channel last week, looking for some soothing recreation like Iwo Jima or the battle of the Bulge, without stumbling across something called "Paddy Whacked," featuring the hunt for Whitey Bulger.

All that remains to complete the cycle is for Whitey himself to ship his manuscript out of his hiding place, complaining that he didn't whack all those people and if you don't believe him, he'll whack you, too.

He wouldn't even have to come out of hiding to do it. After all, didn't B. Traven, the author of "Treasure of the Sierra Madre," make a career of taking checks made out to "To Whom It May Concern" sent to General Delivery in Mexico.

But I digress . . .

I shudder to think of what might have happened when I was driving through Southie if I had stopped to let that elderly lady cross the street at L Street and Broadway and someone came out of the L Street Tavern and looked at me.

Knowing then what I know now, I would have fled to the safety of a crack house in Roxbury or at least to the North End into the friendly arms of the Mafia — which stands for, as an elderly Sicilian once told me, "Mothers and Fathers of Italian Ancestry."

The literary assault on that section of Boston that is south of the Fort Point Channel is so bad that Raymond Flynn, the former mayor and a son of Southie, has been calling for creation of an Irish Anti-Defamation League.

"Irish-American culture and history is under attack in America today," he said in a message faxed to the news media. "It's received extraordinary attention. I hope we can get this back on track."

We can start by changing the subtitles of Red Shea's book, "The Life and Times of South Boston's Most Honorable Mobster"

Or Kevin Weeks' book, "The Untold Story of My Life Inside Whitey Bulger's Irish Mob."

Or Patrick Nee's book, "The Inside Story of the Boston Mob-IRA Connection."

Tune in for School Committee debate

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin as they moderate an exciting, televised School Committee debate on the issues with candidates Lee Jenkins, Steve Fusco, Rick Flynn and former candidate Barbara Buckley.

Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

The hour-long debate started airing March 23 and will continue to be shown at the following times: during Our Town's regular time slots are Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursday at 8:30p.m. on Channel 10. Comcast has added two additional time slots for election season at 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Look for the details of all other future shows in the Cohasset Mariner.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Why the TOD makes economic sense

COMMENTARY

PETER BROWN

(First of two parts)

Cohasset is at important economic crossroads. Given the current and future cost pressures on our town, the EDC believes we desperately need to generate new sources of income in ways that won't hurt our quintessential character or negatively impact businesses or residents. It is a common sense strategy in the great struggle to achieve our *Economic Well Being*, a mutual sense of fiscal balance.

What can Cohasset do at this time to alleviate the long term tax impact on our homes? …Is there any good news? The answer is yes! The Economic Development Committee (EDC) believes we have found at least two new revenue sources worthy of consideration at town meeting. *They are not silver bullets, but they may have silver linings.*

The EDC recommends a YES vote on two *zoning* articles at the upcoming town meeting – Article #17, Transit Oriented District (TOD) and Article #14, Off Street Parking. Both deal with zoning changes in the 3A Highway Districts. We believe that they will *generate new commercial tax revenues* far into the future. Any 'dent' these changes make in escalating costs will be a help. *Both articles won unanimous approval of the Selectman and the Advisory Committee; the TOD secured a 4-1 vote of the Planning Board, and Parking won a 3-2 vote.*

So why does the EDC recommend these articles? Let's discuss TOD first.

The TOD would create the earliest positive impact on the town through the creation of a new zoning *overlay district*. This new district fits neatly over the existing 28-acre, Light Industry District, located just south of the new train station.

What does this article do and how will it work? It employs 'smart growth' principles to provide for a prudent level of higher density, mixed-use development in the new *TOD overlay district*. But, it *does not* infringe on adjacent residential districts. Since much of this land is now dedicated to wet lands reclamation, only 9 acres can be developed. The good news is that it limits the impact of what can be built to a scale that makes sense for Cohasset.

One of the four developable sites has the potential to quadruple its commercial taxes in 18 to 24 months. This would be a win-win solution for the town and the property owner. *But there is a catch.* If Article 17 does not pass in April, it will not likely be back in the future. Why? Because the train station is under construction now, and *now* is the *only time* a zoning article can be passed that will make it possible to coordinate development with the "T". This coordination will integrate the site with the three-acre train station and the new 3A traffic light. It will also reduce the number of curb cuts on 3A, provide better access for vehicles and pedestrians and produce a design that is better for the environment and the town.

As safeguards, the TOD overlay district requires that the developer obtain a special permit and adhere to our site plan approval process. It also provides for an expanded minimum green space along 3A of 35 feet. The bylaw also requires a fiscal impact analysis to allow the town to review in advance estimates for tax revenue and cost impact to the town.

Since we believe that there will be few school-age children in the 12-16 potential residential units in this highway development, we estimate a minimal impact on school costs.

Finally, we do not believe that the TOD will siphon business from the village, since the types of uses in the existing light industry district (coffee, dry-cleaners, antiques) will likely return in the new development, along with other transit and highway oriented businesses. This means more choices for residents and travelers. One village merchant has said that *any new way to bring new business* anywhere in Cohasset –highway or village —is a good thing.

The TOD is a win-win zoning mechanism that begins *to* address the *town's rising costs with rising revenues*. It will surely help and it won't hurt! We believe that a "YES" vote for Article # 17, as one of two ways to generate new commercial tax revenues, just makes good common sense.

Join with the EDC at this crossroad on April 1st! and help promote Cohasset's *Economic Well Being*, a decision that won't cost you a dime!

The second way to create new commercial tax revenues is the Off-Site Parking Bylaw, Article, #14, which I will review in Part 2 next week.

Peter Brown is chairman of the Economic Development Committee. He lives at 38 Atlantic Ave.

'Old Colony Square' envisioned

The following was provided by Connell Real Estate & Development Co.

New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development Co. is proceeding with plans for the redevelopment of the former Davenport parcel located at 132 Chief Justice Cushing Way (Route 3A) by the new Cohasset train station. Subject to passage of the proposed "Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District" zoning article at the April 1 Town Meeting, the developer is planning to construct as much as 34,000 square feet of new retail space along with a small number of one- and two-bedroom apartments at the site.

Careful attention is being paid by the developer to the interaction among shoppers, bikers, and residents through the use of walkways, bike paths, benches and bike racks. By incorporating these elements, the development will create a "pedestrian-friendly" environment that will afford shoppers and residents ease of access to the train station.

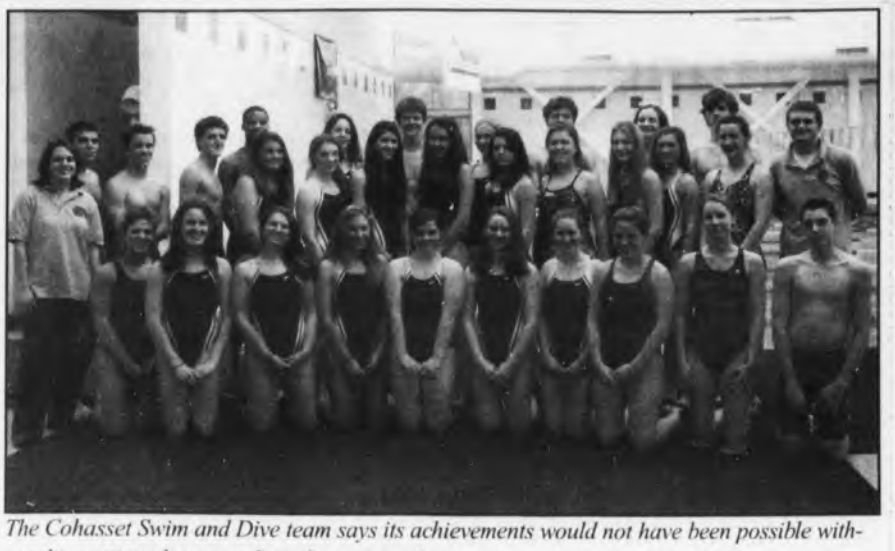
Voter approval of the TOD article would allow for "mixed-use" development in the district, including a limited number of residential units, something which is not permitted under current zoning.

An architect's rendering of 'Old Colony Square' which, if the Transit Oriented District passes Town Meeting, would be built by the Cohasset train station.

"We are extremely hopeful that the Town will see the benefits of the TOD," said Geoffrey Wolf, Chief Investment Officer for the company. "We believe that transit- and pedestrian-friendly smart growth is the wave of the future – a way to promote economic development in an environmentally conscious way, increase the commercial tax base along 3A, all while preserving the character of the Town. Old Colony Square at Cohasset Station will be an attractive gateway to the Town."

Discussions are well underway with the MBTA to coordinate linkages between the sites without impeding the strict deadline imposed by the T to open the station by mid-2007.

The developer's leasing plans are still being formulated. Although no specific tenants have been lined up for the site yet, according to Wolf a preliminary concept plan has been developed. While some of the current tenants have expressed interest in staying at the site after renovations are complete, no agreements have been reached as of yet. "We are also hopeful that we can attract a restaurant to the area," said Wolf. Town residents will get to see a glimpse of what the developer has in mind at the April 1st Town Meeting.



The Cohasset Swim and Dive team says its achievements would not have been possible without the continued support from the community.

Swim team grateful for support

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that the high school swimming season has come to a close, the Cohasset Swim and Dive team would like to thank everybody who donated their time, support and money to make the first season a success.

For a winning season, the team went 6-1 losing only slightly to Duxbury. At the league championships, the team once again place second by placing in almost every event. Competing at the State Sectional Meet, the team took 18 swimmers. We had a very successful meet, with some swimmers placing in their events. In addition, 10 swimmers qualified for the State Championship Meet.

These achievements would not have been possible without the continued support from the community. The Cohasset High School Swim Team would especially like to thank three corporate sponsors whose gifts have helped make this team possible: Coastal Nissan, Dunkin Donuts, and Ocean Builders. Also, thanks to the Cohasset Summer Swim Team who made the first donation to our team and the Cohasset Swim Center for their support and assistance. Many thanks as well to Elizabeth Kissick for her participation in the "Reach the Beach" run, and to Janet Costa who devotedly made, sold and donated the profits from 100 Wrist Wraps. Finally, a special thanks to Atlantica Restaurant who started off this successful season by hosting the Cohasset High School Swim Team Lobster Fest Fundraiser.

Once again, a final thanks to each and every person who helped make this team a success.

Mamme Daley, Captain
2005-2006
11 Ledgewood Farm Drive

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Invest in the kids!

TO THE EDITOR:

After 17 months of difficult negotiations, the Cohasset Teachers Association has reached a tentative agreement on a fair and equitable contract with the school committee. Within the next week, both groups will meet in order to formally ratify the collective bargaining agreement. The members of the Association want to thank those parents and other townspeople who offered their support during the long negotiations.

There is, however, one more important step in the process: the upcoming town meeting's consideration of the proposed overrides before the town. The outcome of the town meeting and the ballot that follows has serious ramifications for the schools and the town itself. Let there be no mistake about it: the people of Cohasset are about to make a decision that has the potential to seriously hamper the ability of the schools to provide a quality education for the children of Cohasset. Inadequate funding in recent years has created a steady erosion of services and staffing, a situation that is now approaching crisis proportions.

Teachers are closest to the day-to-day difficulties produced by inadequate funding. Several English classes in the high school have more than 25 students in them (one has 31 students!); a reading program that had served all the students in the middle school no longer exists; buildings are not manned with custodial staff at night; seniors have exhausted their course options and must sit in study halls for 90 minutes. This is not a case of "crying wolf." A once-proud system is at a turning point.

We believe that it is time for parents, other citizens, and teachers to work together to ensure that the upcoming overrides pass. No override means programs being cut, retiring teachers not being replaced, insufficient texts, unconscionably high class sizes K-12. A minimum override means contractual obligations will be met; utilities will be paid, but the process of deterioration will continue. To provide the financial resources necessary to return the schools to their past levels of excellence, the townspeople must vote in favor of both overrides in order to guarantee that the higher amount is allocated. It is time for the citizens of Cohasset to invest in the future of the public schools. The children will receive the dividends.

Please vote "YES" on both override questions.

Ed Leonard
Ed Leary
Cohasset Teachers Association

For more opinion see page 17

Sassafras Rock public hearing is March 29

There will be a public hearing Thursday, March 29 in the basement meeting room at Town Hall to discuss the proposed taking of Sassafras Rock. Article 23 on the Town Meeting Warrant would give the town authorization to take Sassafras Rock, located in Little Harbor, by eminent domain.

Little Harbor used to be a hay meadow in the 1850s and people used to own the land which is now covered by water. There are no records in town which indicate who owns Sassafras Rock, and unless ownership can be clarified, the town would like to take ownership and allow it to be properly recorded by the Board of Assessors and the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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March 13-17, 2006

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE- Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on one roll call from the week of March 13-17. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (H 4746)

House 150-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill defining and expanding the duties and powers of the Department of Early Education and Care. A key provision establishes the Massachusetts Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program, a voluntary early education program for all preschool children across the state. The department was created by the Legislature in July 2004 to consolidate existing early education and care programs under a new and streamlined independent department that would coordinate all public and private prekindergarten education and care programs and services in Massachusetts. Supporters said that the bill is another major step in the fight to provide quality pre-kindergarten education in public and private settings throughout Massachusetts. They noted that this landmark endeavor would ensure that children are prepared when they enter kindergarten. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GANG VIOLENCE AND WITNESS INTIMIDATION (H 4626)- The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Mitt Romney a bill aimed at curbing gang violence. Provisions include increased penalties for witness intimidation and $1.5 over the two years for the establishment of a statewide witness protection program.

HANDS-FREE CELL PHONES/VEHICLE INSPECTION STICKERS- The Transportation Committee approved and sent to the House legislation abolishing a current law that allows drivers to "operate a motor vehicle while using a citizens band radio or mobile telephone as long as one hand remains on the steering wheel at all times." The bill (H 2133) prohibits all drivers from operating a vehicle "while holding a mobile telephone in one or both hands or with any other part of the body" and imposes a $250 fine for a first offense and $500 for subsequent violations. It does allow the use of "hands-free" cell phones by drivers over 18 but bans junior divers under 18 from using even the hands-free devices. Junior drivers who violate the ban would face up to a one-year loss of their license and up to a $100 fine. The Committee also approved a bill (H 2257) increasing the current one-time $50 fine imposed on owners who neglect to have their motor vehicle inspected. The measure would instead impose a $50 fine for each month that the vehicle is not inspected.

HANDICAPPED PLACARDS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN/DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND MORE- The House rejected several bills including allowing pregnant women in their third trimester to be issued temporary handicapped parking placards to use through the seventh day after giving birth (H 2096); allowing all Massachusetts residents to be eligible for a driver's license, regardless of their immigration status or whether they have a social security number (H 2129); imposing up to a $500 fine or six-month jail sentence on anyone who drives a car with an accumulation of snow or ice which constitutes a threat to public safety (H 1036) and raising from 16.5 to 18 the minimum age requirement to apply for a driver's license (H 2054).

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE/MANDATE SEVEN SICK DAYS- The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development approved and sent to the House a bill (H 3782) raising the current $6.75 per hour minimum wage to $7.75 per hour over a two-year period. The committee sent to a study committee a proposal (H 3788) requiring all employers to give full-time employees at least seven sick days per year.

BAN MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS/SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME- The Health Care Committee approved a bill (H 2621) prohibiting state hospitals and mental health and retardation facilities from conducting or allowing to be conducted any medical or scientific experiments on patients without judicial authority and informed written consent of the patient or his or her legal guardian. The committee also approved a proposal (H 3952) requiring that all parents at the time of discharge from a hospital or birth center receive educational materials describing the dangers of "Shaken Baby Syndrome."

SMOKING IN MOVIES AND ON TV SHOWS (S 2123)- The Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development Committee's hearing included a bill imposing a $10,000 tax on any movie, TV program or live performance that shows any of the five leading actors using tobacco products.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEX CRIMES (S 858, S 1058 and H 3555) The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on several bills abolishing the statute of limitations that limits the time period during which child victims of sexual abuse can file criminal and civil suits.

ADOPTION BY SAME-SEX COUPLES- Gov. Romney filed legislation exempting the adoption policy of all religious organizations from the state law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Romney noted that the bill was filed in response to Catholic Charities' recent decision to terminate its state-licensed adoption program because a law allowing adoption by same-sex couples violates the group's religious beliefs. Catholic Charities is the social arm of the state's Roman Catholic Church. Romney said, "Government should not dictate to religious institutions the moral principles by which they are to carry out their charitable and divine mission." Opponents of Romney's bill say that no institution should be exempt from this state law that prohibits discrimination. Some critics of the bill have offered harsher comments including calling the church hypocritical for this recent action when viewed in light of its decades of ignoring the sexual abuse of children by priests.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

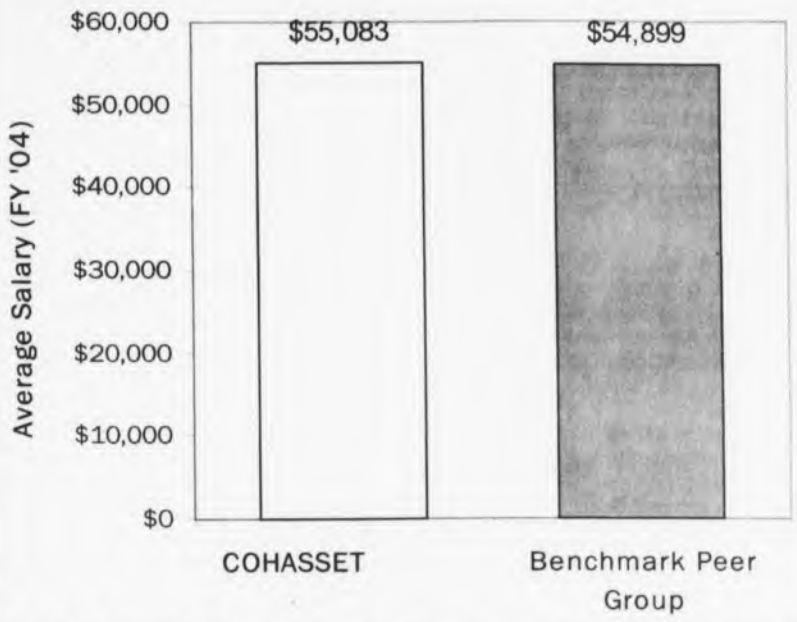
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at beaconhill@aol.com

— FIFTH IN A SERIES —

How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE

Teacher Salaries



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts.

This chart shows the average 2004 salary paid to teachers in Cohasset compared to its peer group. The salary for an individual teacher within a school district is determined by that teacher's level of education and seniority. While it does not tell the entire story, by comparing average salaries, one can get a sense for how well Cohasset's compensated its teachers relative to other similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking .com

CANDIDATES CORNER

Carr's committee grows

Ted Carr, candidate for selectman, is pleased to announce the following additions to the members of his Campaign Committee:

Committee Members: Jim and Nancy Sandell, Dr. Sam Kelley (Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts), Maria Infantine, Mike McNaught, Pamela Miles , Dorothy Green, and Peter Pescatore.

Ted encourages you to talk to his committee members about why they support him for Selectman.

Ted has knocked on over 400 homes in Cohasset and is looking forward to meeting you! In addition to neighborhood coffee hours, please visit Ted at:

- Atlantic Bagel Company: Tues/Thurs 9 -10 a.m.
- French Memories: Wednesday 3– 4 p.m.

Also, Ted has posted his analysis of the 2.5 Override issue: "Review of Trends in School Funding and Property Taxes" on his website: www.carrforcohasset.com

This report provides a clear and easy to understand slide presentation on why he supports the higher override number.

Coffee for Roger Hill

Nancy Garrison, 429 King St., will hold a coffee for Roger Hill from 6-8 p.m., Thursday March 30. To learn to more about Roger Hill, visit: www.rogerqhill.com.

Meet Jenkins at open house

Cohasset hostesses Nancy Garrison, Polly Logan, Julie Guild and Edythe Ford are holding an open house on Saturday, March 25 from 4-7p.m. at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St. Stop by and meet candidate for school committee, Lee Jenkins, and find out where she really stands on issues that matter to you.

Prior to the event, you can explore Lee's website: ElectLeeJenkins.com

For further information about the campaign or if you would like to assist in any way, please contact Lee at 781-383-0024 or her campaign coordinator, Karen Quigley at 781-383-6368.

Fusco plans event

Cohasset residents are invited to join Steven Fusco, Candidate for School Committee, at the following event tomorrow evening. During the reception, Steve hopes to hear from voters about their concerns, as well as discuss his experience and commitment to the Cohasset

Schools. Please join Steve for a wine and cheese reception at the home of Collette and Steve McElhinney, 145 Fairoaks Lane on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. (RSVP 3-1383).

Fusco's website is www.stevenfusco.org. If you would like to make a campaign contribution, please make your check out to:

Committee to Elect Steven Fuscoc/o Richard Avery, Treasurer22 Surry Dr. Cohasset, MA 02025.

Flynn committee forms

The Committee to Elect Rick Flynn announces its formation to support Rick in his bid for re-election to the Cohasset School Committee. The committee is chaired by John Brown with Debbie Shadd as Treasurer. Anyone interested in volunteering to help can contact John Brown at 383-6468, Debbie

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK -SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For school committee candidates: *Is block scheduling at the high school all it's cut out to be and what impact, if any, does it have on the availability of electives?*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Lee Jenkins

Since it began in the '97-'98 school year, block scheduling has had vocal supporters and critics. I will evaluate block scheduling by applying my program of 'Progress Through Priorities'. These priorities include:

1. Focusing resources in the classroom;
2. Providing a strong foundation in areas of study essential to our students' lifelong success;
3. Returning Cohasset to one of the top school districts in the state;
4. Taming the growth in non-classroom positions;
5. Creating annual budgets with Proposition 2 1/2 in mind while being aware of the current budget for potential deficits and enacting immediate solutions.

One question, therefore, is whether block scheduling focuses resources in the classroom. Another is whether it provides a strong foundation in areas of study essential to our students' lifelong success.

To answer these questions, the school board should appoint a committee to study in-depth the actual impact of block scheduling, positive and negative, on our classrooms and students. A comparison of SAT, AP and achievement scores beginning five-years prior to the inception of block scheduling is mandatory. The block scheduling debate has been going on for many years, and there is a great deal of research supporting both sides, but we have a small school system, so any comparative data should reflect similar size communities.

The study should take into account the concerns and recommendations of our Curriculum Renewal Committee and determine whether the same, a modified block schedule or returning to a traditional schedule will better meet our curriculum needs. The study should also address whether special needs students may be especially disadvantaged by longer classes, and assess any negative impact on our music and gym programs.

Only after we have thoroughly investigated this type of schedule will we be prepared to make any necessary changes that are best for the students in our care.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Rick Flynn

Block scheduling has been in existence in Cohasset for many years and most people feel that it is " **all it's cut out to be**". From parents to educators to students, the feeling is that block scheduling is a positive scheduling tool for education.

From a student's perspective it help students move through classes more quickly on a year to year basis thereby giving students the ability to proceed more quickly through required courses and allows them the ability to focus on specific concentrations, such as math, the sciences or languages later on in their high school career.

From a teaching perspective block scheduling gives teachers more time on task with the subject matter allowing a better focus and more in depth lessons. The teachers and students benefit from longer periods especially for AP courses where more subject matter can be covered during the school year resulting in better test scores and improved college acceptances. Even in terms of 10th grade MCAS results, Cohasset students tend to score better than average because our students have taken more math classes by the time the test has been administered.

From a cost standpoint block scheduling is more efficient in terms of staffing. If we were to revert back to traditional scheduling we would require additional teaching staff for more classes that also would require additional prep time.

The bottom line is that our class sizes are growing because our overall enrollment keeps growing. The only way we can address the size issue is to hire more teaching staff to be able to get back to more manageable class sizes. Block scheduling is not the culprit in terms of class size and education costs. We need to take an honest look at the issues and not blame block scheduling for our problems.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Steve Fusco

I do believe we should always explore new and creative teaching techniques. Block scheduling in its most common form attempts to extend classes into a more intensive structure. For instance, instead of having six or seven classes during the day you would have only three or four. The core concept is fewer classes provide more in depth coverage of the topics and as a result make classes less stressful for the students.

I could find very few published results on the impact of block scheduling on Cohasset Schools. Only source was the Curriculum Renewal Committee Report stating that SATs increased by 50 points in social studies when the students were allowed to "study what interested them."

However, other schools using block scheduling found it more difficult to schedule electives into the student's schedules. Some concerns of teachers are that it's difficult to keep students engaged in a subject for 90 minutes and if a student is out sick for two days it will be the equivalent of missing four classes. This type of learning may cause a larger gap in sequencing of classes. Critics of block scheduling also claim it diminishes opportunities for review, especially where "year-long" courses are compressed into a single semester and the practice may actually serve to diminish student performance.

In 1996 Lexington High School implemented this type of scheduling for three years as part of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education that provided a combination of traditional (49-60 minute) and longer (87 minute) class periods. The Lexington High School faculty voted to revert to traditional-length classes for 1997-1998. I believe we should explore and implement new teaching techniques, but carefully monitor metrics and results. Like many parents in town I would like to see the school share the block scheduling metrics at our High School.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For School Committee candidates: *Are the pay and benefits for Cohasset teachers falling behind area towns making Cohasset less able to attract and retain talented teachers?*

For Selectman candidates: *If the sewer capacity issue could be resolved, would you be in favor of more downtown housing above the local shops or could this hurt the village character?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Absentee ballots are available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 8 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 7 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Voting absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open
- Physical disability
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by April 8 to be counted.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK -SELECTMAN

For selectman candidates: *Has the SMROD helped ease the affordable housing problem for Cohasset senior citizens, as hoped, or instead provided a glut of housing for wealthy baby-boomers?*

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

As a selectman, I will work to deliver the maximum level of affordable housing at the Cook Estate project for Cohasset's senior citizens. There are important things we can do now to deliver on the best hopes for our senior housing bylaw. Unfortunately, the Town has not fully done so to date.

Town meeting passed the '55 Plus' zoning change, called the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District (SMROD), in November of 2002. It is the legal basis for both Cedarmere (104 units) and The Cook Estate (48 units). These 2 projects will produce a total of 38 affordable units. This is the only significant number of affordable housing units built in Cohasset since the Harborview senior complex was built in the 1970s.

The criticism of SMROD is both that many Cohasset seniors don't meet the affordability definitions mandated by the state, and that it will produce too many 'upper end' highly priced units. As a selectman I will work with the Board's housing consultant and the Cohasset Housing Partnership (CHP) to figure out how we can produce greater levels of 'middle-income' affordability at Cook. Perhaps we can use some funds from the Town Community Preservation Act fund to subsidize greater affordability. We should also consider a final 'tweak' to the SMROD bylaw, at the fall town meeting, to provide greater middle-income affordable units.

We can't forget that as the affordable units at Cedarmere and Cook are built, the Town will be in compliance with Chapter 40B of Massachusetts law for several years. This is true although we will remain short of the 10 percent total affordable requirement. Unless we show compliance with 40B, Cohasset will remain exposed to the exploitive use of the law by developers like Avalon seeking to bypass our local zoning controls.

SELECTMAN/Ted Carr

The Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District (SMORD) is a Cohasset program created in 2002 and amended in 2004. The intention was appropriate: establish a program to address the needs of its aging population. However, implementation has been more difficult, and the need has been fulfilled in other ways. Thus, with unanimous support, Cohasset is proposing to sunset this program in Article 15 of the town warrants. That said, I do believe that SMORD has benefited Cohasset Senior Citizens.

SMORD changed our zoning laws to allow development of potential senior housing in (i) existing multi-family development properties; and (ii) new developments for persons who live independently over the age of 55 who meet certain financial requirements. Due to appreciation in their property values, however, many of our senior citizens would not meet these thresholds. In this sense, many of our neighbors are the wealthy baby-boomers referenced in the question.

Although focused on affordability, SMORD also encouraged development of properties that would have a friendly floor plan for an aging community. A master bathroom on the first floor, fewer stairways, and reduced maintenance are critical to an aging population, regardless of their financial position. The program thus promoted friendlier housing options for our aging community.

Having seen many solutions to the aging population issue as the former Director of Operations for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, SMORD was a useful means of addressing the needs of Cohasset's aging community. It promoted development of affordable and age-friendly housing, even if such housing was not developed under its sponsorship. We now have various developments in progress that meet the targeted level of 20 percent of town dwellings: the Cook Estate, Cedarmere, and Avalon. This level is more than adequate to provide Cohasset senior citizens with alternative housing options so that they can remain a part of our community.

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An analysis about how Cohasset schools measure up

COMMENTARY

PAUL CARLSON

Due to the override debate, I became curious about where our school system stands versus other similar towns in Massachusetts. Based on my analysis of the MCAS results and other data on the Massachusetts DOE website, I have concluded that:

- Our students are doing great in English/Reading.
- The students' record in Mathematics has been disappointing, lagging behind both the comparable towns and the level we achieve in English/Reading.
- Our Science program has been very weak. Of the 13 school systems in my study, we managed to do better than only one in 2005.
- In 2005 our students did particularly poorly in eighth grade Mathematics and in fourth grade English and Mathematics.
- Our per pupil school spending and our student/teacher ratio are very close to comparable towns.

We need to focus our resources to resolve these deficiencies before the schools introduce new initiatives.

How are the schools doing historically?

The average percentage of all our students who have attained the Proficient and Advanced MCAS scores for English/Reading and Mathematics tests for the past five years have been:

See Table I
Average Cohasset MCAS Scores for the Past Five Years

The English/Reading score includes test results for English and Reading given grades 10, seven, four and three, the Mathematics tests given in grades 10, eight, six, and four and the Science/Tech tests given the past three years in grades eight and five. The 81 percent figure for English/Reading in 2005 indicates that 81 percent of all students taking these MCAS tests in 2005 earned either the Proficient or the Advanced scores. The other 19 percent earned the Needs Improvement or Warning/Failed scores. The Total score for 2005 shows that 69 percent of our students earned the Proficient or Advanced scores. Unfortunately, 31 percent also had failing scores – an unacceptably high reading.

The English/Reading scores appear to be remarkably consistent indicating showing our schools are performing well. The Mathematics scores are somewhat more volatile and are considerably lower than the English/Reading. We should be able to do better.

Sadly, our students are doing very poorly in the Science/Tech tests where in 2005 only 52 percent of our students were able to pass – 48 percent failed. Our eighth graders had a 38 percent pass rate which marginally beat the state average of 33 percent and lagged the Benchmark group by 19 points. In the three years these tests have been given, our students have done poorly.

How are we doing compared to other towns?

I have used two groups of towns for comparison purposes. The Benchmark Peer Group featured in the Cohasset Mariner the past few weeks includes the 20 communities in Massachusetts most similar to Cohasset. Since some of these communities belong to large regional educational systems, I have analyzed fourteen communities in twelve comparable school systems.

The local peer group includes Hingham, Duxbury and Norwell.

Table II shows detailed results for the same tests in the table above for 2005 and 2003. The scores with the largest differences (five or more points) versus the Benchmark Average are highlighted. Only one of the 12 highlighted figures beats the Benchmark and that occurred in 2003. In 2005 our students scored significantly below the Benchmark in five of the 10 tests.

- The average of the two science tests was a full thirteen points below the Benchmark towns in 2005; 18 percent of the eighth graders had the lowest possible score.
- Our fourth graders scored poorly on both the English and the Mathematics scores.
- Our eighth graders did poorly in Mathematics; fully 20 percent had the lowest score.

How did our eighth graders go from having very good math scores in 2003 when they were in sixth grade and 2001 (fourth grade) to deficient scores in 2005?

Our Total score for 2005 was five points below the Benchmark group and slightly below the local towns. In the three local towns, the total results were Duxbury – 66, Hingham – 71 and Norwell – 77 compared to our 69.

This year we are being asked to dig deeply to fund school spending. However, the department's requests do not address the academic problems.

See Table II
Cohasset MCAS Scores vs. Benchmark Group and Local Peer Group 2005 and 2003

What resources are we giving the schools?

The Massachusetts DOE also provides data about school operations. Table III shows some of that data for Cohasset, the Benchmark Group and the local towns.

See Table III
Other Educational Indicators

Our school spending is in line with both the Benchmark Group and the local communities. Our student/teacher ratio and our regular spending per pupil are also very close to the figures for the local communities. The difference in total spending versus the local communities reflects our much higher per pupil Special Education (SPED) spending – ninth highest of 290 reporting school systems.

Conclusion

This year we are being asked to dig deeply to fund school spending. However, the department's requests do not address the academic problems. As a taxpayer, I would appreciate answers from the school committee/ administration regarding what has been done and what will be done to address the serious deficiencies outlined in this report, particularly the disheartening performance of:

- The Science/Technology program;
- The fourth grade English and Mathematics programs; and
- The eighth grade Mathematics program.

We should also develop a program to bring the math scores up to the excellent levels' we are achieving in English/Reading.

Very simply, our students, parents, and taxpayers deserve better.

Cohasset has developed an excellent cadre of strong, committed teachers. We should encourage and enable this team to get our educational program back to where it belongs. However, until the school committee tells us how these deficiencies will be addressed, I will be very reluctant to support the massive $1.5 million override.

Lastly, regardless of your position please join the Town Meeting on April 1 and vote for the town officials on April 8. Everyone's participation is important.

Paul Carlson lives at 18 Old Coach Road.

Table I
Average Cohasset MCAS Scores for the Past Five Years

	English/ Reading	Mathematics	Eng/Read & Math	Science & Tech	Total
2005	81	67	74	52	69
2004	81	73	77	68	75
2003	82	65	73	60	70
2002	82	69	76		76
2001	84	71	78		78

Table II
Cohasset MCAS Scores vs. Benchmark Group and Local Peer Group
2005 and 2003

	Cohasset		Benchmark Average		Local Peers Average	
	2005	2003	2005	2003	2005	2003
English – 10th Grade	90	82	89	87	90	87
7th	89	90	88	88	88	84
4th	60	74	70	75	64	53
Reading – 3rd	84	80	81	82	81	74
Average English/Reading	81	82	82	83	81	74
Math – 10th Grade	89	64	86	78	89	78
8th	56	71	66	64	56	62
6th	71	68	71	69	67	61
4th	52	56	61	62	55	57
Average Math	67	65	71	68	67	65
Science/Tech – 8th Grade	38	46	56	60	48	64
5th	65	73	74	73	73	68
Average Science/Tech	52	60	65	67	61	66
Average Total	69	70	74	74	71	69

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Table III
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	Cohasset	Benchmark Average	Local Peers Average
Average Enrollment 2005-06	1,515	2,634	3,109
Student/Teacher Ratio 2005-06	15.5	13.5	15.0
Graduates to 4 Year Colleges 2005	91 percent	88 percent	85 percent
Spending Per Pupil: 2004-05			
Regular (excluding SPED)	$7,373	$7,848	$7,421
Total (with SPED)	8,894	9,261	8,258
Students in SPED 2005-06	12.2 percent	14.2 percent	14.1 percent

IT'S HAPPENING

First-ever Cohasset Family Feud April 7

A historic moment in game show history will take place on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m., at Cohasset High School. The first ever Cohasset Family Feud will be emceed by Rich Ofsthun. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee to fund post-prom activities. To play, ask friends, neighbors, or family to form a five-member team. Each team member pays $25 to play for a total of $125 total per team. Minimum age to play is 10 years old. Call 781-383-9396 for more information. Mail team registration information and the $125 team registration fee to Kathy Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, Cohasset, MA 02025. Make checks payable to the Post Prom Committee '06. Registration deadline is March 24 and is limited to the first 16 teams.

Bone marrow drive is Saturday

A bone marrow drive will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, on March 25, from 10am to 4pm. All people in good health between the ages of 18-59 are eligible. 16 and 17 year olds are eligible with parental consent. This drive is covered by Mass insurance. People should have their insurance information ready. Thank you for all you cooperation. Please call 781-383-1852) or e-mail Paul Pozniak at (freemind008@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Spring Soiree at Black Rock

The Social Service League of Cohasset will host a Spring Soiree featuring auctioneer Dan Flynn, on Saturday evening, April 1, at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

Tickets are $100 per person and include wine and dinner. For more information call the Social Service League at 781-383-0771.

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Chartis Tebbetts is Democrat of the Year

By Susan Kent
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has named Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts as the 2006 Cohasset Democrat of the Year. Tebbetts has been an active Massachusetts Democrat for 40 years, but her commitment to service, curiosity in the world around her and respect for individual rights and dignity began much earlier than that. Growing up in the Midwest, she learned from her father, a current events and history teacher, and her mother, an avid follower of international developments and the daughter of a diplomat, the importance of knowing and understanding what is happening in the world. Tebbetts' life has embodied the call to think globally and act locally.

As a young girl, her interest in the Korean War and fascination with the Army-McCarthy hearings became a touchstone for her lifelong work against war and intolerance. After graduating from Wellesley College with a degree in psychology, Tebbetts took a job working in the State House for Kevin White when he was Secretary of the Commonwealth. Several years later, Tebbetts and her husband, Jack Langmaid, came to Cohasset and started a family. Tebbetts worked in the schools and became an enthusiastic member of the League of Women Voters, an association she continues to this day. Tebbetts believes that the League's work to give each voter the opportunity to become familiar with the issues is key to an informed electorate and a healthy democracy.

After her husband's death, Tebbetts continued to be active in politics and groups working toward greater understanding and respect for the individual. She is a co-founder of the South Shore Peace Forum, established prior to the first war in Iraq, which continues to hold weekly vigils to remind people that peace is an option, and war is not the only answer. Tebbetts is also an active member of South Shore Civil Marriage for All, because simply sitting on the sidelines and not actively supporting any group's civil rights is not an option. Tebbetts is a Democrat because she believes in government and the good it can do to improve individuals' lives and achieve the common good.

Tebbetts ran a very vigorous campaign for the Democratic nomination for State Senate in 1992. She was a member off the Cohasset School Committee and she is the co-chairman of the Cohasset Diversity Committee. She is also the former chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

An avid tennis player and a killer bridge competitor, Tebbetts is very active in her church and a member of the choir, she is also a member of the South Shore Choral Arts Society. Tebbetts is most proud that her children share her interests and appear to enjoy being politically active.

Tebbetts and her husband, Edwin "Ned" Tebbetts, a previous Cohasset Democrat of the Year honoree, remain enthusiastic Democrats and active and extremely supportive members of the Town Committee.

Taking a hands-on approach to health

By Samantha Brown
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"There will be a little bit of everything."
— Norma Sellier, coordinator

Seeking out holistic health remedies and products is becoming increasingly common as patients look for ways they can proactively take charge of their overall well-being. In fact, many holistic practices are used in conjunction with traditional medicine and together, patients report it works wonders.

To help spread the word about the many different holistic modalities available to residents on the South Shore with highly trained and experienced holistic practitioners, medical intuitive and sound therapist Norma Sellier has coordinated the Everything Holistic Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase. The Showcase will take place Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue, next to Town Hall. Admission is $6 per person, and children under 12 years old are free.

Sellier has her practice out of the Chiropractic and Holistic Healing Center in Hanover, and is the founder of Holistic Celebrations, a company dedicated to holistic healing methods, as well as Women With Wings, a virtual women's center which strives to empower women. Women With Wings is a co-sponsor of the event along with Good Health Food Store, which has stores in Hanover and Quincy. Proceeds from the event will go to both Women With Wings and the Second Congregational Church.

"There will be a little bit of everything," said Sellier, adding by experiencing a variety of holistic methods, residents will be able to decide through hands-on experiences what works for them. She said many health and wellness expos only provide demonstrations but do not allow those who attend to participate, which in her opinion, sets this day of wellness apart.

Dr. Kate McDonough, founder of the Chiropractic and Holistic Healing Center in Hanover, will be on hand during the Practitioners Showcase and will be showing those who attend her unique and gentle methods of bringing balance and alignment to the body. To correct and balance the spine, McDonough uses a small spring-loaded instrument. The adjustment occurs in the blink of an eye without any cracking or popping noises.

"People are struggling, more than ever, to find balance in their lives, to be healthier both in their outlook on life and in their physical beings," said McDonough. "The practice of chiropractic has been around for more than one hundred years, assisting people in their quest for healthier balance in the mental, physical, and spiritual realms."

Breathwork facilitator Tara Nieves will also be available for consultation at the Practitioner's Showcase. Nieves works out of The Flexibility Center in Hingham, and has facilitated groups and individuals through a variety of educational and therapeutic modalities over the past 12 years.

Nieves says by consciously breathing in an integrated, rhythmic way with a facilitator, individuals are able to awaken their inner wisdom in a safe, comfortable setting. During breath awakening sessions, programs are designed to empower each individual client to connect with his or her sense of self and life purpose. It brings awareness to beliefs and patterns that keep one from healthy, joyful living. In turn, the client is empowered to examine those beliefs and patterns and make new choices that lead to a fuller, more joyful life.

Diane Scott, a board certified homeopath whose practice, Quantum Homeopathics is located in the Harmony Wellness Center in Hanover, will present the technology of Quantum Biofeedback during the Practitioners Showcase. She will discuss how it works to reduce stress and improve physical, mental, spiritual, environmental, and cognitive health, as well as specific stress related health concerns.

The biofeedback device scans the client's body like a virus scan on a computer, calculating the body's evoked potential response and resonance to everything from viruses, nutritional deficiencies, allergies and food sensitivities. Biological reactivity in the body indicates needs, dysfunctions, and vulnerabilities. The technology behind the device is based on quantum physics, and energetic and vibrational healing, much the same at Cat Scans, MRIs, ultrasound and TENS therapy, which uses electrodes to stimulate nerves for pain relief.

Natural Medicine Consultant Jackie Bell whose practice is located in Plymouth, will be sharing the technology she uses to assess breast health. Bell uses Regulation Thermography — a medical device which is able to evaluate the health of the autonomic nervous system in and around major organs, glands and lymph. It has an electronic sensor that takes temperature readings on the skin at 100 points on the body, including all the teeth.

The test is a functional test where temperature readings are taken at each point before and after a person stands for 10 minutes with their upper body exposed. During the 10-minute exposure time, the body stabilizes and acclimates in an effort to maintain a constant internal temperature, as we are warm blooded. The regulatory changes from the internal organs to skin will be reflected in a change in the skin temperature which is measured and recorded by the sensor. The body's ability to heal itself is rooted in the autonomic nervous system, and if it can be determined where the system is not working properly, the process of restoring it can begin.

Also on hand during the day will be David Snieckus, a macrobiotic counselor and chef, who will be lecturing at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and will also be giving his top ten list for eating and cooking delicious and nutritious foods for optimal health and happiness.

There will be events for children, as Lori Rohleder, an independent representative for Barefoot Books will also bring work which opens the hearts and minds of children from all walks of life. Mikki Cully, an internationally known visionary artist and author will host a coloring Mandala workshop, which will use angel images as a foundation for self-exploration and understanding. Thoughts and feelings reach expressions in images rather than words. Children may also enter an angel coloring contest.

Sellier hopes by the end of the day, South Shore residents will have a greater awareness and be willing to explore the many holistic modalities that can be used as alternative avenues to staying healthy.

At a glance

What: Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase. Holistic practitioners will be on hand to explain and allow the public to experience a variety of holistic healing modalities.

When: Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset (next to Town Hall).

How much: Admission is $6 and children under 12 years old are free.

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6th, 8th grade boys experience success

Editor's Note: The seventh graders' playoff season was still in progress as of the Mariner's press time. The following is a recap of the recently completed sixth and eighth grade boys' seasons.

Ending their three year tenure in the highly competitive Patriot League, the 8th grade boys achieved their goal of making it to the playoffs.

They faced off against number-1 seed Taunton in a grueling matchup. Although they came out on the low end of the score, the 8's gave it all they had for the entire game.

The season started last November with twice a week practices and weekend games. Joe Campbell and Mike Kearney were the coaches. The highlight of the season was a five game win streak in the heart of the season. This run put the 8's in good position for a playoff berth.

The 8's were a balanced squad, combining speed, toughness, agility and strength. Robby McCunney was the team's point guard, combining great athleticism with skillful playmaking. McCunney's vertical leap was the biggest on the team. McCunney scored from the inside and out, and was explosive going coast to coast.

John "Floor Burns" Kearney was the team's best and scrappiest defender. Kearney was a key playmaker, with heads up great ball movement. Kearney's fierce play on the floor ignited his teammates into action. Johnny Maher stepped up and played several positions on the floor, often playing out of position against taller opponents. Maher, according to Coach Kearney, "is destined to have a great varsity career." Maher is a clutch scorer and a strong defender.

Kevin O'Connell, according to Coach K, "has the purest outside shot on the team." O'Connell drained threes and long range jumpers with ease, making them look almost effortless. Big man Dan Sullivan was the most improved player on the squad. Sullivan developed super positioning in the paint, getting second chance scoring opportunities.

Dana Valentine is a bundle of raw talent, displaying physical force on both ends of the court. Valentine's use of strength and speed kept games moving and opponents winded.

Guard Will Wise had a terrific season. He managed the perimeter of the court and kept the ball moving with great passing. Wise developed a great short range jump shot that will serve him well as he moves on to the next level.

With Jeff Charles in the game, a new level of energy emerged. Charles was a great dribbling clinician, keeping the defense on their toes. Charles was consistent from the charity stripe, giving his team points when they needed them.

Brendan Doonan, also a terrific hockey player, played every moment with grit and determination. His natural athletic ability propelled him to great playmaking offensively and defensively. Doonan was a strong rebounder, with a great inside game and was solid from the free throw line.

Taylor McQuade, the team's premier shot blocker, was the king of inside positioning. He was the team's best inside defender and he played the low post well. McQuade could be counted on for clutch baskets down low when is team needed them.

JoDi Rosano brought agility and speed to the team. Rosano possesses solid fundamentals in the game, and was never afraid to take "one for the team."

Coaches Campbell and Kearney did a terrific job preparing this team for the next level of basketball in their careers, instilling in the boys a desire to win, a need to be competitive and a level of sportsmanship that helped them win with grace and lose with dignity.

The sixth grade boys ended what was a fine inaugural season in the competitive Patriot League, one game shy of making the playoffs.

Watching these young hoopsters develop over the course of the 18-game season was fun. They provided many nailbiting moments and finished with dignity. Matt Salerno and Bill Allard coached these young boys well.

As teams go, this group epitomized the word "team." They

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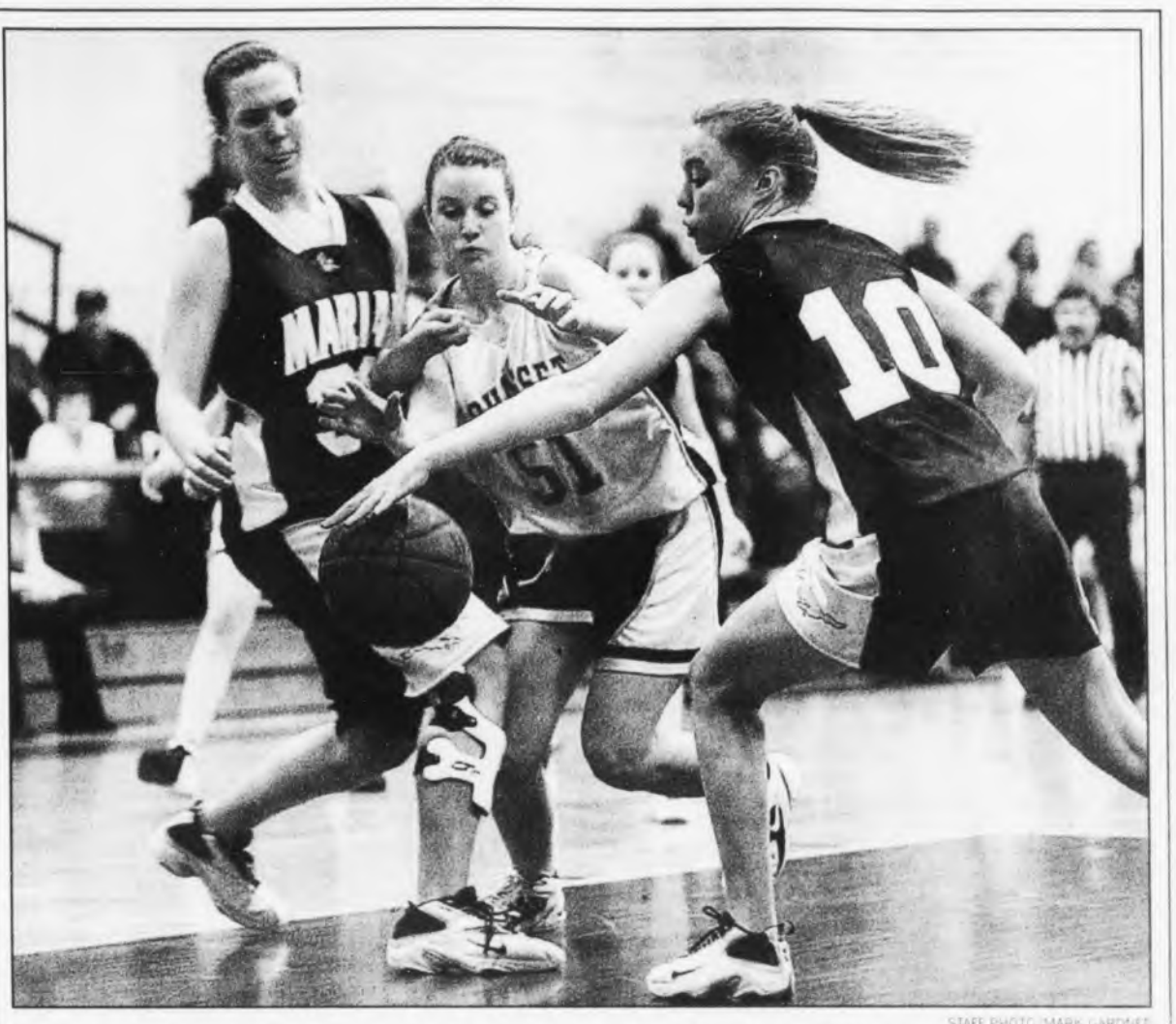

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Haley Haracz always makes her presence known on the court with her hustle, as Marian found out during the teams' state tournament game.

Haley flies under the radar

Haracz's contributions go beyond the scoreboard

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

She doesn't hit the radar screen as a high scoring basketball star. She doesn't rip down the most rebounds. Sometimes, her name does not even appear in the starting lineup.

But, if ever there was a local sports icon that represents total dedication to team play, reliability and behind-the-scenes defensive strength, it would be Cohasset junior Haley Haracz. This player contributes more to the team than anyone will ever know.

About Haracz, girls basketball head coach John Levangie said, "With all of her experience, Haley will play a very major role next year on the team.

"She is both extremely easy to coach and very athletic. What more could a coach ask for in his players?"

Without missing a beat, Haracz just does her thing at the forward position game after game. In the end, this consistency sets her apart from the rest of the crowd.

The story all began about nine years ago when Haracz and her family moved to Cohasset from Illinois. Her father quickly set up a basketball hoop in the driveway. She decided to take some shots, and the rest is history.

"My dad, my sister, and I would always be out there," recalled Haracz. "We would start little pick-up games and just shoot around." She adds that, besides her current coach, her father has sparked her interest in the game.

By the fourth grade, Haracz joined the town league. Year after year she consistently progressed in her basketball skills. When Haracz was a freshman, Levangie, then in his first year at Cohasset, spotted her talent and subbed her into some varsity games.

Last year Haracz came out of the woodwork in a big way. Fans will remember her game-winning free throws against Hull on Feb. 9, 2005. With 20 seconds left on the shot clock she drew a foul and connected on both foul shots. Besides winning by a 37-36 score, the victory catapulted the Skippers into the playoffs.

On a personal level, Haracz did not experience any dramatic situations this year. Instead, as a power forward, she reliably contributed to rebounds, scoring, assists, and, most of all, to the defense.

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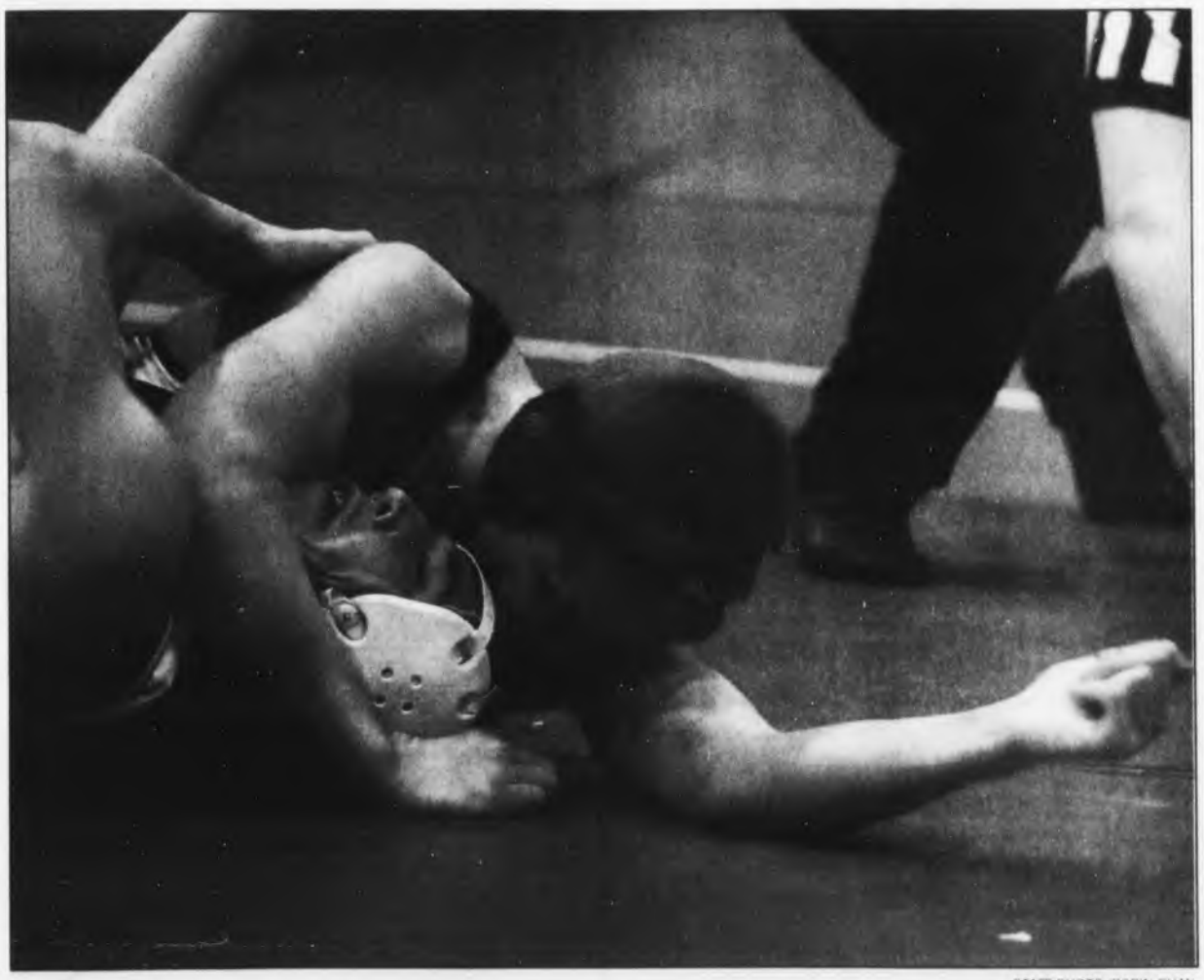

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Cohasset's Gannon Dorian has a hold of Holbrook's Nick Nielson during the teams' Feb. 1 dual meet. Dorian is one of several underclassmen in the CHS wrestling program with a potentially bright future.

Wrestling with the future

CHS grapplers lose four key members to caps and gowns; several talented returnees will be back

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After winning the Division 3 state title in 2004-05, the Cohasset wrestling team came into the season with the proverbial bullseye on its back.

The Skippers' regular season had its ups and downs, and the team entered the Division 3 state tournament as the 5-seed (out of six teams).

It is in that first round, however, that Cohasset came up as big as they had all season with a win over a Canton team that had blown them out during the season. As the program looks ahead to next year, some of the wins in that match give a lot of hope that the team can continue its recent success.

Returning underclassmen Adam Smith, Steven Hurlburt and Mike Froio all won crucial matches in Canton. Smith, in particular, improved quite a bit as the season wore on. The junior, who generally competes in the 135-pound division, also picked up a win in the sectional semifinal loss to eventual South champion Pembroke. At 125, Froio also won his match against his Titans opponent.

Other highlights from the season include:

Marshfield Tournament

At the weekly Christmas vacation competition, senior Shane Dorian finished second out of nearly 30 wrestlers in the 145 pound weight class. Dorian's only loss came in the championship match to Plymouth South's Vinnie Renaut, who recently won New Englands.

It was a precursor of things to come for Dorian, who went on to compete in All-States for the second straight season.

Also at Marshfield, junior Ryan McLellan took fourth place at 112, and senior Dave McKenna finished sixth in a 152-pound class that Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney said throughout the season was the toughest in the state.

Cohasset Tournament

Dorian, McKenna and McLellan put on a show for the home fans, all winning their respective classes for the host team.

McLellan came up big for Cohasset all season long, and his

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All-Scholastic boys basketball team

Cohasset's McCarthy named an Honorable Mention

Editor's Note: The Mariner's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: girls basketball.

Ron Dunn - Junior
Center - Abington

The Green Wave's big man in the middle, Dunn was a force to be reckoned with under the hoop...At 6'5", Dunn was the leading scorer and rebounder on the Abington team and was among the top in the South Shore League...The first-year starter was fourth in the SSL in scoring with an average 17 points per game...He also pulled down 11 boards per outing, averaging a double-double for the season...An SSL All-star, Dunn helped lead the Green Wave to a 14-8 record and berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney...There, Abington knocked off Hanover before running into SSL rival Norwell in the next round...The Green Wave was edged 55-51...His performance in the team's own Green Wave tourney helped Abington win the title for the second-straight year, knocking off Hanover and Bishop Stang...A linebacker on the AHS Div. 4 Super Bowl championship football team, Dunn will return to both sports next year. Abington coach Don Byron: "Ron has real soft hands and real quick feet. He's a good athlete for a kid his size."

Tim Wells - Junior
Guard - Abington

Not just a talented football player, Wells 6'1" was also a force on the basketball court for the Green Wave...At point-guard, Wells ran the offense for Abington this season, knowing when to shoot and when to give the ball up...His ability to find players in the middle, like fellow All-Scholastic Ron Dunn, was largely responsible for the Abington team's 14-8 season and tourney berth...Wells scored points when needed, but made his biggest impact on defense, consistently disrupting opposing offenses...A first-year starter, Wells' tenacious D and scoring ability helped the Green Wave finish 7-5 in the challenging South Shore League and earn All-star status because of it...He was an essential part of a team that won its own Green Wave Invite for the second-straight year and nearly knocked off SSL rival Norwell in the Div. 3 South tourney (falling 55-51)...Scored 27 points in a first round win over Hanover...A standout receiver/quarterback on the AHS football team last fall, Wells will return to both squads next year. Abington coach Don Byron: "He has great instincts off the ball as a defender."

Brian Ellis -
Junior (Capt.)
Forward - Braintree

In his first year as a starter, the 6-foot-4 Ellis emerged as one of the Bay State Conference's elite players...Averaged team-best 19 points per game and led the Wamps in rebounding...One of four unanimous selections to the conference All-Star team, joining standouts Anthony Gurley and Corey Lowe of Newton North and Dedham's Kinard Dozier...Developed an outside game to go with his already considerable post skills, consistently hitting 18-foot jump shots when left open...Also made six 3-pointers on the season...Had a game for the ages in the Division 1 South first round win over West Roxbury, scoring a career-high 34 points to go with 15 rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks...Scored a then career-best 29 points in Feb. 16 win against rival Weymouth...Notched 21 points in a key January win over league foe Brookline...Plays AAU ball for the Bay State Magic...Also plays soccer and volleyball for BHS, and was a league All-Star goalie last fall...Will lead a talented group of returning underclassmen...Braintree coach Bob Crook: "Brian is perhaps one of the top three players I've coached. He's a really terrific player, and he's made himself extremely hard to cover."

Jim Torney -
Senior (Capt.)
Center - Braintree

The Wamps will certainly miss this 6-foot-7 presence in the paint next season...A second team Bay State Conference All-Star, Torney averaged over 11 points per game and was second on the team in rebounding, behind fellow All-Scholastic Brian Ellis...Possesses a nice touch around the basket, is a good passer, and gets his share of blocked shots...Was named Braintree's MVP at the Hall of Fame Classic at Massasoit after scoring 24 points in two games against Rockland and Cardinal Spellman...Was a key contributor in the Wamps' Division 1 South first round victory over West Roxbury, finishing with 14 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks while playing through an illness...Notched 15 points and 10 boards in a January win over Weymouth...Praised by his coach for his leadership and impact on the program's younger players...Also pitches for the BHS baseball team...Braintree coach Bob Crook: "The thing that goes unnoticed sometimes with Jim is that he was our best passer. Often times, it was Jim that found [leading scorer] Brian [Ellis] for a lot of baskets."

James Carven -
Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Hanover

Was one of just a handful of veterans on the young 8-12 Indians squad this season and more than did his part as a senior leader...The senior captain and guard was the leading scorer on the Hanover squad this winter averaging just over 11 points per game...This put him fifth among scorers in the Patriot League's Fisher Div...Carven's athleticism made him a successful scorer despite being the focus of virtually every opposing defense...The Patriot League All-star regularly scored in double-figures for the Indians, guiding the squad to a second place finish (6-2) in the Fisher Div., thus clinching a tourney berth...There, Carven racked up 20 points in a preliminary round loss to Abington...Perhaps better known for his football skills, Carven was a four-year starting quarterback and defensive back on the HHS team...He plans to continue his football career on a full scholarship to UMass.

Neil Creahan -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

Was a major reason why the Harbormen recorded one of its best seasons in recent years...Creahan was the leading scorer in the Patriot League's Keenan Div. this season with an average 18 points per game for the Harbormen...The 6'4" forward's presence in the paint was undeniable as he stacked up against some of the area's best big-men...Creahan hung tough with a very tall Duxbury team in a pair of losses to the Green Dragons, which won a Div. 2 state title this past weekend...His play helped guide Hingham to 13-7 overall record and 9-4 mark in all of the Patriot League, taking second overall in the Keenan Div. behind Duxbury...The squad reached the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where it knocked off Wellesley before falling to Franklin...Also a talented football player at HHS, Creahan was a member of the Harbormen squad that reached the Div. 2A Super Bowl last season.

Nick Ham - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Another top-point getter on the Hingham squad, Ham averaged less than one point fewer per game than Creahan...Ham averaged 17.9 points per game for the Harbormen, who

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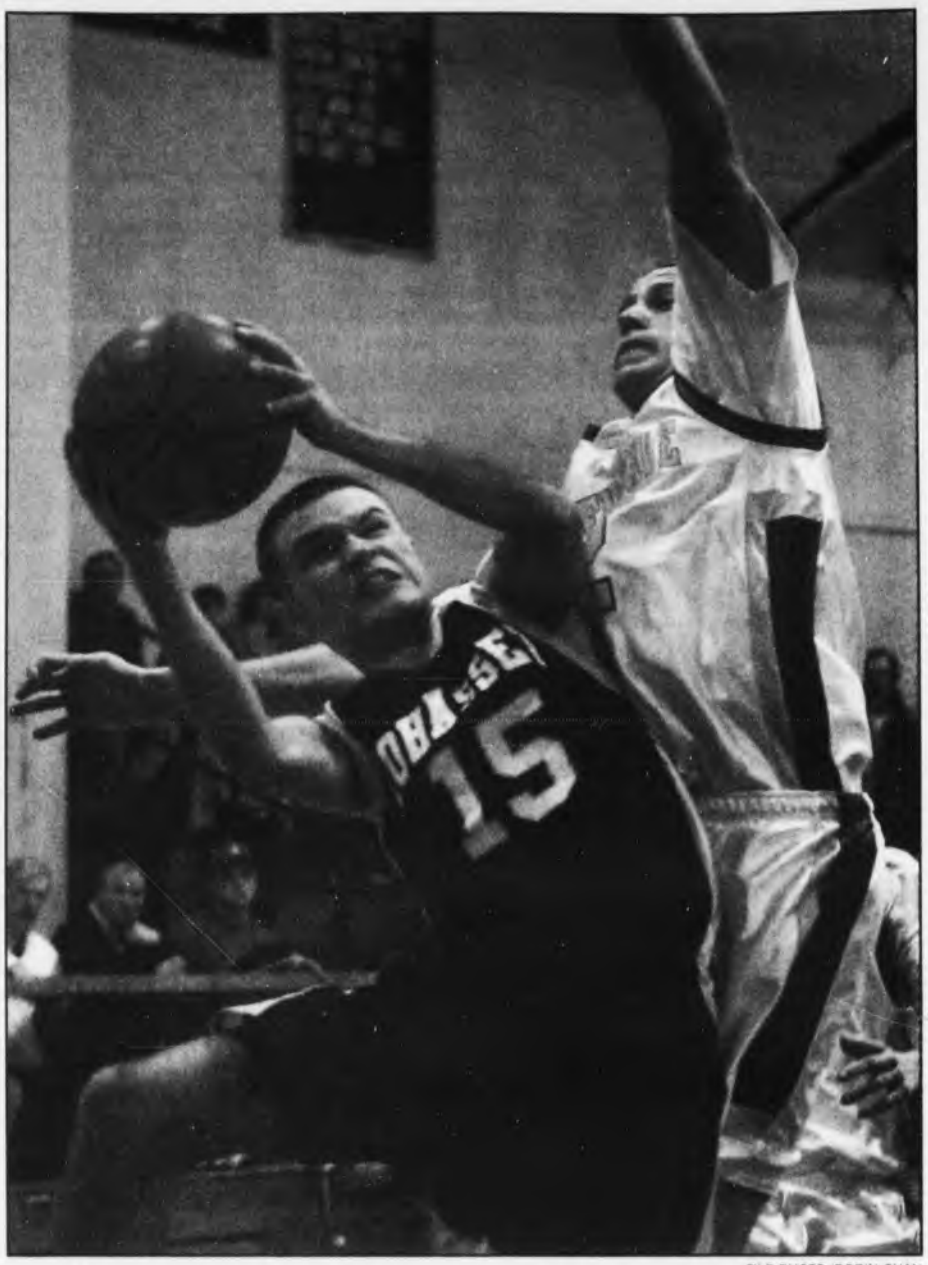

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Patrick McCarthy was Cohasset's leading scorer and represented the Skippers on the South Shore League All-Star team.

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McCarthy named an Honorable Mention

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capped one of their most successful seasons in recent years in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional…A presence in the paint and via short-range jumpers, Ham was a tough player to guard…The Patriot League All-star sparked a number of Hingham victories throughout its 13-7 season with his athletic and aggressive play…Ham was a big reason why the HHS boys finished a strong second in the Keenan Div. of the PL with a 9-4 record, trailing only Div. 2 state champs, Duxbury in the final standings…Some of the team's biggest regular season wins came against Randolph (70-69 in OT) and Rockland (72-69), while the Harbormen also avenged an end of regular season loss to Wellesley with a 58-53 victory in the first round of the Div. 2 South tourney…Just a junior, Ham will be one of the top returning players next season.

Billy Arria -
Senior (Capt.)
Guard/Forward - Norwell

A three-year varsity player and two-year starter, Arria was the glue that held the Division 3 South finalists together…Didn't always score a lot of points, but ran the offense remarkably well and often finished with double-digit rebounds to go with at least six assists…Had a career-high 14 helpers in Feb. 10 win at South Shore League foe Harwich…Finished with 10 rebounds and 11 assists in Dec. 20 victory against Mashpee…Racked up 13 rebounds and seven assists in Feb. 3 win over Abington…A great clutch player, partly evidenced by his huge basket with two minutes left that ultimately decided Norwell's one-point upset of Dedham in sectional semifinals…Made 6-of-8 free throws down the stretch in quarterfinal win against Martha's Vineyard…Also made two game-clinching free throws in four-point win over Carver on Jan. 30…A 2005 Mariner All-Scholastic, as well as Honorable Mention on this year's All-Scholastic football team…Was also a captain on the gridiron last fall, playing tight end and linebacker for the South Shore League runners-up

Tom Genatossio -
Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Norwell

When he's on, there are few pure shooters in the area better than Genatossio…The South Shore League All-Star came up big during Clippers' tournament run, highlighted by a game-high 21 points (including six 3-pointers) in Division 3 South first round win against Abington…Hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with three minutes left in semifinal win over top-seeded Dedham…Can also put the ball on the floor and has a knack for finding open teammates for easy shots…One of Norwell's best defenders…Scored 18 points in triple-overtime win at Rockland on Feb. 7…Had one of his best games of the year on Jan. 27 against Mashpee, scoring a game-high 24 points in a Clippers victory…Also scored 20 points in critical early season win over Hull

James Long - Sophomore
Center - Norwell

Need a basket in the post? Long is about as good a bet as any on the South Shore…A South Shore League All-Star, there were many times when the 6-foot-3 sophomore was simply unstoppable… Averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds per game in Norwell's three post-season victories, leading the Clippers to the Division 3 South finals…Had 18 points and 15 rebounds in first round win over Abington, a game-high 26 points in second round victory against Martha's Vineyard, and 19 points and 14 boards in semi-final win against Dedham…In Feb. 7 triple-overtime win in Rockland, Long finished with 29 points and 20 rebounds, despite playing all three overtimes with four fouls…Named MVP of the Ed Amaral Tournament, highlighted by his 17-point, 18-rebound performance in championship game against Marshfield…Also plays football for NHS, where he is one of the league's top young linemen and kickers

Corey Donahue - Junior
Guard - Pembroke

After returning to the school system from BC High, Donahue took the Patriot League by storm this season as one of the most prolific scorers in the region. Donahue spent much of the season above the 20 points per game mark carrying a young team on the offensive end of the floor night in and night out. He was a deft shooter from the outside but his best abilities lie in getting to the rim and scoring and drawing contact. He averaged almost eight free throws a game, and as a strong foul shooter was able to score points there when defenses started bottling him up. He was named a Patriot League all-star this season while helping his team, which did not have a senior on the roster to an 8-14 record, while being named team MVP. He is an honor roll student who plays basketball year round for the Coastal Pops AAU program. Next year he should return with a veteran group that hopes to leave a mark. Coach Brendan Mosher on Donahue, "He can score all three ways. In the paint, facing the basket, and off the dribble."

Yogi Hologitas -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Rockland

A standout player for the last few seasons, Hologitas is making his second appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…A highly athletic player and great shooter, Hologitas was the star on the Rockland squad, averaging 14 points per game to lead the team…He was second in the Fisher Div. in scoring…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Hologitas' aggressive play on the court helped the Bulldogs rebound from a tough 5-7 start to win six of their last eight games and finish 11-9 overall…His Rockland squad owned the PL's Fisher Div., besting all opponents with an 8-0 record…They were 10-4 overall in the PL…Hologitas was also a football player at RHS last fall.

Will Lockwood -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Scituate

Perhaps the most improved player on this list, Lockwood was a Patriot League All-Star this season…Led the team in scoring at over 16 a game, this after averaging just five points per contest as a junior…Also averaged eight rebounds per game, and took an incredible 20 charges over the course of the season…Attributes his improvement to playing AAU ball for the Coastal Pops last spring, as well as a number of offseason basketball camps…A 6-foot-2 lefty that can shoot, drive, and finish in traffic…Says the Sailors' state tournament win over arch-rival Rockland (where he scored a game-high 22 points) was his most memorable of the season…Scored 25 points in win over Fairhaven that clinched Scituate a postseason berth…Notched 24 and 19 points, respectively, in huge early season wins over Division 2 tournament teams Silver Lake and Hingham…Played baseball his first two years at SHS…Plans to play basketball in college, with Colby and Babson his top two choices…Considering majoring in business or finance; Lockwood is a member of the Math Club at Scituate High…Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Will is a poster child for what hard work can do. He was good defensively, solid with the ball and shot a high percentage. He's a wonderful kid and a good captain."

Mike Steele - Junior
Guard - Scituate

A first-year starter, Steele played his best basketball in the big games…Averaged 13 points and five rebounds per contest, ranking second and third on his team in those two categories, respectively…A very good outside shooter…Says the tournament game against Rockland (where he scored 18 points) and crucial Feb. 7 win over Randolph (15 points) were among his best of the season…Had 18 points and seven rebounds in Dec. 19 win over Patriot League foe Hingham…Notched 18 points and five assists in regular season finale against South Shore Christian…Plans to play college basketball, and is considering studying architecture or business…Works for a landscaping company during the warmer months, and calls surfing one of his main hobbies…Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Mike Steele is someone that really did some big things for us. He learned to do a lot more than shoot. One of the things we try to get our kids to do is to become part of other teams' scouting reports, and Michael did that this year."

Josh Solari - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Silver Lake

One half of the Solari brother backcourt tandem, along with his twin brother Taylor, Josh was the more prolific scorer of the two this season averaging a team high 15 points a game. He also dished out three assists and grabbed five rebounds a game while leading his team to a 15-8 record this year. For his efforts he was named a first team Patriot League all-star. He really picked up his game and his scoring in the second half of the year as the Lakers made a big push towards the tournament. He scored 24 points in the season finale with Plymouth North, and had a season high 26 against Hingham.

Coach Rick Boulrisse, "He is real good in transition and can create his own shot off the dribble. He can really read defenses well and was a tough match for most teams."

Taylor Solari -Senior
(Capt.)
Guard - Silver Lake

While his brother was getting much of the accolades for his scoring prowess, Taylor was doing all the little things his team needed to be successful this year. He was the point guard, and a tough matchup on both ends of the floor at that position. Offensively he averaged 10 points and four assists a game while running the team's offense. Defensively he was matched up with the other team's best guard every night and caused nightmares for high scoring opponents. He was named a Patriot League all-star this season and is also a Silver Lake Scholar Athlete. In the second half of the season when the Lakers made a late push for the postseason he lifted his scoring to new levels and made for a tough tandem with his brother, as well as the strong forwards inside for the Lakers.

Coach Rick Boulrisse, "Offensively he has a really good feel for the game, and defensively he created mismatches in our favor."

Tommy Deegan -
Sophomore
Forward - Weymouth

One of the best young players in the area, Deegan has already started making a name for himself in basketball circles. This season he led the Wildcats with 13.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a game in helping them turn around last year's 1-19 season. He was a Bay State League all-star this year, one of only two sophomores to earn that honor. His best games were a 28 point 10 rebound performance against Norwood, and a 19 point effort in a close loss to Division 2 State Champion Newton North. He is an honor roll student who also plays football and AAU basketball. He is hoping to play Division 1 basketball in college, and has drawn some interest already.

Head Coach Jim Dolan, "He was just super consistent. He played every position for us, and I really think the sky is the limit for him."

Honorable Mention:

Patrick McCarthy - Soph. - Guard - Cohasset
James Kalianiotis - Jr. - Guard - Abington
Chris Dominguez - Jr. - Guard - Braintree
Kevin Pickup - Jr. - Guard - Braintree
James Wheeler - Jr. - Guard - Hanover
John Connelly - Sr. - Forward - Hingham
Pat Culhane -Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Holbrook
Marc Roberts -Jr. - Forward - Holbrook
Kyle Burghardt - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Marshfield
Kurt Leone - Jr. - Forward - Marshfield
Mike Kramer - Jr. - Guard - Norwell
Spencer Thornley - Sr. - Forward - Rockland
Chris Lowrance - Sr. (Capt.) - Center - Scituate
Josh Doherty - Sr. (Capt.) - Silver Lake
Dan Mendes -Jr. - Silver Lake

Haracz's contributions go beyond the scoreboard

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Her only regret? "I wish we didn't lose all of those games at the beginning of the season," she responded.

Her most visible team contributions surfaced in the tournament game against Cathedral. The Skippers entered the game as a big underdog. For the fans that caught this game, Haracz's court presence was hard to miss. Forcing turnover after turnover, the junior supplied her team with countless offensive opportunities.

"As a team, we were definitely intimidated going into the game," admitted Haracz. "They beat us last year by a good amount, so I was pretty nervous."

Well, Haracz's anxiety apparently did not last very long once she found herself in the middle of the action. In fact, her calm, smart-playing style has remained a major factor for the Lady Skippers all year long.

"Haley is one of the most well rounded players on the team," explained freshmen Skipper Sarah Coggins. "She is never selfish, and can probably be named the toughest player in the league."

While Haracz has developed a passion for basketball, her athletic ability has extended beyond the 5-on-5 setting of the gym. Last fall, she completed a successful soccer season in her key role at the stopper position.

Haracz has discovered her academic niche as well. She consistently finds her name on the honor roll, not an easy task.

"I really like math," she explained. "I like the simplicity of it all… how there's only one answer."

At this point, she plans to make use of her mathematical mind as a business major when she heads off to college in the fall of '07. Fortunately, the Skippers will benefit from one more season of Haley Haracz on the court before college comes along.

"Haley is one of the most well rounded players on the team. She is never selfish, and can probably be named the toughest player in the league."
-Freshmen Skipper Sarah Coggins

In her interview with the Mariner she was asked a few hard questions about what the fans might anticipate in the upcoming season, which starts again in nine months. "I think we will improve next year over this year. We will have good players who will work hard over the off-season."

Her one concern?

"Our press will stay good. But we need to work on our transition game," Haracz said.

So next time you peek inside the Cohasset High School gymnasium, on the soccer field, or inside a classroom, keep an eye peeled for Haley Haracz. You will likely find her working with self-discipline, consistency, and a determination for the task at hand.

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Haley Haracz, who also plays soccer for Cohasset High, was a major contributor to the lady hoopsters' rebounding and defense.

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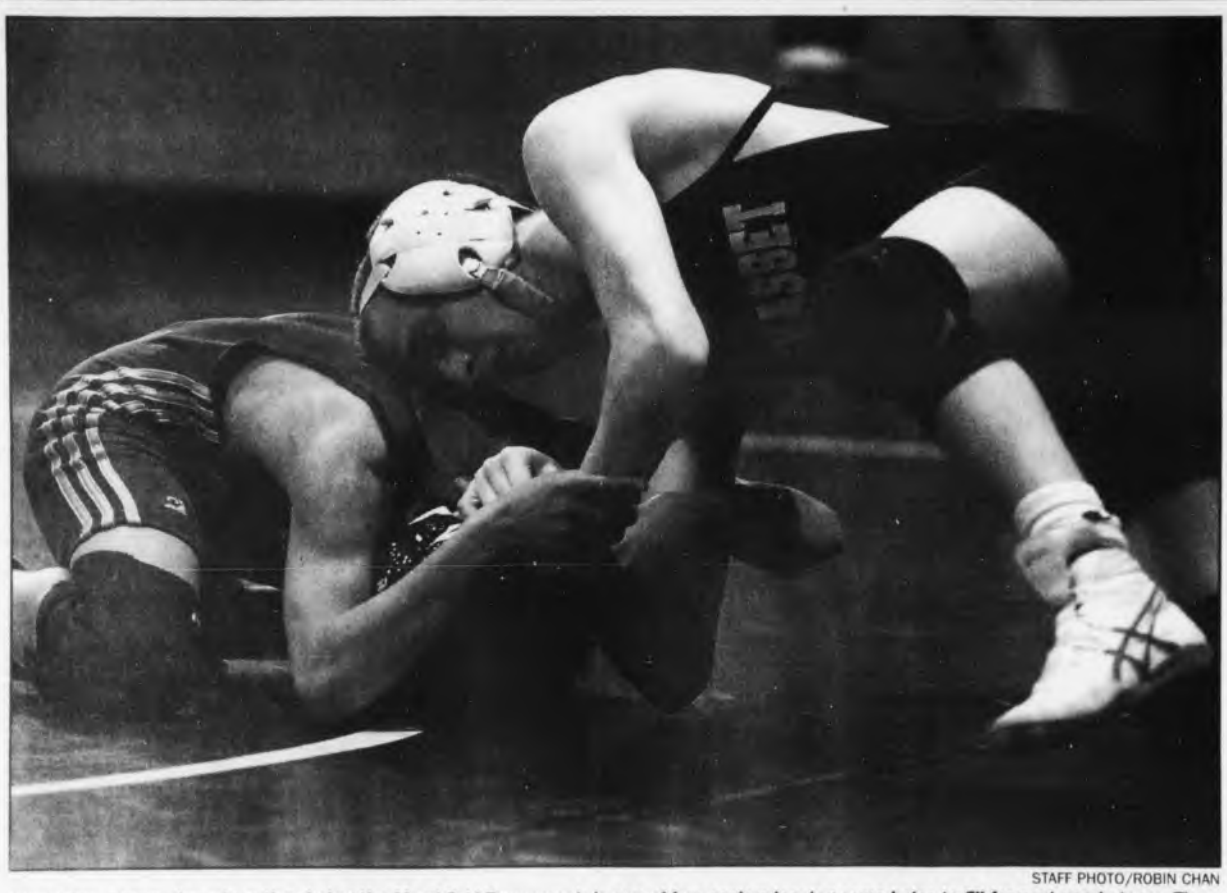

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Jake Watts, shown above in action during the Marshfield Tournament, is one of four seniors leaving some holes to fill for next year's team. The other soon-to-be graduates are Shane Dorian, Dave McKenna and George Miller.

Wrestling with the future

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development was one of the most encouraging things during the season. McLellan figures to be one of the team's best next season.

Pembroke match in state tournament

Joining McLellan as a top returnee for the Skippers next season is fellow junior Nick Cambi, who emerged as a star in the 189-pound class this season.

Against Pembroke in the state tournament, however, Cambi found himself in a 275 match. It mattered little, as Cambi scored a convincing victory.

Smith and Froio also won their matches in Pembroke, and Dorian defeated fellow All-State competitor Dan Longo.

States

Dorian and Cambi were the stars for Cohasset at the Division 3 state individuals tournament, both finishing in third place.

The two Skippers took different paths to get there, though. Dorian dominated the opening rounds of the competition before advancing to the semifinals, where he was winning his match before getting caught and subsequently pinned.

Cambi, meanwhile, lost his second match, but rebounded in strong fashion by tearing through the losers bracket to earn himself a third place finish and a berth in the All-State tournament. McKenna wrestled well enough at states to join Dorian and Cambi at All-States.

Looking ahead

Cohasset loses four talented wrestlers to graduation this June: Dorian, McKenna, George Miller and Jake Watts. Watts was solid all season long at 103, and Miller came on strong down the stretch at 215 and wrestled well in the post-season.

There are some holes to fill, to be sure, but the Skippers appear to have a potentially solid foundation for next season. Cambi and McLellan figure to be the team's stars, with Smith not too far behind. And if wrestlers like Hurlburt, Froio and Gannon Dorian can continue their improvement, the Skippers stand a good chance at success in 2006-07.

6th, 8th grade boys experience success

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demonstrated great teamwork, whether it was in their famous "tiger" press or in ball movement. But their team effort extended beyond the pine to the sidelines as spectators often saw players pat each other on the back for the good or not so good happenings on the floor.

In the back court, Christian Allard, one of the best ball handlers in the league, played point guard with quick hands, fast feet and solid shooting. Allard could be counted on to make the play when his team needed it. And, he shot very well from the foul line.

Patrick MacCormack was explosive with tremendous anticipation and he played with no fear. When the game was on the line, MacCormack had no qualms about taking the last shot.

Charlie Neaves was a solid all around player. Neaves played defensive like there was no tomorrow, keeping the opposition from penetrating the top of the key.

Patrick Kearney played strong consistently all season. His super game sense put him in the right place at the right time, with frequent interceptions. He also has one of the sweetest outside jump shots in the league.

Danny Barnes came off the bench with ferocious energy. He played tenacious defense and he was one of the best pick setters on the team.

Chris Lunde and Morgan McCarthy take most improved honors, although all of the boys improved so much from game 1 to game 18. Lunde stepped into a big role in the last few games with confidence and determination. Lunde never gave up on a loose ball, diving to the floor, creating offensive opportunities for his team.

McCarthy grew into his ìbig manî position with confidence and strength. McCarthy was a force to be reckoned with under the glass, coming up with big rebounds when his team needed him to.

Speaking of big men, Robbie Mahoney, Jay Salerno and Jamie Faber were the core of the Sixers' front line. Mahoney was the king of the second and third efforts. He had more second and third shot opportunities than anyone in the league. Mahoney knew how to position himself in the paint and make the most of that positioning, offensively or defensively.

No one in the league boxed out Jay Salerno. Salerno quietly gained prime positioning under the offensive and defensive glass. Offensively, he scored from down low. All those hours practicing in the driveway paid off.

Faber was an explosive player, igniting his team with great offense and defense. Faber could shoot inside or out, and take the ball coast to coast.

Assistant coach Bill Allard said, "We couldn't be prouder of these kids in their first year in the travel league. They came to play every night against bigger towns with bigger kids. The represented themselves, their parents and fans and the town of Cohasset well."

Look for exciting things from these young men next year as they play their sophmore year in the Boys Basketball Patriot League.

SPORTS NOTES

Road Race by the Sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 30th Annual 10K Cohasset Road Race by the Sea will be held Sunday, April 2.

The proceeds go to the many local, regional, and international projects that Rotary supports. The start for the Road Race will be at 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Long sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 800 registrants to check in.

The Fran Coffey Memorial walk will be held at 10 a.m. on April 2. The 10K (6.2 mile) or a 4.5 mile will start at Sandy Beach in Cohasset. The proceeds from the walk will benefit **"People in Need" at St. Patrick's in Roxbury, and Bishop Ruocco House for Girls in Lakeville, in memory of long time Cohasset Rotary race and walk supporter Franny Coffey**.

Register to run or walk at http://roadracebythesea.com/ or check for more information at www.coolrunning.com. Applications will also be available in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and the South Shore Community Center. Online registration is $15. Mail-in registration is $18. On site registration at $20 will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, on April 1, 9 a.m. to noon and April 2 at the same time. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

For Race questions, call 781-383-9030 or send an email to info@roadracebythesea.com.

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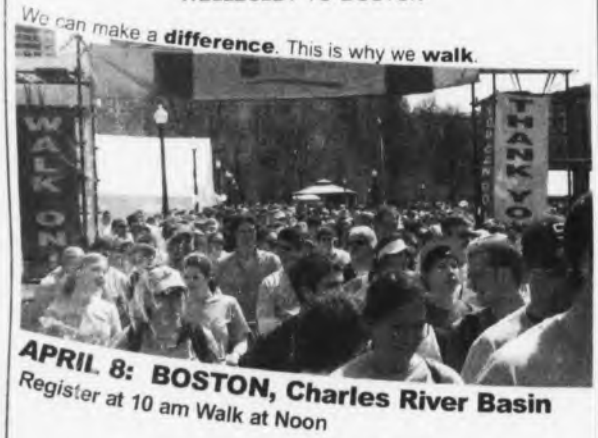

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Read-A-Thon raises over $18K for schools

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Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan holds up a drawing done by second grade student Nick Hanflig. Sheehan held up the picture, which was of an ice hockey rink in Torino, Italy, during the school's Read-A-Thon award ceremony which had an Olympic theme.

The Cohasset PSO's second annual Read-A-Thon, "The 2006 Winter Reading Olympics," has officially come to a close, but the students' love for reading continues.

The Read-A-Thon kicked off at the Joseph Osgood School, the Deer Hill School, and the Cohasset Middle School Friday, Feb. 10, to coincide with the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy. Participating students from all three schools set a reading goal and gathered pledges from sponsors, supportive family members, and friends, for all the minutes they logged reading. Reading logs and pledge money were collected at the end of the four-week period.

The goal of the Cohasset PSO Read-A-Thon is to encourage and promote a love and a life-long appreciation for reading. Money raised will support and maintain school enrichment and curriculum programs. Thanks to the energy and commitment of principals Janet Sheehan of the Joseph Osgood School, Keith Gauley of the Deer Hill School and assistant principal Beth Sternala of the Middle School, student enthusiasm was high.

"Our parents could not have selected a better theme for this year's Read-A-Thon. We got off to a great start with a Reading Olympics Opening Ceremony that rivaled Torino with our own flag bearer, torch bearer, and Olympic representatives. We exceeded our goals to get the children excited about reading and to raise funds for the schools. All students were 'winners.' We decided to keep the Olympic flame burning to sustain our enthusiasm for reading," said Sheehan.

As a testament to the enthusiasm and encouragement from school principals, parents, and students, the three schools participating in the 2006 Cohasset PSO Read-A-Thon raised over $18,000. The Joseph Osgood School logged over 141,000 minutes of reading and raised close to $11,000. The Deer Hill School spent 160,970 minutes reading, raising just over $5,000, and the Middle School spent 92,838 minutes reading and raised nearly $3,400. Students at all three schools received bookmarks acknowledging their participation and various other motivational incentives were offered to outstanding participants. Buttonwood Books & Toys generously donated a book to each class that read the most minutes for each grade.

This is the first year the Middle School has participated in the Read-A-Thon. "Implementing the PSO Read-A-Thon at the middle school level this year has provided us with an opportunity to reinforce to students that we are all life-long learners and life-long readers. In fact, staff members shared selections of their favorite readings with their homerooms and engaged them in conversation around their interest in these pieces and the relevance these readings have in their own lives. Aside from raising funds for the PSO, the Read-A-Thon has helped build a sense of community between these shared experiences and the small rivalries that existed for winning first place in the contest," said Sternala.

The Deer Hill School participated for the second year in a row and Gauley was ecstatic with its continued success. "More students participated and more money was raised. In total, Deer Hill students read in excess of 160,000 minutes, or more than 2,680 hours. Given that one of our goals was to promote students' independent reading and joy from reading, we clearly achieved this goal. The Olympic theme and related incentives added to the excitement. Thanks to the students, parents, school staff, and community members who supported our efforts. The PSO Read-A-Thon was clearly a gold medal winner."

Seventh grade student Claire Pozniak has been buried in books like the Harry Potter series while participating in the district-wide school read-a-thon. Claire read for 14,831 minutes, and set a new Cohasset Read-A-Thon record for most minutes read.

Seventh grade student Claire Pozniak raises her fist in victory after middle-school assistant principal Beth Sternala announced her class won a donut party, thanks in part to the many hours of reading done by Claire. Claire read 14,831 minutes of the class' 18,555 minutes during the Read-A-Thon.

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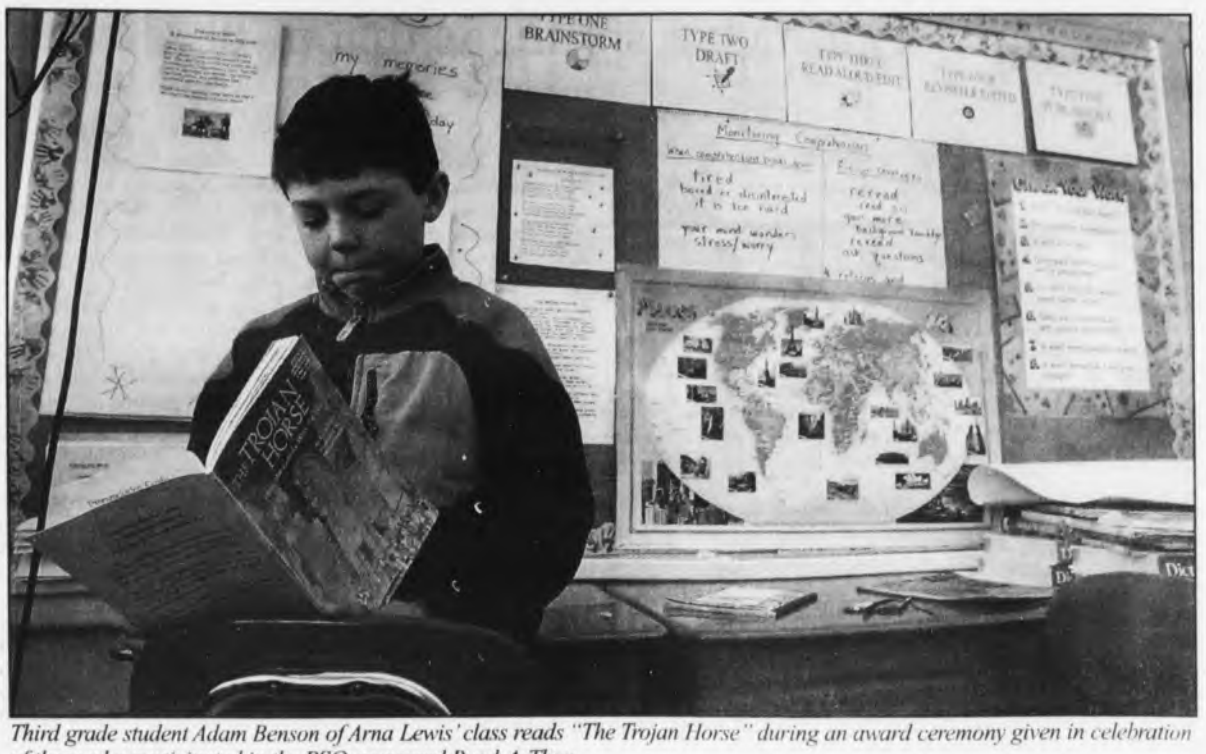

Third grade student Adam Benson of Arna Lewis' class reads "The Trojan Horse" during an award ceremony given in celebration of those who participated in the PSO sponsored Read-A-Thon.

Osgood kindergarten students Ben Healy and Brian Doyle, both from Kristie Raymond's class, admire the medals they received for participating in the district-wide Read-A-Thon. The Osgood School raised more than $10,000 during the PSO sponsored program. Half of the money will help build a new playground at the school.

Read-A-Thon raises over $18K for schools

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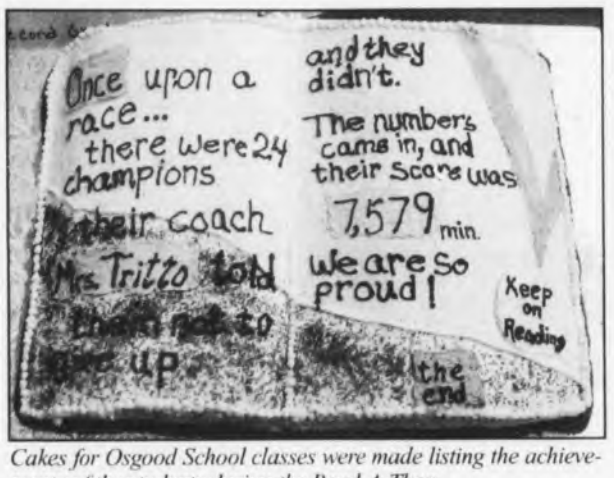

Cakes for Osgood School classes were made listing the achievements of the students during the Read-A-Thon.

Sixth grade student Taylor Golz, right, gives a hand to Tucker Oddleifson, who was recognized during lunch for his contribution to the Read-A-Thon.

Third grade student Emma Davis of Jeanne Hanson's class is all smiles while receiving her reading medal from Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley.

Legal Notices

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WHITE PETITION

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 05E0101-PP1

To Walter M. Cabot and Dorothy S. Cabot of Dover, MA; Dale P. Cabot of Dover, MA; St. John Smith, Jr of Boston, MA; Camilla Kenner of New York, NY; Olivia Storey of Hillsborough, NH; Richardson White, Jr. and Margaret R. White of Cohasset, MA; Richardson White Jr. of Cohasset, MA; Frank H. White and Jean M. White of Cohasset, MA; Frank H. White of Cohasset, MA; Donald White and Joan I. White of Philadelphia, PA; Donald White of Philadelphia, PA; Michaela Farber of Philadelphia, PA; Lee M. Metcalf of Kittery, ME; Jonathan W. Metcalf of S. Pomfret, VT; Camilla Roberts of Athens, VT; Patricia M. Lewis of Rye, NH; and Mabel E. Niebling of Boscawen, NH and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Michael M. White of Boston in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows. The land conveyed by the deed of Charles C. Cabot and Charles B. Barnes, Jr., Trustees of the will of Thomas F. Richardson, to Ellen B. Cabot, Richardson White and James C. White, dated May 2, 1965 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4267, Page 573, described as follows:
Thirty four acres and fifteen rods of pasture land in Cohasset known as Cushing pasture, formerly Spencer Binney's.
The said land lies westerly of Forest Avenue, is adjacent to land of the Cohasset Golf Club and is shown as Cohasset Assessor's Map 7, Plot 2, containing 32.40 acres more or less.
There is appurtenant to the said land an easement for access and egress to and from Forest Avenue burdening the following described land:
The land conveyed by the deed of Jerusalem Road Corporation to Ellen P. Cabot and Richardson White, dated April 7, 1981, recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 5857, Page 740, described as follows:
A certain parcel of land situated in Cohasset, Massachusetts being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Forest Avenue Cohasset, Mass." Dated October 24, 1980 and December 10, 1980 by Neil J. Murphy, Engineer, recorded as No. 252-1981 Pl. Bk. 287 with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, containing 73,121 square feet according to said plan.
There is included in said Parcel "A" as shown on said plan a lot of registered land said lot being shown as Lot 8 on a plan drawn by Neil J. Murphy, Engineer, dated January 8, 1981, as modified and approved by said Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as No. 29067B.
For title to the registered portion of said Parcel "A" see Transfer Certificate of Title No. 112568, Book 563, Page 168 in the Norfolk Registry District of the Land Court.
The land burdened by the said easement lies on the western side of Forest Avenue and is shown as Cohasset Assessor's Map 7, Plot 43, containing 1.67 acres more or less.

setting forth that he desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than $700,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Norfolk Probate & Family Court, 35 Shawmut Rd. Canton, MA 02021 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of April 2006, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this Fourteenth day of February 2006

Patrick W. McDermott Register

AD#10997983
Cohasset Mariner 3/10, 3/17, 3/24/06

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GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO 04P1970GC
GENERAL PETITION

To Doreen Van Magness of Cohasset in the county of Norfolk, and to all persons interested in the estate of Doreen Van Magness, a person under guardianship.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Patricia Larsen, the guardian, for authorization to monitor the administration of antipsychotic medication for reasons more fully stated in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Canton before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ***28th day of April 2006***, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 17th day of March, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott Register

AD#11010368
Cohasset Mariner 3/24/06

ZBA/14 PLEASANT ST
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Joseph and Janet Campbell** seek to construct addition to single family home in excess of lot coverage requirements at **14 Pleasant St** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-21a.

AD#11011798
Cohasset Mariner 3/24, 3/31/06

ZBA/37 PARKER AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., **April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application to amend a **Special Permit** pursuant to §12.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Cohasset Harbor Marina, Inc**. seek to amend SP #00-09-12 filed Feb. 13, 2001 at **37 Parker Ave.** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-20

AD#11011507
Cohasset Mariner 3/24, 3/31/06

ZBA/190 POND ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 & 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Alphonse & Linda Riccio** seek to construct garage in flood plain at **190 Pond St** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-10

AD#11011514
Cohasset Mariner 3/24, 3/31/06

ZBA/2 SMITH PLACE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be at the **Town Hall** on M **April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.** to hear and act upon application for a **Speci Permit** pursuant to §9.7 o the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Richard H Brown, Jr** seeks to construct a commercial building (modified plan) at **2 Smith Place,** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-21.

AD#11011820
Cohasset Mariner 3/24, 3/31/06

ABANDONED PROPERTY
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Notice of Sales of Abandoned Property

Misc pers items, belonging to Vincent Dodero of Brockton, MA, and Barry Levy of Brookline, MA, abandoned in leased storage containers, to be auctioned at 10:00AM, Mar 30 at 34 Crocker Lane, Cohasset.

AD#11011584
Cohasset Mariner 3/24/06

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SENIOR SCENE

For more information about the following activities, contact the Council on Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

New Women, Old Gardens – Tuesday, March 28, 9 a.m., Second Congregational Church. Community Garden Club hosts landscape historian Virginia Lopez Begg who will discuss the 1901 movement emphasizing the garden as a place of beauty. Registration required.

Town Meeting – Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. Transportation provided.

Gershwin Musical Brothers – Thursday, April 6, noon, $9, MCC Conference Center. Luncheon and presentation by Jack Craig on 1924's "Lady Be Good," and "Porgy and Bess."

Wellesley Greenhouse – Friday, April 7. A delightful way to beat the winter blahs. Reservations required.

Tea, Trouble And Mrs. Revere – Sunday, April 9, 3 p.m., $10, at the James Library. Hear how the women of Boston kept the home fires burning. Performance by actress Joan Gatturna. Formal tea following.

Patriot's Day Celebration Lunch – Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m. to noon. Transportation provided.

Cohasset Historical Society – April 19, 7:30 p.m., no fee, at 106 So. Main St. Discussion of the mackerel fishing industry with Susan Playfair.

Communicating With Your Doctor – Wednesday, April 19, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., CEA, 3 No. Main St, Cohasset. Carol Barrett will discuss How to Talk to Your Doctor to improve your health.

Older Americans' Month – May 29, $20. Buy flowers to sponsor a special older American with flowers. Call for information.

Spring Pops Concert – May 2, 12:30 p.m., Massasoit Community Center. Call for information.

Tri-Town Assisted Living Luncheon Conference – Friday, May 5, noon to 2 p.m., 224 Central St, Hingham. Fitting the Puzzle Pieces Together with Amy Bernstein, assisted living ombudsman coordinator, Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Call to register.

Day Of Beauty – South Shore Vo-Tech, date TBA. Another enjoyable spa day with lunch. Nails, facials, hair. Call to register.

Skinner Auctioneers Antique Appraisals – CEA, 3 No. Main St, Cohasset, Saturday. Nov. 4. A rare opportunity. Details to follow.

Spring has sprung with tons of activities

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Spring is finally upon us and it feels wonderful. It may not be very warm yet, but it's nice to know that, after a winter of no snow, we won't be receiving any surprise storms from Mother Nature in the near future.

Appropriately, spring sports began this week and the squads already appear solid with the addition of a number of highly skilled underclassmen. Big ups to Rob Murley who competed in a rugby match on Saturday and his adult team beat their opponents. Rob was not available for comment but I am sure that he is ecstatic. The underclassmen signed up for their courses for next year.

The Spinnaker staff also signed up for story ideas for the final issue that will hit the school in May.

Mr. Buckley's Outdoor Education class will be journeying through town this week on their bicycles for the first time this year. Other than that, there isn't much going on in the school this week, except for the little tidbits I am going to relay to you right now.

• There will have been a faculty meeting in the library on Tuesday. There will have also been a PSO meeting that same night.

• There will have been a College Expo this Thursday for grades 10 and 11 from 9:30 – 11 in the auditorium.

• Cohasset Family Feud is coming to Cohasset and you could be part of it. Make a team of five people, friends or family, ages ten and up, and generate $125 between the five of you, or $25 each for you mathematicians. You need to have registered by March 24th with Kathy Ofsthun at 781-383-9396.

• Some of the original Tuskegee Airmen are scheduled to visit with Cohasset students sometime next week.

• In preparation for the sixth-grade students to enter seventh grade, the students are required to have a current physical on file in the nurse's office. The physical should have documentation of a tetanus booster and all other immunizations must be up to date.

• Seniors, remember to return your scholarships by April 12th to the guidance office. Pick up any applications for these scholarships in the guidance office.

• Register by April 3rd for the May SAT test session, and by April 28th for the June SAT test session.

• Class of 2007 – The College Board planning calendars are available in guidance.

• Attention seniors, if you've made your decision on a school for next year, stop by guidance and let Ms. Leahy know which one you have decided on.

• MCAS testing will start next week: Tuesday for High School and Wednesday for Middle school, with English Language Arts. The Math, Science/Technology Engineering and History will be administered in late May.

• There is an all school instrumental day concert at 7 p.m. in the gym for grades four through 12. The entire day will be dedicated to clinics and workshops, culminating with a concert that night.

• April 5th is Jazz night at the high school in the upper lobby, so mark your calendars.

• The Cohasset High School has created a group called "The Lockets", where peers comfort and support each other through tough times. With the help of Mr. Levene supervising, this group will be held once a week on Wednesdays, starting April 5th, during lunch time in Mr. Foy's room. Currently, we are in the process of forming "The Lockets". By receiving this letter, we the faculty can observe and look out for students in the need of this group. If you know anyone in need of this group please contact Amanda Simpson (student leader) or Mr. Levene.

• If you are interested in purchasing a DVD of the 2006 Mr. Skipper contest, please contact Mrs. Shea at 781-383-2384. The DVD's will be sold for $25 each as a fundraiser for the 2006 post prom committee.

That's a wrap for this week. Not very entertaining I'll admit, but bountiful in educating you the public of what is happening in this our school. Enjoy it and cherish it until next week.

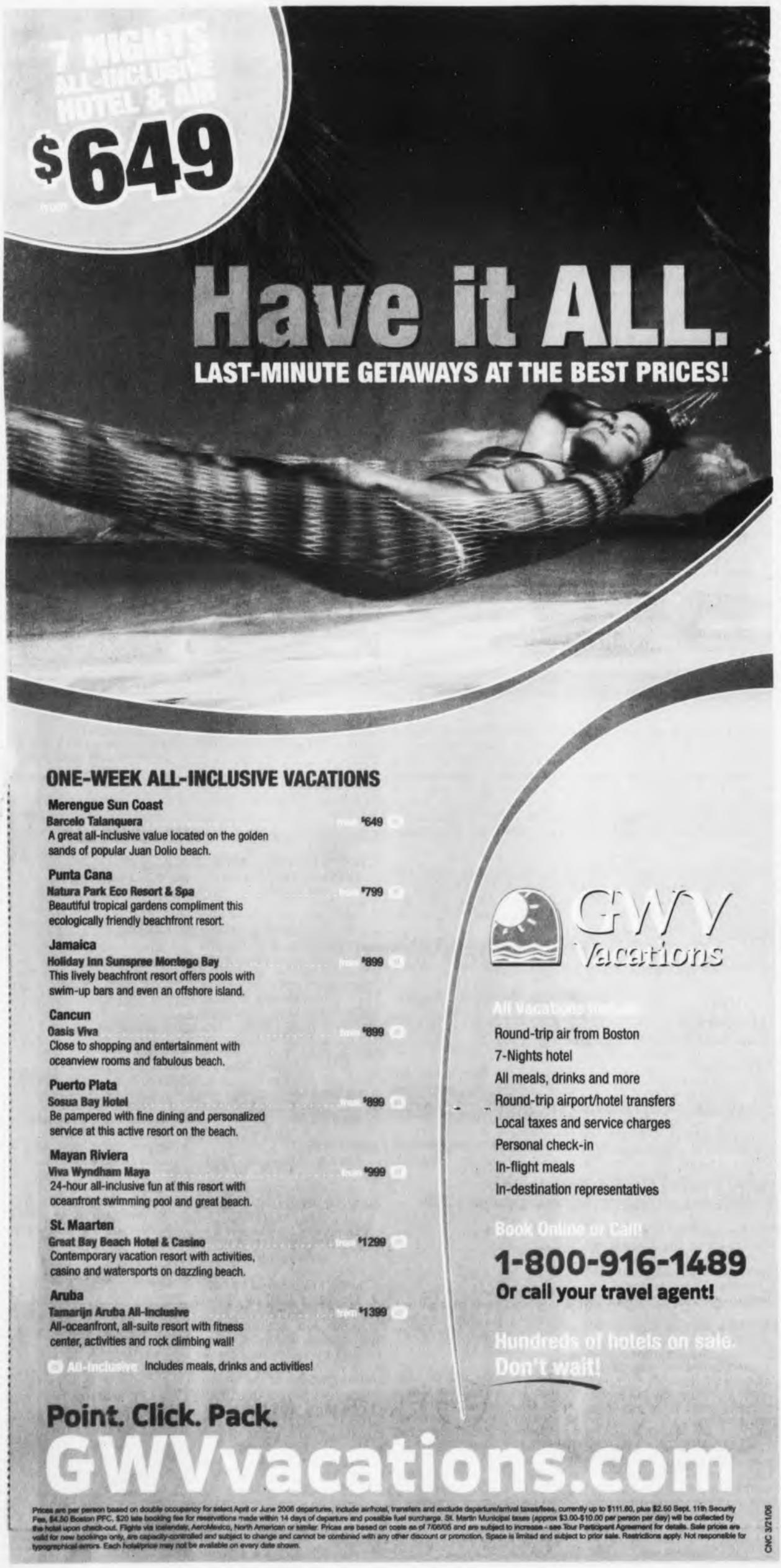
Swim, Dive Team Scholarship

Applications for the Cohasset Summer Swim and Dive Team Scholarship are available in the Cohasset High School Guidance Office. This scholarship is intended to support students as they move to the next level after high school. To be eligible for consideration the student must be a high school senior and must have been a member of the Cohasset Summer Swim-Dive Team for five years. Completed applications must be returned to the Guidance Office no later than April 12.

Girls golf scholarship

The Tee Club, a local women's golf club, is accepting applications from girls between the ages of 9 and 18 for up to a $500 scholarship to help defray the cost of golf lessons, golf clinics, or the golf school of your choice. Interested females should write an essay discussing their love of golf, how they have improved their golf game in the past, and their hopes for improving their game this season. Essays should be limited to two pages and should include contact information.

Send essays to The Tee Club, 145 Martin's Lane, Hingham, MA 02043 by March 31. Call 781-740-1375 with any questions



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DESTINATIONS

The Big Chill

Canadian Arctic cruise showcases grandeur of North Pole

By ARLINE and SAM BLEECKER
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

KUUJJUAQ -- When we asked a friend who'd been to the Canadian Arctic what we should pack for our trip, she quipped "bear repellent."

What she didn't warn us against are the cub-sized mosquitoes. Full-body netting would not have constituted overkill.

Our late spring Arctic cruise began in Kuujjuaq, a veritable metropolis of 2,000 Inuit a few hundred miles below the North Pole and a hop-skip-jump from Boston -- just a 2-hour-15-minute flight north from Montreal.

Here, at the edge of the Canadian Boreal Forest, we boarded the 66-passenger Ushuaia, an ice-rated vessel chartered by Cruise North Expeditions, a new company that's the first-ever cruise line owned and operated by Inuits. Because natives own the line -- and actually sailed onboard with us -- we could access parts of the region out of reach for most visitors.

The land of the midnight sun is sparse and ice-choked all year round (perfect for folks who feel ripped off by this season's warm winter in New England). Nature clings by its fingernails here, but the low-lying landscape is adrift in late spring and summer with yellow poppies, purple fireweed, white Arctic cotton, even butterflies.

The light at the top of the world is awesome: Fiery sunsets last for hours; moonlight hopscotches across ice floes; and mirages on the horizon look a lot like castles in the air.

Still, it's hard to comprehend that people actually live in such an unforgiving world.

Julio Preller, our seasoned expedition leader, cautioned that nothing was fixed on our voyage's agenda. "We propose and Mother Nature disposes," he said.

Our itinerary was only a guidepost, always subject to change. In fact, low tide delayed our departure by a day. A thick carpet of ice floes cut another day from our schedule. But nobody cared.

"First I'll tell everyone that I LOVED this trip. Then I'll tell them to expect the unexpected," crooned a passenger from New York.

Sometimes the unexpected came in exquisite forms. In the Hudson Strait, ice slowed our vessel to a 3-knot crawl. But we decided to grin and bear it, literally, as we spotted a golden-hued polar bear swimming parallel to our ship. This king of the Arctic uses floes like padded slippers to get from one spot to the next. The click-click-click of cameras surely was an alien sound to the creature, who hauled out on the ice and sniffed the air to check us out. This was the first of a dozen such bear encounters, some as close as 60 feet away.

On Akpatok Island, an uninhabited outcropping in the middle of nowhere, we gawked at half a million breeding pairs of thick-billed murres. These penguins of the Arctic call Akpatok's 700-foot-high sheer cliffs home and fly through the water in search of food. Rifle-toting Inuit guides escorted us ashore from our inflatable rafts -- their eyes fixed on the horizon and beds of lingering snow where bears might materialize.

Our expedition's resident bird expert, George Sirk, a Joel Grey look-alike, said the Arctic is for "survival of the perfect." Freezing temperatures and ferocious storms have created creatures with superlative adaptations.

It's downright Darwinian.

The Inuit people, once nomadic, now populate scattered villages with such tongue-twisting names as Kangiqsualujjuaq (which, in Inuktitut, sounds like "can cheek swallow jack"), pop. 762. They survive here on wits and intuition.

In Kimmirut, an outpost of 400 residents, caribou antlers were heaped in front yards like gigantic balls of twigs. We hiked several miles along a hilly ribbon of dirt road to the Soper River, in search of garnets near the shoreline and munch bannock, fried fritters prepared for us by a local family.

Onboard the ship, Arctic informality extended to no locks on cabin doors and barely ever changing for dinner. Some evenings, our Inuit hosts shared legends and demonstrated native games, like leg wrestling and a hundred things you can do with a sealskin rope.

Country foods, such as caribou and Arctic char, migrated onto our shipboard menus, which offered the best food we've ever tasted on a small, expedition vessel -- better than on many resort cruise ships. We downed caribou bourguignon, Moroccan chickpea stew, divine salads and, one evening, Arctic martinis swirled with ancient ice chopped from a passing floe.

By cruise end, it was Anthropology 101: with a lasting camaraderie forged among passengers, crew, expedition staff and our Inuit friends, who seemed to delight in revealing to us their world.

IF YOU GO...

WEATHER: It's cold here, especially when cruising among ice floes in search of polar bears. Temperatures on our late-spring trip ranged from 44 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit, sometimes in a single day. Plan to layer your clothing. Pack a heavy winter parka and plenty of insect repellent (the mosquito population diminishes as you get into late summer/early fall), mosquito netting and hiking boots for rugged terrain. The ship provides rubber boots for wet landings.

THE SEASON: This year, the line offers sailings from June 26 through Sept. 4.

SOUVENIRS: Prices ashore are astronomical. In some communities, a two-liter bottle of coke costs $6.50, a quart of milk $6.10. You'll find great bargains, though, for exquisite stone carvings, a widely practiced Inuit art form using the local soft white marble. You're as likely to find these sculpted gems from a teenager on the street as you are in a local gallery or co-op.

SHIP: For this year's adventures, the line has chartered the 122-passenger Orlova, an ice-strengthened vessel built in Yugoslavia and recently refurbished.

FARES: Cruise North's seven- and nine-day Arctic sailings, including roundtrip inter-Canadian airfare (between Montreal and Kuujjuaq), start at $3,595 per person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 866-263-3220, or go to cruisenorthexpeditions.com.

PHOTOS BY SAM BLEECKER

A cliff overlooking the deep-blue lakes of Kimmirut.

Cruise North Expedition's chartered ship Ushuaia (the line will use a slightly bigger ship in the Arctic this year).

Polar bear in the Hudson Straight in Ungava Bay, Canadian Arctic.

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2006 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
May 7	Norwegian Majesty Bermuda season begins
May 14	Fat City Band Cruise
May 21	Wine Tasting Cruise
May 28	Gardening with Allan Swenson
June 4	Bingo Cruise
June 11	Women's Fitness with Mary Kmiec
June 18	Walking & Running Clinics with Kevin Petrovek
June 25	"I Just Got Out of School" Cruise
July 2	Fitness For Kids Cruise
July 9	Arts and Crafts for Kids Cruise
July 16	Karate for Kids with Doyle Martial Arts
July 23	College Counseling Cruise
July 30	Cruise with Paul Lockhart, NASA Astronaut
Aug. 6	CSI Bermuda for Kids Cruise
Aug. 13	Fitness For Kids Cruise
Aug. 20	Last Blast Before School Cruise
Aug. 27	Guest Comedian Cruise
Sept. 3	Irish Festival at Sea Cruise
Sept. 10	Irish Festival at Sea Cruise
Sept. 17	Country Line Dancing Cruise
Sept. 24	Cooking Cruise
Oct. 1	Oktoberfest Cruise

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OBITUARIES

Patricia A. Eldredge

Patricia A. (Weber) Eldredge, 54, of Hull, died March 16, 2006, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, after a lifelong struggle with heart disease.

She was a graduate of Mars Hill College.

A resident of Hull since 1993, Mrs. Eldredge was most recently a homemaker who enjoyed quilling, and other crafts.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Equiserve, and previously with the American Automobile Association in Rockland.

She leaves her husband, Peter Eldredge; her mother Jeanne Weber, of Cohasset; a sister, Jeanne Brickman; a niece, Kara Brickman; and a nephew, Richard Brickman.

A Memorial Service will be held at the First Baptist Church, 85 Main St., Hingham, on Sunday at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

Patricia A. Eldredge

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, March 26. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - Annual Union Service of Six South Shore UU Congregations. Theme: "Worth and Dignity" – with the Union Choir and the New Amsterdam Boys Choir of New York City

Participating in this annual union service are the congregations of First Parish UU in Cohasset, First Parish UU in Norwell, First Parish UU in Scituate, First Parish Hingham (Old Ship), Second Parish UU in Hingham, and First Universalist Church of Assinippi.

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 AM - Children will gather in the Parish House, along with our young guests from UU congregations participating in this morning's service. The program: a "One-Room Schoolhouse" with Joan Kovach!

• 11 a.m. – Union Sunday Brunch – Trueblood Hall

• 1 p.m. – New Amsterdam Boys Choir in Concert – The Meeting House - Open to the community!

Suggested contribution: $10 per person, in support of the ongoing work of this Choir.

Come join us as we welcome this choir of close to 20 youngsters from the neighborhood of East Harlem, New York City. They and their chaperones are guests of First Parish families this weekend and are the guests of us all as they discover the beauty and hospitality of this community.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on "Digging Deep" our spiritual journey in Lent. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. and will study the Letter of James. Sunday, March 26, Youth Worship at 9:10 in Walton Rodgers Hall. Yout meeting immediately following the service. The Intercessory Prayer Group will meet after the 10 a.m. service. Wednesday evening at 6:30 there will be a meeting for parents of teens to plan the Spring and Fall youth program components. The children's program on the Holy Eucharist continues to meet Thursdays, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. This program is appropriate for any child pre-K through grade 3. Please call the church office at 781-383-1083 to register. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, Judah is defeated by the Chaldeans. The survivors are exiled to Babylon. Paul writes to the Christians in Ephesus that they have been saved by God's free gift. . In the Gospel of John, Jesus feeds the 5000. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon: clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfont@cnc.com

Interfaith Seder to be held March 26

The Anti-Defamation League, in cooperation with the Hingham-Hull Religious Leaders Association and the South Shore Coalition for No Place For Hate will hold its 11thAnnual South Shore Interfaith Seder on March 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham.

The Interfaith Seder is a gathering of individuals from diverse faith communities who join together to tell the dramatic story of the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. Last year's event drew almost 350 participants. Admission is free and open to the public.

For reservations email hinghamisnoplaceforhate@gmail.com. Donations to help defray the cost of the Seder are accepted. Make checks payable to ADL and mail to ADL, c/o Mitch Marcus, P.O. Box 88, Accord, MA 02018.

For more information call the ADL at 617-406-6300.

The Council on Elder Affairs sponsored a traditional Irish luncheon at St. Anthony's Parish Hall Thursday, March 16. Entertainment was provided by young dancers from the Nevin Academy of Irish Step Dancing, directed by Maura Nevin. Members of Anna Abbruzzese's gourmet cooking class, including Jeanne Trumbetta, Lou Tedeschi, Claire O'Brien, and Angie Kelley prepared and served the luncheon.

CEA celebrates Irish fare

Left, young dancers from the Nevin Academy of Irish Step Dancing wow the audience with their fancy footwork. Dancers include Shannon Joyce, Amanda Rozzi, Elizabeth Durkin, and Leah Cook. The girls provided the entertainment for a traditional Irish luncheon, held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall March 16 by the Council on Elder Affairs.

Right, Scituate resident Dick Green serves up some cabbage during a traditional Irish luncheon, sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs. Members of Anna Abbruzzese's gourmet cooking class prepared and served the meal to those who attended.

Photos by Lynne Layman

Dancers from the Nevin Academy of Irish Step Dancing take a bow after performing for those who attended an authentic Irish luncheon to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The luncheon was held March 16 and was sponsored by the Cohasset Elder Affairs office.

Jack Bryant of Cohasset was recently honored by the Boston Celtics during the organization's "Heroes Among Us" award ceremony at the Statehouse. The program in its eighth year saluted exceptional individuals like Jack, who was recognized for his role during the fight to protect America during WWII. Jack was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, America's first black pilots, bombardiers, navigators and support personnel. Jack gallantly fought two wars, a battle against foreign aggression overseas, as well as the battle at home to integrate the armed forces. Here Jack is shown with state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley at the State House following the Celtics' award ceremony.

Tuskegee Airmen subject of talk

Cohasset resident Jack Bryant, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen program in 1945 and 1946, will moderate the a talk and video presentation titled "Red Tails: The Saga of the Tuskegee Airmen," narrated by Oliver North on Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, Bates Hall, 43 Highland Ave.

Participants will learn how these brave young American men broke the color barrier of the Army Air Corps. They overcame racism at home and abroad, and by the end of World War II, these pilots earned respect for their air prowess. The "Red Tails," nicknamed for the color painted on their aircraft, flew more than 15,000 combat missions, and during Allied escort missions over Europe never lost a bomber to the enemy.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Connie Afshar at 781-383-6006.

New Amsterdam Boys Choir to perform

New York City's New Amsterdam Boys Choir will pay a visit to the South Shore on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26, performing at the Annual Union Service of five Unitarian Universalist congregations in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common on Sunday, March 26 at 10 a.m., and that same day, at a 1 p.m. concert. Tickets are $10 per person at the door.

This year marks the choir's 20th year. Currently comprised of 21 young men from the neighborhood of East Harlem, the choir has performed in New York, New Jersey, several New England states, as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Germany. A trip to the Netherlands is also scheduled for this year.

Under the leadership of James Backmon, the choir's repertoire includes folk melodies, spirituals, religious and secular pieces. The aim is two-fold: to inspire and educate. Says choir member Patrick Tisdale, "I sing because I want my voice to be heard."

Open to boys age 8-18, the choir's standards are high and require discipline, respect, and academic success. According to director James Backmon, "The boys have learned that their voices, individually and collectively, really matter; they have acquired self-confidence, poise, personal and group discipline in work and other skills for living in this complex world and at the same time brought pleasure to those who have heard them sing."

Support for the choir comes from corporate and foundation grants, congregations, and individuals. Four congregations on the South Shore: First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset; First Parish Hingham Old Ship Church; First Parish in Norwell; and First Parish in Scituate are making the choir's visit to Cohasset possible.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

6:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:18 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 a.m. **King St.**, parking enforcement. Sgt. reports he is at this location handling a parking problem.

2:09 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports 2 males possibly selling drugs at this location in front of the house. Nobody in the area at this time.

2:41 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, well being check, officer reports he saw a young child get hurt on the school bus, but she is o.k. mother is on scene, no services needed.

2:44 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, transport citizen, officer assisting a Hull cruise with a transport of 2 elderly citizens.

3:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire - public assist, E 3 to this location to attempt to assist a female is getting her keys out of the catch basin.

4:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, lost property, party reports lost cell phone, she looked everywhere and can't find it. Date of loss is Dec. 2005, the Cellular phone is a Motorola, valued at about $200. Location of the loss is unknown.

4:09 p.m. **Lantern Lane**, noise complaint, caller complains behind Lantern Lane on the track there are kids riding their motorbikes, he'd like a cruiser to check it out. Officer reports she found the riders and spoke with the parents and they can continue riding its their own property.

9:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, well being check, follow-up.

10:08 p.m. **Pond St., and King St.**, suspicious vehicle.

10:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:40 p.m. **Deerhill School and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

12:08 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, fire, structure, working fire.

12:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:55 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:27 a.m. **Henry Turner Bailey Rd.**, assist other Police Department, officer responding to this location to assist Scituate PD with a traffic stop and officer is requesting back up.

9:49 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, keep the peace, walk in party reports he would like an officer to go to this location with him to remove some of his belongings. There is a court order that allows it.

10:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school buildings check out ok all secure.

11:05 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, assist citizen, canceled before arrival, caller reports her 9-month-old is locked in the motor vehicle.

11:46 a.m. **Cedar St.**, disturbance, several phone calls and walk in parties reports picketers from the school in this area are causing a problem with residents going to the dump. Officer did respond and the picketers were gone on arrival.

1:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other Police Department.

1:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports gas drive off from this location $27.82 Hingham PD notified.

2:12 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

2:23 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, suspicious activity, dispatcher on duty heard a young girl screaming at her mother. Officers have spoken to the female, everything is ok no problems.

2:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:02 p.m. **Rust Way**, larceny, caller reports earlier today someone has removed a lawn art from his property and wants to file report about incident.

5:33 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:45 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, area search negative.

9:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, electrical fire in deli. PD on scene reports no fire showing but one outlet is sparking. All units to quarters Stop & Shop maintenance to handle situation electrical out taken out of service.

10:56 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports was traveling North on 3A when a vehicle was traveling South on 3A erratic operations. 883, 886 were dispatched nothing found from Scituate to Hingham line.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, transport citizen.

6:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:50 a.m. **All Schools**, officer reports all schools check ok all secure.

11:03 a.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:17 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

5:40 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

5:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

7:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, accidental 911 call by child, officer to confirm.

9:31 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

9:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, abandoned/hang-up 911, party from above location had called to report a customer was unruly.

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MONDAY, MARCH 13

12:28 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Deer Hill St., and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, caller reports she swallowed her foam earplug and wasn't sure what to do. She was given a poison control center number and she also called back to get the number of a hospital to double check.

6:29 a.m. **Beach St.**, assist other Police Department, Delta one Delta 2 clear with other agency.

7:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:15 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:26 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Holly Circle**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, blood pressure check.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, diabetic who had a reaction.

11:09 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance, initial call for removal of property without permission. Son on scene and is getting ready for sale of condo unit no property being removed.

12:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire, caller states that a brush pile is close to dwelling on possible lower Pond Street. All checks out no hazard.

12:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a large pot hole in North Bound Lane of 3A, request notification of Mass Highway for repairs.

2:09 p.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, reports damage to a couple of doors.

3:20 p.m. **Pond St.**, follow-up parking issue.

5:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, noise complaint, caller complains of the noise that the water pump on Sohier Street makes all night long.

7:27 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:50 p.m. **Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:13 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:14 p.m. **Deer Hill St., and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:15 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

12:03 a.m. **Hull PD**, bolo announcement, armed robbery occurred between 7:15 at Subway Sandwich, w/m 5'2", blue eyes wearing white hooded sweatshirt with "Alcatraz" in red letters on the back, dark blue scarf covered his face. Male showed a silver hand gun. Possible vehicle was dark colored pick-up truck with a silver tool box in back, no direction of travel. Possible two white companions are teenage male with a blue hood and a 25 year old female wearing a maroon sweater/sweatshirt, dark hair in a pony tail.

2:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

2:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:53 a.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, caller advised arching wire. Unable to locate.

6:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, caller advised some of the power is out. Contacted National Grid.

6:09 a.m. **King St.**, fire, investigation, low wire in front of above address. Fire Dept unable to locate - checked area 3A and CJC Highway.

8:36 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:59 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:12 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

12:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen.

7:38 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service.

9:48 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning for impeded operation.

11:04 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, brush, detail officer reports a resident with an illegal outside fire. No permits issued today due to wind advisory. Fire has been extinguished at this time.

2:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 call, received an open 911 call from this location. Sounded like a young child on the other side of the phone. Spoke to female resident at this location states her baby had the phone.

3:11 p.m. **Margin Ct.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 call, received hang-up 911 call from this location. Officer has spoken to all parties, no problems at this time. Child playing with the phone.

4:32 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party needed fingerprinting.

4:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, walk in party advised there was a male subject in front of her residence - she didn't know him, subject left at this time. Walk in party just wanted it logged in, she will call PD if she sees him again.

5:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party son needs fingerprinting.

6:41 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checks school.

6:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:43 p.m. **Hull PD**, animal complaint, Hull PD advised they have found a female German shepard.

7:36 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a raccoon in the middle of the road, possibly with a broken leg. Officer advised he will remain in the area until raccoon goes back in the woods.

9:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check.

11:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3 a.m. **Riverview Drive**, walk in party is a cab driver stating his fare did not pay him. 882 following cab driver to the house where the fare got out. 882 and 886 on scene. Cab driver is collecting his fare.

4:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:49 a.m. **James Lane**, downed power lines, walk in party reports a low hanging wire.

7:39 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, outside, there is an illegal burn at the new construction sight. Fire Dept has put the fire out and the workers have been spoken to.

8:37 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:16 a.m. **Dreamwald St.**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for elderly female feeling ill.

11:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS, several calls reporting car into a telephone pole. Officer on scene reports injuries but party is out of his vehicle. Electric company notified about damage to pole.

1:31 p.m. **Cairo Circle**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for an 83 year old male not feeling well.

2:01 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, structure, caller reporting working house fire at this location. Command reports all visible fire is knocked down for the time. Units all tied up checking extensions.

2:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports they need an ambulance for a patient. Scituate Rescue transporting to SSH.

4:32 p.m. **King St.**, well being check, employee from this location reports a woman who's been there for about 40 minutes now, talking to herself and she just wants someone to check on her. Officer reports gone on arrival. Officer to check the area. Officer reports subject may have been picked up in a blue Volvo and headed toward Hingham. Officer to check Sunrise to make sure they didn't have anyone walk away. Sunrise reports no one missing.

5:03 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports rabid raccoon in his yard. Officer put the animal down.

5:08 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, passerby reports at the end of Pond Street where the train work is going on there are men with a green van taking buckets of gravel and loading them into the van. Scituate man summoned on larceny charge.

6:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Fire Captain reports a call from Fallon Ambulance to take a call at this location for a CVA.

7:24 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:25 p.m. **Deer Hill St., and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:25 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, threats, caller reports she is receiving hate mail. The first letter she received was back in September and she threw it away because she thought it was some kind of joke. Her and her husband just recently received another letter that she said mentioned her and her kids,

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she requested no officer come down that she would come to the station with her husband tomorrow. She is very upset and concerned over the letter.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

12:42 am. **Pond St.**, open door/window, 884 reports open window in the Jr. High Wing. Window has been closed, but not secured. No entry has been gained.

1:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3:20 a.m. **Deep Run**, animal complaint, caller states a dog has been barking for 2 hours. Animal does not want anyone to approach it. Resident state it is not her dog. She checked and believes she knows who it belongs to. She will be putting it in her garage for now.

6:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:48 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, walk in party in HQ to pick up his plates.

7:08 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 a.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:43 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports there is a dump truck parked in the street causing traffic problems. Caller did ask the driver to move the truck but he refused. Officer spoke to driver of the truck and he will be moving it shortly.

1:29 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports 2 males in the plaza driving a white van stopped and asked people for money. The males were acting suspicious, male caller did give the male 10 dollars because he felt intimidated. All units searching the area. Victim called back stating he is parked across from the suspects in Scituate. Scituate PD responding along with Cohasset 888. Scituate and Cohasset cruisers off with male suspect. All units clear money was returned to victim.

1:52 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller complaining about the blasting on Beechwood Street. They are stating "It was the worst one since they have been doing it" and it shook her entire house. A Keyspan work crew also complained to an officer on the road.

1:59 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, car 20 and officer responding to this location to speak to the crew that is doing the blasting.

2:03 p.m. **Locust Rd.**, fire, investigation, E3 to this location to investigate and check the residence for another complaint of blasting. This complaint was from a Keyspan crew that is working.

6:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:30 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

7:26 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, party reports his father has flu like symptoms.

8:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued, vehicles tagged for parking violations, one vehicle was spoken to about ticket.

9:42 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

1:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, one of the machines from the MBTA project is going. It appears to be pumping water. Unable to locate contact info for MBTA.

6:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:49 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

11:55 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding vehicle that backed into his. Officer reports no damage but suspect vehicle will be getting a ticket for illegally parking.

12:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports a customer has had her pocketbook stolen while shopping. Caller called back stating female has located her pocketbook.

5:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, party into station to pick up accident forms for hit and run of her vehicle, just wanted it logged.

7:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, outside, caller reports she visualizes an outside fire by Straits Pond.

8:11 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement, 6 vehicles tagged.

10:49 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, medical aid.

11:27 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

12:33 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:29 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:33 a.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:45 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, disturbance - neighborhood, caller reports last evening their residence and vehicle had been egged and wanted it logged.

9:25 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, illegal dumping, initial call for illegal burning, caller called back stating that it was ash from yesterday burn. No fire currently.

9:34 a.m. **All Cohasset Schools**, building checks.

12:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, drive off, on call duty is going back to rectify situation.

1 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

2:30 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

3:20 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

4:17 p.m. **Beach St.**, littering, caller reports that a white jeep drove past his house and twice has thrown their trash out of the car in front of the calling party's home. Officer to search area for the white jeep. No jeep in the area.

4:46 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:47 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist, officer requests wrecker, 3A towing en-route.

7:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, caller reports she stopped on the side of the road where there was a man with his dog. Someone had run over the dog and took off. Officer reports the dog is still alive, the SSV in South Weymouth was contacted and they are preparing for when the man brings his dog in, ETA 15-20 minutes. Officer reports that the man had a bite on his hand and was injured, but refused medical attention. He was more concerned about the dog.

10:04 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

FIRE DEPT. STATUS REPORT

11 motor vehicle crashes last month

A summary of fire department responses during the month of February is as follows: building fires four; brush fires three; motor vehicle crashes 11; motor vehicle fires one; medical emergencies 76; inspections seven; investigations 11; assistance calls five; and miscellaneous responses 34. Forty-nine emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 43 medical emergencies and six fire calls, Chief Roger Lincoln said.

The fire department ambulance transported 55 patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Quincy Medical Center. Mutual aid ambulances transported four patients from Cohasset to South Shore Hospital. One patient was transported to a Boston Hospital by Med-Flight Helicopter after an industrial accident. One motor vehicle crash in February required transport to a hospital, Lincoln said.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 20 during February. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for eight responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 12 responses. The four responses classed as building fires were caused by: oil burner malfunction two; fluorescent light fixture transformer one; and electric/automatic dishwasher one, Lincoln said.

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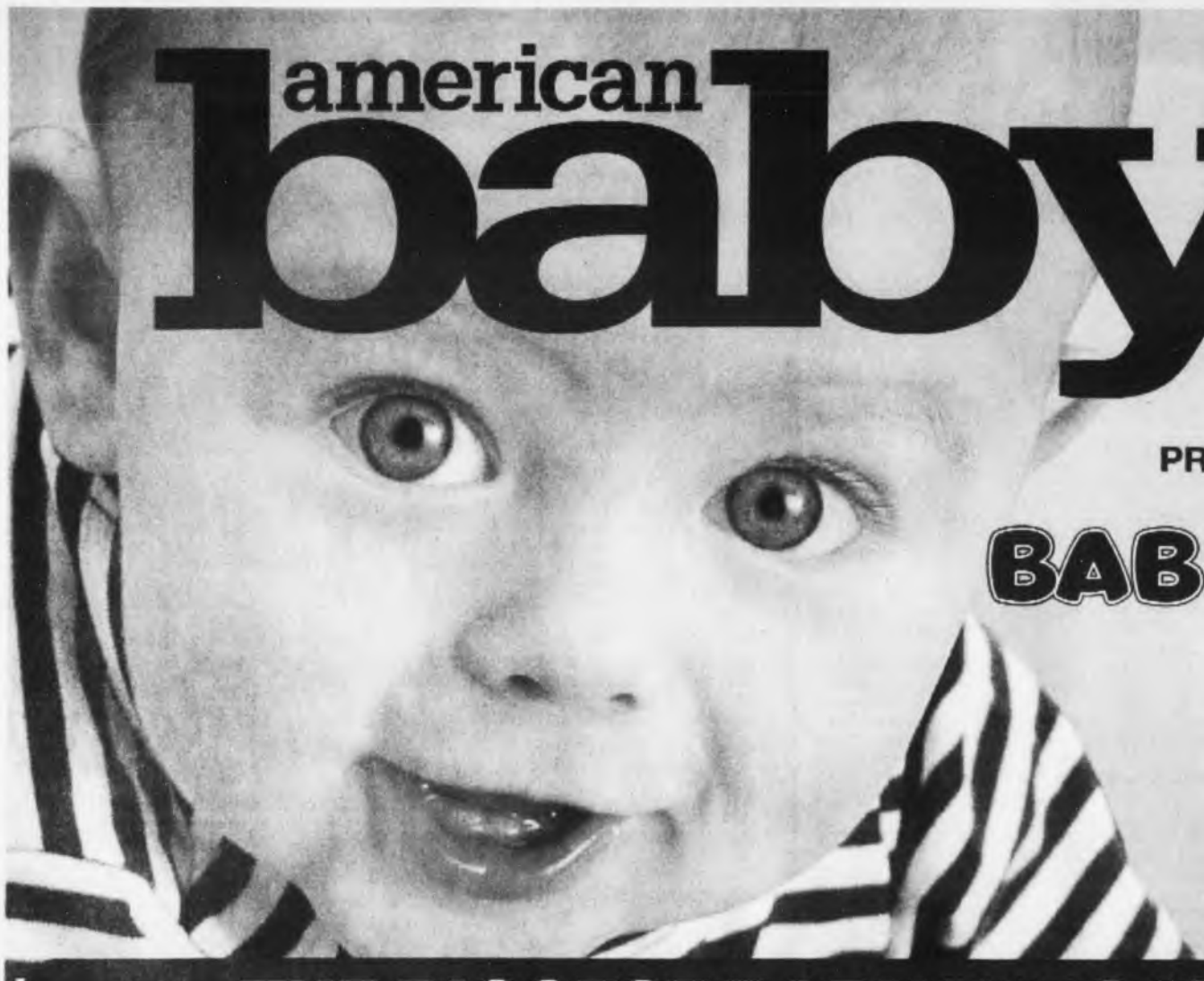

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What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 23-31, 2006

You *can* go home again

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

North Quincy High School alumni from across the country will return to the school for a benefit concert on Saturday organized to honor the memory of a long-time choir director and music educator.

Nearly 150 alumni — from Quincy, other South Shore communities, Maine, New York and Florida — will be returning home this weekend to take part in a musical celebration in memory of Maurice Carbonneau. Carbonneau taught at North Quincy High from 1967 until his retirement. A resident of Hough's Neck, Carbonneau died in August 1993. The musical weekend will culminate in a concert event being staged at North Quincy High School on Saturday evening.

Braintree's Ann Kenneally Ryan and local entertainment producer and Quincy resident John McDonald joined together after Carbonneau's passing, when they and a number of fellow former students decided to do something as a tribute to their beloved teacher, known to them all as "Mr. C."

"Immediately after his funeral, several of us got to talking about how much we enjoyed and appreciated what he taught us musically, how he challenged us to succeed and how much he cared about us as individuals," recalls Kenneally Ryan.

According to McDonald, "we soon hatched the idea of attempting to track down about 30 years worth of his students and invite them to a musical event staged in his honor."

Canton's Emily Gabel Prigot, another alum and among those who helped plan the first event, recalls being surprised at the community involvement 12 years ago.

"We had nearly 150 alumni return to North Quincy High for a musical reunion weekend which culminated in a concert in October 1994. The show was amazing. It featured graduates who had gone on to become accomplished musicians as soloists, performances by entire local musical families and fond remembrances by several of his fellow faculty members. The finale was this gigantic choir of about 150 voices, spanning 30 years of students of Mr. C singing to a packed auditorium. The sound of the music generated by that enormous choir was simply unforgettable."

Maurice Carbonneau

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The 1994 event raised nearly $4,500 from ticket sales and a grant from the Quincy Arts Council. The proceeds funded music scholarships for deserving seniors at North Quincy High. McDonald learned last year that the funds have been depleted and there was no longer any money left for the scholarships.

"When I found this out, it was like a call to action," said McDonald. "Many times over the years, when I would bump into participants from the first event, they would tell me how much they enjoyed it and how they wished we could do it all over again. But now, I really felt we had an important reason to do so."

Maurice Carbonneau had an accomplished musical career as a singer prior to joining the North Quincy High School faculty. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, he frequently performed in fully staged operas, including concerts and operas with the legendary soprano Beverly Sills.

"One aspect of the first event that was especially moving was the response of his wife and family," remembered Dana Cetlin, another alum who now lives in Newton. "I'll never forget Mrs. Carbonneau's comments to all of us at the conclusion of the first concert. She said, 'Some people wonder if teaching is worth it. Tonight shows that it is worth it.' She was really touched by the whole event, as were we and the audience."

Gay Carbonneau, an accomplished singer, pianist and choral director in her own right, also taught for many years in the Quincy Public School System and remains active in the Quincy Choral Society. She is planning to attend the event with her family.

(Alumni who would like to participate should contact the committee at 617-786-7469. Tickets for the March 25 benefit performance at 8 PM at North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock Street, Quincy, are on sale now for $15 per person and may be purchased online with a credit card at www.jmproductionspresents.com. Tickets may also be ordered by sending a check made out to "Maurice Carbonneau Scholarship Fund" to JM Productions ~ PO Box 2313 ~ Quincy, MA 02269-2313. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis with general admission. Due to the anticipated demand, tickets may not be available at the door.)

Movie review

'Smoking' is butt of the joke

Thank You for Smoking (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In 1999, film audiences rejected "The Insider," a great and important drama about the tobacco industry.

This must have the makers of "Thank You for Smoking," a film about the pitfalls of being the chief spokesman for the tobacco industry, reaching for their Camel Lights.

Directed by 29-year-old Jason Reitman, the son of filmmaker Ivan Reitman, and based on a novel by satirist Christopher Buckley, "Thank You for Smoking" is a terrific black comedy about the absurdity of modern life. It will remind some of "The Weather Man," a great 2005 film that was also overlooked.

In a career-enhancing, leading-man turn, Aaron Eckhart is tobacco industry spokesman, human pinata and "yuppie Mephistopheles" Nick Naylor. Nick has been subpoenaed to testify before a congressional committee headed by the self-righteous prig and anti-tobacco crusader Senator Ortolan Finistirre (William H. Macy). Nick's estranged 12-year-old son Joey (Cameron Bright) is not sure what his dad, who is divorced from his mom, does for a living or much else about him.

Heather Holloway (Katie Holmes), a beautiful reporter looking to establish a reputation, is not averse to using sex to get Nick to come clean about the industry. Nick's scheming boss (J.K. Simmons) and the so-called "Col. Sanders of nicotine" — a hickory-smoked mogul known as the Captain (Robert Duvall) — want Nick to find a solution to smoking's bad image. Nick concocts a farfetched-I'm-sure cross-promotional campaign. The tobacco industry will give money to the film industry in exchange for movies in which smoking is depicted as hip (imagine).

Nick's closest friends Polly Bailey (Maria Bello) and Bobby Jay Bliss (David Koechner) aren't friends, really. They are fellow pariahs and "death merchants," D.C. lobbyists for the alcohol and firearms industries. To top it all off, the one and only Marlboro Man (Sam Elliott, of course), or at least this film's version of him, is dying of lung cancer and about to testify against the industry that made him a national icon.

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Like "The Weatherman," "Thank You for Smoking" explores that endangered species known as modern American male professional and features a great performance by a lead actor. Working in a ridiculous job, perched on the edge of career and personal disaster, Nick is the new American Everyman.

"Thank You for Smoking" opens to the tune of the 1947 Merle Travis novelty song "Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! (That Cigarette)" by country star Tex Williams, a two-pack-a-day smoker who died of cancer, and contains what some say is a raunchy sex scene trimmed down at the request of Holmes' new representatives. The film often recalls the work of the great American satirists Preston Sturges ("Sullivan's Travels") and Billy Wilder ("Some Like It Hot," "The Apartment").

As Jack's morally adrift assistant, Adam Brody of "The O.C." makes a fine impression, and as a suspiciously Mike Ovitz-like, kimono-clad Hollywood wheeler and dealer, Rob Lowe is frighteningly convincing. But the film belongs to Eckhart.

After coming to prominence in the bogus, button-pushing Neil LaBute dramas "In the Company of Men" (1997) and "Your Friends & Neighbors" (1999), Eckhart has more lately been taking up space in such dreary programmers as "The Core," "Paycheck" and, worst of all, "Suspect Zero."

"Thank You for Smoking" gives him the chance to show off his square-jawed charm, sex appeal and genuine comic flair, and suddenly Eckhart looks like James Stewart's natural heir.

Thank you for acting.

Rated R. "Thank You for Smoking" contains profanity and sexual situations.

Calendar of events

BEST BET

The New England Sled Dog Club will hold a demonstration at Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m. Admission is $5, adults, $2 for children; members get in free. Outdoor demonstration of rigging and training team of eight sled dogs. Inuit carvings and sled dog photographs will be on exhibit. For information call 781-925-5433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

Thursday, March 23

Free Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage seminars offered by South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Thursday, March 23, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday, March 29, 3 to 5 p.m. Detailed analysis of how the drug plans work. Individual guidance will be provided in selecting a plan. To register call 781-848-3910. For more information visit www.sselder.org.

The North River Arts Society presents "Nurturing the New," a new exhibit in the Little Gallery featuring original mixed media and traditional monoprints by member artist Mary Taylor, through March 24. Pre-registration is appreciated. Cost is $20. Hours for the gallery, located in NRAS' G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills are Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment weekends. For information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email: [illegible]

Disney's AIDA will be performed at The Company Theatre, Norwell from through April 9. The Broadway sensation created by Elton John and Tim Rice tells the passionate tale of mystery and magic in ancient Egypt. Tickets are $26-29 and are available at The Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or online www.companytheatre.com.

Dedham Fire and Police History exhibit, at Dedham Historical Museum, 612 High St., Dedham, through June. Fire items on display include helmets, nozzles, axes, buckets, uniforms, tools, oxygen mask, journals and antique fire toys. Police items include billy clubs, handcuffs and photograph collection. Museum hours Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., every other Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $2, adults, $1 children. For information visit www.dedhamhistorical.org or call 781-326-1385.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **John Cate Band**. Thursday, March 23 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 23, **Blues Jam with Ricky "King" Russell.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Friday, March 24

"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondheim presented by Fontbonne Academy Good Fountain Players, Fontbonne Academy auditorium, 930 Brook Road, Milton. Friday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 26, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1, 1:30 p.m. Tickets $12 at the door, $10 advance, $9 groups of 20, $7, children age 10 and under. Call 617-696-3241 ext 3015.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, March 24, **Chris Fitz Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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SECOND ANNUAL POWDER POINT CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT PAN MASS CHALLENGE on June 11. A bike ride for kids to raise money to fight cancer, at Duxbury High School, St. George Street. Riders have the choice of riding a 3.3-, 6.7-, or 10-mile route or a "trike and trainers" loop for the less experienced. Registration will begin May 1. For more information, visit http://kids.pmc.org/duxbury.htm.

THIRD ANNUAL JOHN'S RACE, Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m., at Pope's Tavern, South and Plymouth streets in Halifax. A 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) run/walk and 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) run. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. To benefit John Kealey's daughter, Kyli who was born five months after he was tragically killed in a car crash caused by an alleged drunk driver. Registration by May 20 is $15, after May 20, $20. For information, visit www.johnsrace.com or www.coolrunning.com.

"SHOOT FOR THE GOLD" basketball tournament. The annual Special Olympics Mass. South Section fundraiser will be held on April 1 at 4:30 p.m. at Dartmouth Middle School, Dartmouth. Players can choose between three levels of fundraising: gold, silver or bronze. If you love to play basketball or want to help raise funds, call 508-821-3635 or email: southasd1@specialolympicsma.org.

THE ROYAL BALLET presents Kenneith MacMillian's **"Manon,"** a Bank of America celebrity series performance, June 15-17 at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are $95, $80, $60 and $45. Call Telecharge at 800-447-7400, TTY 888-889-8557 or visit Wang Theatre box office or online at www.celebrityseries.org.

"SPRING INTO QUILTING," Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School. Admission $6 for one day and $10 for both days. Charity quilts, a silent auction of miniature quilts and 200 quilts on display. Vendors selling thread, fabric, and sewing machines to notions and baskets. A quilter's boutique, with handcrafted items and quilts for sale. For information call 781-248-3989.

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Firewood Derby at Bare Cove Fire Museum, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham, Friday, March 24, 6 p.m. $5 per person at the door. Cost includes sandwich buffet, soft drinks, and dessert. Competition open to all ages, no divisions. Call 781-749-0026.

"The Turntables," featuring hits of the '50s and '60s, Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, March 24-25, April 1-2. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Dinner and show tickets $39.95 Saturday, $37.50 Friday and Sunday. Show tickets $19.95. Free parking. For reservations call 781-843-5862.

Silk painting workshop with artist and designer Brooke Stanton, The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, for beginner or intermediate students, Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., through April 5. Cost is $25 per session. Pre-registration required. Call 781-934-6634 ext 15.

Summer Music Camp open house at Backyard Jams, 63 Tosca Drive, Stoughton, Friday, March 24, 6 to 10 p.m., Kids and adult programs including eight-week Rock School in April, and summer Rock and Blues Camps in June and July. Bring instruments. Studio equipped with drums, keyboards, guitars, amps, lighting, and TV projection. Kids jam at 6 p.m. Adult jam at 8 p.m. Free admission. For information call 781-344-4427 or visit www.backyardjams.com.

South Shore Singles semi-monthly dance, Friday, March 24, at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, from 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ. Ages 45+, proper dress, no jeans or athletic shoes. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, March 24, **Five To The Face** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

New England Singles dance, Friday, March 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Hors d'oeuvres. Ages 35+. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Saturday, March 25

North River Arts Society 11th Annual Cabaret Concert, at the Cushing Center in Norwell, featuring the **Manny Santos Quartet** with guest vocalist, **Candida Rose,** Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. Pre-concert cocktail party 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Reservations call Laura Harvey, 781-837-8091 or visit NRAS at G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

The Easter Bunny arrives at the Hanover Mall, 1775 Washington St., Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. through Saturday, April 15. Photo packages available.

Tea with Peter Rabbit and Friends, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs lane, Norwell, Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Story time, crafts, activities, and outdoor stroll. Pre-registration and payment required. $8 members, $7 non-members. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Kite Day 2006 at South Shore Country Club, Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine.) Sea Side Kites will have kite demonstrations, a bubble machine, candy drops and sales. Goldie The Clown will be on hand for face-painting and balloons. Sponsored by the Country Club Management Committee, Town of Hingham. Complimentary hot dogs, soda and chips.

New England Sled Dog Club Demonstration at Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m. Admission $5, adults, $2 children; members free. Outdoor demonstration of rigging and training team of eight sled dogs. Inuit carvings and sled dog photographs on exhibit. For information call 781-925-5433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

American Baby Faire, Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., childcare, parenting information, children's activities, free product samples and coupons. Admission $8, children under 12 and grandparents admitted free. $3 discount admission coupons available at Babies "R" Us stores. For information call 877-959-BABY or visit www.Americanbabyfaire .com.

35th Annual Model Railroad Show and Open House, South shore Model Railway Club, Bare Cove Park Building 51, Hingham, Saturday, and Sunday, March 25 and 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission $4 adults, $2 seniors and children ages 6-12; under age 6 admitted free. Call 781-740-2000 or visit www.ssmrc.org.

Hingham Antiques Show and Sale, Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hingham Middle School, Route 228, Hingham, Rain or shine. Sponsored by Hingham Schools Parent Advisory Council. For information call 800-641-6908.

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Saturday, March 25 at 9 a.m., **Blue Hills Trail Work Day**. Join volunteers from DCR TrailWatch program and lend a hand to spruce up the trails. You supply the energy and they will supply the tools. Bring boots and gloves. Three hours. Call 617-698-1802 for sign up and directions, or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Scituate Film Festival presents five films on conflict resolution, Saturday and Sunday, March 25, 26, screenings 1-7 p.m., at Scituate High School, 125 American Lane, Scituate. Documentary filmmaker John Michalczyk examine issues of social justice. Cost $5 per film or $20 for all films. Call 781-544-7722 or email dbrerotry@aol .com.

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m., **Hiking: A Step Beyond**. Get more out of your wilderness experience. From safety tips to watching wildlife, discover there is more to hiking than just a walk in the woods. A seasoned ranger will share her insider tips. 1.5 hours. Meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center, 840 Hillside St., Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Get the Led Out, ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute band, area debut at Plymouth memorial Hall, Plymouth, Saturday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Tickets $20 at the box office, 50 Court St., Plymouth, or call 508-747-1340, or visit www.plymouthhall.com, and at all Strawberries stores.

Old Ship Coffeehouse, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, presents Irish born singer-songwriter **Robbie O'Connell**, Saturday evening, March 25, 8 p.m. $10 at the door. Light refreshments. Net proceeds benefit Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

New Amsterdam Boys Choir of East Harlem N.Y. will perform at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Concert will be held at Meeting House, Cohasset Common Tickets $10 at the door.

Maurice Carbonneau Memorial concert, Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m., North Quincy High School, No.Quincy, 8 p.m. Tickets $15 on sale at www.jmproductionspresents.com. Checks made payable to "Maurice Carbonneau Scholarship Fund" mail to JM Productions, P.O. Box 2313, Quincy, MA 02269-2313. To participate, alumni may call 617-786-7469.

Seventh Annual Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Gala, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Saturday, March 25, 7 p.m., Loring Center, Route 3A, Plymouth. Live auction, buffet dinner, silent auction, music, and cash bar. Tickets $60 at the door, or in advance by visiting www.hfhplymouth.org. To donate items or for more information call 508-866-4188.

Ballroom Dance, Church Hill United Methodist Church Hall, 11 Church St., Norwell, Saturday evening, March 25, 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 advance, $12 at the door. Information call 617-325-1562.

Scituate Appalachian Service Project Group fundraiser, Grand Ole Opry dinner and auction, Saturday, March 25, 6:30 to 11 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall, Scituate. Barbeque by Bendle Beans, music by Blame the Dog, dancing, silent and live auctions, cash bar. Fundraiser to defray transportation costs for Appalachian Service Project. Tickets $35 available at First Trinitarian Congregational, St. Mary's, St. Luke's and First Parish Unitarian churches in Scituate or call 781-545-0505. Donations to First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066.

Comedy Night at BR's Monponsett, Route 58, Halifax, Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. to benefit Plympton baseball-softball programs. Featuring comedians from Annette's Comedy Asylum, DJ, and dancing. Ages 18 and older. Tickets are $30. For reservations call Bernie Wilder, 781-585-2832.

Pete Collins and Friends will perform at **The Winsor House Inn**, 390 Washington St., Duxbury, Saturday, March 25 at 8:30 p.m. Featuring Jim Mazzy on banjo and Fred Clifford on tuba. For information call 781-934-0991 or email janezcol@adelphia.net.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Six Foot Sunday.** Saturday, March 25 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Saturday, March 25, **Satch's 39th Annual Birthday Bash featuring The HouseRockers, Cindy Daley and other special guests.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit or www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Sunday, March 26

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, March 26 at 1 p.m., easy/moderate walk, 2 miles. Loop around Houghton's Pond and old Route 128. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St. in Milton. Walks will be led by a park ranger or a Walking Club volunteer leader. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing water. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Sunday, March 26, at 1 p.m., **Moondance Youth Blues Band.** Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Catholic Woman's Club of Hingham hosts a "Welcome Spring Afternoon Tea," Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Parish Hall, Cohasset. Refreshments, raffle prizes, door prize. For reservations call Joanie Fisher, 781-925-3639.

Complex Conversations: Scott Hadfield and New Acquisitions, two new exhibits at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through April 9. Call 781-934-6634.

Satch's Sunday Night Blues at Kilroy's, formerly Yardrock Blues Club. 132 E. Howard St., Quincy. Every Sunday night at 9 p.m., March 26, **Ricky "King" Russell**. Kitchen open until 11 p.m. For Information call 617-773-2660.

Monday, March 27

Celtic Odyssey art exhibit featuring the work of **Fiona and John Owen** will be on display through April 2 in the **South Shore Art Center, Bancroft Gallery,** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. free admission. Visit www.ssac.org.

Become a Big Sister. Orientation meeting to be held on **Monday, March 27 from 6-7 p.m**. at 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Building, Suite 7, second floor, in Quincy. Seeking women who are 20 years or older to become a big sister to girls between the ages of 7 and 15. For information, call 617-328-1061 or visit www.bigsisters.org.

Free Law School Seminar, for those considering law school and a legal career, Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. Boston University College of Arts & Sciences 725 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Featured speaker will be national legal expert Paul Lisnek, J.D, PhD, former law school professor and assistant dean Sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep. To register, call 800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptest.com/law. Admission is free and open to the public.

Neil Simon's "Fools," a comic fable presented by the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School drama club, Hanover. Their annual theatre presentation will be held on March 30, 31, and April 1, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday dinner and show, $18, $5 show only. Dinner reservations must be made by March 27. For reservations call 781-878-8822

Relax-Destress-Renew group sessions led by Ellin Morin. Ongoing sessions meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Guided imagery, meditation and stress relief, all of which can promote wellness and a sense of well-being. Held at Scituate Pediatrics, 10 New Driftway, Suite 201, Scituate. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for teens. For information call Ellin Morin at 781-545-2662.

Tuesday, March 28

North River Network Group will meet at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

Poetry Workshop by Grub Street South, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Tuesday evening, March 28, 7 p.m. Instructor Allison Adair covers voice, rhythm, imagery, and form. Free admission. Reservations requested. Call 781-383-2665.

South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will exhibit of the works of **Marjorie Osbourne Whorf and Tatiana Vladimirovna Yanovskaya**, through March 30. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

CALENDAR, see next page

PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Michael Siberry ans 'King Arthur" and Jeff Dumas as 'Patsy'.

Sprightly 'Spamalot' sets Monty Python's laughs to music

If the boffo box office for "Monty Python's Spamalot" - on Broadway, where it won the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, and now here in Boston, where its national tour opened this month - is any indication, the stage version of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" appeals to more than just the considerable fan base of the famous British comedy troupe. Indeed, the musical - described in its press materials as "lovingly ripped off" from the 1975 feature film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" - understandably relies heavily on schtick made famous in the movie, but it also makes time for wonderful spoofs of other popular musicals like "Phantom of the Opera," "Fiddler the Roof," and "West Side Story."

With book and lyrics by original Monty Python member Eric Idle and lyrics by Idle and composer John Du Prez, "Spamalot" has no trouble paying proper homage to the film comedy that inspired it. And with Mike Nichols as director, the staging is theatrically inspired and plenty sprightly to keep even non-Pythonites fully engaged. The act one "Knights of the Round Table" is set in a Camelot that looks suspiciously like the Excalibur Hotel in Las Vegas. Those suspicions are confirmed when the round table turns out to be a roulette wheel and the cast reminds the audience that "what happens in Camelot stays in Camelot." When Sir Galahad and the Lady of the Lake duet on "The Song That Goes Like This," Andrew Lloyd Webber's frequent musical pomposity is punctured to great, very humorous effect.

When it opened in New York last March, the show boasted a name cast including David Hyde Pierce, Hank Azaria, and Tim Curry. The just-launched national tour eschews above-the-title casting for a solid company led by Michael Siberry as King Arthur, Pia Glenn as the Lady of the Lake, Bradley Dean as Sir Dennis Galahad, and Rick Holmes as Sir Lancelot. The sets and costumes by Tim Hatley are beautifully bright and shown off to full advantage by Hugh Vanstone's first-rate lighting design. And, in a special nod to longtime Monty Python fans, when God speaks in "Spamalot," he is voiced by no less than John Cleese.

"Monty Python's Spamalot" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through April 15. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com.

- R. Scott Reedy

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"The Turntables," featuring hits of the '50s and '60s, will perform at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, March 24-25, April 1-2. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Dinner and show tickets are $39.95 Saturday, $37.50 for Friday and Sunday performances. Show tickets only are $19.95. For reservations call 781-843-5862.

Classes

QUINCY ART ASSOCIATION LIFE DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASS, Tuesdays, drawing from 7-9 p.m. and painting from 7-10 p.m. Held at the Quincy Art Association, 26 High School Ave., Quincy. Call Bill at 617-472-4578 for more information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ADULT CPR/AED, Thursday, March 30 from 6-10:30 p.m. Teaches treatment for bleeding, first aid for choking and CPR for victims over the age of eight. Held at South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy. Pre-registration is required. Cost is $55. For information call 617-770-2600 or visit www.bostonredcross.org.

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH, sponsored by the Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave., Quincy on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m.. Promotes whole body health. Two free demonstration classes with active participation. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. For more information, call 781-337-5751.

HALF-HULL MODEL CARVING WORKSHOP, Thursday evenings, March 29 through May 18, at the Jones River Landing in Kingston. Instructor is MBMA Boatshop Director Reuben Smith. No prior woodworking experience needed. Cost is $450 ($400 for members.) Limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration is required, call 617-462-7215 or email reuben@tumblehomeboatshop.com.

FICTION WRITERS' WORKSHOP begins Thursday, March 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. for ten weeks. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Instructor Kim Davis, creative writing teacher at Cambridge Center for Adult Education. Cost $70 plus small materials fee. Pre-registration required. For information call 781-934-6634 ext .19 or email mayes@artcomplex.org.

INSIGHT EDUCATION WORKSHOP, Power Struggles and Tantrums (ages 1-7) on Monday, March 27 from 7-9 p.m. at Blue Hill Montessori School in Canton. Cost is $25 for individual, $40 per co-parenting couple. Pre-registration is required at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

Calendar

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Manny Santos Candida Rose

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The North River Arts Society will hold its 11th Annual Cabaret Concert, at the Cushing Center in Norwell, featuring the Manny Santos Quartet with guest vocalist, Candida Rose, Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. Pre-concert cocktail party 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. For reservations call Laura Harvey, 781-837-8091 or visit NRAS at G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Look Good, Feel Better seminar, Tuesday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m., sponsored by the American Cancer Society, at the Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. Tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and changes in skin often resulting from chemotherapy or radiation therapy. To pre-register call Gail Mitten at 781-829-4823. For more information call 800-ACS-2345.

"Being There," The James Library and Center for the Arts will exhibit a collection of oil paintings by award winning artists, Jeanne MacFarland of Hull and Margaret McWethy of Hingham. Features plein air paintings of favorite south shore scenes and still lifes. Exhibit runs through April 1. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

Wednesday, March 29

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Free Community Health Fair, Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, 384 Court St., Plymouth. Representatives from Emmanuel House Residence Assisted Living, Old Colony Elderly Services, Massachusetts Association for the Blind, Overlook VNA, Beacon Hospice, Fair Havens Rest Home, Lutheran Social Services of New England, Plymouth Council on Aging. For information call 508-746-3041.

"A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright and Women's Rights" co-authors Sherry Penrey and James Livingston discuss the life of abolitionist and women's rights activist Martha Wright, to celebrate Women's History Month, Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Coffee and dessert at 6:45 p.m. Free admission. Call 781-741-1405 ext 2609.

Annual Meeting of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., at Wilder Memorial Hall, 666 Main St., Hingham. Author Sherman Morss Jr., "The Boston Harbor Islands," is the featured speaker. For information visit www.hinghamlandtrust.org or call 781-749-0162.

Poetry at the Main St. Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, Seconc Annual Student Feature night, Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. Open mic, 7 p.m., sign up 6 p.m. For information call 508-238-6788 or visit www.creative-prose.org/main_st_café.

Ice Hockey spring/summer leagues begin April/May. Players and teams are needed for all ages and levels of play. Play various south shore locations. For a brochure cal 888-456-3745 or email:adulthockeyneshl@aol.com

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League on Wednesdays at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. Win gifts and prizes. For information call 781-843-3648 or visit www.bigstackpoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Wednesday, March 29 from 9 p.m. to midnight, **Moondance Blues Band featuring Danny Banks.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Thursday, March 30

South Shore YMCA's 10th annual "A Taste of the South Shore," Thursday, March 30 at Lombardo's in Randolph. Sample cuisine from Atlantica, Caffe Tosca, Saporito's, El Sarape and many more. Tickets are $75 per person. Proceeds benefit Y's Strong Kids Annual Support Campaign. To attend or make a donation, call Jill Donovan at 617-479-8500 ext. 146.

"Unforgettable: The Nat King Cole Story," at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, Thursday, March 30 through Saturday, April 15, starring Broadway star and Tony Award nominee Monroe Kent II. Tickets call 781-279-2200 or visit StonehamTheatre.org. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., matinees Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets $36 adults, $32 seniors, $18 students under age 18 or with valid college ID.

"Impressions of Early Spring," art exhibit on display through April 1, South Shore Natural Science Center, Vine Hall, Norwell. Duxbury artist Lily Cleveland. Works include watercolors, acrylic, and mixed media.

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The Old Ship Coffeehouse, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, presents Irish born singer-songwriter Robbie O'Connell in concert Saturday March 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door. Light refreshments will be served. Net proceeds benefit Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

Free Colorectal Cancer seminar, Thursday evening, March 30, 6 to 8 p.m., Jordan Hospital Funkhouser Conference Room, 275 Sandwich St., Plymouth. Discussion of symptoms, risk factors, treatment, and prevention. Light supper provided. To register call 800-750-5343.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 30, **Satch's Blues Jam w/The New Blue Revue**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 30, **Lisa Love Experience**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, March 31

Nathan Gallery presents **"Full Circle"** through April 29, at the Frame Center, second floor, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Fourth annual presentation of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Dept. (K-12.) Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

South Shore Conservatory's annual Distinguished Guest Artist Concert presents Maxwell Li on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Li will be joined by Beth MacLeod, mezzo-soprano, and Hui-Min Wang on piano. Concert to be held at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Conservatory $25 for adults, $20 seniors and students. To order visit www.southshoreconservatory.org. For more information call 781-749-7565 or 781-934-2731 ext 10.

New England Singles dance, Friday, March 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Hors d'oeuvres. Ages 35+. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Art sale at First Parish Norwell Unitarian, 24 River St., Norwell. Opening reception Friday evening, March 31, 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 24 River St., Norwell Center. Work by South Shore artists, and raffle of selected items. Free admission. Call 781-294-8840.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, March 31, **Satch's Blues jam w/The New Blue Revue**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Spank** performs on Friday, March 31, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Ongoing events

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866

The South Shore Soliloquy Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. The club provides an opportunity for residents of the south shore to master public speaking and learn leadership skills in a friendly supportive club environment. For more information, call Bob Symes at 781-837-5734 or visit www.geocities.com/sssoliloquy.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus is a women's *a cappella* chorus that gives vocal training to its members who provide musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shore area. For information call 781-843-4355.

North River Arts Society is accepting applications for the **"Felida "Babe" Cusick Memorial Award"** scholarship, which is available for graduating high school seniors from Marshfield, Scituate, Norwell, Duxbury and Pembroke high schools. Applicant must be accepted to an institution of higher learning, majoring in fine arts or performing arts, music excluded. Application must be submitted by April 15. To receive more information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091.

Philatelists or stamp collectors are needed for a new Plymouth stamp club. This is an opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Meetings will be monthly. If you are interested or know someone who is, call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

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Get the Led Out, the ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute band, will make its area debut at Plymouth Memorial Hall, Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 at the box office located at 50 Court St., Plymouth, or call 508-747-1340. For more information visit www.plymouthhall.com, and at all Strawberries stores.

Discover Ireland. Applications are being accepted for the Irish Way, a **five-week summer study abroad program** for American high school students. Sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute, the Irish Way sends 100 students to Ireland for a unique cultural and educational experience. Dates are June 28-July 27. Applications are accepted until the program is full. For information contact Taryn Harrison at 973-605-1991 or email: tharrison@iaci-usa.org. Visit www.iaci-usa.org.

Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus open call for singers for spring show performance in May of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizons-forhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizons-forhomelesschildren.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m**. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

Feed the Animals at the **South Shore Natural Science Center** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. Free with admission. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting, wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Membership fee $20 per year. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

Just for kids

DISCOVERY NATURE DAY CAMP, Mass Audubon's South Shore Sanctuaries is accepting registrations. An opportunity for children to experience the outdoors at the 184-acre North River Wildlife Sanctuary and the 506-acre Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuaries in Marshfield. Non-competitive activities, games, hikes, stories and crafts. Sessions for children ages 4 1/2 to 13 are still available for summer 2006. Partial scholarships dependent on need. For more information on Discovery Nature Day Camp, please contact Ellyn Einhorn at 781-837-9400.

A SPLASH OF COLOR AT THAYER ACADEMY, Saturday art program for fourth and fifth graders, open to all South Shore residents. Art class is two hours and begins March 25 for five weeks. Taught by Anni McDonough. For more information email: amcdonough@thayer.org or call Thayer Academy at 781-664-2216.

MUSEUM MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN, an introduction to museum going through stories at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Monthly program for preschoolers will include storytelling related to the art and artifacts of the museum and an age-appropriate tour. First Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m. for one hour. Next program starts Thursday, April 6. Free for museum members with a family-level membership; $5 per child for non-members. Mandatory chaperones are admitted free. For information, contact the museum at 617-696-1815.

BUTTONWOOD BOOKS AND TOYS FIFTH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST, middle school students (grades 6, 7 and 8) are invited to participate. There are two categories: Free Verse or Form. One entry per person. Entries may be submitted by hand delivery or by mailing to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025. All entries will be displayed through the month of April at Buttonwood. The contest runs through April 11. For information call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

KNITTING WORKSHOP AT THE PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, The Youth Services Department of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., will be conducting a Basic Knitting Workshop for ages 9-12 on April 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn the basics; casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and casting off. If you have size 8 or 9 knitting needles bring them along. Program is free. Registration required, program limited to 20. Registration begins April 7. For information, call 508-830-4250. Visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

DROP-IN VACATION CRAFTS, at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Tuesday, April 18, Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20 from 2-3:30 p.m. Children, age 3-12, are invited to bring their imaginations and use the materials provided for their creations. Program is free, no registration is required. For information, call 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

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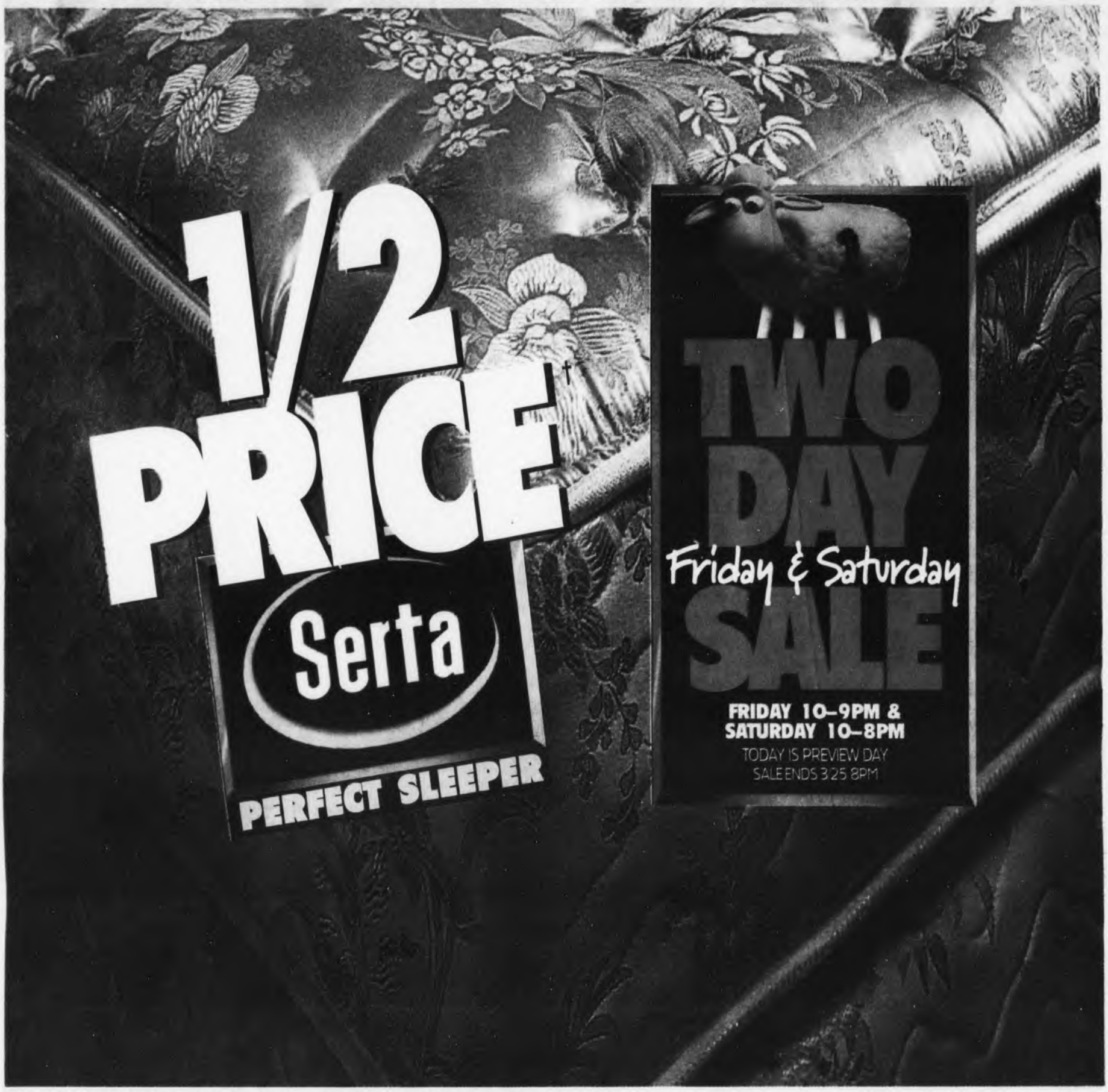

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Flowers bloom in front of the Pease house at the corner of Sankey Road and Summer Street while Sarah Peacock walks with her daughter, 3-year-old Lucy

Spring fever

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John Graceffa sits at the foot of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road while waiting for traffic to clear so he could continue on his spring bike ride on a brilliant afternoon.

With the arrival of spring and Monday's warmer temperatures, Julie McLaughlin decided it was a great day for a picnic on the Common with her children, Kara and Patrick.

Meeting to tackle town business

By Samantha Brown
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If you have an opinion on whether the town should develop new shops and housing units around the train station, whether the town should fund a new veteran's memorial, or whether the town should pass either a $725,000 or $1.495 million override — plan to be at Cohasset High School this Saturday, April 1.

These issues and more will be discussed at this year's Annual Town Meeting, which will convene in the high school's Sullivan Gymnasium at 10 a.m.

Town Meeting will cast votes on 24 articles detailed in the town Warrant, which was mailed to all households. Extra Warrants will be available Saturday.

Town Meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and business will be conducted until 1 p.m., at which point there will be a break for lunch. There will be a snack bar and proceeds will be donated to benefit the Appalachia Service Project.

The meeting will resume at 2 p.m. Moderator Dan Evans said if necessary, he will let discussion continue on an article past 5 p.m. in order for it to be carried to a vote, or if it looks as if the meeting could be completed. In the event the meeting must carry over to a second night, it will resume Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

"I believe we can get through the warrant on Saturday if the budget is completed by the lunch break," said Town Manager Bill Griffin.

A quorum of 100 registered

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No laughing matter

Town goes for largest override ever

By Samantha Brown
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This Saturday may be April Fools' Day, but for many voters who will attend Town Meeting, passing an operating budget override is no laughing matter.

With funds scarce and services on the line, residents will be asked to weigh in on passing either a $725,000 or a $1.495 million override figure. If either one of the figures receive majority votes of approval, it will set the stage for passing the largest operating budget override in the town's history.

Voting to pass an operating budget override means residents in a community choose to raise property taxes more than the 2-1/2 percent allowed by the state through Proposition 2-1/2, to help add funds to the operating budget. Cohasset is a town with a very small commercial tax base, and officials say the funds brought in from property taxes are not enough to keep its town and school programs moving forward. Residents must vote twice for an override to pass – once at Town Meeting and once at a special election. Cohasset has set its special election date for May 6 (the April 8 election will not ask voters to weigh in on the override).

The budget will be the third item of business to be tackled Saturday. Town Meeting begins at 10 a.m. and articles will be taken up in the order they appear in the warrant.

Article three will ask voters to take three actions – approve a

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Town to vote on tax breaks for elderly

By Samantha Brown
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In a town where home values continue to rise, there are provisions in place for residents who qualify to receive some relief when it comes to paying their taxes.

Articles seven and eight on this year's Town Meeting Warrant address tax deferrals and tax exemptions, both of which are available for Cohasset residents. Tax exemptions and tax deferrals are voted on every year by Town Meeting. This year's meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, and will be held in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

There are currently about 15 households who have applied for the program for tax deferrals. There are certain income and age restrictions which apply, and the taxes must eventually be paid back. If a house is sold when a resident decides to move to another town, the homeowner must pay back the deferred taxes with proceeds from the sale of the house. If a person passes away, the estate must pay back the taxes to the town.

Currently, deferred taxes must be paid back at an interest rate of 8 percent. Article seven would ask residents to approve the Board of Selectmen's setting the interest rate at 4 percent. Towns are allowed to reduce the interest rate due to recent legislation. The change would become effective July 1, 2006.

Exemptions can be granted for

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Stealing signs part of campaign game

Candidate Jenkins hard hit by culprit

By Samantha Brown
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Someone is going around Cohasset and stealing political signs — mostly those urging votes for school committee candidate Lee Jenkins.

Selectmen alerted the public to the incidents at their Tuesday meeting, but did not specify which candidate's signs had been stolen. Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said if residents would like to show their support for a particular candidate they should "put it into campaigning," for that candidate, rather than trying to work negatively against another.

Police Chief James Hussey said he received a message Monday morning from Jenkins, who had called to report many of her supporters had called her asking for another sign as theirs had been stolen. "It was the first I had heard of it," he said, as there was nothing in the police log from the weekend indicating one of the dispatchers had taken a call about any signs being stolen. He said his officers have all been informed of the situation and have been instructed to keep an eye out for any signs that may

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PICTURE THIS/Rich Ofsthun

Name: Rich Ofsthun (Off-stun).

Occupation: Host of Cohasset's Family Feud Gameshow fund-raiser to be held April 7 — the third and latest "Richard" to host the Family Feud.

Best day of your life: Whenever I have a microphone and a captive audience…captivated or not.

Best vacation: In front of a fireplace with my family playing the "At home" version of the Family Feud.

Favorite season: Summer reruns.

Favorite holiday: Christmas — for some reason a lot of family feuds are kicked-off that week.

Favorite saying: "Survey says!"

Best book: "When Families Feud: Understanding and Resolving Family Conflicts" by Ira Heilveil — although I hear it's languishing on Cohasset library shelves.

Best TV show: You have to ask?!

Pet peeve: Richard Karn, the current TV host — he's just no Richard Dawson.

Dumbest thing I ever did: I taped over all my Hogan's Heroes recordings.

Most memorable moment: Will be when I ask the School Committee team to "Give me the top five words to describe Prop. 2-1/2."

Goal: To provide a safe and fun post-prom party — it's really *not* about me.

Person you'd most like to meet: Richard Dawson…as Cpl. Newkirk.

Biggest worry: We still need fun families/teams as contestants, then to fill the auditorium with a studio audience. Come on down!

Best part of Cohasset: The generosity of its citizens.

PHOTO/DERRY SCHWANTNER

The Mariner caught up with Rich Ofsthun, host of Cohasset's Family Feud Gameshow, which will take place Friday, April 7. The event is being held to raise funds to support the post-prom party.

Selectmen change meeting schedule

Selectman Gary Vanderweil had suggested moving Selectmen's meetings to Mondays, as they used to be, and the board has agreed to one for now. The board's next meeting will be Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The board is going to wait until the new member comes on board after the April 8 election before it changes meetings to Mondays permanently. But, due to the fact that the meeting, if held on Tuesday, would have been on Opening Day for the Red Sox at Fenway, the board agreed to switch to Monday. The board is expected to vote on the permanent change during that meeting.

BlueJay Café Coffeehouse

Young musicians from the South Shore will perform in the BlueJay Café Coffeehouse, Friday, April 7, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall. Guitar teacher Jim Armstrong, along with his two brothers, will provide the "backup" music for the students who for one night will front the Armstrong Brothers Band.

Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children. Tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds from the coffeehouse will be split between the Second Congregational Church and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston.

Comcast contacted about poor reception

The Board of Selectmen signed a letter drafted by Town Manager Bill Griffin Tuesday, which asks Comcast to address the quality of local cable channel programming. He said the reception for the televised School Committee meetings are especially bad, and the letter will serve as the first step in getting a dialogue started.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, the Web site address for EverythingBaseballCatalog.com was incorrectly listed in the story titled "Web gems" in last week's Progress 2006 business special section.

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Hometown harbormaster

Cohasset resident to take over position

By Samantha Brown
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A familiar face around Cohasset Harbor will now become a permanent fixture, as Schofield Road resident Lorren Gibbons has been appointed to the position of harbormaster.

Gibbons, who has served as an assistant harbormaster for the town since 1998, will take over the full-time role in mid-April. Gibbons will replace John Muncey, who has served as acting harbormaster since harbormaster John "Moose" Winters passed away in 2003.

"My decision, which is also based on the input I have received, is that Lorren is the best candidate," said Town Manager Bill Griffin. Under the town's Town Manager Act, the appointment is Griffin's to make, but selectmen have 15 days in which to reject the appointment. The board voted Tuesday to waive its right to veto and formally welcomed Gibbons to the position.

"I'm looking forward to the job," said Gibbons, adding she sees it as both a fun and challenging opportunity. "It's going to be nice to be down there" working every day.

The town received 17 résumés from interested candidates, which were first reviewed by the Cohasset Harbor Committee. The committee recommended six candidates for an interview, and Griffin added a seventh candidate who had missed the deadline due to his serving the country in Iraq. Griffin, along with Selectman Rob Spofford, Director of Finance Michael Buckley, Police Chief James Hussey and resident Dick Avery served as the evaluation team which conducted the interviews.

During interviews, each candidate was asked to summarize their experience, training and interest in the position. Members of the evaluation team posed a number of questions to candidates on their management experience, boating experience, business experience, knowledge of Cohasset Harbor issues, revenue enhancement ideas, the role of the harbormaster as it relates to the harbor's environmental quality and the relationship of the harbormaster with others departments in town.

Upon completion of the first round of interviews, the evaluation team narrowed down the list of candidates to four, which came back for a second interview. Gibbons' qualifications set her apart from the rest.

In addition to her experience as an assistant harbormaster in town, Gibbons has been a lobster fisherman out of Cohasset, North Scituate and Hull since 1977, and owns, operates, and maintains a 35-foot lobster boat. She has been a member of the Cohasset Harbor Committee for the past 20 years. She is also a certified SCUBA diver, certified in adult, child, and infant CPR, and is Red Cross certified in basic first aid.

During her interviews, Griffin said Gibbons presented a number of ideas on how to improve the operation, visibility, and effectiveness of the harbormaster's department, and expressed a strong willingness to work with other town departments, such as the yacht club and sailing club, to help improve the safety and functionality of Cohasset Harbor.

Griffin said Gibbons included various letters of recommendation from a range of contacts with her application. He said the diversity of recommendations was very impressive, as there are many different kinds of people who use the harbor for a variety of reasons and Gibbons has a great rapport with them all.

Spofford said he is very happy with the appointment. "It was a unanimous decision," he said, adding Gibbons is sure to bring about the kinds of changes the harbor needs, including the possibility of amending the harbormaster's hours during the summer to ensure there is a visible presence in the evenings and on weekends.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he would like to see safety education become a component of the harbormaster's job description and said helping people understand what to do for safe boating would be a great service to the town. He also suggested finding a way to charge mooring fees to guests who may only stay in town for one or two nights, rather than not having anywhere for visitors to tie up their boats for the night.

"We want it to be a friendly place," Dormitzer said of the harbor, noting the area should be welcoming to those who do not live in town.

The board congratulated Gibbons once again on her appointment, and Chairman Fred Koed said in his opinion, "This is one of the more challenging positions in town." He added the town is lucky to have found such a qualified candidate.

Volunteers sought for Earth Day cleanup

Cohasset residents are looking to have a successful First Annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup, in honor of Earth Day, and are looking for volunteers to help. On Saturday, April 8 (rain date April 29) residents will meet in front of Town Hall at 2:30 p.m., and will then celebrate Earth Day and the beauty of Cohasset by cleaning selected streets and sites — Black Rock Beach, the Beechwood Ball Field, Government Island, etc. The town will provide garbage bags, but volunteers are asked to bring their own thick work gloves. The effort is supported by the Cohasset Board of Health, the Friends of Black Rock Beach, and the Cohasset Girl Scouts. For more information, please call Alison Callahan at (781) 383-1081 or Bill Burnett at (781) 383-3499.

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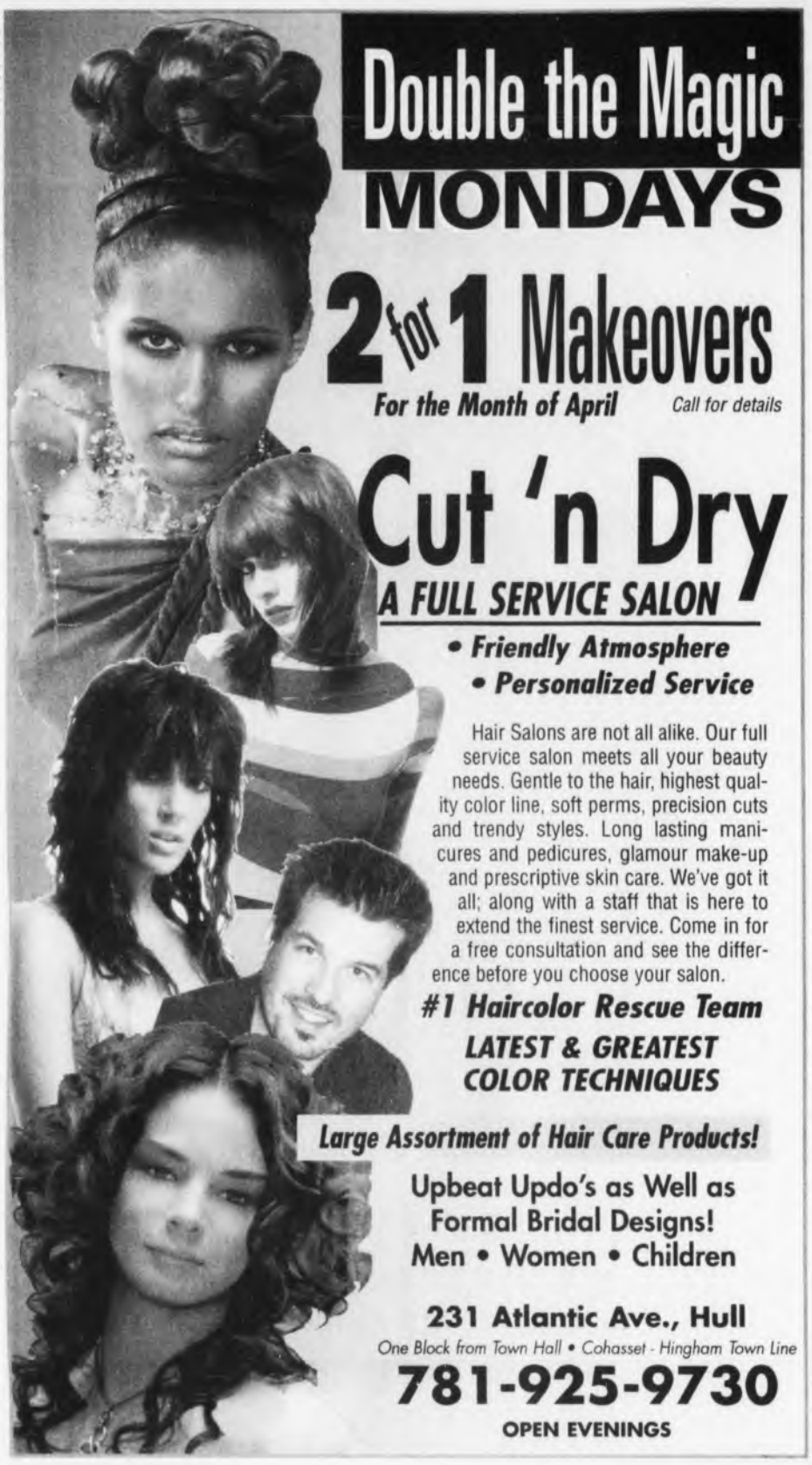

Selectmen bid Sullivan adieu

By Samantha Brown
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Tuesday's was the last selectmen's meeting for outgoing board member Michael Sullivan. After serving on the board for nine years, and previously serving on the Board of Health, Sullivan is bringing his 15 years of public service to a close — although he plans to stay very active volunteering in the community.

Fellow board members thanked Sullivan for his service throughout the years and wished him luck in the future.

"I'm very sad to see Mike leave," said Selectman Rob Spofford. "It will be a loss to the community. He is an ardent supporter of the schools, and while we might not have always agreed with him all the time, we always knew he had the interest of the town at heart. Congratulations and thank you for your service, speaking as a taxpayer and a resident of the town. You will be missed."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he still remembers when he met Sullivan years ago, when Sullivan was a member of the health board. Koed said Sullivan has been very active in public service for many years, and without his service and the service of other residents, "The town wouldn't function, so thank you."

Selectman Gary Vanderweil added he too remembers the first time he met Sullivan.

"You were standing holding a sign, 'Sullivan for Board of Health' and I had a sign "Vanderweil for Sewer Commission.' That was a long time ago," he said.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said during the time the two have worked together, they have had many different conversations between meetings to discuss the issues going on in town.

"He'd always call me to let me know what was happening, especially when he was chairman," said Dormitzer. While the two didn't always have the same opinions about the issues, "He always had a sense of humor about our differences."

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he will always remember Sullivan fondly, as he was Selectmen Chairman when Griffin was hired.

"That's a very special relationship," said Griffin, as it is the chairman who helps ensure as a new manager, "You don't go off a cliff in your first few weeks and make a mess of the town," he quipped. Griffin recalled how Sullivan was there for his first day on the job, and how he has always been there to advise whenever he is needed.

"I know I'll still be calling you in the future," he added.

"Anytime," said Sullivan.

Wall of honor

CPC funding would make veterans memorial a reality

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset could soon have a new memorial to honor those in town who have served their country. All it will take is voters giving the OK to spending Community Preservation funds on the effort.

The town will vote on the Community Preservation Committee's recommended spending of the funds at Saturday's Town Meeting. With a yes-vote, the Veterans Memorial Committee will get the go-ahead to move full-steam ahead into constructing the new monument.

The CPC would provide half of the funding necessary to construct the project, or $60,000. Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman Glenn Pratt said the new monument would be built in Veteran's Park on Cohasset Harbor, and would be dedicated to those who served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Currently, Veteran's Park has two monuments which list the names of all who served from the Civil War up to World War II. Pratt said this new monument would be the perfect way to honor the men and women who served, or are serving in the country's more recent wars.

The landscaping and layout of Veteran's Park would change to feature the new, centrally-located memorial. The monument would be circular, and sunken into the ground.

"It will be recessed so it will not block the view of the harbor," said Pratt, adding from the ground up, it will be roughly 16 inches tall on the outside, and 22 inches tall on the inside. He explained it would have a diameter of 28 feet, and the outside portion, which would be visible from the street, would be made of fieldstone. The monument would also feature a big flag pole in the center of the circle. There is currently a flag pole in Veteran's Park, but the new pole would be slightly larger and more prominent, said Pratt.

There would be a gently sloping walkway that would bring visitors down to the inside of the circle where the actual honor roll wall will be located. The inside walls of the circle would be made of gray granite. Pratt estimated there are roughly 168 names from the Korean War, 243 from Vietnam, 19 from the Gulf War, and 38 from the War on Terror. All of the names on the wall would be easy to read for visitors.

Pratt said Tutela Engineering has completed the engineering for the project. He said engineering was vital for the area, as it used to serve as the site of the old fire station. Pratt said test pits were dug to ensure the land was "all set to go."

Pratt said there will be drainage on the site and noted his group has been in contact with the various garden clubs to ensure the plants that are planned for the site are acceptable. He said veterans groups in town are very happy about the prospect of a monument.

He added with the blessing of Town Meeting, the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee will begin soliciting donations for the other $60,000 necessary to complete the project. He said he hopes construction will be ready to begin after the Memorial Day parade.

The most important aspect of the memorial will be ensuring all names of those who served are included and that the spelling is correct. Pratt said anyone who went into active service from a Cohasset address is eligible to have his or her name included on the monument, and being deployed is not a requirement.

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee is collecting names for those who have served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror. The most current lists of names can be found on the committee's Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com. To add a name to any of the lists, or to correct a name, please contact Chairman Glenn Pratt at info@cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

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Friday, April 14, will be the last day to register to vote for the upcoming Special Town Election to be held May 6. Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Friday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The polling location for this election will be at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., adjacent to Town Hall.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day may register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (781) 383-4100.

Road Race and Fran Coffey walk Sunday

The 30th annual Road Race by the Sea and the Second Annual Fran Coffey Memorial Walk will both take place Sunday, April 2. The Road Race will begin at 10 a.m. (Remember Daylight Savings Time) at Sandy Beach, and will be either a 10K or 4.5 mile race, depending on the course chosen. The Road Race begins at 1 p.m. at Cohasset Common and is a 10K (6.2 miles).

The route for the Road Race will be from Cohasset Common down South Main Street, to Elm Street, to Margin Street, down Atlantic Avenue past Sandy Beach, to Jerusalem Road, to Forest Avenue, to North Main Street, back to Highland Avenue and the race will end outside of Town Hall. The Fran Coffey walk will be either the same route as the Road Race beginning at Sandy Beach, or the alternate shorter route will begin at Sandy Beach and stretch down Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road, to North Main Street, to Ripley Road, to Depot Court, to South Main Street, to Elm Street, onto Margin Street, back onto Atlantic Avenue, and the walk will end at Sandy Beach.

Due to all the construction on the roads this year, some roads in town will be closed for a short period of time while the estimated 900-plus Cohasset Road Race by the Sea participants run. Parts of Jerusalem Road, Forest Avenue and North Main Street will be closed briefly between 1 and 2 p.m. If residents could please avoid those areas it would greatly help the efforts to have a safe event. Everyone please drive carefully, and watch the Race officials/volunteers in their green safety shirts for directions.

Volunteers are still needed to help direct the walkers at 9:30 a.m. at Sandy Beach and the runners at noon on the common. Look for the race officials in the bright florescent shirts this Sunday. Volunteers may also contact any member of the Cohasset Rotary Club, listed in the front of the Rotary phone book.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. Register to run or walk at www.roadracebythesea.com or check for more information at www.coolrunning.com.

Applications will also be available in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and the South Shore Community Center. Online registration is $15, mail-in registration is $18. On site registration is $20 and will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., on Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2 from 9 a.m. until noon. For race questions please call (781) 383-9030 or send an e-mail to info@roadracebythesea.com. Questions can also be answered by any member of the Rotary Club, listed in the front of the Rotary phone book.

Holistic healthcare showcase Saturday

There will be a Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, located at 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall. Holistic practitioners will be on hand to explain and allow the public to experience a variety of holistic healing modalities.

Admission is $6 per person and children under 12 are free. Admission includes exhibits, free lectures every half hour, spiritual cinema screening, Kirtan/sacred chanting, door prize with admission, raffles, silent auction, Good Health Food Store juicing to reach good health demo and sampling, devotional yoga demonstration, metaphysics of sickness and healing, macrobiotic food demonstration, and Wild Oats holistic store free samples.

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AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Hello Cohasset. I am starting this week's column with a very touching and emotional story and want all of you, if possible, to view the website mentioned a little further on. This has touched me deeply as I know it will for all who read it.

Neurofibromatosis (pronounced neuro-fibroma-tosis) is a genetic disorder that can cause tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in or on the body at any time. NF is associated with disfigurement, learning disabilities, deafness, vision impairment, epilepsy and cancer. At this time, there is no effective treatment or cure for NF. NF affects three times as many people as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis combined, yet many people have never even heard of it. We need to change that!

The mission of Neurofibromatosis, Inc., New England is to find the cure for NF by promoting scientific research, creating awareness, and supporting those who are affected by NF. The NF Marathon Team not only raises funds to support the programs of NF, Inc. New England, but they greatly assist our efforts to make neurofibromatosis a household word.

A wonderful family from here in town are dealing with this horrible disease with their special little guy, Gaebriel. Please take the time to go on the website, www.first-giving.com/runforgaeby and if possible, please make a donation. Gaebriel is 3 1/2 years old and his mom is running in the Boston Marathon to raise money for this cause. Cohasset is here for this wonderful family!

CLEANUP EFFORT

Hey Cohasset, Get ready for Cohasset's first town-wide trash pickup on Saturday, April 8, starting at 2:30 p.m. Help to make Cohasset look clean! The group will plan on hitting selected streets (Jerusalem, Atlantic, Forest, Main, etc) and sites (Black Rock Beack, Beechwood Ball Field, Government Island) and everyone will meet at the Commons (near Town Hall) at 2:30. Based on the turnout, people will be told (very nicely of course) where your hands are needed. This effort is fully backed by the town. It will provide the bags and will transport all of the trash to the dump. Make sure to spread the word to everyone you know. With the combination of friends, families, the Cohasset Girl Scouts who are a big part of this effort, well over 100 people will be working together to make our town look better. Also make sure to bring work gloves and your kids. If rain is here on this day, the rain date will be on Saturday, April 29. Call **Bill Burnett** at 781-383-3499 or email him at burnett22@comcast.net with any questions you may have.

GIVING THANKS

A big thank you goes out to Dependable Cleaners, owned by **Christa Hagearty** as well as **Ken Grippi**.

Leesa Bleicken's 3rd grade Girls Scout troop # 4775 visited the Dependable Cleaners headquarters in Quincy recently. They had a interesting and very educational tour of the plant, learned about all the components of dry cleaning clothes and restoration of damaged garments. They had the opportunity to view historical family photos, learn of the company's many recognition awards & accomplishments throughout the years. The girls were treated to a special snack and a goodie bag consisting of a Dependable Cleaners teddy bear, a mini-travel sewing kit and yummy Tootsie Rrolls candies — Ken's favorite! The sewing kit will come in handy while they are earning their Sewing badge at their next meeting! The Girl Scouts who attended are: **Madison Hagearty, Elizabeth Baker, Alexa Bleicken, Christina Dow, Carly Gundersen, Catie Gilman, Cassandra Leiberman, Lily McCarthy, Emma Steele** and parent voluteers, **Sue Raffa, Bet Baker and Theresa Nickerson**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help the **Fran Coffey Memorial Walk**, and the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea. The organizers would welcome anyone who would like to help directing the walkers at 9:30 a.m. at Sandy Beach and the runners at noon on the Common. Just look for the Race Officials in the bright florescent shirts this Sunday.

Also be aware of some traffic issues. Due to all the construction on the roads this year some roads in town will be closed for a short period of time while the estimated 900+ Cohasset Road Race by the Sea participants run from 1 p.m. till about 2:30 p.m. Parts of Jerusalem Road, Forest Avenue and North Main Street will be closed briefly between 1 and 2 p.m. Please Drive carefully.

DRAFT DAY

Attention to Cohasset Baseball/Softball parents. The CYBSA is holding the player drafts for the upcoming 2006 Baseball and Softball season on Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant. All interested coaches and assistant coaches are asked to attend. At this meeting, coaches will be assigned teams and players will be placed on teams. In addition, divisional schedules, Little League and local CYBSA rules and other helpful coaching material will be distributed. The CYBSA is always looking for coaches. If you are interested in being a part of the 2006 season, please attend the meeting on April 6.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Osgood school custodian Ted Holland adds more circles to the gym floor while cleaning it on Friday during a professional development day.

A NIGHT OUT

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is hosting a "girls' night out" cocktail party featuring the latest fashions for Spring weekend getaways. The event is sponsored by Beauty and Main, Inc. Enjoy a little food, do a little shopping, bid on some auction items and view the latest Spring fashions and accesories provided by many of the retailers from the Derby Street Shoppes. This fun evening will be held on Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn. Tickets are $60 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets ahead of time, call Our World at 781-383-3198.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

Have spirit? Let's Hear it! Join the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters in supporting the Cohasset Public Schools lacrosse teams as they kick off the lacrosse season on Sunday, April 2, at Alumni Field. Spirit Day begins with the girls varsity team versus Nantucket at 2. The boys varsity versus Nantucket follows at 3:30 p.m.

HEAD COACH NEEDED

The Cohasset Swim and Dive team is seeking a highly motivated, responsible individual to be the head coach of the swim team. Responsibilities include managing swim practices, swim meets and the general organization of the swim team and personnel.

Qualifications and experience required. Qualified individuals should send applications to PO Box 651,Cohasset, MA 02025.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com: PHONE: 781-383-0143

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Town goes for largest override ever

FROM OVERRIDE, PAGE 1

budget of roughly $32 million which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2; approve a budget which would add $725,000 on top of the $32 million; and approve a budget which would add $1.495 million to the $32 million. Appendix A of the Warrant, which begins on page 11, includes a detailed budget with three separate columns, outlining what the town would receive at each funding level.

With the no-override budget of $32,891,761, the school department's share would be $12,714,714. If the $725,000 override passes, the schools would receive an additional $530,000, and the town would receive $195,000, of which $36,321 would be spent on fringe benefits for town and school employees. With the $1.495 million, the schools would receive $1.1 million and the town would receive $395,000, of which $216,321 would be spent on fringe benefits for town and school employees.

Selectmen recommended approval of the no-override budget and the $725,000 override budget unanimously, and the $1.495 override by a vote of 3-2. The advisory committee recommended approval of the no-override budget, and the $725,000 budget unanimously and the $1.495 million budget by a vote of 6-2.

Residents may vote for or against the budgets which include override funding at Town Meeting. Both figures will be taken up separately, which means the votes cast for one do not affect the other. The lower override figure does not need to receive approval in order for the higher override figure to receive approval. Both must receive majority votes in order to pass, and then be placed on the special election ballot for a second vote. Only selectmen can place an override question on the ballot.

The Special Election, which will ask voters to weigh in on the override, will be held May 6. Voters will have the opportunity to vote each question up or down. Override questions need a majority to pass. It is possible for both overrides to receive majority of "yes" votes, which would mean both would pass. If that should happen, the override with the highest dollar amount always prevails.

Town Manager Bill Griffin will explain voting procedures during Saturday's Town Meeting to ensure everyone has a clear understanding of how the voting process works.

Cohasset's operating budget override history

Cohasset has passed 28 overrides in the past 18 years. Of those overrides, nine have been operating budget overrides, which is what Cohasset will be voting on this year. Historically, Cohasset has passed overrides averaging in the $350,000 range.

Date	Amount
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06/28/89	$203,800
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04/07/01	$300,000
04/04/03	$350,000
04/03/04	$400,000

Zoning changes likely to spark discussion

By Samantha Brown
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There are six different zoning articles on this year's Town Meeting Warrant. While traditionally zoning might thin out the crowd, this year the issues have been thoroughly vetted and are better understood, and one issue in particular some are speculating could be one of the most heavily debated topics of the day.

Article 13 would create an inclusionary zoning bylaw for the town. In any residential development of five or more multi-family or apartment units, proposed on or after July 1, the bylaw would require a minimum of one unit or 10 percent of the total number of dwelling units (whichever is greater) be eligible for qualification as affordable "Local Initiative Units." The bylaw would help the town increase its affordable housing stock, as it is trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state.

Article 14 would reduce the number of parking spaces required in the highway, technology, and light industry business districts — essentially Route 3A. With a reduction in parking space requirements from one space per 100 square feet of net floor area to one space per 200 square feet of net floor area, businesses would be encouraged to expand and make the most out of their property. Taxes are charged by the square foot, which means bigger buildings provide more tax revenue for the town. In addition, the requirement of having a 20-foot landscaped green strip in front of a building would be increased to 35 feet.

Article 15 would put one of the town's newest zoning bylaws to rest and sunset the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. The town adopted the overlay bylaw at the November 2002 Special Town Meeting, as a way to get out from under the threat of 40B projects. Under 40B, developers can come into a town and build senior housing complexes which provide affordable housing options, but skirt around local zoning regulations. The state ultimately has the final say on what is built with 40B projects.

Developers who build projects under the SMROD bylaw are allowed to build more densely than the town's zoning regulations allow (10 units per acre). In return, 25 percent of the project's units must be deemed affordable by state standards. Affordable units must remain affordable for a minimum of 30 years. The Cook Estate project would be the last and final project built under the SMROD bylaw.

The Large Home Site Plan Review bylaw, which is listed as Article 16, will likely be indefinitely postponed at Town Meeting. The Planning Board did not recommend it by a vote of 4-1, and the Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended indefinite postponement.

Article 17 will have voters deciding whether or not to form a Transit Oriented Development overlay district. TODs allow for changes in local zoning regulations in those areas within a specific distance from public transportation. They encourage mixed-use buildings that provide services for commuters at ground level and some apartments on the upper levels.

Article 18 is strictly a housekeeping article that would update wording in the town's zoning bylaws.

Town Meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1. The meeting will be held in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School. There will be extra Warrants, or Town Meeting agendas available.

Stealing signs part of campaign game

FROM SIGNS, PAGE 1

turn up around town.

"I've heard of this kind of stuff happening before," he said, adding when he was on the Boston Police Department, signs would disappear during campaigns all the time. He said while it is unfortunate, it certainly isn't shocking at election season.

Nichols Road resident Polly Logan had a Jenkins sign on her front lawn, and it was stolen in Saturday night's spree. "I had one for Fusco and one for Hill, and just the sign for Lee was stolen," she said. Logan said she always has signs on her front lawn during campaigns, because people always tell her they can easily see them when they drive by. "I've never had a sign stolen, and I usually have lots of signs," she said.

Logan said Jenkins replaced her sign, but it was one from last year's election because Jenkins had to replace so many of this year's version. The signs from this year were red white and blue, while last year's signs were just red and white. Residents will now see a mix of both in town.

Jerusalem Road resident Bill Chisolm said he had a Jenkins sign stolen from his yard as well. He said he only had a sign for Jenkins on his property. Chisolm said he lives in the area of Jerusalem Road near Straits Pond and said in the past, "We've had a little bit of mischief with mailboxes and smashing pumpkins. It usually happens on a weekend night, and this happened on a Saturday."

Chisolm said he thinks he found his sign because there was one sticking out of a stone wall near the Greek church. "It was sticking out of the masonry sideways, and I thought, 'That's got to be ours.' It was at least stolen because no one's going to put a sign in sideways like that," he said. Chisolm said he pulled the sign out of the wall and brought it back to his house. "We rescued it and now we've got it closer to the house."

Town to vote on tax breaks for elderly

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a number of reasons. The elderly, veterans, the legally blind, or those with extreme hardships, can all be exempt from a portion of their taxes. Article 8 would deal only with those senior citizens who are 70 years old or older, who meet the various qualifications.

There are roughly 16 households which currently take advantage of the 70-plus tax exemption. Right now, those who qualify may have up to $1,000 taken off their tax bills. Passing Article 8 would change that maximum amount to $2,000.

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OPINION

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SELECTMAN

For Selectman candidates: *If the sewer capacity issue could be resolved, would you be in favor of more downtown housing above the local shops or could this hurt the village character?*

SELECTMAN/ Ted Carr

Cohasset's Village Green, downtown Main Street, and Cohasset Harbor have served as our civic, commercial, and industrial centers – our town's brain, heart, and soul. If we want to direct the future of our town in keeping with the character of our community, we need to remember the traditional purpose of these separate areas. For this reason, I would support more downtown housing above the village shops if such an approach invigorated our commercial center.

Historically, downtown areas were the only providers of goods and services to their communities, serving as the centers of commercial activity. Urban sprawl and strip malls, however, challenged this function such that the National Trust for Historic Preservation established the National Trust Main Street Center, to help municipalities restore their commercial centers. In order to maintain our village character, I encourage us to remember its original function.

Our community is fortunate that we still have our picturesque village center. We have boutique stores, outstanding restaurants, Friendly neighborhood banks, and convenience stores that remain convenient in the fiercest of snowstorms. We also have about half a dozen apartments and offices in the upper-floors of these retail establishments. Such apartments are a traditional part of downtown commercial areas, often providing additional rent for property owners to keep their buildings in good condition and generating a core group of retail purchasers. In their original form, they served to support commercial activity. I believe any future development above the town shops should be made for the same purpose.

Living in the first residential house outside the town at 88 South Main St., I appreciate the convenience and charm of the downtown stores, as do many others. In keeping with its historic function, however, any investment in our downtown area should be made to promote existing and potential commercial activity.

SELECTMAN/ Roger Hill

As a selectman, I will work to support all boards involved in the town's effort to revitalize downtown, in keeping with the character of Cohasset Village.

I supported the decision of the planning board to postpone zoning amendments for the Village. Downtown rezoning required far more public input, professional planning and coordination with other town boards.

As I work on Village revitalization as a selectman, I will always keep several key planning points in mind:

- Solving sewer capacity issues requires close coordination with the sewer commission, and fairness for current residents, like those in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue expansion district. While estimates for potential new Village residential units reach as high as 60, there are only some 20 remaining connections in the entire central sewer district.
- While planners agree that housing unit development is critical for revitalization of any Village district, Cohasset is today experiencing a surge in multi-family housing. Although the Cedarmere and Cook 55-plus projects are sanctioned by the Town's SMORD bylaw, the Avalon project may unfortunately be built as well. We must avoid having too many units coming on stream in a short time—a situation that would further stress our school class sizes with new students.
- Parking spaces are in short supply today, especially during peak function events. As a new selectman, I will help craft a comprehensive solution to parking expansion, and push the MBTA to finally replace the spaces removed by the Greenbush project.
- Any rezoning of the Village must require both façade preservation, and protection of abutting residential areas, so we maintain the look and feel of Cohasset Village. We must maintain the character of the Village if we are to allow any well planned renovation and targeted expansion.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For School Committee candidates: *Are the pay and benefits for Cohasset teachers falling behind area towns making Cohasset less able to attract and retain talented teachers?*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Rick Flynn

By the time this answer to the "Question of the Week" is published my hope and expectation is that the new contract between the Cohasset School Committee and the Cohasset Teachers Association will have been ratified by the CTA membership and affirmatively voted upon by the School Committee.

Without going into detail, but speaking from first hand experience, the contract negotiation was a long process where both sides operated in good faith, but had specific agenda items that both sides felt strongly about. It took a long time to try to resolve specific issues, while operating in the context of achieving a fair contract for both sides.

Throughout the talks, the School Committee felt it was very important to keep the amount of negative rhetoric to a minimum with the thought in mind all along that we have a valued workforce we want be able to work closely with when an agreement was reached.

I do think that when we looked at Cohasset relative to the comparison communities of Duxbury, Norwell, Hingham and Scituate we were closer to the bottom or middle rather than the upper levels. I would acknowledge, however, that all contracts are not structured exactly the same.

It feels good that we are, hopefully, moving forward with a contract that labor and management, as well as the community can feel good about. I received input and questions from many members of the town in support of the teachers. To be sure, there was never any attempt to discount what the teachers were doing or how we felt about them.

I feel that we are at a point where Cohasset can and will be able to attract and retain talented teachers and that there is a bright future ahead.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Steve Fusco

Based on the available Benchmark data it appears that teacher salaries and benefits in Cohasset are in line with other communities. In addition, Cohasset has many non-wage job characteristics that are equally important. Just as in business, these non-wage job characteristics play a vital role in a school's ability to attract high quality teachers. This explains why in many cases private school teachers are paid less than their public school counterparts but yet have exceptional credentials. In addition to salary, most teachers consider the following in their employment decision-making:

- attributes of students – some teachers prefer to teach in a high achieving environment
- class size – teachers prefer manageable classes
- school culture – a positive and creative environment is important
- facilities – most everyone prefers clean well appointed facilities
- leadership – I believe this translates to every profession
- safety – everyone wants to feel safe in and around the schools

Another way to attract talented teachers is by creating a pay for performance benefit. It must be frustrating for a talented teacher achieving outstanding results to make the same or less than an equally tenured teacher going through the motions everyday. We need to also consider how well we manage our teacher network. We should be networking with promising students in teaching colleges as well as highly skilled teachers in other communities.

Most teachers I have spoken with have a passion for their vocation. They realize they aren't going to get rich teaching, yet, understandably, they would like to be able to afford living in or near the community where they work and want to be treated fairly. Fortunately, the Cohasset schools are able to offer both competitive salaries and a positive working environment. Therefore, we should be able to attract and retain the best and the brightest.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Lee Jenkins.

Last week's Mariner details that the average Cohasset teacher's salary is $55,083, higher than the average of $54,899 in our peer towns, according to the current Benchmark Study. It's reasonable to assume that if our teachers ratify their new contract the premium for Cohasset teachers will increase

Page 221 of the Benchmark Study indicates classroom teachers' salaries and benefits are 57 percent of Cohasset's education expense compared to 56 percent of the peer group. The surrounding towns of Norwell and Hingham, have percentages of 55 percent and 54 percent respectively. Additionally, Hingham requires a teacher obtain a Ph.D. to qualify for the highest salary column, while Cohasset and Norwell don't.

In comparing some benefits, Cohasset has a longevity policy that adds $1,000/yr to the teachers' salary beginning in their 15th year. Hingham's longevity policy is only $500/yr at that level, and Norwell has no longevity benefit. Cohasset also has a $3,000 early retirement incentive which the other two towns don't.

Health Insurance is treated differently in the towns. In Hingham and Norwell the employees are responsible for 50 percent of the costs. In Cohasset the single payers contribute 11 percent; family plans contribute 31 percent of the premium adding $1,890 to $2,460 in income per year over Hingham and Norwell.

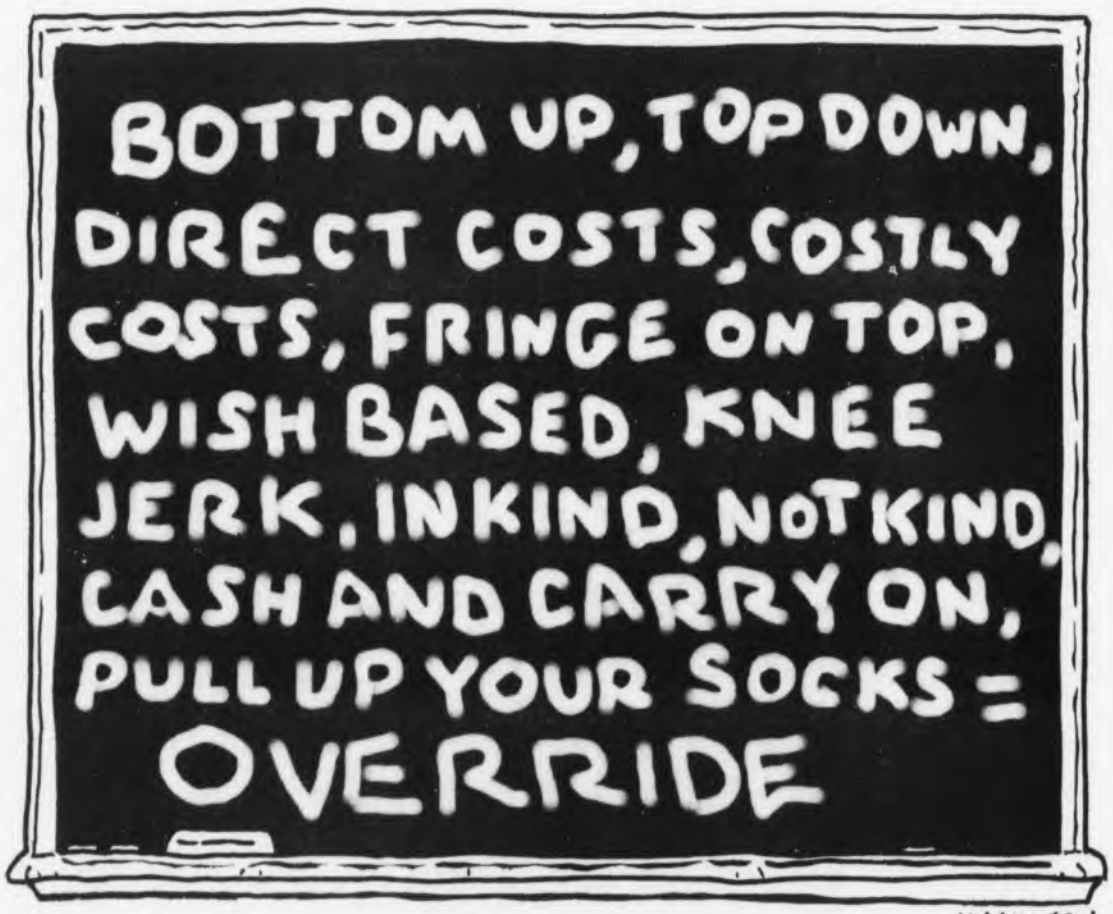
The post-separation benefit is the same in all three towns; 90 percent of health benefits for life after retirement paid for by the taxpayers unless the retiree works in another venue to qualify for Medicare.

Cohasset appears, overall, to have slightly higher remuneration for coaching and extra duty salaries.

Based on this comparison, it doesn't appear that pay and benefits for Cohasset teachers are "falling behind area towns." We appear to be highly competitive.

Instead, to attract and retain talented teachers, I believe we need to foster a "culture of learning" and apply my program of "Progress Through Priorities."

School Committee Budget Terminology



NEXT WEEK: Candidate profiles

This was the last week for Question of the Week and the Mariner thanks the candidates for participating. Stay tuned to next week's Mariner for profiles of the Selectman and School Committee candidates.

The Mariner will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 8 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 7 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Voting absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open
- Physical disability
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by April 8 to be counted.

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Bridge is taking shape

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

On Thursday, March 23, a very large crane lifted the decking in place on the Rocky Lane Bridge. Now, it is very easy to see what the bridge will really look like. We have had several residents ask whether the bridge will be able to handle the weight of all the trucks that may need to pass over it. Remember, the local contractor, Rosano Davis, has its home base on Rocky Lane and will need to use the bridge once the old Rocky Lane is closed at the rail tracks. The MBTA tells us that the Rocky Lane Bridge has been designed to meet the most stringent Massachusetts Highway Standards. To put it another way, if a vehicle can travel on any state highway it will be able to safely use the Rocky Lane Bridge.

We mentioned last week that the work at the Pleasant Street crossing had come to a halt waiting for the asphalt plants to open. As we understand it, since asphalt must be delivered hot, in the winter the energy costs are too high to operate the plants. Also, the asphalt cools off too much by the time it is delivered. So, the plants just close for the winter. We have recently obtained information that CBB is going to be able to get asphalt very shortly, so there is a good chance that Pleasant St. will start construction again. Also, Sohier Street is almost at a point where it will be needing asphalt, so that crossing will be able to continue to move forward with its construction. Suffice it to say, the asphalt is coming just in the nick of time.

You may ask why they need asphalt at rail crossings. This is especially true if you look carefully at the Pleasant St. construction and notice that the railroad bed is about two feet below the surrounding ground. Clearly, CBB is not going to put two feet of asphalt in that hole! Here's what they are going to do. (And, this is typical of all the Greenbush rail crossings.) A 5 inch thick layer of asphalt is laid in the crossing across its full width and length. Then, on top of the asphalt a layer of very coarse gravel, called ballast, is laid 12 inches thick. Wooden rail road ties are laid on top of the ballast. (It is interesting to note that everywhere, except for the crossings, concrete ties are being used. (Wood is only used at the crossings.) Now, tie plates which are special steel plates that sit between the ties and the rails are laid in place. The rails are placed on the tie plates and the rails, tie plates and the ties are fastened together with very large nails called railroad spikes. See the illustrations.

The Rocky Lane Bridge all decked out.

The very last components to be installed are the rubber pads that fill in the space before, between and after the tracks in the roadway. They are identified as the "field pad" and the "gauge pad" in this illustration.

These pads make the ride over the crossings smooth. Perhaps some of you may remember the bone-jarring crossings before rubber crossing pads came into use. Next time you drive over the Beechwood crossing notice how smoothly your vehicle passes over the tracks. These pads do make a real difference.

Road race traffic update –

As you know, the big race will be held on Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM. That means that runners and their fans will start gathering in the Village just after noon. Given the MBTA construction and road closures, traffic management is going to be a significant challenge. Runners and onlookers are encouraged to carpool and arrive a little earlier than usual as parking will be at a premium and most traffic will be diverted from the Village between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Please do support the road race as you have in the past. We just want you to be aware that traffic and parking will be a little more challenging this year.

When play meant having fun

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth we used to play interminable baseball games on a field between Franny Nordahl's and Ralph Young's houses on Cedarcliff Road in East Braintree.

It wasn't much of a field. The bases were large flat stones and if we couldn't find one of those it was somebody's sweatshirt that wasn't being worn at the time. Fielding a ground ball was an adventure since there wasn't a groundskeeper to keep the field in tip top shape.

There was no such thing as balls and strikes since there was no such thing as an umpire. Close plays at first base were called by consensus after much loud argument. Scores were kept but even those were arguable after they reached double figures.

I don't know who owned the field but on a warm summer morning, afternoon or evening it was ours for purposes of baseball to do with what we liked with no one but our peers to tell us that we did good or that we stunk out the joint.

Those old days on the field on Cedarcliff Road (which is now a housing development called Cape Cod Lane, incidentally) came to mind the other day when I came across a book called "Will You Still Love Me If I Don't Win?" by Christopher Andersonn.

It's Andersonn's thesis that parents are over organizing youth sports (like little League baseball and Pop Warner football) so badly and hitting on one sport (like hockey from September through May with schools in July and August) so much that their kids lose interest.

"Starting out, most kids just want to play. It's the parents who keep score," says Andersonn. "They can kill the love a kid has for a sport. Once that's gone, it's very hard to recapture it."

Even before a youngster is old enough to get into youth sports, adults are taking the fun out of what used to be playground fun for their offspring, all in the interest of safety — and, not incidentally, staying out of court.

Those 16-foot slides, where a generation of children learned to overcome their fear of heights, are vanishing from playgrounds, the National Program for Playground Safety reports. Only 13 per cent of playgrounds have seesaws, 13 per cent merry-go-rounds.

"Everybody is afraid of being litigated against," Scott Burton, president of Safety Play Inc., of St. Petersburg, Fla., told USA Today. "They just tear it out and don't replace it."

Swings are out, too, under standards for playground safety adopted 10-or-so years ago, unless the surface of the ground around them is made of something called "impact attenuating" rubber, or soft ground for Johnny or Susie to fall on.

The recommended amount of surfacing under a 16-foot swing would be 32 feet at a cost of $4,000. Prop 2½, anyone?

"We have dumbed down and sanitized our playgrounds to a point where they don't hold (kids') interest as long," said Steve King, founder of Landscape Structures, Inc.

Where have we heard that before?

Our economic well being

COMMENTARY

PETER BROWN

Second of two parts

In last week's Mariner, the concept of Cohasset's economic well being was introduced in a commentary on raising new commercial tax revenues to help offset ever-rising town costs. In it, a yes-vote was recommended for zoning Article 17, Transit Oriented Development (TOD), at the April 1 Town Meeting as a way to increase commercial tax revenues on Route 3A and thereby help reduce the tax burden on our homes. We believe it made both good common sense *and* sound economic sense.

This week, we make a similar case for voting yes for zoning Article 14, off-street parking. This article won unanimous support from the board of selectmen and the advisory committee and a majority of the planning board. It too was reviewed extensively by the zoning advisory committee, supported by the town planner and scrutinized by town counsel.

What will this article do and why is it important to the future of Cohasset?

First, it will create the basis for new commercial tax revenues for existing and undeveloped land in the three highway zoning districts along Route 3A by decreasing the number of parking spaces required for most commercial buildings. (However, it leaves the parking requirement for restaurants as currently written).

Second, it increases the required minimum greenbelt setback along the highway from 20 feet to 35 feet.

Third, the new tax revenues generated over time will provide much needed tax relief for the increased costs to run the town and schools.

Let's discuss the reduction in parking spaces first. The current zoning bylaw requires developers of commercial or industrial buildings along Route 3A to provide for 10 parking spaces for every 1,000 square feet of building space constructed. Although the planning board has the discretion to reduce the paved area by up to one-third, it still requires developers to demonstrate that they will always have sufficient land available to accommodate the entire 10-space-per-1,000-square-foot requirement in the future.

This has the effect of permanently removing a significant amount of land from ever being developed—land which could otherwise generate commercial tax revenues all along Route 3A. The EDC believes that we should no longer sacrifice this tax revenue as key commercial parcels are withheld from well planned controlled development.

Will we see a host of unintended consequences? The EDC believes this change will not cause immediate and irrational development given the time it takes market forces, financing, design and the permitting and construction process to unfold. Rather, we envision a steady response over the many years.

How did the EDC arrive at its recommendation of five spaces per 1,000 square feet of building area? We surveyed the zoning bylaws of many towns on the South Shore including Hingham, Norwell and Scituate and found their requirements generally ranged from 3.5 spaces to five spaces per 1,000 square feet of building area. Also, my own experience in commercial real estate over the last 30 years throughout the suburban Boston area suggested that 10 spaces are excessive. In practice, the local and national retailers require five spaces and office users between 3.5 to five spaces per 1,000 square feet of building area constructed.

What effect will this parking space reduction have for Cohasset? It will accomplish three goals simultaneously:

First, it allows property owners to build slightly larger buildings in the Route 3A highway districts, optimizing the commercial tax revenues collectible.

Second, it will reduce the pavement required and thereby increase the amount of green area, thereby facilitating a better environmental condition and treatment of storm water runoff.

Third, it puts Cohasset on a level playing field with neighboring South Shore towns by improving our competitive advantage for new growth and new business.

What else will the proposed article accomplish? Since it provides for greater development density, we believed it is important to balance this growth incentive by increasing the minimum green space along Route 3A to give the planning board the ability to impose a better greenbelt setback standard. The current greenbelt setback space requirement is only 20 feet. This is equivalent to the greenbelt set back area in front of the new King Jewelers building. The new requirement is 35 feet, nearly doubling the minimum.

In conclusion, the EDC is recommending a yes-vote for Articles 14 and 17. These changes to our zoning bylaw create modest incentives for prudent growth in our commercial tax base for years to come. They will improve the town's dealings with the Commonwealth. They promote sound zoning and tax policy for our economic well being. They make common sense.

Peter Brown is the chairman of economic development committee

Targeting ticks

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

HEALTH NOTES

Now that the weather's getting better, we'll be spending more time outdoors. Last year several Cohasset citizens reported the presence of Lyme ticks and experienced bites, so it's important to remember how to prevent tick infestation. Lyme disease is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected blacklegged ticks. Typical symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic circular skin rash called erythema migrans. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics, but if left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system. So if you've found a tick bite it's best to check with someone familiar with the symptoms. Here are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself and your family:

- Avoid tick-infested areas. If you are in a tick-infested area, walk in the center of the trails to avoid contact with vegetation.
- Wear light-colored clothing, which allows you to see ticks that are crawling on your clothing. Tuck your pant legs into your socks so that ticks cannot crawl up inside of your pant legs. Some ticks can crawl down into shoes and are small enough to crawl through most socks. When traveling in areas with lone star ticks (which are associated with Southern tick-associated rash illness, ehrlichiosis, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever) you should examine your feet and ankles to ensure that ticks are not attached.
- Use chemical repellent with DEET or permethrin and wear protective clothing. Repellents containing permethrin can be sprayed on boots and clothing. When used in this manner, the repellent will be protective for several days. Repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) can be applied to the skin, but they protect for only a few hours before reapplication is necessary. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding the hands, eyes, and mouth. Contact the Board of Health concerning the use of Deet with children.
- Perform daily tick checks Check your body for ticks after being outdoors, even in your own yard. Conduct a body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas by searching your entire body for ticks. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body and remove any tick you find. Check these parts of your body and your child's body for ticks: under the arms; in and around the ears; inside navel; back of the knees; in and around the hair; between the legs; around the waist.
- Check your children for ticks, especially in the hair, when returning from potentially tick-infested areas.

Check your clothing and pets for ticks. Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing and pets. Both should be examined carefully, and any ticks that are found should be removed. Placing clothes into a dryer on high heat effectively kills ticks. See the "Prevent ticks on animals" section of this page for more information.

- Safely remove ticks. Use fine-tipped tweezers and protect bare hands with a tissue or gloves to avoid contact with tick fluids. Grab the tick close to the skin. Do not twist or jerk the tick, as this may cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. Gently pull straight up until all parts of the tick are removed. After removing the tick, wash your hands with soap and water (or waterless alcohol-based hand rubs when soap is not available). Clean the tick bite with an antiseptic such as iodine scrub, rubbing alcohol, or water containing detergents.
- Prevent ticks on animals Prevent family pets from bringing ticks into the home. Maintain your family pet under a veterinarian's care. Two of the ways to get rid of ticks on dogs and cats are putting on tick medicine or using a tick collar. Be sure to use these products according to the package instructions. For more information on animals and health, contact the Board of Health.

If you find a tick or suspect you have been bitten, get advice from a knowledgeable person. Judy Fitzsimmonds, the Public Health nurse at Town Hall has information about the characteristic rash from Lyme and other ticks and some information about areas found to be infested with ticks.

Content source: National Center for Infectious Diseases

SENIOR SCENE

For more information about the following activities, contact the Council on Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Town Meeting – Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. Transportation provided.

Gershwin Musical Brothers – Thursday, April 6, noon, $9, MCC Conference Center. Luncheon and presentation by Jack Craig on 1924's "Lady Be Good," and "Porgy and Bess."

Wellesley Greenhouse – Friday, April 7. A delightful way to beat the winter blahs. Reservations required.

Tea, Trouble And Mrs. Revere – Sunday, April 9, 3 p.m., $10, at the James Library. Hear how the women of Boston kept the home fires burning. Performance by actress Joan Gatturna. Formal tea following.

Patriot's Day Celebration Lunch – Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m. to noon. Transportation provided.

Cohasset Historical Society – April 19, 7:30 p.m., no fee, at 106 So. Main St. Discussion of the mackerel fishing industry with Susan Playfair.

Communicating With Your Doctor – Wednesday, April 19, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., CEA, 3 No. Main St, Cohasset. Carol Barrett will discuss How to Talk to Your Doctor to improve your health.

Older Americans' Month – May 29, $20. Buy flowers to sponsor a special older American with flowers. Call for information.

Spring Pops Concert – May 2, 12:30 p.m., Massasoit Community Center. Call for information.

Tri-Town Assisted Living Luncheon Conference – Friday, May 5, noon to 2 p.m., 224 Central St, Hingham. Fitting the Puzzle Pieces Together with Amy Bernstein, assisted living ombudsman coordinator, Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Call to register.

Day Of Beauty – South Shore Vo-Tech, date TBA. Another enjoyable spa day with lunch. Nails, facials, hair. Call to register.

Skinner Auctioneers Antique Appraisals – CEA, 3 No. Main St, Cohasset, Saturday, Nov. 4. A rare opportunity. Details to follow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I too asked the questions...

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset is home to many smart, well-educated citizens who don't accept blind faith when it comes to running their town. Before joining the effort to promote our town override I too wanted to know the facts about the situation and our needs. Here's what I found out and why I support the $1.495k override.

First I looked to the state. I thought: "it would be great if the state had kept pace with funding our increasing town needs." Unfortunately, the truth is that the state is increasingly looking to affluent towns like Cohasset to fund an increasing percent of our own expenses. In fact, since 2003, Cohasset has seen a reduction of around $1.3M from the state – sound familiar? Additionally, Cohasset has a relatively low commercial tax base vs. peer towns, so a majority of revenues must come from its citizens.

Next I thought, "there must be alternatives, can we collect fees from parents to help defray the increasing expenses?" What I learned is that we already are collecting fees – at an increasing rate. Parents pay for their children to represent Cohasset in High School sports, up to $600; parents pay for new AP books for their children who take advantage of advanced classes; full-day kindergarten is funded by parents who choose to participate; parents continue to buy supplies for the classrooms (paper towels, Kleenex, copy paper, pencil sharpeners, etc); and have already cut middle school sports programs sponsored by the schools.

Then I thought, "but the schools are new, how bad can it be?" To be sure, we have much to be proud of, but the current trends of continual under-funding have to be reversed now. The facts are that in the grade schools we do have children in class sizes up to 27, sitting in rooms built to hold 20. We do have inconsistent delivery of health and gym classes in the grade school because one teacher shuttles between two schools. We do have high school language classes with over 30 students, limited AP classes and seniors sitting in 90 minutes of study hall or participating in gym classes of 60 students – because elective classes were cut. And we are not keeping our new schools as "polished" as they should be due to reduced custodian services.

OK, "then is this 5-6 percent annual increase in the school budget real?" The facts are that we have annual column increases in teacher salaries and contracts for other school employees which account for 3 percent annually over the total budget (salaries are 72 percent of the total budget). It would be great if the town's utility bills weren't increasing like ours at home, but Keyspan assisted in an audit and helped create the estimate represented in this year's budget, another 2percent increase over the total. These and other incidentals add up to the 5-6 percent annual required increase.

Finally I thought, "there must be some opportunities in the budget, don't all budgets have fat?" Again the facts are simple. All of the above has snowballed over the last three years, costing us teachers, programs and unaddressed issues like maintenance and security. It would be great if we didn't need to maintain security by having evening custodians and keeping some lights on in the buildings, but we do. It would be great if books didn't get old and our student population hadn't gown 14 percent in the last five years, but they have. It would be great if we could cut admin. costs in our school budgets, but having one full-time curriculum coordinator for the entire district, and a full-time business manager so we can have detailed budgets and monthly expense statements, seem like basic requirements. Finally, it would be great if we could get by without the teachers and assistants who have been cut in the last five years – but we can't. Not if we want our education system to return to the legacy of outstanding schools that generations before have benefited from.

Only one vote, yes, on $1.495k, moves down a path to address our issues. Unfortunately anything else is more of the same – or backwards.

I encourage all Cohasset citizens to base your vote for, or against, the override on the hard facts. The Committee Supporting Cohasset is available to anyone who needs additional details.

Terry Green
Co-Chairman
Committee to Support
Cohasset

Financial folly?

TO THE EDITOR:

Override tax increases are not for one year. They are forever, year after year after year and even incur some compounding via the 2 1/2 percent system. They are on top of the 2 1/2 percent tax increase, which gets no publicity ("stealth tax") also being implemented, and which does not require voter approval, let alone much debate.

Thus, what is the actual cost to you for the tax increases? Let's just look at the next 20 years, assuming the average taxpayer-voter expects to be around for that period, and could earn an average of, say, 5percent in a CD or Money Market Account on that money if it were not paid out in taxes year after year.

First, for the $725,000 proposed Override, the 20-year total cost to the taxpayer with a residence assessed value of $750,000, is $11,000. For a residence assessed at $1 million, the cost is $14,800 and for a $2 million assessed residence, the cost is $29,600! Note that's just the cost of the Override if voted, which is just a fraction of your total real estate tax bill.

Now, for the record high proposed $1,495,000 tax Override, the 20-year total cost of that Override to the taxpayer with a residence assessed value of $750,000 is $20,300. For a residence assessed at $1 million the cost is $27,000, and for a residence assessed at $2 million, the cost is $54, 100!

Other notes of interest are that a significant number of those eligible to vote on the Overrides are not property owners in Cohasset and thus do not pay real estate taxes – and that the additional taxes to be collected by the Town for next year, even if no Overrides are voted, are approximately $1 million or about a 4.8 percent increase above 2006 collections, excluding annual capital debt interest payments. That new additional $1 million comes from the tax increase up to 2 1/2 percent that does not require voter approval plus new taxes collected from new construction above the 2006 tax base. With the $1.5 million Override voted, that tax collection jump goes from 4.8 percent up to an incredible 11.9percent, but "only" up to 8.3 percent if the lesser Override of $0.725 million is voted.

Finally, since 1988, a total of nine Operational Overrides were voted in Cohasset, which may well be a state record, with the average Override being $355,000. This is noteworthy in that most of the other 360 cities and towns in Massachusetts rarely, and many of them never, have to rely on tax Overrides.

You might be justified to ask if this upward spending spiral can ever be corrected in this beautiful, seaside town we love. Most certainly – with the correction of the unnecessary spending flaws now built into the town's structure from many past years of poor financial decisions and negotiations. Such corrections can, realistically, now only be forced by the voters.

Feeding the upward spiral by throwing even more money at it only further locks in the problems and will surely lead to future, more exponential tax increases. A $1.5 million tax Override? – 230 percent higher than the previous highest Override in the Town's history – 375 percent higher than 2004! We have moved, not a surprise, into the exponential increase phase. To throw money at these systemic problems is just plain financial folly. Perhaps some selectmen and the town manager are looking for some help from insightful voters?

Richard E. Brooks
68 Nichols Road

Breaking down override request

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was addressed to Mr. Carlson

The Cohasset School Committee is writing in response to your letter in the March 24 edition of the Cohasset Mariner. First, let me extend our appreciation for your participation on the Strategic Planning Technology Action Committee. I hope that you felt your time was well spent, and that you can see some of the recommendations of our Action Committees take fruition in the 2007 school budget. We want to assure you that the deficiencies you outlined can in fact be addressed if the $1.495 million override is passed.

You stated that we should enable our committed teachers to "get our educational system back where it belongs." In fact, the budget process begins with our teachers. They provided us with a prioritized list of necessary curriculum, books and classroom tools to do just that. Of great importance, they, together with our principals, told us that they need more classroom support – they need more teachers, new text books and updated curriculum to get Cohasset back to the excellent level of education it once enjoyed. This was reinforced by a Curriculum Task Force made up of parents, teachers and community members in keeping with the goals of our Strategic Plan.

The $1.1M which the schools would receive from the $1.495M is broken out as follows:

New personnel – $581,760. This includes three new teaching positions at the Osgood School, to counter the effects of growing enrollment (30 new students are expected this fall). Three new teachers would be added at the Middle School, in English, language, and music. A guidance counselor for grades six through 12 would be added to reduce the current ratio of 400:1 at the Middle School and work with the existing counselors at the High School. It would also allow for the hiring of three new teaching positions at the High School in English, math and foreign language. High School enrollment will see an increase of approximately 30 new students.

It would also include additional health educators to keep up with state requirements, new custodial staff to meet Health Department standards and keep our new buildings from disrepair. Additionally, we would hire a part time athletic trainer in place of paying high fees to an EMT, which is required at all athletic events, thus a net savings for the Athletic Department.

Program improvements – $185,293. This amount would be used to update our curriculum and buy new and replacement test books, new software and science and math supplies. It would allow us to pay the second installment on a new reading program for Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. The Deer Hill School would also receive history, science and reading texts as well as new interactive math software. The Middle School would have new reading, math, science, world history, geography and social studies texts and resource materials, language arts and foreign language texts. We would also add a new Science, Engineering and Technology program. The High School would receive textbooks in English, Advanced Placement Finance and Statistics, Advanced Placement Science and Chemistry, Economics, World History, Sociology, Law and Psychology. The override money would also buy math, and foreign language textbooks, and adequately stock our science labs with microscopes and instructional supplies. We would also begin to update our MS/HS library books, which currently have an average copyright date of 1975.

Contractual obligations and fixed costs increases – $266,778. This includes basic transportation, SPED transportation, Special Education out of district tuition, technology licenses and Internet fees. It also covers increases to teacher salaries for length of service and further education. The latter was not included in the budget due to the unresolved CTA contract.

Teacher salary cost of living increases – $238,660. Again, this amount was not included in the original budget because of the CTA contract. Since the amount of increase was unresolved during budget preparation, we could not include it. We are pleased to say, however, that the contract has been settled pending ratification this week.

You have probably noticed that the above amounts of money totals to more than the $1.1 override money. These are the amounts the School Committee requested. After the override vote we will roll up our sleeves and make the necessary decisions depending on the outcome of the override.

In closing, the budget process has been a very inclusive one, with teachers, principals, community task forces, the superintendent and the School Committee working together to raise the level of education we provide our children, and live our mission with a continued commitment to excellence. This override is an opportunity to change the tide of cutbacks and begin to move forward on our Strategic Plan, which aims at blue ribbon schools the townspeople of Cohasset can look to with pride. We have done this under the pressures of increasing costs, state and federal education mandates, increasing enrollments, decreases in state funding and the challenges of these changing times. At the same time, we continue to work to increase our own revenue sources. We have prioritized our needs and listened to our teachers. We are aware of the deficiencies that you pointed out, and have done what we feel is necessary to begin to address them. The result is the 2007 school budget. We ask you to join us with your support of the $1.495M override.

The Cohasset School
Committee
Jamie Williams
Alfred Slanetz
Rick Flynn
Adrienne MacCarthy
Pam Wilson

In support of override

TO THE EDITOR:

As relatively new residents of Cohasset, we have followed the development of the town budget this winter with great interest and concern. Our experience comparing several school districts before our move to town in 2003 may be of help to those considering the value of this year's override vote.

In January 2003, we began the process of relocating from Charlotte, N.C., to the South Shore area. Identifying a premier public school for our three children was our top priority in choosing among several idyllic towns. Our evaluation of several South Shore school districts included multiple in-depth conversations with teachers, administrators, school committee members, business leaders and parents of students in public and private schools. We read local newspapers and accessed Web sites to glean further information on student test scores and to assess various towns' commitments to education. We engaged our children in the comparison having them visit several school systems, finally spending three full days in our top choice middle schools. Based on a dynamic small group discussion in an English class, the comfortable atmosphere in the cafeteria, attentive support from the guidance department and the unique middle school sports program, our children chose Cohasset as the school they most wanted to attend. Their assessment combined with Cohasset's record of achieving, and supporting, academic excellence led to our enthusiastic move to Cohasset.

In the spring of 2003, Cohasset was beaming with pride over the school renovation project and had a clear record of supporting the school budget. Articles in the Mariner were positive and upbeat. Just like neighboring towns, Cohasset citizens passed overrides when needed. Educational professionals tell us that positive teacher-student connections are essential in developing a lifelong love of learning and are more likely to happen in small schools with small class sizes. Cohasset's small school system in the spring of 2003 seemed uniquely able to provide an ideal learning environment.

The picture has changed over the past three years. If we were considering a move to Cohasset now, the issues being raised in the public debate would alarm us, and would dissuade us from moving here. We are concerned that the increasing class sizes are negatively impacting critical teacher-student connections and teaching effectiveness. We are concerned that our standardized test results are not improving. We are concerned that adjustment counselor/student ratios that exceed professional recommendations are not able to fully address the social/emotional needs of students. We are concerned that the loss of the middle school athletic program is affecting the physical and social health of students. We are troubled that our schools may not receive adequate funding to meet yearly contractual obligations and utility costs, or the necessary funds to make important

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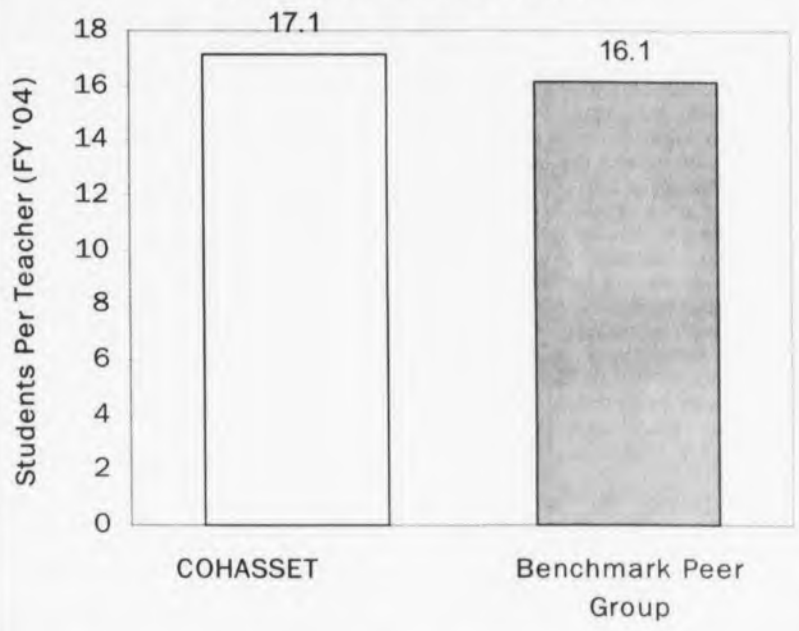
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts. Tachers does not include paraprofessionals.

This chart shows the student/teacher ratio in 2004 in Cohasset as well as the median of its Benchmark Peer Group. By looking at the student/teacher ratio, one can get a general sense for the class size in Cohasset compared to other similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking .com

BUILDING PERMITS

Sullivan, 79 Atlantic Ave., demolish 2 car garage, $1,000; Berard, 81 Forest Ave., replace fireplace, $2,000; Soule, 41 Spring St., re-roof 25 squares, $6,500; Burnett, 11 Linden Drive, sidewall 12 square 3 windows in garage, $28,000; Eaves, 149 King St., replace antennas, $6,500; Calhoun, 2 Sheldon Rd., renovated bathroom, $12,000; Marshall, 2 Fairoaks Lane, wood stove insert, $4,000; Harrold, 14 Locust Rd., install wood stove, $1,500; Palmer, 39 Beechwood St., re-roof 45 squares, $15,700; South Shore Playhouse, 130 Sohier St., new toilet room building, $130,000; Casey, 29 Nichols Rd., addition, kitchen/sitting room, $185,000; Marten, 78 Nichols Rd., replace 8 windows, $9,785; Lydon, 23 Forest Ave., remove/replace 4 windows, $2,400; O'Neil, 20 Fairoaks Lane, remodel bathroom, $7,000; Litchfield, 20A Norfolk Lane, change roof pitch, $10,000; Condo Assooc., 100 Pond St., 10,12,14,16, 48, re-roof 140 squares, $48,750; Sullivan, 79 Atlantic Ave., additions 2-remodel dwelling, $900; Recreation, 55 North Main St., R., tents 5/26 to 5/27, $1,000; Barrett, 42 Sohier St., remodel kitchen, $24,575; Callahan, 11 Bayberry Lane, change roof line/front, weather tight only, $30,000; Barnett, 11 Linden Drive, repair deck and add 10x25 deck, $11,800; Talacci, 98 Aaron River Rd., 2nd story addition over garage/bathroom, $40,000; Morgan, 24 Bow St., re-roof, $7,500; Bowen, 15 Carbone Lane, add 4x16 to existing deck/landing, $15,000;Karp, 91 South Main St., new bath dormer, siding, windows, $21,000; Stephens, 24 Bates Lane, 1 car garage, with 2 story addition, $98,000; O'Brien, 132 Fairoaks Lane, replacement windows 20, $6,000; Brinzey, 724C Jerusalem Rd., enlarge/enclose breezeway, $15,000; Santacroce, 75 Brewster Rd., re-roof 20 squares, $7,535; Adams, 108 Atlantic Ave., remove/replace 14 windows, 2 patio dr., $17,500; Hopey, 376 North Main St., remove/replace 40 windows, siding, $69,000; and Chisholm, 605 Jerusalem Rd., re-roof 26 square house/barn, $6,000.

Boot camp fitness training gets under way

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for Boot Camp Fitness Training to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Tuesday, April 11, and Thursday, April 13, on Cohasset Common, front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset.

The session concludes Thursday, June 15, and the second sessions begins Tuesday, June 20.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running, knees and sit ups. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vasular endurance and strength.

Dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring water bottle and jump rope to class and wear running shoes.

Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best not as competition with others. To register call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

"Cohasset Woman Loses 14.9 lbs. of Body-fat In Record Time Without Dieting, Drugs or Surgery!"

Patricia Sheerin
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Amazing Transformation

Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Cohasset residents are clamoring to know how she did it. Patricia reports the "secret" is the accountability, coaching and comprehensive system provided by her Fitness Together personal trainer. "At age 46, I have never felt better," says Sheerin. "The focused, personalized program designed specifically for me by my FT trainer has really been the answer to achieving my weight loss, fitness and appearance goals."

Following this personalized program, Patricia reports not only losing 14.9 lbs of fat in 9 weeks (reducing her body-fat by 10.5%), but also increasing her strength without adding any bulky muscle – in fact she's leaner and tighter than ever before, dropping two full dress sizes. Her energy and stamina have doubled and she is getting more attention and "looks" than she has in years – dramatically boosting her self image and self confidence.

When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

To get a free copy of the official guide (only 37 are available, so fast action is necessary), and hear more dramatic stories of Cohasset residents transforming their health and fitness from average to extraordinary call the 24-hour free recorded message at 1.800.377.9817

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Meeting to tackle town business

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voters is required before Town Meeting can get underway. Once a quorum is determined at the start of the meeting by the moderator, the presence of a quorum is presumed to continue unless it is challenged and a count shows a quorum is not present. Without a quorum, Town Meeting will be adjourned. Griffin said he did not think getting a quorum or keeping a quorum would be a problem.

Articles are slated to be taken up in the order they appear in the warrant. **Article 1** will ask Town Meeting to accept the reports of the Town Officers that are printed in the Annual Town Report for calendar year 2005. Copies of the Town Report are available in the Town Clerk's office and the office of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 2 provides an opportunity for boards and committees to present a report directly to the Annual Town Meeting. At the time the warrant was printed, selectmen had not requested any specific reports.

The budget will be taken up in **Article 3**, and is expected to generate much discussion. Residents will be asked to vote on essentially three budget questions — to approve a total operating budget of $32,891,761 which stays within Prop. 2-1/2 and does not require an override; to approve a budget which would add $725,000 to the $32 million ($530,000 to the schools, $195,000 to the town); and to approve a budget which would add $1.495 million to the $32 million ($1.1 million schools, $395,000 town). Approving the budgets at Town Meeting only ensures they will move forward to be voted on at the May 6 special election.

Funding recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee will be taken up in **Article 4**. The CPC has recommended allocating $58,900 each to the historical resources sub-account, the open space sub-account, and to the community housing sub-account. It has also recommended allocating $10,000 for improvements to the Harborview Apartments, located at 60 Elm St.; $8,000 to restore the doors at Town Hall; $60,000 for a Veterans Memorial Park Project; $300,000 for the Beechwood Ballpark project; $120,000 for open space acquisition; and $80,000 for historic properties restoration. Under the Community Preservation Act, the CPC must recommend to Town Meeting each year how it believes the funds should be spent. A recommendation is required even if the CPC recommends the money be reserved rather than spent.

Article 5 will pay the town's unpaid bills. This year, the town has one bill outstanding to Robbins Garage for $450. Bills from previous fiscal years can only be paid by a super majority (4/5 approval) vote of Town Meeting.

Fiscal 2006 supplemental appropriations to the tune of $306,000 will be taken up in **Article 6.** The legal budget is experiencing a $40,000 shortfall, there is a $150,000 overtime shortfall for the police department and a $35,000 overtime shortfall for the fire department. There is also a $30,000 shortfall in the department of public works vehicle fuel budget, a $10,000 overtime shortfall for facility maintenance, a $20,000 shortfall for extraordinary facility repairs and maintenance, and a $21,000 shortfall for facility utilities and heating fuel.

Articles seven and eight will both deal with taxes. **Article 7** will ask the town to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors from 8 percent to 4 percent. **Article 8** will ask the town to allow the board of assessors to increase all exemptions made by the town by 100 percent. This would bring the allowable exemption for qualifying seniors from $1,000 per year to $2,000 per year.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said **Article 9** will likely be withdrawn from the warrant. The article asks the town to provide $60,000 in funding for a new Veterans Memorial, but the funding has also been included in the CPC recommendations listed in Article 4.

Article 10 would reimburse George Roukounakis, owner of the James Lane Easement, for half the expenses he incurred for legal, engineering, and appraisal services while negotiating to sell the property to the town.

Article 11 will likely be indefinitely postponed. It would have given the town the opportunity to purchase the Cook Estate property from the heirs of the estate, which would have allowed the town more time to work out a deal with an interested buyer. At this time, the Weathervane Construction Corporation has put in a bid for the project and negotiations to sign a Land Disposition Agreement look promising. An LDA is a document similar to a purchase and sale agreement, and the developers and town must sign the LDA within 30 days from the town's tentatively awarding the company the bid.

Articles 12 through 18 are all zoning bylaws. **Article 12**, which would have allowed the town to remove ledge to create additional parking spaces on the town-owned land behind the Teen Garage, will likely be indefinitely postponed. **Article 13** will ask the town to adopt a new inclusionary zoning bylaw, which would create a requirement that any new multi-family development with five or more units provide at least one affordable housing unit as part of the overall project. **Article 14**, which was proposed by the Economic Development Committee, would hopefully generate new commercial tax revenue by reducing the required parking in the highway business, technology business, and light industry districts from one space per 100 square feet to one space per 200 square feet, and would increase the 20 foot street frontage landscaped green strop to 35 feet.

Article 15 would allow the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District (SMROD) to "sunset" and therefore be removed from the town's zoning bylaws. The Cook Estate project would be the last project allowed to file under the bylaw.

Article 16 which deals with the Large House Site Plan Review, will likely be indefinitely postponed. Bylaws to change the large home regulations have come to Town Meeting more than once, and this year's proposed article would have amended the bylaw which currently exists to give the bylaw "more teeth."

Article 17 is the zoning bylaw likely to cause the most discussion. It would amend the town's zoning bylaws to create a new Transit Oriented Development overlay district for the Rte. 3A light industry district, which surrounds the proposed Greenbush train station. The overlay district would cover a 28-acre area, of which three acres would be used for the Greenbush station and parking. Sixteen acres has been purchased by the MBTA to replicate wetlands disturbed during train construction, which leaves roughly nine acres in private ownership for development or redevelopment. The article would facilitate higher density development and allow for mixed uses.

Article 18 would essentially be a housekeeping article that would take care of language changes that must be made in the town's zoning bylaws. **Article 19** will also likely be indefinitely postponed. The article would have allowed the town to employ a full-time Town Planner.

Articles 20 and 21 are water commission articles. **Article 20** would allow the water commission to continue to acquire land around the watershed to protect the town's water supply. **Article 21** would authorize selectmen to grand additional easement width to National Grid for their power lines, which cross land recently acquired by the commission in the Brass Kettle Brook conservation area off King Street.

Article 22 would allow the board of health to enter into a mutual aid agreement with one or more other communities to provide public health service.

Article 23 would allow the town to pursue looking into taking the island known as Sassafras Rock, located in Little Harbor, by eminent domain and allow the property to be properly recorded by the Board of Assessors and the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. The article would not allow the property to be taken, but would authorize the town to look into the history of the property to determine whether it could be taken by eminent domain.

Article 24 will ask the town to adopt a new door-to-door solicitation bylaw. The bylaw would regulate solicitation through a permitting process, facilitated by the police department.

Town Meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1. The meeting will be held in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School. Extra copies of the Warrant will be available at the meeting.

Town Meeting guide

- **Town Meeting**: Is the town's legislative body which votes to appropriate money to run the town and votes on bylaws. Cohasset holds open Town Meetings, which means all registered voters may vote on all matters.
- **Moderator:** Runs the Town Meeting. Declares outcome of all voice votes.
- **Warrant:** Lists Town Meeting's time, place, and agenda. Warrants have been mailed to every household in Cohasset. Additional Warrants can be obtained at Town Hall, the library, and will be available Saturday.
- **Articles:** Items of business listed in the warrant that will be taken up at Town Meeting.
- **Motion:** a proposed action to be taken by the meeting, which must be within the scope of an article.
- **Quorum:** minimum number required to conduct business at Town Meeting. In Cohasset, it's 100 registered voters.

For more information, consult the Citizens' Guide to Town Meetings, which is posted on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm. There is also a list of Town Meeting procedures in page 49 of this year's Warrant.

Money matters

By Samantha Brown
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Town Meeting will vote to authorize spending in many different forms Saturday. From CPC recommendations to last year's unpaid bills, money will be the root of a good number of articles.

There is roughly $755,000 to be divvied up in Community Preservation Funds through Article 4. Under the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee is required to make a recommendation to Town Meeting each year, as to how it feels the funds should be spent.

Funds can be spent in the three specific areas of open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. This year the CPC has made seven spending recommendations, all of which the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee unanimously recommend.

Recommendation A would allocate $58,900 each to the historical resources sub-account, the open space sub-account, and the community housing sub-account. Recommendation B would appropriate $10,000 to purchase commercial washers and dryers at the Harborview Apartments, the Cohasset Housing Authority property at 60 Elm Street.

Recommendation C would allocate $8,000 to restore the doors in the old part of Town Hall, for historic preservation. Recommendation D would provide half the funds to construct a new monument honoring the town's residents who are currently serving, or who have recently served in the armed forces *(see related story)*.

Recommendation E would provide the funds to make improvements to the Beechwood Ballpark.

With $300,000, the field could be completely rebuilt, including reorienting the field so the players aren't facing the sun, which is now the case. Reorienting the field and locating home plate where right field is now would increase the distance down the left and right field foul lines. Stands and dugouts are also planned, as well as 20-foot fencing around the infield and 10-foot fencing in the outfield. The basketball court and tot play area would also be relocated and rebuilt, and there would be a permanent batting cage adjacent to the basketball court. There would also be restrooms and storage rooms constructed near the infield. There are currently no toilet facilities at the field.

Recommendation F would allocate $120,000 to the Water Commission to purchase a parcel of land near Brass Kettle Brook as part of the commission's ongoing effort to protect the town's water supply. Recommendation G would allocate $80,000 to restore the Captain John Wilson House and Maritime Museum on Elm Street in the village, and the Pratt Building on South Main Street. The Historical Society will provide $12,500 in funding for the projects.

The town will also be allocating funds for unpaid bills left over from fiscal 2006 in Article 5. The town has an outstanding bill for $450 for Robbins Garage which was incurred last year and must be paid. Bills from previous fiscal years can only be paid by a super-majority, which is 4/5 approval of Town Meeting.

There are supplemental appropriations which must be made as well through Article 6. The legal budget is experiencing a $40,000 shortfall, there is a $150,000 overtime shortfall for the police department and a $35,000 overtime shortfall for the fire department. There is also a $30,000 shortfall in the Department of Public Works vehicle fuel budget, a $10,000 overtime shortfall for facility maintenance, a $20,000 shortfall for extraordinary facility repairs and maintenance, and a $21,000 shortfall for facility utilities and heating fuel.

Through Article 10, voters will also be asked to allocate $5,671 to George Roukounakis for expenses he incurred for legal, engineering, and appraisal services associated with negotiations to sell and easement over James Lane to the town.

At the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, voters agreed to authorize selectmen to purchase the easement from Roukounakis for $64,200 in anticipation of the Greenbush construction. The easement is approximately 1,310 square feet.

However, prior to that Town Meeting vote, Roukounakis said he spoke about the purchase with then Town Manager Mark Haddad. Both Roukounakis and the town had appraisals done on the property. The town valued the property at $64,200, while Roukounakis ' appraisal was $330,000.

Roukounakis said therefore, because he felt the town's offer was too low and the town felt he was too high, he and Haddad agreed to meet somewhere in the middle. Roukounakis said Haddad told him the town would pay him the $64,000 in addition to his expenses, and "call it even."

However, Haddad resigned from his position in May 2004 and there is nothing on the books to back up the verbal agreement. Roukounakis says he has $11,346 in expenses, including lawyer's fees, engineering costs, and costs for the appraisal, and is willing to split that cost with the town.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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improvements. We are stunned that Cohasset may be facing another year of eliminating teaching positions. Finally, we are worried that the waning support of the citizens of Cohasset will lead to a deterioration of school and town services.

We are committed to Cohasset, and we support a school system that provides a dynamic learning environment for the future leaders of our town, state, country and world. We support the $1.495 million override to provide the children of Cohasset with the education they deserve to be competitive, constructive contributors in today's changing world. We hope that our fellow Cohasset residents will join us in funding the forward momentum that Cohasset needs.

Chris and Nancy Oddleifson
69 Summer St.

'Honest budget' best way to prevent override

To the Editor:

The Town of Cohasset Warrant is interesting reading mainly for what it doesn't say. It doesn't say that the selectmen overruled the carefully prepared budget recommendation of the School Board without their consultation. It doesn't say that the budget residents are being asked to approve is a "political" budget, but not a "reality" budget.

The Warrant provides almost no information about or rationale for the educational budget we are being asked to approve – even though the school department has provided the town with a very detailed 57-page line item accounting of the FY07 budget requested. The Warrant provides four pages of information about the new suggested law about Door-to-Door Solicitation, but one has to look to the bottom of Appendix A, page 13, to find the critical information about the school budget, with no detail or summary. This hardly seems fair.

Here on Appendix A, page 13, under Education we find two important numbers: "Department Requested – $13, 987,198" and "Recommended Budget without Override – $12,714,714." The difference in these two budgets is $1,272,484. "Department Requested" means that the School Committee certified as the budget what it believes it needs to run our schools for the following year. Rather than placing the real educational needs of the Cohasset schools into the Recommended Budget, the selectmen and town manager have recommended a politically based budget in order to force an override vote. We don't need an override vote. We need honest budgets. Cohasset residents assume that the selectmen will respect the work of the School Committee and their superintendent. This no longer seems to be the case. It is a shame to have our town leaders pitted against its children. I don't mean to be imputing motives, but the process seems designed to put the School Committee and the superintendent on the defensive. Instead, we need to be pulling together.

Here is what's at stake. The School Board has proposed a 13.3 percent budget increase. This is a catch-up budget from cuts made last year as well as one that seeks to address commitments already promised to Cohasset residents in the 2004-2009 Cohasset Public Schools Strategic Plan. If we want excellent schools, we will need to increase our per pupil commitments. The Massachusetts Department of Education five-year trend in regular per pupil cost show Cohasset at $7,227 in FY04, the same year Weston's per pupil costs were $10,828 per child. This is $182 less than last year! We're going backwards instead of catching up with the expenditures of the best school districts in the Commonwealth. Great schools and well-educated kids cannot happen on these terms.

The price of not giving our educators what they need to improve our schools will have a significant impact on our kids and their future. Dr. Walsh has a vision. She has told us what she needs to move our schools forward. We have a long way to catch up to Harvard Public Schools, but our educational leadership has a plan to get us there. It is time to stand with our School Board, superintendent, teachers, and children. We asked for an honest assessment of their needs. To then bury their request in the Warrant's fine print and to avoid giving voters the information they need to make an informed decision does little to build trust in our town's leadership.

We need to hear directly from Dr. Walsh at the Town Meeting what is at risk in our forthcoming decision. We don't need an override; we need an honest budget.

John Seel, Ph.D.
50 Forest Avenue

Play the game fair

To the Editor:

This is the time of year when the passion for politics runs highest in Cohasset. Debate never ceases, good friends agree to disagree, citizens listen to one another, sometimes arguing, often persuading. At a given moment, candidates' signs appear along our streets, icons of free expression. We go to political coffees, we consider the messages, we attend Town Meeting, we absorb the issues - and ultimately, we vote our conscience. It's all part of the game: the democracy game.

The democracy game in Cohasset is played with certain spoken and unspoken rules. Differences of opinion, even heated differences of opinion are allowed. Honest criticism is allowed. Slanderous public statements are unacceptable. Trespassing on private property and stealing another citizen's medium of personal expression is a heinous act. The bright signs that spring up like early tulips are not merely advertisements, they are extensions of our First Amendment right to free speech. Removing signs from private property is not a prank, it is criminal vandalism.

The theft of 20 signs from private property in the Little Harbor area last Sunday is a crime. If the perpetrators, young or old, are newcomers to our town, they should be taught that this is not the Cohasset way. If these lawbreakers are longtime residents, they should simply be ashamed.

Cohasset has been engaged in the democracy game for many years. This is not the way it's played.

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This spring, the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program will conduct an eight-week second grade clinic for both boys and girls, starting in late April and going until the end of June. The clinic will offer an introduction to the programs as they are played in our U11 through U15 age groups.

The intent of the program is to provide an exposure to the game, develop skills, and most important of all, do it in a fun environment. Full gear is called for and there is a limited amount that can be borrowed from Cohasset Youth Lax. To register or for more information, call Hank Kucinski at 781-383-0634. Cost is $100, which covers eight sessions, USLL insurance, and a Cohasset Lax t-shirt.

New look for lady laxers

By Mark Goodman
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Five-thirty a.m. practices, daily two-mile runs... if the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team's performance on the field matches the work they have put into the preseason, fans can expect a successful season.

With nine seniors having graduated from last year's state tournament team, however, it won't be quite as easy as it sounds. New head coach Chuck Jaffe says he is optimistic about the season, which begins Sunday afternoon at 2 with a home game against Nantucket.

"Without question, this team lost a lot from last year," Jaffe said. "[2005 leading scorer] Lauren Rizzotti is doing very well in college now, Mackenzie Holway scored a lot last year, and we lost a lot of good defensive players.

"But we're going to be helped by a phenomenal freshmen class, and offensively, we're very diversified."

It is in the attack that Cohasset appears to be its strongest. Leading the way will be senior Lisa Spirito, who led the team with 22 assists in '05, and junior Lindsey Durkin, who netted over 30 goals a year ago. One big strength of the team will be the number of players who can score, including senior tri-captains Cassie Rosano and Mia Lieb-Lappen, juniors Kara Wilcox, Mary Previte and Kaleigh Swain, and freshman Kaley Madge.

Rosano, Lieb-Lappen and the third captain, Marissa Evans, have impressed Jaffe in the preseason.

"They're all tough as nails, and they're learning to expand their games," he said. "Last year, they were mostly role

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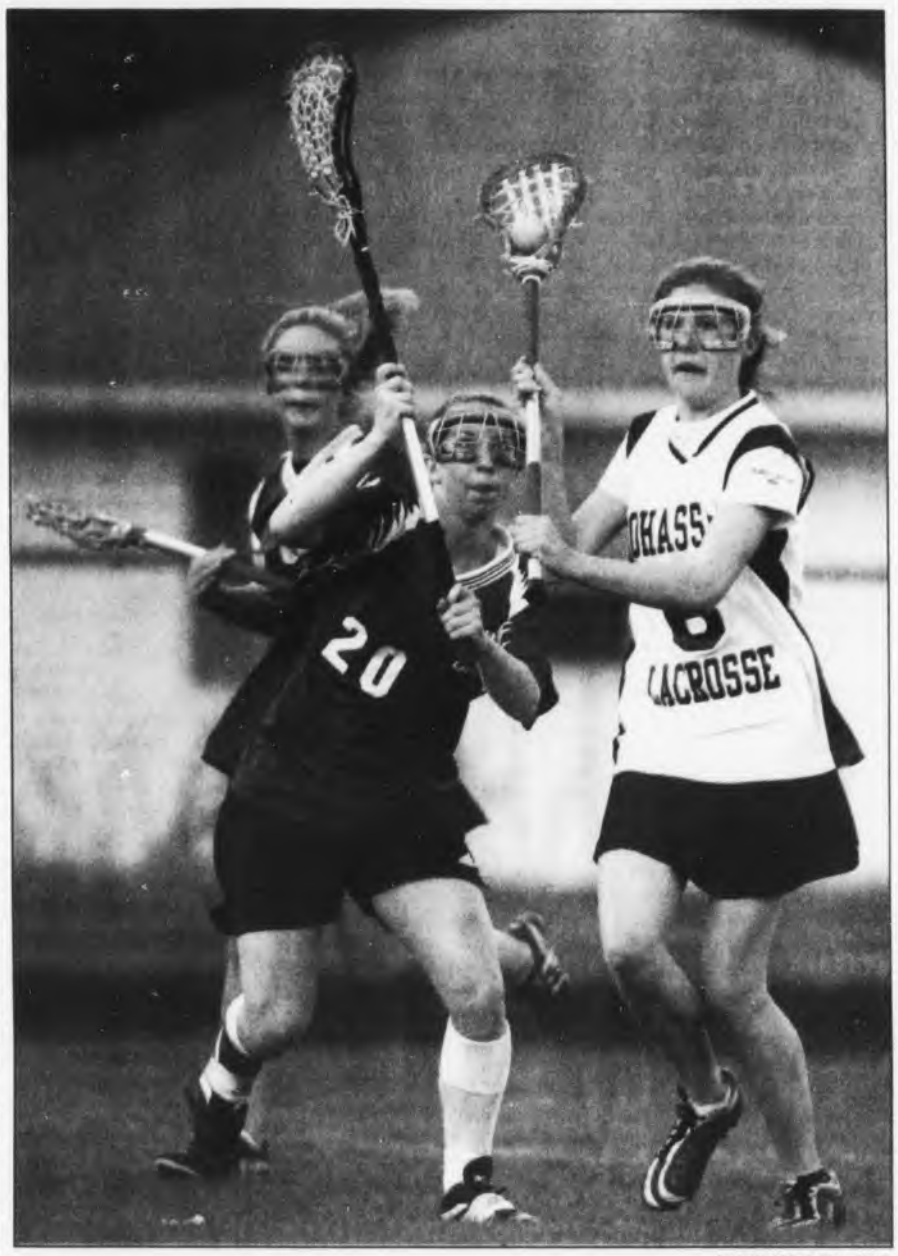

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Kara Wilcox (right) is one of several players that can score goals for Cohasset this season.

Going deep

Despite graduation losses, CHS boys lacrosse has a lot of options

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The modus operandi for Cohasset High boys lacrosse has been clear the last couple season.

Play an incredibly tough schedule, get into the middle of the pack of tournament-qualifying teams, and use that schedule to its advantage.

It nearly worked to perfection last season, as the Skippers made it to the Division 3 state championship game before losing to Medfield.

If the boys are to experience similar success in 2006, it will be a deeper, albeit younger, team that will do it.

The team lost nine quality players to graduation, including three Mariner All-Scholastics in Jake Previte, Joe Durkin and Crandon Leahy. Previte left CHS as its all-time leading scorer.

With opponents' attention on defense going to Previte last season, Aidan Buick was the top beneficiary, using his considerable quickness and overall skills to lead the team in scoring. This year, Skippers head coach Stew Curran figures Buick will be getting the star treatment from other teams, meaning others will need to step up the way that Buick did last season.

Two of the top candidates to do that are sophomore Mike Grimm and junior Mike Bunstein. As a freshman last season, Grimm had a superb second half to the season and established himself as one of the Skippers' top offensive threats.

"He has a real nose for the goal and does some special things out there," Curran said of Grimm. "He will be a force, not just this year but for the next couple years after that, as well."

It is in the midfield that Cohasset may have its most depth. Leading that group is Trevor Brady, one of Cohasset's three senior captains (with Buick and goalie Ben Libby). Brady is incredibly fast, has the ability to score goals, and will also consistently mark the opponents' top offensive player.

Not far behind is junior Dan Trendowicz, whom Curran says has looked "spectacular" in the preseason, which has featured four scrimmages. Trendowicz did a lot of work between seasons, including a couple indoor lacrosse leagues, and Curran says the result is a faster, stronger player who will play an expanded role for the team this season.

Junior Chris Davis and a host of sophomores will provide good depth for the team in the midfield spot. The program saw an influx of 13 freshmen last season, and the likes of middies P.J. McCaw, Mark Flibotte, Peter Ernst and Charlie Czerkawski have come to the forefront from that class. Czerkawski served as one of the team's face-off specialists last season.

Despite losing the likes of Leahy and Casey Coleman, the Skippers defense is again shaping up to be strong. Junior Jeff Brown was an All-Star at a summer tournament at the University of Delaware, an event that attracted top talent from all along the east coast.

"He's been the same kind of player here in the spring," Curran said. "He's been superb."

Sophomore Jake Cuneo will also be a prominent player in defense. An outstanding young offensive lineman in football, Cuneo is fast and has good foot-

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Strength in numbers for CHS softball

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Five years ago, who would have ever predicted 19 athletes would try out for the Cohasset softball team in 2006?

Well, it's true. Keep in mind the softball team began only four years ago after several years of inactivity.

Last season they finished the year strongly despite a midseason plunge. In fact, 2005 marked the first time in 16 years the Lady Skippers landed a playoff berth. So the momentum of success has helped to rev up the softball engines.

Veteran coach Deb Bostwick couldn't be happier this year. Because of the great turnout, Bostwick hopes to field both a varsity and a JV team.

"They all seem like they worked hard in the off-season," she said. "There's just so much talent."

Seniors Erin Liddell, Melissa Crowley-Buck and Katie James will lead the charge in their captain roles. Besides the captains, two seniors, four juniors, one sophomore, and a staggering nine freshmen have literally stepped up to the plate to wreak havoc on the South Shore League.

In addition to the big turnout, Bostwick has observed some real aptitude among her players.

"The girls are so versatile when it comes to playing different positions," explained the coach. "They can move from infield to outfield, and play with confidence in both places."

Fans will see the return of veteran pitchers Christina Pinkus and Virginia Spofford, both in their junior year. James and senior Emily Savage will add depth on the mound.

Offensively speaking, the Skippers had little ice to shake off of their bats. Bostwick claims that even the newcomers have displayed some sharp eyesight and smooth swinging.

"The fundamentals just seem so much better this year," said Crowley-Buck. "The new players pick up everything really quickly. We have the potential in many different areas."

Bostwick noted one area of concern - the lack of team communication.

According to Bostwick, "this will definitely improve once everyone gets to know each other." She likes this type of challenge.

Bostwick brings to the playing field significant softball experience. After spending her high school years in nearby Marshfield, she enrolled at Keene State College in New Hampshire where she excelled in left field and at bat. Today, Bostwick continues her pastime in a competitive Braintree softball league.

Assistant coach Deb Beal will lend a hand again to Bostwick and the team. The players are very fortunate to work with such an experienced coaching staff.

Still, the girls know they need to work for respect in this league. Powerhouses like Abington and Hull will also fire up on all four burners this year.

"We're definitely coming in ready to play," said James. "Our new players show lots of promise, and the upperclassmen have been here since the start of this team. This combination should make for a great season."

The '06 season officially gets underway this week with the Skippers hosting Scituate on Tuesday.

7th grade boys win Patriot League basketball championship

On Sunday, the Cohasset 7th grade boys basketball team won the Patriot League Championship game, defeating Abington by the score of 43-38.

Shooting guard Robert Jones made several clutch plays in the waning minutes and was named Most Valuable Player of the championship game. The Patriot League Championship, the first in many years for a Cohasset team, capped an extraordinary season for the 7th grade boys, who led the league in scoring and finished the regular season with a solid lock on first place.

The team hit the court last November. After only two weeks of practice they entered the Preseason Hoopfest tournament at the Dana Barros center in Foxboro to test themselves against some of the finest competition from Southeastern Massachusetts.

The boys won their bracket by defeating teams from Mashpee, Westwood and Norton. In the final they went up against a tough, talented, and experienced Easton team. While the Easton game was tied at the mid-way point, the game slipped away from Cohasset in the second half to give the 7th grade boys their first taste of defeat.

The regular season started in December with home wins over Taunton, Quincy and Whitman. When the season resumed in 2006 the team stumbled, losing a home game to Bridgewater and an away game against a tall Pembroke squad. Five games into the season, the Cohasset 7th graders found themselves with a 3-2 record.

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The Cohasset 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Team — Patriot League Champions. From Left To Right: Alex Harper, Eric Wasel, Ben Campbell, Robert Jones, Gabe Seksay, Sam Richardson, Derek Youngman, Kelby "KJ" Pontes, Jack Carrier, Michael Monaco and Coach Ed Seksay. Not pictured: Coaches Jay Monaco and Joe Campbell.

Cohasset responded to this early season adversity with a fast break offense and new half court offenses designed to open up the tight zone defenses they faced. On the defensive end they deployed a triangle and two scheme to simultaneously pressure the ball and protect the paint. The result? Twelve straight wins, against teams from much larger towns such as Hanson, Weymouth, East Bridgewater, Hull, Taunton, Quincy, Abington, Whitman and Silver Lake.

The 12-game winning steak included games where Cohasset simply overwhelmed its opponent, such as a February win over Hull by an 18-point margin and a home game win in March over Pembroke, also by 18 points, to avenge the early season loss.

The streak also included games where Cohasset had to fight hard to win, such as one-point victories on the road against Taunton, in overtime, and over Silver Lake in regulation. The Cohasset 7th grade boys finished the regular season with a record of 15-3 and the top-ranked offense in the league, averaging 44 points a game.

Playoffs began on March 19 in Halifax. Top-seeded Cohasset faced Taunton, a team that had three AAU players in its starting line-up and had forced Cohasset into overtime toward the end of the regular season. Using a low-post strategy to dominate the boards, Cohasset shocked the opposing coaches who were in the stands, scouting the game and hoping for an upset, by easily dispatching Taunton 54-34.

Gabe Seksay, playing his first game after sitting out for a week due to a concussion, had 19 rebounds and led all scorers with 20 points. Working off of the other low-post block, Kelby "KJ" Pontes had 18 points and 17 rebounds for Cohasset.

With the first round playoff win Cohasset advanced to the semifinals on the 25th in Halifax, playing Silver Lake on its home court. Cohasset scored the first 12 points of the game and never let Silver Lake get any closer than five for the rest of the game. Robert Jones

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All-Scholastic girls basketball team

Cohasset's Gabriella Flibotte named among area's elite

Editor's Note: The Mariner's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: hockey.

Gabriella Flibotte - Freshman
Guard - Cohasset

The only freshman to make the South Shore League All-Star team, Flibotte led the team in scoring with 15 points per game...Simply knows how to put the ball in the basket, and can do it on the drive or from the outside...Didn't shy away from the spotlight, either, as she scored a game-high 20 points in Division 4 South first round win over Bristol-Plymouth and 13 in semifinal loss to eventual state champion Marian...Poured in a career-high 32 in an early February win over Nantucket...Scored 25 points - including 19 in the second half - in Jan. 20 comeback win over league rival Norwell, a victory that set the tone for the rest of the Skippers' 15-8 season...Also a very good defender that led Cohasset's vaunted press...By the end of the season, played just about every minute of every game...Also plays lacrosse...Cohasset coach John Levangie: "Gabby was our high scorer and probably one of our best defenders. She had a huge impact for us."

Lauren Conway - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Abington

This South Shore League All-star was the leading point-getter for the Green Wave this season, averaging just under 14 points per game...A senior captain, Conway's quickness was among her greatest assets and helped guide Abington to an 8-4 showing in the SSL, good for second place...Was a major catalyst in the Green Wave's ability to rebound from a tough 3-7 start to go 7-3 in their last 10 games and finish an even 10-10...Conway scored nine points in a big comeback win over Carver (36-29), which clinched a berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney for Abington...There, the had a tough draw in facing defending Div. 3 state champs, Case, in the opening round...A three-sport athlete at AHS, Conway played soccer in the fall and will rejoin the softball team this spring.

Brittney Chappron - Senior
Guard - Braintree

Arguably the Division 1 state champions' most improved player, Chappron was one of three Wamps to average at least a dozen points per game, finishing at 12.1...The first team Bay State Conference All-Star led the team with 23 3-pointers made on the season...Also Braintree's top free throw shooter, making clutch foul shots throughout the state tournament, including the game winners in the Division 1 South semifinal against Framingham...Scored 60 points in the Wamps' last four tournament games, including a team-best 19 against Framingham, and 14 in the state championship game against Springfield Central...In addition to her scoring, she also provided Braintree with solid defense and another good ball-handler to complement point guard Jessie DeGraan...Was noticeably quicker on the court this season, resulting in a lot more drives to the basket...A starting midfielder for the state champion soccer team in the fall...Still considering her options for college, with Suffolk University as her top choice, with business as a desired course of study...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "One of the things that gets forgotten about Brittney sometimes is her defense and key steals in crucial games. If she hadn't done that, who knows what would've happened."

Maegan Cook - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Braintree

The inspirational leader of a state champion team, Cook earns her second straight nod to Marinerland's All-Scholastic team...Saw her scoring numbers drop from last season, but made up for it with rebounding, tough defense and leadership...Scored four key points during overtime comeback against Brockton in Division 1 South final...Always had the knack for coming up with clutch rebounds; just ask Lowell, who saw Cook get seven boards in the second half and overtime of the state semifinal game at the TD Banknorth Garden...Had six points and five rebounds in state championship game against Springfield Central, and tipped out the game's final rebound to help run out the clock...Consistently asked to guard the other team's best player, and usually shuts them down despite often giving up six or more inches...A second-team Bay State Conference All-Star this season...Also plays softball and volleyball for Braintree, and is a two-time Marinerland All-Scholastic in the latter...Will continue her basketball career next year at Assumption College in Worcester...Undecided on a major, but is considering education or communications...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "I'm going to look back on my 27 years of coaching and Maegan will have a special place in my memory. She was our leader on and off the court. She brings out the heart, fight and emotion of this team, and she does it with a love of the game."

Stephanie Geehan - Senior
Forward - Braintree

After a strong regular season, the 6-foot Geehan stepped it up a notch in the state tournament, scoring a team-best 98 points in those six games for a 16.3 average...For the season, averaged 12.2 a game, and led the Wamps in rebounds and blocked shots...Scored a game-high 21 points, to go with nine rebounds, in Division 1 state championship game against Springfield Central...Had 20 points and 10 rebounds in state semifinal win over Lowell...Finished with 17 points and five blocked shots in Division 1 South final against Brockton...Scoring, passing, running the floor, defending, leading fast breaks; there isn't much Geehan can't do on the basketball court...Scored her 1,000th point on Feb. 14 against Brookline, and finishes her career at Braintree High with 1,127 total points...Also a three-time Marinerland All-Scholastic in volleyball...Made the Bay State Conference All-Star team all four years in a Wamps uniform...Will play basketball for Div. 1 Fairfield University on full scholarship...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "Often times you can look at a game on tape and recognize that Stephanie does so many things for the team, like changing opponents' shots, blocking shots and then getting the rebound, starting the fast break...You don't always appreciate everything she does until you see it on film. She does a ton of things that are often overlooked."

Merry MacDonald - Senior
Forward - Braintree

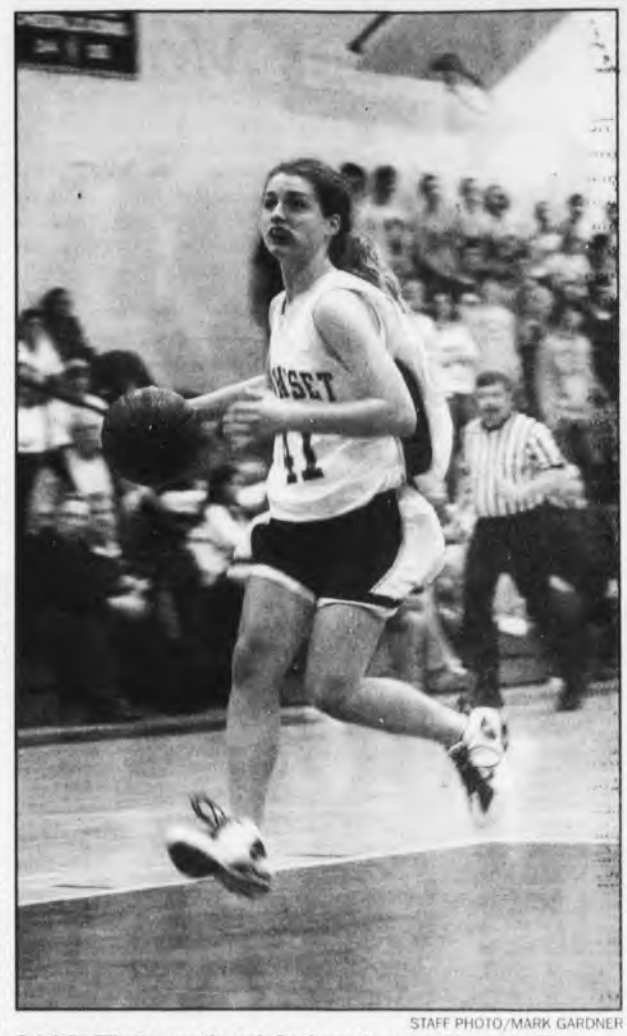
On a very balanced Braintree team that had three girls average in double figures, MacDonald led the Wamps in scoring at 12.6 points per game...Scored 12 or more points in all six tournament games, including a game-high 16 in Division 1 South quarterfinal win over Fontbonne Academy...Also had 19 in state semifinal against Lowell...Despite playing with an injured finger on her shooting hand in title game against Springfield Central, MacDonald finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, and hit the go-ahead shot with two minutes left...Often deadly with her trademark mid-range baseline jump shot, and could also put the ball on the floor when needed...Finished her high school basketball career with over 900 points...Also a good rebounder and defender...A remarkable all-around athlete, MacDonald is an All-Scholastic performer in volleyball and softball...Will play those two sports at Wheaton College next year...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "The thing I'm going to remember most about Merry is her rebounding effort in those last six games. She just got in there and did it all."

Lesley Guenard - Sophomore
Point-guard - Hanover

Was the leading scorer on the Hanover squad despite being the focus of every opposing defense...Guenard was third in the Patriot League Fisher Div. with an average 11 points per game...A highly athletic point-guard, Guenard was also a great defender, often drawing the task of guarding the opposing team's best player...Her consistent performance helped guide the Lady Indians to a 6-2 record in the Fisher Div., finishing second behind only unbeaten Rockland...At 11-9 overall, Hanover qualified for play in the Div. 3 South tourney, where they bumped into a tough Old Rochester team and fell 55-45...Guenard is a three-sport athlete at HHS, playing as a forward on the soccer team in the fall and second baseman on the softball team in the spring...Just a sophomore, Guenard still has a long athletic career ahead of her at Hanover High.

Jillian Watts - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Slipped into a starting role when center Hayley Wells was lost for the winter and boy did Watts deliver...The forward was the leading scorer on the injury-laden Hingham squad, averaging 13 points per game, placing her third in the Patriot League's Keenan Div...Watts helped power the Harborwomen squad to a second-place finish in the PL Keenan with a 10-3 record, while going 12-6 overall...The PL All-star, helped guide Hingham in a pair of big wins over rival Duxbury and a couple slim losses to champs Scituate...A solid all-around player, Watts was great when driving to the hoop and also provided solid defense in the paint...Just a junior, Watts will be one of a host of talented young players returning to the court for Hingham next season, making the Harborwomen a team to watch.



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Gabriella Flibotte was the only freshman to make this year's All-Scholastic girls basketball team.

Kelsey Boothby - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Holbrook

One of the most talented all-around athletes in Holbrook, Boothby is making her second all-scholastic appearance this year, having already garnered recognition for her work in the soccer season. On the hardwood this season she led the Bulldogs in scoring and was the go to player in crunch time for her team. She averaged 15 points a game this year with a few outstanding performances mixed in. Her efforts netted her Mayflower League all-star recognition as she helped lead Holbrook to the Mayflower Small div. championship. She also helped lead her team to the state tournament before falling to state champion Marian. She is a talented athlete that also competes on the softball team in the spring.

Head Coach Shannon Maloney, "Kelsey Boothby has become a great basketball player. She is an outstanding athlete, but she has become a great player. The girls look to her for the scoring."

Terri Duffy - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Marshfield

Paired with teammate Katie Wholey to create one of the most feared scoring tandems in the area...Duffy was a big presence in the paint, standing 6-feet and doing serious damage...Was among the leading scorers on the Lady Rams squad once again this season, averaging 17 points a game...She was behind only Wholey (17.9) in the Old Colony League standings...Her play on the inside helped Marshfield capture its first OCL title in several years (5-1)...Duffy regularly scored in double-figures and was almost as equally consistent in the rebounding department too...Her stellar play helped the Lady Rams to an 18-2 regular season record and second seed in the Div. 1 South tourney...There, Duffy racked up 24 points and 11 rebounds in a first-round lashing over Sandwich (55-38)...Also a talented tennis player at MHS, Duffy will reprise her role as the No. 1 singles player this spring...She plans to continue her basketball career in college.

Katie Wholey - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield

With her and Terri Duffy lighting up the hoop, few could compete with the Lady Rams this season...A great all-around player who was the team's leading scorer this season, Wholey made a name for herself...Averaged 17.9 points per game to lead Marshfield and the Old Colony League...A terrific shooter, Wholey's pull-up jumpers were deadly...She was also never afraid to drive inside when necessary...Also had a keen eye for the floor and consistently connected with Duffy for big points...A stellar defender, Wholey's consistent performance this season helped the Lady Rams capture the OCL title (5-1) and earn the No. 2 seed in the Div. 1 South tourney with an 18-2 record...There, Wholey scored 17 points and had four steals in a 55-38 win over Sandwich in the first round...Defensively, Wholey shut down her Sandwich opponent who had hit five three-pointers in a previous contest...The OCL All-star plays hoop year round and plans to continue her basketball career in college.

Katelyn Stravinsky - Junior
Forward - Norwell

Despite missing the last nine games of the season with a broken wrist, Stravinsky was voted by South Shore League coaches as the league's best player...Wrist has since healed nicely, and the 5-foot-8

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forward is now focusing on playing AAU for Coastal Athletic…Led the SSL in scoring (for the second straight season) at over 17 a game, and averaged 13 rebounds per contest for good measure…Also a very good passer and shot blocker…Scored the 1,000th point of her career - on a 3-pointer, no less - in Norwell's Jan. 17 win at Harwich…Had a season-high 28 points in that game…Constantly double- and triple-teamed, making her scoring output all the more impressive…Can score in the post or off the drive, finishes extremely well in traffic, and can step out and shoot it from the outside… Recently played in a high school all-star game in Stonehill College for a South team that also featured fellow All-Scholastics Corey Cuddihy and Heidi Sheehan, both of Scituate…Was the starting goalie for the SSL champion soccer team in the fall…Plans to play college basketball, and has started looking into schools in the New England area

Shawna Carroll - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Rockland

Ended her illustrious five-year RHS career by eclipsing the 1,000-point plateau this winter and finishing with 1,091 career points…The offensive catalyst throughout her five years on the court as a Lady Bulldog, Carroll sacrificed some of her own scoring chances to assist others…Had an uncanny eye for the floor that resulted in her being one of the team's assists leaders with 3.7 per game (88 on the season)…Racked up 346 points this winter, averaging 14.4 per game…Was also a solid rebounder with an average seven boards per game (145 this season)…A Patriot League All-star for the third-straight season, Carroll's consistent play helped the Lady Bulldogs capture the Fisher Div. title (14-0) and earn the top-seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney at 20-2…She helped guide Rockland to the Hall of Fame tourney title with victories over eventual Div. 1 state champs Braintree (62-38) and Div. 3 state finalists Cardinal Spellman (46-37), earning an All-star nod…Carroll will continue her basketball career at Rivier College in New Hampshire. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "Shauna is such a talented athlete. She's one of those players who everyone keyed on and she still scored her 1,000th point. It was a great way to wrap-up her career."

Jess Mellen - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Rockland

Was one of those players who did all the dirty work and did it well…Another five-year player, Mellen was a scoring threat when she needed to be, but her worth to the Lady Bulldogs (21-3) went far beyond points…The team's leading rebounder for the last two seasons, Mellen averaged 9.3 boards per game (224 this season) and finished with 1,035 for her career…A consistent scorer on the inside, Mellen racked up 212 points this winter, for an average 8.8 per game…Playing with two other talented forwards, Mellen had a great eye for the pass and was among the assist leaders with 95 this season (four per game)…The three-time Patriot League All-star blocked 68 shots for an average 2.8 per game…Had 12 points and seven rebounds in the Hall of Fame tourney title game against Braintree, the eventual Div. 1 state champs, and was named to the All-star team for her efforts…Pulled down 17 boards a day earlier against Cardinal Spellman and scored 11 points and 13 rebounds against the Cardinals in a quarterfinal loss in the Div. 3 South tourney…Mellen plans to continue her basketball career at Roger Williams University. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "When Jess had to sit down for whatever reason we were not the same team. She was a great leader on the floor and called all the plays."

Jackie Bohenek - Sophomore Forward - Rockland

Blistering speed is this young up-and-comer's greatest asset on the court and it showed at Rockland this winter…Bohenek racked up 370 points this season to lead the Lady Bulldogs in scoring for the second-straight season with a 15.4 per game average…Scored the bulk of her points on fast-break opportunities, but was also a solid second-effort shooter with an average six rebounds per game…Tremendously athletic, Bohenek scored 13 points in the Lady Bulldogs' 62-38 victory over eventual Div. 1 state champs, Braintree, in the Hall of Fame tourney championship, helping to guide the Rockland team to a 20-2 record and top seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional…There, Bohenek scored eight hard-fought points in a quarterfinal loss to Spellman, an eventual Div. 3 state finalists…A two-time PL All-star, Bohenek is also a talented runner at RHS, running cross country in the fall and outdoor track in the spring…Just a sophomore, Bohenek still has a long career ahead of her at RHS. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "What can you say about a gazelle? Her quickness adds so much to our lineup. Her contribution has been immense."

Steph Crawford - Sophomore Point-guard - Rockland

She's everything a point-guard needs to be…Great shooter, great defender, great floor leadership…Crawford isn't the flashiest player on the Rockland squad, but she does all the little things a team needs to do to be successful and does them well…Crawford led the Lady Bulldogs (21-3) in a pair of categories this winter, steals and free throws…The Patriot League All-star averaged 4.5 steals per game (110 this season) and shot 70 percent from the stripe…Crawford averaged just under 10 points per game (9.4) via 225 points…Had arguably the best games of the season in the Hall of Fame tourney, particularly in the championship against Braintree…There, Crawford racked up 14 points, four assists, and six steals in a 62-38 victory over the eventual Div. 1 state champs…She was named the Tournament MVP for her efforts…Also a great defender, Crawford helped pace the Lady Bulldogs to a Fisher Div. title (14-0) and top seed in the Div. 3 South tourney…Just a sophomore, Crawford still has a lot of hoop to play at RHS. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "She was the key to our offense and our defense. She was the reason a lot of teams could not effectively press us. Without her defense, I don't want to know what could have happened this season."

Kate Carlezon - Senior (Capt.) Center - Scituate

Averaged over 18 points and 12 rebounds per game to finish her outstanding high school career…Named the Patriot League MVP for the third straight season…Immense in the Sailors' two state tournament wins, notching 21 points and 12 rebounds against Ashland and 21 points with 10 boards against Old Rochester…In those two games, made 24-of-29 free throws…Getting to the line and making those shots was routine for Carlezon, a gifted scorer who can post up, put the ball on the floor and hit the 18-foot jumper…Also controlled games on the defensive end with her rebounding and shot-blocking skills…Being 6-feet tall and possessing considerable instincts for the game make her a major factor defensively…Says her best game of the season came Feb. 3 at home against Hingham, where she became the first player in SHS girls basketball history to score 1,000 career points…Finished that night with 24 points and 14 rebounds…Also a Marinerland All-Scholastic for soccer in the fall…Will play college basketball, and is deciding between Ithaca College and Merrimack College…Likely will study business

Corey Cuddihy - Junior Guard - Scituate

Already one of the area's top perimeter shooters, Cuddihy improved her game this year to become a very good all-around player…Her instincts for the game - passing, court vision, and ability to get herself free for an open shot - are far above average for a high school player…Says the Sailors' Dec. 19 win in Hingham was her best of the season; in that game, she scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers…Also scored 19 on Feb. 7 against Randolph, including 17 in the first half on five 3-pointers…Had a solid game on Jan. 27 in win over Middleboro, with 16 points…Has a quick release and isn't afraid to shoot it in any situation…A solid defender as well, combining with teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Heidi Sheehan to hold most opposing backcourts in check …Recently played in a high school all-star game in Stonehill College for a South team that also featured Sheehan and another All-Scholastic, Katelyn Stravinsky of Norwell…Plays AAU ball for the Bay State Magic. Played soccer for SHS her freshman and sophomore years…Plans to play basketball in college.

Heidi Sheehan - Junior Point Guard - Scituate

A very solid point guard that just about always made the right pass, Sheehan averaged close to six assists per game this year…Can find an open teammate in transition or the half-court offense, and often broke opponents' presses single-handedly…Says one of her best games of the season came in Dec. 19 win over Hingham, where she finished with 10 points and eight assists…Another highlight was the Sailors' first win over Duxbury; Sheehan had six points, six rebounds and five assists, and head coach Brian Buckley called her "the best player on the floor" that night…Played a great game in Division 3 South first round win over Ashland, scoring eight of her 16 points in overtime…Also had five rebounds and six assists that night…Sheehan often had games of at least five rebounds from her backcourt position…Controls the game and rarely makes a bad pass or incorrect decision on offense…A good shooter, particularly from the free throw line…Also an excellent defender…Plays AAU ball for the Atlantic Belles…Plays field hockey and softball as well for SHS, and is considering playing sports in college

Samantha Ford - Sophomore Guard - Silver Lake

This season was a breakout year for the young floor leader of the Lakers. She was a workhorse who played a ton of minutes for head coach Dick Steele. On the season she averaged 9.1 points a game as a scorer, but her passing abilities were outstanding, leading the team in assists at 4.5 a game. Defensively she was a glove on opposing point guards picking up 3.5 steals a game. For her efforts she was named a Patriot League all-star this season an helped lead the Lakers to a 11-10 record, and the Lakers first tournament appearance in six years. Her and the rest of her young team should be a force to contend with in the Patriot League in the coming years. She's a year round player who is devoted to the game and improving her skills.

Head coach Dick Steele, "She just takes a beating and keeps on ticking. She can stand up to most guards who handle the ball in the league."

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All-Scholastic girls basketball team

Cohasset's Gabriella Flibotte named among area's elite

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Next week: hockey.

Gabriella Flibotte - Freshman
Guard - Cohasset

The only freshman to make the South Shore League All-Star team, Flibotte led the team in scoring with 15 points per game...Simply knows how to put the ball in the basket, and can do it on the drive or from the outside...Didn't shy away from the spotlight, either, as she scored a game-high 20 points in Division 4 South first round win over Bristol-Plymouth and 13 in semifinal loss to eventual state champion Marian...Poured in a career-high 32 in an early February win over Nantucket...Scored 25 points - including 19 in the second half - in Jan. 20 comeback win over league rival Norwell, a victory that set the tone for the rest of the Skippers' 15-8 season...Also a very good defender that led Cohasset's vaunted press...By the end of the season, played just about every minute of every game...Also plays lacrosse...Cohasset coach John Levangie: "Gabby was our high scorer and probably one of our best defenders. She had a huge impact for us."

Lauren Conway - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Abington

This South Shore League All-star was the leading point-getter for the Green Wave this season, averaging just under 14 points per game...A senior captain, Conway's quickness was among her greatest assets and helped guide Abington to an 8-4 showing in the SSL, good for second place...Was a major catalyst in the Green Wave's ability to rebound from a tough 3-7 start to go 7-3 in their last 10 games and finish an even 10-10...Conway scored nine points in a big comeback win over Carver (36-29), which clinched a berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney for Abington...There, the had a tough draw in facing defending Div. 3 state champs, Case, in the opening round...A three-sport athlete at AHS, Conway played soccer in the fall and will rejoin the softball team this spring.

Brittney Chappron - Senior
Guard - Braintree

Arguably the Division 1 state champions' most improved player, Chappron was one of three Wamps to average at least a dozen points per game, finishing at 12.1...The first team Bay State Conference All-Star led the team with 23 3-pointers made on the season...Also Braintree's top free throw shooter, making clutch foul shots throughout the state tournament, including the game winners in the Division 1 South semifinal against Framingham...Scored 60 points in the Wamps' last four tournament games, including a team-best 19 against Framingham, and 14 in the state championship game against Springfield Central...In addition to her scoring, she also provided Braintree with solid defense and another good ball-handler to complement point guard Jessie DeGraan...Was noticeably quicker on the court this season, resulting in a lot more drives to the basket...A starting midfielder for the state champion soccer team in the fall...Still considering her options for college, with Suffolk University as her top choice, with business as a desired course of study...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "One of the things that gets forgotten about Brittney sometimes is her defense and key steals in crucial games. If she hadn't done that, who knows what would've happened."

Maegan Cook - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Braintree

The inspirational leader of a state champion team, Cook earns her second straight nod to Marinerland's All-Scholastic team...Saw her scoring numbers drop from last season, but made up for it with rebounding, tough defense and leadership...Scored four key points during overtime comeback against Brockton in Division 1 South final...Always had the knack for coming up with clutch rebounds; just ask Lowell, who saw Cook get seven boards in the second half and overtime of the state semifinal game at the TD Banknorth Garden...Had six points and five rebounds in state championship game against Springfield Central, and tipped out the game's final rebound to help run out the clock...Consistently asked to guard the other team's best player, and usually shuts them down despite often giving up six or more inches...A second-team Bay State Conference All-Star this season...Also plays softball and volleyball for Braintree, and is a two-time Marinerland All-Scholastic in the latter...Will continue her basketball career next year at Assumption College in Worcester...Undecided on a major, but is considering education or communications...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "I'm going to look back on my 27 years of coaching and Maegan will have a special place in my memory. She was our leader on and off the court. She brings out the heart, fight and emotion of this team, and she does it with a love of the game."

Stephanie Geehan - Senior
Forward - Braintree

After a strong regular season, the 6-foot Geehan stepped it up a notch in the state tournament, scoring a team-best 98 points in those six games for a 16.3 average...For the season, averaged 12.2 a game, and led the Wamps in rebounds and blocked shots...Scored a game-high 21 points, to go with nine rebounds, in Division 1 state championship game against Springfield Central...Had 20 points and 10 rebounds in state semifinal win over Lowell...Finished with 17 points and five blocked shots in Division 1 South final against Brockton...Scoring, passing, running the floor, defending, leading fast breaks; there isn't much Geehan can't do on the basketball court...Scored her 1,000th point on Feb. 14 against Brookline, and finishes her career at Braintree High with 1,127 total points...Also a three-time Marinerland All-Scholastic in volleyball...Made the Bay State Conference All-Star team all four years in a Wamps uniform...Will play basketball for Div. 1 Fairfield University on full scholarship...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "Often times you can look at a game on tape and recognize that Stephanie does so many things for the team, like changing opponents' shots, blocking shots and then getting the rebound, starting the fast break...You don't always appreciate everything she does until you see it on film. She does a ton of things that are often overlooked."

Merry MacDonald - Senior
Forward - Braintree

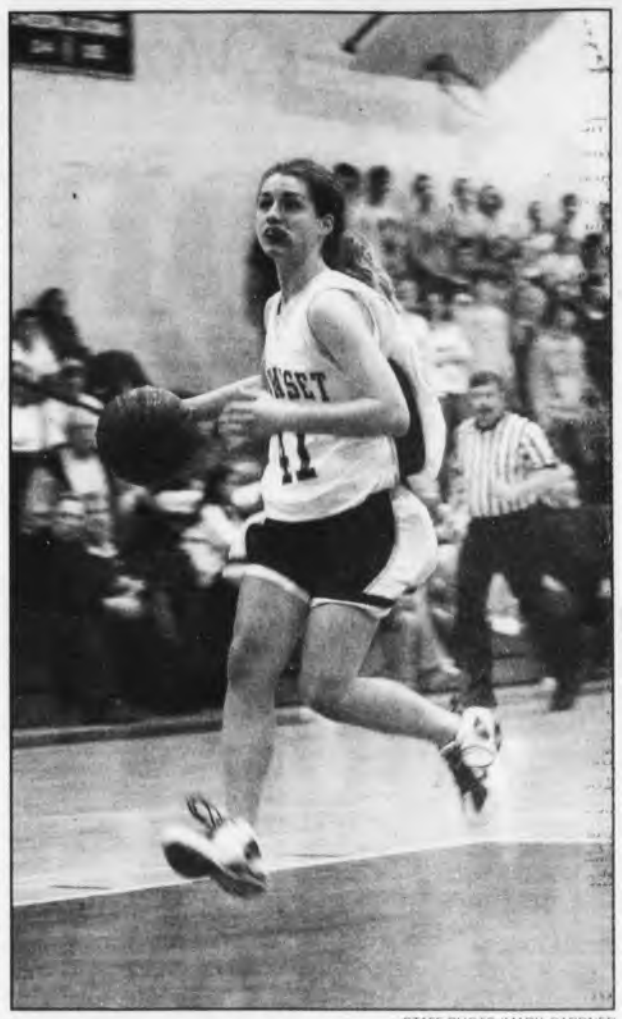
On a very balanced Braintree team that had three girls average in double figures, MacDonald led the Wamps in scoring at 12.6 points per game...Scored 12 or more points in all six tournament games, including a game-high 16 in Division 1 South quarterfinal win over Fontbonne Academy...Also had 19 in state semifinal against Lowell...Despite playing with an injured finger on her shooting hand in title game against Springfield Central, MacDonald finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, and hit the go-ahead shot with two minutes left...Often deadly with her trademark mid-range baseline jump shot, and could also put the ball on the floor when needed...Finished her high school basketball career with over 900 points...Also a good rebounder and defender...A remarkable all-around athlete, MacDonald is an All-Scholastic performer in volleyball and softball...Will play those two sports at Wheaton College next year...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "The thing I'm going to remember most about Merry is her rebounding effort in those last six games. She just got in there and did it all."

Lesley Guenard - Sophomore
Point-guard - Hanover

Was the leading scorer on the Hanover squad despite being the focus of every opposing defense...Guenard was third in the Patriot League Fisher Div. with an average 11 points per game...A highly athletic point-guard, Guenard was also a great defender, often drawing the task of guarding the opposing team's best player...Her consistent performance helped guide the Lady Indians to a 6-2 record in the Fisher Div., finishing second behind only unbeaten Rockland...At 11-9 overall, Hanover qualified for play in the Div. 3 South tourney, where they bumped into a tough Old Rochester team and fell 55-45...Guenard is a three-sport athlete at HHS, playing as a forward on the soccer team in the fall and second baseman on the softball team in the spring...Just a sophomore, Guenard still has a long athletic career ahead of her at Hanover High.

Jillian Watts - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Slipped into a starting role when center Hayley Wells was lost for the winter and boy did Watts deliver...The forward was the leading scorer on the injury-laden Hingham squad, averaging 13 points per game, placing her third in the Patriot League's Keenan Div...Watts helped power the Harborwomen squad to a second-place finish in the PL Keenan with a 10-3 record, while going 12-6 overall...The PL All-star, helped guide Hingham in a pair of big wins over rival Duxbury and a couple slim losses to champs Scituate...A solid all-around player, Watts was great when driving to the hoop and also provided solid defense in the paint...Just a junior, Watts will be one of a host of talented young players returning to the court for Hingham next season, making the Harborwomen a team to watch.



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Kelsey Boothby - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Holbrook

One of the most talented all-around athletes in Holbrook, Boothby is making her second all-scholastic appearance this year, having already garnered recognition for her work in the soccer season. On the hardwood this season she led the Bulldogs in scoring and was the go to player in crunch time for her team. She averaged 15 points a game this year with a few outstanding performances mixed in. Her efforts netted her Mayflower League all-star recognition as she helped lead Holbrook to the Mayflower Small div. championship. She also helped lead her team to the state tournament before falling to state champion Marian. She is a talented athlete that also competes on the softball team in the spring.

Head Coach Shannon Maloney, "Kelsey Boothby has become a great basketball player. She is an outstanding athlete, but she has become a great player. The girls look to her for the scoring."

Terri Duffy - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Marshfield

Paired with teammate Katie Wholey to create one of the most feared scoring tandems in the area...Duffy was a big presence in the paint, standing 6-feet and doing serious damage...Was among the leading scorers on the Lady Rams squad once again this season, averaging 17 points a game...She was behind only Wholey (17.9) in the Old Colony League standings...Her play on the inside helped Marshfield capture its first OCL title in several years (5-1)...Duffy regularly scored in double-figures and was almost as equally consistent in the rebounding department too...Her stellar play helped the Lady Rams to an 18-2 regular season record and second seed in the Div. 1 South tourney...There, Duffy racked up 24 points and 11 rebounds in a first-round lashing over Sandwich (55-38)...Also a talented tennis player at MHS, Duffy will reprise her role as the No. 1 singles player this spring...She plans to continue her basketball career in college.

Katie Wholey - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield

With her and Terri Duffy lighting up the hoop, few could compete with the Lady Rams this season...A great all-around player who was the team's leading scorer this season, Wholey made a name for herself...Averaged 17.9 points per game to lead Marshfield and the Old Colony League...A terrific shooter, Wholey's pull-up jumpers were deadly...She was also never afraid to drive inside when necessary...Also had a keen eye for the floor and consistently connected with Duffy for big points...A stellar defender, Wholey's consistent performance this season helped the Lady Rams capture the OCL title (5-1) and earn the No. 2 seed in the Div. 1 South tourney with an 18-2 record...There, Wholey scored 17 points and had four steals in a 55-38 win over Sandwich in the first round...Defensively, Wholey shut down her Sandwich opponent who had hit five three-pointers in a previous contest...The OCL All-star plays hoop year round and plans to continue her basketball career in college.

Katelyn Stravinsky - Junior
Forward - Norwell

Despite missing the last nine games of the season with a broken wrist, Stravinsky was voted by South Shore League coaches as the league's best player...Wrist has since healed nicely, and the 5-foot-8

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forward is now focusing on playing AAU for Coastal Athletic…Led the SSL in scoring (for the second straight season) at over 17 a game, and averaged 13 rebounds per contest for good measure…Also a very good passer and shot blocker…Scored the 1,000th point of her career - on a 3-pointer, no less - in Norwell's Jan. 17 win at Harwich…Had a season-high 28 points in that game…Constantly double- and triple-teamed, making her scoring output all the more impressive…Can score in the post or off the drive, finishes extremely well in traffic, and can step out and shoot it from the outside… Recently played in a high school all-star game in Stonehill College for a South team that also featured fellow All-Scholastics Corey Cuddihy and Heidi Sheehan, both of Scituate…Was the starting goalie for the SSL champion soccer team in the fall…Plans to play college basketball, and has started looking into schools in the New England area

Shawna Carroll - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Rockland

Ended her illustrious five-year RHS career by eclipsing the 1,000-point plateau this winter and finishing with 1,091 career points…The offensive catalyst throughout her five years on the court as a Lady Bulldog, Carroll sacrificed some of her own scoring chances to assist others…Had an uncanny eye for the floor that resulted in her being one of the team's assists leaders with 3.7 per game (88 on the season)…Racked up 346 points this winter, averaging 14.4 per game…Was also a solid rebounder with an average seven boards per game (145 this season)…A Patriot League All-star for the third-straight season, Carroll's consistent play helped the Lady Bulldogs capture the Fisher Div. title (14-0) and earn the top-seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney at 20-2…She helped guide Rockland to the Hall of Fame tourney title with victories over eventual Div. 1 state champs Braintree (62-38) and Div. 3 state finalists Cardinal Spellman (46-37), earning an All-star nod…Carroll will continue her basketball career at Rivier College in New Hampshire. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "Shauna is such a talented athlete. She's one of those players who everyone keyed on and she still scored her 1,000th point. It was a great way to wrap-up her career."

Jess Mellen - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Rockland

Was one of those players who did all the dirty work and did it well…Another five-year player, Mellen was a scoring threat when she needed to be, but her worth to the Lady Bulldogs (21-3) went far beyond points…The team's leading rebounder for the last two seasons, Mellen averaged 9.3 boards per game (224 this season) and finished with 1,035 for her career. .A consistent scorer on the inside, Mellen racked up 212 points this winter, for an average 8.8 per game…Playing with two other talented forwards, Mellen had a great eye for the pass and was among the assist leaders with 95 this season (four per game)…The three-time Patriot League All-star blocked 68 shots for an average 2.8 per game…Had 12 points and seven rebounds in the Hall of Fame tourney title game against Braintree, the eventual Div. 1 state champs, and was named to the All-star team for her efforts…Pulled down 17 boards a day earlier against Cardinal Spellman and scored 11 points and 13 rebounds against the Cardinals in a quarterfinal loss in the Div. 3 South tourney…Mellen plans to continue her basketball career at Roger Williams University. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "When Jess had to sit down for whatever reason we were not the same team. She was a great leader on the floor and called all the plays."

Jackie Bohenek - Sophomore Forward - Rockland

Blistering speed is this young up-and-comer's greatest asset on the court and it showed at Rockland this winter…Bohenek racked up 370 points this season to lead the Lady Bulldogs in scoring for the second-straight season with a 15.4 per game average…Scored the bulk of her points on fast-break opportunities, but was also a solid second-effort shooter with an average six rebounds per game…Tremendously athletic, Bohenek scored 13 points in the Lady Bulldogs' 62-38 victory over eventual Div. 1 state champs, Braintree, in the Hall of Fame tourney championship, helping to guide the Rockland team to a 20-2 record and top seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional…There, Bohenek scored eight hard-fought points in a quarterfinal loss to Spellman, an eventual Div. 3 state finalists…A two-time PL All-star, Bohenek is also a talented runner at RHS, running cross country in the fall and outdoor track in the spring…Just a sophomore, Bohenek still has a long career ahead of her at RHS. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "What can you say about a gazelle? Her quickness adds so much to our lineup. Her contribution has been immense."

Steph Crawford - Sophomore Point-guard - Rockland

She's everything a point-guard needs to be…Great shooter, great defender, great floor leadership…Crawford isn't the flashiest player on the Rockland squad, but she does all the little things a team needs to do to be successful and does them well…Crawford led the Lady Bulldogs (21-3) in a pair of categories this winter, steals and free throws…The Patriot League All-star averaged 4.5 steals per game (110 this season) and shot 70 percent from the stripe…Crawford averaged just under 10 points per game (9.4) via 225 points…Had arguably the best games of the season in the Hall of Fame tourney, particularly in the championship against Braintree…There, Crawford racked up 14 points, four assists, and six steals in a 62-38 victory over the eventual Div. 1 state champs…She was named the Tournament MVP for her efforts…Also a great defender, Crawford helped pace the Lady Bulldogs to a Fisher Div. title (14-0) and top seed in the Div. 3 South tourney…Just a sophomore, Crawford still has a lot of hoop to play at RHS. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "She was the key to our offense and our defense. She was the reason a lot of teams could not effectively press us. Without her defense, I don't want to know what could have happened this season."

Kate Carlezon - Senior (Capt.) Center - Scituate

Averaged over 18 points and 12 rebounds per game to finish her outstanding high school career…Named the Patriot League MVP for the third straight season…Immense in the Sailors' two state tournament wins, notching 21 points and 12 rebounds against Ashland and 21 points with 10 boards against Old Rochester…In those two games, made 24-of-29 free throws…Getting to the line and making those shots was routine for Carlezon, a gifted scorer who can post up, put the ball on the floor and hit the 18-foot jumper…Also controlled games on the defensive end with her rebounding and shot-blocking skills…Being 6-feet tall and possessing considerable instincts for the game make her a major factor defensively…Says her best game of the season came Feb. 3 at home against Hingham, where she became the first player in SHS girls basketball history to score 1,000 career points…Finished that night with 24 points and 14 rebounds…Also a Marinerland All-Scholastic for soccer in the fall…Will play college basketball, and is deciding between Ithaca College and Merrimack College…Likely will study business

Corey Cuddihy - Junior Guard - Scituate

Already one of the area's top perimeter shooters, Cuddihy improved her game this year to become a very good all-around player…Her instincts for the game - passing, court vision, and ability to get herself free for an open shot - are far above average for a high school player…Says the Sailors' Dec. 19 win in Hingham was her best of the season; in that game, she scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers…Also scored 19 on Feb. 7 against Randolph, including 17 in the first half on five 3-pointers…Had a solid game on Jan. 27 in win over Middleboro, with 16 points…Has a quick release and isn't afraid to shoot it in any situation…A solid defender as well, combining with teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Heidi Sheehan to hold most opposing backcourts in check …Recently played in a high school all-star game in Stonehill College for a South team that also featured Sheehan and another All-Scholastic, Katelyn Stravinsky of Norwell…Plays AAU ball for the Bay State Magic. Played soccer for SHS her freshman and sophomore years…Plans to play basketball in college

Heidi Sheehan - Junior Point Guard - Scituate

A very solid point guard that just about always made the right pass, Sheehan averaged close to six assists per game this year…Can find an open teammate in transition or the half-court offense, and often broke opponents' presses single-handedly…Says one of her best games of the season came in Dec. 19 win over Hingham, where she finished with 10 points and eight assists…Another highlight was the Sailors' first win over Duxbury; Sheehan had six points, six rebounds and five assists, and head coach Brian Buckley called her "the best player on the floor" that night…Played a great game in Division 3 South first round win over Ashland, scoring eight of her 16 points in overtime…Also had five rebounds and six assists that night…Sheehan often had games of at least five rebounds from her backcourt position…Controls the game and rarely makes a bad pass or incorrect decision on offense…A good shooter, particularly from the free throw line…Also an excellent defender…Plays AAU ball for the Atlantic Belles…Plays field hockey and softball as well for SHS, and is considering playing sports in college

Samantha Ford - Sophomore Guard - Silver Lake

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7th grade boys win Patriot League basketball championship

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scored 29 points and led the way for the Cohasset squad. Cohasset won, 63-54, with Derek "Iceman" Youngman coolly nailing key foul shots down the stretch to put the game out of reach.

The championship game was held the next day at the new Whitman-Hanson Regional High School against Abington, a team that Cohasset had beaten on the road but lost to at home during the regular season. The game started slowly, and after four minutes the score was tied 2-2.

Cohasset, however, began to build a lead as Youngman ran a patient offense that rotated the ball to Jones and Ben Campbell on the wings and into Seksay in the low post and Pontes in the high post. Outside shooting by Jones and Campbell, artful slashes through traffic to the basket by Pontes from the high post, and low-post moves by Seksay combined to help Cohasset build a lead.

Jack Carrier entered the game and controlled the boards with a rebound on his first play. A short while later Carrier hit a jumper in traffic to help Cohasset maintain its advantage. Sam Richardson came off the bench to spark the Cohasset offense, first with a fast break basket and then with a nice up and under fake that left his defender in the air and Richardson with an open jumper that he nailed. Cohasset led by five at the halfway point.

Eric Wasel and Mike Monaco started the second half for Cohasset. Wasel claimed the low post as his own, and snared every rebound that came his way. Monaco took over the reins of the Cohasset offense at point guard and ran it with sure hands.

During one Cohasset offensive possession a long rebound evolved into a broken play at the foul line. Monaco dove for the ball, out-hustling two Abington defenders, and dished to a teammate down low for an easy basket. Alex Harper entered the game and took over at the small forward slot, playing tough defense and snaring a key rebound. Cohasset built a seven-point lead at one point, and it began to look as though the 7th grade boys might win going away.

Abington, however, was not a team to be easily denied, and clawed its way back into the game with three point shooting and tough defense. Abington worked away at the Cohasset lead until the score was tied at 35. Then, with a little over two minutes left in the game, Abington hit another three-pointer to take the lead 38-35.

With the game on the line Cohasset switched to a man-to-man defense, and stopped Abington on its next possession. Seksay, the dominant rebounder the entire championship game, rose above the crowd one more time to claim the ball. Seksay made an outlet pass to Campbell, who pushed the ball up the floor and calmly knocked down a three pointer to tie the game at 38.

Time was running out, and the pressure was on. On its next possession Abington tried an ill-advised pass across the floor while trying to execute its half-court offense. With just a shade over 30 seconds left on the clock Jones intercepted the ball and drove the length of the court for the go-ahead basket to put Cohasset ahead 40-38.

Cohasset had the lead and, after another Seksay rebound, had the ball again with time running out. Cohasset began to use the clock and kept the ball in the hands of Youngman and Jones. Abington kept fouling to stop the clock, finally putting Youngman on the line.

Youngman, like the day before, hit both foul shots to put the game out of reach, 42-38. Campbell was fouled next, and booked the final point of the championship game with another foul shot to make the final score 43-38.

Patriot League officials honored the entire Cohasset team at center court after the game, before an enthusiastic and appreciative crowd, introducing each player individually. During the post-game ceremonies Robert Jones was named Most Valuable Player of the championship game.

New look for lady laxers

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players. In this system, there are no role players. Everybody has to be able to go forward, and everybody has to be able to come back on defense."

The Skippers are also deep in the midfield, particularly with the arrival of freshman Gabriella Flibotte, the all-time leading scorer in the girls youth program.

"The best way to describe it is, as well as she plays everything else, her best sport is lacrosse," said Jaffe.

Evans and junior Emily Coggins will both play a big role in the midfield, as will junior Caren Garber, who has been battling illness during the preseason. Jaffe says sophomores Jen Silvia and Grace Steele will also be in the midfield mix.

Joanna Hamilton, who has looked very good in practice, will return for her third year as Cohasset's starter in net. Jaffe says Hamilton could be in for a breakout season as one of the league's top goalies. Junior Aisling Guinee will be her backup.

One of the biggest question marks for Cohasset heading into the season is who will be playing defensively in front of Hamilton. Junior Colleen Richardson is the only returning player with significant varsity experience at that position, and will see a lot of playing time. Another junior, Tessa Leahy, will be on the field a lot, as well.

Senior Jessica Wheelwright, who moved back into town after a couple years in Wisconsin, and freshman Lindsay Hill are both in the picture at defense. Hill is one of two Cohasset players, along with Flibotte, to have made the MassELITE program this year.

Junior Lara Novak and sophomores Sarah Brown and Stefi Belz will also likely be in the defensive rotation. Whereas most high school teams play a zone defense, Jaffe plans to use a lot of man-to-man, which requires great physical conditioning and communication between players.

The coach isn't worried about the conditioning part, saying, "Nobody is going to be in better shape than we are." It is the latter, though, that Jaffe says will be a work in progress throughout the season.

"Playing that man-to-man puts a premium on communication," Jaffe said. "We have a lot of players that can play man, but they have to learn to communicate better."

Jaffe, who will be assisted by JV coach Beth Pierson, will be looking to guide the Skippers to their fifth straight trip to the state tournament. The next goal will be to win at least one tournament game, which Cohasset has not done in the program's history.

Cohasset has an extremely tough beginning to its schedule, with Nantucket, Scituate, Falmouth, Duxbury, Cape Cod Academy and defending Division 2 state champion Norwell as the team's first six opponents. One may think that with a young team still learning to play with one another, Jaffe would not look favorably upon such a difficult stretch to open the season.

But, while admitting that he's not sure what to expect in the first few weeks of the season, Jaffe sees a big positive in playing some powerhouses early.

"I like the fact that we see Norwell and Duxbury only once, and that we see them early in the year," he said. "I like the fact that, if teams are going to have to go through Norwell and Duxbury to win a state title, we are going to be a much different, much better team in June than we are in April."

CHS boys lacrosse has a lot of options

FROM BOYS LACROSSE, PAGE 15

work for someone his size.

Senior Zack Etkind and juniors Conor Holway, Ryan Kucinski and Bobby Meikleham will all see playing time in the back line. Etkind missed most of last season with a broken leg, but has recovered nicely and had a solid season at defensive end for the football team.

Etkind and Kucinski, whom Curran praised for his hard work during the winter, will both likely see some time at the long-stick middie position.

Libby had a magnificent run in the state tournament last year, and Curran says the senior goalie has continued his top form this preseason. Libby has allowed just three goals in four scrimmages against some quality competition in Franklin, Bourne, Medford and Portsmouth, RI. Sophomore Nathan Porter will serve as a capable backup.

Much like the girls team, the boys have a difficult beginning to the season, opening with Nantucket Sunday afternoon and then hosting arch-rival Scituate on Tuesday. Before April Vacation, the Skippers will have also played Falmouth, Barnstable and defending Division 1 state champion Duxbury.

On the sidelines, Curran will be joined this season by Ronan Buick, graduate of CHS and Providence College and a lacrosse star at both schools.

Attention Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Parents

The CYBSA is holding the player drafts for the 2006 American (9-11 yr. olds) and National League (6-8 yr. olds) Baseball and Farm League (5-6 yr. olds) teams and Instructional Softball (7-8 yr. olds) and Minor League Softball (9 -10 yr. olds) on **Thursday, April 6th** at 7 pm at Atlantica Restaurant.

All interested coaches and assistant coaches are asked to attend. At this meeting, coaches will be assigned teams and players will be placed on teams. In addition, divisional schedules, Little League and local CYBSA rules and other helpful coaching material will be distributed.

The CYBSA is also holding a **mandatory** coaches clinic on **Saturday, April 8th** from 8am to 10am in the Cohasset High School gym. We **require** that at least one coach from each team attend this clinic. The CYBSA is fortunate to have Lou Rettman, minor league scout and local baseball instructor conducting the session. Parents who are interested in learning appropriate baseball and softball instructional techniques are also welcome to attend this clinic.

Little League now requires background checks on all league volunteers to ensure the safety of the children entrusted to our care. Should you be interested in coaching and have not already done so, please bring a **photocopy of your license** to the clinic where you will be asked to fill out the necessary forms.

Individuals, however well intentioned, not complying will not be allowed to coach. Questions regarding this requirement may be confidentially directed to Liam O'Connell at (781) 383-9538.

Questions regarding the League draft and coaches clinics may be also directed to Liam at (781) 383-9538.

The CYBSA is always looking for coaches. If you are interested in being a part of the 2006 season, please attend the player's draft on April 6th.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Carr announces candidacy

My name is Ted Carr and I am running for the Cohasset Board of Selectman.

While my wife Tanya and I moved here relatively recently, I am absolutely committed to Cohasset for two simple reasons – my son Clayton, who is almost three years old, and my daughter Carrington, who is eighteen months old. Clayton and Carrington will grow up in Cohasset, they will go to school here, and they will learn about the world from the people who live here. That's a tremendous gift from Cohasset to my family, a gift I want to repay with all I can do.

Tanya and I have lived in several different cities and traveled for work to many different countries. So, when it came time to settle down and choose a place to raise our family, we knew what we wanted — a town that would give our children a quality education, safety and security, and a strong sense of community. As we looked around, the decision became simple; Cohasset was where we would live.

Growing up in Boston, I knew Cohasset was a wonderful place, but I had no idea that this beautiful little town had so much depth. My family has been touched by Cohasset's sense of community and impressed by its quality of services. But most of all, we fell in love with how Cohasset cherishes its history while facing its future.

I am running for Selectman because I want to use my combination of extensive public service, management experience, and academic training to help Cohasset tackle the critical issues it faces today and to set the right course for our future. While I now own a small business in Cohasset, I previously spent fifteen years in public service, working in Washington D.C. for the White House, the Commerce Department, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). After this extensive hands-on government career, I returned to school to earn a Masters degree in Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where I studied leading theories on governance, urban policy, and sustainable development.

In many ways, my government background has trained me well for the job of Selectman. My experiences at HUD involved working with over 200 towns across the country on community development, many of them facing challenges similar to Cohasset. As Director of Operations, I fought for fair housing for senior citizens and lower-income families. My time at the Commerce Department taught me how to negotiate budgets, a crucial skill for any town, and to identify sustainable economic development opportunities. I also became familiar with government procurement processes, now critical to Cohasset as we have lost $1.3 million in annual state funding over the past four years.

Lessons learned from my business life also will guide my decisions. Having worked for Harvard after finishing my Masters degree, I understand the ongoing need to fund and maintain good schools. And as the owner of a small company, I know the importance of keeping taxes low and government efficiency high, so that local businesses can create jobs, drive economic growth, and pay good salaries to their employees.

With me, what you see is what you get. I've learned that government works best when it is open and welcomes participation. The Kennedy School trained me to analyze issues using a variety of tools, and to maintain a fair process when making policy decisions. My positions will be based on facts and I always will tell you the facts that guide my decisions. In this spirit, as part of my campaign for Selectman, I have discussed some of the key policy issues facing Cohasset in the newspapers, on television, and on my website. If you would like to know more about my views and the facts underlying them, please visit:

www.CarrforCohasset.com.

The town of Cohasset offers my family a wonderful place to learn, a lovely environment in which to grow, and a friendly community to know. In turn, I offer you a tremendous amount of government experience, public policy training, and fresh ideas. I think my skills, education, and leadership can be put to work for the benefit of our town now. I hope to offer a new face and a fresh perspective to the Board – a perspective that reflects the reasons why my family and so many others have moved to Cohasset over the past few years. I believe that these are the same reasons why so many families have stayed.

Now more than ever, Cohasset needs leaders with fresh perspective to address the complex challenges we face. When you vote on April 8th, please choose the person with the qualifications and knowledge to serve our town most effectively. I offer the leadership, experience, and training necessary to help our community face the future.

Classroom teaching a top priority

At a recent meeting with supporters, Lee Jenkins further discussed her action plan of "Progress Through Priorities".

As the disclosures of the Benchmark Study indicate we are spending more per pupil and have more staff per hundred students, yet parents are very concerned about test results, the lack of electives and the continuing security issues at the schools.

During the candidate's debate, Lee suggested a unique approach to solve some of our inherent problems by making more effective use of our professionals. By adopting a private school/collegial model to have all of our professional staff teach one course per year we can increase the number of electives while also increasing the amount of time our professionals come in contact with the students. This will keep them in touch with what is actually going on in the most important aspect of our district – the classroom, which is Lee's top priority.

For more information visit: ElectLeeJenkins.com

Carr hosts pancake breakfast, debate

To rally support and attendance at the Town Meeting, Ted and Tanya Carr will be hosting a free pancake breakfast at their home at 88 South Main St., on Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All are welcome. Come meet Ted Carr and rally with your neighbors to the Town Meeting.

If you missed the Selectmen Debate, video clips of answers to each question are available on Carr's website: www.carrforcohasset.com.

Compare the candidates and see where they stand on your issues.

Coffee for Carr

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris and her husband David will be hosting a coffee on Sunday, April 2 at 89 Doane St., fr 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Coffee events are an opportunity to learn more about Carr. They are not fundraisers; Carr is not accepting donations.

Watch for an invitation in your mailbox for coffee hours the week before the election.

CHS grad's career hits the big time

Hometown experience helped set the stage

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

1999 CHS grad, Ron Nicynski

Ron Nicynski is part of the new generation of Broadway-bound theatre producers.

But the Cohasset native also brings a sense of old school, traditional charm and humility to his chosen career path. Granted, traditional might not be the first word that comes to mind in describing the latest of Nicynski's career landmarks. He's currently a producer of the North American tour of Eve Ensler's Broadway show "The Good Body," which makes its Boston debut at Emerson College's Cutler Majestic Theatre last week (March 21-26).

"The Good Body" is Ensler's follow-up — a sequel of sorts — to her acclaimed, breakthrough one-woman show "The Vagina Monologues," the actress/writer's frankly honest, often provocative, collection of narratives revolving around a part of the female anatomy, which, in the words of publicity and press releases, did nothing less than ignite a movement that has exploded into a global phenomenon.

In her latest creation, Ensler turns the same unique eye to the rest of the female form. "The Good Body" is "an inside look at the outside," aiming to explore the cultures of beauty, food and desire from the views of women from all cultures, and how they feel compelled to change the way they look in order to fit in. Described as uproarious and insightful — similarly to Monologues — the show puts its particular physical focus on the belly, and Ensler's own personal journey coming to terms with her "less-than-flat, post-40's stomach."

Nicynski, however, simply prizes the opportunity to be involved in such a big-time theatre production, which he also considers to be fun, entertaining and innovative

"It's very exciting for me to be part of something professionally that I've studied for all my life growing up in Cohasset, and that I wanted to make a career ambition," Nicynski said. "You dream about working at this level of the business when you're studying theatre arts back home, in school or at college. It's the main goal that really drives you.

"I can understand how 'The Good Body' as a play is very empowering for women, much like 'The Vagina Monologues' is, giving women strength and confidence in how they feel about their bodies and self-images," he said. "But for me, as a man, I find it to be very entertaining, funny and engaging. At this early stage in my professional career, I'm very proud to work with someone like Eve Ensler, who is such a strong, intelligent, dedicated and established performer."

Nicynski is doing well at this early stage in his career, as a production team member of the well-noted Harriet Newman Leve Productions in New York since spring, 2004. With Leve Productions from his office just outside Times Square, Nicynski has worked on the New York productions of "STOMP," "Shockheaded Peter," and the award winning IMAX film "Pulse: A STOMP Odyssey." He has also produced a presentation of "Wild Time" starring Kat and the Kings in Las Vegas, as well as a special New York presentation of the South African play "At Her Feet," by Nadia Davids.

A 1999 Cohasset High School graduate, Nicynski, 25, grew up in the theatre, most notably working at the South Shore Regional Theatre and his hometown Cohasset Plays By the Sea company. With CPBS, which he co-founded with Cohasset resident Sharon Weber, Nicynski worked in virtually every aspect of onstage production, including acting, stage crew, set design and the position of director/executive producer.

Also at CPBS, he worked alongside family members who were also quite active in drama and production, such as his mother Dee Dee Nicynski, his sister, Krista, 20, who's currently studying fashion and design at the University of Arizona, and his brother, Joseph, 23, a musician and photographer, who still lives in Cohasset.

Nicynski also fondly remembers other locals — and friends of Dee Dee's — who played active roles in the productions as well, such as Cohasset residents Sarah Roche, Liz Bates and Janet Campbell, a professional dancer who worked on choreography for musical shows at Plays By the Sea

"That was what really gave me my most important theatre experience before college," said Nicynski about his work at CPBS.

Nicynski continued theatre arts study at Boston College, where he played King Herod in a production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and King Claudius in "Hamlet" at the college's Robsham Theatre Arts Center. He also served as Outreach Committee Chairman for Boston College's Theatre Arts Council, and Financial Director for The Dramatics Society in Boston.

After B.C., Nicynski moved to New York City in 2003 and began his professional career. He currently lives on New York's upper east side with his girlfriend, Mia Havel, whom Nicynski said is a distant relative of former Czechoslovakian president — as well as poet and playwright — Vaclav Havel.

"My particular taste as a producer is in working behind popular, entertaining and hopefully financially successful commercial productions," he said. "That's really my main focus, which differentiates me from other producers in the theatre business who, for instance, like to mix theatre with politics and issues, or even others who like to introduce the works of young, aspiring playwrights."

"At this point for me, it's working with Eve (Ensler) and being part of the follow-up to 'The Vagina Monologues' that's exciting and rewarding," Nicynski added.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Airmen fly into town

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

The Tuskegee Airmen flew into school on Tuesday to deliver a stellar presentation to the eagerly awaiting students of the high school. I was not able to see the presentation but I have been told that it was both interesting and educational. The kids in Mr. Buckley's Outdoor Education class have begun cycling around town on their bicycles this week and journey both on the road and off to various destinations. ELA MCAS testing began on Tuesday for sophomores and middle schoolers and will continue through Thursday. It's been a pretty dry week aside from the presenters that have been gracing our presence. Not only did the Tuskegee Airmen visit, but also the PSO sponsored a presentation by a person from MIT named Mr. Plasma for the middle school. He lectured and did various experiments with the students relating to the fourth element of matter. In addition to that, the band students witnessed a riveting beat box performance from Mr. Dargey, a gentleman who Ms. Hoskin is mentoring. Now for the extensive, yet in my opinion, rather mundane glut of news that I have for you this week.

Paper needs ads

Attention all high school senior parents, the award-winning Spinnaker newspaper is in dire need of advertisements and would be extremely grateful if you would buy a space to send a message to your graduating senior. The parents have received letters from Mrs. Berman about this fundraiser.

NHS meets

All new members of the National Honor Society met on Wednesday during lunch in Mr. Newkirk's room to discuss obligations and requirements for the elite organization.

Yearbooks will be on sale all this week during lunch for $60 each; they will be $65 in the spring, so purchase yours now. Seniors receive their Yearbooks for free.

Band to compete

The high school Performance Band will be competing in a few different competitions/performances this week, including:

• A state festival on Friday against schools from all over the state at Lexington high school.

• An all-school instrumental day on Thursday, March 30. Students from grades four through 12 will be performing and participating in workshops all day.

Jazzing it up

The C.P. Harvey Scholarship Fund presents a Gala Jazz Concert featuring The Greg Hopkins Quintet and The Cohasset Jazz Ensemble. This event will take place on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery of Cohasset Middle High School. Admission is $8 for students and $15 for adults.

SAT madness

A reminder that you must have registered for the May 6 SATs by April 3or else you will have to pay a late fee by the April 12 deadline. Also, you must have registered by May 5 for June 10 ACT test session.

Smell the fresh air

The middle school has made a return to recess by instating a "fresh air time" after lunch for all students. Thanks to the supervision by volunteering parents, the kids will be able to frolic in the backfield behind the cafeteria for a period of time after lunch.

Band event

The Massachusetts Instrumental Choral Conductors Association is this Thursday and the Cohasset band has been invited to participate in this very prestigious event.

Skip over to get DVD

A reminder also that the Mr. Skipper DVD is still available for a small sum of $25; if you are interested, please contact Mrs. Shea at 781-383-2384.

The senior video is beginning to be developed so give any pictures you wish to contribute from past years or this year, to Eleanor Barrett or bring them to the high school main office where there will be an envelope labeled.

Youth leaders

The following METCO students have been chosen to attend the METCO Directors Youth Leadership Conference on April 7. They are: Mercedes Barnes-Jackson, Whitney Graham, Charles Tibbs, Regina Hunter, Takeria Settles, Penisha Daniel, and Johanna Fortunato.

That about sums it up for this week; there is a whole lot going on up here, but things are still running smoothly. I hope you enjoyed reading the news and I will be back to report the happenings of the school next week.

Chicks make long-awaited arrival

Many of Suzi Corkhum's fourth grade students flocked to school on their day off as word spread about the hatching of the classroom chicks.

Corkhum, who each year introduces children to the miracle of life through chick hatching, noticed the eggs her students had been caring for throughout the past month began to crack during the recent Professional Day. Through room mother telephone tree calls, parents were notified and many children rushed to school to see the chicks hatch.

Corkhum's program is a prelude to her embryology unit studies. One of the chicks this year represents a second generation hatchling, as it is the offspring of a chick Corkhum's class hatched last year.

Deer Hill PSO purchased the incubator necessary for the program.

Students in Suzi Corkhum's fourth-grade class can't contain their excitement about the chicks hatching.

A group of students with their teacher, Suzi Corkhum, celebrate the arrival of the new chicks.

Scholarship available

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applications must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work, or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2006-2007 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League Office in Cohasset between 9 a.m. and noon or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to The Social Service League of Cohasset, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 28. For more information, call 781-383-0771 or e-mail at sslcohasset@aol.com.

Send your school news to mford@cnc.com

Fifth annual Poetry Contest

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset is hosting its 5th Annual Poetry Contest. All Middle School students in grades six, seven, and eight are invited to participate. There are two categories: Free Verse or Form. Form includes haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet, and rhyming.

ENTRY RULES

1.Heading must include Name - Address - Phone Number - School - Grade - Category.

2. Poem must have an original Title.

3. Length must be One typewritten Page.

4. One entry per person

Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest. Entries may be delivered or mailed to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025. All entries will be displayed through the month of April at Buttonwood. Contest runs through April 11. Judges are local middle school teachers. Two prizes will be awarded for each grade, per category, with a winner and runner-up.

On Wednesday, Apr. 26, at 7 p.m., all contest participants are eligible to read at an Open Mike event at Buttonwood. Parents and guests are invited and encouraged to read their favorite poem or one of their own creations. Reservations are requested for those who would like to read. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Light refreshments will be served.

Good Citizen award recipients (Left to right) Brendon Barrett of Cohasset, Shannon McCarthy of Hull, Megahn Jennings of Hingham, Elizabeth Flanagan of Weymouth and Crissa Morton of Rockland, are pictured with Rob Butman (third from left) of state Sen. Robert Hedlund's office.

DAR honors good citizens

The Col. Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met March 12 at the Lighteeper's Residence in Cohasset to honor local recipients of the DAR Good Citizens Award. Sponsored through the local chapter, the winners recognized were Brendon Barrett of Cohasset High School, Elizabeth Ann Flanagan of Weymouth High School, Meagan Jennings of Hingham High School, Shannon McCarthy of Hull High School and Crissa Morton of Rockland High School.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. Three students are selected by the faculty, based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The members of the senior class then vote for the recipient of the award. This program is also recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Brendon Barrett of Cohasset High School is the son of Elinore and Thomas Barrett. He is senior class president, executive editor of the school newspaper, involved in chorus, band and drama. He plays baseball and hockey. Barrett's school awards include most likely to Become President and Homecoming King. Outside school, he participates in the Appalachia Service Project, Boy's State, volunteers at Cousin's Annual Gold Tournament and Blood Drive, the Magical Moon Foundation and church activities. He also works at Atlantic Restaurant and the Olde Salt House. He hopes to attend college in Boston and study law.

Meaghan Jennings of Hingham High School is the daughter of Martin and Kathy Jennings. She is executive treasurer of the Student Council, president of the National Honor Society and involved with the Anti-Defamation League. She participates in track and field and has competed in state meets. She also helps at the Drama Festival. Jennings works at Atlantic Restaurant and the Cohasset Harbor Inn. She has been on trips in Massachusetts and New Mexico to help build and paint houses. Next year, she will attend college, and not only "hopes to become a true mathematician and businesswoman, but hopes to show the capabilities of all women."

Elizabeth Flanagan of Weymouth High School is the daughter of William and Joanne Flanagan. She is class secretary and a member of the Student Senate, and plays soccer, basketball and track. Flanagan was the Weymouth High School representative to the Boston Leadership Conference. Her senior class awards include Best All Around and Best Smile. Outside school, she is involved with the Youth Group at Old South Union Church, plays and coaches in the Weymouth Soccer Club and is employed by the YMCA summer day camp. She will attend a four-year college in the fall. She "hopes to continue to help people and reach out to those in need by using the resources she is fortunate to have."

The recipient from Hull High School is Shannon McCarthy, daughter of Paul and Deborah McCarthy. She is class president and captain of the Forensics Cub. She is a member of the National Honor Society, school newspaper staff, Yearbook Committee and SADD. McCarthy plays soccer, softball and basketball, and is captain of the team. She was first place winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy Speech contest in 2005. Out of school activities include soccer and softball and youth activities with St. Anne Church Youth Group. She has worked as a lifeguard on Nantasket Beach. McCarthy also has never missed a day of school since kindergarten. She hopes to graduate from a four-year college and major in political science.

Each student was presented a certificate and wallet card stating they are local Good Citizen recipients. Their parents helped pin on the Good Citizen pins and were congratulated. A small gift and a flag were also given to each Good Citizen. Rob Butman from state Sen. Robert Hedlund's office presented citations on behalf of Hedlund and state Sen. Morrissey. Citations were also received from Rep. Garret Bradley and Rep. Robert Nylan.

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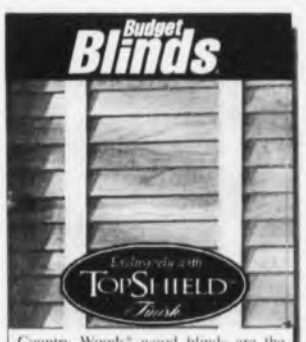
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset youth awarded scholarships to BC High

William J. Kemeza, president of Boston College High School, has announced that Thomas Buckley, Andrew Cantillon, Keegan Flynn, David Hernon, John Kearney and Maxwell Shipp of Cohasset have been named recipients of Boston College High School scholarships.

Buckley, Flynn, Hernon, Kearney and Shipp are students at Cohasset Middle School, Cantillon is a student at Derby Academy.

Cantillon and Hernon were named Arrupe Scholars, Flynn and Kearney Ignatian Scholars, and Buckley and Shipp Freshmen Scholars.

Each year, Boston College High School awards more than $1.7 million in scholarship and financial aid to qualified students from all four class years.

The Ignatian Scholarships, named for St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Arrupe Scholarships, named for Father Arrupe, Father General of the Society of Jesus, and the Freshmen Scholarships were awarded to students from a diverse and competitive applicant pool. The six young men were selected based on their work on the entrance examination, recommendations from teachers and academic performance at their present schools. They will join the BC High Class of 2010.

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Registrations being taken for Computer Camp

South Shore Computer Camp will be held the week of July 10 through July 14 at Hingham High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is co-educational for boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Campers will rotate between interactive technology classes in the computer labs and outside sports activities such as tennis and basketball. Campers receive individualized and small group instruction based on age, skill level, and interests.

Hingham High School guidance counselor Mark Awdycki, and business and technology teacher Steven George, will co-direct the camp. Awdycki, who has held previous leadership positions at specialty camps and in various summer programs, has a background in professional sports, having worked in media and public relations for the Boston Bruins and Boston Red Sox. Prior to teaching, George worked in technology and software development for 10 years.

Classes will be differentiated based on ability, aptitude and interests so campers can learn new skills or reinforce previously learned skills. Internet safety for kids will also be addressed and discussed by a local law enforcement agency representative. Outside sports activities will involve instruction and games in tennis and basketball with emphasis on fundamentals, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Some computer applications campers can choose from include MS Office, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash, and Adobe Photoshop. Advanced concepts will be clustered around web design, graphic-image editing and creation, and web animation. At the end of the program, students will receive a CD of their projects.

Tuition is $259, $239 if paid in full by April 1. Campers will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. Space is limited. For more information or a registration form visit www.southshorecomputer-camp.com.

Art scholarships available

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2006 Art Scholarship Competition for South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2006. Students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. Four scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $300. Portfolios and applications may be submitted to the Art Center on April 22, 10-4; April 23, 12-4; April 24, 9-9; April 25, 9-9;and April 26, 9-9.

A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified promptly. Award money will be paid directly to the winners' schools to be applied toward tuition costs. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the 51st South Shore Art Center Arts Festival, June 16. For more information call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail Heather Collins hcollins@ssac.org.

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IN BRIEF

Dog discipline vote postponed

The Board of Selectmen postponed taking a vote on the fate of nine border collies who have attacked and/or bitten four Cohasset residents. The dogs, owned by John and Mia Dean of Meadow Lane, were required to undergo a behavioral analysis to ensure they are safe to be sold to other families, and that report has not yet been submitted.

Dr. Amy Marder of the Animal Rescue League has completed a behavioral evaluation for each of the nine dogs, and will provide a copy of her report to the town next week. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he will look at the report when it is submitted and likely amend the draft order he issued for the dogs, based upon Marder's assessment. The Board of Selectmen will then take Griffin's amended recommendation into consideration and formally vote to impose an order on the dogs at its Monday, April10, meeting.

Currently, all nine dogs are not allowed to leave their owners' property, even if on a leash. They are also not allowed out of the house in their own yard unless restrained. If found in violation, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy may seize the dogs. The final order for the dogs is expected to include a provision that the owners must construct a kennel on their property, and bring the number of dogs owned down to four.

Street light outages

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said there are still many street lights out around town, and residents may report outages directly to National Grid (formerly Massachusetts Electric). By visiting the company's Web site at www.nationalgrid.com and clicking on Your Account, under the Other Online Services heading, a link can be found to report street lighting outages. Residents fill in the address closest to the pole and the pole number and National Grid will check the light out.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, March 26. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - Annual Union Service of Six South Shore UU Congregations. Theme: "Worth and Dignity" – with the Union Choir and the New Amsterdam Boys Choir of New York City

Participating in this annual union service are the congregations of First Parish UU in Cohasset, First Parish UU in Norwell, First Parish UU in Scituate, First Parish Hingham (Old Ship), Second Parish UU in Hingham, and First Universalist Church of Assinippi.

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 AM - Children will gather in the Parish House, along with our young guests from UU congregations participating in this morning's service. The program: a "One-Room Schoolhouse" with Joan Kovach!

• 11 a.m. – Union Sunday Brunch – Trueblood Hall

• 1 p.m. – New Amsterdam Boys Choir in Concert – The Meeting House - Open to the community!

Suggested contribution: $10 per person, in support of the ongoing work of this Choir.

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In the Scripture lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, Judah is defeated by the Chaldeans. The survivors are exiled to Babylon. Paul writes to the Christians in Ephesus that they have been saved by God's free gift. . In the Gospel of John, Jesus feeds the 5000. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

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Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative: Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan: Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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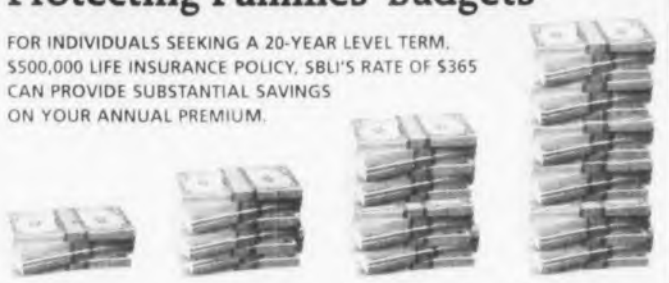

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 20

9:23 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports motor vehicle blocking the roadway.

9:47 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:20 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, caller is requesting to see an officer.

3:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 call.

6:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, caller advised outside odor of gas. Location across from 114 Beechwood Street. Officer advised fire to handle - they are investigating. Contacted gas company. ETA - 30 minutes for gas company. Engine 3 in service.

7:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller advised near the gas station, 2 men were cutting down trees, this occurred at 4:30, caller just called to let PD know, subject had no names on trucks - they were stacking wood in the woods. Officer unable to locate.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

12:48 a.m. **King St.**, alarm-commercial/business. Alarm company reports kitchen door alarm. 886 on scene. 886 reports open door. Building checks secure. Door has been secured.

6:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

6:40 a.m. **Church St.**, assist citizen, 866 reports a minor motor vehicle accident. Motor vehicle accident happened in Scituate. Scituate notified. Scituate on scene.

6:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:30 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, public service other, South Main Street at Summer Street is impassable. There is a trench across the road.

8:43 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer wanted, caller reports two females never showed up for school. One mother is at the school very concerned with who her daughter is missing with, they just recently became friends. Both females were seen walking 3A North earlier this morning. Units are on the lookout. Spoke to the father of one student and he reports he did drop his daughter off at school this morning. Two females are not being listed as missing at this time. Confirmed that students have returned back to school and have been spoken to.

12:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. Officer on scene reports there are injuries both detail cycle units on scene at this location. Units reporting vehicle also went into a tree after colliding with another vehicle. Officer requesting a tow truck for one vehicle. Postal service notified and responding to the scene, accident involves a postal truck. Both vehicles being towed.

12:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a female has fallen outside. Scituate transporting to SSH.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle traveling very slow and crossing the lines. Officer out with the suspected vehicle in 3A. Officer reports driver is lost and trying to look at map. No problems.

4:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller advised his front windshield of vehicle was broken out. Looks like someone shot it.

5:30 p.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller advised she is missing her dog. Yellow Lab Lucy. Members of track team found dog, they are taking it home at this time.

9:42 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller advised possible stroke 80 year old male. Engine 3 advised rescue 3 will transport.

10:20 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation, fire dept advised investigation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

6:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:02 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:16 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:24 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation.

9:47 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, hazardous materials, investigated. Sgt. reports while on scene a suspicious item was found in front of the building with a white powder substance and unknown written on it. Units requesting a Hazmat response.

12:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports carbon monoxide detector sounding.

1:46 p.m. **Fernway**, fire, investigation, caller reports her gas stove just made a bang noise and she smells gas in the house. Police unable to respond. E1 requesting the gas company to this location. E1 requesting the wire inspector. Wire inspector notified. Wire inspector cancelled per Fire Lt.

2:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance - not specified, peace restored. Callers reporting a male party in the front lobby threatening to punch the female employees.

4:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports an 80 year old female with a severely dislocated shoulder, needs to be transported.

5:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:43 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports an 80 year old female who was cooking and given the Heimlich maneuver, she is breathing, but needs to be transported.

5:50 p.m. **Grace Drive**, abandoned/hang-up 911 call (home), abandoned 911 call from this residence, attempted to call this residence and got the answering machine. Officer reports no problem at this time, he reports the son was using the phone and doesn't know how this happened.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

9:56 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:35 a.m. **King St.**, accidental 911 call, caller reports he accidentally dialed.

12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, Hingham PD reports they received a call from a male party reporting he is not feeling well and needs an ambulance, he is pulled over on the side of the road, but unsure as to where he is on 3A.

12:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer wanted, fire captain reports the work crew has barely one lane open and vehicles have to travel on the front lawn of the residence and there is damage to the property. Sgt. on scene with fire chief state fire engines could not make it through this area.

1:37 p.m. **Holly Lane**, fire-public assist, E3 and R3 responding to this location for an assist. Police unable to respond.

6:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:50 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:07 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service other, caller states the construction site on Pond Street has no detail officer and is a hazard. Checked the site, it is a hazard. Site has been shut down until arrival of the detail officer.

7:25 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:44 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, accidental 911 call, homeowner placing international call.

4:59 p.m. **Deep Run**, alarm - residential, kitchen motion. Outside perimeter is secure dogs on property audible still sounding.

5:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, athletic person in station to report that a group of kids playing with fire. Fire was extinguished by persons.

6:30 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Reports husband dizzy and feeling clammy.

7:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports while she was out having cigarette break noticed a male party outside acting suspicious. Description: white male 40's, 6'2 tan Khakis, baseball hat, unknown other description.

9:43 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance - neighborhood, reports of eight kids making faces in windows and harassing neighbors.

9:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued, parking complaint, one vehicle tagged.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

1:11 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, public service other, there is a street sign down. Left message for DPW.

1:12 a.m. **Summer St.**, public service other, one of the lamppost lights has been smashed. There is glass all over the lot.

3:35 a.m. **Deep Run**, abandoned/hang up call 911 (home), line busy on call back. Confirmed accidental.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:30 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:34 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:06 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, littering, caller reports motor vehicle throwing a bunch of trash out of the vehicle. Officer has located the party.

10:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, inspections.

10:11 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, fire, brush, caller reports an unattended fire in the scout pit.

12:20 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, abandoned/hang-up call 911 (home), received accidental 911 call from this location. Officer confirmed accidental, no problems.

12:22 p.m. **King St., and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle traveling at a very high rate of speed passing other vehicles. Lost the cell phone caller on the line. All units on the look out for this vehicle.

12:48 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, larceny report.

1:04 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports he had some vandalism done at his house last night.

1:10 p.m. **Deep Run**, alarm-residential, alarm company reports burglar alarm activation at this location.

1:31 p.m. **Cedar St.**, alarm-residential, alarm company reports burglar alarm activation at this location. Officer confirmed accidental by workers.

1:50 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, hazard (traffic), detail officer reports a vehicle came through the work site at a high rate of speed, hit the trench and caused the oil pan to fall off. Sgt. has located the vehicle and is out with it at this time.

5:04 p.m. **King St.**, alarm-residential, kitchen motion, outside perimeter secure.

5:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

5:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, medial aid, transported SSH/ALS, child with possible dislocated shoulder. Lt. reports R3 will transport box 3 transmitted.

8:30 p.m. **Summer St.**, harassment report, caller reports that group of kids are harassing her and kids. 884 has located the group and has talked to them and will head to residence for report.

9:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, informed by Scituate that cell caller reports dark blue Sedan heading toward Hingham at high rate of speed. Hingham notified.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

12:29 a.m. **Pond St.**, property damage, officer advised port a potty has been knocked over at construction site.

6:46 a.m. **Holly Lane**, abandoned/hang-up call 911 (home), child is playing with phone. Officer advised confirmed child playing on the phone.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

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9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:18 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:25 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:32 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

10:54 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire, investigation, inside investigation regarding electrical problem.

2:03 p.m. **Town of Hull**, bolo announcement, domestic in Hull, above party 4-5 minutes ago possibly heading toward Rockland three kids in car.

2:20 p.m. **King St.**, property (lost), caller reports someone may have taken his acetylene tank from his truck somewhere between Cohasset and Marshfield. Didn't want to file formal report, yet, he is not sure if someone actually stole it.

3:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:41 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire, (misc.).

6:35 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, notification, officer reports an alarm going off at this location the sewer system has failed. Primary contact to be notified.

7:56 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:18 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller from Grace Drive complaint about parking around Dinero's on Hull Street. Officer reports three cars tagged.

8:55 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:31 p.m. **South Main St.**, alarm-commercial/business, officer reports alarm caused by the ceiling falling in due to a water leak in an above apartment. Fire Dept. notified.

9:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Station to respond to a water leak causing the ceiling to cave in. E1 reports they have the water shut off now and E2 is on scene but in service.

9:40 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Hull requesting R3 for a medical aid for a 40 year old male with right arm pain.

9:41 p.m. **Pond St., and Spring St.**, vandalism report, officer reports the porta potty has been tipped over at this location.

11:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:19 p.m. **Schofield Rd.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports suspicious motor vehicle parked on the street with lights on sitting there for about 15 minutes now. When radioing a cruiser to the area another cruiser reported they were the one sitting out there talking to a neighbor walking her dog.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

12:39 a.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint, officer advise there is a vehicle parked around the circle of this location.

1:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Officer out with vehicle.

6:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

4:44 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, abandoned/hang up call 911 (home), on call back can hear kids in background. Officer advised confirmed accidental.

4:58 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire-public assist.

5:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Officer out with vehicle.

5:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Officer out with vehicle.

6:29 p.m. **Scituate Fire Station**,

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Joseph and Janet Campbell** seek to construct addition to single family home in excess of lot coverage requirements at **14 Pleasant St**. according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-21a.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 & 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Alphonse & Linda Riccio** seek to construct garage in flood plain at **190 Pond St**. according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-10

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Richard H Brown, Jr**. seeks to construct a commercial building (modified plan) at **2 Smith Place,** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-21.

AD#11011820
Cohasset Mariner 3/24, 3/31/06

ZBA/37 PARKER AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., **April 10, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application to amend a **Special Permit** pursuant to §12.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Cohasset Harbor Marina, Inc**. seek to amend SP #00-09-12 filed Feb. 13, 2001 at **37 Parker Ave.** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-03-20.

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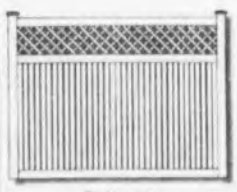

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What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 30 - APRIL 7 2006

BIG APPLE CIRCUS PUTS HOLLYWOOD UNDER BIG TOP

South Shore students to attend Circus of the Senses

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

There won't be any elephants or lions under the Big Top when the Big Apple Circus opens at Boston's City Hall Plaza this weekend, but there will be plenty of show business glamour in "Grandma Goes to Hollywood," according to one of the stars of the 28th edition of New York's original one-ring circus.

"It's a very rich show. We'll be paying tribute to all kinds of specific movies and film genres," explained Barry "Grandma The Clown" Lubin by telephone recently. "Grandma will be Princess Leia from "Star Wars," a flying Mary Poppins," Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz" and will join her portrayer in a little gender-bending to play the John Travolta roles in take-offs on both "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease."

Lubin, a 1974 graduate from the Ringling Bros.and Barnum & Bailey Clown College and who has played "Grandma" on and off since 1982 for Big Apple, is doing more than just clowning around this season. He conceived the show.

"This year, for the first time, the entire show based on my concept. I spoke with Paul Binder, our artistic director, years ago about this Hollywood theme and this time around he gave me the green light. My challenge has been to mine from this year's theme to create the material I will perform myself as Grandma."

Grandma may have her name in the title, but she will be sharing the Big Apple bill with world-renowned acrobats, jugglers, trapeze flyers, aerialists, horse and dogs who perform in their own numbers including "Reins in Spain," "Footloose," and "Your Little Dog, Too." Keeping such interesting company helps Grandma stay spry, gray hair aside.

"I actually believe that Grandma is younger now than when I first played her 31 years ago. She was introverted back then and now she's rambunctious and very lively," says Lubin, who is Director of Clowning for the Big Apple Circus and a recent inductee into the International Clown Hall of Fame.

PHOTO: BERTRAND GUAY, BIG APPLE CIRCUS

From China, the unique and cutting-edge Risley/teeterboard combination-act of the amazing Anhui Acrobatic Troupe in Grandma Goes to Hollywood, the 28th season show of the Big Apple Circus.

PHOTO: BERTRAND GUAY, BIG APPLE CIRCUS

From Baraboo, Wisconsin, lovably bubbly clowns Greg and Karen DeSanto engage in loony buffoonery in Grandma Goes to Hollywood, the 28th season show of the Big Apple Circus.

On Thursday, April 6 at 11 AM, for the seventh time in the Boston area, hundreds of children with sensory impairments will gather beneath the Big Apple Circus's Big Top tent at City Hall Plaza to experience the magic and joy of the circus at "Circus of the Senses." Guests for this special performance will include students from Randolph High School, the Randolph campus of The Learning Center for Deaf Children, North River Collaborative in Rockland, the South Shore Education Collaboratives in Norwell and Hingham, and the Cardinal Cushing Center in Braintree.

"Circus of the Senses is at the core of the Big Apple Circus's mission to reconnect people with positive emotions. Circus of the Senses makes the wondrous sights and sounds of the ring accessible to a broader audience," according to Big Apple Circus founder and artistic director Paul Binder and co-founder and creative director Michael Christensen.

This free performance is accomplished by providing headsets to children with vision impairments to hear a lively, running description of the action in the ring narrated by Binder and Christensen. Spotlighted American Sign Language interpreters narrate the show to the hearing-impaired. Following the performance, a group of sight-impaired children will be invited into the Circus ring for a "touch session." They will be able to feel the sawdust, touch the fabric of the elegant costumes and meet some of the performers - both the two-legged and the four-legged ones.

The Big Apple Circus's production of "Grandma Goes to Hollywood" will be performed at City Hall Plaza, Government Center, Boston, from April 1 through May 7. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.bigapplecircus.org.

Movie review

This 'Ice' isn't as slick as first

"Ice Age: The Meltdown (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

For the most part, "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is self-fulfillingly soggy. Yet another sequel in search of a reason to exist outside of making a quick buck, the film, a CGI follow up to the 2002 hit, features Ray Romano and Queen Latifah as a pair of a wooly mammoths engaging in prehistoric courtship rituals.

Where is Patricia Heaton when we need her?

The plot reunites Manny, the sweet-natured mammoth, Sid (John Leguizamo) the lisping Don Knotts-like sloth, and Diego (Dennis Leary) the seemingly fearsome, saber-toothed tiger. It involves — LOL — a "real" case of global warming, a disastrous Hurricane Katrina-like flood, an Israelite-style exodus by all living things to higher ground and a search for other mammoths by Manny, who sadly suspects he may be the last of his kind.

As in the original, Manny, Sid and Diego comprise a lovably offbeat "herd" on a series of misadventures. In this film, directed by Carlos Saldanha ("Robots") and written by Peter Gaulke and Gerry Swallow ("Black Knight") and Nickelodeon veteran Jim Hecht, the herd adopts Ellie (Latifah), a mammoth who lamely believes she is a possum, and her zany possum "brothers" Crash (Seann William Scott) and Eddie (Josh Peck).

Romano recycles his "Everybody Loves Raymond" kind-hearted-lug persona with a trunk, four legs, furry coat and curvilinear tusks. He's an amiable, if unexciting screen presence. Leguizamo seems most at home in his CGI pelt and gets the most laughs. Leary brings a funny, anxious streak to the fierce Diego.

Also as in the original, the most amusing antics involve Scrat, a squeaking, speechless squirrel-rat, who only appeared in the previous film's opening teaser. In its expanded role, Scrat is still on a perpetual quest to get its paws on an elusive acorn, and Scrat's suicidal desperation and refusal to give up suggest it shares DNA with a certain Wile E. Coyote.

In amusing scenes derivative of last year's "Madagascar," Sid is kidnapped by tiny sloths who mimic his behavior and enshrine him as their "Fire God." Talking vultures suddenly break into an aerial, Busby Berkeley-esque production number to the tune of "Food Glorious Food" from "Oliver!"

But "Meltdown" appears to take place in a wilderness of plasticene pixels. Just months after moviegoers enjoyed the dazzling, stop-motion animation of "Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" and "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," Oscar nominees that made the shortcomings of CGI all too apparent, it's a drag to go back to the "new" technology.

"Ice Age: The Meltdown" is also often unnecessarily crude, mean-spirited and scary. And if that fast-talking armadillo sounds vaguely familiar, it's because it's Jay Leno depriving a real actor of a paycheck. Animals may rule the boxoffice in such films as "Madagascar," "March of the Penguins" and "8 Below." But the animals of "Meltdown" are an inferior breed.

Rated G. "Ice Age: The Meltdown" has scenes that may frighten very young children.

Calendar of events

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The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents Pianist Jason Cutmore in concert on Sunday, April 2, at 4 p.m. A soloist, collaborative pianist and teacher in Canada, the U.S, Europe and Asia. Program is free and supported by the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Family Charitable Trusts, by gifts from friends of the museum, and in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Thursday, March 30

Neil Simon's "Fools," a comic fable presented by the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School drama club, Hanover. Their annual theatre presentation will be held on March 30, 31, and April 1, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday dinner and show, $18, $5 show only. For reservations call 781-878-8822.

Weir River Watershed Association's Silent Auction, Thursday, March 30 from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel with buffet dinner by Raffael's. This fundraiser will help support the local environment. Items to bid on include sporting equipment rentals, restaurants and local business gift certificates and much more. Reservations are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Call 781-773-1522 or visit www.weirriver.org.

Dedham Fire and Police History exhibit, at Dedham Historical Museum, 612 High St., Dedham, through June. Fire items on display include helmets, nozzles, axes, buckets, uniforms, tools, oxygen mask, journals and antique fire toys. Police items include billy clubs, handcuffs and photograph collection. Museum hours Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., every other Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $2, adults, $1 children. For information visit www.dedhamhistorical.org or call 781-326-1385.

South Shore Women's Business Network's March Breakfast, Thursday, March 30, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Opportunity to network with other business professionals in the area. Register by calling 781-749-8883. For more information on the event visit www.sswbn.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, March 30, **Satch's Blues Jam w/The New Blue Revue**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, March 30, **Lisa Love Experience**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Classic Rock Acoustic Café with Glen McAuliffe and Friends** on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call 781-335-9796.

Friday, March 31

"Impressions of Early Spring," art exhibit on display through April 1, South Shore Natural Science Center, Vine Hall, Norwell. Duxbury artist Lily Cleveland. Works include watercolors, acrylic, and mixed media.

South Shore Conservatory's annual Distinguished Guest Artist Concert presents Maxwell Li on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Li will be joined by Beth MacLeod, mezzo-soprano, and Hui-Min Wang on piano. Concert to be held at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Conservatory $25 for adults, $20 seniors and students. To order visit www.southshoreconservatory.org . For more information call 781-749-7565 or 781-934-2731 ext 10.

Free Community Open House at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St, Norwell Center on **Friday, March 31, 6-8 p.m. The public is invited to meet the James music teachers, watch artists at work in the Art Gallery, meet local authors and learn more about the library and its programs.** Call 781-659-7100 for information or visit www.James Library.org.

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Mark your calendar

INDIAN POND COUNTRY CLUB HOSTS "SPRING FOR RTR," Friday, April 28 from 6-8 p.m. Road to Responsibility's charity auction and dinner. Silent auction, dinner and music. Jordan Rich, of WBZ News Radio 1030, will serve as celebrity host and auctioneer. Cost is $75 per person. A table of ten may be reserved for just $700. For reservation information contact: Peg Cammarata, Road to Responsibility, 781-834-1300, ext. 296.

HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS 16th annual "Voice and Visions" gala. Celebrate children's art work, Monday, May 8, 6-10 p.m. at The State Room, 60 State St. Boston. Cocktails and dinner and a silent auction. Tickets cost $125. For information, call Jamille at 617-927-0682 or visit www.thehome.org.

FIFTH ANNUAL TUNES FOR TOTS CONCERT, Saturday, May 13, K of C Hall, Route.139 Pembroke. All proceeds raised benefit the funding of summer programs for the children of the Carolina Hill Homeless Shelter. Live music by Basic Black with special guests. Funds raised provide clothes, food and summer activities for the children of Marshfield's Homeless shelter.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL AGAINST THE TIDE, one-mile swim, two-mile kayak and three-mile fitness walk, benefiting the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, will be held at Hopkinton State Park in Hopkinton, June 24. Each participant will raise a minimum of $150 in contributions to benefit MBCC and may chose to participate in one, two or all three of the events. Visit www.mbcc.org/swim to register or call 1-800-649-MBCC. For information call 617-376-MBCC or visit www.mbcc.org. Donations may be sent to Against the Tide c/o MBCC, 1419 Hancock Street, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02169.

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Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny to benefit homeless and abused animals, Sunday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Happy Dog, 398 Ashland St., in Abington. All proceeds benefit The MSPCA "Chaucer and Zuzu" Senior Pet Fund. A donation of $10 gets you an instant Polaroid to take home, more shots mailed to your house and a goody bag for your pet. Bring your own camera too. . For information on the MSPCA Senior Pet Fund call 617-541-5083. For directions to Happy Dog, call 781-857-1990.

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New England Singles dance, Friday, March 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Hors d'oeuvres. Ages 35+. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Art sale at First Parish Norwell Unitarian, 24 River St., Norwell. Opening reception Friday evening, March 31, 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 24 River St., Norwell Center. Work by South Shore artists, and raffle of selected items. Free admission. Call 781-294-8840.

Karaoke Night at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree, every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, March 31, **Groove Authority**. Call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Spank** performs on Friday, March 31, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, March 31, **Greg MacKenzie and Greenbacks**. For information call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, April 1

MS Lifelines MS Walk to fight multiple sclerosis, Saturday, April 1 at South Shore Community Center. Five-mile walk starts at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Each walker is encouraged to raise minimum of $100. Families, corporate walk teams and volunteers can register online at www.msnewengland.org or by calling 800-493-walk.

Seaside Mothers of Multiples Tag Sale, Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Christine's Church, 1295 Main Street (Rt. 3A) Marshfield. Nearly new and gently used children's items, spring and summer apparel, shoes, baby equipment, toys, books and videos and much more will be available. Bake sale to benefit My Brother's Keeper in Brockton. Cash only and no early admittance. For information contact Charlotte Sturdy at 781-545-8055.

WCRB Classical Cartoon Festival, Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Boston's Symphony Hall. Introduce your kids to classical music with Warner Bros. cartoons, like Bugs Bunny and Road Runner scored with classical musical pieces. Games and educational events throughout the hall for visitors, including the chance to sample musical instruments in the Instrument Petting Zoo. Music, magic, storytelling and more. For information or to purchase tickets, call 888-266-1200 or visit www.wcrb.com.

First annual Battle of the Bands for Bill Hammond, Saturday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College, Brockton. Scholarship will be given to two Massasoit students each year in memory of Bill Hammond. Bands range from rock to hard rock. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the Buckley Center ticket office in the Fine Arts Bldg, of Massasoit. For information call 508-427-1234 or 508-588-9100 ext. 1485.

Social Service League of Cohasset Spring Soiree at Black Rock Country Club, April 1. Dan Flynn will be the auctioneer. Items to auctioned off are vacations, Bruins tickets, spa packages and a fishing charter. Proceeds will support programs such as COA, Project Safeguard and Wellspring of Hull. Tickets are $100 per person and will include wine and dinner. For information call 781-383-0771.

"The Turntables," featuring hits of the '50s and '60s, Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, April 1-2. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Dinner and show tickets $39.95 Saturday, $37.50 Friday and Sunday. Show tickets $19.95. Free parking. For reservations call 781-843-5862.

The Easter Bunny is at the Hanover Mall, 1775 Washington St., through Saturday, April 15. Photo packages available.

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. The men of the Civilian Conservation Corps lived and labored in the Blue Hills Reservation from 1933-37. Honor the work of Roosevelt's "Tree Army." Carpool and then hike to the former CCC site. Two hours. Meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center, 840 Hillside St., Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Foundation Fighting Blindness "Seeing is Believing Ball," Saturday, April 1 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston. Reception at 6:30 p.m. and auction at 8 p.m. Hosted by Sara Underwood of CBS4. For information visit www.blindness.org.

2006 NCAA Women's Final Four, Super Saturday events, April 1, numerous events around the city. Team practices and autograph sessions at TD Banknorth Garden. Gates open at 10 a.m. NCAA Hoop City from April 1-3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Hynes Convention Center, features basketball clinics and more. For information visit www.TDBanknorthGarden.com.

Braintree Art Association Member exhibit will take place April 1-29 at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session. Public is welcome. For information call 781-335-4675.

Jah Spirit Reggae at Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell on Saturday, April 1.

Ballroom dance at the Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, April 1 from 7:30-11 p.m DJ music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance/$12 at the door. For information call 617-325-1562.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Steve Karidoyanes, Conductor, marks the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth by presenting music by Tchaikovsky and Ibert, on Saturday, April 1 at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. and concert at 8 p.m. Tickets cost $42, $37.50, $30 and $20. Senior, youth and group discounts offered. For information call 508-746-8008 or visit www.plymouthphilharmonic.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, April 1, **Mission of Blues**. For information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, April 1, **Under Cover**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Sunday, April 2

Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny to benefit homeless and abused animals, Sunday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Happy Dog, 398 Ashland St., in Abington. All proceeds benefit The MSPCA "Chaucer and Zuzu" Senior Pet Fund. A donation of $10 gets you an instant Polaroid to take home, more shots mailed to your house and a goody bag for your pet. Bring your own camera too. All proceeds go the Fund. For information on the MSPCA Senior Pet Fund call 617-541-5083. For directions to Happy Dog, call 781-857-1990.

Wacky Wonka Egg Hunt at South Shore Plaza, Braintree through April 15, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Filene's Center Court. Special treats and fun for the entire family. Parents can purchase professionally produced photos with the Easter Bunny. For information call 781-843-8201.

Forum on Homelessness at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 23 North Main Street, Cohasset., Sunday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. Dorothy Newell, Director of South Shore Friends of the Homeless will lead the discussion. She is a leading advocate and expert on the challenges confronting the Homeless. All are welcome.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, April 2 at 1 p.m. Moderate/difficult walk, some hills, 3+ miles. Bugbee Path to Buck Hill. Return to Doe Hollow and the Massachuseuk trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main lot on Hillside St., Milton. Walks will be led by a park ranger or a Walking Club volunteer leader. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing water. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Quincy Symphony Spring Concert, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of North Quincy High School., 315 Hancock St. Tickets are $17 for adults, $12 for seniors and students, and $5 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door. Call 800-579-1618.

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Field evening hues by Malcolm DuBois

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The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional, and national artists, has announced that an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of artists Eric Tobin of Johnson, VT and Malcolm DuBois of Burlington, VT. The show runs from Friday, March 31 to Friday, April 21. The display will be open to the public at the Gallery on Friday, March 31, from 6-9 p.m, with refreshments. For additional information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Farm down the road by Eric Tobin

Family Wellness Faire sponsored by The South Shore Women's Center in coordination with C.H.N.A. Committee of Plymouth, Sunday, April 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth. Chair massage, Reiki, angel reading, nutritional information and free substance abuse screening tools. For information call 781-582-0078.

"Remembering the Children," a memorial vigil hosted by the The Dianne DeVanna Center, Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m. This is an annual remembrance of Massachusetts children who have died as the result of child abuse and neglect and those who have survived it. Will be held at All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church, 196 Elm St., Braintree. Musical selections by The Braintree Choral Society and Tim Sullivan.

Dedham Historical Society annual meeting and Ben Fisher Memorial Lecture, Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the Dedham Historical Society Museum, 612 High Street, Dedham. The lecture subject is "Melancholy Catastrophe! The cost is $5 for non-members, free for members. Guest speaker is Dale H. Freeman, a Fairbanks Family Researcher. Further information is available at www.DedhamHistorical.org , or by calling 781-326-1385.

South Street Gallery's new exhibit, "Idyllic: Hills and Fields of Vermont" through April 21. Features the works of artists Eric Tobin and Malcolm DuBois. For information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents **Pianist Jason Cutmore in concert** on Sunday, April 2, at 4 p.m. A soloist, collaborative pianist and teacher in Canada, the U.S, Europe and Asia. Program is free and supported by the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Family Charitable Trusts, by gifts from friends of the museum, and in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Brockton Symphony Orchestra performs Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, Medelssohn's Fingal's Cave and Haydn's Oboe Concerto, Sunday, April 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm St., Brockton. Tickets are $20-22. All seats are general admission by section. For information call 508-588-3841 or visit brocktonsymphony.org.

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For Your Health

FREE SEMINAR ON HIP AND KNEE ARTHRITIS sponsored by Jordan Hospital, Wednesday, April 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth. Featuring R. Scott Oliver, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon. Seminar on the latest treatments for arthritis including computer assisted minimally invasive knee and hip replacement surgery and medications to relieve pain. Please register with JordanCall at 800-750-5343

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION TWELFTH ANNUAL KIDNEY WALK, Sunday, May 21 at 9 a.m. Walk will be held at the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston. Walkers can walk individually or with a team. A non-competitive 5K stroll with various activities for adults and kids. For registration information, call 800-542-4001 or visit www.kidneywalk.org.

NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet Wednesday April 12, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Open to all members of the public, and is held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Norwell VNA office, 320 Washington St., Norwell. Featured guest speaker Attorney Ron Kearns, R.N., ESQ., of Senior Resource Center Inc. Kearns will discuss how to begin financial and estate planning, asset preservation and the various resources for caregivers to gain additional assistance. Light refreshments will be provided. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For information call Renee McInnes, R.N. at 781-659-2342, or Joan Wright of the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722.

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Ryan Lewis, a 1997 graduate of Bridgewater-Raynham High School in Easton is returning home with his family style comedy on Saturday, April 1. She will be performing at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St corner Pearl, Brockton at 7:30 p.m.. Admission is $22.50 per person and includes the show, appetizers, and desserts. A cash bar is also available. Great Red Sox tickets will also be auctioned off just prior to the show. For more information, call 781-838-2679.

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Monday, April 3

"Waiting for Haiku:" Monday, April 3, from 7-8:30 p.m. with author and artist Mary Louise O'Brien at Plymouth Public Library in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room of the Main library Free program and no registration is required. For information, contact Jennifer Harris at 1-508-830-4250, TTY 1-508-747-5882 or visit web site at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Curry College Theatre presents "Shared Guilt," through April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Hafer Academic Building, 1071 Blue Hill Ave., Milton. Ticket are available at the door for $5.

Relax-Destress-Renew group sessions led by Ellin Morin. Ongoing sessions meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Guided imagery, meditation and stress relief, all of which can promote wellness and a sense of well-being. Held at Scituate Pediatrics, 10 New Driftway, Suite 201, Scituate. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for teens. For information call Ellin Morin at 781-545-2662.

British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, hosts **Ian Richardson**, Monday, April 3. For more information call 508-747-1776 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Tuesday, April 4

North River Network Group will meet at Crescent Realty, 228 Columbia Road, Hanover, Tuesdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Group meets weekly to help local businesses grow through referrals. Participants should bring business cards.

Children's Story Time, every Tuesday, 11a.m.-noon. at Book Warehouse at the Hanover Mall. Story Time will be themed each week and children's book selections are planned for preschool toddlers, kindergarteners, and early elementary grade school children. The first 50 children will receive a Free Children's Book donated by Book Warehouse. Free and open to the public. For information visit www.hanovermall.com or call 781-826-7386 ext. 237.

National Anthem Competition 2006, open audition, at Boston Beer Works, 112 Canal St., Boston, April 4 from 5-8 p.m. Audition for a chance to sing The National Anthem before a nationally televised audience Fenway Park before Boston Red Sox vs. Philadelphia Phillies game on Saturday, June 24. $20 fee to enter contest. To pre-register, sign up at NEXT@K4inc.com or call Kathryn Shehade at 617-779-9268.

The Silver Ribbon American Arts and Crafts Gallery, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53 in Hanover, will exhibit works by **Braintree ceramic artist Jeff Adams**. Exhibit runs from April 4-April 29. For information call 781-826-1525.

Tuesday Trivia Night, Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover. Great prizes. Teams form weekly. Call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, April 5

South Shore Business Alliance meets Wednesday mornings, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Bickford's in Hanover. For local professionals interested in sharing ideas and business. Drop in, email Elizabeth Ladas at eladas@ladaslaw.com or call 781-829-8986; email Carolyn0309@aol.com or call 781-706-7262.

Author Patrick Brown to speak on local maritime history, Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m., at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church in Plymouth. Hosted by the Plymouth Antiquarian Society. Public is welcome to a supper and lecture; the fee per person is $3 for Antiquarian Society, $6 non-members. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and supper is at 6 p.m. For information call 508-746-0012.

Old Ship Church Welcoming Committee presents **Michelle Bates Deakin, author of "Gay Marriage, Real Life Ten Stories of Love and Family"** on Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Church is located at 107 Main St., Hingham. for information call 781-925-1305.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League on Wednesdays at Applebees, 755 Granite St., Braintree. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m. Win gifts and prizes. For information call 781-843-3648 or visit www.bigstackpoker.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, hosts **Dave Foley** on Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m. An acoustic open mic night. Bring your fat bodied guitars and sit in for a few tunes solo or with Dave. No drums or bass. Guitarists, harps, horns and vocalists welcome. Call 781-335-9796.

Thursday, April 6

Free Medicare seminar, South Shore Elder Services Inc., 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree, Thursday, April 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Overview of changes to Medicare and how Prescription Drug Plans work. Call 781-848-3910 to register.

Resources for Caregivers Forum, Thursday, April 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Professional panel of health care and social service providers present options for family caregivers. Free to all South Shore family caregivers. Includes a light supper. Sponsored by South Shore Caregiving Collaborative. Pre-registration required by calling Donna Ciappina at 781-848-3910, ext. 335 by March 28.

"Unforgettable: The Nat King Cole Story," at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through Saturday, April 15, starring Broadway star and Tony Award nominee Monroe Kent II. Tickets call 781-279-2200 or visit StonehamTheatre.org. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., matinees Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets $36 adults, $32 seniors, $18 students under age 18 or with valid college ID.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, April 6, **Brian Stratton Band**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

Friday, April 7

Nathan Gallery presents **"Full Circle"** through April 29, at the Frame Center, second floor, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Fourth annual presentation of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Dept. (K-12.) Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

South Shore Folk Music Club concert with John Roberts and Tony Barrand, April 7 at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Widely acclaimed for their entertaining and hilarious presentations of English folk songs. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $8 members, $10 for non-members. For more information, call 781-878-1683 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, April 7 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hor d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u-com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, April 7, **Ripchordz**. For information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 7, **Johnny Vance Band**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer-com.

Ongoing events

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs lane, Norwell. "Feed the Animals," Saturdays 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. "Tales from the Wild," Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m., (except holidays and vacation weeks.) Hear tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866

The South Shore Soliloquy Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. The club provides an opportunity for residents of the south shore to master public speaking and learn leadership skills in a friendly supportive club environment. For more information, call Bob Symes at 781-837-5734 or visit www.geocities.com/sssoliloquy.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus is a women's *a cappella* chorus that gives vocal training to its members who provide musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shore area. For information call 781-843-4355.

North River Arts Society is accepting applications for the **"Felida "Babe" Cusick Memorial Award"** scholarship, which is available for graduating high school seniors from Marshfield, Scituate, Norwell, Duxbury and Pembroke high schools. Applicant must be accepted to an institution of higher learning, majoring in fine arts or performing arts, music excluded. Application must be submitted by April 15. To receive more information, call NRAS at 781-837-8091.

Philatelists or stamp collectors are needed for a new Plymouth stamp club. This is an opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Meetings will be monthly. If you are interested or know someone who is, call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Discover Ireland. Applications are being accepted for the Irish Way, a **five-week summer study abroad program** for American high school students. Sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute, the Irish Way sends 100 students to Ireland for a unique cultural and educational experience. Dates are June 28-July 27. Applications are accepted until the program is full. For information contact Taryn Harrison at 973-605-1991 or email: tharrison@iaci-usa.org. Visit www.iaci-usa.org.

Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus open call for singers for spring show performance in May of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating them to help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Michelle Baxter.

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Curry College Theatre Director, Professor D.L. Garren, is pleased to present the premiere of Michael Micell's Shared Guilt, directed by guest director Michelle Baxter. The production will be held Friday, March 31 through Monday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Little Theater in the Hafer Academic Building on the Milton campus, 1071 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton, MA. Tickets are $5 and are available at the door.

Just for kids

BIRDING WITH MASS AUDUBON, for kids aged 7 to 12, Saturday, April 15, from 2-4 p.m. at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main Street, Marshfield. Make observations, keep a bird list and learn more about the natural history of our native birds. Pre-registration is required, cost is $10 for Mass Audubon members, and $13 for non-members. Binoculars and field guides will be available for use but bring your own if you have them. For directions or more information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

KIDS' CONCERT AT THE OLD SHIP PARISH HOUSE. Join the Hingham Newcomers Club for a fun-filled kids concert featuring Jon Songs, Tuesday, April 18. Old Ship Parish House located at 107 Main Street. There will be shows at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. All ages are welcome. To learn more about Jon Songs please visit www.jonsongs.com. Cost is $4 per person for pre-paid tickets. Please send checks to: Lynne Toland, 265 High Street, Hingham, MA or call 781-740-4619

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY at the South Shore YMCA, Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond, 75 Mill St Hanover. Free and open to the public. Activities will include a carnival environment of games, arts and crafts, entertainment of many kinds, car seat safety checks, finger printing, clinics on spinal checks, kids nutrition, healthy backpacks, healthy and environmentally friendly school lunches; the Y Recycle Official Kickoff; Chair massage for the Young and Old; Demo's in Kids Dance, Music and Movement, Yoga and health screenings. For more information call 781-829- 8585 x227 or e-mail mfree@ssymca.org.

MUSEUM MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN, an introduction to museum going through stories at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Monthly program for preschoolers will include storytelling related to the art and artifacts of the museum and an age-appropriate tour. First Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m. for one hour. Next program starts Thursday, April 6. Free for museum members with a family-level membership; $5 per child for non-members. Mandatory chaperones are admitted free. For information, contact the museum at 617-696-1815.

KNITTING WORKSHOP AT THE PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, The Youth Services Department of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., will be conducting a Basic Knitting Workshop for ages 9-12 on April 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn the basics; casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and casting off. If you have size 8 or 9 knitting needles bring them along. Program is free. Registration required, program limited to 20. Registration begins April 7. For information, call 508-830-4250. Visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Rockland artists Sally Dixon Mello and Mary Elliot will participate a wonderful show and sale of high quality and varied fine art by invited South Shore area artists at First Parish Norwell Unitarian, a chance to give your home that distinctive touch, an original work of art. There will be an opening wine and food reception on Friday, March 31 from 7- 9 pm and the show will open Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will also be a raffle of several pieces of fine art, including a rare book of Braque sketches, an original collage and a raku pot. 40 percent of all sales will benefit First Parish Norwell. This is a family event. There will be special children's art activities on Saturday. For information call 781-294-8840. First Parish Norwell Unitarian is located at 24 River St., Norwell Center at Route 123. Admission is free.

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Paradise found in Aruba

By JOE DWINELL

ARUBA -- Paradise is not lost. You can find it snorkeling among a million minnows, resting on a beach of powder-white sand and dining out under the stars.

It's all on this breezy island.

And while it's clear that this Caribbean escape remains clouded by last year's mysterious disappearance of Alabama high school graduate Natalee Holloway, it's also clear on a visit here that that cloud should be swept away.

The people of Aruba, both the native islanders and the Dutch, are gracious, the food amazing, the sea breathtaking and the accommodations first class.

"The Aruban people have taken a bad rap on this case and they don't deserve it," said Ellen Slagh, a Michigan mother working on her tan along with her teenage daughter and a friend outside the Holiday Inn where Holloway stayed.

The girls, dressed in bikinis and enjoying spring break from college, said they were out all night without any worries.

"I feel completely safe," said Nicki Slagh, 18.

"It could happen anywhere," said her friend Emily Ensing, 18, alluding to the Holloway case.

Brothers and sisters, mothers and daughters, newlyweds and retirees all echo the same sentiment. Aruba is as bright as the beaming sun.

The only complaint came from a pack of Providence College men who said the women are too cautious in the wake of the Holloway case.

At Carlos'n Charlie's, the bar where Natalee Holloway was last seen leaving with three men May 30, the drinks are still a foot tall, but the opinions are the same. All lament her disappearance, but the entire island shouldn't be made to suffer, bar patrons said.

The drinking age on the island is 18. And at the bar, music thumped and the drinks flowed through the night. But the whole island is not like that; you had to go looking for those hot spots.

The big lesson from my visit: One sensational story shouldn't dim your view of this island. I walked the beaches for miles and visited the bars late at night and felt safer than I ever have in Boston.

More than 1 million tourists visit Aruba each year, by cruise ship and by air, with a majority from the U.S. (and a good number from Boston). American money is accepted everywhere and all the islanders speak English with ease. You are made to feel welcome.

Located off the coast of Venezuela and about 5 hours away by jet from Boston (from about $400 per person round trip), Aruba is also far south of the traditional path of hurricanes (meaning you can visit year-round). The island remains a constant 82 degrees daytime, on average, with hardly any rain.

There are two golf courses on the island, an amazing 18-hole course and a nine-hole club. Aruba is in the midst of a $230 million investment in tourism and new condos and hotels are being built on the beach.

My wife and I stayed at the Bucuti Beach Resort (www.bucuti.com) in a penthouse suite complete with living room and kitchen, overlooking Eagle Beach. We arrived late, so when we awoke we immediately walked out onto the balcony to behold a view straight out of a dream.

The white sand and palm trees below led to the bluest ocean you've ever seen. The balcony included a day bed and chairs so you can soak in the sun in seclusion. The rooms are designed with an impressive British West Indies motif, with a dark walnut finish from the bed to the doors. A four-night stay for a couple in the winter costs $2,109. The rooms below, which I poked my head into, are less expensive (a low of $1,399 for four nights) yet equally opulent. All packages include daily cold breakfast, a bottle of champagne, a gift basket and a candlelight dinner for two on the beach.

This boutique hotel is flawless from the floor tiles to the spotless beach. No wonder Susan Biemans, who owns the Bucuti resort with her husband, said they have the highest average occupancy on the island.

Yes, the Holloway story came up with Biemans lamenting the loss of "perspective." She said the island is determined to "get justice," but noted you'd be missing out of the best life has to offer at a reasonable price by bypassing Aruba, or her hotel. I had to agree.

One of Aruba's pretty beaches

Aruba snorkeler

Aruba desert

My wife and I walked for miles on the beach and then refreshed with water from the tap. Aruba's water comes from the island's desalinization plant and is ranked the purest in the world, according to the World Health Organization. No bottled water needed for this Caribbean dream.

You could rest on the beach for your entire vacation, but that would be a big mistake. For $39.50 I headed out into the ocean on a catamaran to snorkel -- in view of homes owned by Dolly Parton and Chuck Norris.

The Pelican Adventures trip (www.pelican-aruba.com) includes an open bar, snacks and snorkeling equipment. I jumped right in with more than a dozen fellow tourists and found myself diving under into a stream of a million translucent minnows. They didn't seem to mind a sunburned visitor in baggy blue trunks.

Fish of brilliant blues and yellow stripes joined in as I cut through the warm water. I almost didn't want to come up for air. This trip is worth every penny.

But the best was yet to come.

We jumped back on the catamaran and headed out deeper to the wreck of the German World War II ship the "Antilla." This sunken ghost of war is a hulking 400-foot long amazement. And as one of the deckhands said to me, "This is where the momma and papa fish come."

Was he ever right. As you glide over the hull resting just below the surface, you see large fish slipping in and out of the wreck. I felt like grabbing a grouper for dinner.

You need to be able to swim, at least if you want to tour all sides of this steel beast; the currents can be strong.

I worked up a big appetite and on Aruba, that's a good thing. The restaurants, more than 200 of them, are as delicious as the ocean views.

My favorite was Pinchos Grill and Bar on Surfside Marina. The restaurant, built atop a pier, reaches out into the shallow water and is completely open. The owners told me they only had nine bad-weather days in the past year. This restaurant is also where the rose ceremony in one of "The Bachelor" episodes was held.

It is a romantic setting, with lights gently swaying in the ever-present trade winds. But the food was even better. All the entrees are grilled out in the open at the corner of the bar.

All meals are served with grilled pumpkin bread and a Pinchos Salsa Salad, a healthy and delicious mix of black beans, red kidney beans, pineapple, green pepper, mushrooms, red onions in a balsamic vinegar with a dash of salt and lime juice. The entrees are very affordable at no more than $21.95 (for mango margarita shrimp.) I ordered a grilled skewer of all Pinchos has to offer, from beef to chicken and sausage and shrimp.

The allure of Pinchos, and so many more restaurants on Aruba, is the food is great and the setting even more relaxing. Dining at dusk with a gentle breeze cooling you down makes you want to linger forever.

We dined at other great restaurants, from Rumba, where were sat at a table on the beach and I sampled a Cuban cigar (legal in Aruba but don't try to bring any back through U.S. customs), to the Promenade on the far end of the island where the locals go. We never had a bad meal.

Other island activities include: casinos (I'm thrifty, so they're not my cup of tea); shopping in downtown Oranjestad (I even bought a shirt); renting a Jeep ($90 a day) for touring the island's desert landscape. The local aloe industry is another plus because you'll need protection from the sun.

If you admire pristine beaches, smiling faces, beautiful days and easy nights, Aruba is for you.

I couldn't find a flaw on Aruba, except for the doubt lingering from the unsolved Holloway case.

"We'll bounce back by working hard," vowed Pinchos owner Anabela Peterson de Sousa.

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Vote day

Two races in Town Election

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One fact voters should note — this weekend's election does not include the override.

The polls will be open tomorrow (Saturday, April 8) from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Saturday's votes will be tallied solely for candidates seeking elected office. Voters will have to wait until Saturday, May 6 to weigh in on the override.

According to the Town Clerk's office, there are currently 5,099 registered voters in town. Town Clerk Marion Douglas predicted 45 percent of the town's voters would make their opinions known at the ballot box Saturday.

With the town's "Accu-Vote" optical scanning system, it does not take long for the numbers to

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Budget sparks fiery debate on Town Meeting floor

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Richard Perkinson addresses Town Meeting saying it was inappropriate for hundreds of thousands of dollars to be put on the chopping block minutes before taking a vote. He said the town should be given the chance to vote on the override figures at the ballot box.

Override heads to the ballot box

By Samantha Brown
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Town Meeting had a very impressive turnout Saturday — that is, until a vote was taken on the budget. More than 600 residents were in attendance at the start of the meeting, but that number dropped to about 100 when those who came to support the override cast their votes, and then made their way toward the nearest exit.

During the morning session some voters stood rocking their babies, some had children reading books in the chairs next to them, others took advantage of the babysitting service offered. The majority of parents who packed Town Meeting came with the same purpose: to ensure the proper funding for the schools, so that every child in Cohasset could receive a quality education.

When the resounding voice vote approving the budget was finally taken after 2-1/2 hours of discussion, there was suddenly a line at the door.

However, the mass exit of voters followed a contentious morning where those on both sides of

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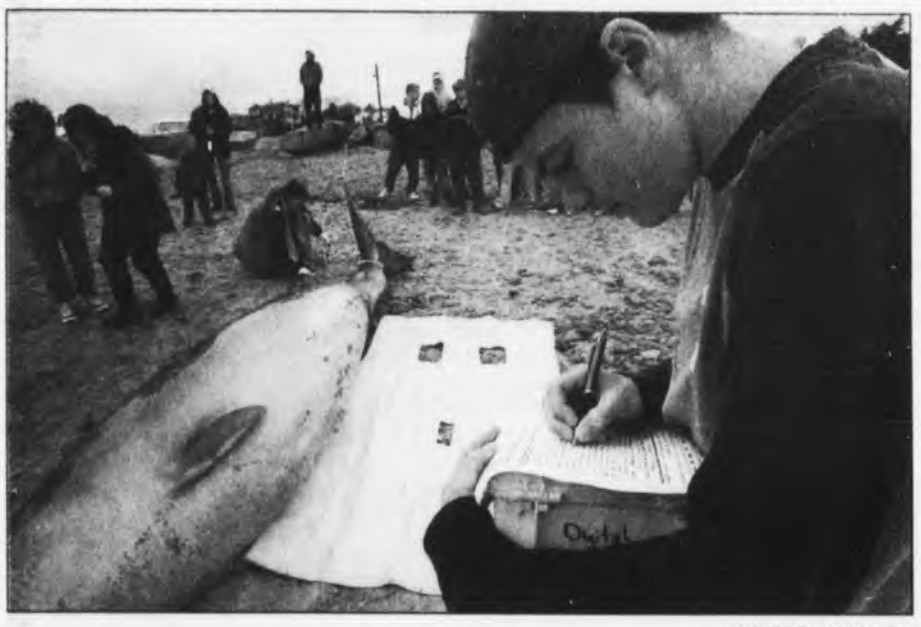

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CHS senior Ben Libby, 17, records measurements of the beaked whale for Cohasset resident and N.E. Aquarium biologist Sheila Sinclaire (shown kneeling by the tail). Ben and classmates from teacher Jack Buckley's Outdoor Education class were on hand Tuesday.

Rare whale to help research

By Samantha Brown
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A very rare beaked whale caused a stir on Sandy Beach when it came ashore Monday evening. The animal could not be saved and was transported to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for further study late Tuesday morning.

New England Aquarium Biologist and Cohasset resident Sheila Sinclaire, along with fellow biologist Sarah Bean, spent most of the night with the whale and were still busy taking measurements and collecting data early Tuesday. They also took the time to help educate those in the small crowd which had gathered about the whale and where it might have come from.

"The Town of Cohasset has been amazing, between its highway department and its animal control officer."

— Tony LaCasse, Aquarium spokesman

Parents with small children as well as high school teacher Jack Buckley and his outdoor education class were at the beach early Tuesday. High school student Ben Libby assisted the biologists with field measurements. Many curious residents also stopped by to take a look as members of the Department of Public Works began moving the whale off the beach.

The whale was first wrapped in a blanket and rolled onto a large sling with the help of a front-end loader. It was then picked up by attaching the straps of the sling onto a large hook on the front of the machine. The machine carried

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Pick up papers and the trash

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset residents will be breaking out their work gloves Saturday (April 8), for the first annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup, in honor of Earth Day, which is later in the month.

At 2:30 p.m., volunteers will meet near Town Hall on the Common, and will be split up into groups to clean selected portions of the town. Areas include Black Rock Beach, the Beechwood Ball Field, Government Island, Jerusalem Road, and Main Street.

Windy Hill Road resident Bill Burnett is the driving force behind the effort. He said as a jogger, "It is so frustrating to see trash on the beach and on the side of the roads," and he decided to take action. Burnett placed a call to Town Manager Bill Griffin asking where he should begin, and was put in touch with Tara Tradd at the Board of Health. The department immediately got on board.

In addition, Burnett got in touch with local Girl Scout Troop leader Alison Callahan who has rallied her girls to help in the effort. Burnett said there are between 30 and 40 Girl Scouts who have signed up to help clean Saturday, as well as roughly 20 high school students. Burnett said he has gathered roughly 75 people on his own, and he is sure together, they can all help make Cohasset look much more clean.

Burnett said the more volunteers the better and residents of all ages are welcome to help out. He said families with children will be assigned to the more pub-

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THEY'RE OFF!

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Runners in the annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea head down South Main Street on Sunday after the start of the popular event which is celebrating its 30th year. For more, see sports (page 20).

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Best book or magazine: Good Housekeeping (Kathy). Any Mary Oliver poetry (Nancy).

Best TV show: The Food Network (Kathy). Taxi (Nancy).

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The Mariner caught up with Kathy Rhodes and Nancy Barrett, who were checking in voters at Saturday's Town Meeting.

Best movie: Casablanca (Nancy).

Best actor: Paul Newman (Kathy).

Pet peeve: Rudeness (Nancy).

Dumbest thing I ever did: Too numerous and embarrassing to mention (Nancy).

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Biggest worry: Health (Kathy). Global warming (Nancy).

Best part of Cohasset: Sandy Beach and the Common (Kathy). The harbor (Nancy).

Selectmen change meeting schedule

Selectman Gary Vanderweil had suggested moving Selectmen's meetings to Mondays, as they used to be, and the board has agreed to one for now. The board's next meeting will be Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The board is going to wait until the new member comes on board after the April 8 election before it changes meetings to Mondays permanently. But, due to the fact that the meeting, if held on Tuesday, would have been on Opening Day for the Red Sox, the board agreed to switch to Monday. The board is expected to vote on the permanent change during that meeting.

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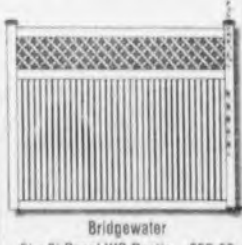

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Trouble could be brewing for Cook Estate project

By Samantha Brown
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There may be no end in sight to the Cook Estate saga. While developers from Weathervane Construction Corporation were slated to enter into a Land Disposition Agreement with the town Friday, March 31, the paperwork was not signed.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who has been working on negotiations with the developers, said the town has been granted a two-week extension from the trustees of the Cook Property. While Dormitzer could not provide much detail due to the fact that the town is in negotiations, he said legitimate risks associated with the development of the property have been raised, and "We are using this period to retire one of the major risks in doing this job."

The Cook Estate, located on Sohier Street, is a roughly 19-acre parcel of land, that was owned by the late Jane Bancroft Cook. The town has been working with the heirs of her estate since 2003 to build senior housing on the site. The project was put out to bid, then wastewater issues forced a reduction in scope of the project. A second Request for Proposals was sent out for the smaller project, and subsequent developers pulled out due to tight permitting deadlines. Weathervane Construction Corporation is the latest, and hopefully the last, developer to submit a bid for the project.

The Board of Selectmen accepted the Weymouth-based company's $4.9 million proposal to build Cape-style condominiums for those 55 and older at the end of February. The town set a minimum bid for this round of $4.9 million, $4.5 of which will cover the purchase price of the site from the Cook heirs. The balance will cover the town's costs.

Weathervane is currently constructing a 150-home adult-active community, dubbed the Village at Weathervane, one-half mile from Columbian Square on 170 acres in South Weymouth. In addition, it is developing an eight-lot subdivision in Hingham on Stevens Way, located off of Fresh River Avenue. Weathervane at Chestnut Gardens in Hingham received Planning Board approval under the flexible residential development (FRD) bylaw in February. The Cohasset project would be called "Weathervane at Deer Hill."

Register to vote for Special Election

Friday, April 14 will be the last day to register to vote for the upcoming Special Town Election to be held May 6. Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Friday, April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The polling location for this election will be at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., adjacent to Town Hall.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day may register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (781) 383-4100.

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Michele Bolduc knits while waiting for children to participate in her "World Biodiversity Twister" game during the during the Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase, Saturday. For more see page 26.

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We survived past battles over issues like school construction and sewer policy, I believe because of our open form of government and mutual respect for all citizens. As Selectman, my most important job will be to make sure that every citizen, every department, and every neighborhood has a place at the table, and a role in the decision making guiding Cohasset.

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Now is a great time to explore new ideas, and implementing these within Town Hall requires an understanding of town operations.

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I am running for Selectman to ensure my son and his generation have the opportunities I enjoyed growing up in Cohasset.

Whether you've been here a year or a lifetime, you know that Cohasset is a unique and special place.

As Selectman I will bring experience and dedication to ensure the town we all love is here for us, and our children for years to come.

My priorities in working with my colleagues on the Board of Selectmen are:

- Work with the School Committee to determine how we implement the new Strategic Plan for the Schools over its 5-year planning cycle. The responsibility of Selectmen and the Town Manager is to determine what can be funded, and to plan where some level of overrides will be necessary to sustain improvement in our schools.
- Support the efforts of the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee to prudently expand taxable commercial development opportunities so we can find some level of tax relief for those of us who are homeowners, while maintaining quality school and town services.
- Work to implement the vision of Cohasset as seen in the Master Plan,a community that preserves our local character while providing for affordable housing, security for our seniors, and the best services possible.
- Prioritize any new capital spending to ratchet down the heavy debt load we as taxpayers now bear.

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Over the last three years on the Advisory Committee, the Town's central fiscal oversight and planning body, I have gained a unique perspective working with each department head to help build our school and town budgets from the bottom up. I have participated in the evaluation of every proposed policy and zoning change introduced during this time, and I have gained the detailed understanding of our schools and town services needed by each Selectman, given the immense fiscal challenges we now face.

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New housing consultant hired

By Samantha Brown
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Affordable housing is one of the hottest topics on the town's radar screen. To that end, the town has hired a housing consultant, who can take the lead in forming a plan to help fill Cohasset's needs into the future.

Judy Barrett of Community Opportunities Group, Inc., came before the Board of Selectmen March 28 to get acquainted and become familiar with the vision selectmen see for the town, in terms of affordable housing. Barrett will serve on the Cohasset Housing Partnership and help finalize the town's draft Affordable Housing Plan.

Barrett has a long history of working on affordable housing developments. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he has known her for 20-plus years, and the two worked together when Griffin was the Town Manager in Plymouth. Barrett said currently, she is working in a number of different towns, and half of her practice deals with affordable housing.

Barrett said the community must look at meeting affordable housing guidelines as more than just meeting 40B requirements. She said there is a great need for housing which falls into the mid-income range. "This is true in a lot of affluent communities," she said, as those who have homes which have high assessments make it difficult to qualify for many affordable units.

Barrett also said because there is limited land in town, creative solutions must be found. She said many other communities have chosen to redevelop property. "Some large older homes create opportunities for conversion where you've already got development," she said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said while conversion sounds like a good solution in theory, adding that many residents to a neighborhood can change its character. "It's a catch-22," he said.

Barrett agreed, but added when it comes to creating affordable housing, "It's all about trade-offs."

Now that Barrett is on board, the town can appoint a Housing Partnership, which will be made up of residents and will be responsible for providing perspectives on creating affordable housing. The partnership will be guided by the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, which can provide financial assistance, training sessions and resource materials.

Barrett will also be working with Town Planner Liz Harrington. Harrington said there is definitely a lack of public education about affordable housing, and she looks forward to being able to start that dialogue. "Affordable housing needs to have a bright light shone on it," Harrington said. "I'm really looking forward to working with Judy and creating a community vision of what Cohasset wants for affordable housing."

Cohasset had previously appointed Bob Engler to serve as its housing consultant. However, due to Engler's working with Leggat McCall Properties, which is building the Cedarmere senior housing development, Town Counsel advised there could be a conflict of interest. A new Request for Proposals was sent out, and Barrett's company responded.

The town is still looking for candidates interested in serving on the housing partnership. Those who would like to serve should contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 or send a letter of interest to the board at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

Two races top Saturday's election ballot

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be tallied and usually a crowd gathers inside the auditorium by 6:15p.m. to see who won and who lost. This will be the first election for which new Town Moderator Dan Evans will be on hand to read the results.

Residents can tune into Comcast Channel 10 starting at 6 p.m. Saturday for live coverage. Pat Martin, co-host of Our Town, will provide the "play by play coverage" as the results come in. She will also be talking to the candidates and their supporters.

There will be four names on the ballot for the two three-year openings on the School Committee, but only three candidates are running. Barbara Buckley withdrew from the race after the ballots had been sent off to be printed, and will therefore be shown as a candidate, but is not seeking a term in office. Incumbent Rick Flynn of Summer Street will try to keep his seat, while Steven Fusco, 4 Surry Drive, and Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, will also fight for spots on the board.

There is also a two-way race for one three-year seat on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Michael Sullivan is not running for re-election, and Edwin G. "Ted" Carr of 88 S. Main St., and Roger Q. Hill of 19A Highland Avenue are competing to fill his seat.

Many seats in this year's election will be uncontested. Incumbent Peter Pratt is the only candidate for the open five-year seat on the Planning Board. Sewer Commissioner John Beck is running uncontested to retain his seat, as is Lisa LoJacono for the Recreation Commission. Peggy Chapman of the Board of Health, Water Commissioner John McNabb, and Assessor Michael C. Patrolia are all running uncontested as well.

There are three candidates for the three open seats on the Board of Library Trustees, and incumbents Patience Towle and Agnes McCann are seeking re-election with Elizabeth Baker campaigning for the third seat.

Susan Sardina, 271 S. Main St., is the only candidates for the one open five-year seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority.

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Pick up papers and the trash

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lic areas, such as the ballpark or Government Island to ensure children are not near the street. Adults will be responsible for any trash pickup on the sides of the roads.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves, but Burnett said the town has been wonderfully cooperative and has provided all the bags for trash collection. The town will also pick up all the bags and bring them to the Recycle Transfer Facility at the end of the day.

While the rain date for the event has been set for April 29, at the time the Mariner went to press, the forecast looked OK. "I think we dodged a bullet," said Burnett. However, he said if the weather does not cooperate, the trash pick-up will be rescheduled.

The more volunteers who participate in the Town-Wide Trash Pickup the better, and anyone who would like to participate can show up Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the Common. For more information, please call Alison Callahan at (781) 383-1081 or Bill Burnett at (781) 383-3499.

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Override vote causes mass confusion

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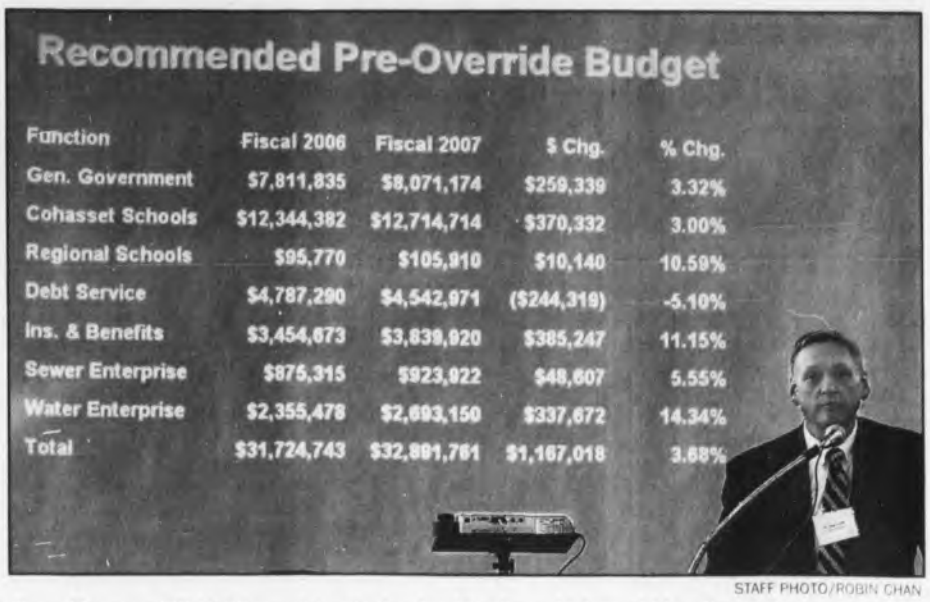
Voters at the April 1 Town Meeting adopted the budget by a majority. However, some were, and still are confused as to why there was only one vote taken when there are three budget scenarios, and about what happens next.

Town Manager Bill Griffin explained before a vote was taken, that there would be one motion made on the budget. The motion included all three budget options — a budget which did not require an override, a budget which required a $725,000 override, and a budget which required a $1.495 million override. With one all-inclusive motion covering the three scenarios, only one vote was necessary.

Any voter could have made a motion to amend the budget motion and separate it into three parts — one motion for each budget. If that had happened, residents would have voted on each dollar amount separately.

Just after the vote, the Sullivan Gymnasium was full of confusion. Between the throng of parents which had gathered at the back of the room, forming a line to exit, and the residents who didn't understand the vote which had just taken place, the scene was borderline chaotic.



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Town Manager Bill Griffin explains the levels of funding which would be allocated to various departments with a budget that does not require an override, during discussion on Article 3 at Saturday's Annual Town Meeting.

Bill White, 162 Sohier St., came to the podium to ask for a clarification on what the meeting had voted on. His voice was barely audible over the noise of the exiting crowd, which paused at the back of the room when the idea was floated to take a re-vote. White, along with many other residents, thought they would be given the chance to vote three times, not once. White made a motion to reconsider the vote, which temporarily put the issue back on the table, but the large crowd standing at the back of the room let out a resounding "No" and the motion was defeated.

The budget carried, but that does not mean the town will definitely pass an override this year. Essentially, the vote which took place last week only pushes the override process to phase two. Overrides must be voted on twice before they pass — once at Town Meeting and once at a Special Election. Cohasset will hold its Special Election May 6 and residents will vote on the override then. Voters will not vote on the override during this Saturday's Town Election.

Override votes are not the same as election votes. An override automatically passes if it receives more yes votes than no votes, which means essentially, a figure is competing with itself for votes. It is possible for both override figures to pass, but only one can take effect. In the end, if the larger override figure receives more yes votes than no votes, meaning it passes by a majority, it automatically takes effect, regardless of what happens with the lower override figure. When a larger override figure receives a majority of yes votes, it always prevails. Receiving more no votes than yes votes is the only way an override can fail.

Override questions answered

• The budget was adopted by Town Meeting when a majority of voters said "yes" to approving one motion which included all three budget scenarios. Residents would have voted three times only if a voter had made a motion to amend the motion and split the question into three separate parts.

• Passing the budget at Town Meeting does not mean the town will ultimately pass an override. It means voters have been given the opportunity to vote on the override at the Special Election, to be held May 6. Overrides must be voted on at both Town Meeting and at the ballot box.

• The Saturday, April 8 election will *not* ask voters to cast any votes for or against the override. Only votes for elected office will be cast. The override will be voted on Saturday, May 6.

•When residents vote on the override May 6, they will either vote yes or no for the $725,000 figure, or yes or no for the $1.495 million figure. Voters may also wish to not cast a vote on one figure or another. Both override figures could fail, both override figures could pass, or only one figure could pass. To pass, a figure only needs a majority of yes votes. If both figures receive a majority of yes votes, the larger figure automatically prevails.

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AROUND TOWN

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VOTE SATURDAY!

Hello Cohasset, how are you all doing? I hope that tomorrow's election is fresh in your mind, no matter what your vote or opinion is. I know that it is a bit heated around town and just encourage everyone to keep remembering about how important everyone's opinion is whether or not it is the same as yours. Come Sunday morning, we all need to go on and live together in town regardless of how the vote turns out. So get out and vote, share your opinions if you like and make sure to keep an open mind.

I also had a request from a very concerned parent who wants to remind us all the importance of *safety* when dropping off or picking up your child from the schools. She observed a near-miss on Monday at the Middle/High School and asked that I put this in the column.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GROWNUPS

The South Shore Art Center is pleased to announce its annual scholarship for adults who are returning to their artwork following an extended interruption. The scholarship is named for artist **Margaret Dillon**, the first executive director of the Art Center. For more information and an application, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

TENNIS ANYONE?

Good weather is fast approaching, time to get in shape for the 17th Annual Tennis Tournament to benefit Children's Hospital. This event is happening on July 22nd and 23rd. As you may or may not be aware, each year the group targets a specific area within Children's Hospital to fund raise for.

In the past seven years the event has given between $15,000-23,000 to some of the neediest areas thanks to your generosity. They have included cardiology, autism, oncology, neonatal brain injury, kidney research and this year proceeds will be donated to the pediatric AIDS program. Many players ask why Children's Hospital? In short, the tradition began here in Cohasset in the 1950's with the inception of the tournament. Founder, **Jesse Cox** and her neighbors organized the tournament for Children's. This group not only strives to continue the tradition, all the committee members have had personal experience with Children's Hospital with their families.

We are all fortunate to have this world renowned hospital in our backyard! On to the fun while fundraising!!! Please note that they will not be mailing out registration forms. They will email the registration to those who gave their addresses last year. Forms will also be available at the Cohasset Tennis Club, Scituate Racquet and Fitness, Weymouth Club, Cohasset Golf Club and South Shore Community Center. (due to the cost of postage/printing.) There are 20 beautiful courts that are graciously made available to the tournament, this year you or your company can be recognized as a patron of this longstanding event by sponsoring a court! There are two levels of sponsorship: 1. Individual/Family Sponsorship for $200. 2. Corporate Sponsorship.

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!

The first-ever Cohasset Family Feud takes place tonight (Friday, April 7) at 7p.m. in the Cohasset High auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Post Prom Committee. All tickets will be sold at the door and cost $5. Game show host **Rich Ofsthun** will emcee the show. An extraordinary array of teams are competing for prizes and bragging rights to a first place finish. Some of the teams include members from ASP, a group of seniors, the **Froio Family, Martin Family, Whelan Cousins** and the **Ofsthun Clan** to name just a few. So come on down and join in on the fun.

PIANO STUDENT

Miles Morin placed third in his division of The South Shore Conservatory's sixth annual Piano Solo Competition.

The South Shore Conservatory congratulates Cohasset piano student **Miles Morin** for placing third in his division of South Shore Conservatory's sixth annual Piano Solo Competition. The competition took place on Saturday, April 1, in Cox Hall at the Conservatory's Hingham campus. As a winner, Miles, a student of Piano Instructor Vincent Plan's, received a Conservatory scholarship, and performed in a special winners concert on Sunday, April 2. Way to play Miles!

NEW CENTENARIAN

Priscilla Daniels, long-time resident and teacher of piano in Cohasset wishes her dad a Happy 100th Birthday

Howard J. Caswell of Swampscott, born in Middleboro n 1906, was 100 years old on March 22, 2006. He graduated from Middleboro High School in 1924.

He attended the General Electric School of Engineering in Lynn, graduating in 1927.

Mr. Caswell worked as a designer in the Motor Department (and other departments) of G.E., and later worked in the Jet Engine Department designing engines during World War II before retiring after 45 years at G.E.

He has a daughter, Priscilla D. Daniels and a son, **Howard J. Caswell, Jr.**, of Franklin, N.H., six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A favorite hobby has been his collection of Lionel Electric Trains and American Flyer Electric Trains, which he repairs for himself and other people and displays them in his basement.

Mr. Caswell has a passion for music; has played violin, clarinet, saxophone, piano and ukulele; and still plays the organ in his home for family and friends. He played in local dance bands for 35 years (1930-1965). Occasionally, his teen-age daughter sang with the bands.

His mind is sharp: He enjoys listening to music tapes, watches baseball games and other sports events on TV, manages his own home with his 95 year old wife, Thelma, still drives his car, does all the shopping and banking, household repairs, prepares his income taxes every year, and reads everyday.

On Saturday, March 25, Mr. Caswell celebrated his 100th birthday with his whole family at Anthony's Hawthorne By the Sea (Pier 44) in Swapscott.

A grandson **Scott Daniels** of Hull, gave an informative talk about historical events that occurred during his grandfather's lifetime. **Kim Blakeslee** of Norwell described each page while presenting her grandfather with a beautiful scrapbook of events and family pictures; her husband **Jim**, added more stories and a few jokes. Great-grandson **Myles Blakeslee**, modeled a Red Sox jacket number 100 - a gift from all the great-grandchildren.

There were good wishes more gifts and an enormous chocolate birthday cake.

Everyone agreed, "There's not much Grampy can't do. He's amazing."

Happy 100th, Howard J. Caswell!

TRUNK SHOW BENEFIT

Swing into Spring on Wednesday, April 12th, 4-9 p.m., at Twist in Cohasset Village. Join boutique owner **Sue Dreamer** and her staff for a trunk show featuring the spring and summer earring collection from laurapaige, a locally-owned jewelry business. A wide array of swinging chandelier earrings in cruisewear colors will be showcased. A portion of all proceeds will benefit Cohasset Cares, a new organization dedicated to serving local citizens in need. Please stop by for a sneak peek at this fabulous collection. Refreshments will be served.

PSO TELETHON

The 3rd Annual PSO Telethon is coming up on Wednesday, May 10th and it is going to be the best one ever. This event is hosted live and will air on Comcast channel 22. Donations are being sought and for on-line and raffle items and you can be as creative with your donation as you want. This can be from your family, book group, business or a group of friends. To send in your donation, email it t o psotelethondonations@yahoo.com and make sure to include the item, value and where it can be picked up.

Also, how about dusting off your dancing shoes or tuning up your vocal chords to take part in the talent portion of the telethon? If you would like to appear on live tv and share your talent, send an email to cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com. Include the names of all performers, the talent or act and the approximate time that is needed.

That is all for this week. Send in all your news no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesdays!

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Rare beaked whale comes ashore on SandyBeach

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Kenny Thayer of the Cohasset DPW directs his co-worker Leo Ekbon, in front loader, through the erosion fence on Sandy Beach and out into the parking lot, while NE Aquarium biologist and Cohasset resident Sheila Sinclaire observes. The Highway Department division of the DPW had a flatbed truck waiting, ready to transport the whale down to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for a necropsy.

Max Lieberman, communications assistant from the New England Aquarium, squats down to photograph a beaked whale which was lifted off Sandy Beach by a front loader Tuesday. The whale beached itself Monday evening and biologists from the Aquarium made the decision to euthanize the animal that night. The whale was transported to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Tuesday where a necropsy (autopsy for an animal) was scheduled.

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the whale down the length of the beach to the portion of the parking lot nearest the exit where a flatbed truck was waiting, courtesy of the DPW's Highway Department. Kenny Thayer of the Highway Department personally drove the whale down to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute where biologists were scheduled to begin an autopsy upon its arrival

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said he was called about the distressed whale around 6 p.m. Monday. The whale came in with the tide, and remained on shore when the tide went out.

The whale, a male, was roughly 13-1/2 feet long and weighed approximately 1,500 pounds. Murphy said when he arrived, "I heard a horrendous thumping," even before he saw the whale. He said the animal was in his "death throes" and was slamming his fin hard and steadily on the sand.

Soon after, members of the New England Aquarium's Marine Rescue Division arrived. Due to the whale's condition, they made the tough decision to euthanize the animal. To ensure the whale did not float back out with the tide, DPW employees were called in to help bring it up onto higher ground.

"Beaked whales are very social and travel in pods, or large familial groups. They cannot forage for food themselves, and there is usually a reason when one falls away from the pack"

— Tony LaCasse
Aquarium spokesman

"They've been great," Murphy said of the DPW workers, who worked late into the night and returned again in the morning for the whale's final transport. Biologists said it was extremely helpful the town was able to find a way to move the animal in one piece.

Aquarium spokesman Tony LaCasse also praised the DPW. He said typically, when a town finds a beached animal on its shores, it does not realize it has an obligation to remove the animal. "The Town of Cohasset has been amazing, between its highway department and its animal control officer," he said, adding "They are well coordinated and know what to do." LaCasse said typically it does not take long for satellite trucks from news stations to arrive when word gets out about a beached animal, but with Cohasset's quick response, the whale was almost on the road before many news media organizations were able to arrive.

Although sad, the event was also exciting for the scientists, LaCasse said due to the fact that beaked whales are deep sea creatures, they are very difficult for humans to research. He said they typically live at least 50 to 100 miles from shore in the mid-Atlantic Ocean and feed on deep sea fish and squid. In normal circumstances, they are not found in shallow water, which makes beached whales virtually the only tool for study.

LaCasse said beaked whales are very social and travel in pods, or large familial groups. They cannot forage for food themselves, and there is usually a reason when one falls away from the pack. If the whale had not been euthanized, it would likely have died after a day or two, he said. "We sometimes don't even try to rehabilitate an animal unless there is at least one other," as those who live in pods tend to die from loneliness when separated.

From a scientific perspective, LaCasse said the whale is very valuable. When deep sea whales wash up on shore, they have usually been deceased for at least one week. "This is so fresh," he said, that pathology reports will likely come back with some very telling information about the creature. "Every single bit of information is vitally important," said Bean.

Sinclaire said biologists at WHOI would conduct a necropsy (an autopsy for animals) to help determine the cause of death. Likely causes are a bacterial or viral infection, or potentially parasites. She said biologists would likely remove the whale's head and perform a CT scan to study the brain. The teeth would also be studied to help determine which species of beaked whale it is.

Kenny Thayer of the DPW instructs CHS students Brendon Barrett, 18, left; Prescott Busk, 18, second from left; Michelle Lemaire, 18, second from right; and Marissa Evans, 18, right, while they were helping with removing the beached beaked whale.

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A Salute to Sons of the American Legion

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National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Tom Wigmore, left, who holds the position until August, greets Andrew Newman, who is the candidate for national vice commander, during a special reception last Friday at the American Legion Post on Summer Street.

Past National Vice Commander Tom Smallcomb of Vestal, N.Y., chats with Andrew Newman, candidate for National Vice Commander, at the American Legion Post on Friday night. The weekend-long event celebrated the homecoming of National Vice Commander Tom Wigmore and introduced Newman to local legionnaires.

Andrew Newman makes a brief speech to the crowd at the Legion on Friday. The weekend also included breakfast, Eastern Region unofficial meeting, shopping and dinner, and a Sunday brunch.

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- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
- CWO2 Jeffery H. Brown, USN
- LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deploying March '06 Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

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Vanderweil - Starvish

Mr. and Mrs. Raimund G. Vanderweil Jr. of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley McMillan Vanderweil, to John Joseph Starvish III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Starvish Jr. of Concord, N.H.

The bride-to-be is an electrical engineer at R.G. Vanderweil Engineers, Boston. She graduated from Milton Academy and Brown University.

Her fiancé graduated from Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N.H., and St. Michael's College. He is a senior finance manager at Direct Capital Corp., Portsmouth, N.H.

A September wedding is planned.

Buckley - Schmitz

Gerard and Lynne Buckley, of Cohasset, announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice Eileen Buckley, to Ben Charles Schmitz, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Schmitz, of Springville, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Cohasset High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and a master's degree from Tufts University in Medford. She is employed as a school psychologist in Salem, N.H.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Springville Griffith Institute High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY-Binghamton, N.Y., and a master's degree from Ohio State University. He is a training coordinator with ESRI in Danvers.

An October, 2006 wedding is planned in Waitsfield, Vt.

The couple is residing in Portsmouth, N.H.

IT'S HAPPENING

BlueJay Café Coffeehouse

Young musicians from the South Shore will perform in the BlueJay Café Coffeehouse, Friday, April 7 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall. Guitar teacher Jim Armstrong, along with his two brothers, will provide the "back-up" music for the students who for one night will front the Armstrong Brothers Band.

Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children. Tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds from the coffeehouse will be split between the Second Congregational Church and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston.

Fishing lecture at Historical Society

Susan Playfair, author of "Vanishing Species, Saving the Fish, Sacrificing the Fisherman" (University Press of New England), will give a talk at the Cohasset Historical Society's Pratt Building, 106 South Main Street, on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Vanishing Species chronicles the fate of ground-fishing in New England waters since the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) of 1996. At risk are not only the fresh fish (cod, haddock, flounder and 11 other species) we take for granted, but the fishermen and their communities.

Playfair will draw on her extensive interviews with fishermen, fish dealers, politicians, restaurant managers, and environmentalists, contrasting the struggles to support sustainable fishing today with Cohasset's and other coastal towns' rich fishing heritage.

For more information, please contact the Cohasset Historical Society at (781) 383-1434.

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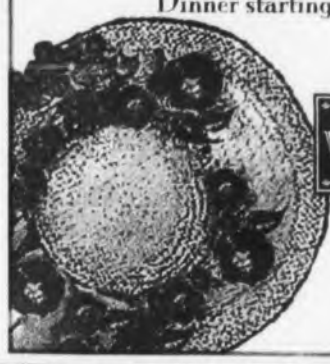
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Transit Oriented District OK'ed near new train station

Other zoning articles sail through

By Mary Ford
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It was a tale of two Town Meetings.

The morning session with its packed crowd of 641 registered voters was full of drama and emotion as attendees passed the budget and two supplemental budgets setting the stage for a historic override vote.

But the crowd for the afternoon session that got under way after the lunch break at about 2 p.m. had dwindled to a paltry 102, with even less hanging in there until last article of the day was presented.

However, with that being said – the afternoon session dealt with several weighty issues that could have a profound effect on Cohasset.

At the northern gateway to town, Cohasset could soon see a Transit Oriented Development, dubbed "TOD," which allows a high-density, mixed-used project on about 12 buildable acres around the Greenbush train station.

The zoning article, which easily won the necessary two-thirds vote to pass, sets the groundwork for a pedestrian- and commuter-friendly "center" that is in line with the state "Smart Growth" initiatives that discourages sprawl. The TOD also has the potential added benefit of having a positive effect on the town's tax base. Any development of the site through the TOD would go through the site plan review process that includes obtaining a special permit from the Planning Board.

The Economic Development Committee, whose principal goal is to create new commercial tax revenue, proposed the zoning change.

"The town will be well served by this development," EDC chairman Peter Brown told voters Saturday. He explained the timing of the zoning change is critical so any development could coincide with the MBTA construction of the train station itself.

Brown estimated when the TOD is fully developed it could bring in an additional $80,000 in annual tax revenue.

Some speakers expressed concern about the effect of the TOD on Cohasset Village, but Brown said one of the recommendations the EDC made to selectmen was to take a look at the business and residential environment in the village and to do everything they could to enhance that. He added the retailers in the downtown area have a different demographic focus than those along Route 3A.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt explained the development would be mixed-use, including a residential component of an estimated 16 one- and two-bedroom units, 10 percent of which would be affordable by state standards. The developer would also be required to provide a fiscal impact study, he said in response to the possibility of the units housing schoolchildren.

Jim Hamilton of King Street expressed concern about increased development of the area because of the poor site line along 3A as it curves to the right near Hingham Lumber.

But Planning Board member Mike Westcott said the MBTA would be widening 3A in the station area and has also committed to a traffic light at the station.

Off-street parking

Another "3A" zoning change that easily won the two-thirds majority will decrease the amount of parking required for commercial sites along the state highway. The EDC also proposed this article with an eye to generating more commercial tax revenue by encouraging more development.

Planning Board member Westcott asked voters when was the last time they'd seen the parking lot at Stop & Shop full. He explained Cohasset's parking requirement of 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet of building is twice that of any other town in the state. The zoning change would reduce that by half.

Westcott also pointed out that 3A is rated an "F" by the state in terms of traffic and that the Planning Board would be working on that issue with efforts that include properly synchronizing the stop lights along the highway.

He said the parking change could provide upwards of $200,000 in additional tax revenue "without meaningful change to the town's character."

Pratt also pointed out that whatever development is proposed along 3A would still have to come before the Planning Board for site plan review.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Sullivan Gymnasium had a distinctly empty feel after the budget article passed. About 100 voters (down from 641) returned after lunch. [This photo was taken before the lunch break and shortly after Article 3 won approval.]

"The town will be well served by this development."
— Peter Brown, Economic Development Committee

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore warned, however, the zoning change was not as good as it appeared. He explained the board has in the past used the parking requirement as leverage to get the developer to provide more green space. He also said the bylaw would not be creating any more green space but would instead be opening the door to more development. "You'll be getting more buildings and less parking," he said.

But Tom Callahan of Hillside Drive won applause when he responded by saying building space is taxable and the parking lot is not.

Brown of the EDC said the reduction in parking and accompanying development shouldn't lead to "unintended consequences" but rather, it was incumbent on the town to take advantage of the potential to create more revenue.

Chuck Hurd of Jerusalem Road Drive asked for voters to give the article unanimous consent, noting the town needed to add to its tax base.

The afternoon session also tackled:

- Requiring multi-family developments of five or more units or apartment complexes to provide affordable units as part of the overall project. This bylaw would help the town to comply with 40B, the state affordable housing law, which requires municipalities to have at least 10 percent of its housing stock deemed affordable by state standards. Proponents said once the town meets the 10 percent benchmark, the inclusionary bylaw would keep the town from sliding back under the 10 percent.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy argued the bylaw would not answer the real housing issue in Cohasset, which is moderately priced housing – the kind that is provided through cluster zoning developments like Pond Street and Wheelwright Park. He said by requiring developers to provide affordable units, the price of the remaining units is driven up. "You don't get something for nothing," he said. "This pushes the market rate upward and increases the gap (between the high end and moderate priced housing). But Tom Callahan of Hillside Drive described the article as a "no-brainer" pointing out that other towns have adopted inclusionary bylaws. "It's foolish to step back under compliance," he said about the 10 percent requirement under 40B rules.

- Reduced the amount of interest from 8 percent to 4 percent on deferred property taxes for senior citizens who meet income requirements. Sam Wakeman of the Advisory Committee said, "anything that can be done to help senior citizens afford to live in this town is a positive move." Town Meeting also voted to allow Assessors to increase real estate tax exemptions to qualifying homeowners. Merle Brown of the Advisory Committee said, "It is important to help those in town who are struggling to pay their taxes."
- Voted to pay $5,671.12 to reimburse the owner of Olympic Citgo in the village for half the expenses he incurred for legal, engineering and appraisal services associated with negotiations with the town over the part of James Lane he owned that runs between the Red Lion Inn and the gas station. Two years ago Town Meeting approved allocating $64,200 to pay for a strip of land that belonged to the Citgo station and was paved over as part of the travel

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way. Selectman Michael Sullivan said the Citgo owner claimed the town had made a commitment early on to incorporate expenses into the payment. He said selectmen felt it was appropriate to split that cost. The matter passed by the needed majority vote of 64-32. Jim Hamilton of King Street noted the "verbal" agreement over the expenses was one of the legacies left by the former Town Manager (Mark Haddad).

• Voted to "sunset" the Senior Multi-Family Residential Overlay District (SMROD) by removing it from the zoning bylaw with one exemption, the town-sponsored Cook Estate.

• Approved two Water Commission articles that will allow the Water Commission to continue to acquire land to protect the watershed and to allow the selectmen to grant additional easement width to National Grid for power lines that cross land acquired in the Brass Kettle Brook conservation area.

• OK'ed allowing the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal, mutual aid agreement with other towns for a period of 25 years or less.

• Approved a solicitation bylaw requiring commercial door-to-door solicitors to register with the police department, which would conduct a background check on the individual(s).

Organist to perform at St. Stephen's April 9

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting organist David Ogletree in recital at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9. Ogletree has served as the Artist in Residence at the Hammond Castle Museum in Gloucester for seven years, and has performed on numerous radio broadcasts. The varied program for the April 9 concert will be performed on the 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement.

The church is at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

David Ogletree plays at St. Stephen's on Palm Sunday.

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Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Patricia Sheerin
After
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When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

To get a free copy of the official guide (only 37 are available, so fast action is necessary), and hear more dramatic stories of Cohasset residents transforming their health and fitness from average to extraordinary call the 24-hour free recorded message at 1.800.377.9817

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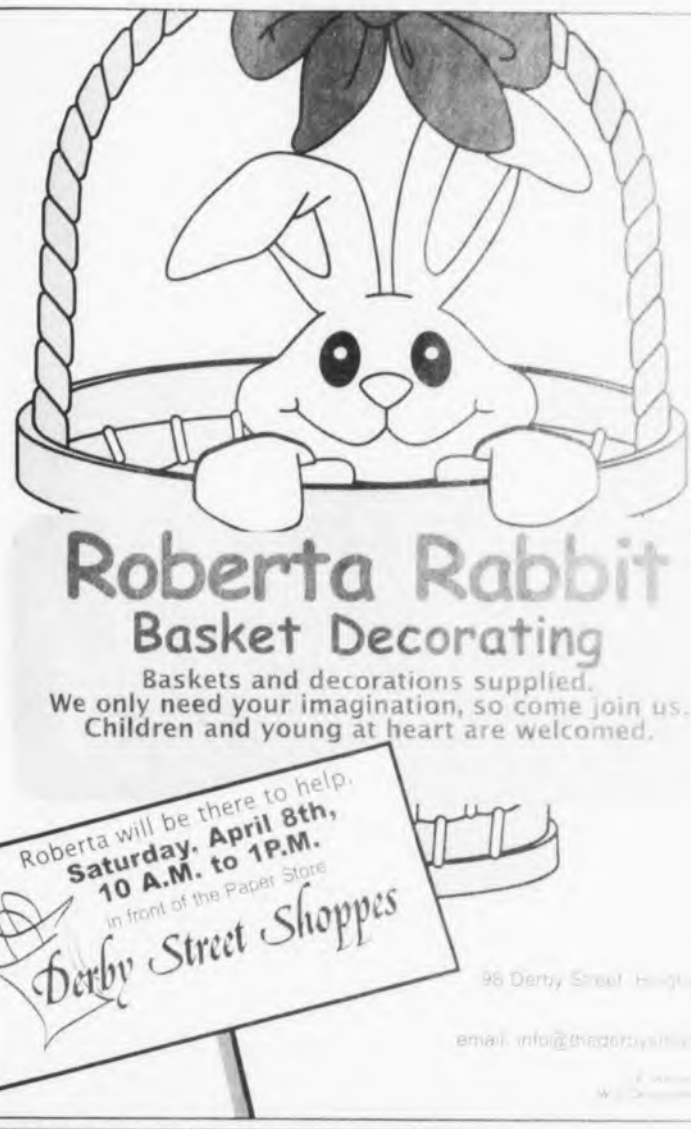


Hop till you drop.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Take a bow, 100

Those who stayed at Saturday's Town Meeting to the end are not happy with the throngs of voters, mostly parents, who decided they had better things to do and left once the budget article passed.

However, with that being said, there were a handful of young parents who did stay through to the TOD article that was taken up in the afternoon session and should help increase commercial tax revenue in town.

Mass exits after voting school issues is nothing new. As long as we have been covering Cohasset that has always been the case and it is unlikely to change. We will not make excuses for those who choose to leave after their issue is tackled but we are fairly sure it had a lot to do with the fine weather, youth sports and other family commitments.

But the fact remains the "real" Town Meeting crowd numbered around 100 – and they are the same 100 with a few exceptions who attend every Town Meeting and vote on every issue.

These are the real heroes; these are the people that think even the most mundane zoning article deserves their attention.

Open Town Meeting is Cohasset's legislative body. Other, mostly larger towns, have opted for representative Town Meeting meaning that townspeople elect a representative to speak for them at Town Meeting. Braintree had that form of government and this week has gone a step further, deciding on a mayor and city council, doing away with Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen.

We think Cohasset is a long way from taking that step. Cohasset is a fraction of the size of Braintree and Weymouth, which changed to the mayoral form of government a few years back.

But, nevertheless, Open Town Meeting is fragile and could disappear even in Cohasset if fewer and fewer diehards show up every year and stick it out until all the articles are voted.

We want to applaud the 100 governmental groupies who stayed through thick and thin on Saturday. We think they made good decisions including passing the innovative Transit Oriented District zoning article which could transform the northern "gateway" to Cohasset and help increase commercial tax revenue.

But when Town Meeting rolls around again, could you bring a neighbor or a friend? Maybe a young person who just reached voting age could be convinced to tag along?

In the meantime, the 100 – and we know who you are – should pat themselves on the back. Throughout history, it has always been the dedicated few who have made all the difference and we count you among them. Cohasset owes you a debt of gratitude.

MEETINGS

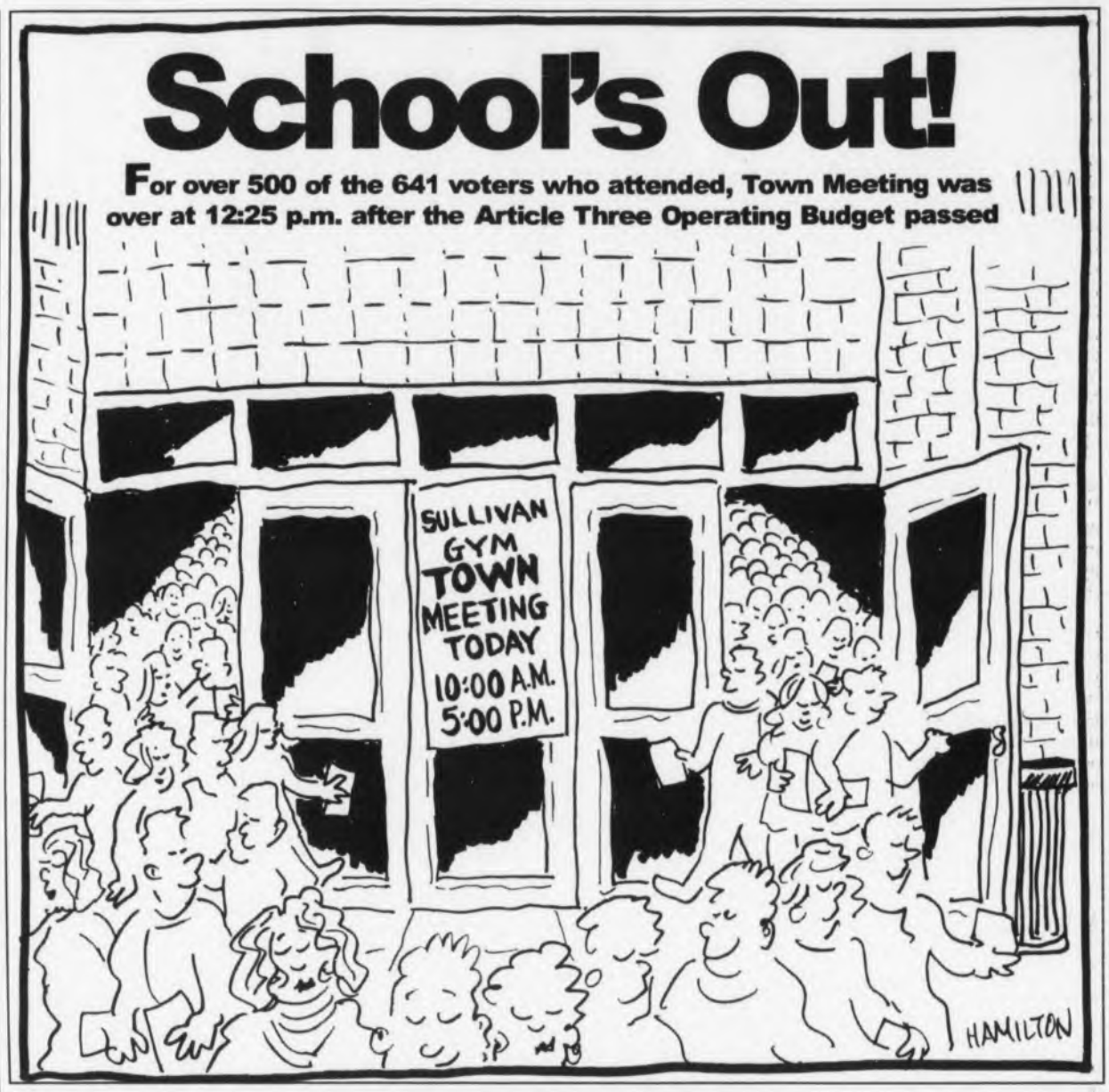
The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Beechwood Ball Park Committee, 7 p.m., April 12
Board of Health, 7 p.m., April 10
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m. April 13
Council on Elder Affairs, 9:30 a.m., April, 10, 3 N. Main St.
Deer Hill School Council, 2:30 p.m., April 6, at Deer Hill
Harbor Health Committee, 7 p.m., April 11
Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., April 10
Library Trustees, 6 p.m., April 12 at the library.
Osgood School Council, April 11, May 9, 3:30 p.m., Osgood Conference Room.
Planning Board, April 12, 7 p.m.
School Committee, 6:30 p.m., March 30 at the high school.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., April 10.
Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., April 10
Town Meeting, 9 a.m., April 1 at the high school.
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., April 10

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bring articles up in random order

TO THE EDITOR:

Seeing as Cohasset has been the set for movies (Witches of Eastwick, & Housesitter), as well as the backdrop for various advertisements, someone attending Town Meeting last Saturday may well have thought they were witnessing a re-make of Exodus. As soon as Article 3 passed, there was a mass evacuation of people. It was a fairly shameful exhibit, in my opinion. Packing Town Meeting has become an art form it seems. We hear from people who are pro-override about how important it is to preserve the "character" of Cohasset, yet it seems that it's not important enough to give up a day to attend to Town business.

Articles 4, 8, 11, & 12 - 20 were all articles that will impact the quality of life here in Cohasset, yet there was barely a quorum in attendance for them.

I would like to see the articles in Town Meeting to not be pre-assigned, but brought up in a random order. I believe there was a meeting where there was a lottery to determine which article was to be discussed. We should explore that system for future Town Meetings. If you are truly interested in an article you would have to attend the meeting, or at least watch it on the local cable channel. I know people will still come in for the articles that interest them, but maybe it may cause some people to block off the day and attend.

Every year you see pretty much the same crowd come to, and stay for the entire meeting.

Preserving the character of Cohasset is something we all are interested in. It's not asking a lot to give up a day to do your part.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Town Meeting babysitting service praised

TO THE EDITOR:

We, along with many parents in Cohasset, wish to thank the volunteers who provided care for our children during Town Meeting on April 1. Students and staff came together under the organization of teacher David Ames at the High School. Carriage House Nursery School Director Georgiana Gladdys generously opened their doors to its regular families. Thanks, also, to the countless babysitters who gave their time to allow parents to attend Town Meeting.

With our preschooler at Carriage House and our eight-year-old at the High School last Saturday, we state with confidence that both organizations did an outstanding job providing a fun and safe environment at *no cost* for our children. We encourage more families to consider using these services, and also hope that other local childcare providers will consider opening their doors to the children of Cohasset during future Town Meetings.

While no childcare plans are necessary on April 8 or on May 6, your VOTE is critical. Completing the ballot takes only minutes and parents can "take turns" at Town Hall. It is your right and your responsibility to gather the information needed and to voice your opinions. Please VOTE on April 8 (elections) and VOTE AGAIN on May 6 (budget override) to voice your support for Cohasset.

NOTE: The registration deadline to vote on May 6 is Friday, April 14. Forms are available at Town Hall.

Jim and Jennifer Durkin
40 Hill St.

Appalled by term

TO THE EDITOR:

I applaud the choice by the five male members of the Cohasset Harbor Committee of Lorren Gibbons to be responsible for all boating activities on Cohasset Harbor.

I am appalled that the female reporter and female editor allowed the term Harbor "Master" to be used several times in the article announcing Lorren's appointment. Shame on them!

Claire Chase
39 Nichols Road

'Disappointed' in response from School Committee

TO THE EDITOR:

Two weeks ago, the Cohasset Mariner published a commentary from me about the disappointing scores our students are achieving on the MCAS tests. The results have been particularly weak in our Science department and fourth grade. The Mathematics scores were also below our peer groups. Last year our students showed poor results relative to benchmark towns in five of the ten tests. Our students are not being well prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.

Last week, the School Committee responded to my commentary with a lengthy laundry list of spending proposals. I was disappointed that the response did not directly address the deficiencies I had noted. Such spending proposals as health educators, custodians and an athletic trainer as well as contractual obligations, while possibly worthwhile for the school system, do not address serious academic shortcomings. Book replacement may be necessary from an esthetic standpoint (I believe that students should not have to work with dilapidated books). However, since almost all the information in the old books will also be in the new books, the replacement of old books will not contribute much to improved the academic results. Exceptions, of course, are the new books related to necessary curriculum reform and new books for new subjects.

In their response, the committee repeatedly emphasized that they listened to the teachers in drawing up the new budget. However, the committee only discussed the greater spending requested by the teachers.

In the video presented at Town Meeting by the administration, we heard one of the school principals state that the mission of the schools is to teach to the tests since the tests measure what the students should know. However, neither the committee nor the administration discussed what the teachers are doing in the classroom to improve test results. Throwing more money at the problem without reforming the process will not lead to progress. Cohasset voters have learned that lesson many times in the past. We surely hope that the teachers and the administrators are energetically working to help our students improve the test results. It would be helpful if the teachers and administrators would communicate their action steps to the public.

I hope that any of our teachers would give a poor grade to a paper that failed to address the issues raised while dodging the discussion with smoke and mirrors. Such is the response from the School Committee to my commentary. This episode indicates that it is time for some new thinking on the committee.

Paul Carlson
18 Old Coach Road

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Pond/Spring corner to change with train

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

This past week has been a week with a lot of behind the scenes work, but very little activity visible from a distance. So, we'll give you a brief description of the stuff you can't see. Sohier Street crossing continues to progress. The new culvert is in place and currently is carrying the flow of James Brook under Sohier Street and the railroad tracks. Several utility poles need to be relocated to conform to the new design for this area. Since some of these pole relocations involve Town property, bylaws require that a "Pole Hearing" be held. This should take place at this week's Selectmen's Meeting. Some grading has been done to accommodate a new sidewalk that will be constructed alongside of the Pratt Library on the South side of Sohier Street. You may notice that the fence beside the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has been moved to accommodate this new sidewalk. The schedule for the completion of Sohier Street crossing remains early May.

Pleasant Street crossing is still waiting for the asphalt to be delivered so construction can continue. We understand that some of the asphalt plants are now open, but the poor weather forecast for the middle of this week caused them to close temporarily. Once the asphalt is laid the crossing construction should move smoothly toward completion.

The oft promised start of blasting for reconfiguration of the Spring Street/Pond Street intersection is still promised to start "tomorrow." The equipment you saw previously in this area belonged to the Water Department. Now, you should be seeing different equipment which belongs to Cashman Balfour Beatty as their subcontractors begin work on reconfiguring this intersection. The initial work, we are told, should not require closing either Pond Street or Cushing Road, since the early construction will be off of the road surfaces.

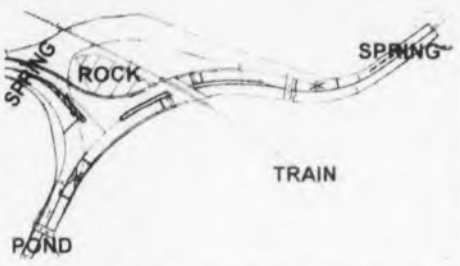
New Pond/Spring Intersection

We've been asked a number of times about what the Pond/Spring street intersection will look like after the train construction is complete. This area changes so dramatically, it is very tough to describe it over the phone. Above is our feeble attempt to give a picture of what it will look like. To understand the new configuration, first locate the large rock, called Sunset Rock, in the above diagram. For the sake of brevity, Sunset Rock is called "ROCK." Spring Street, coming from the Village will meet Pond Street. There will be a STOP sign here for Spring Street traffic. Pond Street will turn to the right side of Sunset Rock as it goes downhill, crosses the railroad tracks and blends into Spring Street going toward South Main Street.

Today, you proceed down Pond Street toward the Village to the left of Sunset Rock. Tomorrow, you will go to the right of the rock. This configuration eliminates Sunset Rock obscuring motorist's vision at the crossing. It also eliminates a crossing with three gates which would be required with the present road configuration.

This coming week the Town's contractor, Northern Construction returns to town to resume the Village Revitalization work. The first order of business will be to complete the replacement of the underground storm drainage network. This will involve construction in front of French Memories, on North Main Street, in front of the South Shore Community Center at the Southern edge of the Common and at the corner of Ripley Road and Depot Court.

The ledge removal at the base of St. Stephen's will also be completed. We have been asked by several residents if the rock face that was left behind when



An illustration of the new Pond/Spring streets intersection.

work was suspended in December will be what we will see when the ledge removal is completed. The question was prompted by the fact that there were visible vertical drill marks in the face of the new surface. This appearance is only temporary. When the ledge removal is completed the contractor must leave the ledge with a natural appearing face.

After the underground work and ledge removal are complete the contractor will begin work replacing the streets, curb and sidewalk. We'll let you know more about this later.

One last thought... Please don't forget to patronize our merchants in the Village during Revitalization. It may be a bit more difficult to park and get to them, but they value your business. Your patronage will help them survive this difficult construction period.

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'Surprises sprouting from beneath the leaves'

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

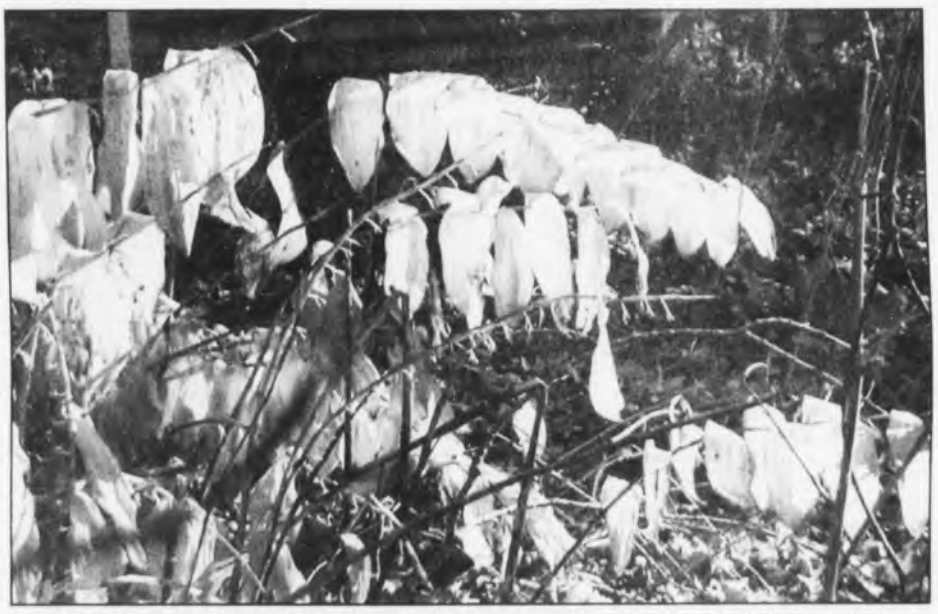
When I was a boy growing up in the 50s I learned from my father what to do with the grounds around our house. We had some ornamental shrubs near the foundation, then an expanse of lawn. There were some fruit trees at the far edge of the lawn: peach, apple, quince, and plum. Off in one corner was my father's vegetable garden. As soon as I was old enough, one of my chores was to mow the lawn, the endlessly boring lawn. What drudgery!

It was an unusual house, designed by an architect named Chester Long. The ground floor was a combination gas station and general store. The upstairs was essentially a three-bedroom suburban home. Chester designed a window box along the entire second story façade. Every springtime my father would drive our Chevy station wagon to a nursery and fill it with flats of annuals: petunias, pansies, marigolds and geraniums. Then he'd stand on a ladder up at the window box, and his helper would toss up the clay-potted flowers. Dad would catch the pot, transplant the flower to the window box, then drop the pot to be caught below. The chance of missing a catch and smashing a pot added a masculine edge to the process.

Dad also had a 100-foot long bed of tulips bordering one side of the driveway. Every spring hundreds of colorful tulips appeared. My father loved planting things, getting his hands in rich dark soil, enjoying the beauty of flowers and the matchless taste of homegrown tomatoes. These are things I learned from him. It sounds all good. But 50 years later I've come to see how one concept underlies what I was taught: *total control over Nature.*

In 1990 my former wife and I bought a property on the South Shore. I began to replicate what I had learned from my father. I bought a lawn mower and mowed the lawn once a week. I sowed grass seed in the thin spots. I bought tulips and daffodils and laid out planting beds. In the springtime we burned the twigs and branches downed by winter winds. We visited nurseries and brought home ivies and grape muscari. In the autumn I raked the leaves, the seemingly endless leaves, off the lawn.

Then we began building an addition. Backhoes and bobcats tore up the lawn. I planned more construction the following summer, so it was pointless



Jim Shipky's untended grounds have brought him beauty and surprise, like the Solomon's Seal shown here.

to repair the lawn or rake the leaves. But after some weeks I thought maybe some grass would survive if I removed the leaves. As I raked I noticed the soil under the dry, crunchy leaves was black and moist, even wet in some spots. Abundant earthworms wriggled away from the sudden sunlight. I began having second thoughts about whether I was improving matters or stopping a healthy process of soil enrichment. What was I doing?

My construction project encountered some delays. Year's worth. And every autumn I found myself raking fewer leaves and allowing Nature to care for more of the grounds. The amount of remaining lawn became so small that I switched from a noisy gasoline engine mower to an almost-silent old-fashioned push model.

Each spring and summer new surprises sprouted from beneath the leaves. Violets and blue ground ivy appeared, carpeting the ground, needing no mowing. Purple henbit emerged; yellow celandine blossomed a few weeks later with lovely delicate petals. Pink dame's violet and lavender smartweed popped up in front of my studio. Wild geranium, my favorite, rose from my unraked leaves. My well-tended lawn had offered only the same boring grass year after year. My untended grounds brought me beauty and surprise.

I heard about the National Wildlife Federation's backyard habitat program, and stopped burning twigs and branches, creating a brush pile instead. Now the air we breathe is a tiny bit cleaner, and I have wrens, some burrowing creatures, moles or voles or shrews, in residence. This morning a flock of robins visited, feasting on earthworms beneath last autumn's leaves. I can hardly wait to see what wildflowers will be this summer's gift.

My yard is out of control. At least out of my control. I'm so much happier now. My lawn mower no longer adds to global warming. My brush burning no longer adds smoke to the smog. I never know what plants and wildlife will visit me. When I was in control, I was doing more harm than good. Now I'm thinking what I've learned on this half-acre lot is an important metaphor for how humanity might stop harming this beautiful planet Earth.

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Impeach Scalia

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

"I can't understand it."

"What can't you understand, my love?"

"I can't understand why that man is still on the Supreme Court."

"Which man?"

"Antonin Scalia, that man."

"Scalia, eh. He's the one that went hunting with Dick Cheney and came back alive, isn't he? I'll admit he's 70 years old but he looks in fine shape to me. Why should he retire?"

"I don't mean retire. I mean he should be impeached."

"Impeached! What did he do, have sex with an intern in his office?"

"No, that was Bill Clinton's impeachable offense."

"Well, what did Scalia do to be impeached?"

"He made an obscene gesture in church."

"What did he do?"

"He put his fingers underneath his chin and flicked them."

"What does it mean?"

"I don't know. He says it was Sicilian."

"Who says it was an obscenity, then?"

"Joseph Gannascoli does."

"Impeached! What did he do, have sex with an intern in his office?"

"Joseph who?"

"Gannascoli. You know, he's the one that Meadow's boy friend interrupted having sex with the other man in the car on The Sopranos. He said, "It's an obscenity. It's something you would do after paying your bookie, to your bookie, but not something you would do in church."

"That's pretty thin evidence to impeach a Supreme Court justice on, don't you think?"

"He swore in church, too."

"Oh, what did he say?"

"I don't know. That was in Italian, too. But it was a swear word."

"Which one of the Sopranos told you that?"

"The photographer who snapped the picture of him making the gesture said so."

"There's a picture, eh. What does it show?"

"It shows Scalia smiling with his hand under his chin. I saw it in the Herald. The photographer got fired."

"That's outrageous. Did he work for the Herald for a long time?"

"Actually he was working for the Pilot, the Catholic newspaper."

"That's still awful. Does he have a wife and kids? What will he do now?"

"Oh, he has another job. He's a journalism professor at BU. He was a freelance photographer on assignment for the Pilot. They fired him for giving the picture to the Herald."

"How do you fire a freelancer? Maybe they're just not going to hire him anymore."

"Whatever. But I gotta go now."

"Where are you going?"

"I gotta see what CNN and Fox and MSNBC have to say about it."

HEALTH NOTES

Earth Day clean up for Cohasset

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Saturday April 8th (rain date April 29th) the Board of Health is supporting the celebration of Earth Day by the Girl Scouts and citizen volunteers who will be helping to clean up Cohasset. Join your neighbors and friends in helping to clear away the winter's debris from our streets and special places during Cohasset's First Annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup

Volunteers Needed!

Help celebrate Earth Day and the beauty of our town.

Meet at Town Hall at 2:30 pm where a limited number of Board of Health Earth Day t-shirts will be available.

The town will provide garbage bags. Please bring thick work gloves!

Questions? Call Alison Callahan (383-1081) or Bill Burnett (383-3499)

More on Lyme Disease

Last week, we talked about protecting yourself from ticks, which carry illnesses such as Lyme disease. The article indicated that the disease came from a tick; true, but only indirectly. Knowing how ticks transmit this dangerous disease is an important step in learning to avoid it. Lyme disease was named in 1977 when arthritis was observed in a cluster of children in and around Lyme, Conn. Other clinical symptoms and environmental conditions suggested that this was an infectious disease probably transmitted by a bug (the report called it an arthropod). Further investigation revealed that Lyme disease is caused by bacteria. These bacteria are transmitted to humans by the bite of infected Deer Ticks.(the bug in question) and cause more than 16,000 infections in the United States each year.

Lyme disease, if left undiagnosed and untreated, is likely to have very

Black legged or Deer Tick, which can transmit Lyme disease, at four stages of development.

harmful long term health effects such as meningitis, facial palsy, heart trouble, swelling and pain in large joints and chronic arthritis. Some forms of lyme disease are treatment resistant.

The picture shows a black legged or Deer Tick, the culprit in transmission of Lyme disease, at four stages in its development: (from left to right) adult female, adult male, nymph, and larva on a centimeter scale.

The recent explosive repopulation of whitetail deer has been linked to the spread of Lyme disease in New England. Deer serve as the maintenance hosts for deer ticks which produce larva (the tick at the right) that grow into nymphs and drop off the deer to find smaller hosts such as mice, voles, chipmunks, squirrels, etc.

Deer ticks are much smaller than common dog and cattle ticks. In their larval and nymphal stages, they are no bigger than a pinhead. Ticks feed by inserting their mouths into the skin of a host and slowly take in blood. They are most likely to transmit infection after feeding for two or more days. It is therefore important to conduct a thorough inspection of clothes and body after visiting sites likely to be inhabited by small wild animals, rodents, etc. Remove the tick and disinfect the site of any tick bite as soon as possible.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Election results shown live!

Join Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin starting at 6p.m. on Channel 10 live from Cohasset Town Hall for the election results.

The crew from Our Town will begin broadcasting right after the polls close and continue until winners are sworn into office. Tune in Cohasset and catch the election excitement live.

Remember during this election season to stay tuned Cohasset and Stay Informed!.

In the weeks ahead, Our Town plans "override" shows with guests representing all sides of the issue.

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Budget sparks fiery debate on Town Meeting floor

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the override issue made their viewpoints known. Town officials, members of the school department, and roughly 10 residents made a case for the funding amount they believe will best serve the town. The school department also presented a video which included interviews with school building principals and other staff members outlining how funding affects the schools. The video ended with a montage of close-up shots of the faces of Cohasset students from kindergarten through high school.

Standing squarely facing the microphone Paul Antico, 124 Atlantic Ave., an override proponent, attacked the town side of the budget. As a self-described "finance guy," he objected to passing the municipal budget as one budget. If he had had his druthers, only the school budget would pass because, in his view, the town is grossly mismanaging its funds.

Antico told the crowd the school budget makes up 40 percent of the overall town budget, and considering the increases on the town's side, it should be given more. However, later Selectman Michael Sullivan corrected Antico's statement explaining schools actually make up 60 percent of the town's budget. The cost of school building and field maintenance, health insurance, life insurance, property insurance, workers comp., Medicare taxes, unemployment, pensions, debt service and retired teachers health insurance are all on the town side of the ledger.

Antico also said due to the increases in the town's budget, he does not see the schools as being the problem when it comes to spending and then suggested the town's inability to stick to a budget coupled with the debt the town carries, has caused the need for repeated overrides. He said it is that kind of fiscal irresponsibility which has led to the town having roughly 20 overrides over the past 18 years.

"We didn't pass an override last year not because we didn't have the money, it was because we were sending a message," to the town, he said. A $400,000 override was proposed at last year's Annual Town Meeting, of which 100 percent would have been spent on the schools. The override passed at Town Meeting but was subsequently voted down at the ballot box.

"It is completely disingenuous for people to be dissecting the school budget."

— Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St.

However, Town Manager Bill Griffin said when examining the budget, Antico had been looking at the money requested by each department, not the number which was recommended for inclusion in the budget. Examples of increased spending Antico used were not correct, Griffin said.

Griffin also pointed out the reason the town has debt is because Town Meeting has voted its approval for many projects it wants to see completed. Debt exclusion overrides must be approved by a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting. "To characterize the amount of debt service as mismanagement is very unfair," said Griffin.

Sullivan said it is important for residents to participate in the overall budget process as it is taking place, rather than make accusations at the last minute on the floor of Town Meeting. "Were you even at any of the meetings?" asked Sullivan. Moderator Evans then asked Sullivan to address only the crowd and not Antico directly.

Former School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts, 9 Jerusalem Road Drive, also spoke in support of the schools. She said there is a serious revenue problem in town, and residents should lobby the state to restore funding which has been drastically cut. "We are trying to build a better community," she said, but without the revenue, the schools have been forced to charge fees and cannot properly fund its programs.

Override opposition

While Antico and other pro-override voters support the school budget, Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., said every year, voters return to Town Meeting to find the schools are asking for more and more money. "When will we see responsibility and accountability?" he asked.

Fitzsimmons said Cohasset students have not done well on their MCAS tests, especially in math and science, and essentially blamed it on the teaching staff at the schools. He noted the School Committee had just settled a contract with the teacher's union and said teacher salaries should not increase. "If the MCAS scores are low, why are they giving them (teachers) a raise?" he said, which caused a stir in the audience, especially in the non-voting section of bleachers where many teachers sat.

Infuriated, Tebbetts, who had been waiting her turn to speak at the microphone, could not wait any longer and interrupted Fitzsimmons. However, Evans reminded Tebbetts that Fitzsimmons has the right to speak, and she would have to wait her turn.

Fitzsimmons also questioned the whereabouts of $205,000 in grant money, given to the school department from the state. In October, the school department announced it had been awarded a state Foundation Reserve Award, dubbed "pothole program" funds. Cohasset applied for the grant and was one of four communities to receive funding. The awards are given based on significant reductions in state aid. "What has that been spent on and can it be considered for reducing the budget this year?" asked Fitzsimmons.

He then made a motion to reduce the school budget by $655,000 as well as whatever the figure would be for the cost of living salary increases for teachers. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh explained there was roughly $238,000 set aside for a cost of living increase and Fitzsimmons then made a motion to reduce the school department's $13 million bottom line budget by $893,000, to the amount of $11,821,714.

Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., said Fitzsimmons' motion was uncalled for. "It is completely disingenuous for people to be dissecting the school budget," when it was gone over thoroughly prior to Town Meeting, she said.

Richard Perkinson, 274 King St., agreed, and said in his opinion, it was highly inappropriate for hundreds of thousands of dollars to be put on the chopping block minutes before taking a vote. "We are voting for the privilege to take a vote. Let the town decide what we should be doing," he said, as voters would only be allowing the overrides to make it to a Special Election for a second vote if they pass the budget at Town Meeting.

However, Lynn Eisenhauer, 19 Hobart Lane, said Walsh had not answered one of the questions posed by Fitzsimmons. "I would like to hear the truth. Where did the money go?" she asked, referring to the grant money the schools received in October.

Walsh replied the grant money has not yet been spent. "Our goal is to return without any unpaid bills," to the fall Special Town Meeting, she said. Walsh added the school department has been looking at the possibility of purchasing an emergency generator for the Osgood School. "We're looking at projects which are safety issues," she said.

A vote was taken on Fitzsimmon's amendment, and a loud and strong "no" vote indicated defeat by the majority. The main motion carried by a majority vote. Voters will head to the ballot box May 6 to take a second vote on the override figures. *(See related story).*

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jean Patterson peeks in between those who were standing in a crowd at the back of the Sullivan Gymnasium during Saturday's Annual Town Meeting, to gain a better view of the video shown by the school department during debate on Article 3.

STAFF PHOTOS / ROBIN CHAN

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh speaks to questions posed by resident Roy Fitzsimmons regarding the stipulations of a newly ratified teachers' contract. Soon after, Fitzsimmons made a motion to reduce the school budget by $893,000.

Voters OK spending preservation funds

All seven funding recommendations brought forward by the Community Preservation Committee in Article 4, were passed at Town Meeting Saturday with relatively little discussion. The article was one of 24 taken up Saturday, April 1 at the Annual Town Meeting.

• Recommendation A, which allocated $58,900 each to the historical resources sub-account, the open space sub-account, and the community housing sub-account, required a majority vote, and it passed unanimously.

• A recommendation to allocate $10,000 for making improvements to the Harborview Apartments, located at 60 Elm Street, required a majority vote, and it was adopted by a majority. There was some discussion, however, due to the fact that the state is supposed to be responsible for the apartments, and the town has continuously picked up the tab for projects.

Andrew Quigley, 38 Jerusalem Road, questioned whether the town should be putting its money toward a project that should be maintained by the state, when there are many other affordable housing initiatives it could be pursuing.

Advisory Committee member Tucker Glavin pointed out the state has not walked away from the apartments, and splits the maintenance costs 60/40, with the town shouldering the smaller portion. "The state is still very much involved and at the end of the day, these are residents of Cohasset we're taking care of," he said.

• Recommendation C allocated $8,000 to restore the entrance doors to the antique portion of Town Hall. It required a majority vote, and it passed unanimously.

• Recommendation D allocated $60,000 to help cover the expenses associated with building a new veterans monument at Veterans Park in the harbor. It required a majority vote, and it passed unanimously.

• Recommendation E allocated $300,000 to make improvements to the Beechwood Ballpark. It required a majority vote, and it passed unanimously.

• Recommendation F allocated $120,000 to the Board of Water Commissioners, to allow it to purchase land and continue its mission of protecting the town's water supply. It required a two-thirds vote, and it passed unanimously.

• Recommendation G allocated $80,000 to refurbish the Historical Society's Wilson House and Maritime Museum. It required a 2/3 vote, and it passed unanimously.

Michelle Karalekas points out to her husband, Jim, the changes that would be made to the Beechwood Ballpark with Town Meeting's approval to allocate Community Preservation funds. The couple has two boys, ages 3 and 5, and were excited to hear of the improvements, as the ballpark is in their neighborhood.

Garage bill will be paid

Town Meeting unanimously approved Article 5 which allocated $450 to Robbins Garage. Selectman Gary Vanderweil explained the bill had been received at the police department and was really for the fire department (or vice versa) and by the time the bill ended up in the right department, it was a new fiscal year. Town Meeting must approve payment of all bills from prior fiscal years, which is why the bill came before the town.

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Teachers' new contract spelled out

By Samantha Brown
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After nearly 18 months, negotiations are over. The Cohasset Teachers Association and School Committee have agreed on a contract for the 2005-2006 school year, as well as a three-year contract for 2006-2009.

The CTA unanimously voted to approve the contract at a meeting held Wednesday, March 29. In turn, the School Committee voted to accept it at a meeting scheduled specifically for the vote, Thursday, March 30. Town Manager Bill Griffin, as a representative of general government, also voted on the contract with the School Committee. A number of years ago, the Legislature adopted a law allowing a representative of general government to serve on the negotiating team and vote on school contracts.

"We are very proud of the contract," said Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh, adding she feels it meets the needs of both the staff and students. Teachers would take a zero percent increase for this school year, but would see 3 percent increases in September of 2006, 2007, and 2008, as well as a 1 percent increase in Feb. 1, 2009.

Teachers have been working without a contract since Aug. 31, 2005. The new one-year contract will apply to this school year. It has a restructured salary schedule which will raise minimums and maximums to be more competitive with comparative school districts and to make step and column increases more equitable for all, officials said.

A new double master's degree/doctorate column has also been added which is 3 percent higher than the current highest column.

There will be a tuition reimbursement district-wide cap of $45,000 including fees and expenses. Teachers must also notify the administration by April 15 of anticipated column changes for next fiscal year for budgeting purposes. Paperwork that demonstrates adequate completion of a course must be submitted by June 1 for a Sept. 1 column change and by Nov. 1 for a Jan. 31 column change.

The contract says the district will not conduct CORI checks for individual employees more than once every three years without cause. One copy of the report will be kept in the superintendent's office in a locked file cabinet separate from personnel file. An employee will be notified when a CORI report has been requested and will receive a copy of the report upon request.

The Gay Straight Alliance advisor, high school jazz ensemble advisor, pep band advisor, National Honor Society advisor, and specialist team leader positions will all receive stipends.

The salaries of Department of Education certified nurses will increase from $29,173 to $32,173. The school department has also agreed to allow input from the Teachers' Association when developing the school calendar.

Department heads shall now be responsible for grades six through 12 as a result of the new middle school/high school configuration.

Teachers and nurses will also be reimbursed for the purchase of individual items for educational or for other purposes with prior approval from the administration.

An equal number of representatives from each grade level will work with the director of curriculum and professional development to make recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year for scheduling and content of professional development days for teachers and nurses.

Beginning in September 2006, all teachers will receive a 3 percent cost of living increase. The tuition reimbursement district-wide cap will be increased to $50,000 including fees and expenses. Nurses' salaries will be increased from $32,173 to $35,173.

The start and end times of the school day will be revised. Teachers and students will begin their day at the middle-high school at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. At Deer Hill, teachers will begin their day at 8:20 a.m. and will end at 2:40 p.m. Student instructional time will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. At Osgood, teachers will begin their day at 9 a.m. and end at 3:20. Student instructional time will begin at 9:10 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m.

For the duration of the 2006 agreement, elementary school teachers will not be required to instruct students for more than 6 hours as a result of adding 20 minutes to their day. During the additional 20 minutes, all teachers may be responsible for receiving students upon arrival, which may include homeroom responsibilities as assigned, and for assisting with their safe dismissal.

Teachers will also be guaranteed 40 consecutive minutes of preparation time each day, versus the average of 45 minutes of preparation time per day during each week. Classroom teachers will receive a guaranteed 60 consecutive minutes every week for common planning time with grade level. Specialists will receive a guaranteed 60 minutes, which may or may not be consecutive.

One half-day will be added for teachers to use for common planning, working toward professional development points, curriculum design, and study groups of two or more, subject to approval of principal and curriculum coordinator.

In September 2007, teachers will receive another 3 percent raise. The salaries for certified nurses will increase from $35,173 to $38,173. There will be an increase from one half-day to one full day for teachers to use for common planning, working toward PDPs, etc. The tuition reimbursement cap will be increased to $52,500.

In September 2008, teachers will again receive a 3 percent raise. The district-wide tuition reimbursement cap will be raised to $55,000. Certified nurses will be placed at step one of the salary schedule (first five steps of teachers' salary schedule for bachelor's and master's columns) based upon degree status. The district will continue to provide one full day for teachers to use for common planning and study groups.

Effective Feb. 1, 2009, all salary schedules will receive a 1 percent increase.

The teachers' contract is a public document.. For more information on the contract or to receive a copy, please contact the superintendent's office at (781) 383-6111.

Contract highlights

Effective September 2005

- Restructure salary schedule to raise minimums and maximums to be more competitive with comparative school districts (zero percent cost of living increase).
- Add new double master's/doctorate column 3 percent higher than current highest column.
- Salaries of DOE certified nurses to increase from $29,173 to $32,173.
- Department heads will be responsible for grades 6-12 as a result of the new middle high school configuration.

Effective September 2006

- Three percent cost of living increase.
- Increase tuition reimbursement district-wide cap to $50,000.
- Revise start and end times of school day. Middle-high school day will be 6 hours and 30 minutes long, and Deer Hill and Osgood will be 6 hours 20 minutes long. Elementary school teachers will not be required to instruct students for more than 6 hours, but during the additional 20 minutes, may be responsible for receiving students upon arrival or for assisting with their safe dismissal.

Effective September 2007

- Three percent cost of living increase.
- Increase salaries of certified nurses from $35,173 to $38,173.
- Increase tuition reimbursement district-wide cap to $52,500.

Effective September 2008

- Effective in September, 3 percent cost of living increase.
- Increase tuition reimbursement district-wide cap to $55,000.
- Certified nurses to be placed at step one of salary schedule based upon degree status.

Effective Feb. 1, 2009

- Additional 1 percent salary increase.

Cohasset resident chair of Federal Reserve Bank board

Blenda J. Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Wilson has served on the board since January 2002.

The Board of Directors is responsible for general oversight of the operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and also contributes to monetary policy formulation.

As part of the nation's central bank, the Boston Fed promotes sound growth and financial stability in New England and the nation. The Bank contributes to local communities, the region, and the nation, through its high-quality research, regulatory oversight and financial services, and through its commitment to leadership and innovation.

Wilson joined the Nellie Mae Education Foundation July 1, 1999. The Foundation is the largest public charity in New England which focuses exclusively on education, and has awarded $63 million in grants to education programs that improve academic achievement and access to higher education for underserved students in New England. For more information please visit the organization's Web site at www.nmefdn.org.

Blenda J. Wilson

Shapes in Poetry Contest at library

In honor of Poetry Month, the library is hosting a Shapes Poetry contest. Write an original shapes poem, and put name, age and telephone number on the back, and leave it in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Participants may use their own words to create a shape or illustration or do an illustration and then fit words into the drawing. Books and examples of shapes poetry are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Good luck and have fun. Open to students of all ages. Contest ends April 27. Winners will be announced in May.

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ELECTION GUIDE

School Committee Vote for Two

Rick Flynn

NAME: Rick Flynn

AGE: 47

ADDRESS: 30 Summer Street

FAMILY: wife, Andrea; 3 sons, Andrew, 19; Patrick, 17; Keegan, 14.

YEARS IN TOWN: 18

EDUCATION: Boston College High School, 1976; Fairfield University, B.S. Finance, 1980.

OCCUPATION: Senior V.P., Fixed Income Sales, Lehman Brothers, Inc.

CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Cohasset School Committee 1999-2006 (Chairman 2002-2004); Cohasset Advisory Committee (1993-1999); Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (Adult Advisor 2002-2006); Cohasset Education Foundation 1993-1998 (Founding Director & Vice President); Youth Baseball & Soccer Coach.

QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: The ability to do the right thing without worrying about what other people will think of them.

WHAT CAN YOU LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF? That I can't sit still. My neighbors and my children think I should relax more.

WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN? The biggest concern I've heard from voters is their worry that without proper leadership and funding the schools will stagnate and fall behind. Part of this concern is the sense that there is too much polarization recently in town politics, not dissimilar from the state & national scene. As neighbors in a small town people want to feel like their leaders are working together to solve problems that are shared by many.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING SCHOOL COMMITTEE: The biggest challenge facing School Committee members is trying to deliver an above average educational product in the face of ever increasing federal and state mandates, increasing student enrollments, higher fixed costs and expanding curriculum requirements. This takes place in the midst of a town that is roughly 93 percent dependent on non-commercial property taxes for it's income with significant reductions in state aid over the past four years. At times this seems like a daunting task especially in light of many other pressing needs for the limited tax resources.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: Given the challenge that I just outlined, it's hard to believe anyone would want to serve on the School Committee. However, of all the services that people expect and demand from a municipality, quality education certainly ranks very high. We can't turn our backs on public education and I believe, with my six years of experience, I can have a positive impact in the role. We have a highly qualified administration leading terrific teachers and parents who are not afraid to get involved. With these assets alone we are way ahead of many places. We need to keep moving forward.

Leonora "Lee" Jenkins

NAME: Leonora "Lee" Jenkins

AGE: 57

ADDRESS: 198 Jerusalem Road

FAMILY: Husband, Leland and two daughters, Jessica (28) and Rebecca (26) both graduates of CHS.

YEARS IN TOWN: 28.

EDUCATION: BA in Psychology, Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pa.

OCCUPATION: Local small business owner.

CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: 25+ years of community service: Program Committee and Board of Directors of the Community Center, Brownie leader, Library Reader, Cultural Exchange Committee, Council on Aging. Sunday school Teacher and Christian Education Committee of the Second Congregational Church. Co-Founder of the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers. METCO Host Mother, Host Mother for over 20 foreign students and teachers, Youth Symphony Coordinator. Active volunteer in the schools from 1982 - 1997 especially involved in programs in math, computer, art and music. School Policy Book Revision Committee '97-98. Currently Member of Community Garden Club and Rusty Skippers Band.

QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: Being straightforward and having the ability to listen well and fairly evaluate what is heard.

WHAT CAN YOU LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF? My friends find that when I am not discussing school issues that I laugh quite a bit especially about my creative recycling.

WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN? The decline in academic performance and classroom spending at the same time that district-wide school spending increases. Voters are concerned that there seems to be no connection between what is being spent and the results that are promised or produced. From what voters have said, it is obvious that we must return to a 'culture of learning' which provides a safe and secure environment in which our children can thrive.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING SCHOOL COMMITTEE: The School Committee must separate the spending that is proven to enhance key academic proficiency as measured by MCAS, SATs, Achievements, and fully fund that spending by reorganizing other areas of the budget. This is what my program "Progress through Priorities" is all about. Four important tools have been given to the School Committee: the School Budget Investigation Report, the Technology and the Curriculum Renewal Reports plus the Benchmark Study. School Committee members must be able to understand the conclusions and recommendations of these in depth reports and implement solutions that truly work for both the students and the taxpayers.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I'm seeking this office because I believe that our schools can achieve excellence by applying my action plan of "Progress through Priorities." These include focusing resources on the classroom; providing a strong academic foundation vital to our students lifelong success; returning Cohasset to one of the top schools in the state; taming the growth of non-classroom positions; creating annual budgets with Prop 2-1/2 in mind while keeping close oversight on the current situation as recommended by the School Budget Investigation Committee.

Steven Fusco

NAME: Steven Fusco

AGE: 45

ADDRESS: 4 Surry Drive

FAMILY: Wife Robin, Son Alex 7, Daughter Jessica 13.

YEARS IN TOWN: 6.

EDUCATION: Business Administration Degree, Northeastern University.

OCCUPATION: Vice President of Technology Operations for Fidelity Strategic investments.

CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Chairman, Technology Committee, Facilitator, Master Plan.

QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: Perseverance – We wouldn't have some of our most prized accomplishments or privileges without it. Intelligence and a sense of humor are also high on my list.

WHAT CAN YOU LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF? My complete inability to catch fish.

WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN? MCAS scores and the override were high on many peoples list. Parents want to see the MCAS scores trend up significantly for both 4th and 8th grades. Cohasset residents also want to make sure they are getting value for their tax/override dollars. Most people I have spoken with don't mind funding and supporting the schools, or any other part of the town infrastructure, as long as they really need it.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING SCHOOL COMMITTEE: The biggest challenge will certainly be dictated by the results of the override vote. If the override is voted down the focus will be creating a top quality educational offering in a safe secure environment without the requested funding. If the override passes we will have to focus on implementing the recommendations of the strategic planning teams. A lot of hard work from both teachers and parents went into creating detailed plans in many disciplines to help our schools move forward. I would recommend we create similar parent/teacher teams to strategically plan our finances going forward.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I have two children in the Cohasset schools and like most parents I want my children to have an opportunity to attend a great school system. In my opinion, we have all the raw materials to become a model school. We have a great community, well educated and engaged parents, high standards, and some really great teachers.

Cohasset has given much to my family and I want to give back. I want to offer my experience and expertise to help Cohasset Schools reach their full potential. There is no better way to prepare your children for the future than a great education.

Selectman Vote for One

Edwin "Ted" Carr

NAME: Edwin "Ted" Carr

AGE: 38

ADDRESS: 88 South Main Street

FAMILY: Wife Tanya, Son Clayton (almost 3), Daughter Carrington (18 mos.)

YEARS IN TOWN: 2 -1/2 years

EDUCATION: Masters in Public Administration 2002, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Certificate Degree, International Relations/Spanish 1990-1991, University of Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/Spanish 1986-1990, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa

OCCUPATION: Partner and Founder of Logistix Boston, LLC, an event and logistics strategy consulting company

CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Consultant to the US Public Health Service, Fall 2005, Baton Rouge, La. Logistics Director for Louisiana for purposes of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relie; Executive Office of the President 1992-2001, Washington, D.C., White House Lead Advance; U.S. Department Of Housing & Urban Development, Washington, D.C.,Director of Operations 1999-2001, Director of External Affairs / Special Assistant to the Secretary 1997-1999; U. S. Department Of Commerce, Washington, D.C., Special Assistant to the Secretary 1994-1997, Congressional Liaison Specialist, International Trade Administration 1993-1994; Presidential Inaugural Committee 1991-1992, Washington, D.C., Director of Talent Division; Elected Delegate to The Lynn County, State Of Iowa, Democratic National Convention, Atlanta, GA, 1988.

QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: I admire the traits of creative thinking and the ability to work together as a team.

WHAT CAN YOU LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF? I usually laugh about my open door policy that has people over at my house at all hours for all reasons — I love to entertain.

WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN? Although there are a variety of specific issues that I have heard, it all boils down to preserving our historic town and maintaining our sense of community. Whether the issue is senior housing, economic development, town growth, harbor pollution, or overrides, the underlying concern is about keeping the Cohasset that we love and protecting those in our community who love Cohasset.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING SELECTMEN: Our Selectmen are responsible for building consensus out of differing opinions in order to create an appropriate course of action for our town. Cohasset now faces divisive issues that can pit neighbor against neighbor if the process is not managed properly. That said, most people in Cohasset have similar goals: maintain the community services that make Cohasset such a wonderful place to live, without bearing the burden of excessive taxation and mismanaged development. I believe the biggest challenge facing selectmen is to provide the leadership to bring our community together to achieve our common goals.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I am running for Selectman because Cohasset now faces challenges that my combination of public service, management experience, and academic training can address. With more than 15 years in public service, eight of which were in the Federal Government, I know about affordable housing, sustainable economic development, government procurement, and budgets. I am familiar with the challenges facing small businesses, the importance of funding education, and the necessity of keeping taxes low. I offer a perspective that reflects the reasons why so many families have moved to Cohasset over the past few years — the same reasons why so many families have stayed.

Roger Q. Hill

NAME: Roger Q. Hill

AGE: 46

ADDRESS: 19A Highland Ave.

FAMILY: Wife Joanne, son Quentin.

AGE: 46

EDUCATION: K-8 Cohasset, 9-12 Chapel Hill-Chauncey Hall, Wentworth Institutive of Technology.

OCCUPATION: Carpenter 20 years; Commercial building manager 8 years.

CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Cohasset Advisory board; Senior shuttle driver; Friends of Cohasset Harbor; Cohasset Yacht Club House Committee; South Shore Art Center volunteer of the year.

QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS: Honesty. I feel the only way to make good decisions is to have the truth, without it we will go nowhere.

WHAT CAN YOU LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF: That nobody recognized me during the selectman candidates' interview and debate on "Our Town" because I was wearing a suit and tie.

WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN? How expensive it is to live in Cohasset. Many of the residents have been here for a long time and can't afford it. It's not just the elderly either; the middle class is getting squeezed out just as much. There are very few town employees that actually live here any more, fire, police, D.P.W., most have moved away because the salaries haven't kept up with the taxes.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING SELECTMEN: The challenges are many, from state aid cut backs, to Cohasset Harbor and Little Harbor's environmental issues, to the negative impact of developments like Avalon on such a small town and its school system. All of these issues need to be closely monitored and addressed. The environmental issues should be dealt with before the state steps in and deals with it for us at or expense. I would also like to see the Little Harbor sewer district to move forward.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: Cohasset holds a special place in my heart, and I would like my son to have the same wonderful experience growing up that I had. A small town were everyone knew everyone else, and watched out for each other. Also to maintain the highest level of services we deserve as a town, schools, fire and police. With all the financial cut back from the state these issues need to be handled properly. I have the proven dedication and commitment to see us through the tough times.

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Carr cites his background, education, experience

"My name is Ted Carr and I am running for the Cohasset Board of Selectman.

"While my wife Tanya and I moved here relatively recently, I am absolutely committed to Cohasset for two simple reasons – my son Clayton, who is almost three years old, and my daughter Carrington, who is eighteen months old. Clayton and Carrington will grow up in Cohasset, they will go to school here, and they will learn about the world from the people who live here. That's a tremendous gift from Cohasset to my family, a gift I want to repay with all I can do.

Ted Carr is running for selectman.

"Tanya and I have lived in several different cities and traveled for work to many different countries. So, when it came time to settle down and choose a place to raise our family, we knew what we wanted — a town that would give our children a quality education, safety and security, and a strong sense of community. Growing up in Boston, I was familiar with Cohasset – often enjoying it with friends who lived here. And as we looked around, the decision became simple; Cohasset was where we would live.

" I am running for Selectman because I want to use my combination of extensive public service, management experience, and academic training to help Cohasset tackle the critical issues it faces today. While I now own a small business in Cohasset, I previously spent fifteen years in public service, working in Washington D.C. for the White House, the Commerce Department, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). After this extensive hands-on government career, I returned to school to earn a Masters degree in Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where I studied leading theories on governance, urban policy, and sustainable development.

"My government background has trained me well for the job of Selectman. My experiences at HUD involved working with over 200 towns across the country on community development, many of them facing challenges similar to Cohasset. As Director of Operations, I fought for fair housing for senior citizens and lower-income families. My time at the Commerce Department taught me how to negotiate budgets, a crucial skill for any town, and to identify sustainable economic development opportunities. I also became familiar with government procurement processes, now critical to Cohasset as we have lost $1.3 million in annual state funding over the past four years.

"As a parent, I understand the ongoing need to fund and maintain good schools. And as the owner of a small company, I know the importance of keeping taxes low and government efficiency high, so that local businesses can create jobs, drive economic growth, and pay good salaries to their employees.

"I've learned that government works best when it is open and welcomes participation. The Kennedy School trained me to analyze issues using a variety of tools, and to maintain a fair process when making policy decisions. My positions will be based on facts and I always will tell you the facts that guide my decisions. In this spirit, as part of my campaign for Selectman, I have discussed some of the key policy issues facing Cohasset in the media. If you would like to know more about my views and the facts underlying them, please visit: www.carrforcohasset.com.

"The town of Cohasset offers my family a wonderful place to learn, a lovely environment in which to grow, and a friendly community to know. In turn, I offer you a tremendous amount of government experience, public policy training, and fresh ideas. I think my skills, education, and leadership can be put to work for the benefit of our town now. I hope to offer a new face and a fresh perspective to the Board to address the complex challenges we face.

" When you vote on April 8th, please choose the person with the qualifications and knowledge to serve our town most effectively. I offer the leadership, experience, and training necessary to help our community face the future."

Jenkins asks for support

"This Saturday, April 8, Cohasset voters will elect new leadership on the Cohasset School Committee. I hope you will consider giving me one of your two votes this year.

"I wanted to take this time to thank you for your many courtesies to me over the past weeks. I have enjoyed talking with you about how we can work together to make quality education affordable for all. Your reception of my action plan 'Progress through Priorities' gives me confidence that we are all working toward the same goals.

"If you elect me to the school committee, I promise that your confidence in my ability to do the job will be well placed.

"For detailed information about my campaign and background, plus important education links and reports, please visit my website:

ElectLeejenkins.com"

McNabb seeks reelection to Water Commission

John McNabb has announced he is running for a fourth three-year term to the Water Commission. McNabb was chairman of the Commission 1999 through 2005. He was first elected in 1997, and was re-elected unopposed in 2000 and 2003.

"We have made major improvements to the water system since I was first elected in 1997," said McNabb, "including installation of rain gardens to passively clean storm water before it enters Lily Pond, completion and implementation of the Surface Water Supply Protection Plan, the new Scituate Hill Water Storage Tank, the rehabilitation of over 12 miles of water mains, major improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, the reactivation of the Ellms Meadow well field and a fire hydrant replacement program.

"These projects have resulted in measurable improvements in fire protection and tap water quality for Cohasset residents," said McNabb. "I am running for re-election because I want to continue this aggressive water system improvements program and because there is still much work to be done."

Before being elected to the Water Commission, McNabb served on the Board of Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library (1984 through 1987) and on the Town Government Structure Committee (1983 through 1987). More recently, he served as a member of the Recycling Committee (1996 through 2005), and as one of the town's representatives to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative (1997 through 2005), which he co-founded.

As vice president of SAFE from 1991 through 2001, McNabb helped lead the opposition to the proposed expansion of the private Cohasset Heights landfill, which was closed in 1998, to reduce its impact on the Lily Pond watershed.

McNabb is employed as drector of research and policy for the New England office of Clean Water Action, a national environmental nonprofit organization. He has recently started a new business, South Shore PC Services (www.southshorepcservices.com), which provides PC repair and services to business and homeowners on the South Shore.

PHOTO/WENDY MANDEL

John McNabb is seeking reelection to the Water Commission

POLITICAL NOTES

Environment and the economy: is there a conflict?

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will be hosting a session of the Cohasset Political Forum on Saturday morning, April 8 at 9:30a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to discuss the complexities surrounding the environment and the economy. Topics will include the apparent conflict between environmental and economic interests in the U.S. and world economies, and a discussion of perceptions and reality and how they may be reconciled. Some suggested reading: EcoIQ Magazine: Smart Choices Aligning Economics and Ecology, "Environmental Stewardship vs. Economic Development":

www.ecoiq.com/magazine/opinion/ opinion51.html;

"For the Sake of our Children", by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. www.commondreams.org/ and The Environmental News Network: www.enn.com/ .

Join us for some lively conversation. If you have any questions, please check the web site:

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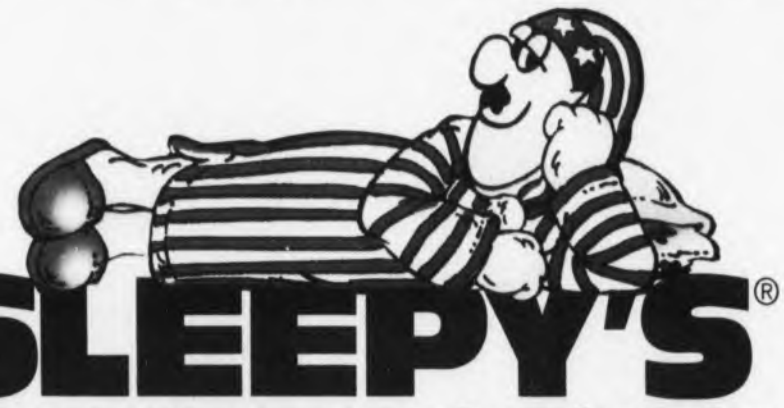

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A tale of two halves

Lady Laxers dominate in second half to defeat Scituate, 14-10

By Mark Goodman
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The story on the scoreboard at halftime of Tuesday's Scituate-Cohasset girls lacrosse game didn't the whole story.

The Sailors were ahead, 6-4, but had been dominating most of the game up to that point, holding a solid advantage in time of possession and creating more scoring chances, with Kathleen Garland (three goals at the half), Kerrin Kasianowicz (two scores) and Addie Kerner (one goal) taking the most advantage of them.

But it was Cohasset that took it to the home team in the second half. Thanks to the dominance of Lindsey Durkin and Gabriella Flibotte, the Skippers outscored the Sailors by a 10-4 margin in the second half and walked off the field with a 14-10 win.

Durkin scored five of her game-high seven goals in that second half, with Flibotte getting three of her four scores in the last 25 minutes. Senior Lisa Spirito and freshman Lindsay Hill scored one goal apiece to round out Cohasset's second half explosion.

Early on, this looked like Scituate's game. After Durkin scored the game's first goal in the early minutes, Scituate shut out the visitors for about a 15-minute stretch while scoring three goals of its own. Garland, Kasianowicz and Dana Cullen (two assists for the game) were all getting to the net with ease.

The Skippers stayed in the game thanks to some fine saves from goalie JoAnna Hamilton, two coming in the span of about 30 seconds on point-blank opportunities for Kasianowicz and Brigid Cotter.

Over the last 6:30 of the half, three different players scored for each side, accounting for the 6-4 halftime score.

Cohasset's first possession of the second half set the tone for the rest of the game. After Emily

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Marissa Evans (16) has her pass knocked down by Scituate's Addie Kerner in the first half of Tuesday's game.

PHOTO/LYNNE CHAMAS

Runners make their way down Jerusalem Road during Sunday's 30th annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea. For more photos, see page 20.

Skippers nip Sailors to improve to 2-0

By Mark Goodman
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A close, hotly contested game that comes right down to the wire.

In the Scituate-Cohasset boys lacrosse rivalry, would you expect anything else?

After splitting two such contests last season, the teams only meet once this year. That game was played Tuesday in Cohasset, with the Skippers earning a hard-fought 7-5 win.

While Cohasset already had a game under its belts - having soundly beaten Nantucket by a 9-1 score on Sunday - this was the season opener for Scituate. Sailors head coach Rick Bagby seemed fairly encouraged by what he saw, but came away with clear areas for improvement as the season gets underway.

"We played well, but we were a little impatient at times, and we gave up a couple goals while we were a man up," Bagby said. "Obviously, we would've liked to have won, but we showed promise. We didn't have any scrimmages, so we were a little green."

Among the stars of the day were the two goalies, Scituate sophomore Jake Gray and Cohasset senior Ben Libby. Libby stopped 18 Scituate shots, while Gray made 12 saves.

With Gray likely to be the Sailors' stopper for the next years, Bagby is hopeful that his performance on Tuesday was a harbinger of things to come.

"Him playing that well against probably the team to beat in Division 3 was great to see," said the Scituate coach.

For Cohasset, sophomore Mark Flibotte (four goals) and junior Mike Bunstein (four assists) led the offensive charge. Senior Aidan Buick notched two goals and an assist, including the game's final goal with one second left on the clock after Cohasset had fought off Scituate's valiant attempts to tie the game.

Skippers head coach Stew Curran was pleased with his team's attack, but will be looking to cut down on the penalties.

"Offensively, we were moving the ball real well," Curran said. "We're not bad, and if we stay out of the box we'll be even better."

For Scituate, junior Sam Brigham scored three goals, with Gary Crowley and Brendan Dickinson adding one apiece. Brigham, Crowley, and seniors Colby Hawkins and John White - the Sailors' four captains - all played a strong game in the midfield.

In addition to Libby, Cohasset also received excellent play from junior defenseman Jeff Brown. In one particular sequence, Brown stuffed a Scituate player on the attack, scooped up the loose ball, ran downfield and found Buick in front of the Scituate net for an easy finish.

Skippers 9, Nantucket 1

Cohasset was dominant in Sunday's season opener, as the gap between the two teams' was probably even larger than the score indicates.

The Skippers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period behind goals from Trevor Brady, Flibotte and Buick. Nantucket had few opportunities to score in the opening minutes, thanks in large part to the defense of Conor Holway and Ryan Kucinski.

Nantucket's Ethan Farrell scored his team's only goal with 2:36 left in the first period. From there, the Cohasset defense dominated the game. Dan Trendowicz, Jake Cuneo, Brown and Anthony DiPaolo all made big plays in the first half to keep the visiting Whalers at bay.

As the second period wore on, the Skippers' attack went to work. Buick missed a couple good chances - one set up beautifully by Chris Davis - but it was only a matter of time before Cohasset started scoring some goals.

And score they did, putting in three goals in 1:05 in the middle of the second period. Flibotte made it 4-1 at the 7:04 mark, assisted by Charlie Czerkawski on play set up by a nice pass from Trendowicz. Just 39 seconds later, Buick fed a cutting Peter Ernst for the Skippers' fifth goal of the game.

A mere 26 seconds after that, Davis got on the board, assisted by a Bunstein pass from the side of the net. Bunstein has been a huge part of the Skippers attack so far this season, earning eight assists on the team's 16 goals through two games.

The second half got off to a slow start offensively, but physical defense in front of the net by Brown and Cuneo continued to keep the Whalers off the board. Halfway through the third, Buick gave Cohasset a 7-1 lead on a shot from in front set up by Brady.

Flibotte and Buick both competed their hat tricks in the fourth, with Bunstein earning assists on both goals.

Cohasset travels to Falmouth today, and will face likely its biggest challenge of the season when defending Division 1 state champion Duxbury comes to town on Tuesday for a 4 p.m. game. The next day, the Skippers host Barnstable at 5:30.

Pitching in

Bryan, Hill lead CHS baseball in season opening win

By Mark Goodman
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Good pitching wins baseball games.

It's pretty simple, really, and that formula for success was evident in the Cohasset High baseball team's 4-2 win over Sacred Heart in Monday's season opener.

Senior Chris Bryan got the start and, despite some occasional struggles with his control, went 6+ strong innings. He allowed just four hits, walked five and struck out seven.

Bryan's win didn't come without some help from sophomore Brian Hill, who came on in relief in the bottom of the seventh with runners on second and third and no one out. Hill struck out the first batter he faced, induced a grounder to the pitcher, and then hit a batter to load the bases.

With the winning run for Sacred Heart on base with two outs, Hill got another strikeout to earn the clutch save. The performance from both hurlers encouraged Skippers coach Al Gallotta.

"I though that, for the first game, [Bryan] pitched very well," he said. "And Brian Hill did an excellent job to get out of that jam and get the save."

Bryan also helped his cause at the plate, getting two of the Skippers' six hits batting out of the three-hole.

Cohasset's only RBI of the day came from junior catcher Fletcher Smalzel and sophomore third baseman Kyle Pinkus. Smalzel's single in the top of the second tied the game at 1-1, and a Pinkus double in the third gave Cohasset the lead. Sacred Heart tied it again in the third, but the Skippers got a couple more runs in the fourth thanks to three errors by the home team.

For Smalzel and Pinkus, both those hits were the first of their varsity baseball careers. The same can be said for sophomores Sam DeGiacomo and Pat Doonan, who each got base hits in their

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All-Scholastic hockey team

Cohasset's Conor Holway named among area's best

Editor's Note: Marinerland's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: wrestling

Conor Holway

Conor Holway - Junior
Defenseman - Cohasset

Perhaps as intimidating a force as there was in the South Shore League this season, Holway was named a league All-Star, and with good reason…Skates extremely well for a player his size, and uses that speed at both ends of the ice…Can check with the best of them in the area, and is also an adept puck-carrier with a lethal shot from the blue line…Says his best games of the season came in Jan. 8 tie at Mashpee, and in Feb. 11 win over rival Norwell that clinched a state tournament berth for the Skippers…In that Mashpee game, scored one of the goals that brought Cohasset back from a 3-0 deficit for the tie…Scored two goals and added an assist in the Feb. 1 rematch with the Falcons …Also a defenseman on the CHS lacrosse team. Holway aspires to play hockey in college

TJ Collins – Senior (Capt.)
Defense – Abington/EB

A hard-nosed and well-rounded defenseman who plays much bigger than his 5-8, 160- pound frame suggests…Eighth year Green Wave head coach Tony Sulmonte called Collins "the best defenseman I've ever coached"… finished his four-year varsity career with remarkable plus/minus ratio of just under 100…this included a plus-34 this season, a mark made all the more remarkable by the fact the 11-8-2 Green Wave were just a plus-9… went a stretch of seven straight games this season without being on the ice for a goal against…easily led the Green Wave in minutes played, and seldom came off the ice in special team situations… two-time Green Wave captain and South Shore League all-star… had five goals and 12 assists this season… moved from defense to forward as a junior and finished among the team leaders in scoring with 10 goals and 10 assists…one of 42 Massachusetts high school hockey players to receive the Hobey Baker Character Award this winter…played the entire season through a painful hip injury, an injury which has shelved him for his entire senior baseball season at East Bridgewater… also a golf and baseball standout at EBHS… plays hockey year round, including a couple of summer stints with the Bay State Breakers Junior team…a three-time Patriot League golf all-star…National Honor Society Member and the Vice President of the SB

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PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Cohasset's Maureen McCarthy (901) nears mile 3 on Jerusalem Road. McCarthy finished the race with a time of 53:00.

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Weymouth's Andrew Noble crosses the finish line in first place.

Cohasset Road Race by the Sea

At Sunday's race, there were 977 registered runners and 836 finishers, both the highest totals since at least 1996, according to race director Brad Goodwin.

The weather was near perfect for the race, won by Weymouth's Andrew Noble in a time of 32:41. Joseph Carroll Jr. was the top Cohasset finisher, coming in eighth place with a time of 35:37. Josh Flanagan also ran a strong race, finishing 13th overall in 37:49.

Cohasset's top female finisher was Kelly Joslin, whose time of 44:09 was good enough for 77th place overall.

Cohasset's Sheelah Scott and Alyssa Hinman finished second and third, respectively, in the female 14-17 age group, and Barbara Buckley was third in the 40-49 group. Cohasset's John McCarthy finished third in the male 14-17 group.

For a full listing of results, log on to www.coolrunning.com.

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Cohasset's finest - Joseph Carroll Jr. was first among Cohasset residents, and eighth overall.

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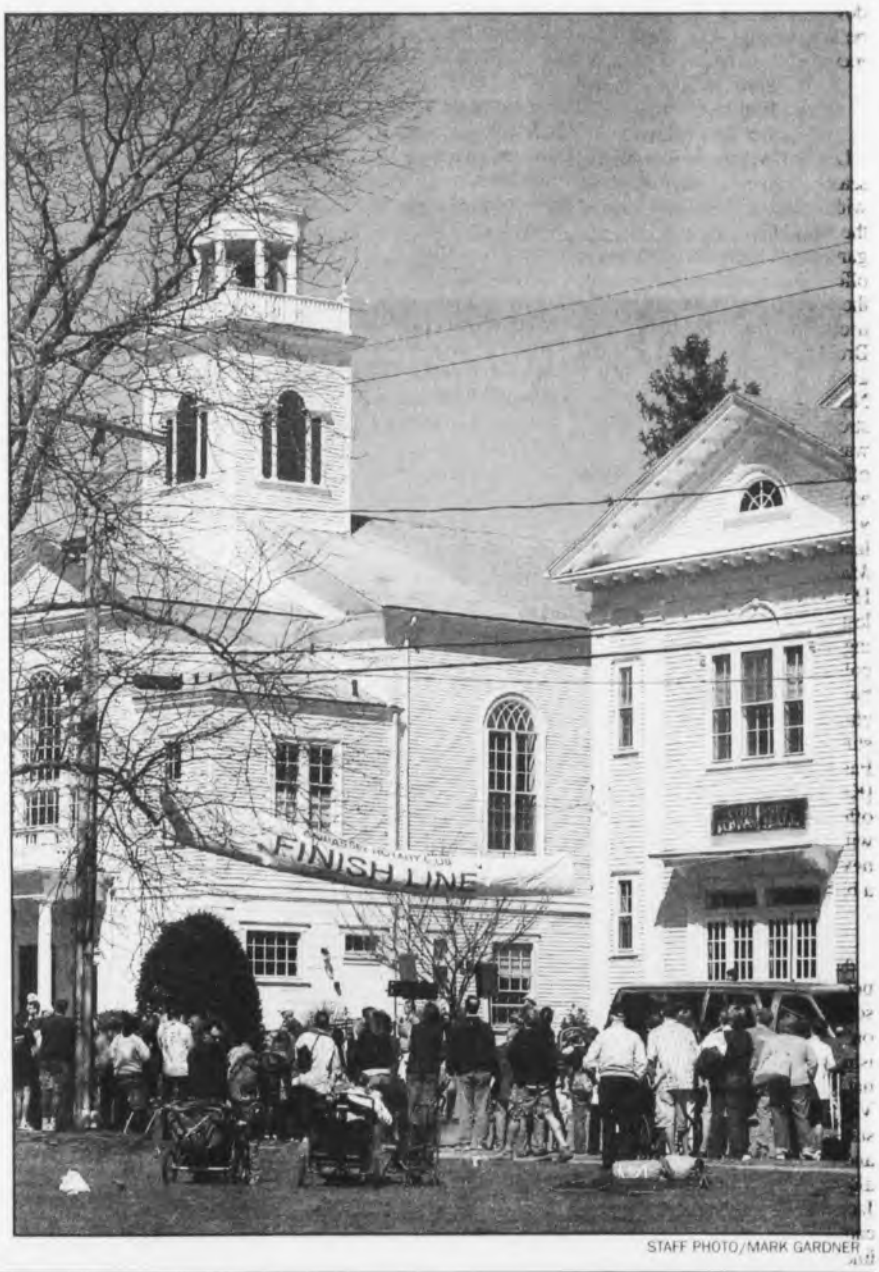
Right, the finish line was abuzz with activity on Sunday as the near 1,000 participants started to trickle home.

Left, Marshfield resident Mark Keays relaxes on Town Common before the start of the race.



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All-Scholastic hockey team

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Student Senate…talked to a couple of college hockey coaches, but chose Thomas University of Maine, which has no hockey program… plans to major in Accounting or Finance and play Club hockey…Abington/East Bridgewater Coach Tony Sulmonte: "TJ is the best defenseman I've ever coached. He had a great high school hockey career. He did everything we asked, and was a great leader on and off the ice."

David Kennedy -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Braintree

In his fourth year at the varsity level, Kennedy did just about everything for the Wamps…Finished as Braintree's second-leading scorer this season, behind fellow All-Scholastic Steve Lydon…A talented offensive player and strong skater…Played a few games at defense this season when the Wamps were shorthanded in that area…Scored a goal and played an overall great game in Feb. 13 game against Super-8 team Duxbury; Kennedy says that game was his best of the season…Notched four points (one goal, three assists) in Jan. 21 loss to Bay State Carey champion Weymouth…Scored two goals in Feb. 11 win over Wellesley…Will play Division 3 hockey at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island…Will major in JWU's renowned restaurant management program…Braintree coach David Fasano: "He's been a big contributor to our program over the last four years. When things were down for us for a while this year, he kept us up and kept the team focused."

Steve Lydon -
Junior (Capt.)
Forward - Braintree

Led the Wamps in scoring this season despite missing two games with mono, and playing through the after-effects of it for several games…Carried the Wamps offensively in the middle part of the season, highlighted by a hat trick in Jan. 18 win over Brookline…Also scored two goals Jan. 16 against Needham…A good skater with a strong sense for the game, Lydon was always in on the Braintree offense…A talented multi-sport athlete, Lydon played soccer this year and is a captain on the lacrosse team this spring…A *Marinerland* All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for lacrosse last spring…Is considering playing lacrosse or hockey at a local college…Says engineering and business are currently his top two choices as a course of study…Braintree coach David Fasano: "He and David [Kennedy] were a big part of our offense this year, and I think that will be the case for Steve again next season. I look for him to have a big year."

Bill Ainslie – Junior
Center - Hanover

A fiery competitor who finished tied for third in the Patriot League scoring race (17 goals, 27 assists) on the strength of a great finish…season highlights included a hat trick in a 5-1 win at Martha's Vineyard…Patriot League all-star…also a Brockton Enterprise and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic, along with linemate Mark Jackson… already named a co-captain for next season along with linemate Joe Ward…little brother of 2005 Mariner All-Scholastic Bob Ainslie (Class of 2005)… athletic family also includes HHS freshman Heather, a star gymnast…three time WATD Player of the Week…suffered a broken collarbone 10 minutes into the first round state tourney win over Plymouth South, and missed the remainder of the postseason…also plays lacrosse at HHS…plays in several off season Coaches leagues…hopes to play Junior hockey this summer for the Bay State Breakers…Hanover Coach Jim Sylvia: "It's tough not to wonder how much further we might have gone (in the state tourney) if Billy hadn't been hurt, not that the rest of the guys didn't step it up in his absence. Billy has all the skills you want and he's never satisfied. He's a very competitive kid. He just has a real love for the game."

Bill Jackson- Junior
Defense - Hanover

This makes the second straight selection for Bill to our all-scholastic team…was key in holding the Indians defensive core together after gifted junior Chris MacDonald was lost for four weeks to a broken wrist…a very talented two-way defenseman, equally adept at carrying end-to-end, moving the puck out of the zone or breaking up an odd man rush… has great ice presence and is seldom caught out of position… plays with a fluid style that at times appears almost effortless… seldom came off the ice in special team situations… twin brother Mark joins him as an all-scholastic…named to second straights Patriot League all-star team…finished with three goals and 14 assist… plans to play in his second straight Hockey Night in Boston Tourney this summer…also a standout golfer and lacrosse player at HHS… Hanover Coach Jim Sylvia: "I really think Bill didn't get as much credit he deserved for keeping things together for us this season. His numbers probably could have been better, but he had to drop back a lot of times rather than press things in the offensive end to help protect a new goalie. He played a big part in making our power play go and was key when we were shorthanded too."

Mark Jackson – Junior
Left Wing - Hanover

His emergence mid-season as an offensive leader launched the Indians on a great closing run and into the Div. 2 state tourney…an extremely well-rounded offensive performer with great ice awareness…long reach and quick reflexes make him nearly impossible to contain one-on-one…finished second in the regular season Patriot League scoring race with 19 goals and 28 assists…Patriot League all-star…also a Brockton Enterprise and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic, along with linemate Bill Ainslie… Jackson's line, which also included junior Joe Ward (11-19—30), accounted for 120 points this season and was clearly the catalysts in the team's strong second half… already named an assistant captain for next season…twin brother Bill earns his second Mariner All-Scholastic selection here…WATD Player of the Week…plans to play in his second straight Hockey Night in Boston Tourney this summer…also a standout golfer and lacrosse player at HHS…is eyeing bigger colleges such as Villanova and UNH, so college hockey may not be in his future…Hanover Coach Jim Sylvia: "There was a lot of pressure on Mark and his line to score, and they started a little slow. Eventually, they all stood up to that pressure, and really carried us in a lot of games offensively. Mark has great insight for the game. He sees the ice well and knows how to get himself open, and find his teammates."

Ty McDonald -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

Was the go-to man on offense for the Harbormen and more than lived up to his title…McDonald had several multiple goal games this season, leading the Hingham (16-6-3) squad with 31 points on 20 goals, 11 assists…Played some of his best hockey in the biggest games of the season, scoring three goals in two wins over Duxbury this season (5-2, 5-3)…Also netted a hat trick in a big win over Marshfield, the Div. 1 state champs…Had a two-goal game in a 7-5 win over Archbishop Williams in the Cape Cod Classic Tourney in Falmouth and added another goal in a tough loss to Arlington Catholic (3-2)…A very fast and strong skater, McDonald's play on the frontline helped the Harbormen earn their fifth-straight bid to the Super 8 tourney…There, McDonald assisted on a game-tying goal against Catholic Memorial in the Harbormen's tough OT loss (2-1) to the eventual finalists…McDonald hopes to continue his hockey career at the next level.

Matt Marshall - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Was another one of Hingham's great scoring weapons this season as Marshall racked up 23 points on 11 goals, 12 assists, placing him second amongst his teammates…Scored many big goals this season, particularly towards the end of the season…Got the offense going in the Super 8 opener against Medford, breaking a scoreless tie in with a second period score in an eventual 3-2 loss…Assisted on a big goal in the second of two wins over Duxbury…Scored the game-winning goal in a 3-2 victory over Austin Prep in the Harbormen's Super 8 finale…Marshall's consistent play on the front line helped Hingham to a 16-6-3 record and fifth-straight appearance in the elite postseason tournament…Just a junior, he will be among the top returning players on the Harbormen squad next winter.

Mike Perkins -
Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Hingham

A terrific athlete, there isn't much this three-sport captain can't do…As the leading defenseman on the five-time Super 8 Harbormen team, Perkins had many roles, all of which he excelled at…Perkins was an essential part of a defense that recorded seven shutouts in 22 regular season games, including one against Div. 1 state champs Marshfield…Another big-game performer, Perkins and the Harbormen (16-6-3) defense more than held their own with some of the area's best, including Catholic Memorial, Duxbury, and BC High…Perkins led defensive efforts in a pair of wins over the Green Dragons (5-2, 5-3) and another over Austin Prep (2-1), while keeping the Harbormen in close losses to BC High (2-0), Catholic Memorial (3-1, 2-1 OT), and Medford (3-2)…Also contributed offensively, scoring a handful of goals and notching several assists…Perkins was a standout running back and linebacker on the HHS football team last fall and will play baseball for the Harbormen this spring…He plans to continue his football career in college.

Erin McNichols -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

One of the stars on the up-and-coming Hingham girls hockey program, McNichols was the lone veteran on the squad this winter…In just its second year of existence, the two-year captain helped the program improve by leaps and bounds this season…Was the Harborwomen's leading scorer for the last two seasons, tallying 44 points on 23 goals, 21 assists this winter…Had six multiple-goal games, which helped guide Hingham to a 12-8-3 record and berth in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney after an inaugural season in which the Harborwomen won only two games…McNichols was among the top scorers in the South Eastern Mass. League, in which Hingham finished third with a 10-5-3 record…McNichols finished her two-year hockey career with 77 points (38 goals, 39 assists)…A Patriot League All-star in soccer last fall, McNichols was also a captain…She will play lacrosse at HHS this spring. Hingham coach Tom Findley: "Erin is a fantastic hockey player who led by example. Her dedication and hard work in season and in the off-season allowed her to become one of the major contributors to the program. She will always be considered one of the pioneers of HHS girls hockey."

Ryan Warsofsky -
Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Marshfield

There wasn't much this talented defenseman couldn't do on the ice and it showed…Was the Rams' second-leading scorer this season with 35 points on 22 goals, 13 assists…Racked up 115 points throughout his four-year career…A three-time Old Colony League All-star, Warsofsky's experience and skills helped Marshfield capture a Div. 1 state title this winter with a 2-1 win over St. John's Prep…A two-time All-Scholastic, Warsofsky's scoring ability was certainly appreciated, but he was most valuable to the Rams when opposing teams had power plays…Warsofsky was an intrical part of a defense that allowed just three goals in five postseason games and shut out two opponents…Marshfield entered the Div. 1 South as the No. 4 seed at 13-7 and won five-straight games to win the state title and finish at 18-7…Warsofsky plans to continue his hockey career in college next winter. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Ryan was a great leader on and off the ice. I just can't say enough good things about him."

Conor Toomey -
Sophomore
Forward - Marshfield

He may just be a sophomore, but Toomey plays like he's a longtime veteran…The leading scorer on the Marshfield (18-7) squad this winter, Toomey racked up 36 points on 13 goals, 23 assists…Was the Rams' go-to man on offense and he never disappointed, particularly when it mattered most…Toomey scored the game-winning goal in Marshfield's 1-0 victory over Norwood to win the Div. 1 South title and then assisted on the game-winner in a 2-1 win over St. John's Prep in the Div. 1 State Championship…That goal was scored by his older brother and fellow All-Scholastic, Brendan…His consistently solid play helped the Rams earn the No. 4 seed in the Div. 1 South and was essential in the team winning five-straight games in their run to the state title…Just a sophomore, Toomey will return to the first line with his brother next season. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Conor was our catalyst offensively and always came up with the big play. He's already well over 50 points for his career and we expect many more in the next two seasons."

Brendan Toomey - Junior
Forward - Marshfield

Talk about a clutch player, Toomey turned in some of his best performances when it mattered most…Contributed a ton of offense throughout the season, but really stood out in Marshfield's long postseason run, notching the assist on the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Norwood in the Div. 1 South Sectional final and scoring the game-winner in the Rams' 2-1 victory over St. John's Prep in the Div. 1 State Championship…The Old Colony League All-star was the third-leading scorer on the Marshfield team, racking up 27 points on 11 goals, 16 assists…This is despite missing four games due to an injury…His consistent play on the ice helped the Rams earn the No. 4 seed in the South with a 13-7 record…Marshfield finished at 18-7 after the tourney. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Brendan is one of the fastest kids around and he has a tremendous work ethic."

Matt Unger - Junior
Goalie - Marshfield

The stats speak for themselves with Unger…A part-time goalie who split time with a senior throughout the regular season, Unger made a name for himself in the postseason…In five tournament games, Unger allowed only a trio of goals while shutting out a pair of opponents for a 0.60 goals against average…Notched 18 saves in a 1-0 shutout win over Norwood in the Div. 1 South final and turned away 27 shots in the Rams' 2-1 victory over St. John's Prep in the Div. 1 State Championship…The Old Colony League All-star finished the season with a 14-2 record and 1.75 goals against average…Unger's skills were immeasurable, his …The junior spent two years on the bench at Thayer Academy before returning to Marshfield High this season…With one year still left to play, Unger will return to the Rams' squad next winter. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Matt was not phased at all in the tourney. He was always very calm and really got us going when we beat Barnstable (2-1 in the South quarterfinals). He's just very focused and always in control."

Cody Cavicchi - Sophomore
Forward- Norwell

Talented three-sport athlete makes his third appearance on a *Marinerland* All-Scholastic team; has made it the last two years in golf…Certainly knows how to score goals, but Cavicchi's best attributes may be his passing and overall instincts for the game…Led the Clippers in assists with 15, and finished second in goals (19) and points (34)…A South Shore League All-Star, one of six on the league champion Norwell squad…Says the two tournament games against Harwich-Provincetown and Bourne, along with 6-0 win over South Shore Voc. Tech on Dec. 23, were his best of the year…Notched a hat trick in that win over SSVT…Repeated that feat six days later in big road win over Mashpee…A tough competitor that received a lot of big hits from opponents, but kept going strong…Very durable as well, skating regular shifts on power plays and penalty kills…Also plays attack for the Norwell High lacrosse team, where he spent most of the year at varsity last year as a freshman…Is considering playing hockey or lacrosse in college

Dan Dempsey - Sophomore
Forward - Norwell

Opposing defenseman were often left in the dust by Dempsey and his myriad moves in the offensive zone…The South Shore League All-Star led the Clippers with 25 goals and 39 points, and finished second in assists (14)…Transferred from BC High, where he played freshman hockey last season…Says his best game of the season came Jan. 20 at home against Mansfield, when his two goals and two assists helped Norwell to a come-from-behind 5-3 victory…Notched hat tricks in season opener against Rockland and in Dec. 23 win over South Shore Voc. Tech…Had two goals and an assist in key Feb. 13 win over Rockland…Along with teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Cody Cavicchi, played on just about all power plays and penalty kills…Not afraid to mix it up with opponents, administering a fair amount of big hits…A *Marinerland* All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for golf in the fall…Also plays right field for the NHS baseball team…Wants to continue his hockey playing career in college

Gerry Daniels-
Senior (Capt.)
Center- Pembroke

Colin Donahue -
Junior (Capt.)
Center - Scituate

Bob Dillon -
Junior (Capt.)
Goalie - Scituate

Sean Travis- Sophomore
Left wing - Scituate

Neil Lavanchy - Sophomore
Center - Scituate

Tim King - Junior
Forward -Weymouth

Ryan Bristol - Junior
Forward - Weymouth

Mike Tuplin - Junior
Defense - Weymouth

Honorable Mention

Matt Jones - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Abington/EB
Tom Mahoney - Soph. - Defense - Braintree
Mark Bouchard - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Cohasset
Brandon Smith - Sr. (Capt.) - Defense - Cohasset
Joe Gallo - Jr. - Goalie - Hanover
Chris McDonald - Jr. - Defense - Hanover
Joe Ward - Jr. - Right wing - Hanover
Matt Genovese - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
Trevor Marsden - Jr. - Defenseman - Hingham
James Lemonias - Sr. - Goalie - Hingham
Sean Kelleher - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Marshfield
Tim Nicotera - Sr. - Defense - Marshfield
Greg Shields - Sr. - Defense - Marshfield
Brendan Gillian - Jr. (Capt.) - Defense - Norwell
Andrew McClendon - Jr. - Defense - Norwell
Shawn Joyce - Soph.- Defense - Pembroke
Mike Daniels - Jr.- Defense - Pembroke
Andrew Roy - Sr.- Wing - Pembroke
Doug Mesheau - Sr. - Goalie - Rockland
Evan Harrison - Sr. - Center - Rockland
Tim McGrath - Jr. - Left wing - Scituate
Pat Mahoney - Soph. - Defense - Scituate
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Lindsey Durkin (5) gets some props from teammate Lisa Spirito after she scored a goal to make it 11-8 in the second half of Tuesday's game. Durkin finished with a game-high seven goals.

A tale of two halves

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Coggins collected a loose ball to begin the possession, the Skippers held the ball for over a minute, going behind the net and waiting for a proper scoring opportunity to develop. That chance arose for Durkin, who wheeled around the side of the net and put it in to cut the deficit to one.

Just over two minutes later, Flibotte tied it, beautifully one-timing the ball into the net off a nice pass by Kara Wilcox from behind the net.

Sixteen seconds later, Kasianowicz regained the lead for the Sailors. In a play that began with a nice run down the field by Jenn Noonan, the Scituate sophomore took a pass from Kerner and got an accurate shot off despite three Cohasset defenders in her face.

After Flibotte and Hill scored to put Cohasset on top, the Skippers' defense began to take over. Hill, Marissa Evans and Colleen Richardson took turns knocking down Scituate passes and to start attacks the other way. That and four goals down the stretch from Durkin paved the way for Cohasset (2-0) victory.

Kasianowicz led Scituate (0-1-1) with five goals, followed by Garland's three and one apiece from Kerner and Melissa Faletra.

Skippers 10, Nantucket 5

Nantucket controlled the early action, scoring first as the Cohasset squad came out a bit nervous. Spirito evened things up, and Durkin answered a Nantucket goal with three of her own. Flibotte then fed Spirito on a fast break -- Flibotte also picked up an assist on one of Durkin's goals -- to put Cohasset in control.

Coming out of halftime with a 5-3 lead, Cohasset played patient ball-control offense. On the first possession of the second half, the team held the ball for nearly three minutes before Durkin broke her defender down and scored. Flibotte then scored on a feed from Cassie Rosano, converting a high pass by jumping up high to catch it and slam it home in one swoop.

Mia Lieb-Lappen answered a Nantucket goal with a score of her own, Durkin put the game out of reach with her fifth of the day and Lieb-Lappen closed the scoring and allowed the coach to go deep into the bench, en route to a 10-5 final.

On offense, Mary Previte had several outstanding scoring opportunities foiled by Nantucket's goalie; Michelle Madge also was robbed twice, or the game would have been more lopsided.

Hamilton made six saves -- all of them point-blank stops -- and gave up four goals to get the win. Aisling Guinee made two saves and gave up one goal in mop-up duty.

After a nervous start, the defense calmed down and choked Nantucket off. Hill and Sarah Brown teamed with Richardson to lead the charge. Tessa Leahy and Jessica Wheelwright were in the mix throughout the day.

JVs start strong, too

The Cohasset High School junior varsity girls lacrosse team opened its season with a 9-3 win over Scituate that showed how the team's emphasis on fitness is paying off.

Not only were the JV girls missing their coach, Beth Pierson, but the team was down several players due to illness, and entered the game with just 13 players, meaning it had just one substitute.

Katie Gaumer traded goals with Scituate in the first half, and had it not been for a score called back by a crease violation, the game would have been tied 3-all at the half. Instead, Gaumer's first two goals put Cohasset down 3-2 at the half.

From there, however, Cohasset was dominant, running Scituate into the ground. Gaumer tied the game, then gave Cohasset its first lead when she converted a direct-free position shot. Kayla Farren -- who was playing in the first game despite missing all but one day of practice this season due to illness -- then converted a feed from each of the Madge sisters, junior Michelle and freshman Kaley -- to expand the lead to 6-3. The Madges then helped each other, with Michelle banging home a great feed from Kaley to expand the lead.

Grace Steele split the Scituate defense to register her first goal of the year, and Farren completed a hat trick as time dwindled in the contest.

Guinee made six saves in the Cohasset net, shutting out Scituate in the second half behind yeoman's defensive work from Natalie Hunt, Amanda Hurd and Stefi Belz, each playing the entire game without a break due to the short bench.

The JV report was submitted by coach Chuck Jaffe.

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Cohasset 7th graders reflect on great year

Including the playoffs and the preseason tournament, the 7th grade boys finished the season with a record of 21 wins and 4 losses. While each of the 7th grade boys possessed strong basketball skills, their success this year derived from the pooling of their individual talents into a smart, unselfish style of play that promoted team success over individual achievement. Every player contributed to the success of the team. The ten members of the 7th grade team, and the positions they played, are as follows:

Ben Campbell started the majority of games at small forward, and also saw time at point guard. One of the steadiest ball handlers on the team, Ben combined deadly outside shooting with the ability to drive to the basket. Ben helped start the team's winning ways, with a three-pointer at the buzzer to seal a come-from-behind win against Mashpee in the preseason Hoopfest Tournament. Ben hit the three-pointer in the championship game that tied the score after Abington momentarily took the lead, and also scored the team's last points of the season with a foul shot at the end of the championship game.

Jack Carrier played power forward and center and proved, time and again, his ability to box out and out-rebound opponents who, at times, towered over him. With his jump hook and soft touch mid-range jumper, Jack made opponents pay every time they left him any room to maneuver in the paint. Jack had a huge game in an early season win, at home, against a very tall and athletic Hanson squad. Toward the end of the season Jack played the entire game in the one-point, away game win over Silver Lake, pulling down an impressive 14 rebounds.

Alex Harper played small forward, but also saw time at the guard positions. Alex was dangerous outside shooter and played solid defense, particularly when called upon to seal off the top of the key in the triangle and two defense.

Robert Jones started every game at shooting guard, and also saw time at point guard. Robert often scored the first basket of the game off of the opening tip, was the leader of the team's fast break offense, and penetrated the lane. Robert supplied airtight defense when full-court or man-to-man pressure was applied and led the team in steals.

Michael Monaco played point guard and shooting guard. Mike displayed excellent judgment on the court, both in running the half-court offense and in his own, excellent shot selection. When Mike took a shot during a game, it was always a good one. Mike probably had the highest shooting percentage on the team, and was never out hustled. Mike was always the first person in the game to hit the floor whenever there was a loose ball waiting to be claimed.

Kelby "KJ" Pontes played the power forward and center positions, and was in the starting line-up for most games this season. KJ has extraordinary leaping ability, and was the type of offensive threat that kept opposing coaches up nights worrying. KJ was known for his graceful moves to the basket from the high post, and intimidated anyone who tried to take the ball down low. KJ never gave up when the other team ran a fast break, coming from behind to make many opponents who thought they had easy, uncontested lay-ups eat leather instead as he turned away their shot. KJ led the team in blocked shots and, about once a game, made a play that brought the crowd to its feet.

Sam Richardson primarily played at small forward, but also saw some time in the guard positions. Sam was an all-around offensive threat who could take the ball to the basket and also shoot from the outside. Sam has a signature, high off the backboard glass move that was virtually unstoppable. Sam's instant offense was on display in the championship game when he helped expand the Cohasset lead.

Gabe Seksay played the center position and was in the starting line-up for most games. Gabe was chairman of the boards, gobbling up rebounds on the offensive and defensive end, and often triggered a fast break with outlet passes down the court. Gabe frequently shut down the opponent's big man with his defense, and was also a low-post scoring threat, as indicated by the game-high 20 points he added to his 19 rebounds in the first round playoff win against Taunton.

Eric Wasel played the center and power forward positions. In addition to snagging rebounds whenever he was on the floor, Eric had a soft touch from anywhere near the basket and was a major offensive threat in the low post. Late in the season Eric helped seal a close win at home against Weymouth by going into the game at the high post and hitting a foul line jumper to put Cohasset into the lead for good.

Derek "Iceman" Youngman played point guard, starting most games at that position, and also sometimes filled the shooting guard role. Derek did an excellent job handling the ball against defensive pressure, and rotated the ball with quick passes when running half court offenses. Derek was a dangerous outside shooter that made defenses pay for leaving him open, and also penetrated the key with a variety of jump stop moves. Derek earned the nickname "Iceman" for his ability to shrug off pressure and hit foul shots with the game on his line, as he did in both the semi-final playoff win against Silver Lake and in the championship game against Abington.

Ed Seksay, Jay Monaco, and Joe Campbell coached the 7th grade team. One of the best games the 7th grade boys played all season was seen only by Coaches Seksay and Campbell, because it occurred during an hour-long team scrimmage held during the last practice before February school vacation. The team was split in two and, in honor of its league-leading offense, played a scrimmage that required 45 points to win. The lead was traded back and forth throughout the scrimmage, and the game itself went into overtime.

Bryan, Hill lead CHS baseball in season opening win

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final at-bats.

Gallotta said his team started out somewhat sloppy defensively, but played flawlessly over the last four innings. With that said, the coach believes there is plenty of room for improvement.

"They're young and they're going to learn by making mistakes," Gallotta said. The Skippers have six seniors on the roster this season: Bryan, first basemen Brian Straughn and Will Pinkus, center fielder Chris Ofsthun, shortstop Nick Zappolo and outfielder Brendan Barrett. Bryan, Straughn and Ofthsun are the team captains.

Zappolo and Ofsthun figure to be regulars at the top of the Skippers lineup card, but beyond that, there could be a fair amount of shuffling. Gallotta says there has been a lot of competition for spots during the preseason, and he plans to look at everyone on the roster early in the season before settling on a consistent lineup.

Bryan will play third when he's not pitching, and Kyle Pinkus will split those duties. The sophomore could also see some action behind the plate.

Doonan and junior Corbin Faber are in a battle to start at second, and Gallotta says whomever gets the hot bat or glove first will likely see more regular playing time. Smalzel could occasionally spell Zappolo at short, and Hill is also an option at third base.

Hill may also play some outfield, as one of Gallotta's goals is to make his players as versatile as possible. Barrett, junior John Harrington and sophomore Alex Goetz, who got the start in left against Sacred Heart, are both also in the outfield mix.

On the mound, Bryan and Hill figure to be the Skippers' top two options. DeGiacomo and fellow sophomore Dave Snowdale, who looked good in a preseason scrimmage, will also get some innings. Straughn and Harrington are also pitching possibilities.

Cohasset played Abington yesterday and host Avon this afternoon at 4. Next week, the boys travel to Carver on Monday and host Harwich the following day. Many are tabbing Harwich, last year's Division 3 South champions, as the favorites in the South Shore League this season.

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OBITUARIES

Cynthia Burton Tillotson

Longtime Cohasset resident

Cynthia Burton Tillotson, 76, of Cohasset, died Friday at her home.

Born in Cambridge, Mrs. Tillotson grew up in Darien, Conn. She graduated from Pine Manor Junior College and Boston University, and lived in Cohasset since 1969. One of her passions was her dogs.

She leaves her husband, James Tillotson; her daughter, Pamela Desrosiers of Cornwallville, N.Y.; her brother, Richard Burton of Fort Myers, Fla.; and two grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Kimberley Wolgamuth.

Interment in Darien Cemetery in Connecticut. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 399 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116.

Kathleen Ann Donahue

Defense attorney

Kathleen Ann Donahue, 58, of Scituate, died suddenly March 24, 2006, at her home.

The daughter of the late Margaret (O'Brien) and James Patrick Donahue, she was raised in Greenwich, Conn., and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy with honors. During her time at the academy she was a member of the Drama and Latin Clubs as well as editor of her school newspaper and yearbook. She was a winner of the Connecticut Voice of Democracy Radio Campaign and had the lead roles in many musicals and drama productions.

She graduated from Albertus Magnus College in 1969 as a political science major. She was the Youth Campaign organizer for the late Eugene McCarthy in his presidential race. She worked with congressman Al Lowenstein and was an intern for Sen. Barry Ribicoff in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Suffolk Law School in 1979 and clerked with the Honorable Judge Barnes of Concord, N.H.

Ms. Donahue practiced as a defense attorney specializing in Constitutional Law.

She was an accomplished pianist, and loved to knit and garden. Animals were a passion, and she worked tirelessly to raise money for the original Scituate Animal Shelter.

She leaves her sister, Maggi Donahue, of Marshfield; a nephew, Michael James Donahue McCarthy of Portland, Ore.; an aunt, Mary (Donahue) Schlemmer, of Greenville, R.I.; and many beloved cousins in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, Virginia, and New York.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Church. Visitation is Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Interment is in the Grady Family gravesite at St. Anne's Cemetery in Cranston, R.I.

Jerome O'Callaghan

Employed in sales

Jerome F. O'Callaghan, 73, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, died April 3, 2006.

Mr. O'Callaghan was born and raised in Hartford, Conn., where he attend the Hartford Public Schools. He then went on to graduate from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., in 1955.

After his graduation, Mr. O'Callaghan worked as a regional sales manager for Toastmaster from the mid-1950s through the 1980s. From the 1980s on, he worked as a sales manager for Hosey & Port Sales of Medfield.

He leaves his wife, Claire (Callahan) O'Callaghan; his children, Sarah O'Callaghan and her husband, Scott Shaw, of Portsmouth, N.H., Kathleen O'Callaghan of West Haven, Conn., Claire Gilbert and her husband, Mark, of Boston, Elizabeth Wyer and her husband, Glenn, of Deephaven, Minn., Amy Donnelly and her husband, Martin, of Gloucester, Robert Dorion and his wife, Susan, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Carol Mahar and her husband, James, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Michael Dorion and his wife, Veronica White, of Boston; his sister, Joan O'Callaghan of West Hartford, Conn.; and 18 grandchildren. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Backus and the brother of the late Suzanne Eggleton.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, April 7, 10 a.m., at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham. Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18 Tremont St., Suite 700, Boston, MA 02108.

John A. Harrington

CEO of Installations Unlimited of Cohasset

John A. "Jack" Harrington, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Cohasset, died March 21, 2006, at his home.

Born in Boston, he was raised in Roslindale and graduated from Boston Technical.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957 as a SeeBee, and was a member of the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion #7, serving until 1960.

Mr. Harrington was the founder of Installations Unlimited, which installed commercial kitchens in Glastonbury Abbey, Bellarmine Homes, Jesuit Retreat Homes in Cohasset, the Lighthouse Keepers Home, Cohasset Harbor, Harvard College's Dunster House, and many restaurants around the South Shore, including Papa Gino's Kitchens.

A 40-year resident of Cohasset, he was very active in the Cohasset Boy Scouts, and Cohasset Youth Baseball, where he coached for many years.

He loved to cook, and to fish.

He leaves his beloved son, Robert B. Harrington, of Indianapolis, Ind.; his beloved daughter, Kimberly Callahan, of Cohasset; five grandchildren; and three siblings, Marion Harrington, of Weymouth, Edward Harrington, of Weymouth, and Joan Connor, of Chatsworth, Calif. He was the brother of the late Ruth Wenger.

Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, Needham. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Beechwood St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, April 9. Minister's Worship with our Children – 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. – Atkinson Room

Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Truth and Why It Matters" - Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 AM - Children will gather in the Parish House. Classes will be followed by a quilting workshop with Ann Selig.

Coffee Hour in the Parish House directly following the service

11:15 a.m. – Mentor Brunch – Coming of Age Class – Atkinson Room

• Interested in membership? Sundays, April 9 and 30 – New Member Orientations

If you're interested in exploring membership at First Parish, we offer a two-part orientation. On April 9, the focus is an overview of Unitarian Universalism. On April 30, the focus is specifically First Parish. The format is disucussion with the minister and a representative of our Membership Committee. Brunch will be served and childcare will be available. To register, please phone Sandy Bailey, parish adminstrator, at 383-1100.

• First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

• To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org .

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on "Digging Deep" our spiritual journey in Lent. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. and will study the Letter of James. Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms and Eucharist at 8 &10 a.m.. Weather permitting there will be an outdoor procession at the 10 a.m. service. Youth worship at 9:10 in Walton Rodgers Hall. Stewardship Meeting 11:30. Organ Recital 3 p.m. Monday, April 10 Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.. Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.. Tuesday, April 11, Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m. Social Service League Meeting 9:30 a.m. Book Group 7:30 p.m.. Wednesday, April 12, Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.. Thursday, April 13, Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.. Prayer watch begins at 3 p.m.. Agape Meal, Foot Washing and Eucharist at 7 p.m.. Friday, April 14, Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.. Hayden's Meditations on Christ's Last Seven Words at noon, Children's Way of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.. Egg Hunt 2 p.m.. The Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 p.m.. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for Palm Sunday, the prophet Isaiah speaks the word of the Lord; there is no other god. The Philippian hymn tells of Jesus' obedience even unto death. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of Jesus in Gesthemane followed by his arrest, trail and sentence to death.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9 at 11 a.m.: Special Speaker, Tania Leontov, a Tibetan Buddhist teacher and one of the founding members of the Snowmass Ecumenical Conference formed by Father Thomas Keating in 1995. Ms. Leontov will also share her memories of Reverend Mother Gayatri Devi as we begin the celebration of her birth centenary.

Holy Thursday Service, April 13, at 7 p.m..

Good Friday, April 14, at 3 p.m.. The Temple will be open for meditation and prayer from noon to 3 p.m.. Silence will be observed on the grounds during those hours.

Easter Service, Sunday, April 16 at 11 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Elections held for Student Advisory Council

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Congratulations to Mike Corry and Jean Thomae for being elected to these prestigious positions.

I am sitting here staring out the window expecting to see trees blossoming and birds singing, but to my dismay, snow and dark clouds are overtaking the sky reminding me that I still live in New England. It's sad really, Mother Nature pleased everybody when she decided to make the first few days of spring sunny and warm; but she has now made herself some enemies, for sure, by casting this cold weather and rain upon us. Enough about the weather, it will have changed by the time you read this anyway, let's see what we have on tap for school news this week.

Elections for next year's Student Advisory Council were held on Friday and Monday. Congratulations to **Mike Corry** and **Jean Thomae** for being elected to these prestigious positions. The Student Advisory Council is a student council like organization that is made up of student representatives from schools all over the greater Boston area. They meet once a month in Malden to discuss issues in their schools that range from violence to budget concerns.

This week has already been a wild one with Boys Varsity Baseball, Girls Tennis, and Boys and Girls Varsity Lacrosse all winning their first matches of the season; big ups. Now here we go for the news this week, which are both bountiful in amount and knowledge.

• A theater improvisational called the Urban Improv Group is coming to the middle school next Tuesday to address the issues of bullying and harassment via skits for every grade level.

• Mr. Buckley's Outdoor Education class assisted in cleaning up a beached whale that had somehow landed on Sandy Beach this past Tuesday.

• A reminder to all seniors: Scholarship forms are due back to Ms. Leahy in the Guidance Office by April 12th. She is also asking that seniors report any new acceptances to update the schools records.

• The Art Magazine will have met on Wednesday.

• The high school Softball Team is recruiting eighth grade girls to construct a Junior Varsity team.

• An informational meeting for cheerleaders interested in joining next years fall squad was held on Thursday.

• The C.P. Harvey Scholarship Fund presents a Gala Jazz Concert featuring The Greg Hopkins Quintet and The Cohasset Jazz Ensemble. This event will take place on April 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery of Cohasset Middle High School. Admission is $8 for students and $15 for adults.

• Congratulations to the sophomore class for completing the English portion of the MCAS.

• The Family Feud fundraiser will take place this Friday; good luck to all of the teams that will participate in this wonderful event.

• There will be a meeting for the senior class on Monday regarding events for the end of the year.

• The sixth-grade students presented "Countries" to their parents. They picked different countries from around Europe and made a mock travel log to educate their parents.

• There was a Basketball Boosters Pizza Party on Tuesday night.

• The Cohasset Diversity Committee will have met in the Library on Friday.

• The Cohasset High School has created a group called "The Lockets", where peers comfort and support each other through tough times. With the help of Mr. Levene supervising, this group will be held once a week on Wednesdays, starting April 5th, during lunch time in Mr. Foy's room. Currently, we are in the process of forming "The Lockets". By receiving this letter, we the faculty can observe and look out for students in the need of this group. If you know anyone in need of this group please contact **Amanda Simpson** (student leader) or Mr. Levene.

Soy terminado y adios amigos. That's a little Spanish for you in keeping with the spirit of the "Countries" presentation by the sixth grade students. It means "I am finished and goodbye friends."

SSL scholarship available

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applications must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work, or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2006-2007 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League Office in Cohasset between 9 a.m. and noon or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to The Social Service League of Cohasset, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 28. For more information, call 781-383-0771 or e-mail at sslcohasset@aol.com

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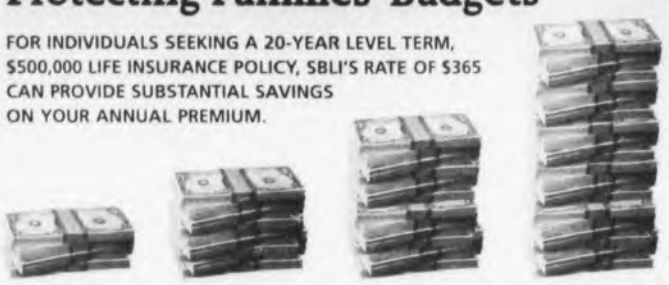

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Abigail Arndt, 3, of Newton receives a sound healing massage from Jean Beneduci, RN, during the Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase, Saturday, April 1. Beneduci, who practices shamanic healing and ceremony, runs her business out of Pembroke.

Holistic health at showcase event

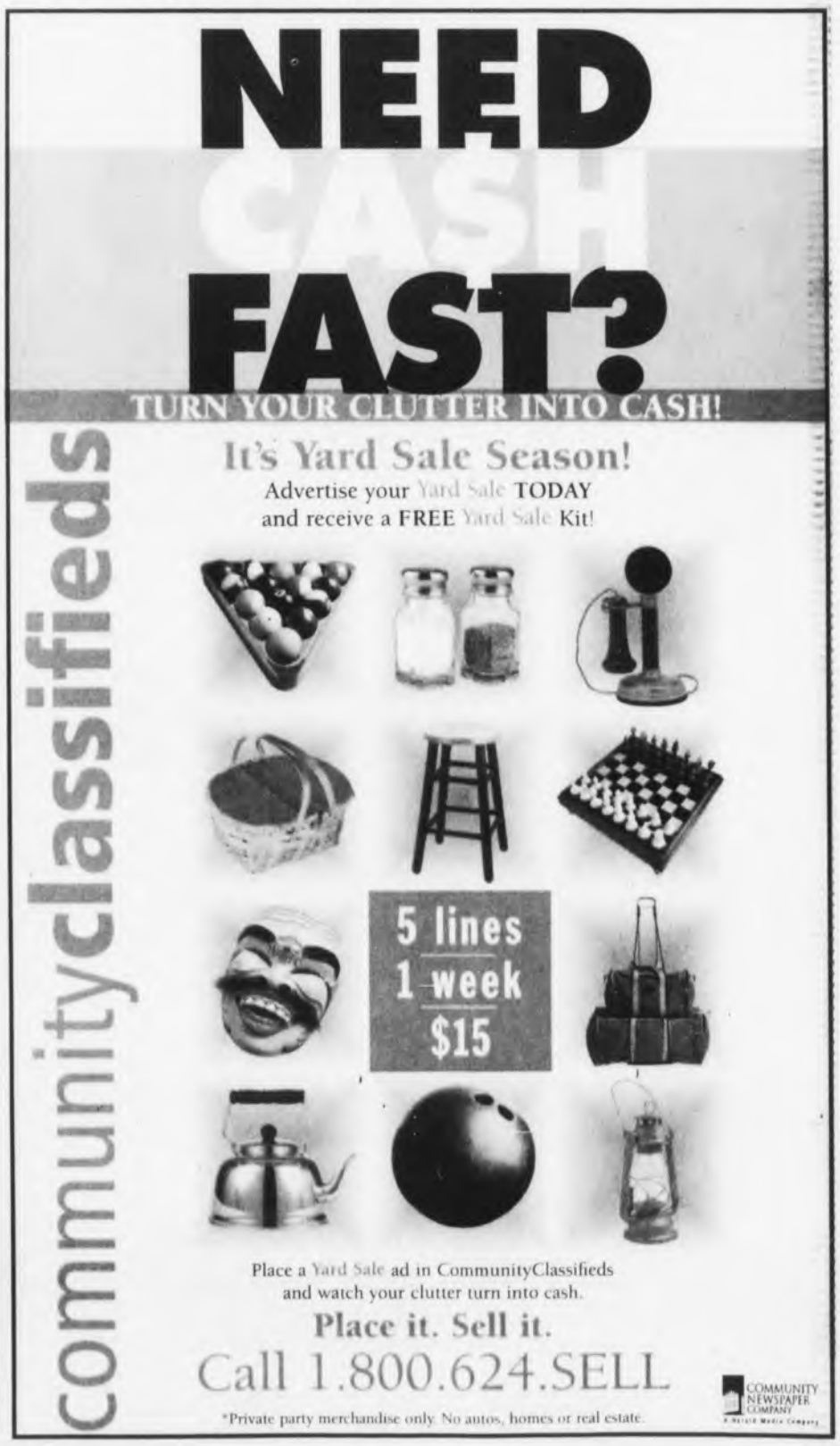
Staff photos/Craig Goedecke

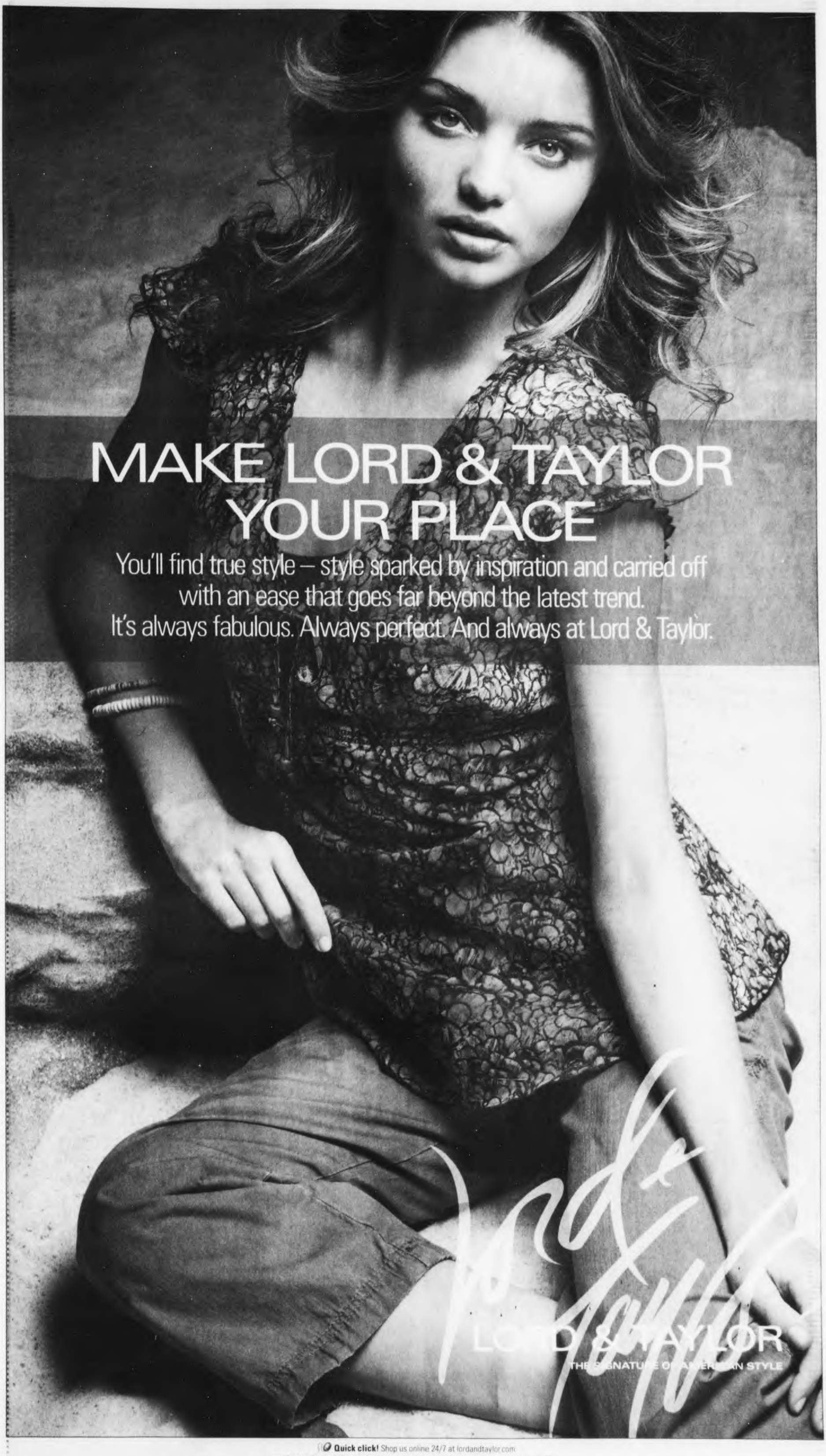
Director of the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, Michele Bolduc does some knitting while waiting for children to participate in her "World Biodiversity Twister" game. The museum was represented during the Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase, held Saturday, April 1 at the Second Congregational Church.

Diane Scott, a board certified homeopath, uses a biofeedback device on Cohasset resident Suzanne Filbey. Scott's practice, Quantum Homeopathics, is located in the Harmony Wellness Center in Hanover. She was one of many holistic care providers in attendance during the Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase, held Saturday at the Second Congregational Church.

Cindi Long of the Serenity Center of Pembroke, gives Barbara Connolly of Weymouth a massage during Saturday's Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase, held at the Second Congregational Church. The Serenity Center provides personal training and massage therapy.

David Snieckus, a macrobiotic counselor and chef, speaks with Gloria Hall of Lowell. Snieckus was on hand during the Health and Wellness Practitioners Showcase at the Second Congregational Church Saturday, to lecture and provide the public with his top ten list for eating and cooking delicious and nutritious foods for optimal health and happiness.





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Expand your mind – and career – by learning a foreign language

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Students Derena Drake, left, and Betty Farmer look over their worksheets in a Spanish language course at the Sudbury Senior Center.

By Susan Davis
CNC CORRESPONDENT

Our mouths perform a miracle everyday: We speak. The process of forming a thought, combining it with facts stored in memory, then configuring it through a complex set of paradigms including grammar, syntax and vocabulary, is remarkable. And that's just what goes on in your brain.

From there the message must travel across the cerebral hemispheres of your brain, and signals are sent to activate a series of muscles. Your diaphragm, vocal cords, throat, tongue and lips all must coordinate at lightning speed to articulate that single thought into speech.

An additional aspect is cultural protocol. There is a difference in our voice, slang and body language depending on whether we are chatting casually with friends or formally in a business setting. If that business meeting happens abroad, then our communications must be filtered through another layer of cultural etiquette, with a new set of rules.

It is well documented that children learn languages easily, but that capacity lessens as we age. Adults attempt to learn a foreign language for many reasons including work, travel, adopting a baby from another country and romance. Some do it to improve their social skills. Learning a new language is also thought to create new neural pathways and improve memory and problem-solving skills, like aerobic exercises for the old noodle.

There are many options for adult language classes in the greater Boston area, from weekly classes to small private groups based on skill levels. Most teachers are either native speakers or have lived and studied in foreign countries. This helps to teach cultural nuances not written in a textbook.

Nancy Bayer, coordinator for the Framingham State College Center for Lifelong Learners, sets up off-campus programs throughout the year at senior centers and independent/assisted living communities. The winter 2006 Spanish class taught at the Sudbury Senior Center by Mark Perlmutter, adjunct faculty member of Framingham State College, has been a huge success. The room is filled to capacity with approximately 40 people in class, with a student population from young seniors of 60 to folks in their 80s.

The Sudbury Senior Center's board of directors decided last year that they needed a Spanish class "so their community could become more informed citizens of the world," explained Executive Director of Sudbury Senior Center Kris Kiesel.

She went on to describe Mark Perlmutter's method of teaching as being very interactive, with a few handouts but no text. Instead, by pairing a physical movement – like waving the hand while learning the word for hello – helps to link the physical movement with the alternative pathways in the brain.

"That way the language becomes an innate part of knowledge instead of just something memorized," explained Kiesel.

Kiesel reported that research shows new learning is integral to preventing diseases of aging, so if someone has always done crosswords puzzles, that becomes habitual, but doing the same activity in a new language is like mental calisthenics.

"Learning a new language is part of a well-rounded healthy lifestyle including physical activity, mental activity and healthy eating," said Kiesel.

For those wishing to learn more than just casual conversational Spanish, BASE (Boston Area Spanish Exchange) offers specialized classes, with a maximum of six students each, that meet one to four times a week. Lorena Calderon, a native Colombian and the director of BASE, says the first priority for determining class placement is to find students' compatibility, fluency and grammatical knowledge. From that point, the students' interests guide the curriculum.

"Most people are taking classes for work," explains Calderon. "In the past, we mostly had social workers who needed to talk with immigrants. Today we have students from health industries, multinational corporations, customer service, retail, public safety, marketing, attorneys and security." Calderon went on to explain that having another language helps open doors and makes people more employable.

Wellesley College Summer School offers courses in German, Russian and Spanish. Registration for the co-educational classes is underway, and there are two sessions: June 19-July 14 and July 17-Aug. 11.

Newton Community Education offers classes in French, Italian and Spanish, including advanced conversation, with new classes in Chinese, Arabic and Yiddish for the spring. Many of their instructors are native speakers from Colombia, Peru, Lebanon, Italy and China, or have spent time abroad.

Newton's adult program coordinator Kate Frazer explains that beyond grammar and pronunciation, their classes explore the cultural aspects of history and traditions. To accomplish this, some classes incorporate field trips, such as an Italian class visiting the North End.

Frazer says learning another language expands job opportunities in today's global community. Learning greetings and basic manners can be a huge asset, whether traveling for business or pleasure, as it enhances the experience. You come away with a richer understanding of the people you meet when you can communicate in their native tongue, and consequently both sides get more out of the experience.

"Learning about different cultures makes your mind expand," says Frazer. She adds that by learning a foreign language, you often gain an understanding of how your own language works as you become aware of structures and usage that you took for granted. To that end, Newton also offers a class in "Small Talk: Art of Social Conversation," for those students facing conversational challenges in English.

The Assabet Valley Center for Continuing Education in Marlborough offers classes in Italian, French, Spanish, Chinese, German, Portuguese and ESL for native speakers. Courses are geared for travel, business and fun. Bill Heinold teaches both German, which was his first language, and Chinese, which he learned in China.

Having been an adult learner, Heinold is aware that beyond the teen years language is more difficult to learn. He says the way to overcome any trepidation students may have is to acknowledge their fear in the very first class, often with humor. He tells his students, "There will be no thinking in this class, it will simply be reaction – that's what conversation is all about."

Heinold says learning a language is not about logical thinking or memorizing facts; that kind of thinking will actually interfere with the process. After relaxing their fears, Heinold teaches his students to tune in to their hearing and train their reactions. He accomplishes this through total immersion in the foreign language by posing a question, modeling the correct response and repeating it until his students learn how to answer it.

In the first meeting of his Chinese class, Heinold raises his hand in greeting while repeating "Ni Hao" until his students eventually repeat it back. They've just learned how to say "hello."

Wolfgang Klinger, 39, grew up in Bavaria and learned German, French, Latin and English in high school. As a software engineer for EMC, his motivation for learning Chinese was both personal – his wife is Chinese – and professional – he has Chinese business colleagues.

Klinger enjoyed learning Chinese from Heinold, who also teaches at various corporations including EMC and Raytheon, because "he turned the fear factor into the fun factor." Klinger says he had a certain comfort level with the familiar aspects of western languages, but that Chinese was a mystery. For example, Chinese has no tenses, just one tense with contextual markers like "today" or "yesterday" to establish time frames. Another problem for Western thinkers is that one word can have four meanings depending on the tone or context of how it is used in a sentence.

When Klinger attends business meetings in Hong Kong there is still a translator for contract negotiations. However, he has experienced a shift since he learned some basic Chinese. "Even if you just know numbers, and understand the context of conversation, you've a better feeling for what is going on, and are not lost at sea," he says. "By simply repeating a number, the Chinese executives realize that you understand something in their language, and instead of being an outsider, you become a team player."

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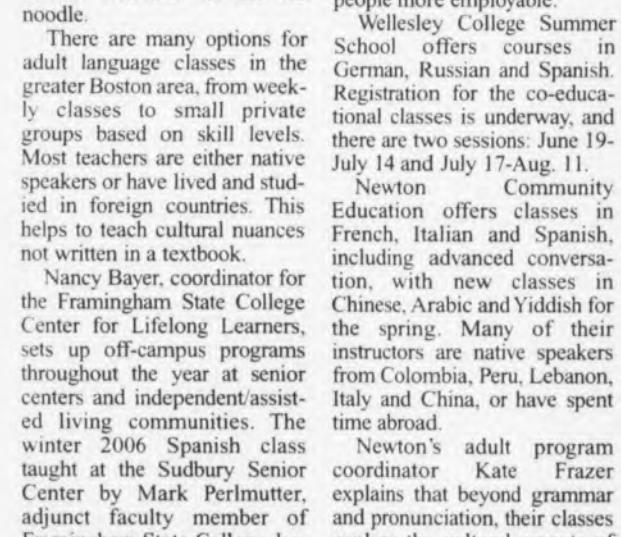

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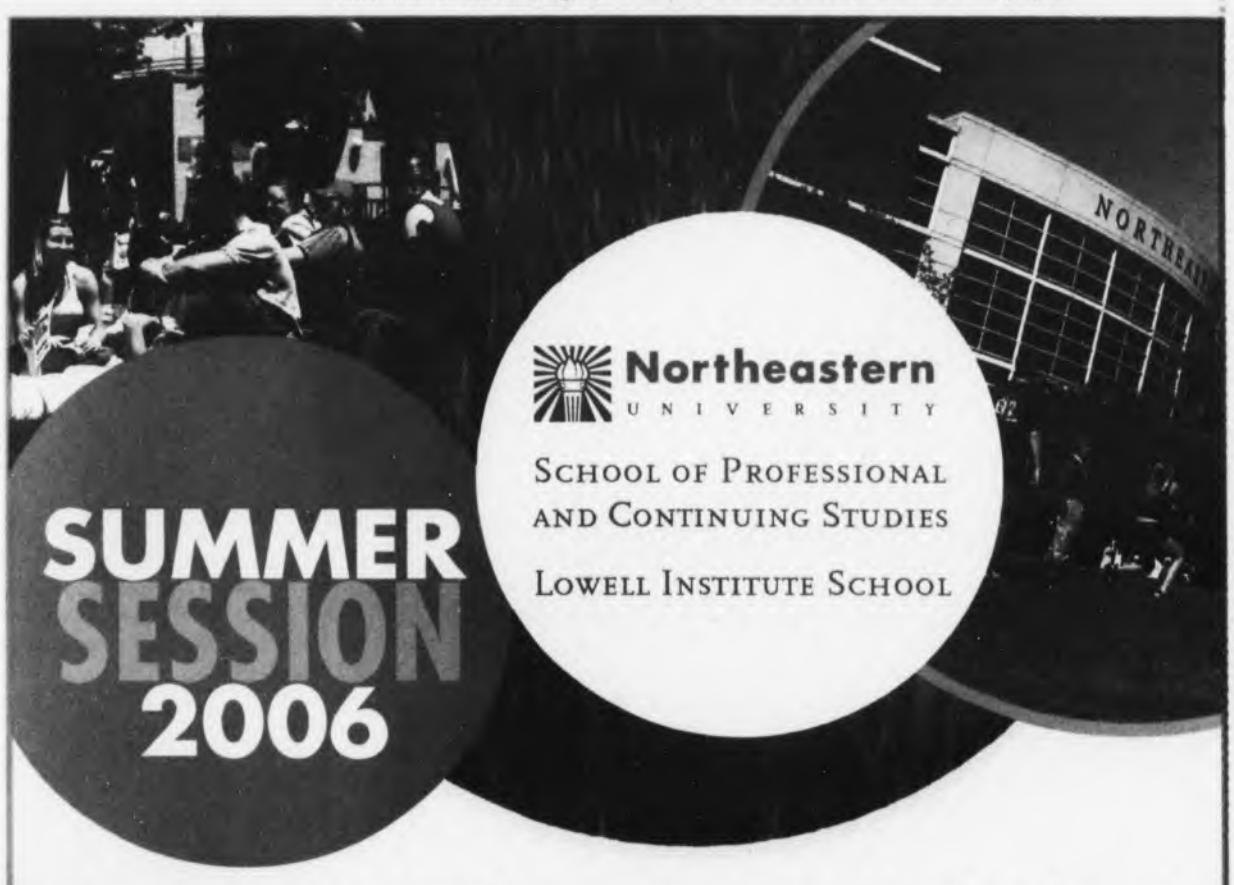
Instructor Mark Perlmutter teaches a Spanish language course at the Sudbury Senior Center.



FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

A personalized college stay can be beneficial

By Catherine Beyer Hurst
SIMMONS COLLEGE

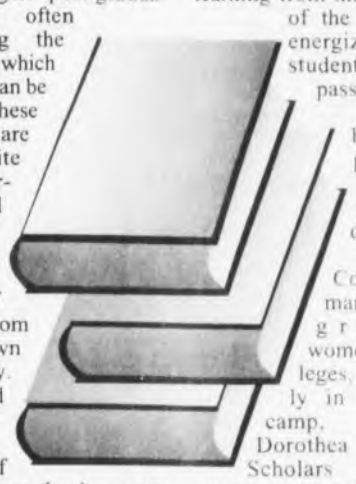
During the next five years, the largest increase in college students in the United States will come from adult full-time students under the age of 35, especially the 25- to 29-year-old group. These motivated twenty-somethings did not complete a bachelor's degree at a traditional age for a variety of reasons – perhaps because of family caregiving responsibilities, personal circumstances, parenthood, the cost of a higher education or even teenage immaturity.

The consequences for women who did not complete a degree can be particularly challenging. Women, who still make less than 80 cents for every dollar men earn, may struggle more at the lower rungs of employment. Many traditional high-paying jobs for those without a college education (such as those in the building trades or municipal services) are harder for them to obtain.

In their late 20s, these women recognize that the lack of a college degree is hurting their career prospects and often they become extremely dedicated and focused students.

It is probably not surprising, therefore, that data from the National Center for Education Statistics show the number of adult women in college will continue to grow faster than the number of men during the coming years.

My Simmons colleague Lesley Kinzel and I completed extensive research into the way that educational institutions present themselves in the adult market. We found that institutions marketing themselves to adult students fall into two categories. The first is a results-based orientation, focusing almost exclusively on the benefits of the attained degree post-graduation, and often emphasizing the speed with which the degree can be obtained. These institutions are usually quite large, offering a broad range of courses and the prestige of a degree from a well-known university. They tend to emphasize the benefits of the degree on the long-term career success of the student, and do not attempt to recreate any sense of the "college experience." They typically offer an evening/ weekend program that segregates the adult learner from the institution's traditional younger population.



The second category of institution marketing has more of a process-based orientation, offering individualized education culminating in an undergraduate degree as a life-enhancing experience in and of itself. These institutions believe that creating a supportive community of learners by integrating adult students into their traditional-age classes creates value for both audiences – giving traditional students the benefits of learning from the experience of the adults, and energizing adult students with the passion, energy (and often better computer skills) of traditional students.

Simmons College, like many undergraduate women's colleges, falls squarely in the second camp, and its Dorothea Lynde Dix Scholars program attracts women 24 and older who seek the value of an education that combines professional preparation and liberal arts. While the emphasis is definitely on the experience throughout the Dix Scholars program, the recent development of a combined BA/MBA program in the Simmons School of Management, the only business school in the world designed specifically for women, allows women who want to make up for lost time to combine the best of both worlds. They have the opportunity to enjoy the process-oriented learning experience of a small women's college, and yet can gain faster access to their ultimate professional credentials through the accelerated MBA program.

Career opportunities for women with degrees in management abound, with Department of Labor data showing that the fastest growing careers for students with a bachelor's degree and some work experience include information technology managers, marketing managers (public relations, advertising, promotion, and sales), medical/health service managers, management analysts, and financial managers.

Women currently fill [illegible] percent of management roles in U.S. organizations – [illegible] from only 4 percent 30 short years ago. Women who are thinking of returning to college should see the MBA as an attainable degree – even if they have stopped out part-time their education several years.

Cathe[illegible] Beyer Hurst is the director of the Simmons College undergraduate management degree[illegible] programs and an assistant professor of marketing in the Simmons School of Management. In addition to the undergraduate management programs, the SSOM offers the only MBA program in the country targeted exclusively for women, executive education programs for senior executives in large corporations.

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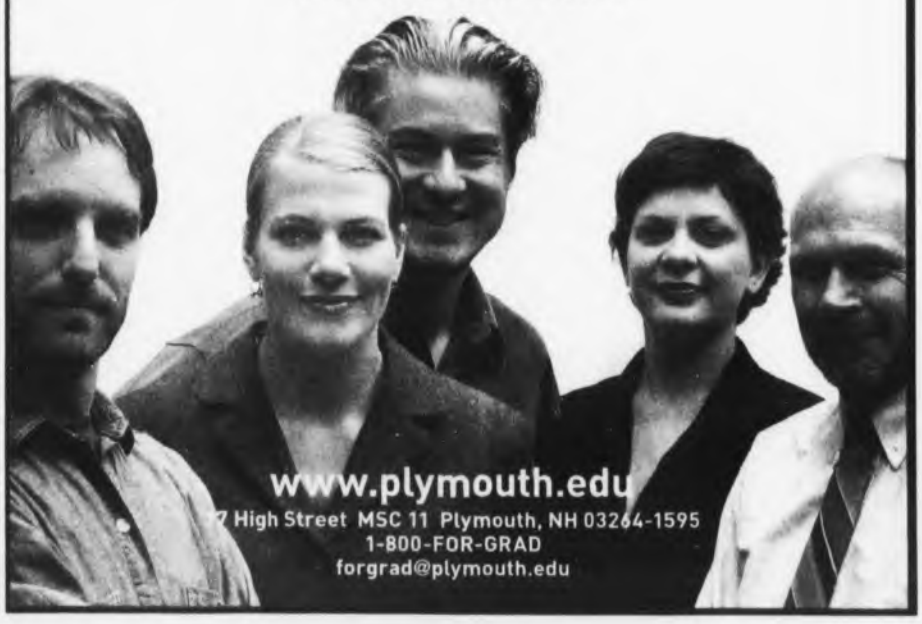

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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Audience development

Entertainment and sports share parallel needs to fill up the seats

By Susan L. Smith
CLARK UNIVERSITY
BLUE PUMPKIN PRODUCTIONS

Suppose you're responsible for growing the number of people who attend a regional theater company. Perhaps you're the marketing and promotions director for a new minor league baseball team. Or, you're looking for a way to get the new symphony orchestra on the cultural map and want to plan a special fund-raising benefit as a kick-off.

Clark University's College of Professional and Continuing Education is offering a course this fall for those presently engaged in marketing and promoting entertainment and sports organizations and for those about to enter these fields.

The course, titled "Audience Development, Event Planning and Promotion," is part of Clark's graduate program in professional communications, but is open to anyone with a bachelor's degree. Periodic guest lecturers will provide new perspectives on various issues relating to audience development.

The term "audience development" is a complex and extensive umbrella covering many areas of communications, public relations, marketing and planning. Students in the course will learn some of the basics of identifying, growing and nurturing an audience base through continuous building of an in-house mailing list and personalizing communications. They'll learn how to structure a series package or subscription with special perks; to provide periodic newsletters; and to craft a group sales program.

The class will also cover how to communicate effectively with the media, both print and electronic, through rigorous maintenance of a press data base to keep contacts current and appropriate follow up. They'll learn how to make use of photos; understand the press release and the public service announcement; and pitch ideas for feature stories and on-air interviews.

Other topics include:

➤Devising proposals for corporate and media sponsorships (preparing the proposal packet; creating the benefits and recognition opportunities)

➤Planning productive fund-raising benefit events start-to-finish

➤Getting the most from collaborative promotional activities (working with area restaurants, hotels, businesses and nonprofit organizations)

➤Crafting and utilizing direct mail and understanding how to deliver your message to get the response you wish; tracking your responses; following up promptly

➤Getting creative with barter and in-kind transactions to stretch limited budgets (learning what each half of the trade partnership has to offer; maintaining careful records of all transactions)

➤Stepping out in public (public speaking, radio interviews)

➤Crisis communications (handling negative news; responding to audience complaints; acting instead of reacting).

Course participants will learn principles they can apply to the enormously satisfying goals of building and retaining audiences. They will also learn how to strengthen relations with the general public and business communities supporting their organizations.

As an introduction to this full semester course, under the banner of Blue Pumpkin Productions, a half-day workshop will be offered on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Clark University. The workshop, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will focus on the series package or subscription campaign; working effectively with media; communicating with audiences; seeking corporate sponsorships; pursuing other promotional avenues; and special fund-raising benefit events.

For enrollment information on the Fall semester course at Clark University's College of Professional and Continuing Education, contact Director of Graduate Programs Max Hess at mhess@clarku.edu or 508-793-7212. For details on the audience development course and on the Aug. 8 workshop, contact Susan L. Smith, adjunct professor, COPACE and PR/Marketing Director, Blue Pumpkin Productions: bluepumpkinprod@ verizon.net or 508-757-1472.

Above is Clark University's Goddard Library. Clark's College of Professional and Continuing Education is offering a course this fall for those presently engaged in marketing and promoting entertainment and sports organizations and for those about to enter these fields.

Susan L. Smith co-founded the regional Equity theatre company, Worcester Foothills Theatre, and served as its associate producer/PR & marketing director from 1974-1999. She subsequently co-founded Blue Pumpkin Productions which offers workshops and consulting services to performing arts organizations, individual artists, and nonprofit organizations. She has been academic supervisor of graduate student interns at Clark University for the past four years as an adjunct faculty member. For more information about Susan Smith, go to www.bluepumpkinproductions.com.

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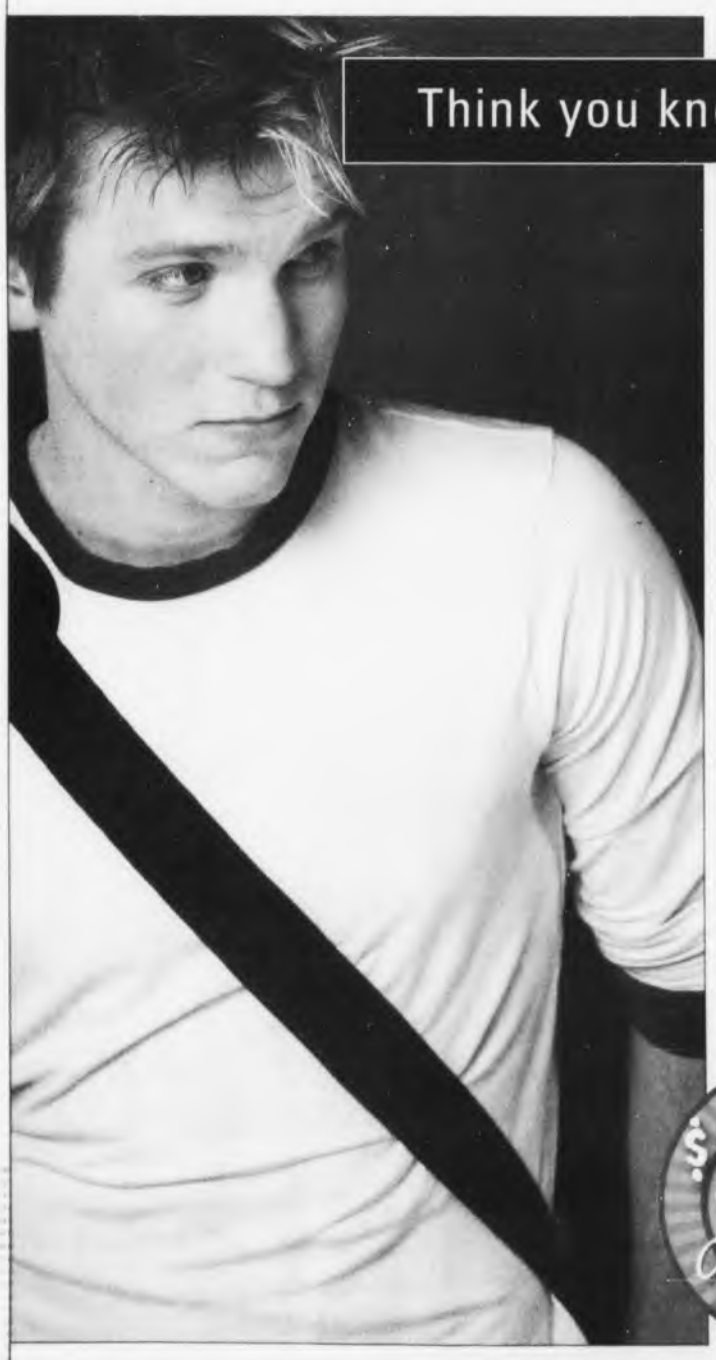
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1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

11:02 a.m. **Wood Way**, well being check.

11:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports smell of natural gas. E2 reports they will contact heating contractor.

12:07 p.m. **Margin Ct.** fire, investigation, alarm company reports trouble signal from this location, not an alarm activation. E1 is going to investigate.

1:26 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:30 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports her dog has just passed away and is it a large golden retriever. Caller was wondering if the ACO could assist her in transporting the dog elsewhere. ACO notified and will respond.

5:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, female party in with her son to see where she can get him drug tested. Officer spoke to female and advised her.

7:44 p.m. **School Buildings**, building checks.

11:27 p.m. Sgt. reports school buildings check ok all secure.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:34 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the blinking lights by the Hagerty property by the beach re out. Left message for the DPW.

6:51 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:59 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:56 a.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, fire, inspections.

11:23 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, brush, possible illegal burning.

3:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports that someone threw a cup of coffee at her vehicle. No damage done.

4:03 p.m. **King St.**, lock-out/lock-in, woman reports she locked her one year old daughter in the car.

4:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, dead animal, caller reports she saw two turkeys at this location and one of them looked either hurt or dead. Officer reports one of the turkeys looked like it had been hit, it has been removed to the side of the road and the proper authority to clean it up will be notified.

4:26 p.m. **North Main St.**, illegal dumping, caller reports he has rented out a dumpster for personal use and someone has been dumping construction materials in it. He would like to speak with an officer. Officer reports it looks like old wood materials in the dumpster and the homeowner requests extra patrols.

5:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports an employee at this location cannot breathe. She is an 18 year old female, face is all red.

5:14 p.m. **Church St.**, fire, miscellaneous, water heater problem.

5:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, abandoned motor vehicle, caller reports a black Chevy Suburban parked out front of Shaw's with its lights on and engine running with kids in the car and no adult. Officer reports gone on arrival.

5:58 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music and screaming coming from the next street over. They have a band in the back yard, officer to speak with them. Party has been spoken to, will stop playing for the night.

6:09 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a female in her 80's very weak with low blood sugar.

6:30 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:47 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, abandoned/hang-up 911, caller was confused and talking about some kind of hot line he had to call about a prize and he kept wanting to know what it was. Officer confirm accident.

7:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports 3 or 4 boys lighting something off in the parking lot and running away. Officer reports area search negative.

9:02 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:18 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller states her husband is having difficulty breathing.

9:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

9:34 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:37 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:48 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, car 20 and engine 1 responding to this location for an odor of gasoline. Car 20 requesting the DEP.

11:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:09 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a lot of smoke in the area. E1 investigating a permit fire in this area. E1 has advised resident to knock the fire down a little bit. They will be putting it out shortly.

12:53 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (lost), caller reports some jewelry possibly stolen.

3:33 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:32 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports that a resident has flu like symptoms and short of breath.

10 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:33 a.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen, caller requests traffic enforcement "in the Atlantica Lot for the Scituate people, who are going 60-70 mph on Border St."

6:56 a.m. **Border St.**, traffic enforcement, all traffic at our below speed limit.

7:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, assist citizen, caller requests "traffic assistance." "The traffic is backing up to North Main St."

8:28 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, possible radio problems during fire radio test, it did record but did not transmit over to the fire radios.

9 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious/letter, caller reports they would like to see an officer regarding a threatening letter they received. Officer reports this is a civil matter at this time. No direct threats are in the letter.

9:19 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:40 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, brush, caller reports an out of control brush fire. Homeowner is attempting to knock it down but not working. All units tied up on scene working.

11:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

12:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:33 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS, several callers reporting motor vehicle crash with injuries. Hull engine and rescue responding to this location. Fire Capt. reports cancel second rescue 1 party on scene with injuries. Officer request tow trucks for 2 vehicles.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

12:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 6-14, 2006

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Go beyond the myths about Paul Revere and Patriots Day at Petticoats at the Revolution: Tea, Trouble and Mrs. Revere at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. In costume, Joan Gattuma offers a behind-the-scenes look at the Paul Revere family during the Revolution in a program for adults and children ages 8 and older. Tickets are $10 at the door, and in advance by calling 781-659-7100. www.jameslibrary.org.

Thursday, April 6

Museum Mornings children's story hour, Thursday, April 6, 9:15 a.m., Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Cost $5 per child, free to museum members. Call 617-696-1815.

Thursday Tea: A Wildflower Spring, Thursday, April 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Slide presentation, "How to include wildflowers in the garden," with Winnie Lou Rounds. Tea and desserts provided. Cost $10, $8 members. Register by calling 781-659-2559.

Dance Kaleidoscope 2006 will be presented April 6-8 in the **Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium** at the **Bridgewater State College Campus.** Twelve advanced student choreographers will stage their work in a varied concert with styles ranging from ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical and hip hop. Performance dates are April 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 for BSC community and senior citizens, $10 for the general public. For more information call 508-531-1321.

Free Medicare seminar, South Shore Elder Services Inc., 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree, Thursday, April 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Topics include: overview of changes to Medicare and how Prescription Drug Plans work. Call 781-848-3910 to register.

Resources for Caregivers forum, Thursday, April 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Professional panel of health care and social service providers present options for family caregivers. Free to all South Shore family caregivers. Includes a light supper. Sponsored by South Shore Caregiving Collaborative. Pre-registration required by calling Donna Ciappina at 781-848-3910, ext. 335 by March 28.

South Shore Music Circus, 2006 Eastern Bank Summer concert Series preview of programs. Tickets on sale Thursday, April 6 for children's shows; Friday, April 7 for June and July shows; Saturday, April 8 for August and September shows. On sale Friday, April 7, "An Evening with Garrison Keillor Wednesday, June 8, 8 p.m. Tickets $59.25-$46.25.Call Ticketmaster. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org.

Girls' Night Out Cocktail Party and Fashion Show, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 71 So. Main St., Cohasset. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, fashions from In the Pink, Talbot's, The Bermuda Shop, Victoria's Secret, Water Water Everywhere. Tickets $60 at the door or from Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. Call 781-383-3198 or mail checks to Our World Museum, 100 Sohier St., P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, MA 02025.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, April 6, **Brian Stratton Band**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corner, Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m. featuring the sarcastic and hysterical comedy of Paul Nardizzi with host Jim Cahillane. Admission $12, dinner available before show. Advance reservations call 781-848-0300.

Friday, April 7

Spirit of Nature prints and paintings by Monice Morenze at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, April 7 through May 3. Open Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org. Opening reception Friday, April 7, 7 to 9 p.m.

White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, April 7 - May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Opening Reception, April 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Includes works of international artists and 34 artists from 40 states. Call 781-383-2787.

Nathan Gallery presents "**Full Circle**" through April 29, at the Frame Center, second floor, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Fourth annual presentation of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Dept. (K-12.) Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

"Aida" at the Company Theatre of Norwell, 30 Accord park, Norwell, through April 9. Music and lyrics of Elton John and Tim Rice capture love of an enslaved princess in ancient Egypt. Tickets $26-$29. Call 781-871-2787.

South Shore Folk Music Club concert with John Roberts and Tony Barrand, April 7 at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Widely acclaimed for their entertaining and hilarious presentations of English folk songs. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $8 members, $10 for non-members. For information, call 781-878-1683 or visit www.sstmc.org.

New England Singles dance, Friday, April 7, 8 p.m. Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, April 7 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples. 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se4u.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, April 7, **Ripchordz**. For information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 7, **Johnny Vance Band**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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"Spirit of Nature", a show of prints and paintings by **Monice Morenz** of Scituate will be on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from April 7, 2006 - May 3, 2006. An opening reception for the public will be held Friday, April 7, from 7-9 p.m.. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.- 1p.m. For more information call 781-6597100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org.

Mark your calendar

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER PLYMOUTH 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, Saturday, May 20. Shotgun start is at 7:30 a.m. at Southers Marsh Golf Club, Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth, Golfers, hole sponsors and raffle items are needed Greens fees are $100 each with a discount of $10 if registered by May 8. Greens fees include coffee, doughnuts, cart, lunch and prizes. For registration forms, to become a hole sponsor or to donate raffle items, contact Joan Hoye, Tournament Chair, at 508-946-1354. All proceeds from the event go to help build affordable homes for local families in need.

CHAMPION CUP BOSTON, Professional Men's Tennis Returns To Boston, Thursday, April 27-30, daytime session at 1:30 p.m. and evening session at 5:30 p.m. Tennis legends Courier, Chang, McEnroe, Wilander and Cash will meet at the Champions Cup Boston. Four full days of competition at the Bosse Sports Club, 141 Boston Post Road, Sudbury. Champions will compete in a round-robin match format with the winners of the two four-player divisions meeting in the championship match where a king of the court will be crowned. Ticket prices start at $15 and can be purchased by calling 978-443-9006 or online at www.championscuptennis.com.

SWAN LAKE comes to the Colonial Theatre, April 20-23. Tickets are $37.50-$87.50. Performances are Thursday at 7 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.com , by calling 617-931-2787or at the Colonial Box Office, 106 Boylston St., Boston.

SENIOR CABERET with David Polansky at the Thayer Public Library, Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. With a keyboard, trumpet and his voice, Polansky performs the music of Cohan, Berlin, Gershwin, and more. Held in the upper level reading room of the library at 798 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

INDIAN POND COUNTRY CLUB HOSTS "SPRING FOR RTR," Friday, April 28 from 6-8 p.m. Road to Responsibility's charity auction and dinner. Silent auction, dinner and music. Jordan Rich, of WBZ News Radio 1030, will serve as celebrity host and auctioneer. Cost is $75 per person. A table of ten may be reserved for just $700. For reservation information contact: Peg Cammarata, Road to Responsibility, 781-834-1300, ext. 296.

HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS 16th annual "Voice and Visions" gala. Celebrate children's art work, Monday, May 8, 6-10 p.m. at The State Room, 60 State St. Boston. Cocktails and dinner and a silent auction. Tickets cost $125. For information, call Jamille at 617-927-0682 or visit www.thehome.org.

FIFTH ANNUAL TUNES FOR TOTS CONCERT, Saturday, May 13, K of C Hall, Route.139 Pembroke. All proceeds raised benefit the funding of summer programs for the children of the Carolina Hill Homeless Shelter. Live music by Basic Black with special guests. Funds raised provide clothes, food and summer activities for the children of Marshfield's Homeless shelter.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL AGAINST THE TIDE, one-mile swim, two-mile kayak and three-mile fitness walk, benefiting the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, will be held at Hopkinton State Park in Hopkinton, June 24. Each participant will raise a minimum of $150 in contributions to benefit MBCC and may chose to participate in one, two or all three of the events. Visit www.mbcc.org/swim to register or call 1-800-649-MBCC. For information call 617-376-MBCC or visit www.mbcc.org. Donations may be sent to Against the Tide c/o MBCC, 1419 Hancock Street, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02169.

Movie review

'Inside' tout

Inside Man (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Detective Frazier (Denzel Washington) has an off-hours meeting with the mysterious Madeline White (Jodie Foster).

If I see a better mainstream American film than Spike Lee's "Inside Man" in 2006, I will be very happy — and surprised.

The film, a thriller about hostage-taking bank robbers in New York City, is more than merely flawlessly cast and marvelously acted and directed. It is also a polyphonic, multiracial meditation on post-9/11 America and yet another Lee love song to the city of his dreams: New York, New York.

Can you believe the whole thing starts out to the percussive beat of music by legendary Bollywood composer A.R. Rahman?

Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington with Kojak cue-ball head and added pounds), a sharp-dressing hostage negotiator, has his hands full. He's under suspicion after $140,000 goes missing during a bust. His freaky girlfriend (Cassandra Freeman) has got to have it (marriage, that is). Her brother, who lives with her, is a jobless drunk, and Frazier's superior (Peter Gerety) has assigned him to take over a standoff at the venerable Wall Street bank Manhattan Trust.

Inside are 50 hostages representing a feisty cross-section of New York City and a band of masked robbers armed with AK-47s and a .357 revolver. Their leader (a commanding Clive Owen) has threatened to start killing them by twos and tossing their bodies into the street if his demands are not met.

Arthur Case (Christopher Plummer), the wealthy, leonine banker who established Manhattan Trust shortly after World War II, has a dark secret. With the mayor's backing, the mysterious Madeline White (a lean, witty and, well, white Jodie Foster) has been given a place of authority in the negotiations. Along with his partner, Detective Bill Mitchell (Chiwetel Ejiofor, who makes George Clooney look homely), Frazier suspects the killers are stalling and that they have some other goal in mind.

If you can imagine a modern-day American heist movie engineered by Simon Wiesenthal, you have some idea of the film's ingenuity. The script by first-timer and Tufts graduate Russell Gewirtz is taut, exciting, intelligent and fast-paced.

Instead of the white-black duo most American films give us, we get two professional black men, negotiators who also "negotiate" the complexities of the New York City police department. A scene in which Frazier questions a racist but competent and courageous beat cop (Victor Colicchio) speaks volumes about ethnic politics in the American workplace.

When we think of the great hostage-taking films, we think of Sidney Lumet's "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975), John McTiernan's "Die Hard" (1988) and the lesser known, if no less great "The Taking of Pelham One Two Three" (1974) — and "Inside Man" ranks with them. And like Lumet's landmark film, which is in fact named by Frazier, "Inside Man" is about much more than a bank robbery.

All the hostages are dressed and masked to resemble the robbers, rendering them free of identity and race, if not gender. But when the cops unmask a blindfolded person sent outside with a package and find a bearded man in a turban, they immediately assume he's an Arab suicide bomber, although he turns out to be a Sikh named Vikram (Waris Ahluwalia). A white bank manager uses Kanye West's "Gold Digger" as his ringtone. Owen's thief is appalled by a racist and violent video game being played by the 8-year-old son (Amir Ali Said) of a hostage.

Down to the smallest role, the cast is first-rate, and the film may be worth seeing just to hear someone call Foster a very bad name and to hear her respond, "Thank you." When Washington is at the top of his game, as he is here, he doesn't speak his lines; he sings them. His greatest performances are a delightful form of behavioral opera and an aural delight.

Working with talented cinematographer Matthew Libatique ("Requiem for a Dream") and veteran producer Brian Grazer, Lee demonstrates a masterful grasp of the filmmaker's art. Viewers should be especially amused by the unspoken connections he makes between a police siege and shooting a film on the streets of Manhattan. Frankly, I have been waiting for years for Lee to stop taking stands and just make a great movie.

Here it is. Who's the "inside man" now?

Rated R. "Inside Man" contains violence and profanity.

Calendar

APRIL 6-14, 2006

Uncork the sound of a solo violin, while you sip or sup at Mount Blue Restaurant in Norwell. On Sunday, April 9 at 7 pm, Hingham Symphony presents Peter Krysa, co-principal second violin, who will take you deep into the violin. He will perform a variety of pieces from Bach to modern, and share stories about growing up in Russia and Canada with a famous violinist as a father. Jin Kim, HSO's charismatic and quirky conductor, will serve as emcee. Mount Blue transforms its bar area into an intimate classical club, for a unique opportunity to hear a violin at its very best. Sponsored in part by Watch All, Inc. of Weymouth. Limited seating: $15 adults, $10 youth. To order in advance, call 781-740-5694 or www.hinghamsymphony.org.

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South Shore Singles dance, Friday, April 7 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Music by Emanon Orchestra. Ages 45+. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Comedy Night at the Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Double Headliner Show with John Turco and Mark Riley. Admission $15. Call 781-871-7175

Saturday, April 8

Dad and Me Breakfast and Wind Chimes Workshop, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Saturday, April 8 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Participants create artistic wind chimes. Materials provided. Continental breakfast provided. Limit 10 father-child pairs. $18, $15 members. Pre-registration, pre-payment required. Call 781-659-2559.

New England Patriots Coaching Academy, half–day seminar for youth and high school football coaches, Saturday, April 8, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Gillette Stadium, East Clubhouse, Foxborough, with members of Patriots Coaching Staff Dante Scarnecchia, Dean Pees, Mike Woicik, Harold Nash, and Andre Tippet. Registration fee of $40 includes seminar, continental breakfast, National football Foundation Coaching Playbook and CD, t-shirt, and official certificate. Visit www.patriots.com.

Scituate Animal Shelter annual yard sale to benefit veterinary care-spay-neuter program, Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. K of C Hall, 234 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate. For donation drop off dates call 781-545-8703.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m., Moderate walk, some hilly terrain, 4 miles. From St. Moritz Pond to Sawcut Notch and return on Indian Camp Path. Meet at Shea rink lot, Willard St. Quincy. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

"The Princess Who Couldn't Grow Old" at the Abigail Adams Middle School, 89 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9, presented by Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop Inc. Tickets $5 at the door or call 781-331-2700.

Weymouth Art Association Members Spring Art Exhibit, April 8-22, Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

Bay Farm Montessori Academy 13th Annual Auction, Saturday evening, April 8, Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston. Proceeds benefit Bay Farm's financial aid program. For information call 781-934-7101 or email sandyk@bfma.net.

Arc of Greater Plymouth 4th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, Saturday, April 8, 6 p.m., at the Radisson Plymouth, with special guest, Christine Hurley, Fox TV "America's Funniest Mom" finalist. Music, dancing, dinner, life and silent auction, 50-50 raffle. For tickets or to donate items call 508-732-9292.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, April 8, **Dave & The Goliaths**. Call 781-335-9796.

"Broad Comedy" at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. Saturday evenings, 8 p.m. Tickets $28.50, seniors 10 percent discount, students $20. Call Telecharge 800-447-7400 Group discounts call 617-426-4499 ext 25. For more information visit www.braodcomedy.com.

South Shore Dancers Musical Memories dance Saturday, April 8, 8 to 11 p.m., at Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Norwell. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Informal attire in the style of a musical era. $10, $9 members. For reservations and information call 781-659-4703 or visit www.southshoredancers.org.

Jah Spirit Reggae will perform, Saturday, April 8 at **Joe's American Bar & Grill**, 3087 Washington Street (Route 53) Hanover.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Saturday, April 8 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimen-tary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u-com.

Sunday, April 9

"Classical Uncorked" at Mount Blue Restaurant, Norwell, Sunday, April 9, 7 p.m. Hingham Symphony presents Peter Krysa, co-principal second violin, performing Bach to modern while sharing stories about life in Russia and Canada with a famous violinist as a father. Limited seating. $15 adults, $10 youth. In advance, call 781-740-5694 or visit www.hinghamsymphony.org.

Classical Concert Preview: A Visit to Vienna, Ventress Library, Program Room, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. Scituate-based Choral Art Society performs works of Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, and Schubert. Free admission. For information call 781-834-5535.

Petticoats at the Revolution: Tea, Trouble and Mrs. Revere, at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. In costume, Joan Gatturna presents a look at Paul Revere's family during the American Revolution. Tickets $10 at the door or in advance by calling 781-659-7100. For information visit www.james-library.org.

Back Bay Guitar Trio classical guitar ensemble of Steve Marchena, John Mason, and David Newsam, at the Hingham Public Library, Sunday, April 9, 3:30 p.m. Free admission.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, April 8, **Jon Frattasio and Friends** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.british-beercom.

Monday, April 10

Maps and Compasses workshop for children grades three to five. Learn to read maps and how compasses work. Cost is $18, $14 members. Call 781-659-2559.

Tax-Aide free tax assistance for seniors and low-income taxpayers through April 18 from AARP at 300 locations throughout Massachusetts. For nearest Tax-Aide site call 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit www.aarp.org/ma.

"Unforgettable: The Nat King Cole Story," at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through Saturday, April 15, starring Broadway star and Tony Award nominee Monroe Kent II. Tickets call 781-279-2200 or visit StonehamTheatre.org. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., matinees Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets $36 adults, $32 seniors, $18 students under age 18 or with valid college ID.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

Tuesday, April 11

Foster Parent Information meeting, Tuesday, April 11, 7 to 8 p.m., DSS Coastal Area Office, 541 Main St., So. Weymouth. Foster families include married, single, couples, working parents, and families with or without children. For information call Kara Hemingway, 781-682-0866.

Disability Training Seminar, Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Duxbury Senior Center. "Architectural Accessibility and Requirements of Americans with Disabilities Act. For information call 800-322-2020 or 617-727-7440 V/TTY.

The South Shore Soliloquy Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. The club provides an opportunity for residents of the south shore to master public speaking and learn leadership skills in a friendly supportive club environment. For more information, call Bob Symes at 781-837-5734 or visit www.geocities.com/sssoliloquy.

Sweet Springtime in Song, musical by The Singing Sisters of Kingston, at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth, Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. Call 508-830-4250, ext. 219 or TTY 508-747-5882.

Memoir Writing: Your Life as Art, presentation by author of two memoirs and five novels, Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. at Hingham Library. Admission is free. To purchase a signed book call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

South Shore Women's Business Network Luncheon, Tuesday, April 11, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rustic Kitchen, Hingham. Seating is limited. To register call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Cabaret Night, at the Company Theatre in Norwell, 30 Accord park, Norwell, Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Final performance by Scituate native Sarah deLima, in an evening of great American standards. Tickets $10 available at box office, by phone, 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Weymouth resident, Kaye O'Brien is the featured artist in the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vino Hall Gallery May 13. Her show "April Showers and More" typifies her diverse work in oil, watercolors and pastels. Through her brush, Kaye captures the vibrancy of flowers in a vase or the stillness of a rural landscape. Meet the artist at an opening reception on Saturday April 8 from 2-4 pm at the Science Center which is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-2559,ext 203 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org.

"White Egret in the Marshes"

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Wednesday, April 12

Pet Bather-Assistant Groomer Workshops, Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. beginning April 12, sponsored by Zoomin Groomin Mobile Pet Spas. To register call 866-504-7666.

Free Medicare Prescription Drug seminar, Wednesday, April 12, 3 to 5 p.m. at South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Call 781-848-3910, 781-383-9790 or visit www.sselder.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizons-forhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizons-forhomelesschildren.org.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club will present John Roberts and Tony Barrand in concert, Friday, April 7 at the Beal House, Route Route 106, Kingston, MA. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8. Tickets at the door are $8 for Members, $10 for Non-members. For more information call 781-878-1683.

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For your information

URGENT NEED FOR FOSTER PARENTS. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

CHARTER OAK EDUCATION, INC. one of New England's smallest, non-profit private schools has started a car donation program. Old or even totaled cars can be turned into much needed funds for the school. Donation will counts as a charitable tax deduction. Also accepting vans, boats or rv's. For information call 860-646-0584.

SALVATION ARMY ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM offers health services, meals, activities and companionship. Transportation is provided from surrounding communities. Mass Health and other funding is available. Call 617-479-3040 for more information.

LOCAL FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS. ASSE International Student Exchange program is seeking local host families for boys and girls from a variety of countries. Students ages 15-18 will attend a semester or a year in this area. These bright kids who speak English, are anxious to learn about the U.S. Students are fully insured, have their own spending money and are willing to share in household responsibilities, as well as be included in family activities. For more information call 800-677-2773.

The Faith Quilts Project will display 57 Collaborative faith quilts at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street Boston. An opening night performance program will be held Thursday, April 6 from 6-10 p.m. The quilts will be on display throughout the month of April. For more information call 978-369-9596 or visit www.faithquilts.org.

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For your health

NEW ENGLAND SINAI PARKINSON'S ADULT DAY SERIES "Current Evidence-Based Physical Therapy Practice presented by Beth Cornforth, MSPT, Wednesday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Sinai's Brenner Conference Rooms A and B, 150 York St., Stoughton. Registration suggested by April 23. Call Diane at 781-297-1269 to reserve a spot. Light breakfast will be served. For more information, call 781- 297-1368.

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS, "Courage to be Free" a support group for smoking cessation. Nicotine Anonymous, a 12-step support group meets on Sundays 11 a.m. at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop using nicotine. There are no dues or fees for Nicotine Anonymous membership.

INTENSIVE CHILDBIRTH PREPARATION WEEKEND AT JORDAN HOSPITAL. Class offered one weekend per month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Next class is April 8, 9 in the Funkhouser B Conference Room. Fee is $150 and prepayment is required. Please call JordanCall at 800-750-5343 for more information and to register for these classes.

NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, meets Wednesday April 12, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Open to the public, and is held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Norwell VNA office, 320 Washington St., Norwell. Featured guest speaker Attorney Ron Kearns, R.N., ESQ., of Senior Resource Center Inc. Discussing how to begin financial and estate planning, asset preservation and the various resources for caregivers to gain additional assistance. Light refreshments will be provided. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For information call Renee McInnes, R.N. at 781-659-2342, or Joan Wright of the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722.

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Calendar

APRIL 6-14, 2006

The "Back Bay Guitar Trio" will perform in concert at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. The Back Bay Guitar Trio is a classical guitar ensemble comprised of Steve Marchena, John Mason and David Newsam. This free concert is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and is presented as part of the Library's "Sunday Sounds Special" series. The Hingham Public Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org

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Brain Aneurysm South Shore Support Group, Wednesday, April 12, St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. "Familial Characteristics." For information call 617-513-3578 or email tfquirk@aol.com.

Thursday, April 13

Southeastern Mass Mineral Club meeting Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, professor Richard Enright, speaker. Free admission. Refreshments served. Call 781-878-9011.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, April 13, **Six Foot Sunday,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebees, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Friday, April 14

South Shore Comedy Competition and Showcase at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corner, Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. with Harrison Stebbins and Scott Higgins. Admission $12, dinner available before show. Advance reservations call 781-848-0300.

New England Singles dance, Friday, April 14, 8 p.m. Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 14. **Five to the Face,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, April 14, **The Stubbies-MattStubbs.** Call 781-335-9796.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Saturday, April 14 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 1125 Boston-Providence High-way, So. Norwood. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u-com.

Ongoing events

Philatelists or stamp collectors are needed for a new Plymouth stamp club. This is an opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Meetings will be monthly. If you are interested or know someone who is, call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Discover Ireland. Applications are being accepted for the Irish Way, a **five-week summer study abroad program** for American high school students. Sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute, the Irish Way sends 100 students to Ireland for a unique cultural and educational experience. Dates are June 28 to July 27. Applications are accepted until the program is full. For information contact Taryn Harrison at 973-605-1991 or email: tharrison@iaci-usa.org. Visit www.iaci-usa.org.

Boston University Medical Center study on driving and dementia. Those who have a family member with dementia who is driving or are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate. Limited number of spaces available. Call 617-414-1188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus open call for singers for spring show performance in May of Broadway show tunes. Monday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Auditions not required. Call 781-585-6592 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

MADD offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, **every third Tuesday of the month,** from 1 to 4 p.m. $5 per person. All ages welcome, non-smoking and wheelchair accessible.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m**. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a new marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard-flag squad members. A family style group open to those from age 13 to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at Pembroke Community Center, Route. 14, Pembroke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting, wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Membership fee $20 per year. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. A great way to get together with old friends and meet new people with similar interests and experiences. Call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

New Natural Foods Co-op A group of South Shore residents are starting natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. Call Rosa LaRosa, 781-837-3858.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Quincy Toastmasters Club. Look forward to the next time you speak in public. Transform yourself from a nervous speaker to a confident superstar with a friendly and fun club. The Quincy Toastmasters meets every Monday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Quincy Recreational Center, 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Visit www.quincytoastmasters.org or call 617-472-8893.

Poetry at the Main Street Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, last Wednesday of every month. Open Mic, 7 p.m. Sign up, 6:30 p.m. Email Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, Tuesday Trivia Night, 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday Texas Hold-em Poker League, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday Karaoke Night, 9 p.m. to midnight. Information call 781-843-3648.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Men's Support Group. Discussion group for men who are in relationships with women undergoing or surviving cancer treatment, every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m., at St. Stephen Church in Cohasset. Explore many issues that are the result of cancer and its impact on those who are close to the survivors. Groups facilitated by Licensed Clinical Social Worker Free and confidential. Space is limited. Call 781-393-0771.

MS Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth. Call Liz, 781-878-7041, email Vze2n8tr@verizon.net, call Cindy,781-878-5835 or email aRockland119@aol.com.

South Shore Parents, are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community listing family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hotspots on the South Shore. Visit www.southshoreparents.com.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating them to help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at **St. Mary's Hall**, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

Children's Physical Development Clinic. Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the **New Song Arts Center**, 81 Maple St. (Codman Building), Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

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The Company Theatre in Norwell will be presenting it's final Cabaret Night of the season on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30pm. The final performer will be Scituate native Sarah deLima, who will be presenting an evening of great American standards. A veteran of the Boston and South Shore theatre scene, Sarah has been seen on The Company Theatre stage in such productions as "Company," "Nunsense," and many others. Opening for Sarah will be another Company Theatre favorite, Paula Markowicz, who has been seen in "Ragtime," "Nunsense," "Smokey Joe's Cafe," and other shows. Tickets are just $10 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Vacation week activities

TED WILLIAMS/STEVE FERROLI INSTRUCTIONAL BASEBALL PROGRAM, Monday through Friday, April 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For players 9-13 years old. Held at Hanson Athletic Association on Reed St., Hanson. For information or registration call 781-293-2700.

KNITTING WORKSHOP AT THE PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, Youth Services Department of the Plymouth Public Library will be conducting a Basic Knitting Workshop for kids ages 9-12 on April 21 from 10:30 to noon. Learn the basics; casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and casting off. If you have size 8 or size 9 knitting needles bring them along, there will be some to share. Program is free, registration is necessary and program is limited to 20. Registration begins April 7. For information or to register, call the 508-830-4250. For more information visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

NORTH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, "Bird House for Rent," April 18, 9 to 11:30 a.m., for 5 and 6 year olds: Learn about the songbirds that might be looking for a place to nest in your yard as we build birdhouses and then head out into the woods to hike, look, listen and sing for local birds. **"Wetland Mysteries,"** Wednesday, April 19, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for 7 to 11 year olds: Observe the creatures that can be found in a vernal pool, and in a stream; learn scientific facts and discover the clues to their survival. **"Sand and Sea,"** Thursday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for 7 to 11 year olds: We will take a closer look at sand, and the animals and plants that are adapted for living in this grainy environment. All programs begin and end at the 2000 Main Street, Marshfield. Pre-registration is required. For prices, directions or more information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at 781-837-9400.

BIRDING WITH MASS AUDUBON, for kids aged 7 to 12, Saturday, April 15, from 2-4 p.m. at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main Street, Marshfield. Make observations, keep a bird list and learn more about the natural history of our native birds. Pre-registration is required, cost is $10 for Mass Audubon members, and $13 for non-members. Binoculars and field guides will be available for use but bring your own if you have them. For directions or more information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

KIDS' CONCERT AT THE OLD SHIP PARISH HOUSE. Join the Hingham Newcomers Club for a fun-filled kids concert featuring Jon Songs, Tuesday, April 18. Old Ship Parish House located at 107 Main Street. There will be shows at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. All ages are welcome. To learn more about Jon Songs please visit www.jonsongs.com. Cost is $4 per person for pre-paid tickets. Please send checks to: Lynne Toland, 265 High Street, Hingham, MA or call 781-740-4619

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White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, April 7-May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Opening Reception, April 7, 6 to 8 p.m. A national exhibition with work across all media within the range of white, black and gray. Juried by Lisa Tung, Exhibitions Curator and Director of the Visiting Artist Program at Mass. College of Art.

Flagbearer Carl Gombert - Rubber Stamped Ink

The exhibition includes the work of a number of international artists as well as 34 artists from 40 states. Opening Reception: April 7, 6-8 p.m. Call 781-383-2787.

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Tour of Beauty

Journey to Vietnam for breathtaking landscape, enchanting culture

By FRAN GOLDEN

DANANG, Vietnam -- The old woman wearing a traditional conical straw hat came up to me on the street and smiled a toothless smile. "Where you from?" she asked.

I told her I was American.

"Totally awesome," she replied, her smile growing broader.

"Totally awesome," I agreed, but it was her country I was talking about.

Up to this point, my thoughts of Vietnam were based on news reports of the Vietnam War and movies such as "Apocalypse Now" and "Good Morning Vietnam." My 18-year-old son, Eli, who was with me on this trip, knew the movies too, and a little history. But, like the people we encountered here, we felt no need to dwell on the past.

And that's OK. What Vietnam offers today's traveler is not just war memories, but stunning scenery, a fascinating culture and a very warm welcome. It's one of the most intriguing places available to travelers.

Yet I have to admit I was nervous about coming here, to a Third World country I knew little about.

So rather than go the individual traveler route, we flew to Hong Kong and boarded the sleek, luxury cruiseship Silver Shadow, operated by Silversea Cruises. In addition to set itineraries, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based cruise line offers what it calls "Personalized Voyages," where you can construct your own itinerary. So with Vietnam our focus, we arranged a five-day cruise on the 380-passenger ship, from Hong Kong with port calls in Vietnam.

Hanoi

Driving by tour bus from our first port (Halong Bay) into Hanoi we passed rice paddies and shared the road with many motorbikes (the main means of transport here; few people own cars).

We thought the country roadways were crazy. We were unprepared for Hanoi.

In this city you are confronted with a hectic mix of unfamiliar sights and sounds and smells -- masses of motorbikes you have to dodge when you cross the street, the near constant sound of horns honking, women with conical hats carrying poles with baskets, people wearing spooky, white face masks to protect from the soot and germs, food vendors on the street selling things such as cooked pigeons with their heads still on, buildings literally covered with advertising.

As the capital of North Vietnam, the city was heavily bombed during the Vietnam War. Still there are reminders of the past in today's city including French colonial architecture and 1,000-year-old temples and pagodas. Amid the hustle and bustle, the city of more than 3 1/2 million boasts much greenery and many lakes -- the lake where U.S. Sen. John McCain was shot down during the war now has swan boats to rent (the prison in which he was a POW is now a Hilton hotel). There is no McDonald's. There is fine dining, really nice hotels and some high-end shopping options.

The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is austerely Soviet, modeled on Lenin's tomb in Moscow. "Uncle Ho," who began the communist revolution in 1949 and died in 1969 (six years before unified Communist Vietnam was established) is embalmed here and can be viewed under glass in his khaki suit.

PHOTO BY FRAN GOLDEN

Magical Halong Bay

Yet you get the idea that communism may be a loose term here. In the park near the memorial we spotted guards in austere uniforms smoking cigarettes and listening to iPods.

Halong Bay

Recognized by UNESCO, Halong Bay couldn't be any more different from Hanoi. We sat in a Vietnamese junk (boat) and cruised into the mist of the large, calm bay past giant, craggy limestone formations protruding from the sea. According to legend, the 3,000 islands were formed by a dragon who fell from the sky, sent by the gods to protect against Chinese invaders.

The islands are mostly uninhabited and many form odd shapes -- one looks like a man's face in profile, another like two cocks fighting. The views will make you forget you're on earth. It's awe-inspiring.

Our junk tour took us to a floating village, below steep cliffs, where Eli and I maneuvered a two-person kayak around floating homes. We were greeted by barking dogs and the occasional shout of "hello" from residents, and "dollar!" from boat vendors selling groceries (which we didn't need as delicious fresh seafood and Vietnamese beer was served on the junk). The dollar refrain was echoed by a couple of beggars on boats.

Our trip included a stop at Surprise Cave, a former Viet Cong hangout, a massive hole in a mountain (you reach it by climbing steep wooden steps from the boat pier) spectacularly filled with stalagmites and stalactites.

Danang

It was in Danang that U.S. troops first landed in 1965, and the city became a major U.S. base. Nearby China Beach provided sand and surf as a recreation center for the troops (and inspired the TV show of the same name). The city fell to the Viet Cong in 1975, signaling the South's defeat in the war.

Today Danang is a commercial center, the fourth-largest city in Vietnam, and does not offer much in the way of tourist attractions -- nor is it particularly picturesque.

So after a brief look-see, we headed about seven miles outside the city to the Marble Mountains. The five mountains are each named for the elements. Tho Son (earth) is the highest peak and visitors can climb 153 steps to the top for tremendous views of Danang, China Beach and the Pacific Ocean beyond, as well as temples and shrines, some located in caves, most recreations of those destroyed in the war -- the Viet Cong hid out here, too. Below the mountains, the town of Non Nuoc produces marble goods and there are numerous production studios and stalls selling everything from tiny folk figures and chess sets to giant statuary. The vendors can be aggressive. On his way to the tour bus, Eli was followed down the mountain by no fewer than a dozen teenage girls offering marble goods. He did not object.

Hoi An

It was this little resort town that really stole our hearts and had us vowing to return to Vietnam.

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The town is also known for its expert tailor shops, and so we landed at Dung Tailor, which we scientifically picked among the dozens of similar shops as it was the first one we spotted.

We showed up early evening and advised the owner, Mrs. Duyen Dung, that we were leaving town early the next day. No problem. Our measurements were taken and Eli ordered up a custom-made three-piece suit in heavy silk ($65), while I ordered a jacket and skirt in linen ($40). Mrs. Dung told us to come back in four hours.

We used the time to dine at the finest restaurant in town, Brother's Cafe, where the set menu and drinks cost us only $45 (and we gorged on corn and crab soup, sweet and sour fish, eggplant, meat dumplings and more).

Wandering around town, we stopped at a bar for beers -- 75 cents a pint -- and at shops where we bought silk scarves, purses and neckties as souvenirs (at prices that were a steal).

When we arrived back at Mrs. Dung's tiny, fabric-filled shop it was 10 p.m., and Eli's jacket needed some minor adjusting, as did my suit. Not to worry. The tailor would work until the job was finished.

While Eli rough-housed with Mrs. Dung's 7-year-old son (much to the kid's delight), she and I sat and talked. We asked for details about each other's lives, using sign language when English failed us, and somewhere in our conversation the hugging started.

She asked me my age, and showed me her wrinkles. She was younger than me, but her face showed that her life was harder.

Our clothes arrived. It was 11 p.m. We hugged a final time. As I was walking to my cab, Mrs. Dung came running after me. "Please come again next year," she said, smiling.

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Election Day in Cohasset

Rick Flynn, right, talks with Margie Masotta, while standing with his supporters along Highland Avenue. Flynn was elected to a third term on the School Committee.

Ted Carr, who won the selectman's race, waves to voters as they head to the polls at Town Hall.

Roger Hill, a lifelong resident, narrowly lost his bid for the selectman's seat.

48 percent voted on Saturday

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Staff photos by Robin Chan

Lee Jenkins, who finished behind Fusco and Flynn, waves to voters Saturday.

'Big' override backers win

Carr, Flynn, Fusco win seats

By Mary Ford
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The candidates, who declared their support for the $1.495 million override, took the day Saturday winning two seats on the School Committee and one on the Board of Selectmen.

That result may bode well for the historic override vote in the special election May 6. If the $1.495 override passes, it would be the highest Prop. 2-1/2 general override by more than double, ever in Cohasset. The next highest override of $659,000 passed in 1988. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its annual tax levy without voter approval.

Some 48 percent or 2,455 of the town's 5,099 registered voters went to the polls Saturday. By way of comparison, last year's town election — that featured a two-way race for one seat on the School Committee and a three-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen — drew 44 percent.

Edwin "Ted" Carr, 38, of South Main Street, who has only lived in town 2-1/2 years and has not held elected or appointed office in Cohasset, edged out lifelong resident Roger Hill, 46, of Highland Avenue by 71 votes to fill a selectman's seat. Carr came out strongly for the larger override, while Hill supported the $725,000 override. Hill, who serves on the Advisory Committee, has run for selectmen twice before in 2002 and 2003.

Hill said Saturday's results showed the higher override is a "done deal."

"The $1.495 override will pass without a doubt," he said. "There are not enough old residents out there to vote it down — there are too many young families with children getting out and voting for the override as a single issue. They don't care about the harbor, downtown revitalization or senior housing."

"If the schools go down the drain, it's not good for anyone. I tried to focus on the 'big picture.'"
— Rick Flynn
School Committee

But Carr, who said he enjoyed using his campaign as an opportunity to introduce himself around town, said winning the override will be all about organization. "The candidate election results indicate the people for the override organized well," he said. "However, opposition could organize better in time for the override election. It will be important for those supporting the override to get out the vote on May 6 if they want to win."

Carr said he did not think Saturday's vote was solely on the override issue. "I believe the override is a symptom of larger trends that include reduced state funding, higher school enrollment (with higher course requirements and cost), heavy reliance on the residential tax base and our debt service requirements.

"I believe voters chose the people they thought could better

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Some can stay, some must go

Deans say they intend to appeal

By Samantha Brown
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If four out of nine border collies owned by Meadow Lane residents Mia and John Dean cannot be placed in suitable border collie rescue facilities, all four must be put to sleep.

That is one condition of an order handed down by the Board of Selectmen Monday, as a result of a behavioral analysis conducted on all nine dogs. While the Dean family has been given permission to keep five of its dogs, the order requires they all be neutered and restrained at all times, either on a leash, or in an enclosure built on the family's property. The family must also find homes for five roughly 3-month-old puppies which the board had not previously been told about.

The order is a combination of recommendations given by Dr. Amy Marder, Director of Behavioral Service for the Animal Rescue League of Boston, who conducted the behavioral evaluations, and Town Manager Bill Griffin, who serves as the town's dog hearing officer. The order comes as a result of a string of incidents involving the dogs threatening and/or biting four Cohasset residents.

Border collies are by nature sheep-herding dogs, and tend to try to "herd" people by circling in a pack and biting to try to get a person to go where they want them to go, much as they would with a sheep. The biting has not been confined to pack attacks, as there was one incident where a single dog bit a resident.

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PICTURE THIS/Edwin "Ted" Carr

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The Mariner caught up with newly elected Selectman Ted Carr at Town Hall after the results were announced Saturday night.

Name: Edwin "Ted" Carr

Occupation: New selectman and Founder and Partner of Logistix Boston LLC, a consulting business that specializes in special event production, government relations, and logistics planning.

Best day of your life: The day I proposed to my wife, Tanya.

Best vacation: Sailing with friends on the Chesapeake Bay, near Annapolis, Maryland.

Favorite season: Autumn in New England.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Peanut butter.

Best book: "Make Way for Ducklings," by Robert McCloskey.

Best movie: Casablanca.

Best TV show: Law and Order.

Pet peeve: When people are impolite.

Most embarrassing moment: Whenever I'm asked to tell my most embarrassing moments.

Most memorable moment: Winning this election for Selectman, including the humbling realization that half of Cohasset's voters placed their trust in me.

Goal: To be the best father possible to my two children: son Clayton (3 years) and daughter Carrington (18 months).

Person I'd most like to meet: Our current Pope Benedict XVI.

Biggest worry: How to give my children the world without spoiling them.

Best part of Cohasset: The people who live here.

Selectmen reorganize

The Board of Selectmen reorganized at its April 11 meeting. Ralph Dormitzer was voted in as chairman, replacing Fred Koed, and Rob Spofford was voted in as Vice Chairman, replacing Dormitzer. "Thanks for the vote, I really appreciate it," said Dormitzer, adding "I hope I can satisfy everyone as chairman of the board."

Selectmen change weekly meeting night

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday nights from now on. Selectman Gary Vanderweil had suggested the change more than one month ago, and the board agreed it was only fair to wait until the new member of the board was voted in after the April 8 Town Election. Newly elected Selectman Ted Carr agreed to the change and Town Manager Bill Griffin said he will draft a new meeting schedule with April 24 as the next meeting date.

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Beached whale mystery being pieced together

By Samantha Brown
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Scientists from Cape Ann to Cape Cod are intrigued with the whale which washed up on Cohasset's shores Monday, April 3.

Sinclaire said she has never heard of a Cuvier's beaked whale coming ashore in this part of the country before.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Sarah Bean, right, biologist with the N.E. Aquarium, strains under the weight of a beaked whale on Sandy Beach last week as she and Sheila Sinclaire, left, try to move the whale off its side so it could be placed in a special sling.

Over the past week, biologists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, in conjunction with the New England Aquarium, have been studying the animal, and it has been determined the whale is a Cuvier's beaked whale.

According to the American Cetacean Society, Cuvier's beaked whales are also known as goosebeak whales, and are one of 20 named species of beaked whales. They are found in all the oceans of the world except the polar regions of both hemispheres. They prefer deep water of more than 3,300 feet and avoid shallow coastal areas.

"Beaked whales of other species have come ashore in Maine and other areas," said Sheila Sinclaire, a biologist with the New England Aquarium who is also a Cohasset resident. Sinclaire was one of the biologists who responded to the scene when the whale was discovered. However, she said she has never heard of a Cuvier's beaked whale coming ashore in this part of the country before. "It was an absolutely beautiful animal."

Sinclaire said the whale was a juvenile male, which was established due to the fact that he did not have any teeth. "They only get two teeth, and that's why they're called beaked whales," she said, and those teeth had not yet poked through on the animal found in Cohasset, which means he was rather young. Sinclaire said the animal was also not yet full grown as they are typically between 15 to 23 feet in length as adults. The whale found in Cohasset was roughly 13-1/2 feet long.

Preliminary tests done on the whale show it did have a bacterial infection, which may have been the reason it beached itself in Cohasset. "There was a bacterial infection in his lungs and there were reactive lymph nodes," said Sinclaire. "He also had parasites in his GI (gastrointestinal) tract, but that is not uncommon," she said, adding many animals live a healthy life with a number of parasites living inside. However, she said there were more parasites than would typically be seen, which could indicate when the animal got sick and its immune system was compromised, the parasites took advantage of the opportunity and began to multiply, making the whale even more sick.

Sinclaire said a necropsy, or animal autopsy, was completed on the animal and various pieces have been sent to labs which have particular specialties. She said it could take anywhere from two weeks to one month before all the results are back.

The whale beached itself on Sandy Beach at roughly 6 p.m. Monday, April 3. He came in with the tide, and remained on shore when the tide went out. At that point, he was still alive, but due to his condition, biologists from the New England Aquarium made the decision to euthanize the animal. Members of the Cohasset Department of Public Works helped move the whale to higher ground to keep it from being carried away when the tide came in again.

The following morning, the DPW came back once again and moved the whale by attaching a large sling to a front loader to carry the animal off the beach and onto a flatbed truck to be transported to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Falmouth for further study.

Even one week later, Sinclaire said she is still overwhelmed with the support and cooperation shown by the town of Cohasset, and even more so the DPW. She said when strandings take place, more often than not a town will expect it is someone else's problem to remove the animal, and Cohasset's reaction time was so quick, it made a big impression. She said due to the freshness of the whale upon its arrival, it will be invaluable for researchers.

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Wig Pierson, left, is the new governor of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants. He's shown here with outgoing governor Virginia Mucciaccio. For story, see page 7.

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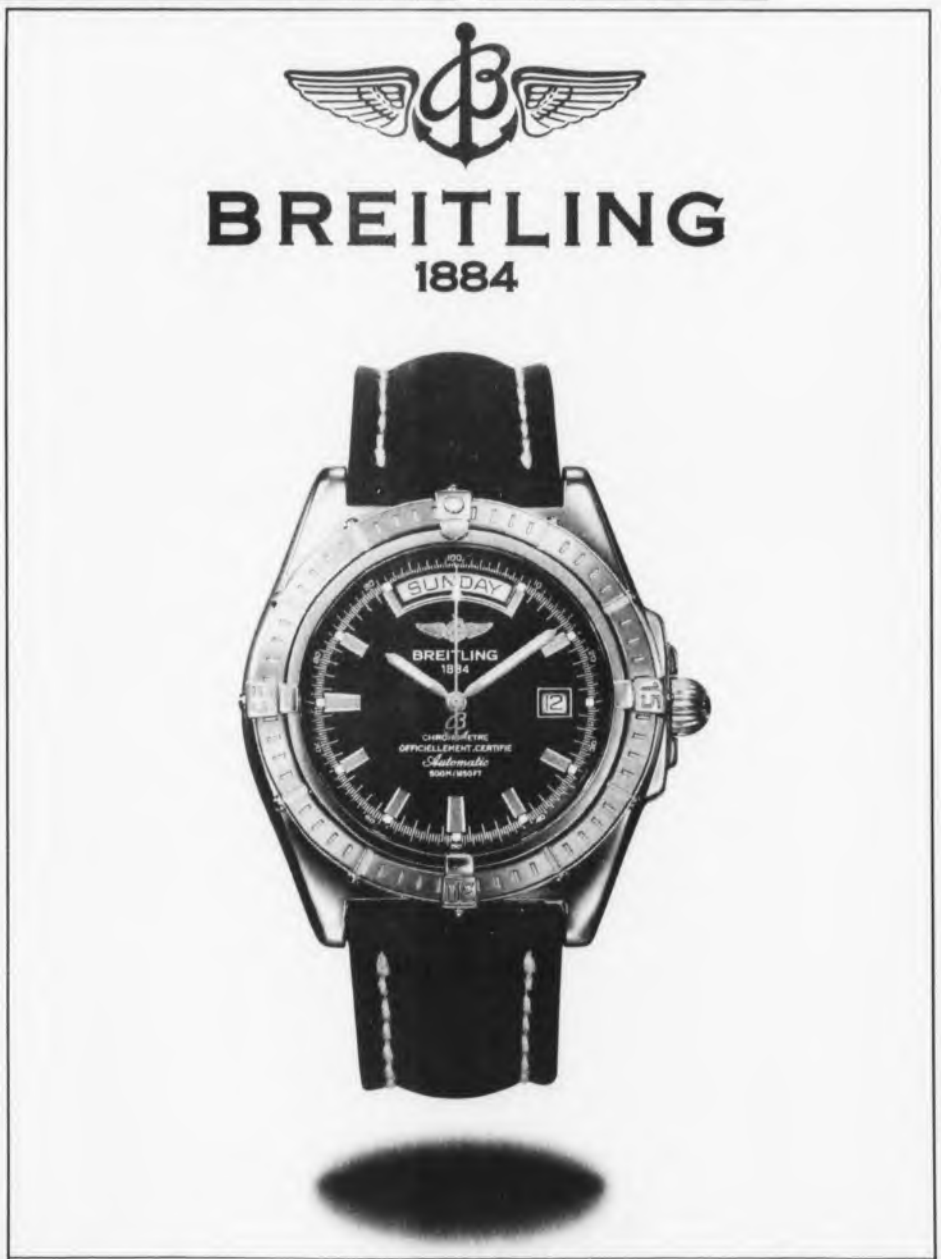

Book closes on school building projects

By Samantha Brown
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There is good news and there is bad news in regards to the town's school building projects. The bad news is, the reimbursement the town was scheduled to receive for the Osgood School project is decreasing. The good news is, the town can expect to see an additional $1.1 million in state reimbursement for the Deer Hill and middle-high school projects.

While receiving an additional $1.1 million might sound like the town's solution to passing an override, the funds must be used specifically to reduce the amount of debt added to the tax rate annually. Simply put, the money must go back to the taxpayers who voted to fund the projects, and cannot be added to the town's budget.

The final audits for all three school building projects were recently approved by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, which allowed the state to finalize a reimbursement schedule. Funding for the Osgood project is being paid back to the town over a 20-year period, while funding for the Deer Hill and middle-high school projects will be paid in two lump sums.

When the town embarked on the Osgood School building project, there was a different set of guidelines in place for school project reimbursement. The town was required to borrow 100 percent of the estimated project cost as well as estimated interest, with the understanding the state would reimburse the town for 60 percent of the money borrowed over 20 years.

Reimbursement for the state's portion of the Osgood School project is granted on an annual basis to coincide with the town's debt service payments. The town had been receiving $503,700 each year, but that amount will be decreased, as the cost of interest has turned out to be far less than originally projected. "We will therefore receive annual installment payments of $485,300 until the bonds are paid off in fiscal 2018," said Director of Finance Michael Buckley.

Over the 20 years the state will pay the town $9,349,496, which represents 60 percent of the approved construction costs of $10,475,584, and 60 percent of the eligible interest expense of $5,106,910.

By the time the town completed the Deer Hill and middle-high school projects, the state had a new set of guidelines in place where towns would receive funding for 60 percent of the project in full upon the project's completion. Cohasset is therefore only responsible for permanently borrowing and repaying 40 percent of the combined $42 million projects.

The town borrowed its share of the project costs in June 2004. Buckley said the town borrowed based on the state's estimate of what it would need to reimburse. The state projected the project would cost $25,314,000, for both construction and interest, which led the town to calculate its portion as $16,876,000. "Their estimate for their share was low," said Buckley, adding the state estimated a certain portion of the school building costs wouldn't be reimbursable. Towns are only given a certain amount of money per square foot, and due to the efforts of the School Building Committee, almost everything was reimbursable. Buckley said because the project was completed on budget, and on time, the town was spared paying additional interest on the borrowed funds as well.

After completion of the audits, the School Building Authority calculated Cohasset's reimbursement should be $26,447,181. Seventy-five percent of that sum was paid to the town last August in anticipation of the audit, and the rest will be paid this August. At that time, the town will retire the remaining notes payable in the sum of $5,657,187.

The town will be left with a surplus of $1,133,181, and Town Manager Bill Griffin said it will be set aside to be used to reduce the future impact of the projects on the town's taxpayers, as the town is still paying back its portion of the project. "This is good news in a lot of ways," he said. In light of the fact that the debt schedule for the Deer Hill and middle-high school projects is uneven over the years, he said the town might best use the money on an annual basis to "smooth" out the debt service payable annually.

To decide how best to address the situation, Griffin recommended forming a small group including Buckley and himself, Selectman Rob Spofford, who will wear two hats as a member of the board and former Chairman of the School Building Committee, Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee, and a member of the School Committee.

Osgood School Construction

Debt Service Projection

Fiscal Year	Debt Service	State Reimbursement Payment	Net Debt Exclusion
2007	$820,058	$485,300	$334,758
2008	$825,557	$485,300	$340,257
2009	$835,532	$485,300	$350,232
2010	$838,801	$485,300	$353,501
2011	$840,512	$485,300	$355,212
2012	$845,616	$485,300	$360,316
2013	$843,851	$485,300	$358,551
2014	$850,381	$485,300	$365,081
2015	$849,693	$485,300	$364,393
2016	$842,685	$485,300	$357,385
2017	$843,875	$485,300	$358,575
2018	$848,070	$485,300	$362,770

* Debt service projections for the Deer Hill and middle-high school projects have not yet been calculated as it is still unclear how additional state funds will be dispersed by the town to help even out payments for its 40 percent share of the cost.

Trash pickup rescheduled

Due to Saturday's inclement weather, the First Annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup, has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 29. Residents will meet in front of Town Hall at 2:30 p.m., and will then celebrate Earth Day, which is April 22, and the beauty of Cohasset by cleaning selected streets and sites including Black Rock Beach, the Beechwood Ballpark, Government Island, Jerusalem Road and Main Street. The town will provide garbage bags, but volunteers are asked to bring their own thick work gloves. The effort is supported by the Cohasset Board of Health, the Friends of Black Rock Beach, and the Cohasset Girl Scouts. For more information, please call Alison Callahan at (781) 383-1081 or Bill Burnett at (781) 383-3499.

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School board gives Dr. Walsh top grades

Superintendent's leadership praised

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"The majority of the committee felt that Dr. Walsh was meeting or exceeding expectations in all key areas."
— Pam Wilson, School Committee

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh received high marks during her first annual School Committee evaluation.

School Committee members anonymously filled out a survey rating Walsh's performance over the last year, which was then submitted to evaluation sub-committee members Alfred Slanetz and Pam Wilson. Wilson read a prepared superintendent's evaluation summary at the committee's April 6 meeting.

"The responses from the survey were compiled and feedback from those surveys has been provided to Dr. Walsh. From that feedback, we will be looking to put into place, plans that help to leverage her strengths and capitalize on any area for development to better improve our schools," said Wilson.

The committee looked at Walsh's accomplishments in several key areas including: instructional leadership, organizational leadership, administration and management, promotion of equity and appreciation of diversity, and community and professional responsibilities.

"Overall, the feedback from the School Committee was extremely positive. The majority of the committee felt that Dr. Walsh was meeting or exceeding expectations in all key areas," said Wilson. She added under Walsh's leadership, the committee feels Cohasset schools are in a much better place this year than in prior years, due to the processes and infrastructure she has put in place.

The School Committee said Walsh has had several major accomplishments in the last year, including the development of a strong strategic plan for the district; effective collaboration with the new school business manager to create a concise, line item budget; and the introduction of a successful, full day kindergarten program and a revised curriculum in collaboration with the new curriculum coordinator. "We were very impressed that Dr. Walsh was able to implement these changes over the course of just two years," said Wilson.

The one area the School Committee felt "presents the greatest opportunity for the superintendent and the School Committee," in the coming year, is the ability to better communicate amongst each other, the schools, and the community. "We feel that putting a process in place to incorporate clear expectations and objective goals of the committee, with status checks throughout the year, will help the communication process," she said.

"It is the overwhelming consensus of the School Committee that Dr. Walsh's leadership has brought the Cohasset school system to a much stronger place with her tireless work and her effort to keep the district moving forward while laying a strong foundation for our school's future," said Wilson.

Rotary meeting update

There will be no Rotary Club meeting Monday, April 17. The club's next meeting will be held Monday, April 24 at the Red Lion Inn, during which Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman Glenn Pratt will talk about the new monument to be built in Veteran's Park on Cohasset Harbor. The monument will be dedicated to those who served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, as well as the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Monday May 1, the Club will be back at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. That night the featured speaker will be Rosemarie Sergi, Assistant Director of Step-one Early Intervention in Quincy — a program that helps children with developmental disabilities and their families.

Monday, May 8, the featured speakers will be Cynthia Sierra, the new Executive Director of the Dianne DeVanna Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and AnnMarie Sullivan, board member of the Center. The Dianne DeVanna Center was founded as a living memorial to a young 11-year-old resident of Braintree, who was abused and killed by her stepmother and her father in 1978.

The Rotary Club meets every Monday night at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. Meetings are open to the public and anyone may attend. Please call Jean Roche at (781) 589-0461 if you plan on attending.

Register to vote

Today (April 14) is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming Special Town Election to be held May 6. Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office today from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The polling location for this election will be at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., adjacent to Town Hall.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day may register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (781) 383-4100.

Sunrise celebrates 8th anniversary

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset will be celebrating its eighth anniversary Wednesday, April 26. A celebration will be held to honor founding resident Katherine Travers of Jamaica Plain and Scituate, as well as longstanding employees who opened the home in 1998.

Employees to be honored include (back row) Care Manager Maria Barros, Maintenance Coordinator George Charron, Lead Care Manager Geraldine Henry, (front row) Lydia Alomar, and Healthcare Coordinator Donna Marshall.

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"Cohasset Woman Loses 14.9 lbs. of Body-fat In Record Time Without Dieting, Drugs or Surgery!"

Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Cohasset residents are clamoring to know how she did it. Patricia reports the "secret" is the accountability, coaching and comprehensive system provided by her Fitness Together personal trainer. "At age 46, I have never felt better," says Sheerin. "The focused, personalized program designed specifically for me by my FT trainer has really been the answer to achieving my weight loss, fitness and appearance goals."

Patricia Sheerin
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Following this personalized program, Patricia reports not only losing 14.9 lbs of fat in 9 weeks (reducing her body-fat by 10.5%), but also increasing her strength without adding any bulky muscle – in fact she's leaner and tighter than ever before, dropping two full dress sizes. Her energy and stamina have doubled and she is getting more attention and "looks" than she has in years – dramatically boosting her self image and self confidence.

When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

To get a free copy of the official guide (only 37 are available, so fast action is necessary), and hear more dramatic stories of Cohasset residents transforming their health and fitness from average to extraordinary call the 24-hour free recorded message at 1.800.377.9817

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VACATION WEEK!

Hey Cohasset, Spring is here and so is vacation week. Make sure to have a super fun week and send in all your news and pictures to us for the next couple of weeks columns. I am away for next week so make sure to send in all news and information to **Mary Ford** at mford@cnc.com.

Also, as much as we love to hear about all the events that are happening around town, it is also wonderful to hear personal things like Birthdays, new babies and more. Make sure to send it in when you come.

PSO TELETHON

The third annual Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon will take place on May 10th from 7 -9:30 p.m. broadcast live from the Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium. The tele-a-thon can be viewed on Comcast Cable channel 22.

The on-line auction will occur from Friday, May 5 – Friday, May 12. The Tele-a-thon committee is seeking donations for sponsorship opportunities, raffle and on-line auction items. The Tele-a-thon has already garnered huge support and has fabulous raffle prizes and auction items. Wouldn't you like to bid on this sampling of great items? We have received an Arbonne Anti-Aging Skin Care gift basket for your healthy skin and an ek Designs "Teacher" bracelet, the perfect time of year for this gift! How about a beautiful three-piece set of gold and sterling silver jewelry by Baroni Designs or a week of MaxLax camp for your son or daughter? One Cohasset neighborhood has donated an IPOD nano with accessories! Wouldn't you look great on the water with our His and Hers Maui Jim Sunglasses? All these and more will be waiting for your bid on May 5. The Tele-a-thon and on-line auction proceeds support and enhance PSO sponsored programs, curriculum development and other school district wide events.

If your business would like to support a great cause and enhance your current advertising and marketing campaigns, then, please consider becoming a sponsor of the Tele-a-thon. Sponsors receive numerous benefits and advertising opportunities before and during the Tele-a-thon. For more information contact **Claudia McKeon** at 781-383-6125. The Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon committee is requesting raffle prizes and on line auction donations. If you have a product or service that you would like to donate please send an email to psotelethondonations@yahoo.com. Include in your information the name of the item, its value and where it can be picked-up. Thank you for your kind consideration. In addition, talent is needed for the live broadcast.

If you are a student or teacher in the Cohasset school system who would like to appear on television and share your talent, this is your opportunity to shine. Please send your information to cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com. Include the names of all performers and the talent or name of the act.

TRASH PICKUP

Attention Cohasset, the first Annual Cohasset Town-wide Trash Pickup has been postponed to Saturday, April 29th at 2:30 in the afternoon due to rain.

ASP EVENT

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is getting ready for the Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market being held on May 13th and is looking for crafters and flea marketers, as well as great donations for the yard sale part of the day. This fun-filled day is held in the Stop and Shop parking lot and is a great way to find some wonderful finds and support this amazing endeavor. For yard sale donations, please contact **Barbara Hoyler** at 781-383-6212 or **Pam DeLorenzo** at 781-383-6904. Remember to bring any "junk" to the dump and not here and if you are a crafter or vendor, contact either of the ladies as well. See you there...

GRILL NEEDED

The Cohasset Sailing Club is putting out a request for a gas grill donation to replace the one they have now that is on it's last legs.. At the parent/child Sunday night races, a family cook-out is held afterwards. The current grill (rescued from The Boutique a few years ago) is literally on its last legs. As grilling season gets closer, there might be upgrades or Father's Day gifts which might leave some decent grills as cast-offs. If you are looking for a home for one, contact **Rich** at 781-383-9396.

BC HIGH TRUSTEE

Congratulations goes out to **Robert Riley**, class of '47, Managing Director, J.W. Childs Associates, L.P., has been named a Boston College High School Trustee Associate. The Trustee Associates are a new body of men and women who, because of their experience, talents, and interest in BC High, can contribute valuable ideas and opinions to the school. Very nice news, congratulations from all.

CAR WASH BENEFIT

Calling all dirty vehicles! Let a baseball player wash your car on Sat., April 29, at George's Citgo Station, downtown, Cohasset. This event will benefit the Cohasset High School Varsity, as well as the Junior Varsity Baseball Teams and is being sponsored by the Cohasset baseball boosters, The Diamond Club. A rain date will be scheduled for the following Saturday, May 6. Donations are welcomed.

CALLING PARENTS OF TEENS

A conversation on Parenting Our Teens, led by Dr. **David Shumaker**, will take place on Thursday, April 27 from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Atkinson Room at First Parish in Cohasset. For this presentation and discussion Dr. Shumaker, a clinical psychologist and co-author of Children Who Murder: A Psychological Perspective, will briefly outline some of his work with children and families and then facilitate discussion around topics of concern for parents of teens. Such topics might include risk-taking behavior, suicide and violence prevention, relationship issues, and adjustment challenges. All are welcome to attend and participate in a frank and educational session about dealing with some of the challenges and opportunities of parenting adolescents. Please call **Sandy** at 781-383-1100 or email her at sbailey@firstparishcohasset.org by noon on Tuesday, April 25 if you plan to attend.

LUNCH WITH AUTHORS

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts "Lunch with Perri Klass and Sheila Solomon Klass" on Wed. Apr. 26, 11:30 AM at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. They will be discussing their book, "Every Mother is A Daughter: The Never-ending Quest for Success, Inner Peace, and a Really Clean Kitchen (Recipes and Knitting Patterns Included)". Reservations and tickets ($5 per person, nonrefundable) are necessary, and one lucky person will win the door prize - a knitting basket donated by "The Creative Stitch", Rt. 3A, Cohasset AND a copy of "Every Mother Is a Daughter", donated by Buttonwood.

For more information on this exciting event, please call 781-383-2665.

That is all for this week. Except for next week, make sure to send me all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Meet the author – Donald L. Angell, author of "Where Somebody Waits for Me," will read passages from his book accompanied by music recordings on Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Open to all.

Lunchtime lecture – A free presentation on the college admissions process with Marlena Alex will be given on Thursday, May 11 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The program is geared toward parents of high school students. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served. Register online or with any librarian.

Library book group – Thursday, April 27 at 10 a.m. Coffee and discussion of Alice Munro's "Runaway" in the Meeting Room. To place a book on hold call Gayle Walsh.

New email – Receive up to the minute information about library programs and events delivered directly to your home or office computer. Visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click the red email list registration button on the home page. Patrons who provide email addresses will receive periodic notices on upcoming programs.

Museum passes – Reserve museum passes now for the upcoming school vacation week which is a great time to check out the Boston Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, the JFK Museum, the Boston Children's Museum, and Boston By Foot. Visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click the Reserve Museum Passes Online button, or call the library and ask a staff member to reserve a pass for you.

Artist exhibit – Watercolor artist Lilly Cleveland will exhibit her new works at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library March through April. Meet the artist at a reception on Monday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Wednesdays.

Income tax forms – A limited number of income tax forms are in the Commons room. Reproducible forms are available to copy. Inquire at the circulation desk.

Holiday closing – The library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 16, and on Patriot's Day, Monday, April 17.

FOR CHILDREN

Shapes in Poetry contest – In honor of Poetry Month, the library is hosting a Shapes Poetry contest. Write an original shapes poem, and put name, age and telephone number on the back, and leave it in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Participants may use their own words to create a shape or illustration or do an illustration and then fit words into the drawing. Books and examples of shapes poetry are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Good luck and have fun. Open to students of all ages. Contest ends April 27. Winners will be announced in May.

Reasons for Reading contest – To celebrate National Library Week the library is hosting a Reasons for Reading Contest. Forms are available on Mrs. Moody's desk in the rectangular basket. Complete the front and back of the blue form and return it to the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Open to students of all ages. Young children may work with a partner. Contest ends April 27. Winners will be announced in May.

Sign up now – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now offering email notification of adult and children's programs. To subscribe to this service, visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on email list registration, or see Mrs. Moody. Patrons will automatically receive the latest Children's Room calendars, sign up information and special programming events. Patrons may unsubscribe at any time.

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an evening with lyle lovett thu, aug 17 • 8 pm

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comedian kathy griffin fri, aug 25 • 8 pm

trisha yearwood sat, aug 26 • 8 pm

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Another chapter added to volumes of town history

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Cohasset may be the only town in the country which can say it has a written account of its history from the Ice Age to the present day. The collection of history books forever preserving the town's past continues to grow, and the Committee on Town History is prepared to launch its latest literary historical account, "Savor of Salt," this fall.

"Savor of Salt" is a collection of 56 articles written about the town from the Ice Age to shortly after World War II. It is the companion volume to "Treasury of Cohasset History," published in February 2005.

The articles featured both in "Savor of Salt" and "Treasury of Cohasset History" were found by Jackie Dormitzer, author of "A Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III," while compiling research for her book. The town's third volume of history covers the time period from 1950 to 2000. Due to the fact that some of the information Dormitzer uncovered either pre-dated the time period she was covering in the book or didn't quite fit the subject matter within the chapters, she reserved many interesting and somewhat quirky town facts and stories for later compilations.

Dormitzer had no trouble filling one book with the information she had, and in February 2005 "A Treasury of Cohasset History," was published. "Savor of Salt" will include even more of Cohasset's little known historical facts, in roughly the same format.

While the books are similar, their intentions are different. "Treasury" serves as a concise history of the town, where the articles are divided into historical periods, each introduced by a historical narrative. In contrast, the articles in "Savor of Salt" are more loosely organized, in roughly chronological order, and are meant to stand alone. A brief introduction precedes each article and gives information about the author or the topic. Two or three articles may cover the same topic, such as Minot Light, Little Harbor, or the Common, but each provides additional detail or new information. Nearly all the articles are accompanied by photographs.

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Jackie Dormitzer, Hal Coughlin and Jim Hamilton look over the "Savor of Salt" manuscript chapters during a planning session earlier this month.

"This is a community that continues to discover more and more history."
— Jim Hamilton, Committee on Town History

Committee member Hal Coughlin, who designed the cover for both the third volume of the town's history and "A Treasury of Cohasset History," has once again put his design skills to work for the cover of "Savor of Salt," and will create a cover with the same flavor.

Altogether, the Committee on Town History has published four histories under the imprint of the Town of Cohasset, which includes the reprinting of the two previous out-of-print histories, "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume I," by E. Victor Bigelow, and "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume II," by Burt Pratt.

In addition to the publication of histories, the committee was responsible for Nancy Garrison's illustrated timeline of Cohasset history — produced for the Cohasset school curriculum — an enlarged map of Cohasset, and the distribution of a rare keepsake wood engraving of Minot Light by Rudolph Ruzicka.

Committee on Town History Chairman Jim Hamilton said the entire committee is very proud of the its latest book and the town's interest in its history. "This is a community that continues to discover more and more history, gathering things as it goes along, and I don't see an ending," he said.

History books may be purchased at Buttonwood Books and at the Town Clerk's office. The committee also sells books at the Art Show in June and the Village Fair in December. The three narrative histories can be purchased individually or as a set in a slip case.

Pierson at helm of Mayflower Society

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset's own Wigmore Pierson has been elected governor.

No, Mitt Romney has not stepped down early and Pierson won't be occupying a corner office on Beacon Hill.

But nevertheless, Pierson's governorship is a lofty one indeed as he will now preside over the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, a lineage organization whose mission is to perpetuate the ideals of the Mayflower Compact and honor the memory of the Pilgrims.

At a special event last Saturday at the Dedham Polo & Country Club, Pierson asked fellow Mayflower descendants and their guests to raise their glasses for a toast.

"To the Pilgrims – a simple people, inspired by an ardent faith in God, a dauntless courage in danger, a boundless resourcefulness in the face of difficulties, and impregnable fortitude in adversity," Pierson said. "Thus they have in some measure become the spiritual ancestor of all Americans."

Pierson is the 43rd governor of the society, which was founded in 1894 by George Earnest Bowman and today has more than 3,200 active members.

The Atlantic Avenue resident explained the Society of Mayflower Descendants honors the legacy of the Pilgrims who landed in Plymouth 386 years ago. "We honor their courage and their search for religious, political and intellectual freedom and their legacy," he said.

Pierson, who is descended from William Brewster, one of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower, explained the Pilgrims opposed the Anglican church in England and came to the New World to find religious, intellectual and political freedom.

He said the Mayflower Compact is considered the precursor to American democracy because it stands for self-government by the people.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Wigmore Pierson of Atlantic Avenue is the new governor of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants

"We honor their courage and their search for religious, political and intellectual freedom and their legacy."
— Wigmore Pierson, society governor

"It's a great honor to be elected as governor of the Mass. Society, which is the largest of the Mayflower societies," said Pierson, explaining there is a Mayflower society in every state and three in Canada.

Pierson's duties include leading the Mass. Society, expanding its membership, and deepening its alliances with its sister organizations and with Plimoth Plantation and the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, which is the oldest continuously operating museum in the United States.

Pierson said to be a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; one has to be a direct descendant of one of the passengers on the Mayflower. The society can provide guidance to potential members looking to establish their lineage to a Mayflower passenger.

For more about the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, visit: www.massmayflower.org or call the Society office in Braintree at 781-535-6159.

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Mothers and daughters Kelly and Katie Stanislawzyk, Gina and Alexandra Leahy, Melissa and Bennett Tierney, and Sarah and Bebe Davis, celebrated together at the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held April 9 at the River Club in Scituate.

Kelsey and Rebecca Behenna pose with a table centerpiece they plan to take home from the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held at the River Club April 9.

Laurie Langenhagen gives her daughter Morgan a big hug during the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held April 9 at the River Club. While many had tea during the party, the Langenhagen girls drank hot cocoa.

Dressed in a fancy tea-party dress, Charlotte Marcelli, 7, keeps busy with a pencil game during the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held April 9 at the River Club.

Celebrating mothers and daughters

Cohasset Girl Scouts host Tea Party

Diane Kennedy and her daughter Caroline, 9, had a great time celebrating and singing songs during the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held April 9 at the River Club.

Tricia Seksay snuggles close with her daughter Lily, 7, at the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, April 9.

Six-year-old Mia Martone, dressed to the nines in her tea-party finery, collects pencils handed out for mothers to fill out a "Get to know your mother" questionnaire, during the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held at the River Club April 9.

Photos by Lynne Layman

The Spofford girls had a great time at the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, April 9. From left to right are Meredith, 11, Virginia, 16, mom Susan, Jennifer, 14, and Robin, 11

Right, Katie and Deborah White-Spenik share a special moment at the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held at the River Club April 9

Left, the St. Sauveur girls, Margaret, 9, mom Mary, and Lucy, 6, are all smiles during the Cohasset Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held April 9 at the River Club in Scituate.

Right, Jane Greenip and her mother Laurie celebrated their mother-daughter bond at a special Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter Tea Party, held April 9 at the River Club in Scituate.

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Small Enough to Know You...

Parker Avenue residents like bumpy ride along their road

By Samantha Brown
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"This is a safety issue. We have to save these children."
— Susan Wilcox, 26 Parker Ave.

Parker Avenue residents have had enough of the cars speeding on their street. Taking matters into their own hands, they petitioned the Board of Selectmen for the installation of removable speed bumps for the summer months, and their request was granted.

As a means of access for boaters to launch their vessels into the harbor, Parker Avenue sees much activity during the summer. It is roughly 150 yards long, and residents of the street say it is not uncommon to see cars traveling in excess of 50 M.P.H. in the 15 M.P.H. zone. With many young children living and playing in the area, the dead-end street has become a hazard and residents say they are worried someone might get hurt.

"People are traveling 40-plus miles per hour and they don't realize it," said Susan Wilcox, 26 Parker Ave. She said the beginning of the road is all uphill and once you reach the crest, "You look at the water and that's all you see. This is a safety issue. We have to save these children."

Police Chief James Hussey said on a couple of occasions last summer, he sent an officer down to the area with a radar gun. "It is a very short street and because people want to drop their boat and take off, it sees a lot of volume and it gets hectic during the summer season," he said. Hussey said in his opinion, the problem being faced by the street's residents is one of volume, not speed. "I think the perception of the people who live there is that people are going faster than what they're really doing," he said. Hussey noted the average speed clocked by drivers traveling on the street was between 15 and 25 miles per hour.

However, Russ Bonetti, 20 Parker Ave., said "Most people will slow down when they see a cruiser."

At first, Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer was not convinced installing speed bumps would solve the problem. He said perhaps the town could look into installing a sign with a radar mechanism which lets motorists know how fast they are going as they drive by, rather than install speed bumps and potentially set a precedent in town. "I know Lamberts Lane would be next," he said, as that road handles a lot of traffic from the golf course, and he didn't see why Parker Avenue would be any different.

"Can we find a way to try to make people behave?" without speed bumps, asked Dormitzer.

"Given what's gone on in town over the last few years, getting people to behave will be a real trick too," said Bonetti.

Dave Coletta, 15 Parker Ave., said over the last 10 years, motorists have continuously been given visual and verbal warnings to keep speed down on the street. Residents even came before the Board of Selectmen last year pleading for the installation of speed bumps. "It has done nothing. We're just asking to try it out for 30 days, 60 days, or maybe just this summer."

Selectman Rob Spofford noted Lamberts Lane is different from Parker Avenue because the golf club has a management office with which traffic issues can be discussed. "With this (Parker Avenue), there is no control mechanism," he said.

Paul Trendowicz who owns the Cohasset Harbor Marina at the end of Parker Avenue, said he fully supports the installation of removable speed bumps. "We'll pick up the cost," he said. Hussey said he would recommend no more than two speed bumps be installed on the street.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said Parker Avenue is unique first of all due to the fact that its residents have signed a petition in support of the speed bumps. It is also unique due to its length, its being an access road to the harbor, and due to the fact that the homes are so close to the street. "There's only one street in town you can say that about," he said, and felt allowing speed bumps would not set a precedent.

Selectman Fred Koed reminded the board this was the second time residents had come before it looking for help. "We owe the neighborhood something," he said.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said there will need to be ample signage as speed bumps can be dangerous and catapult an unsuspecting motorcyclist. Residents said they would encourage signs, as anything done to warn motorists to keep their speed down will greatly help their situation.

Dormitzer asked whether the speed bumps could be a risk for those bringing their boats down the road by trailer. Mark Wilcox, 26 Parker Ave., said anyone traveling at a reasonable rate of speed should have no problem if they have secured their trailer properly. "Speed bumps are just like any other bump in the road," he said.

The board agreed to allow the installation of removable speed bumps at some point in May and leave them in place until Sept. 30. At that time, they will be removed and stored by Trendowicz. At the end of the season, residents will be invited to participate in another public hearing with the board to determine their success.

Residents sought to form cable advisory committee

The town's contract with the Comcast cable company is almost up, which means discussion of contract renewal is currently on the table. Town Manager Bill Griffin said in many towns, there are active cable advisory committees which are charged with aiding in such matters. Cohasset used to have a cable advisory committee, but it has since become defunct. Griffin said it would be beneficial for the town to reinstate the committee, and said he will draft a charge to bring back to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Residents interested in serving on a cable advisory committee should contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 or send a letter of interest to Town Hall at 41 Highland Avenue.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Civic pride needed

While riding on the Logan Express from Braintree along the Southeast Expressway to the airport two weeks ago, we saw along the shoulder of the highway mile upon mile of trash making the roadside a virtual dump. There were Styrofoam beverage cups, plastic water bottles, cigarette butts and cigarette wrappers, plastic grocery bags galore, broken glass bottles and so much more.

How embarrassing for us as residents of Massachusetts when visitors come from other states or countries and see how careless we are with trash. We have stopped caring about appearances.

The spectacle along the Southeast Expressway got us thinking and not about whether inmates from the House of Correction should be out there with garbage bags collecting all the litter, as some might say. But we started wondering about our apparent lack of civic pride here in the Bay State and what causes us to be such litterbugs.

Massachusetts is surely not the only state with the problem, but judging from what we have seen this spring along our state and municipal roadways — we're not the cleanest of the 50 states.

It's so bad along the highway that if you picked up guests at the airport, you might travel home in the middle lane so cars passing on the right and left would shield their view of the trash pit.

Some of our readers are old enough to recall the "Keep America Beautiful - Don't be a Litterbug!" campaign that started back in the mid-1950s.

According to the City of Tuscon, Ariz. website, "litterbug" was coined by Tuscon resident Annette H. Richards back in 1952 about littering and vandalism in national parks. Richards' magazine article was picked up by Reader's Digest and the word "litterbug" swept the country.

We think it is high time the "Don't be a Litterbug" slogan made a comeback. A quick perusal of "litterbug" sites on Google revealed how widespread the problem is. We even found a quiz for moms and dads titled "Are you the parent of a litterbug?"

Now that spring is here and any snow cover has disappeared, the litter that our disposable society apparently wants to toss with abandon is totally exposed.

But just what makes us toss our trash out our automobile windows? What's the mentality behind dropping trash next to a barrel rather than inside it?

At the state level, expanding the bottle bill to include deposits on all plastic bottles might help. Keeping a litterbag in our cars is a necessity. But the problem goes much deeper than refunds and trash bags.

An education program in Massachusetts and here in Cohasset is needed to make being a litterbug unattractive. We discovered through the Internet that Pennsylvania has brought the anti-litterbug campaign back to try and solve its roadside trash problems.

According to litterbug.org, which is the Pennsylvania website, litter is more than an eyesore. Every 12 minutes a fire starts in litter; litter causes thousands of auto and bicycle accidents a year, with damage to tires costing millions of dollars; rats thrive in litter and have fleas that carry disease; and each year thousands of animals strangle or choke from litter.

It's time we here in Massachusetts started fighting the litter problem too. We can start right away at home and in our own cars by making sure our families and friends dispose of litter properly.

On a related note, due to the rain on Saturday, the first annual Cohasset Town-wide Trash Pickup was postponed to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 29. Please mark for your calendar and try to join in. We all need to do our part to keep Cohasset and our state looking good.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hill thanks supporters

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter to thank the 1,148 residents of the great town of Cohasset that vote for me. A special thank to Joanne and Quentin, the Farrag family, The Palmer family, the O'Donnell's, Karen Quigley, the Gjestebys, Julie Guild, Nancy Garrison, Polly Logan, the 100 residents that took a lawn sign, and a whole host of others that made phone calls, stamped envelopes, and held signs on election day.

We live in a place second to none, and I'm proud to say "I live in Cohasset". No matter what you're political views, length of residency, age, or wealth, we're all in this together and last but not least, congratulations Ted.

Roger Q. Hill
19A Highland Ave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coverage, editorial were 'off the mark'

TO THE EDITOR:

I have several comments to make about the reporting about our Town Meeting April 1. There was a long front page feature, headlined "Budget sparks fiery debate on Town Meeting floor". Several people were quoted in the article, including me, but our comments (mine, certainly) were not put in the proper context. Our Moderator Dan Evans began the morning by asking the speakers to stay on topic and to be respectful and not personal. The very first speaker Mr. Fitzsimmons ignored the Moderator's guidelines, and immediately made disparaging remarks about school staff. I went to the microphone not interrupt Mr. Fitzsimmons, but to make a point of order to the Moderator to request the speaker to be respectful, and to follow the guidelines for decorum.

I would also take exception to the message of the editorial, "Take a bow, 100". When I checked at the Town Clerk's office, I found that of the 5099 registered voters in Cohasset, 641 checked in at Town Meeting sometime during the day April 1. I think instead of criticizing those who left after the budget article was voted on, the Mariner should have praised every one of those people who took the time to come to the Town Meeting and participate in one of the most important jobs that a citizen has in Cohasset — to consider and to approve of our budget.

Of course it would be great if everyone could have stayed for the whole meeting. The work is interesting, important, and actually entertaining! But I am alarmed that there are 4458 voters out of 5099 who are eligible who may come to the polls on May 6th to decide whether we need to override the provisions of Prop. 2-1/2, who have not heard an open, all sides heard from, debate on the merits of the override proposals. Don't these uneducated citizens present a greater hazard to democracy and responsible town government than those who came to Town Meeting and left early?

Chartis Tebbetts
9 Jerusalem Road Drive

Aquarium thanks town for help with whale

TO THE EDITOR:

The staff at the New England Aquarium Rescue & Rehabilitation Department would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the overwhelming response and help the Town of Cohasset provided with the rare beaked whale stranding.

Many individuals from different departments helped in the effort surrounding this event. We would like to specifically thank Sgt. Shellee Peters for coordinating the initial DPW response the night of the stranding, and obtaining Barry Butman's help with securing the animal. Paul Murphy, ACO provided invaluable help the night of the stranding and the following day with mobilizing resources. Kenny Thayer and Leo Ekbon were essential in the operation to remove the animal from the beach and transport it to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for a thorough post-mortem examination.

Because of the great help from all of these individuals, scientists were able to obtain fresh samples for numerous research studies that undoubtedly will lead to a greater understanding of this unique species. We would also like to thank the citizens of Cohasset for their interest and support with this stranding event. Their concern and respect for the animal were appreciated and helped insure a successful stranding response.

Sheila Sinclaire
Sarah Bean
New England Aquarium

Vote 'no' on overrides

TO THE EDITOR:

The "school clique" overwhelming rejected compromise by insisting on $1.5M number as their override of choice. They will be carefully indoctrinated in how to vote and they will get out the vote. It is crucial that you vote.

Your only sensible option is to vote "no" on *both* override options.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

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Cohasset used to be one big family

COMMENTARY

JAMES WATSON

I am afraid what it has become instead is a bastion of egocentric ultra-competitiveness; at the same time having lost the key elements of sophistication and grace.

As I made my beloved rounds this morning, which perhaps are entirely too provincial, I was hearing broad unrest concerning recent and not so recent goings-on around what I refer to as the campus, namely Cohasset. Not so long ago we sat glued to that ridiculously entertaining Channel 10 as our police force and Board of Selectmen were seated before a gavel-wielding egomaniac who threatened to leave if not given a substantial raise. My goodness, someone is going to have to share some of these tales with Ted Carr, I understand e-mail is the way to go.

On the way to town, I recalled that today was opening day at Fenway, and gave my old buddy, Tom Keating, a call down in Duxbury. We reminisced about how we used to ride into the park with Ken and Casey Coleman and sell popcorn and coke for the Harry M. Stevens Company; or climb up on the big sign on top of the parking garage in left field and view the games surrounded by a bunch of Charlestown kids, precariously in abundance. Savoring the pride Tom felt as the month prior we had watched his son John compete as a member of the Duxbury High hockey team as they dropped a squeaker to B.C. High at the Garden. I pulled up to my little spot behind the store and parked. As I

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Cohasset Village work begins in earnest

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

The work to remove the ledge at the base of St. Stephen's needs to be finished, as well. This will move the sidewalk about 5 feet further toward St. Stephen's.

In addition to interface on the Greenbush project, the Town Manager and the Selectmen have asked us to work on the Revitalization. So, we will use this space this week to talk mostly about this project.

This past week Revitalization has restarted in the Village. The new storm water drainage items that we were not able to place in the streets last fall are being put into place. This involves three areas:

• **At Depot Court and Ripley Road.** This past week one of the two drain grates were put into the street at the rear of the South Shore Art Center. Another needs to be placed in front of Dramatic Kitchens. Unfortunately, this drain is so close to a utility pole that the utility must be present to support their pole so it does not collapse during the digging. We are waiting for Nation Grid to stabilize their pole during digging. If we had our contractor dig without National Grid, the pole might come down and disrupt power service in this area. Not a good thing. So, we wait.

• **On South Main Street at the park between French Memories and Tedeschi's.** The structure that goes here is a bit complicated. A drain and catch basin needs to be placed in the street. However, James Brook flows underneath this location, so there is not enough depth for a traditional catch basin. So, a shallow catch basin will be set at the edge of the street where it needs to be. Storm water will then directed to a large underground drainage structure that is located under the sidewalk. This drainage structure is then piped a very short distance back into the James Brook culvert. This work was done on this past Tuesday.

• **Southern end of the Common, in front of the South Shore Community Center.** Next, two new catch basins need to be located at the Southern end of the Common, in front of the South Shore Community Center. This also has been completed this past week.

We mentioned the James Brook culvert in the above paragraphs. For those of you who might be new to Cohasset, James Brook is a very important waterway that drains the entire area from Lower King St. (near Forest Avenue) to the downtown Village area. This is a total distance of between 1 to 2 miles. From the North down to Smith Place, James Brook flows in an open above ground stream. At Smith Place the brook goes underground into pipes as it passes under the downtown Village area and empties into Jacobs Meadow between the Masonic Building and attorney Humphries office. It is into this culvert where the new drain structure in front of Tedeschi's and French Memories drain will drain.

The work to remove the ledge at the base of St. Stephen's needs to be finished, as well. This will move the sidewalk about 5 feet further toward St. Stephen's. About half of these 5 feet will be added to the width of the sidewalk. The other half will be added to the width of the street. Thus, both the sidewalk and the street will be safer as a result of the increased width. This ledge work will be starting next week and the rock removal should take to or three days. At around the same time, possibly starting next week, Northern Construction, our contractor, will be rearranging the entrance to the Greenery Building at 24 South Main St. This work should complete by the middle of next week.

The contractor then will work on the new sidewalk, curbing and streets. We are having some discussions with the contractor about working at night. By "night" we mean approximately 4 p.m. to midnight. Our expectations are to remove old sidewalks in the most congested areas at night and then repave quickly once there is enough paving to justify a full truckload of asphalt. The surface will be perfectly safe to walk on but steps in and out of the shops may be a bit higher. We also intend to grind and pave the street at night starting around the 24th of April. We will notify you if this changes.

We thought you might enjoy this picture taken on Wednesday behind the Red Lion Inn in the right of way. We would think this is really a rough road!

The contractor believes night work this may make the work go much faster. As you can imagine, digging up streets and sidewalks is a very difficult job with cars and trucks passing by on Main Street during normal business hours. Further, daytime work is disruptive to most businesses. We also understand that working in the evening is not without its disruptions as well. Residents who live in the village center as well as businesses open in the evening will be inconvenienced. Our goal is to try to blend the project together so that it is done as quickly as possible and inconveniences the least number of people, residents and businesses.

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Treating dogs as people

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The last time we invaded the privacy of the canine world, I was torn between getting a $349 cell phone called a Petcell or a $50 aromatherapy bath with a $29 terry cloth robe as a Christmas present for Jedi, who used to be our family pet but is now known as our family companion.

Jedi is a dog of uncertain breeding but a good dog, nevertheless, as I am assured every time she mistakes the kitchen floor for the bathroom and my slippers for the thigh bone of a Black Angus. Me, I prefer cats. Who was it who said: "Dogs have owners; cats have staff?" Right on! But I digress . . .

The subject of dogs came up the other day when I read that scientists at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT have succeeded in mapping the DNA of dogs from the smallest chihuahua to the biggest Great Dane.

I'm not sure what that means but Institute Director Eric Lander calls it "mind-boggling" and I can't argue with that. But it's a bit discouraging to think that science has more reason to examine Jedi's genetic code than mine.

All over the nation, dogs are coming to be treated better than people when it comes to food, shelter and clothing. For the coming vacation season, there's a how-to book called "Pets on the Go," by Dawn and Robert Habgood.

The Ritz Carlton Hotel in downtown Manhattan, say the Habgoods, "provides 22-carat gold-plated IDs, aromatherapy spritzes, hand-painted ceramic dinnerware, quilted travel mats and Burberry pet raincoats" for VIP (Very Important Pooches).

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Ariz., they say, "includes a pet concierge, who suggests animal-friendly eateries, shops and scenic hikes into the canyon. The hotel provides a 'Did You Forget?' closet filled with pet goodies."

San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, Calif., they say, has a "Privileged Pets Program, featuring 'Pawier' water, homemade treats or gourmet items off the pet menu. Explore the 17 miles of trails, then relax with massages for you and your pet."

I'm told there's even a book coming out called "Teach Your Dog to Read," in which author-trainer Bonnie Bergin claims to have taught some 300 dogs to read. "It takes about three or four minutes to teach a dog their first words," she says.

For God's sake, don't tell Jedi! I didn't get her the $349 Petcell phone or the $40 aromatherapy bath. If she could read that I was thinking of it, she'd never let me forget about it. If she could talk, that is. Don't laugh!

At least ours are not as tough as the pet protection laws in Rome where, under ordinances that went into effect last fall, a man can be fined up to $600 for keeping his goldfish in a round bowl instead of an aquarium.

Not yet, anyway.

You decide: Disney World or Disneyland?

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

With the big vote over it's Return To Normalcy Week here in Cohasset. People we loathed and plotted against last week go back to being just our parents again. We steal signs from a neighbor's lawn and fling them into another neighbor's 30-yard dumpster purely for the visceral thrill of it, not for political gain. And we deserve the break, certainly. But let's not kid ourselves; one crucial issue remains unresolved. We must now turn our collective attention back to the contentious question that has hung over this nation for 35 years, namely, which is better: Disneyland or Disney World.

This is the ideal moment for the town to tackle this urgent matter, because frankly I need your support. As a husband and father of three daughters I am constantly being outvoted. The only other male in my house is a cat who doesn't bring much testosterone to the table anymore, if you catch my drift. Meanwhile the clock is ticking, because my daughter Emily turns six in July, and visiting a Disney park each year a child turns six is one of only two Lengyel Family traditions, the other one being the strict observance of allergy season. To prepare you for the vote I will now set aside the petty personal prejudices of my wife and children and with only rationality as a guide, construct a list of pros and cons that will help lead us toward the inexorable conclusion that Disneyland is in fact way, way better than Disney World.

Like any piece of real estate the three most important qualities of a vacation destination are location, location and location. With this in mind, let us notice that one of the destinations is in Southern California, whereas the other one is located in a gigantic outdoor sauna. Now, I realize that many of you have some affection for Florida, and the last thing I want to do in this column is alienate a large potential constituency by insulting their favorite state. That is why I urge those of you with poor taste in states to skip the rest of this column and move straight on to the police blotter. The rest of you are no doubt well aware of the following facts:

California has Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe, redwood forests, pristine deserts and canyons, Mount Shasta, Napa Valley, Big Sur, and Clint Eastwood.

Florida has a huge swamp.

Biting insects are not a problem in California.

In Florida the swarms of biting insects are not a problem when compared to the biting 500-lb. reptiles.

California has a thriving, multi-faceted market economy that fosters competitive pricing among its many and varied attractions.

Epcot Center gift shops supply fully two-thirds of Florida's tax revenue.

When one thinks of entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and "youth culture", one thinks of California.

Sales of Geritol(TM) make up the remaining third of Florida's tax revenue.

California has In-N-Out Burger.

Q.E.D.

Still on the fence? Then allow me to quote Disney's own web site, which provides the following information titled, "Getting to Disneyland":

"Disneyland is located in Anaheim, California. To get to the park, fly to Los Angeles International Airport, then travel south on the I-405 freeway, east through Orange county on I-105 to I-605, to I-5 south. Exit at Harbor Boulevard and travel south. Disneyland's main entrance is on the right."

Now see if you can pick up on the subtle but unnerving differences between those directions and these, to Disney World:

"Travel Tip: Packing for your adventure to The Magic Kingdom can be exciting. But don't get carried away! Disney Corp. recommends that you arrive with a minimum of two empty bags per person.

Fly to Orlando. During descent do not stow your tray table or return your seat to its upright and locked position; I will do it for you. After touching down on Tinkerbell Runway 1-Left your "Magic Carpet" will taxi to Goofy Gate. Pick up your empty luggage at the Sorcerer's Apprentice Carousel, then be sure to check out one of our Disney Stores, which are conveniently incorporated into all airport restroom exits. Leaving the airport? No problem! Simply purchase 2-day or 3-day park-hopper tickets for each member of your family, hand the tickets slowly and carefully to any of the armed and adorable Disney characters blocking the doors, run the final gauntlet of strategically-placed Disney merchandise, step outside and you're there! Welcome to Disneyworld! A wholly-owned subsidiary of Wal*Mart!"

Oh to be six again...

(This message paid for by YesOnDisneyland.org.)

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset with his wife, three daughters, a male cat who answers only to the name "Muffin", and two suitcases full of freakish whirling Disney light-up toys in various states of repair.

N.E. Fisheries discussion is Wednesday

MARINER'S CORNER

STEVE BOBO

Each brings considerable expertise to the table about what's wrong and what's right about one of New England's most important products, the fish we eat.

The Harbor was the center of Cohasset's life for more than 200 years from after the American Revolution until about 1898 because of the fish caught hereabouts. Next week on Wednesday 19 April at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt old library building at 106 South Main St. we will be having a discussion and forum about the New England Fishery.

Susan Playfair, author of a book "Vanishing specie Saving the Fish, Sacrificing the Fishermen," published in 2003 will conduct a panel discussion about our fishery with Dr. Robert Thompson dentist and avid fisherman and fisheries historian, together with Paul Figueiredo, Cohasset lobsterman.

Each brings considerable expertise to the table about what's wrong and what's right about one of New England's most important products, the fish we eat. Paul will talk about the problems he is observing. Bob, will talk about the outlook, interests and concerns of all fishermen, commercial or otherwise, both inshore offshore, and in lakes ponds and rivers.

So if you're interested in learning more about those delicacies many of us catch, most of us eat, and all of us admire, come to see us at the Pratt building next Wednesday. Light refreshments will be available, as well as interesting neighbors and friends.

The photo shows a lobster tinted red by the environment in which it lived before being caught at a rusty wreck off Cohasset Harbor.

Stephen N. Bobo is a board member of the Cohasset Historical Society.

Override talk on TV

Starting Monday April 17, Our Town co hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with the Committee for Cohasset Chairman Terry Green and School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy to discuss the upcoming override vote and how the needs of the school department translate into the $1.495 million override figure.

Our Town will offer a second show on the override beginning Thursday, April 27 featuring the thoughts of Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh regarding the needs of the school department, the town and the residents of Cohasset.

During this extended budget season, stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Viewers can tune in on Mondays at 9pm, Tuesdays at 9:30pm or Thursdays beginning at 8:30pm all on Comcast channel 10.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

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Override us now, but don't overwhelm us later

COMMENTARY

PAUL ANTICO

So many of us in Cohasset are incredibly frustrated and tired of constantly being asked for more money, many times with the implicit threat that our kids' educations are at stake.

Regarding your article last week, "Budget sparks fiery debate on Town Meeting floor," I want to express my appreciation for your detailed, two-sided coverage of this important issue. With that said, and as one of the antagonists of this debate, I would like the opportunity to more clearly spell out what I believe the town needs to address now, in the weeks leading up to the vote on the budget overrides.

As you pointed out in your article, I *am* in favor of cleaning up the financial mess this town has gotten into by *passing* the entire override request, despite its high cost. However, given that this full override includes the "wish list" requests of each department in town, I firmly believe it will then be fair to say "Enough is Enough!" So many of us in Cohasset are incredibly frustrated and tired of constantly being asked for more money, many times with the implicit threat that our kids' educations are at stake. We have averaged more than one override per year over the past 18 years, which reflects poor town budgeting. Further, our town spending has increased by roughly 8.5 percent per year while our neighbors have found ways to hold to just over 5 percent (with inflation under 2.5 percent). This is unacceptable management of our hard-earned tax dollars.

It is time for Cohasset's taxpayers to send the message to our elected and appointed officials that if we vote in favor of their budgetary wish list via the full override, then it is fair and prudent for us to demand no further overrides for the foreseeable future (barring catastrophic events), with the consequence being their jobs! If annual increases of 2.5 percent (plus normal new revenue streams) are deemed insufficient, then we should be given a reasonable, justifiable figure that demonstrates long overdue sound financial planning.

Selectman Sullivan believes it is unfair of me to criticize the hard work that he and others have done over 20 years in creating town budgets without having gotten involved in the process directly myself. Before being cut off by Moderator Evans at Town Meeting, he asked me directly, "Were you even at any of the [budget] meetings?" This is a very valid question and one that frankly is quite important. So let me provide the answer. No, I have never attended a budget meeting. Zero. Not one.

So am I in the wrong to criticize? Hardly. We all accept jobs in life that come with certain responsibilities, some of which involve fiduciary obligations. For example, a mutual fund manager has an obligation to earn acceptable returns for shareholders. If this objective is not achieved, should the shareholders have the right to question that manager and potentially remove the manager from his or her position? Absolutely! It would be ridiculous for the manager to suggest that the shareholders don't have a right to demand change since they didn't help manage the fund. Similarly, if one accepts a position requiring financial understanding and responsibility for the tax dollars of an entire town, then it is absolutely justifiable for the taxpayers to criticize unacceptable results, such as those that were presented to us in the Town Meeting warrant.

Following Mr. Sullivan's logic, only those who helped craft the budget would have the right to vote on it, for the rest of us do not have the detailed knowledge involved in its creation. Further, if Town Manager Griffin is right in stating that our town's debt problem is the result of so many Town Meeting-approved projects over the years, then why were so many endorsed by the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee? Why didn't anyone with a closer knowledge of the town's finances stand up and say that we couldn't afford these capital expenditures? Whose responsibility is that if not a senior town official? It may seem unfortunate, but every person and organization in this world has to learn to live within their means. This includes the Town of Cohasset.

Frankly, this issue is not about the 2006 override (at least not the Spring edition). It is about demanding professional management of our town's finances. It is about demanding that our taxes *not* go up by 50 percent over 5 years (roughly 8 percent per year compounded). It is about demanding that we follow through in our desire to help our seniors stay in town by not overtaxing them before they become seniors. And it is about maintaining a Cohasset that is open to all and not just the wealthy! *That* is what this issue is about.

Thus, I reiterate my challenge to the Selectmen and other town officials. If the full override is approved, is it fair to hold you to a 2.5 percent maximum tax increase in the coming years? If not, what number is fair and why? I look forward to your responses to this crucial question that is on the minds of many. Your responses may affect the outcome of the override vote. In addition, I encourage others to write criticisms of my arguments. Whether or not you agree with me (or my approach), I believe this debate is long overdue and is good for Cohasset.

Paul Antico lives at 124 Atlantic Ave.

Redirect energies to fixing the town's money problem

COMMENTARY

TOM CALLAHAN

Whether either override wins or loses, however, it is time to confront the problems with our education funding system.

The upcoming override vote, at either amount, is a difficult decision for the thinking voter to make. Neither the blind fealty nor blind animosity to the education establishment continually displayed by the respective sides of the debate is helpful to making a rational decision. Intellectually, it is difficult to justify $1.5 million more to a deeply flawed system, with the knowledge that little is solved and overrides for the school system will continue. There is the urge that perhaps one solution is to blow up the system and rebuild it as it should be. However, unless that is done by all districts on a coordinated basis, our isolated protest vote will only hurt our own students. As a parent of high school age students, I selfishly, emotionally, and also rationally, have no choice but to support the current system. I will at least vote for the lower override; perhaps the higher one as well.

Whether either override wins or loses, however, it is time to confront the problems with our education funding system. Cohasset cannot continue this way. If this override isn't the breaking point, that point is just around the corner. The considerable efforts we spend manipulating the town budget and ripping each other apart each year need to be re-directed to some or all of the following:

Reform 2-1/2 : It is or should be clear that the 2-1/2 percent budget cap is no longer economically realistic. As a Selectman in 1999, I had come to the conclusion that our budgets grew on average 4-1/2 percent per year. So I'd like to submit to our Legislature the following tax cap legislation from Anne Arundel County, MD — property taxes "shall not increase, compared with the previous year, more than the Consumer Price Index percentage of change, or by 4.5 percent, whichever is the lesser." There is no override provision. The cap is the cap – meeting the original intent of 2-1/2, but at a more realistic percentage.

Regionalization: It should also now be clear that under the current system of funding, a town of 7200 people, no matter how wealthy, cannot support a fully stand-alone school system (and perhaps other services). However, attempts to regionalize municipal services usually fails on the altar of the municipal parochialism so endemic to Massachusetts.

If not full regionalization, then a partial system. My particular concern is the lack of electives at the high school. We are already sharing some sports teams. (Priorities!) Why, then, can we not similarly regionalize electives at the high school level? Let's leverage the economies of scale that our larger neighbors and regionalization can afford. The transportation issue some have raised can be solved, if there exists the desire to solve it. Let's face it, we cannot do everything in-house, and our students are suffering /will suffer "competitively" as a result.

Adjunct Faculty: Another solution to the electives problem is to allow for adjunct faculty. I can and have taught at Massasoit and I know other adjunct faculty who live in town. I'm sure the union at Massasoit doesn't like it any more than the MTA/CTA will, but tough! They took $5 in union dues out of my paycheck and can do so here with my blessing. Adjuncts need not teach any core course requiring state certification, but there is absolutely no reason they can't teach college- or life-preparing electives at the HS level. We have a lot of brainpower in this town to leverage as well.

College Offerings: I am told that seniors have the opportunity to take college courses as electives to fill in the time that for many is now filled by empty time in study halls. It is my further understanding that they have to get themselves to these courses. I've heard that Hull HS reached a deal where Quincy College instructors come to them. Can we not reach a similar deal with some institution?

Block Scheduling Must Die: Block scheduling at the high school must go. Even if we had a range of electives to offer, there are problems scheduling what we do have as early as sophomore year, and then you have large gaps between instruction in some subjects. Additionally, with the studies that say that HS kids shouldn't be starting as early as 7:30 a.m., I cannot believe that these long classes are beneficial for tired students with shorter attention spans.

Recognize the Importance of New Revenue: The passage of articles at Town Meeting that will add beneficial tax revenues passed despite the pro-override crowd. As usual, the vast majority of them didn't appreciate the connection of these proposals to their cause, and left the meeting *en masse* after the budget passed. (And kudos to the *Mariner* for correctly chiding these people). More zoning proposals are coming, and we need to appreciate the need to create more commercial tax revenue. Even this, though, is not an absolute panacea. Even if maxed out, our commercial districts are too small to sustain us forever if the school budget and the "municipal entitlement mentality" maintain their insatiable monetary appetites. Even neighbors with much larger commercial tax bases are looking at overrides this year. Commercial tax growth still needs to be accompanied by other reforms and added scrutiny in expenditures.

End the Obsession with MCAS: We need to lobby the state to back off on the bill of goods that is MCAS. Its mere existence has led to an unhealthy obsession, and the recent drop-off of scores in Grades 4 and 8 is now a panic-inducing excuse for the override. To quote Andy Rooney from last Sunday, however, "Something's wrong here. Any time teaching is done just to help kids pass an exam, it's wrong. The purpose of teaching is to provide an education, not to help kids pass a test. Subjects like science, art, history and music are being taught very little in a lot of schools. We're going to raise a generation of cultural idiots.."

Pressure the Feds: The core problem is that education funding cannot rely solely on the property tax. That was the point of the many lawsuits in many states that led to the various permutations of ed reform. That reliance continues, still creating educational disparity, and now in Massachusetts, attacking the education systems of even the wealthy communities. The energy and anger of the pro-override crowd should not be directed at assorted town officials, candidates and town meeting wags, but at Kennedy, Kerry, Delahunt and most especially the self-described "education President", Bush. If just 1/558th of the known defense budget (= $1 billion) were redirected to education at the local level via block grants, how much would that help? How about 2/558ths? Perhaps the plan is to instead facilitate an uneducated cannon fodder class for the next Crusade, but it is on the Feds (of both parties) where the pressure needs to be brought.

There are other problems that need to be addressed with education in Cohasset that have nothing to do with money. Everyone agrees these issues need to be addressed, so let's try to finally do so.

Tom Callahan lives on Hillside Drive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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$1.495 override will keep Cohasset moving forward

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset is at a critical point in its history. If the $1.4 million override doesn't succeed on May 6, Cohasset may start a slow slide into mediocrity. These are strong words, but let me give you some history to show you why they are apt.

By 2003, Cohasset put its house in order. Critical sewer projects were completed. Schools were built or renovated to provide adequately for the future, and a new library was added. Cohasset has invested in the infrastructure necessary for the Town to move forward.

Cohasset has a strong management team in place to maximize our investments in Cohasset. Bill Griffin is an exceptionally well-qualified and experienced Town Manager and Dr. Denise Walsh provides valuable professional direction and administration to the public schools. She has successfully implemented the recommendations of the School Budget Investigation Committee.

Buildings and people are in place. But Cohasset's day-to-day operations and effective programs need adequate budgets! For the last three years, State Aid to Cohasset *has dropped by $1.3 million.* In FY '04 and FY '05, town services were level-funded and virtually stood still while more houses were built and school enrollment increased. Given the failed override of last year, teachers have been cut and building maintenance in all town buildings has been reduced to unacceptable levels.

The fat has long since been eliminated from these budgets!

• If no override passes, the performance of every town department will fall further behind.

• If the smaller $725,000 override wins, the gap will widen between increasing needs and static resources.

• If the $1.495 million override succeeds, Cohasset will move forward again and the schools will start their strategic five-year plan!

If neither override passes, taxes on the average Cohasset home assessed for $750,000 will be $8,212. That's a lot to pay to move backwards. If the $1.4 override passes, taxes on the same home will be $503 more. That seems like a relatively small amount of money for that homeowner to invest in Cohasset to change the direction of its future. Instead of sliding into mediocrity, Cohasset will move ahead again.

Sheila S. Evans
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Some tips about getting lawn care right

COMMENTARY

SANDY DURANT

Now let's revisit compost, fertilizer, and grass seed again before I list some excellent resources as well as some new ones you need to know about.

With this incredible spring we are having, how can we not get serious, right now, about our lawn and its health? So for those of us who are serious now, or at least know they will be soon, here is a reprint of last fall's popular healthy lawn article with two new paragraphs of additional advice:

First, please remember if you want to convert your lawn from a chemical-dependent lawn to a naturally healthy lawn and you want it to look good until it is converted, you have two choices: 1. Quickly renovate by clearing everything out, adding six inches of nutrient rich topsoil, and re-seeding. Or 2. Slowly transition by testing your soil, balancing its acidity, adding nutrient rich topsoil (about an inch each spring and fall), and over-seeding with a good fescue/clover blend. Most important, if you decide to transition, *do not completely stop* the chemical fertilizers you have been using or you will be starving to death grass plants that are rooted in dead, barren soil. However, *do start* using organic, slow release, water-insoluable fertilizer and pesticide alternatives at the recommended doses. When your soil is replenished and your grass plants are mostly fescues, perennial rye and clover with *some* bluegrass mixed in, then you have successfully transitioned (or renovated) to a healthy non-chemical dependent lawn. This second choice takes about three years and requires more attention than choice number one, but is far less labor intensive and costly. Lastly, we will soon be publishing a list of services that will completely renovate or help you transition your lawn.

Second, avoid planting invasive plants on your property. They are non-native "over-achievers" that cause profound environmental and economic damage when they escape from our home landscapes. Although experts have determined that these plants are harmful, they are still widely available in catalogs and nurseries. These invasives include Norway maple *Acer platanoides*; Bishop's weed *Aegopodium podagraria*; Japanese barberry *Berberis thunbergii*; Burning bush *Euonymus alatus*; Yellow flag iris *Iris pseudacorus*; Japanese honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*; and Purple loosestrife *Lythrum salicaria*. For a complete list, information about methods for removing invasive plants, and a list of recommended substitute plants visit www.newenglandwildflower.org

Now let's revisit compost, fertilizer, and grass seed again before I list some excellent resources as well as some new ones you need to know about.

Most importantly, create a healthy environment and bring back the life: top dress and rake in an inch of balanced, nutritious compost each spring and fall. Use organic fertilizer that can be broken down and naturally fed to grass plants. Reintroduce Nematodes, microscopic worm-like animals that cause disease in insects, particularly white grubs, sod webworms, and chinch bugs. Add grass seed mixes in cool weather (spring and fall) that naturally crowd out unwanted weeds and don0t need endless watering. To speed up the soil building process you may want to add microbial innoculants, "good" bacteria and fungi that support beneficial microbes and earthworms.

If you want to give your lawn an extra boost of fertilizer in the spring and fall, choose a low nitrogen organic fertilizer with an NPK (nitrogen-phosphorous-potassium) ratio of approximately 3-1-2. Never use more than 1 pound per 1,000 square feet.

For a truly carefree lawn, plant a superior variety of hard fescue (Festuca longifolia) such as Discovery, or Oxford, bred from grass plants that survive without pampering. It is recommended that you mix fescues with perennial rye grass (avoid annual rye grass) and Dutch white clover and some bluegrass seeds for superior vigor, insect and drought resistance. These mixtures are readily available. For the first few years, re-seed annually. Cost? Seeds of premium species and cultivars are worth the extra cost as bargain seed mixes are often adulterated with weed seed.

Now, a few words of caution. Compost is turning into a big and, as yet, unregulated business. Unfortunately, there are companies processing waste into compost without regard for what pathogens, microelements, and major elements might be carried into the material. Such compost can be full of the pathogen e.coli, contain too much nitrogen that helps pathogens increase rapidly, or have high levels of microelements like lead and cadmium. It is best to know where the compost came from and what's in it if at all possible.

And remember, here in New England there is a lead zone around all older homes and buildings. Small pieces of paint containing lead land in the soil from deterioration and when old paint is scraped away. Never plant edible food within the 10-15 foot "lead zone" of a building. If you live in an older home and want herbs beside your doorstep, plant them in containers.

Now for some excellent **Resources:**

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Grass Roots Healthy Lawn Program www.ghlp.org This is an excellent website that covers everything you need to know concisely and easily. It also has a great deal of information on children and pets, and their environmental exposure to chemicals. A must for parents.

American Public Information on the Environment (American

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Opening the door to wind power

COMMENTARY

MIMI WHITE

The committee decided to use these free services for the purpose of finding a possible site for the installing of a MET tower to gather wind data.

When the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee came together in August, we were an unlikely group of people with a little knowledge about many things. We were motivated by the desire to do something in providing possibilities for new sources of energy for our town (and, as one member said "and for the universe"). It only took one meeting to convince the committee it needed to do some serious research on energy alternatives. The fields of research about alternative sources of energy are expanding quickly, and many towns are becoming aware of the possibilities. It is the leadership of Hull in placing the first and second wind turbines on the South Shore that moved us into serious investigation into wind power. "How did Hull do that?" The expertise of a committee member and airplane pilot shared the "how" wind worked, and his information on aerodynamics was helpful, but what we really were interested in was how Hull was able to accomplish their movement into wind power.

Andrew Stern, of Citizen's for Alternative Renewable Energy, who has played a key role in the town of Hull and their first 600KW wind turbine, has regularly been available for information and options. He informed the committee that Hull Turbine 1 paid for itself in four years. It has supplied energy to roughly 250 homes. Hull Turbine 2, will produce 4.5 million KW hours energy, and will supply roughly 900 households. Between the two turbines, 12 percent of the entire town power will be supplied. He brought with him Malcolm Brown, Hull Power and Light, and Stewart Smith of Oak Creek Energy in California. All of them pointed out the need to find the key wind location, and secondary issues include wind strength and turbine height. They had much experience in working with the monitoring devices, and also the experience with choosing and installing wind turbines. There is a wonderful sense of cooperation with Hull, and we are hoping to foster connections with both Hingham and Scituate. Four of the committee members went to the meeting in Hingham to see if we could learn from their progress in forming a Long Range Energy Plan Committee. Hingham is hoping to form a committee to begin the process to integrate new guidelines for development in the town.

Kristen Burke, of Massachusetts Technology Council, spoke to us and the Board of Selectmen, to explain how to investigate the possible siting of a wind tower (MET tower). MTC is a state program funded by surtax on our electrical bills and is charged with working with communities to build alternative (renewable energy) systems. The committee decided to use these free services for the purpose of finding a possible site for the installing of a MET tower to gather wind data. The committee has received the report of three sites, and will be discussing these with Kristen at the next meeting.

With our investigation into money-saving and environmentally responsible energy alternatives, the committee is convinced that the citizens of Cohasset will begin to be aware of the necessity for new possibilities. Meanwhile, we can start new practices in our homes by attention to low-energy lighting and the careful use of electrical and heating use.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, and will be posted.

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Cohasset used to be one big family

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approached the corner, I observed in horror a tree man putting the finishing touches on the demise of the 60 foot, 20 inch caliper spruce tree adjacent to the Independence building. I could not believe what I was seeing, and felt as if something inside me actually snapped. I had gained somewhat of a reputation as a tree-hugger when a group referring to themselves as the Historical Society insisted on cutting down a beautiful ash tree which adorned Elm Street with shade, and I raised a stink.

A week prior, I had attended a meeting addressing the downtown project. Details about all aspects of the job to be done were discussed, including the planting of new trees so badly needed for aesthetics. Never a word spoken about sacrificing the only tree down there with any real stature. I called the project manager knowing full well I was going to get the standard answer; it was in bad shape, it had to go. What he neglected to say is that we're going to make damn sure it is down before anyone could cry foul. To deny that would be to overestimate my naivete.

The tree incident is really only a symbol of the very negative change in direction our town has taken over the last 10 or so years. Cohasset use to be one big family, and I perfectly realize it can never be that again. I am afraid what it has become instead is a bastion of egocentric ultra-competitiveness; at the same time having lost the key elements of sophistication and grace. A friend of mine told me of going to Sandy Beach on Friday nights for a parent and little kids get together and even that was competitive.

I find it appalling how many times I have heard one of these up-and-comers say that if a person can no longer afford the perennial tax overrides in town, they should get the hell out. One referred to it as economic displacement. Solution: Allow older people who have been here for a designated period of time to have there tax rate frozen, the result of which would be the people utilizing the services, namely the schools, would bear the brunt of the cost. Call it a users fee if you wish.

Speaking of schools, I cannot imagine that the School Committee does not want a fiscal watchdog among them so badly that they would mount up one of their little e-mail conspiracies to prevent it. If I might, a few suggestions for the School Committee. Take heed from the schools where the committee member, past and present, have sent their own kids. Where do private schools get all of their money? Alumni, of course. These schools have huge reunions with classes of five year intervals under one big tent each summer. Everyone has a fantastic time being hit up for some dough - yeah! Why not set up a big tent on Government Island each June. Saturday night have a gala event for five or so CHS classes with the intent of them reaching into their pockets. Under the same tent on Sunday, have a town party and give the people who are actually using the facilities the same opportunity.

That concept makes far more sense to me than observing these outrageous displays of special interest which has become Town Meeting - an institution I refuse to partake in, feeling it is an exactly wrong procedure, not a right one. Seriously, when 600 people show up to push one agenda item and proceed to vacate after their vote has been cast, all the while having one of our most brilliant lawyers in town trying to explain what has just happened, something seems amiss, no?

Enough for now, there is, however, more. Why not start with a simple hello instead of a straight ahead stare. What our town is missing more than anything right now is the cordially toward one another, which at one time was the Cohasset norm.

James Watson lives at 101 Border Street.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Fusco grateful for support

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the residents of Cohasset for their vote on Saturday. I am humbled and honored to have won a seat on the Cohasset School Committee. I am looking forward to working with the other members of the committee to help make our schools the best they can be. A lot of hard work and sacrifice went into the campaign and I want to thank the many people who gave of their time and wisdom to help make my campaign a success.

I would also like to acknowledge all of the other candidates and their supporters for their commitment to this community. Our system of government was founded on the principles of a free exchange of ideas and of government by and for the people. That so many people not only braved the weather to exercise their right to vote but put in countless hours in support of each candidate says much about what makes Cohasset the kind of town in which we should all take pride.

We have much work to do to make sure our schools improve each and every year. I have many ideas I plan to share with the other members of the School Committee. Although the results of the override vote will dictate some of our immediate priorities.

I will spend much of the next 30 days talking to other school committee members and Dr. Walsh to understand the committee's current issues and priorities. I am looking forward to the work ahead.

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CHS boys tennis off to a 4-0 start

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High boys tennis team's schedule will present the Skippers with a few tests throughout the season.

They have passed the first such test, as Wednesday's 5-0 win over Sacred Heart gave Cohasset its third win in as many days, and improved the team's record for the season to 4-0.

Cohasset has played the Clippers tough over the years, and again figure to be the biggest threat to Norwell's league dominance.

The next test comes the week after vacation, when Cohasset has four matches in five days, three against high-caliber competition. After traveling to Cape Cod Academy on Monday the 24th, the boys host Scituate on the 25th, Norwell on the 27th, and face Hingham on the road on the 28th.

Norwell, of course, still has "The Streak" going, having gone over a decade since losing a South Shore League match. Cohasset has played the Clippers tough over the years, and again figure to be the biggest threat to Norwell's league dominance.

Senior first singles Nils Sceery, one of the team's three captains (along with fellow seniors Dan Sullivan and Chris Pescatore), said after Wednesday's match that topping Norwell is the team's number-one goal this season.

"I know they (Norwell) have been working hard, but I think we have the depth to give them a very good match," Sceery said. "I think we can do it."

That depth stems from a big turnout during preseason tryouts that has resulted in 18 players being on the team's roster this season. It has also helped that several key players from last year's team, which advanced to the Division 2 South quarterfinals, are back.

Sceery, Sullivan and Blain Morin have all looked impressive in Cohasset's first four matches, combining to lose just one set. The first doubles duo of Pescatore and Zack Murray have also been playing strong tennis.

"Zack and I have been meshing really well," said Pescatore. "Today (Sacred Heart) was a little tougher, but overall we've been playing well. We've been controlling the net, which is critical for us."

Several players have contributed to the cause at second singles. On Wednesday, it was sophomore Ryan Crough and freshman Victor Hartman winning in straight sets. Josh Dupre, Chris Ackley, Owen Stevenson and Ivan Sceery have all seen action, and Chris Donze, a regular in the lineup last season, figures to rejoin the mix soon.

CHS boys tennis upcoming schedule

April 24	@ Cape Cod Academy	4:30 p.m.
April 25	Scituate	3:30
April 27	Norwell	4:00
April 28	@Hingham	3:30

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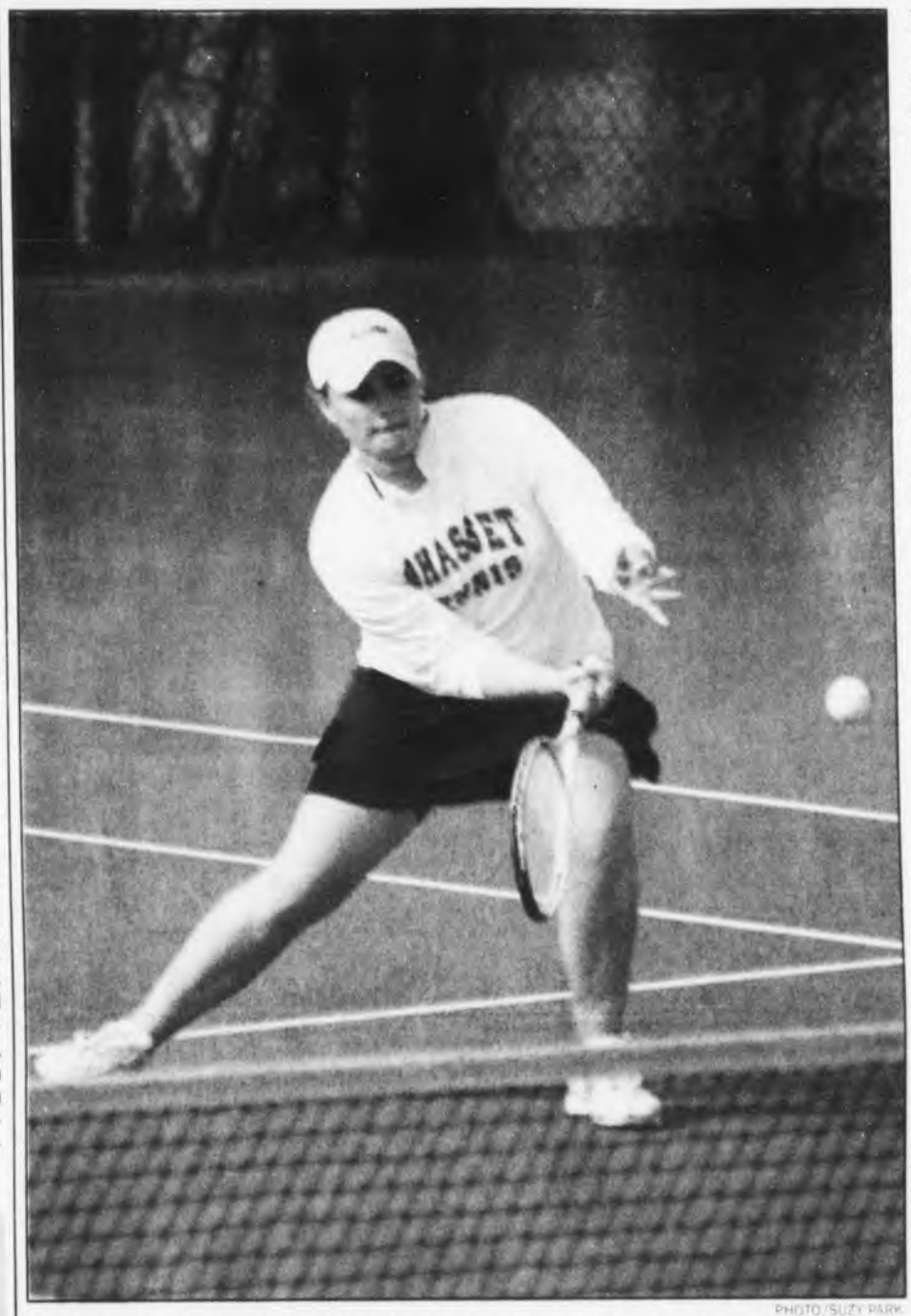

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Elizabeth Landon finesses a shot over the net during Wednesday's match against Ursuline. Landon and first doubles partner Meg Anderson came back from a set down to beat a tough opponent.

Ursuline hands girls tennis its first loss of season in tough 3-2 match

By Mark Goodman
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In 2004 and 2005, the Cohasset High girls tennis team lost its home match to Ursuline, only to visit the Dedham school later in the season and return the favor.

History is halfway toward repeating itself after the Skippers lost a tough 3-2 decision to Ursuline on Wednesday. It was Cohasset's first loss of the year, as they are 5-1 heading into the April vacation break.

After senior Chelsea Grossman won her first singles match 7-5, 6-1, Ursuline held a 2-1 team lead with both doubles matches in their third sets.

At first doubles, sophomore Meg Anderson and junior Elizabeth Landon lost their first set and fell behind, 6-5, in the second. They forced a tiebreaker, and with both girls combining strong serves and equally solid shots at the net, won the tiebreaker 7-3 to force a third set.

While that second set was being played, Cohasset head coach Gigi Meehan said that if Anderson and Landon won the set, they would go on to win the match. The girls backed up their coach's confidence with a big 6–4 third set victory that tied the overall match at 2-2.

That brought everyone's attention to second doubles, where Cohasset's Sally Meehan and Charlotte Landon were locked in an intense battle with Ursuline's Joanie Fisher and Cat Crane. The Cohasset duo had won the first set, 6-2, but Fisher and Crane came back to take the second, 7-5.

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Cohasset's Mike Bunstein (17) makes a move on goal during Wednesday's 13-9 win over Barnstable.

Laxers staying busy

CHS boys win 2 out of 3 this week to improve to 4-1

The Cohasset boys lacrosse team had a very busy week, playing three games in four days before April vacation. Cohasset improved its record to 4–1 and next plays Dover-Sherborn at home on Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m.

Skippers 13, Falmouth 5

The Skippers had their offense firing on all cylinders in Sunday's 13-5 rout of Division 2 Falmouth on Cape Cod.

However, it was the team's man-down defense that may have been the key to victory. After a hard fought, very physical first half, Falmouth pulled to within two goals early in the second half. After two quick penalties, Cohasset found itself two men down for a full minute.

Defensemen, Jeff Brown, Ryan Kucinski, Anthony DiPaolo, midfielder Trevor Brady and goalie Ben Libby successfully killed off the penalties. Shortly thereafter, senior captain Aidan Buick (seven goals, three assists) took over the game.

"Aidan is one of the top attackmen in the state and is almost impossible to defend," said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran. "He has a quick first step and his shots come from all angles, making it very difficult on the opposing goalie."

Against Falmouth, Buick had some big help in the offensive zone. Sophomore attackman Mark Flibotte had three goals

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Reality check

Lady laxers' loss to Duxbury shows plenty of work left to be done

For 42 minutes Tuesday, the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team played even with powerhouse Duxbury.

It was the other eight minutes that proved to be a problem.

In a game that head coach Chuck Jaffe deemed a "reality check" for his players, the Skippers surrendered two goals in the first minute of play and six goals in the first seven minutes, all before Cohasset could get its first shot on goal.

The Skippers (3-1) could never quite recover, ultimately losing by a 19-9 score. Jaffe said there is plenty to be learned from the game, starting with his team's attitude toward playing a great program like Duxbury.

"I think they have to learn that they can play with that team," Jaffe said. "They need to understand that they have to work harder. You have to think and act like an elite player, and they're not there yet."

Between those first seven minutes and the last minute of play — when Duxbury scored three times — the game was virtually even, featuring back-and-forth swings that showed some promise for Cohasset.

Duxbury turned a 10-3 halftime lead into a 15-4 advantage but never rested its starters or inserted reserves, and Cohasset answered with a four goal run to make it a 15-8 game with just under six minutes to play. From there, the teams traded quick goals, until Duxbury scored three times in the last 1:08 of the game, the last score giving the home team a 10-goal lead with just six seconds left on the clock.

For Cohasset, Lindsey Durkin scored four times and added an assist, with Gabriella Flibotte registering a hat trick for the third consecutive game. Lisa Spirito scored twice, and Kara Wilcox, Kaleigh Swain and Kaley Madge all picked up single assists.

JoAnna Hamilton, who was peppered throughout the day, made 11 stops in net.

Jaffe said that with the only possible way for the two teams to meet again is having it happen in the playoffs, the Cohasset girls have a lot of work to do before the next meeting, a contest the local girls most likely are eager to play.

"We would love nothing better than to catch Duxbury in the

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CHS softball drops opener to Abington

By Evan Deutsch
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This is somewhat of a good news-bad news story. How about getting the bad news out of the way first?

The Green Wave engulfed the Skippers in Abington by a score of 15-0 over the five inning contest. Seven Abington runs in the first inning deflated the Skippers. The rest can be told by the by the final score.

"Abington is an outstanding team," admitted head coach Deb Bostwick. "Their offensive production is really tough to dampen."

In fact, the Green Wave racked up a total of 16 hits. The Cohasset players quickly realized a victory looked like a long shot.

The good news? Bostwick turned this depressing situation into an experiment for testing out players in different positions. She sent senior captain Melissa Crowley-Buck behind the plate.

"I moved Melissa from the outfield because her communication skills make a big difference when she's behind the plate," Bostwick explained.

The upbeat Bostwick praised Alida Tangherlini, Virginia Spofford, and Carly Salerno, for their performances in the outfield. Both Spofford and senior captain Erin Liddell contributed base hits and got stranded on base.

"This was a tough loss, but I think we'll come together," said Spofford. "The underclassmen have a lot to add to the team. Once everyone gels, we'll do much better."

Cohasset fans should not get bent out of shape around this Abington blowout. Most observers would argue a season can turn around in a second in high school sports. Recall the girls basketball team, which started out last December with a dismal performance only to end up deep into tournament territory.

Count on the Skippers to stick with their game until things start to click. The loss to the Green Wave will likely fade quickly.

All-Scholastic wrestling team

Cohasset's Dorian, Cambi named among area's elite

Editor's Note: The Marinerland All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Nick Cambi - Junior
189 - Cohasset

Nick Cambi

Arguably the most improved wrestler on a Cohasset/Hull team that advanced to the Division 3 South semifinals…Won both his state tournament matches against Canton and Pembroke; in the latter, Cambi stepped up two weight classes for the win at 275…Finish second in the Division 3 South sectionals, taking fellow All-Scholastic Dan Bohenek of Rockland into the second period before losing…Followed that up with a third place finish in states to qualify for the All-State competition, where he finished fifth to continue on to New Englands…Another season highlight includes a second place performance at the North Quincy tournament in January…Also a lineman for the CHS football team.

Shane Dorian - Senior (Capt.)
145 - Cohasset

Shane Dorian

Another stellar season for the two-time Marinerland All-Scholastic, finishing with over 40 wins to his credit…Named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Division 3 South sectionals, which he won…Finished third in the state competition to qualify for All-States, where he could not compete due to injury…Also a champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Cohasset Tournament in January…Took second place at the Marshfield tournament in December…Won his dual meet tournament matches against opponents from Canton and Pembroke…In 2005, Dorian was a state champion at 140 pounds and advanced to the championship match at All-States…Also a South Shore League All-Star in football, where he led the Skippers in rushing despite not playing the sport the year before.

Steve Parigian - Senior (Capt.)
275 - Braintree

It all came together for the two-time Marinerland All-Scholastic this season, culminating in a fourth place finish in last month's New Englands…Also finished third at the All-States, a performance that came on the heels of a Division 1 state championship the previous weekend…Finished second in the state tournament a year ago…Won this year's Weymouth, Marshfield and North Quincy tournaments, as well…Finished the year with a 49-5 mark, and ends his BHS career with the most wins of any wrestler in the program's history…A first team Bay State Conference All-Star this season…Improved his overall technique, and earned a lot more pins as a result…Voted as the best wrestler in his weight class in masswrestling.com's season-ending poll…Also a lineman for the Wamps' football team, Parigian will continue his wrestling career at Plymouth State in New Hampshire

Marc Kurzberg - Junior
103 - Braintree

This talented wrestler got better and better as the season went on, finishing with a 39-11 record, which included a win in the All-State competition in March…Finished eighth in his weight class in masswrestling.com's season-ending poll…The first team Bay State Conference All-Star was a finalist in the Division 1 South sectionals…Also a runner-up at the North Quincy tournament in January…Other season highlights include a fourth place finish at the Weymouth tournament and a sixth place finish at Marshfield in December…Along with classmate and Honorable Mention Anthony Grimaldi, Kurzberg figures to lead what could be another strong Wamps wrestling team next season

John Egan - Junior
119 - Hanover

Had another solid winter for the Hanover grapplers pacing the very young squad to an 8-12 record…Egan was a strong second at the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney and took sixth at the Div. 3 State Championships a week later…Wrestled at the All-State Championships…During the regular season, Egan was a solid fixture at tournaments, capturing the 119 class at the Cohasset Invitational as Hanover finished seventh as a team…The three-time Patriot League All-star was also third at the Whitman/Hanson Invite…Began his wrestling career as a freshman at 103 and has moved up a class every year…Just a junior, Egan will be among the top returning grapplers to the HHS team next winter.

Jason Nelson - Senior (Capt.)
125 - Hingham

Bested the entire field at the Div. 3 South Sectionals to win the 125 title…Nelson beat opponents from Foxboro, Carver, and Hanover, pinning the latter wrestler to win the South championship…Nelson had a strong showing at the Div. 3 State Championships a week later capturing sixth and earn alternate status to the All-States…A four-year wrestler and two-year Patriot League All-star, Nelson was one of the most consistent performers in dual meets and was a regular in finals matches at several tourneys this season…Nelson finished a strong second at the Weymouth Tourney and the Cohasset Tourney…He made the second day of wrestling at the elite Lowell Tourney, a solid accomplishment considering the talent he faced…The senior captain received his team's co-Outstanding Wrestler Award after a season in which he registered the most takedowns on the squad and also had the fastest pin of the winter…Nelson is hopeful to continue his wrestling career at the next level.

Mike Riley - Senior (Capt.)
130 - Hingham

Despite missing the first half of the season with a leg injury, Riley returned in solid form this winter down the stretch…Came back just in time to take second at the Cohasset Tournament in the 130 class…But his greatest accomplishment came in the postseason…As the top seed in the 130 bracket, Riley was the last man standing at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, besting the No. 2 seed from Canton to win the title…Riley re-injured his leg the next week at the Div. 3 State Championships…He earned a win in the first round, but was forced to sit out the rest of the competition, ending his four-year grappling career…A consistent performer throughout his tenure, Riley had wrestled at three different classes, seeing similar success at each one…For his efforts this season, he was named by teammates as the co-Outstanding Wrestler of the season…A three-time Patriot League All-star, Riley leaves some big shoes to be filled in the middle-weights.

Mike Pronk - Senior (Capt.)
171 - Marshfield

One of just a few seniors on the young and talented Marshfield squad, Pronk concluded his four-year wrestling career with a solid senior campaign…Despite missing a month of action due to a fractured shoulder, Pronk still managed to finish second at the Div. 2 South Sectionals to fellow All-Scholastic Alex Rollins of Silver Lake…Went on to take sixth at the Div. 2 State Championships a week later…Pronk went onto compete at the All-State Championships…Was second to Rollins again at Marshfield's own Holiday Tournament, helping the Rams finish sixth overall…Took third place at the North Quincy Tournament, as Marshfield was fourth out of 18 teams…Pronk's presence and consistency at the 171 position helped the Rams power to an 18-7 record, just two years after going 4-14 as a group…The squad tied Bridgewater-Raynham for the Old Colony League title (3-1)…Marshfield earned the No. 3 seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney and topped Somerset before being edged by eventual South winners, North Attleboro (36-25)…Pronk's younger brother, Joe (103), will continue the strong family tradition at MHS next season.

Seamus St. Peter - Senior (Capt.)
140 - Marshfield

Bested the entire field at the Div. 2 South Sectionals, winning the 140 title by beating North Attleboro's Mike Poirier…Finished a strong fifth at the Div. 2 State Championships a week later…Wrestled at the All-State Championships where he met the eventual title winner…Won the 140 title at the Cohasset Tournament, helping the Rams to a second place finish as a team…Finished sixth in his class at Marshfield's own Holiday Tournament, helping the Rams to a sixth place team finish…St. Peter was about as consistent a performer as it gets, helping the Rams rebound from a 4-14 record to go 18-7 this season and tie Bridgewater-Raynham for the Old Colony League title…He was essential to the Rams' 36-30 win over Somerset in the opening round of the Div. 2 South Sectional team tourney, where Marshfield reached the semifinals before being edged by eventual South champs, North Attleboro (36-35).

Karl Gumpright Senior (Capt.)
103 - Pembroke

Karl Gumpwright

He is easily the most accomplished wrestler in the young history of Pembroke. As a freshman and sophomore at Silver Lake he honed his skills and broke out as a wrestler in his junior and senior years at Pembroke. As a junior he was 38-7 and finished third at states, while being named a Patriot League all-star.

This season he went over the 100 career win mark while notching 41 wins. For his career he finished with a record of 120-22. He was the south sectional champion at the 103 pound class, as well as the Division 3 state champion this year while winning the Marshfield tournament, the Hudson tournament, and the Division 3 state championship. He was also named team MVP for the second straight year. He is a high honors student who excels in history. He has an interest in pursuing either education or criminal justice and will attend Bridgewater St. next fall.

Eric Johnson Senior (Capt.)
112 - Pembroke

Eric Johnson

Pembroke was successful this year with the strength of its lower division wrestlers, and Johnson was one of the leaders of that group. As a team captain he complied a 40-10 record this year en route to the Division 3 south title at the 112 pound division. He was the runner-up in the Marshfield Tournament and took home third at both the North Quincy and Hudson Tournaments. He also finished fourth at the Division 3 state tournament. His best effort came in the south sectional final when he pinned his opponent in a surprising victory, for someone who was not regarded as a pinner. For his efforts he was named a Patriot League all-star this season. Johnson helped lift the Titans to an improbable run to the Division 3 south sectional title, the first such title for any sport for the second year school. In his spare time he enjoys wiffleball can also be found competing for the Titans' baseball team during the spring season.

Dan Longo - Sophomore
140 - Pembroke

If it seems like every Pembroke wrestler is on the team, well it's not quite true, but Longo was another deserving Titan who captured the South sectional title at 140 pounds this season while compiling a 20-4 record. He is only a sophomore and is the youngest of the group of accomplished Titan wrestlers but he showed he belonged this year. In addition to the sectional title Longo finsihed second at states and third at the Marshfield and Hudson tournaments. He got better as the year went along and that was evident in the final meets as he won his biggest matches. He had three wins in the sectional tournament, all by virtue of pin, and was just a machine that afternoon.

He is an honors student in geometry and biology, and also enjoys hockey and lacrosse. Next season he will be counted on as one of the leaders of the Titans.

Steve Tressel - Junior (Capt.)
152 - Pembroke

Steve Tressel

Though he was overshadowed all season long by a very accomplished Rockland wrestler at 152 pounds, Tressel had the last laugh and the biggest win of the season. In the first match of the Division 3 south final Tressel pinned Jackie Erickson with a leg sweep in the final seconds of the third period to send a huge message to the Bulldogs that they were in for a battle that day. The Titans went on to win the meet and the sectional title. For the season Tressel finished second in the sectionals, third in Marshfield, and North Quincy, and won the Hudson Tournament while compiling a 37-6 record. Next season should be his big year to shine in the division with Erickson graduating. He is an honor roll student that enjoys finger painting, hanging out with friends, and computers in his spare time. He is also a standout on the football and baseball teams.

Dan Wandell - Junior (Capt.)
160 - Pembroke

The last of the Pembroke quintet, Wandell had a strong season as well in helping the Titans to the Division 3 south title and a share of the Patriot League title as well. He went 39-9 on the season while winning the Division 3 south title in the 160 pound division an improvement from last year's sixth place finish. He finished 5th in the Division 3 state tournament while winning the North Quincy, and Hudson tournaments. His performance in the sectionals while wrestling sick was very impressive and head coach Dave Vining felt he should have received outstanding wrestler recognition. He is a Massachusetts student-athlete citizenship award winner. In his spare time he enjoys football, wrestling politics, and lumberjacking. In the off-season he stays active wrestling in the Bay State games and for the Grizzly Wrestling Club and has also participated in National tournaments.

Dan Bohenek - Senior (Capt.)
189 - Rockland

The premier 189 wrestler in the area for the last two seasons, Bohenek was about as automatic as it gets…The three-time Patriot League All-star successfully defended his Div. 3 South Sectional and Div. 3 State titles this winter…He entered the All-State Championships having yet to be beat for the second-straight year in a row…There, Bohenek finished a strong fourth overall, falling in a very close 5-3 overtime decision to Xaverian…A three-time Patriot League All-star, Bohenek was the best in the class, helping the Bulldogs take second in the standings behind only Duxbury, to whom they lost to by one point…Was a regular in tourney finals, twice winning titles at the Marshfield, Cohasset, and Whitman/Hanson Invitationals…Bohenek's consistency at his position helped the second-seeded Rockland team best Foxboro in the Div. 3 South Sectional team tourney to reach the finals against PL foe Pembroke, where they were edged 36-33…Advanced to New Englands and won a match there to complete a 40-win season (132 in his five-year career)…An All-Scholastic linebacker last fall, Bohenek also plays baseball at RHS…He hopes to continue his football career at St. Anselm or Stonehill.

Jackie Erickson - Senior (Capt.)
152 - Rockland

Showed just how tough he really is when he managed to win the Div. 3 State title despite wrestling with a shoulder injury sustained in the semifinal round…Erickson earned the trip to the states after winning the Div. 3 South Sectional crown for the second-straight season…Still reeling from the injury at All-States, Erickson finished a strong fourth after being forced to default against his North Attleboro opponent…Captured his second-straight title at the Cohasset Tournament this winter, and was victor at the Whitman/Hanson Invite as well, helping the team win and finish third respectively…Finished fourth at the Marshfield Tourney…His consistency at his class helped the Bulldogs take second in the Patriot League (8-1) and finish 15-4 overall…Compiled a 42-4 record this winter, surpassing 130 wins in his five-year career…Helped Rockland reach the finals of the Div. 3 South Sectional team tourney with a big win over Foxboro in the semis…Erickson plans to

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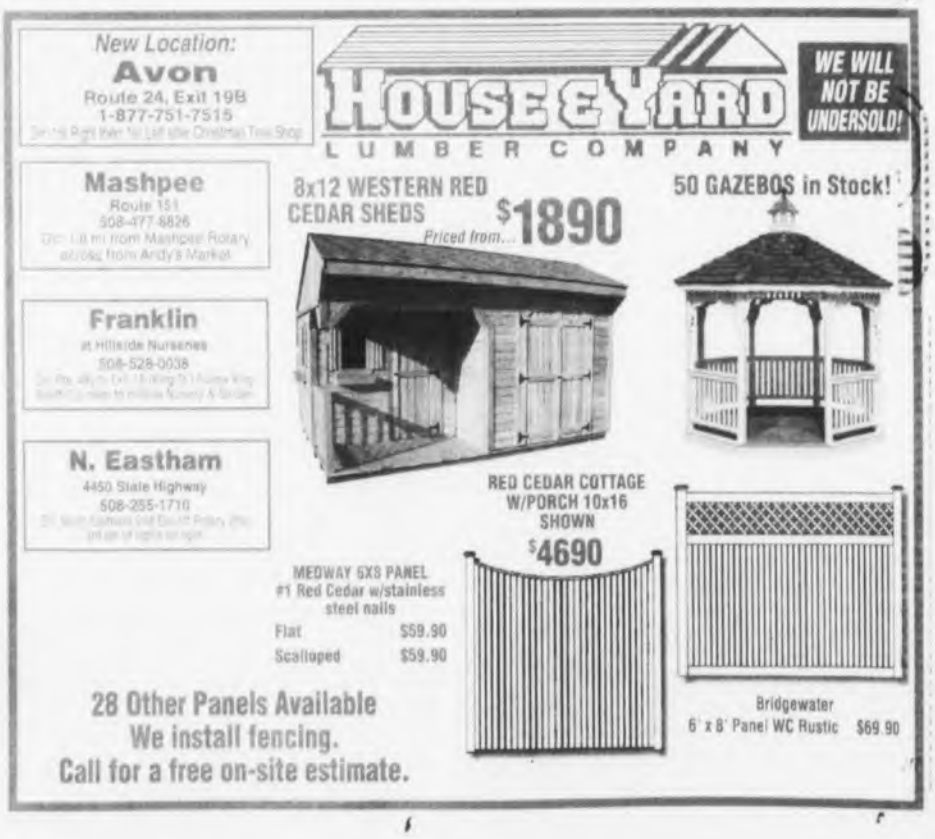

All-Scholastic wrestling team

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attend Johnson & Wales University in Providence, where he will continue his wrestling career.

Chris Fucillo - Senior
275 - Rockland

Was a very consistent competitor at the heavyweight class this winter for the Bulldogs…Fucillo was a strong fourth at the Div. 3 South Sectionals and equaled his performance at the Div. 3 State Championships a week later, with a fourth-place finish, qualifying him for the All-State Championships…Fucillo's athleticism at the class set him apart from other big men…Performed extremely well at dual-meets, helping the Bulldogs capture second in the Patriot League (8-1) and 15-4 overall…Fucillo was won the heavyweight title at the Whitman/Hanson tourney, helping the team finish third, and was a strong second at the Cohasset Invite, where Rockland won for the second-straight year…His consistency on the mats helped the Bulldogs earn the No. 2 seed in the first-ever Div. 3 South Sectional team tourney, where Rockland advanced to the finals with a big win over Foxboro…Also a two-time football All-Scholastic, Fucillo also competes on the RHS spring track team…He was a PL All-star in both football and wrestling this season.

Donald Gillespie - Junior
135 - Scituate

Donald Gillespie

One of the leaders of a rejuvenated Sailors wrestling program that qualified for the Division 3 dual meet tournament this season…In that tournament, earned six points for his team with a pin against his Foxboro opponent…Gillespie was strong from beginning to end this year, finishing third in the Division 3 South sectionals and fifth in states…With that fifth place finish, he qualified for the All-States competition…A Patriot League All-Star this season…One of Gillespie's best performances came in January's Cohasset tournament, in which he won his weight class…Praised by his coaches for his work ethic and improvement throughout the season (he was named Most Improved Wrestler at the team's season-ending banquet), Gillespie will lead the Sailors once again next year

Alex Rollins -
Senior (Capt.)
171 - Silver Lake

Rollins was one of the toughest wrestlers to beat this season and a very bright spot for a team that was in transition with a first year head coach. Silver Lake had a difficult season as a team, but the Lakers could always count on a victory when Rollins came to the mat. The senior went undefeated in the regular season at the 171 pound division while capturing the south sectional title. He won the Marshfield, and North Quincy tournaments. He was 33-3 overall the year with 27 pins finishing third at states and third at All-states. He was the obvious choice for team MVP and a two-time Patriot League all-star. He is an honors student with a 3.5 gpa, and enjoys playing basketball and working on his rap demo. Rollins is also a standout on the football team and was a Patriot League all-star and a valuable defensive back.

Paul Keough -
Senior (Capt.)
130 -Weymouth

Wrestling is a tradition in Weymouth and Keough was another torch bearer this winter in leading the Wildcats to a 20-5 record on the season before falling to eventual state finalist New Bedford in the sectionals. He was 46-9 on the season and wound up with a career record of 93-20 over four years. He won the Whitman-Hanson tournament for the second time, and wound up second at the Woburn and Weymouth tournaments. He finished second at the Division 1 south sectionals and took home third at the states. He was a Bay State League all-star for his strong efforts this season. In his spare time he enjoys skim boarding, and is a youth group member at the old south union. He is a member of the cross-country teams and the spring track squad, and is vice president of his class. In the off season he competes for the Grizzly Wrestling club and also participates in Bay State Games.

Eric Walsh -
Senior (Capt.)
145 - Weymouth

Another standout from the wrestling factory of Weymouth, Walsh this season was a key member in leading a young and injury plagued Wildcat squad to a 20-5 season. The Wildcats lost the sectionals for the first time in eight years, but it was not a failure of a season. Walsh wound up 50-7 this year while winning the Whitman-Hanson tournament, where he was named most outstanding wrestler. He also won the Woburn tournament and finished second at the Weymouth tournament. Walsh took home second at the Division 1 south sectionals and third at the Division1 states, and fifth at all-states. He was a league all-star this season for his strong efforts. He is an honor roll student, and a captain of the football and lacrosse teams. In the off season he is a Bay state Games Participant, where he won a bronze medal, and competes for the Grizzly Wrestling club.

Honorable Mention:

Anthony Grimaldi - Jr. - 135 - Braintree
Dave McKenna - Sr. (Capt.) - 152 - Cohasset
Ryan McLellan - Jr. - 112 - Cohasset
Carlos Cormier - Sr. - 125 - Hanover
Greg Vaughn - Jr. - 275 - Hingham
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Joe Bois - Sr. - 171 - Rockland
Ethan Flood - Fr. - 103 - Scituate
John Neil - Sr. (Capt.) - 119 - Scituate

GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Cohasset lax girls win four of six on April 9

Cohasset's youth girls lacrosse program had its first home games of the season besting Duxbury in three of four games on April 9, while its youngest girls took to the road.

The day started in Cohasset with a 15-and-Under (grades 7/8) contest that looked more like a track meet than an ordinary lacrosse game. In an up-and-down, end-to-end contest, the Cohasset White team fell behind 3-0, then scored four straight goals to take a lead, then let Duxbury 2 tie the game, then scored four straight to take the lead for good. By the end of the half, the score was 10-7 Cohasset; the second half slowed only slightly, as Cohasset White kept up the torrid pace and cruised to a 17-10 win.

Amy Meikleham – playing her first game of the season – made up for some lost time by scoring 6 goals. Isabelle Franklin netted four goals and added an assist, with **Kaci Kucinski** scoring a hat trick. **Hannah Burgess** scored twice, **Jessica Fusco** added a nifty solo score and **Lindsay Allard** potted one goal to go along with two assists. **Abby Faulkner** also posted two assists, with **Maddy Altholtz** adding a single helper on the day.

Thomson Jaffe and **Molly McElgunn** split the goaltending duties and combined for six saves, with McElgunn shutting the door in the second half to enable the White 15-U squad to raise its record to 2-0.

Next, it was the Cohasset White 13-U team (grades 5/6) against Duxbury 2. **Allie Farren** converted an **Anna Seraikas** feed to tie the score at 1, but from there Cohasset failed to capitalize on several quality chances while Duxbury slipped in two goals to make the score 3-1 at the break.

After **Kristen Alexander** slammed home a direct-free position shot to make it 3-2, Duxbury scored two quick goals. **Sarah Evans** brought Cohasset back into the contest and **Carly Oddleifson** score her first career goal, but the home team could never get things back to even, and Duxbury scored two late goals to make the final score 7-4 for the visitors.

Ellie Tedeschi made seven saves in the net for the White team, which saw its record fall to 1-1.

The Cohasset Blue teams had the most exciting games of the day, each seeing the score swing wildly throughout the course of the action.

For the 13-U Blue team, Cohasset took a quick lead on the strength of two **Whitney Jaffe** goals – one on a penalty shot – only to see Duxbury score three quick ones to take a lead. Jaffe answered for Cohasset, and **Alison Whelan** responded to yet another Duxbury score to know the game at 4 as the teams went to the break.

Duxbury scored first in the second half, only to see **Isabella Flibotte** feed **Danielle Healy** to tie the game up. Whelan gave the home team a lead, but Duxbury responded with two scores to take the lead at 7-6. Whelan completed a hat trick to tie the score, **Marie Gilman** then made an end-to-end rush before feeding **Hope Kissick** to give Cohasset a lead, and Jaffe scored her fourth of the day on a left-handed shot off a breakaway. **Christina Healy** answered a Duxbury goal with one of her own, and Cohasset held the lead to close out the game with a 10-8 win.

A huge part of the win was the stellar effort of **Stephanie Brierly** in the nets. Brierly stopped 12 Duxbury shots, denying Duxbury time and again when it looked like the visitors were ready to take command of the game.

Finally, the Cohasset Blue 15-U team took the field, and took charge early, jumping to a 4-0 lead that stretched to 5-2 at halftime. Duxbury responded with the first four goals of the second half to take the lead, and the teams then traded goals to get to 7-6 before Cohasset potted the final four games of the day and shut down Duxbury's fast-break-oriented attack to come away with a 10-7 win.

Isabelle Franklin scored a hat trick, **Olivia Murphy** and **Kaleigh Teague** each scored twice, with **Lindsay MacNaught**, **Kelsey Erler** and **Hannah Burgess** scoring once each. **Anna Michalowski** contributed two assists, and Thomson Jaffe and Molly McElgunn backstopped the team, contributing a total of seven saves in the win.

At the 11-and Under level (grades 3 and 4), the Blue and White teams took to the road on April 9. The Blue squad won its second straight game with a dominating 7-0 performance against Pembroke; the Cohasset squad kept the game close by moving its defense to offense after halftime, allowing more players a shot at the glory that comes from scoring points.

Victoria Bryan led the way with a hat trick, **Peyton MacNaught** scored twice and **Dagmar Seppala** and **Annie McElgunn** added solo scores. Seppala, **Christina Tedeschi**, **Charlotte Allard** and **Rebecca Brown** – who moved from defense in the second half – all notched assists on the day.

The 11-and-Under White squad , meanwhile, jumped out to an early lead in Norwell, only to lose it in the final seconds and come away with a tie. After surrendering the first goal of the game, Cohasset scored the next three, helped by a strong transition game that created good scoring opportunities. Cohasset maintained its lead through the second half, as the teams traded goals, but the home team was able to get a shot and knot things at 5 with just five seconds left to play.

Lily McCarthy scored twice for Cohasset, with **Caroline Farren** chipping in a goal and assist. **Lexa Grasz** and **Isabelle Dunne** added solo markers, with **Caroline Evans**, **Alexandra Raymond** and **Christine Guinee** picking up assists as the team's record fell to 1-0-1.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has no games scheduled for April 16 but returns to the field on Sunday, April 23. For details, visit www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Girls youth teams open strong against Hingham

The Cohasset youth girls lacrosse teams opened their 2006 season on a beautiful early spring day in Hingham on Sunday April 2, and after a slow beginning, came on strong in the end.

The Cohasset Blue 15-and-Under team (grades 7/8) started the day squaring off against Hingham White, and it showed one of the big effects the older teams will face this year. Seven of the top 10 scorers in the history of the youth program are part of the current high school freshman class, meaning that the girls who are still in the youth program have a lot of lost firepower to make up for.

That showed in the first game, as Cohasset matched Hingham in scoring chances, but simply failed to put the ball in the net. **Thomson Jaffe** made six first-half saves; backed by goals from **Isabelle Franklin** and **Hannah Burgess**, it was enough to keep Cohasset in the game, which went into halftime tied at 2.

From there, however, Cohasset's inability to net the ball showed. Jaffe made five more stops in the second half, but it simply wasn't enough. Burgess and **Lindsay Allard** scored to keep the game respectable, but Hingham left the field with a 7-4 victory. For Jaffe, the 11 stops pushed her past the 300 saves mark for her youth career; no other goalie in the history of the youth program has even half that amount.

The failure-to-score problem continued in the day's second game, which featured the Blue 13-U team (grades 5/6) against Hingham's White squad. Despite scores from **Christina Healy** and **Danielle Healy**, Cohasset fell behind 4-2 by halftime, despite having as many shooting opportunities as the home team.

In the second half, Hingham stretched its lead to 7-3 – the Cohasset goal coming off the stick of **Katherine Brown** – before Cohasset kicked it into gear. **Whitney Jaffe** sandwiched a hat trick around a **Sarah Evans** goal, as Cohasset clawed back into it, pulling as close as 8-7. The game ended with a 9-7 final in favor of Hingham.

Ellie Tedeschi went the distance in net, making five stops for Cohasset.

Leave it to Cohasset's youngest girls to turn things around. As both 11-U teams (grades 3/4) took the field in the middle of the day, playing games simultaneously.

The Cohasset 11-U Blue team fell behind 2-0 against Hingham White, but then roared back to take a 4-2 halftime lead. The surge was the result of excellent ball movement, which resulted in scores from **Kathryn Dunn**, **Peyton MacNaught**, **Eliza Murphy** and **Charlotte Allard**. While Cohasset started finding the cage, its defense started to gain confidence too, with **Shannon McGowan** blocking several passes and goalie **Maddie Curley** making a great save from point-blank range.

It was more Cohasset domination in the second half, with **Victoria Bryan**, **Dagmar Seppala** and **Molly Fitzgerald** all picking up several ground balls and winning nearly every draw. Bryan also scored two goals in the second half to help put the game away. Dunn picked up another goal and assist in the second half and McNaught added two assists to her scoring total on the day.

Jackie Driscoll also scored her first of the season on a nice drive to the net, making the final score 8-3 Cohasset. The defense continued its strong play with **Hannah Newhall** clearing the ball particularly well.

Meanwhile, the Cohasset White 11-U team jumped out to a 3-0 first-half lead and was never headed against Hingham Yellow. **Alison Bodner** dominated the offensive zone with one shot on goal and assists on the first two scores, first feeding **Katie McCabe** and then dishing to **Christine Guinee** who stuck her shot in the upper right corner. **Katie McKenna** sparked the third goal, carrying the ball through midfield and hitting **Caroline Evans** with a crisp pass; Evans dumped it **Isabelle Dunne**, who juked the defense and smoked another shot into the net.

Hingham regrouped for the second half, putting together several strong offense efforts, only to be denied by **Lily McCarthy**. After finally breaking through for a score, Cohasset turned the tide, with **Gabrielle Weissman** breaking up a play that appeared headed for the net; **Emily Robbins** scooped up the loose ball and was able to sink her shot to expand the lead. McKenna closed out the day's scoring with her second goal of the day, making the final score 5-1 in favor of the visitors.

When the older girls returned to the field, they seemed inspired by the success of the younger ones, although it might just have been that they appeared to be up

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BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

April 2 Cohasset Boys Lacrosse Highlights

The season opener for U15 White was down in Bridgewater on an oversized field. Under the new three-team model at U15ís, the White squad fielded 14 players against Bridgewaterís four-year young program and jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first quarter on a goal by **Tom Flibotte**. **Ian Quinlan** added an unassisted goal in the second quarter to take us into the half with a 2-0 lead.

With the winter rust shaken off, the second half was all Cohasset. The defense broke a couple sticks and kept order in front of the crease. The hustle was abundant. Good transition work gave us three more goals in the third quarter, another from Flibotte and two from face-off man **Alex Kinnealy**.

Bridgewater finally put one by an otherwise impenetrable **Jack Murphy** in the fourth quarter. With **Conor Queenan** potting one in the fourth quarter on an assist from Kinnealy, the White squad took a 6-1 victory over Bridgewater.

The U15ís will practice from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday nights at Milliken.

The U15 Boys Blue Team hosted Bridgewater in the first game of the day and in a manner that weíve come to expect from this talented 7/8 grade group, managed a decisive and well executed victory, shutting out their opponent 12-0.

Mark Seraikas and **Chris Brown** swapped off in the cage, contributing to a strong defensive effort with both also playing close-D with **Will Lynner** and **Pat Dunn** pitching in to stifle any offensive momentum the other team tried to muster. Key midfield work by **Nick Lieberman** (2G), **Derek Youngman** (1G), **Chase Murphy** (1G), and **Olly Forrer** (2G/1A) dominated the possession counts, making it impossible for Bridgewater to gain any ground.

Offensively, the attack group of **Dean Driscoll** (1G/2A), **Luke Ernst** (2G/1A), and **Ian Porter** (1G) kept the game out of reach with precision passing and ball movement that seemed to always find the back of the net. Before jumping in the goal in the 2nd half, Brown added some excitement from his D position by breaking up an offensive threat, taking the ground ball full field on a fast break, and after a HS level face dodge (try that with a long pole!), finished the effort in style by putting up a score of his own on a rocket that found the upper left-hand corner. All in all, a good start to what should be a great season.

The U15 Gray began the season on a positive note with a strong 10-4 win against an enthusiastic but less skilled Abington team. Led by particularly focused play by the attack and defense, Cohasset jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first quarter on two goals each by **Max Shipp** and **Will Wise**, and an aggressive end-to-end rush and goal by **Tom Pecca**.

Abington clawed back with three unanswered goals to begin the second quarter, narrowing the score to 5-3. However, Cohasset quickly regained the momentum, led by two strong ground ball fast breaks by **Graham Stevenson**, the first resulting in a goal by Shipp, and the second in an unassisted goal by Stevenson. Cohasset closed the half with a goal by Wise, assisted by Shipp, to lead 8-3.

In the second half, strong defensive play from both the defense and the middies held Abington to one goal, while Wise tallied two more, the first assisted by Carrier and the second assisted by **Christian Lemaire**. For the day, Wise finished with five goals and one assist, and Shipp had three goals and two assists.

The Cohasset U13 White squad opened its 2006 campaign on the road against Bridgewater. Despite only having one outside practice before game day, the boys demonstrated some accomplished early season lacrosse. The squad played consistently across all four quarters, with a nice balance of veteran 6th graders and emerging 5th graders, and ended up on top 10-8.

Led by goaltender **Chris Murphy**, Cohasset demonstrated a defensive commitment that made the difference in the game. Joining in the defensive effort were **Ryan McGovern, Chris Silvia, David Hill** and **Colin Bell**. The Cohasset midfield played quite well on both ends of the field, leading a number of fine offensive and defensive transitions. Midfielders **Charlie Neaves, Nick Tangherlini, Brendan Queenan, Anthony Nahill, Coleman Hernon, Matt Swanborg** and **Adrian Dunne**, all contributed to solid two-way play.

Combined with midfield assistance, the Cohasset attack consistently found fine offensive opportunities. Attackmen **Chris Lunde, Drew Nahill** and **Ryan MacCarthy** all provided highlights for the fans.

Cohassetís scoring included goals from Lunde (4), Tangherlini (4), Nahill and Neaves, with assists going to Neaves (2), Lunde (2) and Nahill.

The U13 Boys Blue Team got off to a great start to their season in a tightly contested opening win against visiting Bridgewater.

In a match that saw multiple lead changes Cohasset dug just a little deeper in the waning minutes of the game to notch the victory 5-4. In this first match up of the season, the boys played both sides of the ball extremely well led by a stingy defense by **Willy Brown** in the cage who shut down several point blank shots, newcomer **Blake Erler** who has found his spot in close-D, and anchored by **Ben Curley**, a formidable presence in the middle.

The transition game was in good hands with middie istudsi Dean (2G) and **Mitch McNary** (1G) doing a lot of the heavy lifting leading several fast breaks, filling in on defense, and each getting on the scoreboard. **Dan Barnes** and **Derek Froio** were also key factors with Derek tallying a notch to cap off a sensational iclear-to-scoreî effort that used 4 quick passes up the field that found Derek wide open on a nice feed from behind by Dean.

Having fallen behind by a point, the boys rallied in the last three minutes to tie the score and then to take the lead for good. The tying effort was on a nice give and go from Froio to **John Mills** who found the opposing goalie looking the other way, but the real treat was soon to come. With less than a minute to play, in a mad scramble around the cage that looked more like a rugby scrum then a lax game, Mills again found glory by muscling through a ground ball, dodging several defenders from behind, and burying the rock on a spectacular left-handed sniper shot that sealed the day.

A great ending to a great day of lax.

The season got off to a quick start for the Grey U-13 team on Sunday as the initial face-off went to **Alex Evans** and he hit **John Collins** in stride to score the first goal of the year. The Greyís never looked back as they faced a determined Abington squad at Milliken Field.

Most of the action stayed in the Abington end in the first half as **Evan Yeager, Danny Czerkawski** and a forceful **Gus Helbock** notched goals on great transition plays. **Kyle Healy** saw nine shots in goal and stopped a few zingers, as Abington got one to close the half 4-1.

The defense held tight for Grey with strong showings by **Jim Lydon, Robbie Hillman** and **Pat Kearney**. **Geoff Swain** had the seasonís first long stick defensive end to end run at the visitors goal. The scrappy middie lines of **Foster Eymer, Zach Strecker, Teddy Patsos, Blair McGowen** and **Jamie Timothy** gave Abington fits as they had trouble getting to the Grey goal.

In the second half, the net was defended by **Brennan Bukowski** as he pushed back four shots, only allowing one. Yeager, Collins and Czerkawksi netted second goals each in the half and the game ended as it started, with Evans feeding Healy this time, for his second of the half as well. The Grey overall exhibited an excellent team effort in its first game together gaining a 9-2 win for opening day.

Cohasset U11 White versus Bridgewater (away)

In the first quarter **Mark McKenna** got us on the scoreboard with a goal and the assisted Curtis Golden on his goal. Score 2-0 at the end of the first. In the second quarter McKenna scored again and Bridgewater got one in. **Will Golden** had two saves in the first half. Score at halftime: 3-1.

Big scoring third quarter for Cohasset with four goals from four players : Golden, **Ryan McKeon, Cole Kissick** and **Charlie Michaloski**. **Charlie Steele** was a very key play maker as he assisted on several of these goals. **Jack McElgunn** was our goalie for the second half and had three saves. End of third, Cohasset 7, Bridgewater 3 as they added one more in that quarter.

Even scoring in the final quarter as Kissick and Michaloski added their second goals. Steele assisted again by feeding the ball to Kissick while Kissick ran to the crease for the last goal for Cohasset. Bridgewater slipped two in for a final score of 9-3.

Cohasset White played a coordinated game on the field, with strong ground ball coverage and assisted goals. By the second half it was clear that the U11 boys were ready for the 2007 season.

Cohasset U11 Blue versus Bridgewater (home)

The game started in Cohassetís favor, with a quick assisted goal by attackman **Cole Maher**. Assist by middie **Colin Whelan**, who continued tocontribute at both offense and defense throughout the game. **Zack Coggins** made a great shot from close in and then **Max Montgomery** finished the first quarter with a third goal for Cohasset. Bridgewater middies broke into the crease for two quick goals and the quarter ended 3-2.

The game progressed with Cohasset maintaining a lead. **Henry Brown, Conner Green** and **Jeff Powers** all had goals, while Montgomery added another and Coggins added two more for three goals for the game. Cohasset passed and covered ground balls very well, with notable midfield play by **Mark Brown**. We also dominated in face-offs with Colin Whelan winning four and newcomer **Martin Buckley** nabbing one.

Defense held off some great shots with Henry Brown having two saves and **Tommy Powers** three. Bridgewater scored mostly on fast breaks but the defense held off most comers with solid play by **Sam Murphy, Jake Burchill** and **Harry Sarakis**.

In all, the team played a very solid game with contributions by all players to finish the game: Cohasset 9, Bridgewater 7.

Editorís Note: Next week, the Mariner will recap the boys'action from their April 9 games.

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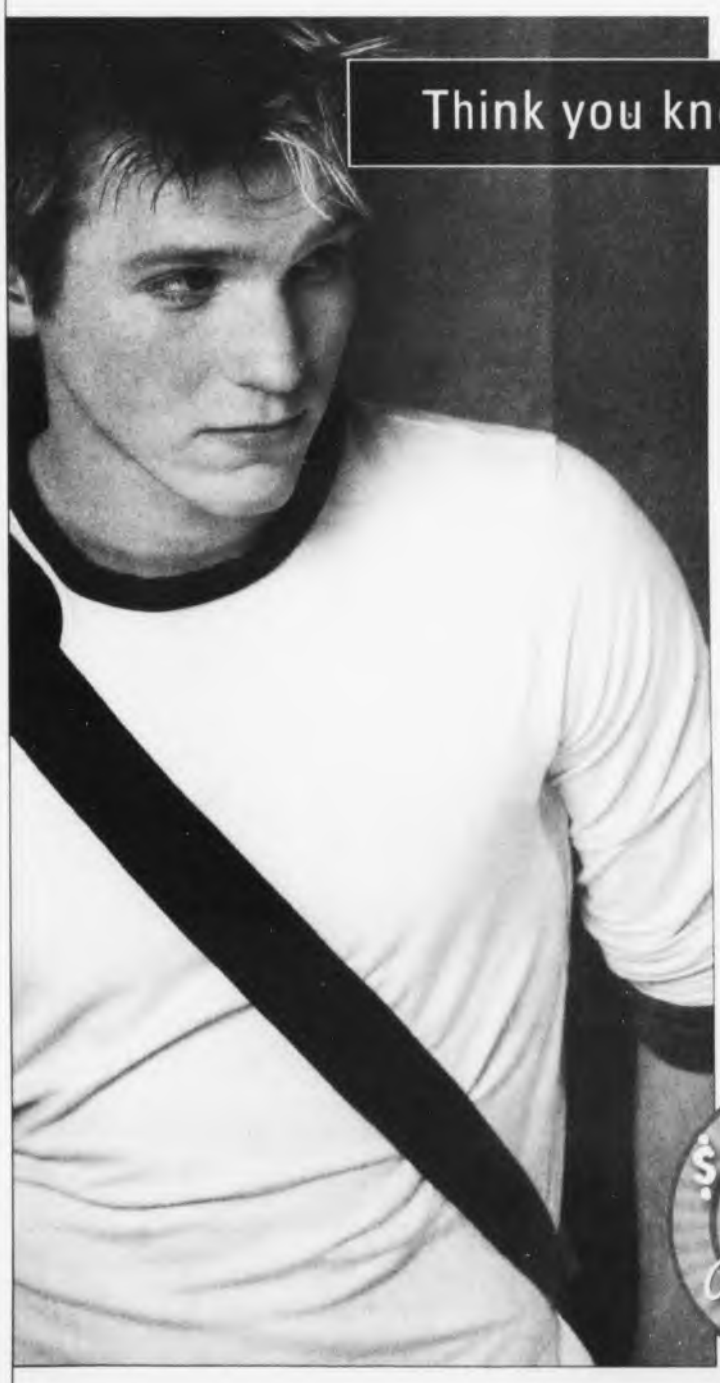
against weaker teams from Hingham. Either way, Cohasset rolled for the rest of the day.

First, the Cohasset White 15-U team jumped to a 6-2 halftime lead and rolled to a 13-4 win over Hingham Yellow. Burgess, playing her second game of the day, netted four goals, with Franklin, **Olivia Sullivan, Maddy Altholtz** and defender **Mimi Mahoney** scoring two times each. Allard netted one goal and Thomson Jaffe picked up an assist on one of Altholtz's goals.

Jaffe and **Molly McElgunn** split the goaltending chores, with McElgunn seeing the bulk of the action and making five saves against one goal allowed during her time in the cage.

It was more of the same when the Cohasset White 13-U girls squared off with Hingham's Yellow team. This time, a 6-2 halftime lead was turned into a 13-3 victory.

Allie Farren, playing in her first-ever game, led the way with four scores, with **Alison Whelan** and Whitney Jaffe both picking up two goals and an assist. **Hope Kissick** added two more scores, with **Kristen Alexander, Sage Stebbins** and **Megan Green** adding one goal each. **Stephanie Brierly** made four saves to backstop the victory.



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CHS boys improve to 4-1

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despite being flattened by Falmouth defenders each time he took a shot. Junior midfielder Chris Davis, who worked the give-and-go to perfection with Buick and Mike Bunstein, had two goals and two assists. Sophomore midfielder Chuck Czerkawski added a goal and three assists and junior attackman Mike Bunstein continued his fine early season play with four assists.

Curran praised on his team's unselfish play.

"The boys are really passing the ball well, cutting to space off the ball and finding the open man," he said. "Eighty percent of our goals this year have been assisted. Even with sophomore Mike Grimm out with an early season knee injury, this team has a lot of firepower and a lot of scoring options."

The Cohasset defense was again very solid in front of Libby. Conor Holway and Jake Cuneo provided a big physical presence in the middle and Brown harassed the Falmouth attack all day, taking the ball away on numerous occasions. Both Libby (14 saves) and sophomore Nate Porter (six saves) never let Falmouth back in the game after Buick's second half offensive explosion.

Duxbury 14, Skippers 6

The two-time Division 1 defending state champions overmatched Cohasset at Alumni Field on Tuesday. Duxbury dominated the contest from the beginning until the Skippers made a late run in the fourth quarter.

The Cohasset defense, particularly Libby (26 saves), played very well in the loss. Duxbury had an overwhelming margin in both ground balls and time of possession, which made the difference. Cohasset again hurt itself with too many penalties, with Duxbury capitalizing four times on man-up situations.

Duxbury All-American long stick Chris Nixon (bound next year for nationally ranked Georgetown) seemed to be everywhere throughout the game. Nixon picked up ground balls and made solid hits in the midfield, stripped the ball behind the goal from the Cohasset attack and even had two goals for the visitors.

Flibotte led the Cohasset offense with a hat trick and one assist. Flibotte scored his first goal beating Nixon clean on a beautiful roll dodge in traffic. Bunstein, P.J. McCaw and Davis added single tallies for Cohasset in the losing effort. Curran thought his squad came out a little tentative against the "best team" in the state.

"Duxbury beat us to the ground balls and we had trouble maintaining possession against their pressure defense," he said. "We just had too many turnovers and penalties. You can't give a quality program like Duxbury extra chances with the ball and the man up advantage."

Curran praised the continued outstanding play of Libby, and the fact that his club played hard through the final whistle.

"Libby has positioned himself well in goal, made some spectacular saves with his quickness and generally made good decisions on clearing passes," said the coach. "My team never quit."

On a bright note for the future, JV coach Ronan Buick reported that his team fought back to earn a 6–6 tie against the Duxbury JV.

Skippers 13, Barnstable 9

Cohasset returned to its winning ways against Division 1 Barnstable at home on Wednesday evening.

The Skippers jumped out to an early 5–0 lead. Czerkawski found Aidan Buick on the crease with a beautiful feed for the first score. Flibotte then scored on a textbook fast break started by an aggressive ball strip by Cuneo, a ground ball pick-up by Kucinski, a quick feed to Buick and finally a perfect assist from Bunstein to Flibotte.

Czerkawski, assisted by Flibotte, Flibotte on a roll dodge from behind, and Buick unassisted added quick goals. However, Barnstable stormed back to cut the deficit to 5–4 at halftime on a series of fast breaks. Cohasset was fortunate to kill a two-man down penalty situation toward the end of the first half.

At the start of the second half, Peter Ernst, cutting to the goal, scored quickly on the man up on a feed from Buick. Davis scored unassisted and then Bunstein fed Buick for a "comfortable" 8-5 Cohasset lead. Barnstable again came back to tie the game at 8-8 which had the Cohasset fans on edge.

McCaw put the Skippers on top with a bullet from outside and then junior midfielder Dan Trendowicz found Flibotte on the crease twice within a minute for two quick strikes. Bunstein, continuing his unselfish play, assisted on another Buick goal to put the game away. Kucinski finished off the scoring when he stole an errant pass at midfield and fired a shot with his longstick into the upper corner.

Curran was not pleased with his team's eleven penalties.

"We need to do a better job of staying out of the penalty box," he said. "This was a funny game of scoring spurts. We scored five and Barnstable came back. We scored three and Barnstable came back. Fortunately, the final scoring spurt was ours."

Buick (two goals, four assists), Flibotte (four goals, one assist) and Bunstein (two goals, one assist) led the way for Cohasset. Libby had 10 saves.

This report was submitted by the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters.

Deja vu all over again

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With the third set tied at 4, Meehan smashed a forehand winner to break Ursuline's serve and give her and Landon a 5-4 lead. In the next game, Meehan served to a 40-15 advantage, giving Cohasset a double-match point.

Once again, however, the Ursuline team fought back, taking the next four points to break serve. That gave the visitors the momentum, and they ultimately took the set, 7-5, and the match for their team.

"That match came down to whoever served best, and they out-served us," said coach Meehan. "But, to our girls' credit, they never backed off. The bottom line is you have to play tight matches to win tight matches. It's good competition to play these teams, and it's only going to help us down the road."

Up until Wednesday, the Skippers had not been truly tested. The most competitive had been the April 3 win over Westwood by a 4-1 score. Grossman, who is 6-0 on the season, lost the first set but came roaring back, 6-2, 6-3, to take the win. Senior Emilie Shea earned a straight set win in third singles, with the Anderson/Landon and Meehan/Landon duos also taking straight set victories.

The team's other four matches have seen some lineup shuffling to get other girls some match action, and they all have responded, as Cohasset defeated Sacred Heart, Abington, Carver and Harwich by 5-0 scores.

Grossman and senior Susan Curry swept the top two singles spots in all those matches, with four 6-0, 6-0 matches between them. Senior Remy Lee picked up a couple wins in third singles, with Shea and junior Christie Muir taking one match apiece in that lineup spot.

Anderson, Meehan, Shea, Lee, the Landon twins, Kate McBride and Carrie Muir all saw doubles action in those four matches, and again, all were victorious.

Lady laxers' loss shows plenty of work left to be done

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playoffs," said the coach. "I would love to see Duxbury again, and I hope our girls would believe they have a better shot."

Skippers 13, Falmouth 8

Cohasset hosted Falmouth in the rain and sleet last Friday, and the home team overcame both the elements and a tough opponent to start its season 3-0.

The two teams traded goals in the early going until the score was 4-all roughly 10 minutes into the game. At that point, however, Cohasset took control and scored the final five goals of the half. Spirito had a hand in every goal of that spurt, netting three herself and feeding Flibotte for the other two goals.

Falmouth mounted a comeback after the half scoring four of the first five goals to shave the margin to two. The Clippers also benefited from stellar goaltending, turning away one threat after the next and refusing to allow Cohasset to pull away despite dominating the time of possession.

In the end, however, Cohasset's superior physical conditioning kicked in, and the home team controlled the action down the stretch, scoring the game's final three goals and holding down a potent Clippers transition game.

Spirito finished the day with six goals and two assists. Durkin added a hat trick plus an assist, despite missing about half of the game after being checked in the head by a Falmouth defender. Flibotte had her second consecutive hat trick and Swain scored her first goal of the season subbing for the injured Durkin. Mary Previte added an assist.

Hamilton made six saves in the net for Cohasset, who are next in action on the 24th when they travel down the Cape to take on Cape Cod Academy. On the 27th, the girls host defending Division 2 state champion Norwell.

JV report

Duxbury 7, Skippers 5

The junior varsity squad lost its perfect record in a hard-fought loss to Duxbury on April 11.

For the first time this season, the jayvee squad actually scored first, with Caitlin Mahoney registering her first goal of the season. Duxbury answered just 14 seconds later and scored twice more to build a 3-1 lead before Madeline Leahy stemmed the tide. Aisling Guinee's six first-half saves kept the team in the game, as the score was 4-2 Duxbury at the break.

Two Duxbury scores in the first two minutes of the second stanza seemed to put the game out of reach, but Cohasset fought back. Leahy fed midfielder Jen Silvia for her first goal of the year, Katie Gaumer covnerted a feed from Michelle Madge and Mahoney scored again to make it a one-goal game with just 1:13 to play.

Needing to be aggressive to get the ball back, Cohasset instead allowed a fast-break goal, due to some outstanding passing from Duxbury, and the game ended with the home team on top 7-5.

Guinee finished with 12 saves on the day.

Skippers 9, Falmouth 2

Cohasset's junior varsity girls had to wait through the cold and wet of the varsity game only to have conditions turn really ugly by the time they took the field against Falmouth.

The girls started the game as cold as the weather, allowing Falmouth to get two quick scores and failing to hold the ball, let alone must much attack. From that early point on, however, it was the Cohasset team that caught fire, running away with the game.

Michelle Madge broke the scoring seal for Cohasset, and her younger sister Kaley followed with two of her own to give the Skippers the lead. Gaumer netted a solo score, Kaley Madge set up a Grace Clougherty goal and then converted a feed from Mahoney to make the score 6-2 at the half.

Guinee kept Falmouth at bay in the second half, with five of her six saves on the day coming in the second stanza, and all of them stopping short-range shots or penalty throws. While the defense – led by Amanda Hurd, Natalie Hunt and Stefi Belz – shut down Falmouth, the offense expanded the lead. Kayla Farren scored a solo marker, Madeline Leahy nailed her first goal of the season and then fed Gaumer for the final tally, as Cohasset walked away with a 9-2 win.

The JV girls are now 2-1.

The JV report was submitted by coach Chuck Jaffe.

Registration for Scituate-Cohasset youth football and cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2006 fall season on April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Scituate High School Auditorium entrance. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

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Second-grade student Jackson Dutton, right, holds up a big crab, while his sister, kindergarten student Katarina Dutton, left, holds up a smaller crab, and fellow kindergartner Morgan Langenhagen holds a very large hermit crab. The children were able to get up close with the marine animals thanks to the Marine Science Center of Northeastern University, which set up "touch tanks" for the Osgood School's first ever Science and Math Night.

A night of discovery

Osgood celebrates math and science

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First-grade student Griffin Gildea holds a moon snail, which traveled to Cohasset as part of the Marine Science Center of Northeastern University's outreach program. Marine biologists from the program brought a number of sea creatures in "touch tanks" for children to hold, during the Osgood School's Science and Math Night March 30.

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Right, Emily Blume, outreach coordinator for the Marine Science Center of Northeastern University, holds a starfish from one of the "touch tanks" she brought to Cohasset for the Osgood School's first ever Science and Math night, held Thursday, March 30. Second grade student Olivia Arnold holds a sea urchin while Maeve Humphrey, left, and first grade student Elizabeth Suzedell look on.

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Left, Scott Whelan and Jackson Roberts watch the volcano they erupted during the Osgood School's Science and Math Night March 30. The "Volcano Central" exhibit was presented by Charlie Swartwood's family.

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Left, local dentist Kevin Thomas, father of Osgood student Abigail Thomas, teaches children about the importance of fluoride, using boiled eggs. The "Power of Fluoride" presentation was one of many educational exhibits on display at the Osgood School's Science and Math Night March 30.

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Michele Bolduc, Director of the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, teaches Maeve Humphrey about the museum's reptile inhabitant, during the Osgood School's Science and Math Night March 30.

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Spring sports teams boast winning records

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Let me start by giving a big shout out to **Brendon Barrett** for gathering all of the news and information incorporated in last week's article. While I was on a field trip last Tuesday, Brendon so generously went around to all of the usual news beats for me and collected probably the largest amount of information so far this year, so a big thanks to him.

This week may be an abbreviated one, that doesn't mean that the news will be, for I have a rather full-size portion that you can feast on. The spring sports teams are tearing it up so far with every team boasting a record over .500. The usually erratic New England weather has leveled off, so seniors should be in for smooth sailing the rest of the year in terms of eating lunch in the courtyard and frolicking in the spring weather once May rolls around. According to nurse Collins, this is precisely what we, as students, and everyone for that matter, should be doing – going out and getting fresh air. But enough with all that jazz, here is the best part, the news for this week.

• Sign up for Drivers Education in the Main Office. New session will begin May 8. You must be 15 years and nine months old to be eligible.

• The vision and hearing tests being conducted by the nurse for all students are almost completed, and a letter will be sent home if any problems exist.

• Mr. Welch sent me, **Chris Pescatore**, to Government Day at the Massachusetts State House on Friday, April 7. Government Day is an opportunity for students all over Massachusetts to come together and interact to discuss legislation and learn how a bill is heard and debated.

• Mr. Buckley's Outdoor Education was blessed by the presence of **Jessica Rowcroft** on Monday, April 10. Jessica spoke to the class about heritage landscapes and how we can make and preserve them.

• Some 10th graders will be going on a field trip to Quincy District Court to see a performance about a freed slave.

• **Ryan Engram** wrote an essay about the separation of powers in our government and it was submitted to the Supreme Judiciary Court of Massachusetts as part of an essay competition.

• Sign up for the June 10 ACT tests by May 5. Sign up for the June 3 SAT tests by April 28.

• The Cohasset High School Concert Band won the Bronze Medal at the statewide music festival.

• **Charles Miller** won the CP Harvey Jazz Award for outstanding musicianship in Jazz.

• **Nils Sceery, Melissa Crawford,** and **Jess Bilbo** were all published in last month's issue of *Teen Ink*.

• Thanks to **Laura Sinclair** for generously donating 100 photos from Mr. Skipper to the Spinnaker.

• There was a senior class meeting Monday to discuss upcoming dates for end-of-year and graduation procedures.

• The superintendent's Administration Council met on Tuesday.

• The PSO President's Council met on Tuesday.

• There was a meeting for the Relay for Life in the Library on Wednesday.

Voilà, some nice information this week that is in dire need of being obtained and reserved for a little longer than usual because next week is April vacation and although I feel it is my duty to relay the news to you the reader, I am afraid there just won't be any. The school will be empty and I will be away with my fellow seniors rewarding ourselves after the strenuous year that we have partaken of so far this year. So with that, enjoy the week off students.

I will be back in two weeks to report the happenings of our wonderful school.

Parenting teens discussion at First Parish

A conversation on Parenting Our Teens, led by Dr. David Shumaker, will take place on Thursday, April 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Atkinson Room at First Parish in Cohasset. Shumaker, a clinical psychologist and co-author of "Children Who Murder: A Psychological Perspective," will briefly outline some of his work with children and families and then facilitate discussion around topics of concern for parents of teens. Topics include risk-taking behavior, suicide and violence prevention, relationship issues, and adjustment challenges. The discussion is open to the public. Those planning to attend should call Sandy at 781-383-1100 or email sbailey@firstparishcohasset.org by noon on Tuesday, April 25.

SSL scholarship is available

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applications must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work, or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2006-2007 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League Office in Cohasset between 9 a.m. and noon or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to The Social Service League of Cohasset, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 28. For more information, call 781-383-0771 or e-mail at sslcohasset@aol.com.

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Some tips about getting lawn care right

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Books: Soil Biology Primer by Elaine R. Ingham, et al. This book offers a good introduction with close-up photographs of fungi, amoebas, tiger beetles and other inhabitants of the soil. ($13 plus $5 shipping, www.swcs.org or 800-843-7645, Ext. 10)..

Compost: Greenleaf Compost-ing 179 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain MA 02130, 617-522-4477. They will deliver or you can bring a bucket.

The Vermont Composting Co. in Montpelier, makes organic compost from cow, horse, and hen manure, as well as from leaves, straw, dairy waste and other sources. Though primarily wholesale, it also sells to individuals at slightly higher prices, www.vermontcompost.com or 802-223-6049).

Soil Test: The UMass Amherst Extension site has downloadable forms to submit your sample. Request the test which includes organic matter content @$13.00 per sample. It will tell you exactly what your soil needs and doesn't need to support a healthy lawn. http://www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest

The Woods End Research Laboratory, Mount Vernon ME offers **Solvita Soil Life Test Kit** for gardeners interested in monitoring the microbial activity in their mulch, compost or soil. It is $75.00 for the 12-test kit; a trial kit with 2 tests is $15.00 www.woodsend.org 207-293-2457.

Nematodes: Gardens Alive sells nematodes for $17.95 for a package of 5 million www.gardensalive.com 513-354-1482. Nematodes go after borers, grubs, cutworms, flea larvae and other pests in the soil. Gardens Alive has an extensive selection of organic insect, weed, and disease control products.

Fertilizers: Johnny's Selected seeds, in Winslow, Maine, offers fertilizers made of fish emulsion and seaweed. **Seacom-PGR** is concentrated seaweed that provides micronutrients and hormones that stimulate growth and improve disease resistance. www.johnnyseeds.com or 800-879-2258.

Village Greenery in Cohasset; Fitts Mill, Bloomin◊ Place and Kennedy◊s Country Gardens in Scituate; and Family Pet and Garden in Hanover carry such brands as Coast of Maine, Safe & Simple, and Cockadoodle Doo.

Other labels to look for: California Organic Fertilizers, Earth-Gro, and North Country Organics

Grass Seed: A very good Fescue blend ("Cape Cod Mix" manufactured by the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association)) with which to overseed is available at First Parish Nursery Center (Scituate) and Kennedy◊s Country Gardens (Scituate). Fitts Mill, also in Scituate, is a good local source for the seed discussed in this article. In addition, their pasture mix will produce excellent results and is a less complicated solution. The nice thing about Fitts Mill is that you can scoop just what you need from a bucket rather than buying a bag. If you tell them how much area you want to cover, they will tell you how much to buy.

North Country Organics: (NCO) manufactures and distributes natural fertilizers, soil amendments, grass seed mixes, and environmentally compatible pest controls. Visit www.norganics.com for information on their products and where they are sold locally.

Northeast Organic Farming Association: NOFA sponsors a bulk order of organic materials and supplies every January. Members order in sizes from 5 to 50 pounds.

Regional pickup centers receive goods and participating members can pick up their orders on a pre-arranged date in mid-March. This is a great easy one-stop way to save money and get exactly what you need. Join NOFA/Mass. to take advantage of this benefit next year! Call 978-355-2853 to join or visit www.nofamass.org for more information.

Sandy Durant is a member of the Water Resource Protection Committee, Open Space Committee and Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

The 2006 Greenscapes Reference Guide will be mailed to all Cohasset Water Users.

Organic Landscaping Guide to be mailed

Next week (April 22, Earth Day) The 2006 Greenscapes Reference Guide will be mailed to all Cohasset Water Users. This colorful newspaper format handbook is full of useful organic landscaping techniques and information on low maintenance plants. It also contains coupons for free consulting services and sources along with valuable savings on courses, low flow irrigation equipment, tools and organic fertilizers. Organic landscaping is easy, inexpensive and self-sustaining. It saves water and protects our natural resources and native habitats. It is sensible, ecological and effective.

This guide is sponsored as a public service by the Cohasset Water Dept, the Water Resource Protection Committee in partnership with the North & South Rivers Watershed Association, who urge all residents to consider their impact on our environment. Help keep our waters blue, use less fertilizer, use it at the right time and keep it on your lawn, everything we put on the ground could eventually affect our drinking water and our harbor. Additional copies will be available through the Water Department.

'Taste of Greece' at Discovery Museum

Our World Children's Discovery Museum and the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, both of Cohasset, will present "A Taste of Greece" celebration at the museum on Sohier Street, Cohasset, on Saturday, April 29. All are welcome. Hours of operation will be noon to 8 p.m. Features include authentic Greek foods, to eat on the premises or to take home, the Greek band Asteria and traditional Greek dancing by Odyssey Dance Troupe of Cranston R.I.

Enjoy the food, the music and the dancing. Lots of involvement and entertainment for children, both in the building and under the tents. The event will take place rain or shine.

For more information, call Marlena Alex at the church at 781-974-7041, or Michelle Bolduc at the museum at 781-383-3194.

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, April 16, in observance of the Easter holiday. It will re-open on Wednesday, April 19.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Annual arts night is May 11

— OSGOOD-DEER HILL NOTES —

• The third annual **Osgood-Deer Hill Arts Night** will be held Thursday, May 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Arts Across America," bringing American art to students through dance, photography, music, poetry, sculpture, and more. Event organizers need local artisans to help teach children about the many venues of American art. Those interested in sharing their talents and interests should email Diane Kennedy at devline@juno.com.

• Congratulations to the students at Osgood, Deer Hill, and Cohasset Middle School for their role in making this year's **PSO Read-a-thon a tremendous success**. With the coordination of Tracy Thomas and Suzanne Jackisch, students recorded their reading minutes and secured pledges from family and friends.

• **Introducing the Deer Hill "Tommy Award."** We have all heard of the Emmy, the Oscar, and the Tony. Now students will have the chance to earn the coveted Tommy Award as part of the Deer Hill character education program. The Tommy Award, which resembles a 14-inch Oscar, is designed to recognize students and classes who offer support to custodian Mr. Jones by helping with cleaning and recycling. Students who help Mr. Jones will receive smiley face tokens. The class that collects the most Tommy Tokens wins the Tommy Award for the week.

• Grades Five and Six **Deer Hill Band members** will be marching in the **Little League Parade** on Saturday, April 29. Band members will be wearing Deer Hill Band t-shirts, which will be given out the week prior to the parade. Thanks to American Legion Post 118, Cohasset Police Association, Goodwin Graphics, Goulet & Company and T. Jones Landscaping for their generous sponsorship.

• The **Third Annual Cohasset PSO Telethon** will be broadcast live Wednesday evening, May 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Channel 22. Viewers can phone in a tax-deductible contribution and be entered into various raffles. To donate for the raffle or online auction email Claudia McKeon at psotelethondonations@yahoo.com. Include the item, value, and where it can be picked up. Anyone interested in performing can email the names of the performers, talent-act, and approximate length of performance to cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com as soon as possible. To mail in a pledge instead of phoning in, make check payable to Cohasset PSO and send to Cohasset PSO, P.O. Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025, postmarked by Monday, May 8.

Kids' variety show benefit is April 28

The By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret will present its premiere variety show on Friday, April 28 at 4 p.m. in the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common. The first-ever performance by this group – featuring entertainers from ages 11-16 – will benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundations.

The free one-time performance will feature singers, musicians, bands, and dancers showcasing their talents in a wide range of styles and disciplines. Thomson Jaffe, an eighth grader at Cohasset Middle-High School, is organizing the event. Doors will open at 3:40 p.m., and the show will run about 90 minutes.

Tickets are not on sale, but attendees will be asked to make donations to support the two research groups, which help children around the world. For more information about the benefit call Thomson Jaffe, 781-383-9858.

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset homeowner Mary Sullivan, left, discusses some new dishware for her kitchen with interior decorator, Lisa Ebans. Sullivan's house is featured on the annual Kitchen Tour whose proceeds will benefit the South Shore Community Center.

Community Center to host annual Kitchen Tour

The South Shore Community Center, 3 No. Main St., will host its annual Kitchen Tour on Friday, April 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will tour five Cohasset kitchens from Victorian to Mediterranean, with full table settings. Hors d'oeuvres, pastries, and sweets provided by South Shore caterers and restaurants.

Advance tickets available April 18 at SSCC or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets $25 in advance, $35 beginning April 25. Proceeds will benefit the South Shore Community Center, a non-profit organization offering a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for children, adults and seniors.

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address those deeper, underlying issues to give our schools an infusion of much needed cash now while figuring out how to address these trends and minimize the need for large overrides in the future."

Hill, who has a 6-year-old son in the school system, said he supports the $725,000 override to keep the town from losing ground but could not support the $1.5 million override because he says "there is a better way to do things."

"I don't necessarily know what those things are or I would have run for the School Committee," he said. "But I do know you can't keep throwing money at a broken wheel — there are problems that need addressing."

Hill said property taxes are forcing some residents to move. "Soon the town will be all 'haves' and the 'have nots' will be gone," he said. Hill said if he runs again it won't be "for a long time."

"The override is definitely the top issue, but it would be unfair to the candidates to imply there are not other substantial factors influencing voters' decisions."
— Steve Fusco, School Committee

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Sammy, the dog, looks up to his owner, Tracy Fogarty, 8, while she and her dad, Tom, campaign for Lee Jenkins on Saturday.

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Steven Fusco, right, campaigns with his dad, Ralph Fusco, along Highland Avenue on Saturday afternoon. Fusco was elected to a three-year term on the School Committee.

Two-term incumbent Rick Flynn, 47, of Summer Street, and political newcomer, Steven Fusco, 45, of Surry Drive, won the seats on the School Committee. Flynn, who changed his mind about not seeking reelection and got into the race, and Fusco, who serves as chairman of the school Technology Committee, both supported the $1.495 override. Flynn and Fusco received 1,346 and 1,328 votes respectively.

Leonora "Lee" Jenkins, 57, of Jerusalem Road, came in third with 1,150 votes (178 votes behind Fusco). This was Jenkins' second run in two years for the School Committee. Last year Pam Wilson, who did not run for reelection this year, squeaked by Jenkins with 33 votes to fill a one-year, unexpired term. Jenkins, who is co-founder of Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers — a tax watchdog group — had not endorsed either override prior to Saturday's vote.

Barbara Buckley, 44, of North Main St., withdrew from the race after the ballots were printed. Her decision likely helped Flynn and Fusco. While Buckley still got 279 votes, a strong Buckley campaign could have split the Flynn-Fusco vote, helping Jenkins.

Flynn said while the chance of the $1.495 million override passing definitely got a boost with Saturday's election, he will continue to do his part to help educate voters on why the override is needed.

"I don't think the results mean this was a one-issue election," Flynn said about the victory for the three pro-override candidates. "I think voters understood the schools are part of the town and pitting the schools against the town makes no sense.

"If the schools go down the drain, it's not good for anyone," he said. "I tried to focus on the 'big picture.'"

Flynn explained that while this was his third run for the School Committee, it was his first contested race and therefore, the first time he had to put a whole campaign together.

He did not think allegations that the schools have "mismanaged and misspent money" resonated with voters. "Dr. Walsh has done a good job and has brought clarity to the budget process."

Flynn said the number of new people who got involved in the election process this time around was encouraging.

Fusco said while it is true the three winning candidates supported the $1.495 million override, the election results should not be overly correlated with override vote expectations.

"The override is definitely the top issue, but it would be unfair to the candidates to imply there are not other substantial factors influencing voters' decisions," he said. "Although the override has dominated some of the press coverage, I wouldn't describe this as a one-issue election. The people I have spoken with have had equally strong feelings about declining MCAS scores, the schools' overall ratings, user fees, and the need to implement recommended curriculum changes."

Fusco said the larger override is needed to move the schools forward. "Even though I am prepared to deal with any outcome, we can't hire new teachers, purchase new books, etc., without an infusion of capital."

Jenkins said she believes this election was driven by emotions and under the circumstances there was little chance of having a rational open debate about the issues.

"One selectman said 'you either believe the superintendent or you don't.' That view is a disservice to all voters because education in Cohasset is not so black and white," she said. "Also, after recent experiences with

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Annual Town Election results

The following are the final results of the Saturday, April 8 town-wide election:

OFFICES AND CANDIDATES	PREC 1	PREC 2	TOTAL
Selectmen (1)			
*Edwin G. Carr	671	548	1219*
Roger Q. Hill	568	580	1148
Write-ins/scattering	2	8	10
Blanks	41	37	78
Total	1282	1173	2455
School Committee (2)			
*Richard F. Flynn	730	616	1346*
Barbara M. Buckley	144	135	279
*Steven R. Fusco	740	588	1328*
Leonora C. Jenkins	548	602	1150
Write-ins/scattering	2	6	8
Blanks	400	399	799
Total	2564	2346	4910
Trustees P.P.M. Lib (3)			
Agnes McCann	872	796	1668
Patience G. Towle	894	798	1692
Elizabeth B. Baker	918	790	1708
Write-ins/scattering	3	4	7
Blanks	1159	1131	2290
Total	3846	3519	7365
Assessor (1)			
Michael C. Patrolia	910	866	1776
Write-ins/scattering	4	3	7
Blanks	368	304	672
Total	1282	1173	2455
Board of Health (1)			
Margaret S. Chapman	920	824	1744
Write-ins/scattering	2	0	2
Blanks	360	349	709
Total	1282	1173	2455
Cohasset Housing Authority (1)			
Susan L. Sardina	872	791	1663
Write-ins/scattering	2	4	6
Blanks	408	378	786
Total	1282	1173	2455
Planning Board (1)			
Peter J. Pratt	925	812	1737
Write-ins/scattering	4	9	13
Blanks	353	352	705
Total	1282	1773	2455
Recreation Commission (1)			
Lisa Lojacono	877	780	1657
Write-ins/scattering	3	8	11
Blanks	402	385	787
Total	1282	1173	2455
Sewer Commission (1)			
John W. Beck	910	785	1695
Write-ins/scattering	1	4	5
Blanks	371	384	755
Total	1282	1173	2455
Water Commission (1)			
John K. McNabb Jr.	955	835	1790
Write-ins/scattering	2	8	10
Blanks	325	330	655
Total	1282	1173	2455

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former top administrative employees, it is wise to exercise oversight in addition to prudence and caution."

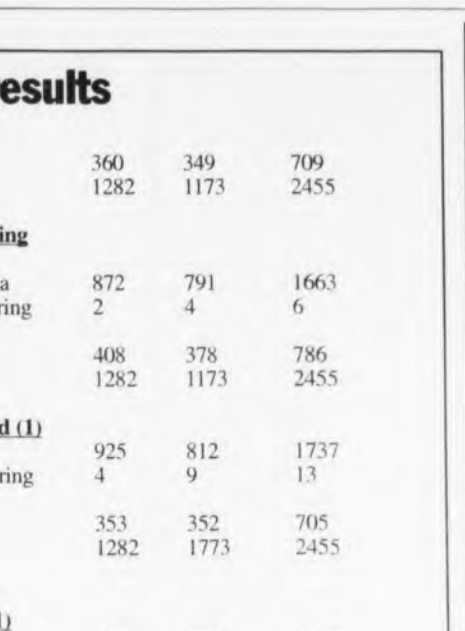
Jenkins also said in talking with many override proponents, she was disappointed to hear they equate higher taxes for municipal spending with high home values and excellence in education.

"It is an unfortunate myth that increasing amounts of municipal spending will protect a homeowner's 'investment' in his home and also provide a top school system," Jenkins said. "Our recent poor test scores and lack of electives underscore that even with paying the highest real estate taxes in the region, it has not guaranteed results."

Jenkins said she could not support the override. "I consistently said that as a rational person there were too many numbers not disclosed in the budget to be able to support the override and the superintendent never answered all my questions," she said.

Our Town, Cohasset's own Cable-TV talk show, presented election results live on Cable Channel 10 Saturday night. The five candidates in contested races and handfuls of their supporters packed the selectmen's office nervously waiting for the results. Most thought the election would be too close to call. Moderator Dan Evans read the results to audible gasps and cheers and swore in those candidates present.

Incumbent Water Commissioner John McNabb ran uncontested for a third term and was the top vote-getter of the day with 1,790 votes. For complete results, see page 29.



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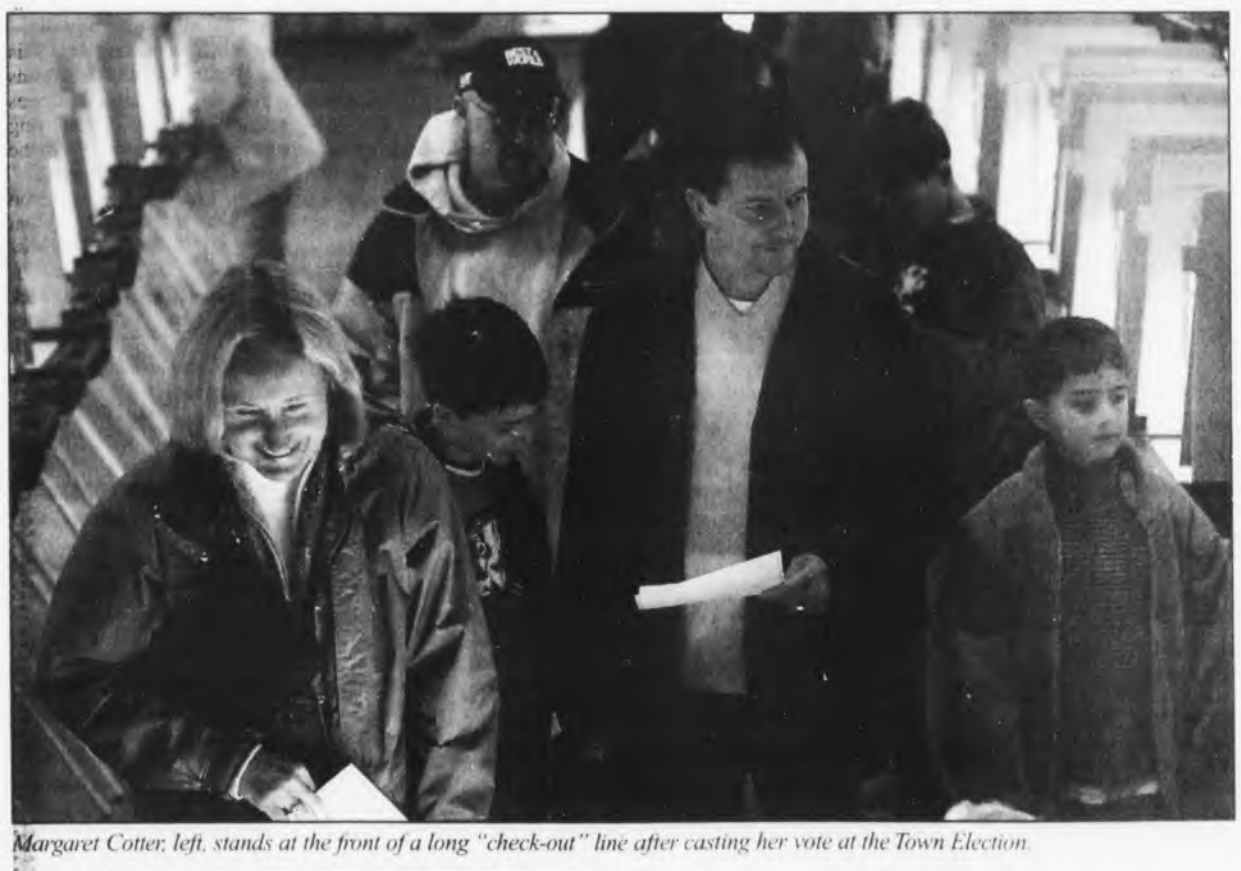
Ricki Carfagno was one of the 2,455 voters who went to the polls on Saturday.



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Frederick S. Moore Sr.

U.S. Army Wold War II veteran

Frederick S. Moore Sr., 87, of Cohasset, died March 28, 2006.

Born in Providence, R.I., he attended the Moses Brown Academy in Rhode Island.

Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his return home, he worked as a stockbroker in Boston for over 30 years.

For many years, he was very well known in the antique business. His love of yard work won him great acknowledgement as an accomplished hedge trimmer. A devoted father, and grandfather, he touched everyone he met.

Loving husband of the late Earlene (Muenz) Moore, he leaves a son, Frederick S. Moore Jr., of Cohasset; two granddaughters, Kristen A. Moore, and Mary K. Moore; a great-grandson, James Fife; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Common. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Etrusco Association, 1 Common St., Scituate, MA 02066.

Ethel Jean Rivers-Gormley

Former Cohasset school nurse

Ethel Jean (Souther) Rivers-Gormley, 84, of Cohasset, died April 9, 2006, at her home.

Born in Cohasset, she was a daughter of the late David and Mabel Souther. She graduated from Cohasset High School in 1940, and received her degree as a registered nurse from Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in 1944. Mrs. Rivers-Gormley then entered the U.S. Navy during World War II as an ensign.

She had been employed as the school nurse for Cohasset Public Schools for 35 years. Following her retirement, she worked with her husband, Tom Gormley, in his insurance business.

Wife of the late Thomas P. Gormley and the late Tauno Rivers, she leaves her siblings, Hatherly Souther of Maine, Donald Souther of New Mexico, Elizabeth Dunn of Marshfield and Ardeth Hand of Pennsylvania; and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late David Souther Jr., Kenneth Souther, John E. Souther, Ellis Souther, Elinor Pickwick, Mary Nottingham and Charlotte Souther.

Interment in Woodside Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

WORSHIP GUIDE

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

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First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, B&E (past/report).

11:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint.

12:22 p.m. **Louise Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:32 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, removal of beer truck from blocking traffic.

12:50 p.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.**, property (recovered), walk in party found purse on roadway.

2:42 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, outside, E1 investigating outside fire at above location.

3:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, walk in party to discuss civil matter with officer.

5:11 p.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle.

6:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:29 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued. 5 vehicles tagged.

9:47 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:04 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

12:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

2:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:13 a.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen, caller advised she can see a boat on fire in the area of beach. Notified Scituate to see if they can find it. Cohasset PD advised not able to locate anything. Officer advised can see small orange glow north of the light house. Contacted US Coast Guard to advise them of this call. Coast Guard will call back. Coast Guard advised there are 2 large tankers in the area that might be the orange glow. They have not had any reports of boats in trouble.

10:21 a.m. **Cedar St.**, hazard (traffic), complaints of illegally parked vehicle at above location.

10:21 a.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a rabid skunk on property and request removal.

10:46 a.m. **South Main St., and Brook St.**, parking enforcement.

11:23 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, person fallen in parking lot.

6:10 p.m. Weather: Rainy. Temp: 59.0.

6:21 p.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. No rescue is needed. Both parties exchanged papers.

7:35 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:36 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged vehicle.

8:47 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint, officer advised 5 vehicles tagged.

9:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, caller advised the door was left unlocked.

10:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a dog that is wandering around looks confused. Officer advised unable to locate dog.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

11:52 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, walk in medical to Fire HQ.

1:06 p.m. **Hill St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Capt. reports illegal burning. Capt. reports everything is order, no problems.

2:28 p.m. **Hull St.**, fire, brush, 911 callers report a large brush fire deep in the woods at this location. Hingham and Hull Fire also responding.

3:57 p.m. **Beaver Dam Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Scituate.

4:01 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, fire, brush, Fire Dept. advised there is illegal burn.

4:19 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, caller advised subject was on property when she wasn't home. Male subject is not allowed on property.

4:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:15 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:49 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, officer advised out with vehicle.

6:02 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:20 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:35 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:48 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:35 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fire.

8:30 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports smell of electrical burning in the basement. Fire Capt. reports over heated washing machine unit has been unplugged.

10:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), 911 caller reports a vehicle broken down in the middle of 3A and caller is concerned its going to cause an accident.

2:59 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, juvenile issues. Prosecutor to speak to parties involved.

5:19 p.m. **Drift Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, R3 mutual aid to Scituate for a female with respiratory distress.

5:46 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person, neighbors are complaining of a male walking door to door wanting them to sign something. An officer is checking the area. Officer reports subject has papers from the station to go door to door. Officer reports he has been warned and has his supervisor's number.

6:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports someone soliciting at her door and won't leave, she said she'd let her dog bite him if he didn't leave. Officer spoke with the solicitor and the calling party.

6:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, water rescue, caller reports a whale washed up on shore at Sandy Beach. Officer confirms it is a small whale and citizens are trying to help it. Coast Guard and Aquarium have been notified. Officer reports the member from the Aquarium is on scene.

6:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid.

8:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports they need an officer for crowd control at this location. People are starting to crowd around the workers trying to free the whale and aren't listening when they are told to stay back.

9:46 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

12:34 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, the beached whale was a beaked whale. It is a deep sea whale and very rare. It cannot survive on its own, it needs to be with its pod. When this type of whale leaves it's pod, it is sick. The new England Aquarium will attempt to move the whale to Woods Hole later in the a.m. They need permission from the Cohasset Town Manager to allow the DPW to move the whale. The New England Aquarium stranding program is in charge of this operation.

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:02 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen, caller states her French doors were wide open. She would like an officer to assist in checking the house.

5:52 a.m. **HQ.**, assist Hingham Police.

6:13 a.m. **Lake St., Weymouth**, warrant services.

6:19 a.m. **Wood Way**, public service.

6:48 a.m. **Moraine St.**, warrant services.

7:07 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller requests info on noise. She was advised that construction noise is allowed to begin at 7 a.m.

7:11 a.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, warrant services.

7:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, noise complaint, 911 caller states "they are demolishing the house next door and making too much noise." "She knows that work is not allowed to start until 8 a.m." This is the third call from the residence regarding the matter this a.m.

7:35 a.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, warrant services.

7:37 a.m. **Curtis Ave., Scituate**, warrant services.

8:06 a.m. **Lynn Ave., Hull**, warrant services.

8:07 a.m. **Dudley St.**, warrant services.

9:44 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:13 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, all secure.

10:16 a.m. **Ash St.**, well being check, Lifeline Alarm Company reports activation at this location.

10:54 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, Sgt. reports very minor motor vehicle accident at this location, no fire services needed.

11:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:14 p.m. **Hampden Circle**, warrant services.

1:25 p.m. **Lakeside Ave.**, warrant services.

1:32 p.m. **Sea St., and Rogers Lane**, warrant services.

1:36 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, someone got gas not paid. Owner of vehicle contacted will rectify situation with station.

5:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:36 p.m. **Tilden Rd., Scituate**, medical aid.

6:02 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

6:14 p.m. **Kendall Village St.**, assist citizen.

7:54 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Fire Department had a busy March

A summary of Fire Department responses during the month of March is as follows: five building fires; nine brush fires; two motor vehicle crashes; 69 medical emergencies; 29 inspections; 143 investigations; eight assistance calls; and 24 miscellaneous responses. Fifty-three emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 50 medical emergencies and three fire calls, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 43 patients to South Shore Hospital, and one patient to Quincy Medical Center. Mutual aid ambulances transported nine patients from Cohasset to South Shore Hospital. One motor vehicle crash in March required transport to South Shore Hospital, Lincoln said.

Fifty-three emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 50 medical emergencies and three fire calls.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 13 during March. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for eight responses, and alarm malfunction was the cause of five responses. The five responses classed as building fires were caused by: one electrical outlet arcing; one food on the stove; one heat gun being used to remove paint; one natural gas fireplace malfunction; and one oil burner malfunction.

Training with the Fire Department's new Ice Rescue Platform continued during March. The rescue platform was purchased in 2005 for $2,995 with funds provided by a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Equipment grant.

The carbon monoxide detector legislation known as "Nicole's Law became effective on March 31. The Cohasset Fire Department has completed eight inspections of dwellings requiring carbon monoxide detectors since the law took effect, Lincoln said.

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FROM DOGS, PAGE 1

have any other choice" than to enforce what has been suggested as an appropriate course of action, said Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer. "It would be very hard for us to go against the recommendations." The Deans, who have the right to appeal the order within 10 days to the district court, said that is their intention.

Griffin conducted the first dog hearing Feb. 16. Residents Claire Barnum, Mary Hartshorne, Donald Staszko, and Kearin Lewis, who had all been either threatened or attacked by the dogs, provided written and/or verbal testimony. Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy and the Deans provided testimony as well. From that meeting, Griffin drafted a list of recommendations for the board to consider. The board took up the matter at its Feb. 28 meeting, but did not formally issue a recommendation to allow time for the behavioral analysis to be conducted and a report submitted.

Marder evaluated all nine dogs at the Dean home on March 21. John and Mia Dean, as well as Marder's two assistants, were present for all nine evaluations, while Animal Control Officer Murphy was present for some. Marder evaluated the dogs for friendly and fearful behavior, as well as aggression and trainability.

In her evaluation, Marder recommends sisters Bebe and Pippa, 2-year-old females, Wally, a 1-year-old male, and Tye, an 8 month male, be removed from the Dean property.

Wally bit Barnum at Cohasset Greenery, owned by Mia and John Dean's daughter Alida. In Marder's report, she said when Wally was taken outside during the evaluation, he ran toward her and circled, which led her to put Mia Dean in front of her for protection.

"I'm sorry, but I don't see we have any other choice."

— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

Bebe has been accused of biting Hartshorne when a pack of roughly six of the dogs surrounded her and knocked her to the ground, causing her to break her wrist. Pippa and Tye have not been accused of biting.

The Dean family will be allowed to keep the parents of all the dogs, Doone, a 7-year-old male, and Tag, a 4-year-old female, as well as Nox, a 2-1/2-year-old female, Buster, a 1-year-old male, and Ness, a 14-month old female. Tag bit resident Donald Staszko last August, but the incident has been chalked up to her being a mother dog about to whelp a litter of puppies, feeling threatened by a stranger.

'Bizarre' evaluation

But the Deans say the evaluation process was both unscientific and bizarre, and the report on the evaluation is full of factual errors. Mia Dean said she had never seen anything done like the tests which were done on her dogs, and the process was "absolutely weird." She said the dogs did not understand what was going on as Marder's test included her acting friendly, then threatening, and underneath it all, Marder was a stranger whom the dogs had never met before.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said however bizarre the evaluation might have seemed, Marder does make distinctions in her evaluation that some of the dogs are trainable and some are not, and those distinctions are based on the tests she did.

Mia Dean explained one of the dogs which was deemed unable to be trained has "Never done anything to anyone" and it is inaccurate to say he cannot be trained. "That couldn't be farther from the truth," she said, as he does respond well to many commands. She said if the selectmen issue the order, "We're going to have to appeal and get a behavioral expert with border collie experience. I don't think she (Marder) understands this breed at all."

Selectman Fred Koed reminded the Deans they were asked whether they would allow their dogs to be evaluated and whether they would accept the results, and they said they would. "This does seem to be a scientific process," said Koed.

"It was not," replied Mia Dean.

Animal Control Officer Murphy who witnessed some of the testing, said in his opinion, the evaluation conducted by Marder was appropriate. "I have known her for 20-plus years. This is the standard. This is the norm. I have to agree with what she has said 100 percent," Murphy said.

Before issuing the order, Spofford revisited an item on the draft order which stated no additional litters would be bred on the property at any time in the future. "My understanding is at the time of the last hearing, there were five additional puppies which were not discussed," he said. "I did not have that information and quite frankly, I felt I was misled."

Spofford said he had extended himself to ask the Deans about their future plans for dog breeding and whether they would have any more puppies. The board even agreed to allow one more litter, rather than none, which had been the recommendation from Griffin, "Not realizing they already had the one more," said Spofford.

Koed concurred and said the Deans had several opportunities to let the board know about the puppies. "I'm a little disappointed about that myself," he said.

Mia Dean explained they had thought they were only talking about the dogs in question at the hearing, not the puppies.

But Spofford and Koed said the Deans were specifically asked about whether they intended to allow their dog to have another litter of puppies. When they said they would likely either not have any more puppies or potentially one more litter, "It implies to me none currently exist," said Koed.

The board voted unanimously to impose the order, but the Deans have 10 days in which to appeal that decision to the district court, and they said they would. Without appeal, within 30 days, Bebe, Tye, Pippa, and Wally shall be transferred to a border collie rescue organization. If a transfer of one or more of the dogs cannot be arranged, the remaining dog or dogs will be humanely put to sleep at the owner's expense within 30 days of the issuance of the order.

Also within 30 days, Nox, Buster, Doone, Ness, and Tag must be neutered at their owners' expense. In addition, within 45 days, if the Deans decide to keep the dogs, they must build an enclosure which allows sufficient room for exercise but prevents access to strangers. The Deans must also apply for a kennel license. If the Deans decide not to keep some or all of the dogs, they must be transferred to a very experienced border collie owner.

In the future, the Deans will be restricted to owning no more than five dogs at a time, with the exception of the last litter of puppies until they are 6 months old. No additional dogs will be bred at any time in the future.

IT'S HAPPENING

Calling all dirty vehicles

Baseball players are ready to wash cars on Saturday, April 29, at George's Citgo Station, downtown Cohasset. This event will benefit the Cohasset High School Varsity, as well as the Junior Varsity Baseball teams, and is being sponsored by Cohasset Baseball Boosters and Diamond Club. Rain date is Saturday, May 6.

Donations are welcome.

Dog obedience classes offered

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Beginner classes will take place Mondays on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting April 24. There will be a 6 p.m. and a 7 p.m. class offered. The fee is $100 for the five classes, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. Classes are limited in size, and participants will be accepted on a first-call, first-enrolled basis.

Visit Lifesaving Museum during vacation week

Visit the Hull Lifesaving Museum from Monday, April 17, through Friday, April 21, to participate in a Sock Puppet Contest. Participants can explore the exhibit "Sea Dogs! Great Tails of the Sea," then make a furry friend from a variety of craft materials. Museum staff will snap a picture of each puppet to be entered in the week-long contest, and winners will be chosen Friday afternoon. "Sea Dogs!" prizes will be awarded in several categories including creativity, humor, resemblance and more.

The event is free with museum admission. For more information, call 781-925-5433 for more information.

Recreation announces programs for children

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with One Creative Place, will offer a variety of spring programs and activities for children of all ages.

Those interested may register for these programs via registration materials and information available at Town Hall or by visiting the Web site at www.onecreativeplace.net.

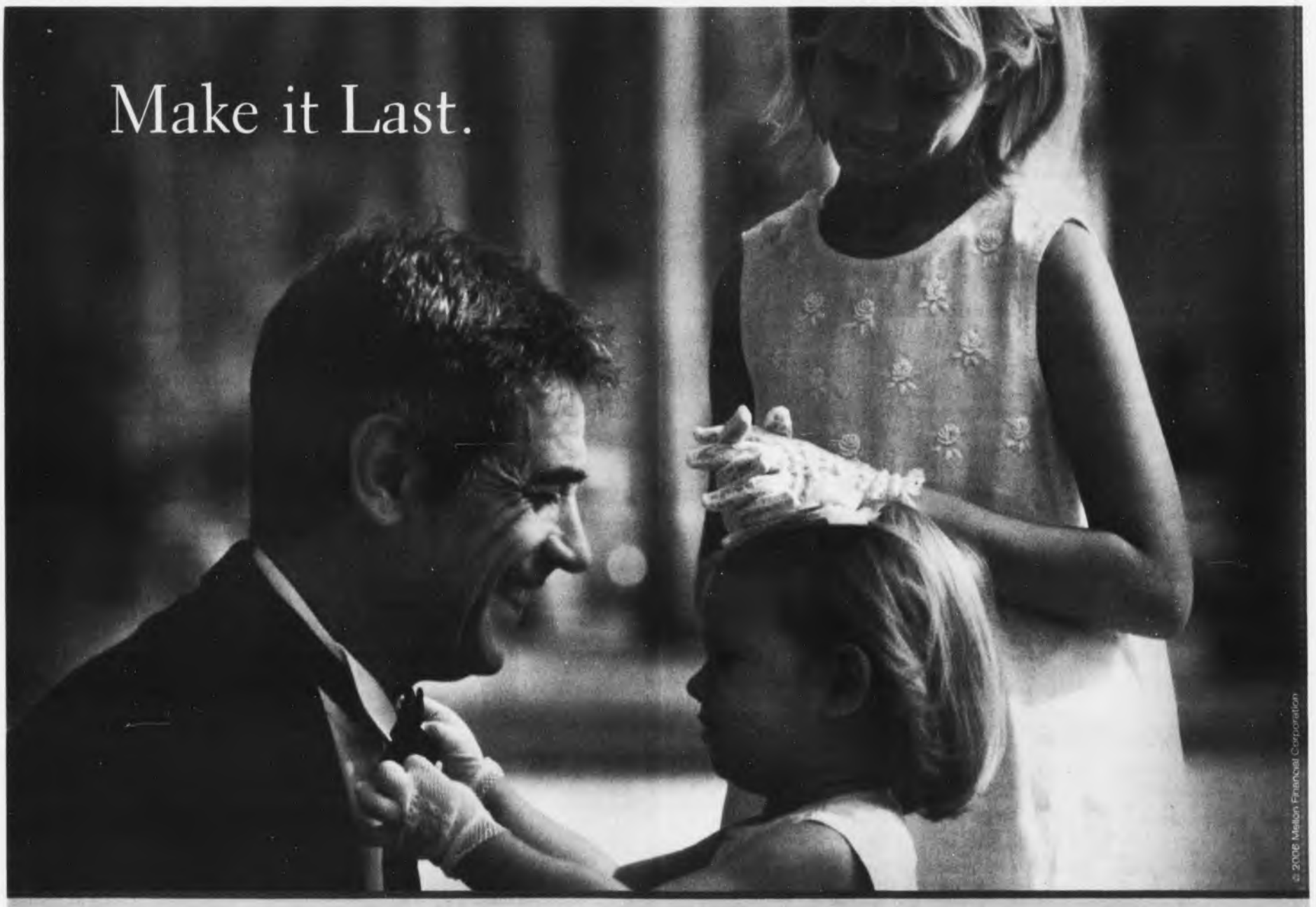
For more information, call 781-383-2211 or 781-383-4109. Programs are scheduled to begin during the week of May 1.

Book signing April 15

South Shore native Tad Hills, author and illustrator of "Duck & Goose," a *New York Times* best-selling children's book, will be at Buttonwood Book Store, Shaw's Plaza on Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m. to sign copies of his latest work, which has been described by critics as "***The*** Children's book of the spring season."

The story tells of the discovery by Duck and Goose of a special egg each lays claim to because Duck "saw it first," but Goose "touched it first." Duck & Goose has the feel of a classic tale with timeless themes including friendship, sharing, and humor. Published in January, 2006, the book has already received two starred reviews; one from *Publishers Weekly* and one from *Kirkus Reviews* which raved, "Every artistic decision underscores the humor with deft mastery…readers will likely hope to see more of this adorable odd couple."

A former Norwell resident, Hills is a painter, actor, and obsessive Halloween costume maker who writes and illustrates books for children. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. with his wife and their two children.



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What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 13-21, 2006

South Shore Music Circus raises tent on 55th season

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In a sure sign that summer is just around the corner, the South Shore Music Circus will open its Cohasset box office at noon on Saturday. For its 55th season, the venerable venue has booked a roster of new and old favorites beginning with Tony Bennett on June 9.

"We're very proud that this season marks the 55th anniversary of the Music Circus," said Vincent G. Luongo, general manager of the Music Circus. "It has always been our goal to present world-class entertainment in an intimate, relaxed setting that appeals to patrons and performers alike."

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Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra

The still touring, still recording rock band Styx was originally formed in Chicago in 1961 as The Tradewinds so it's hard to believe that there would be many firsts left for the group with hits like "Renegade," "Babe" and "Mr. Roboto." When the first musical act ever to have four consecutive triple-platinum albums rolls into Cohasset on August 12, however, it will mark the group's Music Circus debut.

With pop-rockers Hootie and the Blowfish, the new double bill of Southern rock pioneer Dickey Betts and Kenny Wayne Shepherd, eclectic Irish group The Saw Doctors, and perennial favorites The Beach Boys also headed to Cohasset, rock is definitely on the menu this summer at the Music Circus. Country fans have much to anticipate, too, including the returns of both LeAnn Rimes and Trisha Yearwood.

Laughs will be likely under the tent when comedians Brian Regan and Kathy Griffin make their headliner debuts during a season that also includes the returns of both Lewis Black and the legendary George Carlin.

Longtime Music Circus devotees will be heartened to know that the recently knighted Tom Jones will be back after an absence of several years. The 66-year-old Welshman has managed to remain current thanks to collaborations with contemporary artists, but Sir Tom probably still keeps "It's Not Unusual" and "She's a Lady" on his song list. Johnny Mathis will once again take his familiar spot center stage, accompanied this time around by a full orchestra, and chances are tickets for Mr. Mathis will go fast as they have for his many prior Cohasset visits.

"We appreciate the loyalty of our patrons and performers, who return year after year, and look forward to attracting new customers and entertainers looking for a theater experience that delivers a personal connection not possible in larger theaters," said Luongo.

For tickets and information about the 2006 season at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, stop by the box office beginning April 15, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccirus.org.

Johnny Mathis

Styx

Hootie & the Blowfish

Leann Rimes

South Shore Music Circus lineup

An evening with Tony Bennett, Friday, June 9 at 8 p.m. $78.25/$65.25
An evening with Garrison Keillor of A Prairie Home Companion Wednesday, June 28 at 8 pm $59.25/$46.25
Tom Jones Friday, June 30 at 8 p.m. Premium n/a/$52.75
An evening with John McDermott Saturday, July 1 at 8 pm $45.75/$32.75
Hootie & the Blowfish, Friday, July 7 at 8 p.m. $59.25/$46.25
An evening with Abba the Music, Sunday, July 9 at 7:30 pm $44.75/$31.75
Comedian Brian Regan (new this year)Thursday, July 20 at 8 p.m. $47.75/$34.75
An evening with George Carlin Friday, July 21 at 8 p.m. $55/$42
Dickey Betts & Kenny Wayne Shepherd Saturday, July 22 at 7:15 pm $48.75/$35.75
An evening with Michael Feinstein & Linda Eder, Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m. $49.75/$36.75
Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra Keith Lockhart, conductor Saturday, July 29 7 p.m. $88.25/$75.25
WWE World Wrestling Entertainment Sunday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. $43.75/$30.75
An evening with comedians Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood Thursday, Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. $49.75/$36.75
Johnny Mathis and his Orchestra Friday, Aug. 4 at 8 p.m. $62.75/$49.75
Leann Rimes Sunday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Premium n/a/$40.25
An evening with the Saw Doctors Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. $33.25 all seats
Jonny Lang Thursday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. $46.25/$33.25
The Beach Boys Friday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. $55.25/$42.25
Styx (new this year) Saturday, Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. $53.25/$40.25
An Evening with Lyle Lovett Thursday, Aug. 17at 8 p.m. $59.25/$46.25
Kenny Rogers Saturday, Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. $58.75/$45.75
Comedian Kathy Griffin Friday, Aug. 25 at 8 p.m. $48/$35
Trisha Yearwood Saturday, Aug. 26 at 8 pm premium n/a/$40.75
Comedian Lewis Black Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. $49/$36

2006 children's shows

(all shows Thursdays at 10:30 am)
Russian American Kids Circus ,July 13 $13.50
Kaleidoscope Children's Theatre productions:
Beauty and the Beast July 20 $7.75
Sleeping Beauty July 27 $7.7
Snow White Aug. 3 $7.75
Rapunzel Aug.10 $7.75
Cinderella Aut. 17 $7.75
Jack & the Beanstalk Aug. 24 $7.75

Movie review

Christine (Catherine Keener) feels helpless as Olivia (Jennifer Aniston) takes charge of an uncomfortable retail moment.

Adult 'Friends'

Friends With Money (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

From "Friends" to "Friends With Money" may not sound like much progress. But playing a desperate housecleaner in Nicole Holofcener's smart new comedy, Jennifer Aniston continues to build a credible body of screen work.

Meet Olivia (Aniston), a frowning, pot-smoking stalker who gave up teaching because her rich students mocked her car.

Now she's a singleton whose closest friends are three married couples poised at youth's end who do not entirely like their lives, spiritually, sexually or professionally.

Set in Southern California on the fringes of the film industry and featuring women her age, "Friends With Money" is a semi-autobiographical effort from writer-director Holofcener, whose credits include the 2000 film "Lovely & Amazing" and the television series "Gilmore Girls" and "Sex and the City."

Women, especially women with creative minds and perhaps even creative occupations, are a specialty of this house. Just add the vocal stylings of Rickie Lee Jones, and off you go.

David (Jason Isaacs) and Christine (Holofcener regular Catherine Keener) are bickering writing partners building a view-obstructing addition to their mid-century modern home. They try their dialogue out on one another as they sit at abutting desks, typing into matching iBooks. But it's hard to tell if the hatred, bile and accusations are real or fictional.

Clothing designer Jane (Frances McDormand) and investment adviser Aaron (Simon McBurney) appear to have the perfect marriage. But their friends believe pixie-ish Aaron, proud owner of a Yohji Yamamoto jacket, is gay, and Jane has given up washing her hair and snipes at rude strangers.

Wouldn't you know it, the happiest couple of the lot is also the richest. Franny (Joan Cusack), who has inherited a fortune, and Matt (Greg Germann) still like to make love. Their lives are a swirl of fund-raising events to which they invite their less well-off friends and pay for their $1,000 seats.

Olivia does not have any sympathy for these people. When she isn't raiding department store cosmetics counters for free samples, Olivia's day involves vacuuming, pulling hair out of drains and brushing other people's toilet bowls. She may borrow an item here and there and take unscheduled breaks, but she apparently is a good worker.

When her friends set her up with a reptilian personal trainer (Scott Caan), she stays open-minded. She even puts on the French maid uniform he buys her for Christmas. Is Olivia's true Prince Charming a pudgy, sweet-natured slacker (Bob Stephenson) who haggles with her over her cleaning fee?

"Friends With Money" is a minor work with a major cast in which Aniston seems notably at home. Holofcener's ability to tell funny stories about unhappy people gives the film further distinction and sets it a notch above TV sitcom fare.

If this is "Friends," it's "Friends" with an edge.

Rated R. "Friends With Money" contains profanity and sexual situations.

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 13

Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, George Lee exhibits his work through the end April at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-335-4615.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebee's, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Nathan Gallery presents **"Full Circle"** through April 29, at the Frame Center, second floor, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Fourth annual presentation of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art Dept. (K-12.) Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

Weymouth Art Association Members Spring Art Exhibit, through April 22, Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

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Jamie's Grille and Pub, Route 139 in Marshfield, hosts The Gathering on Saturday, April 15 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Group features Steve and Stephanie Chase, their son Matt Chase on lead guitar, son Sam Chase on drums and others. Cover is $10. For more information visit www.jamiesgrille.com.

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Family Egg Dyeing with Natural Dyes Workshop, Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, with artist Rhonda Fazio. Tuition $15, $10 members. Price includes child and adult. Additional guests $5. To register call 508-=588-6000 ext 125 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, April 13, **Six Foot Sunday,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, April 14

Comedy Competition at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, 9 p.m. Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15. Seven comics compete each night along with Harrison Stebbins and closing performance by Scott Higgins each night. Admission $15. Dinner available before each performance. Appetizers available during the show. Advance reservations required. Call 781-848-0300.

Girls Night Out sponsored by Braintree High School JV Dance Team, Friday, April 14, 7 to 10 p.m., Braintree High School. Fashion show, makeovers, beauty treatments and dance team performance. Music by DJ Joe O'Malley. Tickets $10 at the door. Call 781-356-0354

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, opens its 13th season of live music this weekend with **Fat City Band** playing blues, rock and R&B Friday night, April 14. Shows start at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

New England Singles dance, Friday, April 14, 8 p.m. at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, April 14 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Music by Emanon Orchestra. Ages 45+. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Single Executives Club singles and couples dance, Saturday, April 14 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 1125 Boston-Providence Highway, So. Norwood. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. Call 781-255-3144 or visit www.se-4u-com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 14, **Five to the Face,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, April 14, **The Stubbies-Matt Stubbs.** Call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, April 15

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Youth Basketball Clinic with Boston Celtics' Ryan Gomes. Free open house event and clinic open to all youth basketball players, Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. to noon, Stonehill College Merkert Gym, 320 Washington St., Easton. For information call Greg Kristol, 978-922-3350, visit www.hoopmountain.com, or email gkristol@hoopmountain.com.

Complementary Golf Clinics third Saturday of each month beginning Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Fore Seasons Golf, 306 Whiting St., Hingham, with PGA pro Jim Mapother. Open to all ages and levels. Call 781-741-8305.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, book signing by New York Times best-selling author, and former Norwell resident, Tad Hills, author and illustrator of "Duck and Goose," Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. Call 781-383-2665.

Easter Egg Hunt aboard the USS Salem, Saturday, April 15, noon to 3 p.m., Fore River Shipyard, Quincy. Admission $5 per person. Pictures with the Easter Bunny offered at $5. Ship tour included. For information call 617-479-7900 or visit www.uss-salem.org.

Mountain biking for beginners and intermediate riders, Saturday, April 15 at 9 a.m. Ride through the hills with TrailWatch volunteers. Bring bike and helmet. Eye protection and gloves recommended. Call 617-698-1802 for registration and meeting place.

Jazz great Maynard Ferguson at Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Saturday, April 15. Tickets are $38. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Wine Tasting at Lo Spuntino, 300 Oak St., Pembroke, Saturday, April 15, noon to 4 p.m. Complimentary Viansa wines served. For information call 781-829-9165 or email ma@lospuntino.com.

South Shore Music Circus Box Office opening celebration, Saturday, April 15, noon, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, featuring **Dave Foley Band** live performance at 11 a.m. Country radio station WKLB 99.5 will be on location. For information visit www.themusiccircus.org.

Plympton Tercentennial Silent Art Auction featuring works by premier New England artists, Saturday, April 15, 6 p.m., Upland Club, 67 Upland road, Plympton. Hors d'oeuvres. Admission $5. Proceeds benefit 2007 Plympton Tercentennial committee. For information call 781-582-2489 or visit www.town.plympton.ma.us.

Old Ship Coffeehouse, Old Ship Parish, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. singer-songwriter-poet Terence Martin with opening act by singer-guitarist Patti DeRosa. Admission $10 at the door. Coffee, tea, and dessert available for 50 cents. Proceeds benefit Unitarian-Universalist Service committee. Call 781-749-1767.

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Grammy Award-winner and legendary jazz great Maynard Ferguson will make his Company Theatre debut when he brings his 10-piece Bop Nouveau Band to Norwell, MA on Saturday, April 15 at 8:pm. Maynard Ferguson is one of a handful of musician/bandleaders to survive the end of the big band era and Rock and Roll. He scrored a major hit with "Gonna Fly Now," from the hit movie "Rocky," and he has demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt musically. His albums show a progression from big band swing, bebop, cool jazz, latin, jazz/rock, fusion with classical and operatic influences. He enjoyed a remarkable resurgence in the 1970s when he embraced jazz/rock, especially through the album Chameleon. Tickets are $38 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, Ma, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

A new take on 'Swan Lake'

Bourne's production adds depth to Tchaikovsky classic

Matthew Bourne

Matthew Bourne set the theater world not only on its toes, but en pointe with his bold reinvention of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," when he replaced the traditional female corps de ballet swans in tutus with a company of bare-chested, feathery-legged, smudge-faced men in order to show the aggressive, more sinister side of the creatures most commonly admired for their grace and elegance. Since its London premiere in 1995, Bourne's "Swan Lake" — opening for a limited run next week at Boston's Colonial Theatre —has been praised for its blending of classical dance with humor, spectacle and comedy to introduce the ballet to a wider audience than it had probably ever reached before.

"Matthew is just extraordinary," explained dancer Neil Penlington by telephone last week from San Francisco. "He is all about telling a story. Purists may want to stick with a classic production of 'Swan Lake,' but people who come to see this production with an open mind will immediately know that they are in the presence of something completely different. It is more accessible than anything else in classical dance. This show is a mix of everything. It opens people's eyes. Dance fans, and even people who've never been to a ballet before, love it."

Originally written by Tchaikovsky in the late 19th century, "Swan Lake" was staged at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre in 1877, but it wasn't until 18 years later — and after the death of its composer — that it was finally staged in St. Petersburg and became a universal classic. Bourne's witty and sexy revisiting of the tale is now the longest-running ballet in London's West End. While re-staging the show for today's audience, Bourne made sure to retain two essential elements that have made "Swan Lake" such a lasting favorite — Tchaikovsky's great score and the story of our constant yearning for an unattainable ideal. In 1999, Bourne earned Tony Awards as Best Choreographer and Best Director for the Broadway producton of "Swan Lake," now on a new North American tour. Penlington, who dances the role of the Prince in the current production, has done several of Bourne's other shows including "Highland Fling," "Spitfire," "Cinderella," and "The Car Man."

"When I first saw Matthew's work 10 or 11 years ago, I was immediately drawn to his approach. Since then, I've done just about all of Matthew's shows and I'm especially delighted to be in this one. 'Swan Lake' is one big story and it's up to the Prince to tell it from start to finish. The Prince is a dreamer who has been fascinated by swans since a young age. As a boy, he held a toy swan and was comforted by it but he also had nightmares about the wild, unpredictable nature of a large, powerful swan. He starts out happy, then things go from bad to worse for him and tragedy takes over his life. I go through so much as the Prince that sometimes after I dance him I feel like I need to see my therapist," says the Welsh-born Penlington who now calls London home. "The Prince is truly an amazing role for a man. I'm just glad I waited until now, when I'm 34, to play him. As a classical dancer, you never quite imagine you'll play a role with such depth"

Matthew Bourne's "Swan Lake" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, April 20-23. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.broadway-acrossamerica.com.

- R. Scott Reedy

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Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, April 15, **Rhythm J'oes.** Call 781-335-9796.

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School vacation week

APRIL VACATION PATRIOTS' TREASURE HUNT, for ages pre-K through fifth grade at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. on April 19 from 10 a.m. - noon. Kids can be super sleuths for a day and try their detective decoding skills exploring the rooms and collection of the 1833 Forbes House. An adult must accompany all children and non-reading children will need assistance with the clues. No strollers or no more than 2 children per adult. Admission is $5 for non-members, $3 for Museum members. An adult chaperone is admitted free. Call the Museum at 617-696-1815 for more information.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN'S FUN PASS. For $25 you can purchase this pass and **be admitted free or at a discount** to over 90 New England attractions. Spend more family time, save money, and help a great charity. Some attractions include: Edaville USA, Children's Museum at Holyoke, Interskate 91, Springfield Museums and the Dr Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden, Water Country, Story Land, Higgins Armory Museum, and much more. Proceeds directly benefit the American Lung Association of Mass. programs for kids. Orders can be taken over the phone with a credit card and sent directly to you or a complete list of attractions and to purchase online visit www.lungma.org. For information or to order, call the American Lung Association of Massachusetts at 781-890-4262.

NOW WE'RE COOKING AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION, Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cook in the English Village or taste Wampanoag foods. A day long workshop for kids 6-12. Kids should bring bag lunch, a snack and wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Cost is $55 per child or $45 for members. Advance registration is required. Call Kim at 508-746-1622 ext. 8359 or email: programservices@plimoth.org.

KIDS' CONCERT AT THE OLD SHIP PARISH HOUSE. Join the Hingham Newcomers Club for a fun-filled kids concert featuring Jon Songs, Tuesday, April 18. Old Ship Parish House located at 107 Main Street. There will be shows at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. All ages are welcome. To learn more about Jon Songs please visit www.jonsongs.com. Cost is $4 per person for pre-paid tickets. Please send checks to: Lynne Toland, 265 High Street, Hingham, MA or call 781-740-4619.

NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY ACTIVITIES, "Worming Around," Friday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for 5 and 6 year olds: Adopt a worm for the morning! Discover the ways of the wiggly worm and its neighbors through soil investigations, stories, games and crafts. **"Habitat Hop,"** Friday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for 7 to 11 year olds: It's easy and fun to hop into different habitats at our sanctuaries. We will be on out knees with a hand lens investigating a microhabitat under a log and high up on a platform observing grassland wildlife with binoculars. How many habitats do you think we can visit in a day? There will be an afternoon field trip to the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. All programs begin and end at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Pre-registration is required. For Information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at 781-837-9400.

SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES. Gardening Advertures: Magnolias in Bloom on Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Tour a member's garden in Scituate. Meet at the Science Center and carpool. Cost is $3 members; $5 for non-members. **Continental Critters**, a global trek to discover creatures around the world. **Out of Africa**, April 18; **Polar Bear Regions: From Penguins to Polar Bears**, April 19; **Australia Down Under**, April 20 and **Exploring Eurasia** on April 21. Specify K-2 (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) or Grades 3-5 (9:30 to 12:30 p.m.) Members are $30 per day, non-members are $34. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Call 781-659-2559, ext. 203 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Mark your calendar

BLUE HILL MOUNTAIN BIKE DAY, Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Marked trail loops for all abilities and skills clinics. Obstacle course and games for kids. Bring your own bike, helmets required. Eye protection and gloves are recommended. Meet at Houghton's Pond Picnic Site 5 on Blue Hill River Road in Milton. For more information call 617-698-1802.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL "VOICE AND VISIONS", The Home For Little Wanderers celebrates children's artwork. On May 8, 6 to 10 p.m. at The State Room, 60 State St., Boston. Unique fundraiser featuring an exhibit of visual arts and creative writing, expressing the children's "voices and visions", their hopes and dreams of a brighter future. Cocktails and dinner as well as a silent auction. Tickets cost $125. For more information, call 617-927-0682 or visit www.thehome.org.

THIRD ANNUAL DARREN M. AYRE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, June 26 at Atlantic Country Club, Plymouth. Registration at 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. shot gun start/best ball format. Live auction/lunch at Courtney's in Marshfield at 3 p.m. For information on sponsorship, registration or to make a donation, call Paul Boyle at 781-248-3750.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL AGAINST THE TIDE, June 24. The one-mile swim, two-mile kayak and three-mile fitness walk, benefiting the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, will be held at Hopkinton State Park in Hopkinton. This fun and inspirational program brings together swimmers, kayakers and walkers of all ages and abilities who would like to join MBCC in eradicating the breast cancer epidemic. Each participant will raise a minimum of $150 in contributions to benefit MBCC and may chose to participate in one, two or all three of the events. Visit www.mbcc.org/swim to register or call 1-800-649-MBCC.

ANNUAL TASTE OF THE NORTH END, Friday, May 5, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at The New England Aquarium. Forty popular North End restaurants and area wine/beer distributors will take part. Includes appetizers, cheeses, entrees and desserts. Hosted by KISS-108's Billy Costa. Tickets on sale now, $95 per person. All proceeds from the event benefit the Casa Monte Cassino, and educational and afternoon programs for the children and senior citizens of the North End. For more information call 617-367-2353.

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This concert is funded in part by the Weymouth Cultural Council and the Duxbury Cultural Council, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents Terence Martin on Saturday, April 15, at 8 p.m. Patti DeRosa is the opening act.
The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship ParishHouse at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre.It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. There will be no open mic for this concert.
Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts is available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome! For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

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Sunday, April 16

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club. Walk the Summit Road to the top of Great Blue and loop around Eliot Circle, and return via red dot and green dot trails, Sunday, April 16, 1 p.m. Meet at Trailside Museum north parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/der

"A Loyalist Perspective on the Revolution," Sunday, April 16, 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at The Paul Revere Memorial Museum, 19 North Square, Boston. Hear a first-hand account of the abuses loyalists suffered at the hands of the emboldened "patriots." Event is free with museum admission: adults $3, seniors and college students $2.50, children 5-17 are $1. For information call 617-523-2338 or visit www.paulrevere-house.org.

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Monday, April 17

Marshfield artist **Laura Tryon Jennings**, lifescapes and personality portraits on exhibit through May 31 at Harvard University Graduate School of Education M.C. Gutman Library Gallery, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge. Opening reception, Friday, April 21, 5 to 7 p.m. For information call 617-495-4225.

Alternative Media Night at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, lower level presents **"Wal-mart: The High Cost of Low Price,"** a feature length documentary that uncovers a retail giant's assault on families and American values. Producer/Director Robert Greenwald and Brave New Films take you on an extraordinary journey that will change the way you think, feel — and shop. The film will be shown, Monday, April 17 from 7-9 p.m. There will be a follow-up discussion and refreshments.

New Beginnings, a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship, and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, through May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Includes works of international artists and 34 artists from 40 states. Call 781-383-2787.

Tuesday, April 18

Aleppo Shriners Circus 2006, Tuesday, April 18 through Friday April 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Aleppo Shriners' Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, Exit 39 off Route 93. Circus features three rings of non-stop internationally headlining acts. Call 800-700-0013.

Senior Caberet with David Polansky at the Thayer Public Library, Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. With a keyboard, trumpet and his voice, Polansky performs the music of Cohan, Berlin, Gershwin, and more. Held in the upper level reading room of the library at 798 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Tuesday Trivia Night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover, great prizes. Teams form weekly. For information call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, April 19

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon, Wednesday, April 19, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., East Bay Grille, Plymouth. Seating is limited. To register call SSWBN 781-749-8883.

Free Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Seminar, Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. For information call 781-848-3910 or visit www.sselder.org.

Children's author Ann Hassett presents a book reading and book signing, Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m., at Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham. Free admission. Reservations required. Call Buttonwood Books, 781-383-2665.

Between the Lines writing group meeting five Wednesdays 1 to 3 p.m. through May 10 at River Bay Club, 99 Brackett St., Quincy. Writing workshop for adults of all ages. $55 for five sessions. Advance registration. Call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506 Next five-week series begins May 31. For 2206 schedule email Karen Flood at journalguru2yahoo.com.

Evening with Leslie Wheeler author, "Murder at Plimoth Plantation," and "Murder at Gettysburg," Wednesday, April 19, 7:15 p.m. at the Turner Free Library, 2 No. Main St., Randolph, Shurtleff Room. Admission is free and open to all. Sponsored by the Friends of the Turner Free Library.

"Yardsticks" author **Chip Wood** to speak at Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate, Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m. Wood will discuss his book "Yardsticks: Children in the Classroom ages 4-14, a Resource for Parents and Teachers." Admission is free and open to the public. For information visit www.inlyschool.org.

Look Good Feel Better program for patients undergoing treatment for cancer. Wednesday, April 19, 6 to 8 p.m., South Shore Hospital Breast Care Center, 2-6 West St., So. Weymouth. Features cosmetologists providing tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and skin changes resulting from chemotherapy. To register call 781-682-4569.

Cosmic Connection Spring Singles Party, Wednesday, April 19, 6 to 10 p.m. at The Hampshire House, 84 Beacon St., Boston. Music by D.J. Alan LaBella. Includes Hors d'oeuvres, dancing, prizes, free cosmopolitans, cash bar and psychic readers. Tickets $60 in advance and $75 at the door. Two single men admitted for $60. Proceeds benefit Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund. RSVP 617-357-5777 ext 503.

BEST BET

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, opens its 13th season of live music this weekend with Fat City Band playing blues, rock and R&B Friday night, April 14. Shows start at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Thursday, April 20

Lindamood-Bell Learning Center Open House, Friday, April 20, 7 p.m., 515 Washington St., Norwell. Explanation of one-on-one research based services for students with learning difficulties.

Old Colony Civil War Roundtable meeting, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Endicott Estate, 656 East St., Dedham. Featured speaker Glenn LaFantasie on Twilight at Little Round Top. Opening remarks by Jay Schmidt, Executions at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor. Refreshments served. Admission free and open to the public. For information email joannelucas@comcast.net or call 508-668-1604.

Tony Funches, former lead vocalist for the Platters will perform at the Plymouth Yacht Club on Thursday, April 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A senior event sponsored by Life Care. Sign up at Plymouth Council on Aging. For information, reservation or transportation, call 508-830-4230.

Ahmad Jamal at the Regattabar, Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge. Thursday, April 20, Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or visit www.getshowtix.com/regattabar.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday April 20, **Living Proof,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Girls Night Out sponsored by Braintree High School JV Dance Team, Friday, April 14, 7 to 10 p.m., Braintree High School. Fashion show, makeovers, beauty treatments and dance team performance. Music by DJ Joe O'Malley. Tickets $10 at the door. Call 781-356-0354.

Friday, April 21

New England Folk Festival, April 21-23 at Natick High School. Contra, Square and Folk dancing. Music concerts and workshops, international food, crafts and folk bazaar. Hours are Friday, 7 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are Friday, $15 non-members/$12 members; Saturday, $20/$17 members and for entire festival $65/55 for members. For information call 781-662-6710 or visit www.neffa.org.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, April 21 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Music by Emanon Orchestra. Ages 45+. Proper dress. $7 members, $15 non-members. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, April 21, **Mission of Blues,** R&B funk, soul. Show start at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth. **Tom and Deana** on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. No cover. For information call 508-747-4900.

Kerry Ryer-Parke and her Merry Men, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Cost $6, $5 members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, April 21 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u-com.

New England Singles dance, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m. Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 21, **Dave Foley Band**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

BEST BET

South Shore Music Circus Box Office opening celebration, Saturday, April 15, noon, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, featuring Dave Foley Band live performance at 11 a.m. Country radio station WKLB 99.5 will be on location. For information visit www.themusiccircus.org.

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Ongoing events

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

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Bellissimo!

Holiday on Windstar cruise shows joys of Italy and more

By FRAN GOLDEN

PALERMO, Sicily -- Herald crime reporter Michele McPhee laid on the steps of the Teatro Massimo crying, "Papa, Papa," just like Don Corleone's daughter did when she was shot in "The Godfather 3," which filmed some scenes here.

It was clear we were not on an ordinary tour of Italy. In fact, we had decided to explore the Italian coast and islands by sea with Windstar Cruises precisely for that reason. Or as the cruise line's official motto goes, "180 degrees from the ordinary."

We knew we were in for something different when we first spotted our ship, the Wind Surf, in Civitavecchia, near Rome. The ship's not your giant cruise ship but rather a 308-passenger, 614-foot sailing vessel -- this one thoroughly modern with computerized sails, nice cabins, open decks for sunning, fine dining, a spa and other upscale amenities. Friendly, well-traveled passengers and an unstuffy onboard atmosphere add to the yachtlike flavor.

Creative itineraries are part of the mix, too. Our weeklong Mediterranean sailing included several port calls in Italy, a day in Tunisia and an overnight (and disembarkation) in Malta.

There were many highlights, but the most dramatic was Stromboli, off Sicily.

Imagine standing on a deck of a sailing yacht, staring at a clear sky with twinkling stars and every 10 minutes or so, fiery orange explosions from the world's most active volcano on a nearby island. On the Wind Surf, we were able to watch this natural show for nearly an hour.

Eye-opening moments occurred on shore as well.

Prosperity was on full display on the Italian resort island of Capri, where designer shops and luxury hotels and restaurants rule -- and the rich and famous have been known to hang out.

While Michele headed off on a tour to see the famous Blue Grotto, later declaring it a rip-off (she only got about two minutes inside the cave), I had a nice time looking at the big yachts in the harbor (but spotted no celebs).

The Wind Surf cruises Europe

The streets of Malta

PHOTO BY FRAN GOLDEN

Later, taking the funicular from the sea up to Capri Town, we decided to get off the tourist track (and away from the designer shops) with an energetic two-hour hike to Arco Naturale, a giant rock arch in the sea. We agreed that the views -- as far as Naples in the distance -- were well worth the trek.

Off the Gulf of Naples, the Wind Surf anchored near Sorrento, a pretty cliffside city that boasts beautiful Victorian hotels and lots of lemon trees and maybe dangerous mermaids (the city was known in Greek mythology as the City of Sirens).

Our tourist goal was Pompeii, the city destroyed nearly 2,000 years ago by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We booked a shore excursion (the bus ride is about 40 minutes) to walk down the same streets as the ancient Romans. With a little imagination, you can visualize life as it was in ancient times, when more than 15,000 people resided in the commercial port. Think toga, toga (Pompeii once had gladiators and something like 22 houses of ill repute).

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Back in Sorrento, we had excellent anchovy and olive pizza at the outdoor Bar de Carmine (Piazza Tasso). Despite the excellent cuisine on the ship, this was one slice of Italy we did not want to miss.

In Palermo we found a city of contrasts; a place that's ugly and pretty, thick with smog but surrounded by mountains and right on the blue/gray Med. On one block there are impressive neoclassical buildings and on the next, trash-strewn slums. And there are tales of how the Mob rules.

The people we encountered, however, were hardly Mafiosos but very friendly ceramics shopkeepers. And male models, whom we oggled while dining on Sicilian cuisine at an ultra-mod restaurant called Sapori Peduti.

The Wind Surf off of Capri

PHOTO BY FRAN GOLDEN

Our visit to Tunis, capital of the North African nation of Tunisia, was enlightening.

Having some trepidation about traveling in an Arab country alone, Michele and I booked an all-day shore excursion.

What we found was an interesting mix of Arab and European cultures -- most people on city streets were in Western garb, for instance, including young women in tight jeans and tops. But we also spotted men in red skull caps and a woman with her head covered walking a camel.

At the souq we really felt we weren't in Kansas anymore. The historic market was a cobweb of shops in a giant covered building where haggling is aggressive and so are some of the vendors, mostly men, who are not above grabbing your arm to show you their wares. Everything is negotiable here, and I fought hard to get a woven berber rug for $160 (knocked down from $450), including walking out of the shop, twice.

Americans helped liberate Tunisia during World War II, and our visit included a stop at a cemetery where haunting white markers serve as reminders of those who died in the North African campaign. It's located outside Tunis near ancient Carthage, a city conquered and destroyed by the Romans.

Nearby, we stopped at the pretty hilltop village of Sidi Bou Said, known as the city of saints and poets for its inspiring Mediterranean views and white Moorish-style buildings. The villas here, with their terraces fronting the sea, made it hard to remember we were in a Third World country.

Valletta is the capital of Malta, the little island nation located in the Mediterranean between Sicily and North Africa. There's a history here of being conquered, a lot, hence the ambience is little British, a little Spanish, a little Arabic. The Knights of the Order of St. John were among those who left their mark (including fortifications on the harbor).

I went off to explore the city on foot, and though I did not find the Maltese Falcon (it's fictional), I did get to visit St. John's Co-Cathedral, lavishly baroque in style and among the prettiest churches I've seen anywhere (and I've seen a lot of churches).

Michele, meanwhile, got an idea of the island's arid landscape and pretty but littered beaches on a 4x4 tour.

Of all the places we visited, the one that stole a piece of my heart was the tiny Italian island of Lipari.

While Michele booked a beach excursion to Vulcano, known for its mud baths, hot springs and black sand beach (an outing she declared fantastic), I headed off on a public bus to explore the 14-square-mile volcanic island. I sat next to a little old lady carrying grocery bags as the bus wound its way uphill on narrow streets and past sheer cliffs.

We had a conversation, partly in sign language, about island life and what she was having for lunch that day. And we both gawked at a group of German hikers on the bus, all loaded down with backpacks and hiking poles.

I got off the bus with a friendly couple from the Wind Surf, and we walked down from high on a mountain back to the sea, passing some country folk along the way.

At one town I put my feet in the cool (but not cold) sea before my companions and I enjoyed a delicious lunch of stuffed calamari and eggplant capanota at an outdoor cafe.

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DATE	EVENT
May 7	*Norwegian Majesty* Bermuda season begins
May 14	Fat City Band Cruise
May 21	Wine Tasting Cruise
May 28	Gardening with Allan Swenson
June 4	Bingo Cruise
June 11	Women's Fitness with Mary Kmiec
June 18	Walking & Running Clinics with Kevin Petrovek
June 25	"I Just Got Out of School" Cruise
July 2	Fitness For Kids Cruise
July 9	Arts and Crafts for Kids Cruise
July 16	Karate for Kids with Doyle Martial Arts
July 23	College Counseling Cruise
July 30	Cruise with Paul Lockhart, NASA Astronaut
Aug. 6	CSI Bermuda for Kids Cruise
Aug. 13	Fitness For Kids Cruise
Aug. 20	Last Blast Before School Cruise
Aug. 27	Guest Comedian Cruise
Sept. 3	Irish Festival at Sea Cruise
Sept. 10	Irish Festival at Sea Cruise
Sept. 17	Country Line Dancing Cruise
Sept. 24	Cooking Cruise
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Rose Kahn of Cohasset walks beneath a spring explosion of blossoms in Ship Cove Park on Wednesday. Ship Cove Park is the "pocket park" between Tedeschi's and French Memories in Cohasset Village.

Cook saga ends sadly

Fate of site now in heirs' hands

By Samantha Brown
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"This attempt to build on the property is over."
— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

After nearly three years of trying to build senior housing on the Cook Estate, the town has decided to call it quits.

Weathervane Construction Corp., the fourth and final developer to take a crack at the project, pulled out of the deal last Friday, April 14. The Board of Selectmen made the decision during an emergency meeting Tuesday to no longer pursue building housing on the Sohier Street parcel.

"This attempt to build on the property is over," said Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer.

The town was up against a deadline of March 31 to sign a land disposition agreement with the developers. An LDA is a document similar to a purchase and sale agreement. However, Dormitzer said the developer had questions pertaining to wastewater that needed to be answered before the company would sign off on the project, which led the town to ask for one more two-week extension from the trustees of the estate, bringing the deadline up to April 14.

But April 14 came and went and the paperwork was still not signed. At 5 p.m. Friday, "For all practical purposes, the third RFP for Cook expired," said Dormitzer.

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Opening lines of communication

School tools: Web site, forums, and op-ed pieces

By Samantha Brown
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Over the course of the next five years, the Cohasset school department has set a goal of working toward improving communication within the department, and with the community. To that end, a Communication and Community Development Action Planning Committee was formed to take a look at how the schools can better involve the community in its everyday affairs.

Using the district's Strategic Plan — which sets goals the district would like to see met over the next five years — as a guide, the committee came together to find ways to open the lines of communication between the schools and the entire Cohasset community, including town government and local businesses. It gathered information by talking to members of the Cohasset school department and school departments in other towns, and conducted surveys of best practices to help guide Cohasset in the right direction.

Beverly Bielewicz presented the committee's findings to the School Committee at its April 6 meeting. School Committee members Rick Flynn and Jamie Williams were members of the communication committee. Bielewicz said the committee agreed, one of the most important communication initiatives that should take place moving forward, is bringing the school district Web site up to the point where the community visits it regularly, and uses it as "the go-to community tool" for the schools.

To help organize the school's site, she said the committee suggests there be one person in charge of posting information to the site, and people should know how to get in touch with that person to include any information they have regarding upcoming events or any news to share.

The committee suggested monitoring hits to the Web site as well to gauge its success. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the hits on the school department's Web site are already being monitored, and "I think you'd be surprised about the number of hits" it receives, she said. However, she said continuing to spread the word about the site and raising its popularity is a good idea.

Bielewicz said once the town

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The sign outside Cohasset Middle High School now has removable tile letters which allow the school to post messages and inform the community about special events.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CANDY FORD

Candy Ford and her daughter Colby Smalzel spent spring vacation on the set of a movie. Both have been cast in an independent film titled "Casting Doubt," for which filming began Tuesday.

Mother-daughter team ready for the big screen

Have roles in feature film

By Samantha Brown
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Many middle-school students were busy on family vacations to destinations like Florida or the Bahamas during spring break this week. But for Colby Smalzel and her mother Candy Ford, vacation meant waking up at 4:30 a.m. to arrive at work by 7.

While it might not seem like much of a vacation, for these Cohasset residents, it was the opportunity of a lifetime that got them out of bed in the morning, as both have been cast in local independent filmmaker L. Steven Stanley's latest feature picture, "Casting Doubt."

Filming began Tuesday, and the mother-daughter duo could not wait to arrive on the set. The movie, a murder mystery set in the backdrop of a musical play, is being filmed in the Dedham Community Theater in Dedham Square. The film opens with the injured director of the play stumbling into the theater clutching his shoulder. He has just been stabbed by an unknown assailant wielding rusty antique garden sheers. A murder has just taken place, and someone in a gray hooded sweatshirt has committed the crime. While the director waits for an ambulance to arrive, the film flashes back to the past three months of rehearsals, giving clues about the identity of the attacker.

"I have no clue who did it and I don't know who dies," quipped Ford after her first day on the set. She said what she does know is that neither her character nor Colby's character is the murderer, and both make it through the film alive.

The part Ford plays is very true to her real life. Ford is the owner of the Candy Ford Group, a nationwide modeling and promotional staffing agency, and Stanley cast her as a casting director in the film. Due to their both working in

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The Mariner caught up with Sandra Murray at the Building Commissioner's office. Sandra retired this week after 23 years.

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Selectmen change meeting schedule

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday nights from now on. Selectman Gary Vanderweil had suggested the change more than one month ago, and the board agreed it was only fair to wait until the new member of the board was voted in after the April 8 Town Election. Newly elected Selectman Ted Carr agreed to the change and Town Manager Bill Griffin said he will draft a new meeting schedule with April 24 as the next meeting date.

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Former CYC accountant arrested in Hingham left

Bail hearing held yesterday

By Mary Ford
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The arrest was the result of a nearly five-month investigation launched in December after allegations surfaced about the Hingham Rotary Club theft.

The former treasurer of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club was slated to be back in court yesterday (after the Mariner went to press) for a bail hearing relating to charges he stole $42,100 from the organization.

Hingham police arrested Davenport B. Crocker, Sr., 69, last Thursday at his office on Station Street; he was booked at the station and pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned Friday morning at Hingham District Court on the charge of larceny of more than $250. Detectives Robert Mansfield and David Galvin served Crocker, a Cohasset resident, with a warrant for his arrest at 5 p.m. Thursday (April 13). He was allowed to make a phone call to his attorney before being placed in handcuffs, Sgt. Michael Peraino said. The detectives brought Crocker to the station for booking.

The arrest was the result of a nearly five-month investigation launched in December after allegations surfaced about the Rotary club theft. At about the same time, the Cohasset Yacht Club sent out a letter to its membership explaining Crocker, the club's accountant and long-time member, had been stealing from the yacht club for at least seven years, allegedly taking about $427,000. The yacht club struck a "deal" with Crocker that would get the club's money back in exchange for not pursuing or initiating criminal proceedings. But Cohasset police said they would be working with the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office in investigating the alleged theft.

David Traub, spokesman for Norfolk County DA William Keating's Office, said the DA's Office review of the matter is continuing and there are no charges at this time.

Cohasset Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said, the Cohasset Police Criminal Investigation Division is actively investigating the allegations concerning the Cohasset Yacht Club in conjunction with the Norfolk District Attorney's Office.

"We are aware of the status of the Hingham case and have been in communication with the Hingham Police Department," Lennon said. "Unfortunately, we can't make any other comments at this juncture in the interest of preserving the integrity of the investigation."

It's not clear if Crocker's alleged embezzlement of funds from the Cohasset Yacht Club could be used in a potential trial on the Rotary larceny charge. Hingham is in Plymouth County and Cohasset is in Norfolk County.

It has been alleged Crocker admitted to members of the board of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club that he had taken the money and would pay it back. He allegedly wrote out checks to the Rotary club to cover the missing funds but then stopped payment on the checks, Peraino said. "That's when the Rotary Club came to the Hingham police," he said.

According to court papers, the current rotary treasurer, a CPA, has found that $42,100 was allegedly stolen.

According to papers on file at the court as of April 12, Crocker had taken no action to repay the organization. Police, who executed a search warrant at his office in December, are also still awaiting results from the computers confiscated from the office.

Despite the allegations, Crocker was apparently still operating his accounting services business, Davenport B. Crocker Inc. Accounting Services, in Hingham. His office voicemail sounds upbeat and friendly and finishes with "we will get back to you as soon as we are able. Have a nice day."

Neither Crocker nor his attorney could be reached for comment.

Peraino said the Plymouth County District Attorney's office was expected to ask the judge at today's hearing for $50,000 bail. Peraino said the bail is being requested because Crocker owns property in Florida and could be a flight risk. At the bail hearing a further court date would be set for a pre-trial conference, he said.

Court papers state the Rotary Club president went to Crocker's office on Dec. 15 to get a check for a donation and during that meeting Crocker admitted to stealing from both the Rotary and Cohasset Yacht Club. The yacht club discovered the embezzlement after several checks bounced. In the CYC letter to its members, the commodore said when confronted with incriminating facts, Crocker admitted to stealing $53,314 from the club but after a forensic review of the books, the number totaled $427,000. Crocker paid the CYC $200,000 and the rest of the money was secured through a second mortgage on Crocker's Florida condominium., according to the yacht club.

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David Burke, 5, of Cohasset, stuffs his father David Sr's pockets with Easter Eggs that he collected during the egg hunt at Widow's Walk golf course in Scituate on Saturday. David's sister, Kyle, 7, looks on.

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Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, May 6 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, May 5 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Voting absentee for the following reasons only:

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Cook costs town about $400,000

By Samantha Brown
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The Cook Estate cost the town a lot of money for which it received nothing. When all is said and done, the town will have lost roughly $400,000, and has now taken a step backwards in terms of meeting its affordable housing quotient.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said all tolled, the town paid out $600,000, but $200,000 of that money was given to the Cook trustees as an initial deposit in November, 2003.

"That, we will get back," Griffin said of the $200,000 deposit. "The $400,000 is our out-of-pocket expense."

The town had planned to purchase the Cook property from the heirs of the estate for $4.5 million. The Weathervane Construction Corp. bid $4.9 million on the project, and the balance would have been $400,000, which would have covered the town's costs.

Costs associated with the project date back to 2003. At that point, the town was optimistic it could work with a private developer to build a project it wanted to see, which would provide affordable senior housing for the town's eldest residents. Cohasset is trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state and the Cook project would have helped the town meet its requirement.

The town went to work and began various forms of due diligence. Between engineering services, consulting services, legal services, appraisals and other miscellaneous costs, the town has spent $310,000 trying to push the project forward.

When wastewater problems surfaced for the site and deals began to fall through, the town needed more time. The town paid non-refundable extension deposits of $20,000 in September, October, and November of 2005, as well as a $31,500 non-refundable extension deposit in December 2005 to the Cook trustees. In total, the town paid $91,500 to the trustees which will not be returned.

The Weathervane Construction Corp. paid a $231,500 deposit to the town at the time it submitted its bid. The company will have the entire amount of the deposit returned since it did not sign the Land Disposition Agreement.

Town Meeting approved much of the funding used to aid the Cook Estate efforts. Town meeting authorized the $4.5 million bond for the town to purchase the property from the Cook heirs as well as $90,345 in appropriations and reserve fund transfers.

Cook saga ends sadly

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The project fell through for a number of reasons, but first and foremost, developers did not feel comfortable entering into an agreement to build a project, not knowing whether the wastewater could be handled on site. Weathervane had planned to purchase the property from the town for $4.9 million and build 45 Cape-style mixed-income condominiums for those 55 and older. The town would have purchased the property from the Cook heirs for $4.5 million, and the balance from the purchase would have gone to cover the town's costs. The project would also have brought the town one step closer to meeting the 10 percent affordable housing threshold set by the state.

"We had proposed doing an in-depth hydrogeologic study to be certain the site conditions could handle the amount of Title 5 flow (roughly 7,200 gallons per day) that our proposed project would generate," Weathervane president Jim Bristol said Wednesday. "The Land Disposition Agreement, unfortunately, required deposit monies that we were not willing to put at risk in addition to the engineering money and effort."

Bristol added everyone the company worked with in Cohasset was very supportive, but in the end, "We feel questions regarding the site being able to handle the proposed septic system were too great to overcome."

Dormitzer said when he called the Trustees of the estate to inform them of the latest turn of events, "They were very exasperated that the town continues to come up with obstacles, barriers and special requests at the last minute." Jane Bancroft Cook, the owner of the estate, passed away four years ago this July. Dormitzer said her trustees have been very patient in working with the town all this time. However, they have been charged with liquidating the property and that is what they must do.

Members of the Board of Selectmen said the developers also expressed concern abutters to the site, in particular, Donald Staszko, who owns Cohasset Plaza, would appeal the permits once granted, which could tie up the project in court for years. However, in a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen dated April 5, Staszko's attorney Charles Humphreys stated Staszko is genuinely in support of the project and that such a project is in the best long-term interest of the town.

"He, in no way, wishes to slow down or unnecessarily interfere with its successful and speedy completion," Humphreys stated in the letter. While Staszko was one of the bidders on the project during the second round of bids, Humphrey said Staszko is not interested in doing the project as presently envisioned.

Humphreys acknowledged Staszko was concerned with the potential adverse effects of a large scale septic field immediately up gradient of the septic fields proposed on his abutting property. "He is also concerned that drainage, both surface and subsurface, not properly engineered, could have materially adverse affects on the complex drainage plan he has for Cohasset Plaza," the letter stated.

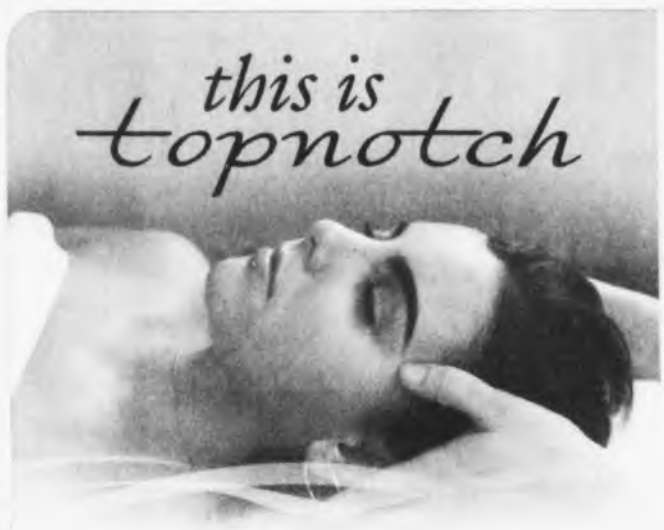
However, Humphreys said Staszko's concerns are the same any abutter to a large project would have, and his concern should not serve as a deterrent to any developer. The company need not be concerned about appeals, "If the construction of the septic system and drainage systems are designed and permitted to meet all required engineering standards, and do not result in an adverse effect on the abutting Cohasset Plaza land."

With the RFP expired, the town is now left with no other alternative but to let the project die. Town Meeting approved sunsetting the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw April 1, which the project would have filed under, which means if another RFP was sent out for the project, it could not be built under the bylaw. The Cook project as outlined in the last RFP was the last project to be allowed under the bylaw.

Many, including the developers, were disappointed the project did not work out for the town. "We believe many folks in Cohasset were as excited as we were to build a Weathervane Community on such a beautiful piece of property as the Cook Estate," said Bristol.

In an interview Wednesday, Town Manager Bill Griffin said since he began working in Cohasset in January 2005, there has not been any other issue in town he has devoted as much time working on. "It felt like a wake last night," he said of Tuesday's emergency meeting.

The Cook Estate, located on Sohier Street, is a roughly 19-acre parcel of land, that was owned by the late Jane Bancroft Cook. The town has been working with the heirs of her estate since 2003 to build senior housing on the site. The project was put out to bid, then wastewater issues forced a reduction in scope of the project. A second Request for Proposals was sent out for the smaller project, and two subsequent developers both pulled out due to tight permitting deadlines. Weathervane Construction Corporation was the fourth developer to try to work with the town to develop the property. Now that the heirs of the estate are no longer working with the town, the fate of the property is in their hands.



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Towns in crunch mode with declining state aid

By Samantha Brown
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State aid reductions have led to tough times in many Massachusetts towns. Since fiscal 2002, Cohasset has seen its net state annual revenue drop from $1,482,282 down to $910,613, and it is projected that figure will drop to $878,494 for fiscal 2007.

To help combat the reductions, Cohasset residents have passed overrides three times since calendar year 2001 and will try for a fourth at the special election May 6. The town will choose among raising the operating budget by $725,000, $1.495 million, or voting no on both options and sticking with the non-override budget.

The town added $300,000 to the fiscal 2002 operating budget, another $350,000 in fiscal 2004, and $400,000 in fiscal 2005. The town voted down a $400,000 override for fiscal 2006.

The net amount of aid received by a town is the amount of state aid minus assessments which must be paid back to the state. This fiscal year, the town received $1,811,140 in state aid, but was required to pay back $900,527 in assessments, which means the net state aid received was $910,613. While state aid had increased by almost $107,000, assessments increased by roughly $124,000.

In fiscal 2007, Cohasset is projected to receive $603,788 less in net state revenue than it did in fiscal 2002. "For a town this size, that's a lot of money," said Town Manager Bill Griffin. He said if state aid had not been cut the way it has, the town would likely not need to go for the $725,000 override to maintain services.

The state awards revenue to towns within 10 categories: Chapter 70 funding (school funds and state aid for public schools), school transportation, lottery, additional assistance, highway fund, veterans' exemptions, elderly exemptions, veterans' benefits, charter school reimbursement, and miscellaneous funding.

Chapter 70 funds make up the bulk of state funding awarded to the town. In fiscal 2002 Chapter 70 funds totaled $1,434,091, and remained at that level for fiscal 2003. In fiscal 2004, Chapter 70 funding was reduced by $286,818, which is where it stayed for fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2006, Chapter 70 funds were increased by $73,350, bringing the figure up to $1,220,623. It is anticipated Chapter 70 funds will increase by roughly $136,000 for fiscal 2007, which begins July 1.

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State school transportation aid has not been funded at all since fiscal 2003. In fiscal 2002, there was $45,379 allocated, and that number increased to $49,138 for fiscal 2003. Since then, there has been no state money allocated toward school transportation, and none projected for fiscal 2007. There has also been no highway fund money allocated since fiscal 2003, and nothing allocated for veterans' benefits as far back as fiscal 2002. Miscellaneous funding has not come through since fiscal 2002.

In contrast, state assessments continue to rise, due largely in part to the increase in retired teacher insurance. The town pays insurance for retired teachers, and they are not part of the town's insurance group, they are part of a state group called the Group Insurance Commission. "The cost has gone up substantially over the last three years," said Griffin, adding it is an assessment, and "There's not much we can do about it."

In fiscal 2002, the town paid $328,615 in teacher insurance, and it increased to $366,995 in fiscal 2003. The fiscal 2004 assessment was $378,527, which jumped up to $399,031 in fiscal 2005. This year, the town was assessed for $544,229, and it is expected the number will increase to $758,353 for fiscal 2007.

Griffin said a number of cities and towns have their teachers in a state insurance group, and a number of Town Managers have requested to meet with the GIC to discuss the rise in costs.

Other assessments are also on the rise as the Norfolk County tax assessment has risen by roughly $10,000 over the past five years. Other figures, including those for registry non-renewals, mosquito control, air pollution control and charter schools have stayed relatively steady over the past five fiscal years, while assessments for the Mass Bay Transit Authority have gone down.

State aid rundown for Cohasset

Fiscal year	Total State Revenue	Total State Assessment	Net State Revenue	Net Change in dollars	Net Change percent
2002	$2,163,146	$680,864	$1,482,282		
2003	$2,125,715	$743,880	$1,381,835	- $100,447	-7 percent
2004	$1,708,993	$793,051	$915,942	- $465,893	-34 percent
2005	$1,704,310	$776,589	$927,721	+ $11,779	+1 percent
2006	$1,811,140	$900,527	$910,613	- $17,108	-2 percent

Committee looks to open lines of school communication

FROM COMMUNICATION, PAGE 1

has its Web site up and running, the school and town should have their sites linked together. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he is working on getting the town's Web site started and said last week, he met with a Web site developer to request a proposal. The developer also built the sites for the towns of Scituate and Hingham, and although Griffin said he has not yet received the proposal for the site, he is hopeful it will be up in roughly two months.

But not everyone uses their computer every day, said Bielewicz, which means other communication tools must also be used on a regular basis. She said the schools should work with the superintendent to submit information to the Cohasset Mariner on a regular basis, including expanding the School Notes section and providing Op Ed pieces. She also said the schools would like to expand their use of local cable television to publicize school events, such as the Mr. Skipper Contest, the May Arts Night, and the Town Wide School Band Night.

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The committee also suggested the school department provide information forums, potentially one night each quarter, where parents and community members could gather to speak to members of the school department, receive updates, and have questions answered. School Committee member Alfred Slanetz suggested having something more informal, such as a coffee, which could help "depoliticize" the gatherings.

Bielewicz also said the committee was introduced to the idea of providing parents with an annual school report, and thought it would be a great idea for Cohasset. The town of Norwell has an annual report which lists all the MCAS scores for the district, the student-teacher ratios, information about the guidance department, and a budget message, which Cohasset's could be modeled after.

Bielewicz said the schools currently have a number of communication tools in place that are working very well. The middle-high school recently received letter tiles to allow the school department to essentially advertise the goings-on at the school on the sign outside the school. The department also uses the Connect-ED telephone message service, which sends a pre-recorded message to the home of every student with a message from the school. The tool has been used in emergency situations, as well as to provide reminders about everything from holiday concerts to MCAS testing. The formation of the middle-school newsletter, the "Middle-school Messenger" has also helped open the lines of communication.

The Communication and Community Development Action Planning Committee will reorganize and will be opening up to new members. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the committee should contact the office of the superintendent at (781) 383-6111.

Cohasset PSO Telethon seeking donations

The third annual Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon will take place May 10, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., and broadcast live from the Cohasset Middle High School auditorium. The Tele-a-thon can be viewed on Comcast Cable Channel 22. The online auction will take place Friday, May 5 through Friday May 12. The Tele-a-thon Committee is seeking donations for sponsorships, raffles and online auction items.

The Tele-a-thon has already garnered support and has many raffle prizes and auction items. Some items include: an Arbonne Anti-Aging Skin Care gift basket; an ek Designs "Teacher" bracelet; three-piece set of gold and sterling silver jewelry by Baroni Designs; a week of MaxLax camp; an IPOD nano with accessories; his and hers Maui Jim Sunglasses; and more.

Tele-a-thon and Online Auction proceeds will support and enhance PSO-sponsored programs, curriculum development and other district-wide school events.

Businesses are asked to consider becoming Tele-a-thon sponsors as well. Business sponsors receive numerous benefits and advertising opportunities before and during the Tele-a-thon. For more information, call Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125.

The Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon Committee is requesting raffle prizes and Online Auction donations. Anyone that has a product or service to donate is asked to send an email to psotelethondonations@yahoo.com. Include the name of the item, its value and where it can be picked-up.

In addition, talent is needed for the live broadcast. Students or teachers in the Cohasset School System who would like to appear on television and share their talent, can send information to cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com. Include the name of all performers and talent or name of the act.

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College academics and athletics lead the news

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

INDUCTED INTO LAMBDA PI ETA

Congratulations are in order **Leigh-Anne Walsh** of Cohasset, who was inducted into the Lambda Chi chapter of the Communication Honor Society, Lambda Pi Eta, at Curry College on March 23.

Between 75 and 80 people attended the induction ceremony and dinner, which took place at the Parents' Lounge at Curry College's Milton Campus. Their family and friends, Lambda Chi chapter members, Curry College's Associate Dean, Susan Pennini, and Communication Department faculty joined the 29 inductees. The induction included a candle lighting ceremony, a tradition of every Lambda Pi Eta chapter worldwide. Each inductee received a certificate and pin and will receive an honor cord at graduation. This was the fifth year that Curry College has inducted Lambda Pi Eta members, with this year's group being the largest so far.

TRINITY SPORTS

The Trinity College men's lacrosse team won against Keene State, 9-6, with a lot of help from junior attackman **Curtis Kahn** of Cohasset. Curtis had three goals and four assists to help hand Keene State its first loss of the season. A few days later in a close 8-7 loss against Colby, Curtis had one goal and one assist for the Trinity College Bantams.

Curtis, at 5 ft. 11 ins. tall and weighing 165 lbs., currently tops the NESCAC (the New England Small College Athletic Conference) in scoring: averaging 4.38 points per game (16th in the nation), and 2.62 goals per game (21st in nation) and is sixth in assists with 1.75 per game (14th nationally).

Curtis also graced the league honor roll for his fine play against Keene and Colby.

JOHNSON & WALES

Johnson & Wales University student **Catherine Wenmark** of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list for the 2006 winter term. To receive dean's list commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or above. Catherine is pursuing an associate degree in Culinary Arts.

Keep up the good work, Catherine!

URSINUS HONORS

Hats off to **Matthew Joseph Casey** of Cohasset on being named to the dean's list at Ursinus College, which is outside Philadelphia, for the fall 2005 semester. Matthew is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in science.

TABOR STANDOUTS

Cohasset students are making academic news at Tabor Academy in Marion. Named to the commended list for Semester 1 are **Isabelle Bertolami**, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. John Bertolami** and a member of the Class of 2006, and **Gina Giuggio**, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Giuggio**, and a member of the Class of 2008.

Students earn commendation by achieving an overall average of 80 or above, with no grade below 75 and no more than one grade between 75 and 80.

Congratulations!

The Trinity College attackman Curtis Kahn had three goals and four assists to help hand Keene State its first loss of the season.

BENTLEY DEAN'S LIST

Kudos to **Courtney Marie Hurley** of Cohasset, a freshman, on being named to the dean's list at Bentley College for the fall semester. Courtney had to have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher to earn this honor.

AU NEWS

Cohasset's **Rachel McElroy**, a senior in the School of International Science at American University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Rachel who is the daughter of **Joe and Mary McElroy** of Windy Hill Road, is majoring in international studies. To earn dean's list status at AU, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better on semester courses. Great work, Rachel!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ashley Faber, a sophomore at Connecticut College, is a volunteer for the Kids, Books & Athletics (KBA) program. Faber volunteers through the Office of Volunteers for Community Service (OVCS) at Connecticut College. OVCS plays a key role in teaching students about community engagement and the best practices of participation.

Ashley, a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School, is the daughter of **Lesley and Stephen Faber** of Cohasset.

Project KBA promotes reading and physical fitness with the children of New London. Students complete a training program, work in teams with other Connecticut College students and travel to schools and community based after school programs. They lead a series of structured physical fitness activities and read multicultural stories with local preschool. Elementary and middle school age youth.

Jane Henderson was recognized for her extraordinary results in collecting pledges for the 2005 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. The 18th Annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk will take place on Sept. 17 and will strive to raise $4.75 million this year..

UMASS HONORS

The University of Massachusetts Amherst has some good news to share about Cohasset students. The following undergraduates from our town received at least a 3.5 grade point average earning them dean's list commendation for the fall semester: **Nell B. Brewer, Mary C. Fegreus** and **Mark M. Lehmann**. Congratulations!

HIGH HONORS

Jared H. Dick of Cohasset, an 11th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., has earned high honors for the winter term. Jared is the son of **Michael and Lisa Hewitt Dick**. He is in his second year at the independent secondary school.

JIMMY FUND WALK

Jane Henderson of Cohasset was among the more than 1,605 people recognized for their extraordinary results in collecting pledges for the 2005 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk at the annual Pacesetter reception. Membership in the Pacesetter Club is reserved for those walkers who generate $750 or more in pledges. Members of the Pacesetter Club represent only 26 percent of total walkers in the event, yet their collective work generated more than 70 percent of the event's total of nearly $4.5 million.

The 18th Annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk will take place on Sept. 17 and will strive to raise $4.75 million this year. Visit www.jimmyfundwalk.org or call 866-JFW-HERO for more information about the 2006 Jimmy Fund Walk.

RELAY TEAM

One Creative Way is a Relay For Life team that is being made up of families and friends who have been affected by cancer in so many ways. **LeeAnne (Ciciotte) DeVries** has passed her team list on to this team as well, and I would love to have you join and walk or support this team and its endeavors. This team will have a strong focus on family and friendship, and we would love to have you join.

If you are interested in finding out more, making a donation or joining our team, please call 781-383-2211 or go to www.onecreativeplace.net.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy 12th Birthday to Miss **Callie Piepenbrink** this Sunday. Your family and friends hope you have a wonderful and special day.

That is all for this week! Make sure to send me (Jen Piepenbrink) all your news and information no later than Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

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SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St., is planning the following events:

- **Volunteer Appreciation Reception** will take place Saturday, April 29, 1 to 3 p.m. Cohasset Elder Affairs invites all volunteers to an afternoon event at 3 North Main St, Cohasset, in appreciation of their dedication and service to the elders of Cohasset. Call 383-9112 to register.
- **Kathy Bryanton Retirement Party** will take place Sunday, May 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Lightkeeper's Residence, Border Street, Cohasset. Bryanton was the director of Cohasset Elder Affairs for 20 years. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is $20 per person. Call 383-9112 by April 28 to register.
- Cohasset Elder Affairs seeks volunteers to serve meals, drive seniors to appointments, make home visits, and assist with CEA activities. Kitchen workers serve meals in the community center dining room. People are also needed to visit seniors who are homebound or are restricted from leaving the house.

Volunteer drivers have use of CEA vans for a three-hour commitment each month on a day chosen by the volunteer. The CEA primarily uses a seven-passenger town van to transport seniors for shopping, visits to the library, to keep local appointments, to congregate meals, and other scheduled events. Anyone interested in helping should call the CEA office Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays at (781) 383-9112, or leave a message.

Director of volunteers Martha Horsefield reminds that "Sometimes just a phone call is all it takes, to brighten a senior's day." Many volunteers donate as little as one or two hours a month. To sign up and help our community or for more information call Martha at 781-383-9112.

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Students honored at State House for their 'Letters About Literature'

"To have two students participate (from Cohasset) and win is wonderful news."
— Sharon Moody, children's librarian

The Massachusetts Center for the Book has announced the winners of the commonwealth's Letters About Literature 2006 program. Cohasset students Madeline Blackburn, grade four, and Foster Eymer, grade five, each received Honorable Mentions in Level I of the Massachusetts program.

Madeline and Foster participated in the program through the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, with the help of librarian Sharon Moody. State Sen. Robert Hedlund issued citations to Madeline and Foster in recognition of their achievements April 5.

"This is a great feat for a small town like ours," said Moody, adding almost 3,000 students from 100 Massachusetts towns participated. "To have two students participate (from Cohasset) and win is wonderful news."

The MCB held an award ceremony at the State House April 5 to honor 50 students chosen for recognition this year. A standing room only crowd of students, teachers, librarians and state legislators gathered to honor all of the award winners as exceptional Massachusetts student writers. The ceremony was part of the Massachusetts Library Association's Library Legislative Day.

Each year, MCB invites readers in grades four through 12 to write personal letters to authors, explaining how their work has changed or augmented the students' views of the world or of themselves. MCB presents the Letters About Literature program with sponsorship from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, and in cooperation with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Target stores, which are national sponsors of the program. Houghton Mifflin Co. and the Massachusetts Library Association also support the state program.

Moody said every year, she hands out entry forms to children and encourages them to make the effort to write a letter. She said she encouraged Foster to enter after he and his mother told her how much they enjoyed "The Boy Who Saved Baseball," by John Ritter. "I had noticed how often he took the book out and how often the family borrowed the audio version," said Moody.

Moody said she also discusses new books and the importance of reading and writing with Madeline's mother on a weekly basis. "Knowing how much her children read and the emphasis the family puts on education, I made sure to remind her of the contest and included several entry forms with her stack of books," said Moody. Madeline chose to write her letter to Lowis Lowry about her book, "Number the Stars."

Awards were presented by three of this year's judges, John Brereton, director, Calderwood Writing Initiative, lead sponsor of the program; Karen Casey, Houghton Mifflin Co.; and Katie Baxter, Massachusetts Library Association. Judges recognized achievements in each of the three age-level categories. Madeline and Foster were included in the Honorable Mentions Level I category.

Massachusetts ranked among the top three states this year in the number of students who participated in the national program, receiving nearly 3,000 letters about books that have made a difference in students' lives.

To read more about the program and view the letters written by this year's award winners, please visit the Web site of the Massachusetts Center for the Book at www.massbook.org.

Grade five student Foster Eymer was awarded an Honorable Mention in Level I of the state's Letters About Literature program at the State House April 5. Foster wrote to author John Ritter about his book, "The Boy Who Saved Baseball." Foster was encouraged to enter the contest by Paul Pratt Memorial Library children's librarian Sharon Moody.

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Madeline Blackburn holds a citation issued to her for receiving Honorable Mention in Level I of the state's Letters About Literature program. The contest asks students to write a letter to their favorite author, explaining how the book has changed their life. Madeline is in grade four at Deer Hill, and wrote her letter to Lowis Lowry about her book, "Number the Stars."

'Ground Zero' authors at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A,will welcome Charles Vitchers and Robert Gray on Monday, April 24, 7 p.m. where they will present a slide show and host a discussion about their book, "Nine Months at Ground Zero: The Story of the Brotherhood of Workers Who Took On A Job Like No Other" (Scribner Books, $25).

"Nine Months at Ground Zero" is a firsthand recollection of Sept 11, 2001, from some of the men who built and ultimately dismantled the buildings at Ground Zero. They briefly recount where they were when the planes struck the Twin Towers and then detail their response to this incident in American history. They talk about the overwhelming response by the men who know New York City from the inside out. They knew immediately that the equipment, expertise and manpower would need to come from the workers who built these massive structures. The call went out and they came – supervisors, foremen, ironworkers, carpenters, crane operators, welders, laborers – ordinary people responding to the greater need in a time of crisis.

Included are color photographs from Ground Zero by Joel Meyerowitz.

The authors are donating their profits from the book to charity. Vitchers has worked in all aspects of the construction industry for more than 30 years. A native of Manhattan, Vitchers served as a general superintendent at Ground Zero. He is a general superintendent for Bovis Lend Lease and recently completed work on the new AOL Time Warner building. Gray has been a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers for more than 25 years. Raised in Yonkers, Gray served as the master mechanic at Ground Zero. He also worked on the AOL Time Warner building. He lives in Brownville, N.Y. and Vermont.

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Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Cohasset residents are clamoring to know how she did it. Patricia reports the "secret" is the accountability, coaching and comprehensive system provided by her Fitness Together personal trainer. "At age 46, I have never felt better," says Sheerin. "The focused, personalized program designed specifically for me by my FT trainer has really been the answer to achieving my weight loss, fitness and appearance goals."

Patricia Sheerin
After
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Following this personalized program, Patricia reports not only losing 14.9 lbs of fat in 9 weeks (reducing her body-fat by 10.5%), but also increasing her strength without adding any bulky muscle – in fact she's leaner and tighter than ever before, dropping two full dress sizes. Her energy and stamina have doubled and she is getting more attention and "looks" than she has in years – dramatically boosting her self image and self confidence.

When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

To get a free copy of the official guide (only 37 are available, so fast action is necessary), and hear more dramatic stories of Cohasset residents transforming their health and fitness from average to extraordinary call the 24-hour free recorded message at 1.800.377.9817

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Mother-daughter team ready for the big screen

FROM FILM, PAGE 1

the entertainment industry, Stanley and Ford had met before. Stanley thought because of her profession, Ford would be the perfect casting director in the movie. In turn, Colby was also asked to audition for another part in the movie, and both were cast.

As of Tuesday, Ford said "I haven't done anything yet," as filming for her scenes had not yet begun. However, 13-year-old Colby was kept very busy, shooting three scenes that first day, followed by a round of still photographs.

"It was nerve-wracking when we shot the first scene, but everyone made me feel so comfortable," said Colby.

Colby said she was downtown hanging out with friends when she got the call from her mother on her cell phone, telling her she had an audition for a movie. "I was wicked happy," she said. "I've always wanted to be an actress. I'm pretty serious about it."

Colby has been taking acting lessons and is a model with her mother's agency, and has landed herself a good speaking role in Stanley's movie as one of the actors in the play within the movie. Colby plays the part of Lauren, who is the little sister of another character in the movie.

Ford said one of the most exciting things about being in the movie is that when Stanley is finished with "Casting Doubt," he has plans to shoot one more film, which will be his third, and package all three to be presented at the Cannes Film Festival in 2008. "He's quite accomplished," Ford said of Stanley. His first film was titled "Secrets from Somewhere," and was named one of the top 100 films at the 2005 New York International Film/Video Festival. He hopes to begin filming his third movie, "Thunderstruck," by November.

"It was nerve-wracking when we shot the first scene, but everyone made me feel so comfortable."
— Colby Smalzel, 13

Ford said being in the film with her daughter and having it submitted to the festival will bring her full-circle on a personal level. Her father Wendell Ford, a dentist by profession, was very passionate about cinematography and in the early 1960s, submitted a movie to the Cannes Film Festival and won a bronze award. While she said she is not sure whether she and Colby will be traveling to attend the Festival, just having their images there on the screen will be something she knows would have made her father proud.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CANDY FORD

Independent filmmaker L. Steven Stanley cast Cohasset resident Candy Ford and her daughter Colby Smalzel (not shown) in his latest picture, "Casting Doubt." The movie is being filmed in Dedham, and will be submitted as part of a three-movie package to the Cannes Film Festival in 2008.

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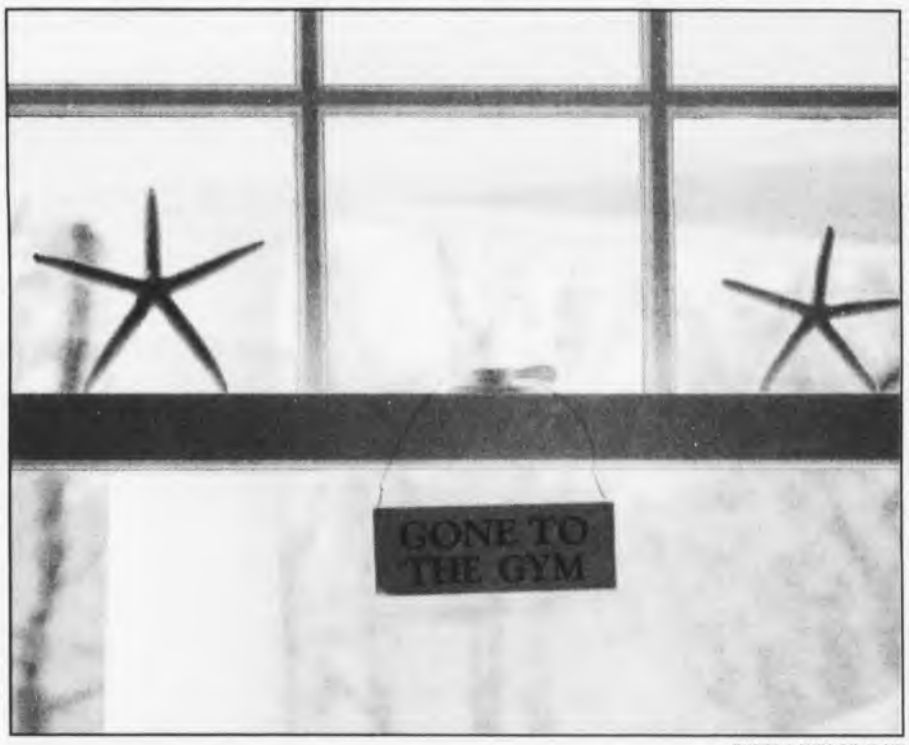
Community Center to host annual Kitchen Tour

The South Shore Community Center, 3 No. Main St., will host its annual Kitchen Tour on Friday, April 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will tour five Cohasset kitchens from Victorian to Mediterranean, with full table settings. Hors d'oeuvres, pastries, and sweets provided by South Shore caterers and restaurants.

Advance tickets available April 18 at SSCC or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets $25 in advance, $35 beginning April 25. Proceeds will benefit the South Shore Community Center, a non-profit organization offering a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for children, adults and seniors.

Right, starfish in a window lend a Cohasset-by-the-sea feeling to Mary Sullivan's kitchen which is featured on the annual Kitchen Tour whose proceeds will benefit the South Shore Community Center.



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Our World, Greek Church team up for tasty Taverna

By Samantha Brown
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As a young boy growing up in Greece, Harry Athas remembers his mother making rice pudding on the stove for breakfast. Full of eggs and milk, fresh from the family's chickens and cows, it served as the perfect meal to sustain him while making the one-hour walk from his home to school.

Traveling to Greece today, it is not uncommon to see a fresh-caught octopus hanging in the sun to dry, and the same meals being made to feed the families of today that have been used to feed families generation after generation.

On Saturday, April 29 from noon until 9 p.m., members of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, in conjunction with the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, will bring a part of their heritage to the South Shore through "A Taste of Greece." The festival, which is known as a Greek Taverna, or small outdoor café, will allow Greeks and non-Greeks alike to experience real Greek food, Greek dancing, and the closest Greek cultural experience a person can have without leaving the country.

Athas explained while the Taverna will be held outside, it is not like the cook-outs held by Americans. "We try to serve the best we have here from Greece," he said, which includes shrimp and filet souvlaki (kabobs), lamb, and dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves). He said every dish will be served just as it would be if ordered in a restaurant in Athens.

In addition to food, there will also be entertainment for the whole family. Athas' band, Asteria, will play live Greek music, and there will be Greek dancers from the Odyssey Dance Troupe, based in Cranston, R. I. Marlena Alex, one of the coordinators of the Taverna, explained there are roughly five dances most Greeks know, but every island and all the different cities and towns of Greece have traditional dances which are specific to their region as well. She said it will be exciting to see the kinds of dances the troupe brings to Cohasset.

For the children, there will be costumes for dress-up and Greek artifacts to examine, and Michele Bolduc, director of the Our World Children's Museum, said there will be movies showing in the Museum theater which relate to Greece as well — Hercules will be one of the movies shown.

Joe Pagliuca, also known as "Big Joe" the Storyteller will be on hand to entertain the children as well. He will tell the children stories incorporating Greek myths and fables.

There will also be a silent auction for a new, 2006 9-foot inflatable Zodiac with a new Johnson 6 horsepower engine. The boat was donated by 3A Marine and has a retail value of $3,300.

The church used to hold a big Taverna every year, but due to the improvements being made to the church with the construction of a new community center, the festival has either not been held, or held in a smaller venue. However, because this year's festival will be held outside under a tent behind the museum, space is not an issue. "We've had smaller ones the last few years. This year, it's going to be a really big deal," said Alex.

Athas said everyone is really excited about the festival and cannot wait to bring back the Taverna in a big way. "We're inviting everyone to have a good day and help us keep our traditions going," he said.

"A Taste of Greece" will be held behind the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum Saturday, April 29 from noon until 9 p.m. Greek food will be served, there will be live Greek music, and Greek dancers. Admission is free and senior citizens receive a 15 percent discount on all food.

What: "A Taste of Greece" food festival and celebration.

Where: The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, located in the rear of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, located at 123 Ripley Road, on the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street.

When: Saturday, April 29 from noon to 8 p.m. rain or shine (the Taverna will be held under a tent).

Cost: Admission is free and senior citizens receive a 15 percent off discount on all food.

Parking: At the Cohasset Swim Center, located at 89 Sohier Street, across from the Museum.

What's on the menu?

- Pastitsio (Greek pasta dish)
- Moussaka (casserole)
- Spanakopita (spinach pie)
- Loukaniko (Greek sausage)
- Dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves)
- Gyro (sandwich)
- Souvlaki (filet and shrimp kabobs)
- Lamb dinner
- Yuvetsi (orzo and red sauce)
- Hamburgers and hot dogs
- Greek salads
- Rice pudding

OUR WORLD

Basic Spanish for little ones

Our World is open Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12 to 5 p.m.. Admission is $5.00 per person or free with a museum membership! We are located behind the Paul Pratt memorial Library and just down the road from the Music Circus tent. We hope you come in and visit soon!

Beginning next week Our World will be offering Cantemos Pequenos and Vocalmotion, an old favorite and something new for toddlers and pre-schoolers. See descriptions and registration information below:

¡**Cantemos Peque-os!** *Let's sing little ones!* For toddlers and preschoolers with a parent or guardian, this playgroup teaches children basic Spanish vocabulary such as numbers and parts of the body through a variety of techniques including music, games, toys and activities. A small snack is provided. **Wednesdays** 10:30 -11:30 April 26 – June14.

Cost: $120 members, $150 nonmembers for 8 weeks, please call or email Jodi Craft to register at 781-871-1267 or jodicraft@hotmail.com.

Sharon Chase of ***Vocalmotion*** invites you to come and share in the joy of music and movement with your child. Pop bubbles, shake noisemakers, and jingle bells to add to the fun. Our singalongs will include age-appropriate, familiar nursery rhymes as well as some of Sharon's originals. The eight-week sessions will focus on helping children feel comfortable with their voices and their bodies, and will introduce them to rhythm and instruments. The class will be loosely structured to allow children to explore more freely. The class will also help parents to become comfortable singing with their children and to be silly, which is so important! **Fridays** 11 -11:45 April 28 – June 2.

Cost: $90 members, $115 nonmembers for 8 weeks, please call or email Sharon Chase at 781-383-3145 or vocal_motion@comcast.net.

- Summer Camp is filling up quickly, call now, 781-383-3198, to register your children for the following camps:

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June 27 & 29 Plants 2, more fun with dirt! For ages 3-5, must be potty trained, bring a snack and lunch, no nuts please. $65 members, $75 non-members 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

July 10-14 Masks of the World! For ages 7-10 Tap into your creative side as we create our own masks from many cultures. $225 members, $250 non-members. 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

July 18, 19 & 20 Masks of the World! For ages 4-6 Tap into your creative side as we create our own masks from many cultures. $95 members, $115 non-members. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 24-28 Environmental Explorations! For ages 7-10 Adventures abound as we explore the great outdoors immediately surrounding the museum and in the museum as we tour *Biodiversity 911: Saving Life on Earth*. $225 members, $250 non-members. 9:30-3:30

Aug. 1, 2 &3 Environmental Explorations! For ages 4-6 Adventures abound as we explore the great outdoors immediately surrounding the museum and in the museum as we tour *Biodiversity 911: Saving Life on Earth*.. $95 members, $115 non-members. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aug. 7-11 Local Native Indians! For ages 7-10 How was this land originally used? What games did children play? Learn these things and more as we dive into the cultural past and present of this region.. $225 members, $250 non-members. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Aug. 15, 16 & 17 Local Native Indians! For ages 4-6 How was this land originally used? What games did children play?. $95 members, $115 non-members. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Seussical comes to Cohasset!

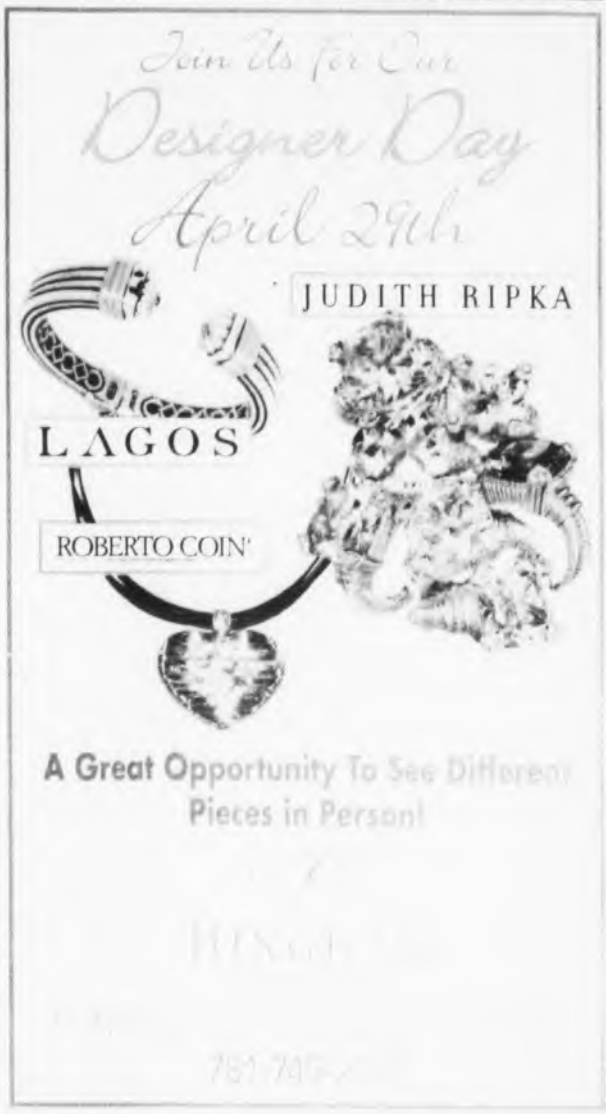
The Cohasset Dramatic Club is pleased to present the award-winning musical, Seussical!, on Fridays, May 5, 12, 19 and Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20 at 7:30pm, and Sundays, May 7, 14 and 21 at 2pm at Cohasset Town Hall. See all of your favorite Dr.Seuss characters, the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Mayzie the bird, the Whos down in Whoville and more! Tickets are $15, and can be reserved by calling 781-697-2115 or at the door.

Rec announces kids programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with One Creative Place, will offer a variety of spring programs and activities for children of all ages.

Those interested may register for these programs via registration materials and information available at Town Hall or by visiting the Web site at www.onecreativeplace.net.

For more information, call 781-383-2211 or 781-383-4109. Programs are scheduled to begin during the week of May 1.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Community vision

It was nearly three years ago that the then Board of Selectmen held a press conference to announce plans to develop housing for Cohasset senior citizens on the Cook Estate.

This week we learned, that despite everyone's best efforts, that dream would not become a reality.

While there will surely be a ton of "Monday morning quarterbacks" out there that can explain how things could or should have been handled differently – at this point that is "all water under the bridge" to coin another phrase.

Therefore, rather than affixing blame, it is time for Cohasset to move forward. Without the Cook estate project on the radar screen and its affordable housing component, it is even more crucial that the town stays informed and continues to work toward creating affordable housing here.

We think it is critical that the Cohasset Housing Partnership – a new committee that will work with consultant Judy Barrett of Community Opportunities Group Inc. – should get up and running as soon as possible.

To that end, citizens interested in serving on the housing partnership should send a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., or email him at: wgriffin@townofcohasset.org.

The need for affordable and moderately priced housing in Cohasset has not gone away.

Over the past three years , the Mariner has used considerable newsprint covering the various plans for the Cook Estate. In fact, the Cook Estate has even rivaled the early days of restoration plans for the Greenbush railroad in terms of total inches of copy.

Soil conditions that are not friendly to a large number of units and lack of access to town sewer is what ultimately "did in" the Cook Estate senior housing plans.

However, on a positive note, the Cook Estate saga has created more awareness about the complexity of providing affordable housing when the rules for individuals to qualify for that housing are governed by the state. There continues to be confusion about how units "count" and how the town can best comply with Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law.

Town Planner Liz Harrington, who will work with Barrett and the Cohasset Housing Partnership, said it best recently.

"Affordable housing needs to have a bright light shone on it," she said. "I am really looking forward to working with Judy (Barrett) and creating a community vision of what Cohasset needs for affordable housing."

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors, April 27, 3 p.m.
Board of Health, May 9, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Authority, April 26, 6 p.m., 60 Elm St.
Conservation Commission, May 11, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, May 8, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Library Trustees, May 10, 6 p.m., Paul Pratt Library
Osgood School Council, May 9, 3:30 p.m., Osgood Conference Room.
Planning Board, April 26, 7 p.m.
School Committee, 6:30 p.m., April 25 at the high school.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., April 24
Sewer Commission, May 22, 6 p.m.
South Shore Vo-Tech School Committee, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at Vo-Tech in Hanover.
Water Commission, April 25, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.
ZBA may 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

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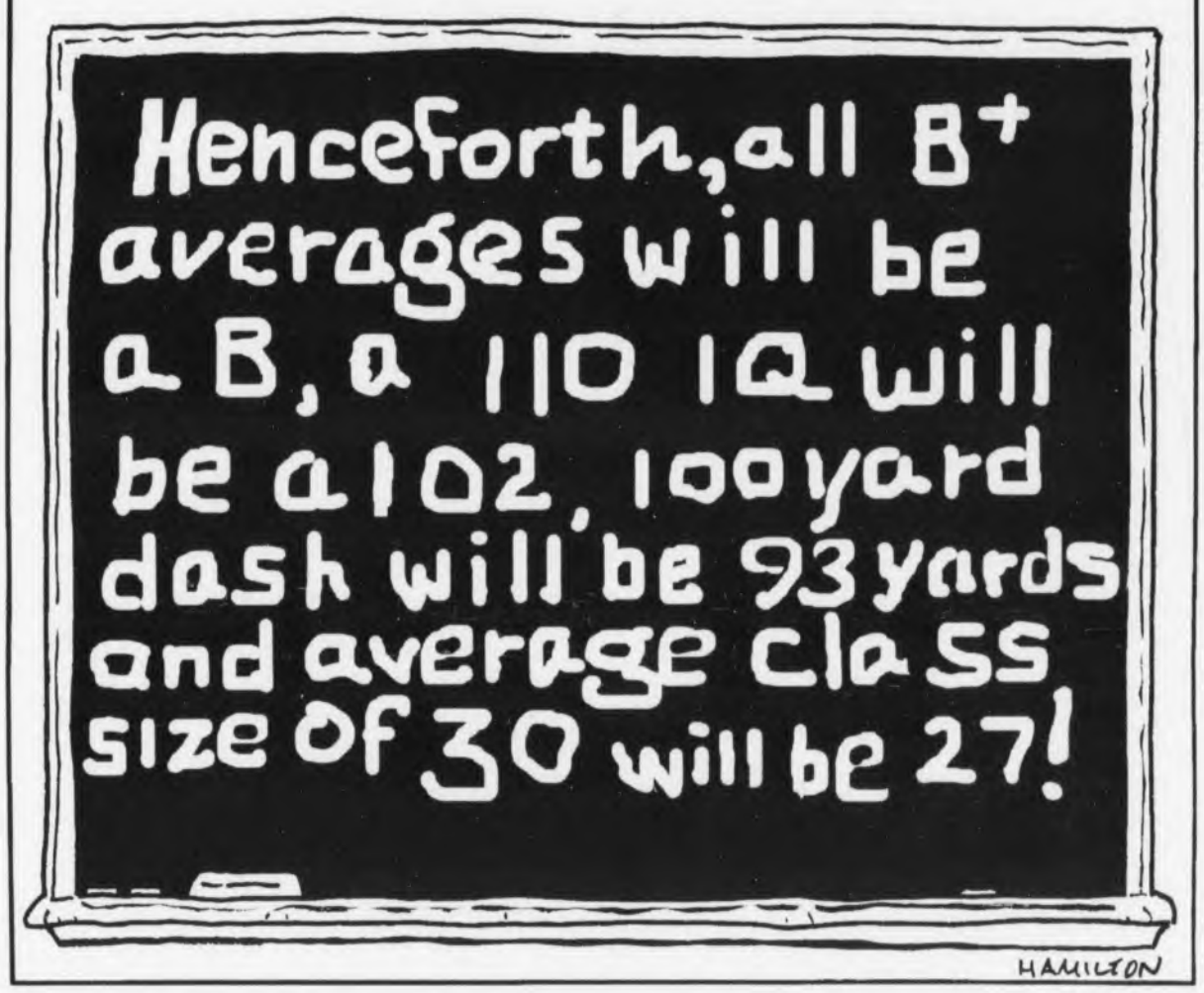

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TO THE EDITOR:

To the voters of Cohasset:

Thank you very much for participating in the recent election. It was great to see so many of you take the time and care enough to exercise your vote.

To my supporters in particular, I thank you for all the time and energy you committed on my behalf. I especially thank my family for allowing me to commit three more years to the School Committee. I'm equally indebted to Debbie Shadd and John Brown for all of their organizational skills and for keeping me focused. Given the fact that this was my first real campaign, I particularly enjoyed discussing many of the issues that affect the entire town and the privilege of meeting so many people I didn't know.

My sincere hope is that the positive energy that was generated during the past few months stays with us and that we can work together as a town to make Cohasset a better place to live and work.

Rick Flynn
30 Summer St.

A great treasurer

TO THE EDITOR:

The election is over and all the bills are paid, thanks Alison Piasecki.

Roger Q. Hill
19A Highland Ave.

Ted Carr thanks Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with great honor that I write to say thank you to the Cohasset community for electing me as the new member to the Board of Selectmen. I am overwhelmed that 50 percent of the voters placed their trust in me and look forward to proving that their trust is well placed as I serve all of Cohasset in my role as Selectman.

I especially want to thank the members of my Campaign Committee, a broad cross section of Cohasset. Starting with a dedicated few and growing each day, their support of my Candidacy throughout the entire race energized the campaign and led to its successful outcome.

I want to thank my wife Tanya for her dedication to the truth that allowed me to take policy positions based on the facts, and to my children for finding creative ways to use my campaign stickers and hold signs even when no one was around.

Finally, and certainly not least, I want to thank Roger Hill who ran with me for the same Selectman seat. I admire his dedication to the town and look forward to working with him on the issues facing Cohasset.

I will be maintaining my campaign web site as a means to inform people about important issues before the town: www.carrforcohasset.com. I also have set up a separate phone line for Selectman business: 781-383-0737 and a dedicated email address: Ted@carrforcohasset.com. I will be available after every Selectman meeting in Town Hall, and am happy to schedule time for anyone who would like to discuss town issues.

Whether the issue is senior housing, sustainable economic development, town growth, harbor pollution, or school funding, my concern is about keeping the Cohasset that we love and protecting those in our community who love Cohasset. I look forward to serving you as your Selectman.

Ted Carr
88 South Main St.

Science & Math Night was a hit!

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent Science & Math Night at the Osgood School was a huge success thanks to our parents, sponsors, exhibitors and donors. We appreciate the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank them.

First, our family exhibitors deserve kudos. Their activities were fabulous, interactive, informative and most of all fun. We thank them for creating and encouraging an interest in science and math.

We were very fortunate this year to also have special outside exhibitors donate their time and resources to share science with our children. Thank you to the Northeastern University Marine Science Center, Our World Global Discovery Museum, South Shore Conservatory, South Shore Natural Science Center and Worcester Polytechnical Institute's FIRST Robot Team. The kids really enjoyed your presentations.

We would also like to specially thank Atlantic Brokerage Group, Cohasset Dental, Graham Waste Services, Grampy's, The Music Circus, Rockland Trust, Serono, Inc. USA, Shoe Market Kids, The Varney Boys and Twist Creative Group. These local businesses generously sponsored our t-shirt sales, thus funding future fun family science and math activities. We hope you will support their business efforts as well.

Our t-shirts were a sell-out! Thanks to the fabulous design work of Keith Conforti from Twist Creative Group. Keith worked tirelessly to create our robot logo, admission tickets and museum-quality map of exhibitors. Thank you Keith and thanks to Karyn Nee who also helped with our print communication efforts.

Our appreciation further extends to Atlantic Bagel, Cohasset House of Pizza, Shaw's and Victoria's. Thank you for donating food and beverages for our exhibitors. They needed the energy to serve over 600 visitors!

Finally, thanks to Boston Museum of Science, Buttonwood's, Our World and Staples for their raffle and other donations.

We are so proud of what we all accomplished on Science & Math Night. We can't wait to see you all next year.

Laura Humphrey & Tracy Longo
Osgood PSO Science & Math Coordinators

Override ad numbers missing 'zeroes'

TO THE EDITOR:

I saw the nice ad in favor of Cohasset's override.

The numbers of the override were there, but they were missing a lot of 'zeroes.' It's not just \$725, but \$725,000.00, or seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. And of course, it's not only \$1.459, but \$1,459,000.00, or almost one and one half million dollars.

Hopefully the errors in the ad will be corrected and clarified.

I don't think the Cohasset Mariner intentionally runs ads that could be conceived as "a little misleading," and I know it's not their doing.

Bill Chisholm
605 Jerusalem Road

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HEALTH NOTES

An update on status of Medicare D

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Medicare D Status: New report shows beneficiaries are saving money and choosing plans with enhanced coverage options.

Health and Human Services(HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt recently issued a progress update on the new Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. The report details substantial recent increases in enrollment, as well as new data showing that the vast majority of seniors are choosing alternatives to the standard government-designed plan.

According the HHS, "Enrollment has been accelerating because beneficiaries know that the savings are real and so are the benefits. We expect to see a substantial surge before May 15 — that's why we're encouraging seniors to sign up now so they do not pass up an average savings of $1,100 per person."

The Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan is now three months old, and more than 27 million beneficiaries are receiving prescription drug coverage. Around 90 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have enrolled in a different plan from the standard plan designed by the government. Many are choosing plans that offer lower deductibles, or no deductibles; fixed co-payments for most drugs; and extra coverage in the coverage gap.

Beneficiaries are not the only ones seeing savings. The overall cost of the program to taxpayers for 2006 has dropped 20 percent since last July's estimate. States will save $700 million in 2006 compared to what they thought they would spend.

In addition, the report addresses several efforts

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being made by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve and strengthen the program including:

· Enrollment reconciliation — A relatively small number of beneficiaries were carried on the books of more than one Medicare plan. CMS is working with plans to ensure each beneficiary is enrolled in the plan of their choice.

· Customer service — CMS has increased its monitoring of plan call centers to ensure beneficiaries are receiving timely and accurate information.

· Transition — Working with plans, pharmacists and physicians, CMS has provided guidance to ensure smooth transitions to drugs that are covered and, when necessary, to provide timely exceptions.

The "Secretary's Progress Report on the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit" is available at:
www.hhs.gov/secretaryspage.html .

Several important things to remember:

∑ First Remember, Medicare D benefits, after May, if not requested, will not be available or at best become much more expensive. It's therefore necessary to take action soon. The deadline for signing up is this May, 2006, after which time various categories of benefits will become substantially more costly. Contact the folks at Cohasset Elder Affairs,(Call Caroll Barrett at 781 383-9112 at the Cohasset Community Center) for specifics.

∑ Second: is that you should keep a current list of the medications you take or plan to take; including dose size and the number taken daily. Check your list of medications against those provided in your Plan coverage. If the plan covers the medications you need and the benefits are equal to those in Medicare D you need do nothing more.

∑ Third: If you are already enrolled in a plan which provides medication, you should have the letter telling you in writing: either that the plan provides equal or better prescription drug coverage than Medicare D or it does not. Usually, at the beginning of the listing of benefits which your plan sends out yearly, there is a highlighted statement giving you this information. This is important in the event you may need to change plans later.

∑ Fourth: If you need medications not covered in your plan, you should look into changing plans. If you are a member in good standing of a current plan, you can change at any future time without penalty.

Remember, it's your money and health we're talking about. It's up to you to ensure you get what you pay for.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

P.S. The Earth Day Townwide trash pickup scheduled for last Saturday was postponed because of rain and will be held Saturday April 29.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Meet the author – Donald L. Angell, author of "Where Somebody Waits for Me," will read passages from his book accompanied by music recordings on Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Open to all.

Lunch-time lecture – A free presentation on the college admissions process with Marlena Alex will be given on Thursday, May 11 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The program is geared toward parents of high school students. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served. Register online or with any librarian.

Library book group – Thursday, April 27 at 10 a.m. Coffee and discussion of Alice Munro's "Runaway" in the Meeting Room. To place a book on hold call Gayle Walsh.

New email – Receive up to the minute information about library programs and events delivered directly to your home or office computer. Visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click the red email list registration button on the home page. Patrons who provide email addresses will receive periodic notices on upcoming programs.

Artist exhibit – Watercolor artist Lilly Cleveland will exhibit her new works at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through April. Meet the artist at a reception on Monday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Wednesdays.

FOR CHILDREN

Shapes in Poetry contest – In honor of Poetry Month, the library is hosting a Shapes Poetry contest. Write an original shapes poem, and put name, age and telephone number on the back, and leave it in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Participants may use their own words to create a shape or illustration or do an illustration and then fit words into the drawing. Books and examples of shapes poetry are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Good luck and have fun. Open to students of all ages. Contest ends April 27. Winners will be announced in May.

Reasons for Reading contest – To celebrate National Library Week the library is hosting a Reasons for Reading Contest. Forms are available on Mrs. Moody's desk in the rectangular basket. Complete the front and back of the blue form and return it to the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Open to students of all ages. Young children may work with a partner. Contest ends April 27. Winners will be announced in May.

Sign up now – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now offering email notification of adult and children's programs. To subscribe to this service, visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on email list registration, or see Mrs. Moody. Patrons will automatically receive the latest Children's Room calendars, sign up information and special programming events. Patrons may unsubscribe at any time.

Ode to sweets

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

For Lent I've sworn off lemon drops, all gummy worms and whistle pops, truffles, Chicklets, ginger snaps, Hot Tamales, Bottlecaps, chocolate cake and Pixy Stix, Mary Janes and fun size Twix, Butterfingers, Necco Wafers, Swedish Fish and Dutch Lifesavers, Zagnut, Mounds and peanut brittles, candy canes and sour Skittles, malted milk balls, nonpareils, Hundred Grands and bovine tails, candy ribbons, almond rocha,

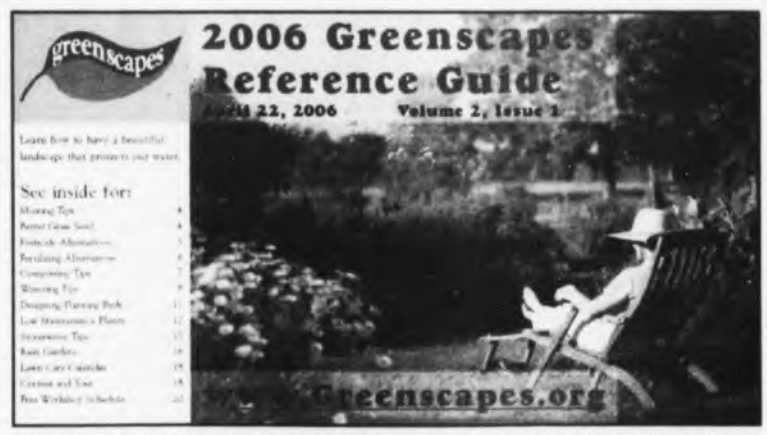
Charleston Chews and cafe mocha, Tootsie Rolls and Cracker Jacks, Good And Fruity, Snowy-Caps, peppermint and spearmint patties, Snickers, Twizzlers, Sugar Daddys, candy buttons, Baby Ruths, root beer barrels, Jujyfruits, Rollos, conversation hearts, bubblegum and apple tarts, jawbreakers and Almond Joys, gingerbread and shortbread boys, Atomic Fire Balls, Fun Dips, Dots, Fizzy Stix and popping rocks, Clark Bars, Sky Bars, ice cream cones,

Boston Baked Beans, Toblerones, penny candy, chocolate nickels, Red Hot Dollars, almond brickles, Bit-O-Honeys, Orange Slices, Raisinets, Italian ices, Hersheys Kisses, lips of wax, Bullseyes, moose and bunny tracks, ring pops, push pops, Charms Blow Pops, Chuckles, Smarties, spiced gum drops, Reeses Pieces, butterscotches, candy necklaces and watches, Rollos, Starburst, jelly beans, and all confections in between.

I know Lent's good for body and soul; it teaches us some self-control. But when I think of creme brulees, I'm glad it's only 40 days.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Every year he gives up sweets for Lent, which is hard, but it's not like he obsesses over them or anything.

Organic Landscaping Guide mailed



The 2006 Greenscapes Reference Guide was mailed to all Cohasset Water Users.

This The 2006 Greenscapes Reference Guide was mailed to all Cohasset Water Users. This colorful newspaper format handbook is full of useful organic landscaping techniques and information on low maintenance plants. It also contains coupons for free consulting services and sources along with valuable savings on courses, low flow irrigation equipment, tools and organic fertilizers. Organic landscaping is easy, inexpensive and self-sustaining. It saves water and protects our natural resources and native habitats. It is sensible, ecological and effective.

This guide is sponsored as a public service by the Cohasset Water Dept, the Water Resource Protection Committee in partnership with the North & South Rivers Watershed Association, who urge all residents to consider their impact on our environment. Help keep our waters blue, use less fertilizer, use it at the right time and keep it on your lawn, everything we put on the ground could eventually affect our drinking water and our harbor. Additional copies will be available through the Water Department.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Family Feud makes triumphant debut

TO THE EDITOR:

The first of hopefully many years of Family Feud had a triumphant debut on Friday night, April 7. Nearly 100 audience members watched 11 'families' compete. "Appalachian Service Project" was the winner, besting Candy Ford's "Eye Candy" in the Championship Lightning Round. They, along with commercial sponsors Cohasset Collision Center, Second Congregational Church, Acapulco's, and Adrian Morris Salon, were among the largest contributors to the funds raised, which will go to creating a fun and safe environment for the Post-Prom Party. Thank you to the rest of the teams: Dickinson's, Martin's, Froio's, Summer Street, The ChickLets, Cohasset Baseball, Zach and His Peeps, Ofsthun's, Barrett's, and those behind the scenes – Kasey McCarthy, Sharon Arment, David Bigley, Mike Condon, Kathy Ofsthun, Andrea Martone, Helen Daley, Shirley Condon, and Kim Lee D'Angelis. Last but not least we'd like to thank our fabulous Family Feud staff, Tom Daley, our sound and light engineer, Katherine "Vanna White" Murphy, and Rich "Dawson" Ofsthun. Stay tuned to Channel 10 for the Replay.

Congratulations to the winner of our flat screen raffle, June Fahey of Cohasset. Thank you to all.

Chris Abrams Taylor, Derry Schwantner, Linda Bolster
Post Prom Committee co-chairmen

Override question

TO THE EDITOR:

Twenty overrides in 18 years. Town spending growth more than three times the rate of inflation. Question for you pro-overriders: How much worse would Cohasset's planning and spending have to get for you to say, "No more?"

Just asking,

Matthew Grech
16 Carbone Lane

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Coffee wars heating up

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Except for the kind the Irish make, I'm not much of a coffee drinker.

Oh, I'll have maybe two or three cups a week, light on the cream and sweetened by that stuff that comes out of the pink envelopes. The first few sips are enjoyable. Then enjoyment goes down as the coffee cools. I rarely finish a cup.

That's why I was surprised the other day when I learned that Starbucks, the Rolls Royce of coffeemakers, is engaged in a knock down, drag out battle with, of all people, Dunkin' Donuts and McDonalds for supremacy in the caffeine field.

"This is the Cola wars of the 2000s," says John Gilbert, vice president of Dunkin' Donuts. "It's been coming for a while."

And well it should. It's an $8.3 billion business right now. It expects to hit $19 billion by 2010.

There's even a North American Barista (coffee-maker) Championship, won in 2005 by Phuong Tran, who plies his trade in a Seattle coffee house called Zoka. It has a signature espresso called Paladino.

Of course, there's a website, CoffeeReview.com, edited by Kenneth Davis, who has written three books on the subject and reviews the brews, noting that the drink at Caffe Trieste in San Francisco is "a kind of a rough, robust 'take no prisoners' espresso."

The Stumptown Coffee Roasters in Portland, Ore., "serve coffee in French presses only (and) treat coffee like wine." The Intelligentsia Coffee Roasters of Chicago "hired a young guy just to go around the world picking out small lots of exceptional coffee."

Starbucks has been serving up gourmet coffee for some 30 years from locations that started in Seattle and have now reached 7,500 across the country.

This is what Dunkin' Donuts and McDonalds are up against as they lead their fast food forces into battle.

The heavy artillery for Dunkin' Donuts appears to be its Hot Turbo coffee, which is a normal cup of joe with a shot of espresso added. McDonalds is leaning heavily on the fact that it already has 13,700 locations in the United States.

"If it's faster and easier to get coffee at a McDonalds drive-through, then the Starbucks brand may not be as powerful," marketing analyst Bill Hulkower told USA Today.

And all this started, according to the legend, because a ninth century mullah (a Muslim holy man) in the Middle East used to fall asleep during his prayers and it bothered his conscience.

One day, he encountered a herdsman who told him that every time his goats ate the berries of a certain shrub, they would remain awake, running around and gamboling well into the night.

The herdsman showed the Mullah the coffee shrub and the holy man made himself a potent brew and he spent the whole night in a state of exhilaration that enabled him to finish his prayers and more.

Soon, the practice spread across the Middle East, where it reached such a level of importance that, as part of the marriage ceremony, a Turkish man had to promise that his wife would never want for coffee.

Or so the story goes.

Override talk on TV

On Monday and Tuesday, Our Town co hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with the Committee for Cohasset Chairman Terry Green and School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy to discuss the upcoming override vote and how the needs of the school department translate into the $1.495 million override figure.

Our Town will offer a second show on the override beginning Thursday, April 27 featuring the thoughts of Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh regarding the needs of the school department, the town and the residents of Cohasset.

During this extended budget season, stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Viewers can tune in on Mondays at 9pm, Tuesdays at 9:30pm or Thursdays beginning at 8:30pm all on Comcast channel 10.

Viewers can email Our Town at: Ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dancing in the streets!

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: James Watson letter dated April 14

"Benji" I think you need to get out of the village. You need to come out to the country for a breath of fresh air. Come to Beechwood.

I'm sorry they cut down that beautiful spruce in the village. I tried for 25 years to get a tree cut in Beechwood and was always told "you're on the list." I went to the front of the list when the tree fell down across Beechwood Street. Ben we have plenty of trees in Beechwood, come for a visit.

Ben when I need a Red Sox fix I walk over and see Leo at the Exxon station. Visit Leo, it will lift your spirits. On my way back from the Exxon station some kids walked by me mimicking the walk down the Yellow Brick Road by Dorothy, the Lion and the Tin Man in the "Wizard of Oz." Ben, come to Beechwood, they are dancing in the streets.

Bill Ketchum
255 Beechwood St.

SUNRISE CELEBRATES 8TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset will celebrate its eighth anniversary Wednesday, April 26. A celebration will be held to honor founding resident Katherine Travers of Jamaica Plain and Scituate, as well as longstanding employees who opened the home in 1998. Employees to be honored include (back row) Care Manager Maria Barros, Maintenance Coordinator George Charron, Lead Care Manager Geraldine Henry, (front row) Lydia Alomar, and Healthcare Coordinator Donna Marshall.

Calling all dirty vehicles

Baseball players are ready to wash cars on Saturday, April 29, at George's Citgo Station, downtown Cohasset. This event will benefit the Cohasset High School Varsity, as well as the Junior Varsity Baseball teams, and is being sponsored by Cohasset Baseball Boosters and Diamond Club. Rain date is Saturday, May 6.

Donations are welcome.

West Corner culvert funding secured

Public safety issue involves three towns

The West Corner Bridge and Culvert was built in 1850 and rebuilt in 1908. It is in extremely poor condition, receiving an engineering rating of 33 out of 100 in an inspection that took place over five years ago.

After town officials expressed concern over the fate of the West Corner Culvert replacement project funding, state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley stepped in last week to secure a firm commitment by the Secretary of Transportation, John Cogliano. In a meeting in State House office, Secretary Cogliano committed the Transportation agency to oversee and provide necessary funding for the culvert project and related area road work.

The Massachusetts Highway Department recently indicated that it had no specific program for funding the replacement of locally-owned bridges apart from the Chapter 90 State Aid program. Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset have already utilized some of their Chapter 90 funds for the design of the culvert project, but even if the three towns combined their annual Chapter 90 funds, it would fall well short of the money needed to fund the West Corner Culvert project.

"This is a very unique and worthy project deserving of MassHighway support," Hedlund said. "The Secretary agrees and I appreciate his personal commitment to this project."

This project is unique because it involves three towns (Hull, Hingham and Cohasset) and addresses both transportation and environmental needs of the area. It is also a public safety issue.

Previously Hedlund and Bradley secured state bonding authorizations totaling $1 million to help fund the culvert project. However, MassHighway recently informed town officials that the project was ineligible for direct state funding. MassHighway typically does not fund culvert replacement projects, only bridge projects. The West Corner Culvert does not meet the definition of a bridge.

After last week's meeting, Secretary Cogliano agreed to broaden the scope of work at the West Corner Culvert by including Rte. 228 and Rockland Street improvements which helps MassHighway reach the criteria for state participation in the culvert project.

The West Corner Bridge and Culvert was built in 1850 and rebuilt in 1908. It is in extremely poor condition, receiving an engineering rating of 33 out of 100 in an inspection that took place over five years ago. In addition, MassHighway conducted an inspection on June 26, 2000 and rated the West Corner Culvert 4 (poor) on a scale of 0 (failed) to 9 (excellent).

Replacement of this bridge and culvert would have numerous benefits to all three communities. First and foremost it would ensure a safe bridge on a road (Route 228) that is one of only two major roads leading in and out of Hull. This project is also needed to protect and secure the vital utilities that pass through the culvert (water, sewer, natural gas, and telephone). In addition, reconstructing the culvert would allow for the replacement of tidal gates, resulting in a significant increase to the tidal flow in and out of Straits Pond. The need for such tidal flow improvement has been documented for more than 100 years.

The engineering report made the extent of the problem clear when it stated, "If these issues are not addresses, the degree of deterioration will accelerate resulting in the structural integrity of the bridge being compromised."

"That warning was written five years ago, which is why it is important that we do not have any more delays," Hedlund said. "Secretary Cogliano understood that and I am confident the project will continue to move forward."

The MassHighway Project Review Committee recently initiated this project. MassHighway's consultant is Louis Berger. The project is near the 25 percent highway and bridge design plan submission. Expectations are that the project will require about two years of pre-construction work. The design would likely include a new two barrel structures, new gates, resurfacing and other aesthetic improvements. Also included will be a traffic management plan designed for the heavy summer traffic typical near Nantasket Beach.

The initial estimated project cost is roughly $1.7 million. Currently, this project is expected to be advertised in the early 2008 cycle. Hedlund and Bradley secured $1M in the 2004 bond bill. Each town has already contributed to the $141,000 that has been spent on engineering and design work. The Conservation Law Foundation/NOAA Restoration Center prioritized this project and is financially support it. There is also a federal commitment of $700,000.

In addition to support from the state and towns, the project has overwhelming community support, including support from the Straits Pond Watershed Association, the Weir River Estuary Park Committee, and the Weir River Watershed Association. Dozens of letters have been received by various groups and individuals on the South Shore in support of the West Corner Culvert Project.

Bradley said, "I would like to thank the Secretary for his personal commitment to this important project which effects several communities in my district. I also applaud the local officials and community groups which have helped us keep this project moving thought the system. Lastly, I would like to thank Senator Hedlund for organizing the recent meeting and using his personal relationship with the Secretary to highlight the importance of this project to our district."

"The West Corner Culvert project is key to Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull," Bradley said. "I'm glad that we were able to find a solution that secures funding, provides for appropriate safety improvements to the culvert and roadways, and ensures the passage of vital utilities to the community. The West Corner Culvert project is good for the Communities of Hull, Cohasset, and Hingham."

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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April 10-14, 2006

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on one roll call from the week of April 10-14. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

RULES FOR HOUSE BUDGET DEBATE (H 4844)

House 127-22, approved a proposed set of rules to be followed when the House considers the fiscal 2007 state budget during the week of April 24. The package allows members to propose tax hikes or tax cuts only during the first round of consideration of the budget and prohibits them from proposing that revenues from tax hikes be earmarked for specific programs. Other provisions bar members from offering amendments dealing with casino gambling, slot machines and video gaming and require members to file all proposed amendments via computer rather than paper. Supporters said that that these rules would ensure that the budget is considered in an orderly and fiscally responsible manner. They argued that the House should not consider major proposals like gambling during budget debate and noted that any gambling measure should be filed as a separate bill and go through the regular committee process including public hearings. Some opponents said that the proposed rules are restrictive and anti-democratic and would further decrease the input and power of individual members. Others argued that it is unfair to prohibit members from offering gambling amendments when amendments on any other matter are allowed. Some said they objected to the omission of a prior rule that requires any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 to also offer a proposal decreasing spending by an equal or greater amount. (A "Yes" vote is for the rules. A "No" vote is against the rules).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HEALTH CARE (H 4850)- Gov. Mitt Romney signed into law a bill making major changes in the state's health care insurance system. The measure requires all Massachusetts residents to have health insurance coverage by July 1, 2007 or face a financial penalty. It also offers low-cost insurance based on a sliding scale to low-income individuals and families. Romney vetoed several provisions including a mandate that all businesses that have more than 10 employees and do not provide health insurance to their workers pay $295 per-employee into a state fund that provides insurance for the uninsured.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE (H 4617)- The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on an initiative petition asking voters whether they favor a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage by defining marriage as between a man and a woman. The proposal does not include language nullifying any same-sex marriages that have already taken place. The Coalition for Marriage and Family last year gathered the required 65,825 signatures to bring the question before the Legislature. The measure now needs the votes of 50 legislators in both the 2006 and 2007-2008 legislative sessions in order to appear on the November 2008 ballot.

CHILD SEX ABUSE CLINICS/BAN ADULTS FROM PLAYGROUNDS (H 3867)- The Committee on Children and Families has recommended that a bill establishing eight regional medical diagnostic centers for child sexual abuse be shipped off to a study committee. The centers would provide specialized medical examinations of children who show signs of abuse and is aimed at serving children living in areas where there are no facilities that provide these services. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated. The committee also recommended the same fate for a proposal banning adults from playgrounds unless they are accompanying a child. The measure would impose up to a $100 fine on violators.

BUY DRUGS IN CANADA (S 375)- The Committee on Elder Affairs has recommended sending to a study committee a bill directing Gov. Romney to request a federal waiver to allow Massachusetts to act as an agent in providing information to its residents regarding the safe purchase of prescription drugs at reduced prices from certified Canadian sources. The measure creates a state Office of Pharmaceutical Information to educate consumers and keep them informed about the advantages and any potential risks of purchasing Canadian drugs. Current federal law prohibits individuals from purchasing drugs from other nations.

KINDERGARTEN AGE (H 1040)- The Education Committee has recommended passage of legislation establishing a statewide minimum age at which children are eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten. The measure requires that a child be five years old prior to September 1 of the year in which he or she would begin kindergarten.

NOISE POLLUTION (H 3896)- The Environment Committee held a hearing on a proposal establishing a 13-member special commission to investigate and study the problem of noise pollution in the state.

FIREFIGHTERS (H 3969)- The Public Safety Committee has recommended passage of legislation prohibiting firefighting apparatus from responding to a fire alarm if there are fewer than two firefighters on board.

LONG-TERM CARE (H 2917)-The Health Care Financing Committee has recommended approval of a measure providing $150,000 for the Department of Elder Affairs to develop a program of public education designed to inform senior citizens about options for both public and private long-term care coverage. The program would be required to include information about Medicare, Medicaid, transferring of assets to qualify for state-subsidized long-term care, the state's power to collect the costs of medical and nursing home care from the estates of state-subsidized Medicaid recipients following their death and the options for purchasing private long-term care insurance.

ID FOR LIQUOR (H 2218)- The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing establishments that sell liquor to accept an out-of-state driver's license with a photo as a form of identification. The measure exempts from criminal liability and liquor license suspension any business or employee who "reasonably relies" on this type of ID. Current law provides this protection only if the employee or business accepts a Massachusetts driver's license, liquor purchase identification card, U.S. military ID card or passport issued by the United States government or by a nation recognized by the United States.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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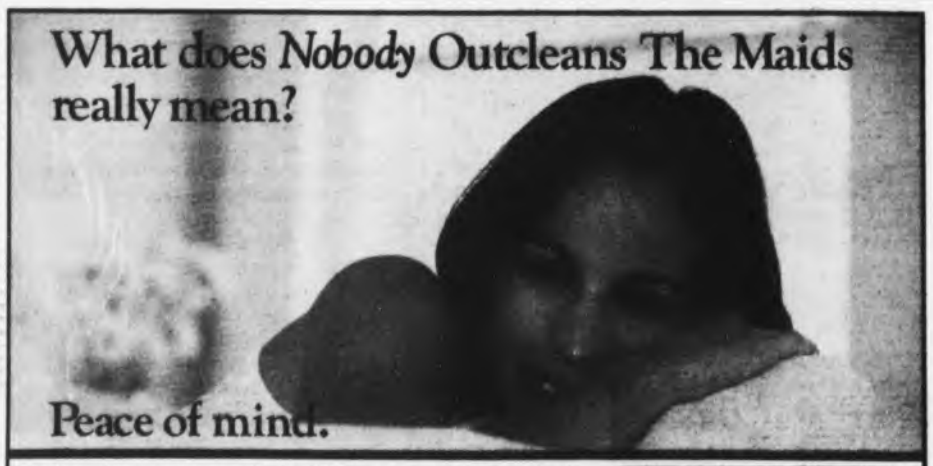

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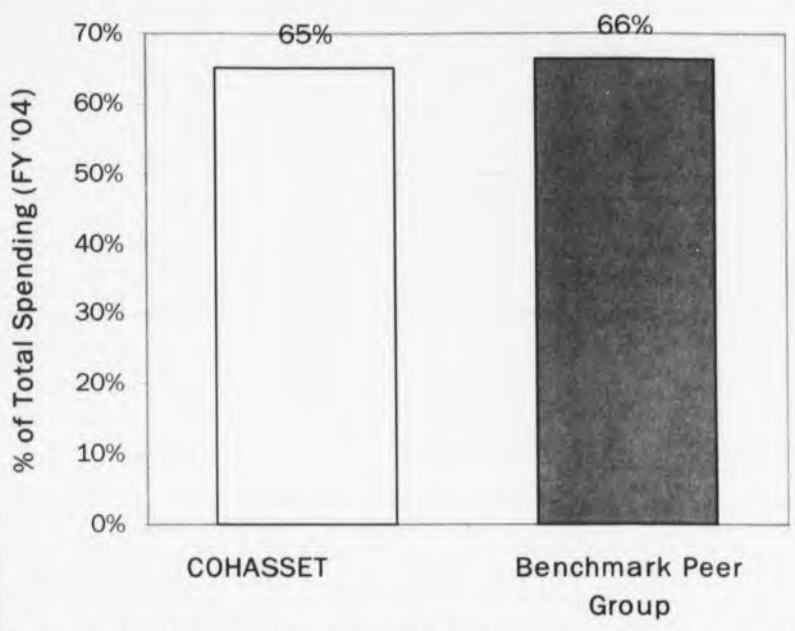
MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts. Teacher compensation includes total teacher salaries and healthcare benefits.

This chart shows what portion of Cohasset's total education spending in 2004 went to pay for teacher salaries and healthcare benefits. This chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. This index provides a way to look at what percent of total education resources are being devoted to the classroom teachers.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spening, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

DeAngelis, 27 Old Coach Road, two replacement windows, $1652; Dominguez, 702 Jerusalem Road, demolish house, new foot, walls, $50,000; Molloy, 55 Smith Place, rebuild porch stairs, cover porches, $19,500; Cohasset Heights, 215 CJCH, monitoring tower, $2,000; Naples, 7 Parker Ave., two-story addition, one-car garage, $185,000; Clark, 9R Church St., re-roof, $6,000;

Robbins Jr., 413 North Main St., re-roof, $2,900; Tenucci, 11 Church St., shed roof from house to garage, $5,000; Deveney, 95 Pleasant St., in-ground pool, $18,000; Fitzpatrick, 220 South Main St., reline chimney, fireplace, furnace, $2,500; Habiby, 253 North Main St., renovate first floor barn to workspace, $40,000;

Walden, 186 South Main St., roof, kitchen, siding, windows, screen porch, $100,000; DiVito, 11 Cedar Ledge Village, re-roof half garage, $4,000; Tosi, 430 King St., extend existing deck, $7,500; Henry, 55 Pleasant St., strip and re-roof, $22,000; Hobson, 112 Howe Road, strip and re-roof, $6,000; Schmidt, 57 Lamberts Lane, renovate greenhouse, $10,000; Capozzoli, 514 CJCH, nine replacement windows, roof repair, $13,450; Bixby, 41 Sohier St., re-roof , $8,990; Wilson, 39 Bancroft Road, shed, $1,700;

Herman, 21 Ledgewood Farm Drive, in-ground pool, $62, 860; Poland, 36 Oak St., replacement windows, $5,629; Thayer, 119 Border St., re-roof, $9,100; Vanderweil, 500 Jerusalem Road, kitchen and bath update, $15,000; Whitley, 46 Wheelwright Farms, expand laundry into garage, remodel, $5,000; Driscoll, 25 Fernway, remove/replace porch, windows, re-side, $25,000; Avila, 142 Border St., shed, $650; O'Connell, 25 Sohier, siding, $5,000; McGregor, 35 Stockbridge St., remove/replace deck, $8,500.

Residents sought to form cable advisory committee

The town's contract with the Comcast cable company is almost up, which means discussion of contract renewal is currently on the table. Town Manager Bill Griffin said in many towns, there are active cable advisory committees which are charged with aiding in such matters. Cohasset used to have a cable advisory committee, but it has since become defunct. Griffin said it would be beneficial for the town to reinstate the committee, and said he will draft a charge to bring back to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Residents interested in serving on a cable advisory committee should contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 or send a letter of interest to Town Hall at 41 Highland Avenue.

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Historic override ballot vote can still be a little confusing

By Samantha Brown
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In two short weeks, voters will make their way to the ballot box to cast their votes for or against the largest operating budget override in the town's history.

The polls will be open Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. While elections are typically held at Town Hall, the special election has been moved next door to 43 Highland Ave. due to a scheduling conflict.

Many questions still linger around town regarding how a person should vote to accomplish their override goals. There is a $1.495 million override and a $725,000 override on the table, and voters have the right to vote on each figure.

Question 1a will ask voters if they would like to pass a $1.495 million operating budget override. Voters can either vote "yes" or "no." This figure will pass if it receives more "yes" votes than "no" votes. In other words, people who want the higher override to pass should vote "yes" and tell their friends to vote "yes," as the more votes in the affirmative, the better the chance it will pass. Those who do not want the figure to pass should vote "no" and tell their friends to vote "no", because if there are more "no" votes cast than "yes" votes, it will not pass.

Question 1b will ask voters if they would like to pass a $725,000 override. If this question receives more "yes" than "no" votes, one of two outcomes will occur, depending on how the votes are tallied for question 1a. With more "yes" votes than "no," the lower figure passes, but if the larger figure passes as well (if more people vote "yes" than "no" for the $1.495 million) the larger figure automatically wins. With override elections, a question must receive more "yes" votes than "no" votes to pass, but with more than one question, the largest figure to be approved always wins.

It's important to reiterate, if both overrides pass – only the larger override prevails. The two overrides are *not* added together into one super override. If the larger override loses, even by one vote, and the lower override wins a majority, the lower override prevails. If both overrides fail to pass by a majority, neither override prevails.

If the $725,000 figure does receive more "yes" votes than "no" votes and the larger figure fails, voting "yes" for the smaller figure will help ensure the town at least receives some override funding. It will not hurt the chances of the larger override if a resident votes "yes" for the smaller figure as well. Similarly, the lower override figure does not have to pass in order for the larger figure to pass. Each question stands on its own and "yes" and "no" votes are tallied for each, separately.

There are some in town who do not want to see an override pass in any amount. Those residents will want to cast "no" votes for both questions. It is important to remember it is the balance of "yes" to "no" votes for each question that determines whether or not an override will pass, not the number of votes cast for each figure. If a question receives more "yes" votes than "no" votes – even if that is by a single "yes' vote — it will pass.

Tax bills with and without override

Fiscal Year '07 Impact of Overrides on Cohasset Real Estate Taxes
(includes Community Preservation assessment)

Assessed Value	Current RE Taxes @ 10.84/$1000	0 Override @ 10.95/$1000	RE Tax Increase	$725,000 Override @ 11.27/$1000	RE Tax Increase	Addl Incr. to 0 Override	$1,495,000 Override @ 11.62/$1000	RE Tax Increase	Addl Incr to 0 Override
$1,500,000	$16,504	$16,671	$167	$17,159	$655	$487	$17,691	$1,188	$1,020
$1,400,000	$15,404	$15,560	$156	$16,015	$611	$455	$16,512	$1,108	$952
$1,300,000	$14,303	$14,449	$145	$14,871	$567	$422	$15,333	$1,029	$884
$1,200,000	$13,203	$13,337	$134	$13,727	$524	$390	$14,153	$950	$816
$1,100,000	$12,103	$12,226	$123	$12,583	$480	$357	$12,974	$871	$748
$1,000,000	$11,003	$11,114	$112	$11,439	$436	$325	$11,794	$792	$680
$900,000	$9,902	$10,003	$100	$10,295	$393	$292	$10,615	$713	$612
$800,000	$8,802	$8,891	$89	$9,151	$349	$260	$9,435	$633	$544
$700,000	$7,702	$7,780	$78	$8,007	$306	$227	$8,256	$554	$476
$600,000	$6,602	$6,669	$67	$6,863	$262	$195	$7,077	$475	$408
$500,000	$5,501	$5,557	$56	$5,720	$218	$162	$5,897	$396	$340
$400,000	$4,401	$4,446	$45	$4,576	$175	$130	$4,718	$317	$272
$300,000	$3,301	$3,334	$33	$3,432	$131	$97	$3,538	$238	$204

How should I vote?

Two questions will be posed for voters to weigh in on at the Special Election May 6 and voters may answer "yes" or "no" on each.

Override elections are not the same as candidate elections where the person who gets the most votes wins. Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, with Pyramid Overrides, the higher override prevails if it wins by a simple majority. That means the higher number wins even if it wins by fewer votes than the lower override.

With overrides, leaving the question blank means a vote is not counted in favor or against the question.

Here are voting options:

- Voting Yes, Yes — casts voted for both for the $1.495 million figure and $725,000 figure. If both pass, the larger figure prevails even if the lower override gets more votes.
- Voting Yes, No — will cast a vote for the $1.495 million figure, and against the $725,000 figure. Again, if the larger number wins a majority, it prevails even if the lower override gets more votes.
- Voting No, Yes — will cast a vote against the $1.495 million figure, and for the $725,000 figure. If the larger override does not win a majority but the lower override does, the smaller override prevails.
- Voting No, No — will cast a vote against the $1.495 million figure, and against the $725,000 figure. Both overrides lose if they receive more "no" votes than "yes" votes.
- Leaving the question blank. Vote would not count for or against the override figure and could work against the outcome a voter would like to see.

School budget is on target

But utilities are being watched

By Samantha Brown
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With roughly two months left in fiscal 2006, the school department is reporting it has spent a little more than 63 percent of its funds. While things are looking good, the area to watch will be utilities, as the schools are still waiting on some bills from the winter, and the water budgets have already spilled over their allocations.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro presented a budget summary to the School Committee April 6 which included figures to date as of March 31. The school department has a budget of $12,344,382 for this fiscal year, and at last count, had expended $7,669,588 and had encumbered $108,292.

"We're still looking at utilities," said School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro, adding when the bills from the winter arrive, the school department will have a better idea of where it stands in terms of heat. Currently, all three schools are at roughly the 50 to 60 percent expended mark, but that could change. The actual heating costs for fiscal 2005 were $354,704, and $389,400 was budgeted. To date, $213,406 has been spent.

Electricity costs are within budget, but are between 60 and 70 percent expended. The actual electricity costs for fiscal 2005 for all three schools combined was $261,052, and $250,000 was budgeted for this year. Currently, the schools have spent $165,784.

When it comes to water bills, the scenario is not looking as good as the other utilities. The actual cost for water in fiscal 2005 for the Osgood School was $6,884, but $6,000 was budgeted. As of March 31, the school has spent $6,998. Deer Hill's fiscal 2005 actual cost was $7,093, and $7,000 was budgeted. Deer Hill has spent $8,703. At the middle-high school, $11,621 was spent in fiscal 2005, and $14,000 was budgeted. However, that hasn't been enough as the school has already spent $15,120. All tolled, the schools are $3,821 over their water budget.

The schools' telephone usage is at a good level, with roughly 40 to 45 percent of its allocation spent. Of the $5,000 allocated for Osgood, $2,991 has been spent. At Deer Hill, $1,173 of the budgeted $3,000 has been spent. At the middle high school, $9,058 of the budgeted $20,000 has been spent.

DeGennaro said the schools are looking at joining a statewide contract where many communities purchase utilities together. That would help curb costs going forward, but would not affect this current fiscal year. He said the town is also looking to further consolidate its special education transportation program by partnering with other South Shore towns to provide the service.

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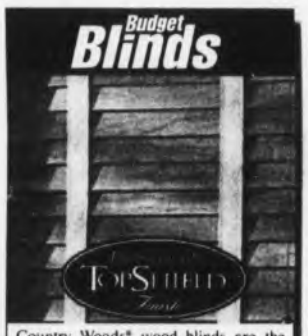
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New group says it has had 'Enough'

Forms to oppose $1.495 override

By Mary Ford
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"This is not just an uphill battle, this is an up-the-cliff uphill battle."
— Anson Whealler, Enough

A new group has formed in town that is opposed to the $1.495 million override.

"We think the middle class and elderly are being pushed out of town and cannot afford it," said Anson Whealler, 619 Jerusalem Road, who is the spokesman for the political action committee dubbed "Enough."

"My property tax bill is higher than my state and federal income taxes – and that's wrong," Whealler said, using his home as an example.

"Enough" has pulled papers from the Town Clerk's office to register as a ballot question committee. The Committee to Support Cohasset, a ballot question committee that supports the $1.495 million override, has had a several-months-long head start, filing Jan. 13 with the Town Clerk.

"This is not just an uphill battle, this is an up-the-cliff uphill battle," Whealler said, acknowledging Enough has only about 2-1/2 weeks to get its message out before the May 6 override vote. "I wish we had started before Town Meeting but everyone was waiting for everyone else to start."

He said Enough would like to send out a mailing and plans to identify voters likely to vote against the $1.495 million override and make sure they get to the polls. He also said Enough, which has a nucleus of about a dozen people, would be calling residents to explain their position on the larger override.

He said while Enough opposes the $1.495 million override, some of its members and supporters may vote for the $725,000 override.

Whealler said flyers and mailings by the Committee to Support Cohasset are using the figure 1.4 for the larger override, eliminating the zeroes and rounding it off. "It is not 1.4," he said. "It's $1,495,000 – they are not putting on the zeroes or adding the $95,000.

"I think that's a way of desensitizing us about how large the override is," he said.

He explained that Enough believes this year's $1.495 million override is setting the town up for larger overrides for the foreseeable future because of the new positions and programs that would be put in place should the override pass. "This (large override) is just the down payment," he said. "The upkeep on what it is getting us will carry us way into the future with more overrides."

Whealler said Enough also believes the town and school system could be run better than they are.

"Money is a scarce resource and should be used wisely to solve important problems – we feel the money is not always being used wisely."

Whealler, who has lived in town for 20 years, said he has voted for his share of overrides. "Each time, I've believed we wouldn't need another one and that hasn't happened yet," he said.

He said Enough is prepared to handle potential criticism from those who will say its members are "anti-school."

"There will be those who will say we are a bunch of mean-spirited people, lacking in the public interest who have got something against the schools," he said. "I don't know anyone in our group who feels that way.

"This is not about education," Whealler said, noting he has benefited from a very good public education. "We all believe the kids deserve an excellent public education – but we see a lot of things in the school budget that don't translate into any obvious way to excel in education."

Chairman of the Committee to Support Cohasset, Terry Green of Linden Drive, has said his committee's purpose is to educate Cohasset voters on the issues the town is facing to support the vast services residents demand, including the schools, and to ensure voters have the facts to make an informed decision.

"It is our committee's specific job to educate the town on the financial investment necessary to return the schools to the standards we all expect," he said in an earlier interview.

If the April 8 Town Election is a gauge – then the Committee to Support Cohasset has done its homework. The three candidates in contested races who supported the $1.495 million override all won.

For more about the Committee to Support Cohasset, visit: www.onepointfour.com

For more about Enough, call Whealler at 781-383-9232.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Trash pickup rescheduled

Due to Saturday's inclement weather, the First Annual Town-Wide Trash Pickup, has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 29. Residents will meet in front of Town Hall at 2:30 p.m., and will then celebrate Earth Day, which is April 22, and the beauty of Cohasset by cleaning selected streets and sites including Black Rock Beach, the Beechwood Ballpark, Government Island, Jerusalem Road and Main Street. The town will provide garbage bags, but volunteers are asked to bring their own thick work gloves. The effort is supported by the Cohasset Board of Health, the Friends of Black Rock Beach, and the Cohasset Girl Scouts. For more information, please call Alison Callahan at (781) 383-1081 or Bill Burnett at (781) 383-3499.

Emergency management office seeks volunteers

The town's Office of Emergency Management is looking for volunteers to aid the town in the event of an emergency. Volunteers from all backgrounds are necessary, from those trained in CPR and first aid, to those who could help budget funding or provide communication services during a crisis. Deputy Director of Emergency Management Glenn Pratt said virtually any skill can be used during an emergency, and every bit of help is appreciated. To volunteer your services, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 with your name and contact information and someone from the emergency management office will get back to you.

Town seeking new shellfish constable

The town is looking for a new permanent shellfish constable. Elm Street resident Paul Pattison was appointed interim shellfish constable upon the passing of Cliff Dickson. The Shellfish Constable enforces the shellfish rules and regulations, including making sure shellfish is only taken from open, authorized areas. Cohasset does not have any authorized shellfish beds in its waters, which makes the position's scope somewhat limited. There is $500 budgeted each year for the Shellfish Constable position in the town budget. "It's very part-time, but very important," said Town Manager Bill Griffin. Residents interested in taking over as the full-time shellfish constable should contact the Town Manager at (781) 383-4105 or send a letter of interest to Town Hall 41 Highland Avenue.

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The Boston Marathon, Cohasset style

Next week, the Mariner will profile Cohasset residents that ran in Monday's Boston Marathon.

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Softballers on winning track

By Mark Goodman
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After a tough Opening Day assignment in Abington, the Cohasset High softball team found road trips to Harwich and Avon a little more to its liking last week, picking up wins in both games.

The girls scored an impressive 19-1 win over Harwich last Tuesday. Head coach Deb Bostwick said it was the program's first win over the Rough Riders since returning to varsity action five years ago.

As the score would suggest, the Skippers' offense dominated, collecting 21 hits on the afternoon. Five players - senior captains Erin Liddell and Katie James, juniors Christina Pinkus and Virginia Spofford, and sophomore Anna Haggerty - all had three hits.

Batting leadoff, Spofford set the table nicely, going 3-for-5 with a double, walk and two RBI. Pinkus went 3-for-3, including a home run in the fourth, and remarkably scored five runs. Liddell, James and Haggerty all went 3-for-5, with James knocking in four runs from the 8-spot in the lineup.

On the hill, Pinkus retired the first 10 batters she faced, and in four innings allowed just one hit and no walks while racking up nine strikeouts. Spofford tossed the final two frames, allowing only an unearned run.

The Cohasset pitchers were aided by a solid game behind the plate by freshman Kristin Monaco in her first high school softball game. Filling in for senior Melissa Crowley-Buck, who was away on a family trip to China, Monaco earned the praise of her coach for her performance.

"She did a great job catching Christina," said Bostwick. "I feel very comfortable with Kristin behind the plate."

Things were not quite as easy for the Skippers the next day, as they held on for a 6-4 win in Avon. Pinkus was again dominant on the mound through six innings, giving up just two runs on three hits while striking out nine. It was in the seventh and final inning where things got a little dicey for the visitors.

Pinkus led off the top of the inning with a triple. On a Liddell grounder to short, Pinkus made a run for the plate and slid in safely for a 6-2 Cohasset lead. On the play, however, she jammed the thumb on her pitching hand. In the bottom of the inning, Pinkus' first three warm-up tosses were in the dirt, and Bostwick had to summon Spofford from right field to close the game.

On a cool, windy afternoon, Spofford was allowed all of five pitches to warm up. The inning got off to a dodgy start, as she walked the first two batters, who both stole bases to put runners on second and third with no outs. On a 3-1 pitch, the next Avon batter hit a shot to third, but Haggerty made the stop in the hole on one knee and threw out the runner by a half a step. Avon scored on the play to make it 6-3.

The Avon runner on second stole third and then scored on a passed ball, making it 6-4 with just one out, as the home team now had the game-tying run on deck. Spofford stepped up to the challenge, though, and in a Papelbon-esque performance, induced a pair of outs to second baseman Carly Salerno to end the game.

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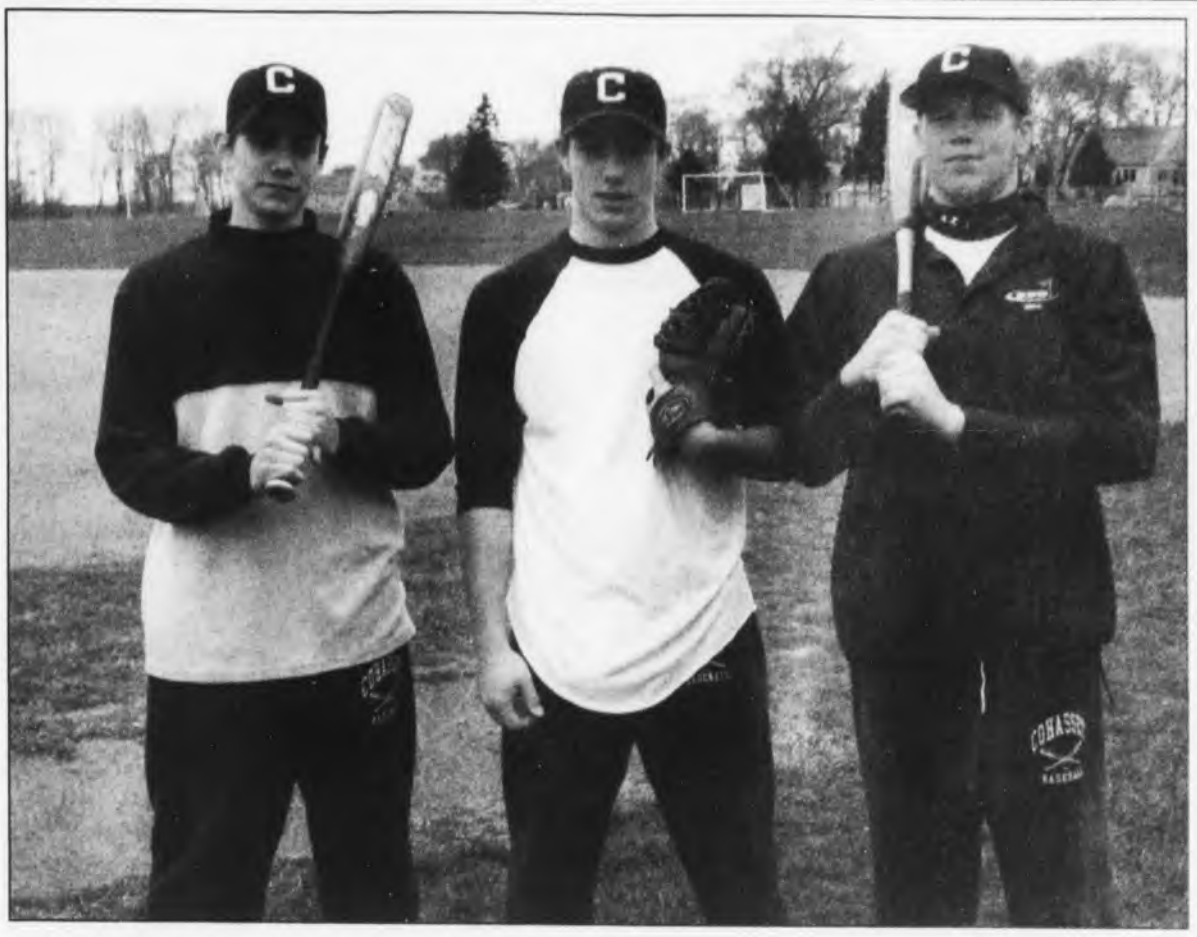

CHS baseball captains (left to right) Chris Ofsthun, Chris Bryan and Brian Straughn.

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A winning formula

Pitching and defense spur CHS baseball's 3-1 start

By Mark Goodman
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Cohasset High baseball coach Al Gallotta says his team's performance against Harwich last week was as fine a game as he has coached at the high school level.

Coming from a man who has coached for 31 years, that is saying a lot.

But, when the defending Division 3 South champions and South Shore League favorites come to town, and you beat them 9-0 while playing error-free baseball, who can blame him?

"I don't think a high school baseball team can play any better than we played that day," Gallotta said earlier this week. "There's absolutely nothing we did wrong. It's extremely gratifying to coach a game like that and see kids play like that."

Sophomore Brian Hill took the mound for Cohasset that day and pitched the best game of his varsity career to date, tossing a three-hitter and striking out six. Hill was throwing his fastball, curveball and changeup for strikes, and benefited from a flawless game in the field from his teammates.

"The team played a great game behind me," Hill said after Wednesday's practice. "Once I got out of the first inning, I felt pretty comfortable the rest of the way."

The bats came alive for Cohasset as well, with a season-best 10 hits, three of them for extra bases. The Skippers scored four in the first inning, capped by a two-run triple from senior tri-captain Brian Straughn. Fellow captain Chris Bryan smacked an RBI double in the second to make it 5-0, and Hill had more than enough run support.

Junior third baseman Fletcher Smalzel and sophomore catcher Kyle Pinkus both had two-hit days. Pinkus also walked, stole a base and knocked in two runs, while Smalzel hit and single and a double and had one RBI.

The win improved the Skippers' record to 3-1, and Bryan says the reasons for the team's early success come down to the basics of the game.

"Our defense and pitching have made a big improvement from last year," he said Wednesday. "And our hitting has gotten a lot better from the beginning of the season. We struggled with the bats our first few games, but we've built

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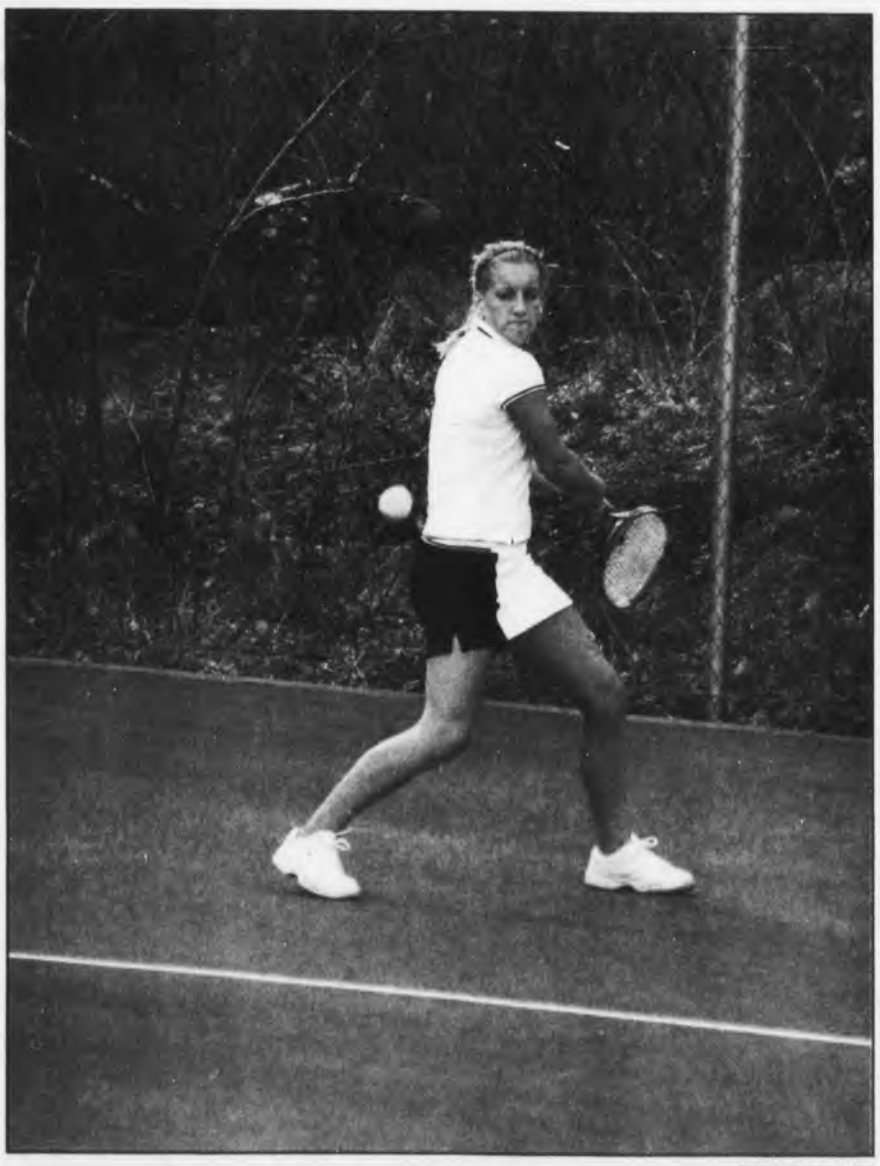

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Cohasset's Chelsea Grossman sizes up a backhand during last week's match against Ursuline. The CHS girls tennis team travels to Hingham on Wednesday.

Boys youth laxers continue winning ways on April 9

The **U15 Boys Blue** team teed up for a grudge match against Hingham and after getting up by five goals as late as the thirdrd quarter, they saw a spirited Hingham group stage a strong comeback effort in the fourth that almost succeeded, if not for some great team defense in the waning moments that protected a one-goal victory in the end, 10-9.

What made this effort even more remarkable, and might have been the reason for Hingham getting back into the game late, was that Cohasset played the game with a very depleted bench with only 13 kids suiting up for the game.

For the first three quarters, the game was well in hand on some outstanding high school level ball movement and transition efforts. Derek Youngman (3G/2A) had an MVP performance at middie, playing both sides of the ball and leaving everything out on the field.

Chris Brown got in on the action at almost every position - goalie, defense, and then showing up in a tired middy group at key junctures. Nick Lieberman (3G) had another strong performance with a great sniper shot from about 20 feet and Jake and Terrence Durkin (1G) teamed up to win key face-offs and to lend a hand at attack and middie.

Dean Driscoll (4G/1A) again showed why he is the team leader on the field by jumping up to middie from his attack position to give much needed rest to the troops while Luke Ernst notched two key assists in a similar dual role. Ian Porter and Will Lynner anchored the defensive effort along with Mark Seraikas who also took a quarter in the goal.

The victory was preserved by a standout effort by Chase Murphy, who took over in the cage in the second half. The excitement came down to the last 90 seconds when Hingham's momentum was looking to change the outcome. But after a Hingham timeout, Chris Brown grabbed his long stick and with the rest of the team shutting off all outlets, he relentlessly shut down clear by stripping the rock from the Hingham ball carrier, winning the ground ball, and then holding the possession until time ran out.

A hard fought game with a great finish for everyone that got to watch and play.

The **U15 White** squad took on perennial rival Hingham at home Sunday and won 6–3. Rock solid defense, superb goaltending that included stuffing a behind-the-back shot, and precise passing to cutting attack men, solidified the win in a game where Hingham had the advantage in time of possession.

The first quarter went 2–2 and although most of the loose balls went Hingham's way, the boys took advantage of our opportunities and led 3–2 at the half. Focusing on the backups and slides on defense in the second half, Taylor McQuade, Andrew Littauer, and Dave Hernon locked down Hingham's ability to shoot the ball. Jack Murphy took care of the rest from the net, allowing only one Hingham goal in the second half.

Middy adjustments in the second half, combined with endless hustle, saw Cohasset win back time of possession. Our transition game to a settled offense gave us many opportunities to light up the net, resulting in three more goals in the half. The attack worked magically together finding open men for scoring opportunities.

Ian Quinlan posted three assists and a goal of his own. Tom Flibotte netted four goals. Alex Kinnealy had an assist to go with his goal.

It was a great team effort all around, and really had the qualities of a game you would see later in the season. Good job, guys.

The **U15 Gray** continued their winning ways with a 9-4 victory over Kingston. As they did last week, Cohasset dominated the first half, leading 3-1 at the end of the first quarter and 6-1 at the half.

Cohasset extended its lead with two goals early in the third quarter, but then Kingston responded with three unanswered goals to close within four. However, Cohasset refocused its defensive efforts, and the final goal of the game was scored by Cohasset.

Cohasset's play was again led

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Boys youth laxers continue winning ways on April 9

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by a strong defensive effort, combined with a balanced offense able to find the open man and capitalize on opportunities. On defense, Keegan Flynn, Sam Leahy, Tom Pecca and Scott Wilson all played solidly, particularly in the first half when the game was still close.

On offense, six of the nine goals were assisted, demonstrating the effectiveness of alert team play and good ball movement. Will Wise (3 goals, 2 assists) and Max Shipp (4 goals, 1 assist) led the scoring, rounded out by Brendan Horigan (1 goal, 1 assist), Christian Lemaire (1 goal), Todd Emmanuel (1 assist) and Sean McCarthy (1 assist).

Grey U-13 took on a hard hitting Kingston squad at home. The Greys defensively stifled the opposition as the middie line of John Collins, Blair (Blake) McGowan and Alex Evans kept the action in the Kingston end. Evans again showed excellent vision as he assisted both Collins and Timothy in their first of three goals each on the day.

Middies Jamie Timothy, Pat Kearney and Evan Yeager kept up the pressure on Kingston as Kearney had a great "end-to-end" run to notch one of his three goals as well. The overall game was a complete team effort again as the heavy lifting of Gus Helbock, Geoff Swain, Robbie Hillman, Jim Lydon, Danny (CZ) Czerkawski (1) goal, on defense never really let Kingston pressure the Greys' goalies. Kyle Healy saw most of 3 quarters action, as a brave Brennan Bukowski ran a goalie "sweep" through a tough Kingston crowd before saving 3 shots and ultimately "taking one for the team."

The scrappy attack line of Teddy Patsos, Evan Yeager, Forster Eymer and Zach (Checker) Streker ran Kingston in circles. Zach was a highlight reel in effort as he consistently got to loose balls, was always in the play and both assisted and scored on great efforts in the Kingston zone. Teamwork and great lacrosse led to five assists on the way to an 11-4 win for Grey.

The **U13 Boys Blue** squad traveled to perennial arch-rival Hingham for an early season match up that proved to be a real nail biter right to the end. Following up on the previous week's heroics, the 5/6 grade boys once again had a "battle to the end" trading goals with a very talented opponent until finally notching their second one-goal victory with a 6–5 final whistle tally.

This game saw the debut of the "Big Man" Robbie Mahoney (2G/1A), who has found his niche standing tall in the crease area and re-directing key feeds into scores. Defensively, we saw impressive play from Blake Erler who looks like he was born with a long pole in his hand, and Ben Curley who anchored the top-side close D efforts while Willy "The Wall" Brown seemed to stopping everything that came his way in between the pipes.

The real story behind this win was the relentless middie pressure that Derek Froio put on Hingham's lead offensive threat - Tim Giarrusso – an ace sniper and AAU standout that was held to only 2 goals as Froio shut him down more often than not. Transition ball was again provided by the tireless efforts of Dan Barnes (who also stifled several Hingham charges on Defense), and Dean (2G) and Mitchell McNary (1G) who repeatedly broke down the Hingham scoring threats to convert them into fast break opportunities for Cohasset.

Middie John Mills (1G) iced the game with a nice upper corner crank off of a feed from Mahoney, while newcomer Alex Kent showed improvement at his attack position winning several key ground balls. The boys look forward to continuing their winning ways after the vacation break.

The Cohasset U13 White held its home opener under sunny, but cool skies. Led by veteran goaltender Chris Murphy, the team battled hard for four quarters against a talented Hingham squad.

Cohasset displayed some nice moments of good team lacrosse, but had difficulty maintaining ball possession and ended up on the bottom end of a 12-5 final score. Despite the score, the teams kept up a high level of energy up throughout the game and made Hingham earn the victory.

Cohasset's scoring included goals from, Nick Tangherlini (2), Chris Lunde, Charlie Neaves, and Ryan McGovern. Assists went to Charlie Neaves and Nick Tangherlini.

Next up for the squad is a home match with Norwell on Sunday, April 23 at1:30 p.m.

Cohasset U11 Blue at Hingham

The boys started the game winning the face-off and breaking to the crease. Colin Whelan passed to Cole Maher and Cole shot for the first goal of the game. Hingham was fast and also showed excellent teamwork with fast breaks to Cohasset's goal, winning 3 goals by the end of the half.

Cohasset's strength was in the defense with strong play by Matt Arnold, Liam Burke and Sam Murphy. The boys were down at the half, 4-1.

In the second half, the team was a bit tighter at midfield transition. Jack Conti won a goal with a good dodge to beat his man to the crease. Cohasset also saw some great play by Harry Serakis and Martin Buckley.

Cohasset got another goal with a great shot by Colin Whelan but the forth quarter ended too quickly and the boys lost, 7-3.

Cohasset U11 White, home versus Hingham

In the first quarter and only a few minutes into the game, Cohasset's Cole Kissick ran a fast break to Hingham's crease and he fed Mark McKenna for the first goal. Mark Brown scored the team's second goal to put them up 2-0 at the end of the first.

There was some great play on both sides of the field, but Hingham was tough and rough with three penalties to only one by Cohasset. Will Golden scored the third goal, ending the half at 3-0.

Leading off in the third quarter, Adam Benson became the team's first third grader to score a goal. Hingham notched its first goal in the third, but Ryan McKeon assisted Mark McKenna for Mark's second goal in the fourth quarter and Hingham responded with a fast goal.

Both Hingham and Cohasset drew two penalties each in the second half. Throughout the game, Hingham was tough defensively and the action was quite heavy, with a volume of both stick and body checking. Cohasset held strong, however, and walked off the field with a 5-2 win.

A winning formula

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some momentum with our last two wins."

Bryan was on the hill for the first of those two wins, a 5-0 victory at Carver last Monday. Bryan was outstanding, giving up only four hits and striking out four for the complete game shutout.

Cohasset had just five hits of their own, but managed five runs thanks in large part to the performance of center fielder Chris Ofsthun, the team's third senior captain. Ofsthun got on base four times (two hits and two walks), scored a run and stole three bases. Sophomore right fielder Sam DeGiacomo also had two hits, scored once and knocked in a run.

Junior second baseman Corbin Faber had the Skippers' fifth hit, and that was the first of his varsity career. Senior left fielder Brendan Barrett had two RBI, one on a bases loaded walk and another on a successful suicide squeeze in the sixth to make it 4-0.

Gallotta said his team executed four bunts, either sacrifices or squeezes, in the wins over Carver and Harwich.

With a 10-day layoff behind them, the Skippers will have no time to rest on their laurels, as they begin a stretch of five games in seven days this morning with a road game at Cardinal Spellman. Tomorrow at 10 a.m., Cohasset will host Archbishop Wiliams, the school where Gallotta used to coach and serve as athletic director.

Those two games are part of a more challenging non-league schedule that Cohasset will be playing this season, and Ofsthun says that is just fine.

"It's better for us to play better competition," he said. "It makes it tougher for us to make the tournament, but it pays off in the long run. We would play those teams in the tournament anyway."

Gallotta says Bryan will pitch against Spellman today, and will likely come back on three days' rest to face Hull on Tuesday. Hill will go against Archies tomorrow and Norwell on Thursday. DeGiacomo figures to get his first start of the year on the mound when the Skippers host Avon on Monday.

STAFF PHOTO/MARK GOODMAN

Sophomore pitcher Brian Hill tossed a three-hit shutout last week against defending Division 3 South champion Harwich.

Softballers on winning track

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"Virginia came up with an awesome save," said Bostwick. "I think it will be a boost for her for the rest of the year. I was really proud of her."

Spofford also knocked in two of the Skippers' three runs in the third with a hit up the middle that scored James and Salerno. Salerno had plated the first run of the inning with a hit down the left field line to score junior Alida Tangherlini, who had singled to lead off the inning.

Tangherlini knocked in a run during Cohasset's two-run fifth, as her grounder to short was enough to score Pinkus, who led off with a base hit. Freshman Carly Zappolo scored the Skippers' other run that inning, as she walked, stole second and came around on a base hit from Haggerty.

The girls have had the vacation week off, but return to the field next week with a Tuesday road game at Hull. They then host Carver on Wednesday.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Emily Coggins (left) hustles for a loose ball during a game earlier this month against Scituate. The Lady Skippers return to action Monday when they travel to Cape Cod Academy, with defending Division 2 state champion Norwell coming to town on Thursday.

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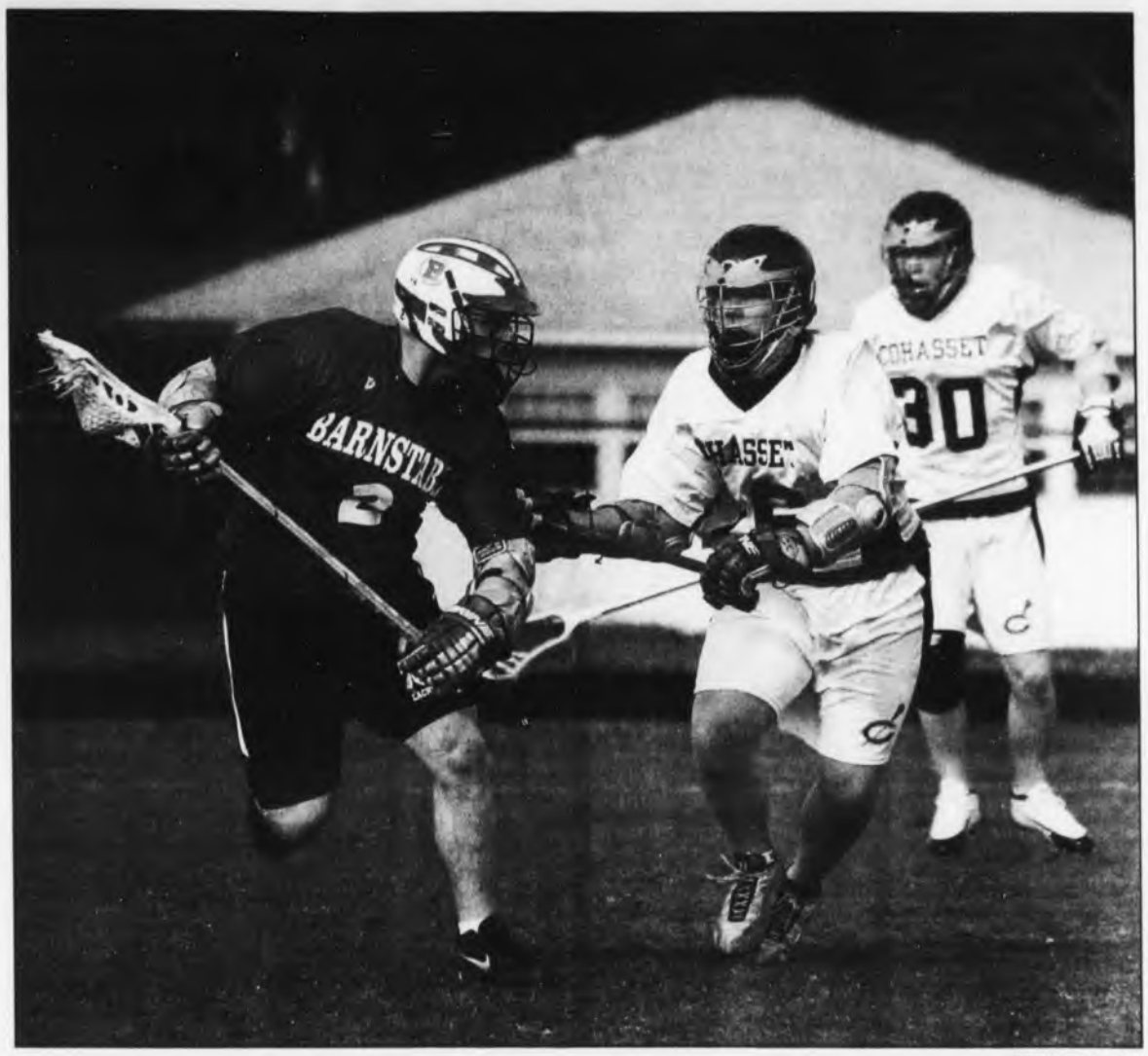

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Charlie Czerkawski (above, right, in action on April 12 against Barnstable) and his CHS boys lacrosse teammates take their 3-1 record into tomorrow morning's home game against Dover-Sherborn, the team the Skippers defeated in last year's Division 3 state semifinals. Game time is scheduled for 11 a.m.

SPORTS NOTES

Little League parade

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is having its annual Little League Parade.

Come on out Saturday morning, April 29 at 8:15 a.m. and cheer over 500 baseball and softball players marching from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field via North Main Street. The 2005 championship major league baseball and softball teams will be proudly riding fire trucks to celebrate last year's victories.

Opening day ceremonies will follow at Barnes Field.

Registration for Scituate-Cohaset youth football and cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2006 fall season on April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Scituate High School Auditorium entrance. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Interested participants must be at least eight years old by Sept. 1 (a change this year), and no older than 14 on Dec. 31, 2006.

New online registration: We have introduced online registration at the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading web site, www.scicohfootball.com. We encourage all applicants to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 29, please call 781-556-0215 (for football) or 781-556-0216 (for cheerleading).

Registration fees: football $175, cheerleading $125.

Refund policy: If a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee. After June 15, there will be no fee refunds. A $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 29.

Birth certificate: First year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Annual Shawn Patterson Race

Event: 5th Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship Road Race, 5K/10K Run, 5K Walk and Children's Fun Run for ages 10 and under

When: Sunday, April 23 at noon, Fun Run starts at 11 a.m.

Where: Gates Intermediate School, 327 First Parish Road, Scituate

Number Pick-up/Registration: April 22, 10 a.m. to Noon and April 23 (race day), beginning at 9:30 a.m., Fee $15

Information: Coolrunning.com or call 508-790-5834

Online application: http://www.coolrunning.com/major/06/shawnpatterson/

Senior golf tournaments

Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate is having a nine hole golf competition on Wednesday mornings for senior men ages 65 or older. This golf competition for Super Seniors is based on individual assigned quotas, derived either from the golfer's current MGA handicap or from recent golf experience scores.

Neither a club membership nor MGA handicap is required to participate. Advance registration is required.

Contact either the Widow's Walk Pro Shop at 1-781-544-0032 or Beewilcox@verizon.net for additional information.

South Shore Summer Soccer Camps and Clinics

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We are proud to announce our 10th Annual Summer Training Program. We have hired the *Make the Save Goalkeeper Training* and *Play Soccer* organizations to bring the best, most professional coaching directly to our program. During the month of August, for a period of 4 weeks, 4 different specialty programs, 12 sessions to choose from, *Play Soccer* will bring its widely acclaimed program to our fields at a very affordable cost.

Each day or evening at camp, soccer players will develop new skills in our 10 different soccer-training disciplines. High School, Club and Youth teams are encouraged to sign up and have a pre-season training session together.

To assure yourself a spot, early registration is advised; space is limited.

If you have any questions or would like an application, please call or Email your request to:

Tom Campbell, Camp Coordinator
Tel: (781) 749-4158
Email: soups6@yahoo.com

Spring basketball program at Northeastern University

The Northeastern University Men's Basketball Coaching Staff will be running a Spring Basketball Skill Development Program on Sundays throughout the months of March through June at the Cabot Center Gymnasium on the campus of Northeastern University.

The gym is located at 360 Huntington Ave in Boston. Parking is available on Forsyth St. and in the numerous parking lots/garages on Columbus Ave.

Players will work on skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding and defense each week. They will also play in competitive games each week on a college court. Players may also have the opportunity to use the skills they learn in competitive tourneys during the season. The instruction is run by Division 1 College Basketball Coaches, along with the help of top area High School Coaches and College Players.

Please call 617-908-7448 to get more info. Northeastern will also be running a number of Basketball Camps this summer - all camp info is online at http://gonu.com/camps/mbasketball.htm or call 617-908-7448 to request a camp brochure.

Patriots seeking nominees for 2006 community MVP awards program

FOXBORO — The New England Patriots are currently accepting nominations for the 2006 Community MVP Awards Program.

The New England Patriots Community MVP Awards honor individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving the communities in which they live through volunteerism.

Several winners will be chosen and grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded to the non-profit organization for which each honoree volunteers. Last year, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation donated more than fifty-thousand dollars to local organizations through a similar program.

New England residents who are 13 years of age or older who provide volunteer services for non-profit (501(c)(3) or 509) organizations are eligible for nomination. Only one nominee may be considered from each organization. The strongest applicants will be hands-on volunteers and may not receive any compensation – monetary or otherwise – for their efforts.

Non-profit organizations may nominate volunteers by completing the application found at www.patriots.com/community. Forms must be received by April 21.

So you want to be a Patriots cheerleader?

Pats holding open auditions for cheerleading squad April 30 at Gillette Stadium

The New England Patriots will hold an open audition for the Patriots Cheerleading Squad. Women who are at least 18-years-old are invited to attend the open call on Saturday, April 30 in the Dana-Farber Field House at Gillette Stadium. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

During the audition, candidates will be taught several routines, which they will be asked to perform for the judges. Scores will be based on dance ability, showmanship, overall appearance and level of physical fitness. At the end of the day, approximately 75 semifinalists will be selected to participate in the final round of auditions scheduled for May 6.

The cost to audition is $15. Participants should wear an aerobics outfit and sneakers, and should bring water, a bag lunch, a resume and a current photograph.

The 2006 Patriots Cheerleading Squad will be comprised of twenty-four members. The squad rehearses twice a week and performs at all Patriots home games. If the team advances to the Super Bowl, the cheerleaders will also perform at that game.

The Patriots Cheerleaders have appeared on several local and national television shows including Entertainment Tonight, E! Television, Inside Edition, the Late Show with David Letterman, the Ellen DeGeneres show, On-Air with Ryan Seacrest, Good Morning America and the CBS Early Show. Squad members have also made personal appearances throughout the United States, and in more than twenty-six countries around the globe.

For more information, visit www.patriots.com/cheerleaders

Kathy Mulhall, Ross Smith, Janice Crowley, and Bud Mulhall had a fun night out for a good cause, Saturday, April 1. All four were in attendance at the Social Service League of Cohasset's Spring Soiree fund-raiser, held at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

Secretary for the Social Service League's Board of Directors and Spring Soiree Chairman, Patty Smith, enjoys the food and festivities of the event at the Black Rock Country Club with Co-Chairman Rosemary O'Connell.

Angie Kelley shares a laugh with Meals on Wheels driver coordinator Jeff Steele, during the Social Service League of Cohasset's Spring Soiree, April 1. The Social Service League provides funding which makes the Meals on Wheels program possible.

Jane Henderson, Brenda Regan, and Motoko Dean, sample the buffet during the Social Service League of Cohasset's Spring Soiree fund-raiser, held April 1 at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

Dave and Jane Henderson and Paul and Don Dickinson, enjoy themselves during the Social Service League of Cohasset's Spring Soiree fund-raiser, held at the Black Rock Country Club April 1.

Social Service League of Cohasset Board Member Linda Malone, with her husband Former State Treasurer Joe Malone, and Deborah Emmett, helped raise money to support the League during its Spring Soiree fund-raiser, held April 1. The event took place at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

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Lynne Layman

Spring Soiree

Social Service League hosts special evening

Nancy Weissman, Patty Bosworth, Mary Lee Pestone, Hal Bosworth, William Pestone, and Michael and Rosemary O'Connell, attended the Spring Soiree at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham to support the Social Service League of Cohasset.

Wellspring Administrative Director Margaret Mellon, along with Marianne Hart and her husband, Wellspring Director Vinny Harte, are all smiles at the Social Service League of Cohasset's Spring Soiree fund-raiser. The League became affiliated with Wellspring in Hull in 2004, to help provide funding for the non-profit organization, which offers domestic violence intervention programs, crisis counseling, and adult learning programs.

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Fans wait in line to purchase tickets for their favorite performers on Saturday when the box office opened at the Music Circus.

South Shore Music Circus box office opens

South Shore Music Circus box office opened for the season Saturday, April 15.

To celebrate opening day, radio station Country 99.5/WKLB was on hand and the Dave Foley Band will performed live. The Music Circus box office, 130 Sohier St, is now open daily, noon to 6 p.m., throughout the season.

Tickets are on sale for all announced shows scheduled at South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset and sister venue, the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis. For concert updates, visit the Music Circus Web site at_www.themusiccircus.org. No seat is more than 50 feet from the stage.

The South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent have hosted entertainment for more than 50 years, serving nearly 200,000 patrons annually. The Music Circus and Melody Tent, as well as Music Circus Productions, are operated by South Shore Playhouse Associates, a not-for-profit organization that supports arts and education in southeastern Massachusetts. In the past decade, SSPA distributed nearly $2 million to other local non-profit organizations.

From left, Music Circus opening day staff, Kaitlin Jackson, box office manager, of Cohasset; Bridgette Kelly of Weymouth; Melissa Penkethman of Manomet; and Adam Tiro of Quincy pose for the camera on Saturday.

IT'S HAPPENING

Kids' variety show benefit is April 28

The By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret will present its premiere variety show on Friday, April 28 at 4 p.m. in the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common. The first-ever performance by this group – featuring entertainers from ages 11-16 – will benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundations.

The free one-time performance will feature singers, musicians, bands, and dancers showcasing their talents in a wide range of styles and disciplines. Thomson Jaffe, an eighth grader at Cohasset Middle-High School, is organizing the event. Doors will open at 3:40 p.m., and the show will run about 90 minutes.

Tickets are not on sale, but attendees will be asked to make donations to support the two research groups, which help children around the world. For more information about the benefit call Thomson Jaffe, 781-383-9858.

HSO Pops to present Season Finale April 29

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform its Season Finale Pops Concert on April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Daytona Room at F1 in Braintree. Jin Kim will conduct the full orchestra in a mix of popular classical and Pops favorites. The event will offer table seating and a variety of food and wine in a festive atmosphere.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with a pre-concert party sponsored by HSO's M3 – music, martinis, and more. A complimentary selection of appetizers and desserts will be served along with a Cash Bar of wine or beer. Groups of up to eight may sit together, by reserving a table in advance.

The evening will feature opportunities to win special raffle prizes along with a brief live auction. Continuing an HSO tradition, the top bidder will conduct the final piece, Sousa's rousing march, "Stars and Stripes Forever" – after a public five-minute coaching session from conductor Jin Kim.

Tickets are $30 adults, $20 seniors, $10 youth through age 18, and are available at Noble's and La Petite Maison in Hingham Square, Hingham Public Library, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, or online at www.hinghamsymphony.org, and by calling 781-740-5694.

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OBITUARIES

Chester David Catler

Fought in South Pacific in WWII

Chester David Catler,81, of Boca Raton, Fla., died April 11, 2006, after a long illness.

Born in Quincy, he was a son of the late John and Doris Catler, and a former resident of Cohasset. After graduating from Quincy High School, he attended Bridgton Academy. He then went on to attend a year at Bowdoin College.

Mr. Catler entered the Navy after Pearl Harbor was attacked, and served on the original Ground Control Team in the Pacific. He fought in seven campaigns in the South Pacific. After the islands were captured, his team would set up the radar systems, which guided the aircraft onto runways. His unit was destroyed when his airplane was shot down by enemy gunfire. He was rescued after spending three days in a rice field. He then changed service to the Marine Corps. and fought in the Battle of Okinawa.

Chester David Catler

Mr. Catler returned to Bowdoin College and graduated in 1946. He opened a driving school in Hull that expanded into three more schools in the Boston area. At age 25, he sold the business and moved to Florida where he imported and sold handbags from South America. In 1953, he returned to Hull with his Australian-born wife, Lorette Bryant, and operated a liquor store adjoining his stepfather's market for 10 years, while raising three children. In 1963, he became a partner with Irving Greenblatt of South Shore Publishing in Scituate. Once the company became national they printed circulars for Sears Roebuck & Co. and Woolworth's, two of their larger accounts. He sold the publication 20 years later and retired to Florida.

He leaves his daughter, Lori Bryant and her husband, Kim Ackley, of Cohasset; his sons, Jon Catler and Brad Catler, both of New York City; his brother, Marvin Catler of West Hartford, Conn.; two grandchildren, Christopher Ackley and Evan Ackley; and a dear friend, Gail Presson.

Interment at Sharon Memorial Park. Arrangements were handled by Levine Chapel, Brookline.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

Theron McMillan Lemly

Lifelong career as insurance agent

Thomas McMillan Lemly, 93, of Norwell, formerly of Burlington, and Memphis, Tenn., died April 9, 2006.

The son of the late Thomas Mitchell Lemly and the late Mary Morrison Lemly, he was born in Lexington, Miss., and lived in Memphis, Tenn. until 2000. He attended Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. After college, Mr. Lemly joined the Mississippi State Tax Department.

During World War II, he served in the Dixie Division of the National Guard Machine Records unit of the Seventh Army. His battalion sailed from New York City to No. Africa, where he served as daily courier of statistics for Generals Patch and Eisenhower. His unit traveled into Italy, the occupied region of eastern France, and Germany, where he was present at the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp. At the time of his discharge he had attained the rank of Captain.

After the war Mr. Lemly became the manager of the Home Life Insurance Company in Jackson, Miss. He then became general agent of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company in Memphis, Tenn., and in 1977, owner of the company. He ran the business until shortly past his 87th birthday and earned life membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable of the life insurance industry.

In Memphis, he was Elder Emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church. He served as president of the E. Memphis Exchange Club and the Tennessee State Exchange Club. He rallied support for the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf and was a charter board member of the school. He was also board member of the Memphis Speech and Hearing Center.

He leaves his loving wife of 65 years, Mary Elizabeth (White) Lemly, of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters, Sally L. Knutson, of Niskayuna, N.Y., and Susan L. Sardina, of Cohasset; four grandchildren, Peter Theron Knutson, Sarah Knutson, Lauren Sardina, and Kristina Sardina; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements by Doyle-Lane Funeral Home, Burlington. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 17, at the Presbyterian Church of Burlington, 315 Cambridge St., Burlington. Interment is in Tampa, Fla.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Burlington, 335 Cambridge St., Burlington, MA 01830; or to the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf, 711 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, TN 38105.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, April 23. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

We welcome to our pulpit guest preacher **Michael Durall**, who will lead worship and preach on "Churches with Souls." Author of the provocative gem of a book, The Almost Church , and the forthcoming book, Living a Call: Ministers and Congregations Together, *we* are fortunate to hear first-hand from this eloquent voice who speaks to the future of our faith. Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull, who is away this weekend, describes Durall as "a cutting edge voice in faith communities for our time."

Linc Bloomfield will serve as liturgical host. The morning offering will be dedicated to the South Shore Friends of the Homeless.

Children will gather in the Parish House at 10 a.m.. Toddlers will enjoy music and movement with Sharon Chase of Vocalmotion. Children in grades K-8 will join in a quilting workshop, led by Ann Selig. Our Senior High Youth Group will have returned from their Saturday participation in the Learn and Serve Program at the Pine Street Inn in Boston.

Parenting Workshops continue and are open to all!

- **Monday, April 24 – 7:30-9 p.m. – Honoring Our Elder Parents – Presentation and Discussion led by Kathleen Cumming, RN, CS - Parish** House
- **Thursday, April 27 – 7:30-9 p.m. – Parenting Our Teens – Presentation and Discussion led by Dr. David Shumaker - Parish House**

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. For more information, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the miracle stories of Jesus. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. Friday, April 21: Soup and Sandwich at noon. You bring the sandwich we provide the soup courtesy of the Red Lion Inn. Sunday, April 23: Youth Worship at 9:10 in Walton Rodgers Hall. The Interim Priest will be in Virginia from April 24-May 1. Deadline for articles for the Church newsletter, *The Carillon* will be April 24. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Second Sunday of Easter, Peter has healed a crippled man. In this passage he proclaims the fundamentals of the Gospel for all who come running to hear him. In 1 John we learn that belief in Jesus as the Christ together with love of all God's children is at the heart of Christian faith. In the Gospel of John Jesus appears to his disciples. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9 at 11 a.m.: Special Speaker, Tania Leontov, a Tibetan Buddhist teacher and one of the founding members of the Snowmass Ecumenical Conference formed by Father Thomas Keating in 1995. Ms. Leontov will also share her memories of Reverend Mother Gayatri Devi as we begin the celebration of her birth centenary.

Good Friday, April 14, at 3 p.m.. The Temple will be open for meditation and prayer from noon to 3 p.m.. Silence will be observed on the grounds during those hours.

Easter Service, Sunday, April 16 at 11 a.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

May 7, "Adam and Fallen Man."

May 14, "Mortals and Immortals."

May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

WORSHIP NEWS

Shawl Ministry meets Saturday

The next monthly meeting (every 4th Saturday) of The Shawl Ministry of the South Shore, will be on Saturday, April 22, from 1-3 p.m. at the North Street Community Chapel in Hingham. Lillian Colbeck of Hingham is the facilitator.

The group is open to anyone interested in knitting or crocheting as a way to express the love of God to people in need of care. The sessions are relaxing with a meditative atmosphere. and always end with a blessing over the works in progress and the finished shawls. Participants are welcome to create shawls for any person or project they desire. New participants are always welcome and can be taught the needlework basics by other members.

The Chapel is located at 235 North St., at the corner of Thaxter Street, less than a mile west of Hingham Square. Please enter by the entrance in the rear off Thaxter Street . There is parking behind Hersey House next door and in front on North Street. There is handicapped access from the parsonage parking area in the rear. For information call Colbeck at 781-749-2628, or email Sue at suzie172@yahoo.com.

Knitters should bring size 11 or 13 needles and 3 skeins of yarn. Crocheters need a size M,N, or P hook and 4 skeins of yarn. For suggested yarns and more information about the original Shawl Ministry (the model for this group) go to www.shawlministry.com.

Inter-religious series continues

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series "Listening to Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In," continues Thursday, May 4, 7:15 p.m., at Gastonbury Abbey Conference Center. Margaret O'Brien Steinfels will talk about "Catholic Culture and American Culture."

Steinfels is currently co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. For 15 years, from 1988 through 2002, she served as the editor of Commweal, an independent biweekly journal of political, religious and literacy opinion edited by Catholic lay people since 1924.

She also co-directed "American Catholics in the Public Square," a three year project of the Commonweal Foundation, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts. Two volumes of essays from the project have been published by Sheed & Ward (2004): volume one, "American Catholics & Civic Engagement: A Distinctive Voice"; and volume two, "American Catholics & American Culture: Tradition and Resistance."

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DESTINATIONS

Crafting a Southern-charm getaway

By KARA MILLER
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BENTONVILLE, Ark. - It's nirvana for crafts fans. In May and October, northwestern Arkansas becomes the land of corn dogs and quilts, roasted corn and handmade furniture, gator-on-a-stick and porcelain jewelry.

Since my mother had long harbored dreams of seeing the Ozarks' famous crafts fair cluster -- there are 10 fairs, all within a 20-mile radius -- we decided to celebrate her birthday by making a trip.

Bentonville is best known as the worldwide headquarters of Wal-Mart, and is a place with tons of corporate cash. In recent years, McMansions, golf courses and Italian bistros have sprung up, catering to legions of affluent executives.

Fortunately, small-time Southern charm is alive and well here, too, especially, biannually, in the hills above Bentonville at the Ole Applegate Place Festival.

The crafts fest features rows of artisan-filled tents stretched over the grounds of an enormous farm. Stalls brim with carved brooms, knitted sweaters and sacks of honey-roasted pecans.

Some 500 vendors participate in the spring, 800 in the fall, giving Ole Applegate the claim as biggest of the fairs. And in addition to crafts and food, there's live music, dancing and more.

In the aisles, couples from Oklahoma swoon over glass sculptures. Young moms from Iowa chatter about getting a head start on Christmas shopping. White-haired ladies from Kansas inspect handmade mirrors. And little kids nursing squares of fudge sit atop barrels of hay.

I bought a hand-turned rolling pin to bring back to Boston from a woodworker who lives farther up in the Ozarks (he'd driven some 120 miles to the fair). He said he and his wife had only gotten electricity about a decade ago, and his wife still doesn't like it.

Ole Applegate Place Arts & Crafts Festival.

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A few stalls down, the thing to buy was yummy, cinnamon-y pumpkin butter. I couldn't resist.

And I couldn't leave the fair without sampling gator-on-a-stick, chunks of battered and fried alligator that taste a bit like shrimp. Mom, less adventurous in the food department, turned up her nose at that (as well as the corn dogs and fried Twinkies) and went instead for an ear of roasted corn.

Next morning, fully rested and jet-lag free, we struck out for War Eagle, known as the premier crafts fair in these parts -- it's grown from a group of elderly ladies displaying their weaving to feature more than 150 exhibitors in spring and 300 in fall.

Located about a half-hour west of Bentonville, War Eagle is home to a water-powered grist mill that still produces a variety of flours, cereals and freshly baked breads. There are actually two fairs here, a rather ordinary one along the War Eagle River and a completely extraordinary one on a hill across the bridge.

On the hill, under bright white tents and with speakers blasting country music, you'll find artisans such as Marianne Hanson, who makes colorful porcelain jewelry, and Pat Wilson, who stitches patchwork quilts. But perhaps the most amazing artist we saw all weekend was Bob Holloway, who had traveled from Kansas City, Mo., to display his multicolored pen and ink drawings. Holloway specializes in layering text and pictures, hiding the words of "The Raven," for instance, in a drawing of Edgar Allan Poe, or incorporating biblical verses into Moses' robe.

While in War Eagle, you can pig out on more corn dogs, soft serve, turkey legs and funnel cakes.

We left here to drive north into the mountains to check out quaint Eureka Springs.

The lovely town first became popular in the 1800s for its curative spring water. Steel baron Andrew Carnegie built a library in the town, and dozens of Victorian homes sprung up, their facades featuring filigree woodwork and pastel colors. Today Eureka Springs has the largest collection of Victorian architecture in the Midwest.

Since the 1930s, the town has also become a magnet for artists.

Dozens of crafts stores beckon from old stone buildings, and it's not uncommon to see a painter working on a canvas in the middle of his store. My favorite galleries were Zarks -- which features a collection of blue-hued pottery -- and Quicksilver, filled with delicate, modern jewelry.

Our day spent ogling crafts helped us work up an appetite (despite the earlier junk food splurge), so we stopped at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy in Rogers, which is on the way back to Bentonville. The restaurant sits along a bustling, neon-lit, fast-food strip. But Abuelo's is no ordinary taco dive. In fact, it's an unexpectedly chi-chi spot, featuring reproductions of Diego Rivera murals and a painted blue sky overarching the dining room. I gobbled down one beef and one chicken enchilada, both filled with richly spiced and meltingly tender meat.

We later topped off our binge with a nightcap of frozen chocolate-chip custard.

But there were more crafts fairs to hit. So we slept off the food for the night and then hit the road again. By noon, we had fallen in love with fused glass pendants and painted furniture at the sprawling Bella Vista fair.

"Your sister would love this," my mom said to me as she picked up a bracelet made from an antique silver spoon. I nodded from across the aisle, holding a bar of fragrant almond soap to my nose.

"So," my mom said, looking up and smiling mischievously. "How 'bout coming back here for my next birthday?"

If you go...

FAIRS: The next round of fairs is May 5-7 and Oct. 18-22.

GETTING THERE: Northwest, US Airways, American, Delta and United all offer one-connection flights from Boston to Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA). Fares start at $366, round trip.

STAYING THERE: The Hilton Garden Inn in Bentonville is a huge but attentive full-service hotel. Rates start at $139 per night. Call 800-445-8667 or go to www.hilton.com.

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Vive La France!

Enrichment program focuses on French culture

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Lindsay Stelljes, 5, slips into some "haute couture" while learning about France during the after-school Enrichment Program at the Osgood School.

Jake Bennett, 8, samples some French cuisine in the café of the after-school Enrichment Program at the Osgood School. Students who participate in the program are exposed to a variety of themes throughout the year, and will take on life at a dude ranch next.

Students in the Osgood School Enrichment Program hopped on a flight to Paris, France, and have spent their afternoons learning about French culture during the after-school program.

Budding artist Colby Litchfield, 6, paints a sun as part of the piece she created in a "French art studio" during the after-school Enrichment Program at the Osgood School.

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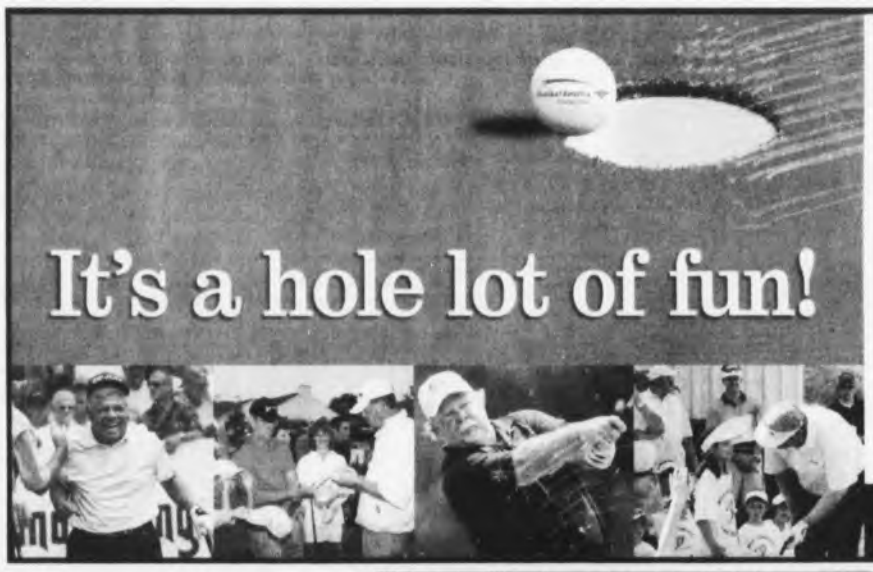

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

2:22 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, suspicious vehicle, running, no one around.

3:04 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police Dept., Toppan, NH Police Dept. calling to confirm a warrant. Male party has a WMS warrant. Toppan PD requests extradition policy.

6:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

8:59 a.m. **Tilden Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Scituate PD request for incoherent female.

9:25 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, speeding.

9:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, speeding.

9:50 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, speeding.

10:07 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:50 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service, caller reports that his paint sign was taken.

12:05 p.m. **Shore Sector**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, speeding.

12:22 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazardous materials, caller reports she was following a dump truck through Cohasset and it dumped debris on roadway which hit her bumper and caused damage. She is going to file with insurance company, unknown registration, this happened several minutes ago, now reporting it.

3:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (recovered), walk in party reports finding a pocketbook in a carriage at this location.

6:50 p.m. **Brockton Ave.**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a Lifeline alarm activation.

7:22 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a solicitor in the store being very forceful towards females that come in the store and they don't feel comfortable. Officer has spoken to the employee at this location and states they are ok being in there.

8:34 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, walk in party reports a blue pick up truck was heading directly at her on Elm Street then turned on to South Main, units on the look out.

11:05 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

12:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, secured building.

1:01 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:03 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

2:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:36 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:49 p.m. **King St.**, hazard in roadway with potholes contractor CBB notified of problem will respond today.

2:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, white box truck no plate visible.

7:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

8:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

8:45 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, investigation.

9:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, B&E (past/report), Scituate reports a fairly new white Lincoln with a partial plate, just tried stealing a boat engine from A&Z Boat Works. Scituate reports they are headed north and not sure which way. Officer reports vehicle unfound and Scituate reports they found out who the vehicle belonged to.

9:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, employee at this location complains that the Red Lion Inn is having a function and people are parking their cars in the Tedeschi's space. They were spoken to by the manager once and moved, one car there is a vehicle that has been there for over 2 hours. Officer reports vehicle was moved before he got there.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

12:54 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:04 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, animal complaint, 2 wild turkeys playing in roadway.

11:12 a.m. **TGI Friday, Norwell**, bolo announcement, stop and hold for larceny foe empty beer kegs, w/m, 30's, heavy set, short brown hair, button shirt, over T-shirt.

11:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, suspicious activity.

2:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports she was D/C from rehab and family has taken over residence.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance.

2:45 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, traffic complaint, reports that dump trucks are bothering his well being safety, officer aware.

4:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen.

5:41 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:03 p.m. Weather: Rain. Temp: 56.4.

6:04 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, assist other Police Dept.

8:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Dept., caller stated that her friend that lives in Halifax, friend stated that she had taken some pills, contacted Halifax PD they are enroute to her address.

9:28 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, vandalism report, caller advised his house was egged - no officer is needed, just log in report.

10:05 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:36 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, vandalism report, resident states a political sign was taken from her property.

7:37 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, resident states a political sign was taken from his property.

9:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos, party into HQ for fingerprints for studying abroad.

10:55 a.m. **Linden Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:20 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:08 p.m. **Kendall Village**, annoying phone calls, walk in party to speak to an officer regarding harassing phone calls.

2:34 p.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports hearing gunshots in the area. Officer reports everything normal in the area, no problems.

2:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage, female caller reports she is being followed by a very irate driver from an incident that occurred in Hingham. Caller reports the suspect is trying to get the female victims to get out of their vehicle at the lights. Officers have the suspect pulled over at this time. Officers have spoken to parties involved.

3:08 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:19 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:31 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire-public assist, caller is requesting if the Fire Dept. can assist in unlocking a door that was accidentally locked inside the house.

8:11 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parking "everywhere" at this location. Several vehicles issued tickets.

9:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog wander-

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ing in the middle of the street and they are afraid the dog will get hit. Dog owner has been notified once again to keep his dog in the yard this is an ongoing issue.

10:10 p.m. Officer reports all school building check ok all secure.

10:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vandalism report, the door to the building appears to have been shot with a BB gun. It has spider marks.

11:49 a.m. **King St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a smell of something burning. Fire Lt. reports a smell of burning. Units investigating.

12:23 p.m. **Ash St.**, fire, brush, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports there permit fire has gotten out of control and the homeowner also burned himself attempting to put it out.

12:55 p.m. Sudden death, elderly female.

3:45 p.m. **King St.**, well being check, caller reports a homeless man that does not look like he is feeling too well sitting on the ground at his location. Units report nobody in the area, units clear returning.

4:26 p.m. **Ash St.**, well being check, caller reports he hasn't been able to get a hold of his ex-wife or daughter for about 2 weeks. Would like a well being check and someone to call him. Officer reports there was no answer but we were able to get a hold of her and the daughter, she was advised about the concern and told to call her ex-husband.

6:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports an erratic driver going north bound on 3A towards Hingham, the 884 was also flagged down and he reports the vehicle is entering Hingham on the rotary still headed north. Hingham has been notified.

7:02 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, Hull PD reports they received a 911 call for a single car motor vehicle accident at this location.

8:30 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Station reports they are going to a smoke detector sounding at this location. Alarm company will be out to fix the system tomorrow.

9:22 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:23 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:39 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, suspicious person, officer reports suspicious person by the rail road bed between Dept Ct., and The Red Lion Inn.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

9:33 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement, officer doing radar at this location.

11:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a message left on her machine claiming to be from an insurance agency saying they would be out to view her property on April 13. Female contacted her insurance agency and they stated there is no such appointment and requests extra patrols on this day.

11:49 a.m. **E St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Hull Fire requesting R3 for an elderly female difficulty breathing.

11:53 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, walk in party reports lost cell phone.

12:07 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:36 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, elderly female back pain.

5:23 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, elderly female not feeling well.

6:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, well being check, caller reports well being check for young child by pond.

6:23 p.m. **Tower Lane**, animal complaint, fox on doorstep, request removal.

7:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, alarm, caller reports that a patron came into library to report that an alarm is going off, unknown cause. Sewer alarm waste water notified and will take care of situation.

9:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, illegal burning, fire extinguished.

9:54 p.m. **All Cohasset Schools**, building checks.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

12:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:35 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid.

6:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:14 a.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, public service, South Main St., between Spring St., is closed.

7:37 a.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

11:37 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, fire, brush, caller reports an out of control brush fire, and the resident has been burned badly. Fire has been extinguished, units picking up.

1:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a student with a cardiac problem.

5:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic complaint, initial call for traffic signal operation is not working properly. 883 investigated and it is functioning.

10:07 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

8:13 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious person (test), test of system of intruder alert: 8:13 a.m. initial call for male entered building , not known to school; 8:13 a.m. sector car to school; 8:14 a.m. request for other units for drill; 8:18 a.m. Delta 3 out at assignment; 8:19 a.m. all other units out at assignment; 8:19 a.m. 886 assume command; 8:20 a.m. 1st floor sweep; 8:26

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a.m. sector officer to upstairs for next sweep; 8:26 a.m. report of individual by circle D-2 check; 8:27 a.m. negative on sighting; 8:27 a.m. 2nd floor sweep; 8:28 a.m. command reports party between middle and senior high, towards auditorium 1st floor; 8:31 a.m. party located and escorted to office; 8:43 a.m. all units clear of drill command terminated; 9:08 a.m. last units clear of incident.

9:10 a.m. **Summer St., Norwell**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:06 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, lost property, party reports that her son's clarinet was lost in taxi in January.

12:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, citation issued for speeding.

6:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, warning speeding.

7:01 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, nose bleed.

12:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, missing child, missing student, 886 reports party has been found.

2:25 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, animal complaint, report of possible sick fox.

4:30 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:46 p.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, walk in party reports the other day he was pulling out on to 3A from King Street and the back of his truck was open, he lost a red tote tray with tools and fittings in it. When he noticed he went right back but it was already gone. He said there was a couple hundred dollars worth of tools and things in it. He was looking to see if anyone turned it in.

5:23 p.m. **Gannett Rd., Scituate**, property (recovered).

5:29 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

7:11 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:35 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, harassment report, calls to complain about the flood lights on the side of the house blinding her in her driveway, saying that its harassment and its done on purpose and something better be done about those lights.

9:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, caller reports a vehicle took off after taking a small amount of gas and not paying. Gave a partial plate.

10:04 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:14 p.m. **Mordecai Lincoln Rd., Scituate**, animal complaint, caller reports her brown chocolate lab missing, he has a red collar with tags and he answers to Murphy.

10:47 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

12:33 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:58 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop.

7:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:56 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, blasting site inspection.

9:01 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:50 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports that she found a cell phone on side of road, turned in to station, called owner of phone will pick it up this a.m.

10:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, caller reports low hanging wire across roadway.

3:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller advised someone is burning. No burning permits are issued today.

4:28 p.m. **Bayberry Lane and Clay Spring Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

4:43 p.m. **Bayberry Lane and Clay Spring Rd.**, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, suspicious activity, caller advised no one is at home, he received a report of kids in the garage.

6:44 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:20 p.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:07 p.m. **Lincoln Park**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Scituate.

10:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, walk in party advised he just dropped off subject that has had a lot to drink. They didn't want subject to drive his vehicle. The vehicle is locked up on one around it.

11:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller advised vehicle pulled into gas station - subject possibly drinking.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:36 am. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:45 a.m. **Border St.**, public service, the lights were left on. Building checks secure.

12:56 a.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, 911 caller appears confused, on call back, employee going to check patient.

4:51 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious activity, private duty nurse thinks she heard a window break. House checks secure.

5:02 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, upon leaving the area of the previous call, 883 heard the sound of a tree "cracking". Checked the area, unable to determine the origin of the sound.

6:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Summer St.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports damage to several fences.

8:57 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle parking illegally. Sgt. reports nothing in the area.

10:01 a.m. **Diab Lane**, harassment report.

11:50 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, disturbance, caller reports dirtbikers riding around behind his house causing a disturbance.

12:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:43 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:04 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports inside odor of gas.

1:11 p.m. **Elm St., and South Main St.**, fire, brush, caller reporting large brush fire in the woods filling the square up with smoke and ash.

3:03 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle parking all over the sidewalk at this location.

3:37 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, property, walk in party just wanted it noted that she had property taken from her yard but has been returned.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 9, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal of the Building Inspector's Decision** dated April 18, 2006 or in the alternative a Special Permit and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Janet & Jeffrey P. Barker seek to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a building permit at **19 Atlantic Ave.**, according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-04-18

AD#11033579
Cohasset Mariner 4/21, 4/28/06

SHEA GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P0694GI

In the Matter Of
DANIEL SHEA
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To the Department of Mental Health, DANIEL SHEA of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said DANIEL SHEA of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that SUSAN MEIGHAN of PEMBROKE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person – with the authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan – for reasons more fully set forth in said petition.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **May 4, 2006**.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 24, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11031439
Cohasset Mariner 4/21/06

ZBA/2 SHELDON RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 9, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Kelli A. Calhoun, Tr.** seeks to construct garage/mudroom in setback at **2 Sheldon Rd.** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-04-07.

AD#11029154
Cohasset Mariner 4/21, 4/28/06

ZBA/2 SMITH PLACE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 9, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal of the Building Inspector's Decision** dated April 18, 2006 or in the alternative a Special Permit and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Richard H. Brown seek to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a building permit at **2 Smith Place** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-04-18b.

AD#11033587
Cohasset Mariner 4/21, 4/28/06

ANNUAL MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PILGRIM BANK

Will be held at the offices of the Bank, 48 South Main Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts on Tuesday evening, May 16, 2006 at 6:00 PM, for the purpose of electing directors for a term of three years, and a clerk of the corporation for a term of one year and to transact such other business that may legally come before the meeting according to the by-laws and including the changing of the by-laws.

Francis E. Campbell
Clerk

AD#11024400
Cohasset Mariner 4/21/06

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 20-28, 2006

Barbie comes to life on stage

PHOTO BY DIANE BONDAREFF FOR MATTEL/LIVE NATION

Erin Elizabeth Coors, the actress just cast as Barbie, right, gets a sneak peek of her wardrobe by Tony-nominated costume designer Gregg Barnes.

Like little girls all over the world, Erin Elizabeth Coors grew up playing with Barbie dolls. Unlike other little girls, however, Coors also grew up to play Barbie. With her lead role in "Barbie Live in Fairytopia" - now at Boston's Wang Theatre - Coors will bring the world's best-known doll to life onstage for the first time ever.

"Growing up in Cincinnati, I was a huge Barbie fan. I have a whole collection of Barbie dolls at home," explained Coors by telephone last week from Chicago. "To be the first person ever to portray Barbie in a national tour is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I'm not only excited to work with a very talented production team, but I am also very much looking forward to meeting other Barbie fans across the country."

In "Barbie Live in Fairytopia" — based on the 2005 direct-to-video release "Barbie Fairytopia" — Barbie appears as Elina, a beautiful fairy who longs to have wings and be transported to magical places. Traveling on the back of a colorful butterfly, she meets new people who test her courage and teach her the true meaning of friendship. Coors believes that Barbie fans will enjoy joining Barbie in Fairytopia.

"There's so much spectacle involved in this production, it is just fantastic. There are also 12 original songs, which help tell the story. Children and their families are having so much fun because the show is so beautiful. The younger members of our audience come all decked out in their own Elina garb. The know the story so well from the film version and it is clear that they are just delighted to experience it live."

Since her "birth" in 1959, Barbara Millicent Roberts (better known, of course, as "Barbie") has sometimes been seen as a model for gender equality thanks to a wide range of careers. In addition to her current role as stage performer, Barbie has served as a teenaged fashion model, fashion editor, tennis pro, ice skater, business executive, ballerina, doctor, teacher, veterinarian, Olympic swimmer, concert pianist, dentist, astronaut, presidential candidate, and American Idol winner. Touring as the character, Coors sees first-hand her character's impact.

"What Barbie does is let girls live out their dreams for their personal lives and their careers," says Coors, who graduated from Kent State University earlier this year with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in musical theater. "She means a great deal to young people. Just the other night, at the stage door, a little girl greeted me by saying 'You're really real, Barbie. You're really real.' It was amazing to see that kind of reaction and it reminded me that it is both a privilege and an honor to play this role."

"Barbie Live in Fairytopia" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through April 23. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

Thursday, April 20

Paul Revere Midnight Ride children's program at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Thursday, April 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost $4.50 children ages 6-10 accompanied by adult. Reservations required. Call 617-523-2338 or visit www.paulreverehouse.org.

"Manners Then and Now" at Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, Thursday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 7 through 11. Introduction to proper etiquette and manners through a day of fun and activities. Cost $60, $50 members, includes lunch, snacks and certificate of completion. Registration required. For information visit www.plimoth.org.

Lindamood-Bell Learning Center Open House, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., 515 Washington St., Norwell. Explanation of one-on-one research based services for students with learning difficulties. For information call 781-659-7722 or visit *www..lindamood-bellprograms.com.*

Old Colony Civil War Roundtable meeting, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Endicott Estate, 656 East St., Dedham. Featured speaker Glenn LaFantasie discussing Twilight at Little Round Top. Opening remarks by Jay Schmidt, Executions at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor. Refreshments served. Admission free and open to the public. For information email joannelucas@comcast.net or call 508-668-1604.

Tony Funches, former lead vocalist for the Platters will perform at the Plymouth Yacht Club Thursday, April 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A senior event sponsored by Life Care. Sign up at Plymouth Council on Aging. For information, reservation or transportation, call 508-830-4230.

Ahmad Jamal at the Regattabar, Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge. Thursday, April 20, Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or visit www.getshowtix.com/regattabar.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebee's, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Comedy Night at Kilroy's Restaurant, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m. featuring **Paul Keenan**, with Annette Pollack, Phil Doyle, and Bob Carney. Hosted by Harrison Stebbins. Admission $10. Dinner and appetizers available. For advance reservations call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday April 20, **Living Proof,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Satch's Blues Jam at the Purple Eggplant Café with Ryan Fardy, Thursday, April 20, 9:30 p.m., 400 Bedford St., Abington. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Jumpin' Juba Trio at Java Jo's, 3710 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m. Call 617-325-0802.

Friday, April 21

New England Folk Festival, April 21-23 at Natick High School. contra, square and folk dancing. Music concerts and workshops, international food, crafts and folk bazaar. Hours are Friday, 7 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are Friday, $15 non-members/$12 members; Saturday, $20/$17 members and for entire festival $65, $55 members. For information call 781-662-6710 or visit www.neffa.org.

Aleppo Shriners Circus 2006, Friday April 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Aleppo Shriners' Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, Exit 39 off Route 93. Circus features three rings of non-stop internationally headlining acts. Call 800-700-0013.

Marshfield artist **Laura Tryon Jennings**, lifescapes and personality portraits on exhibit through May 31 at Harvard University Graduate School of Education M.C. Gutman Library Gallery, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge. Opening reception, Friday, April 21, 5 to 7 p.m. For information call 617-495-4225.

Common Market Restaurants Second Annual Spring Festival, Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 97 Willard St., Quincy. Win a VIP trip for two to New Hampshire Raceway. Jazz and Irish music, and piano bar sing-a-long. Call 617-472-5492.

Arcadian Winds contemporary wind quintet in concert, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-934-2731 ext 10.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, April 21 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Music by DJ Dave Joubert. Ages 45+. Proper dress. $7 members, $15 non-members. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshore singles.org.

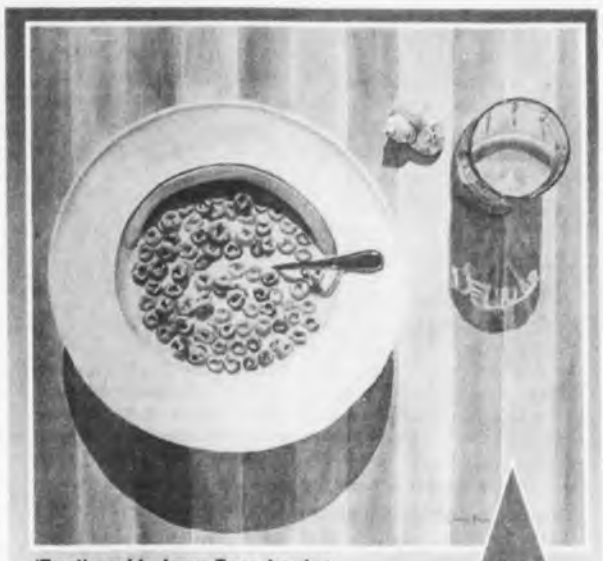
Comedy Show at Jordano's Pasta Grille, 871 Washington St., Hanover, Friday, April 21, 9 p.m., with headliner **Jim Lauletta.** Tickets in advance $15, show night, $20, dinner show $30. For reservations call 781-829-0650 or visit www.annettepollack.com.

Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth. **Tom and Deana**, Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. No cover. For information call 508-747-4900.

Dave Howard and The High Rollers at the Purple Eggplant Café Friday, April 21, 9:30 p.m., 400 Bedford St., Abington. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, presented by the Massasoit Theatre Co., Friday and Saturday April 21, 22, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m., Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets $18, $16 seniors and Massasoit students with ideas. Reservations required. Call 508-427-1234.

CALENDAR, see next page



'Frootloops' by Laura Tryon Jennings

BEST BET

Marshfield resident Laura Tryon Jennings returns to the Boston area to exhibit her unique and colorful collection of "lifescapes" and "personality portraits". Jennings will bring her extraordinarily intimate blend of coastal life and living scenes to Harvard University on Friday, April 21, for her first-ever Massachusetts solo exhibit. Jennings newest series, "Moments", captures life's simpler and smaller moments and brings their quiet comfort to the foreground. The exhibit will be on display through May 31 in the M.C. Gutman Library Gallery, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge. An opening reception will be held Friday, April 21 from 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Mark your calendar

5TH ANNUAL TUNES FOR TOTS CONCERT, Saturday, May 13 at the K of C Hall, Route 139, Pembroke. Benefit for the children of the Carolina Hill Homeless Shelter in Marshfield. All money raised will provide clothes, food and summer activities for the children. Live music by Basic Black with other special guests. For information call 781-834-2727 or visit www.rhythmroomrecords.com.

GREATER PLYMOUTH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, May 20. Golfers, hole sponsors and raffle items are needed. Tournament will be held at Southers Marsh Golf Club, Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth Shotgun start is at 7:30 a.m. Greens fees are $100 each with a discount of $10 if registered by May 8t Greens fees include coffee, doughnuts, cart, lunch and prizes. For registration forms, to become a hole sponsor or to donate raffle items, please contact Joan Hoye, Tournament Chair, at 508 946-1354. All proceeds from the event go to help build affordable homes for local families in need.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL AGAINST THE TIDE, June 24. The one-mile swim, two-mile kayak and three-mile fitness walk, benefiting the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, will be held at Hopkinton State Park in Hopkinton. This fun and inspirational program brings together swimmers, kayakers and walkers of all ages and abilities who would like to join MBCC in eradicating the breast cancer epidemic. Each participant will raise a minimum of $150 in contributions to benefit MBCC and may chose to participate in one, two or all three of the events. Visit www.mbcc.org/swim to register or call 1-800-649-MBCC.

ANNUAL TASTE OF THE NORTH END, Friday, May 5, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at The New England Aquarium. Forty popular North End restaurants and area wine/beer distributors will take part. Includes appetizers, cheeses, entrees and desserts. Hosted by KISS-108's Billy Costa. Tickets on sale now, $95 per person. All proceeds from the event benefit the Casa Monte Cassino, and educational and afternoon programs for the children and senior citizens of the North End. For more information call 617-367-2353.

Movie review

Pierre (Antonio Banderas) and Morgan (Katva Virshilas) demonstrate the benefits of a good pre-dance stretch.

Take this 'Lead,' please

Take the Lead (C+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

"Take the Lead" made me want to change partners. A cute misstep, the film benefits hugely from the charisma and charm of leading man Antonio Banderas and is yet another take on the subgenre that has produced such memorable films as "Shall We Dance" (2004) and its 1996 Japanese source material and the adorable 2005 documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom." In fact, "Take the Lead" takes its, ahem, lead from "Mad Hot Ballroom."

The film tells the fictionalized, distressingly dumbed-down story of Pierre Dulaine, a real-life European dancer transplanted to New York City's mean streets who believes ballroom dance can improve the lives of inner-city children.

He's right, of course, and because we find such self-improvement stories inherently engrossing, we forgive most of the flagrant mistakes made by music-video director Liz Friedlander and TV-based screenwriter Dianne Houston.

Mistake number one is presenting the film's young people, students at a South Bronx junior high school, where the arts have taken a back seat to stepped-up security, as amazingly accomplished dancers to begin with, a stereotype at best.

Conspicuously unlike "Mad Hot Ballroom," this film's lame-brained idea is to suggest that inner-city kids can shake their moneymakers like "Fame"-ready Fly Girls and Boys (with hip-hop choreography courtesy of Rich and Tone Talauega). But when it comes to ballroom dancing, they're two left feet. It's idiotic.

Henry Higgins-like Dulaine begins his involvement in their lives after meeting the school principal Augustine James (Alfre Woodard) and volunteering to cover a detention session by instructing the students in dance. The session becomes a regular thing, and Dulaine persuades his students to train for an upcoming, hotly contested, citywide competition.

Among the students are Rock (Rob Brown of "Finding Forrester"), a hot-tempered, broad-shouldered young man whose gang-banger brother was killed and whose father is a drunk; and the beautiful LaRhette (Yaya DeCosta), who babysits her younger siblings and whose mother is a hooker (!). The comedian of the group is Eddie (talented Marcus T. Paulk of "Roll Bounce"), a would-be Romeo who tries to copy "Mr. D" 's suave moves.

Of course, a film as generic as this must have a rich and spoiled white girl (Lauren Collins) on hand, in this case a sweet, uncoordinated young woman studying for her cotillion.

Soon, the students are learning to tango, foxtrot, rhumba, waltz and merengue in between sessions of hip-hop-flavored dirty dancing. What you never see them do is study for anything else.

Holding this wet tissue together is Banderas, who demonstrated dancing cred on stage in "Nine" and is quite good opposite trained dancer Katya Virshilas ("Smallville"). To his credit, Banderas makes you want to know more about Dulaine (and considerably less about the cliched young people).

Considering how ridiculous so much of it is, no one should be surprised by the ludicrous "Rocky" meets "Flashdance" ending of "Take the Lead," featuring a suggestive tango threesome. Like much of the rest of the film, it leaves you wondering how a movie about dance can be so lame.

Rated PG-13. "Take the Lead" contains profanities and suggestive dancing and behavior.

Calendar

APRIL 20-28, 2006

Rooster Rock ,glacial formation, Whitney and Thayer Woods, Cohasset

BEST BET

Join a guided family walk through the Whitney and Thayer Woods, a Trustee of Reservations property in Cohasset on Sunday, April 23from 10 a.m. – 12 noon with South Shore Natural Science Center naturalist, Debbie Hill of Norwell. See many unique glacial formations such as Roosters Rock. Pre-registration and payment required; directions will be provided. Portions of hike include moderately steep slopes and unimproved trails. Cost: $5 per person/ $3 members of the Science Center. For more information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell or call 781-659-2559.

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Kerry Ryer-Parke and her Merry Men, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Cost $6, $5 members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Boston Early Music Festival presents **Ensemble Doulce Mémoire** performing songs and dances from the Court of King Henri IV, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m. First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, 11 Garden St., Cambridge. Tickets $21 to $53, $5 discount for students, seniors and groups of 10 or more. To purchase call 617-661-1812 or visit www.bemf.org.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, April 21 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u-com.

New England Singles dance, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m. Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Karaoke Night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, Friday nights, 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-843-3648.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, April 21, **Mission of Blues,** R&B funk, soul. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 21, **Dave Foley Band**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Saturday, April 22

36th Annual Tree, Shrub and Plant Sale, Plymouth County Conservation District, Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 15 Cranberry Highway, W. Wareham; and Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon, Marshfield Fairgrounds, 120 Main St., Marshfield. Plants include coneflowers, butterfly flowers, daylilies, ornamental grasses, hydrangea, and ornamental shrubs. For information call 508-295-5495 ext 4.

Peoples Choice Chili Cookoff, at The Independence Mall Center Court, Kingston, Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. $5 admission proceeds go directly to the Rachel Souza Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit Silver Lake students. For information call 781-585-8900.

YMCA Health Kids Day, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., South Shore YMCA, 75 Mill St., Hanover. Games, arts and crafts, entertainment, car seat safety checks, finger printing, spinal checks, nutrition, healthy backpacks, healthy lunches and demonstrations in yoga, dance, music. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 781-829-8585 ext 227.

The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden St. and is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.. For more information call 781-934- 6634.

BEST BET

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Celebrate Earth Day at Great Blue Hill, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. A day of environmental activities, live animal discovery and outdoor exploration. Programs and activities all day. At 1 p.m. **Hike the Great Blue Hill,** the most popular trail in the Blue Hills. Panoramic view from the summit. Moderately strenuous hike over rocky terrain, one and a half hours. Free admission to indoor museum activities for Mass Audubon members. Activities are included in museum admission for the public. For more information call 617-333-0690. Visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

A Visit with Paul Revere at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Saturday, April 22, 1-4 p.m. Using reproductions of Revere's personal items and Revolutionary War memorabilia, David Connor brings Boston's favorite patriot to life. Museum is open daily through Oct. 31 form 9:30-5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338 or visit

Sustainable South Shore's Third Annual Climate InfoFest, the Sustainable Living Festival at the MJ Murray Bathhouse, Nantasket Ave., Hull, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, sponsored by Sustainable South Shore. Free admission. Exhibits on sustainable energy, wind and solar power, electric and hybrid vehicles, recycling, green technology, and organic gardening; kite flying and children's activities; entertainment and refreshments. Call 781-925-9066 or email climateinfofest@hotmail.com.

ROAM Book Club meeting, Saturday, April 22, 2:30 p.m., Shurtleff Conference Room, Turner Free Library, 2 North Main St., Randolph. Discussion of Frank McCourt's latest memoir, "Teacher Man."

A Cure is Coming 14-mile walk to benefit ALS Therapy Development Foundation, Saturday, April 22, Lexington to Boston, ending with reception at the Old North Church in Boston's North End. For information visit www.cureiscoming.org.

"Graceland!" fundraiser to benefit programs and exhibits at Fuller Craft Museum, Saturday, April 22, 6:30 p.m., Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. Gala event features rock and roll by premier Elvis impersonator Dana Z. and the Memphis Mafia Band, southern cuisine by The Catered Affair, prize for best Elvis and Priscilla look-alikes. Tickets $150 in advance. Call 508-588-6000 ext 123.

Blue Oyster Cult at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 50 Court St., Plymouth, Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., with opening act Chris Fitz. Tickets $30-$35, at the box-office of call 508-747-1340 or visit www.plymouthhall.com, or at all Strawberries outlets.

Ballroom Dance, Saturday, April 22, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Church Hill United Methodist church, 11 Church St., Norwell. DJ music by DanceSportof Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 advance, $12 at the door. For information call 617-325-1562.

Christian and Gospel Music Celebration at The Company Theatre in Norwell, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m. Performances by Love Divine with Boston Pops Idol winner Tracy Silva, and Boston and local artists. Tickets $20 at the theatre or call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Wood Brothers Band at the Purple Eggplant Café Saturday, April 22, 9:30 p.m., 400 Bedford St., Abington. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, April 22, **Bellevue Cadillac,** swing, R&B funk, with horns. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, April 22, **The Loonatics** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Sunday, April 23

Day of Puppetry at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Puppeteers, workshops, puppet parade, and puppet resource shop. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students. Children under 12 admitted free. For information visit www.fullercraft.org or www.puppetsbostonguild.org.

Guided walk through the Whitney and Thayer Woods, a Trustee of Reservations property in Cohasset, Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m. to noon, with South shore Natural Science Center naturalist Debbie Hill. Sights include many unique glacial formations such as Roosters Rock. Pre-registration and payment required, directions provided. Hike includes some moderately steep slopes and unimproved trails. Cost $5, $3 SSNSC members. Call 781-659-2559.

Former Boston Bruins legends vs. Asthma All Stars face off in a hockey game to benefit the American Lung Association, Sunday, April 23, 1 p.m., Babson College Skating Center, Wellesley. Lineup includes Johnny Bucyk, Ken Hodge, Johnny McKenzie, Rick Middleton, and Ken Hodge Jr. Tickets on sale at the door or visit www.lungma.org. Call 781-890-4262.

Blues Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Easy walk, some hilly terrain, 2.5 miles. Walk around Tucker Hill on the green dot path. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St. in Milton. Walks will be lead by a park ranger or a Walking Club volunteer. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr. If weather conditions are questionable, please call first.

"A Lady Alone," the story of America's first woman doctor, performance by Linda Gray Kelly, Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m., Ventress Library, Marshfield. Rickets $2, children admitted free.

Hingham Public Library's "Long Overdue Coffeehouse" April 23, 3 p.m. open-mic event designed to give local performers a few minutes in the spotlight. Great for poetry readings also. A few slots left, call or email For information or to sign-up to perform, call Peter Thornell at 781-741-1405, x2609, or email thornell@ocln.org.

"An Evening of Opera" Fine Arts Chorale 40th Anniversary Concert, Sunday, April 23, 5 p.m., at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Works from Verdi's "La Traviata" and Anvil Chorus, among others. Chorale will also sing Mascagni's Easter Hymn and Donizettis Chorus of Wedding Guests Tickets $15, $12 seniors and students. For information call 800-230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

All Media Portrait Workshop, Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24 at the Ellis House in Scituate, with artist Constance Flavell Pratt. Cost $150, $125 Ellis House members. Call John Camacchio, 781-585-6619.

Ballroom Dancing on Sunday afternoons at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m., weekly rotating bands. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext. 10 or visit www.moseleyonthecharles.com.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield hosts **Alamo City Jazz Band** will kick off the Spring Jazz series, Sunday, April 23, 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is $10. Optional dinner beginning at 3 p.m. For information call 781-834-6505.

Monday, April 24

Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, **George Lee** exhibits his work through April at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-335-4615.

Nathan Gallery presents **"Full Circle"** through April 29, at the Frame Center, second floor, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Fourth annual presentation of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public Schools Art Dept. (K-12.) Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

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Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

"Nine Months at Ground Zero" author slide presentation and discussion with Charles Vitchers and Robert Gray, Monday, April 24, 7 p.m., Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. First hand recollection of the brotherhood of workers who "took on a job like no other." Free admission. To purchase a signed book call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Tuesday, April 25

Barns and Beach Houses art exhibit featuring original paintings by **Nancy Colella**, through May 5 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield. Exhibit hours Monday-Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call North River Arts Society, 781-837-8091.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage seminar, Tuesday, April 25, 3 to 5 p.m., South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. For information call 781-848-3910 or visit www.sselder.org.

Free Legal Clinics, Tuesday, April 25, 6 to 8 p.m., offered by the Bar Association of Norfolk County, Quincy District Court. Private one-on-one confidential consultation. Appointments not necessary. For further information call 617-471-9693.

Zachor Torah ceremony to commemorate the Holocaust, Tuesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Rosenberg-Williams Sanctuary, Temple Beth Am, Randolph, followed by collation in the Brotherhood Youth Hall. Call 781-963-0440.

Tuesday Trivia Night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover, great prizes. Teams form weekly. For information call 781-843-3648.

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Break out the cowbells as classic rock legend Blue Oyster Cult takes to the stage at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Led by founding members Buck Dharma, Eric Bloom and Allen Lanier, Blue Oyster Cult will crank up the volume as it lays down great songs like "Don't Fear the Reaper," "Burnin' For You," "Godzilla" and "Cities on Flame (with Rock and Roll)" Opening will be Boston favorite, blues-rocker Chris Fitz.

Tickets priced at $30-$35 are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office located at 50 Court St. in Plymouth, by phone at 508-747-1340, and online at www.plymouthhall.com. Tickets can also be purchased at all Strawberries outlets. This show is presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions.

Classes

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES at the Cushing Center Auditorium, 405 Washington St. in Hanover. Classes will be held on Thursdays, May 4 through June 1, from noon to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Cost is $75 for one of the two, five-week sessions. All materials are included. PDP's for EMT's and nursing contact hours. Open to all 16 years old and older. Register by calling 781-447-2470 or by emailing instructor Marianne Molinari at manny66@msn.com. Please specify which session you are interested in.

LIFE DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASSES on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy Art Association, 26 High School Ave., Quincy. Drawing from 7-9 p.m. and painting from 7-10 p.m. For information call Bill 617-472-4578.

AMERICAN BOATING COURSE offered by the Scituate flotilla, 12-8 of the USCG Auxillary. For boaters of all ages. Ages 12-15 will receive a Mass. Boating certificate. Topics to be covered are: safe boat handling, trailering, storing, boating laws and more. Course will be held two Saturdays, May 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Library, 31 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Course is approved by the US Coast Guard. Fee is $45. Pre-register by calling Cohasset Receation Dept. at 781-383-4109.

COASTAL LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP IN OILS, with Sergio Roffo, Friday-Sunday, June 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. For intermediate to advanced painters. Learn techniques and principles of plein air painting of coastal subject matter. Pre-registration is required, call 781-837-8091, email: northriverarts@rcn.com or visit www.northriverarts.org.

For Your Health

STROKE AND ANEURYSM VASCUALAR EVALUATION SCREENING, May 5 at Quincy Medical Center, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy. Men over age 60 and women over 65 are at risk for vascular disease and stroke. But early detection with the S.A.V.E. screening exam can prevent those incidents. In conjunction with LifeLine Screening of America, free screening is offered to patients who age, family history or personal history puts them at increased risk. Call 866-220-SAVE to see if this appropriate for you. Registration is required.

GREATER PLYMOUTH LUPUS GROUP meets on Thursday, April 27 from 6-9 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. No registration is required. For further information contact: Nicole Peterson at 781- 582-8770.

PARKINSON'S ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM SERIES at New England Sinai Hospital. Beth Cornforth, MSPT, a Physical Therapist will present "Current Evidence-Based Physical Therapy Practice: What's New in the Literature?" at 9:30 am on April 26, in the Brenner Conference Rooms A and B at 150 York St., Stoughton. CEU's for Nurses will be offered. Registration by April 23 is suggested. A light breakfast will be served. To register call Diane at 781-297-1269. For more information about the Parkinson's Adult Day. Program, call 781- 297-1368.

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING at Quincy Medical Center, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy. Tuesday, May 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Dermatologists on staff have donated their services for the free public screening. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Co-sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology. To schedule an appointment, call Quincy Medical Center Physician Referral Service, toll-free 24 hours per day at 877-479-CARE.

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The Alamo City Jazz Band will perform at The Bridgwaye Inn, Sunday, April 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. with dinner service beginning at 3 p.m. Admission to the show is $10. For reservations and information call 781-834-6505. The Bridgwaye Inn is located at 1265 Ferry St. in Marshfield.

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Yom Hashoah Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance, Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Marshfield Methodist Church Congregations Sanctuary, 185 Plain St., Marshfield. Testimony by holocaust survivor Max Michelson, music performed by Annie Hersen. For information call Congregation Shirat Hayam, 781-582-2700 or visit www.shirathayam.net.

American Repertory Theatre and CRASHarts production of "The Civilians," eight performances running April 25 through 30, Zero Arrow Theatre, Arrow St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets $30. Call 617-876-4275 or visit www.CRASHarts.org or www.amrep.org.

Singles Dining Out, Tuesday, April 25, Skyline restaurant, 305 Victory Road, Marina Bay, No. Quincy. For single professionals 40-55. Cost $45. Reservations required. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com. Seating limited to 20 mean and 20 women. Cost includes complete dinner, tax and tip. Cash bar and cocktails, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Dorothy James** will exhibit her paintings at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth for the month of April. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Home Sellers seminar, **Wednesday, April 26 from 10-11 a.m.** at Transitions Resource Center, 308 Union St.,Rockland. Learn the how-to's from local experts. Featured speakers include home stagers, home inspectors, appraisers, real estate broker, mortgage lenders and moving companies. Free to the public. Refreshments served and door prizes awarded. Seating is limited. Reserve by calling 781-878-0660.

Author luncheon with mother and daughter writers Sheila Solomon and Perri Klass Wednesday, April 26, 11:30 a.m., Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Authors will discuss "Every Mother is a Daughter: The Never Ending Quest for Success, Inner Peace, and a Really Clean Kitchen." Tickets $5 in advance. Call 781-383-2665.

Complex Conversations art exhibit through June 25, featuring the work of metal smith Tom Odell and printmaker and painter Carol Odell, at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. For information call 781-934-6634.

White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, through May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Includes works of international artists and 34 artists from 40 states. Call 781-383-2787.

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South Shore Conservatory presents Arcadian Winds, New England's contemporary wind quintet, in concert at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury on Friday, April 21, at 8 pm. Guest artist and percussionist Dave Jamrog joins the quintet for this free concert that includes works by Holst, Ligetti, Miller, D'Rivera and Schoenberg. Since its formation, Arcadian Winds has premiered almost 50 new works and championed many others. With a strong commitment to education, the group has brought chamber and contemporary music into the public, private and community schools in the Greater Boston area. For directions to the Ellison Center for the Arts at 64 St. George St., visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-934-2731, ext. 10.

The Truth About Cholesterol, seminar by Dr. Daniel Hartman, Wednesday, April 26, 7 to 9 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Rockland. $15 fee includes seminar, Q and A session, handout, and refreshments. To register visit www.danielhartmanhomeopath.com, click Lectures, or call 860-572-9566.

Home Buyer Seminar at Jamie's Restaurant, 804 Plain St., Marshfield, Wednesday, April 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Presentations by mortgage specialist, real estate attorney, real estate broker and home inspector. Sponsored by Scituate Federal Savings Bank. To register call 781-834-2100.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, Wednesday nights, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. For information call 781-843-3648.

Ballroom Dancing on Wednesday evenings at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dance lesson from 7-8 p.m., dancing to DJ music from 8-11 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext. 10 or visit www.moseleyonthecharles.com.

Thursday, April 27

South Shore Women's Business Network Breakfast, Thursday, April 27, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Presentation on collaborative coaching by Vicki Donlan, publisher of Women's Business and finding success in a professional roundtable by business coach Jim Della. To register call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Behind the Scenes Tour: The People, at Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet the staff and food historian Kathleen Curtin, author of the museum cookbook, "Giving thanks: Thanksgiving Recipes and History from Pilgrims to Pumpkin Pie." Cost $40, $25 members, includes tour, lunch and museum admission. For information visit www.plimoth.org.

Boston Lyric Opera presents "The Daughter of the Regiment," a Donizetti comic masterpiece for Boston public school children. Free admission. For information call 617-542-4912 ext 239.Two performances Friday, April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m., at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester.

Medicaid update with attorney Dagmar M. Pollex, Mass. Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m., Nangeroni Conference Center, Milton Hospital. To register call 781-535-6490.

Champions Cup Boston four-day professional tennis competition featuring Jim Courier, John McEnroe, Todd Martin, Mats Wilander, Pat Cash and others. Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30. Daytime session 1:30 p.m., evening session 5:30 p.m., Bosse Sports Club, 141 Boston Post Road, Sudbury. Tickets $15 and up. Call 978-443-9006 or visit www.championscuptennis.com.

Spring wine tasting and sale, Thursday, April 27, 6 to 9 p.m., Blanchards Liquors, 700 Plain St., Marshfield. Over 100 wines from many countries offered at 20 percent discount. Email marshfield-blanchards@verizon.net.

Third Annual Silver Lining Fundraiser to benefit Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m., Foundation Lounge, Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Commonwealth Ave., Kenmore Square, Boston. Special tribute to Ray Charles featuring Evan Goodrow at 9 p.m. Raffle, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Information visit www.mctf.org or call 617-727-8957. Admission $30 at the door.

Brandeis Theater Company "The Bacchae" by Euripedes, Thursday, April 27 through May 7, Spingold Theater Center, Laurie Outdoor Theater. Classic tale of confrontation between human and divine authority, with actor Bob Jaffe, and original music score by David Rakowski. Directed by Eric Hill. Tickets $16-$20. Call 781-736-3400.

Greater Plymouth Lupus Group meeting at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston, Thursday, April 27, 6 to 9 p.m. For information call 781-582-8770.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebee's, 6 to 8 p.m. 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Purple Eggplant Café hosts Satch's Blues Jam with Shirley Lewis and The HouseRockers, Thursday, April 27, 9:30 p.m., 400 Bedford St., Abington. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, April 27, **Stone Soup,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, April 28

Homeschool Family Day Open House at Plimoth Plantation, Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more about Colonial and Wampanoag educational programs and explore our museum's sites. Homeschooling families receive reduced admission for the day. Enjoy hands-on activities on our Wampanoag and Colonial education sites. For information, visit www.plimoth.org/learn/education/familyPrograms/homeschool. To register, contact Kim Longmore at 508-746-1622 x8359 or by e-mail at programservices@plimoth.org.

Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House candlelight singing tour, 188 Main St., Avon, Friday, April 28, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tour of historic 1820s sea captain's home, serenaded in every room by tour guides. Donations accepted. Coffee, cider and cookies served. Sponsored by H.L. Blanchard Trust. Call 508-583-7616.

Pets and Wildlife art exhibit opening, Friday, April 28, 6 to 9 p.m., South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. New England artist's sale of wildlife and pet portraits. Commissions for pet portraits accepted. Portion of proceeds will benefit New England Wildlife Center. For information call 781-749-0430 or email lisa@southstreetgallery.com.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity 13th Annual Birdhouse show, gala and auction Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30, at Reebok World Headquarters, Canton, hosted by Anthony Everett, WCVB-TV. Birdhouse artists win prizes for Best in Show, Most Creative, Most Whimsical, People's Choice, and Best Artistic Skill. event includes fully catered dinner, and open bar by Different Tastes of Boston. Tickets are $50. To purchase tickets call 781-843-9080 ext. 8.

"Roofs of the Americas" two-screen slide show of mountain climbing expeditions of Norwell resident **Glen Ferguson**, Friday, April 28, 7 p.m. at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. $5 donation at the door. Call 781-659-7100.

Spring for RTR charity auction and dinner, Friday, April 28, 6 to 10 p.m., at Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston. Hosted by WBZ News Radio celebrity Jordan Rich, the event features silent auction, live auction, dinner, and music. Cost $75, table of 10 is $700. For reservations call 781-834-1300 ext 296.

Third Annual Barbara Knapp Memorial Concert performance by the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring cello soloist Laura Bacon and the Herring Run Festival Chorus. Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St., Weymouth. Admission $10 adults, $7 seniors and teens, children age 12 and under admitted free. For information call 781-337-9585.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, April 28, **Stonecrazy,** blues. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Jumpin' Juba trio at Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, Friday, April 28, 9 p.m. Call 781-659-0050.

New England Singles dance, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, April 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Music by DJ Dave Joubert. Ages 45+. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, hosts **Shor'ty Billips,** Friday, April 28, 9:30 p.m., $5 cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Kids give a hands-on performance in a Boston Area Guild of Puppetry workshop.

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Fuller Craft Museum will host a Day of Puppetry Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids of all ages will enjoy this day of puppetry performances, puppet-making workshops and tours of the exhibition (No)Strings Attached with members of the Boston Area Guild of Puppetry. Tickets are $10/adult, $5/child. Members receive a $2 discount per person. The Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street, Brockton. For more information call 508-588-6000 ext. 118 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 28, **Spank,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Ongoing events

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a new Plymouth stamp club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Larrionica at 508-531-1776.

New Natural Foods Co-op A group of South Shore residents are starting natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. Call Rosa LaRosa, 781-837-3858.

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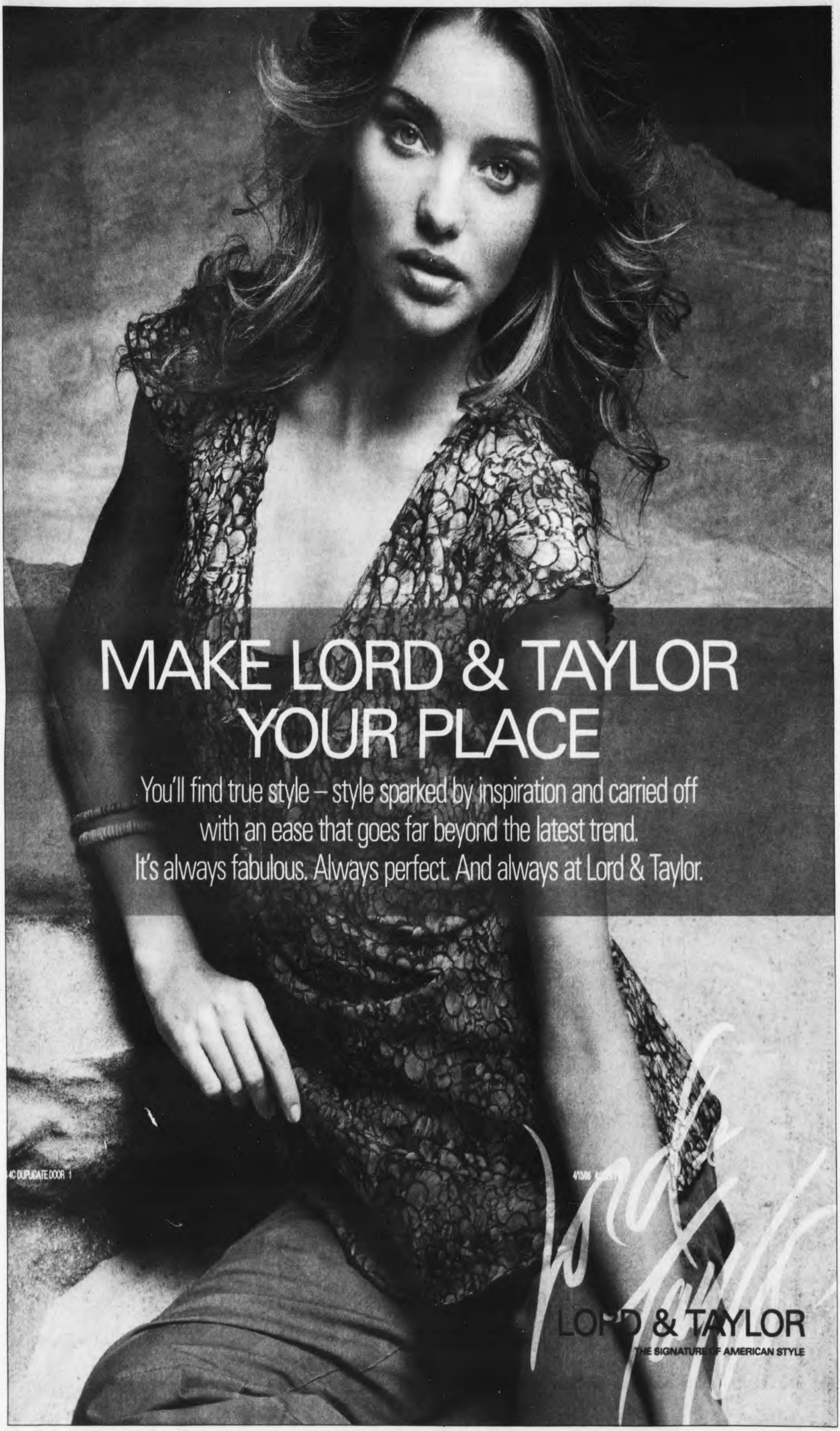

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Vote talk

Officials speak about override implications

By Samantha Brown
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Over the next week, residents will likely be out in full force to educate their neighbors on the impending override vote. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Second Congregational Church.

On the line are two override figures — a $1.495 million operating budget override and a $725,000 operating budget override. Already, most residents have made up their minds about which figure, if any, they want to pass, and many people are not shy about sharing their opinions.

The Board of Selectmen is split on its view of which level of funding should pass. The board voted 3-2 to support the higher figure. Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he supports the $725,000 figure, while Rob Spofford said the town should pass the $1.495 million.

Dormitzer said he supports

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Village has always been central to Cohasset

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At right, Mike Feroli, the "Musical Butcher," entertains Charlie Daley and his dog, Winchester, in front of the Village Butcher & Deli and Cohasset News on Brook Street last Friday.

By Ralph Dormitzer
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset village is the town's working center. It is the place you go to meet someone for coffee and a croissant, have lunch, dine with friends in the evening, buy your newspaper and have your hair cut. You can shop for gifts, pick up something to wear and buy flowers in the village.

...situated between the Common to the north and the Cove to the east, it links the elements that make Cohasset a quintessential New England seacoast town.

You use the hardware store, dry cleaners, convenience store, bank and post office for your everyday needs. It is the functioning center of the town. Moreover, situated between the Common to the north and the Cove to the east, it links the elements that make Cohasset a quintessential New England seacoast town.

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All dressed up for exhibit

Antique wedding gowns on display

By Samantha Brown
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There is no dress more special than the one worn by a bride on her wedding day. While the colors and styles have changed over the years, for centuries, women have chosen one gown to mark the occasion.

To keep the traditions of Cohasset weddings alive, the Cohasset Historical Society is gearing up to share its collection of wedding gowns dating all the way back to the 1800s in its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." The exhibit will open June 8, and there will be a "wedding luncheon" to celebrate the exhibit from noon to 2:30 p.m. on the day of the opening.

The luncheon is open to everyone and will be held at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. Actress Judy Bernstein will present "Here Comes the American Bride," a look at historical wedding customs and traditions. There are 60 slots open for the luncheon, and the cost is $30 for Historical Society members and $40 for non-members. Those who attend will make their way over to Historical Society headquarters for the exhibit opening after the luncheon.

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Lynne DeGiacomo (not shown) buttons the back of a wedding dress which dates back to 1940, while Martha Hurtig makes sure the dress hangs beautifully over the mannequin.

Proceeds from the luncheon will go toward helping the many historical endeavors of the society, including preservation of the wedding gowns

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Keeping up with crossing closures

'Greenbush guys' provide update

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is in the throes of Greenbush construction all over town. While residents are getting used to keeping up with temporary detours during MBTA construction, the town's Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan have been keeping up with every project, each step of the way.

Brennan came before the Board of Selectmen Monday to give an update on where the town stands. He began in Scituate with a situation which is taking place on Lincoln Lane. Lincoln Lane will be bisected by the Greenbush tracks, and a Cohasset resident, whose address is 425 S. Main Street, accesses his home via Lincoln Lane. Lincoln Lane will not have a grade crossing, which means access to the S. Main Street home will be impeded. The MBTA feels it can build an extended driveway through Cohasset's Ledgewood Farm Drive to give the homeowner access to his property. There are also three Scituate residents who live on Lincoln Lane who would like to be able to exit their property through Ledgewood Farm Drive.

The Planning Boards for both Scituate and Cohasset will need to approve the plans, and abutters to the property will need to take part in the discussion as well. "Not only would the means of access travel across town borders, it would travel over county lines as Scituate is part of Plymouth County and Cohasset is part of Norfolk County. It is likely there could end up being two driveways built with a divider between each. The MBTA would be responsible for paying for the project. "We still have a mountain to climb. This is not over by any long-shot," said Brennan.

Beechwood Street is currently

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PICTURE THIS/Bill Griffin

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The Mariner caught up with Town Manager Bill Griffin in the Selectmen's office this week.

Name: Bill Griffin.

Occupation: Cohasset Town Manager.

Best day of your life: The days my son Patrick and my daughter Molly were born.

Best vacation: A two-week bike trip with my wife throughout Ireland.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite meal: Lobster.

Best book: "Trinity" by Leon Uris.

Best movie: "Field of Dreams."

Best TV show: "Seinfeld."

Pet peeve: Drivers who don't use turn signals.

Most embarrassing moment: When I missed two foul shots at the end of a high school basketball game to lose the game.

Most memorable moment: Having the opportunity to pitch at Fenway Park and play basketball at the old Boston Garden.

Goal: To complete my local government career as Cohasset Town Manager.

Person I'd most like to meet: Bill Gates.

Biggest worry: Paying for college.

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Town's Cook costs to be paid off over several years

Override can't be used for that debt

By Samantha Brown
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With the death of the Cook Estate project, the town must now come up with $300,000 to pay off the costs incurred trying to make it work.

Director of Finance Michael Buckley said all tolled, the town spent $500,000 of borrowed money on the project, $200,000 of which was deposit money and will be returned to the town. Therefore, the town has been left with $300,000 to pay back.

An additional $115,000 was spent out of the town's operating budget to cover services such as advice from Town Counsel which were already budgeted.

The town has not been required to pay back any of the borrowed funds as of yet, but Buckley said the first payment will be due in January 2007. He said the amounts of the payments are still unknown, but he estimates it will take between 3-5 years to pay off the debt.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said at this point, "I would assume the annual payments will have to come from the regular budget. Thankfully, our debt service budget (non-excluded) is actually going down next year, so at least some of the impact may be able to be absorbed in that way."

Costs associated with the project date back to 2003. At that point, the town was optimistic it could work with a private developer to build a project it wanted to see, which would provide affordable senior housing for the town's eldest residents. Cohasset is trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state and the Cook project could have helped the town meet its requirement.

Costs associated with the project date back to 2003.

Voters at the November 2003 fall Special Town Meeting authorized the town to spend $4.5 million for the purchase of the Cook property with the intention of making a profit when the town sold the property to a developer. In May 2004, the town issued a $100,000 temporary note to pay for anticipated project costs. The note fell under the umbrella of the $4.5 million appropriation as it would have been paid back at the closing of the property. Temporary notes allow the town to borrow funds for a limited time, usually one year, and pay only the interest on the funds, not the principal.

In 2005, the town borrowed an additional $200,000 which paid for engineering and consulting work done to help get the project off the ground. The $200,000 was added to the $100,000, which gave the town one $300,000 note to pay back.

The town will be voting on an override Saturday, May 6. If an override passes, it cannot go toward paying back the debt for the Cook project in fiscal 2007. When the budget was approved at Town Meeting, the town's line items were funded in three columns — one for a no-override budget, one for a $725,000 override, and one for a $1.495 million override, depending on which funding level passes. Costs for the Cook project were not included in that budget, and therefore override funds cannot be used to pay them back.

The Cook Estate, located on Sohier Street, is a roughly 19-acre parcel of land, that was owned by the late Jane Bancroft Cook. The town had been working with the heirs of her estate since 2003 to build senior housing on the site. The project was put out to bid, then wastewater issues forced a reduction in scope of the project. A second Request for Proposals was sent out for the smaller project, and two subsequent developers both pulled out due to tight permitting deadlines. The Weathervane Construction Corporation was the fourth developer to try to work with the town to develop the property. Now that the heirs of the estate are no longer working with the town, the fate of the property is in their hands.

Cook answers

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he received phone calls during the week regarding the board's emergency meeting, held Tuesday, April 18, to discuss the Cook Estate. He explained as of Friday, April 14, any extensions granted by the trustees of the Cook Estate had expired and if the town had wanted to try to go for one more extension, the board needed to meet and take a vote immediately. With Monday as a holiday, the board met Tuesday.

Dormitzer said in order for the town to have even approached the Cook trustees to try to go for another extension, it would have been required to put down $31,500. The board decided not to take the risk, and bring closure to the project.

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Joan and Rick Grassie start off the work day with a good bagel, good coffee, and good company at Atlantic Bagel, a few minutes after it opened at 6 a.m. Monday. Atlantic Bagel workers Jennifer Brunelle, center, of Scituate, Steve Jones, second from right, and store manager Steve Malcolm, right, chat with their "regular customers." For more village photos, see page 33.

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Volunteers sought for cable committee

The town's contract with the Comcast cable company is almost up, which means discussion of contract renewal is currently on the table. Town Manager Bill Griffin said in many towns, there are active cable advisory committees which are charged with aiding in such matters. He said Cohasset used to have a Cable Advisory Committee, but it has since become defunct. He said having a Cable Advisory Committee would be a good idea for the town for a number of reasons.

Griffin drafted a charge for the committee, which the Board of Selectmen approved Monday. The committee should consist of between five and seven members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The length of membership for the first group of members will be staggered, to allow for a continually revolving membership.

Members of the committee should include individuals who are either actively involved in community programming and production; are a representative of the school department who is involved in production, local programming, and technology; is a citizen with background and training in telecommunications, information technology, etc.; or is a citizen at large, especially one which is a cable subscriber.

The committee shall be advisory in nature to the Board of Selectmen, and will aid with matters relating to any application for a cable license transfer, merger, assignment, or original issuance. It will conduct "ascertainment" proceedings needed to support renewal license negotiations. It will monitor compliance by the cable company with all provisions of the cable license and conditions, including conducting compliance hearings and meetings. The committee will also serve as a liaison between cable customers and the cable company on issues relating to quality of service, customer service, etc. Other duties will be determined from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

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Override 'True or False'

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The Mariner continues to receive phone calls and e-mails, and has heard talk around town, from residents who still have questions about the override vote. Below are some "true or false" questions and answers to help alleviate the confusion. Anyone who has questions about the override vote may contact Town Manager Bill Griffin at (781) 383-4105 or via e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org, or Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh at (781) 383-6111 or via e-mail at dwalsh@cohassetk12.org.

1. Voters will cast three votes on May 6.
FALSE: Voters have two votes to cast May 6. They can vote either "yes" or "no" for the $1.495 million override and either "yes" or "no" for the $725,000.

2. If a voter does not want to pass an override figure, they should leave that question blank.
FALSE: Leaving a question blank means a vote is not counted either for or against an override figure. To vote against an override figure, a "no" vote must be cast.

3. Voters who would like to see the $1.495 million override pass should only vote for the $1.495 million figure.
FALSE: It will not hurt the higher override figure's chances of winning to vote for the lower one as well. As long as the higher number receives more "yes" votes than "no" votes, it will automatically win, per Prop. 2-1/2 rules.

4. It is possible for more voters to support the $725,000 override and still have the $1.495 million override take effect.
TRUE: Hypothetically, if only three residents came out to vote for the higher override figure and two of those votes were "yes" votes, and 1,000 residents voted for the lower override and all 1,000 voted yes, the majority of votes for both questions would be "yes" votes, and both would therefore pass. Under Prop. 2-1/2 rules, the larger override figure will automatically win, even though many more votes in the affirmative were cast for the lower figure. As long as the higher override figure receives a majority of "yes" votes, it will win no matter what, no matter how many votes were cast.

5. If a resident wants only the lower override figure of $725,000 to pass, they should vote "yes" for that question and leave the other question blank.
FALSE: If a resident would like to see only the lower override figure pass, they should also vote "no" for the higher override figure. The only way the larger override figure would lose is if it receives more "no" votes than "yes" votes.

6. Cohasset will be voting on a pyramid override.
TRUE: A pyramid override asks voters to determine which, if any, of two or more funding options they are willing to approve. Voters may vote for or against each question independently. Any question is approved if a majority of the people voting on that question voted "yes." If more than one question is approved, the question with the highest dollar amount wins.

7. Cohasset has never had a pyramid override before.
FALSE: This year's override is not a new concept brought to the town by Town Manager Bill Griffin. In 1999 there was a $766,000 override that failed at the regular Town Election by a margin of 60-40 percent. Due to problems balancing the budget, the selectmen later called a Special Election for late May with three override questions on the ballot: one for $612,895, one for $509,554, and one for $380,000. The only figure to receive a majority vote (1,413-1,364) was the $380,000 figure.

8. Taxes will be increased permanently if the override passes.
TRUE: The town is looking to pass an operating budget override. Unlike debt exclusion overrides, which are typically passed to cover special projects such as sewer construction and school renovations, and for which taxes go away after the debt is paid off, operating budget override increases are permanent.

9. If an override passes this year, it guarantees there will not be another override next year.
FALSE: While nothing is set in stone, the School Committee has said it needs an increase of between 7 percent and 8 percent annually to keep the district moving forward. State aid has also been cut, which makes running the town as a whole very difficult. The town does not generate the kind of revenue necessary to make up for what has been lost, which means another override cannot be ruled out for next year.

10. Override elections are the same as candidate elections.
FALSE: With an override election, the override which receives the most votes is not automatically the winner, as is the case with candidate elections. The state's Prop. 2-1/2 rules dictate with a pyramid override, an override figure passes if it receives more "yes" votes than "no" votes. If two or more figures pass, the largest dollar amount always prevails.

Override election at-a-glance

What: Special election where voters decide whether or not to pass a $1.495 million Prop. 2-1/2 operating budget override or a $725,000 Prop. 2-1/2 operating budget override.

When: Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall (elections are usually held at Town Hall, but a scheduling conflict required the election be moved next door).

Outcome: If either override passes, it will be a permanent tax increase. If the $1.495 million override passes, the school department would add $1.1 million to its budget and the town would add $395,000 to its budget. If the $725,000 override passes, the school department would add $530,000 to its budget and the town would add $195,000 to its budget. Taxes for the owner of a home valued at $750,000 would increase their overall taxes by $330 with the $725,000 override, $249 of which is attributable to the override. That same homeowner would have a tax increase of $594 with the $1.495 million override, $513 of which is attributable to the override.

Override questions answered

1. Each voter may cast two votes — one for each of the two questions on the election ballot.
2. Both override questions will pass if they receive more "yes" votes than "no" votes. If both pass, the larger override figure will take effect, per Prop. 2-1/2 rules.
3. Votes for both questions are tallied separately. The "yes" votes for question one will only be compared to the "no" votes for question one and the "yes" votes for question two will be only compared to the "no" votes for question two. The total number of votes cast does not matter, it is the ratio of "yes" to "no" votes for each separate question.
4. It is possible for the smaller override figure to receive more "yes" votes and still lose. Prop. 2-1/2 rules dictate regardless of the number of votes cast, with a pyramid override, the larger figure automatically wins if it receives a majority of "yes" votes.
5. Passing an operating budget override is a permanent tax increase. The money which is added to the budget becomes part of the base from which the town adds 2-1/2 percent to its taxes next year.

How should I vote?

• **Do you want the $1.495 million override figure to pass?** If so, vote "yes" for both override questions. As long as the larger override figure receives a majority of "yes" votes, it will win as Prop. 2-1/2 rules dictate the larger override figure wins if both receive a simple majority. Voting "yes" for the smaller figure as well does not hurt the larger override's chances of winning. Voting for both will only help ensure if the larger override figure fails, the lower number still has a good chance of passing.

• **Do you want only the $725,000 override to pass, but not the $1.495 million?** If so, then vote "no" on the $1.495 million override and vote "yes" for the $725,000. Leaving the $1.495 million question blank means a vote is not counted for or against the figure. If a resident does not want to see the larger figure pass, the only way to counter the "yes" votes being cast is to vote "no."

• **Do you want neither override to pass?** If so, then vote "no" for both questions. Leaving the question blank is not the same as voting "no" in an override vote. The only way to prevent an override from passing is for the question to receive more "no" votes than "yes" votes.

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Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, May 6 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, May 5 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. ***If you will be in town and able to come to the polls, you should vote in person on Election Day.***

Voting absentee for the following reasons ***only***:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open
- Physical disability
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by May 6 to be counted.

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Officials on both sides speak out on override implications

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going for the $725,000 override because he feels the town really does need it. However, "I definitely don't think $1.495 million is the right thing to do," he said, adding he believes the figure is excessive.

He said the school department presented a figure at the beginning of budget season, and that same figure was voted on by the School Committee just before Town Meeting. "It shows no moderation. Everything was asked for and nothing was cut back," he said. "I expected people to try to come to some middle ground. I would have supported something in the middle (of the $725,000 and $1.495 million) if I felt there had been a compromise," he said.

Dormitzer said in his opinion, there should be a town-wide discussion to decide what services are deemed most important across the board, and then how allocating funding to specific areas would reach those goals. From there, the town must determine what the costs will be over five years to meet those goals and maintain them. "It's not just about the money, it's about what you want and your quality of life," he said.

Dormitzer said with the way taxes are being increased, there are many families who are essentially the "bedrock" of this town, who have lived here for generations and made the town what it is, who now can no longer afford to live here. He said other residents came to Cohasset after World War II and are now of retirement age, and they too are "being driven out. We're going to lose the core part of the population who built this town," he said.

Dormitzer said to not give consideration to those residents shows a lack of generosity. "It minimizes the contributions of many families over many years," he said.

But Spofford sees the $1.495 million figure not as being excessive, but a necessity if the town values education and wants to continue to move the district forward. He said in the past, projects and improvements have been deferred and now educational improvements are being put off as well. He said the town cannot afford to keep putting things off on any level, and as an elected official, he will not stand by and watch the educational system in town be dismantled. "Moving forward with a diminished educational experience is far worse than deferring maintenance on any building. You can't put a dollar amount on that," he said.

Spofford said while there has been much support shown for the $725,000 figure, "It is still a step backwards." He said while the $1.495 million is a significant number, every item that will be purchased or program or position funded is a necessity.

Spofford said he does understand there are people in town who feel the higher override figure will put an undue tax burden on some residents. However, he said he feels his role is to be a leader in the community and try to find a balance between the increased tax burden and what is best for the common good. In light of that, he said he has made the tough choice to support the higher figure, because he does not feel it is in the best interest of the community to compromise the education of its children.

There are citizens groups on both ends of the spectrum as well. Members of the Committee to Support Cohasset would like to see the $1.495 million figure pass, while members of Enough are against the $1.495 million override.

Chairman of the Committee to Support Cohasset, Terry Green of Linden Drive, said "If no overrides pass, we will take additional steps backwards in the schools and town services. Most likely we will lose additional teachers, class sizes will increase and AP and elective classes at the middle and high school may be impacted. The only override that improves the current situation, reduces class sizes, adds back AP and electives previously cut is the $1,495 million."

On the other side of the issue, Anson Whealler, 619 Jerusalem Road, the spokesman for the political action committee dubbed "Enough," said he feels many residents are very concerned about the increase in taxes an override will cause, and some "are on pins and needles," when it comes to publicly stating their opinion, for fear of being seen as not supporting education. He said he has asked residents — many of which he knows do not support the higher override and are parents of school-age children — to put up signs in their front yards, and has been met with "I support you, but I can't have a sign."

He said it is very important for residents to understand the increases that would take place this year, "We'll pay forever," as operating budget overrides become part of the tax base permanently. When the town's taxes are increased by 2-1/2 percent next year, the override figure would become part of that base.

Whealler said the most important thing any resident can do is go to the polls with a clear understanding of what it will cost their family personally to pay for the increase in taxes that could ensue from a passed override. "What am I willing to give up?" is the question each person should ask themselves as they cast their vote, he said. It could be a morning coffee or a bagel, but a lot of people have already given those things up, he said. "Some people are ready to give up their homes and just move," he said.

The override election will take place Saturday, May 6 at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No matter what a resident's personal stance on the override, everyone is being urged to use both of their votes and cast either a "yes" or "no" vote for both override figures.

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VACATION PIX

Hello Cohasset. How did everyone do for vacation? Please send in some fun pictures, great stories and more to share some of the wonderful experiences you may have had. A lot to share this week in the column of events and fundraisers so I had best get going.

BC HIGH HONORS

The following Cohasset students at Boston College High School made the High Honor Roll, receiving a 3.80 or higher Q.P.A: **Alexander G. Hunt** '07, **Thomas J. Chase** '08, **Kyle Thomas DeSisto** '09 and **Eric Peter Vanderpool** 09. In addition, the following students made regular honors, receiving a Q.P.A of at least 3.2. They are: **Alan T. Kershaw** '08, **Alexander Shipp** '08 and **Evan James Richardson** '09. You have all done a great job and should be very proud of your accomplishments, we know your parents are!

LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is having its annual Little League Parade.

Come on out Saturday morning, April 29that 8:15 am and cheer more than 500 baseball and softball players marching from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field via North Main Street.

The 2005 championship major league baseball and softball teams will be proudly riding fire trucks to celebrate last year's victories. Opening day ceremonies will follow at Barnes Field. We hope to see you !!

ASP FAIR

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is getting ready for the Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market being held on May 13th and is looking for crafters and flea marketers, as well as great donations for the yard sale part of the day. This fun-filled day is held in the Stop and Shop parking lot and is a great way to find some wonderful finds and support this amazing endeavor. For yard sale donations, please contact **Barbara Hoyler** at 781-383-6212 or **Pam DeLorenzo** at 781-383-6904. Remember to bring any "junk" to the dump and not here and if you are a crafter or vendor, contact either of the ladies as well. See you there...

MARKET VENDORS

Calling all farmers!!! The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is looking for vendors! The Market is dedicated to supporting our local growers. Vendors may sell their own homegrown produce, plants, flowers or homemade, agriculturally based products. The Market runs every Thursday from 2:30-6:30 from June 8 to Oct. 19 on the Cohasset common. For more information contact **Darcy Schramn** at 781-383-0170.

Proceeds from the 2005 season provided scholarships to two Cohasset High School students pursuing agricultural related studies as well as over $540 to the Katrina Relief Fund. A huge thank you ahead of time is being sent out for all of your kind support!

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Hey parents, how about a wonderful "Kids Night Out" which in turn means a Parent's Night Out?? Kids k-5 are invited to join the teenagers from the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project for 2 nights of fun! May 5th at St. Stephens Church from 6-9 p.m. — kids will enjoy a make your own theme night — puppets, jewelry, sundae's and more! May 12th at Second Congo from 6-9 - it's games games games! twister, bingo, charades and more! Each night is $30 and all proceeds to benefit the Appalachia Service Project. Space is limited so call to reserve your spot (383-2529) and look for signup flyers in the backpacks. Thanks so much for your support!

GREEN TEAMERS

This Saturday, April 29th, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be holding its annual fundraising walk in Cohasset. For the 12th year Cohasset's own "green Team" will be participating by walking the 6 mile loop around town. Look for "Green Teamers" in their T-shirts, Green Team doggie bandanas, team strollers and scooters sporting green balloons. Team captain **Barbara Green** sends special thanks to all of the people and businesses who give so generously of time, money and support.

The team includes: **Trish and Nate Morse, Richard, Babette and Zach Strecker, Woody and Joanne Chittick, Dee Dee and John Rousseau, Jane Forrer, Lee and Laura Stone, John and Debbie Flanagan, Gina and Ruisi Devitre, Anne Czerkawski, and Dan Rattner.**

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The walk is for a cure to end the devastating effects of MS!

SCHOOL PLAY

All are invited to attend a performance of the Cohasset Middle School's one act play "Small Actors" by Stephen Gregg on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.. in the high school auditorium. Admission is $2. This production will be presented at the Middle School Drama Guild's Festival on April 29 in Weston, Mass. Please plan to attend and show your support for the theater arts!!

KIDS CABARET

The By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret will have its premiere variety show on Friday, April 28 at 4 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. The first-ever performance by this group featuring entertainers from ages 11-16 and will benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The free one-time performance will feature singers, musicians, bands and dancers showcasing their talents in a wide range of styles and disciplines. The event is being organized by **Thomson Jaffe**, an 8th grader at Cohasset Middle-High School. Tickets are not on sale, but attendees will be asked to make donations to support the two research groups, which help children around the world. Doors will open at 3:40 p.m., and the show will run about 90 minutes. Second Congregational Church is located on the Cohasset Common, next to Town Hall on Highland Ave. For more information about the By Kids 4 Kids benefit, please contact Thomson Jaffe at 781-383-9858.

DIRTY VEHICLES

Calling all downright dirty vehicles!!! Let a baseball player wash your car on Sat., April 29, at George's Citgo Station, downtown, after the Little League opening ceremonies. This event will benefit the Cohasset High School Varsity, as well as the Junior Varsity Baseball Teams and is being sponsored by the Cohasset baseball boosters, The Diamond Club. A rain date will be scheduled for the following Saturday, May 6. Donations are welcomed.

ARTHRITIS WALK

Kim Callahan, a local mom in town is a captain for the Mad Hatters team for the South Shore Arthritis Walk and looking for anyone who would like to walk, donate or both for the walk. It is on Sunday May 7th. The walk begins at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. You can choose from a 1 mile or 3 mile route, or just take a stroll around the gardens. There is a post walk celebration with food, entertainment, special exhibits and plenty of fun for the entire family. The events start and take place at the Raddison Hotel, Plymouth Harbor at 180 Water St. in Plymouth.

The young spokesperson for this year is the son of two former Cohasset residents and his name is **Welly Drake**. Welly is the 10 year old son of **Holly(Ludlow) and David Drake** and his family resides in Plymouth. Welly was diagnosed with rhumatoid arthristis at age 3 and his spirit is amazing. Please consider joining a team, starting a team or making a donation to help in this cause. You may contact Kim at khc143@yahoo.com, call her at 781-383-8347 or make a donation at http://southshorearthritiswalk. kintera.org. Thank you so much Cohasset.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send all your information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Meet the author – Donald L. Angell, author of "Where Somebody Waits for Me," will read passages from his book accompanied by music recordings on Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Lunch-time lecture – A free presentation on the college admissions process with Marlena Alex will be given on Thursday, May 11, noon to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room. The program is geared toward parents of high school students. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served. Register online or with any librarian.

New email – Receive up to the minute information about library programs and events delivered directly to a home or office computer. Visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Click the red email list registration button on the home page. Patrons who provide email addresses will receive periodic notices on upcoming programs.

Artist exhibits – Watercolor artist Lilly Cleveland will exhibit her new works at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through April.

From May 1 through the end of June, artist Nancy Connolly will exhibit her artwork in the Meeting Room. An artist's reception will take place Sunday, May 7, 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Wednesdays.

Audio books – Modern Scholar or Great Courses audio books are available for patrons to check out for two weeks. Each title contains an entire course on tape or compact disc, and includes a course guide. Some titles are: "From Jesus to Christianity: A History of the Early Church," "How to Listen to and Understand Opera" and "Archaeology and the Iliad: The Trojan War in Home and History."

Independent Film Night – The library will show the movie "The Forest for the Trees" on Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. A young teacher from the countryside starts her first job at a high school in the city. Things don't go as planned. Her colleagues are annoyed by her teaching methods and the students taunt her endlessly. Attempting to forge a friendship with her neighbor, Melanie starts crossing borderlines and entangling herself in a spiral of lies as she desperately seeks acceptance. Free admission and refreshments.

Sign up now – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now offering email notification of adult and children's programs. To subscribe to this service, visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on email list registration, or see Mrs. Moody. Patrons will automatically receive the latest Children's Room calendars, sign up information and special programming events. Patrons may unsubscribe at any time.

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Root beer stand floats through construction

Henry's opens for second season

By Samantha Brown
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Spring has sprung and has brought with it the reopening of Henry's Root Beer Stand on Pleasant Street.

Now in its second year of business in downtown Cohasset, owners Kim and Bill Palmer are excited about beginning the season. The restaurant, located at the site of the former Pleasant Street Parfait, opened for business last week and will remain open until the first week of October.

There will be obstacles to overcome as the Greenbush rail line runs right next to the building and the grade crossing at Pleasant Street is currently being constructed, which has resulted in the street's closure. In addition, the village revitalization project is underway, which is causing even more construction in the area. However, the Palmers believe a little dust isn't enough to deter their patrons.

"We were going to wait until the construction was completed on Pleasant Street" to open, said Bill Palmer, but as construction continued into the restaurant's season, he and his wife decided to open anyway and work around the trucks.

"I think things will be great when it's all finished," said Palmer, adding the MBTA as well as Cashman Balfour Beatty, which is constructing the rail line, have been very accommodating. "We're looking for the light at the end of the tunnel," he said, which will include a new sidewalk with curbing and improvements to the town parking lot, which will no doubt help business.

Henry's Root Beer Stand in Cohasset is one of four in the area. The Palmer's own two restaurants in Taunton, and another is under construction in Quincy, which will open either this June or July. If the success of the first two stands is a gauge, the Palmer's Cohasset and Quincy endeavors will surely do well.

The original Henry's in Taunton has won the "best hamburger" in Taunton for the past four years, and was featured on The Phantom Gourmet in 2003 as a "hidden jewel." The restaurant was also featured on Chronicle as "One of the best eight places in New England to get a hamburger." Last year, the Phantom named Henry's root beer the "drink of the year."

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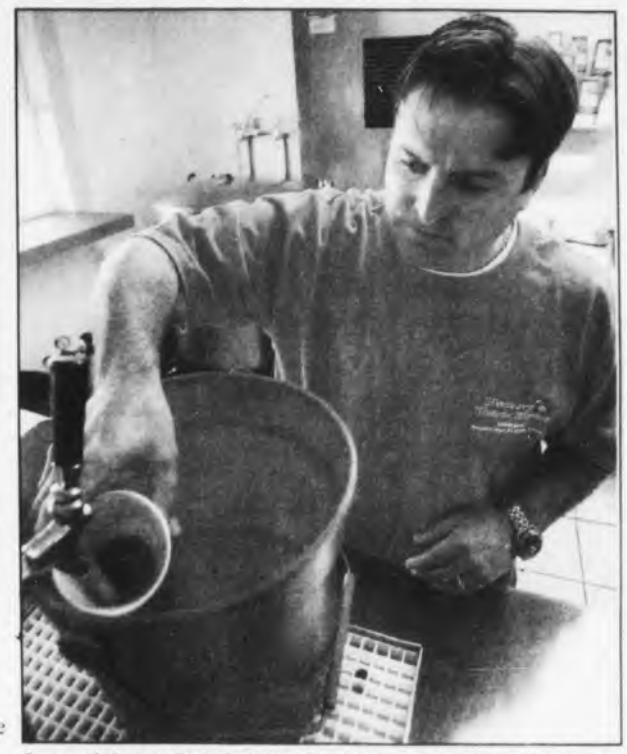
Bill Palmer, owner of Henry's Root Beer, stands behind the counter of his Cohasset restaurant which opened last year. Palmer and his wife Kim own three other root beer stands in southeastern Massachusetts.



Owner of Henry's Root Beer Stand, Bill Palmer, pours himself a glass of the restaurant's award-winning homemade root beer to be sure it is ready for the public. Fresh root beer is made at Henry's every day, and is periodically tasted to be sure it is up to par.

With Pleasant Street closed due to Greenbush line construction, signage has been erected pointing residents toward Henry's Root Beer Stand.

"We've been blessed with some good press," said Palmer, adding his staff deserves credit for the restaurant's success. "We have a lot of good people working for us," he said, which holds true for all the Henry's Root Beer Stands. He said the restaurant also prides itself on using only the best ingredients. "Everything we use is extremely high quality," from the French fries, to the hamburger meat, to the lobster, to the cooking oil. "It's the best you can get," he said.

Palmer said when scoping out the scene on the South Shore for a new location for his third restaurant, Cohasset was not immediately on his radar screen. He said they had been looking for another "A" site which would be a on a main road location with lots of traffic driving by. However, he saw the ad for the Pleasant Street building in a local newspaper and decided to come by and take a look. "I fell in love with it. It's a beautiful site," he said, adding even thought it might not have the traffic of a major road, he was "pleasantly surprised" at just how much business he did receive.

Palmer said he feels his restaurant fulfills a need in the village which no other business provides. There is no other place where families can go to get homemade root beer, a hamburger, hot dog or grilled cheese, and ice cream all at a low price. He said his restaurant is also a hit with some of the town's oldest residents, as they remember the days when finding homemade root beer was easy. "Now, we're the only ones left," he said.

To go along with the root beer, Henry's sells Gifford's of Maine award-winning ice cream. "They won the best vanilla in the country," last year, which goes perfectly with Henry's award-winning root beer. Palmer said the restaurant offers between 15 and 20 flavors, which he likes to change up during the season. "It's great ice cream," he said.

Until the dust settles, there will be signage to help residents navigate their way to Henry's Root Beer Stand. Construction on the Pleasant Street crossing is ongoing and the road is anticipated to reopen May 8. Palmer said looking on the bright side of things, business is being affected in a positive way, as it has become the go-to spot for lunch for those working on the projects in the village.

Henry's Root Beer Stand is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. The restaurant is located at 2 Pleasant St., across from the South Shore Art Center and the James Brook Crossing shops. For more information on the restaurant and to view its menu, please visit its Web site at www.henrys-rootbeer.com.

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in the society's collection. Executive administrator for the Historical Society Lynne DeGiacomo said there will be roughly 20 gowns on display, as well as veils, gloves, shoes, men's vests, photographs, and wedding certificates. "Anything wedding we have, we're going to try to put out," she said.

The gowns will be the main attraction of the exhibit. DeGiacomo said some of the dresses are part of the society's collection, while others have been loaned just for the exhibit. Some of the society's dresses have not been seen in more than 20 years, as they have been carefully tucked away in boxes in a climate-controlled environment.

Chair of the Historical Society's Costume and Textile department Martha Hurtig explained the dresses had been stored in acid-free boxes and packed with a lot of acid-free tissue paper, until brought out for this event. "That's about the best we can do," she said.

Some of the society's dresses have not been seen in more than 20 years, as they have been carefully tucked away in boxes in a climate-controlled environment.

Hurtig said when storing old fabrics, there are positives and negatives associated with hanging or boxing them. If gowns are hung, a lot of stress is placed on the shoulders. However, when a gown is folded, it creates creases. She explained the society uses a large amount of tissue paper between the layers of the dresses when they are folded to help inhibit creases from forming. She said when a few of the dresses were unpacked after a long time in their boxes, "Some of the fabrics had broken down where they were folded for a long time."

To get the dresses ready to be displayed, the Historical Society called in a professional fabric conservator to peruse the collection. She made recommendations as to what could and should be done to each dress to restore it and repair it to the best condition it could be. For some dresses, she recommended doing nothing, or the society would have risked losing the dress completely. However, the majority of the dresses were very good candidates for a thorough restoration.

There were essentially five levels of restoration recommended for the gowns. Those in the worst shape were left alone. Others could be restored in-house with the help of a conservator by using a vacuum and giving a gentle steaming. "It is a very time-consuming process," said DeGiacomo, as it can take as much as three hours to complete one dress and is a two-person job. However, the results in the end are well worth the time and effort.

Some dresses were sent off to Dependable Cleaners, which specializes in wedding gown cleaning and preservation. The company graciously performed the services for the society at a reduced rate. Those dresses which were in very bad shape, but not so much that they could not be repaired, were sent off to the University of Rhode Island's Department of Textiles.

"We've learned a lot about trying to conserve our textile collection," in trying to ready the wedding gowns for the exhibit, said DeGiacomo, adding the techniques will no doubt spill over from the wedding gowns to the other items in the society's extensive costume collection.

Some of the dresses in the society's collection date as far back as the 1860s. "The earlier they are, the more we'd like to preserve them," said DeGiacomo, but the process of restoration is a costly one. Over the years, the society has lost some gowns because the fabric was so old, it completely deteriorated, and the society would like to ensure that does not happen again.

To help with the society's restoration efforts, proceeds from the luncheon held prior to the exhibit's opening will be put toward restoration of other gowns in the society's collection. With the additional funds, DeGiacomo said dresses in the collection which were too costly to be repaired can be sent down to the University of Rhode Island for restoration. She hopes to be able to change the dresses in the exhibit half-way through the summer. "Getting these dresses conserved so they're ready for the long term is one of our goals," she said.

One dress the society would love to see restored is a very unusual wedding gown. "It is a beautiful turquoise gown circa 1865," said DeGiacomo, but at this time, the cost to repair the dress is as much as it would be to restore two or three other dresses. The society hopes that through funds raised by the lun-

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Adopt-A-Gown

The Cohasset Historical Society is preparing for its summer exhibit of historical wedding gowns, and it needs the community's help.

As a steward of town history, the society's job is to present its collections for future generations to study and enjoy. Therefore, preservation of its collection is key, and with that responsibility comes the expense of caring for the items within the collection.

To help maintain some of the items in its large textile and costume collection, the society has formed a new "Adopt-A-Gown" program. As a participant in the program, residents may choose a gown they would like to help the society preserve by donating the cost for conservation work and storage supplies. Each gown needs to be treated by a professional conservator and also needs special archival supplies in which to store it in the future. These steps will help safeguard each gown for years to come.

Each adopted gown will display the name of the person who generously donated the means for its restoration during the exhibit. More importantly, those who donate will be playing a part in protecting a part of the town's history.

Listed below are historic wedding gowns that need conservation work before they can go on display at society headquarters this summer:

Date	Description	Cost to preserve
1866-1868	Very rare two-piece pumpkin wool, red satin, and velvet gown worn by Georgianna W. Gardner when she married Willie Frank Thayer of N. Main Street.	$150
1888	Heavy rib silk cream gown worn by Mrs. Julia Olmstead of N. Main Street.	$125
c. 1890	Ivory satin and lace gown, donated by Mrs. Harold B. Cousens of Elm Street.	$125
c. 1890	Two-piece cream, ribbed silk gown with overcoat, worn by Mrs. Benjamin Johnson Lane.	$125
1890	Two-piece mercanized cotton pique gown.	$300
1897	Cream and gold silk lace gown worn by a member of the Nichols family.	$285
1909	Silk gown with lace inserts and pearl buckles on the bodice.	$175
c. 1910	Cream satin gown with lace tulle and seed pearl trim.	$315
1920	White silk and satin gown with chiffon sleeves	$200
c. 1930	Off-white gown with buttons down the back and chalk white bead trim.	$125
1940	Ivory satin gown worn at a Cohasset wedding.	$125

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cheon, or through the museum's Adopt-A-Gown program (*see sidebar*), all the dresses in its collection will be restored.

While the society does have a few wedding dresses in bright blues, purples, and even one pumpkin-colored wool dress, most of the gowns in the society's collection are off-white. There are silk dresses with long trains which date back to the 1930s, dresses with intricate lace details which date back to the late 1800s, and one crocheted dress from the 1960s which has a matching crocheted hat from which the veil was attached. While the dresses are all different in style and fabric, one of the common threads between the oldest of the bunch is their size.

On their wedding days, women used to be much smaller than they are today for a variety of reasons. With a shorter life-expectancy, women were married at a younger age, and their diets weren't as substantial as they are today. Therefore the society has had a lot of trouble finding mannequins small enough to display their dresses. Even a size 12 girl mannequin has been too big for some of the dresses. Hurtig has put her husband on the job of trying to fashion smaller mannequins for the exhibit, and society member Steve Bobo has also been working to create small mannequins from fiberglass.

In addition to gowns, DeGiacomo said the society will bring out everything in its collection related to weddings to be put on display. The society has many pairs of shoes, gloves, veils, men's vests, photographs, and wedding certificates. She said the society also hopes to be able to host a children's program with a wedding theme of some sort, and hold an evening event with a local jeweler to display antique jewelry brides might have worn on their wedding day.

The Cohasset Historical Society will open its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings," Thursday, June 8. A luncheon will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence, located on Government Island off Border Street, before the exhibit's formal opening. There are 60 slots open for the luncheon and the price to attend is $30 for Historical Society members, and $40 for non-members. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund the society's efforts to continue restoring its gowns. The exhibit will run at the Historical Society, located in the Paul Pratt Building, 106 S. Main St., through the month of August, and will be open during Historical Society hours, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact the society at (781) 383-1434 or via e-mail at cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

These antique wedding dresses are part of the Cohasset Historical Society's extensive costume collection. The gowns were worn in Cohasset weddings from 1868 to 1930, and will be on display at the society from June 8 through August.

Martha Hurtig, chair of the Historical Society's Costume and Textile department, fixes the collar of a wedding dress which dates back to 1905. The dress on the left is from 1868. Both will be on display during the society's upcoming antique wedding dress exhibit, which opens June 8.

Executive Administrator of the Cohasset Historical Society Lynne DeGiacomo, Martha Hurtig, chair of the society's Costume and Textile department, and Laura Abrams, curatorial assistant, have been working tirelessly to restore and repair the many antique weddings gowns in the society's collection for its upcoming exhibit "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." The society has many gowns in its collection which are still in need of restoration, and residents are being asked to "Adopt-A-Gown," and help fund the cost of the restoration. The dress on the left is available for adoption, while the dress on the right has already been restored.

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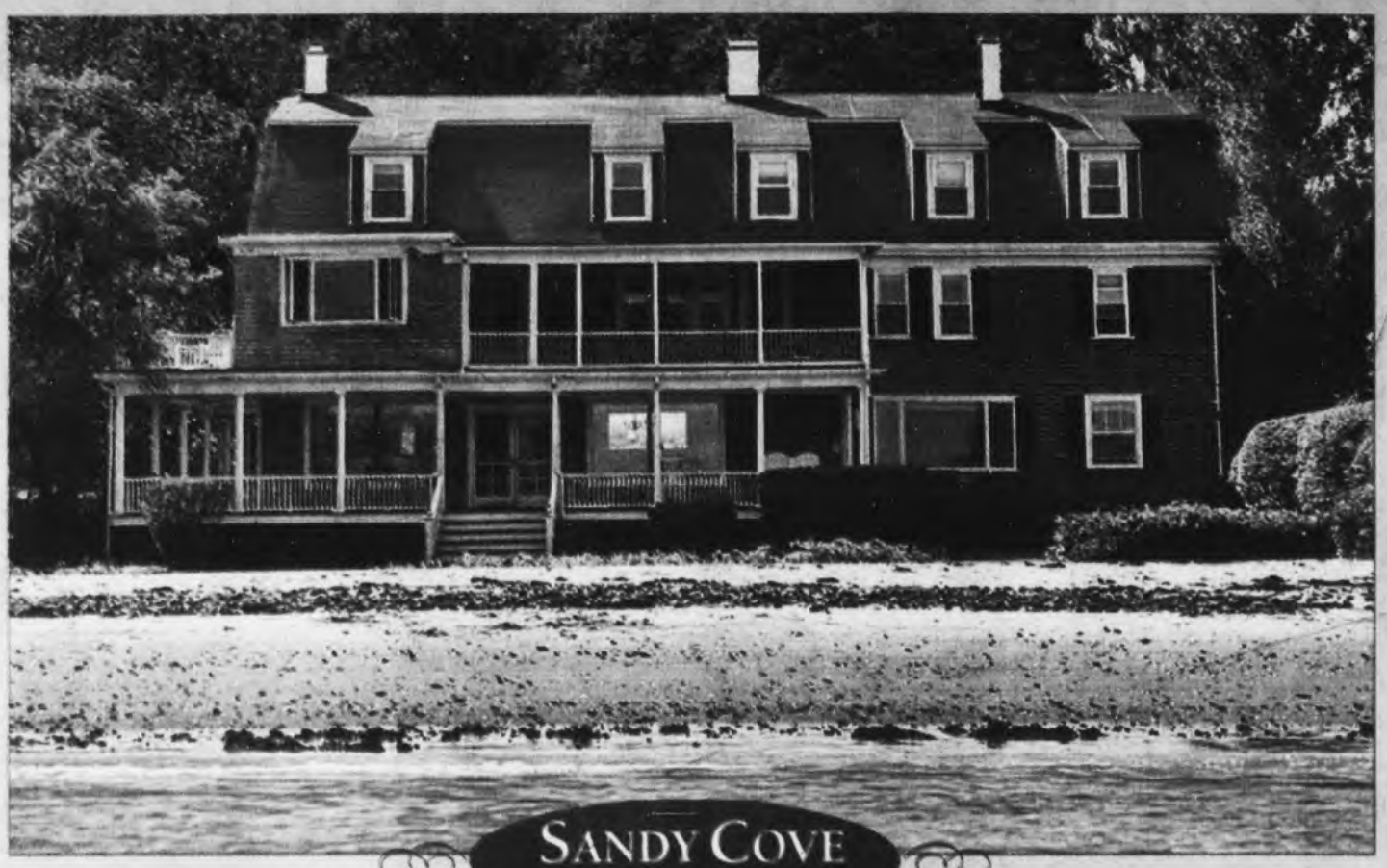

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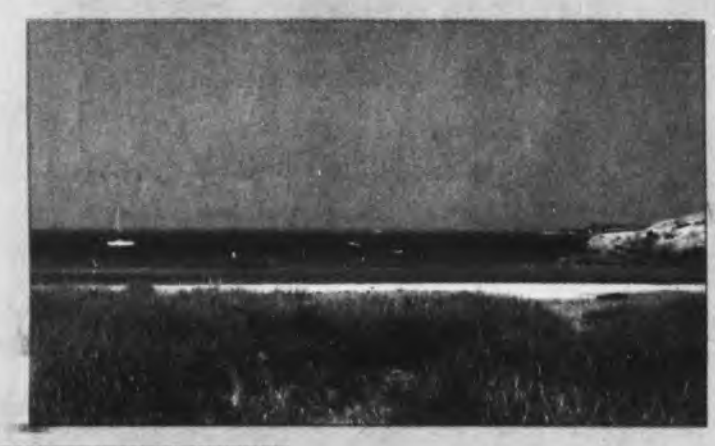

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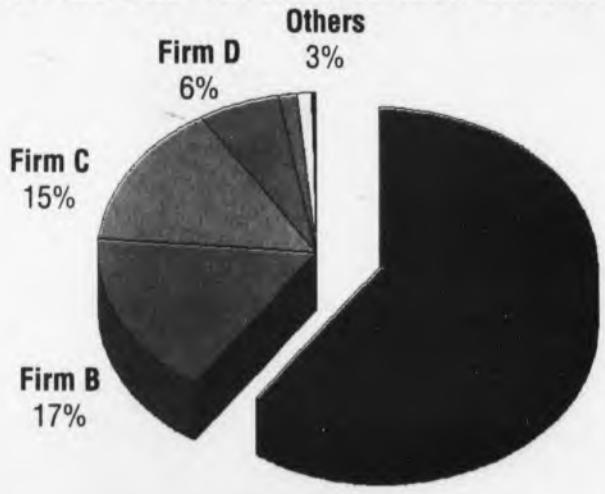

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Choir director feels right at home

Loves tradition, history of region

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"I feel this is not even a job, it's a passion."
— Joel Buford, choir director

Joel Buford, choir director, at Second Congregational Church.

"I feel like I have sort of an old soul. Or at least I'm someone who has always looked for someplace more traditional and historical than where I grew up," says Joel Buford.

This is one of a number of musings that the 25-year-old Buford offers about the rather unusual path his life has taken so far, one which has led him from his native Las Vegas to his current part-time position as Choir Director at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset.

"I wanted something extremely different as far as a career, lifestyle and home setting after being raised in Las Vegas, and studying music education at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)," Buford recalled. "I looked into graduate school programs in a number of different cities, such as New York, Philadelphia and Seattle, and finally settled on Boston, and the vocal performance program they have at Boston University.

"I felt like I wanted to experience or be a part of history of some kind, and I found the atmosphere of Boston and the surrounding area to be an ideal fit. I love the colonial feel of this area of the country. It has a great aesthetic appeal to me, with the traditional New England scenery and foliage. I feel that it's an inspiration to the kind of creative work I want to pursue. I'm now studying opera at B.U., but my heart lies in Christian contemporary music," Buford says.

Buford has been Choir Director at the Second Congregational Church since September 2004. Working at the church mainly on Thursdays and Fridays, he rehearses weekly with the 20-member Adult Sanctuary Choir to prepare for the group's performances during Sunday Services and other special events and holidays planned throughout the year, sometimes singing with a local children's choir. His job also entails participating in Music Committee meetings to facilitate new ideas and innovations introduced by the church.

One of the special events was the Choir's performance at the service on Easter Sunday. The vocal group, which includes members from Cohasset as well as other surrounding towns, offered a program of special holiday selections backed by a three-piece ensemble including tympani, trumpet and organ.

This Easter presentation was an example of the sort of creative innovation that Buford has brought to his work as Choir Director at the church in the past year-and-a-half, and plans to continue to do so in the future. It also showed that the Director, for someone with such "an old soul," brings a notably youthful energy and vitality to his position.

Another instance was this past Christmas and the Choir's presentation of Handel's Messiah, which it performed with a 10-piece chamber orchestra.

"That was my first try with a new and different sort of musical presentation approach. People were skeptical about it at first, but then after the program went off as well as it did and was well received by the community, they just wanted more and more," Buford said.

Buford, who lives in Watertown, also currently works as a Professor of Voice for Non-Majors at Boston University, as Program Administrator with Urban Voices: a Choral Music Initiative in Boston at the Metropolitan Opera Guild, and as a soloist at St. Catherine's of Sienna Parish in Norwood. This follows years of previous experience as both a vocal teacher and professional while a Music Education student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 1999 to 2003.

None of the vocalist's past or present positions or projects, however, seems as satisfying as his work with the Cohasset Choir.

"I feel this is not even a job, it's a passion. They're all great people who I work with in the choir at the church. And every time I leave here, I get a fulfillment in which all the worry and concern of the day seems to go away. I believe that my place is teaching music, and that that's my gift, giving music to people through me," Buford says.

Buford added that his future plans as Choir Director at the Cohasset church include more presentations with choir and orchestra, plus what he calls more profound productions, such as programs that will be African-American spiritual and/or inspirational based. He also said he'd like to start an evening concert series, particularly following what he termed as the overwhelming success of this past Christmas season's Messiah concerts.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Cohasset tradition

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we appreciate our readership and relish the fact we've become a tradition in the vast majority of households in town.

However, it's always bothered us that everyone isn't a subscriber. To that end, we're mailing the Cohasset Mariner to every household in town this week in the hope that we'll convince those who don't read the paper to give us a try.

This week, we asked for commentary from members of our Readers Advisory Network about the village (see page 18). The Readers Advisory Network is an effort to involve our readers in the paper and is open to anyone who wants to participate and has access to email. You can email me at mford@cnc.com to sign up.

We agree with most of the respondents that the village is an integral part of what makes Cohasset, Cohasset.

The merchants and businesses have shown amazing resilience over the years as plans for village revitalization were reworked and reworked again. They truly deserve our continued support. Downtowns are fragile enterprises. All across America, they have become virtual ghost towns, abandoned for more convenient shopping centers and malls along highways.

Cohasset, its residents, merchants and businesses should be applauded for their commitment to keeping the village a vital, living entity. This week we also tried to show the "village heartbeat" through our photographs. Mariner staff photographer Robin Chan provides us with a photo essay of village life (see page 33)

Cohasset is a great town and here at the Mariner, we pledge to continue to provide the coverage it deserves. Every week we publish all the news we can scout up and that wouldn't be possible without a lot teamwork that includes staff reporter Samantha Brown; sports editor Mark Goodman; staff photographer Robin Chan; cartoonist Jim Hamilton; Around Town columnist Jennifer Piepenbrink; correspondents, freelance photographers, columnists and other contributors. We're also grateful to tech support, our typesetters, and paginators.

But the most important part of our team is you, our readers. You provide us with the tidbits of information that compile Around Town, Happenings, social and club news. Many of our news tips come for you.

In short, you are the reason we're here. You're the reason we're still publishing after 28 years.

Let us know what you think.

We love what we do and consider it a privilege to keep you informed and be part of the continuing Mariner tradition.

— Mary Ford, editor

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, May 9, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Historical Commission, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, May 11, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, May 8, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Library Trustees, May 10, 6 p.m., Paul Pratt Library
Osgood School Council, May 9, 3:30 p.m., Osgood Conference Room.
Planning Board, May 3, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, May 10, 6p.m.
Selectmen, May 8, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, May 22, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, May 2, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.
Weir River Estuary Park Committee, May 3, 7 p.m.
ZBA, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

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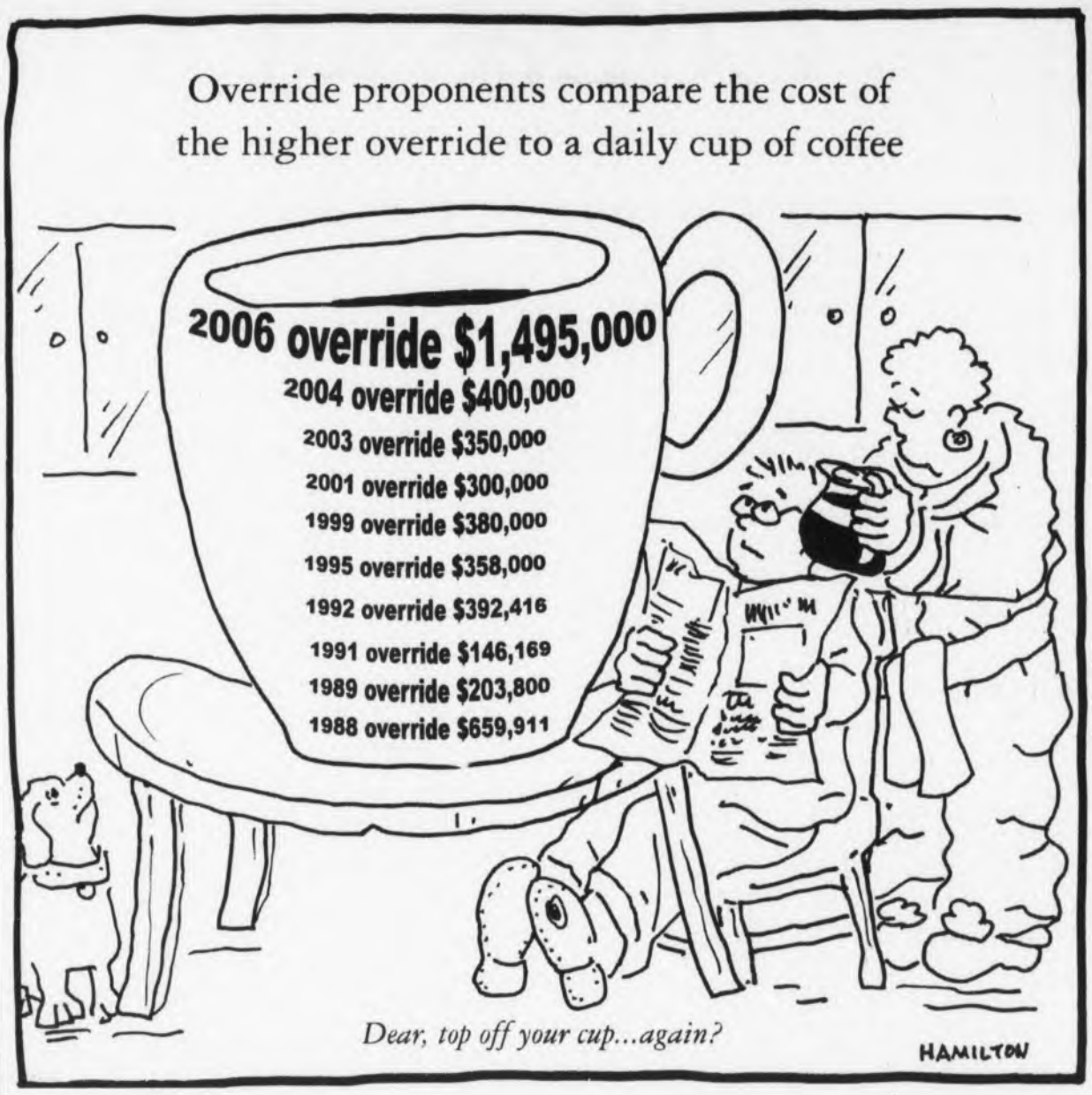

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cohasset qualities

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset is ledgerock, it is ocean, it is wetlands. Cohasset is wildlife and tress and safe neighborhoods. Quality education is all around us. Let's keep the quality people in Cohasset, vote no.

Susie O'Brien
3 N. Main St.

Right to free speech

TO THE EDITOR:

Some fanatic big spenders have stolen a "No Override" sign from my front yard. Saturday night five or more such signs were reported stolen from other households in town. This is objectionable dirty politics, which tarnishes to some degree the entire pro-override party.

In over four decades as a citizen of Cohasset — including sending all four of my children through the public school system — I have noticed that annual reckless spending on the schools has an appeal to monomaniacal partisans who are likely to become overzealous.

Free expression of opinion is a necessary element of the constitutional right to free speech. Suppression of opposing opinion is improper.

James A. Mullen
337 South Main St.

Still time for better sidewalks

TO THE EDITOR:

It is almost too late, but maybe....

Work is moving quickly in the Village this week. The road has been cold planed and pulverized, the beautiful new granite curbing delivered, specially sized and heat treated to give a rustic, less "sharp" edge, to be kind on the car tires, as well as our eyes. No razor sharp edge, like the other new curb you see.

The old concrete sidewalks — yes concrete, under the dirty cracked asphalt surface has probably all been removed by now. Next the base coat of asphalt will be put down and the granite curbs set to the new grades. Then the road will have the final coat, and the new asphalt sidewalk will be installed — Asphalt!

Only six inches of the new curb will be seen, and care must be taken to prevent the asphalt from being rolled onto the top. I think this is a shame. We voted at Town Meeting for concrete, but the budget says use asphalt. Many of the building owners would like to install brick, including myself — even at our expense.

Why concrete or brick? Not just for looks, but for longevity — asphalt will lift from the tree roots and crack the pavement, depressions in the pavement will occurs in many ways on hot summer days, forming an uneven surface. Patching the asphalt is like patching the streets — it results in cracks and more cracks.

Anything is possible in Cohasset — both right and wrong — can we try and do what's right with our sidewalks in the Village and install a proper surface? If I will pay for the concrete or brick surface in front of my property (35-39 South Main St.), could I please do it next week? And, if others want to do the work in front of their properties, can they do it?

If you think I am right, please support me and call your selectmen and ask them to allow me to try to do what is right for Cohasset. At least try. It can be done. Please feel free to call me if you want to help in this effort. Thank you,

Wayne Sawchuk
432 Beechwood St.

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'Something is wrong' with property taxes

COMMENTARY

ANSON WHEALLER

I have lived in Cohasset for a little over 20 years; not as long as some, a little longer than others, and certainly long enough to have learned something of how the taxation game is played here. Let me tell you what I have learned:

Each year we arrive at Town Meeting and are soon told to our dismay that there is Something Wrong, and it can only be fixed by a property tax increase. What may be wrong varies from year to year, but — believe me — the $olution is always the same: another override and higher taxes.

For many years I voted in favor of overrides, naively thinking that if we could just get back on an even keel with the current problem behind us, it would be a long time before another override would be necessary. Alas, that hasn't happened yet.

With all the hullabaloo about the override *de jour*, it's easy to mistake what's really wrong. Let me tell you what I think that is:

- When your annual property tax bill exceeds your annual mortgage payment, Something's Wrong.
- When your quarterly property tax bill approaches your annual state income tax, Something's Wrong.
- When your annual property tax bill exceeds your federal income tax, Something's Wrong.
- When your annual property tax bill even exceeds the sum of your state and federal income tax, Something's Wrong.
- And when our seniors are advised — even encouraged — to sell their homes a little piece at a time so that they can afford to stay in a town that they have worked hard all their lives to support and improve, Something's Terribly Wrong.

Property tax payments are due in our town on May 1. With the above history in mind, I plan to add a little something extra to mine every quarter from now on. I invite every taxpayer to join me in adding the word "Enough!" to the property tax check on the "Memo" line. This will be a reminder to every elected, appointed, and hired municipal official in Taxhasset that we expect them to double and then re-double their efforts to be good stewards of our hard-earned dollars before we give them another extra cent.

Anson Whealler, who is president of Enough, a group opposing the $1.495 million override, lives at 619 Jerusalem Road.

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Overrides' effect on the school budget

COMMENTARY

DENISE WALSH

Please visit our web site at www.cohassetk12.org for more specific information or to view our budget video.

The following are the most frequently asked questions and answers regarding the school department budget for fiscal 07. Please visit our web site at www.cohassetk12.org for more specific information or to view our budget video.

(1) Q.: If neither override amount receives a majority of votes on May 6, 2006, what will be the impact on the school department budget for fiscal 07?

A.: If neither override amount receives a majority vote, the 3 percent increase prevails and $505,433 in cuts in the school department budget would be necessary to support increased fixed costs and contractual obligations.

(2) Q.: If $500,000 in cuts become necessary, will an increase in fees (athletics, bus fees, building use fees etc.) be considered to offset cuts?

A. Yes, since nearly 80 percent of the school department budget is salaries, anything that can be done to reduce staff cuts or layoffs, will be considered.

(3) Q.: What will the school department be able to accomplish with the passage of an override vote of $725,000 on May 6, 2006? Isn't a glass one-half full better than none at all?

A.: With the passage of a $725,000 override amount, the school department budget will receive a portion of that amount or an additional $530,000. This amount would enable the department to meet contractual obligations, increase fixed costs and out of district special education tuitions. However, with an additional $530,000 there will be NO new programs, NO additional high school electives, and NO new staff to reduce class size.

(4) Q.: How can I be assured that text books will be replaced as needed, additional electives will be offered at the high school, enrichment and athletic programs will continue to grow, layoffs will be avoided and contractual obligations and fixed costs will be met? (Refer to web site for specific budget details.)

A.: A fully funded school department budget that supports the district Strategic Plan is only possible with the passage of an override vote of $1.4 million for the town. If that override amount were to pass, the school department will be appropriated an additional $1.1 million.

(5) Q.: Why should I vote for both overrides if I want the larger one to pass?

A.: n a pyramid override, as the town has established, the highest override amount with a majority vote prevails.

(6) Q.: How are "offsets" (funding received beyond town appropriation), used to support the school department budget?

A.: Offsets are deducted from the school department budget as it is built. Anticipated tuition from kindergarten and preschool programs, Circuit Breaker Special Education reimbursement, Medicaid reimbursement, state and federal grants and athletic fees, all reduce the bottom line prior to certifying a town meeting budget request.

Denise M. Walsh, Ed.D. is Superintendent of Schools.

$1.495M override in our best interest

COMMENTARY

ROB SPOFFORD

Voting down this override doesn't eliminate the need for the services, educational materials and building upkeep that this override would fund — it simply defers funding those needs for another year.

For nearly a year now, as a member of the Board of Selectmen and a taxpayer, I have asked myself the same question I suspect we all are asking when considering Cohasset's town budget: Is it in the best interest of ALL town residents to seek and support a Prop. 2-1/2 override this year?

The unequivocal answer for me is YES, we must support an override and at the $1.495 million level.

As a fiscal conservative, I did not come to this decision easily. Personally, professionally and as an elected official I believe in careful, deliberate and prudent spending. The decision to seek an increase in taxes must be taken in the context of not only the potential burden to the taxpayers but the impact such a tax increase would have on the common good for everyone. It is in that light, after asking many difficult and probing questions of our town and school administrators throughout the budget process that I came to the conclusion that we must fully fund our town and schools in fiscal 2007, funding which requires an override. The goods and services funded by the $1.495 million override are not frills but rather basic essentials: textbooks, class offerings; properly funding essential town services and maintenance of our town's public buildings. Without this override, we will continue a negative trend of systemic failure and dismantling of services that will be felt for years.

Voting down this override doesn't eliminate the need for the services, educational materials and building upkeep that this override would fund — it simply defers funding those needs for another year. For our buildings, that means another year of unaddressed maintenance; for students, such "deferred maintenance" is far worse, as grade-level educational opportunities are lost forever when a student misses out in their current grade and moves forward with a diminished educational experience.

One need look no further than our current debt service to see the effects of past deferred maintenance in this community. Previous generations chose (and within their rights) not to fix our public buildings and sewers. Current taxpayers, left with choices of an even costlier nature, were asked to step up and make those hard choices and yes, add to the tax rate for the common good of all. With those votes came the obligation to maintain and protect these past investments, rather than retrace past steps allowing problems to fester and become much bigger issues in the future.

The town's situation is a direct reflection of the cuts in local and state aid, not mismanagement or greedy spendthrift administrators. I challenge anyone to provide specific ideas and areas where they can find true fat in these budgets. Opponents of this, and past overrides have and continue to say the job can be done better but provide no constructive specifics, without which such rational is just rhetoric designed to give someone a clear conscience when voting no.

This year, supporting this override supports the common good yet it should not be Cohasset's only response to cuts in state aid and raising costs. I remain committed to working with State and Federal officials to find solutions to the funding problems many small communities face. I will keep asking the hard questions about the budgets and will remain open to ideas and constructive suggestions of improvement. To do anything less would be to abdicate my responsibilities as an elected official — just as not supporting this override would be to abdicate my responsibilities this year.

I believe there is nothing more important than providing a quality education to our children and a level of town services that respects all resident. Collectively generations of Cohasset residents have built this community, collectively let us not dismantle the traditions and structures that have been entrusted to us in just one generation.

Look hard at the facts, remember the great education your children received, your children are receiving and the public services this town provides, and reach within yourself to keep Cohasset the way we have all come to appreciate.

Rob Spofford is a selectman.

Men know the real reason for road repair

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It's a fact we all live with: no square inch of road surface is safe as long as men and jackhammers exist.

As I often tell the kids during my more lucid moments, there are two kinds of people in this world: men people and women people. Now, we all know men and women are different, but how many of us are actually trying to do something about it? I may have zero insight into what makes the female mind tick, but I'm privy to every thought percolating through a man's brain, and I feel obligated to shed light on both of these thoughts as a public service to women. Today's lesson is, Why Men Like To Dig Up Roads.

It's a fact we all live with: no square inch of road surface is safe as long as men and jackhammers exist. I imagine it drives women crazy not to know why this is. "What are they looking for under there?" they must wonder. "And if it's so important, why did they pave a road over it not three months ago?" These are perfectly reasonable questions, and for over a century men have conjured up what sound like reasonable explanations, usually along the lines of "pipe repair," "telecommunications upgrades," "sinkhole eradication" or some such rubbish. Well, you'll be happy to know that the truth makes a lot more sense: men dig up roads on the off chance they might find beer under there.

The whole thing started back in 1855, when Dr. John Gorrie built the first working refrigerator utilizing a compression system based on Faraday's experiments, and immediately stocked it with beer. No more than 10 minutes after the last bottle had settled on the shelf, an unforeseen problem arose in the form of Dr. Gorrie's visiting brother-in-law, Hughie.

"What's that steaming contraption?" Hughie asked.

"The couch?"

"No, that thing there."

"Oh that! Ha ha. Uh, that's nothing," said Gorrie. "Just another boring experiment I'm doing with liquefied ammonium vapours. Pay it no mind."

"It looks like that beer chiller I saw in my fever dream."

"Don't be silly. This prototype has no room for beer. The lettuce crisper alone is huge. But I have an 1857 model on the drawing board that looks very promising. Yes, yes. It's right over there."

Dr. Gorrie then struck his brother-in-law on the head with a cannon ball. Having put Hughie off the scent for the moment, Gorrie knew he needed to hide his beer in a cool, dry, inaccessible place while he quietly invented a second refrigerator for the basement. That night he buried his beer under a dirt road the town planned to pave with a newfangled mixture of gravel and tar the following afternoon. He calculated that under this insulating blanket of asphalt his beer would be perfectly preserved for 90 days. That autumn, Gorrie and a small crew of trusted laborers dug up the stash on the pretext of laying a trans-Atlantic cable. The new road was utterly destroyed in the process, but was quickly patched with hog's manure and phlegm – the same materials used today – and no one was the wiser. Meanwhile, the beer was full-bodied yet less filling, with just a hint of oak. A smashing success.

The practice caught on. Dr. Gorrie refused to let his buddies store their beer in his refrigerator ("It's one of only three in the world," he whined), so under all the soon-to-be-paved streets it went. Among men the phrase, "There's brews under them thar rues" spread like a prairie wildfire, and soon every stretch of new road was being claimed with painted lines, arrows and numbers identifying the prospector, along with recognizable terms like "water," "gas" and "time capsule" to give the whole ruse an air of legitimacy.

Flash forward to 2004, the last year for which numbers are available. Only about 23 percent of the nation's beer reserve is stored in insecure locations such as RVs and college dormitories. The rest is hidden in the coolest, driest places known to men. And under Main Street USA it will stay, for three to six months on average.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, on a road that consists of 47,000 keg-size patches. He is currently investigating possible links between man's stupidity and the fact that every airport on earth is perpetually under construction.

POLITICAL NOTES

Political forum welcomes Lincoln Bloomfield – The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will host a session of the Cohasset Political Forum on Saturday, May 6, 9:30 a.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The dynamics of the relationship between Islam and the West will be discussed. The committee will welcome professor Lincoln P. Bloomfield of Cohasset as the featured speaker. Bloomfield is an author and lecturer. He served as assistant Secretary of State and in the White House as director of global issues in the National Security Council. A round table discussion will follow Bloomfield's remarks. Admission is free and everyone is invited. Bring morning coffee and join the committee for some interesting conversation. For more information, visit the Web site at www.cohasset-dems.org or call chairwoman Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

Clean the garage for a good cause – As the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee prepares for its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund, a call goes out to all of Cohasset for the donation of salable items for this worthy cause. The Town Committee has awarded this scholarship, honoring Joseph F. Walsh III, to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978. The yard sale will take place on Saturday, May 13, and all of the proceeds go to the scholarship. Committee chairwoman Agnes McCann said, "While we sponsor many political fundraising events during the year, every dollar spent at the Scholarship Yard Sale goes directly into the scholarship fund. This is a non-political event, and we have been very fortunate over the years to have the support of the entire community." Clean out the garage, check the basement, look in the attic and call 383-2490 or 383-9114 for delivery or pick-up information.

For more information about applying for the scholarship, graduating seniors and their families should contact the Guidance Department at the high school or call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

Dance team for Celtics?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Perhaps they should try winning? The last time a championship Celtics banner went up in the Garden it was 1986.

I see where the Boston Celtics, which once employed the skills of Bill Russell, Larry Bird and Bob Cousy to fill the seats in Boston Garden, are thinking of adding a dance team to their repertory to draw more fans to the Fleet Center or whatever they're calling it these days.

(Editor's note – It's the TDNorth Garden, or it was Tuesday afternoon, anyway.)

If the dancers resemble the one who was depicted on page five of the Herald the other day and she wears the same outfit, then I may renew my season's tickets after all these years — which I suppose is the object of it all.

"You're just adding to the entertainment," the Herald quoted Marty Joyce, the holder of four season's tickets, as saying. "I think anything you can do to enhance the experience of going to a game is a good thing."

Perhaps they should try winning? The last time a championship Celtics banner went up in the Garden it was 1986. Right now just making the playoffs could be called enhancing the fan experience.

The Celts, I am told, are the last team in the NBA to add a dance team to what promoters call "their entertainment package." Would you believe it, there was a time when the basketball game was the whole package, except possibly for John Kiley, the Garden organist?

Back in the '70s, as I recall, the Celtics had three girls, dressed in fetching green uniforms, who used to help out with team promotions, both in and out of the Garden. But they didn't last more than a couple of years.

One night, when they were on the court involved in some promotion with members of the team, one of the trio was overheard saying to another, "Look at the wives. They're bull——!" Like I said, they didn't last long.

The Bruins are also contemplating a move that would enhance the game experience of the fans — a few of them, at least. Charley Jacobs, Jeremy's boy, the new hockey tsar in these parts, is already thinking of modernizing the Garden, which is only 10 or 12 years old.

The new addition would be something called "a supersuite," which I assume is a step up from the current suites where well-heeled fans can watch the game live on the ice or on television while they're being served by a uniformed waiter at a cost of not much more than a gallon of gas.

What can they do to a suite to make it a supersuite? Add a kitchen and a French chef? Add a bar and a personal bartender? Add a bedroom where you can sleep if you have spent too much time with your personal barkeep?

But don't get too excited over the supersuites. The only ones who can afford them are the players.

Dormitzer, Supt. Walsh, and Enough talk budget

Starting Monday May 1st at 9 p.m. Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, who will present data to support the $725,000 override; he is followed by members of the newly formed group "Enough," Anson Whealler and Merle Brown, who make the case for no override. Then Supt. Denise Walsh will talk about common misconceptions of the school budget and discuss financial needs of the school department. The program will also be televised at 9:30 p.m., Tuesday May 2, and 8:30 p.m., Thursday May 4.

In addition, watch for live coverage of the override election results on May 6 starting at 7 p.m.

Viewers can tune in to Our Town on Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. or Thursdays beginning at 8:30p.m. all on Comcast channel 10.

Viewers can email Our Town at: pat@wellspringhull.org.

Great schools, services answer the question of 'Why Cohasset?'

COMMENTARY

LUCIA FLIBOTTE

The override vote is approaching and as the signs throughout our town illustrate, lines have been drawn between the Yes, Yes and the Vote No crowd. As I sat down to contemplate my letter to the editor, I came up with a number of different topics to write about but came to the conclusion that at this point in the game I thought brevity was the best approach. For the record, I am in favor of the $1.4 override and just to cover my basis with some of you, that stands for $1.495 MILLION. It's a big number but guess what, we have some serious issues to address at the schools and with our town services. I have come to this conclusion based on the numerous budget meetings I attended, my involvement with the Middle High School teachers, students and administration, and discussions with a number of town officials. But I do not want to rehash all of the arguments put forth to date, rather I would like to pose a simple question to all of us as we contemplate the future of our town and that question is – Why Cohasset?

For those of you who have recently moved here, you paid a premium to move into Cohasset. We have some of the most expensive real estate on the South Shore, not all of it is on the "Gold Coast". My guess is that when you were working with a realtor, you instructed him/her to limit your choices to the towns with a high quality school system. For those of us who have lived here for a longer while, we have certainly enjoyed one of the highest rates of appreciation on our houses over

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the past decade. It is true that our taxes have also increased over this same period but in return we have new schools, a new library, a new public works building, a renovated police/fire station and a new sewer system throughout most of the town. As a community, we have successfully undertaken all of these capital projects in a very short time span. Our taxes are not all due to our schools.

But the question still remains, why do people pay some of the highest prices for a home and why do the rest of us pay the taxes that we pay to live in Cohasset? Local Realtor websites describe Cohasset as a quintessential small New England town with a town common so picturesque that it was featured in a number of Hollywood movies. They also cite our beautiful coastline, and of course our highly rated school system.

Well I agree with all of these descriptions but let us not lose site of reality and reality is we have an Avalon project on the horizon and the Greenbush line that both could prove disruptive to our small town flavor. I also recognize the beauty of our coastline but I am reminded that this beauty belies some serious issues including numerous beach closing last summer and yellow flags flying at the harbor. For those of you unfamiliar with the yellow flag at the harbor, it signals or warns us that the harbor water is unsafe for swimming. It still looks beautiful, but just don't use it. And finally our schools, we have three school buildings that we can all be proud of and up until last year, a well documented history of approving overrides for these schools. But there are serious concerns and issues that could affect the quality of the education our children will be receiving in the coming years.

The answer to Why Cohasset is our town is a great place to live and raise a family. We are faced with some serious financial concerns. There are alternatives out there and we have to start looking for the ones that do not include the dismantling of our schools. We also need to deliver higher levels of service to our elderly. We need to insure our public safety services are not compromised. All of this takes money. We need to spend less time focusing on the cell phone bills of the schools and more time on finding alternative or expanded revenue sources. We also need to band together as a community and petition our state and federal officials to reverse the decline instate and local aid. We need to demand stronger local aid support from these officials. Lets not pretend the cause and solution sits with dismantling our schools. The last thing we want to see as a community is for our schools get to the point where we need to place yellow warning flags in from of our school buildings. We need the $1.4 override for the schools, for the town and for our future.

Lucia Flibotte lives at 27 Summer St.

School class sizes up, school fees are soaring

COMMENTARY

JIM PORTER

I have lived in Cohasset for almost 40 years, am a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of '78, and have three children in the Cohasset schools. My children and I have enjoyed the benefit of being taught by Cohasset's superb teaching staff, but the budget cuts of the past few years have impeded even the most seasoned teacher's ability to teach. Necessities such as updated materials, up to date curriculum and workable class sizes have become a thing of the past and only an override can restore them.

In the 28 years since I graduated from high school, the state and federal governments, through Ed Reform, Special Education and No Child Left Behind legislation, have mandated how school systems will be run and yet have not provided adequate funding to that end. As a result, there are areas of education that are left untended until more money is available. For example, the budget to purchase new books for the Osgood and Deer Hill libraries is zero and has been zero for at least 7 years. At the high school, the average copyright date for library books is 1979. Music and health also have been eroded. At the Middle High School, chorus is taught only half the year and a teacher from Deer Hill shares teaching duties. At the elementary schools, students receive only three units of health education a year when they used to receive it once a week.

As less and less money becomes available and more and more is mandated by the government, the untended areas of education have extended beyond the specialist classes to the very core of academics. At the high school, we do not have enough courses for our students to take. This year, 35 students are in study hall because there are no courses available to them after completing their academic requirements. While study halls were a matter of course when I was in high school, the Department of Education now forbids them. Not only do we not have enough courses, we also lack courses that cover curriculum now tested on MCAS. Engineering is not taught in Cohasset, but the class of 2010 will be required to pass a Science/Technology/Engineering portion of the MCAS in order to graduate.

In many courses we do have, the class sizes are no longer manageable. In second grade, there are some classes with 27 students. When I was a student here, I may have had class sizes of 27, but the class was composed of students of similar abilities. Such grouping is now against the law at the elementary levels. Students are grouped heterogeneously and teachers must be able to teach to the entire spectrum of ability from the gifted to the learning disabled. In a class of 27 students, such a task is nearly impossible. At the high school, there are 8 academic courses and 7 physical education courses with class sizes over 30. In some instances, these increased class sizes result in students being denied classes. My sophomore son was bumped from an oversubscribed elective he had taken before and assigned to a gym class of 75 kids! That same son, although recommended for an Honors Chemistry course, was not allowed to take it because there was not enough room for him and was assigned to a College Prep level course instead.

It has been suggested that if the parents of Cohasset Public School students desire more for their children, then they alone should pay for the services their children receive. First and foremost, please be reminded that we are talking about *public* education and the parents do pay for those services in the form of a property tax. My parents paid it, my wife and I paid it for the first 10 years that we lived in Cohasset and did not have children in the schools, we have paid it for the second ten years that we have lived here and have had children in the schools, and we will continue to pay it when we no longer have children in the schools. We will pay it not only because it is the way in which our government has structured the cost of education, but also because it is our *public* duty to support *public* education.

Secondly, parents pay a number of user fees to the schools already. There is a $150 per student, per sport athletic user fee. My sophomore plays two sports and I pay $300 a year for him to do that. I also pay for his uniform. For lacrosse this year, the cost of that uniform was $60. In addition, the Lacrosse Boosters paid for the team helmets. Of course, the Boosters paid for them with my donation and the donation of other parents. Next year, my second son will also be playing at least two sports and my user fees will be $600. But, it is not just sports for which the parents pay fees. All sixth-grade parents must pay for their children to attend Camp Bournedale. All ninth grade parents must purchase a $100 graphing calculator. Parents of students taking Advanced Placement courses must purchase the textbooks. None of these fees were part of my education in Cohasset. Lastly, there are not enough user fees that could be inflicted upon the parents that would cover the need that the schools now face.

Please support the override for $1.4 million and allow the children of Cohasset the same opportunities afforded to me in the Cohasset schools. Although much has changed in the 28 years since I attended Cohasset High School, the value of an excellent education remains constant.

Jim Porter lives at184 South Main St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sign thieves should be brought to justice

TO THE EDITOR:

Wednesday morning, while driving back from Scituate on Rte.3A, I noted that two "NO" override signs that had I had placed on private property, with the owners' permission, were missing.

I replaced the signs and filed an official complaint with the Cohasset Police. I am aware of five other "NO" signs stolen and also reported.

I have also observed many, many pro-override signs placed on public property such as lawn strips on between the streets and sidewalks; even at least one sign nailed to a telephone pole. It used to be that the Tree & Park Dept and/or Highway Dept. confiscated illegally positioned signs. The violator would have to retrieve the sign and adhere to Town By-Laws.

Stealing, trashing, defacing and otherwise abusing a property owner's rights is a felony. I hope some of these felons are apprehended and brought to court.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Dry-eyed support for a wind turbine

TO THE EDITOR:

Should Cohasset have a wind turbine? Yes, we should, especially if mostly funded by the government. Sure, it's our tax money, but better we should get some of it before other towns have got it all.

Anything that reduces our reliance on foreign oil should be encouraged. Anything that reduces the use of natural gas for electricity generation should be considered, because the electric utilities and homeowners increasingly are competing for ever-more costly natural gas as low cost sources become depleted. Anything that reduces the atmospheric pollution from burning fossil fuels (especially coal) should be considered.

Wind, solar, biomass and other renewables, even in aggregate, can't possibly eliminate our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, or the nation's massive reliance on coal for electricity generation. So renewables aren't a substitute for nuclear energy, which is essential to reducing oil imports, as well as to reducing the atmospheric pollution from burning fossil fuels.

Although not as picturesque as the old Dutch grain-grinding windmills, the wonderfully engineered modern wind turbines are an interesting and not unattractive addition to the landscape. Of course their output is inconstant but that is of little consequence as long as their output is miniscule compared to the total system generation. As long as their economics is not distorted by excessive subsidization, direct or indirect, there seems to be no significant downside.

No downside, as long as idealistic enthusiasm for renewables does not blind us to the necessity to face up to the larger issues and to the hard decisions that have to be made to meet our energy needs while reducing dependence on foreign oil and reducing pollution from fossil fuels.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Road race is a team effort

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sunday April 2, 2006 the 30th Cohasset Road Race by the Sea was one of the most successful in recent memory with over 977 runners registered for the race. The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to thank the citizens of Cohasset for their patience with the traffic disruptions during the race.

The weather for the 2nd annual Fran Coffey Memorial Walk was nearly perfect for the over 200 walkers who participated to help raise funds for two special charities in memory of long time Cohasset Road Race by the Sea supporter Francis Coffey.

We always receive many compliments from the out of town runners and walkers on how friendly and helpful people are, and how truly beautiful the town of Cohasset is.

Without the help and support of so many wonderful volunteers, town officials, local business sponsors and the residents of Cohasset, we would not be able to hold such a successful event, and raise funds for the many local and international charities Cohasset Rotary assists.

We appreciate the efforts of all those involved and salute you for helping Cohasset Rotary Club members in our efforts to uphold the Rotary motto of *"Service Above Self"*.

Brad Goodwin
Cohasset Rotary Club
PO Box 36

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Tax rate is already among highest

COMMENTARY

RICHARD BROOKS

Our fellow citizens, our seniors, indeed now Cohasset's middle class, need your help in order not to be forced out of Cohasset. Most responsible town officials are counting on your help to preserve our town and avoid a financial disaster. Let me elaborate:

1. Two of our most respected selectmen, including the chairman, who understand the adverse impact that a huge, record-smashing, "wish list" tax override will have on Cohasset and its residents for many years to come, do not support this override. It poses financial mismanagement.

Incredibly, this $1.5 million proposed override is 475 percent; yes 475 percent larger than the average override passed in Cohasset since 1989 — a 17-year period. It is 375 percent larger than the 2004 last override.

2. Cohasset's tax rate is already one of the highest in the State. Spending for town services, which even now are underutilized, is already one of the highest per resident in the state. Spending per student in our schools is already one of the highest in the state. Spending for interest on town departments is also currently one of the highest in the state per resident, as is the debt amount itself. Why are the "architects" of this irresponsible override so insensitive to the hardship they could bring to our 1500 seniors, indeed an override so large it now assaults our middle class residents? Is it because they just don't care-or "feel good" intentions absent financial common sense? They want YOU to pay THEIR wish list. Well, many of us are not buying it-nor paying for it.

3. Are funds requested by the huge $1.5 million override truly essential and needed? Absolutely not. Over 50 percent of that money is for "wish list' items, including the hiring of about 20 more employees. If passed, that huge override will absolutely require additional, large overrides for years to come. That's simple arithmetic. And, as usual, few if any of those new hires would be Cohasset residents.

4. If the override passes, the Cohasset tax rate will move well into the confiscatory category. The already large number of seniors' homes in Cohasset up for sale will increase, with middle class residents joining the exit as well-it could become a buyers market but with a lack of buyers. The already decreasing home market values will continue to decline-smart people will not longer buy in a town with confiscatory taxes, an out of touch, fiscally insensitive school committee and a town unwilling to put its financial affairs back in order.

5. MCAS test scores for Cohasset students are in a five-year downward trend. Past experience has shown that throwing money at this problem, much of which does not land in the classroom, will not reverse the trend, as money is *not* the underlying problem. The "benchmark" data clearly shows this truism.

6. It's now up to the responsible voters to demand good management practices and fiscal prudence for our town. Don't buy the "its for the kids" emotional propaganda. Any person with any financial awareness and experience, can clearly see that passage of a $1.5 million tax increase would be a financial disaster for the town, for its homeowners, for our large population of seniors and especially for our kids who will continue to lose ground as the real educational problem continues unaddressed. Any concern for the kids who may, with their family, be forced out of town?

All of the officials, seniors, long-term residents-who share the best interests of the entire town, as first priority-need your "NO" votes to insure a vocal minority do not take the town into the financial abyss that they have selfishly brought to our doorstep.

Please take 15 minutes on Saturday, May 6, to go to the polls and join the majority to cast your "NO" vote on this unnecessary, huge tax increase. We each have to live within our means, and Cohasset must do the same. Consider your important vote as an investment to help save the town and your home-with a dividend of saving yourself, over the next few years, about $1000, per minute for those 15 minutes, with an additional, critical dividend of preventing a string of similar, huge overrides for several years to come.

As a reminder, to vote "NO" on an override, it's important to physically vote "NO" in the "NO" box. If you leave an override question blank, that can be equivalent to a "yes" vote. Strange but true — so be careful and explicit.

Richard E. Brooks, PhD lives at 68 Nichols Road

HEALTH NOTES

Lawn care harbors ill health for water bodies

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It's not surprising that the Board of Health has not written an article on lawn care recently. The reason is, of course, that there has been increasing activity on the part of many citizens, organizations and various committees which have undertaken several very fruitful initiatives relating to environmentally sound lawn care.

Turf management is not normally in the mainstream of health related issues. One reason the Board had an early interest is the relationship between turf management and clean, untainted groundwater. Good lawn management can appreciably improve the quality of groundwater resources and prevent much damage to nearby brooks, ponds and streams to which groundwater may travel. However, the Board is far more interested in the efficient and sanitary operation of the Town's wastewater processing systems, particularly homeowner's septic systems. We are happy to report that owing to the diligence of Joe Godzik, the Health Officer, and Tara Tradd the Health Inspector, the Town is making steady progress in updating and modernizing our on site wastewater processing systems all over Town.

...the water polluting our harbor comes from storm drains and outfalls from Cohasset and nearby towns.

We are happy, therefore, to relinquish the Standard of improving turf management to one of the several Town supported initiatives like the Greenspace program, characterized by an informational mailing sent to all homes this spring. If you would like a copy, call the Board of Health for one. In addition, the Water Resource Protection Committee has been particularly active and placed several columns in this and other publications which many in town read. Further, the Town's garden clubs have been extremely effective in promoting the appropriate use of fertilizers and turf management practices.

But, all of this is mainly preaching to the choir. There are about 200 aficionados belonging to garden clubs, and, perhaps an equal number of homeowners conscientious about use of appropriate lawn care and turf management. A weak wand to cope with, perhaps twice, perhaps four times that number of lawn cutters, chemical applicators, landscape specialists, mulch manicurists, etc. who descend on our town every day. And it is not these fellows intent to stint on the best, most effective (and expensive) lawn care materials available. Nor will they hold back by leaving grass long or decreasing frequency of cutting; also, most find a nice hidden location to place their cuttings so we can derive the most efficient transfer of dead grass nutrients into our ground and surface water runoff. As a result we have our harbors full of pollutants, and our other water bodies full of algae. Watch this June; will the algae bloom in Little Harbor and the Gulf is more and longer lasting than last year? You bet!

The BoH has blunted the sharp edge of its intent on lawn care, partly because of its rela-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why I say 'no' to overrides

TO THE EDITOR:

Throughout this budget process I have had many questions. Some of them are:

- Why did our School Committee and Superintendent knowingly undercharge the new non-mandated K program and take $200,000 away from the classroom money this year? This tuition is set the same in the '07 budget and will either be taking away more money from the classroom next year because of a higher student population or if increased will decrease the amount of money the schools need in an override.
- Why are we paying $360 a *day* to transport just one student to Manchester-by-the Sea?
- Why did it take the Superintendent one year to change the high cost cell phone plan when it could have been done immediately through a phone call? The extra $10,000 savings could have been given to the classroom needs this year rather than the cell phone company
- This year we have 8 offsets (money coming out of the bottom line of the budget) identified. For '07 there are only 3 offsets identified — where are the others and how do they affect the bottom line of the '07 Budget?
- Why did none of this year's $205,000 Chap. 70 State Supplemental Educational Funding Grant go to desperately needed new textbooks, library books or programs for our children? It has been sitting in a Revolving Fund outside of the budget since it was received last fall.

These are just a few of the reasons why we should say "NO" to this override.

Lee Jenkins
198 Jerusalem Road

Need 'whole truth' about budgets

TO THE EDITOR:

I have lived in Cohasset since 1968. Many have accused me of being anti-education because I have always questioned the school budgets. To question a school budget does not mean that you are anti-education. It does mean that one doesn't think that the School Committee or the superintendent of schools is telling the taxpayers the whole truth.

At this year's Town Meeting I attempted to amend the school budget and my amendment was defeated. At that time my statements were interrupted by a person, who attempted to deny me my constitutional rights of free speech and the ability to question the Town's elected officials.

This is a legislative body that was in session and those in attendance have the right to speak and question. I asked the School Committee and the superintendent why we hadn't been told about the grant that they had received from the state for $205,000. All they said was that they had received a grant and it was more like $207,000.

After Town Meeting it was stated in the newspaper that the superintendent wanted to use the $207,000 to purchase an emergency generator for the Osgood School. We were asked at that meeting to approve a raise for the school staff. It was somewhat like pulling teeth to get a number, $238,000 first-year cost, out of the superintendent and then neither she nor the School Committee ever fully explained what was in the contract.

The Town Meeting in past years approved an ordinance that required all contracts to be presented to the Advisory Board 30 days before Town Meeting, I guess the School Committee is exempt from Town Ordinances. The School Committee failed to inform the electorate why they would not consider increasing the Pre-K costs to cover the full cost of the program. Estimates have been in this newspaper that say that the Town could gain another $250,000 per year.

It is time for the voters of Cohasset to say that they want their elected officials to tell us the whole truth about the budgets. It is time for the voters of Cohasset to demand accountability. It is time to say NO/NO to both override questions.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

Independent view needed

TO THE EDITOR:

Regardless of where you stand on the override issue, Ralph Dormitzer certainly provided a well-researched and thorough analysis of the financial problems our community faces [at Town Meeting].

Tom Callahan, in his eloquent letter to the editor, provided a noble approach to dealing with them. I commend these gentlemen for there proactive reaction to our complex needs.

In my own thoughts I am often drawn to a statement proffered by Burt Pratt. When presented with a particularly perplexing problem, Burt responded, " In this situation I believe it would be valuable to get a man with a briefcase to come down from Boston to advise us".

Perhaps, after the override election and regardless of the outcome, as there will certainly be no winner, it is time to heed Burt's advice and budget for that "man with a briefcase" to take an independent review of our complex dilemma.

Steve Langham
100 Pond Street

What has happened to Route 3A?

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Planning Board Members:

Lately I have been thinking a lot about Route 3A. I have been thinking about Route 3A mostly while I sit in traffic on it, trying to access it, or cross it. What had happened to 3A? Stories of 3A traffic are now just short of becoming legendary.

The highway we once knew has become a bumper to bumper channel of traffic through town. Traffic speed limit signs of 35 mph and 50 mph stand in mocking reminder of the roadway that now only exists is memory, or at 2 a.m. I don't think there is a need to list here the litany of traffic issues which have developed on 3A in the last 30 years. We are all living them.

The reason for this letter is to raise the issue of what will the future bring and how will it be managed. It seems to me that it is time for the town to address Mass Highway ASAP to being the lengthy design process that would result in a highway that is more highway and less parking lot. I am not sure what the time frame is for major redesign of a road of this caliber but I don't think I would be too far off suggesting 10-15 years.

A wait and see attitude may be pushed by state transportation authorities, anxious to see what impact the train will have. While Greenbush may take some vehicles off Route 3, they still exist on Route 3A to get to the stations. The planning and design and all the lengthy processes that would be required to accomplish a redesign will gobble the calendar. The longer it is put off the more choked 3A will become for the commuter and it will become a public safety issue for police, fire and ambulance responses. I believe action must begin and must begin at this level. The overall approach may become more regional as it moves forward because 3A is not just a Cohasset issue. All towns along 3A contribute to its volume.

Mark H. Trask
Duxbury

Mark Trask is a captain in the Cohasset Fire Dept. He provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to the Planning Board.

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What makes Cohasset Village special?

"It is no longer true that 'All Roads Lead to Rome!' The modern version is that all detours lead to Cohasset Village! Might as well shop there while your car is being repaired – we have a great bunch of shopkeepers!"
— Dick Brooks

"...the small-town feel and friendships with merchants and employees."
— Jack Buckley

"The people that work in the village of course! All of those merchants who make our days brighter with their pleasant smiles and charming stores."
— Kelli Calhoun

"Only thing that's special about the village is that it is the space between the delightful Common and the magnificent new Red Lion Inn. The eclectic collection of nondescript buildings isn't quaint, isn't clearly representative of any historic period, isn't impressive, and will look even less impressive with asphalt sidewalks, especially after they start to break down."
— Murray Campbell

"I am not sure this is the best time to ask that question. What I thought made the village special is presently being blasted open and ripped apart. The curves and slope of our seaside village that took billions of years to evolve are being demolished within seconds of a blasting horn, the rat-tat-tat of a jack hammer or the constant beeping of trucks backing up as they prepare to cart away the character and history of our village.

"Yet, if you can peer through the clouds of dust and dirt and noise for just a moment, you might see the special part of the village that still remains is the people, the atmosphere of being home, the sense of being a part of this community we call Cohasset. The church steeples stand sentinel over our picturesque common. The historic homes around the village stay in keeping with a time when five children were the norm in a three-bedroom house and the 'great room' was playing on the town common or someone's backyard.

"Even that crack in the sidewalk you might trip over today could have been the same one a grandfather tripped over as a kid. The shopkeepers are still faithful to the village, holding out against the odds and expanding malls and Internet. Friends, who haven't seen each other all winter, greet outside the bank with a hug, some smiles and a long chat. Children zip in and out on bikes, weaving the thread of our village together. Dogs slurp water from the pump outside the hardware store, just as one would imagine horses did some time ago. If you close your eyes, you might even imagine a Model T Ford with running boards parked on an angle next to your Ford Explorer of today.

"It is the aura of our village that draws one to our town. It is the magnet that pulls at some nostalgia, somewhere within even the most upwardly mobile settlers. Visitors come for the charm; children come back home to roost to give their children a piece of what they grew up with. So even though, right now, the village is a mess, the charm and warmth is only tarnished and hopefully will shine again soon."
— Barbara Canney

"Charm, intimacy, and a whiff of salt air..."
— The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

" Much of what I prize about our Village is its simplicity, its unpretentious acceptance of itself. What I fear is 'gentrification.'

"Don't get me wrong: I will welcome better sidewalks; I love not to see telephone poles and droopy wires; I admire storefronts painted with imagination and style, their front steps swept, doorknobs shining. I love the flowery containers that bloom in the summer, each one different, NOT COORDINATED!

"And that's the point:

"WHAT I FEAR IS A UNIFORM LOOK OF 'Upscale'. We mustn't go that route! Cohasset Village is a free spirit. Clean it up, make it as prosperous as it can be, but please, PLEASE - no 'Nantucket Cute'!

"I loved the Village in 1936, I love it in 2006. Stroke it but don't change it too much. This rare, unassuming little Center is one of the reasons we live in Cohasset."
— Nancy Garrison

"Certainly our picturesque common, the melodious Carillon concerts, but more importantly, our great residents you can meet on any given jaunt about town."
— Steve Langham

"The Village is special because slowly it grows to provide services beyond gas and coffee. Thank you merchants. Good luck and keep up the good work.

"More importantly, we have the Cohasset Hardware and Liquors and Goodale Insurance welcoming and promoting diversity. Bless us all!"
— Allison Moskow

"I love Cohasset Village mostly because of the small-town feeling where it is never over crowded and you almost always bump into a friend or neighbor. I also like that most of the shops are 'mom & pop' type owned by individuals and are not franchises."
— Millie Oswald

"Cohasset Village is special because it truly is a village, the sort of place to which you and your young children can ride your bikes safely on an early summer evening for chocolate eclairs at French Memories."
— Andrew Quigley

"I truly believe God sent me to Cohasset Village some 35 years ago to continue the charmed life he ordained for me. Hallelujah! As a stranger to Cohasset I moved into my first apartment at Main Street and Sohier and have lived in the Village ever since and established my design business on Depot Court. It has been an exhilarating experience both living and working in what is a 'little jewel' within a great little town unlike anywhere else in this great country.

"It is a bit of the 'old world' of America that I remember. Taking a walk around the town and the harbor anytime you feel like it to enjoy the peace and quiet is almost unknown today anyplace else. The natural beauty is unrivalled. The friendships made because of being part of the village community are a real treasure. Living and working in the Village all these years has certainly made me feel I have lived a charmed life. I would like to grow old here in the Village. I love it and why not, where else can you get a fresh French muffin in the morning, a seaside lunch, a bottle of fine wine, and have dinner at one of several great restaurants all in walking distance? Perhaps in some grand resort, but here in the village it's all here for us everyday of the year. It's looking better all the time with the restoration of the historic Wilson house, new sidewalks, and trees, new shops, and all the revitalization plans finally being put into operation. There are great times ahead for the Village for all of us lucky enough to call Cohasset our home."
—Phil Smith

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A look down South Main Street in the 1920s.

'Filled with the history of the town'

"I remember the Central Market, the A&P store and the First National Store, the buildings remain, but the uses differ."
— Wayne Sawchuk

"Cohasset Village is special because of its location nestled between our beautiful Common, with its Churches and colonial homes and our picturesque Harbor, filled with the history of our town and our ancestors.

"Our Village has undergone tremendous change over the centuries, changing from a bustling commerce center transporting goods to and from the train station to the harbor and catering to the wishes of the wealthy summer residents as well as providing everything for the year 'round residents as well.

"I remember the Central Market, the A&P store and the First National Store, the buildings remain, but the uses differ.

"We had a Ford and Buick dealership (Citgo Station and Art Center locations) as well as two gas stations, a coal yard, lumberyard, breakfast diner (former A&P now real estate office), two drug stores — Ralph's on the corner and Delory Drug next to Tedeschi's (the former First National).

"Before all this we had a seven-story building across from the Post Office belonging to the Hanlon's theatrical company, and three huge barns and horse stables that provided the engines of the past, to pull the fire engines, school 'barges', wagons and carriages of the day.

"The 1704 Red Lion Inn is still here — over 300 years old, and extensively renovated in 1999-2000 — although keeping many of its historic features.

"Today, we continue to change with the times, and should embrace new uses, like mixed business and residential, to provide the investment to keep this precious asset in good condition for our present and future generations. Let's not abandon our Village — support our local merchants and residents."
—Wayne Sawchuk

TAKE PART

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper.
Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.
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What makes Cohasset Village special?

"The people, definitely. They are so friendly and polite."

— Tatiana Almeida, clerk at Dependable Cleaners

"Construction and the never-ending quest to make parking impossible."

— Lance Norris, enjoying a coffee at French Memories

"It's history, the small shops, and the interest among Cohasset citizens to maintain its character."

David Chase, who walks the village everyday

"My loyal customers."

George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citgo

"It's very unique down here with all the little stores, we all look out for each other, and we have nice customers."

Steve Malcolm, manager of Atlantic Bagel

"The unique shops are unlike those in other downtown areas."

— John Muncey, retiring harbormaster

"The family-oriented atmosphere is very welcoming to kids and it's convenient."

Kara Haver with Tate, 2

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"Cohasset Woman Loses 14.9 lbs. of Body-fat In Record Time Without Dieting, Drugs or Surgery!"

Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Patricia Sheerin
After
Amazing Transformation

Cohasset residents are clamoring to know how she did it. Patricia reports the "secret" is the accountability, coaching and comprehensive system provided by her Fitness Together personal trainer. "At age 46, I have never felt better," says Sheerin. "The focused, personalized program designed specifically for me by my FT trainer has really been the answer to achieving my weight loss, fitness and appearance goals."

Following this personalized program, Patricia reports not only losing 14.9 lbs of fat in 9 weeks (reducing her body-fat by 10.5%), but also increasing her strength without adding any bulky muscle – in fact she's leaner and tighter than ever before, dropping two full dress sizes. Her energy and stamina have doubled and she is getting more attention and "looks" than she has in years – dramatically boosting her self image and self confidence.

When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

To get a free copy of the official guide (only 37 are available, so fast action is necessary), and hear more dramatic stories of Cohasset residents transforming their health and fitness from average to extraordinary call the 24-hour free recorded message at **1.800.377.9817**

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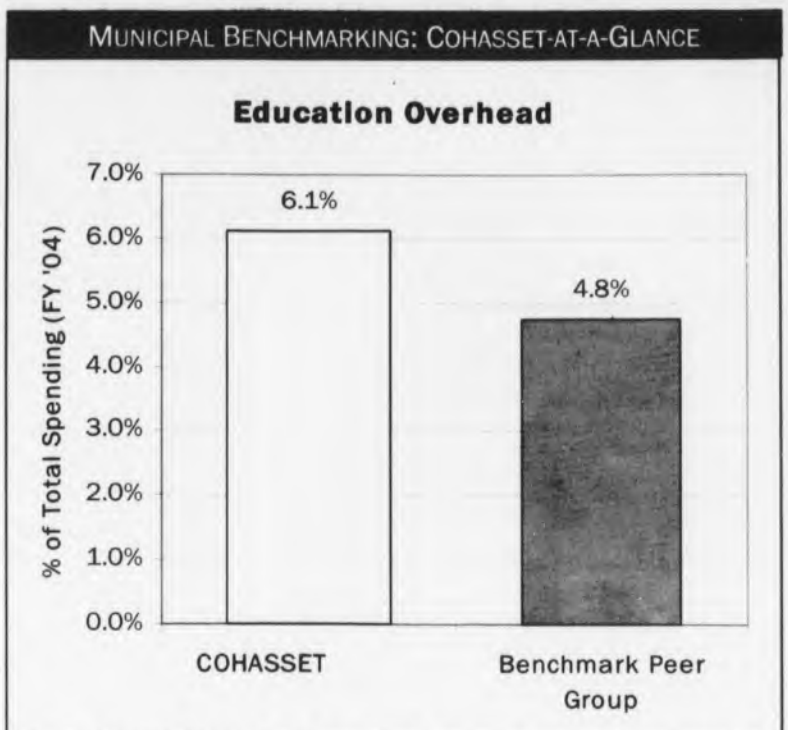
How does Cohasset measure up?



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts. Education Overhead includes district and school administration and supervisory costs.

This chart shows the percent of Cohasset's 2004 education spending that went to cover administrative and supervisory costs. The chart also provides the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By looking at administrative and supervisory costs, one can get a sense for the overhead used to operate the school district as compared to other similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Bench marking go to municipal-benchmarking.com

HEALTH NOTES

Lawn care harbors ill health for water bodies

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tionship to the stormwater problem with which the Town is afflicted. The reason for the harbor pollution is not the wastewater treatment plant which discharges water from its pipes of near drinking quality. (but, please don't experiment by drinking it, because sometimes - very infrequently- they make a mistake) No, the water polluting our harbor comes from storm drains and outfalls from Cohasset and nearby towns which are neither cleaned sufficiently often nor maintained sufficiently well nor modernized as they should be. This is water fertilized by the unnecessary nutrients from lawn chemicals collecting in the storm drain system until it can grow bacteria of various types, which is then dispensed into our harbors and estuaries at low tide.

To help alleviate the problem of contaminated stormwater, the Board has worked diligently on a Townwide stormwater management plan (in its third year) and has made considerable progress. This spring the Board of Health with the help of the Center for Student Coastal Research, will be conducting an assessment and analysis of various locations in town from which the majority of stormwater from the center of town comes, to enter the upper reaches of Cohasset Cove. This activity, using a grant sponsored by the Coastal Zone Management, will sample water during heavy rain events in May. At long last, we will have some real information about what and how pollution is entering our upper harbor rather than piecemeal anecdotes.

Who knows, maybe all the stuff lawns are dumping into the harbor may be good for the water. But don't count on it.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Thanks for all the support

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to send out a quick thank you to the many residents, businesses and very special friends who have all supported our fundraising efforts to benefit the Barr Foundation for Innovative Cancer Research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Together, we've generated over $10,600 in 2006 donations for this cause, and close to $30,000 in less than three years. That's a great effort by a lot of people, and I wanted to be sure those who have helped know they are truly appreciated.

If you'd like to see the Honor Roll listing donors and their messages, just go to www.dfmarathon.kintera.org, select "support a runner," and enter my name. And, if you haven't already, please do make a donation to this urgent effort as there is so much more work to be done. If you prefer, you may send me your donation made out to DFMC, and I will forward it to the right people and have you added to the scrolling listing.

But again, thanks for all the support, given in so many ways.

Ken Gritzan
14 Summer St.

Lincoln Lane, Beechwood and other railroad crossings

FROM CLOSURES, PAGE 1

looking pretty good. While construction of the grade crossing took three weeks longer than expected last October, a substantial amount of the project is complete. "The bungalow is there," said Brennan of the small building that will house the electronics for the gates at the crossing. He added there is still some drainage work to be done at the crossing as it seems to have been set too high, and is resulting in excess water pooling up — which froze during the winter months. "They will grind the street down to correct it," Brennan said.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer asked Brennan whether the MBTA will be removing the concrete from the middle of the median strip at the Beechwood Street crossing. The town had opted to have a plantable median strip installed and residents volunteered to adopt the island and keep it beautiful with flowers and greenery throughout the year. "They owe us the removal of concrete," said Dormitzer. Brennan said the MBTA is aware of the problem with the medians and will likely remove their middles and grind down the street for drainage purposes at the same time.

Castle Road and Sestito Lane will also soon be under construction. Both are unique because they will have private train crossings. There will be a signal bungalow between the two crossings which will govern both crossings. There are wetlands involved with both crossings, which requires work to begin after May 1, which allows time for wetland critters to spawn and migrate.

Blasting and rock removal is currently taking place at Spring and Pond Streets. The work will continue with minor traffic interruptions, and once Pleasant Street is reopened, the intersection will be closed to finish out the project. "We cannot have consecutive crossings closed," said Brennan.

Utility work and the track are done at Pleasant Street, which will be the only four-quad gate crossing in town. Road work is underway on both sides of the crossing, and it is expected the road will be open by May 8. Smith Place will probably close shortly after, and will not be reopened. "Smith Place will close forever once drainage work starts," said Brennan.

In conjunction with the Pleasant Street crossing, Brennan said there are still issues with the Town Parking lot. "They owe us 20 parking spots," said Brennan, as the MBTA's planned parking spaces are smaller than the dimensions for parking spaces in the town's bylaws, and the town wants the lot's spaces to conform to its bylaws. "They don't have any answers," said Brennan of the MBTA, adding one of the few solutions would be to blast the ledge behind the Teen Garage, located next to the Red Lion Inn, and make more parking. However, he said the town has been given an estimate of $180,000 to remove the ledge, and the MBTA has said it will not spend any more money on this aspect of the project. "We need to fish or cut bait. They're not interested in working with us," said Brennan.

When work begins on the parking lot, Brennan said only one-third will be closed at a time. "At no time will there be less than two-thirds of the lot available," he said. He added the MBTA will not be able to start much by way of construction in the lot before June. He said by then, parking will be allowed back on the street which will help mitigate the situation.

Dormitzer asked whether the MBTA had any plans to keep a portion of the old railroad turntable uncovered permanently as a historical feature. Brennan said although that was discussed, the town has been told it is beyond the scope of the project.

Sohier Street is currently open, but that opening is only temporary. As a courtesy to the South Shore Music Circus, the road will remain open until the end of its season. In late September, the road will close again for the final road widening and utility pole relocation, and will then be complete.

Work on Rocky Lane is going well. Brennan said the bridge deck is on and the structural work continues. This is the only bridge in town, which makes it a special project. He said it is anticipated to be complete by August.

Drainage for King Street is just about complete. Brennan said while work had been going along quickly for the street, workers were relocated to Sohier Street due to the need to open it before the Music Circus season. King Street work will resume soon, and road closures will be minimal. Traffic will not be completely impeded.

North Main Street (near Woodside Cemetery) closed this week upon the reopening of Hull Street. The detour has reversed and access to the town is now via Hull Street to Forest Ave, Lower King Street, or Sohier Street.

"North Main Street looks like a two-month closure," said Brennan. He said the crossing is one of the longer crossings in town, and stretches from about 150 to 180 feet. "I say two months, but give it three," he said. He said while that area of town may have looked wet recently, there are drainage plans for the area which should help improve the situation.

For more information on Greenbush construction, please contact Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, or Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, at (781) 383-3094. Gruber can be reached via e-mail at cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org, and Brennan can be reached via e-mail at cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Economic impact of teachers' contract

At Monday's Board of Selectmen's meeting, Selectman Gary Vanderweil suggested Director of Finance Michael Buckley develop an economic impact study regarding the new stipulations of the teachers' contract, which was settled the last week of March. He said the town usually presents an overall summary of benefits and costs when new contracts are negotiated, such as with the fire and police departments, and said it would be interesting to have the same kind of information available for the teachers' contract. "It would be interesting for me to see what the package is," he said, adding it would be good if the board could have the rundown before the override vote is taken May 6.

Tax revenue from parking changes

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said now that the town has agreed to lessen parking space requirements for businesses on Rte. 3A, he would imagine the property automatically becomes more valuable. He said with less parking, the buildings can be expanded, and that would lead to the town's being able to increase taxes for the buildings. Vanderweil asked Town Manager Bill Griffin to speak to the assessors to determine how soon the buildings can be assessed with their new value, and how soon the additional revenue could be added to the towns coffers. "When can we feel the economic benefit?" he asked.

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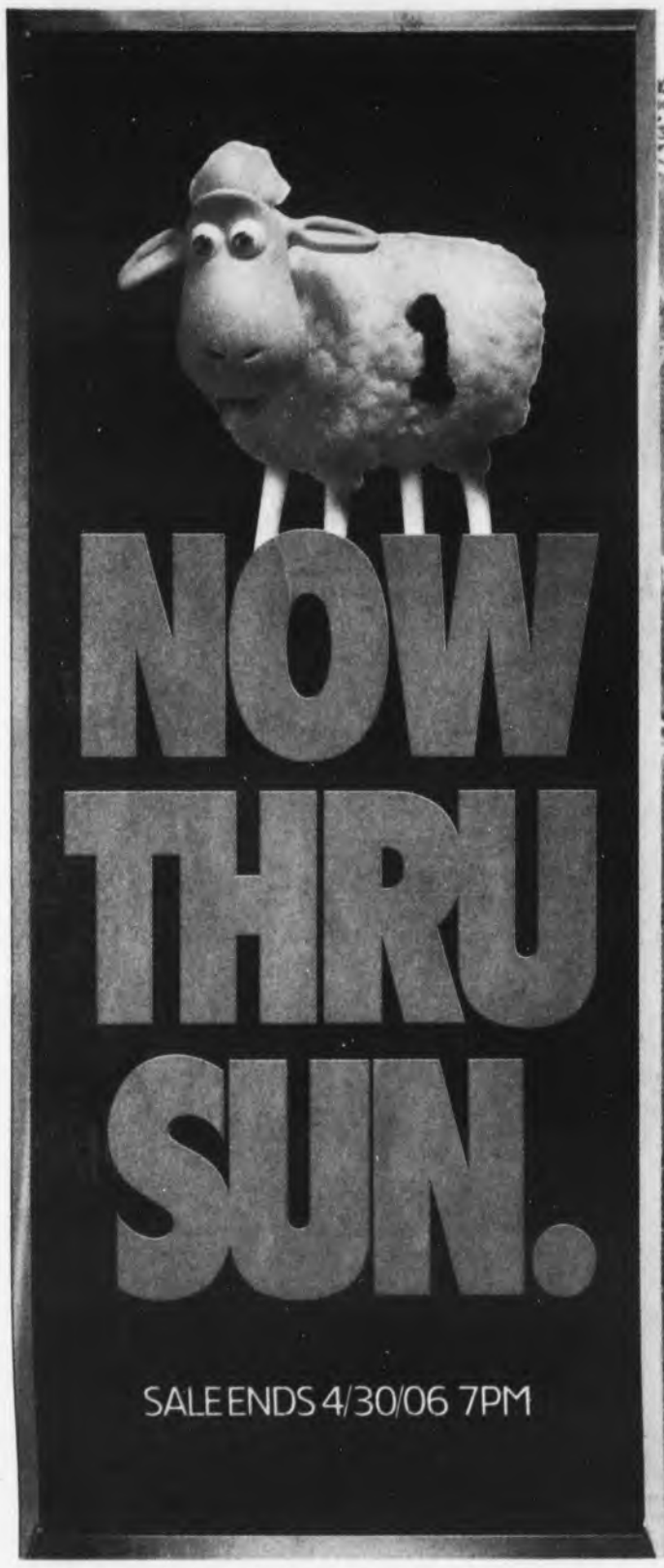

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Marathon runners share their stories

Last week, the Mariner asked Cohasset residents to share their stories from last Monday's 110th Boston Marathon.

Below are the testimonials of two locals and their experiences during the 26.2-mile run. The first is from Laura Vigneau:

I have the dubious distinction of being the slowest Cohasset finisher, primarily because I was under-trained and had injured my hip during my final 20-mile run three weeks before the marathon.

However, I really wanted to finish this race because I was running for Dana Farber, and my 5-year old daughter, Lydia, was my patient partner. Lydia went through over 25 months of treatment for leukemia at Dana Farber's Jimmy Fund, so I really wanted to do something to celebrate her end of treatment a few months ago.

Although my hip hurt pretty much from that first step in Hopkinton, it was all worth it when I got to the 25-mile mark and saw Lydia (and her younger sister Lieren) with great big smiles, homemade signs and big cheers!! Lydia did defer the chance to finish with me. I can't say I blame her, but just seeing her there reminded me that miracles can and do happen.

Lydia and I became part of Dana Farber's "Living Proof" team, proving that people can and do survive cancer, and support of research will help even more patients become survivors.

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Vigneau says donations are still being collected through the Dana Farber Marathon web site: http://dfmarathon.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=113292. Anyone interested in making a donation can choose "Support a Runner" and use a runner's name to make a donation.

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Ken Gritzan also shared his story:

Concerning the race; I mean, run (who am I racing against?), it was long. An obvious point, sure, but at least it wasn't hot and long, boring and long, unemotional and long.

The weather was almost too cool, but just right for us "back-of-the-packers." Around the 5-mile mark, I got a cheer from a fellow Falmouth runner - a really nice surprise there. Then there was Wellesley and all those girls; I couldn't stop for a hug, but at least 100 high fives got me moving strong again.

And as for Heartbreak Hill, who in their right mind calls four hills just one hill? Finally, I reached Boston and still, at such a late hour, people to cheer us on - outstanding!

After crossing the finish, I realized the Kenyans would have to do that another one-and-a-half times to equal my time on the road. I'd like to see them do that!

I then made the short walk to the car and soon home to my son. Through all those miles, I couldn't wait to see him.

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Cohasset's Wendy Kennedy wrote in about her husband, Richard:

Since 1985, he has run every year, the only exception being 1989, owing to the fact our son T.J. was born the day of the race.

Of special note is the fact that he manages to squeeze in his training runs between his work as co-owner of Kennedy Brothers Physical Therapy, his

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Nine locals complete the Boston Marathon

Congratulations to the following Cohasset residents, who successfully finished last week's 26.2-mile Boston Marathon:

Richard Kennedy	3:20:41
Andrew Corry	3:37:05
Peter O'Connell	3:55:09
Jennifer Gallagher	3:55:29
Mark Healy	4:11:57
Melissa Barrett	4:52:34
Samuel Roebuck	5:11:47
Ken Gritzan	5:14:59
Laura Vigneau	5:43:25

PHOTOS BY JOE PARRY

Cohasset's Dan Trendowicz advances the ball upfield during the April 12 game against Barnstable. The junior middy was instrumental in the Skippers' win Wednesday night in Holliston.

Smooth sailing, mostly

Aside from penalties, laxers looking good

By Mark Goodman
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With his team holding a 6-2 record and coming off a strong win over Holliston on Wednesday, Cohasset High boys lacrosse coach Stew Curran has little to complain about, with one exception.

The Skippers' frequent penalties have, at times, gotten them in some hot water.

At no point was that more evident than Saturday's 7-5 loss to Dover-Sherborn. In that game - a rematch of last year's Division 3 state semifinal, won by Cohasset - the Skippers committed nine-and-a-half minutes worth of penalties. D-S took full advantage, scoring three goals with the man-up advantage.

"We need to be a little more conscious of positioning and moving our feet, rather than just playing with our sticks," Curran said. "We tend to press the ball-carrier more than most teams, which has its advantages and disadvantages. There are very few teams that attack down the middle against us, but, conversely, we get a lot of penalties because of that style of defense."

Curran said his players realize this is an area for improvement, and have been working hard lately toward correcting it.

Penalties were an issue Wednesday night in Holliston, but the Skippers were able to overcome that in an overall impressive 14-9 win over a good Division 2 squad. Cohasset was on the short end of a 4-2 score after one period, but dominated the second, scoring eight of that period's nine goals to take a 10-5 lead into the halftime break.

Senior Aidan Buick put an exclamation point on that second period with a highlight reel goal, described by Curran as a "25-yard laser" into the top corner with four seconds remaining. It was one of Buick's four goals on the day, to go with three assists.

Sophomore Mark Flibotte also had four scores, giving him 11 in the team's last three games. Playing perhaps his best game of the year was junior

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Mark Flibotte (14) puts in a goal against Barnstable. Flibotte scored four times in Wednesday's win over Holliston.

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset's Joseph Carroll Jr. (bib #343) leads the pack of the 5K race at Sunday's Shawn D. Patterson Memorial Road Race in Scituate on Sunday. Carroll went on to win the race with a time of 17:25.

A tale of two teams

CHS softball split against Hull, Carver

By Mark Goodman
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"Two different teams showed up yesterday and today."

With those words Wednesday night, Cohasset High softball coach Deb Bostwick summed up her team's last two games, a 14-2 loss in Hull on Tuesday and a come-from-behind 8-7 win at home over Carver on Wednesday.

Against Carver, the Skippers scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to win, capped by freshman Carly Zappolo's two-run walkoff double that completed a 3-for-4 day for the left fielder.

Fellow freshman Carly Salerno started the rally with an infield hit and went to second on a Crusaders passed ball. Junior pitcher Virginia Spofford followed with an RBI single to right, and the rally was underway.

Freshman catcher Kristin Monaco and junior right fielder Laura Campedelli both walked to load the bases. Senior captain Erin Liddell then hit a shot to center field for a double, scoring pinch runner Emily Nash and Monaco.

Junior center fielder Alida Tangherlini reached on an error to reload the bases, setting the stage for Zappolo's dramatic hit. All of this came with one out in the inning.

On the mound, Spofford rebounded from a tough outing the previous day, allowing eight hits and three walks for a complete game win. With junior ace Christina Pinkus out with a slight stress fracture on the thumb of her pitching hand, Spofford has assumed most of the pitching duties for Cohasset, and picked up her first win of the year against Carver. She also went 2-for-4 at the plate on Wednesday.

The junior's best pitching came in the top of the seventh to hold the score at 7-3. With runners on second and third and no one out, Spofford induced a pop-up to senior captain Katie James at second base for the first out. The next batter hit a line drive to Tangherlini for the second out,

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Coastal Stars Peewee C-1 team, winners of last weekend's B bracket championship.

Peewee C-1's are champions

The Coastal Stars Peewee C-1 team (20-6-4) beat Westwood 3-0 on Sunday to win the Peewee C, B-bracket Championship.

The Stars, as they have all year, did it with a total team effort. Kevin Quinn posted his eighth shutout of the season, making some great saves when needed, including one off the face mask at the end of the game.

Quinn got strong support from the defensive group of Willy Brown, Elizabeth Leong, Sean Kenneally and Nick Craig. This group has played extremely well, limiting the number of quality chances for opponents.

The first goal was scored off a rather lucky bounce when Jamie Faber's centering pass hit a skate and went in for the 1-0 lead. This was no surprise, though, as Faber is the teams leading scorer and continued to make things happen Sunday with line mates Brandon Terrio and Tucker Welch, who both provided the team with great back-checking along with their offensive play.

The second goal came off a nice hustle play when Brian Craig put in a Charlie Coffman rebound from a very tough angle that just squeezed inside the far post. The Line of Craig, Coffman and ultimate team player Sarah Evans kept the pressure on Westwood all afternoon.

Westwood was not going quietly though, getting outstanding goaltending and a persistent offensive attack from the entire team. Faber gave the Stars a little breathing room in the third period when he netted the third goal with help from line mates Joe Kiley and Evan Yeager.

Yeager set the tone early when he delivered a solid open ice check in the first minute of the game, while Kiley continued to provide the hustle and work ethic that makes him one of the team leaders.

As they have all season, the Stars C-1 team played as a team with great hustle, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, which makes them true champions. Congratulations.

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and with the Crusaders' runner at second straying a little too far off the bag, Tangherlini gunned a throw in to James for the 8-4 double play to end the inning.

The Skippers scored their other three runs in the third to cut what had been a 5-0 Crusaders lead to a two-run deficit. Liddell started the inning with a double, as Tangherlini and Zappolo followed with RBI doubles. Sophomore third baseman Anna Haggerty knocked in Zappolo with a single for the third run.

It was a great way for the Skippers to bounce back from the loss to Hull. Bostwick said the game could be summed up by the fact that the Skippers committed six errors and left eight runners on base.

Campedelli was the bright spot of the day for Cohasset with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate. Haggerty and Salerno knocked in the Skippers' runs, both on run-scoring fielder's choices.

Cohasset took a 3-2 record (2-2 in the South Shore League) into yesterday's road game at Norwell. The girls will host Scituate Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by road games Tuesday at Sacred Heart and Wednesday at Mashpee, both at 4:30 p.m.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High girls lacrosse coach Chuck Jaffe addresses his team during their game against Scituate earlier this month. After a two-week layoff, the Skippers hosted defending state champion Norwell last night, and will travel to Cape Cod Academy tomorrow in a make-up of Monday's postponed game.

PHOTO/SUZY PARK

Susan Curry, pictured above in action against Ursuline on April 12, won in straight sets Wednesday as part of Cohasset's 4-1 over Hingham.

Back on the right track

CHS girls tennis earns big win over Hingham

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High girls tennis team shook off a two-week layoff between matches to earn a 4-1 win in Hingham over the Harborwomen on Wednesday.

Seniors Chelsea Grossman, Susan Curry and sophomore Sally Meehan all won in singles, with Meg Anderson and Elizabeth Landon earning victory at first doubles.

Curry had one of her best matches of the season, winning 6-0, 6-2. Meehan got off a slow start and found herself down 2-3 in the first set, but came back to win 10 of the next 11 games to take home a 6-3, 6-1 win.

Anderson and Landon looked strong in a 6-4, 6-3 win over a tough Hingham first doubles team. The Cohasset duo built a big lead in the second set, and fought off a Hingham comeback to finish off the match.

"They did a great job closing it out," said Skippers head coach Gigi Meehan afterward. "Elizabeth served it out beautifully, and Meg was on fire at the net."

At first singles, Grossman was in a hole after losing the first set in a tiebreaker. Her opponent adjusted to the windy conditions by hitting a lot of slice shots low to the ground, and Meehan said that was the biggest factor in the first set.

"Chelsea didn't play the elements well at the beginning, and the other girl capitalized on that," said the coach. "Once Chelsea figured that out, she was fine."

Indeed she was, as Grossman dominated the next two sets, losing just one game in the process.

At second doubles, senior Emilie Shea and junior Charlotte Landon came back from a difficult 1-6 first set to play a much stronger second. Although Hingham still won that set, 6-4, Meehan was encouraged by what she saw from her second doubles tandem.

"They played a great second set. This was their first time playing together, and it was evident in that first set," she said. "But I think they will be a force if they continue to play together."

The two teams also continued what will be a season-long JV competition. Hingham has 40 girls in the program and Cohasset 34, and with both coaches employing a "no cut" philosophy, both have big enough numbers to have a separate JV team.

The JV competition, consisting entirely of doubles matches, will be decided by whichever team has won the most games at the end of the season. There also happens to be a little side wager involved, as the winning squad will be treated to pizza from the losing town's top pizza establishment.

Cohasset is currently ahead in the JV contest, and Meehan seemed confident on Wednesday that her girls will be having some free food from Crow Point Pizza in Hingham in the near future.

Meehan also expressed her gratitude toward Ann Thomae, a chemistry teacher at Cohasset High School, for volunteering to coach the JV team while she and assistant coach Kathy Prevett focus on the varsity.

"I love that we have 34 girls in the program and that they can get that level of instruction," Meehan said.

After yesterday's match against rival Norwell, the Skippers travel to Duxbury on Tuesday and Mashpee on Wednesday.

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Cohasset's Chris Ofsthun fouls off this pitch before grounding into a fielder's choice that drove in a run during the fourth inning of Saturday's 14-13 loss to Archbishop Williams.

Not so fast

Things even out for the local 9 after a strong start

By Mark Goodman
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Should the Cohasset High baseball team miss out on the state tournament by one game, they could very well look back with regret at Tuesday's game against Hull.

The Skippers were up 11-3 after three innings. Given the way they had pitched and played defense through most of their early schedule, they had to feel good about winning the game after jumping out to that lead.

But the Pirates chipped away for the next few innings. A couple runs here, a few runs there, and Cohasset wound up walking off the field with a 12-11 loss, the Skippers' third in as many games.

The Skippers got back on the winning track Wednesday with a 16-6 win over Avon. The visitors helped Cohasset's cause by walking 11 batters, including eight in the bottom of the fourth that led to six Skippers runs.

The beneficiary of that run support was sophomore pitcher Sam DeGiacomo. In his first start of the year on the mound, DeGiacomo gave up six runs on seven hits in the first two innings, but shut out Avon over the final five, allowing just three hits in that span.

Most importantly, DeGiacomo went the distance. With this being Cohasset's fourth game in six days - and another on the schedule yesterday against Norwell - the team needed innings out of DeGiacomo, and he was able to provide them.

"It was really important that we got a complete game effort today," said head coach Al Gallotta. "Once he got in a groove, he was really tough. His last five innings were outstanding."

Prior to the win over Avon, which improved Cohasset's record to 4-4, Cohasset had allowed 35 runs in its three-game losing streak against Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop Williams and Hull. Errors played a big part in that, as nine miscues combined against Spellman and Archies led to nine unearned runs in those games.

"If we can hit the way we've been hitting lately, and we can revert back to the way we were pitching, I'm still really confident."
Skippers coach Al Gallotta

Second baseman Fletcher Smalzel helps give the ump the out call before ending the fifth inning on a close play at first to preserve the Skippers' short-lived 9-8 lead.

The slumping pitching and defense offset some good performances at the plate from seniors Brian Straughn and Chris Bryan, juniors Fletcher Smalzel and Corbin Faber, and sophomores Alex Goetz, Pat Doonan and Kyle Pinkus. All of those players have had at least one multi-hit game in the last week.

"I would describe us as a decent hitting team. We're going to score some runs," Gallotta said. "But when you give up 12, 14 and nine runs, it's going to be difficult to win ballgames."

The coach remains optimistic, however, mainly because of what he sees as the parity in the South Shore League this season.

"The league has never been this balanced in my time here," Gallotta said. "It's a real interesting situation right now. If a team seizes the moment and wins three or four in a row, with everyone knocking each other off, that team could win the league."

Cohasset has the chance to be that team. Following yesterday's game with Norwell, host Mashpee on Monday and travel to Abington on Thursday. All three are league games.

"If we can hit the way we've been hitting lately, and we can revert back to the way we were pitching, I'm still really confident," said Gallotta.

The coach believes his players share in that confidence.

"We know we can beat anyone on our schedule on any given day," Gallotta said. "To be perfectly honest, that couldn't be said for years past. We've had some good players in the program, but we didn't have the depth we have this season. I truly believe we can compete with anyone."

JV lady laxers rout Bourne

Cohasset's junior varsity girls lacrosse team shook off its vacation rust on Tuesday by routing Bourne 14-0.

The homestanding Skippers scored seven goals in each half in a game that essentially was over less than five minutes into the game.

Katie Gaumer — who has been the leading scorer for the JV's through the first four games — led the team again with three goals and an assist, while freshman classmate Caitlin Mahoney added three goals of her own. Grace Steele picked up two goals and an assist, Kayla Farren and Jen Silvia both added two scores and Madeline Leahy and Paige Strecker both accounted for a goal and an assist.

Aisling Guinee backstopped the team and stopped seven Bourne shots to pick up the shutout. She was helped by strong defensive play from Amanda Hurd and Natalie Hunt.

The win improved the JV team's record to 3-1, with Norwell on tap at Deer Hill School on Thursday, April 27.

JV report submitted by coach Chuck Jaffe.

Marathon runners share their stories

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duties as president of the Angel Fund (a non-profit organization he co-founded, which raises money and awareness for research and treatment of A.L.S. - better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) and all that comes with being the father of four busy kids.

The Boston Marathon is very near to my husband's heart, as his father brought him to watch this event each year. He sees each year's race as a chance to pay tribute to his dad, Christopher (who passed away from A.L.S. in 1989) and his brother Jimmy (who likewise passed away from A.L.S. in 1997) as well as a fund-raising event.

Over the past three years, he has led a total of 52 runners, who have raised a total of $120,000 through this one event.

In an interview with the Mariner on Wednesday, Richard Kennedy said the highlight of his marathon this year was seeing his daughter Lindsey, a freshman at Boston College, and many of her friends cheering him on at the 24-mile mark.

"In 21 years, seeing her there was my most memorable marathon moment," he said.

Interestingly enough, Kennedy says his father was not a runner himself.

"We're not sure why he was so obsessed with it, but we thank him for it," Kennedy said. "It's become our obsession."

Kennedy said he is friends with Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin, whose wife, Dawn, joined fellow Sox wives Kathryn Nixon and Shonda Schilling as marathon runners on the Angel Fund team. For every appearance he makes on the mound, Mike Timlin donates $500 to the fund.

A runner at North Quincy High School and then Northeastern University, Kennedy has run marathons in Lowell, Hartford, Providence and Toronto, just to name a few. His first actually came as part of the Cape Cod Ironman triathlon in 1983.

Kennedy, 46, says he has no plans to stop running the Boston Marathon anytime soon.

"I've already told my kids, 'If I live to be 80, you're going to be embarrassed, because you're going to be standing there until 6 o'clock waiting for me at mile-24,'" he said.

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Girls youth lacrosse teams take four of five in Norwell

It was the best of halves, it was the worst of halves. But for the Cohasset 11-U Blue team, the tale of two halves against Norwell turned into the first loss of the season, and the first time in five seasons that a Cohasset girls youth squad had ever lost to a team from Norwell.

The Blue 11-U girls (grades 3 and 4) opened like they would keep that streak alive, answering Norwell's first goal with five scores. **Charlotte Allard, Molly Fitzgerald, Jackie Driscoll, Kathryn Dunn** and **Lindsay Martinez** powered the scoring surge, with **Peyton MacNaught** and **Eliza Murphy** adding assists.

But the game turned around in the second half, with Norwell controlling possession by winning the draws and beating Cohasset to the ground balls. **Annie McElgunn** – who switched from midfield to goalie for the second half – kept the Blue team in the game, as Norwell scored six consecutive goals to take the lead. MacNaught finally broke that streak after stealing a clearing pass and blasting the ball home, but time ran out and the home team held on for a 7-6 win. Cohasset Blue 11-U's record on the season dropped to 2-1.

For the rest of the April 23 games at Norwell – all involving older teams that were shorthanded due to kids being away on vacation — it was all Cohasset.

The Blue 15-U team (grades 7 and 8) traded goals with the Norwell 1 team early, but after breaking the 2-2 tie midway through the first half, Cohasset controlled the action for the rest of the day, powering to a 5-3 halftime lead and a 10-4 win.

Hannah Burgess scored three goals, **Amy Meikleham** scored twice and added an assist, and **Isabelle Franklin** notched two goals. **Kaleigh Teague** added a goal and an assist, **Olivia Sullivan** scored on a rambling direct-free position run, **Kelsey Erler** blasted home a fast break and **Paige DeSisto** picked up an assist in a game that could have featured twice as many goals had Cohasset not resembled the Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight throughout a dominating second half.

Molly McElgunn and **Thomson Jaffe** managed nine saves in the net, most of them coming from McElgunn in the second half.

The Cohasset Blue 13-U squad (grades 5 and 6) was up next, and was in for more of a dogfight. **Danielle Healy** answered Norwell's first two scores of the day, first converting a feed from **Hope Kissick**, then stealing a clearing pass and slamming it home.

Whitney Jaffe answered Norwell's third goal of the game by finishing a feed from **Taylor Kennedy**, who picked up her first career point by scooping a loose ball, running the length of the field and making a perfect pass to a wide-open Jaffe. A Kissick-to-Jaffe connection gave Cohasset its first lead, and **Maria Buckley's** first-ever goal closed out the first half with the Blue team on top 5-3.

The real story of the game, however, was in the Cohasset net, where **Stephanie Brierly** made six first-half saves, and routinely frustrated Norwell. Her five second-half saves were both difficult and timely, and she never allowed Norwell to get back into the contest.

Carly Oddleifson, taking draws for the first time in her short lacrosse career, dominated the face-offs in the second half, and picked up a goal and an assist in the process. **Moira Donohue's** two goals equaled her total for all of 2005, **Christina Healy** added a solo score and **Isabella Flibotte** notched her first career goal to give Cohasset all it needed to come away with a 10-7 victory.

Next on the field, the Cohasset White 15-U team – carrying a lot of Blue team players to make up for the vacation shortfall – took on a Norwell 2 team that was so shorthanded it needed to borrow players in order to take the field.

The game was never close, with Cohasset jumping to a 6-1 lead and cruising to a 12-4 rout. **Kaci Kucinski** led the way with three goals, while Meikleham's two goals and one assist gave her 50 points total for her youth career, making her just the fifth Cohasset girls youth lacrosse player to hit the half-century mark.

Thomson Jaffe, who has played almost exclusively as a goalie during five years of youth ball, scored the first two goals of her career, with Franklin adding two scores and single tallies coming from the sticks of Burgess, **Chelsea Silvia** and **Lindsay MacNaught**.

Polly Murray and **Jessica Fusco** picked up assists on the day, and half of Norwell's scores came from borrowed Cohasset players Olivia Murphy and Paige DeSisto. **Kathleen Kelly** and **Kate Hillman** also played non-stop – and particularly hard — on behalf of Norwell for the day.

Molly McElgunn split halves in the goal with Franklin; the pair made two saves on the day.

The last game of the day featured a shorthanded Cohasset White 13-U squad, which could only field a full team thanks to several Blue team players doubling up.

After Norwell took a 2-1 lead, Whitney Jaffe scored a natural hat trick, and Cohasset held on to lead 4-3 at the break. Norwell answered **Nicole Hajjar's** first goal of the season with two scores to tie the game at 5-all before **Anna Seraikas** – who earned an assist on one of Jaffe's earlier scores — registered her first-ever goal on a direct-free position to give Cohasset a lead it would never relinquish.

Donohue scored two of the next three goals in the game – she finished with three scores in this game to go with her two from the first contest – and Jaffe answered Norwell's final attempt to get back into it, as Cohasset closed a seesaw 9-6 victory.

Brierly came through between the pipes with another stellar performance, stopping seven Norwell shots to earn her second victory of the day.

All six Cohasset youth teams will play at Deer Hill School on Sunday April 30, squaring off against teams from Sandwich and Hull. For schedule details or more information on Cohasset youth lacrosse, go to www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Boys youth report

The **U-15 Blue** boys team continued its winning ways with an 8–3 victory over a significantly less experienced Marshfield squad this past Sunday.

Though the boys suffered a severe case of the "dropsies" for most of the game that prevented the score from being in the double-digits; superior ground ball play and superb play in the net by "rookie" goaltender **Derek Youngman** produced a 5–0 lead after the first quarter and Marshfield never really challenged after that.

Dean Driscoll continued his strong play with two goals and an assist, followed by single tallies from **Ian Porter, John McGoldrick, Luke Ernst, Nick Lieberman,** and **Jack Carrier**. The defense also continued their dominance in the "close-D," led by **Chris Brown**, who broke up several potential scoring threats while also taking some offensive shifts throughout the contest. **Wil Lynner, Mark Seraikas, and Jack Nelson** also pitched in to keep any potential threat under control stripping the ball whenever it came over half-field.

The highlight of the game came from **Olly Forrer** (1G/1A) when he notched his single tally after grabbing a ground ball, faking to his right, then spinning around in traffic to bury the rock topside while shooting from his left side – even the referee was impressed!

The **U-15 White** squad beat Norwell at home Sunday to extend its undefeated streak to three games.

In the 7–3 win, solid defense by **Taylor McQuade, Dave Hernon**, and volunteer fill-in **Pete McKenna** kept serious threats at bay. Goalie **Jack Murphy**, with 15 saves, maintained his excellent stopping ratio. With only two players as subs, attack men filled in at the middy position and all demonstrated good field position and transition skills.

The offense set up nicely, moving the ball to open players from the top, side and behind the net. The Norwell coaching staff even commented favorably on U-15 White's ball movement capabilities. The game went into half time with a 6 – 2 lead and kept the pressure on the remainder of the game. Tom Flibotte (3G, 2A), Geoff Evans (1A), Ian Quinlan (3G), and Jake Kissick (1G), made up the team's scoring. An excellent effort was put forth by all, ranging from face-offs and ground balls to clearing and riding. The team is truly in mid-season form and looking forward to the next opponent.

The **U-15 Grey** picked up its first loss of the season on Sunday, 13-8, against a bigger and deeper Scituate team. With Cohasset's ranks somewhat depleted on the last day of vacation week, Scituate took quick advantage and dominated the first quarter, netting four unanswered goals. Cohasset had a couple of good scoring chances late in the quarter, but was thwarted by strong Scituate goaltending.

Scituate opened the second quarter in the same fashion, netting two more goals, before **Will Wise** was able to answer with an unassisted goal. Scituate scored once more, and then **Chris Wilson** closed out the scoring in the first half with an unassisted goal, and Scituate led 7-2 at the half.

Cohasset showed more confidence in the second half, and played Scituate even in both the third and fourth quarters, but was unable to claw back from the five goal deficit at the half. Scituate opened the scoring in the third quarter, but Cohasset answered

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with two goals by Wise, the first assisted by **Max Shipp** and the second unassisted. Scituate came back with another goal to close the third quarter still leading by five goals, 9-4.

Cohasset opened the fourth quarter with a Wise goal, assisted by Shipp, but Scituate responded with four unanswered goals to effectively put the game out of reach. Cohasset persevered, however, and netted the final three goals of the game to again close within five, for a final score of 13-8. Wise struck for two goals, one assisted by **Graham Stevenson**, and Shipp added the final, with an assist from Wise.

Cohasset's defense corps of **Tom Pecca, Scott Wilson, Will Evans** (moved from his usual midfield position) and goalie **Eric Wasel** played with determination throughout the game, and were a key part of reversing the momentum of the first half and playing Scituate even during the second half.

The **U-13 Grey** was outnumbered by a large Scituate squad, but nonetheless fought to a 6-5 loss on their home field. **Kyle Healy** kept the Cohasset boys close with numerous saves.

The Grey team outshot their counterparts and found the post no less than four times. **John Collins, Danny Czerkawski, Jamie Timothy** and **Patrick Kearney** all provided tallies for Cohasset. The midfield lines were gassed all afternoon, playing with limited subs. **Kyle Livingstone, Alex Evans** and **Blair McGowan** gave outstanding efforts on both ends of the field. **Brennan Bukowski** and **Gus Helboch** provided strong contributions at attack and the defense anchored by **Geoff Swain** and **Jimmy Lydon** did a great job as well.

The **U-13 Blue** squad took the field after the vacation week obviously looking to burn some pent up energy as they posted their first shutout of the season, 9–0, against a Marshfield team that just couldn't seem to find their rhythm.

Though the teams played even through the first quarter with Cohasset posting the only goal of the period, Cohasset broke it wide open in the second quarter to end the half up 6–0. Though the roster was still a little depleted and Cohasset was without its regular goalie, **Blake Erler** stepped up into the pipes and played magnificently, stopping every shot that came his way.

Derek Froio and **Dan Barnes** were impenetrable on defense while **Dean McNary** (2G/1A) contributed at both ends. **John Mills** (1G/1A), **Hunter Forrer** (1G) and **Rob Mahoney** (1G) also played dual roles helping out in all positions while **Alex Kent** and **Sasha Nakashima** showed steady improvement in the their first year of play.

Mitch McNary (3G/2A) had another strong game by repeatedly stripping the ball on defense and then leading several fast breaks for scores.

The highlight of the game came on a text book offensive strike – a clearing pass from Mitch McNary to Mills, who sent a quick feed to Dean who was advancing to the X position behind the cage, and then a laser-like feed to a cutting **Andrew Fontaine** who notched his first goal of the season on a perfect "one-timer" that the goalie never even saw until it was too late.

Though it was a lopsided victory, watching these guys play each week reminds one of the PGA slogan – "These Guys Are Good."

The **U-13 White** team returned from its spring break playing local rival Norwell. Both squads had to battle cold, wet and windy conditions at Milliken, as well as small rosters due to the vacation week. The Cohasset boys played well, managing to play a highly competitive game with only one player coming off the bench.

Cohasset played from behind the whole game, staging a late fourth quarter rally that fell one goal short. In the end, Norwell ended up on top 6-5. The Cohasset midfielders played a particularly noteworthy game, given the lack of substitutes. **Charlie Neaves, David Hill, Nick Tangherlini**, and **Brendan Queenan** all played hard and competitive all afternoon.

The attack of **Chris Lunde, Adrian Dunne** and **Ryan MacCarthy** teamed with the midfield to produce a number of fine offensive moments. The defense, lead by goaltender **Chris Murphy**, hung tough, battling hard to produce stops and transitions to the offensive side of the field. **Matt Swanborg, Ryan McGovern, Coleman Hernon** and **Colin Bell** all worked together to limit the number of quality chances Norwell had.

Cohasset goals came from Tangherlini (3), Neaves and Lunde, with assists for McGovern and Neaves.

The **U-11 Blue** team showed great teamsmanship this weekend against Marshfield with a win, Cohasset 6, Marshfield 2.

The first quarter saw four goals, starting from a face-off and pass to **Colin Whelan** and a feed to **Jack Conti** for the first score of the day. Whelan then scored unassisted. **Max Montgomery** made a great goal after bringing the ball around the back of the crease. He also was key to keeping the ball on offense with a number of interceptions and ground balls.

In the second half Marshfield was stronger overall. **Henry Brown** played goalie and he made seven saves for the first half. The Marshfield offense penetrated the box and began to shoot, but Cohasset's defense was strong, with **Matt Arnold** making four defensive stops and **Sam Murphy** denying close access.

Cohasset fans also saw excellent hustle by **Jeff Powers, Patrick Holway** and **Matts Nelson** in the midfield. **Martin Buckley** won two face-offs and had one goal assisted by a **Tommy Powers**, who also showed strong play throughout the game. In all, some real team play and a good outcome for a cold, rainy April Sunday.

Despite the foul weather, the **White U-11** boys came tearing onto the field. Unfortunately, Norwell White was shorthanded. Cohasset loaned our guest team a middle field line for each of the four quarters.

First quarter action began with a goal by **Mark McKenna** by virtue of an assist from **Jack Stanganelli** on the defensive unit. A first defense-to-attack pass for the team. The second goal by Cohasset was from **Cole Kissick**, with an assist from **Charlie Steele**, the team's most productive feeder of the season. **Jack Leffel** made a solo score to put the team ahead 3-0.

McKenna scored with a great assist from **Mark Brown** to go up by four. **Adam Benson** blasted in a goal on a feed from **Ryan McKeon** from behind the cage. Kissick added another point with an unassisted goal to end the first quarter 6-0. The defense held their ground with Benson in net for the first time this season.

The second quarter began with a goal by McKenna followed by a score from Steele to bring a halftime score of 8-2. A travel delay for brothers **Will and Curtis Golden** did not slow them from their quick and physical games.

The third quarter began with a goal by McKeon on an assist by Adam Benson. **Charlie Michalowski** scored with an assist from McKeon. Adam Benson again scored by an assist again from McKeon. Curtis Golden then scored with an assist from Mark McKenna. Every goal in the third quarter was earned under the Two Pass Rule which requires the offensive team to make two consecutive and completed passes before the shot on the cage.

During the final quarter, Cohasset White U-11 changed the game. Defense and attack players traded positions and we moved to the Three Pass Rule. The boys really enjoyed the rotation and the game ended at 12-2.

Special mention is deserved for Derek Benson who faithfully held the goalie position for the entire game and blocked every shot from Norwell. Stanganelli, **Jack McElgunn** and **Tommy O'Brien** ran a strong defensive unit that continues to dominate opponents this season.

Most importantly, the boys turned a dreary April afternoon into a terrific athletic day. The best part of this game was the imposition of the Pass Rule. The best college teams complete many passes before scoring and the boys were challenged to do that today. The boys only practice once before each game, so parents, please buy a stick and play some catch during the week.

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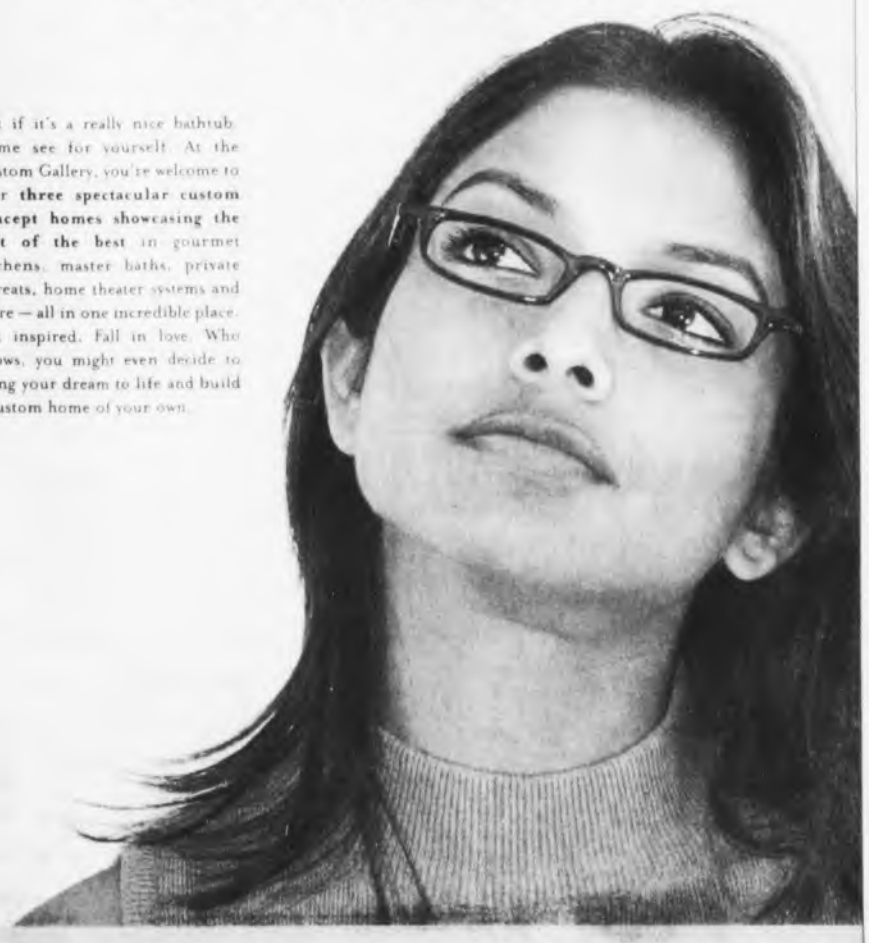

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middy Dan Trendowicz, who finished with two goals and an assist in an all-around strong performance.

"He was really instrumental in our win today," said Curran of Trendowicz. "He was controlling ground balls, pushing it upfield, and was just a real steadying influence in the midfield."

Juniors Chris Davis and Jeff Brown also had big goals in the second period, with Brown's score coming in a man-down situation on a long run down the field.

"He never ceases to amaze me," Curran said of his junior defenseman.

The coach said his team could have won by twice the amount they did had not been for some amazing saves from Holliston goalie Jim Gately, last year's Tri-Valley League MVP.

The Skippers also picked up a win on Monday, defeating Norwell, 14-5. The Clippers are arguably the league's most improved team, but Cohasset won with a dominant second half in which they outscored Norwell 8-0.

A big part of that was senior goalie Ben Libby, who made 14 stops in net for the win. Buick scored a game-high five goals, while Flibotte added four goals and three assists. Davis and Trendowicz added two goals apiece.

The third period was an especially good one for Cohasset, thanks to the good play of Flibotte and key goals from Buick and sophomore P.J. McCaw.

The Skippers travel to Norwell this afternoon for a rematch, and host Plymouth on Monday and Marshfield Tuesday. All games are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

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Ryan Kucinski on the prowl defensively on April 12 against Barnstable.

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Come on down to the harbor! Registration forms can be found at the recreation department, community center, and of course at the Sailing Club on the registration days.

Legion baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Post 118 Legion baseball team are being held at the Scituate High School baseball field on Saturday, May 6 and the following Saturday, May 13, both at 5:30 p.m.

Tryouts are open to residents in Cohasset and Scituate, age 20-and-under. All players must attend both tryout sessions, including those that were on the team last season.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Scott Arnold at (781)545-1896.

Rec Dept. offers boot camp fitness program

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program, to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity meets from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, with checks payable to the Town of Cohasset. You may register at any class.

This session concludes Thursday, June 15, and the second session begins the following week on the 20th.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for men and women of all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump rope, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

Please dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class, and wear running shoes.

Keep in mind, success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

Little League parade

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is having its annual Little League Parade.

Come on out Saturday morning, April 29 at 8:15 a.m. and cheer over 500 baseball and softball players marching from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field via North Main Street. The 2005 championship major league baseball and softball teams will be proudly riding fire trucks to celebrate last year's victories.

Opening day ceremonies will follow at Barnes Field.

Registration for Scituate-Cohasset youth football, cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2006 fall season on April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Scituate High School Auditorium entrance. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Interested participants must be at least eight years old by Sept. 1 (a change this year), and no older than 14 on Dec. 31, 2006.

New online registration: We have introduced online registration at the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading web site, www.scicohfootball.com. We encourage all applicants to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 29, please call 781-556-0215 (for football) or 781-556-0216 (for cheerleading).

Registration fees: football $175, cheerleading $125.

Refund policy: If a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee. After June 15, there will be no fee refunds. A $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 29.

Birth certificate: First year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Senior golf tournaments

Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate is having a nine hole golf competition on Wednesday mornings for senior men ages 65 or older. This golf competition for Super Seniors is based on individual assigned quotas, derived either from the golfer's current MGA handicap or from recent golf experience scores.

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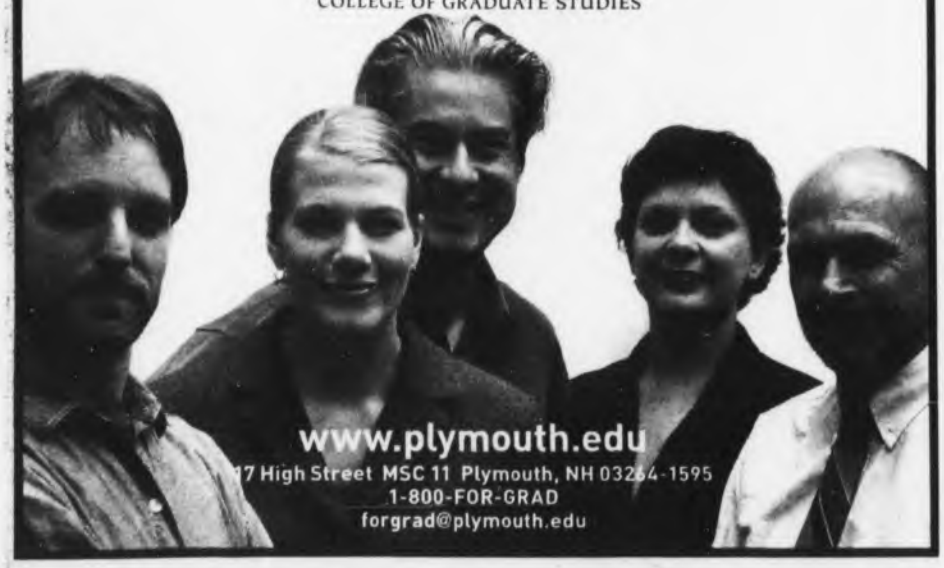

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Students, teacher share their love of art

Deer Hill's Ann Berman loves teaching art to children. Yet in many ways, says Berman, she is the one on the learning curve as she watches students explore, create, and interpret the art around them.

Giving children the tools they need, with a generous dose of encouragement and inspiration, is what Berman considers key in fostering artistic expression and appreciation.

During her recent "Favorites" art show at the Deer Hill school, where young artists displayed their favorite piece of work, Berman asked students what they loved most about the world of art.

"What I love about art is that absolutely nothing is the same. Every piece of artwork you see has something that makes it unique." —**Caroline Lengyel**

"What I love about art is having sketchbooks because you get to draw whatever you want." — **Sawyer Wakefield**

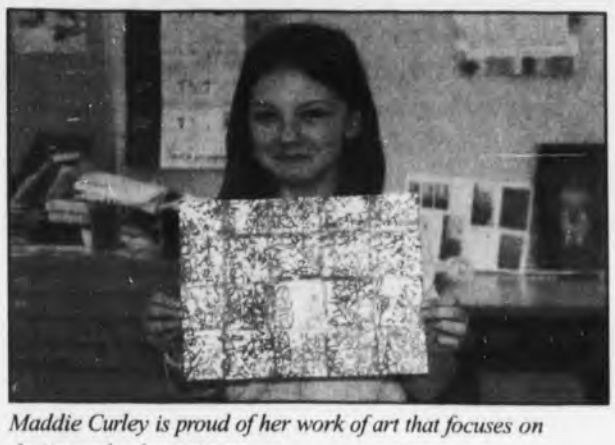
"One thing I like about art is clay. I like when the cool mixture touches your hands. Also I like that Ms. Berman give us not just an art class but gives us freedom." — **Emma Smith**

"Art connects me to my family. My grandmother's mom loved to draw and I have a ton of drawings that she made. But since she died I remember her by her pictures. She passed it on to my grandmother and me. That is why I love art." — **Christian Bumstead**

"The reason I love art is because making clay or drawing or anything is not about how good it looks, it's how much feeling or thought goes into it. I love art." — **Evan Ackley**

"Do whatever you want with anything you want. Have fun with art. What's stopping you?" — **Molly Fitzgerald**

"Art comes from inside. It's your emotions on paper or canvas. Art is you. Art is your imagination gone wild." — **Abby Bray**



Maddie Curley is proud of her work of art that focuses on design and color patterns.

Fourth grader Mickey Barry puts the finishing touches on an art project he created under the direction of art teacher Ann Berman.

"My favorite thing about art is using bright colors to make art stand out. Color really catches my attention and makes art look great." — **Rachel Littauer**

"When I'm bored I get my sketchbook and draw things. I love art." — **Shantel Florence**

"Art is a way to express your feelings with no boundaries, no limits, no right or wrong way. To one person it can be a masterpiece and to another it can be nothing, but to you it means everything because it comes from your heart." — **Gabrielle Rioux**

"The soul is the pen and the art is the paper." — **Charlotte Barszewski**

Deer Hill art teacher Ann Berman inspires fourth grader Maggie Ernst by showing animal photos at the start of an art project.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, MAY 1

Cheeseburger on a roll or ham and cheese sub, rice and vegetable, applesauce.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or bologna sandwich, oven fries, corn, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or turkey sub, carrots, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Chicken patty on a bun or tuna sub, potato tots, mixed vegetable, peaches.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

French bread pizza or ham and cheese sub, veggie sticks, pears.

Kids Night Out sessions set for May

Children in kindergarten through grade five are invited to join the teenagers from the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project for two nights of fun. On May 5, 6 to 9 p.m., at St. Stephens Church, children can make puppets, jewelry, sundaes and more. On May 12, 6 to 9 p.m., at Second Congregational Church, game night will feature Twister, Bingo, Charades and more. Cost is $30 for each night, and all proceeds benefit the Appalachia Service Project.

Space is limited, so call to reserve a spot at 383-2529. Also, look for sign up flyers in backpacks

PAC hosting Parent to Parent meeting

PAC is hosting a Parent to Parent meeting Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., in the library at Osgood School.

This is an opportunity for parents with children on IEPs in the Cohasset district to discuss with the Parent Advisory Council any issues, concerns and positive information that they would like to share regarding the school district. The PAC Board would like feedback regarding needs in order to take steps in planning for next year.

For more information, e-mail to southshorepac@comcast.net.

Cohasset PSO to hold Third Annual Tele-a-thon and On-Line Auction

The third annual Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon will take place Wednesday evening, May 10, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The annual fundraiser will be broadcast live from Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium and can be viewed on Comcast Cable channel 22. The On-line Auction will begin Friday, May 5 and continue through Friday, May 12. Proceeds support and enhance PSO sponsored programs, curriculum development, and other school district-wide events. Item donations and sponsorships are still being accepted and openings remain for service volunteers, including on-air talent for the Telethon.

Cohasset PSO is grateful to the many businesses and families that have donated so generously. To view the following items visit www.psotelethon.cmarket.com/cohassetpso:

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- Two hours of piano music with Diane Kennedy, a $150 value, donated by Diane Kennedy.

More items are being added daily. Visit the website and have your bids ready.

A brand new kayak is just one of the raffle prizes to be awarded throughout the Tele-a-thon. Call 800-505-5241 between 7 and 9 p.m. to make a pledge and support the many enrichment programs of Cohasset public schools. The higher the donation the more chances one has to win exciting prizes. A donation of $100 or more secures a chance in all of the raffles offered. Sample items include:

- $100 donation – Two private 55-minute Pilates lessons with Kellie Lynch, a $120 value, donated by Kellie Lynch; a 2 1/2 hour baseball clinic and party for 10 children, a $150 value, donated by the McCunney and Jeff Cavanaro Families; $100 gift certificate donated by Cohasset Consignment Shop.
- $75 donation – A mother-daughter apron set, a $66 value, donated and handcrafted by Seagrape Studio; Family Membership Hat and Tote Bag, a $75 value, donated by the South Shore Art Center.
- $50 donation – Creative homemade desserts, a $45 value, donated by Mary Ernst; two Gift Certificates for make-up makeovers with Chrissy and Joanne, valued at $40 each, donated by Adamo Day Spa.
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School heads into the home stretch

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Attention senior parents, the deadline for purchasing an ad for your graduating child in the last edition of The Spinnaker are May 1st.

Here we are again after a brief layaway, back in school and ready to complete the home stretch of what has already been a trying and arduous year. Vacation is over and plunging back into the swing of things up here at the high school has not been easy thus far after experiencing the warm breezes of spring for the first time.

The Varsity Sports Teams are still tearing it up on both the courts and the fields with their stellar play so far this spring and every team appears likely to qualify for the state tournament. A quick shout out to **Nick Arment** for raising money as part of his participation in the Shriners Football Game. This game is played every year under sponsorship by the Shriners and all proceeds that Nick raises will benefit burn victims in area hospitals. Now, in other news around the school:

• The high school Jazz Band will be playing in a benefit concert for Juvenile Diabetes in May. Also, the Concert Band will be playing at the annual walk for Multiple Sclerosis on Saturday morning.

• The fifth annual EDIBLE ART EXHIBIT will be held at CHS on Thursday, May 25th, at 6 p.m. The competition is open to people ages 4 through 104. The artwork can be by an individual, or it can be a collaborative piece and you are responsible for setting up your piece for viewing. Please register via email or telephone by contacting Nina Berkowitz at the Cohasset High School at 781-383-6100 or via email at nberkowitz@cohassetk12.org. There are many prizes from local restaurants and merchants!

• Don't forget to sign up for the June 10th ACT tests session by May 5th.

• Also a reminder, you must sign up by April 28th for the June 3rd SAT tests session.

• Important upcoming dates for seniors:

** May 31st is Senior Class Night

** May 24th is the last day of school for seniors

** May 26th is the Senior Prom

** June 3rd is Graduation

• The guidance department has been meeting with juniors to discuss college plans, and with the underclassmen to chat about next years schedules. The underclassmen will begin to make their schedules in May.

• Attention senior parents, the deadline for purchasing an ad for your graduating child in the last edition of The Spinnaker are May 1st. Send a check payable to the Cohasset High School, attention to Mrs. Berman.

• Also attention to senior parents, get pictures of anything that your child and the class have been involved in over the years (sports, prom, Oregood Camp Bourndale, nursery school, etc.) to Mrs. Barrett ASAP for the senior video. I speak for the entire class by saying that any picture and/or video will be greatly appreciated and everything will be returned. If you have any questions at all you can contact Mrs. Barrett at 781-383-2929.

• This past Tuesday, April 25, 2006, was Yom Ha Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

• Mr. Welch is chaperoned a field trip to the Quincy Court on Wednesday to view a presentation about a freed slave.

I hope that you enjoyed the overabundance of school news that I had for you this week and hopefully next week will bring more of the same to excite and update everyone.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Deer Hill Buttonwood Book Fair May 1-5

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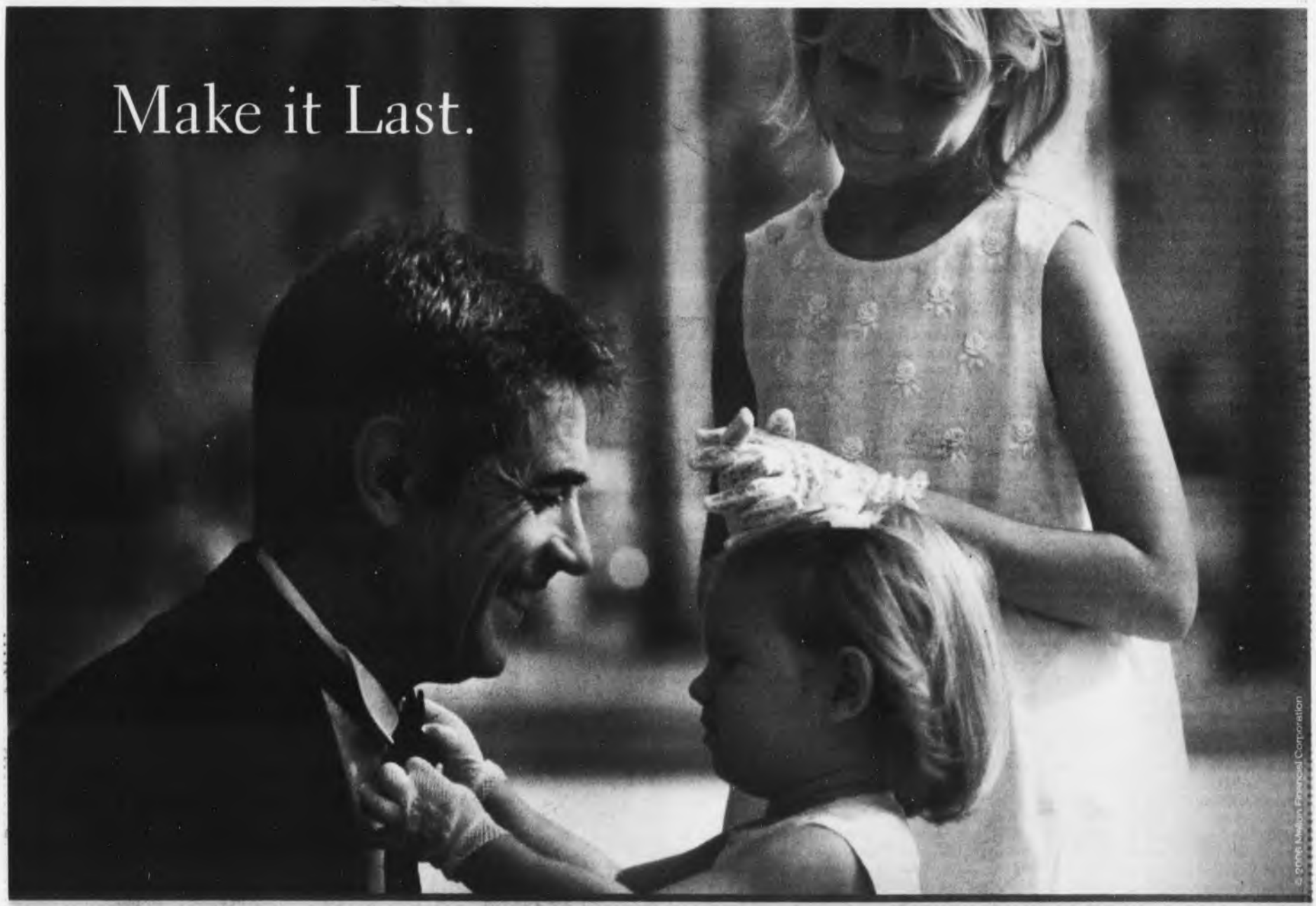
Parents are invited and encouraged to attend during the day or with their child or after school. For more information call Barb Mullen, 781-383-6115.

Christine Guinee reviews some books in anticipation of next week's Buttonwood Book Fair at the Deer Hill library.



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Tuskegee Airmen, from left, Harvey Sanford of Boston; Jack Bryant of Cohasset; and Willis Saunders of Boston, shared their extraordinary story recently at a special event held at CMHS.

First African American Airmen visit CHS

By Zach Etkind
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Tuesday March 28, three members of the Tuskegee Airmen came to Cohasset High School to share their extraordinary story and discuss the racism that plagued our military and society during World War II. Longtime Cohasset resident Jack Bryant brought two fellow airmen with him, Willis Saunder and Harvey Sanford.

The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of 996 black military aviators in WWII who overcame immense adversity to become the first African American fighter pilots to defend our country. Before the Tuskegee Airmen were trained, African Americans in the U.S military were considered unfit for combat and were generally assigned to stereotyped jobs as cooks and waiters, or were rejected completely. While the War Department was reluctant to send the Tuskegee Airmen into combat during WWII, their success and fearlessness in battle quickly changed the minds of many in the military. By the end of the war, the Tuskegee Airmen had flown 15,533 missions, destroyed 251 enemy aircraft, disabled more than 600 boxcars, locomotives and rolling stock, and escorted over 700 bombers, and ending the war as the only fighter group to never lose an escorted bomber to enemy fighters. In addition, they won more than 850 medals including 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight Purple Hearts

The Tuskegee Airmen who spoke to the high school students stressed that as members of the Tuskegee Airmen, they were constantly fighting two wars – one against the enemy forces in Europe and another against the segregation and racist attitudes encountered in their own military such as rarely being congratulated after a successful mission and being prohibited from the Officer's Club. One airman explained how at times he didn't know who to be more afraid of, the Germans, or his own countrymen. Fortunately, the contributions made by the Tuskegee Airmen in WWII undoubtedly helped lead to the desegregation of the Armed Forces and abolishment of the War Department's racial policies.

The three airmen also spoke later in the evening to a standing room only crowd of over 100 adults at the Congregational Church. The most memorable moment of the night came when a man came forward and explained that he was a bomber pilot in WWII and a Tuskegee Airman "saved my ass."

The Cohasset Diversity Committee and Cohasset Middle High School Social Studies Department collaborated on the event. Students were impressed with the Tuskegee Airmen's accomplishments and were given time to ask questions after the presentation. The main thing these Tuskegee Airmen wanted to convey was the importance of education and maintaining courage, virtue, and a sense of duty in the face of adversity.

These pioneers are forever deserving of our admiration and respect.

Facts about the Tuskegee Airmen

- Tuskegee Army Air Field, located at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, was the training center for all African-American fighter pilots during World War II.
- There were 996 original Airmen. These included pilots, bombardiers and navigators.
- More than 10,000 African-American men and women served as their vital support personnel.
- 450 pilots served in combat overseas in the European Theater of Operations, North Africa and the Mediterranean.
- 66 of the Tuskegee aviators died in combat.
- 33 Tuskegee Airmen became prisoners of war.
- They flew over 700 bomber escort missions and ended the war as the only fighter group to never lose an escorted bomber to enemy fighters.
- They flew 15,533 missions between May, 1943 and June 9, 1945.
- They destroyed 251 enemy aircraft: 111 were downed in aerial combat including 3 of the 8 German ME-262 jets shot down by allies during the war.
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BIRTHDAY CONTEST

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Lucy Knox, 8, climbs up with goodies while Olivia Arnold, 8, right, holds the list of clues for the birthday scavenger hunt which took the girls to the historical society on Saturday. There were three teams from the birthday party that scattered throughout town on their bikes looking for answers and prizes.

Village central to Cohasset life

FROM VILLAGE, PAGE 1

It has always been a center, and particularly so when the Old Colony Railroad maintained a station in town. When train service ended in 1959, there began a gradual evolution of the kinds of shopping that one did in the village. In fact, "in the early 1950s Cohasset village was the major shopping center for the town. One could buy most necessities, including groceries, clothing and hardware in the village. There were three grocery stores, three clothing stores, and two hardware stores. There were also three restaurants, a liquor store, two drugstores, two beauty salons, three banks, a newspaper store, a real estate office, a jeweler's shop, a shoe repair shop, a dry cleaners, a barber, a dentist and a doctor's office next to the Community Center" (*from Narrative History of Cohasset, Vol. III*).

Until the late 70s there was another "village" in Cohasset. The village of Beechwood had its own post office, general store, fire station, library and community center. With the closing of Brown's General Store in the 70s, however, Beechwood village lost its commercial activity.

Many of the necessities once available in Cohasset village have migrated to Route 3A. The road was built in 1931, but not until the train stopped did a significant volume of retail business move to the new highway. Now it provides many of the necessities that the village once provided. Of some concern is that the new Greenbush train station, located on 3A, will draw still more retail trade to the highway.

Both to counter that concern and to renew the village, the town applied for and obtained a State grant to "revitalize" the village. Over a period of almost six years beginning in 2000, the town debated the kind of revitalization it wanted. With initial design funds provided by the generosity of Peter Roy and Gerd Ordelheide, the revitalization project evolved from a comprehensive renewal of the area from the village to the Cove to a more modest update of the village area itself, including rebuilding sidewalks, curbs and roads. The State funds also enabled the revitalization project to widen South Main Street at St. Stephen's Church and to add trees, two small pocket parks and decorative crosswalks. In addition, the "T" is obligated to rebuild Parking Way, our town parking lot, and to connect work on the Pleasant Street grade crossing with the revitalization work on Depot Court. Although the Greenbush train will not stop in the village, the T has not precluded building a whistle stop for foot traffic in a portion of land located immediately to the south of Sohier Street should there be demand for it and residents approve.

The structures in the village have, for the most part, changed very little in the last 50 years. Except for the Red Lion Inn, which was completely rebuilt, most of the other buildings in town are much as they were in 1950. Uses are different but the look of the town is about the same. I expect that will change. The Planning Board has proposed a village overlay district that would permit a residential and retail mixed-use district within the village. Others see an opportunity to create retail space facing Parking Way. However these ideas evolve, there is a strong desire to preserve the character of the village, its function as a working center and its linkage to the Common and Cove.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer is a member of the Village Revitalization Committee. His wife, Jacqueline Dormitzer, author of the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Vol. III" also contributed to this article.

Annual PSO telethon is May 10

Mark your calendars and save these important dates because the third annual Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon is less than two weeks away! The Tele-a-thon will take place on May 10th from 7 -9:30 p.m. and will be broadcast live from the Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium. The tele-a-thon can be viewed on Comcast Cable channel 22. The on-line auction will occur from Friday, May 5 – Friday, May 12th.

There's still time to donate an item or service or become one of our proud sponsors. The on-line auction will open on Friday, May 5th and you have just one week to bid on this selection of fabulous items. Remember to bookmark http://psotelethon.cmarket.com/cohassetpso. Get ready to bid high and bid often. Donations are being sought and for on-line and raffle items and you can be as creative with your donation as you want. This can be from your family, book group, business or a group of friends.

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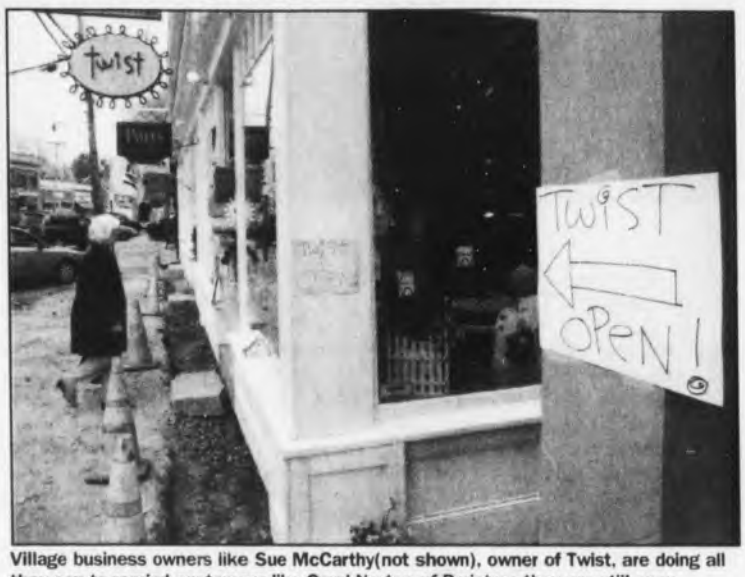
Also, how about dusting off your dancing shoes or tuning up your vocal chords to take part in the talent portion of the telethon? If you would like to appear on live tv and share your talent, send an email to cohassetpsotelethon@yahoo.com. Include the names of all performers, the talent or act and the approximate time that is needed.

Village snapshot

Joe Figueiredo carefully makes his way through the rubble while carrying his purchases from Tedeschi's Food Mart in Cohasset Village. The streetscape is being torn up and redone as part of the town's $1.8 million Village Revitalization project.

Alex Dedes sands down the fence in front of the Capt. Wilson house, while getting it ready for primer. Dedes works for Westmill Preservation which is restoring the facade of the historical building.



Village business owners like Sue McCarthy(not shown), owner of Twist, are doing all they can to remind customers like Carol Norton of Braintree they are still open despite the construction going on in the Village.

Marc Furnier of Hull enjoys his paper and pastries at French Memories in Cohasset Village during this week's brilliant Wednesday afternoon.

Life goes on despite construction

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Left, An unidentified man walks past Cohasset Hardware and the town pump while enjoying the nice weather in Cohasset Village last Friday afternoon.

Lloyd Barber of Weymouth gazes out the window while waiting for lunch with his wife Anne at the Silver Spoon last Friday. The couple were staying in Cohasset for a weekend getaway.

Karen Stockwell, owner of Cohasset Dog Wash, bathes Lucky, a mini schnauzer, while Rachel Chrisman trims Joshua, a Portugese water dog. Both dogs were groomed last Saturday, one of the busiest days of the week for the company, which averages 30 dogs each Saturday.

Baker Rodolfo Villalobos cleans the kitchen after making roughly 90 dozen bagels Monday morning at Atlantic Bagel in Cohasset Village.

Joanne Ilacqua of Adamo Day Spa Retreat rubs jasmine oil and kahpa oil over Chuck Furtado while giving him a massage Wednesday. The black stone on his chest balances the meridians and opens the flow of energy

DESTINATIONS

Blazing a (golf) trail to Alabama

By GREG GATLIN

MUSCLE SHOALS, Ala. -- I told a friend I was heading to Alabama to play golf along the state's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. He asked if I'd be carrying a backpack.

Not exactly. Though I have to admit the idea of a golf "trail" did conjure up a similarly rugged image of trekking through woods from one course to another.

The trail is actually a brilliant network of top-notch golf courses and luxurious hotels that stretches from Muscle Shoals in the northwest corner of Alabama, east and then south through the state, all the way down to Mobile on the Gulf Coast.

In all, there are more than two dozen RTJ courses scattered across the state, the fruits of the largest golf course construction project in history. And you can play most of them for about $40 a round. If that's not brilliant, I don't know what is.

Herald Photography Director Jim Mahoney and I started our golf adventure with plans to play six rounds in four days. But it's one thing to play six rounds in four days when you're staying at a condo in Orlando. It's something quite different when you tee off at dawn, drive two hours between morning and afternoon rounds, then jump back into the car, drive three more hours, arrive at your hotel at 9:30 p.m., grab dinner and a quick night's sleep and get up for the next 7:30 a.m. tee time.

Still, the experience was unforgettable.

During our drive from the airport to Muscle Shoals, nothing in the surrounding landscape -- small farms, modest houses, trailers and humble churches -- hinted at world-class golf and luxurious lodging -- that is until we arrived at The Shoals.

By 2 p.m., Jim and I were teeing it up at Fighting Joe, one of two courses at The Shoals. Fighting Joe opened just last year and has been ranked by Golf Digest as one of the best new affordable courses. It's a links-style course that's long -- crazy long. Fighting Joe measures 8,092 yards from the tips. Even the pros don't play that long.

Fortunately, Fighting Joe, like most courses on the trail, offers a wide selection of tees, allowing you to play according to your skill level. It's got a pretty sightline and great driving holes. It also has those Robert Trent Jones greens that are heavily bunkered or protected by water -- and one pays dearly for coming up short.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM MAHONEY.

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL ALABAMA- Bagpiper Jim MacRae salutes golfers finishing the fourth hole as the sun begins to set at Ross Bridge in Birmingham. Behind the piper are the first tee box and the third green. The nightly tradition has been part of the Ross Bridge since it opened.

Jim put it best when he said, "I came to Alabama to play golf, but I spent most of the time on the beach."

We stayed that night at the new Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa. Like most of the rooms we'd stay in over four days, this one was gorgeous, with a balcony overlooking the river.

Travel to Myrtle Beach, N.C. or pretty much anywhere in Florida, and you're sure to bump into fellow Yankees by the first tee. But in five days in Alabama, Jim and I heard nary a northern accent. On the RTJ, the locals come to play.

We were paired up the next morning on Shoals' Schoolmaster course with David, who ran a machine business, and Troy, a pastor. The pair had made the hour-and-a-half ride over from Huntsville.

Schoolmaster (named for President Woodrow Wilson, who got the Wilson Dam built and who was known as "The Schoolmaster of politics") is more of a parkland course with tree-lined fairways and a terrific back nine cut along the banks of the Tennessee River. Some of the largest small-mouth bass on record have been caught within a cast of a rod from where we were playing, David said.

The bass can easily wind up with your ball on Schoolmaster. On one tee, David hit an errant drive that almost stayed dry, but slowly rolled down a bank and trickled into the water in a most unsatisfying manner.

Troy then stepped up to the tee and hit a high-arcing draw out over the water. The ball hit with maximum splash.

"If yer go'n' git wet, that's the way to do it," David said.

After Schoolmaster, we jumped back into the LandRover we'd rented, heading south for Hoover, just outside of Birmingham, and the spectacular Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. Despite both having college degrees, including Jim's four years of engineering study, we never figured out the GPS system in the LandRover. But we got the six-CD changer working, which was all that mattered.

We arrived at Ross Bridge just before sunset, in time to catch a bagpiper accompany golfers as they putted out on 18 -- pure genius.

The 259-room Renaissance, with its Scottish castle theme, was recently awarded a four diamond rating by AAA, and it's earned every diamond. Balconies overlook the course, or the pool with its gristmill and waterfall that replicates a real waterfall on the course, dropping 80 feet to a lake. Amazingly, you can stay at the Renaissance for about $180 a room.

The Ross Bridge golf course is lush and beautifully designed, with many of the holes overlooking one of two lakes. From the first tee to the 18th green, the views are breathtaking.

After a morning round of golf there, we were back in the LandRover by noon and heading for Prattville's Capitol Hill, which features three courses: The Senator, The Legislator and The Judge. We played The Judge with a couple of young guys from nearby Montgomery.

The Judge was not in a lenient mood. You get a sense of what lies ahead as you stand on the first tee, looking out over a 200-foot drop to the fairway running along the Alabama River below.

Then it was back on the highway and down to Mobile on the Gulf Coast.

Despite the hit it took from Hurricane Katrina, locals say Mobile is going through a downtown renaissance. No doubt, the city has a long way to go, though it is charming with a scenic waterfront.

Saturday morning we played the Azalea course at the Lakewood Golf Club alongside the beautiful waterfront Grand Hotel. This was a gentler course with open fairways and beautiful magnolia trees, dogwoods and towering oaks dressed in Spanish moss. There's also an old civil-war era cemetery.

In the afternoon, it was off to Magnolia Grove, on the other side of Mobile, where we played The Crossings, which was one of the prettiest courses we saw on the trail.

In addition to the brilliant courses and luxurious hotels, you can pick up a luxury car that will be waiting for you at the airport through Hertz' Prestige Collection program. We put about 650 miles on the LandRover during our short adventure. But I suggest you give yourself a little more time or play a little less golf and enjoy the slower Southern pace of life.

For more information, go to www.rtj-golf.com.

Jim Mahoney contributed to this story.

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Baseball players will be washing cars on Saturday, April 29, at George's Citgo Station, downtown Cohasset, after the Little League opening ceremonies. This event will benefit Cohasset High School Varsity, as well as Junior Varsity baseball teams, and is being sponsored by the Cohasset Baseball Boosters and the Diamond Club. Rain date is Saturday, May 6.

Donations are welcomed.

Area residents to walk for MS

Hundreds of South Shore residents and people from across Massachusetts are rallying at the South Shore Community Center, Saturday April 29 for the MS LifeLines MS Walk to fight multiple sclerosis. A spring tradition since 1989, the event will have walkers follow a five-mile accessible path starting at 10 a.m. from the Community Center. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of $100, but most collect over $200. News anchor and Chronicle co-host Anthony Everett will attend the Cohasset Walk and address the crowd of walkers and volunteers about his mother's experience with MS. Organized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter, over 200,000 walkers participate nationwide each year at more than 700 sites, and have raised over $30 million. Family and corporate walk teams and volunteers can register online, at www.msnewengland.org, or by calling 800-493-WALK as well as in-person the day of the event.

MS is a chronic, neurological disease that affects the central nervous system, causing unpredictable symptoms including fatigue, paralysis, and blindness. Most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 50, MS affects women two to three times more often than men. In the U.S., more than 400,000 people have MS, and 200 new cases are diagnosed each week. Those with MS or who know someone with MS can call 800-493-9255, or visit www.msnewengland.org.

'Taste of Greece' at Discovery Museum

Our World Children's Discovery Museum and the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, both of Cohasset, will present "A Taste of Greece" celebration at the museum on Sohier Street, Cohasset, on Saturday, April 29. All are welcome. Hours of operation will be noon to 8 p.m. Features include authentic Greek foods, to eat on the premises or to take home, the Greek band Asteria and traditional Greek dancing by Odyssey Dance Troupe of Cranston R.I.

Enjoy the food, the music and the dancing. Lots of involvement and entertainment for children, both in the building and under the tents. The event will take place rain or shine.

For more information, call Marlena Alex at the church at 781-974-7041,.or Michelle Bolduc at the museum at 781-383-3194.

Sign up for Cohasset Sailing Club

Registration for membership, classes and dock space will take place on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, May 21, noon to 2 p.m., at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Department, Community Center and the Sailing Club on the registration days.

HSO Pops to present Season Finale April 29

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform its Season Finale Pops Concert on April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Daytona Room at F1 in Braintree. Jin Kim will conduct the full orchestra in a mix of popular classical and Pops favorites. The event will offer table seating and a variety of food and wine in a festive atmosphere,

Doors open at 7 p.m. with a pre-concert party sponsored by HSO's M3 – music, martinis, and more. A complimentary selection of appetizers and desserts will be served along with a Cash Bar of wine or beer. Groups of up to eight may sit together, by reserving a table in advance.

The evening will feature opportunities to win special raffle prizes along with a brief live auction. Continuing an HSO tradition, the top bidder will conduct the final piece, Sousa's rousing march, "Stars and Stripes Forever" – after a public five-minute coaching session from conductor Jin Kim.

Tickets are $30 adults, $20 seniors, $10 youth through age 18, and are available at Noble's and La Petite Maison in Hingham Square, Hingham Public Library, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, or online at www.hinghamsymphony.org, and by calling 781-740-5694.

Volunteer docents

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is seeking volunteers to give tours of the museum, including our lifesaving exhibits, and the special exhibit "Sea Dogs! Great Tails of the Sea." Training will be provided.

Volunteers should enjoy meeting new people and learning about new subjects. Interest in local history, arts andcrafts, or teaching experience are all helpful.

To find out more about becoming a museum docent, including volunteer benefits, contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

SENIOR SCENE

All events will take place at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 No. Main St., Cohasset, unless otherwise noted. For reservations or information, call 781-383-9112.

Spring Pops Concert – Tuesday, May 2, 10:45 a.m., at South Shore VoTech. No Fee. Call for reservations. Meet at St. Anthony at 10:45 a.m.

Day of Beauty – Wednesday, May 3, at South Shore VoTech. Enjoy a spa day with lunch. Nails, facials, hair.

Tri-Town Assisted Living Luncheon Conference – Friday, May 5, noon to 2 p.m., at 224 Central St., Hingham. "Fitting the Puzzle Pieces Together" will be discussed by Amy Bernstein, assisted living ombudsman coordinator, Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Communicating With Your Doctor – Wednesday, May 10. Carol Barrett will discuss "How to Talk to Your Doctor to Improve Your Health.

Equal Choice – Thursday, May 11, 2 p.m., at the State House, Nurses Hall, second floor. Participants can speak up about where they live, what setting is most appropriate for them as they age and staying in their community. Question 2273 for elderly and disabled.

MBTA Passes – Monday, May 15, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. People ages 65 and older can get a pass for reduced fares. Get a free picture pass that works with new MBTA fare collection equipment.

Books In Bloom – Friday, May 19, 7 to 9 p.m., $15; Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., $5., at James Library in Norwell. Featured will be books, flowers, light fare and raffles. Music will be presented on Friday.

New Way to Listen to Library Audio Books - Monday, May 24, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Marge Murphy will demonstrate the easy new way to listen to audio books with just a pair of headphones. Available free, delivered from the library.

Celebrating Cancer Survivors – Date and time to be announced. Donna Green, artist, known for "The Velveteen Rabbit," will show how she is helping child cancer survivors interpret and deal with the changes happening in their lives. Details to follow

Older Americans Month – Monday, May 29. Cost is $20. Sponsor an older American with a blooming plant.

Senior Fair at River Bay Club – Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 60 vendors and hospital representatives will answer questions about health care, long term care, pharmaceuticals, moving, financial and travel. Free vision, hearing and massage will be offered. Reservations must be made by May 17.

80s & 90s Birthday Party – Mid-June Luncheon at St. Anthony Parish Hall Call the CEA for reservations if born before 1927.

School Memorabilia Day – Wednesday, June 21, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Last day of school. Bring in badges, hats, diplomas, pomponms, yearbooks. Contests and prizes will be featured.

Skinner Auctioneers Antique Appraisals – Saturday, Nov. 4. Details to follow.

FITNESS AND DANCE

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

5:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, caller reports a woman having an active seizure with a head injury.

5:41 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

6:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Norwell requesting a cruiser to meet them for a transport of a citizen to her address in Cohasset.

9:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a female driving all over the road in a dark green Toyota Camry.

10:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:15 p.m. **School buildings**, building checks, Sgt. reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

10:31 p.m. **Summer St.**, parking enforcement, Sgt. reports ticketing vehicle parked illegally.

11:40 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, MBTA contractor attempting to remove heavy machinery from construction site advised to come back during daytime hours.

11:42 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, suspicious activity, 911 caller reports he believes someone was attempting to kick in his front door.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:53 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, assist motorist, motorist needed directions.

2:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:47 a.m. **Vernon Rd.**, medical aid, mutual aid to Scituate. Parties involved in a motor vehicle accident, now at a residence. Scituate Rescue on scene. R3 cancelled.

6:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:32 a.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, larceny, caller requests an officer for "a problem they had overnight."

11:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

12:05 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, B&E, caller repo4ats past breaking and entering into his home.

2:40 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, medical aid.

2:58 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, Lifeline called reporting alarm activation at this location.

4:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, Scituate unit reports 2 females broken down on 3A in front of this location, they are standing by. Officer reports vehicle is out of the way and the 2 females are waiting for AAA in the parking lot.

5:29 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, caller reports she lost her watch at the CVS plaza, it's an Omega silver and gold with diamond bezels. The calling party is not from around here, she is staying with friends at the above location.

5:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports motorcycles speeding, officer out at this location.

6:11p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, assist other Police Department, from Hill PD asks if an officer can go to the above location and someone at the residence know that another person living there was involved in a motor vehicle accident and taken by med flight to Mass General. Officer reports no one at home at this time he was advised to leave a note to call Hull PD. Officer reports his roommate has been notified he will be calling Hull PD then headed to Mass General.

8:18 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a minor accident at this location and reports no injuries.

8:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:02 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

9:03 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity, caller reports the park is basically her backyard and there are cars going in and out, she thinks it might be kids going to drink and party. Officer reports no one is around. There are 4 cars parked there.

9:09 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller at this location complains of speeders up and down the street. They are requesting an officer check it out.

9:30 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:22 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

12:27 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:46 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St**, building secure.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:05 a.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism report, the plants in front of the studio have been knocked over.

2:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:16 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:48 a.m. **School Buildings**, Sgt. reports school buildings check ok all secure.

11:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports her 2 year old fell and needs an ambulance.

12:11 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:23 p.m. **King St.**, fire, outside, caller reports a mulch pile smoking. Fire Capt. reports fire has been extinguished.

12:43 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller reports he has a sick fox walking around in his back yard. Officer reports gone on arrival.

1:04 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious person, officer requests wrecker.

1:26 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, larceny of boat, walk in party reports his boat stolen. Party came back into HQ and stated his boat has been located, some kids took it and have returned it, no damage.

2:07 p.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

3:36 p.m. **Summer St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports he has found a pocketbook at church. Taken in at HQ for safekeeping. Owner of pocketbook was able to be notified by dispatch at a relatives in

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POLICE STATUS REPORT

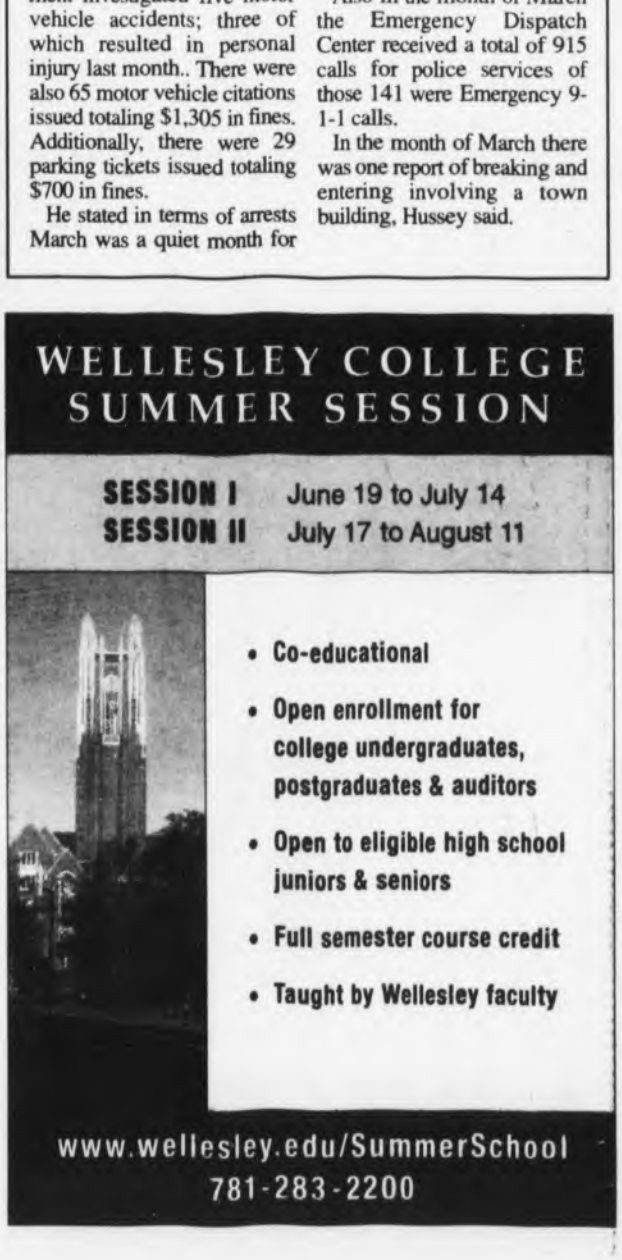
65 traffic tickets issued

Police Chief James Hussey said in his monthly report to selectmen the police department investigated five motor vehicle accidents; three of which resulted in personal injury last month.. There were also 65 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,305 in fines. Additionally, there were 29 parking tickets issued totaling $700 in fines.

He stated in terms of arrests March was a quiet month for the department. There were only three arrests; two for outstanding warrants, and one arrest was a courtesy booking for the Waltham Police Department.

Also in the month of March the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 915 calls for police services of those 141 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

In the month of March there was one report of breaking and entering involving a town building, Hussey said.



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Scituate. She will be coming to HQ to retrieve it.

5:28 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a resident has fallen outside in the parking lot.

7:06 p.m. **School buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok.

8:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, domestic (past report).

10:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, 911 caller reports he believes youth are hiding out in his yard after he heard a noise and went outside to find mirrors broken off his car and a baseball bat in the yard.

10:19 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, 209A service.

10:38 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Hillside Drive**, hazard, Sgt. reports about 6 cones in the middle of the street almost caused an accident. Sgt. reports this is a crew painting the crosswalks and stop signs in the road, they have been advised to use caution.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

12:17 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal - speeding.

12:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:48 a.m. **Joy Pl.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, fire extinguished, E1 investigating the odor of smoke.

6:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:04 a.m. **School Buildings**, Sgt. reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

10:19 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 (home), received hang up 911 call from this location. No response at the residence or on call back. Females son notified and responding. Officer on scene requesting the fire department respond and gain entry. Officers have gained entry and spoken to the female, she is fine, no problems, son notified of same.

11:39 a.m. **Elm St.**, threats, female party called stating she works at a dentist office in town and just had to terminate an employee. About 20 minutes later the female employee that got terminated had her boyfriend call and say "He will be taking matters into his own hands."

1:11 p.m. **Forest Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire request R3 for a female that has fallen.

3:10 p.m. **Lantern Lane**, animal complaint, a few caller reporting what appears to be a sick coyote or fox running around the neighborhood.

6:54 p.m. **Pond St., and Bailey Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle.

7:40 p.m. **All Cohasset Schools**, building checks.

8:48 p.m. **Glades Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire request R3 for injuries after assault.

11:33 p.m. **All Cohasset Schools**, building checks.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

12:35 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

2:19 a.m. **CJC Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, Scituate Police report a hit and run motor vehicle accident in front of their station, they report a dark blue or black pick up truck headed toward Cohasset from Scituate.

6:23 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy. Wind: Light. Temp: 43.

8:05 a.m. **Lantern Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick coyote in the yard.

8:23 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, notification, a traffic light bulb out, Mass Highway notified.

9:16 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, caller would like a permit fire evaluated.

12:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, caller reports she lost keys on Sandy Beach.

12:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, caller reports lost scarf.

2:49 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports past larceny. Officer responding to Rockland Trust for follow-up.

3:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports found wallet.

3:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation.

5:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, clerk is having trouble with two patrons outside the station. Arrest: Christopher E. Thornton, 38, 8707 Raven Drive, Towson, MD. Charges: Default warrant.

8:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports youth sin the area throwing eggs at passing motor vehicles.

9:08 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller would like an officer to witness a paper exchange.

9:41 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports youths are throwing the construction barrels around.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:29 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:13 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, false call.

11:57 a.m. **Capt. Pierce Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS.

4:16 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, alarm company reports a burglar alarm coming from the locker room door. Officer reports there is a team there also with the athletic director.

4:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, employee from this location reports a drive off of gas. Vehicle is described as a silver 4x4 pick up, it was seen headed toward Scituate from Beechwood. Attempting to get a hold of the owner to go back and pay.

4:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, fire investigation, responding with 4 bags of speedy dry. Looked like gas leaked from a piece of heavy machinery, it was reported to the Town Hall early in the day and wasn't reported to us until this time. It has saturated into the ground and 4 bags of speedy dry were used for the spill. Fire dept. to notify day shift, so it can be taken care of tomorrow. The gas goes all the way to the end of Jerusalem Road.

5:38 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:47 p.m. **Red Gate Lane and North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:53 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:30 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, Hull reports a disabled motor vehicle at this location, 883 to check it out, make sure the vehicle is in a safe location.

6:33 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, parking complaint, caller complains there is a vehicle parked where there are no parking signs and also in front of a fire hydrant. Officer reports he was able to get a hold of someone and vehicle is being removed.

7:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, outside, 886 reports there is burning at this residence. There were no burning permits issued today. Fire being put out by resident at this time.

7:30 p.m. **Summer St.**, vandalism report.

8:18 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, building checks.

8:23 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:42 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:12 p.m. **Summer St.**, vandalism report, officer reports vandalism to a number of house on this street also in front of the funeral home. Officer expects callers to be reporting vandalism in the morning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, the construction cones from the Historical Society building to the center of town have been moved around. Not a traffic hazard at this time.

6:29 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, assist citizen, 91 caller requested the phone number for Poison Control. She thought "A bug got out of the poison trap and into her drinking glass."

6:37 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, well being check, 886 requests well being check on 911 caller. Female party is fine.

6:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal-speed.

11:21 a.m. **Oak St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick coyote in her yard.

12:54 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking the fire hydrant. Motor vehicle has been removed.

1:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, investigated.

3:44 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of youths scraping paint off of a yellow house. Sgt. reports the house is being prepared to be painted, no problems.

5:54 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, loitering, employee at this location reports a solicitor hanging out outside bothering customers. Officer has spoken to this person and they have moved along.

8:24 p.m. **Ash St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports her carbon monoxide detector is sounding and after putting in new batteries, it won't stop sounding. Alarm malfunction.

10:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests to see officer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

12:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states her neighbor's are away and a motor vehicle just backed into the driveway and turned the lights out. Caller states the motor vehicle just left. It was a dark SUV headed towards the harbor. Outside of house has been checked, secure.

12:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, the parking lot is being power washed.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, checking an open window on the 2nd floor of the building.

1:11 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, call directly to Fire HQ., party with abdominal pain.

1:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, all traffic within normal limits.

7:20 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, walk in party request assistance unlocking his motor vehicle. He was advised that the PD cannot do that anymore.

8:35 a.m. **Pond St.**, vandalism report, caller reports a broken window in the press box.

8:53 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick coyote in the area. This has been an ongoing problem.

10:57 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, fire, brush, woods fire. Fire has been put out and the area has been wet down.

1:29 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid.

1:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, domestic.

2:45 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, elderly father has fallen out of bed and has a hip injury.

2:46 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick fox laying in his back yard. ACO notified responding with Sgt. This is an ongoing issue. Unable to contain the animal again. Units will be in the area.

3:30 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports the same fox has returned to the area. Unable to get the animal.

4:04 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, animal complaint, passerby complains of a sick looking fox eating something in a yard across from the above location. Officer reports the fox seems to have mange and does not appear sick, it took off on its own.

5:29 p.m. **Linden Drive**, traffic complaint, caller complains of people coming down her private drive while construction is going on in the main road. Officer reports he straightened it all out.

5:49 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd., and Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, several callers have shown concern for a swan in the area, it was reported to be going in and out of the road and appears to be in distress.

9:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports an erratic driver passing people in a single lane and speeding, caller last seen this person pull behind the above location. Officer reports it's one of the delivery drivers, calling party spoke with the officer. Officer reports he spoke with the driver and the calling party, males summoned for reckless operation of motor vehicle.

9:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, loitering, employee reports 5 youths came in and walked around, only one bought something and now they're hanging out in the front of the store.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

1:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

9:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, vandalism report.

9:09 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicle has died on roadway of Whitehead and is in the process of having it removed by AAA.

9:48 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, concern of her neighbor.

10:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller reports that a drive off from location request assistance. Notified involved party and will rectify with station.

10:59 a.m. **Shore Sector**, road rage.

12:04 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, sick fox.

1:12 p.m. **Hull St., and Rockland St.**, assist other Police Dept., request for cruiser for possible fight in area. Looking for gold Neon, party may be out of Hull. Area check cleared by Hingham.

1:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire-public assist.

2:49 p.m. **King St.**, boater in Lily Pond not authorized. Boater notified of the rules and regulations, will take motor and battery out.

3:13 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:31 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reported that a woman from a soliciting agency had come to his residence and was not registered.

5:42 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire, brush, caller reports that possible illegal burn in area.

7:11 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

7:38 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:26 a.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, medical aid, fallen out of bed.

10:02 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:18 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, brush, caller reports her neighbor is having a permit fire and it is very large the caller is concerned.

10:33 a.m. **All Schools**, officer reports all schools check ok all secure.

1:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, larceny, caller wants it logged that he is aware of some "vote no" signs being stolen in the area. He will be calling back with exact locations of where they have been stolen from.

1:29 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, resident has fallen and cut her chin.

5:16 p.m. **All Schools**, motor vehicle stop.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, brush, checking on illegal burning of permit fire, permit fire still burning squad and E1 applied water and extinguished.

11:30 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO — Be On the Look Out

BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

C20 — Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

Capt. — Fire Captain (supervisor)

CID — Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

CPAC — State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office

D1 — Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)

D2 — Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)

D/K — Drunk

E1 - E4 — Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA— Gone on Arrival

HQ — Headquarters

Juvenile —Person under the age of 17

L1 — Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC — Police Computer System (National)

ME — Medical Examiner

M/V — Motor Vehicle

OIC — Officer in Charge

OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)

PI — Personal Injury

Principle Party —Person who called

PT — Patient

QMC — Quincy Medical Center

R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO — Restraining Order

RP — Reporting Party

S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P — Suspicious Person

SSH — South Shore Hospital

WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882 -888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

886 or 888 — Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

Legal Notices

ZBA/2 SMITH PLACE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 9, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal of the Building Inspector's Decision** dated April 18, 2006 or in the alternative a Special Permit and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Richard H. Brown seek to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a building permit at **2 Smith Place** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office File #06-04-18b.

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Cohasset Mariner 4/21, 4/28/06

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AD#11033579
Cohasset Mariner 4/21, 4/28/06

ZBA/2 SHELDON RD.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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OBITUARIES

Grace J. Grassie

Retired teacher

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Grace J. Grassie, 98, of Scituate, died April 16, 2006.

Mrs. Grassie was a resident of Scituate for 77 years, and had lived at her North Scituate home for 71 years. She had been a resident of Cardigan Nursing Home for the past six years.

Born and raised in Cohasset, she graduated from Cohasset High School and received a teaching degree from Hyannis Normal School.

She began her teaching career in Hixville, where she taught for one year. She also taught at the Ripley Road School in Cohasset for six years and the Scituate Public Schools for 23 years. In Scituate, Mrs. Grassie taught at the old and new Hatherly schools, Central School and Wampatuck School.

Mrs. Grassie was both a member and past president of the Scituate Teachers' Association, and a member of the National Teacher's Association. She retired in 1975.

She leaves two daughters, Joan Giordano of North Scituate and Caroline Knight of Hull; one son, Martin G. Grassie; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Elizabeth Davis.

A funeral service was held at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

William T. McGuire

Retired from Boston Police Department

William T. McGuire, 76, of Cohasset, died April 19, 2006, at South Shore Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. McGuire was born and raised in Brighton and had also lived in Hyde Park. He was a graduate of Boston State Teachers College, and served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He had worked at Boston Police Department Headquarters for 41 years, retiring in 1994.

Mr. McGuire was a member of Veterans Post 118.

He leaves his wife, Jacquelyn (Ford) McGuire; his children, Elizabeth M. Shaughnessy of Hingham and Kathleen M. McGuire of Cohasset; his sister, Rita McDonough of West Roxbury; and his brother, Richard McGuire of North Carolina. He was the brother of the late John McGuire.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Funeral arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Frank S. Wheelwright

Retired from Cohasset Fire Department

Frank S. Wheelwright, 89, of Cohasset, died April 23, 2006, at Scituate Life Care Center.

Mr. Wheelwright was born and raised in Cohasset, and was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of 1934.

He worked for many years on the family-owned Wheelwright Farm, delivering dairy products during World War II. After the farm was sold to the White Bros., he continued to work on the farm for several more years, while acting as a call firefighter for the town of Cohasset. In 1957, Mr. Wheelwright joined and served the Cohasset Fire Department as a full time firefighter until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of the Masons, and a Past Master of the Konahasset Lodge. Mr. Wheelwright was also active at Second Congregational Church, where he sang in the choir, was a deacon and served on the Finance Committee.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Muriel L. (Mencke) Wheelwright; his children, Sandra J. Figgie of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Cheryl Wheelwright of Salem, N.H.; his sisters, Mary Evans Handy of Marshfield and Jean Burriss of Columbia, S.C.; his grandchildren, Scott Shain and Kevin Shain; his great-granddaughter, Sarah Shain; and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Walter Wheelwright.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Common. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Anne K. Chittim

Devoted to Specialized Housing family

Anne K. Chittim, 44, of Brookline, died April 21, 2006, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, after a brief illness.

The daughter of the late David and the late Mary Chittim, she was born in Newton, and was a graduate of Cohasset High School Class of 1983.

As a person with special needs, she lived a full and happy life as a resident of the Specialized Housing residence on Washington Street in Brookline for over 20 years.

Ms. Chittim worked for many years at the Vocational Adjustment Center in Brighton.

She leaves her siblings, David and Linda Chittim, of Wexford, Pa., Kevin and Valerie Chittim, of Hopkinton, N.H., and Mark and Beverly Chittim, of Barrington, R.I.; seven nieces and nephews, Kristin Bitsko, of Pittsburgh, P.A., Kimberly Cohen, of Las Vegas, Nev., Lisa McGuire, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Matthew Chittim, of Barrington, R.I., Jeffrey Chittim, of Alexandria, Va., Gregory Chittim of Somerville, and Alexander Chittim, a student at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine; her close friends and housemates; her longtime friends and mentors, David and Margot Wizansky, Lars Knackkegaard, Kim Kates, and the other members of the Specialized Housing family. She was the sister of the late Mary K. Chittim.

A funeral and choral folk Mass was celebrated at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church in Boston. In his eulogy, Ms. Chittim's brother Kevin noted that the two biggest days of his sister's life were walking across the stage at her Cohasset High School graduation to the standing ovation of her classmates, and moving into Specialized Housing in Brookline, at the age of 24. Following the service, a reception was held at the Specialized Housing Residence.

Interment is in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, April 30. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House . Sermon: "I Wonder" - Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

• Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. - Children will gather in the Parish House. First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

• Coffee Hour in the Parish House directly following the service

• Interested in membership? New Member Orientation - Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you're interested in exploring membership at First Parish, we offer a two-part orientation. On **April 30**, the focus is specifically First Parish. On April 9 the focus was the broader faith of Unitarian Universalism. The format is disucussion with the minister and a representative of our Membership Committee. Brunch will be served and childcare will be available. Participation prepares you, but doesn't obligate you, to join First Parish on New Member Sunday, May 7. To register, please phone Sandy Bailey, parish adminstrator, at 383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common,* or visit our website at: www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the miracle stories of Jesus. Alpha Course Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. **Friday,** April 28-29: Vestry Retreat. Sunday, April 30: Earth Day celebration at both the 8 a.m. and 10a.m. services. Seminarian Colette Wood will lead Morning Prayer and will be the preacher at both services. Following the 10 a.m. service a family event, *A Walk in the Woods*, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee will feature one of our resident naturalists, Sally Avery. Dress for walking! Thursday, May 4 the prayer and healing group will meet at 7 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

In the Scripture lessons for the Third Sunday of Easter, Peter testifies that the source of their healing power is the same Jesus whom the leaders rejected. In 1 John Christians are called to walk in the light of God. Confessing their sins, they and all others can find forgiveness through Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke the risen Jesus shows himself to the disciples and interprets the scriptures, which reveal that his death and resurrection were part of God's plan. Preacher: Colette Wood, Seminarian.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

The Buddha's birth and teaching will be honored at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 7.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

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The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

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May 14, "Mortals and Immortals."

May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

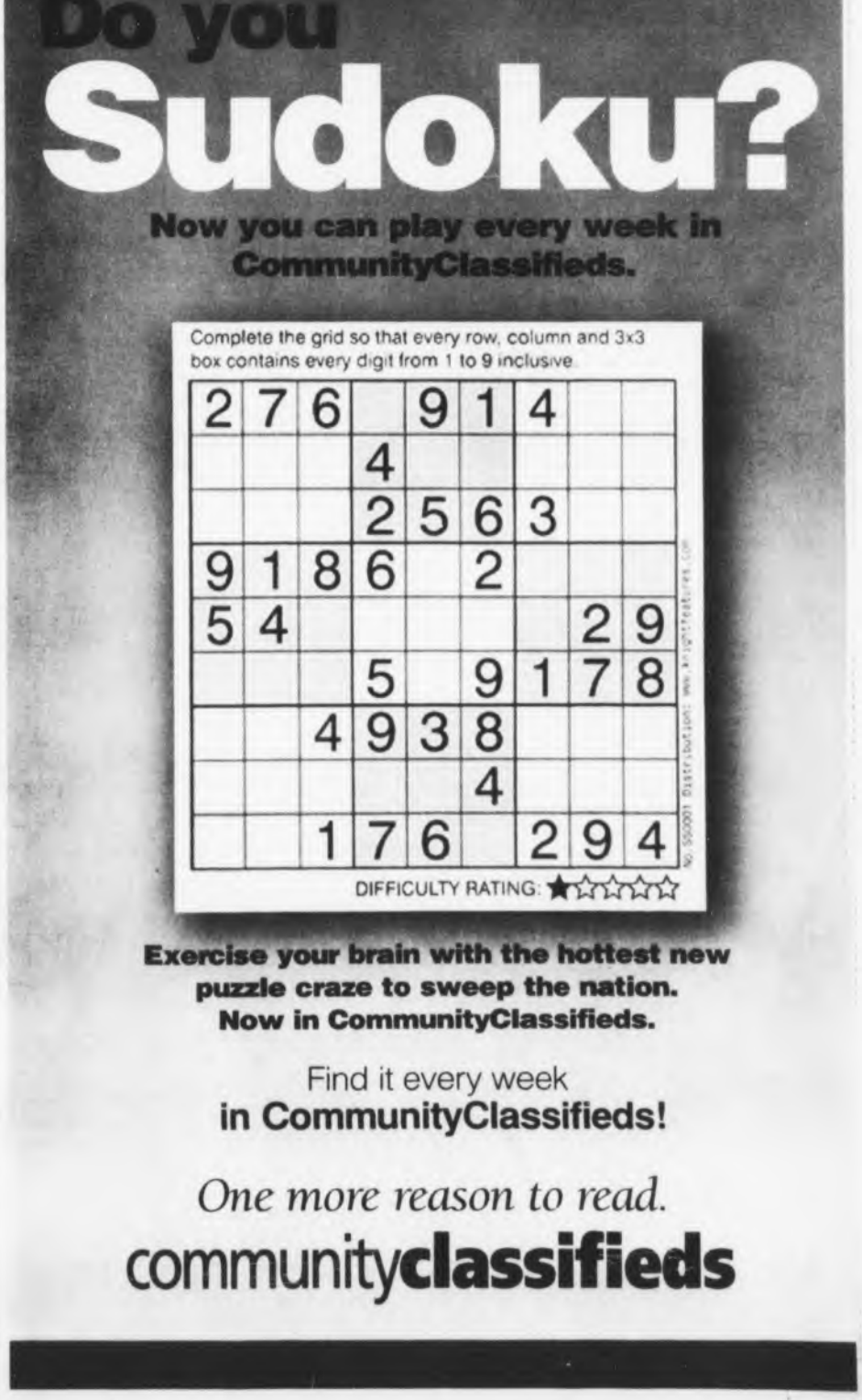
Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

10th Annual Mothers' Walk for Peace

Please join your Cohasset friends and neighbors on an uplifting 3.5 mile walk in Boston this Mother's Day, May 14. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Mothers' Walk for Peace sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, a Boston organization supported by the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset which works to combat youth violence and support survivors of homicide victims.

A carpool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m. For more information, please contact Connie Afshar at 781 383 6006.



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What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 27 - MAY 4 2006

A spectacular 14 minute number presented by a husband and wife team, that starts with a graceful interpretation in the Aerial Silks, which then smoothly flows into a captivating Duo routine in the Straps, featuring Dmitrii Amaoutov, the original "Flying Man" from Cirque du Soleil, accompanied by his wife Irina.

Flying Man Lands in Plymouth

Cirque des Amis staged at Memorial Hall Saturday

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Dmitrii Amaoutov's official biography says the Russian-born circus performer started his career at age 8. In a recent telephone conversation, however, the artist formerly known as "Cirque du Soleil's Flying Man" clarified the details of his early life.

"Officially, I joined the bill at eight years old," explains Amaoutov. "But I've really been in the circus almost since birth. When you're very small, the circus is like playing a game. As an adult it is much harder. I love the work, however. It is in my blood. I cannot imagine separating the circus from my life."

That's good news, too, since the third-generation circus performer will be joined by his wife, Irina, and two children, Ekaterina and Vanya, and an international company of gymnasts, dancers and athletes when he brings his "Cirque des Amis" to Plymouth Memorial Hall for two shows on Saturday.

"My entire family is part of the show, which combines the best traditions of the Russian circus with a mix of theatrical elements and modern music. My son will be playing the guitar, too. The Circus is great because it accepts every kind of art that involves real talent. We've hired very gifted and professional lighting and costume designers to help us create a first-quality product."

Like "Cirque du Soleil," various companies of which now dot the Las Vegas strip the way headliners once did, "Cirque des Amis" works its magic without help from elephants, tigers or even dogs.

"The Russian circus has always featured animal acts, of course, but Cirque du Soleil introduced an animal-free approach that reinvented our art and that is still thriving," says Amaoutov.

It was that famed Canadian troupe that first brought Amaoutov to North America. For Soleil, he created his now legendary "Aerial Straps" routine, earning the moniker "Flying Man," and traveled the world as a featured performer before serving stints in sit-down productions in Las Vegas, Australia and Monte Carlo.

About 12 years ago, Amaoutov went out on his own and began to create his own touring circus as a base for both his career and his life.

"I built my company step by step, year by year. We slowly prepared a full show with which we could tour. It is a very different experience being responsible for everything instead of just one act within a larger show. Like all Russian circus performers, I am trained as a juggler, acrobat, trapeze artist and also a magician. Now, I'm also finding satisfaction as a director."

When he is not traveling, Amaoutov and his family live in Montreal. Russia, however, is still home.

"I left Russia to travel all over the world with Cirque du Soleil. We then decided to settle in Montreal. It is a very friendly place in a good country with good people," says the graduate of the University of Moscow's Theater Arts Institute, who has collaborated with dancers from the Bolshoi and Kirov ballet companies. "I left Moscow 16 years ago. The Russian circus still continues to be strong, of course, but the general problem is that there is really too small a budget for it to grow and improve."

("Cirque Des Amis" will present two shows, at 3 and 8 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, Saturday, April 29. For tickets and information, call 866-468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com or any Strawberries locations.)

Sanya Quirion (right) and her partner Anastassia Fomina perform "Sphere & Cradle", a unique routine that does not exist in any other cirque.

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 27

South Shore Women's Business Network Breakfast, Thursday, April 27, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Presentation on collaborative coaching by Vicki Donlan, publisher of Women's Business and finding success in a professional roundtable by business coach Jim Della. To register call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Behind the Scenes Tour: The People at Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet the staff and food historian Kathleen Curtin, author of the museum cookbook, "Giving thanks: Thanksgiving Recipes and History from Pilgrims to Pumpkin Pie." Cost $40, $25 members, includes tour, lunch and museum admission. For information visit www.plimoth.org.

Boston Lyric Opera presents "The Daughter of the Regiment," a Donizetti comic masterpiece for Boston public school children. Free admission. For information call 617-542-4912 ext 239. Two performances Thursday, April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m., at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester.

Medicaid update with attorney Dagmar M. Pollex, Mass. Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m., Nangeroni Conference Center, Milton Hospital. To register call 781-535-6490.

Spring wine tasting and sale, Thursday, April 27, 6 to 9 p.m., Blanchard's Liquors, 700 Plain St., Marshfield. Over 100 wines from many countries offered at 20 percent discount. Email marshfieldblanchards@verizon.net.

Third Annual Silver Lining Fundraiser to benefit Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m., Foundation Lounge, Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Commonwealth Ave., Kenmore Square, Boston. Special tribute to Ray Charles featuring Evan Goodrow at 9 p.m. Raffle, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. For information visit www.mctf.org or call 617-727-8957. Admission $30 at the door.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Dorothy James** will exhibit her paintings at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth for the month of April. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Greater Plymouth Lupus Group meeting at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston, Thursday, April 27, 6 to 9 p.m. For information call 781-582-8770.

Champions Cup Boston four-day professional tennis competition featuring Jim Courier, John McEnroe, Todd Martin, Mats Wilander, Pat Cash and others. Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30. Daytime session 1:30 p.m., evening session 5:30 p.m., Bosse Sports Club, 141 Boston Post Road, Sudbury. Tickets $15 and up. Call 978-443-9006 or visit www.championscuptennis.com.

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Movie review

Fight and flight

United 93 (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Passengers on Flight 93 plot to retaliate against the four terrorists who commandeered their plane.

Powerful and appalling, "United 93" asks moviegoers to relive the events of Sept. 11, 2001 from the point of view of the doomed passengers of that fateful flight. For many, those events represent too fresh a wound to allow them to see such a film. The truth is, "United 93" is upsetting.

But others will experience a brilliant piece of realistic filmmaking and a tribute to the pluck of ordinary Americans who find themselves facing extraordinarily dire circumstances.

The dreaded action begins at dawn as the terrorists planning to hijack Flight 93 out of Newark International Airport prepare themselves by bathing, shaving and praying. That we hear the words of Muslim prayers in these scenes is fraught with meaning regarding the perversion of religion by evil individuals.

Equally ritualized are scenes of the arrival of the flight crew and pilots and the fueling, stocking and boarding of Flight 93. The pace is also steady at the Federal Aviation Administration's operations control center in Herndon, Va., where newly posted operations manager Ben Sliney (credibly played by Sliney himself) arrives for his first unbelievable day on the job.

Shot in a you-are-there, handheld style that had me reaching for my Dramamine, the film is rife with little ironies and bleak foreshadowings. One attractive young flight attendant mentions her "babies" at home. The pilot tells an attendant how to knock on the cabin door to gain cockpit access. Strapping rugby player Mark Bingham (talented newcomer Cheyenne Jackson) arrives only seconds before the airliner door is locked shut.

You sit in your seat thinking, these poor, poor people.

The hijacking itself unfolds like some terrible human sacrifice. Meanwhile, other hijacked planes strike the World Trade Center, and another flight suddenly goes radio-silent. The president and vice president cannot be reached. NORAD tries to scramble fighter jets over Manhattan and Washington, D.C.

You may find yourself, like me, frustrated by Sliney's failure to notify every pilot in the air of the first hijacking and to tell them to lock themselves in their cockpits and land immediately. But there are 4,200 flights in the air.

Eerily, the screen "signatures" of the hijacked planes suddenly wink out when they strike their targets. The passengers of United 93 slowly realize their hijackers are on a suicide mission and something must be done to stop them.

Director/writer Paul Greengrass does not make the mistake of humanizing the terrorists; the film is not about them. But he does differentiate them. The vacillating leader (Kahlid Abdalla) seems like the most educated. The three younger men (Omar Berdouni, Lewis Alsamari and Jamie Harding), one of whom who straps a fake bomb to his chest, are more barbarous and bloodthirsty. One almost gleefully cuts a woman's throat.

The film's heart-wrenching climax comes in scenes featuring dueling prayers, one in English, one in Arabic, and Englishman Greengrass, who has lived with the Catholic-Protestant conflicts in Northern Ireland, knows something about how this will resonate.

Greengrass first came to the attention of American filmgoers with "Bloody Sunday" (2002), a gripping, documentary-like recreation of events leading to a 1972 massacre of innocent Irish civilians by British soldiers. But there was a gap of 30 years between the incident and the film. (He went on to make the terrific sequel "The Bourne Supremacy").

For "United 93," Greengrass says he was after a "believable truth," and he went so far as to cast genuine civilian and military flight controllers among the actors.

Although much of the action inside the plane is fabricated, much of the dialogue is based on actual words and messages spoken on cell and flight phones, many of them tearful farewells to loved ones that will have viewers weeping. The recent release of the actual flight recorder tapes has made all of this more urgent and topical, if no less horrifying. The film is unflinchingly honest and dignified, and Greengrass sought and received the blessing and input of the families of the slain.

In other words, this is no sleazy exploitation movie (the recent no-frills A&E TV film "Flight 93" was also surprisingly effective). As we know what the outcome will be, "United 93" most resembles classical tragedy, but it's tragedy that strikes home more squarely than any production of "Hamlet" or "Macbeth" is likely to do. If your nerves are up to it, "United 93" is a daunting and cathartic work of art.

Rated R. "United 93" contains violence, profanity and may cause emotional distress.

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Students of the Academy of The Company Theatre will present Aladdin Jr. at the Company Theatre in Norwell. Performances are Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 29 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 and are available at Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell or by phone at 781-871-2787.

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Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebee's, Thursday, April 27, 6 to 8 p.m., 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Purple Eggplant Café Satch's Blues Jam with Shirley Lewis and The HouseRockers, Thursday, April 27, 9:30 p.m., 400 Bedford St., Abington. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, April 27, **Stone Soup,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, April 28

Yard sale by the South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. Saturday, April 29, 8 a.m. to noon, at St. Jerome Church hall, 632 Bridge St., Weymouth. Donations taken Friday, April 28, 3 to 7 p.m., at the church. No clothing, curtains or large items accepted. For information call 781-337-3035.

Homeschool Family Day Open House at Plimoth Plantation, Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more about Colonial and Wampanoag educational programs and explore museum sites. Homeschooling families receive reduced admission for the day. Enjoy hands-on activities at Wampanoag and Colonial education sites. For information, visit www.plimoth.org/learn/education/familyPrograms/homeschool. To register call Kim Longmore at 508-746-1622 x8359 or e-mail programservices@plimoth.org.

By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret benefit, Friday, April 28, 4 p.m., Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Common, featuring singers, musicians, bands and dancers ages 11-16. Proceeds to benefit Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Free admission. Donations accepted. Doors open at 3:40 p.m. For information call 781-383-9858.

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Pets and Wildlife art exhibit opening, Friday, April 28, 6 to 9 p.m., South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. New England artist's sale of wildlife and pet portraits. Commissions for pet portraits accepted. Portion of proceeds will benefit New England Wildlife Center. For information call 781-749-0430 or email lisa@southstreetgallery.com.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity 13th Annual Birdhouse show and sale, Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30, at South Shore Plaza, Braintree. Special guest David Brown of WCVB-TV. Hundreds of birdhouses will be on display and available for purchase. All proceeds go toward South Shore Habitat's construction projects. For more information visit www.sshabitat.org.

Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House candlelight singing tour, 188 Main St., Avon, Friday, April 28, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tour of historic 1820s sea captain's home, serenaded in every room by tour guides. Donations accepted. Coffee, cider and cookies served. Sponsored by H.L. Blanchard Trust. Call 508-583-7616.

"Roofs of the Americas" two-screen slide show of mountain climbing expeditions of Norwell resident **Glen Ferguson**, Friday, April 28, 7 p.m. at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. $5 donation at the door. Call 781-659-7100.

Spring for RTR charity auction and dinner, Friday, April 28, 6 to 10 p.m., at Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston. Hosted by WBZ News Radio celebrity Jordan Rich, the event features silent auction, live auction, dinner, and music. Cost $75, table of 10 is $700. For reservations call 781-834-1300 ext 296.

Third Annual Barbara Knapp Memorial Concert performance by the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring cello soloist Laura Bacon and the Herring Run Festival Chorus. Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St., Weymouth. Admission $10 adults, $7 seniors and teens, children age 12 and under admitted free. For information call 781-337-9585.

Hot yoga power class, Friday, April 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Whidden School of Fitness, 822 Webster St., Marshfield, with certified Kripalu yoga instructor. Bring water bottle, towel and yoga mat. For information call 781-834-9161 or email wsfi1@verizon.net or visit www.whiddenschoolcom. Fee is $15.

South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, presents **Opera by the Bay's Spring Fling, "April in Paris,"** 8 p.m., Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Selections from "La Bohemé," "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables," and "Orpheus in the Underworld," Tickets $25, $20 seniors and students. To purchase visit www.southshoreconservatory.org of call 781-749-7565 ext 10 or 781-934-2731.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, April 28, **Stonecrazy,** blues. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Jumpin' Juba trio will perform **at Mount Blue,** 707 Main St., Norwell, Friday, April 28, 9 p.m. Call 781-659-0050.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, April 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Music by DJ Dave Joubert. Ages 45+. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, Friday, April 28, **Shor'ty Billips,** 9:30 p.m.. 400 Bedford St., Abington. $5 cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, April 28, **Spank,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Saturday, April 29

Plymouth County Cranberry Quilters Guild will host a quilt show, "The Sight of Stars Makes Me Dream" Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Carver High School, 60 South Meadow Road, Carver, and will feature a display of quilts, vendors and demonstrations. Admission is $5.

Walk for Wildlife fundraiser, sponsored by Mass Audubon's South Shore Sanctuaries, Saturday, April 29. Start time: 8:30 to 9 a.m. The 8-mile walk will be from North River Wildlife Sanctuary to Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield. Minimum contribution is $10 per walker. Top fundraisers win prizes. Fruit, water and juice provided at check points. To register, pick up a form at South Shore Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield; email southshore@massaudubo.org; or call 781-837-9400.

Living with ALS Symposium, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Holiday Inn conference Center, Dedham. Free educational conference for patients, family, caregivers, professionals and supporters, covers disease management research and causes of ALS. To register call 800-258-3323.

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The Barnyard opens for the season with our annual Spring Celebration on Saturday April 29 from 12-3pm. Festivities at Weir River Farm include animal introductions, sheep shearing, games, and crafts for the kids. Traditionally, spring on the farm has been a time for joining together to plow the soil, plant the crops and shear the wooly sheep. Join us in a celebration of this tradition. Admission is $3 for Members ,$5 for nonmembers. Parking is available at the top of Turkey Hill Lane. Visit our website www.thetrustees.org or call 781-740-7233 for more information.

MS Lifelines MS Walk, five-mile walk to benefit multiple sclerosis research, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m., South Shore Community Center, Cohasset. To walk or volunteer register online at www.msnewengland.org or call 800-493-WALK.

The Purple Eggplant Café Saturday, April 29, **Diane Blue Band** 9:30 p.m., 400 Bedford St., Abington. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friends of Hemlock Gorge Spring Clean-up. 23 acre woodland, along the banks of the Charles River, Newton, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to noon. Call 617-698-1802 for registration and meeting place in Newton.

Free Tai Chi and Qi Gong demonstration, Saturday, April 29 from 11:10 a.m. to noon at the Whidden School of Fitness, 822 Webster St., Marshfield Center. For information call 781-834-9161, email wsfi1@verizon.net of visit www.whiddenschool.com

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, April 29, **John Truscelli Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

"A Taste of Greece" celebration hosted by Panagia Greek Orthodox Church and Our World Children's Discovery Museum at the museum on Sohier St., Cohasset, Saturday, April 29, noon to 8 p.m. Featuring Greek food, entertainment by Asteria, dancing by Odyssey Dance Troupe and children's events. Rain or shine. For information call Marlena Alex at 781-974-7041, or Michelle Bolduc at 781-383-3194.

Norris Reservation Walk with ecologist Andy Walsh, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. at Norris Reservation, Dover St., Norwell Center. Free admission. Sponsored by NSRWA Trustees of Reservations and Norwell Chamber of Commerce. For information call 781-659-8168 or visit www.norwellchamberofcommerce.com.

Blue Hill Observatory Open House, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include: rooftop viewing, weather demonstrations, kite making and flying, children's activities, lectures, displays and self-guided tours. All activities at the summit of Great Blue Hill. To access activities, walk/hike the one-mile route to summit. Shuttle van available for seniors. Park at Trailside Museum south parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. Call 617-696-0562 for information.

Ballroom Dance Open House at the Pilgrim Congregational Church Hall, 24 Athens St., Weymouth, Saturday, April 29, noon to 2 p.m. Free lessons by DanceSport of Boston. Light refreshments. For reservations call 617-325-1562.

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Mark your calendar

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC, Thursday, June 15 at Plymouth Country Club, Warren Avenue, Plymouth. The 18-hole scramble format tournament will include golf, cart, registration gift, lunch, dinner and prizes. Proceeds will equally benefit the William C. Hunt '87 Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sacred Heart. Winning foursome will be presented with the HUNTTROPHY, named in honor of Bill Hunt of Kingston who died September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. Entry fee is $150 per player. Seeking corporate and tee sponsorships and raffle prizes. For information, call 781-585-7511, ext 345 or sgiovanetti@sacredheart-hs.org.

BRAIN TUMOR SOCIETY 12TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR RESEARCH, May 21. Riders will cycle 10, 25 or 50 miles through Boston's scenic western suburbs, beginning and ending at the Verizon site in Waltham. Funds raised go towards carefully selected research projects all across the country. For information about the Ride, visit www.braintumorsociety.org.

CURE SMA WALK-N-ROLL, Saturday, May 13 at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham beginning at 10 a.m. The local chapter of the Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy will be holding it's Sixth annual fund-raiser. The 1.5 mile walk is paved and can accommodate wheelchairs, strollers and bicycles. It's a fun, family-oriented event with a scavenger hunt, crafts for the kids and refreshments. Suggested donation of $15 per person for 12 and over. To register or pledge online, visit www.firstgiving.com/CureSMA or contact Silvia Murphy at 781-659-7697.

Volunteers

DRIVERS NEEDED ONTHE SOUTH SHORETOTRANSPORT LOCAL CANCER PATIENTS TO TREATMENTS. The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers in South Shore towns to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements a challenge. New volunteers are necessary in order to fulfill the ever-increasing requests for rides. The schedule for volunteers is flexible and treatment appointments take place weekdays during business hours. For more information about becoming a Road to Recovery volunteer, please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL NATURALISTS NEEDED to catalogue the biodiversity of the Thompson and Lovells Islands on June 10 and 11 at the Boston Harbor Islands Coleoptera Bioblitz. The blitz will run from 8:30 a.m. on Saturday to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Small lab facility on-site, to bring your own collecting equipment. Specimen deposition negotiable. Thompson Island has overnight facilities; camping is also an option. Registration details and information on other biodiversity events will be posted at http://www.bostonislands.org/biodiversity. Contact Mary Raczko at 617-223-8596 or Mary_Raczko@nps.gov for more information or to register. Registration deadline is May 12,

FEMALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY ON ANOREXIA NERVOSA. Females who are currently anorexic, or have recovered from past symptoms of anorexia nervosa, age 18-45, in stable medical health, and not taking medications (with the exception of oral contraceptives,) are sought for a study of behavioral ratings and blood hormone levels. Eligible participants will receive up to $550 for a total of four outpatient visits and two overnight stays at the Clinical Research Unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. For more information, call Laurie Flanagan at Boston College 617- 552-2758.

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Silhouette artist Carol Lebeaux will be creating and cutting portraits on Sunday April 30, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The cost is $29 for one portrait with reduced cost for additional cuttings. This fundraiser benefits the Nature Center Preschool. To book a sitting, contact Elsa Ryberg, Preschool Director at 781-659-2559.

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Ventress Memorial Library presents "Books in Bloom," Saturday, April 29 from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the program room and main library. Sponsored by Y'ise Gardeners and the library, show demonstrates favorite books interpreted in flowers. Refreshments will be served. For tickets or information call 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

Cirque Des Amis at Plymouth Memorial Hall Saturday, April 29, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. International touring troupe features high-flying acrobatics, daring trapeze, and aerial ballet. Tickets $25-$50 at 50 Court St., Plymouth box office, or call 508-747-1340, or visit www.plymouthhall.com. Also available at all Strawberries stores.

"USS Salem Restoration" will be the subject of a slide lecture presented by Art Milmore Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m., at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. The show chronicles the ongoing restoration of the USS Salem by a group of volunteers. The Salem was originally built and is being restored in Quincy. Call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420, for information.

Celebrate spring at Weir River Farm, Saturday, April 29, noon to 3 p.m., East St., Hingham, parking at top of Turkey Hill Lane. Animal introductions, sheep shearing, games, and children's crafts. Cost $5, $3 members. For more information visit www.thetrustees.org or call 781-740-7233.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra Pops Season finale, Saturday, April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Daytona Room at FI in Braintree. Jin Kim will conduct the full orchestra in a mix of classical and Pops favorites. Table seating and food and wine will be offered. Doors open at 7 p.m. with pre-concert party. Tickets are $30 for adults, $20 for seniors and $10 for ages 18 and under. Tickets are available online at www.hinghamsymphony.org or by calling 781-740-5694.

Charcoal Drawings: A Celebration of Contemporary Realism, exhibit of artist Mary Felton at the Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery April 29 through June 1. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. The Hingham Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405.

Oldies Dance and Show featuring Doug Macintyre's tribute to Elvis and Roy Orbison, with special guest Beverly Fallsworth as Donna Summer. Presented by M&M Productions, Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Weymouth Eagles, 1338 Washington St., East Weymouth. Tickets are $15 per person. For advance tickets, call 781-878-0973.

New England Singles dance, Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+ DJ. $10. Visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, April 29, **Barrence Whitfield and The Savages,** R & B. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Sunday, April 30

Massachusetts Ace of Clubs Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show at Black Rock Country Club, Hingham, Sunday, April 30, noon. This fundraiser will feature spring ensembles for women by Coldwater Creek of the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. Cocktails will be served at noon, followed by the luncheon at 1 p.m. A raffle will also be featured. Tickets are $100 per person. Call Barbara at 781-444-0496 for reservations.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. **Moderate walk**, some hills, four miles. Loop around Ponkapoag Pond on the green dot trail. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot on Route 138 in Canton. Walks will be lead by a park ranger or a Walking Club volunteer. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, will present pianist John Capavella, guitarist Don Alessi and Elmer Drotos on sax and clarinet on Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m. The trio will perform in a concert titled **"Swing into Spring"** featuring toe-tapping tunes. Admission is free. Performance in upper level program room/Logan Auditorium. For information, call 781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

Old Town Trolley's Chocolate Tour ends its season on Sunday, April 30, not to return until January of 2007. Fully narrated three-hour tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Sts., Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. and Sundays at noon. Tickets are $65 a person. Advance reservations can be made by calling 617-269-3626.

Auditions for King Richard's Faire 25th anniversary season, Sunday, April 30, Boston Center for the Arts Carol G. Deane Rehearsal Hall, 527 Tremont St., Boston. N. E. Renaissance Festival auditions for musicians, singers, dancers, acrobats, actors, jugglers, stilt walkers, specialty acts, musical comedy performers, street performers, technical staff, costumers, entertainment staff, office staff. Faire runs Saturdays and Sundays Sept. 2 to Oct. 22, including Labor Day and Columbus Day Mondays. Call 952-238-9915 to schedule an audition appointment.

Silhouette Cutting portraits with silhouette artist Carol Lebeaux, Sunday, April 30, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Cost $29, reduced rate for additional cuttings. Proceeds to benefit Nature Center Preschool. To book a sitting call 781-659-2559.

Plimoth Plantation May Day Workshop and Tea, Sunday, April 30, 2 to 4 p.m., Hornblower Garden, Plimoth Plantation. Traditional English Tea, horticulture presentation, and How-To make a May Basket. All supplies included. Cost $50, $35 members. To register call 508-746-1622 ext 8213 or email kfleischman@plimoth.org.

Buttonwood Books & Toys Champagne Reception, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. to celebrate release of "Still Life with Chickens: Starting Over in a House by the Sea" by Catherine Goldhammer. Free admission. Open to the public. To purchase a signed book call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Silpada Jewelry Party to benefit The Daughters of Penelope charities, Sunday, April 30, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Braintree Lodge of Elks, 205 Elm St., Braintree. To view jewelry visit www.mysilpada.com/linda.geraigery. Refreshments served. Free admission For more information call 781-335-8365.

Ballroom dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday afternoon, April 30. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m., weekly rotating bands. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext. 10 or visit www.moseleyonthecharles.com.

Monday, May 1

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon at La Scala Restaurant in Randolph, Monday, May 1, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. To register call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

The Dolphin Gallery presents "The Horse Show - Ponies, Prints and Paints," charcoal drawings by Mary Felton at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Route 228, Hingham, April 29 through June 1. **A reception will be held Monday, May 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org for information.

"Spirit of Nature" prints and paintings by Moince Morenz of Scituate on view and sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through May 3. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information visit www.jameslibrary.org.

Rah Rah with Laura, one-woman review with motivational speaker Laura Sheridan, Monday, May 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Transitions, 308 Union St., Rockland. Refreshments served. Cost $20. Limited seating. To register call 781-878-0660.

Kids Club at the Manomet Branch Library, 12 Strand Ave. Story and activity for children ages 6-12. For more information call 508-830-4250, 508-830-4185, or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

The Irish Tenors in the Kennedy Administration, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum's Stephen Smith Center, Monday, May 1, 5:30 to 7 p.m. with former President Kennedy staff members Charles Daly, Richard Donahue, and Jack McNally, hosted by Boston Herald columnist Mike Barnicle. Free and open to the public. For reservations or information visit www.jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643.

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Brandeis Theater Company "The Bacchae" by Euripedes, Thursday, April 27 through May 7, Spingold Theater Center, Laurie Outdoor Theater. Classic tale of confrontation between human and divine authority, with actor Bob Jaffe, and original music score by David Rakowski. Directed by Eric Hill. Tickets $16-$20. Call 781-736-3400.

Tuesday, May 2

Barns and Beach Houses art exhibit featuring original paintings by **Nancy Colella**, through May 5 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield. Exhibit hours Monday-Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call North River Arts Society, 781-837-8091.

Buttonwood Books of Cohasset "Evening with the Author" series at the **Hingham Public Library** with father-daughter Mike Mills and Amy Mills Tunnicliffe, authors of "Peace, Love, and Barbecue: Recipes, Secrets, Tall Tales, and Outright Lies from the Legends of Barbecue," Tuesday, May 2, at the Hingham Public Library, 7 p.m. Free admission. For information

Managing the Child who Demands Constant Attention Tuesday, May 2 from 7 to 9 p.m., at Canton Community Kindergarten in Canton, and Wednesday, May 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Curran Early Childhood Education Center in Dedham. Certificates of attendance for teachers, childcare providers and health care professionals. $25 per person, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 for groups of four or more. Pre-registration required. Visit www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

BEST BET

A Pets and Wildlife art exhibit opening will be held Friday, April 28, 6 to 9 p.m. ,at the South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. New England artist's sale of wildlife and pet portraits. Commissions for pet portraits accepted. Portion of proceeds will benefit New England Wildlife Center. For information call 781-749-0430 or email lisa@southstreetgallery.com.

Free Evening Legal Clinic, Tuesday, May 2, 6 to 8 p.m., Quincy District Court. Private one-on-one confidential consultation with attorney. No appointment necessary. Sponsored by the Bar Association of Norfolk County. For more information call 617-471-9693.

Tuesday Trivia Night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover, great prizes. Teams form weekly. For information call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, May 3

Spanish Sing-Along Program at the John Curtis Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. Children ages 2 through 5 are invited to attend a four-week Spanish language program on consecutive Wednesdays: May 3, 10, 17 and 24. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Call the Children's Room at 781-826-2972, ext. 4, to register or for more information.

Junior Friends of the Plymouth Public Library meeting Wednesday, May 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For students ages 11-18. For more information call 508-830-4250.

Complex Conversations art exhibit through June 25, featuring the work of metal smith Tom Odell and printmaker and painter Carol Odell, at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. For information call 781-934-6634.

White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, through May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Includes works of international artists and 34 artists from 40 states. Call 781-383-2787.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, Wednesday nights, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. For information call 781-843-3648.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday evening, May 3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dance lesson from 7-8 p.m., dancing to DJ music from 8-11 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext. 10 or visit www.moseleyonthecharles.com.

Thursday, May 4

Teddy Bear Day at The Children's Museum in Easton, Thursday, May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your favorite bear or stuffed animal for some fun activities. Both boys and girls are welcome. Teddy Bear check ups will be available at the Kidsclinic. There will be a Teddy Bear Tea with a snack of tea and honey. Sittings are 11-11:30 a.m., noon to 12:30 p.m., or 1-1:30 p.m. Advance registration required by calling 508-230-3789. Tickets for the tea must be picked up at the museum 15 minutes before your schedule seating. Additional fee of $2 per person for the Tea party and all other activities are included with museum admission. Visit www.childrensmuseumineaston.org.

Kids Mystery program at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Thursday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m. Students ages 9-12 use clues and intuition to solve a baffling library mystery. Sign up to play a part in the mystery starts. For information call 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Evening of Culinary Tips, Conservation and Cocktails" to benefit the Women's Cancers Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Thursday, May 4 at the home of Constance Hubbell Clapp, president and CEO of The Hubbell Group Inc. Featuring gourmet creations and culinary techniques of Boston Herald Inside Track columnist Laura Raposa of Scituate. For information and reservations call Krista Hanson, The Hubbell Group, 781-878-8882 or email khanson@hubbellgroup.com.

Relay For Life of Marshfield Captain's meeting will be held Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Marshfield Elks Hall, Route 139 in Marshfield. Anyone wanting to learn more about what Relay For Life is all about and how to become a team captain or participant is encouraged to attend. For information call Cindy Whipple at 781-834-7421 or Elizabeth Spurr at 781-293-5094 or visit www.cancer.org.

Cyrus Chestnut at the Regattabar, Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5. For tickets call 617-395-7757 or visit www.regattabar.com/regattabar.

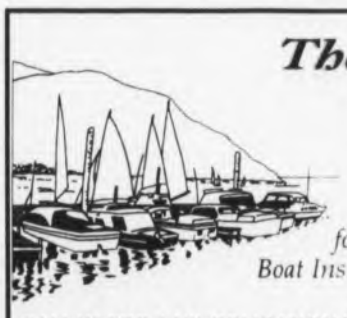
Overeaters Anonymous, 12 step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate @ St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Irving St., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meetings held in rooms surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2305.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group, Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

Auditions

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS' CHEERLEADING SQUAD, Sunday, April 30 at Gillette Stadium. Women who are at least 18-years-old are invited to attend the open call in the Dana-Farber Field House. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Candidates will be taught several routines, which they will be asked to perform for the judges. Scores will be based on dance ability, showmanship, overall appearance and level of physical fitness. At the end of the day, approximately 75 semi-finalists will be selected to participate in the final round of auditions scheduled for May 6. Cost is $15. Participants should wear an aerobics outfit and sneakers, and should bring water, a bag lunch, a resume and a current photograph. For more information, visit www.patriots.com/cheerleaders.

WALTHAM'S REAGLE PLAYERS AUDITION FOR SUMMER SEASON, seeking performers for three productions. Shows are "The Will Rogers Follies" starring CBS4's Scott Wahle, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Disney's Beauty and the Beast." A special children's audition will be held for area youngsters. A special dance call is also scheduled. Audition times are: Equity and Open Call. Friday, April 28: 2-9 p.m., Friday, April 28: (Dancers for all three shows. women at 6 p.m. and men at 8 p.m.) Saturday, April 29: 10-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 3: 3:30 p.m. for children who appear ages 8-13 and are under 5'2" to play the children in Beauty andThe Beast. Visit www.reagleplayers.com for more casting information, role breakdowns and directions. Call 781-891-5600 for further details. All auditions are held at Robinson Theater, 617 Lexington Street, Waltham.



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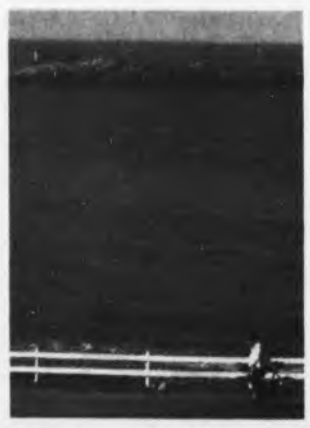

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Big turnout expected for historic override

By Samantha Brown
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This Saturday, May 6, Cohasset residents will take part in an historic override vote. Turnout is expected to approach presidential proportions, as the town decides whether to pass a $1.495 million or $725,000 operating budget override, or none of the above.

The polls will be open at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. While elections are typically held at Town Hall, a scheduling conflict required it be moved next door. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime Friday, May 5. If you will be in town and able to come to the polls, you should vote in person on Election Day, Town Clerk Marion Douglas said.

"A turnout of 60 to 65 percent would be wonderful," Douglas said. She said the town has 5,146 registered voters. As of Thursday morning 274 had voted by absentee ballot, with more expected to do so during the day Thursday and Friday.

"A turnout of 60 to 65 percent would be wonderful."
— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

In the last presidential election, 85 percent of the town's voters took part with 509 voting absentee. Absentee ballots are often a gauge of how big the turnout might be.

Voting to pass a general override means residents in a community choose to raise property taxes more than the 2-1/2 percent allowed by the state through Proposition 2-1/2, to help add funds to the operating budget. State aid has been cut and Cohasset is a town with a very small commercial tax base, and officials say the funds coming in are not enough to keep its town and school programs moving forward.

Voters may vote either "yes" or "no" to pass a $1.495 million override, or "yes" or "no" on a $725,000 override question. An override needs a majority of "yes" votes to pass. If both fig-

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Override election at-a-glance

What: Special override election

When: This Saturday (May 6)

Where: Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., next to Town Hall

What time: From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

This year's override campaign has divided neighborhoods. Those on both sides of the issue say the tone of the campaign has turned ugly. "Yes" and "No" signs have been reported as stolen and some residents are using their freedom of speech to criticize those who hold the opposite view.

Hostile tone sets new pitch

Signs stolen and some residents ridiculed

By Samantha Brown
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The tone of this year's override election has been described by many to be the most contentious in years and perhaps in the entire history of the town. A number of residents have reported incidents with their campaign signs and it seems action has intensified within the last week.

Others have reported being treated rudely by those on the opposing side at places like the Recycling Transfer Station.

Police Chief James Hussey said signs for both pro- and anti-override households have been affected. Signs have been stolen, ripped up and scattered around peoples' property, and some obscene messages have also been painted on signs. He said everyone has the right to disagree when it comes to politics, but the acts which have been taking place cross over into illegal behavior.

"We all need to respect each others' rights under the Constitution. We all have a right to free speech, and we have to be respectful of each others' opinions. People should not be damaging or defacing other peoples' property," said Hussey.

" We all have a right to free speech, and we have to be respectful of each others' opinions."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Signs were reported stolen last week and over the weekend near Rte. 3A, on Beach Street, various residences on King Street, and Jerusalem Road. Hussey said three or four more calls had come in at the beginning of this week. "We haven't recovered any which have been reported to us as being stolen," said Hussey, adding residents are encouraged to keep their eyes open for suspicious activity and come forward with any information they might have about the incidents.

The town will vote on two override questions Saturday: whether to pass a $1,495 million override; a $725,000 override or no override. If both questions do not receive a majority of "yes" votes, neither one will pass and the town will be required to stay within a budget for which property taxes are only increased by the allowable 2-1/2 percent.

Currently there are signs popping up all over town from both sides of the campaign. While not everyone who has had a sign stolen feels it is an event worthy of filing a police report, others say they have been very upset by what they have experienced.

King Street resident Nancy Garrison came home from an evening out Friday night to find her two "Vote No" signs standing on her front lawn. When she woke up the next morning, one sign which had been standing in her front yard "right outside my window," had been stolen. Another sign which had been placed closer to the street had been pulled up, torn into pieces, and thrown into her bushes. Garrison said some families on her street also reported their "No" signs had been stolen, while at other homes on her street, the "No" signs were not touched.

Garrison said what concerns her the most is that the person or people who touched her signs deliberately got out of their car and came onto her property, as the signs were not located close to the road. "I called the police immediately," she said.

Jerusalem Road resident Lee Jenkins said she had incidents with her signs both Friday and Saturday night. She has a series of five signs which she said outline negative impacts of passing an override. She and her husband found a sign stating "Poverty. Doesn't it look good?" painted on a piece of plywood in their yard Saturday morning. That night, "Vote Yes" signs were stolen from Jenkins'

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Village work in full swing

Project finish expected May 30

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset village is a mess. The streets are torn up and dotted with orange traffic barrels, ledge has been removed, and detours vabound.

But when the dust settles by the end of this month, residents should be happy with the change, as the project will yield safer sidewalks, curbing and crosswalks, trees, pocket parks and regraded and repaved streets.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer has been involved with the changes to the downtown area long before he was on the board, and has continued his proactive role while in office. He said the project is on schedule to be completed by roughly May 30. Street paving will begin the week of May 8, followed by sidewalks and curbing. "This reconstructing phase of the project will move quickly with visual improvements daily," he said.

South Main Street adjacent to Saint Stephen's has been widened by the removal of a portion of the granite ledge below the church, to create a safer sidewalk.

The Village Revitalization Project encompasses the downtown retail area including South Main Street from the Paul Pratt

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BASEBALL BEAT

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Alec Hurd, 11, practices drumming a few notes before the start of the annual Little League Parade on Saturday. For more photos, see page 24.

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The Mariner caught up with Cohasset's newest police officer, Chris Goodman, outside police headquarters this week.

Name: Patrolman Chris Goodman.

Occupation: Newest Cohasset Police Officer.

Best day of your life: Still waiting.

Worst vacation: Army-funded trip to the Sinai desert.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Gummy Bears.

Best magazine: "Muscle and Fitness."

Best movie: "Top Gun."

Best TV show: "The Unit."

Pet peeve: Waiting (hurry up and wait). It's an Army and Police Academy thing.

Most embarrassing moment: Showed up at the Police Academy with one pant leg longer than the other (tailor's mistake).

Most memorable moment: Day One of the Academy.

Goal: To go through life being happy and successful.

Person I'd most like to meet: My grandfather.

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FACT:

As a town, we have seen decreasing support from the state in significant ways – argue over the exact amount but it is well over $1,000,000.

FACT:

As a town, we have said **YES!** to many infrastructure improvements. We still must pay for them. We are proud to have beautiful facades and we must continue to maintain and staff them.

FACT:

This override does **NOT REQUIRE FUTURE OVERRIDES** – every year we have the option to vote for whatever priorities we think are important to **OUR TOWN**.

FACT:

In the end, on **MAY 6** you have a choice. You have the facts, and hopefully you care enough to make sure **EVERY VOTER** in your household votes.

FACT:

A **YES!** vote for $1,495k ensures we maintain our infrastructure and town supported services. It replaces critical services cut in the last three years, puts teachers back in the classrooms, and new books on the desks.

FACT:

A **YES!** vote for $725k is status quo. Our class sizes remain large, text books old, offerings for Advanced Placement will remain limited.

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Griffin tracks legal budget

By Samantha Brown
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Cutting back on litigation expenses has been the goal of the town for many years. In an expense report dated April 18, Town Manager Bill Griffin said he is happy to report, the town has spent roughly $12,000 less than it did last year.

In fiscal 2005, the original legal budget appropriation was $150,000. An additional $85,000 was added and expended, for a total of $235,000. For fiscal 2006, $150,000 was again originally appropriated, and the town added $40,000 to the legal budget at the Annual Town Meeting, for a total of $190,000. "I would note that, in fiscal 2004, a total of $318,426 was expended, so we are making some 'progress'," said Griffin.

Griffin came on board as Cohasset's Town Manager in January 2005, and began tracking legal and litigation expenses for that fiscal year, from the Boston law firm, Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C., which serves as Town Counsel, for that fiscal year. He has continued that tracking for fiscal 2006, and has divided the bills into seven categories: real estate matters, labor matters, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and general litigation.

"As the report indicates, through March 31 the town has expended a total of $103,985 in litigation expenses. For the same period last year, the town expended $115,951, a decrease to date of $11,996 for the same nine-month period," Griffin said. The report only lists litigation expenses, and not the $4,500 per month retainer fee the town pays Deutsch Williams. All tolled, the town has spent about 76 percent of its allocated legal funds.

The town has spent the most money to date on zoning board issues, with an allocation of roughly $30,400, or 29 percent of the town's legal spending to date. There have been 12 different zoning board cases, and the majority of the expenses were incurred in November and December of 2005 for matters related to Cohasset Cove.

After zoning, expenses associated with labor account for roughly 20 percent of what has been spent. Labor matters have cost the town $20,496 to date, and the majority of the costs are related to police union negotiations ($8,683), fire union discipline ($4,404), and items which come under the general heading of "labor matters," ($6,533).

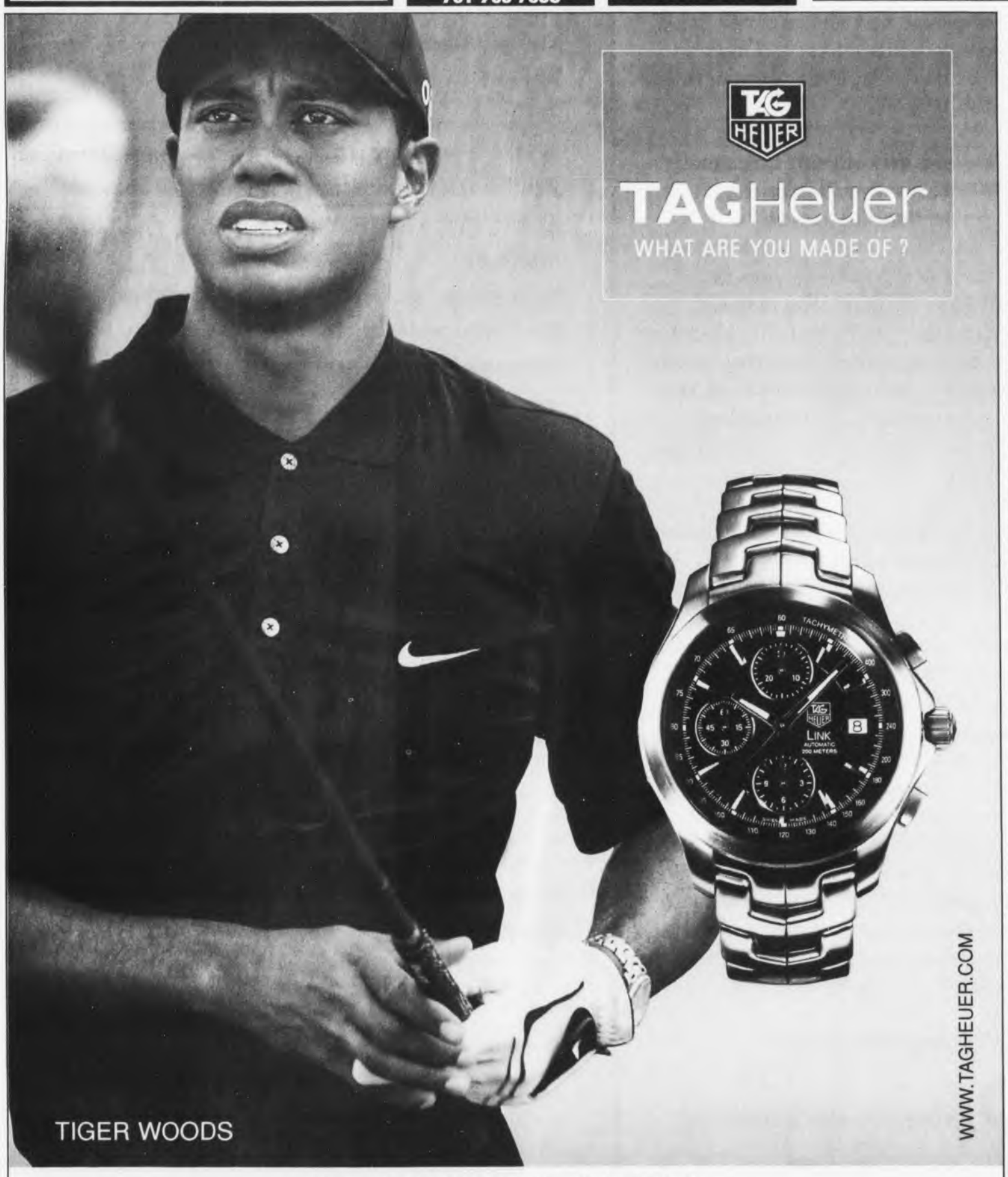
Real estate issues account for roughly 17 percent of the town's payments, as $17,500 has been spent. While the Cook Estate cost the town roughly $6,800, general items included under miscellaneous real estate matters cost the town $7,900, making up the largest portion of the costs.

The Planning Board has had two legal matters to deal with this year, and together they total $15,125. That total equals 14.5 percent of the town's to-date legal expenses. The Board of Health has had one case, which has cost $6,769. The Conservation Commission has had six cases, which together total $6,943. The remainder of the expenses, or $6,673, has been spend on matters pertaining to the Cohasset Harbor Marina, CTC Communications, MBTA matters, cable licensing, and "general litigation."

Litigation expense report

Of the $103,985 expended through March 31 for litigation, the allocation by category is as follows:

Category	Expenses of total	Percent
Zoning Board	$30,442	29.3
Labor matters	$20,496	19.7
Real estate	$17,537	16.9
Planning Board	$15,125	14.5
Conservation	$6,943	6.7
Board of Health	$6,769	6.6
General	$6,673	6.4
Total		$103,985
Add $4,500 monthly retainer (through March)		$40,500
Total spent on legal to date		$144,485
Percent of legal budget spent		76



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Big turnout expected for historic override

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ures fail, the town will work with a budget which does not increase property taxes more than the allowable 2-1/2 percent. If both figures receive a majority of "yes" votes, both pass, which means the higher figure prevails. In an override vote, the largest dollar amount to receive more "yes" votes than "no" votes always wins. The total number of yes votes does not matter.

If both overrides fail, the town as a whole will have to work within a budget of $32,891,761 — a budget which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2. Of that figure, $12,714,714 has been allocated for the schools, which is a 3 percent increase over the school department's fiscal 2006 allocation. Without an override, the school department says there will be a shortfall of roughly $505,000.

The town's $20,177,047 includes school-related costs, such as school building and field maintenance, health insurance, life insurance, property insurance, workers compensation, Medicare taxes, unemployment, pensions, debt service, and retired teachers' health insurance.

If voters approve the $725,000 override, the schools would receive an additional $530,000 (a 7.29 percent increase), and the town would receive $195,000 — of which $36,321 would be spent on fringe benefits for town and school employees. The school department says current services would be met with this level of funding, but new programs and additional personnel would not be added.

If voters approve the $1.495 million override, the school department would add $1.1 million to its budget (an 11.9 percent increase), and the town would add $395,000 to its budget. The school department would be able to add new programs and as many as 16 new school employees with the increase. The town would spend $216,321 of its $395,000 allocation on fringe benefits for town and school employees, and with the additional funding on the school side, there could be as many as 16 new school employees added to its payroll.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said it is important for everyone to know, "Our system can no longer absorb the effects of increased class sizes, lack of electives at the high school and deferring program improvements (i.e. engineering and technology) without impact. Our needs are real and will not go away."

MacCarthy said last November, the School Committee asked the superintendent to build a responsible budget, and "That has been done."

She added Cohasset voters also must know the School Committee wants to maintain the overall strength of the town's school system, and that takes funding. "The $725,000 override figure means *no* new programs, *no* additional high school electives, and *no* new staff to reduce class sizes. The $1.495 million appropriates an additional $1.1 million to the school budget. This will allow us to address our needs and move our school district forward," she said.

Terry Green of the Committee to Support Cohasset said it is imperative for Cohasset voters who believe more needs to be done to improve the schools vote "yes" for the $1.495 million which "restores critical education services taken away in the last three years."

"It is critical that every voter supporting the override shows up to vote on Saturday. Votes have been won and lost by as few as five votes, so every vote counts," he said.

On the other side of the issue, Anson Whealler of Enough, a political action committee against passing the $1.495 million override said voters need to remember voting an override in this weekend will be a permanent change. "It doesn't go away like some of the others do," as debt exclusion overrides are paid off over a number of years and then the debt goes away. The overrides which are on the ballot are operating budget overrides which become a permanent part of the tax base.

Whealler said the items which would be purchased this year with override funding would cost the town even more next year. Additional employees will add health insurance costs to the town's side of the budget and salaries will need to be paid which will include a raise every year. "People think they can afford it this year, but keep in mind, you're not just voting on this year," he said.

Above all, Whealler said regardless of how residents want to vote, the most important thing is that everyone knows how to vote to accomplish what they would like to see happen in the town. "You need to go into the voting booth with a good idea of what you need to mark on your ballot" to ensure every voice is heard, he said.

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$1,500,000	$16,504	$16,671	$167	$17,159	$655	$487	$17,691	$1,188	$1,020
$1,400,000	$15,404	$15,560	$156	$16,015	$611	$455	$16,512	$1,108	$952
$1,300,000	$14,303	$14,449	$145	$14,871	$567	$422	$15,333	$1,029	$884
$1,200,000	$13,203	$13,337	$134	$13,727	$524	$390	$14,153	$950	$816
$1,100,000	$12,103	$12,226	$123	$12,583	$480	$357	$12,974	$871	$748
$1,000,000	$11,003	$11,114	$112	$11,439	$436	$325	$11,794	$792	$680
$900,000	$9,902	$10,003	$100	$10,295	$393	$292	$10,615	$713	$612
$800,000	$8,802	$8,891	$89	$9,151	$349	$260	$9,435	$633	$544
$700,000	$7,702	$7,780	$78	$8,007	$306	$227	$8,256	$554	$476
$600,000	$6,602	$6,669	$67	$6,863	$262	$195	$7,077	$475	$408
$500,000	$5,501	$5,557	$56	$5,720	$218	$162	$5,897	$396	$340
$400,000	$4,401	$4,446	$45	$4,576	$175	$130	$4,718	$317	$272
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Question 1a: General Operating Override Pursuant to G.L. Chapter 59, section 21C

"Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $1,495,000 in real and personal property taxes for the purpose of meeting the operational expenses of the Municipal Government and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two Thousand Six?"

YES
NO

Question 1b: General Operating Override Pursuant to G.L. Chapter 59, section 21C

"Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $725,000 in real and personal property taxes for the purpose of meeting the operational expenses of the Municipal Government and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two Thousand Six?"

YES
NO

Voter's guide

Voting at the special election is a simple process. Everyone has two votes, and everyone is being encouraged to use both. A "yes" vote counts toward passing an override figure. A "no" vote counts against passing an override figure. Leaving a question blank does not count for or against a figure.

Do you support both overrides? Vote "yes" for question 1a and "yes" for question 1b. An override question must receive a majority of "yes" votes in order to pass. State Prop. 2-1/2 regulations dictate when there is more than one override on the table, if both pass, the larger override figure always wins.

Do you support only the $725,000 override? Vote "no" for question 1a and vote "yes" for question 1b. Your vote against the larger figure will help ensure more "yes" votes are cast for the lower figure.

Do you support neither override? Vote "no" on both questions. Votes cast against both figures will combat the "yes" votes.

Override expenditure overview

Department	Expense	$725,000 override	$1,495,000 override
School Budget			
School department	Operating expenses	$530,000	$1,100,000
Town Budget			
Facilities maintenance	Library custodian	$14,110	$14,110
Elder affairs	Volunteer coordinator	$20,490	$20,490
Town Manager	Engineering consultant	$10,000	$10,000
Planning Board	Planning consultant	$10,000	$10,000
Library	Staff hours	$0	$10,000
Public Works	Contracted services	$0	$10,000
Shared items in town's budget			
Facilities maintenance	Maintenance worker	$40,612	$40,612
Facilities maintenance	Maintenance services	$40,000	$40,000
Police department	Resources officer (.5)	$23,467	$23,467
Fringe benefits	For all added personnel	$36,321	$216,321

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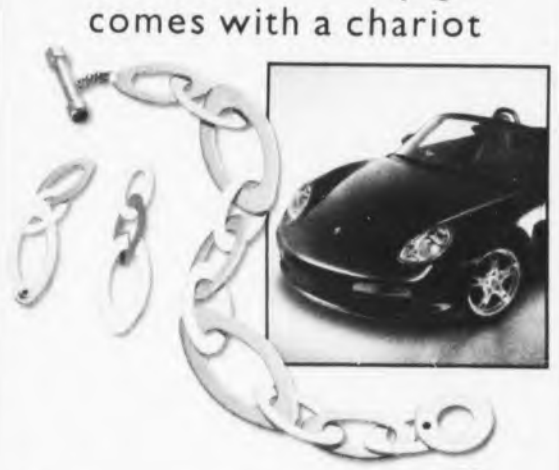

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Hello Cohasset. How are you all doing during this wet, past week? The flowers are growing if nothing else. Anyways, tomorrow as we all know is a big voting day here in town. We all have opinions, thoughts and ideas and now is the time to come on out and vote for yours. I am hoping that by Sunday morning when we will most likely know the outcome, we all remember that we all still live here in town and whatever the vote, need to go forward and put things together as best we can. The saying goes something like, "It takes a village to raise a child." In the case of Cohasset, it takes us all to work with whatever the vote brings and come together to move ahead. Somehow, we can do it I think, how we do it is the biggest question. Make sure to come out tomorrow and vote and make sure to keep everything in perspective, especially when it comes to family, friends and residents.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

I want to let you all know about the event that was held last Friday at the Second Congregational Church. **Thomson Jaffe**, a local eighth-grader started "The By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret" idea and the show was last week. Entertainers from ages 11-16 performed and were absolutely wonderful. From piano playing to singing to Irish Step dancing, it was wonderful. When all was said and done, over $800 was raised to benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Thomson, along with all of the performers and supporters did a great job and it really puts your heart back into life so to speak. Working together when a cause has a focus and meaning is exactly what it is all about. Who knows, maybe plans are in the works for next years show?

OH BOY!

We have a wonderful little guy who has joined Cohasset as one of our newest residents. **Marcus John Inferrera** was born on March 15, 2006 to **John and Sarah (Douglas) Inferrera** and weighed in at 9 pounds 12 ounces and was 22-1/4 ins. long. **Anthony** is the big brother and **Marion Douglas** is the proud grandmother. Congratulations to this loving family on this addition to your family.

ONE-ACT PLAY

All are invited to attend a performance of the Cohasset Middle School's one act play "Small Actors" by Stephen Gregg on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is $2. This production was presented at the Middle School Drama Guild's Festival on April 29 in Weston, Ma and gold honors were received for this wonderful performance. Please plan to attend and show your support for the theater arts!

MAD SCIENCE

The success and continuing achievement of the Carriage House are the result of ongoing support from many groups: the Parish Community, the parents of the children, and the community at large. To keep moving ahead in the area of early education, the school conducts a biannual fundraiser. This year the live auction/ fundraiser, titled "Mad Science" will be held on May 20, at 6 p.m. in Trueblood Hall. The evening is shaping up to be great fun with a BBQ dinner by RedBones, music, dancing, very creative "Mad Science" decor, and the live auction run by school parent/auctioneer Anthony Everett. Tickets are $35/person -- watch for your invitation in the mail!

If you have a donation idea, or question about the fundraiser, please contact Parish member **Shirley Wallace** (toddler room teacher at the Carriage House) or event co-chair, **Lydia Everett** at 781-383-6722.

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Miles Morin, 8, performs "Sonatina," by Muzio Clementi for Kids 4 Kids Cabaret. For story about the show in which kids helped kids, see page 13.

COOKIE SALE A SUCCESS

The 2006 Cohasset Girl Scout cookie sale was a great success with the girls selling almost 8,000 boxes this year!! The girls worked very hard this year and used very creative sales techniques to increase their sales. We would like to congratulate our top 3 sellers: In 1st place was **Olivia Brash** from Troop 4013 who sold 350 boxes, 2nd place was **Christina Dow** from Troop 4775 who sold 319 boxes and 3rd place was **Catherine Gilman** from Troop 4775 who sold 299 boxes. The girls would like to thank everyone in town for their continued support in the only in the only fundraiser they do each year! We hope everyone enjoyed their cookies and will see you next winter!

SWIM, DIVE TEAM SIGNUPS

Attention all Returning Swimmers and Divers ,the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team will be holding registration sign-ups on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. All Swimmers and Divers must register at this time. Parents and/or guardians, please bring your calendar so you can sign up to *volunteer*. (A $25 late fee will apply to late registrations).

YOGA, PILATES

Yoga and Pilates Classes are being held at Conlon Family Chiropractic 3A Cohasset on Tuesdays at 6 and 7pm, bring a mat and call Holly at 617-406-9345 or 781-383-1616 for more info.

PSO ON-LINE AUCTION

The Cohasset PSO on-line auction opens today, Friday, May 5th at 9 a.m. Visit:

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On Wednesday evening call 1-800-505-5241 to contribute to the fundraiser. All calls will be answered by AnswerQuick a professional call center that has received the tele-a-thon calls for the past two years. Donations made through the call center will be by credit card only. If you would like to send your donation in advance, please mail your check to Cohasset PSO, P.O. Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025. All checks received by May 10 will be eligible for the raffles. Your checks help to reduce credit card fees so more of your money will directly support the schools.

COLLEGE HONOR

Congratulations go out to **Ashley Faber**, a sophomore at Connecticut College who was recently inducted into the Connecticut College chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Psi Chi was founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Ashley, a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School, is the daughter of **Lesley and Stephen Faber** of Cohasset.

SUNRISE THANKED

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library would like to thank the staff at the Sunrise Assisted Living for their hard work in putting together the 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal Event held in March. The event was a great success, raising $635 for the library's outreach program. The outreach program benefits those in our community who are homebound or need special services from the library. A special thank you goes appraisers **Mark Schwortzer** and **Phil O'Brien** and dealer/collector **Sandi Johnson** for volunteering their time.

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Internet safety program May 15

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WALKING FOR PEACE

Please join your Cohasset friends and neighbors on an uplifting 3.5 mile walk in Boston this Mother's Day, May 14. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Mothers' Walk for Peace sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, a Boston organization supported by the Second Congregational Church which works to combat youth violence and support survivors of homicide victims. A car pool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m.. For more information please contact **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

INTERNET SAFETY

The Social Service League of Cohasset will host "A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety" on Monday, May 15th at 7:30pm at the St. Anthony's Parish House, S. Main St.. **Dick King**, parent, President, and CEO of Home Systems Design Associates, Inc. Norwell, which designs, installs, and supports home control and home media systems will address parents on how to sort out the issues of the connected child such as: How are your children connecting? How do you help your child understand the legal and ethical implications of online behavior? What should the rules be? How can a parent enforce online rules? Parents, obtain the facts about teenage cyberspace. There will also be time for Q&A. There is no charge. For questions, please call Paula Dickinson at 383-2717.

HOME REPAIRS

Are you trying to decide if you should buy new or renovate, what would improve your home's value, how best to interview an architect or contractor, or negotiate a contract? Or maybe you want to learn more about the current home buying market, when and if you need an architect for your project, and how best to begin once you've decided to make a renovation. The questions are endless and here is an opportunity to have them answered. A panel of local experts has been assembled to answer your home building and renovating questions. Architect **Gene Raymond** (of Raymond Design Associates), residential general contractor **Jim Boynton** (proprietor of Alemar Construction), building and renovating consultant/liaison **Gay Prizio** (co-founder of Budd and LaValle Design Consultants), and real estate agent **Merilyn Johnson** (of Coldwell Banker) will present pertinent topics and be available to answer your questions. Email scnewcomers@comcast.net for more information.

CALLING ALL FARMERS

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is looking for vendors! The Market is dedicated to supporting our local growers. Vendors may sell their own homegrown produce, plants, flowers or homemade, agriculturally based products. The Market runs every Thursday from 2:30-6:30 p.m. from June 8 to Oct. 19 on the Cohasset Common. For more information contact **Darcy Schramn** at 781-383-0170. Proceeds from the 2005 season provided scholarships to two Cohasset High School students pursuing agricultural related studies as well as over $540 to the Katrina Relief Fund. Thanks to all for your support

ASP FUN NIGHTS

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to join the teenagers from the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project for 2 nights of fun! Tonight. May 5th at St. Stephens Church from 6-9 - kids will enjoy a make your own theme night - puppets, jewelry, sundae's and more! May 12th at Second Congo from 6-9 - it's games games games! twister, bingo, charades and more! Each night is $30 and all proceeds to benefit the Appalachia Service Project. Space is limited so call to reserve your spot (383-2529) and look for signup flyers in the backpacks. Thank you in advance for your support.

ASP CRAFT FAIR

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is getting ready for the Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market being held on May 13th and is looking for crafters and flea marketers, as well as great donations for the yard sale part of the day. This fun-filled day is held in the Stop and Shop parking lot and is a great way to find some wonderful finds and support this amazing endeavor. For yard sale donations, please contact **Barbara Hoyler** at 781-383-6212 or Pam DeLorenzo at 781-383-6904. Remember to bring any "junk" to the dump and not here and if you are a crafter or vendor, contact either of the ladies as well. See you there..

SUESSICAL ON STAGE

The Cat in the Hat is coming to town and wants you to come and see him and all of his friends. The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents Seussical! The Musical! Which begins tonight and runs May 5,6, 12,13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 pm and May 7,14 and 21 at 2 p.m. The show will be at the Cohasset Town Hall and tickets are $15 at the door, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Directed by Cohasset's own **Lisa Pratt**, the show is a colorful, musical and fun journey through some of Dr. Seuss' tales. Bring the family and get ready to be entertained.

That is all for this week. Remember to send all of your information to me no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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MAIL: 622 CJC Highway

WEDDING

Aguilar – Hettstrom

Mr. and Mrs. Adam M. Aguilar

Erica Lee Hettstrom, the daughter of Edward and Karen Hettstrom, of Cohasset, married Adam Michael Aguilar, the son of José and Nancy Aguilar, of Framingham, on Sept. 4, 2005, at Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. The Rev. William Donahue officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Edward A. Hettstrom. Maid of Honor was Tara Rose Hettstrom, of Cohasset, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Andrea Grew, of Marshfield, and Elizabeth Stone, of Pembroke, childhood friends of the bride, and Jamie Chipman, of Sturbridge, cousin of the bride. Serving as Junior Bridesmaids were Paige Crowley, of Marshfield, cousin of the bride, and Brittany Landry, of Framingham, niece of the groom. Flower Girl was Kristina Landry, of Framingham, also a niece of the groom.

Mathew Rogers, of Framingham, childhood friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Ushers were Doug Bell, Gavin O'Connell, and Carl Corazzini, all of Framingham, childhood friends of the groom. Serving as Junior Usher was Steven Aguilar, of Framingham, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School, and Northeastern University in Boston. She is employed at TJX Corporation in Framingham.

Her husband is a graduate of Marion High School, and Northeastern University in Boston. He is employed at Unyson Logistics in Framingham.

A reception was held at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple are residing in Framingham.

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"Cohasset Woman Loses 14.9 lbs. of Body-fat In Record Time Without Dieting, Drugs or Surgery!"

Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Patricia Sheerin
After
Amazing Transformation

Cohasset residents are clamoring to know how she did it. Patricia reports the "secret" is the accountability, coaching and comprehensive system provided by her Fitness Together personal trainer. "At age 46, I have never felt better," says Sheerin. "The focused, personalized program designed specifically for me by my FT trainer has really been the answer to achieving my weight loss, fitness and appearance goals."

Following this personalized program, Patricia reports not only losing 14.9 lbs of fat in 9 weeks (reducing her body-fat by 10.5%), but also increasing her strength without adding any bulky muscle – in fact she's leaner and tighter than ever before, dropping two full dress sizes. Her energy and stamina have doubled and she is getting more attention and "looks" than she has in years – dramatically boosting her self image and self confidence.

When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

To get a free copy of the official guide (only 37 are available, so fast action is necessary), and hear more dramatic stories of Cohasset residents transforming their health and fitness from average to extraordinary call the 24-hour free recorded message at 1.800.377.9817

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'Objective' letter causes flap

Walsh apologizes for violating campaign law

By Samantha Brown
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School Superintendent Denise Walsh is looking to make amends for violating the campaign finance law by offering to personally reimburse Cohasset for costs incurred when she sent an informational override letter to the homes of every student in town.

The finance law states no public funds can be used to distribute information about a ballot question. With the town's divisive override election looming on Saturday, parents received a list of frequently asked questions from the school chief's office this week (also printed in last Friday's Mariner). Walsh insists the letter was meant to be purely informational.

Elementary students brought the letter home in their backpacks while it was mailed home to all middle-high school families.

"My intention was to provide clear, accurate budget information to parents and community members," Walsh stated in a prepared press release Wednesday. "I was of the impression that as long as I was objective and factual and did not advocate a position for or against the upcoming override vote, I could distribute FAQs to parents. The communication was not intended to advocate for a particular vote on a ballot question to voters or a class of voters; it was intended to be educational only."

Walsh went on to say that she has been advised that use of school resources is a violation of the law. "For this I do apologize. I will personally reimburse the town for time and materials used in the distribution of the FAQs," she stated. "I will also file (a state elections form) with the Town Clerk disclosing these expenditures."

She said she legal counsel for the School Committee met Wednesday morning with representatives of the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance to self-report the matter and "to assure them that it will not happen again."

After receiving the letter, some parents began to question whether it violated any laws. Using public funds to distribute information about a ballot question is illegal, and the letter was drafted by a school department employee, printed on a town computer, on school letterhead, and mailed from the school. The political action committee dubbed Enough — which is opposed to the $1.495 million override — filed a complaint with the state.

"Our members are pretty shocked this would happen," said Anson Whealler, president of Enough.

Denis Kennedy, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's elections division, said he would not comment specifically on Cohasset's situation without having all the information. However, he did say campaign finance law dictates town officials may not use public resources to proactively distribute unsolicited information regarding a ballot vote.

"Public resources should not be used for campaigns, that is what private ballot question committees are for," said Kennedy. "Speech and preparation of materials are both OK," if the materials are to be distributed at a meeting or given to someone who asks for them, he said. However, Kennedy said his office often receives questions about school involvement in elections and often reminds districts to avoid mailings and/or sending home any information with the students.

Kennedy said whether the contents of a distribution are intended to be purely informational or hope to sway a voter does not matter. He said funds used by town offices are tax dollars and may not be used for distribution of materials relating to a ballot question. Using school letterhead, ink from school printers, and the time spent by the employee who drafted the letter could all be considered use of public funds, he said.

The letters sent home with the children also violates state law because public employees who are not policy-making officials are prohibited from taking time during their workday to speak or act on behalf of a ballot question. According to the OCPF, "Public school teachers should not ask children to take literature regarding the substance of a ballot question home from school to give to parents."

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said he is sure Walsh did not mean to violate the law by sending out the letter. "Obviously she was under the impression that what she was doing was proper and legal and obviously she's also doing what it takes to make it right," he said.

As far as Enough filing the complaint with the OCPF, Slanetz said he believes that is counter-productive. "Frankly, it's forced the town to waste time and resources that could have been spent on the education of our children," he said.

Slanetz said when the question arose about the letter's legality, "The first step on their (members of Enough) part should have been to contact her. It would have been more constructive to contact her first," he said.

Kennedy said his office could choose to implement fines depending on the outcome of the investigation, which would likely be an amount equivalent to what it cost the town.

What town officials can do

- Discuss a ballot question, including at meetings of a governmental entity or at informational meetings of private groups.
- Take a position on a ballot question.
- Analyze the impact of a ballot question.
- Provide copies of the agency's analysis of and/or position on a ballot question, or other public documents, to persons requesting copies or to persons attending public meetings of a governmental entity.
- Hold an informational forum, participate in a forum held by a private group, and distribute a notice of the forum.
- Speak to the press.
- Post information on a government bulletin board or Web site.
- Allow private groups to use a public building for a meeting concerning a ballot question.
- Appear on cable television.
- Use their own personal funds to contribute to a ballot question committee or otherwise to support or oppose a ballot question.

For more information, please visit the Office of Campaign and Political Finance's Web site at www.mass.gov/ocpf.

What town officials cannot do

- Use public resources to distribute informational or advocacy materials regarding the ballot question once a question has been placed "on the ballot." Funds spent prior to a question being put on the ballot may also be subject to campaign finance law.
- Distribute even admittedly objective information regarding a ballot question unless expressly authorized by state law.
- Participate in fund raising to support or oppose a ballot question.

Hostile tone sets new pitch

FROM SIGNS, PAGE 1

neighbor's house, turned inside out, and an obscene illustration and statement were painted on their blank sides and posted in the Jenkins yard.

"I am disappointed but not the least bit surprised at the persistent vandalism. This is an example of how destructive and disrespectful certain segments of the community are. Civil debate has given way to the bullying tactics of coercion, threats and intimidation," Jenkins said.

"The lewd content of the two signs left on Saturday night was an affront to the entire community," she said. "This is not the way to conduct business in Cohasset."

Hussey said in his opinion, "The taking of the sign from the neighbor is just as big a concern" as the obscene sign left for Jenkins. He said the department was dusting for fingerprints.

Hussey said the community can be a great help in tracking down who is responsible for the stealing and vandalism. "People in the community need to be our eyes and ears," he said, and if anyone sees any suspicious activity, they should report it to the police as soon as possible. Those responsible for the vandalism are likely traveling in a car, and if witnesses see an incident taking place and can write down a license plate number, that will give the department something to go on.

Building Inspector Bob Egan said political signs are only allowed to be posted on private property. He said if signs are posted on town property, he has the right to pull them up, and on a few occasions when he has driven by and spotted signs on what is obviously town property such as a traffic island, he has taken them. "I don't throw them away" he said, adding he usually gets in touch with someone he knows who is affiliated with the group which posted the sign and returns it.

During this election, those on both sides are complaining about their fellow townspeople being less than neighborly over the override.

In today's paper Lynne Schwandt of Tower Road states in a letter to the editor that "Yes" signs have also been stolen.

And Barbara Buckley of North Main Street states in a letter she was mocked, attacked and insulted at the RTF for backing the override.

"I guess when one doesn't have facts to support an opinion, that tactics such as teacher-bashing, distortion of the truth and ridicule of voters must be employed. It's shameful," she stated.

Merle Brown of Beechwood Street had a "Vote No" sign on the back of his truck while he parked at the RTF on Saturday. Brown said he was there to work in the bottle shed and he also held "no' signs down by the RTF entrance for a while.

Brown said someone complained about an "illegal sign at the RTF" and a police officer told him he had to move his truck.

"I took the sign off and moved my truck but I went and talked to the police chief," said Brown, who supports the $725,000 override but not the $1.495 million override. "He's is going to investigate whether there is a ruling on that.

"What's the difference between having a sign on your car or a bumper sticker?" he asked, adding he didn't know of any bylaw restricting car signage.

CEA will provide rides to the polls

All Cohasset residents are being urged to get out and make their voices heard at the ballot box, this Saturday, May 6. To ensure seniors who might need a ride to the polls are able to cast their votes, the Council on Elder Affairs will be providing transportation. Voters will decide whether to pass a $1.495 million override, a $725,000 override, or vote them both down. Please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112 for more information on transportation.

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Fay Papadopoulos makes loukoumathes, a pastry dessert from her homeland, Greece, during Saturday's Greek Taverna.

Nicholas Belezos, 14, helps cut pieces of season meat for gyros (sandwiches) during the Taste of Greece held Saturday at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

A TASTE OF GREECE

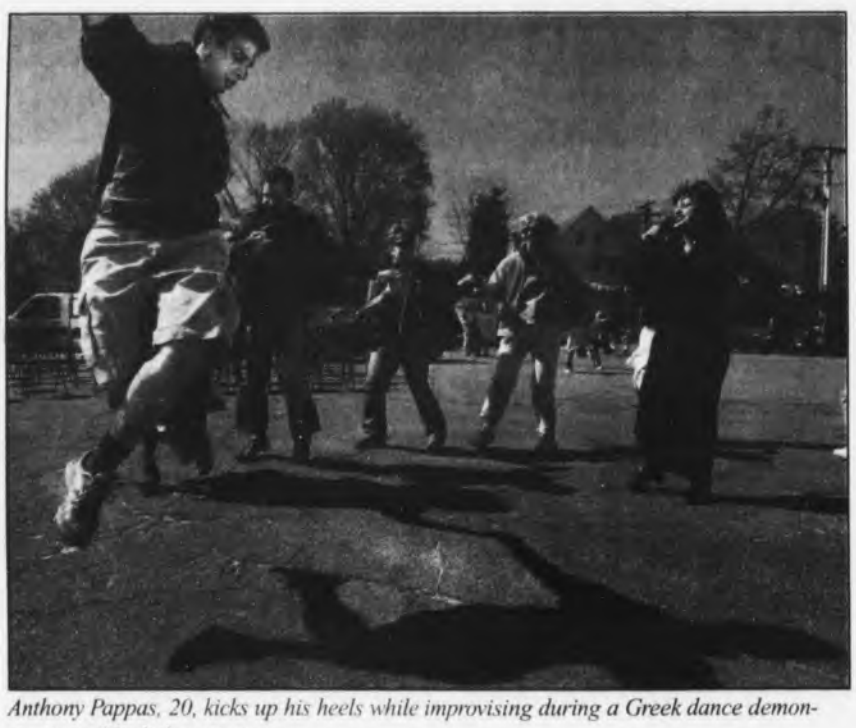
Our World hosts Taverna!

Marika Adamoboulos, 9, checks out some Greek items with her Yiayia (Greek for grandmother), Stella Adamoboulos. They were enjoying the exhibit at the Taste of Greece at Our World on Saturday.

Eleftherios Asaridis plays a boyzoyki for the audience. Other entertainment included Greek dancers and a Greek band.

The young audience laughs, while storyteller Big Joe tries to keep his toucan companion from yelling out words that rhyme with what he wants to say during Saturday's Greek festival.

Staff photos/Robin Chan



Anthony Pappas, 20, kicks up his heels while improvising during a Greek dance demonstration of the kalamatiano.

Brendan Calos, 8, makes a Greek flag during Saturday's festival.

Jim Pappas, a member of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset, puts some shrimp kebabs on the grill.

From left, Shirley Kehoe, Nancy Borland and Barbara Jones, all of Cohasset, enjoy Greek pastries and good conversation beneath a traditional Greek dress.

Ginny Alex, 7, of Cohasset looks longingly at a tray full of baklava while waiting for her dessert, loukoumathes, during "A Taste of Greece" on Saturday.

Village work in full swing

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Building (Historical Society headquarters) to the Community Center, Brook Street, Elm Street from Brook Street to South Main Street, and Depot Court.

Dormitzer said new pocket parks, decorative crosswalks, and many new trees, will serve as key features of the revitalization project. The pocket park at Depot Court and South Main Street will feature new trees with granite sets, city hall pavers, planters, and a large granite bench. The pocket park at Elm Street and South Main Street will feature new trees with granite sets and paving with city hall pavers. The curbing on Elm Street and continuing north adjacent to Saint Stephen's will be new granite with a rolled top edge to allow emergency vehicles to avoid cars backing from the diagonal spaces across the street.

Both parks will connect with decorative crosswalks paved with concrete pavers and banded with granite. All new crosswalks will feature this treatment. In all, the project will add 12 new trees including Bradford and Chanticleer Pears and Lindens plus evergreen shrubs and flowering perennials. The memorial island at Depot Court and South Main Street will be rebuilt and replanted.

South Main Street adjacent to Saint Stephen's has been widened by the removal of a portion of the granite ledge below the church, to create a safer sidewalk. All curbing used in the project will be new and uniform. The specification requires that it be granite, "flamed" or roughened on exposed surfaces to produce a natural look. The sidewalk surface is asphalt. If possible it will have some additional treatment to improve its appearance, Dormitzer said.

At this time, Dormitzer said the project is able to fund new drainage and catch basins throughout the Village and will repave South Main Street and Depot Court, but cannot repave or re-curb Elm and Brook streets. "The town is hoping for favorable news from the state on an increase in the current grant to cover Elm and Brook streets," Dormitzer said. Should those funds become available, the town would consider the under-grounding of wires on South Main Street from Brook Street to Elm Street.

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John Knowlton of Northern Construction picks up rock and rubble by the side of St. Stephen's with an excavator while getting the area ready for the sidewalk to be installed. The project should be completed by Memorial Day.

The $1.8 million Village Revitalization project is being paid for through grants, not local property taxes. A good portion of the funding is coming from a state PWED grant (Public Works Economic Development).

Streetscape improvements have been sidetracked over the years due to disagreement over how much and exactly what should be done to revitalize the village area. Redesigns of the plans have cost the town time and money, and the town had to ask for an extension of the PWED grant to keep the project going. Northern Construction was awarded the bid for the project last winter.

Dormitzer said the project as it stands today is the outgrowth of a 16-year effort. He recalled back in 1990, Philip Smith, Cohasset resident and owner of Designers' Creations, proposed a Cohasset Village Renaissance to renew and improve the appearance of the Village.

"It was to be the beginning of a series of volunteer projects in the Village, including the building of the Town Pump, the improvement of the James Brook Walkway, the clearing of the pocket park adjacent to French Memories, and the painting of the murals depicting the seasons," he said.

Dormitzer's wife Jackie, along with Elizabeth Christoffel and Ann Whelan, evolved into the Village Revitalization Committee, formed by the Chamber of Commerce in 1996. The Chamber sought to improve the physical appearance of the Village to include new sidewalks, trees, landscaping, street lamps, and under grounding of the utility lines.

Among the ideas generated by the Revitalization Committee was the Village Farmers Market. Led by Anna Abbruzzese, it became a highly successful weekly event held every summer, which continues today. Between 1996 and 2000, the committee applied for a series of planning grants which resulted in the formation of the Village Revitalization Corporation in 2000. Funded by Peter Roy and Gerd Ordelheide, the corporation hired Dean Rizzo as its executive director and engaged the Cecil Group design firm to develop a Village Streetscape and Circulation Improvement Program. The scope of the program included the Village retail area, Elm Street and the Cove including an enhanced Harbor Walk.

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Kids cabaret raises funds for pediatric research

By Samantha Brown
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The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS and Juvenile Diabetes Research foundations will soon receive a donation on behalf of Cohasset's residents.

Thanks to eighth-grade student Thomson Jaffe who coordinated the "By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret," held at the Second Congregational Church in the afternoon of April 28, more than $875 was raised to be split between the two organizations.

"It was great. It's a real credit to Thomson for conceiving and organizing the event. She did all the organizing and working with students who were going to perform," said Thomson's proud mother, Susan.

Thomson decided to hold the fund-raiser for both organizations because they both support causes near to her heart. After seeing the movie "Rent," in which two of the main characters are HIV positive, she began doing research into the disease and wanted to do something to help the cause. She also has a friend who developed juvenile diabetes in kindergarten, and the two charities together allowed her to help causes which support children she has never met from around the world, as well as friends at home.

"I felt really good that I had succeeded in doing something to help people around the same age as myself, who are in serious discomfort everyday," Thomson says. "I did a lot of research on both foundations, and believe that the work that they are doing in very important. The result of the benefit exceeded my expectation (I had originally hoped to make $400, and I ended up earning almost $900)."

There was no charge for tickets, but attendees were asked to make donations in support of the two research groups at the door.

There were roughly12 acts, including a performance from the entire High School Jazz Ensemble, which brought the total number of performers up to 40 middle and high school students. There was also an Irish step dancing performance, students who played the piano and guitar, and musical duos.

The event drew a multigenerational crowd as everyone from elementary school students to grandparents attended. There were between 50 and 60 people in attendance, which Susan said "Is pretty impressive for a Friday afternoon." In fact, the day went so well, Thomson has plans to coordinate a similar fund-raiser next year.

PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Eighth-grader Thomson Jaffee was the driving force behind "By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret" that raised money for pediatric AIDS and juvenile diabetes research.

Katie Hillman, 13, dances to an Irish reel for her performance.

Twelve-year-old Jenna Neer sings the Linda Rondstadt song, "Poor Little Pitiful Me" during the "By Kids 4 Kids Cabaret" production.

Retirement party

Kathy Bryanton Retirement Party will take place Sunday, May 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Lightkeeper's Residence, Border Street, Cohasset.

Bryanton was the director of Cohasset Elder Affairs for 20 years. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is $20 per person. Call 383-9112.

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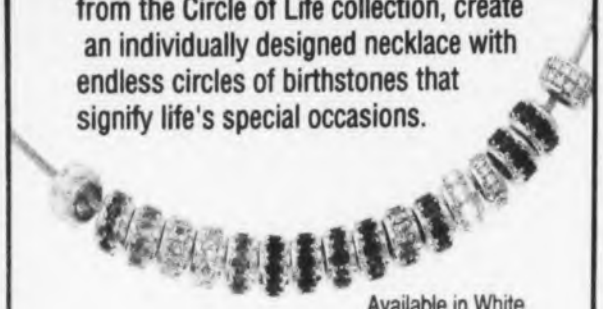

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Hockey, open skate to honor Kurt Gritzan

By Mark Goodman
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Kurt Gritzan loved hockey. According to his parents Christine and Ken Gritzan, hockey was Kurt's passion. And like many young players he hoped to make it to the pros one day.

Kurt's dream was tragically cut short by cancer. He passed away on April 26.

But the 16-year-old's warm smile, friendly demeanor, and solid friendship won't be forgotten.

Corbin Faber, a junior at Cohasset High School and a friend and teammate of Kurt's, said one of his foremost memories of Kurt was a recent trip to Florida, in which he and Kurt joined three other good friends for a week's vacation.

"He was just a really good kid," said Faber. "The thing about Kurt was, even going through everything he was going through, he never drew attention to it. He never complained about it."

"He was just a really good kid."
— Corbin Faber, friend and teammate

This Saturday starting at 5:15 p.m., at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham, Kurt's many friends will have the chance to visit with one another and share their recollections in a special service and event in Kurt's memory.

There will be a short service followed by an inter-squad hockey game and then open skate for both students and adults. Cohasset High also plans to retire Kurt's hockey jersey.

Kurt was a contributor to the 2004-05 team that came within one win of qualifying for the state tournament. Faber says Kurt offered a lot more to the team than just his playing abilities.

"He was an inspiration," Faber said. "It was great every time he was on the ice. It just got the team so pumped up."

Cohasset High School Athletic Director Ron Ford recalls Kurt's first game for the Skippers that season.

"I remember him being out there on the ice, and it was pretty cool just to see him out there," Ford said. "He was absolutely beaming afterward. He made a real push to play that night."

This year, the hockey players all wore a "KG" sticker on their helmets in honor of Kurt.

Assistant Principal Mike Gill said when students first heard about Kurt's passing some used the guidance and counseling staff for support at the high school.

A youth prayer service was held Sunday at St. Stephen's.

Gill described Kurt as quiet and well behaved. He said he had a great number of close friends. "He really loved hockey and he never caused a problem for us at school," he said.

Kurt Gritzan's family and his many friends will skate in his honor Saturday.

For Kurt Gritzan's obituary, see page32.

'An utter joy to be around'

By Ben Virga
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Kurt Gritzan passed away Wednesday, April 26th well before anyone who ever met him was ready to see him go. He was a teenager, a son, a friend, a hockey player and, for so many people, an inspiration. Kurt suffered from cancer and the only part of having this disease that ever made his trademark smile disappear was when it took him away from playing hockey. His passion and love for the sport were truly symbols of how he lived his life and how much joy his presence spread to those he interacted with even if it was only for a few moments.

There are so many words that come to mind when the name Kurt Gritzan is mentioned. From charismatic, charming and nice to tough, strong, fearless and brave there was never a shortage of adjectives when it came to describing Kurt. In reality none of these words could even come close to doing justice to the character, integrity and compassion that defined Kurt as a person.

More often than not these words ring hollow when compared to the feelings Kurt allowed us to experience. Even though Kurt was ill, and the evidence of his struggle could be seen in his every movement, he never opened any conversation or interaction with anything but a smile. He always was aware of how his condition was impacting those around him and was able to make people three times his age feel more comfortable about his situation.

He consoled us when it was him we were trying to cheer up and propped us up when it was him we wanted to help stand. Kurt would brighten our day and it was not till after you were done talking with him that you realized you had started out trying to brighten his. Kurt could make us laugh when we thought we were going to cry and he could lighten the mood in any situation even though his daily struggle was never a laughing matter.

He consoled us when it was him we were trying to cheer up and propped us up when it was him we wanted to help stand.

Kurt never wanted any attention or special treatment and really begged to be treated as normal as possible. It was impossible to treat Kurt normal, not because he was sick, but because he was special and amazing and a complete and utter joy to be around. It was these qualities that made him being ill so unfair and made those who loved him question the wisdom of any higher power for allowing this to happen. While everyone who ever met him is deeply saddened by his passing we are also aware of how incredibly lucky we all are to have had Kurt as a part of our life.

We are lucky because we were able to witness firsthand Kurt's amazing presence and see someone who was the very definition of a caring, compassionate and empathetic person. We were able to see the way he made it OK for his friends to handle this emotional battle and how he kept them going even as their hearts were breaking when he relapsed this past year. In the end Kurt did show much for the people in his life that simply wanted to do something for him. He gave us so much hope when we started out thinking how hopeless this all had become.

We were able to share in his joy during those games and practices when his body would begrudgingly agree to let him participate in the sport he loved. We saw his toughness when he would leave 5 a.m. practice early to drive to Boston to get chemotherapy and his humility when he would ask for permission every time to leave the ice earlier than the rest of his teammates. He shared his passion when he would defy the doctor's wishes and put on his skates when he had no business being on the ice and gave us inspiration when he would do it again the very next game.

Kurt was so much more than anything that could ever be summarized or described while at the same time serving as a lesson to us all. He showed everyone he met that even when life is unjust or unfair you are still responsible for how you move within the world in which you live. There is no better example of someone who moved within his world with class, grace and beauty than Kurt Gritzan. He will be grieved, he will be missed but anyone who was lucky enough to cross his path will never forget him.

Ben Virga was Kurt's hockey coach at Cohasset High.

Organist in recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen Church is presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in recital on Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement. The program titled the "Tsar of Instruments" will include compositions by Bach, Buxtehude, Brahms, various Russian composers and some of Guzasky's own improvisations.

Guzasky is an adjunct professor at Bridgewater State College, an affiliated artist at MIT in Cambridge and is choirmaster-organist at St. Stephen's. He regularly goes to Russian to teach and perform, and specializes in Gregorian chant and Russian Orthodox choral music.

G. Fredrick Guzasky

The church is at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset. There is plenty of parking available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Farmers Market looking for vendors

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is looking for vendors. The market is dedicated to supporting local growers. Vendors may sell their own homegrown produce, plants, flowers or homemade, agriculturally based products.

The Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., from June 8 to Oct. 19, on the Cohasset Common.

For more information, call Darcy Schramn at 781-383-0170.

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EDITORIAL

Sunday morning

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Overrides in Cohasset are always contentious affairs. But this one – perhaps because the stakes are so high – will go down as one of the ugliest battles over a potential tax hike in the town's history.

Instead of civil debate and respect for differences of opinion, this override election, in some cases, has turned neighbor against neighbor. As emotions run high, the campaign has evolved into a bruising fight with figurative punches being thrown back 'n' forth.

Some view this election as "us" versus "them:" the "old" versus the "new," the townie versus well-healed newcomer. We know that is not the case. We also know this is not a "haves" versus "have-nots," an "old" versus "young" or a "parent with schoolchildren" versus a "parent with grown children" battle either. While many affluent residents support the override, there are those who do not. While many less affluent residents support the override, there are those who do not. Many parents back the override, but there are those who also oppose it. The same can be said for our senior citizens, some in favor, some not.

At the 11th hour, there is probably no hope in changing the tone of this election. As would be expected, there will be cheerleaders on both sides of the issue out in force all day Saturday exercising their freedom of speech along "election row."

But when 6 p.m. rolls around, there are going to be winners and losers. So where does Cohasset go from there?

We worry come Sunday morning Cohasset will wake up as a house still divided. We fear those on the losing side will be both disappointed and angry and the gap between the "yes's" and "no's" will be much wider than any numerical result tallied at the ballot box.

A healing process cannot begin without enough introspection to figure out how the town reached this divide. We have to believe that better, more open communication all around would be a good start. Perhaps appointing a committee to look at how to improve communication among the various boards and especially, between the school department and Town Hall would be a positive step. (We look at the success of the Economic Development Committee as an example of how a new committee with a specific charge can really make a difference).

Here at the Mariner we would like to do our part by writing more feature stories about innovative programs and activities at the schools. We, like all of you, have busy schedules – so we ask school officials, teachers, parents and students to send us ideas.

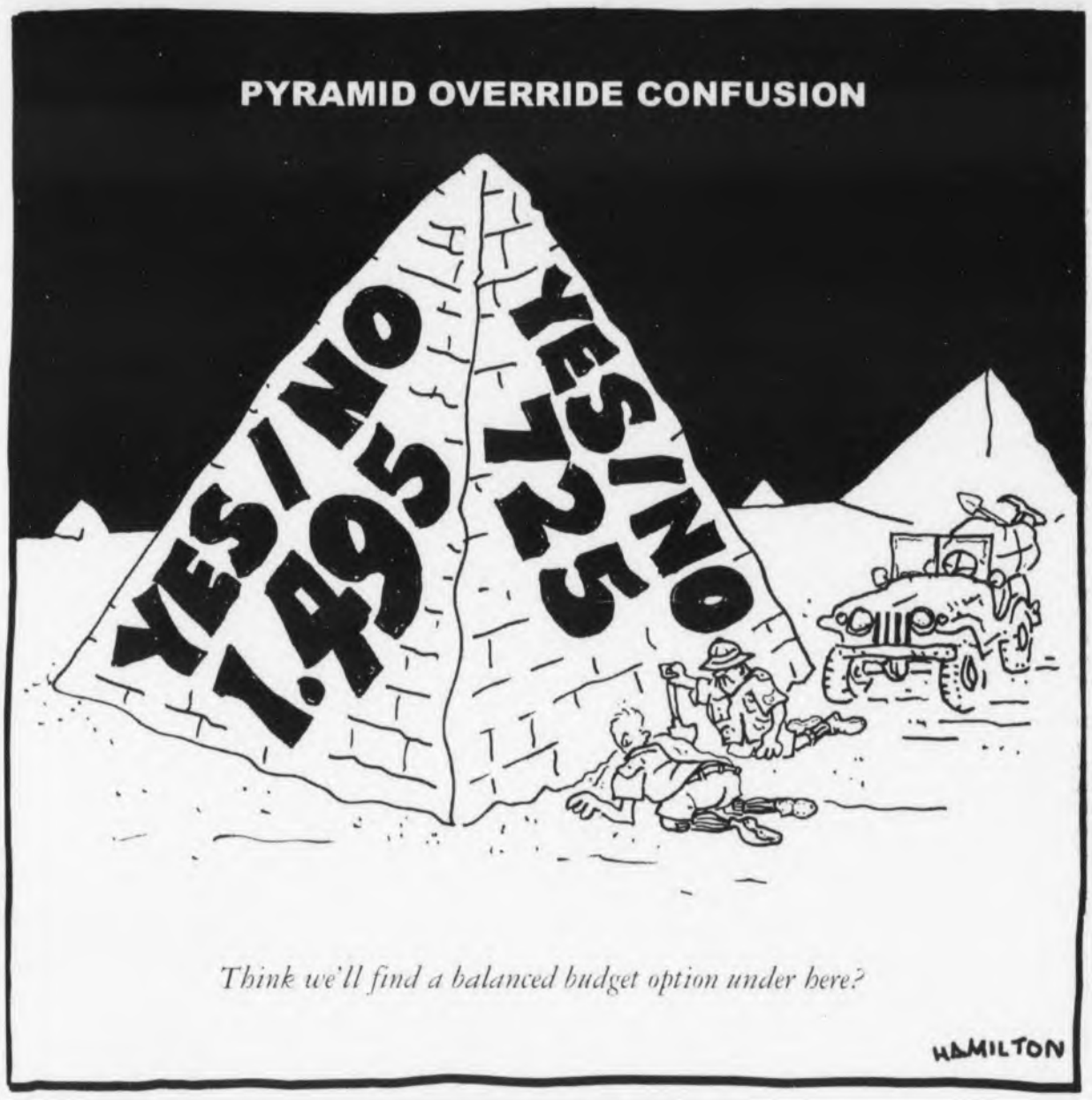
Yet, with all that being said – override battles will not go away until the town can solve its revenue problem. Here in Cohasset, there are efforts to grow the commercial tax base without changing the town's character – that should help.

But the real change has to come at the state level. Selectmen and the School Committee need to put Cohasset to the forefront of towns knocking on the doors at Beacon Hill to find ways to take more education costs off the backs of the property taxpayer.

Selectmen received a letter this week from North Andover which states it is also "struggling to provide adequate municipal and school services in an environment of ever-increasing mandates and rising costs."

The North Andover Board of Selectmen is asking Cohasset to support pending legislation, dubbed the "Acton Bill," regarding Chapter 70 (education aid) that would increase the minimum education aid available to a municipality. In Cohasset's case, that would translate into $1.7 million over its current distribution by fiscal year 2009.

Support for that bill is something we can all rally around – despite which side wins the majority on Saturday.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opponents' tone uncalled for

TO THE EDITOR:

I feel shocked and saddened by the tone the opponents of the override have taken recently, particularly by the folks who were campaigning at the dump this past Sunday. Never would I have imagined that I would be mocked, attacked and insulted for my opinion by a fellow townsperson, particularly when my three young boys were clearly visible in the back seat and hearing every word. I guess when one doesn't have facts to support an opinion, that tactics such as teacher-bashing, distortion of the truth and ridicule of voters must be employed. It's shameful.

Override supporters know that in this era of shrinking state aid, exponentially increasing fixed costs and additional unfunded state and federal mandates, that both levels of the override are necessary to prevent further erosion of quality services and education in Cohasset. I am proud of those of us who have worked to educate voters with a clear presentation of facts, logic and analysis in a calm and respectful tone. It's too bad many opponents of the override are unable to say the same. It's just one more reason to vote yes, yes on Saturday, May 6.

Barbara Buckley
272 N. Main St.

Override: 'not just a one-time deal'

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently complained about the lack of zeroes in the pro override ads, mailings and posters.

This $725,000 or the $1,495,000 will be "forever."

It's not just a one-time deal.

Now, our superintendent of schools, Denise Walsh, has sent home with every child an informational sheet advising all the kid's families to push for this exorbitant override. It's unfortunate that on school time, using the school facilities and using school department paper is printing and distributing this "pro override" message.

It appears that the forcing of this unrealistic override by a few people is the only thing on their minds – no matter how it gets done.

We, that large group of us that cannot afford this, have to say no!

Bill Chisholm
605 Jerusalem Road

Fran Coffey Memorial Walk

TO THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to the Rotary, volunteers, and walkers who participated in the Fran Coffey Memorial Walk.

Fran would have been so pleased to see so many friends remembering him and contributing to his favorite charities. Father Waldron's " People in Need" in Roxbury and the Bishop Ruocco House for Girls in Lakeville certainly appreciate your generosity. We are fortunate to have such good friends.

Kit Coffey and family
Norfolk Road

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'What we really value about our community'

COMMENTARY

CHARTIS TEBBETTS

At this late date, I think it is important to be reminded of what the override questions are really all about. Cohasset and all of our neighboring towns have been challenged in recent years to maintain town and school services. We are all struggling because the financial resources we need are not there. State and federal aid has been cut back. State assessments have increased. Populations of students and elders needing services have significantly increased. And citizens are rightfully concerned about increasing our property taxes, already difficult for many on fixed and/or limited income. The property tax is a regressive tax, and often reflects ownership of a highly appreciated asset, rather than available cash to pay bills.

The override options give all of us a chance to say what we really value about our community. 'Pride of ownership' is part of the deliberations we are each going through. Monday when I went to Town Hall to pay my taxes, I saw a neighbor drive into the parking lot in a large SUV. This same neighbor has signs in his yard saying he has had to give up coffee and bagels to stay in his home, and urges us to vote 'no' on the overrides. I rarely go out for coffee, and I drive a hybrid. On 8 gallons of gas ($24) I go about 380 miles. I imagine $24 takes his SUV about 120 miles (15 miles/gal.). If we both drive 12,000 miles in a year, he pays $2400 for gas and I pay $750. So you see, we really do have choices. I choose to spend a part of my savings ($2400 - 750 = 1650) on the increase in my real estate taxes, to show pride in my community and to continue to support the town that has been very good to me and my families.

If the increased tax burden is simply not possible, I have no quarrel with your 'no' votes. And if the override(s) pass, all of us have an obligation to help you deal with your struggle to pay your taxes and stay in the community that we all love. Asking for relief from the state and federal governments would be the logical place to start. If the override(s) fail, then those of you voting 'no' have an equal obligation to those who will need to manage with reduced services: our students, young families, neighbors who will lose their Town of Cohasset jobs, elders, and others.

If you can afford it and believe the sacrifice is worth it, please vote 'yes' on the override questions on Saturday. If you truly cannot afford to increase your property taxes 10 percent or so, your 'no' vote(s) are honest and completely understandable.

But if you can afford the 10 percent increase and decide to vote 'no', I urge you to reconsider. If the overrides fail, the quality of services in Cohasset will be lower for our most vulnerable citizens — the children and the elders.

On Saturday May 8th, I also hope we can begin to restore some of the civility that this and other recent campaigns have eroded. Whatever the outcome, let's stop the threats, the hostility, the false accusations, misinformation, and the negativity. Whatever the outcome, lots of us are going to need some help.

Chartis Tebbetts lives on Jerusalem Road Drive.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, May 11, 3:30 p.m.
Board of Health, May 9, 7 p.m.
CHS School Council, June 7, 3 p.m., at the high school.
Cohasset Historical Commission, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, May 18, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, May 8, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Committee, May 9, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, May 10, 6 p.m., Paul Pratt Library
Osgood School Council, May 9, 3:30 p.m., Osgood Conference Room.
Recreation Commission, May 10, 6p.m.
School Committee, May 15 & 25, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Selectmen, May 8, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, May 22, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, May 2, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.
ZBA, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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Dispute resolution with MBTA invoked

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We have seen over and over in this project that the MBTA will find every opportunity to cut cost from the Greenbush project.

It's been several weeks since we've written an update in these pages and it is overdue. A lot is happening. So, here's what we know.

As you can see, amid much cheering, Sohier Street actually opened slightly ahead of schedule. The MBTA really worked hard to have this crossing operable before the Music Circus season starts. However, like the crossing at Lower King Street, construction is not really complete. After the Music Circus season is finished, the MBTA will complete this crossing. Remaining are the traffic islands, crossing gates, power pole relocations and other details. A new sidewalk needs to be completed on the Pratt Library side of Sohier Street. This new walk will run from the Music Circus all the way to Ripley Road, where it will connect to the existing sidewalk in front of the Pratt Library.

Lower King Street crossing still needs its finishing touches. We have no schedule for this completion.

North Main Street crossing near the Cohasset Golf Club and Woodside Cemetery is now closed for construction. We don't expect this to be closed for a very long time. Construction wise, it is a simple crossing since there are no utilities or drainage pipes that will need the attention of the contractor. Almost all of the work is confined to the top surfaces. We expect this to take about a month, more or less. Of course, like with any construction, weather is a huge unknown factor in determining completion time.

Pleasant Street is scheduled to be completed May 8th. We seriously doubt that this date will be met. But, we do expect completion to be one or two weeks from May 8th. If you happen to drive by this area note how high the rail tracks are with respect to the surrounding area. The crossing will be quite a bit higher than the old street level and surrounding areas will be reconstructed to blend in.

There are two issues we'd like to call to your attention. We think these are serious problems for Cohasset.

• First, the Mitigation Agreement that the MBTA signed with the Town calls for the MBTA to reconstruct the Town Parking Lot at their expense. Further, this agreement calls for a minimum of *182 Public Parking Spaces* in the redesigned Town Parking Lot. The MBTA engineers entered into a tacit understanding with the prior Town Manager to accept 21 fewer *Public Parking Spaces* than the Mitigation Agreement requires. The additional parking spaces are designed to be on private property and, therefore, cannot be considered as *Public Parking Spaces*, since they are not available to the public.

This tacit agreement was in violation of the terms of the Mitigation Agreement, which states, *"This Agreement may not be modified or amended in whole or in part except by a written instrument signed by all parties to this Agreement."* The parties to the Mitigation Agreement were the Cohasset Board of Selectmen and the Secretary of Transportation. Neither of these parties has formally agreed or signed off on a reduction in the number of *Public Parking Spaces* to be provided by the MBTA. For this reason, The Board of Selectmen has voted unanimously to invoke the Dispute Resolution provisions of the Mitigation Agreement in order to have the MBTA provide the required *182 Public Parking Spaces*. The last thing Cohasset can afford is a reduction in the number of parking spaces in our Town Parking Lot.

• The second critical item deals with the MBTA's original promise to create a pedestrian walk on Town property connecting the Town Parking Lot to the village sidewalks at Depot Court. This sidewalk connectivity was shown on the drawings submitted as a part of the Cohasset / MBTA Mitigation Agreement describing the Parking Lot and Pleasant Street crossing configurations. It was also designed to meet with the downtown Village Revitalization project, which as you know is well along. Since then, the MBTA has unilaterally pulled their limit of construction back, away from the intersection toward the Pleasant Street tracks and eliminated the connecting sidewalk. This leaves a gap between the MBTA construction and Revitalization construction – sort of a No Man's Land. The Selectmen have agreed that this pedestrian access is a key component to making this whole area work in a pedestrian safe manner. Consequently, this sidewalk and reduced limit of construction will also be added to the topics under the Dispute Resolution process.

We have seen over and over in this project that the MBTA will find every opportunity to cut cost from the Greenbush project. As taxpayers, cost reduction is fine with us unless it reduces the features they had agreed to provide to the Town of Cohasset in our Mitigation Agreement. As recently as April 7th the MBTA told us they were trying to find a way to help us. This discussion appears to have gone nowhere. Based on what has transpired to date, the Town will probably have to begin Dispute Resolution.

Revitalization

Speaking of Revitalization, we are in the worst part of that project now, which includes tearing up and redoing the streets. We know that this has been very inconvenient for all concerned, but the worst in nearly over. The base coat of asphalt should be laid in the street areas early next week. Then things will get better quickly. Base coats of asphalt will also be placed in the sidewalk, and then the new granite curb will be set into place. Once these steps are completed, the top asphalt coat can be placed in the street and sidewalks. These steps will happen in rapid succession, so additional downtown disruption will be minimized.

The Town has also gotten funding to put new storm drainage on Brook and Elm Streets. This was a part of the original project, but was dropped when the monies we had were insufficient to do all of the Brook and Elm Streets work. Now, we are able to add back the drainage in these two streets. Perhaps, if we find more money, we will be able to complete the street and sidewalk work at a later date. The drainage work will start immediately and will be finished in a week or a week and a half. We will only do one street at a time and coordinate with the ongoing work on South Main Street so that traffic flow can be maintained. It is still out intention to have all of the major construction work complete by Memorial Day.

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A few thoughts from the Windy City

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

As I watched him hurry across the street and into a bar I learned something else I'll pass along: in Chicago they sell bus tickets in bars.

Dear Cohasset:

Unfortunately I can't write an article for the paper this week because I'm in Chicago on business, but I thought I'd at least drop a line to tell you how my trip is going.

I spent the first six hours stuck in Logan Airport, because all flights into Chicago were delayed due to high winds. We finally got on board but I swear that every year they inch the seats closer together. The guy in front of me tilted back and suddenly his head was in my lap. I remember the days when the only people barred from flying were Palestinian terrorists and a couple of my New Bedford relatives. Since then they've expanded the no-fly list to include anyone with knees. Anyway we touched down into a crosswind gust that nearly blew the plane off the runway but we made it.

Chicago is a city out west— almost as far as Indiana. It's called "The Windy City", but apparently the nickname refers to political rhetoric and has nothing to do with the weather. I got that info from a Chicago native I met outside the airport. I love picking up local tidbits like this — stuff the typical clueless tourist doesn't know. The man also told me his wallet had been stolen and he needed $10 for a bus ticket home, so I gave him the money and wished him well. As I watched him hurry across the street and into a bar I learned something else I'll pass along: in Chicago they sell bus tickets in bars. That could be very helpful to know.

My daughter had asked me to get her something from the American Girl Place, so I checked it out. They had solid mahogany beds for under $400, which I thought was fantastic until I saw the size of the thing. More like a doll's bed if you ask me. The only item they had in the $20 range was a catalog, so I picked up one of those. I hope she likes it.

Right across the street is the Chicago Water Tower, which is this famous building designed to help fight fires. By some miracle of serendipity it was completed just a few years before the Great Fire of 1871, which burned every structure in the city to ashes except for the water tower, because it was made of stone. They've kept it around and even spruced it up a little since then. They really love that tower.

As I headed back to my hotel an old woman came up to me looking a little batty. "I hear music all the time," she said. As gently as I could, I told her she needed help and brought her to a policeman. Turns out it was just her cell phone. That happens to me a lot. My phone plays Beethoven's Fifth and it's usually about half way through the song before I realize it's ringing. In my defense that second movement is kind of quiet. I should probably switch to Mahler.

Of course the other big thing about Chicago is Oprah. I don't mean Oprah herself is big. Well actually she is kind of big. Except on her magazine cover. That's another thing I learned here: all those cover photos were taken during one particular week in 1998, and they managed to shoot enough to last well into the next decade. It's that kind of PR planning that makes Oprah such an inspiration.

The people in Chicago are unusually friendly. Total strangers will meet your eye and smile as you enter their shop. I couldn't figure out why everyone was so well-behaved. Then I found out there's a huge reading convention going on and the city is overrun with teachers from all over the country. I was lunching at a swank downtown restaurant, wining and dining a few folks from Wachovia Bank, and three women at the next table scolded me for wearing my baseball cap backwards and having my feet on the table. I said, "Hey, I think you left a few children behind." They sent me to the manager's office but I totally snuck a piece of broiled salmon into my sport coat and scarfed it later during the meeting.

Well, say hi to everyone for me. I'll be sure to write an article next week.

—*John*

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, but he's currently stuck in Chicago's O'Hare Airport, where his flight out has been delayed due to high winds.

Capital offenses

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The U. S. Supreme Court is about to decide whether the Founding Fathers had sodium pentathol, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride in mind when they wrote the Eighth Amendment.

That's the one that bans cruel and unusual punishments, like watching Tom Cruise movies and other tortures.

The key figure in the case is Clarence Hill, a Florida man who killed a cop in 1982 and has been waiting on death row for 23 years for his sentence to be carried out by lethal injection.

That's the way it's done in all but one of the 38 states that still have to death penalty for capital offenses. Nebraska still uses the electric chair — or "Old Sparky," as the macho talk show hosts like to call it.

Lethal injection involves three drugs: sodium pentathol to kill the pain, pancuronium to paralyze and potassium chloride to induce a heart attack. Hill's people claim it still causes pain, therefore it's cruel and unusual.

As near as I can make out, the nine justices are being asked, "Is it okay to hurt him when we kill him?"

Huh?

Fortunately, Massachusetts will not have to worry about the question since our last execution was May 9, 1947, at 12:17 a.m. to be exact when Dutchy Gertson of Everett and Philip Bellino of Boston faced Old Sparky for killing Tex Williams, an ex-Marine from Haverhill, who they feared would rat on them for a dice game holdup.

The last execution with a distinct South Shore flavor was Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti on Aug. 23, 1927, for the murder of Frederick Parmenter, the shoe company paymaster, and Allessandro Beradelli, his guard, during a payroll robbery in South Braintree seven years before.

Before that there was Harry Marshall (aka Enrico Mascioli) of Hull, who was paid $35 by Mrs. Lena Cusumano to kill her husband, Frank, in Nantasket in 1910. They must not have fooled around with appeals in those days for Marshall was executed June 6, 1912. Mrs. Cusumano also got death but her sentence was commuted the day before.

Oscar Bartolini, a handyman from Quincy, was sentenced to death for the murder of Grayce Asquith in the Willows section of Weymouth but the sentence was commuted by Gov. Leverett Saltonstall in 1939 and he was eventually freed on parole in 1960.

What is believed to be the first execution in English-speaking America was carried out on the South Shore when John Billington, one of the original Pilgrims often referred to as the Black Sheep of the Plymouth Colony, was hanged in 1630 for pointing his blunderbuss at his neighbor John Newcomen and blowing him away.

The only woman executed in Massachusetts was Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner of Worcester, who hired three soldiers, one American and two British, to do away with her husband, Joshua. All three were hanged July 2, 1778, after which Mrs. Spooner was found to be five months pregnant.

Probably the most famous execution in Massachusetts was that of Harvard Professor John Webster, who beat Dr. George Parkman over the head with a piece of kindling over a $400 debt and cut up the body into little pieces. He was hanged in August, 1850.

Shortly after, the noted lawyer Benjamin Butler was grilling a witness in another case a bit too harshly and was cautioned by the judge that the witness was a Harvard professor.

"I know, judge," said Butler. "We hanged one the other day."

Or so the story goes.

HEALTH NOTES

Sun and bugs can have a nasty bite

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.

Spring is here, and it's time to talk about how you can derive the most from the lovely place in which we live. Spring causes us to abandon the bunker mentality of winter and get outside. The standard stuff we teach our kids to dress appropriately, we sometimes forget ourselves. For example if it's going out into the woods, protect yourself against scratches, bug bites, ticks, etc. wear long sleeves; use a hat, take something warm when the weather changes, cause if you don't, it will. And do the protection thing: socks over pant legs to protect from biting insects and ticks. Deet: above 25 percent for adults, less for kids and netting for infants.

And don't forget the spring necessities for the house and outside. Put up the screens, get out the hoses and gardening paraphernalia. Clean up the winter's debris, and while you're at it, look for sites where standing water can collect – Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, boats, buckets and toys.

• Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.

• Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.

• Eliminate standing water on tarps and flat roofs.

• Do not allow water to collect in your garbage can.

Any standing water is an invitation to mosquitoes and other insects to spawn larvae which will become the insects that plague us all summer.

Exposure to the sun

And don't forget to once again start protecting yourself from the sun. We've mentioned the hat; perhaps with a wide brim, and also, sunglasses, and if you're out much it's probably time to start the sunblocker. Melanoma's a constant threat. Exposure to sun at an early age is a major risk factor for melanoma later in life.

May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. The month is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, including basal cell, squamous cell, and melanoma. According to the *United States Cancer Statistics: 1999–2002 Incidence and Mortality Report*, 44,582 new cases of malignant melanoma were diagnosed in this country in 2002, the most recent year for which statistics are currently available. That same year, melanomas of the skin claimed the lives of 7,513 Americans. Although death rates from basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas are low, these cancers can cause considerable damage and disfigurement if they are untreated. However, when detected early, approximately 95 percent of these carcinomas can be cured.

Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays appears to be the most important environmental factor involved in the development of skin cancer. When used consistently, sun-protective practices can prevent skin cancer. On the other hand, UV rays from artificial sources of light, such as tanning beds and sunlamps, are as dangerous as those from the sun and should also be avoided. Although both tanning and burning can increase a person's risk for skin cancer, most Americans do not consistently protect themselves from UV rays. A survey sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that approximately 43 percent of white children under age 12 had at least one sunburn during the past year.

So this spring, get out and get some exercise, but use good sense and protect yourself from spring's natural risks. If you need to discuss anything we've talked about here call Joe Godzik, the Health Agent, at the Board of Health.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Live Override results start at 6 p.m.

Viewers can tune into live coverage of the override election results staring at 6 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday). Full results will be printed in next week's Mariner.

For those who missed the pre-election override discussion, Our Town is repeating the pre-override program next week. At 9 p.m., Monday and 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Our Town co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, who presents data to support the $725,000 override and members of the newly formed group "Enough," Anson Whealler and Merle Brown, who make the case for no override. During the program Supt. Denise Walks also talks about common misconceptions about the school budget and discusses financial needs of the school department.

New Our Town programming starts May 11.

Viewers can tune in to Our Town on Mondays at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. or Thursdays beginning at 8:30p.m. all on Comcast channel 10.

Viewers can email Our Town at: pat@wellspringhull.org.

'Every year we're asked for more'

COMMENTARY

ANSON WHEALLER

Your money and your kids. It's hard to think of two other topics that are as emotionally charged. Some think these two concerns are on a collision course in tomorrow's override vote. But I think differently.

Tomorrow's vote is not a referendum on the excellence and future of Cohasset's schools. I think of it, rather, as in intervention for a town that has become an override junkie. Think of the very word "override." Doesn't it connote a temporary measure to be used infrequently in emergency situations? As in, "If ketchup starts squirting out of that machine over there, hit the override button in a hurry, or we're in for a flood!" But that's not the way it has come to be used in our town. Here the override button is the *de facto* way we permanently circumvent the governmental thrift and frugality intended by Prop. 2-1/2.

Every year we're asked for more. *And then more on top of that.* But what has happened to the idea that tax dollars are still *our* dollars? And that we are entitled to public officials who wring every last bit of public good out of every last cent we pay before even thinking of asking for more? Whether we are rich, middle-income, or poor; whether we are elderly or just starting out; whether we have kids in school or are empty-nesters, I think we deserve no less than this. Isn't that the way most of us have to run our own homes? Why should we accept less from our Town?

So this is why I think every Cohasset parent should find it acceptable — even imperative — to vote against the two override questions on the ballot: it's your money, and you will need it. Your children's education does not end at Grade 12. My younger stepson will receive his master's degree in May, so I am painfully aware that the average yearly cost of a four-year private college is about $32,000 *today*. How much will it be when your children are ready for college? How much will you have paid in override taxes by that time? How many children do you have? Are you prepared?

Without the two override articles, the Cohasset schools will still thrive. Some tough choices will have to be made, but they *should* be made. Don't you face tough choices in your own budget? For the things that are truly important, the money will always be found. Don't you find that to be true in your own home?

I invite you to vote NO on both override questions. After all, it's your money. Save it for your kids.

Anson Whealler is chairman of Enough!. He lives at 619 Jerusalem Road.

Little primer based on 'facts'

COMMENTARY

TERRY GREEN

As we approach this final stage of the 2006 Override Campaign every citizen should be prepared to make a decision. By now, most of the messages are so diametrically opposed it probably has become confusing so a little primer based on "facts":

• These are "Town Overrides" — both the $725K and $1,495K include funds for the schools, library, police and elder affairs office to mention a few.

• Contrary to some opinions, this is not a "we vs. them" campaign. It's our town. We all vote and we all have the right to voice an opinion - facts included or not.

• As a town, we have seen decreasing support from the state in significant ways — argue over the exact amount — but it is well over $1,000,000.

• As a town, we have said "yes" to many infrastructure improvements. We still must pay for them. We are proud to have beautiful facades and we must continue to maintain and staff them.

• This override in NO way requires future overrides — every year we have the option to vote for whatever priorities we think are important to our town.

In the end, tomorrow May 6th you have a choice. You have the facts; it's critical that every voter in your household goes out to vote.

• A YES vote for $1,495K replaces critical services cut in the last three years, puts teachers back in the classrooms, and new books on the desks. It ensures we maintain our infrastructure and town supported services.

• A YES vote only for $725K is status quo. Our class sizes remain large, textbooks old, offerings for Advanced Placement will remain limited. We do not begin taking steps to rebuild our town.

To limit confusion, supporters of improving our town should vote YES/YES on Saturday, May 6th. Both Overrides can win, but the largest $ Override Question to get a majority vote is passed.

Thanks for your support.

Terry Green is Chairman of The Committee to Support Cohasset. He lives on Linden Drive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Quality vs. quantity

TO THE EDITOR:

There are two lessons I have tried to instill in my children, one: "what goes around comes around," in other words be kind and respect your neighbor. Two: "quality vs. quantity".

It seems to me sadly, the quality vs. quantity lesson has escaped some people in Cohasset lately. There are many who would have us believe that the quantity of money we pour into our school system equals the quality of education our children will receive. I do not agree. As in so many other area of life, sometimes we must get creative, and think of other ways to solve problems besides money. Granted it is the easy way to a quick fix, but that is all it amounts to. When that money runs out, more needs to go into that bottomless pit.

To me the quality that we need to remember is lesson one, what goes around comes around. I have only lived in Cohasset for 41 years, however I have learned the best quality this town has to offer is my good neighbors. These are wonderful people I have learned from, grown up with, people who have chosen to stay, live, raise families and work in this beautiful place. These people in my opinion, are the heart of this town, they know very well the second lesson: quantity does not always equal quality. These are the people this town cannot afford to lose. Think with your heart as well as your head when you vote no, no, next Saturday.

Mandy Burgoon
93 Ripley Road

Override benefits old and young

TO THE EDITOR:

It is not often that both young and old citizens — people on opposite ends of a social spectrum — suffer from similar deprivation, but in Cohasset today, they do.

As a year mired in constant conflict (everything from teacher contracts to bomb threats) comes to an end, it seems that the student body and its needs have become invisible. Without well-prepared students, a school cannot function and the benefits of a successful override will reach far beyond projected expenses. Since colleges and post-secondary institutions are becoming exceedingly competitive, students are expected to build a transcript that boasts intensive classes. How can anyone be expected to take an Advanced Placement exam if the voting population of Cohasset does not assume its responsibility to provide a teacher and a textbook?

Of course, this override will not only affect the school community. As a volunteer at Cohasset Elder Affairs for five years, it has become increasingly clear to me that the displacement of coordinators and staff members would divest this town's elderly population of invaluable opportunities that it so utterly deserves. The potential absence of classes, transportation, and annual events will hamper this organization terribly, and to allow its senior citizens to be pushed aside or neglected (just like the town's students) is intolerable.

Passing both override options is the only way to ensure that, at last, two formerly overlooked communities in Cohasset are bestowed much warranted attention.

Austin Breslow
Cohasset High School, Grade 11
714 Jerusalem Road

Top 10 reasons to vote 'no'

TO THE EDITOR:

Top 10 reasons to vote against the overrides

10. During the past 18 years, there have been 9 overrides. Only one override was anywhere near even the lower amount requested this year.

9. Massive overrides will reduce Cohasset's middle-income population. The town has always included an economically diverse population. Now we are risking turning Cohasset into a haven for yuppies.

8. Rapidly rising real estate taxes will also force many older residents to leave Cohasset and their network of friends. If you are in this group, voting against the override may be critically important to remaining in your home.

7. I am told that total school expenditures including the school portion of town expenditures and before deduction for offsets are about 65 percent of total town expenditures. This amount is for the benefit of 1515 students who account for about 20 percent of Cohasset's population. The other 80 percent of residents get to share in only 35 percent of expenditures.

6. Parents of schoolchildren, parents of preschool children and other concerned residents report widespread dissatisfaction with the schools. Last year we ranked number 12 out of 14 comparable school systems on MCAS tests.

5. We need serious education reform to address these dismal results. Throwing money at the schools without changes in curriculum and teaching practices is not the solution.

4. Our children deserve better schools.

3. Poor MCAS results hurt property values. Homebuyers looking for a quality education for their children have many choices with lower taxes and better education.

2. Higher real estate taxes will also hurt property values by making homes in Cohasset too expensive to own for many potential buyers.

Drum roll please!

1. These overrides are bad for Cohasset. Moving forward without change, which the school committee and administration propose, leaves the problems unresolved. Reject these overrides now and demand that next year the administration develop a reform program for restoring quality education. Then we can better understand the costs of creating a quality school system.

Paul Carlson
18 Old Coach Road

Retired resident supports overrides

TO THE EDITOR:

As a 42-year resident of Cohasset, I support the overrides on even though as a retired person, it will present a financial challenge. When we moved here in 1962, we looked at several communities on the South Shore because we wanted to be on by the ocean. As young parents, our first priority was an excellent school system. We liked the diversity of the community, long-time residents, fishermen, farmers, new people and summer people. The housing for the most part was affordable.

Many things have changed: less diversity in income, the high cost of housing and loss of open space. But one thing has remained constant — the desire to have a good school system to prepare our children for a rapidly changing world. Schools cost money and Massachusetts places much of the financial responsibility for education on local governments. For communities like Cohasset, with no industrial base, the burden falls on the property tax, a regressive tax that allows for no variations in income or exemptions. But the state and federal governments do give local governments some money for education, but recently they have cut back on funding while mandating expensive programs, such as MCAS and special needs. Unfortunately, it is easier to place the blame on our local officials, but we must let our members of Congress and state legislators know that we need these funds. A hopeful note: there is a move in the state legislature to restore some of that funding.

Having served on the Advisory Board, the Capital Budget Committee and the Planning Board, I know that local elected and appointed officials do their best to analyze the Town's needs, scrutinize expenditures and present the best budget they can for the voters at Town Meeting to debate, amend, reject or adopt.

Let's not forget that these volunteers are taxpayers, our neighbors and our friends. They gain only the satisfaction of serving the Town.

Democracy depends upon its citizens to be informed and to participate in the democratic process. Sadly, I find that Cohasset has changed in some ways: less economic diversity, loss of open space, very expensive housing, and an occasional chill wind of suspicion and resentment.

But for the most part, the desire to provide our children with the best education to prepare them for a rapidly changing world, has increased and I hope we will work together with a spirit of respectful inquiry toward that shared goal and a love of our community. which is as strong as ever.

Pat Facey
4 Woodland Drive

Voters ask for reasonableness

TO THE EDITOR:

Rob Spofford's pro-override article last week provided little concrete support for his view; rather, he trotted out tired generalities like: services will suffer, maintenance is important, etc. His key point: "I challenge anyone to provide specific ideas and areas where they can find true fat in these budgets."

As a resident who, like most of my friends, has some appreciation for the issue items but not down to the line-item level, let me say: providing specifics in *not* our job. It is yours. But here is what we generally expect:

• That spending growth, over time, approximate the sum of the rate of inflation and the rate of population growth.

• That the Town not take on ill-advised projects like the Cook Estate. At the outset of that effort, we were told the Town would likely flip that property for a cool $1 million. Turns out we lost $300K.

• That the Town spend its money in a reasonable fashion. (I watched a few years ago as we spent $38 million to upgrade the middle school and the high school. As part of that project, we tore down a perfectly functional gym and built a new one that is so big, we struggle to heat it.)

Voters shouldn't have to provide specifics. We only ask for leadership, prudence, and reasonableness. Incidentally, my wife and I have four small children and no issue is more important to us than education. But this override, if passed, will do little to improve education. It will, however, perpetuate a dysfunctional planning and spending system.

Matthew Grech
16 Carbone Lane

It's about quality education

TO THE EDITOR:

What *was* good enough is no longer!

The questions to be answered at the poles on Saturday are not votes "for" or "against" the people who run or ran our town. The questions to be answered primarily address one thing: The quality of education in Cohasset.

Make no mistake; Saturday's vote is not about whether you think the town has done a good job of spending our tax dollars. This is not about sending a message to someone who you think is doing a lousy job. This is not a referendum on decisions made in the past. This is not about forcing someone out of town. This is not about whether or not we can increase revenue sources in addition to the tax base.

This is about the good of our community as a whole. It is about whether we are willing to make sure that our schoolchildren are provided a quality public education. It is about making sure that the *acutely* needed resources are available *now* to put our school system *back on track* toward being the best it can be. It is about providing appropriate class sizes for learning. It is about giving our children the opportunity to learn the most relevant and essential topics needed for *today* by providing advanced math, English and foreign language studies for our high school students. It is about providing needed reading assistance at the middle school level and it is about replacing outdated text books. The needs *are* real.

What was good enough for us is no longer!

Do you take umbrage with a management issue regarding the town? Great! Let's talk about it *next* week and work constructively to address issues. The ballot box is not the venue to prove a point.

Shame on us if we put "Proving a point" above the best interest of the town's children. As the adult members of our community we are responsible for its children. Doing all that we can is enough!

Please vote YES for both override numbers.

Lee Stone
46 Gammons Road

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Time for fairness

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm a grandmother and a widow who moved to Cohasset over 15 years ago to be near my daughter and young grandchildren. I have witnessed many changes in Cohasset and have been astounded by the lack of accountability in the school system.

For years I have listened to people like School Committee Chair, Adrienne MacCarthy postulate on how the people of Cohasset have not been spending enough for the schools.

If that is so why are our real estate taxes ranked 9th in the state? Also why is our outstanding debt ranked 14th in the state — most of which is the money spent on the schools.

Currently I am paying 2-1/2 times more than Ms. MacCarthy in real estate taxes and am labeled 'anti-education'. She, on the other hand, is constantly carping about the few fees she spends for her children's activities. I've heard her say how smart she is to be paying so little in taxes. Well, Ms. MacCarthy is not paying her fair share.

She should have spent her tenure on the School Building Committee making sure that we had energy efficient and low maintenance facilities. Instead our tax dollars are going into energy inefficient and high maintenance buildings that she and Selectman Rob Spofford saddled us with, leaving less money for actual education. Plus people like me are being priced out of Cohasset.

On the School Committee she should be watching the dollars and making sure that non-mandated and non- education programs like child care, lunch and full day K were paying the fees to cover the costs instead of making people like myself subsidize her children.

While watching a school committee meeting last June, I saw her second a motion to cut teachers while increasing administrative positions. I also witnessed her voting against trimming SPED transportation costs. Plus she does not feel that full day K should pay the actual expenses that program incurs. From what I've read, full day K lost $200,000 in this year's school budget because of undercharging tuition and still there is no move to change the tuition and save $250,000 in tax dollars for '07. Instead Ms. MacCarthy is waiting to see how the override does at the polls – if it passes then people like me will continue to sacrifice to subsidize these fee programs.

It's time to bring Fairness to Cohasset and have the parents fully pay for their children's lunch, childcare and full day K.

Please allow people like me to continue to live here. Like so many others in my position, I love my home and want to remain a contributing member of this community.

Please Vote No on both override questions and then demand prudence and fiscal responsibility from our elected officials.

Edythe Ford
Beach Street

'Not Cohasset values'

TO THE EDITOR:

The total, 20-year, 5 percent compounded cost to Cohasset taxpayers for the $1.5 million tax override, for those care to look one day beyond May 6, is a staggering $51.8 million – and for what? It's for non-essential, admitted wish list spending conceptualized, for the most part, by town employees who do not reside in Cohasset, who will not have to pay such painful taxes and thus, apparently, don't know nor care about the seniors, single parents, retirees and young families that they dislocate or damage as long as they get money from others to pay for their wish lists! Indeed, even Santa Clause would vote no to such thoughtless gift requests!

Who among us has not heard, over the past weeks, from a friend or neighbor who genuinely reports that such additional tax increases are the end of the line for them and they will be forced to sell and move to avoid financial ruin.

How can one save for college tuition for their kids when paying confiscatory taxes? How can one afford the escalating costs of energy and gasoline to get to work when paying out-of-control real estate taxes? How can one maintain their residence when paying excessive taxes for wish list spending. Why is it that so many parents are afraid to place a "vote no" sign on their lawn out of concern that they might lose their job or have their kids endure retaliation? Or, a new, extremely unwelcome scourge on the Cohasset scene, have their "no" sign stolen in the dark of night and/or replaced by an obscenity sign! That has happened! Zealousness is tolerated, but over-zealousness is a crime!

We see insensitivity to the welfare of others driven by lack of foresight. Lack of caring for fellow citizens and families motivated by selfishness of cause. Distortion and misrepresentation of budgets and agreement costs in order to "win at all costs!" These are not Cohasset values. These are not values we want our children to learn, nor have our elected officials support, nor have our seniors, retirees, friends and neighbors endure. These values merit only rejection – loud and clear.

Richard E. T. Brooks
68 Nichols Road

'It all begins to add up'

TO THE EDITOR:

I appreciated Jim Hamilton's satirical illustration of the "creative mathematics" that has been consistently used by past and present override advocates to win even if it takes misleading the public. Jim was correctly highlighting the absurdity of rounding the higher override article of $1.495M down to $1.4M on override proponent signs and literature. Interestingly, I mentioned this unethical tactic to my daughter, who graduated from Cohasset High and has three school-age children, and now lives in Oregon. She agreed that the tactic was totally disingenuous and unethical. However, she did point out that $1.495M rounds down to $1M rather than up to $2M. When I worked in the Pentagon, we had a saying: "a billion here, a billion there-after awhile it begins to add up." Almost 300,000,000 people live in the USA, less than 8,000 in Cohasset. Maybe we should be concerned about "a $100,000 here, a $100,000 there-after all, it begins to add up."

We have all heard the term "economies of scale." Cohasset has unsuccessfully been trying to offer everything (academic subjects and extracurricular activities) that larger School Districts can do more easily. When I was on the School Committee, I looked at the "offerings" of neighboring towns and was particularly impressed with the breadth of choices in the Hingham School District. The Hingham School District's performance indicators are also good. Cohasset has done "token" regionalization primarily in the area of sports. I suggest that serious discussions be initiated with Hingham on exchanging coverage for both academic subjects and other activities (not just sports, but all types of extracurricular activities).

The Cohasset School District has at least one thing in common with the business sector: "hiring lags." However, businesses project savings based on "hiring lags" into their annual budget process to arrive at their all-important "P&L"(profit/loss projection). A hiring lag happens when it takes longer than projected to hire for a replacement or new hire. Quite often, there are major "hiring lags" when someone quits to take a job elsewhere, retires, or decides to leave for maternity or other reasons. Typically, businesses budget for a 3-5 percent "hiring lag." What is different about the Cohasset School budget is that it assumes no "hiring lag." We know that 80 percent of the Cohasset School budget is spent on personnel. If we use the lower 3 percent "hiring lag" number; we arrive at "found money aka a "*slush fund*" of *$288,000* for a $12,000,000 Cohasset School budget. The 5 percent number would equal $480,000.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

School overhead too high

TO THE EDITOR:

In its April 28, 2006 edition, the Cohasset Mariner continues it series titled "How does Cohasset Measure up?" This issue presents "Education Overhead". It shows Cohasset education overhead to be 27 percent higher than its Benchmark Peer Group. Yet the schools are asking for an override of a million and a half dollars to add to their overhead.

Before taxpayers reward the schools with additional funding from an override, the schools should demonstrate their ability to get their overhead in line with the other towns with which we compare ourselves.

Paul L. Lualdi
65 Deep Run

Yes signs also stolen

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading the Mariner last week, I decided to write about the stolen "Vote Yes Yes" signs. Many of the signs *supporting* the override have been stolen. It is not only the "Vote No" signs that have been attracting the thieves.

While I have the microphone, I would also like to emphasize that Cohasset is not the only town contemplating a large tax override. Norwell, Randolph and Milton, to name a few, are also in a similar situation. When I hear the opponents to the override suggest that it is fiscal mismanagement in Cohasset, I have to wonder how all of these towns could possibly be mismanaged. This brings me to the conclusion that the cut in state aid is affecting many citizens of Massachusetts.

Lynne Schwandt
Tower Lane

Good schools come with a price

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

Paul Antico's recent column called upon our town officials to keep future budgets within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2. He bemoaned our long-term debt and asked, "Why didn't anyone with a closer knowledge of the town's finances stand up and say that we couldn't afford these capital expenditures?"

Ten years ago, we held a Special Town Meeting under the tent at the Music Circus in August to take up the question of the new Osgood School. Voters were aware of the long-term implications of assuming that debt, but still approved it after a lengthy debate. Conversely, at a fall Town Meeting a few years ago, voters rejected a capital debt exclusion to build a new police station because we were told our debt ratio was now out of line. For the same reason, voters last year rejected the 50/50 for the Little Harbor sewer project.

The point is, budget issues, overrides, and the affordability of capital projects have been discussed in Cohasset ad nauseam for many years. Our town officials have been nowhere near as uninformative nor the voters as uninformed as Mr. Antico suggests. Mr. Antico and others, who blithely assert that because our taxes are going up, our town must be mismanaged, need to view Cohasset's current financial dilemma from both an historical and a comparative perspective of municipal finances in Massachusetts.

Our cities and towns have been dependent on state and federal aid in various forms since the Depression. For example, 40 years ago this month the sales tax was enacted by the legislature at the behest of Gov. Volpe solely to provide local aid for cities and towns because property taxes were out of control. Over the years local aid has fluctuated with the ups and downs of the economy. However, what is unprecedented in the current era is that even with the improvement in the economy, local aid still is declining, a situation beyond the control of town officials.

If you listen to the critics, one might get the impression that

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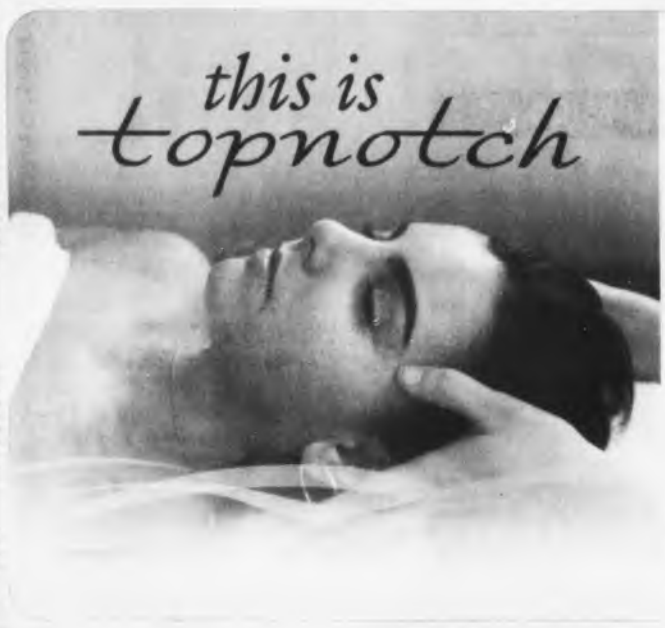

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Good schools come with a price

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Cohasset is mismanaged beyond all others. Mr. Antico states that our taxes are increasing faster than surrounding communities. But he does not take into account that we have undertaken state-mandated sewer improvements; that we have approved a 2 percent tax surcharge for the Community Preservation Act; and that we have no commercial tax base. Moreover, almost every other city and town in the state is facing the same dilemma of increased local taxes vs. cuts in services. In nearby Norwell for example, voters are facing a three tier budget override: $840,000, $1.53 million, or $1.95 million.

Mr. Brooks used the term mismanagement several times with reference to Cohasset in his recent column. He referred to Concord, where he said he lived until seven years ago, as a "top notch bedroom community." But according to the State Dept. of Ed., Concord spends about $8800 per year per pupil, whereas Cohasset spends about $7400. In other words, a town that Mr. Brooks thinks is so wonderful, Concord, spends almost 20 per cent more per pupil than his new hometown of Cohasset.

Mr. Whealler wrote in last week's Mariner, "Something is wrong when your local property tax bill exceeds your state and federal tax bill combined." But has Mr. Whealler ever seen a state or federal employee put out a house fire, or respond to a 911 call, or apply CPR to a heart attack victim, or operate our transfer station, or cut the grass on the Common, or educate our children in the public schools? Compared to the massive bureaucracies of federal and state agencies, our local government is a model of efficiency. By the measure of, "You get what you pay for," Cohasset town government has the feds and state beat, hands down.

"No new taxes!" is a simple-minded response to our complex and structural budget issues, utterly failing to acknowledge reality and lacking any sense of shared obligation by the members of a community. No one wants to pay more taxes. But as with everything else in life, good schools and good local services come at a price. If we truly want Cohasset to reflect the sort of place we want to call home, then a "Yes" vote on the overrides is essential.

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

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Artist exhibits – Artist Nancy Connolly will exhibit her work in the Meeting Room through the end of June. An artist's reception will take place Sunday, May 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays.

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Greenspace program is May 16

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The meeting will be held at Saint Anthony's Parish Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Guest experts at the May 16 meeting will describe the whys and hows of building rain gardens. They are Sally Coyle of Coyle & Caron, landscaping design firm, and Mark Clark of Norfolk Ram Group, which is assisting the Cohasset Water Department in implementing the rain garden concept for protection of the Lily Pond watershed.

Meeting attendance is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

For further information please call Sarah Pease: 781-383-1406 or John Hartshorne: 781-383-0317

POLITICAL NOTES

Islam and The West

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will be hosting a session of the Cohasset Political Forum on Saturday morning, May 6 at 9:30a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to discuss the dynamics of the relationship between Islam and the West. The Committee is honored to welcome Cohasset's own Lincoln P. Bloomfield as the featured speaker. Professor Bloomfield is a distinguished author and lecturer. He served as Assistant Secretary of State and in the White House as Director of Global Issues in the National Security Council. A lively round table discussion will follow Dr. Bloomfield's remarks. As always, admission is free and everyone is invited. Bring your morning coffee and join us for some interesting conversation. If you have any questions, please check the web site at www.cohassetdems.org, or call Chairman Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

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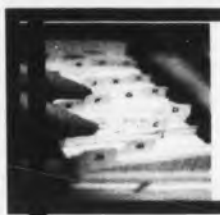

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IN YOUR FACE!

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Following the CHS softball team's win over Norwell last Thursday, Erin Liddell (23) nails teammate Melissa Crowley-Buck with a cream pie, made my Melissa's mom, no less. The pies were for three softball players who were celebrating their birthday that day, April 27: Melissa, Katie James and Laura Campedelli.
For this week's softball report, see page 22.

Boys tennis team makes history

Skippers hand Norwell its first league loss in 129 matches

By Mark Goodman
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If anybody was going to do it, it was going to be Cohasset.

The Norwell High boys tennis team entered last Thursday's match in Cohasset riding a 128-match winning streak, a run that spanned more than a decade.

The Skippers had given the Clippers many tough matches over the years, and in that contest last Thursday, they got over the hump. Behind straight set victories from singles players Nils Sceery and Dan Sullivan, and doubles teams Chris Pescatore/Chris Donze and Victory Hartman/Ryan Crough, Cohasset earned a history-making 4-1 victory.

"That was an awesome win for us," said Pescatore. "We were pretty confident going into it. Everyone won their first set, and we just went from there."

This match saw the reunion of "The Chrises" at first doubles, with Donze returning to the lineup for the first time this season. He and Pescatore played together last year, and Donze's return helps give Cohasset a major weapon at first doubles.

"I feel like we know each other well and complement each other a lot," said Pescatore.

In what Sceery commended as a class act, Norwell coach Jay Swartz approached the Skippers team after the match and congratulated them on their win.

"I expressed to them that if [the streak] was going to end, I wanted to lose to a very good team that's well coached, and that's what happened," said Swartz.

Sceery topped Norwell sophomore Rob Ankner 6-1, 6-2 in a match that was more competitive than the score would indicate. Sullivan defeated Clippers senior Scott Kitchen, 7-5, 6-4.

Norwell freshman Jared Wright earned the lone point for Norwell at third singles over Cohasset's Blain Morin. The third set of that match went straight to a tiebreaker, won by Wright, but Morin's teammates believe he had a good chance to win a regulation third set had it come to that.

Two days later, the Skippers got on the bus for an early morning (10 a.m.) match at Cape Cod Academy. Wins from Sceery, Hartman/Crough and Pescatore/Chris Ackley earned Cohasset a tough 3-2 win.

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Tracksters split season opener

By Fletcher Smalzel
CORRESPONDENT

Last year's track debut pitted Cohasset against their rivals from neighboring town Hull. This year, however, the situation has changed drastically, as the two schools have combined forces to create one multi-town team.

Early in the year, it appeared that the new teammates from Hull would give a boost to both the boys and the girls track programs. Unfortunately, all the girls slated to be on the roster from Hull dropped off the team before the season got underway.

The boys from Hull that have stuck with the team, however, are going to pay huge dividends, says coach Al LaFountain.

"The boys bring nine (athletes) to the table, and every one of them contributes in four events," he said. "Our distance crew is strictly (Hull students). Last year, we had a couple of runners and a full amount of throwers; this year, now we have both throwers and runners, which completes our team."

Cohasset captain Paul St. Pierre agrees that the addition of Hull to the program will enhance the team's success, saying, "We're looking to go far this season because of the numbers we have, as opposed to last year."

Making the hike to Harwich for the team's first dual meet on Monday, both the boys' and girls' teams were hoping to make the trip worthwhile. The boys team earned a dominating victory over Harwich 84-42. The girls fell short, 86-50.

For the boys, junior Brent Daly led the way for the Skippers, taking first place in the 100m with a time of 11.6 seconds. Daly also ran away with the 200m, earning a time of 23.9 seconds, more than three seconds faster than the runner-up. Reed Wendorf-French was also able to grab a first place finish in the 300m (47.9 seconds).

The impact of the new Hull arrivals was noticeable, even this early in the season. Jake Augenstern, who has emerged as the Skippers' top 800m runner, took first in that event on Monday. John Cleverly, a long distance runner, has improved Cohasset's depth in that field. Cleverly participated in the mile and ran a time of 5:12. Finishing just 15 seconds later was Cohasset's own track veteran,

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CHS girls tennis tops Norwell, too

By Mark Goodman
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For the first time in nine years, the Cohasset High girls tennis entered a match against Norwell without the proverbial bullseye on its back.

After winning the South Shore League all those years, it was the Clippers who knocked the Skippers off that perch last season. Last Thursday, however, Cohasset served notice that it may be ready to reclaim top billing.

Led by some strong performances in singles and doubles, the Skippers went to Norwell and came away with a convincing 4-1 victory. The match of the day for Cohasset came at second singles, where senior Susan Curry came back from a 2-6 first set loss to take the next two, 6-1, 6-4, to top Norwell senior Taylor Cleaves.

Curry appeared to be cruising in the third set, serving 5-2 with a triple match-point. Cleaves came back, however, to win five straight sets and break Curry's serve, and then holding her own serve to close it to 5-4.

The next game went to deuce, but Curry responded with two strong serves in a row to win the game and the match. Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan said afterward she was impressed by both players.

"Taylor picked up her game at the end and showed a lot of composure. She never quit," Meehan said. "That's a tough thing to beat, when they're not giving it to you. Susie took it."

Norwell coach Judy Field credited Curry, saying, "she played a great match." The Norwell coach added that the loss for her player may not be such a bad thing.

"Taylor has had some very easy second singles matches, and I needed to have her realize that she needs to step up," Field said. "It's not always going to be a cakewalk."

The last match to finish was actually first doubles. The Cohasset duo of sophomore Sally Meehan and junior Charlotte Landon dominated the first set, 6-2.

The second set was a much different story, as Norwell juniors Rachel Thomas and Marissa Dalferro broke Cohasset's serve to tie it up, 6-

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Win one, lose one

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Alex Goetz, pictured above taking a swing against Archbishop Williams, scored the game-winning run last Thursday against Norwell after starting the rally with a leadoff double.

Such is the recent pattern for CHS baseball team

By Mark Goodman
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More than halfway through its season, the Cohasset High baseball team stands where it started a month ago.

Just as many wins and losses.

At 5-5, the Skippers are certainly well within reach of their main goal, which is to finish at least .500 and qualify for the state tournament. At 3-3 in the South Shore League, the Skippers also have a shot at a league title that is there for anyone's taking.

Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta is taking a glass-half full approach.

"I think we're a couple one-run losses away from being a 7-3 team right now," he said Wednesday. "On the other hand, we're a loss or two away from being out of contention for a South Shore League title.

"Overall, I'm pretty confident that we have the ability to at least split those last eight games and get into the tourney."

Unlike some of their athletic peers, the Skippers' schedule has been relatively untouched by the recent spate of bad weather. Following yesterday's game in Abington, Cohasset is looking at a reasonable three-game schedule next week, which should allow Gallotta to maintain a relatively normal pitching rotation entering the home stretch.

The Skippers got a very strong outing on the mound from sophomore Brian Hill in last Thursday's 5-3 win over two-

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Lady Laxers enter grueling stretch

By Mark Goodman
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At this time next week, the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team will have a far clearer idea of where it stands in the state tournament picture.

Playing five games in six days will generally do that.

Various postponements and the like have left the Skippers with a schedule next week that borders on the absurd: Monday at Notre Dame, Tuesday against Hanover, Thursday against Sandwich, Friday at Marshfield, and Saturday at Barnstable.

And before that, there was yesterday's showdown against Hingham (played after the Mariner went to press) and a matchup today at home against NDA. The Harborwomen knocked Cohasset out of the postseason last year, and Skippers head coach Chuck Jaffe was looking to this game as a big test.

Jaffe says the girls were ready, as Tuesday's practice was one of the best of the year.

"The intensity level was really up," he said. "It's one thing to talk about being an elite team; it's another to be an elite team. You have to play and practice hard everyday. Everybody was really into it (Tuesday); they were just flying around and fully engaged in what we were doing."

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Cohasset's Carly Salerno scores from third on a passed ball in the second inning of the Skippers' 14-8 win in Norwell last Thursday.

Softballers on a hot streak

Wins over Norwell, Scituate make it 3 in a row for CHS

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High softball squad is at it again.

With two more wins last week over Norwell and Scituate, the road looks smooth for the Skippers. Smoother than the roads to Freedom Field, at least.

After coming off their nail-biting comeback against Carver, the girls refueled their tanks for a trip to Norwell last Thursday. It was worth the trip, to say the least.

Senior captain Erin Liddell and junior Alida Tangherlini lit the fuse early with base hits in the first inning, scoring Virginia Spofford and Kristin Monaco. And when four more Skipper runs came out of the top of the second inning, some wondered if a blowout was in store.

Not the case. In the bottom of the second, the Clippers strung together a number of dangerous base hits that forced some Skipper errors. A daunting eight Norwell runs surfaced before Cohasset could end the inning.

Down by two, the Skippers rolled up their sleeves to get to work once again. And they did. With pitcher Katie James keeping the Norwell offense at bay, the Skipper bats pounded in eight more runs in the rest of the game. Final score: 14-8.

"We got a little scared in the second inning," admitted Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick. "The girls just kept chipping away, though, and we came through with the victory."

Bostwick praised James, Spofford, Tangherlini, Anna Haggerty, Carly Zappalo, and Carly Salerno for their offensive production. Monaco, Haggerty, Zappalo, and Liddell also performed well in the field. In addition to going 2-for-3 with a double at the plate bat, James let up only five hits from the mound.

"It's great to have someone like James who can play different positions," said Bostwick. "In general, the girls are really versatile in terms of playing everywhere on the field."

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The Skippers dedicated this league victory to the late Cohasset High School student Kurt Gritzan, who had passed away the night before.

The Skipper fire continued through Saturday when the girls played host to Scituate for their fourth game of the week.

"The girls were tired mentally and physically going into this game from the busy week," acknowledged Bostwick. "Still, they stuck it out and managed to get another win."

The stands remained quiet for the first couple innings as both teams tried, and failed, to get their offense rolling. Then came the third inning.

Base hits from Tangherlini, Zappalo, Haggerty, and Spofford woke up the crowd. As junior Christina Pinkus stepped up to the plate, the excitement escalated. With a full count, Pinkus sent a rocket over the center field fence for a two-run homer. This rally eventually produced eight runs on the scoreboard for the Skippers.

Aside from four Sailor runs in the top of the 7th, the Skippers coasted to a 12-8 victory.

Campanelli, Liddell, Pinkus, Spofford, and Zappalo led the offensive charge, all contributing to the total of 14 Skipper hits.

Liddell, James, Haggerty, and Monaco controlled the infield, while Spofford at the mound suffocated any potential Sailor offense.

"It's great that we already have all our positions figured out at this point in the season," said Bostwick. "Once we can learn to come out strong in the first inning, I think we'll do even better."

In addition to a versatile defense, the Skippers hitting has really come along.

"Our offense is much more consistent this year," explained Pinkus, a top hitter herself. "If we can keep up our hitting and cut down on the errors, we will do well."

Coming out strong will be a necessary task as the Skippers take on Sacred Heart, Mashpee, Abington, and Avon this week.

Virginia Spofford lays down an RBI bunt single in the second inning of last Thursday's win over Norwell.

Tracksters split season opener

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John McCarthy.

In the field events, junior Colin Conway took first place in the discus as he hurled it a whopping 108.7 feet. More success by Cohasset's throwers came from Nick Cambi. Cambi, a junior at CHS, finished first in the discus event, with a distance of 37.8 feet.

Although the girls' final results were not exactly what the team was looking for, there were some noteworthy performers on Monday. Sheelah Scott finished in first place in the mile with a time of 6:21. In addition, Georgia Murley and Alyssa Hinman finished second in the 100m and 800m, respectively.

The boys' early season win is hopefully a sign of a bright road ahead, and even though the girls' final score wasn't as impressive as that of the boys', the potential is high for the Lady Skippers. Also, it is important to bear in mind that Monday was only the first dual meet of many to come; and with help from LaFountain and his staff, the girls should improve greatly as the season progresses.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Sailing Club registration is coming

Registration for membership, classes and dock space is being held on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sailing Club.

Come on down to the harbor! Registration forms can be found at the recreation department, community center, and of course at the Sailing Club on the registration days.

Legion baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Post 118 Legion baseball team are being held at the Scituate High School baseball field on Saturday, May 6 and the following Saturday, May 13, both at 5:30 p.m.

Tryouts are open to residents in Cohasset and Scituate, age 20-and-under. All players must attend both tryout sessions, including those that were on the team last season.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Scott Arnold at (781)545-1896.

Rec Dept. offers boot camp fitness program

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program, to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity meets from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, with checks payable to the Town of Cohasset. You may register at any class.

This session concludes Thursday, June 15, and the second session begins the following week on the 20th.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for men and women of all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump rope, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

Please dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope to class, and wear running shoes.

Keep in mind, success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

Win one, lose one

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time defending league champion Norwell. After allowing three runs (on two hits and four walks) in the first, Hill posted all zeroes after that, allowing just one hit and two walks over those final six innings.

The Skippers got two runs in the bottom of the sixth to break a 3-3 tie. Alex Goetz led off the inning with a double, and came around to score on an RBI single by senior Chris Ofsthun. The speedy outfielder then stole second, and scored the insurance run on a run-scoring base hit off the bat of fellow senior Chris Bryan.

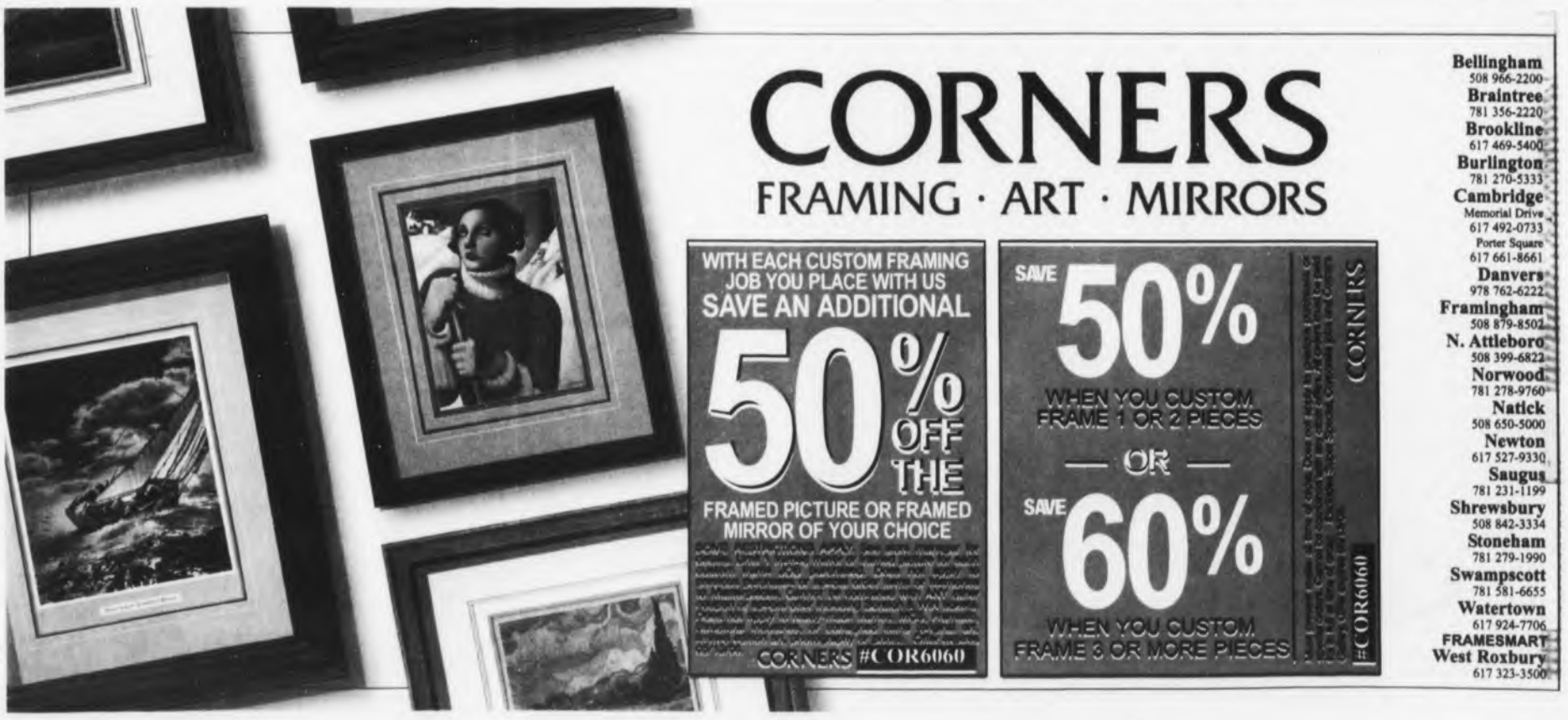
"That was a very good win for us," said Gallotta. "We played well defensively, and we had great pitching and some timely hits."

Things did not go quite as smoothly in Monday's 5-1 loss to league-leading Mashpee. Bryan was on the mound for this one, and kept the visiting Falcons scoreless through three. Mashpee did get three runs, however, in the top of the fourth on four hits and a walk.

Bryan allowed the first two batters in the fifth to get on base, and Gallotta went to sophomore Sam DeGiacomo in relief. DeGiacomo allowed the two inherited runners to score, but otherwise pitched well and wound up tossing three shutout innings.

"He pitched very well over those last two innings. He threw the ball hard," Gallotta said of DeGiacomo. "It was encouraging to see him pitch as well as he did."

Those games next week are home against Carver on Monday, at Harwich on Tuesday and at Hull Thursday. Those three, as well as yesterday's Abington contest, are all league games.



YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Cohasset boys

The boys **Blue U15** team hosted Norwell this past Sunday in what turned out to be a very lopsided victory for the home team 15–6.

After putting the game out of reach by the end of the first quarter, having outscored their opponents 9–1, the players got a chance to try out some new positions and to work on some of their set offenses as the remainder of the game played out equally well for both sides.

The defense of **Mark Seraikas, Patrick Dunn**, and **Chris Brown** shut the Norwell squad down immediately, while goaltender "in-the-making" **Derek Youngman** continued to establish himself as the heir apparent with another strong performance in the net demonstrating a fearless determination to keep opposing offenses off the scoreboard.

John McGoldrick had a breakout game, netting four goals on offense and then finding his "true calling" battling in the trenches with a long pole on Close-D and anchoring a formidable second half defensive trio of **Jack Nelson** and **Chase Murphy** that all played like veterans at their new positions. **Luke Ernst** took turns at middie and attack contributing 3 goals and 3 assists for the double hat-trick, a feat also duplicated by **Olly Forrer** playing both ways.

Wil Lynner jumped up to midfield to add an assist, **Nick Lieberman** (1G/2A) found his passing stride, and **Terrence Durkin** added one each from midfield and attack (on a shot that looked more like a strong 4-iron then anything else!) **Ian Porter, Dean Driscoll**, and **Jack Carrier** also helped to "seal the deal" each netting one a piece.

The **U15 White** squad beat Plymouth at home Sunday, extending our undefeated streak to four games.

Plymouth's seven year young program was self admittedly struggling this season. Cohasset took them at 6–1 by half time and finished the game at 13–1. Not a tremendous spectator event but we did our best to work on extra ball movement, clears, and ground balls. Per usual, **Andrew Littauer, Taylor McQuade, Dave Hernon**, and goalie **Jack Murphy**, shut down any attempt at offense Plymouth could muster.

Alex Kinnealy (1G), **Geoff Evans** (2G, 2A), **Conor Queenan** (3G, 3A), **Tom Flibotte** (4G, 2A), **Jake Kissick** (2G), **Austin Meyers** (1G), and **Andrew Whitney** (1A) contributed to the scoring while **Charlie Coffman** and **Chris Hayes** contributed equally in hustle and team work.

While not a true test of our abilities, the game did demonstrate good field positioning and an increasing level of confidence in ball handling and awareness amongst our players. The boys will continue to work on our skills and execution in practice and look forward to our next challenge.

Cohasset **Grey U-13** played their second game on artificial turf this week away at Pembroke. The Greys fell behind early 2-0 to a determined Pembroke squad but rallied with hard work by **Jamie Timothy** (2G), **Alex Evans** (1A) and **John Collins** (1G) all finding the net. While the Greys went into the half tied at 3, Pembroke had many chances but the defense of **Geoff (The Wall) Swain**, **Robbie Hillman** and **Danny Czerkawski** protected **Kyle Healy** (12 saves) in the first half.

Brennan Bukowski tended net in the second half and turned back 6 tough shots with added defensive help from **Pat Kearney** who also had another beautiful end2end transition for a well earned strike. The Greys pressed hard in the second half with continued pressure by **Kyle Livingstone, Forster Eymer, Blake McGowan** and **Zach Strecher**.

Greys kept it in the Pembroke end with **Gus Helbock, Teddy Patsos** and **Jimmy Lydon** all contributing on getting to the loose balls. The Greys had a number of late chances in the fourth quarter but just missed converting for a tying score. This team is full of determined and skilled laxers who fell short in the box 5-4 but finished strong in teamwork and opportunities.

The boys **Blue U13** team suffered a heartbreaking loss (their first of the season) to an overly physical, but very talented Norwell team coming up just short in an 11- 8 loss at home.

This was an exciting game from the very beginning with multiple lead changes and each team slugging it out "toe to toe" throughout the game. **Rob Mahoney** continued to improve his inside game netting 3 goals on the day while also taking a few shifts on midfield.

The defensive corps of **Ben Curley, Blake Erler, Derek Froio**, and **Dan Barnes** had their hands full all day, but managed to keep the opposing offense in check throughout most of the contest. **Willy Brown**, though handcuffed by a new stick that didn't want to cooperate, stopped multiple rockets from between the pipes and saved more than he allowed in.

On offense, Dean (2G/2A) and Mitch (2G/1A) McNary again provided the "backbone" with key answering tallies as they switched back and forth from midfield to defense to help keep things in check, with **John Mills** adding a single tally.

The key for Norwell was the outstanding play from their goalie, who routinely made some high school level kick-saves to frustrate the hometown boys. The turning point came in the beginning of the 4th quarter with the score notched at 8 – 8 when Cohasset got caught with a shift mismatch that yielded 3 unanswered goals from Norwell's top offensive threats as a result of several unchallenged clears.

This lead proved to be too much to overcome as Norwell used their remaining possessions wisely and kept control of the remaining time on the clock to take home the win.

The Cohasset **U13 White** traveled to Marshfield last Sunday. Under beautiful sunny skies, the team matched up against a skilled and mature Marshfield squad.

Cohasset started **Matt Swanborg** in the cage, giving goaltending stalwart **Chris Murphy** the opportunity to play in the open field as a defenseman. Cohasset battled hard all game, but found it tough to penetrate a strong Marshfield defense. Despite a number of fine saves by Swanborg, Cohasset trailed 6-0 at the half.

Cohasset came out in the second half committed to hustling play and matched Marshfield's second half scoring by netting two of their own. When the horn sounded Marshfield was on top 8-2.

Cohasset scores came from **Coleman Hernon** on a feed from **Drew Nahill** and from **Nick Tangherlini** unassisted.

On Sunday the **U11Cohasset Blue** squad beat Norwell, 14-0. In a nutshell, it was the best showing of teamwork and hustle for Cohasset Blue all year.

The most obvious improvement in the level of play this weekend was the excellent participation by third grade new comers. This along with the consistently great contribution from our fourth graders led to the dominant win this Sunday.

Zach Coggins won the opening face-off, and great passing/teamwork was evident right out of the gate, as Zach zipped it to **Cole Maher** on the left side of the goal who in turn found **Colin Whelan** on the right side of the crease who then sniped it in to start the scoring.

With **Tommy Powers** winning the next face-off, **Cole Morrison** notched the 2d goal on a great pass from Max M, and then Colin W found Tommy P for the third. In all, the boys scored 7 goals in the 1st quarter: Colin Whelan (2), Cole Morrison, Tommy Powers, Max M, **Martin Buckley** and **Jack Conte**, who went coast to-coast to end the quarter. Cohasset's defense was super, and we controlled the field of play.

The second quarter started with a bang as **Connor Green**, who assisted on a first quarter goal, scored one of his own early in the 2d, shortly after Matt A assisted Zach. Cole Morrison notched his 2d goal and at the half we were up 10-0. In the hustle dept., Martin Buckley and **Jeff Powers** aggressively chased down loose ball after loose ball and both **Rennie Westcott** and Harry Seraikas were strong on both defense and offense.

With **Mats Nelson** relieving **Henry Brown** in goal in the 2d half, Henry opened up the scoring in the 3d on a crisp pass from Max M, and in the 4th Cole Morrison, Jeff Powers (assisted by Colin and w/ a nifty 360 move) and Max M. closed out the scoring.

Throughout the 2d half, as Norwell improved their level of play, players such as **Hollis Hunnewell** and **Jake Burchill** stepped up their own games and got in on the action too. In all, the group has begun to work as a single unit, improving the quality of play and contributing to the resulting score.

The **U11 White** team wearing their blue jerseys for the first time this year traveled to Marshfield and came away with a tough 5-2 win.

Third grader **Cameron Steele** opened the scoring with a shot 2 1/2 minutes into the game. After some great defense by both teams, **Mark Brown** found the net to make it 2-0 half way through the 1st quarter. As time was running down in the quarter **Tom O'Brien** came up with a loose ball and with a great shot made the score 3-0, which is how the quarter ended.

The 2nd quarter was filled with great defense from both teams with the only score coming from another 3rd grader Adam Benson on a great feed from Mark Brown. At the half the score was 4-0 in favor of Cohasset. The 2nd half started rough as Marshfield got on the board before the 1st minute was up.

Cohasset's defense seemed to be lost as Marshfield quickly got another goal to pull within 2 in the 1st 3 minutes of the half. The defense quickly came together behind goalie **Will Golden** (9 saves). With 15 seconds left in the quarter, Mark Brown scooped up a ball at the midfield line and raced down field and rifled a shot past Marshfield's goalie as the horn sounded ending the 3 quarter.

Both teams played great defense in the 4th quarter with **Cole Kissick, Charlie Michalowski**, and **Jack Stranganelli** all coming up with several crucial ground balls to stop Marshfield from scoring to end the game.

Girls youth lacrosse teams keep rolling

For the second consecutive week, the four girls youth lacrosse teams filled with kids in grades five and up swept their opponents, dominating opponents and allowing the coaching staff to achieve a milestone victory.

The four wins – compiled against teams from Hull and Sandwich – brought the all-time record of the girls at these two age levels to 102-27-10, allowing coaches **Chuck Jaffe** and **Jennifer Palmer** to pass the century mark in victories. The coaching duo has run all of Cohasset's 15-and-Under and 13-and-Under teams since the girls program was started in 2002.

The **15-U** (grades 7 and 8) White team started the effort to get the coaches over the top, running out to an early lead over visiting Sandwich. The Cohasset team opened an 8-2 halftime lead on the strength of eight different goal-scorers: **Hannah Burgess, Amy Meikleham, Lindsay Allard, Kaci Kucinski, Lindsay MacNaught, Isabelle Franklin, Paige DeSisto** and **Maddy Altholtz**. Kucinski added an assist in the half.

After allowing Sandwich to creep back into the contest at the start of the second stanza, Cohasset showed its fitness and firepower, taking back control and cruising to victory. Kucinski and Burgess each scored twice to complete a hat trick, with Franklin and Allard adding solo markers. Allard also was credited with an assist on Kucinski's second goal, giving her 16 assists in her youth lacrosse career, enough to make her the program's all-time leader in helpers.

Thomson Jaffe and **Molly McElgunn** split the goaltending duties and combined to make six saves; all four of the goals Jaffe surrendered, and two of the six McElgunn gave up, came on penalty shots, enough to allow Sandwich to close the gap to 14-10 but not enough to drop the White team from the ranks of the unbeaten at 4-0 on the year.

The landmark win was delivered by the **13-U** (grades 5 and 6) White team, which needed to come from behind to get the job done and lift its season record to 3-1.

After surrendering the game's first two goals, Cohasset scored three to get a lead. **Allie Farren** converted feeds from **Stephanie Brierly** and **Hope Kissick**, and her goals sandwiched a penalty-shot goal off the stick of **Whitney Jaffe**. Sandwich, however, scored twice to regain the lead, and Cohasset squandered several good scoring chances as the visitors went to the break with a 4-3 lead.

There was no wasting the scoring opportunities in the second half, however, as Cohasset blew the game open. Just as with the older White team, the key was a balanced attack; Jaffe scored twice and Farren once to complete hat tricks, and Kissick, **Kristen Alexander, Nicole Hajjar, Sage Stebbins** and **Sarah Evans** all had single goals as Cohasset took home an 11-6 win.

Ellie Tedeschi got the win in the goal, stopping five Sandwich shots in the process.

The **Blue 15-U** team started the coaches en route to their second 100 wins, rolling to a 10-4 win over a depleted Hull team that was bolstered by a few Cohasset girls.

Kaci Kucinski netted a career-high six goals in the win – giving her 10 points on the day – netting a hat trick in each half of the contest. **Kaleigh Teague** ripped home a **Bridget Cahill** feed, and Hannah Burgess added a goal as part of a 5-1 first half, the team's lead helped significantly by five saves in net from Thomson Jaffe.

Burgess and **Eliza Kinnealey** scored goals around Kucinski's score, and only a late flurry of Hull goals – one of them by Cohasset's Paige DeSisto, who also scored while playing for a Norwell team a week earlier – allowed Hull to get as close as the 10-4 final score suggested. Molly McElgunn made three second-half saves.

The Cohasset **Blue 13-U** team – like its sister White team – got off to a slow start in its game, going into halftime tied at three on the strength of goals from **Maria Buckley, Carly Oddleifson** and **Whitney Jaffe**. Jaffe and **Alison Whelan** scored goals to give Cohasset a small cushion, but Hull fought back to tie the contest at five with just over 10 minutes remaining.

From there, it was all Cohasset, with **Mariel Teague** blasting home a **Katherine Brown** feed, and Whelan netting a Buckley pass to grab control. Danielle Healy and Christina Healy then scored back-to-back goals before Jaffe finished her hat trick and ended the game with a 10-5 final score. Stephanie Brierly made four saves in the Cohasset net, as the Blue team raised its record to 3-1.

At the **11-U** level (grades 3 and 4), the Cohasset Blue team returned to its winning ways with a 3-2 win against a combined Hull/Norwell team. The win was sweet revenge for a second-half collapse and loss the prior week against many of the same Norwell players.

Molly Fitzgerald got things started in the first half by scooping a ground ball in front of the cage and firing one past the goalie. After a "Hullwell" pass bounced through a crowd of players in front of the cage and rolled into the Cohasset net to tie the game, **Charlotte Allard** came flying off the wing to power a shot home and give Cohasset a 2-1 lead at the half.

Hullwell tied the score at 2 early in the second half, before Cohasset took control by winning nearly every ground ball the rest of the way. Allard scored again to make it 3-2 and Cohasset dominated play but had three apparent scores waved off by the game official for crease violations.

Caty Gilman was outstanding on defense, intercepting two Hullwell passes in front of the cage and clearing the ball to the midfield each time. **Anna McCarthy** came up with two big plays by hustling to ground balls behind the Hullwell cage and scooping them in traffic. **Christina Tedeschi** and **Dagmar Seppala** controlled the midfield by winning ground balls and transitioning the ball to the attack. The 11-U Blue team improved to 3-1 on the season.

The **11-U White** team, meanwhile, lost its first game of the year, dropping a lopsided 9-2 decision to a team from Sandwich. **Katie McCabe** and **Lexa Grasz** scored the goals for Cohasset, which had a tough time controlling draws; the score might have been worse had it not been for Sandwich having multiple scores called back for crease violations.

The White team had a much better go of it on April 23, when it defeated Braintree by a 4-2 score. McCabe and Grasz scored goals in that game too, and were joined by **Elizabeth Baker** and **Emily Robbins**. **Isabelle Dunne** added an assist to round out the scoring.

Both of Cohasset's **11-and-Under** girls will play at home on May 7 against teams from Scituate, while the older girls will be on the road playing in Scituate. For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, check out www.cohasset-lacrosse.com.

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Owen Burchill, 7, watches Saturday's Opening Day ceremonies.

(Left) Matt Froio, 9, and Ian Kennedy, 9, found time to hang around after the Opening Day ceremonies at the Little League fields.

Little League parade

Saturday morning, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association held its annual Little League Parade.

Over 500 baseball and softball players marched from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field, where Opening Day ceremonies were held.

Katie James (right) shares a laugh with CHS softball teammate Melissa Crowley-Buck while donning her Little League hat.

David Hill, 11, leaps for home plate (and for first place) in a race around the diamond while Derek Froio, 12, keeps an eye on the finish line.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Jack Koncius, 6, pets his family dog, Tucker, the unofficial manager of the Padres, before the start of the parade.

Hordes of little leaguers and parents flood North Main Street during the parade.

Robert Jones, 13, signs a game ball from the Williamsport Division 8 championship run with the rest of the team after their presentation during Opening Day ceremonies.

Lady Laxers enter grueling stretch

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The Skippers went into the Hingham game sporting a 4-2 record, with their most recent games being a 14-4 loss to Norwell and a 11-3 win over Cape Cod Academy.

Norwell 14, Skippers 4

The team came into this game last Thursday facing two obstacles: it had been a very emotional day in Cohasset, as CHS student Kurt Gritzan had passed away the night before after a long battle with cancer.

Second, the Skippers hadn't played a game in almost two weeks, as the CCA game that had been scheduled for the 24th was postponed due to weather concerns. Norwell, meanwhile, had just played defending Division 1 state champion Westwood three days earlier.

"We were definitely hurt by missing that Cape Cod Academy game," Jaffe said. "We were trying to shake off the rust, and they had the rust beaten out of them by Westwood."

Despite that, the game started out pretty evenly and Cohasset controlled the ball for the majority of the first 10 minutes, yet it was the Clippers that held a 4-1 lead at that time. The game was 7-2 at the half, as the Skippers continued to created chances, but couldn't convert.

The main reason for that was the play of Norwell senior goalie Michelle Granara, who stopped nine of the Skippers' 11 directs for the game and made several other great saves.

"For my money, Michelle is the best goalie in the state right now, and she showed why against us," Jaffe said. "If she had an average day, that's a 14-10 game, not 14-4. She was that good."

Cohasset got two goals from junior Lindsay Durkin, one from freshman Gabriella Flibotte and one from senior Mia Lieb-Lappen. Senior JoAnna Hamilton was strong in the cage, and junior Aisling Guinee play the final eight minutes of the game in the net.

Skippers 11, CCA 3

This Saturday morning affair was played on an extremely short field against a shorthanded team, due to the unusual game time (10 a.m.).

Cohasset ran off to an 8-1 halftime lead and substituted liberally the rest of the way, playing mostly its reserves in the second half to go home with an 11-3 win.

Flibotte scored four goals, and Durkin added three goals and an assist. Junior Caren Garber scored her first of the year and picked up an assist, junior Emily Coggins scored her first varsity goal and Lisa Spirito and Lieb-Lappen scored solo goals. Senior Cassie Rosano picked up an assist.

Hamilton was seldom tested in the first half, stopping two of the three shots that CCA managed to put on net. She saw action at attack in the second half, the first time in her high school career she had played outside the cage. Guinee stopped eight shots in the second half to ensure that CCA never had a chance to get back in the game.

Leading scorers

Through the first six games, Durkin leads Cohasset in scoring (24 goals, five assists, 29 points), followed by Flibotte (16-3-19) and Spirito (13-2-15). After the program lost its two top scorers from last year in Lauren Rizzotti and Mackenzie Holway, Durkin has stepped up in a major way to lead the Cohasset attack.

"I think Lindsay may be the toughest player in the league," Jaffe said. "She's usually a lot smaller than the defenders that are trying to stop her, but she's totally unafraid to go in against double- and triple-teams. Her shot is very, very good."

PHOTO/SUZY PARK

Chris Davis (8), pictured above making a move on goal during a game against Barnstable earlier this season, had two huge games in the CHS boys lacrosse team's recent victories over Norwell and Plymouth. Stepping up for an injured Aidan Buick, Davis had three goals and four assists against Norwell on Friday, and followed that up Monday with another seven point performance (four goals, three assists. Against Norwell, Mark Flibotte led the way with five goals and two assists, while Mike Bunstein had four assists. Goalie Ben Libby supported the Cohasset attack with some great play in net, recording 15 saves. Flibotte had a remarkable game against Plymouth, going for seven goals and three assist. Bunstein racked up four more points (two goals, two assists), while Dan Trendowicz notched three assists. The Skippers had a showdown on the road against Hingham yesterday; next week, they travel to Hanover (Tuesday, 4 p.m.) and Sandwich (Thursday, 4:30).

Boys tennis team makes history

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"As nice as the Norwell win was, the fact that we managed to beat a good Cape Cod Academy team after taking a two-hour bus ride is impressive," said Sceery.

The match was decided by the third set at first doubles, which Pescatore and Ackley were able to pull out, 6-4. This was the duo's first match together.

"I kind of figured it was down to us because everyone was watching pretty intensely," recalls Pescatore. "I thought we played pretty well. It was definitely a hard-fought match. We started out a little shaky, but by the third set we were clicking pretty well together and attacking everything."

"Our doubles have been really solid," said Sceery. "Chris Ackley has really stepped up his game. Victor and Ryan have also been major factors for us."

Skippers 4, Mashpee 1

For this league match on Monday, the Skippers were without Sceery, who was taking the first of many AP exams (it was French on this day).

Sullivan and Morin both moved up a spot in the lineup and earned victories. Pescatore and Donze took first doubles without losing a single game, and the second doubles tandem of junior Josh Dupre and freshman Ivan Sceery won in straight sets.

Girls tennis

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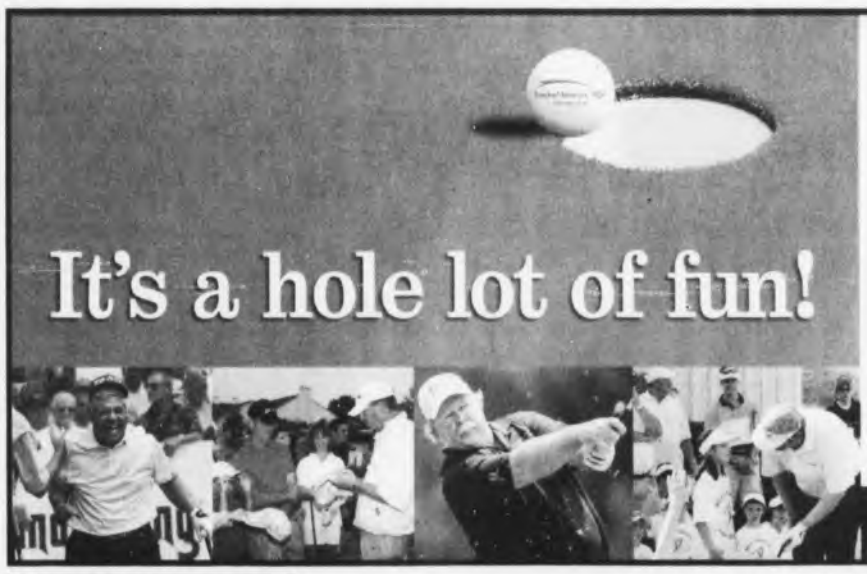
6, and force a tiebreaker. Meehan and Landon would win the tiebreaker (7-2) to clinch the match with some excellent serves and winners at the net.

Sophomore Susan Bitetti earned the lone point for Norwell, handing Cohasset senior Chelsea Grossman her first loss of the year in a 6-1, 6-0 match.

At third singles, Skippers sophomore Meg Anderson topped Norwell senior Kathryn Ankner, 6-4, 6-0. At second doubles, senior Remy Lee and junior Elizabeth Landon earned a 6-3, 6-3 win over the Clippers' duo of senior Jamie Regan and sophomore Katherine Kelley. Lee was filling in for regular starter Emilie Shea and played a typically strong match.

Coach Meehan said after the match that this may be her best team at Cohasset.

"We've had more talented teams. To be successful, luck is huge, and talent is up there," Meehan said. "But chemistry is huge, too. It is *team* tennis. This group of girls, down to the 34th kid, has gelled so well. When I say this is my best team in 15 years, I really mean it. This is a solid team with a lot of depth."



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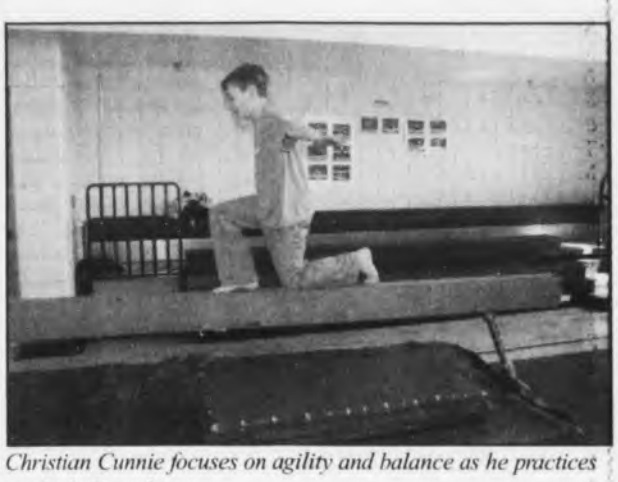
Gymnastics program at Deer Hill a success

The Cohasset Recreation/One Creative Place after school gymnastics program at Deer Hill School has been a big hit this season. This educational gymnastics program, run by Deer Hill physical education instructor Michael Weydt and fourth grade teacher Kayne Beaudry, has more than 40 student participants.

Weydt attributes the popularity of the program to good old-fashioned fun. "Where can children go today to swing or climb ropes, turn around on bars and jump off or over equipment in a safe, creative manner?" The program takes place daily after school for third, fourth and fifth grade students.

Beaudry said, "It's wonderful to see different age levels and abilities come together to learn, teach each other and grow in such a positive environment."

Sam Curatola learns to master the high bar.

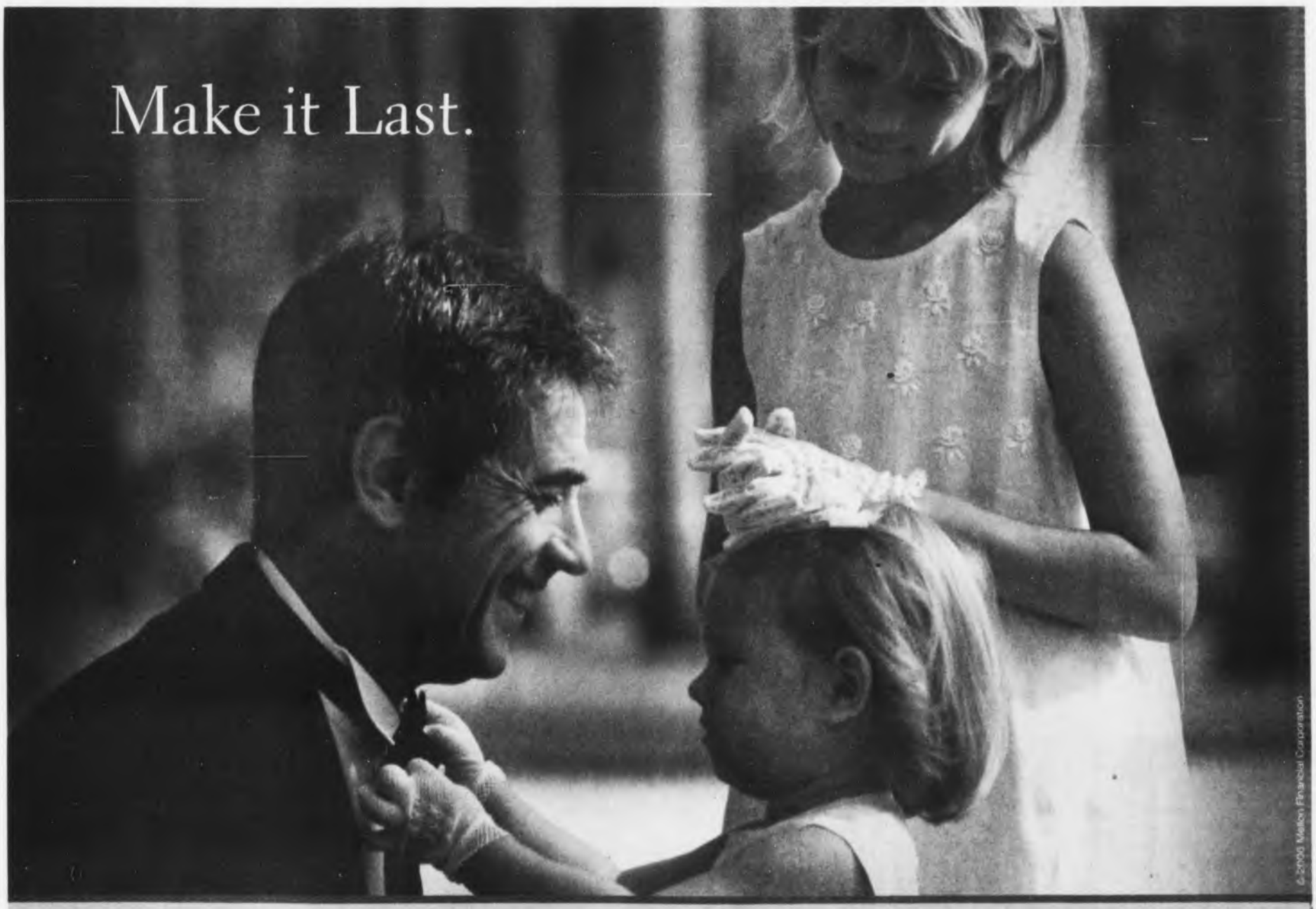


Christian Cunnie focuses on agility and balance as he practices on the balance beam.

Courtesy photos

Cameron Wilson straddles the horse before jumping off.

Above, Will Lucas is eager for his turn on the ropes course at Deer Hill.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Spinnaker earns praise from press assoc.

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

Congratulations to the Spinnaker for receiving the Meritorious Achievement Award from the New England Scholastic Press Association for excellence in editing and writing. This award was presented on May 1st to seven of the editors who journeyed into Boston for a journalism conference.

The National Honor Society will be conducting its annual induction ceremony Friday, May 19th at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Gary Ritts will be the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Big ups to the inductees for 2006 who are seniors: **Mark Bouchard, Kathleen DeWaal, Marissa Evans, Remy Lee,** and **Katrina Reardon**. The juniors inducted are: **Kevin barber, Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Brent Daly, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Reed Dickinson, Mary Evans, Molly Gallagher, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Robert Meilkleham, Charles Miller, Blain Morin, Lara Novak, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Virginia Spofford, Robert St. John, Owen Stevenson, Lauren Strazzulla, Alida Tangherlini, Amanda Thompson, Reed Wendorf-French,** and **Kara Wilcox**.

However, the biggest news at the school so far this spring season has been the play of every sports team that are on fire and all appear tournament bound. Now let's get into the news for this week.

- Sign ups are now open for the exchange program with a French High School for the 2006-07 school year. Interested students please see Mrs. Marat in Rm. 177. Participants must complete French III and be enrolled in French IV or higher by the Spring Semester of next year.
- Any student athlete that is interested in participating in the Bay State Games this summer can pick up an application book outside of Mr. Ford's office.
- If you missed signing up for the June 3rd SAT test session, you can still sign up by May 10th, but you will have to pay a late fee.
- Sign up by May 5th for the June 10th ACT test session.
- There is an SAT test session this Saturday in Hingham, Scituate, and Marshfield.
- AP exams will be done by May 12th. MCAS testing will begin on May 15th.
- The guidance office has begun meeting with students to discuss scheduling for next year.
- The high school Jazz Band will be playing at the Osgood Arts Night next week. Also, The High School Pops Night is May 16th, so get ready and excited.
- Grade six Stanford Tests are on Thursday, May 4th.
- There is a School Council Meeting in the Main Office on Wednesday morning.
- The Jr. SEMSBA Festival will have taken place on Friday, May5th.

Big ups to **Mia Lieb-Lappen, Katrina Reardon,** and **Kevin Barber** who were all published in the May issue of Teen Ink. Mia's artwork was published, while Katrina and Kevin got their writing pieces published.

The news is not as abundant this week as it has been in the past, but I hope that it was still to your liking. I promise to be back next week with more exciting news and an update on everything that is relevant and/or interesting in the school.

CHS to host 5th annual Edible Art Exhibit

Cohasset High School will host its 5th Annual Edible Art Exhibit on Thursday evening, May 25 at 6 p.m. For an admission fee of $2, patrons will have the opportunity to See…Feel… Eat… any and all artwork on display.

The competition is open to people ages 4 through 104. Artwork must be edible and safe for human consumption, and may be created by an individual, or a collaborative piece. Artists are responsible for setting up their exhibits for viewing. Many prizes will be awarded from local restaurants and merchants, after which, all work becomes the property of partygoers who will proceed to "eat your art out."

Registration is free. To register e-mail Nina Berkowitz at: nberkowitz@Cohassetk12.org or call 781-833-6100.

Deer Hill, Osgood menu

MONDAY, MAY 8

Meatball sub, parmesan cheese or roast beef sub, oven fries and vegetable, fruit.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Bagel with chicken vegetable noodle soup or turkey sub, garden salad, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, corn, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Taco day, served over chips with lettuce, cheese, tomato or ham sandwich, vegetable and rice, pineapple.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Pizza, cheese or pepperoni or tuna sub, garden salad, applesauce.

Summer camp at Carriage House

Summer camp at the Carriage House! New this year! Weekly fun summer theme activities! Small group size!

There will be two sessions to choose from: 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday The weeks the camp will be in session are: June 20-22 & 27-29 July 11-13 & 18-20 Aug. 1-3, 8-10 & 15-17.

Cost: $120 a week (full tuition payment is due when you send in the registration form). Ages 3-5 years old (must be 3yr.old by June and potty trained)

Stop by to pick up an application or call Jenn 781-383-9785.

Middle schoolers shine on stage

The Cohasset Arts Boosters would like to share more exciting "Arts" news. The Middle School cast and crew (and superlative director/supervisor Stephanie Noble) of "Small Actors" — a one act play-garnered a GOLD medal and numerous other acting and production awards at last weekend's Massachusetts MS Drama Festival held in Weston! Congratulations to the following students:

Olivia Franklin, Chris Murphy, Zoe Whilton, Patrick MacCormack, Isabel Robinson, Gus Helbock, Savanna Norris, Calli Piepenbrink, Alison Whelan, Whitney Jaffe, Adrian Dunne, Jennie Curley, Julia Thompson, Emily Stanislawysk, Emily Baumgarten, Taylor Golz, E.J. Culhane, Ruth Ann Barry, Frencesca Astino, Tony Sestito, Elizabeth Hagearty, and Watson Leffel.

The community is invited to a benefit performance this Friday May 5th at 7:30pm in the CMHS Auditorium. Admission is $2. at the door.

May Arts Night

May Arts Night at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schoolsis next Thursday May 11, from 5:30 to 7:30. This year's theme is Arts Across America, and will include many interactive displays at both schools celebrating American art forms and artists. There will also be an expanded snack bar for dinner. Extra parking will be made available at the South Shore Music Circus, with shuttles to the schools.

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Cohasset PSO On-Line Auction begins today (May 5)

The Cohasset PSO on-line auction opened today, Friday, May 5 at 9 a.m. Visit:

www.psotelethon.cmarket.com/cohassetpso to view photos and complete descriptions of the items for which you could cast the winning bid. How about four Boston Red Sox tickets for the favorite hometown team? Wouldn't you love to win $2,000 worth of orthodontics work from Hingham Orthodontics? How about a beautiful mountain ski condo in Vermont for a weeklong ski adventure? Would a week of MaxLax Lacrosse Camp fill your child's summer with joy and exercise? These and many other exciting items are ready and waiting for your bid. The auction will conclude at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 12.

On-line Silent Auction	**Retail Value**	**Donated By**
Hingham Orthodontics $2000 new patient treatment	$2,000	Hingham Orthodontics, Hingham
One-week vacation condo in Jackson Gore Okemo, Vt.	$1,000	The Giuggio Family, Cohasset
One week of summer MAX LAX Camp	$600	Max Lax, Pembroke
Two round-trip SkyMiles Award tickets on DELTA Airlines (with restrictions) OR One round-trip SkyMiles Award ticket (unrestricted)	$600-$900	Paul & Maria Kennedy, Cohasset
Hand-crafted green garnet, tourmaline and 18K pink silk hand-knotted necklace	$550	DragonFly Studio, Cohasset
Wine console	$400	E.A. Davis, Wellesley
Kerry Brett Hurley Lifestyles Photography In-studio sitting	$400	Kerry Brett Hurley Lifestyles Photography, Hingham
Golfing threesome at Blackrock Country Club, Hingham	$400	The Gillis Family, Cohasset
iPod Nano 2G gift basket	$395	FairOaks neighborhood, Cohasset
Ladies Burberry jacket size 6-8	$346	E.A. Davis, Wellesley
LimoLiner two roundtrip tickets to NYC	$316	LimoLiner, Cohasset
Maui Jim sunglasses gift certificate	$300	Chris Abbruzzese, Cohasset
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Cohasset Harbor Resort package	$275	Cohasset Harbor Resort
Arbonne anti-aging Swiss skin care gift basket	$266	Jackie Burchill, Cohasset
Cohasset Sailing Club family membership	$250	The Cohasset Sailing Club
Cohasset Swim Center family membership	$250	Cohasset Swim Center
CYBSA family membership	$250	Cohasset Youth Baseball Association
Cohasset Collision car detailing	$250	Cohasset Collision, Cohasset
Coastal Nissan reconditioning	$249	Coastal Nissan, Cohasset
Alma Del Sol collection silver and gold Three-piece jewelry set by Baroni Designs	$195	Baroni Designs, Cohasset
EK Design's teacher bracelet	$180	EK Designs Jewelry, Cohasset
South Shore Baseball Club gift certificate	$175	The Montgomery family, Cohasset
Laurapaige chandelier earrings	$160	Laurapaige , Cohasset
Four Boston Red Sox tickets	$160	Kevin Dooley, Baystate Equipment, Quincy
Robert Paul Inc. of Humarock hair styling gift bag .	$150	Robert Paul Inc. of Humarock and Judy Miranda
New England Patriot tickets	Priceless!	The Canney family, Cohasset
Two (2) Sit-on-top Kayaks	$500	Anonymous donation, Cohasset
HP PhotoSmart 385 xi Photo Printer	$180	Linden Dr. neighborhood, Cohasset
$150 Gift Certificate to the Apple Computer Store	$150	Heather Dr. neighborhood, Cohasset
Two Red Sox tickets – Boston vs Detroit Tigers	Priceless!	The Stone family, Cohasset
Baseball Clinic/Party with Rob McCunney and Jeff Cavanaro	$150	Rob McCunney, Jeff Cavanaro and families, Cohasset
Two hours of piano music with Diane Kennedy	$150	Diane Kennedy, Cohasset
Two private pilates classes by Kellie Lynch	$120	Kellie Lynch, Cohasset
Two tickets to the Beach Boys performance at South Shore Music Circus	$110	South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset
Summer fun basket includes a skim board, beach towel and more	$100	Cohasset Swim and Dive Team
One hour tennis lesson at Cohasset Tennis Club	$100	Cohasset Tennis Club
Tutoring and study skills with MA certified teacher	$100	Julie Curatola, Cohasset
Cohasset Consignment Shop gift certificate	$100	Cohasset Consignment Shop
Two tickets to the Brian Regan performance	$99	South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset
Ladies' hand-crafted jean jacket	$100	Rose Hill Design, Cohasset
One hour tennis lesson at Cohasset Tennis Club	$85	Cohasset Tennis Club
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Principal for the Day at Deer Hill Elementary School	Priceless!	Keith Gauley, principal
Two Tickets to a concert (TBA) at the Bank of America Pavilion, Boston	$100	Greater Media Corporation, Boston

$75 Raffle Items (all $100 or $75 pledges)	**Retail Value**	**Donated By**
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"Nonesuch Beach" bracelet by Sasha	$75	Sarah Porter, Cohasset
$75 gift certificate for Smith and Hawkin	$75	Heather Drive neighborhood, Cohasset
$75 gift certificate for Crate and Barrel store	$75	Heather Drive neighborhood, Cohasset
Mother-Daughter apron set	$66	SeaGrape Studio, Cohasset

$50 Raffle Items (all $50 pledges)	**Retail Value**	**Donated By**
What's For Dinner? – (family of four)	$50	Jack and Barbara Buckley, Cohasset
Homemade dessert from Mary's Desserts	$45	Mary's Desserts, Cohasset
Creative Memories album	$50	Jeanne Astino, Cohasset
McDonald's gift certificate	$50	Paul and Demi Farren, Cohasset
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Adamo Day Spa make-up makeover	$40	Adamo Day Spa, Cohasset
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$25 Raffle Items ($100,$75, $50, $25 pledges)	**Retail Value**	**Donated By**
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The Tele-a-thon will take place on May 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and will be broadcast live, hosted by Cohasset's own Lucia Flibotte and Rich Ofsthun. The tele-a-thon can be viewed on Comcast Cable channel 22. On Wednesday evening call 800-505-5241 to contribute to the fundraiser. All calls will be answered by AnswerQuick, a professional call center that has received the tele-a-thon calls for the past two years. Donations made through the call center will be by credit card only. To send your donation in advance, mail check to Cohasset PSO, P.O. Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025. All checks received by May 10 will be eligible for the raffles. Your checks help to reduce credit card fees so more of your money will directly support the schools.

Contributions to the Tele-a-thon of $25 or more will be entered into the raffle. The Cohasset PSO has generously received more than 50 items and services from local merchants and families. For a donation of $100 or more, you might win a pair of sit-on-top kayaks, a "Romance Getaway" package at the Boston Harbor Hotel, or an Apple iPod with accessories. All donations of $100 or more will be entered into the $75, $50 and $25 raffle categories. Current raffle items are listed below.

$100 Raffle Items (all $100 pledges)	**Retail Value**	**Donated By**
Romance Getaway package for two at the Boston Harbor Hotel	$760	Anonymous donation, Cohasset

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Known to many viewers and listeners as Dr. Mark, Mincolla is known for integrating ancient Chinese techniques with cutting edge nutritional science to develop an innovative Life Force Healing System.

Tickets are $25 in advance, $20 at the door. To register call 781-834-2728 or visit www.TheHealthyLivingGuide.com. Make checks payable to Healthy Living and mail payment to Healthy Living Guide, P.O. Box 357, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051.

Wonder what your baby is thinking?

Baby Signs Lecture: A way to communicate with babies before they can speak is at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, at 7 p.m., May 25.

Have you ever wondered what your baby is thinking? Are there times when you wish your baby could talk to let you know what is wrong? The Baby Signs Program gives babies and their caretakers the ability to communicate through the use of simples signs often months before babies could otherwise speak.

Elyse McPherson, certified Speech and Language Pathologist and Independent Certified Instructor for the Baby Signs Programs will be presenting the Baby Signs Program and its usefulness as a parenting tool. Research has found that using the Baby Signs Program with babies has dramatic benefits, including decreasing frustration for babies and parents/caretakers, enriching the parent-child bond, boosting emotional development, helping babies talk sooner – even raising IQ scores. Come and learn more about this program and bring your questions.

The Cohasset library is located at 35 Ripley Road. This event is open to the public and free. Seats are limited. Sponsored by the Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club, www.scnewcomers.com .

Arc of the South Shorenames development coordinator

David C. Calhoun, executive director of The Arc of the South Shore, recently announced that Claudia Cuscianna has joined the organization as development coordinator. Cuscianna will be instrumental in increasing donor support to The Arc of the South Shore, which provides advocacy, support, training and services to more than 1,500 South Shore children and adults with developmental disabilities each year. She will oversee all donor giving programs, as well as the Annual Fund and grant writing, while also recruiting and supporting volunteers and memberships.

Cuscianna has more than seven years of experience in the fundraising industry. Prior to joining The Arc of the South Shore, she worked in donor relations at Partners Home Care in Rockland. She was also a corporate membership officer at the Museum of Science in Boston, and a membership and educational program officer at the Smaller Business Association of New England in Waltham. Cuscianna is also a member of Women in Development.

"Claudia's experience, dedication and compassion for our services make her an invaluable addition to our team," Calhoun said. "We are excited to see the opportunities she will create for The Arc of the South Shore, our members, their families, and communities we serve."

"I strongly believe in the community-based outreach programs offered by The Arc of the South Shore," said Cuscianna. "An organization that provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as for their families, is laudable. I truly believe I can make a difference by being a part of this organization and sharing its wonderful accomplishments with the communities it serves."

A Quincy resident, Cuscianna received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history from Curry College in Milton. She also received her French Diplomacy and Translations Certificate from Ecole Lemania, Lausanne, Switzerland. In her spare time,

Claudia Cusianna

Cuscianna is a volunteer at the Pine Street Inn, the Museum of Science, and the Japan Society in Boston. She enjoys swimming, horseback riding, and spending time with her husband Manny, and their two-year-old daughter, Avelina.

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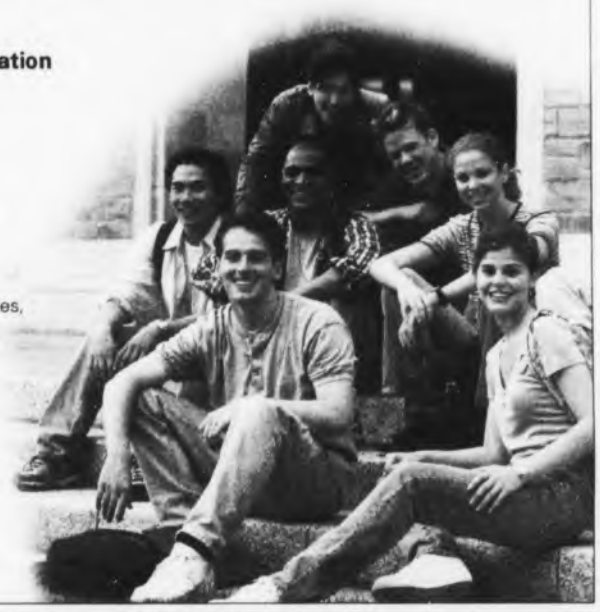

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Mark Lewis of Hingham hopes to represent the US as part of the two-person Team Eagle in the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. His teammate is Maureen McKinnon-Tucker of Marblehead.

Mark Lewis sets his sights on Beijing

Team Eagle aims for Paralympics

By Mary Ford
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Mark Lewis is used to challenges.

The 25-year-old realized his goal of graduating from Northeastern University last spring and is pursuing a master's degree. He started driving again about 18 months ago. And now, he has his sights set on competing in the 2008 summer Paralympics.

Lewis, who is quadriplegic, says he knows what he can and cannot do. But after a few minutes with the North Street resident, the "cannot do" part of that sentence is the one that is harder to grasp.

The 1998 Hingham High School graduate, who has been sailing since the age of 12, hopes to qualify as part of a two-person team in the Paralympics that will immediately follow the summer games in Beijing.

"When it comes to Mark and his goals, the word determination truly doesn't cover it — relentless, does!"
— Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, teammate

He and his teammate Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, 40, who is paraplegic meaning she has use of her arms, make up Team Eagle which one of three leading teams seeking to represent the US.

To achieve their goal of competing in Beijing, Lewis and McKinnon-Tucker, a Marblehead resident, must win the Paralympics Sailing Team Trials in Newport in October because only one two-person team will qualify.

To that end they need to raise an initial $100,000 that covers everything from purchasing the boat, to coaching and airfare.

For Lewis the past 4-1/2 years have been quite a journey. In September 2001, Lewis – who is 6 ft. 3 ins. tall – was enrolled in the Semester at Sea, a study abroad program. Due to increased concerns about terrorism after Sept. 11, the Suez Canal was closed to passenger vessels so the student ship — that had already made stops in Japan, China, Vietnam, Thailand and India, and had planned to head to the Mediterranean — stopped in the Seychelles where its college-age passengers could get a little rest and relaxation.

What followed was the worst kind of nightmare. Lewis, who had been swimming for a couple of hours, ran and dove in a different spot and hit his head on a sandbar.

"My doctor uttered the words 'life is what you make it,' as I lay paralyzed in the chaos of the intensive care unit in Johannesburg, South Africa," Lewis states in his biographical sketch on the Team Eagle website. "What he said resonates with me even more clearly today."

At the time, Lewis, who is a strong "C-5", meaning he has limited control over his wrists and arms, had never heard the word quadriplegic. C-5 level of injury means the individual has a loss of feeling and movement below the fifth cervical spinal cord segment. The cervical vertebrae are in the neck.

Since then Lewis, who possesses an engaging smile and positive outlook and is a self-described "geek at heart," has gone on with his life. His apartment, which was added onto his parents' home, is "high-tech," with total wheelchair accessibility and voice-controlled computer and telephone systems. His dog, Dexter, a golden retriever, is specially trained to help pick things up from the floor, bark to get help, press elevator buttons, open doors and cabinet drawers, and

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Mark Lewis sets his sights on Beijing

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more. A van that has been adapted so Lewis can drive has provided him with freedom to attend class or drive to Panera Bread at the Derby Street Shoppes for a sandwich.

Not long after his injury, the former captain of the Hingham High sailing team connected with the "Shake a Leg" sailing program in Newport and later, the Duxbury Maritime Center, which offers a program for disabled sailors.

But in 2005, when the International Federation of Disabled Sailing announced the launching of a new sailing class for Beijing — a competition with the two-person keelboat, dubbed the SKUD-18 [SKiff Universal Design] – opportunity knocked for the determined Lewis. The boat, which built for anyone, can be adapted for disabled sailors and provided the chance for Lewis and a teammate to go for the gold.

The two-person event stipulates two requirements that one member of the team must be female and one member of the team must be classified as severely disabled.

Lewis hooked up with McKinnon-Tucker, an experienced disabled sailor, who was part of the team that qualified the United States for the Athens 2004 Paralympics in the three-person keelboat event.

One of Lewis' biggest fans is his teammate.

"When it comes to Mark and his goals, the word determination truly doesn't cover it — relentless, does!," McKinnon-Tucker says.

"We met through a gal I mentored while a peer counselor with the Spinal Cord Injury Association, when she was first paralyzed while still in rehab," McKinnon-Tucker recalls. "When he told her he was aiming to go to the Beijing Paralympics, she replied, 'oh, I know a paraplegic who wants to do the same.'

"He contacted me immediately, meeting me while I was nine months pregnant with my now six-month-old baby and asked if I would commit to a campaign.

"We were out sailing in April in water that's 45 degrees, something few fair weather able bodied sailors do!"

McKinnon-Tucker says there are three key elements to the campaign's success: dedication, hard work and enough funding and she asks the local community for support.

To that end, Team Eagle has created a brochure that is being mailed out seeking donations. The Team Eagle website: www.teameagle.org provides a wealth of information about the team's mission and campaign to qualify for Beijing.

Sailing for Beijing

- **Paralympics:** The term "Paralympics" was derived from the Greek word "para" and means next to or alongside the Olympic games.
- **Team Eagle**: Mark Lewis and Maureen McKinnon-Tucker.
- **Goal**: To represent the US in the two-person keelboat event at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.
- **Trials:** But first Team Eagle must win the Paralympics sailing trials in Newport, R.I. in October 2007.
- **Finances**: The team needs to raise an initial $100,000 for training and expenses.
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In addition to ongoing training, Lewis and McKinnon-Tucker recently competed in a mid-winter regatta in St. Petersburg, Fla. and head to Toronto for a regatta in June. In July the team will compete in the US National Championship in Newport followed by the Thomas R. Clagett Regatta in August, also in Newport.

Lewis says the drive to compete is part of his nature. "In retrospect, I'm ambitious in nature and this endeavor allows me to challenge myself doing something I love," he says.

Spring Plant Sale set for May 20

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host its Spring Plant Sale on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society's Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 20. Perennials that have proven their hardiness and merit in Garden club members' own gardens will be for sale, and experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

Many plants from young trees to flowering perennials, groundcovers and indoor plants will be for sale. Garden club members have started seeds of annuals and vegetables, and will offer some unusual varieties. Some heirloom plants that are no longer available from commercial nurseries will also be offered. Also on sale will be copies of the club's most recent publication, "The Eclectic Gardener," a compendium of gardening information, recipes and nature notes of local interest.

A special feature this year will be the opportunity to order spring-flowering bulbs to be delivered at planting time in the fall. Now is the time to evaluate garden beds with next spring in mind.

In case of rain the plant sale will take place inside the Pratt Building. Proceeds from the sale of plants and books will support the Community Garden Club's projects in Cohasset, which include maintenance of the gardens at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Constitution Park and the Pratt Building, a garden therapy program at Cohasset Knoll, scholarships and Arbor Day plantings.

Newcomers Club hosts homeowners program

A question and answer session for homeowners will take place Thursday, May 11, 7 to 9 p.m., at Cohasset Public Library.

A panel has been assembled to answer home building and renovating questions. Architect Gene Raymond of Raymond Design Associates, residential general contractor, Jim Boynton, proprietor of Alemar Construction, building and renovating consultant/liaison, Gay Prizio, cofounder of Budd and LaValle Design Consultants, and real estate agent Merilyn Johnson of Coldwell Banker will present topics and be available to answer questions.

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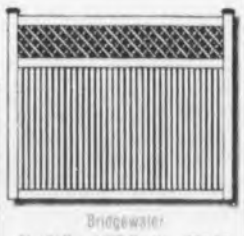

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Kurt Randall Gritzan, 16, of Cohasset, died on April 26, 2006.

He was the loving son of Ken and Christine Gritzan, of Cohasset.

Born August 12, 1989, at Magee Women's Hospital in Oakland, Pa., he grew up in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania suburbs of Roslyn Farms and Cranberry Township learning to roller blade, and play street hockey, and follow the 'other' black and gold NHL team. After a brief period living in the Bath, Ohio area, he moved to Cohasset at the age of 8, residing in the Linden Drive neighborhood where life-long friendships were started.

Kurt R. Gritzan

Kurt's interest in skating led him to play for the South Shore Seahawks, Coastal Stars, and CDL's Wild; and ultimately, playing ice hockey became his year-round passion, and as that of many young men, his wish for professional employment. When not on the ice, he attended Cohasset High School, excelling in mathematics and enjoying time with friends. An organizer of paintball wars in the woods, Kurt also enjoyed anything Bruins-related, along with fishing, boating, pond hockey, and rollerblading. At home, he spent many hours multitasking playing video or PC online games, and IM-ing his friends. With his electronics knowledge he earned the nickname "Tech Man."

In addition to his parents, he leaves a community of wonderful friends who loved him and supported him through good times and bad. His life was full and well lived, his courage and determination undeniable. A true gentleman, he was loved and gave love.

A small private service will be held at St. Stephen Episcopal Church and Memorial Garden. A larger, community gathering will be announced at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Sparrell-McNamara Funeral Home of Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory be made to the Kurt Gritzan Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Pilgrim Bank, 48 So. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Kathleen R. Ridge

Teacher and coach

Kathleen "Kate" R. (Mahony) Ridge, 62, of Scituate, formerly of Newton and Cohasset, died May 3, 2006, at her home.

Born and raised in Newton, she was the daughter of the late Eileen and Frederick Mahony Sr.

Mrs. Ridge graduated from Newton County Day School, Barry College in Miami and earned a master's degree in education from Boston College.

She taught for many years at South Shore Educational Collaborative in Hingham, as well as teaching special needs in the Cohasset schools. An avid athlete, Mrs. Ridge took pleasure in coaching several sports in Cohasset and Hull, but her main joy was coaching field hockey.

She leaves her children, Jacqueline Ridge-Dahlquist of Boston, Christopher Ridge of Milton, Katherine Labadia of Scituate, Patrick Ridge of Nantucket and Eileen Ridge of Boston; her sister, Ellen King of Naples, Fla.; her brother, Thomas Mahony of Newton; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m., at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Visiting hours will be at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, on Friday, May 5, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to South Shore Educational Collaborative, 90 Industrial Park Road, Hingham, MA 02043.

Evelyn S. Carraher

Great-grandmother

Evelyn S. Carraher, 84, of Cohasset, died April 26, 2006.

Wife of the late Joseph F. Carraher, she leaves her children, Terry Carraher of Cohasset, Lynn Tilden of Scituate, Gail Fiumara of Tewksbury, Bonnie Carraher of Cohasset and Joseph Carraher of Naples, Fla.; her grandchildren, Brendan, Craig and Kevin Mulcahy, Brad, Rick and Julie Tilden, Richard, Christopher and Brian Shuman, Katie Fiumara, Megan and Joseph Carraher; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be celebrated Friday, May 19, 11 a.m., at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Common. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

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Sunday, May 7. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

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•Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. - Children will gather first in the Meeting House. First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a program for toddlers and a Senior High Youth Group. To learn more, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

• Dedication of Donze Memorial Room – Parish House – Directly after the service

In the upstairs classroom, the congregation will dedicate the "Donze Memorial Room" to celebrate and honor the life of Shelly Donze. This classroom will be the future home of "Spirit Play," a Unitarian Universalist curriculum designed to teach the parables to our children for a better understanding of the stories that form the basis of all religions.

• Coffee Hour Celebrating New Members & Sharing of a Village — Directly after the dedication — Trueblood Hall

Over the past many weeks, our children, with the guidance of Eric Kluz, have created a model village, inspired by the Children's Principles of Unitarian Universalism. During this coffee hour, they will share with the congregation their completed village, so all can enjoy their journey to a better understanding of our beliefs.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy:

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Mothers' Walk for Peace is May 14

Please join your friends and neighbors on an uplifting 3.5 mile walk in Boston this Mother's Day, May 14. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Mothers' Walk for Peace sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, a Boston organization supported by the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset which works to combat youth violence and support survivors of homicide victims. A car pool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m. For more information please contact Connie Afshar at 781 383 6006.

Pictured above (from left, front row) are Cohasset mothers: Margot Cheel, Christine Taylor, Amyra O'Connell Chase, Susan Etkind, Connie Afshar, Meredith Bates, Liz Bates, Amy Berniker, Allison Moskow, Helene Sceery, Gitte Shea and Alix White.

WORSHIP GUIDE

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Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

The Buddha's birth and teaching will be honored at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 7.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

May 7, "Adam and Fallen Man."

May 14, "Mortals and Immortals."

May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 24

12:27 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

4:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, domestic.

8:44 a.m. **Cedar St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports lost his wallet at dump on Saturday.

8:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:08 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, fire, blast 10 minutes.

10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, request officer to look at night box with drill hole in it.

11:19 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, downed wire, caller reports some lines down in front of his home, he has notified Verizon.

11:49 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, fire, 10 minute blast.

1:08 p.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, fire, blast 10 minutes.

2 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon is on roadway, looks ill.

4:17 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, structure, caller reports possible house fire. Sgt. on scene reports there is smoke and fire in the house. Residents are all out of the house. Fire Capt. reports fire has been contained to the kitchen. Units are checking for extensions. All units clear and returning at this time. Fire has been extinguished.

8:53 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

12:37 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

7:25 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller from this residence complains of the parking due to the construction in the area. This has been an on going problem since construction started. Officer reports he spoke with all parties involved and cars will be moved.

7:26 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 57. Wind: Light.

8:42 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Church St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon in the roadway.

8:56 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, a party has fallen.

10:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, drug/narcotic violations.

10:47 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, tree branch on wires. Mass Electric notified.

10:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:54 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Linden Drive**, fire, investigation, call from Fire HQ., reporting a construction crew has just dug up some wires. Mass Electric notified.

1:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller is requesting to see an officer.

2:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:40 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:11 p.m. **Linden Drive and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Detail officer request patrol car for a minor motor vehicle accident. Officer request a wrecker for vehicle #2, due to no license. Weymouth woman issued summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

4:51 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, investigation.

8:43 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, credit card fraud. Cohasset woman issued summons for improper use of a credit card.

10:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire alarm activation. Lt. reports there is a detector on the second floor going off, but nothing showing, investigating at this time.

10:21 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

12:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, the flashing yellow light on the outside of the building is going off.

1:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door, open rear door. Door leads into the sprinkler room and a long corridor. Doors to the units were secure. Rear door was secured.

11:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller would like to have it recorded once again that people have stolen some "Vote No" signs from the 3A area.

1:12 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a party that drove off without paying for gas, but did not get a plate number.

1:51 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos, male party into HQ. for fingerprints for employment.

2:08 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a suspicious male pulled down her driveway and she came out and he asked her where another address was in the same area then he fled the area. Officer reports this was a delivery person, no problems. Officer has spoken to the male.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports her pocketbook was just stolen out of her carriage. Sgt. has viewed part of the video tape with management and nothing seen. Sgt. will be doing a report, this is a larceny.

5:16 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a cooler in the middle of the road. Officer reports it has been moved out of the road.

7:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller from the above location reports 2 males coming in and asking when they were closing, when she asked the reason because she was suspicious they said they were supposed to clean the carpets, she asked them both for an ID and they could only provide a license, when she didn't accept it, they walked out and when she went after them they had disappeared, she saw no work vehicle or any other vehicle. She was not aware of any cleaning going on and when she checked it out with another bank, they knew nothing about it either. She requests an officer when they are closing.

8 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning

8:26 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, caller reports she had a stove fire and it is out now, but the alarm is still going off.

11:16 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller from the above location reports seeing a Caravan when she left 45 minutes ago parked in front of the church, when she returned at 11:10 p.m. the vehicle was still there and now there is a man sitting in it. Caller says vehicle has left.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

12:56 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, 911 call from female party, who was rambling and seemed to be speaking to another female party in the background. Female caller would not answer any questions. When advised that an officer would be responding, she hung up. Husband will be taking care of the female party.

7:33 a.m. **Spring St.**, public service, Spring Street, between South Main and Pond Street, will be closed.

8:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, abandoned motor vehicle, caller reports abandoned motor vehicle in front of showroom.

10:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, caller states motor vehicle in striped line space of occupied space. OFC spoke with parking supervisor.

12:53 p.m. **Kings Way**, medical aid,

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transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Scituate, diff. Ambulating.

1:11 p.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle ran over stop sign.

3:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, missing child, caller reports a 5-year-old boy has run off from the after school program after hitting another youngster in the face with a stick. Male is 5-years-old, short brown hair, red and black shirt. Female reports they have found the young male hiding in the woods, he is ok. E1 has arrived on scene and cleared police reports the male is ok.

6:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a resident has fallen and is still on the floor.

7:18 p.m. **Short St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports that two carbon monoxide detectors have activated in his home. Units tied up at the scene attempting to clean out the alarm. Nothing has been detected, units still investigating.

9:22 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, received a call from a selectman reporting that the department keeps an extra eye out for "Vote No on Override" signs being stolen and or destroyed. Sgt. on duty advised of same.

10:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports hearing a male party yelling at someone unsure exactly where it is coming from. Officer reports everything quiet at this time, but will stay in the area for a while.

11:15 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all buildings check ok all secure.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

12:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states he is behind a silver Honda operating erratically. Hingham notified. Just a group of girls, no problem.

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen, caller states there are 3 dump trucks blocking the entrance to the school. Trucks have been moved to Woodland Rd.

8:44 a.m. **Pond St.**, vandalism report, party reports vandalism at this location. There was spray painting done at the track.

9:57 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a gas line was just broken through by a construction crew.

10:30 a.m. **North Main St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle at this location.

1 p.m. **Parker Ave., and Border St.**, parking complaint.

1:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a female that feels like she is going to pass out.

2:23 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

3:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

4:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vandalism report, caller reports that her sign has been stolen from her property, twice yesterday and today and just wants it documented.

5:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports kids throwing rocks from above address roof. Caller from Border Street states kids are currently throwing rocks at vehicles. 882 notified again checking area.

7:51 p.m. **All Cohasset Schools**, building checks.

8:34 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking enforcement.

8:47 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle.

10:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid/transported SSH/BLS.

10:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports kids running through her back yard hiding from something.

11:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance-neighborhood, peace restored, caller reports that group of kids in back parking lot causing disturbance to patrons.

11:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

11:43 p.m. **James Lane**, fire, investigation. Inside water problem.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

12:01 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen.

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, the flashing yellow light is still going off.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:30 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, public service, all the catering equipment is outside the building.

6:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

8:03 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, 883 off a the common for the parade.

8:55 a.m. **Beach St.**, larceny, caller reports 2 "Vote No" signs stolen from her property.

9:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

9:11 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, Bridgewater State College is on a field trip. There will be a school bus parked in the area until 1 p.m.

9:42 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, caller reports a truck with a political sign parked at the landfill. Caller believes this is not allowed. Motor vehicle owner has been advised.

9:55 a.m. **King St.**, public service, caller reports a "Vote No" sign has been stolen from his yard.

10:28 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, assist citizen, caller states one of the residents is throwing leaves in the wetlands. Resident will stop dumping leaves for now.

10:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

11:18 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller states the walkers are causing traffic problems. There are no problems at this time.

12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller states she just hit a deer. 883 has checked from Pond Street to Hingham line. Nothing showing. 883 states it may be in Scituate. Scituate has a motor vehicle vs. deer at #340 CJC Highway. Motor vehicle accident appears to be in Scituate.

12:37 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:48 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, illegal dumping, caller states a male party in a small gray motor vehicle dumped 4 bags of trash on the side of the road. Green bags are contained. Can wait until Monday a.m. to be picked up by DPW.

1:31 p.m. **King St.**, public service, one "Vote No" sign was stolen and one sign was destroyed.

1:38 p.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, motor vehicle was stolen from the lot at Ocean Place Condos sometime after 9 p.m. on April 28.

1:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, caller states "There are motor vehicles parked all over the roadway and on the "New" sidewalks." She requests the detail officer "ticket all the motor vehicles as they are supposed to be parked at SSMC." 883 spoke to the parking lot attendant. Motor vehicles are not a hazard.

2:13 p.m. **Whitney Wood Lane**, fire, investigation, odor of gas in the area. There is a permit fire. Smoke was from the permit fire.

3:25 p.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

5:02 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

5:30 p.m. **All Cohasset Schools**, building checks.

7:05 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports that a vehicle has been parked in parking area for over 4 hours without removal and request assistance with car.

7:22 p.m. **Front St.**, medical aid, transported other/ALS, Scituate Fire request for R3 person not feeling well.

9:18 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports that her signage has been taken on Friday and Saturday night request increased patrols and call back.

8:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, woman in roadway with vehicle on back curve.

8:45 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports not feeling well.

9:20 a.m. **Railroad Crossing**, property (recovered), walk in party reports that while walking dog, he found a checkbook and now passing over to police.

10:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic complaint, report of patrons standing in middle of road causing hazard.

11:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint.

11:23 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, lawn buddy incident.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO — Be On the Look Out

BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Rising up with education's Phoenix

By Todd Piken
DAILY NEWS STAFF

In 1976, professor turned entrepreneur Dr. John Sperling founded the University of Phoenix after researching how technology, economics and demographics would come together and herald the return of ever–larger numbers of working adults back into the classroom.

With the lightning-quick advancement of computers, workers were going to need to increase their education if they wanted their careers to grow. Unfortunately, most people did not realize that at the time.

Except for Dr. Sperling.

His research showed that many adults 22 years and older were not getting the sufficient higher education they needed to advance on the job, and he knew something needed to change.

Thus began the University of Phoenix, the revolution of bachelor's and master's degree programs that were sensitive to, and designed around, the learning characteristics and life situations of the working adult.

"Fundamentally, we have reversed the process of a normal education," said Thane Messinger, director of academic affairs for University of Phoenix's Central Massachusetts campus in Westborough. The university has campuses in 39 states across the nation, as well as Puerto Rico and Canada. A second Massachusetts campus is located in Braintree.

"It's not about the professors or the university; it's all about the students. We want to make this process as easy as possible, and as painless as possible," he said.

Messinger, who began teaching in 1997 at the Hawaii campus of the University of Phoenix, said there are no pressures on the students to try and figure out their own path to graduation. Phoenix does it for them.

"Once they come here, we will map out everything for them, in terms of courses, and we will promise them enough credits to graduate. It's essentially set for them."

An undergraduate three-credit course costs $1,350 with a $70 charge for books, while a graduate course costs $1,732 with an additional $80 for books.

An integral part of Messinger's job is picking the right faculty members for each class.

"Our faculty normally has between 15 and 20 years of experience," Messinger said. "And I choose the professors who are best suited for the classes. Our faculty are some of the best in the country, and we work hard to make sure the students get everything they need."

But there are significant differences in Phoenix's program than in a normal university.

"One of the ways we can accelerate the learning process is by putting the students in 'learning groups' to tackle some of the schoolwork as a team, like projects or presentations," Messinger said. "This is not a lecture–based classroom. The classes we teach are directly related to the work that people are doing in their full–time jobs. They can actually apply what they are learning to everyday life, and then bring back the results for discussion in the next class. It's highly interactive and real–world based."

PHOTOS BY JOSEPH MARCUS

The University of Phoenix has classes online, but also has campuses in Westborough, above, and in Braintree. Below, Director of Academic Affairs Thane Messinger is the one responsible for picking professors for each course taught at the university.

Although Messinger feels the online campus helps many adult students reach their academic goals, the University of Phoenix is now focusing on what they call FlexNet.

"While we have the online campus, we are now really focusing on FlexNet," Messinger said. "That means the students attend class for the first week, then they attend via the online newsgroups during weeks two through four. At the end, they wrap things up by attending a class during the final week.

"For most adult students, going to work during the day and then school at night, it can take eight to 10 years to complete a master's or bachelor's degree program. We can make it a faster process with our classroom and online process," he said.

Messinger feels the balance between class time and online work makes it easier for adult students.

"Everyone has gone through the socialization process of school or college at some point," Messinger said. "Our students have careers, mortgages to pay and families. They want to get an education they can put to use at work. We give them that with each of our classes."

After Messinger is done assigning professors to each class, and Operations Manager Patrick Brimble puts together their class schedules and maps out a plan for their graduation, the classes begin.

Phoenix offers bachelor of science degrees in science in business management and information technology. The school also offers master's programs in business administration, business administration in technology management and business administration in global management.

The biggest revolution in University of Phoenix's academic world is a computer program called Resource. It is the online software used in the classroom that is all-encompassing, including everything from research materials to each week's class outline.

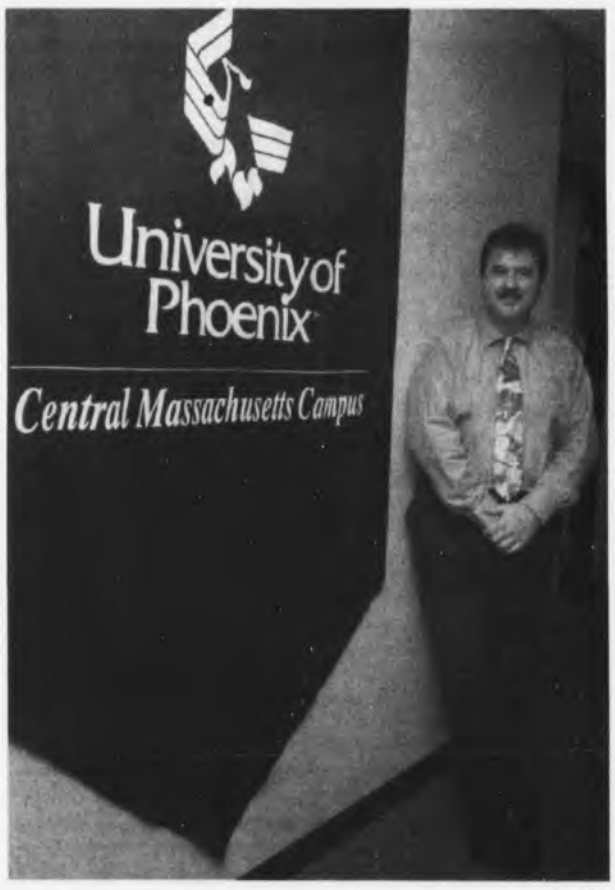
"Resource is the idea that textbooks can just go away," said Messinger. "Textbooks as we know them are no longer needed. All they need to do is be online, and Resource has all the materials they will ever need for their classes.

"Say you have a book on technology, it takes 18 to 24 months to publish something like that, and then they have to ship it out. By that time it's a waste since that information is already old.

"We are always running right along the edge of current with our materials, so with Resource, we can keep that going. Plus, we have hundreds of thousands of students all over the country and world, so shipping costs would be prohibitive. We are ahead of many of the normal colleges with our materials because we are strictly online. We are working on building a library of textbooks for each class, instead of just a single one. And our libraries will be continuously updated," said Messinger.

Along with all the technology, the university also values the opinions of its students.

"At the end of each class, we have the students fill out what we call a student end-of-course survey, which encompasses everything from the instructor and the classroom time, to the operations of the college, or the temperature of the room," said Messinger. "Believe it or not, we read all of them, and then Patrick (Brimble) splits them up to each department. They then make their way to every professor or department that needs to see them."



"Everyday is a continuous process of getting better and more efficient," said Brimble, who lives in Worcester and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Phoenix. "That is one of the foundations of the university. We are breaking new ground all the time, and they certainly did when this all started. It has given a lot of people the ability to heighten their education, and we have streamlined the process."

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

MAY 4-11 2006

A date with an artist

Calendar an artful fund-raiser for North River Arts Society

By Alice Coyle
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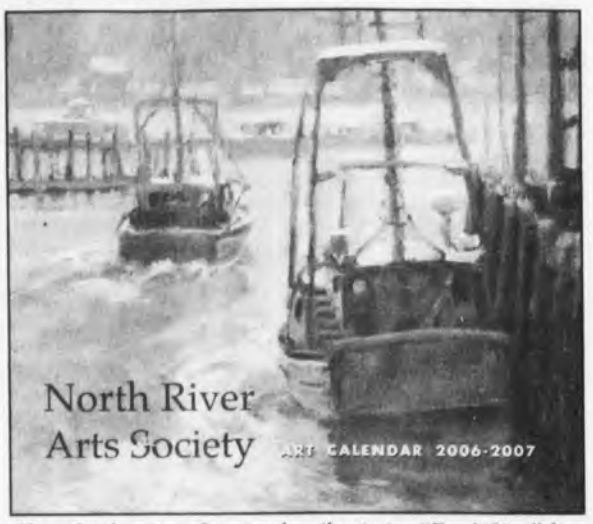
If you've ever left a North River Arts Society exhibit wishing you could own several of the talented artists' works on display, you're in luck. For the first time ever, the NRAS has compiled a calendar featuring the paintings of 18 member artists, and art lovers can own the entire colorful collection for less than $20.

The calendar, which will be available for purchase Sunday, May 7 at the opening of the Art Calendar exhibit at Marshfield's Ventress Library, spans18 months, beginning with July 2006. Renowned artist Robert Douglas Hunter, who judged the juried competition last October, chose all of the art selected for the calendar and for the exhibit, which will be on display through June 24. Slides featuring more than 200 artworks were entered, 40 were chosen for the exhibit and 18 selected for the calendar — including best in show winner Diane Scott, whose oil painting "Fog Lifting" graces the calendar's cover and is the featured work for the month of November 2007.

According to NRAS Vice President Mary Curran, the concept for a calendar came from NRAS President Marcia Ballou, and grew into what NRAS members hope will be a successful annual fund-raiser. In addition to helping support programming including workshops and classes, proceeds raised through the sale of the calendar will be put into maintenance and upkeep of the GAR Hall on Old Main Street which is home to the NRAS. Curran said the calendar project is also in keeping with the NRAS' mission to promote its artists and bring art into the community.



The calendar cover features the oil painting "Fog Lifting," by Diane Scott

The artwork inside the calendar is as varied and diverse as the artists themselves.

To help get the calendar project off the ground, Curran, who worked with fellow NRAS board members and Calendar co-chairmen Liz Haywood-Sullivan and Ted Polomis, sought out corporate sponsors whose support helped pay for the approximately $9,000 it cost to produce it.

"It was wonderful," said Curran. "We approached local businesses and asked them to get behind a project we had never done before." Ten local businesses-Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Betsy Hines Real Estate, The Printwright Studio, Taylor Lumber/Ace Hardware, Jack Conway & Company R.E., Briteway Car Wash, VERC Rentals, the Frame Center, Tedeschi Food Shops, Inc. and Marshfield Office Supply Copy & Print Center - took a chance and sponsored the inaugural effort.

The artwork inside the calendar is as varied and diverse as the artists themselves. Many of the works capture local and regional scenery and several mark the seasons, including Carol Holder's snow covered "New Hampshire Winter." and Norma Brown's serene "Winter Light." Summer is in full bloom in Virginia Wilson's inviting "Sit Awhile" and in the fresh greens of Susan Charles' "Through the Trees." The calendar is also ripe with images of fruit —from the cantaloupe in both Jody Regan and Nancy Sargeant Howell's paintings, to the bowl full of dark red cherries spilling out of Ted Polomis' oil painting "Life."

Following Sunday's opening of the Art Calendar exhibit, the Art Calendar will be available at the Feature Barn at the NRAS 30th Annual Festival of the Arts Memorial Day Weekend, and will be sold at NRAS headquarters, the GAR Hall on Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills and various other locations throughout the year.

The opening reception for the Art Calendar Exhibit at the Ventress Library will be held Sunday, May 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information on the exhibit and the calendar call the NRAS at 781-837-8091.

"Gannett Sunrise," a pastel by Dianne Dakowicz

"Sit Awhile," a watercolor by Virginia M.Wilson

Artists featured in the NRAS Calendar:

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Gail Marie Nauen of Carver
Lisa Marder of Cohasset
Joan Brancale of Hingham
Diane Scott of Hingham,
Jeanne MacFarland of Hull
Susan B. Charles of Marshfield
Liz Haywood-Sullivan of Marshfield
Dorothy Simpson Krause of Marshfield
Jody Regan of Marshfield
Ted Polomis of Marshfield
Norma Brown of Middle-boro
Virginia Wilson of Norwell
Diane Dakowicz of Scituate
Carol Holder of Scituate
Nancy Sargeant Howell of Scituate
Bobbie Sullivan of Scituate
Sally McCarthy of Whitman

Local actress heads north to take on 'Damn Yankees'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Actress Mary Callanan has played a wide range of roles in her career - from nun to aging, menopausal flower child. Her curent role, however - as a rabid resident of Red Sox nation in the North Shore Music Theatre's (NSMT) all-new updated production of "Damn Yankees" - is one the Weymouth resident says came naturally to her.

"I've been a diehard Red Sox fan for as long as I can remember so I knew I could very easily play a crazed Red Sox fan in this show," explained Callanan by telephone last week. "And I had been wanting to work at North Shore for a long time, too, so the moment I heard that they were planning to do this show, I knew I had to do it."

Callanan had done two prior productions of the musical with other theater companies, but none just like the one being mounted in Beverly. For the opening of its 51st season, NSMT has joined forces with The Boston Red Sox to put a new spin on the classic musical by hiring writer Joe DiPietro ("I Love You You're Perfect! Now Change!") to adapt the original book by Douglass Wallop and George Abbott - for this production only — to include many Red Sox references. Indeed, the fictional Washington Senators are now the 1957 Red Sox bent on reversing the "The Curse." The updated book, based on a concept by NSMT Artistic Director and Executive Producer Jon Kimbell, now tells the tale of a lifelong Red Sox fan who makes a deal with the Devil himself to help the Sox break the curse and take the pennant from the dreaded New York Yankees. With music and lyrics by Jerry Ross and Richard Adler, the show boasts such memorable songs as "You Gotta Have Heart," "Goodbye Old Girl," and "Whatever Lola Wants."

"The concept is just fantastic," says Callanan. "After the Chicago Cubs, Boston may be the only other team in baseball with fans who are willing to sell their souls for a World Series title. Everybody knows this score, too, which is great. The music is absolutely wonderful."

PHOTO BY PAUL LYDEN

Mary Callanan (Doris) above left, and Becky Barta (Sister) play die hard Red Sox fans in NSMT's all new production of DAMN YANKEES, featuring the Boston Red Sox, now playing through May 14, 2006.

Callanan's character, Doris, is on hand to provide moral support for Meg Boyd, whose husband disappears after striking his deal with the Devil, so the performer sings only briefly and that's just fine with her.

"I don't mind at all that I don't have much singing to do. I just love having a chance to show this side of myself."

Weymouth resident Mary Callanan singing "God Bless America" at Fenway Park on Easter Sunday.

Callanan's character may be more about comic relief than concertizing, but the local favorite did get a chance to sing, in support of "Damn Yankees," at Fenway Park on Easter Sunday when the Sox beat Seattle, 3-2.

"They asked me to sing 'God Bless America' during the seventh inning stretch so the whole experience seemed to last just a minute, but the Sox were winning so everyone sang along. It was surreal. I had performed the national anthem with the cast of 'Menopause: The Musical' in 2004 and several years earlier with the Boston company of 'Nunsense,' but this was my first solo work at Fenway. It was an incredible experience."

Another positive experience for Callanan was her recently concluded two-year stint as an original cast member in the Boston company of "Menopause: The Musical." Callanan left the still-running Stuart Street Playhouse production to take her current role, but she will return later this month.

"'Menopause' has become like family to me so as I gave my notice earlier this spring I asked to come back to do the two final shows in Boston on May 21. I wish I could go with the company when it moves to Connecticut this summer, but I'm already committed to do my cabaret act with Brian Patton at the Crown & Anchor in Provincetown. I will miss 'Menopause' very, very much."

"Damn Yankees" will continue at North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, through May 14, 2006. For tickets and information, call 978-232-7200 or visit www.nsmt.org.

Calendar of events

Thursday, May 4

Teddy Bear Day at The Children's Museum in Easton, Thursday, May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your favorite bear or stuffed animal. Boys and girls are welcome. Teddy Bear check ups will be available at the Kids clinic. There will be a Teddy Bear Tea with a snack of tea and honey. Sittings are 11-11:30 a.m., noon to 12:30 p.m. or 1-1:30 p.m. Advance registration required by calling 508-230-3789. Tickets for the tea must be picked up at the museum 15 minutes before your seating. Additional fee of $2 per person for the Tea party and all other activities are included with museum admission. Visit www.childrensmuseumineaston.org.

Let's get Messy for Babies sponsored by the NRC Family Network, Thursday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For babies 12 months and under. Gather for songs, playtime and a messy activity. Dress to make a mess. Will be held at the Jefferson School, 34 James St., Rockland. Call 781-681-9736 for more information.

Kids' Mystery program at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Thursday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m. Students ages 9-12 use clues and intuition to solve a baffling library mystery. Sign up to play a part in the mystery party. For information call 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious lecture series presents "Listening To Other Voices: Religion and the World We Live In," Thursday, May 4 at 7:15 p.m. at the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Speaker will be Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. Reservations recommended, call 781-749-2155. Lectures are free and donations are accepted.

Annual Kaplan Scholarship Concert at Furnace Brook Middle School, Thursday, May at 7:30 p.m. Scholarship recipient, Pamela Harght, a Berklee College of Music senior, will perform. Also performing "The Fens" and the MHS Jazz Band. Sponsored by the Trustees of the Ventress Memorial Library. Concert is free and open to the public. No tickets required. For information call 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters of Brockton, will move to East Bridgewater effective May 4. The popular speaking club will continue to hold their meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:15 p.m. at 516 North Bedford St., E. Bridgewater.

Relay For Life of Marshfield Captain's meeting will be held Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Marshfield Elks Hall, Route 139 in Marshfield. Anyone wanting to learn more about what Relay For Life is all about or how to become a team captain or participant is encouraged to attend. For information call Cindy Whipple at 781-834-7421 or Elizabeth Spurr at 781-293-5094 or visit www.cancer.org.

Roman Antiquity, Venetian Rebirth, and Olive Oil, presentation by photographer Daniel McCann at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, First Thursday Lecture Series, Nantasket Ave., Hull, Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m. Program accompanied by bread, olive oil, and other light refreshments. $5 for non-members and $3 members. Call 781-925-7433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

Evening of Culinary Tips, Conservation and Cocktails" to benefit the Women's Cancers Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Thursday, May 4 at the home of Constance Hubbell Clapp, president and CEO of The Hubbell Group Inc. Featuring gourmet creations and culinary techniques of Boston Herald Inside Track columnist Laura Raposa of Scituate. For information and reservations call Krissy Hanson, The Hubbell Group, 781-878-8882 or email khanson@hubbellgroup.com.

Country Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Thursday, May 4, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Two-step, east and west coast swing, waltz, cha-cha, salsa, hustle, line dancing, and more. DJ music by Paul DeMaria. Refreshments and cash bar. For information call 781-326-3075 or visit moseleysonthecharles.com.

Family Fun Night every Thursday at Applebee's, 6 to 8 p.m., 755 Granite St., Braintree. Clown around with Jenny the Juggler. Fun for the entire family. Magic, singing, face painting and balloons. Free kids sundae with each child's meal. Call 781-843-3648.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Blue Dog Blues Band**, Thursday, May 4 at 9:30 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, May 4. **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Basic Black** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends**, Thursday, May 4. Shows are 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Pizza and appetizers available. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com./next page.

D'Ann's, 340 Centre Ave., Route 123, Abington hosts **Frankie and Marie, Country DJ's** on Thursday, May 4. For information call 781- 878-8767.

Friday, May 5

Seussical! presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club, Fridays, May 5, 12, 19 and Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20 at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays, May 7, 14, 21 at 2 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall. Tickets $15 available at the door or call 781-697-2115 to reserve.

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Calendar

MAY 4-11 2006

Mary Felton's *Charcoal Drawings: A Celebration of Contemporary Realism* will be exhibited in the Hingham Public Library's *Dolphin Gallery* from April 29 through June 1. The exhibit may be viewed during Library hours. The library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For hours and information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

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Designs of France Spring Open House and Sale, Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the home of John and Peg Carpenter, 58 Meadowbrook Road, Norwell. Pottery and table linens from Provence, France, will be available at 50 percent off. For information call 781-826-8553 or visit www.designsoffrance.com.

Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Students will perform Shakespeare's 37 plays in 90 minutes. Tickets are $12 and are available at the Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell or by phone at 781-871-2787.

Pocahantas performed at **The Little Theatre** of Stoughton, May 5, 6 and 7. Hours are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Admission is $15 for adults, $10 students. Tickets are available at Pages, Bob's Market, Andy's and at the cinema. For information visit www.littletheatreofstoughton.com.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, May 5 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

"Now That's Italian" 13th annual A Taste of the North End, Friday, May 5, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the New England Aquarium, hosted by TV Diner's Billy Costa of KISS 108 radio. Features food and wine from 33 North End restaurants and area wine and beer distributors. Proceeds benefit North End charitable organizations. Tickets $95 per person. Call 617-367-2353.

"An Evening Under the Stars" annual dinner-auction at Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester, Friday, May 5, at 6 p.m. to benefit Fontbonne Academy Scholarship Fund. Items include autographed sports memorabilia, artwork, tickets to local sporting events, and restaurant gift certificates. Tickets $75 per person. To order tickets or contribute items call 617-696-3435.

Beauty and the Beast at the Priscilla Beach Theatre, Rocky Hill Road, Manomet. Directed by Geronimo Sands. Friday and Saturday, May 5, 6, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 7, 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets $12 adults, $7 children under 12. For reservations or group rate information call 508-224-4888.

Shadows and Reflections featuring Hingham artist Jack Dickerson, at South Street Gallery, Hingham. Exhibit runs from May 5 through May 25. **Opening reception, Friday, May 5, from 6-9 p.m.** with refreshments. For more information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Recent work of James Baker on exhibit at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell through May 31. **Opening reception Friday evening, May 5, 7 to 9 p.m.** Gallery hours Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org. Gallery hours Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Find Your Fiesta" Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Friday, May 5, 6 p.m., Dick's Last Resort, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, with host Mark Hamilton of WBCN radio broadcasting live. Tequila Queso chicken for $12.99, Corona beer and margaritas. No cover. Save $2 on parking at 75 State St. garage. Call 617-267-8080.

South Shore Folk Music Club concert Friday, May 5, featuring Valerie and Walter Crockett and the Oxymorons, and 3rd Annual Silent Auction at Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., coffeehouse starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door for members, $12 for non-members. Advance tickets available by mailing a check at least 10 days in advance to South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. For a list of auction items visit www.ssfmc.org.

Lyric State company presents Kong's Night Out world premiere comedy, Friday, May 5 - Saturday, June 2, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., Boston. Tickets $20-$25, $10 student rush w\ID at the box office, visit www.lyricstage.com, or call 617-558-5678.

Improv Asylum, 216 Hanover Street, Boston will host **STAND-UPROV**, Friday, May 5 at midnight. Watch Boston's best stand-up comics perform. Then see Boston's best improvisers riff scenes inspired by their material. Tickets are only $7 or free if you've been to the 8 p.m. or 10 p.m. main stage show that night. Comedians will be the Walsh Brothers, Shaun Bedgood and Tony V. Produced by Micah Sherman. For information visit www.improvasylum.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, **Michelle "Evil Gal" Wilson and The HouseRockers**, Friday, May 5 at 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 781-871-7175 or 781-843-4833.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 5, **The High Rollers**, blues, show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, May 5, **Johnny Vance Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Keeping the Gruve/Satch Romano**, Friday, May 5. Shows are 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Pizza and appetizers available. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

Saturday, May 6

Storybook Cove, 2053 Washington St., Hanover, hosts **Batty Beach Party** with Duxbury author/illustrator of "Bats at the Beach," Brian Lies, Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m. Kids are invited to wear their sunglasses and bring a beach towels. Lies will read his book, sign autographs and show the original artwork. For information call 781-871-7801 or visit www.storybookcove.com.

"Derby Day" hosted by Marsh's Liquors, Norwell, Saturday, May 6. Festivities include pony rides from 10 a.m. to noon, cookout beginning at noon, and wine tasting at 4 p.m. Free to the public, but the proprietors of Marsh's would like to ask that donations be made to the 3A Farm Fund, which was created to raise the money necessary to build a new animal shelter in Scituate. The existing "no kill" shelter serves the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

Duxbury and Plymouth Christian Science churches will host a discussion "Who do you think you are?" Saturday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Au Bon Pain, 156 Church St., Pembroke. Older teens and twenty-somethings are invited to this open discussion on finding a better view of yourself. Moderated by David Stevens, C.S. For information call 781-294-1911.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands volunteer training session, Saturday, May 6, meet at Long Wharf National Park Service information kiosk, 9:30 a.m. Ferry to Georges Island departs at 10 a.m. For information visit www.fbhi.org. or call 781-740-4290

4th Annual Wildflower Plant Sale, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to noon, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. An abundant variety of fragrant and colorful wildflowers for sale. For information call 781-659-2559.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club walk, Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m. Moderate walk with some hilly terrain, 3.5 miles along Wolcott Path to Breakneck Ledge to Chestnut Run and Border Path. Return via Wildcat Notch and Coon Hollow. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St. in Milton. Wear sturdy footgear and bring along drinking water. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

"Preserving the Past to Protect our Future" Heirloom Seeds and Heritage Breeds workshop for teachers at Weir River Farm in Hingham and Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is $30 and includes lunch and all materials. For more information, call Debi Hogan at 508-336-4426 or visit www.aginclassroom.org.

A Taste of Hingham, Saturday, May 6 from noon to 3 p.m. Street fair benefitting over 20 charities. Ticket price includes sample of a large assortment of entrees and desserts, entertainment, arts and crafts and more. Tickets are $12 ($10 in advance) for adults, $6 for children ($4 in advance) and $40 for a family ($25 in advance.) Advance tickets can be purchased at Raveis RE or Treasures in Hingham Square and Puopolo Candies, 222 North St. For information call 781-749-7400 or visit www.discoverhingham.com.

The Unicorn Singers, joined by several members of the **Broad Cove Chorale** will present their final program of the season on Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m. "Gems of the British Choral Collection" in a concert at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham. Tickets are $12.50 in advance, $15 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling 781-749-6561 or email: bcc-us.org. Tickets also available from chorus members and Noble's Camera in Hingham.

Belly Dance for a Cure, Saturday, May 6 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Wareham Lodge of Elks, Wareham. Belly dances from all over NE will perform. Event will raise money for the Avon Breast Cancer Foundation. A silent auction will be held. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door. For information call Lisa Butler at 774-454-7533 or email: seeabutler@yahoo.com.

The talented teens of The Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory will be presenting the hilarious play, "The Complete Works of Williams Shakespeare (Abridged)," on Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6, both shows at 7:30 p.m. The students take on the outrageous task of performing Shakespeare's 37 plays in only 90 hilarious minutes, illuminating the world of The Bard through the use of football, swordplay and hip-hop music. Why? Because life is way too short and the complete works of Shakespeare are way too long. Tickets are priced at $12 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787.

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Seventh Annual Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer, Monday, May 8 through Sunday, May 14. Treat your mom to a fabulous dessert while helping to battle breast cancer. Proceeds support the Breast Oncology Center of Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Over100 restaurants are participating by providing desserts for $8 with 100 percent of proceeds being donated. For more information and full listing of restaurants, visit www.bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org.

The Helen Bumpas Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, main level, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents **"Fiber Construction" by Dora Hsiung** through June 22. **A reception will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm**. A gallery talk and discussion of her technique. Refreshments will be served. All are invited. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra hosts Craig Schulman "A Night on Broadway" singing his signature songs from "Les Miserables" and "The Phantom of the Opera," on Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m. at Plymouth's Memorial Hall. General admission is $30 or cabaret-style seating at $40 each or table of eight for $300. Advance tickets can be purchased at The Studio of Duxbury or at the Phil offices at 16 Court St., Plymouth. Order by phone at 508-746-8008. For information visit www.plymouthphilharmoic.com.

The Choral Art Society **spring concert, "A Visitto Vienna" Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate. Benefits the society as it moves toward its fiftieth anniversary season, and scholarship fund. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books, 3A in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate, and from choir members. Tickets are $15 per person, $12. seniors and students. For information call Paul at 781-585-8910.**

South Shore Astronomical Society Astronomy Day 2006, Saturday, May 6, 4 to 10 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Church of Norwell, 24 River St., Norwell. Solar viewing, planetarium show, astronomical imaging, meteorite display, telescopic viewing. For information visit www.ssastros.org.

Satire Night Live! presented by the award-winning Chicago-based Improv Unlimited, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Furnace Brook School Auditorium, Marshfield. Tickets $10 available at The Corner Café, 2000 Ocean St., Marshfield or call 781-837-0533.

4th Annual Wine Tasting to benefit MSPCA Metro South Animal Care and Adoption Center, 1300 W. Elm St. Ext., Brockton, Saturday, May 6, 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Visit www.mspca.org/metrosouth

Ballroom dance open house, Trinity Episcopal Church, 241 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., refreshments, and door prizes. Tickets $10 in advance, $12 at the door. For information call 617-325-1562.

CALENDAR, see next page

The James Library and Center for the Arts will display artist James Baker's recent work from May 5 –31. An opening reception will be held Friday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. The library is located at 24 West Street Norwell. For hours and information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADOPTION RESOURCE EXCHANGE ADOPTION PARTY to recruit adoptive families for children in foster care. For anyone interested in adopting, whether you are single, partnered, or married. Meet social workers and children awaiting adoption on Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at LaSalette Shrine, Route 118, Attleboro. Call MARE at 800-882-1176 or online at www.mareinc.org.

CEREBRAL PALSY OF MASSACHUSETTS 7TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, Monday, June 12 at Pembroke Country Club, 94 West Elm St., Pembroke. Individual golfer costs $150, foursome is $600. Proceeds go to enhance programming and vital resources to help individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the state. Register by calling Ann Di Mattio at 617-479-7443 ext. 203.

HEALTHY LVING ART AND SOUL FESTIVAL, Saturday, July 29 at Bridgewater State College, Boyden Quad, Bridgewater from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feast for your eyes, ears, souls and minds. Visit with artisans making eclectic mix of jewelry, crafts and sculptures. Dance to blues and zydeco music and enjoy a variety of foods. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children, kids under 12 are free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. For tickets call Candita at 508-615-9806 o visit www.TheHealthyLivingGuide.com.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL 4TH ANNUAL MILES FOR MIRACLES WALK, Sunday, June 11 along the Charles River. Join the people who were touched by Children's Hospital as they give thanks, remember a loved one and enjoy a stroll. The entry fee is $15 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Adult walkers are required to raise $100. Call 866-303-WALK or visit www.childrenshospital.org/walk.

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LIVE, from Chicago it's "Satire Night Live!" Award-winning Chicago-based comedy improv theatre group Improv Unlimited is performing their family show "Satire Night Live!" Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Furnace Brook School Auditorium at 500 Furnace Street, Marshfield. Proceeds from this Improv Unlimited show will benefit the Marshfield High School Backstage Boosters Scholarship Fund."Tickets are only $10 and may be purchased at The Corner Café, 2000 Ocean St., Marshfield, MA. or by calling 781-837-0533.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, May 6, **Steve Smith and The Nakeds,** rock, r&b, soul w/10 piece horns. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Joey Canzano, Man of Many Voices at **Quincy Dinner Theatre**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, singing Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, and Perry Como. Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 8:30 p.m., Saturday four-course dinner at 7 p.m., Sunday, May 8, 3:30 p.m., dinner at 2 p.m. Also featured, Johnny Pizzi's comedy is Magic. Tickets $39.95 for dinner and show, $20 show only. Call 781-843-5862.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The Jaywalkers**, Saturday, May 6. Shows are 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Pizza and appetizers available. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, May 6, **Zodiac Lunch Bunch.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Sunday, May 7

Pembroke Historical Society Annual Fish Fry, Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Herring Run Park, Route 14, Barker St. Chef Bobby Hacket will serve up Pembroke's local delicacy cooked to perfection. Hot dogs available also. Meal costs $5 and includes herring or hot dog, baked beans, corn bread and beverage. Cost is $3 for hot dog and lemonade. There will be duck races with Captain Quack and face painting. Proceeds benefit upkeep of Pembroke's historical sites and activities. Bring a lawn chair. For more information call 781-293-0983.

Willow Brook Farm Preserve Sunday Walk, May 7, 10 a.m. to noon. Visit a variety of habitats, including an open field, woodlands, wetlands and an Atlantic White Cedar Grove at this Wildlands Trust property and enjoy a scenic vista from an observation tower overlooking a freshwater tidal marsh. Meet at Route 14 parking lot. For information call 781-659-2559.

First annual Bark-a-thon, Sunday, May 7 at Wampatuck State Park to benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter's attempt to build a new shelter. Organized by 14-year old William Hall who has enlisted his friends in this fundraiser. Walk is open to all ages and both private and corporate groups. Teams are needed for 3K and a 5K walk, sponsors are also needed. For more information contact William Hall at 781-749-4492 or email: William@gailhall.com.

Celebrity Chef Sara Moulton at South Shore Plaza, Sunday, May 7. Free day-long celebration of food, wine, cooking and shopping, demonstrations by local chefs Dave Cox of Capital Grill, Brian Jenkins from Sinatra, Paul Delios from Meze Estiatorio and wine seminars by Jacob's Creek. Moulton's cooking performances are 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Open to the public. For information call 781-842-8200 or visit www.simon.com.

NRC Family Network Third Annual Touch A Truck fundraiser, Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rockland High School, 52 Mackinley Way, Rockland. Come and check out the big rigs. Kids can climb on board and blow the horn. Food, face painting and raffles. Cost is $5 per child; adults and children under one are free. For information call 781-681-9736

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Chestnut Hill Reservation Stroll, Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. Join the DCR Ranger on a hike around scenic Chestnut Hill Reservation. Hike this newly formed reservation and learn about the future plans. Hike last 1.5 hours. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Wear sturdy footgear and bring drinking water.

Just the High Points, survey of the South Shore from Fort Revere Park in Hull, and Turkey Hill in Hingham, and Lawson Tower in Scituate, Sunday, May 7. Departs from North River Wildlife Sanctuary at 1 p.m. $18, $15 Mass. Audubon members. For information call 781-837-9400.

5th Annual South Shore Arthritis Walk, Sunday, May 7, Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor Open to teams and individuals with choice of 1-mile or 5K route along Plymouth Harbor. No registration fee. For information or to register call 800-766-9449 ext 120 or visit www.southshore-arthritiswalk.kintera.org.

Book signing, "A Strong West Wind," memoir by Boston Globe book critic **Gail Caldwell,** Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. For information visit www.duxburyfreelibrary.org or call Westwinds Bookshop at 781-934-2721.

Braintree Choral Society Spring Concert, Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m., Old South Congregational Church, 25 Columbian St.,So. Weymouth. Tickets $12 in advance, $15 at the door, seniors and students $10. Call 617-472-7906 or e-mail: braintree-choral@yahoo.com.

A Botanical Quartet, exhibit of botanical artists through July 28, Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery, South Shore Conservatory, One conservatory Drive, Cohasset. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565.

South Shore Music Circus Gallery, One conservatory Drive, Cohasset exhibit of Hingham artists Dianne Dolan, Joan Brancale, Margaret McWethy, and Mary Mirabito, through July 28. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Matt Stubbs Band**, Sunday, May 7. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy hosts **Steve Murphy Band**, Sunday, May 7. For information call 617-773-1170.

Jazz at Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Sunday, May 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Dixie Land concert featuring **The Riverside Jazz Band**. Dinner is optional beginning at 3 p.m. Admission is $10. For information call 781-834-6505.

Monday, May 8

Dinosaurs and Fossils Story Time at the Manoment Branch Library, 12 Strand Ave., Manomet, Monday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. Kids ages 4 and up are invited. Kids can share their knowledge about dinosaurs and learn more about the amazing animals through stories and activities. Admission is free. For information call 508-830-4185 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Operation A.B.L.E. job fair for mature workers, ages 45 or older, at the Radisson Hotel Boston, Monday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Employers in a wide range of job categories and industries in attendance. Hotel is located at 200 Stuart St. in the Theater District. For information call 617-542-4180 x 140 or email elafavre@operationable.net.

The Big Sister Association of Greater Boston needs women at least 20 years old, to become Big Sisters. Next orientation session is Monday, May 8 from noon to 1 p.m. at 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Building, Suite 7, second floor in Quincy. To register or for information, call 617-328-1061. Visit www.bigsisters.org.

"Poverty and the American Dream," a Kennedy Library Forum Series, Monday, May 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Presidential Library, Columbia Point, Boston. Various speakers. Forums are free and open to the public. For reservations or information, call 617-514-1643 or visit www.jfklibrary.org.

16th annual "Voice and Visions" Gala by The Home For Little Wanderers, Monday, May 8, 6 to 10 p.m. at The State Room, 60 State St., Boston. Celebrates children's artwork. Unique fundraiser features an exhibit of visual arts and creative writing. Cocktails and dinner will be served and a silent auction held. Tickets are $125. For information call 617-267-3700, 888-HOME-321, or visit www.the-home.org.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity information session, Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church. For anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about building simple and decent homes for needy people. For information call Sara Ciardiello at 781-843-9080, ext. 2 or visit www.communitydev@sshabitat.org.

7th Annual Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer, Monday, May 8 through Sunday, May 14, to benefit the Eva Brownman Breast Cancer Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Desserts provided by over 100 restaurants. $8 per order. To browse assortments and order visit www.bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org.

The Dolphin Gallery presents "The Horse Show - Ponies, Prints and Paints," charcoal drawings by Mary Felton at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Route 228, Hingham, through June 1. Call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org for information.

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Kids Club at the Manomet Branch Library, 12 Strand Ave. Story and activity for children ages 6-12. For information call 508-830-4250, 508-830-4185, or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Tuesday, May 9

South Shore Business Network's Hingham Luncheon at the Rustic Kitchen, Tuesday, May 9, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Introduce yourself and your business to colleagues from around the greater Boston area. Seating is limited, register early by calling SSWBN at 781-749-8883 or visit www.sswbn.org.

Charcoal Drawings: A Celebration of Contemporary Realism, exhibit of artist Mary Felton at the Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery through June 1. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. The Hingham Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405.

Buttonwood Books and Toys is forming book club. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. First discussion is planned for Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Selected book is "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See. Facilitator is Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. For information call 781-383-2665.

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149 South Stree a minute from Hingham Square. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

Duxbury artist Stephen Eames will exhibit a selection of his oil paintings in **Clemens Gallery**, at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., through June 1. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. For more information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

April Showers and More, spring art display of mixed media works by Weymouth artist Kaye O'Brien through May 13 at South Shore Natural Science Center Vine Hall, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell.

Tuesday Trivia Night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover, great prizes. Teams form weekly. For information call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, May 10

9th Annual Carefree Europe, high school seniors' travel program at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Wednesday, May 10, 2 to 4 p.m. Speakers John and Mikki Chaffee discuss first-hand experience of traveling alone and in groups to Belgium, England, France, Italy, Malta, and the lower Danube River. Free admission, open to the public. For information call 508-830-4250 ext 219 or e-mail slarosa@ocln.org.

The Brain Aneurysm Foundation South Shore support group will meet on Wednesday, May 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. The topic is "Rehabilitation." For more information, contact Tom Quirk at 617-513-3578.

Slide show of "Great Boston Fires" at the Turner Free Library, 2 Main St., Randolph, on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:15 a.m. Hosted by historian and author David Kruh on Wednesday, May 10. His books include "Scollay Square" and "The Curse of the Bambino." Admission is free. For information call Anne Prescott at 781-986-0336.

Complex Conversations art exhibit through June 25, featuring the work of metal smith Tom Odell and printmaker and painter Carol Odell, at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. For information call 781-934-6634.

White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, through May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Includes works of international artists and 34 artists from 40 states. Call 781-383-2787.

Leukemia Spring Ball sponsored by The Singles Executives Club, Wednesday, May 10 at the Boston Park Plaza ballroom, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. A fundraising dance for singles and couples. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, silent auction hosted by Channel 4's David Robichaud. Black-tie optional. Cost is $60. All proceeds benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

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"We're right on schedule," said Coughlin, adding designs are currently complete for the Little Harbor and the Atlantic Avenue collection systems. Designs for the Deep Run and Rust Way collection system and metering manhole are 80 percent complete, while the wastewater treatment plan upgrades design is 35 percent complete.

Coughlin said once all designs are done, the projects can be put out to bid this winter. He said advertising would likely take place in January or February, and the contract could be awarded in the spring. In June or July of 2007, construction could begin.

Coughlin is also working on a satellite treatment plant feasibility study. He said 60 percent of the lot identification is complete, while other aspects of the study, such as site limitations and treatment options have not been as thoroughly explored. He said this summer, most likely in July or August, he will get together with members of the Department of Public Works to conduct some site investigations.

"We're looking at innovative solutions for providing a municipal solution," said Coughlin adding technology is continually improving and smaller, very efficient systems can now be built on smaller parcels of land.

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CNC announces sale

Community Newspaper Company's more than 100 weeklies and four daily newspapers are being purchased by GateHouse Media Inc.

The sale, which is expected to close in June, keeps intact the broad swath of suburban weeklies and dailies that make up CNC. GateHouse Media, formerly operating as Liberty Group Publishing Inc., currently owns many community publications in 15 states, including 64 dailies and more than 200 weekly newspapers and other publications.

Greg Rush, associate publisher and chief operating officer of CNC, said the purchase by Liberty Group will continue CNC's focus on local news and sports coverage, and local advertising.

"CNC's newspapers have built on a reputation for strong local coverage and community content," Rush said this week. "That mission should mesh well with GateHouse Media, whose publications are very similar and strive for the same excellence in community journalism."

Community Newspaper Company includes the Cohasset Mariner, along with 91 other weeklies and the MetroWest Daily News, Daily News Tribune, Milford Daily News and Daily News Transcript, as well as specialty publications and pennysavers.

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Daniel Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC, provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on the projects Monday, as well as tentative timeline for completion. He said all design work should be done by October of this year.

"We're right on schedule," said Coughlin, adding designs are currently complete for the Little Harbor and the Atlantic Avenue collection systems. Designs for the Deep Run and Rust Way collection system and metering manhole are 80 percent complete, while the wastewater treatment plan upgrades design is 35 percent complete.

Coughlin said once all designs are done, the projects can be put out to bid this winter. He said advertising would likely take place in January or February, and the contract could be awarded in the spring. In June or July of 2007, construction could begin.

Coughlin is also working on a satellite treatment plant feasibility study. He said 60 percent of the lot identification is complete, while other aspects of the study such as site limitations and treatment options have not been thoroughly explored. He said this summer, most likely in July or August, he will get together with members of the Department of Public Works to conduct some site investigations.

"We're looking at innovative solutions for providing a municipal solution," said Coughlin adding technology is continually improving and smaller, very efficient systems can now be built on smaller parcels of land.

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CNC announces sale

Community Newspaper Company's more than 100 weeklies and four daily newspapers are being purchased by GateHouse Media Inc.

The sale, which is expected to close in June, keeps intact the broad swath of suburban weeklies and dailies that make up CNC. GateHouse Media, formerly operating as Liberty Group Publishing Inc., currently owns many community publications in 15 states, including 64 dailies and more than 200 weekly newspapers and other publications.

Greg Rush, associate publisher and chief operating officer of CNC, said the purchase by Liberty Group will continue CNC's focus on local news and sports coverage, and local advertising.

"CNC's newspapers have built on a reputation for strong local coverage and community content," Rush said this week. "That mission should mesh well with GateHouse Media, whose publications are very similar and strive for the same excellence in community journalism."

Community Newspaper Company includes the Cohasset Mariner, along with 91 other weeklies and the MetroWest Daily News, Daily News Tribune, Milford Daily News and Daily News Transcript, as well as specialty publications and pennysavers.

The sale will leave the Boston Herald in the hands of publisher Patrick Purcell and transfer ownership of CNC. Coincidental with the purchase of CNC, GateHouse is also buying Enterprise NewsMedia, publisher of the Patriot Ledger of Quincy, The Enterprise of Brockton, and numerous weeklies on the South Shore that are part of the MPG group.

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Best book: "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown.

Best movie: "Cinderella Man."

Best TV show: "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Pet peeve: People that can speak but don't listen.

Most embarrassing moment: Having to sit in a snow bank three miles from home after applying too much liquid heat to a sore muscle.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

This week the Mariner caught up with Assistant Town Accountant Jane Henderson at her office at Town Hall.

Most memorable moment: Being at the boat show and trying to convince my husband that I was *finally* going to allow him to buy the boat of his dreams.

Goal: To reach my $5,000 fundraising goal in the Dana Farber Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk on Sept. 17, 2006.

Person I'd most like to meet: Tom Brady.

Biggest worry: Staying healthy enough so I can jog for the rest of my life.

Best part of Cohasset: Our incredibly beautiful harbor.

Planning board office hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

To schedule an appointment with Town Planner Liz Harrington, email her at lizh@townofcohasset.org. She will contact you promptly to arrange a Monday appointment.

Firefighter promotions

The following firefighters were promoted to the rank of permanent fire lieutenant effective with the approval of the Board of Selectmen at its Monday meeting: Robert Protulis, a firefighter/EMT with the fire department since August 1983; Francis Mahoney Jr., a firefighter/EMT with the department since March 1988; and Paul Bilodeau, a firefighter/EMT with the department since September 1982.

Lamberts Lane traffic trouble

Selectman Rob Spofford said he has received many calls about traffic on Lamberts Lane. Residents of the street say there has been excessive speeding and it has only become worse with the opening of the golf course for the season. Spofford said a number of Lamberts Lane residents have already met with Police Chief James Hussey to discuss the matter. Spofford suggested residents of the street as well as the chief attend an upcoming meeting to decide what should be done.

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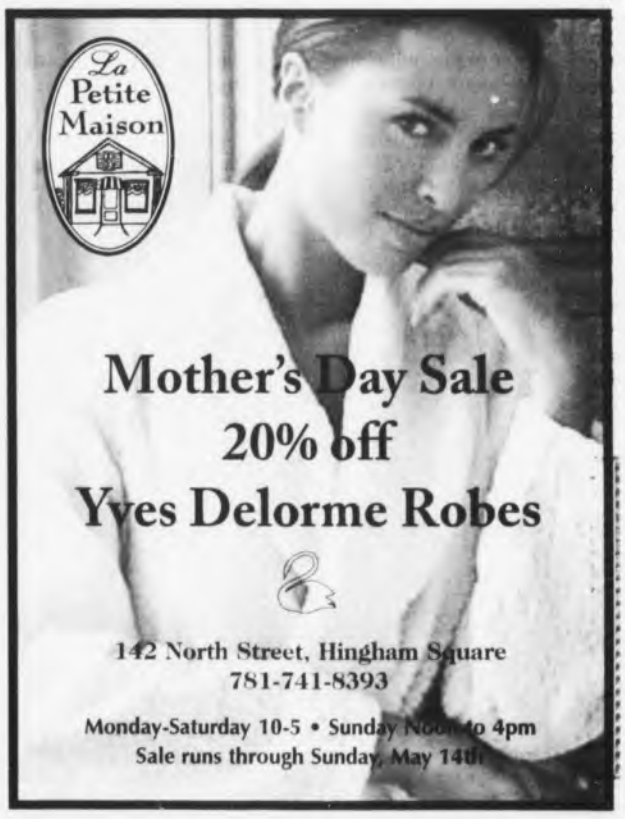
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Jerusalem Road Estates subdivision: take two

Revised project is on the table

By Samantha Brown
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"We'll be looking for some kind of an on-site system if this goes forward."
— Al Moore, Planning Board

The dream of building Jerusalem Road Estates is still alive, but nothing is moving ahead just yet.

Developers came before the Planning Board April 26 with preliminary plans to build six single-family homes on the 45 acres of land formerly known as the Curtis Estate. While former plans to build 23 homes on the site fell through due to a lack of a wastewater solution, new plans for six homes, each with an on-site septic system could be more promising.

While the Planning Board voted down preliminary plans for the new subdivision at a hearing May 3, Chairman Al Moore said the developers indicated they will take the suggestions made by the board and come up with plans for a definitive filing.

"You don't see a lot of preliminary subdivision applications," said Moore, adding essentially, what a preliminary application does is allow the developers "to sit down and take a reading of which way the wind is blowing," in terms of what the board would like to see.

Moore said there were a few major changes that would need to be made before the board would consider a new application, including finding a solution for the project's wastewater, and changing the means of access. Engineers from Daylor Consulting Group presented plans at the April 26 meeting, and said while they had planned to construct on-site septic systems for every home, they had not ruled out connecting to the town of Hull's wastewater treatment plant as an option.

Former developers of the site had gone for a sewer connection, rather than on-site septic, and had been denied a permit to open up Cohasset's streets to run sewer pipes down Jerusalem Road to Hull. Members of the Planning Board said there was no way they, or the Sewer Commission, would support this project's going after the same thing.

"Our Sewer Commission already told you, you're not going to Hull," said Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey, in reference to a letter recently sent by the commissioners upon hearing there would be a preliminary filing of the project. While the former developers appealed the town's denial to allow them to open Cohasset's streets to lay the pipes, it was upheld in court. While it is the right of the new developers to pursue Hull capacity if it wishes, "I would highly advise you not to go that route," said Ivimey.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore concurred. "We'll be looking for some kind of an on-site system if this goes forward," he said.

Another problem to overcome is access to the development. The preliminary application included building two cul-de-sacs — one off Black Rock Road, and another off Jerusalem Road — to access the six houses. Three houses were planned to be accessed from each entrance. The new design was intended to minimize wetland crossings with the roads, as the property has a number of bordering wetlands.

However, Moore said Black Rock Road is a private way that cannot be used as a primary access for a subdivision. In the past, developers had planned to use the road as an alternate means of emergency access only.

Joe McElroy, 59 Windy Hill Road, is an abutter to the site. He said he likes the new proposal much better than what has come forward in the past. "The density of having six homes on 40-plus acres is much more acceptable," he said, than the 20-plus homes previously planned. He added the abutters he has spoken with all agree with the Sewer Commission that the project should not be allowed to tie-in to Hull's sewer system.

The only concern McElroy has with the project at this early stage, is how drainage will be affected. He said water in the area all flows to Rattlesnake Run (a river which flows to Straits Pond) and even with six new homes, it could affect the town's water supply. He suggested plans include plantings which could help soak up the various kinds of runoff that will be generated from the new development.

At this point, the preliminary filing for the subdivision has been denied. Developers will have to file a new definitive subdivision plan before the matter will be taken up again.

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Friends help Kathy Bryanton open her gift from the Council on Elder Affairs, a Donna Green print of Cohasset Common in the winter. Bryanton is retiring as director of the CEA.

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Cook property on the market

Selectman Rob Spofford informed the board Monday he had spoken with David Rosen of Landvest, the company hired by the Cook heirs to market the property, and was told the Cooks are going to put out a Request for Proposals for the property. The Cook heirs plan to sell the property to a developer for $4.9 million, and will put it out on the market within the next 10 days to two weeks, Spofford said. Spofford suggested the board discuss the town's financial situation in terms of the project at an upcoming meeting. He said the board and the town need to understand how much money was spent, what it was spent on, and how it is going to be paid back.

Town meets with Comcast

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer met with a representative of Comcast Monday to discuss the quality of public access cable, especially as it relates to televised meetings and Our Town. Residents have been complaining for some time about the quality of the picture during local programming. The contract between the town and Comcast is set to expire soon. "I think we'll get better support going forward, and hopefully better broadcasts," he said.

Con Com has new members

Doug Wilson, 20 Nichols Road, is the newest associate member of the Conservation Commission. Wilson came before the Board of Selectmen Monday, which thanked him for coming forward to volunteer his services, and gladly made the appointment. Richard Perkinson who is also interested in becoming an associate member of the commission, was not able to attend the meeting, but will meet with the board in the future for an introduction and to be formally appointed to the committee.

New elder affairs board member

Beechwood Street resident John Campbell was appointed to serve on the Cohasset Elder Affairs Board by the Board of Selectmen Monday. Campbell said he retired six years ago after working at John Hancock, and is looking forward to giving back to the community and educating the town's residents about the issues elderly residents face.

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Little Harbor sewer on track

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The town is sewering the Little Harbor area as result of the Second Amended Final Judgment. The Judgment was handed down by the state as a means of implementing the Clean Waters Act. In 1979, a complaint was filed alleging violation of the Act, which could have cost the town $10,000 per day in fines. As part of the settlement, the town consented to enter the Judgment.

As a result, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility. The town also has a voluntary Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan for those on septic systems.

Residents in the Little Harbor area have been waiting for sewer to be extended to their neighborhoods for years, in the hopes of evading mandatory inspections and upgrades of on-site systems. With a set plan and sewer connections on the way, homeowners in the area would be given amnesty from upgrading sewer systems, regardless of whether they intend to sell. Voters at the 2004 December Special Town Meeting approved adding a sewering schedule to the Judgment to formalize the town's commitment to the project.

Energy committee continues its work

At its Monday meeting, the Board of Selectmen agreed to allow the Alternative Energy Committee to continue its work for 12 additional months.

When the Alternative Energy Committee was formed by Town Meeting in April 2005, it was charged with investigating ways for the town to conserve energy as well as generate renewable energy, but only for one year. The group's charge included submitting a report to the board, to be included in the annual town report, which was printed this spring. While the committee completed that task, it feels there is still much work to be done, and asked the board to approve granting reaffirmation of the committee for one additional year.

The committee has been very actively pursuing information about installing a wind turbine in town to help save on energy. The committee has been working with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, which has set up testing sites around town to determine whether a turbine is feasible in Cohasset. Allowing the committee to extend its term will allow work to continue on the turbine initiative.

Red Lion manager

Current chef Robert Ahrens will take over as manager of the Red Lion Inn, and the Board of Selectmen approved transferring the establishment's liquor license to be under his name Monday. Currently Ahrens is in the building almost seven days a week and Michael Hayes, president of Cohasset Sarro, Inc., the company behind the Red Lion Inn, said Ahrens was the natural choice. "We feel he's best suited to be on the license," he said.

Ahrens received his associate degree in occupational studies (AOS) in culinary arts from Metropolitan College in Omaha, Neb., and became a certified executive chef at the American Culinary Federation in St. Augustine, Fla. He has served as the executive chef for the Sanibel Island Restaurant Group in Sanibel, Fla., at Mt. Blue in Norwell, and at The Cove in Hingham. He was the chef and owner of the Subterranean Café in Scituate. He was most recently the chef de cuisine at Claudia's Café in Easton from July 2004 to August 2005.

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Cohasset almost missed out on having a junior varsity softball team this year. The number of high school students interested in playing the sport at the JV level wasn't adding up to a full team. But with some help from some middle school players, the team is having a very successful season with a full roster.

At the beginning of the season, "The numbers were not big enough" to have a junior varsity team with solely high school students, said Athletic Director Ron Ford. Without enough players, the six high school girls who would have played junior varsity would not have been able to play this season at all, and would have lost out on valuable practice time which would have led to a better varsity team.

With the loss of interscholastic sports at the middle school level due to budget cuts, Ford began thinking of utilizing talent from the eighth grade to fill out his team. Ford came before the School Committee in April seeking permission to reach out to middle schoolers, and received a great response from both the committee, and the students.

"We put the word out and five stepped up," said Ford, which he said was fantastic news. All five girls tried out and did very well, and since then, another middle school student tried out and made the team as well. Today, there are six high school students and six middle school students rounding out the team.

Girls JV softball coach Deb Beal said having the middle school girls on the team has been a "win-win situation for all involved. These girls were able to come into a program that needed players — not players to fill the roster, but players to play every game. We have 12 JV players and everyone gets to play," she said.

Beal said the younger girls have done a tremendous job "fitting in" with the older athletes. "It is a little scary sometimes seeing the age differences and the experience differences of these girls, yet somehow it all works. I commend our upperclassmen for stepping in and helping them feel welcome. I know that plays a huge factor in their commitment to this program," she said.

To determine academic eligibility, the middle school students will follow the standards set by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, of which Cohasset is a member. This will require each student pass a minimum of four, year-long major classes (the equivalent of a traditional year-long English course) in order to be eligible to participate on an interscholastic athletic team. All the students who tried out for softball are academically eligible to participate in the program.

At the beginning of the season, middle-high school Principal Joel Antolini said the middle school students who are participating would be monitored to ensure their participation would not adversely affect their academic performance. "Hopefully we will find it has been enhanced," he said. Ford said when report cards were sent out, all the middle school girls did very well.

At the time the School Committee approved Ford's request to mix the team, member Rick Flynn asked whether the athletic department would consider opening up other sports to middle school students if opening up softball proves to be successful. Ford said in this case, middle school students were being recruited to help keep the softball program going. "In situations where we need them, I think it's a great opportunity," he said.

"I think there are six high school kids who are benefiting greatly and middle schoolers who have an opportunity they wouldn't otherwise have," he said, adding each situation must be handled on a case-by-case basis. He said other sports, for example, hockey or football, might not be a good choice for an eighth grade student, as they would be playing a contact sport against a much older and likely larger opponent.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said if allowing middle school students to play with the high school students proves to be beneficial to the district, the School Committee can revisit the issue at the end of the season and decide whether it wants to formally implement a policy.

Beal said she is very excited the athletic department was given the opportunity to try something new and extend a great opportunity to the eighth grade girls. "They have certainly learned a bit about teamwork and commitment and it is a great step forward for the program which is getting stronger and stronger each season."

For more information on the Cohasset High School athletic program, please visit its Web site at http://www.cohassetk12.org/hschool/CohassetAthletics/index.html.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Avila, 142 Border St., shed, $650; O'Connell, 25 Sohier St., siding three squares, $5,000; McGregor, 35 Stockbridge St., remove/replace deck, $8,500; Lagrotteria, 46 Brewster Road, porch screened in, $20,000; Adrian Salon, 103 Ripley Road, redesign floor space on spa level, $15,000; Thomas, 50 Lantern Lane, remove porch/enlarge foundation/sunroom, $60,000; Meallo, 56 Spring St., repair deck/re-roof, $20,000; Ford, 3 Norman Todd Lane, re-roof, siding, install windows, $15,420; Evergreen Building, 140 Pond St., single family dwelling, $270,000;

Pearce, 23 Forest Notch, addition, $240,000; Kirk, 254 So. Main St., side wall front and side, $8,000; Hunnewell, 796 Jerusalem Road, addition, $150,000; Marsden, 39 Deep Run, replace/enlarge deck and addition, $9,000; Kripke, 37 Surry Drive, addition/renovations, $190,000; Pond Street Construction, 31 Pond St., single family dwelling, $320,000; Towle, 276A Beechwood St., chimney, $1,920; Carrabes, 486 Jerusalem Road, demolish/rebuild single family dwelling, $1,000,000;

Lipsett, 85 Elm St., demolish/rebuild barn, $40,000; Children's Museum, 100 Sohier St., tent set up in parking lot, $1,581; Kucinski, 297 So. Main St., re-roof, 35 squares, $3,500; Hedstrom, 57 Church St., re-roof, $3,900; Maher, 185 Jerusalem Road, fix siding and porch, $10,000; Wise, 22 Fern Way, re-roof, 32 squares, $14,550; and Lightkeepers Association, 15 7Lighthouse Lane, tent set up, $1,000.

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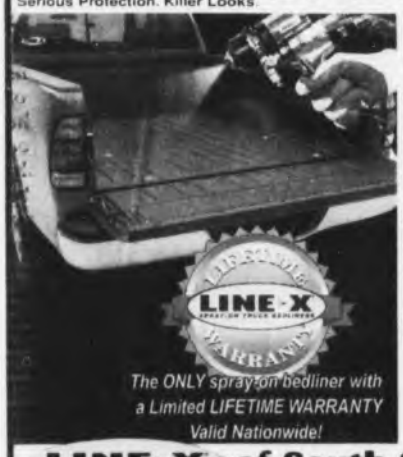
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GOOD NEWS SOUGHT!

Hello Cohasset. After a up and down few weeks around town, it is time to move forward, hope for some sunny weather soon and pull together as a town. We have many residents getting ready to graduate from schools and colleges, move up to the next grade or school and look ahead to summer. Congratulations to all as this time of the year begins and please take the time to congratulate all who deserve it. Please make sure to send in all of your personal messages and best wishes, birthday thoughts and school news. Along with all of the wonderful events and programs happening in town, everyone loves to hear about the best wishes and accomplishment news as well.

INLY SCHOOL NEWS

Inly School is pleased to announce the following high school acceptances for Cohasset residents graduating from the 8th grade. **Sebastian Braga** will attend the Verde Valley School in Sedona, Ariz. He is the son of **Kelly and Steven Braga**, who also have a home in Sedona. **Sam Game** has received a scholarship to attend Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. He is the son of **Sally Sisson and David Game**. In addition to these schools, Inly's eighth-grade students were accepted for Fall 2006 to Cape Cod Academy, Commonwealth School, Concord Academy, Norfolk County Agricultural High School, Notre Dame Academy, St. George's School (RI), Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Pomfret School (CT), The Putney School (VT), St. Paul's School (NH), Tabor Academy, Thayer Academy, and Vermont Academy (VT). Inly School, located in Scituate, is an independent school for Toddler, Pre-K, and K-8 students. Congratulations to all eigth graders as they prepare to move ahead.

SEE SEUSSICAL!

Come on to Town Hall Cohasset and get ready to move and groove in your seats! Seussical, the Musical, opened last weekend, to rave reviews from it's audiences! The show, currently being presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club, was a Broadway success upon it's opening eight years ago. Cohasset's version truly brings all the characters of Dr. Seuss fame alive on the stage with bright vivid costumes, and music to keep your toes tapping from start to finish. From JoJo, a young boy and thinker of strange thinks, to his new friend, Horton the Elephant, who actually "hears the Whos" and tries to save them on their small speck of dust, the story presents an array of wonderful characters from Gertrude McFuzz and Mayzie La Bird, to the Grinch and all the Whos from Whoville. It's a journey that no family should miss, and one that has appeal to adults and children of all ages.

Come see the show at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. It runs May 12, 13, 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m. and May 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 and are available at the door, at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and Front Street Books, Scituate, or call 617-697-2115 for reservations.

MAD SCIENCE

The success and continuing achievement of the Carriage House are the result of ongoing support from many groups: the Parish Community, the parents of the children, and the community at large. To keep moving ahead in the area of early education, the school conducts a bi-annual fundraiser. This year the live auction/ fundraiser, entitled "Mad Science" will be held on May 20, at 6 p.m. in Trueblood Hall. The evening is shaping up to be great fun with a BBQ dinner by RedBones, music, dancing, very creative "Mad Science" decor, and the live auction run by school parent/auctioneer **Anthony Everett**. Tickets are $35/person — watch for your invitation in the mail! If you have a donation idea, or question about the fundraiser, please contact Parish member **Shirley Wallace** (toddler room teacher at the Carriage House) or event co-chair, **Lydia Everett** at 781-383-6722.

BEAUTIFUL BALLERINAS

Four-year-old Jessica Moy, left, and her sister, Emily, 6, of Cohasset danced in the 12th season of Dance Steps as directed by Janet LeClair (center) on Sunday (May 7) at Hingham High. The theme of this year's recital was "Cruise to Paradise." Jessica and Emily say, "Thanks for another great year, Janet!"

The Cat in the Hat (Bill White) and Jo Jo (Betsy Crawford) are delighting audiences in Seussical the Musical at Town Hall.

YOGA, PILATES

Yoga and Pilates classes are being held at Conlon Family Chiropractic 3A Cohasset on Tuesdays at 6 and 7pm, bring a mat and call **Holly** at 617-406-9345 or 781-383-1616 for more info.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The 10th Anniversary of Relay For Life of Cohasset with Hingham, Hull and Scituate is coming on June 16th at the Cohasset High School. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer. Relay For Life first started in May 1985, when Dr. Gordy Klatt took the first step of his 24-hour walk around a track in Tacoma, Washington raising $27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. The first Relay For Life is now entering its 22nd year, while the Relay For Life of Cohasset with Hingham, Hull and Scituate is proud to celebrate its 10th anniversary and this year will go over $1,000,000. Information about how to become involved in Relay For Life is available from the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 or email pjvit@aol.com. For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or visit www.cancer.org

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Some fun-filled summer programs are happening at the South Shore Community Center from June through August. A Gymnastic/Sports Camp including Bowling, Face painting, Water play & Crafts with 3 different weeks is being offered along with a gymnastic programs for 8 weeks for ages 4-12. Some of the programs have limited availability. Call SSCC now at 781-383-0088.

SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEE

Congratulations are in order for Cohasset resident **Jared Dick,** an 11th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. Jared attended the Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC) Inquiry Symposium in April at Tufts University in Massachusetts. Jared is a member of the Academy's Current Events & International Relations Club whose mission is to prepare young people to play active roles in their communities at local, national and global levels. Each year, EPIIC presents one central global dilemma for high-school students to investigate. Academy students focused on China for this year's study topic, "The Politics of Fear in Asia." At the symposium, Academy delegates sat on committees including The Committee on Modernization, The Committee on Pandemics, The Committee on Terrorism and The Committee on Human Trafficking.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m. I really have to stick by this time-frame so anything received after this time will be in the following week's paper.

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at home. With PD, the abdomen is filled with a cleansing liquid via a catheter, which takes wastes and extra fluid with it when it is drained out of the body. However, after some time it was necessary to begin hemodialysis, which required traveling to a dialysis clinic. With hemodialysis, a machine that removes wastes and extra fluids filters the blood and the clean blood is then returned to the body, which helps regulate blood pressure and keep the right balance of chemicals in the body.

"My blood pressure kept getting lower and lower, to the point where it was really dangerous," Meredith recalled. In fact, her condition was so bad, she could not attend Ted's graduation from Assumption College last May.

Ted tried to remain upbeat during his mother's illness, but visiting her at the dialysis clinic when home from college was not the way he wanted to have to see her. He said one day, a patient who was sitting right behind his mother died right in the middle of his treatment, and he couldn't bare to think of his mother going through her treatment much longer. The only option left was to find a suitable kidney donor.

Meredith's siblings were the first to begin testing to see if they were suitable donors and none was. Meredith's husband Bobby and her other son Tucker were not suitable donors either. Seeing his mother's situation, Ted felt the only option for him would be to step up and offer his kidney. "Her quality of life was horrible," he said, and he couldn't stand by and watch her get more and more sick.

Ted was met with a roadblock when he first approached doctors about the operation. "I went in thinking I had no chance," he said. Meredith recalled the doctors were "deathly opposed" to Ted's being a donor, due largely in part to his age. Donating a kidney is a big step, both physically and emotionally. His

"I couldn't live the rest of my life without knowing I had done everything in my power to help my mom."
— Ted Gledhill

lifestyle would change tremendously as he would be required to monitor his food and drink intake to avoid developing diabetes, and having the operation itself is major surgery which could also have complications.

However, Ted had already made up his mind, and felt his only job was to convince others he was ready. He said he visited with one doctor, and they began discussing his reasoning. Ted was able to get the doctor to open up, and he shared a story with Ted about how he had lost his wife to cancer. "I asked him, 'Wouldn't you have done anything you could do to save your wife?'" Ted said at that moment, he seemed to strike a chord with the doctor, and he allowed Ted to continue going with the testing.

The testing was grueling for Ted, and in one sitting had more than 20 vials of blood taken. "They drained me like a car drains its oil," quipped Ted. Meredith said during the testing, even though as a mother it was hard, she tried to stay out of his decision-making as much as possible. "I wanted him to choose," she said.

Ted added the doctors were very careful to keep the two as separate as possible to be sure it was his wish to be a donor. He said with separate doctor's appointments and very separate schedules, he felt almost as if he could have been donating a kidney to a stranger.

One day, the family received a call that there was a possible donor for Meredith, and she remembers telling Ted, "If you needed a chance (to get out), this is it." But Ted had made up his mind.

Prior to the surgery, Ted got into the best shape of his life. As a donor, the operation is much more stressful on the body than it is for the recipient, and he wanted to try to prepare himself as best he could. Meredith had been sick for so long, her immune system was used to compromising and coming back up again. For Ted, whose immune system was always in good working order, the operation took more of a toll.

"I've lost 20 pounds since the operation. It's a great diet for bikini season," Ted joked.

"And to think, all I really wanted was for him to clean his room," quipped Meredith.

The day of the operation was filled with mixed emotions. The two left their Nichols Road home at 4:30 a.m. and headed off to the city. Meredith said watching her son roll by in the hospital bed, as a mother, it was all she could do to stop herself from telling him to just go home and forget about it. Ted said the last thing he remembers hearing before going to sleep in the operating room was "We are the champions," by Queen playing on the radio.

Both made it through the operation with flying colors and Meredith's body accepted the kidney right away. She no longer has to go for dialysis and her medication has been reduced. While Ted developed a small infection in his incision, he too is doing well and is back at work at Sullivan Garrity & Donnelly insurance agency in Cohasset, a company he said has been extremely supportive.

Ted said there is not one moment he regrets giving one of his kidneys to his mother. He said not only is he thrilled to see his mother back out in her gardens or going to lunch with his friends, he's been getting more attention too. He said when women find out about his generous act, they will often stop and give him a hug. But he says he doesn't feel he's done anything remarkable, and any son would do the same, if it meant they could save their mother.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

At 23 years old, Ted Gledhill is one of the youngest patients to ever donate a kidney. On April 12, Gledhill donated a kidney to his mother, Meredith, who has dealt with chronic kidney problems her entire life. Meredith painted the backdrop in the patio.

Meredith quipped, "You're not that much of a hero. You were born c-section."

While the two joke, it is easy to see they share a bond that goes beyond words. While Meredith said it will take a while before she is completely back to normal, she cannot wait for the day she can get back on a horse, as it has been years since she was able. Ted said this experience has taught him about what is really important in life and said he never has, and probably never will again, have such a rewarding experience.

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Lauren Cook's second-grade class at Osgood School share their thoughts on what makes their mothers special.

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The following essays were written by Lauren Cook's second grade students at the Joseph Osgood School, in honor of their mothers.

My mom is the best! My mom is so beautiful. Her eyes are dazzling greenish blue they are like the sea. Her hair is short and wavy. It's a beautiful golden color. She takes care of my brother and sister and me. She also keeps everything nice and neat. She helps me with my homework. I like to go on bike rides with her. I also like it when she cuddles up in bed with me. I also like when she reads to me. She makes me feel loved when she gives me a kiss before bed and when she tells me she loves me and when she gives me a kiss before I get on the bus. She is the best mom in the world!

— **Olivia Arnold**

My mom is special to me. She has blonde hair. She has blue eyes. She is pretty. She takes care of me and my older brother and my little sister. She makes sure we're in bed. She helps me with homework. She helps me at picking out my clothes. She likes to watch TV with me. She likes to play checkers with me. She makes me feel loved by tucking me in and reading me a story. My mom is cool.

— **Sam Arnold**

I love my nana because she is very special. She has bluish greenish eyes and gray hair. She is kindhearted and loving. My favorite thing to do with her is to play video games. She makes me feel loved because she cares about me. I know she cares because she calls me on the phone a lot! When my nana visits me (she lives in Wyoming) sometimes she gets us the groceries and helps us. When my dad is out Nana watches me too. I would never ever want another nana. I love my nana so-so much! I only wish she didn't live so far away.

— **Ashley Ash**

My mom is the best mom ever. She has dark brown eyes. Her hair is dark brown. She has freckles just like me. She is really pretty. She stays home making jean jackets. My mom drives me back and forth from sports to sports. I like when my mom snuggles with me and when we watch movies together. She makes me feel loved because she always gives me a goodnight kiss and a kiss when I go out to the bus. She cares for me. She makes me breakfast and lunch and dinner every day. My mom is the best mom who ever lived!

— **Danny Axelson**

Who's the best mom in the world? My mom!!! She has pretty sea blue eyes and she is smart. She has a great personality and she cares for our town and our schools. She has rich colored hair. My mom knows what her children should do but if we forget, she will tell us again. My mom works in a bank. When I am sick she takes care of me and if I start to bleed my mom puts a Band-Aid on the cut. I like to watch movies with my mom. I also love going on vacations with her to visit relatives in Maine and Seattle. I feel loved when I have a night alone with her and when she says, "I love you." I really-really think she is the best mom in the world!

— **Owen Bernsee**

My mom is fantastic! She is a special mom. She has sparkling blue eyes and chocolate colored hair. She wears glasses. My mom is kindhearted and cares for me. When I get hurt she helps me. She takes care of Kate, Thomas and me and my dog Splinter. My mom loves going to the beach with my dad, sister, brother and me! When she turns out the light she always kisses me goodnight. My mom is awesome. I love my mom a lot.

— **Will Broderick**

I have the most wonderful mom in the world. She is very pretty. Her eyes glow like a light bulb. She has a beloved heart. She is beautiful on the inside and outside. Her hair blows in the wind. She's fantastic at acting. She drives me to baseball. She takes me to the beach and she takes me to Cohasset News. She works at home to clean up and she takes good care of me and my two brothers. My mom makes me feel loved when she calls me 'Angel' and when she kisses me goodnight. I love my mom!

— **Lukas Brown**

My mom is great and very special to me. My mom has eyes like fresh green grass. She is tall and very pretty. She is funny and nice and kindhearted on the inside. She helps me with my homework. I like when she gives me hugs and kisses before I go to sleep. I feel loved when she cuddles with me in bed and reads me stories. I like to help her and go to the beach with her. My mom is a stay-at-home mom. She takes care of the house. She helps me ride my bike. If I am cut she helps me put a Band-Aid on. She is the best mom ever. I would never want to have another mom.

— **Samantha Campedelli**

My mom is the best mom in the world. She has sky blue eyes, dark blonde hair and a big smile. She stays home and takes care of my dog. She comes to school three days a week to help in my classroom. She helps me a lot. She takes me to baseball and hockey. She helps me tie my skates. She helps me do my homework. I like to go to Good Sport with her. I like to read with her. She makes me feel loved when she makes my breakfast and makes my bed. My mom "Rocks!"

— **Davis Cronin**

I think my mom is the best mom in the world. My mom's hair is gold and brown. She has beautiful brown eyes. People say my mom looks a lot like me. My mom helps sell houses to people. At home she cleans the house and cooks all of us dinner. My mom helps me with homework when I'm stuck. She brings me soup when I'm sick. I like playing board games with her. I like watching movies with her too. My mom makes me feel loved when I am sad. She makes me feel better when she keeps me company. I also feel loved when she lies down with me. I love my mom.

— **Bobby Driscoll**

I love my mom so much! She has gorgeous brown eyes and thick brown hair. She's hard-working and smart. She's great at taking care of my family and pets. She is kind-hearted and caring and she always helps me with my homework when I don't understand it. I absolutely love when we have a day together to snuggle up in bed. She makes me feel loved when she hugs me really tight. I think my mom is the best mom in the Universe!

— **Morgan Fechter**

My mom is very special to me. Her name is Tracy Coflen. She has hazel eyes and reddish brownish hair. My mom is the best. My mom is very creative. She is dazzling, pretty, generous, gorgeous and very-very warm-hearted. My mom is a super-duper mom. When she looks at me it's like her eyes are the stars in the sky at midnight. Sometimes she can be too-too-too awesome! She is the best inside and out. For work she takes care of me and my sisters: Rachel, Sarah, Leah and for my only 'brother' Dunkin … who is really our dog. She helps me so much that I think I'll explode with her love! I like to snuggle with her and talk to her. She makes me feel loved when she hugs me and talks to me. I do not think there is a better mom in the world. I love you Mom!

— **Rebecca Fredey**

My mom is the greatest. She has black hair and blue eyes. She is pretty and nice. My mom stays home for work. She is always there for me. She helps me with my homework and she drives me everywhere I need to go. I like to watch TV with her and play board games with her. She makes me feel loved when she hugs me and when she tucks me into bed. I love my mom very much.

— **Andrew Kuppens**

My mom is a super mom! My mom has beautiful hazel eyes. She has brown short curly hair. She has a bubbly personality and she's kind to everyone. I can tell she is caring inside and out. She is very-very funny. What my mom does for work is to stay home and care for my sister and me, plus my two brothers. When I have a problem she helps me with it. I like when I get to stay up and watch movies with her. The way she makes me feel loved is because she is very cautious for me. She also makes me feel loved when she kisses me goodnight. I love her more than everything.

— **Grace Lucier**

My mom is very special to me. She has pretty sparkly green eyes. She has very nice brown hair. She is loving inside and out. She's funny and happy all the time. She is very sensitive when we go to sad movies. She's pretty, beautiful and awesome. She's super at helping me do my homework. For dinner she cooks super awesome food. She's very joyful on holidays. She works at home and at a school office. My favorite thing to do with my mom is when we watch American Idol together. I also like when she takes us out to Star Land. My mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me goodbye before I get on the bus and when I go to bed. I love my funny, happy, caring, loving, joyful mom!

— **Tess Masci**

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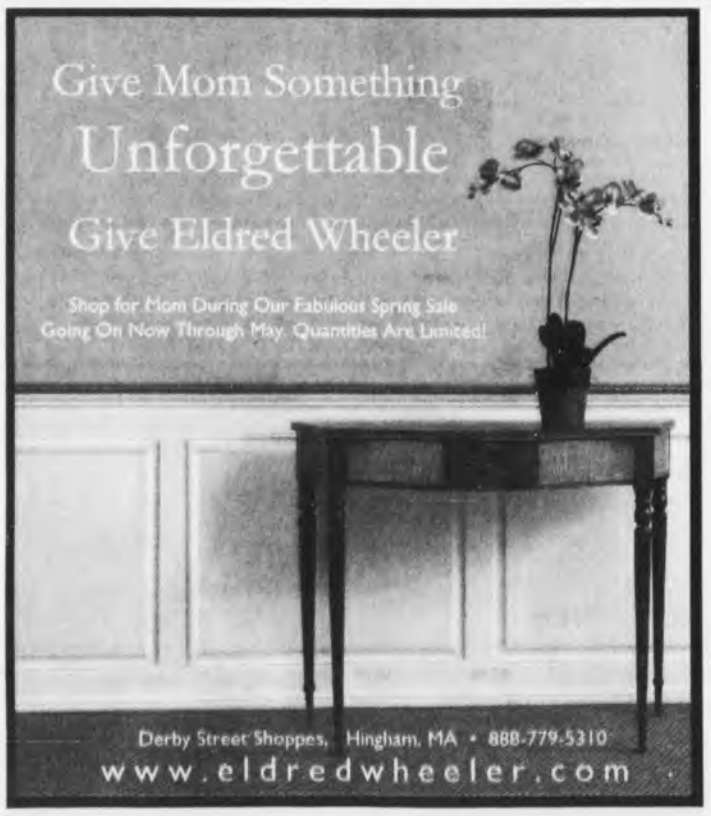

Happy Mothers Day!

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My mom is the best mom in the world! She has brownish blond hair. She has sparkly brown eyes. I think she is really, really, pretty. My mom is a teacher. She helps me with my homework if I need help. I like to do lots of things with my mom. I like to go on bike rides with her, do arts and crafts with her and go shopping with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she gives me a hug and a kiss. I love my mom!!!

— **Caelin McDonald**

My mom is awesome. Her eyes are as blue as the bluest sea. Her hair is gold like the sun. She is fun and exciting. She is funny and kindhearted. She is joyful and cautious. She is super on the outside and loving on the inside. My mom drives me and my sisters to baseball practice and she takes care of the house. She helps me and my sisters work things out. I like when my mom takes me to fun places like the movies. I like going out to the arcade with her. I feel loved when she cuddles with me in bed and hugs and kisses me goodnight. My mom is fantastic!

— **Luke Norton**

My mom is cool. My mom has eyes like the sky. My mom looks good everyday. My mom plays games with me. My mom is a nurse. She goes to lots of meetings. When I am sick she helps me. When I am hurt she helps me. I like when she snuggles with me. I like when she plays with me. I like when she does stuff with me. I feel loved when she snuggles with me. I like when she reads to me. I have the best mom in the world!

— **Kyle O'Brien**

My mom is the best in the world! She has the best inside and out. She has sky blue eyes and she is pretty. She helps me do my homework. She also helps me find the stuff that I need. She helps me up when I get a cut. We watch movies together. She makes me feel loved when she brings me up to bed and tucks me in. I love her a lot.

— **Sam Pitts**

My mom is the best mom in the world. She is kindhearted, loving and she is funny. She is short and she is very beautiful. She has nice brown curly hair too. She cooks food for my family and goes to work every day. She helps me do my homework and helps me do crafts for different things. I like to play with my mom. I like when she plays kickball and Sorry and Poker and Black Jack. She makes me feel loved because she reads me books every night and lets me stay up late. My mom is an awesome mom. I love my mom!

— **Dom Sestito**

My mom is the best mom in the world. She is very pretty and smart. Her eyes are sparkly hazel like the sea. Her hair is a beautiful shade of brown like the trees. She stays home and does a really good job keeping the house clean. She's always joyful and she cheers me up. She's helpful, kindhearted and friendly. I love cuddling up on the couch with her and watching movies. I like to play games with her. When I'm sick she helps me get better. I feel loved when we cuddle up in my bed together and she reads me a story. Every night…no matter what…she kisses me goodnight. I would never want another mom! My mom is very special to me.

— **Julia Stanganelli**

My mom is the best mom! She is tall and she has dark green eyes. She has a beautiful smile on her face every day. My mom works at home. She takes care of all of us. She is the best at cooking dinner. She helps me clean my room and brush my hair. We like to cook together and we like to watch TV together. My mom makes me feel loved when we snuggle in bed and she calls me "Nuffle Bunny." I love my mom.

— **Kaitlyn Stanislawzyk**

My mom is the greatest mom in the world. She has blondish brown hair. She has crystal blue eyes. She has tan skin. On the inside she is kind, funny and loving. She works hard keeping our house clean. She bakes cookies in the kitchen. She helps me by driving me to basketball and she helps me with my homework. I like to watch movies with her. My mom makes me feel loved by reading me a story every night and by giving me a hug every morning. I love my mom!

— **Dan Toomey**

My mom is the best mom in the world. She has dark chocolate brown hair. She has dirt brown eyes. Her hair and eyes sparkle when I look at her. Her hair is short and straight. She is caring and warmhearted. She is friendly and helpful to everyone. She has a bright beautiful red smile and a nice laugh. She passes many things that were hers…when she was a little girl…onto us. It makes me feel really happy when I garden with her. She helps us by driving my sister, my brother and me to sports and to many activities. My mom also helps me by solving problems. She helps my sister, my brother and me with homework. She takes care of me when I'm sick. I like to go for walks and bike rides with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she cuddles with me on the couch. I could never believe having any other mom than her. I love my mom so much!!!

— **Maria Waters**

Rain gardens are focus of May 16 meeting

Rain gardens, a feature of the recently publicized "Greenspace" program, will be the focus of an open meeting on Tuesday, May 16, jointly sponsored by the Gulf Association and the Cohasset Garden Club.

The meeting will be held at Saint Anthony's Parish Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A rain garden is a bowl-shaped garden designed to collect and absorb runoff from a roof, road, or driveway, thus preventing storm water from rushing down the storm drain and polluting our rivers, ponds and bays.

A homeowner can make one by filling a low-lying area with a blend of percolating soils, mulch and hearty plants. Native low-maintenance flowers and grasses work best, providing color and interest throughout the seasons and tolerating wet and dry conditions.

Guest experts at the May 16 meeting will describe the whys and hows of building rain gardens. They are Sally Coyle of Coyle & Caron, landscaping design firm, and Mark Clark of Norfolk Ram Group, which is assisting the Cohasset Water Department in implementing the rain garden concept for protection of the Lily Pond watershed.

Meeting attendance is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

For further information please call Sarah Pease: 781-383-1406 or John Hartshorne: 781-383-0317

Yard sale to benefit scholarship fund

The public is asked to support the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund by attending the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee annual yard sale. The sale will take place on Saturday, May 20, at 85 Linden Drive, off Jerusalem Road..

There will be something for everyone at the yard sale, and every penny raised goes directly to the scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduating Cohasset senior.

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Getting attention at the State House

By Mary Ford
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In many ways, there is no place quite like Cohasset. But when it comes to living within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 and the amount of money the state provides for education, Cohasset isn't unique at all.

Case in point is North Andover where the Board of Selectmen has launched a letter-writing and email-sending effort to garner support for the Acton Plan, a bill currently before the state House of Representatives, that would guarantee a certain level of funding for each child in the public school system.

Acton and several other communities, according to North Andover Selectmen Chairman Rosemary Connelly Smedile, put the bill (House Docket No. 5041) together.

North Andover, realizing it only has a few votes on Beacon Hill, took matters into its own hands by notifying parent groups, selectmen and school committees in other towns about the bill. (Smedile's letter to Cohasset selectmen was in last week's selectmen's correspondence packet at Town Hall.)

If the bill is adopted, Cohasset would see a net increase in Chapter 70 (education) aid of $1.7 million by fiscal 2009 over its current fiscal 2006 distribution. Next year, the schools would receive an additional $979,877, according to figures provided by North Andover. Over a period of three years the bill would increase the minimum aid per student to $2,000. After that, the figure would be increased annually by the consumer price index.

"We want money so that education is funded properly and that would take the strain off the elderly and services provided by police, fire and DPW," Smedile said.

Smedile said it's the School Committee's job to advocate for the schools.

"But it is my job to advocate for the quality of life for the whole child," she said. "That means ensuring the child's grandparent has services and that the fire department is at that child's house if needed.

"If the education budget isn't adequately funded by the state it can put a strain on all other services and everyone suffers."

Smedile said it is often the towns that are considered affluent that suffer when it comes to state aid. She noted all towns have a diverse population such as the elderly trying to stay in town despite high taxes.

She said it is time for towns like North Andover and Cohasset to band together to have a stronger voice at the State House. Smedile noted with state mandates for special education, for example, there is no way to keep up. "The math just isn't working," she said. "We're constantly looking for overrides or cutting back in staff and services."

"It's time to tell the legislature that we've had enough!" she said. "Give us some of our own money so we can take care of our kids."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who represents Cohasset and seven other towns, encourages citizens to get involved in the state budget process. "The budget at the state is not getting the same scrutiny as it is at the local level," he said. "We could use 50 Lee Jenkinses up there."

Bemoaning the amount of waste and money spent on special interests, Hedlund said taxpayers should be up in arms over the state budget. He offered several examples including spending $13 million to improve Yawkey Way and another $1 million to bring the Women's Final Four (basketball tournament) to Boston.

"I'd love to sit down with you and talk about waste at the state level – no one is focusing on that," he said. "Someone should make us accountable about how we are spending the taxpayers' money."

Hedlund said there is plenty of money to provide more local aid. He said the state has more money per capita in "rainy day" funds than any other state in the country, except Alaska. He said the state's revenue projections are exceeding expectations.

The good news for Cohasset is the town could see a net increase of $240,000 in local aid from all sources in fiscal 2007, Hedlund said.

But while local aid will be up 29 percent over the current fiscal year, some towns like Hingham and Cohasset will be assessed part of that because of a large number of teachers who have recently retired. He explained the state pays 90 percent of health insurance premiums for retired teachers and charges that back to the towns on the cherry sheets (local aid recap). Hedlund said for new teachers entering the system now, the health insurance premium split when they retire will be 80/20.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who represents Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and one district in Scituate, said the house budget estimates a $305,000 increase in local aid for Cohasset but agrees that after assessments are figured in that amount could be closer to $240,000 to $250,000. (The Senate $240,000 estimate, Hedlund provided, is after the assessments are paid.)

Hedlund doesn't hold out much hope for the Acton Plan. "The reality is the Democratic leadership is protective of its budget plan and won't be open to amending it," he said.

Bradley, who agreed that the Acton Plan has little hope of being acted on this year, said the House is working to restore local aid to fiscal 2001 levels. He said both the House and Senate budgets put more money into local aid than the governor's budget did.

"But whether Cohasset's net local aid is $240,000 or $305,000 – it's not the $725,000 or $1.495 million the town needed," he said.

After the Senate debates its budget, a conference committee formed of both House and Senate members debate the differences between the two budgets and releases a final version that is voted on by the legislature and sent to the governor.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund appears on Our Town starting Monday night. See page 13 for details.

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Residents air their views at selectmen's meeting

Trust emerges as central theme

By Samantha Brown
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The wake of the failed overrides has left a sea of questions to be answered. From settling budgets to settling feuds, everyone has been left wondering how the town can take a collective step forward.

The public comment portion of Monday's Selectmen's meeting was packed, as residents on both sides of the override issue came to the microphone to let their voices be heard. While the general consensus seemed to be that people on both sides would like to extend the olive branch, it may take some time for the wounds to heal.

A crowd of roughly 25 concerned citizens gathered in the Selectmen's meeting room. Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer amended the agenda to allow public comment to take place at the end, after all other business was conducted. The board said it would take all comments under advisement and have a more thorough discussion during an upcoming meeting.

Many comments focused around the themes of trust and open communication. Rick Flynn, 30 Summer St., spoke as a private citizen and not in his role on the School Committee. He said he has been very disappointed with the lack of trust people have in their elected and hired officials, namely Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh, who have spent countless hours preparing budgets in the best interest of the town. "We need to start taking people's word. Our officials are hired for a reason," he said, adding the town should trust that responsible budgets were prepared.

Flynn added this year, many people in town were stirred to action and became involved in the budget process which was a great thing to see. At the same time, he feels there was a lot of rhetoric and misinformation spread. "No one was sure about the truth," he said. "But don't let the facts get in the way of a good story."

Wig Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., said in his opinion, it was a lack of trust and not misinformation that led people to vote against the overrides. He said trust is something that must be earned by leaders, and "if the public believes it has been violated," it takes a while to earn that trust back, he said.

Pierson said the town has sent a strong message. "The vote Saturday was not a close vote," he said, adding the $1.495 million figure lost by 710 votes, and that would indicate to him people did understand what they were voting for and came out en masse. "Over 700 disagreed and it wasn't an accident. People came out to vote purposefully," he said.

Pierson said in his view, "This is a wonderful opportunity and a sad day for Cohasset. There are wonderful, honest people on both sides, with a different vision. It is very unfortunate we've come to a stage at which we're polarized. I feel badly about that, as everyone does. I love this community," he said.

Lynne Schwandt, 43 Tower Lane, said in terms of trusting the superintendent, she feels people have been influenced by reading the negative press Walsh has received, rather than taking the time to meet her in person and discuss their concerns. She added sometimes all the facts aren't straight in the newspapers and people might see things differently if they would come to meetings and participate. "We brought this woman to Cohasset" and people should not question her integrity, she said. "I'm very impressed and we need to put our trust in her. She's going to make us come out on top," she said.

Terry Green of the Committee to Support Cohasset, a pro-override Ballot Question Committee, said he too feels the town's officials should be trusted more. He said it is important for residents to understand the money was not just for the schools, and everyone will have to work together to come up with a town-wide solution. "We need to really dig in and understand the facts, and if you don't, you need to trust your elected officials. Make sure you have people in charge you can trust."

Other residents feel it's time to take action and somehow move on. Many looked to the board itself for guidance.

Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, spoke as a private citizen, and not as a member of the Ballot Question Committee, ENOUGH!, and said at this time, she sees the Board of Selectmen having a key role in leading the town through a healing process. "I don't think the town lost Saturday, I think it has a great opportunity. Throwing money at problems never solved them. Now, we will be forced to go back and look at how we've been doing things. Concerns have been raised in many areas, and now we can look and see if there are discrepancies."

David Farrag, 23 Hull St., also spoke as a private citizen and not as a member of ENOUGH!. He said he sees a great opportunity for the town to take a look at the budget, especially the school's

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School Committee takes a step forward

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rides. While she said she believes those who voted "yes" were armed with the facts of what would be gained and what would be lost before they cast their votes, "I believe a majority of those who voted 'no' preferred to hide behind the smokescreen of mismanagement of the schools rather than see the positive steps our new administration has taken to control the school budget and provide the transparency they were all crying for."

MacCarthy added she feels it is critical for those who voted "no" to stop using the schools as a scapegoat for not raising taxes. "It is critical for those who voted 'no' to get the facts about your town services. At some point, you can choose to use the public schools, the public library, the harbor, the police and fire, Cohasset Elder Affairs, etc., during your 'stay' in Cohasset. Your taxes pay for all these services and it is for the greater good that we share these costs. To begrudge a child a good public education because you don't use the schools is the same as one begrudging a senior a decent lunch at the senior center because one is not a senior. I'm not a fisherman, so am I not to care about the cleanliness of our harbor? It is critical for us to decide what we value in the town of Cohasset, then fund all departments appropriately. It is just as critical that we take the time and demand the right amount of funding from our state. Perhaps this is the bandwagon we could all jump on," she said.

Member Rick Flynn said in his view, there was a large contingent who voted "no" simply because they did not want to pay the money. He said many are "consumers of the product" and he surmised many of them would be the voices heard complaining next year when services aren't the same due to the lack of funding. "Somewhere you've got to pay for something. There's no such thing as a free lunch. They want all the services, but they don't want to pay for them," said Flynn.

Flynn, like MacCarthy, said he feels there was a lot of misinformation in town prior to the vote and many residents did not understand what was at stake. He said Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh was slated to meet with members of the administration this week and make some decisions as to where cuts can be made that will be the least harmful. He said the only way to make up the kind of money that needs to be found is to cut personnel, which will at least mean not replacing some retiring teachers, and perhaps more.

But member Jamie Williams said she will do everything in her power to stay away from making cuts in the classroom. "I think we could reduce administrative costs first, then begin to pare down our other costs and revisit implementing fees," she said. Williams said there were many residents who came out to make their voices heard, and that decision needs to be respected. "The vote was cast and now we have to live with the consequences," she said.

Williams said there was a lot of emotion behind those who voted "no" and she would personally like to reach out to them and take suggestions as to what they feel the School Committee could be doing differently. "We need to take a look at what we can do better so they will respond to our needs," she said.

Williams said in the meantime, she is very excited about the possibility of fund-raising to help the schools. She is the one-person fund-raising subcommittee for the School Committee and she has already been in touch with many people in the community to start brainstorming for ideas.

Williams said as a next step, she feels the town as a whole will need to find a way to pay for costs which would have been paid with override funds which cannot be dismissed, such as contractual obligations or unpaid bills. "We're going to have to pay those anyway, so we have to figure out where to get the money," she said. On the school side, "We're not going to add anything and I'm going to do my best not to go into the classroom. I will seek out every alternative before I look to the classroom to save expenses."

Member Alfred Slanetz seems to be on the same page as Williams as he too feels the committee's message could have been better communicated. "Education is a very difficult thing to sell," he said, as it is a somewhat invisible product. "The way the budget was sold was our mistake, and I take some of the blame for that," he said. Slanetz said giving a laundry list of hires and budget items does not communicate to the masses. "At the end of the day, it didn't resonate," he said.

Slanetz said if truth be told, the schools aren't doing as well as people would like them to. "They're underperforming," he said, which is why he will do whatever it takes to keep from cutting teachers from the classroom.

"I firmly believe we should not cut teachers. I'm not willing to do it," he said, adding the School Committee has some challenging decisions ahead, but there are other options to consider rather than laying off teachers. He said the $205,000 in foundation reserve money has not been spent, senior teachers who are retiring can be replaced with less senior teachers at a reduced salary, and "We haven't talked about kindergarten tuition," which could also be increased. There could also be savings in transportation through new bus services or fees.

"To me, the classroom is everything. I would even fight to add teachers, but realistically, we have to try not to lose any," he said.

As the newest member of the School Committee, Steve Fusco said education of the taxpayers is a must in his book as well. He said the committee needs to create a stronger bond and trust between the residents and the school department and it needs to continually educate taxpayers on the state of the schools and the school budget. "We must begin to vet new ideas for revenue generation, cost avoidance, and best practice. The bottom line is enhanced communication."

Question for the School Committee

Do you think the voters were trying to send a message Saturday?

- Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy — "Yes. The message is: don't raise my taxes no matter what the cost will be to the future of Cohasset. The lack of foresight in this message is incredible. It is probably the same lack of foresight which led to the deterioration of our town buildings; the lack of sewering the town when the state would have reimbursed the town 90-100 percent; and the lack of senior housing.
- Rick Flynn — "It is what it is."
- Jamie Williams — "It absolutely sends a message the way I see it. I would like to personally discuss with the 'no' voters — and there were a lot of emotional 'no' voters out there — how we could do things better. We need to see what we're missing with that group, communication or budget-wise, that we could do better in the future.
- Alfred Slanetz — "It was not just the hardcore 'vote no' voters who voted no. Clearly there was a crossover. Roughly 1,000 should have been in our camp, but it really raises questions about how we communicated the need for money. The issue was lost."
- Steve Fusco — "The voters absolutely sent a message. I do think many people simply can't afford the tax increases. I also feel a segment of the population wasn't convinced the schools needed more money."

Residents air their views at selectmen's meeting

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portion, and find ways to proactively be more efficient.

Farrag said in terms of cost savings on the school side, perhaps it would make sense to take a look at non-classroom positions. "We are a small town. We can't have the higher costs of administrators," he said. Currently, the schools have one principal for the middle-high school, one at Deer Hill, and one at Osgood, and assistant principals at the high school and middle school.

Jim Porter, 184 S. Main St., asked the board what it intended to do in terms of asking the Legislature to give more funding to towns like Cohasset. "What is the action plan? Our schools are under-funded," he said.

Porter agreed that this is the time for budget scrutiny, but suggested the school budget not be the only budget targeted. He said the Water Department has torn up the street in front of his mother's house six times in the same spot. "Who's paying for that?" he asked.

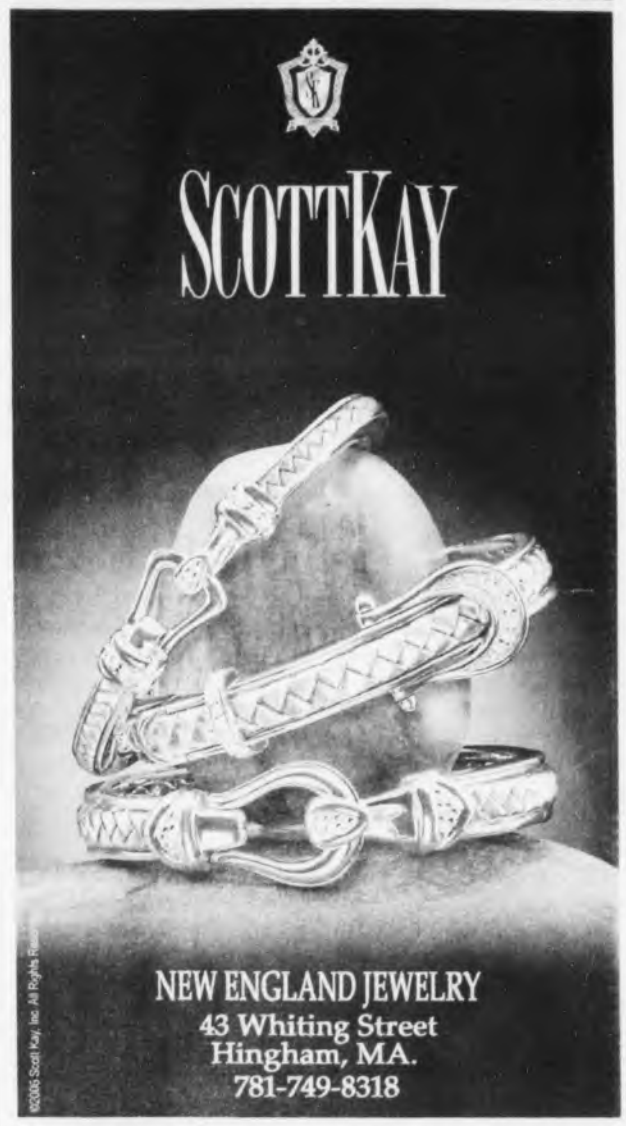
However, Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said the Water Department is a separate entity with its own budget, as its funds come from user fees which have nothing to do with the general government operating budget. "We don't have access to their funds," he said. Porter said the town should still look at the Water Department's budget because its "Spending is amok."

Porter also asked whether the town has looked into having a call fire department. He said a number of towns which have been compared to Cohasset in the town's benchmarking report have call departments and Cohasset should look into it as a cost-saving measure. "There are a lot of arrows being shot at the school department and the schools are a part of this town," he said.

Mark Dunne, 21 Beach St., also suggested looking to other budgets for funding. He said because the overrides did not pass, there is less money available and cuts are imminent at the schools. "People don't think that's true," he said. He said he doesn't think it is appropriate for the schools to take the brunt of the cuts, as it was a town override. "Can we reduce staff at the fire department or the police department or increase fees for the ambulance?" he asked.

Susan Donohue-Mulligan, 3 Ledgewood Drive, said as a mother of three children in the schools, she wants to know where she should go or what she can do to help the town get the money it needs from the state to be able to educate the town's children. "I'll do what it takes to get the money," she said, adding the town could look into implementing additional fees for services. She said fees which affect everyone in town, whether they voted yes or no, would ensure everyone "feels it."

Kate Krumsiek, 392 Beechwood St., said what she fears is that now, the school department will begin looking at dropping staff members, and without the resources, the students who attend Cohasset schools will be limited when it comes time to begin looking at colleges. "That's the real tragedy, it's the kids who are suffering and I think people lost sight of it."



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'The whole child'

In researching a story this week we spoke to the Selectmen Chairman in North Andover, a town which is also facing a fiscal crisis in large part due to the state formula that determines how much Chapter 70 or education aid a community receives.

Rosemary Connelly Smedile provided a perspective that we had not heard so eloquently expressed before.

She said while it is the School Committee's job to advocate for the schools, it is the selectmen's job to advocate for the "whole child" and that means ensuring services are provided at the Senior Center for that child's grandparent or the ambulance or fire truck arrives at that child's house if needed.

In the aftermath of Saturday's vote, some people have criticized the Mariner for not scrutinizing the police and fire budgets. There is also a consensus among some readers that the Benchmarks series has been unfair because the charts we have published so far have been on school spending, staffing and test scores.

We made an editorial decision to run the Benchmark series on the schools first because we believed those charts were the most newsworthy because of the override and budget debate. We also wanted to finish presenting all the charts in one series rather than jump around from department to department. It was our decision to do that but we respect our readers' right to disagree.

The schools make up about 50 percent of the total town budget of nearly $33 million. The police and fire budgets each comprise about 5-1/2 percent of the total budget.

There are still more school charts to run and then we will start with the general government charts that include an analysis of police and fire spending. We will also endeavor to write stories about public safety spending and staffing as those charts appear. (When the Benchmark charts have not appeared it has been for space reasons due to the number of letters to the editor that week).

What is distressing, however, are calls we are hearing to unilaterally cut police and fire or to reallocate the town budget to put more money into the schools, now that the overrides have failed.

Please do not misunderstand, we believe the schools do need more money but we do not believe that money can come out of the other 50 percent of the town budget which is also being squeezed.

If your house caught on fire or someone you love had a heart attack, having the fire and ambulance service available can make all the difference. We also want police to investigate crime, protect our neighborhoods and keep drunk drivers off the roads, among myriad other duties.

In short, it all comes down to quality of life. As evidenced by Saturday's vote – quality of life means different things to different people. However, we think everyone agrees that good schools, fire and police protection are part of that picture. We just do not all agree at how to go about maintaining those services within current fiscal realities and how they should be paid for going forward.

North Andover hopes to gain momentum for a bill that would change the formula the state uses for education aid to communities. As Smedile says, "It's time for the state to give us some of our money so we can take care of our kids."

More education aid from the state – which according to state Sen. Robert Hedlund can well afford it – would make a huge difference. Let us hope we can all agree about the need to get involved in putting pressure on Beacon Hill to return more of our money to the place where it can make the most difference.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, May 15, 7 p.m., at the high school.

Assessors, May 19, 8:30 a.m.

CHS School Council, June 7, 3 p.m., at the high school.

Conservation Commission, May 18, 7 p.m.

School Committee, May 15 & 25, 7 p.m., at the high school.

Sewer Commission, May 22, 6 p.m.

School Construction Surplus Team Meeting, May 15, 8:30 a.m.

South Shore Regional School District, May 17, 7:30 p.m. at Vo-Tech in Hanover.

Water Commission, May 30, 6 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Bridge repair

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Property values fell after vote

TO THE EDITOR:

It is disturbing to know that this "slice of paradise" that we live in does not support the public school system. And, as a result, all of our property values fell as of Saturday, 6 p.m. We no longer will attract young families to this community. Without supporting the school system, which draws people to certain communities, our town will not flourish. I hope all of you who voted "no" will rethink the damage you've created when you try to sell your home.

Bill and Sigrid Burnett
11 Linden Drive

Responsibility to support people, institutions

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that we can again drive or walk through town without sight of signs urging us to vote "Yes and Yes" or just "No", we have a chance to think about what we most care about in our town. And we have a responsibility to support those people and institutions whom we now know we can't take for granted.

If you check out books from the library, or attend some of the films or talks offered at the beautifully restored library building, send a contribution to support the library's varied programs. If you benefit from the luncheons or lectures offered at the community center by the Elder Affairs program, donate money to support the staff that organize the events and provide services as needed.

If you are a parent of school-age children, consider organizing a group of like-minded parents to contribute to some of the services presently not covered in the budget.

When you pay your property taxes, check the appropriate box and donate money for scholarships or to benefit programs for seniors. Cohasset is a town of highly creative people. Let's focus our energies and our contributions on making sure we support those people and institutions that make our town the best it can be.

Susan Playfair
249 Jerusalem Road

Now we know the will of the people

TO THE EDITOR:

Saturday, May 6, was a great day for Cohasset! I'm not foolish enough to think that there isn't some serious disagreement with that statement, so let's look at a few numbers.

Thirty four hundred voters, or nearly two-thirds of those registered, cast ballots in the override vote. That is a tremendous turnout for a non-presidential election, and it reflects how strongly Cohasset voters wanted their voices heard.

The larger override was defeated by 60.5 percent to 39.5 percent, with a margin of 710 votes. The smaller override was defeated by 53.2 percent to 46.8 percent, with a margin of 216 votes. These are not small margins. The larger override, in particular, was defeated by what can reasonably be called a landslide.

What's so great about this, no matter which side you personally favored? There was not the least bit of ambiguity here! If the turnout had been small and/or the margins had been close, it would have been easy to dismiss the vote — regardless of how it had come out — as being the result of work by a narrow special interest. No lesson would have been learned. But the result was loud and the result was clear. And it cannot be deflected or belittled with the insulting claim that, "They didn't know what their vote meant!" We all knew. Both sides and the press did their level best to make sure of this.

And so we have learned the will of the people. Let me capitalize that because it is such a fundamental – even sacred – principle of our democracy: "The Will of The People." This is what we did *not* know before the vote. No one – certainly not I – confidently predicted any of the possible outcomes beforehand. But now we know.

What will we do with this knowledge? That is a question for the coming days, weeks, and months, and I would suggest that no Town official, whether elected, appointed, or hired, can ignore what we have learned except at his peril. Cohasset taxpayers have shown that we expect our money and other Town resources to be managed by all departments as wisely as possible to protect and further the public goods we all enjoy. By our vote, that is what we have demanded.

The School Department stands out in this regard because its budget is such a large fraction of the total Town budget; it just makes sense to focus attention there. Parents have a right to demand the best possible education for their children within the limits of what we can all afford. Believe it or not, that's what we all demand. A good start would be a School Department budget that is complete, transparent, timely, and understandable and which favors those people and things which actually educate over those which only support. A set of understandable, measurable goals with which to gauge our progress should come next.

It was good to see the number of school-age children who accompanied their mothers and fathers to the polls on Saturday. I hope they learned from their parents a little more about the importance of their education and from each of us a little more about the democratic process.

Saturday, May 6: it was a great day for Cohasset!

Anson Wheeller
619 Jerusalem Road

Criticism of MacCarthy uncalled for

TO THE EDITOR:

Without rehashing all the unfortunate nastiness that created a most uncomfortable override-vote-season, I must take last week's letters writer Edythe Ford to task for her directed anger at Adrienne MacCarthy.

While any elected official is subject to criticism for their official positions, to single an individual out and, in this case, accuse her of "not paying her fair share" in taxes, is completely uncalled for. Adrienne has devoted herself to this town for the past number of years and works tirelessly to represent our community. Does anyone really believe that any of the Town's elected officials — whether you agree with their points of view or not — are doing anything but their best?

Unless I'm completely clueless and there's some hidden loophole that entitles individuals and/or elected officials to get property tax reductions, my suspicion is that the "2-1/2 times more" property tax that Mrs. Ford says that she pays is a direct result of a higher property assessment. Is that not what our tax bills are based on?

Diane Kennedy
59 Jerusalem Road Drive

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Village paving progress astounding

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Paving at Pleasant St. Crossing — The photo at left shows the new paving in front of the Tea Shop. In the foreground, the granite curbing for this crossing is stacked and waiting for installation. At right, new paving graces Depot Court.

Things they are a changing…

Finally, it is pretty evident that the Village Revitalization project is on the downhill side of the temporary chaos that was created in the central Village area. This past Monday, the first course of street paving was completed. The rate at which the paving contractor was able to place the asphalt in the roadway was absolutely astounding. In one day, the entire roadway from the Historical Society's Paul Pratt Building to Depot Court and then on to Pleasant Street was paved. The curbs are the next major feature to be installed, followed by the sidewalk. Please be careful walking downtown with the rough sidewalks. They will receive their base coat of asphalt in the next week or so.

New paving graces Depot Court

You may note that the contractor, during mid week, actually did digging in the newly laid street. This might appear to be disconcerting. But, it is actually makes sense. After the base coat of asphalt is laid, all of the catch basin grates and other street features need to be raised to their final height. This must done before the final layer of asphalt is laid in the street. The contractor is on schedule and should be substantially complete by Memorial Weekend. As always, please take the time to patronize our Village merchants. The multiple construction projects over the past year have been very tough on them and they need your business. You have the option to just bypass the area. They don't.

Now back to Greenbush issues…

Pleasant Street crossing was also paved last Monday. This crossing should be open to traffic in a week or so.

This week we received an official "Look Ahead Schedule" from the project that shows the North Main Street crossing to be closed until the end of June. The Rocky Lane Bridge is currently scheduled to open to traffic around June first. However, one of our very observant citizens noticed that the grading on the Rocky Lane side of the bridge does not appear to meet the MBTA's own drawings. We have asked the CBB if they are finished with grading in this area or if they intend to do more. The issue here is that the slopes of the land appear to be more severe than the drawings allow and that there does not appear to be adequate level space for pedestrians to safely walk to the bridge, especially since the MBTA will not be providing a real sidewalk. We await answers from CBB and the MBTA.

Last week we spoke about the lack of parking spaces in the Town parking lot. The Mitigation Agreement requires the MBTA to provide 182 Public Parking Spaces, which is not being met. It is the opinion of the Board of Selectmen that we cannot afford to have fewer than 182 Public Parking Spaces required by the Mitigation Agreement. By the way, this is an issue for the MBTA, not CBB the design build contractor. If you are as concerned with this as we are and care to register a comment, we thought it might be appropriate to let you know who the key players of the Greenbush Project are:

- Mr. Jim Eng, MBTA, Director of Construction Greenbush, (781) 682-7272, Top MBTA official on the Project.
- Mr. Eric Fleming, DMJM Harris, Deputy Project Manager (781) 682-7279, Key engineering design guy and institutional memory for the project.
- Mr. Tom Carroll, CBB, Community Outreach Director (781) 682-6350, 24-hour Hot Line, Responsible for all construction outreach activities.

The CBB Community Outreach is available for ongoing construction-related project issues. However, unless you prefer otherwise, we prefer that all Cohasset issues be brought to the Cohasset Greenbush Office first. This way we know and understand, first hand, all of the Cohasset issues. This way we can use the full power of the Board of Selectmen and the Town manager as well as keep them up to date.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org
Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org
Phone: 781-383-3094

The vote that really has me up in arms

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Cohasset's budgetary woes aren't going to be solved with more money, apparently, so what we need is some creative thinking. For those of you wondering how we can affordably fill nine open teaching positions I have two simple words: border collies. They're loving, they'll work for scraps of food on the cafeteria floor, and they'll make darn sure the kids don't stray off school grounds.

What more do you want in a teacher?

With that behind us we can move on to the recent vote that has me really up in arms. On May 5th lawmakers in Kansas raised the minimum marriage age from birth to 15 years. That's right. It's now impossible for two consenting toddlers to toddle off together without interference from the state. The days of marrying your preschool sweetheart are officially over, as yet another Midwestern tradition is sacrificed on the alter of modernity.

I realize that marrying young is considered old-fashioned and even hopelessly backward by New England cultural standards, but in Kansas it's been a charming custom for generations, as my own story bears out. I was born in Topeka, and immediately took a shine to the girl in the next incubator. Her name was "Rafsburger Baby Girl", which I found wild and exotic, and for hours I tried to get her attention by tapping on the glass and waving in her direction. Unfortunately my brain had developed only to the level of a stoned chimpanzee's, and my attempts to communicate came out mostly as flailing and pooping. After a week we went our separate ways and I lost track of her, but I never forgot the great feeding times we had.

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Years later I ran into her at a Gymboree class, giving her a minor concussion. Before the EMTs carted her away I managed to get her phone number, and that weekend we went on our first play date. I couldn't stop sharing with her. She had lovely chocolate brown hair with real globs of chocolate syrup stuck in it. Six months later we were married, and we were just like a couple of kids in love.

As you can imagine our marriage was very different from those of our adult friends. Of course there was absolutely no physical component to the relationship but that's where the similarities ended. We were both still students. Both very much into the arts. And the crafts. I supported her dream to be a finger painter and she embraced my passion for tissue paper ghosts. We had different bedtimes but our long-term goals were the same: graduate to Pull Ups, then get new teeth. It was a blissful time.

Three years into this honeymoon period, cracks started to form. We couldn't have stuffed animals. The problem was her allergies but she was too sensitive to discuss it. Then one day I made the grievous mistake of telling her I had the seven-year itch.

"You're only six years old!" she said. "How is this possible?" "My overalls chafe like heck," I said. "You have a roving eye!" "I have amblyopia!" "Roving eye, lazy eye. They can put a fancy label on anything." "Oh I'm the one who's lazy? You're constantly napping." "I'm on a growth spurt! You could use one yourself!" "Quit having a tantrum." "I'm going to my room!"

That first argument is always the most painful. Feelings were hurt. Hair was pulled. But an hour later we were coloring together again. Unfortunately it wasn't a lasting peace.

The real trouble came in 1976 when we moved from Kansas to Massachusetts, which didn't recognize our union. Worst of all, the state refused to recognize my license to drive a combine, so here I was barely nine years old and already unemployed. The strain proved too much; by the time we were 10 we'd grown apart by a good five inches. She fell into a January-February romance with a 12-year-old named Frankie, while all my affections became focused on Star Wars action figures. We parted as best friends.

Even though our Kansas marriage didn't work out in the long run, it was an early childhood experience I'll always treasure. Yet today we'd be branded criminals and sent to bed without supper. It's a sad time in Kansas history, especially on barbecued rib night.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, and would like to assure everyone that he isn't paid for this.

Baseball asterisks

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Get out the asterisks!

Another one of those shavetail modern baseball player is challenging the great Babe Ruth's all-time record of 714 home runs in his career.

What's that? Hank Aaron holds the record with 755? Gosh, I forgot. When Ruth is in the mix, does anyone remember?

The last time I looked, Barry Bonds, an outfielder for the San Francisco Giants, had hit 713 and was still going strong. The betting was that he'd hit No. 715 any day now, as long as the steroids hold out.

"The only number I care about is Babe Ruth's," Bonds himself is quoted as saying. "Because as a left-handed hitter, I wiped him out. I got his slugging percentage and I'll take his home runs and that's it. Don't talk about him no more."

What is there about a man who hasn't held a major record in 20 years and hasn't played ball in 70 years and hasn't been alive for nearly 60 that makes him the symbol for all that great in baseball?

I actually saw the Babe play in his last year with the Boston Braves. I don't remember a thing about it but I still have a clear picture of him, if that makes any sense.

I went to the game with my Uncle Oscar, a devoted baseball fan who was childless and tried to make a baseball player out of me until he found out that I couldn't hit a curve or a fast ball — or a slow ball, for that matter. If they had T-ball in those days the chances are I would have struck out. But I digress …

Ruth once held the record for most home runs in a single season but that was broken by Roger Maris with 61 in 1961 which also brought the asterisk into the record book.

The baseball commissioner, Ford Frick, an old sportswriter who once had ghost-written a column for the Babe, ruled that Roger's record would be forever flagged because he hit his 61 in 62 games while the Babe did it in 54.

Hockey did the same thing for one of its icons, Rocket Richard, who scored 50 goals in 50 games for Montreal in 1944-45. When Boom Boom Geoffrion got 50 goals in 70 games in 1960-61 a whole new record category, 50 goals in 50 games, was created and remains today in the NHL record book.

The knock on Barry Bonds is that he muscled most of his home runs out of the park under the influence of steroids. You know steroids, don't you. They're the little pills that give you muscle and an Austrian accent.

The Babe had his problems with illegal drugs, too, only they called it "alcohol" and it was banned by a constitutional amendment in most of Ruth's day. Did it help the Babe hit 714 home runs? Maybe it did.

The major league record for runs batted in is 191 in 1930 by Hack Wilson, an outfielder for the Chicago Cubs. There are those who maintain that Hack also holds the major league mark for consumption of adult beverages, too.

Hack was in the field one day when his manager came out to the mound to change pitchers. The pitcher didn't want to go. To show his displeasure, he wheeled and threw the ball into the outfield where it clanged off the fence behind Hack, who was snoozing in an alcoholic haze.

Instantly, Hack was on the ball and hurled a perfect strike to the plate only to find he was the only one playing at the time.

And they never gave Hack an asterisk.

HEALTH NOTES

Avian Flu movie a work of fiction

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Tuesday, ABC presented a prime time made-for-television movie about Avian Flu, "Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America". For those who missed it, you can read an outline on http://abc.go.com/movies/birdflu.html which tells of an American businessman on a trip to numerous destinations in the orient when the Chinese health authorities release — too late — information about a new strain of Avian Flu which quickly turns into a pandemic.

It's a movie, not a documentary; a work of fiction designed to entertain and not a factual accounting of a real world event.

There is no influenza pandemic in the world at this time. It is important to remember that H5N1 avian influenza is almost exclusively a disease of birds. The few human fatalities have come from close contact with, or eating affected birds. The H5N1 virus has not yet appeared in the U.S., but the appearance of the virus in the US does not mean the start of a pandemic. Remember, although we had a severe pandemic with great loss of life in 1918, flu pandemics in 1958 and 1969 were substantially less severe than the movie depicts. In fact, many Americans at that time did not distinguish the '58 and '69 pandemics from seasonal influenza and were unaware that a pandemic was underway. There is really no way to predict the severity of an outbreak until the symptoms and methods of transmission have been analyzed.

While the movie does serve to raise awareness about avian and pandemic flu, it should inspire preparation — not panic. Steps we can all take to prepare. Keep a supply of food and medicines on hand in case you have to stay home, you can practice good public health measures like frequent hand washing and staying home when sick. Additional good information is available at www.pandemicflu.gov.

There is no influenza pandemic in the world at this time. It is important to remember that H5N1 avian influenza is almost exclusively a disease of birds.

The film does depict scenarios that could unfold should a severe pandemic ever develop, including limited availability of antivirals and vaccines as well as the potential for disruption of supplies, medicines and other essential services; and also, the expected months-long delay in developing an effective vaccine against a strain of influenza once it emerges. This is why, at the President's request, the Congress approved funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to make significant financial investments to improve the technology for vaccine development and to build up our domestic vaccine production capacity, to ensure more rapid availability of vaccine for the population in a pandemic.

The film also highlights an important aspect of planning — individual and community planning and cooperation that will be vital to sustaining communities and neighborhoods during an extended influenza pandemic. We, as well as local health departments everywhere, are preparing and we have made progress. However, the magnitude of a pandemic will tax the resources of our community and we must keep devoting considerable resources to continue our progress. HHS has developed an extensive set of planning tools, including planning checklists for businesses, schools, health care providers, community organizations and States as well as an individual and family planning guide. These documents are a part of the planning already begun by the Town's Departments in Cohasset in their regularly scheduled emergency preparedness meetings. For copies of these documents and other aids in planning, Contact the Board of Health or Glenn Pratt, the Deputy Director, Emergency Management. The Board of Health has a fact sheet which provides answers to most often asked questions about pandemics and bird flu. Stop by and pick up a copy. Remember, the response to a pandemic flu epidemic will be primarily a local response. We can not expect much help from other towns, the State, or the Federal Government for what we will consider, at the time, much too long. We must be ready to do with what we have on hand.

We have successfully stopped smaller outbreaks of disease and we've been planning and training for mass immunization clinics and mass distribution of drugs and vaccines as these products become available in a pandemic. We need your support in learning the facts about pandemic influenza and taking simple, commonsense steps.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Hedlund on local aid

This week Senator Robert Hedlund sits down for an hour segment to speak with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin about possible ways the state legislature might be able to help Cohasset with its current budgetary constraints. He also provides updates and information on other state matters of concern to town residents.

NEW Beginning this week, Our Town will begin providing viewers with an opportunity to express their opinions on the issues we will be covering with a new feature called Question of the Week. Watch this column for the question and email your thoughts to pat@wellspringhull.org and we will discuss them on the show or pose them to quests. ***This week's question***: "What are your thoughts on the override?"

Tune in starting Monday, May 15 at 9p.m., Tuesdays at 9:30p.m. and Thursdays at 8:30p.m. All on Comcast channel 10. And remember, stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!.

Viewers can email Our Town at: pat@wellspringhull.org.

Town should look to regionalization

COMMENTARY

FRANK ZEVEN

Finally, the override election is over. The voters have decided to reject the tax override. What now? Instead of talking about a "message" that has been sent, I think that we should focus on what could/should happen now.

Without new tax revenues to spend, our elected representatives now have no other avenue available to them other than to allocate and spend our collective community offerings more, much more, effectively and to establish budgets that are capable of being adhered to. Accordingly, they have to take a creative approach to town finances and cost savings. And this can be done. How to do this you might ask? Tom Connolly in a letter to the Mariner published a few weeks ago already indicated it. The Board of Selectmen and School Committee could and should look at our spending very carefully. Any creative and resourceful governing body will readily recognize a huge possibility of savings. If one looks at where our taxes are spent, one will see (a) town management; (b) department of highways; (c) police; (d) fire; and (e) schools.

Since usual community services such as trash pick-up and recreational facilities (playgrounds, ice rinks, sports facilities, parks & beaches) don't or hardly exist (we do have baseball fields) savings will need to be found elsewhere.

Most of our town's services can be regionalized. Just imagine the savings that can be obtained by having a regional police and fire department run by neighboring towns jointly. There would be one management structure, one 911 call center, riddance of our expensive union contracts (some of the most expensive in the Commonwealth), savings on overtime, etc. In essence, the thought is to leave the fire and police stations exactly where they are; it is the overhead that is targeted.

Should the schools be regionalized, there would be savings by having one superintendent, one curriculum coordinator and one business manager for several towns jointly. The schools would be able to negotiate better contracts due to the larger size. It would bundle school districts that are now really too small to operate efficiently as such. With a large student pool it would be possible to cost effectively offer special courses and advanced educational programs for those interested. Instead of a handful of students in Cohasset there would be sizable groups that justify the expense. And remember, that expense would be borne by several towns together.

In addition, the schools have more ample areas where immediate savings can be found. The Osgood School and the Deer Hill School constitute the lower school. They consist of two buildings on one campus. There is no need to have two administrative structures for each building. Combine that overhead into one administrative structure and more teachers can be hired.

In the short term, with respect to the schools, recent administrative hires should be reviewed. For example, the superintendent's hiring of an assistant principal just a few months after she had dismissed three teachers for lack of funding is to be questioned. In this vein, we should demand that the School Committee function in a very pro-active manner. For example, it should review the school budget line item by line item. Furthermore, all administrators with policy authority should be carefully reviewed for quality of performance. The School Committee should also look at other, successful, school districts to see how they manage to achieve much better results with similar funding levels.

We should ask our elected officials ***on an on-going basis*** what they have done to more effectively spend our tax dollars and achieve savings in current spending.

With an approach like this, our town should be able to provide excellent services to its residents, even with the taxes at current levels.

Frank Zeven lives at 80 Lamberts Lane.

No winners in override defeat

COMMENTARY

MIKE KRUMSIEK

I feel bad for people who decide to leave town based on these results, as the real estate market is particularly difficult right now.

As a financial services professional, I was exasperated to see a writer complain that something must be wrong when a property tax bill exceeds an income tax bill. Although a cursory analysis may lead to a disconcerting inference, greater clarity on the relevant taxes leads to the conclusion that an overwhelmingly valuable real estate asset is driving this supposedly onerous local tax liability. This is a "problem" most of the public would embrace as a benefit, not a "burden". Also, many readers may be unaware that a retirement portfolio can be liberally positioned with municipal bonds that often have no federal or state income taxes. So rather than sensationalizing relative tax burdens, most readers would probably prefer a referral to the tax professional who has maximized this tax avoidance strategy. Who knows? Perhaps the savings on federal and state income taxes this would engender would enable some voters to take a holistic look at their tax burden and decide they could afford to pay *more* to the town.

All in all, I feel bad about Saturday's results. I feel bad for anyone who has a child entering kindergarten or second grade where student numbers are anywhere from 30 percent to 50 percent higher than recent history. I feel bad for the high school kids who will find college choices limited due to a dearth of electives and AP classes. I feel bad for the 8th graders who will face an MCAS requirement for which they have no technology lab to facilitate preparation. I feel bad for the Library, which will lose janitorial services.

I feel bad for our elected officials because their unanimous support was unheeded – implying a lack of confidence from the voters. I feel bad for anyone who was accosted at the transfer station (as I was with my three children by a particularly vociferous septuagenarian). I feel bad for the police and fire departments, as they will surely garner a tepid response from the town's citizens as they seek to upgrade their facilities or personnel. I feel bad for the people in town that put forth a tremendous amount of effort and resources to keep our town moving forward – only to see it forced to step backwards again.

I feel bad for families that will be forced to spend thousands of dollars to send their children to private schools when they should be saving for college and retirement expenses. I feel bad for people who decide to leave town based on these results, as the real estate market is particularly difficult right now. I feel bad for the renters in this town as one writer with a blatant lack of erudition advocated disenfranchising them since they do not pay property taxes. I feel bad for the gentleman who spoke at Monday's selectman meeting threatening an "Underride" – his hubris was palpable and will surely lead him into additional public disgrace in the future.

I even feel bad for "Enough" as they presumably woke up Sunday morning and wondered if they had done "Enough" to *edify* their supporters rather than *scare* them down a path none of our elected officials wanted. I hope that some of the more affluent citizens of that group donate a portion of their tax savings to the elderly and middle income services they championed and not on another expensive car, extended vacation, or any additional time on the golf course. Haven't we all had "Enough" of that?

Mike Krumsiek lives 392 Beechwood St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Entire town lost on Saturday

TO THE EDITOR:

As a resident of this community for nearly 14 years, I have been continually impressed by the benefits a town like Cohasset has to offer, and equally aware of the financial challenges a small community such as ours must face.

I was involved in the Osgood building project and the renovation projects for the Deer Hill School and the Middle/High Schools. My husband was instrumental in securing renovations to the Police and Fire Departments. None of these projects proceeded without acrimony, but all benefited the community.

We have supported our neighbors, wherever they might live in town, by casting votes when we could to assist with the burden of whatever capital improvements might be on the table that year. And while all of these improvements came at a price, it has always been our belief that we had a responsibility, as members of the community, to support our town and assist our neighbors.

The opposition to the override managed a very successful campaign by instilling the fear that if an override passed taxes would rise, thereby forcing some elderly out of their homes. While taxes would indeed rise if an override passed, so would property values. An investment in Cohasset's schools, its Police and Fire Department and personnel and its Elder Affairs programs, is also an investment in its property values. For most of us, our home is the largest asset we have.

This year, on New Year's Day, a neighbor of ours lost their home in a devastating house fire. The response that poured out from friends and even strangers was extraordinary, and proved all the good that a small community like ours can do when it bands together. A web site called CohassetCares began after this tragedy, to act as a resource for families and individuals who need help in some way.

I am not a Pollyanna, but I would like to think that the same community that rallied around a family that lost their home could also be motivated by a larger sense of responsibility to do some good for its town and its citizens.

The election this past Saturday was not solely about my children's education or your tax rate, but about *our* town. Our town is a beautiful place, but the quality of life here is directly related to the quality of services we provide to our citizens. Sadly, it was our town that lost after Saturday's vote was tabulated, and in turn our children and our elderly, not to mention our homeowners.

Mary McGoldrick
744 Jerusalem Road

Truly sorry Cohasset didn't pass override

TO THE EDITOR

When the override failed to pass this week, a friend said to me, "Why do you care that the override didn't pass anyway. Your almost out of the school system." He was referring to my two children. My son is a junior at Cohasset High School and next year will be his last in the Cohasset school system and my daughter is going to be attending Notre Dame Academy next year as a freshman.

This is why I care. My wife and I moved to Cohasset 14 years ago before our children were even in school. One of the main reasons we moved here was for the excellent school system that Cohasset was noted for at the time. Our kids got a good education in Cohasset. We won't forget that. Now it was our time to vote "Yes" and keep that legacy going for other families with children who are just starting the process that we started 14 years ago and for those families who are now in the Cohasset school system and have years to go. Our family will always vote "yes" for good public education.

For all of the people in town who are of voting age and have children in the Cohasset public school system or had children in a public school system anywhere at one time and didn't vote or voted "No" this week, shame on you. A good education is one of the greatest gifts you can give to your children.

For all of the people in town who are of voting age and didn't vote at all this week, shame on you. It is your civic duty to give up your 15 precious minutes to go downtown and cast a ballot. The ability to vote is the heart of American democracy.

For all of the people in town who are of voting age and voted "No" who live in multi-million dollar homes, shame on you. Be honest about the real reasons that you didn't want the override to pass. It's really about the money isn't it? I think that's short cited. I saw what happened to the town of Milton in a very short time. My sister-in-law lived there with her husband and children when one override after another was being voted down. Eventually they moved to Westwood…for a better school system. It doesn't take long for a town to spiral downward, but it takes many years for that same town to build itself back up again. It all starts with passing that override and protecting and enhancing the town's services.

I'm truly sorry that Cohasset didn't pass this override. That's two in a row. As a homeowner and citizen of Cohasset, this worries me. I feel sorry for the kids. With world competition, college admissions, the country's job market becoming even more competitive every day, it is ever more important to give our children a good education, the one that they deserve.

I'm truly sorry for the teachers who have been through too much this past year. I happen to know that we have some of the best teachers on the South Shore at the Cohasset school system. I wonder how long they'll stick around.

Lastly, I'm truly sorry for all of the volunteers who worked so hard to get this override to pass and for all of the people in town who believe that quality education is the foundation of a healthy community. Maybe in the coming years more people in Cohasset will see the big picture.

Don Dickinson
225 Fairoaks Lane

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Voters came out in droves to cast ballots in Saturday's override election that was held at the Second Congregational Church. Town Hall, the usual polling location, was being used for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production, "Seussical."

Voters speak in large numbers

FROM POLLS, PAGE 1

in the selectmen's office, was polling as Mark DeGiacomo, co-host of Our Town, a weekly cable-TV program on local issues, interviewed several in attendance. No one wanted to speculate on the results.

The room grew silent as word arrived that Town Moderator Dan Evans was on his way upstairs with the official count that would be presented on live TV to the hundreds that tuned into Channel 10 from home. In less than a minute, the numbers were clear: at 66.2 percent, the turnout was record-breaking for an override and the vote was not close. Both overrides had failed. The $1.495 million override lost by 710 votes; the $725,000 override by 216.

Green said Sunday he was disappointed for the Town of Cohasset. "These are very real budget and town funding issues that won't go away because the override lost," he said.

Green said he wasn't sure what message was sent by the vote. "The 'NO' votes don't really have solutions so this was really a 'no' to the proposals presented to move our town ahead — so nothing was really resolved Saturday.

"They (ENOUGH) did an outstanding job of mobilizing the 'NOs', but never worked with anyone to define solutions to very real problems," he said.

The lion's share of the overrides would have benefited the schools. If the $725,000 ($530,000 for the schools) had passed, school officials say they could have maintained the status quo but add no new programs. With the $1.495 million override – representing an infusion of $1.1 million for the schools — teachers and programs could have been added.

Green said the override failure would impact every citizen in Cohasset. He noted the Council on Elder Affairs would not get the volunteer coordinator, the library would not get additional staff hours, and there would be no police resource officer at the middle-high school.

But Wheeler said the message has a lot to do with high taxes and the fact taxpayers want their money managed more carefully. "And it is their money," he said.

Wheeler said while ENOUGH! has not had a chance to regroup following the election, its members plan to continue to stay involved. "With the win comes responsibility," he said. "There may be some differences of opinion within our group but we share a common goal and we owe a debt to all the people who supported us to stay together and see if we can do something to help." He said the town needs new ideas.

Green said going forward, the town needs to develop a five-year financial plan and begin implementing solutions to complex issues together. "We should never again be surprised by our needs and we should strive to be unanimous in the solution from our leaders," he said. Green also said a concerted effort is needed to "hit the state up for our fair share."

"Finally we need to figure out how to break the polarization that has occurred in this town," he said. "This was not a 'we vs. them' issue, we all lost Saturday."

Wheeler said he hopes state aid can be restored but if it is, "we have to use it carefully," he said.

Wheeler described the past few weeks as a rollercoaster. "At first we thought there was nothing we could do. Then we got a group together and starting working and thought maybe we could do something. Gradually our confidence grew and we thought we might have a shot at the higher number.

"I was absolutely astonished by the results," he said.

Wheeler said because of the large turnout, Saturday's results were loud and clear and he hopes no one "tries to make them into something they are not."

"To use a cliché – the people spoke," he said.

Saturday's vote was a record

According to the Town Clerk's office Saturday's 66.2 percent turnout for a non-presidential election was a record for Cohasset for at least the past 25 years. The next highest turnout was April 6, 1996 when 62 percent of the town's registered voters cast ballots in the Town Election that also included the debt exclusion for the new Osgood School.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the results of the Cohasset Special Town Election ballot Questions 1a and 1b:

Question 1a: General Operating override Pursuant to G. L. Chapter 59, section 21C

"Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $1,495,000 in real and personal property taxes for the purpose of meeting the operational expenses of the Municipal Government and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two Thousand Six?"

Question 1a	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Yes	720	622	1342
No	1000	1052	2052
Blanks	8	6	14
Total:	1728	1680	3408

Question 1b: General Operating Override Pursuant to G. L. Chapter 59, section 21C

"Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $725,000 in real and personal property taxes for the purpose of meeting the operational expenses of thee Municipal Government and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two Thousand Six?"

Question 1b	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Yes	854	738	1592
No	872	936	1808
Blanks	2	6	8
Total:	1728	1680	3408

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. For reservations or information call 781-383-9112.

Bryanton feted – Kathy Bryanton, Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs for 20 years, recently celebrated her retirement at a party held in her honor at the Light keeper's Residence in Cohasset. Many thanks, for serving our seniors so tirelessly, and so well.

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Octo-Nonagenarian Birthday Party – Were you born before 1926 and are a Cohasset resident? If so, you're invited to CEA's annual Octo-Nonagenarian Birthday Party on Tuesday, May 16, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Cohasset. Call CEA for reservations.

Aneurysm Support Group – A special support group for aneurysm survivors and caregivers meets every third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at HEALTHSOUTH Braintree Rehab Hospital, 250 Pond St., Braintree, in the second floor Conference Room C. Call Teresa for information at 781-348-2107.

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Cohasset resident Patricia Sheerin reports record loss of body-fat without dieting (in fact she's eating more now), drugs or surgery. This writer was so intrigued by Patricia's story that a further investigation became necessary.

Cohasset residents are clamoring to know how she did it. Patricia reports the "secret" is the accountability, coaching and comprehensive system provided by her Fitness Together personal trainer. "At age 46, I have never felt better," says Sheerin. "The focused, personalized program designed specifically for me by my FT trainer has really been the answer to achieving my weight loss, fitness and appearance goals."

Patricia Sheerin
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Following this personalized program, Patricia reports not only losing 14.9 lbs of fat in 9 weeks (reducing her body-fat by 10.5%), but also increasing her strength without adding any bulky muscle – in fact she's leaner and tighter than ever before, dropping two full dress sizes. Her energy and stamina have doubled and she is getting more attention and "looks" than she has in years – dramatically boosting her self image and self confidence.

When pressed for specific details on Patricia's "secret," she revealed there is an official guide available with powerful tips and strategies for men and women interested in achieving the level of success she has - just in time for the summer and bathing suit season.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Committed to voter mandate

TO THE EDITOR:

Much as it would be nice if everyone in town could unite and work together we must face some realities. We must also remain committed to the mandate our supporters gave us.

There is a committed core of organized and self-interested people with parochial interests, which they will continue to advance. They have the organizational structure and resources of the teachers' union, the superintendent's office, and the PSO. These combine to exert great power over the children of Cohasset and, through those children, the parents. We can expect they will continue to use their resources to advance their agenda of self-benefit.

We have helped to form to a mandate, now we must help to protect that mandate from being co-opted. We can expect offers to "help, figure things out" but many such offers will be offered in corrupted conceptual structures based on manipulated figures. We saw how the financial effect of the teacher contract was misrepresented; we can expect more of the same. Vigilance shall be our friend.

That same vigilance will also allow us to seek out and recognize our fellow townspeople who are sincere in their desire to resolve our funding mismanagement issues. It is possible to govern and provide appropriate service levels. What is needed is the recognition of the appropriate limits of competing town services and the abandonment of narrow based constituent advocacy. We all live here, we have more than enough to share.

Jack Creighton
23 Cushing Road

'Trust the will of the voters'

TO THE EDITOR:

This Monday evening Selectman's "comment period," offered a good opportunity to begin the healing and find common ground to progress as a community. One point that might provide some solace to the pro-override advocates is that I believe many "NO" voters are perfectly willing to vote for reasonable Prop. 2-1/2 overrides after all other options have been exhausted. I still agree with Dick Avery, former Advisory Committee Chairman, who suggested that we may need to have more like a 4.5 percent annual increase in revenues to keep pace with rising costs. His suggestion was made almost 10 years ago and I am sure that he did not cast the 4.5 percent "in stone." For example, higher inflation might force the number to go higher. Also, I think there is general recognition that a growing school population and other changes might mean that the schools would need to get something greater than 4.5 percent while the municipal side might be able accomplish its mission with something less than 4.5 percent.

Just about everyone agreed that we have to go down the long and difficult road of getting other small school districts to join in a united demand to get a greater share of the State's "cherry sheet" allocation.

I believe I am quoting Selectman Spofford correctly when he stated that this problem began about two to three years ago. I am not sure, Mr. Spofford might have only been jesting, if he was serious, I disagree with him. The problem really started when High School Principal Curt Collins introduced the "middle school" approach along with block scheduling. He stated that they would not have any significant cost impact. Since than, administrative costs have skyrocketed and curriculum coordination has deteriorated. In principle, I like the "middle school" concept (versus junior high school), but I am not sure it has been a "leap forward" when grades 6-12 are in the same building and intermingled on buses. I believe parents have mixed opinions about the merits of block scheduling. That issue needs to be revisited.

Construction of the K-2 new Osgood has been a total disaster. Bottom-line, as a small school district, we had the opportunity for two administrative levels: a. K-6 and b. 7-12. Instead, we have four administrative levels: a. K-2, b. 3-5. c. 6-8 and d. 9-12. If the Deer Hill had been expanded, we would have had one elementary level without doubling up on administrative, maintenance and custodial staff not to mention the poor traffic patterns and parking, limited playing fields, and double HVAC systems with inflated utilities costs. In the Middle/High School, assurances that additional administrative staff would be unnecessary have gone out the window. Again, we have four administrative levels or about one level per 375 students rather than two levels per 750 students. According to the Cohasset Mariner's comparison of our District to 20 similar districts, our administrative overhead exceeds the average by 27 percent.

Mr. Spofford tried his best to get Attorney David Farrag to endorse having a special town meeting. David was too smart for that; Mr. Spofford failed. Mr. Spofford implied that "NO" voters were misinformed and the outcome of the election would have been different if they had "the facts." Mr. Spofford repeated his often stated belief that we must trust our elected and appointed officials. As someone responded; "trust is earned."

Mr. Spofford proffers the ultimate insult when he decries the public's failure to trust its elected officials. He does not trust the decision of the voters. The record 66.2 percent voter turn-out was a record for a non-presidential election.

Likewise, Superintendent Walsh has lost the trust of many of us. I believe I am correct in stating that there was a "non-binding resolution" passed almost unanimously at an Annual Town Meeting about 10 years ago. Major contracts were to be approved 30 days or more before Town Meeting so that they could be financially impacted. I subscribe to a "conspiracy theory" when you realize that the Cohasset Teachers Union disapproved the contract by about a 65-3 vote and about 72 hours before Town Meeting-they unanimously approved it. What changed so dramatically within the space of 10 days? Clearly, it was a "timing" ploy to preclude pre-Town Meeting analysis. In rapid succession, the School Committee and Town Manager approved the one-sided contract. Superintendent Walsh misrepresented the FY06 financial impact at Town Meeting. She exacerbated her credibility by the infamous letter intimidating parents and using taxpayer resources illegally. She has zero credibility and would be well advised to take a walk.

Mr. Spofford, it is time you trusted the voters. ENOUGH communicated the facts to the voters and they made an intelligent decision to force efficiencies upon a bloated school budget before supporting another override. Once elected and appointed officials have done their job, we will work with you to pass overrides that are factually necessary.

In the meantime, "doom and gloom" messages should not be conveyed to the young students whom we all prize as our future. They are already getting signals that curriculum offerings and other essentials will be eliminated. Let us agree not to let that happen. This election was for FY07, we have time to identify efficiencies that will permit steady progress in both our schools and our entire town. We must not challenge the will of the voters. Another override vote would be a flagrant violation their decision. I am confident that most ENOUGH sympathizers will work with all concerned to put pressure on our State officials to be fair to small school districts (even in affluent towns). Most of us will support resource reallocations within the approved budget where it is the right thing to do. However, everyone is cautioned not try to override the will of 60.2 percent of the voters by calling a special town meeting and seeking another override vote for FY07. That will backfire and any chance for cooperation will go up in smoke.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Let's think about getting creative

TO THE EDITOR:

I remain shocked, absolutely "in shock" that neither of the overrides passed in this past Saturday's election — it appears that approximately 65 percent of registered voters came to the polls. Our family has lived in Cohasset for 15 years – and notwithstanding acrimony and divisive opinions, overrides always seem to "pass" in Cohasset. Obviously, many townspeople voted at the poles to say "enough is really enough".

I recall very nasty stuff in Cohasset when Town Meeting was held at the Music Circus (to accommodate the expected crowd) some years ago to vote "yeah or nay" to a proposed new Osgood School. That situation seems like a happy one compared to the visceral and nasty episodes of this vote. As my Uncle Tom used to say – and some may remember him as Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the US House of Representatives – "All politics is local" and boy was he right on!! The trashing of signs and trashing of people for their views was outrageously evident this past few weeks – and on *both* sides. My daughter, who is 22, went to vote on Saturday. She was blown away by a group of adults hissing and booing as our elder citizens walked to the polls, and she was given a few "evil" stares by older citizens who assumed her vote was a "YES" because of her youth.

I have read and absorbed all the related Mariner articles and have talked to many friends and foes about this override. Although emotions are still riding high,

It is time to move on and deal with a known budget. "Necessity is the Mother of Invention" and so, as a town, let's get creative. I suggest that the School Committee or the Superintendent make easily available a copy of the School Budget to any interested citizen, line item by line item. When the budget is made available, I encourage citizens to attend School Committee meetings to question items and to offer suggestions/advice. Any process demanding "the highest and best use of funds" takes time, so be patient, but participate rather than gripe. I have been told by a resident of Hingham a copy of the school budget used to be handed out to every parent of a school-aged child in January each year and discussions followed. Can Cohasset consider something like this?

To jumpstart the process, my initial and personal suggestions are the following: Cohasset citizens have paid for *three* new schools over the past decade – starting with Osgood, then a total overhaul at Deer Hill – and finally a new Cohasset Middle/High School. We have *three* new school buildings. They are totally under-used and expensive to maintain.

To the School Committee: When looking for new revenue, be creative and think about the 4 to 5 months *each* year that these new school buildings are not used or nominally used – be pro-active – rent the space/advertise the space/use the gyms to help others/use the track fields for others/open additional summer programs/open the auditorium for events/etc. With a little ingenuity, more funds may be available. In addition, most Cohasset High School students participate in Community Service, use these hours of community service to help a multitude of cleaning/maintenance/weeding projects at the three schools. Grab the girl scouts and boy scouts, grab the kids who may have required community service from other venues. These kids will feel great to have helped their schools.

And lastly, let us not forget that other entities in town are needy even though the school needs were highlighted throughout the pre-election time. I am the President of the Friends of the Library. Because of the *creativity* of the Library Trustees, we now have a fabulous new library in the old Osgood School. But it is in dire need of extra staffing hours and maintenance. I am personally committed to getting whatever creative help I can to take care of some of the problems. Let us all do the same in whatever venue personally affects us.

Gail Flynn
Atlantic Avenue

Post Office Food Drive set for May 13

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Post Office Letter Carriers Food Drive will take place this Saturday, May 13, to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. This food drive provides us with enough food to stay stocked through the summer months.

The following items are needed in particular: tooth brushes, tooth paste, dish and laundry detergent, cleaning products, stretch wrap, aluminum foil, Ziploc bags (all sizes), and trash bags

The following items are not needed at this time: pasta, soup and cereal.

Please remember to place unopened, non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday. Please check expiration dates. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Margie Steele
Moira Stansell
Cohasset Food Pantry

LIBRARY CORNER

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Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Wednesdays.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the movie "The Forest for the Trees" on Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. A young teacher from the countryside starts her first job at a high school in the city. Things don't go as planned. Her colleagues are annoyed by her teaching methods and the students taunt her endlessly. Attempting to forge a friendship with her neighbor, Melanie starts crossing borderlines and entangling herself in a spiral of lies as she desperately seeks acceptance. Free admission and refreshments.

Library Book Group – Join other members for coffee and discussion of Ann Packer's book "The Dive from Clausen's Pier" on Thursday, May 25, 10 a.m. See reference librarian Gayle Walsh to reserve a copy of the book. All are welcome.

New Titles – Check out the newest additions to the collection: Debbie Macomber's "Susannah's Garden"; James Patterson's "Beach Road"; Anne Tyler's "Digging to America"; and Diane Mott Davidson's "Dark Tort." These are a few of the many titles received each month. Look for more new titles on the Web site at www.cohassetlibrarylorg., click Good Books, then New Arrivals.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Poetry Contest winners – Thanks to all the students that submitted a shapes poem. All poetry submitted is on display in the Children's Room above the computers on the parking lot side of the building. Congratulations to Joseph Wellman, Molly Cunning, Morgan Fechter and Maggie Czajak for their creative shapes poems.

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Friends, family celebrate with Kathy

Bryanton retiring as CEA director

Kathy Bryanton is surrounded by members of her family as they pose for a portrait in front of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Residence. Back row from left nephews, Nathan and Ben Riley, nephew-in-law Justin Wollacott, son-in-law Earl Peterson, husband Donald Bryanton, and son Peter Bryanton.
Front row from left, brother John Riley, niece Marie Riley, daughter Dawn-Marie Bryanton, grandson Patrick Bryanton, Kathy Riley Bryanton, granddaughter Avery Bryanton, and daughter-in-law Jeannie Avery Bryanton.

Anna Abruzzese, Kathy Bryanton, and Carol Dieffenbach look as the slide show organized by Bryanton's son-in-law Earl Peterson to commemorate her retirement from the Council on Elder Affairs.

Kathy Bryanton, with her husband Don, chat with CEA Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield and her brother Tom Horsefield. The group had gathered at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island to celebrate Bryanton's 20 years of service as Director of the CEA and wish her luck in the future.

Kathy Bryanton, director of the Council on Elder Affairs, is all smiles after receiving a certificate of appreciation from Sen. Robert Hedlund for her 20 years of service.

Kathy Bryanton accepts a certificate from state Rep. Garret Bradley during a retirement party held in her honor May 7. Bryanton will retire as Director of the Council on Elder Affairs at the end of June.

Barbara Farnsworth of the Council on Elder Affairs in Hingham, Kathy Bryanton, director of the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs, Linda Chuckran of Welch Healthcare, and Carol Hamilton from the Marshfield Council on Elder Affairs, all celebrate Bryanton's upcoming retirement.

George Barunus and Steve Bobo attended the retirement party for Council on Elder Affairs Director Kathy Bryanton. After 20 years of service, Bryanton will retire from her position at the end of June.

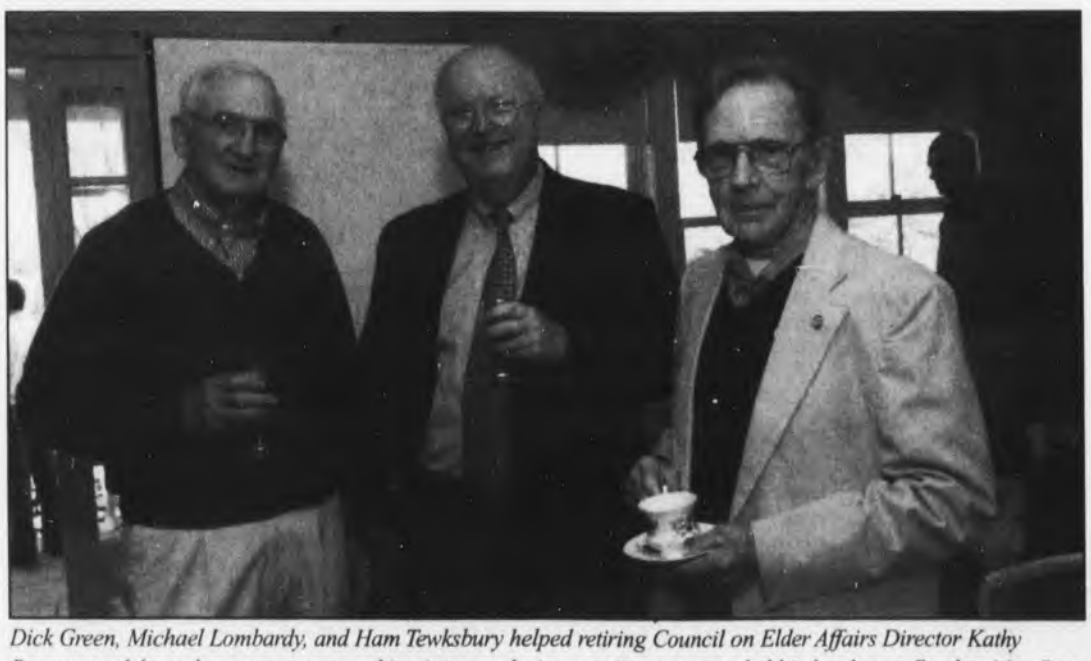
Ed Mulvey and Marguerite Ritterhause attended the retirement party for Kathy Bryanton, Director of the Council on Elder Affairs. Ritterhause worked as a senior aid for the CEA for12 years and retired when she was 80 years old.

Photos by Lynne Layman

Catherine Kearns and Margaret Casey chat with Mary Keating (standing) at the Lightkeeper's Residence Sunday, May 7 during Kathy Bryanton's retirement party. Bryanton will leave the Council on Elder Affairs at the end of June after 20 years of service.

Kathy Bryanton, center, Director of the Council on Elder Affairs, flanked by daughter Dawn Peterson and husband Don Bryanton, listens to the kind words of friend and CEA board member Anna Abbruzzese, during a retirement party held in Bryanton's honor Sunday, May 7.

Karen Kirkendall and Lesley Grilli wished Kathy Bryanton best of luck in the future, at a retirement party held in Bryanton's honor Sunday May 7 at the Lightkeeper's Residence.



Dick Green, Michael Lombardy, and Ham Tewksbury helped retiring Council on Elder Affairs Director Kathy Bryanton celebrate her many years working in town, during a retirement party held in her honor, Sunday, May 7 at the Lightkeeper's Residence. Tewksbury has volunteered his time at the CEA serving as a van driver.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

INSIDE

Historic win for lady laxers

Last Thursday, the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team defeated Hingham, 14-12. It was the Skippers' first win over Hingham in the program's history. See report, page 23.

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Left, Conor Holway and Ben Masotta (right) skate around the rink with Kurt Gritzan's Cohasset High School hockey jersey at the beginning of the Kurt Gritzan Memorial Skate on Saturday at Pilgrim Ice Arena in Hingham. Holway and Masotta were friends, teammates and classmates with Kurt, who passed away on April 26. The team retired Kurt's #22; his jersey will hang over the team bench during games next season.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Below, Cohasset's Danny Czerkawski, 12, enters the rink prior to the Kurt Gritzan Memorial Skate. Signs and posters were hung throughout the rink to remember Kurt.

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Cohasset pays tribute to Kurt Gritzan

Christine Gritzan, Kurt's mother, thanks players and alumni of the Cohasset High School hockey program after they played an exhibition game in honor of Kurt during Saturday's skate.

Laxers prep for home stretch

Recent rains leave CHS boys with glut of games to end regular season

By Mark Goodman
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Cohasset High boys lacrosse coach Stew Curran hasn't had much to complain about this week.

Of course, there hasn't been much to say either way. With Tuesday's game at Hanover postponed to the 22nd due to the inclement weather, the Skippers entered yesterday's scheduled game at Sandwich having not played since last Thursday's 5-2 loss in Hingham.

With that loss still fresh in their minds, the boys have had a strong week of practice to prepare an upcoming slate of games that include Tabor Academy (Saturday, 1:30), Marshfield (Monday, 4) and Catholic Memorial (Wednesday, 4:30). The Tabor and Marshfield games are at home.

The week between games for Cohasset has allowed senior attack Aidan Buick to get healthy. Curran said Wednesday that Buick should be ready for the Sandwich game. The Hingham loss aside, the Skippers' attack has been aided by plenty of other players stepping up in Buick's absence.

Leading that charge has been junior Chris Davis and sophomores Mark Flibotte and Mike Bunstein. Flibotte- the team's leading scorer with 57 points (44 goals, 13 assists) - has emerged as an elite goal-scoring threat, having scored 12 in recent wins over Norwell and Plymouth. He also scored twice each against Duxbury and Hingham, despite being marked by All-American defenders Chris Nixon (Duxbury) and Chris Ryan (Hingham).

"Not too many people can say they did that," said Curran. "He has been spectacular on offense. Good things happen when he touches the ball."

The coach says Bunstein's ball-handling and decision-making have improved throughout the season, and that he has been using his quickness to create numerous scoring opportunities for teammates. Davis, meanwhile, has what Curran calls a "quick stick" and has shown a certain level of fearlessness to go into a group of players and come away with a loose ball.

Junior Jeff Brown continues to lead the Skippers defense. Curran says Brown is one of the best in the region at his positon.

"Jeff has been equal to some local stars who get a lot of notoriety," he said. "The good thing is that Jeff is young; he has another

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Tough go for softballers against Abington

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to playing softball, most players in the South Shore League agree on one thing: they dread playing Abington.

A few weeks ago the Green Wave swallowed up Cohasset in a 15-0 softball feast. So the Skippers struggled to maintain their confidence in their next showdown with Abington on May 4.

When the rain finally let up last Thursday, Abington poured on the runs at Freedom Field. And what a memorable party it was...for Abington.

The Green Wave's victory broke a South Shore League record, as their 10-0 defeat of Cohasset represented Abington's 63rd consecutive league victory.

Cohasset displayed a flash of promise by holding the Green Wave to only one run during the first inning. Then the flood gates opened up. Starting with three runs in the second, Abington pounded in run after run until the last out.

"We didn't lose because of a weak defense," explained Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick. "Virginia [Spofford] pitched a solid seven innings, and the fielding was in general pretty strong."

"It's always tough to pitch against a team like Abington," recalled Spofford. "They can hit anywhere in the strike zone."

Regardless, Spofford managed to force most of the Green Wave's runs to come from ground balls rather than from confidence-killing outfield blasts.

Two factors led to the memorable outcome. Abington senior Courtney Foster hurled some serious heat which resulted in her notching a one-hitter.

"Courtney was the fastest pitcher we have faced all season," said Bostwick. "We just couldn't connect with the ball."

Second, the Skippers could not mount any meaningful offense. The only Cohasset hit came from junior Christina Pinkus. Fans have noticed her absence from the mound due to a hand injury. Pinkus hopes to return to the pitching rotation this week.

Bostwick commended Melissa Crowley-Buck in center and Carly Zappalo in left for their solid outfield performances. In the infield, Anna Haggerty at third base, Carly Salerno at shortstop, Erin Liddell at first, and Kristin Monaco performed well.

To put the game into further perspective, a 10-0 loss certainly beats the 15-0 blowout in the initial match up.

With six games in the next week, including a double-header with Mashpee on Thursday, the Skippers will certainly have a chance to work towards a spot in the state tournament.

Joe Durkin (CHS '05) has a silent moment to himself as Beth Wheatley-Dyson of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church leads a prayer before Saturday's Kurt Gritzan Memorial Skate.

CHS junior Emily Coggins gives senior Trevor Brady a hand before Saturday's free skate.

Cohasset pays tribute to Kurt Gritzan

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Cohasset's Jamie Faber, 12, points to a picture adorning one of the many signs that hung throughout Pilgrim Ice Arena on Saturday.

Conor Holway and Ben Masotta skate to Kurt's parents (Christine and Ken, at left) after going around the rink with Kurt's retired #22 hockey jersey.

Jonny Wade corrals a loose puck during the "friendly" played by Cohasset High School hockey players and alumni.

Brian Straughn (left) is a blur of motion while speedskating with friends during Saturday's skate.

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YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Girls have mixed results against Scituate

Cohasset's girls youth lacrosse program played six games against teams from Scituate on Sunday, May 7 and had its roughest weekend of the season, coming away with two wins, three losses and one tie.

The 11-U girls (grades 3 and 4) hosted Scituate teams and got off to a strong start, with Cohasset **11-U Blue** playing what coaches described as its "best game of the season" and running away from Scituate 1 to the tune of a 10-2 victory.

Seven different players got in on the scoring action, led by **Victoria Bryan**, who netted her second hat trick of the season and added one assist. **Charlotte Allard** banged home two scores, **Peyton MacNaught** added a goal and two assists and **Eliza Murphy** went one-and-one for the afternoon. **Christina Tedeschi, Kathryn Dunn**, and **Molly Fitzgerald** added solo scores.

On defense **Hannah Newhall** led the charge, scooping seemingly every ground ball in sight and flying up the field on clears. **Shannon McGowan** continued to stand out on defense and also did a nice job moving to middie and attack later in the game. **Madison Hagearty** helped control the middle of the field by corralling ground balls and intercepting passes.

Goalie **Maddie Curley** was again the backbone of the Cohasset defense, making several excellent saves to help the Blue squad raise its record on the season to 4-1.

The **11-U White** team bounced back from a rough loss to Sandwich on April 30 and was much improved against Scituate 2. The game was evenly matched throughout the first half – with Cohasset appearing to dominate ground balls while Scituate seemed to control the air attack – resulting in several good scoring chances, but most of the contest was stuck in the midfield as neither team was able to get their offense rolling as the first half ended in a scoreless tie.

Both teams showed more offense in the second half with Scituate finally breaking the seal and scoring. Cohasset came right back with **Alison Bodner** working the ball to **Emily Robbins** who created a lane behind the net and made a few moves, shot for the upper corner from a very tough angle, only to have the Scituate goalie make a good stop.

In an almost instant replay, Bodner worked the ball back behind the net, passed to Robbins who moved out for the shot. This time, Scituate's defense forced the low-angle shot, again stuffed by the goalie. **Hanna Cooper** scooped up the rebound and drew the foul, but the Cohasset offense was rebuffed again, and Scituate turned away Cohasset's best chance to even things up. The visitors added an insurance goal and finished the game up 2-0.

For Cohasset, **Caroline Farren, Elizabeth Baker** and **Mackenzie Axelson** showed particularly strong midfield play all game.

Meanwhile, the program's older girls were playing on the turf field at Scituate High School, in games that had several extended runs and dramatic swings.

The Cohasset **Blue 15-U** team (grades 7/8) jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the strength of two **Kaci Kucinski** goals. After Scituate tied the score, **Kelsey Erler** potted a direct-free position and **Isabelle Franklin** scored twice to give Cohasset a lead it would not relinquish. Kucinski scored two more goals – one assisted by **Kathleen Kelly** – sandwiched around three Scituate scores and the game went to the half with Cohasset up 7-5.

A five-goal run to start the second half blew the game open. Five separate players tickled the twine during the run: Kucinski, **Hannah Burgess, Kaleigh League, Olivia Murphy** and **Amy Meikleham** – fed by **Lindsay Allard** – made it a 12-7 game. After Scituate broke its drought, Franklin, Kucinski and Allard answered to close out the scoring with a 15-7 final that raised the Blue team's record to 4-1 on the season. For Kucinski, it was her second consecutive week with a six-goal game.

Thomson Jaffe made 11 saves in the net, most coming during the second half as the defense of **Mimi Mahoney, Lauren Blaze, Eliza Kinnealey** and **Emily Toomey** put the brakes on Scituate and helped trigger the potent fast break.

The 15-U White game was a seesaw affair the whole way. Scituate's first three scores were answered by Burgess, who recently made the Eastern Massachusetts All-Star team that will play at the 15-U National Junior Lacrosse Festival in Orlando, Fla. in June.

Aside from Burgess, however, most of the Cohasset team seemed to be sleepwalking, and the squad gave up three quick goals to fall behind 6-3. **Leigh Collins** scored her first goal of the season on a direct-free position to make the score 6-4 at the half.

After getting chewed out by coaches at halftime, the Cohasset team responded and scored the first five goals of the second half. Burgess made it a one-goal game and Meikleham tied things up on a direct-free position. **Anna Michalowski, Olivia Sullivan** and Kucinski scored single goals to help Cohasset extend its first lead of the day up to three goals.

From there, however, it was all Scituate. The home team scored three goals in the final six minutes of the game to erase its deficit and force a 9-9 tie. Jaffe made eight saves in the net, most coming in the second half down the stretch, as Scituate put pressure on to complete its comeback with a win.

The tie drops the White 15-U team's record on the year to 4-0-1.

Cohasset's **Blue 13-U** team (grades 5/6) took the field next and fell behind early, allowing Scituate to run out to a 3-0 lead before swapping goals for the rest of the half to reach the break down 5-2. **Whitney Jaffe** netted a direct-free position and **Danielle Healy** broke down her defender from in front of the net to score Cohasset's second goal of the game.

In the second half, Cohasset traded early goals with Scituate, let the home team extend its lead and then tried to mount a late comeback, only to finish exactly where it started the half, with a three-goal deficit that made the final score 10-7.

Sarah Evans scored twice, the second assisted by Jaffe, who also scored two second-half goals to complete a hat trick. **Maria Buckley** scored for the third consecutive game as well. **Stephanie Brierly** made four saves in the Cohasset net, facing mostly pointblank shots from midfielders, as the close defense of **Ellie Tedeschi, Eloise Lucas, Taylor Kennedy** and **Kaye Slamp** put the clamps on Scituate's attack for most of the day. The Blue team's record on the year now stands at 3-2.

The day's final game, featuring Cohasset's **White 13-U** team, was another back-and-forth affair. **Nicole Hajjar** and **Kristen Alexander** each scored in the opening minutes to give Cohasset a 2-0 lead. **Alison Whelan** – who along with **Katherine Brown** from the Blue team made the Eastern Massachusetts team that will play in the 13-U National Junior lacrosse Festival at Amherst, Mass. in June – answered Scituate's first goal of the day, and **Aniko Haber** answered Scituate's second goal with her first score of the year.

From there, however, Scituate rattled off three goals to take its first lead, only to have Whelan answer and tie the score just before the break.

The two teams traded goals early in the second half, with Farren and Whitney Jaffe responding to Scituate goals to knot the game at 7. From there, the home team ran off four consecutive goals, however, putting the contest out of reach. When Farren and **Anna Seraikas** scored two quick goals to give Cohasset some signs of life, Scituate answered with an insurance goal that made the final 12-9.

Tedeschi and Evans split the goaltending duties on the day, combining to make five saves in the Cohasset net, as the White team saw its record on the year fall to 3-2.

Cohasset's teams will take to the field again on May 14, with three games at home at Deer Hill School and the remainder on the road. For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, check out www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Boys youth lax report

The **U15 White** squad lost its first game of the season to Hanover on Sunday by a score of 5–1. Hanover did a nice job of maintaining a time of possession advantage throughout the game and quickly transitioned play with speedy, ground-ball hogging defensemen.

Jack Murphy posted 10 saves keeping the game close. Hanover led only 3–0 at halftime and with **Ian Quinlan** assisting **Tom Flibotte** in the third quarter, U15 White brought the score to 3–1. The second half was well fought but Hanover's defense proved too tough and held off the Cohasset attack.

At practice Friday, U15 White will be working on using long stick midi's on face-offs and 3-2-1 ball movement on offense incorporating give-and-go's.

The **U15 Grey** got back on the winning track with a gutsy 6-4 win over Whitman-Hanson on Sunday. The game began with Cohasset continuing the inconsistent focus that had plagued us the last two weeks, and Whitman-Hanson capitalized, scoring three goals in the first quarter. Cohasset was unable to respond in that quarter, and began the second quarter down 3-0.

At that point, the tide turned, and Cohasset began to play consistent, energetic defense on the whole field, and Whitman-Hanson wouldn't score again until a meaningless goal in the closing seconds of the game. Cohasset notched three goals during the second quarter, and the game was tied 3-3 at the half.

Cohasset scored again in the third quarter, to take a one goal lead into the fourth quarter. Cohasset scored early in the quarter, giving us a little breathing room, but fatigue began to lead to sloppy penalties. With four minutes left Cohasset drew two penalties in quick succession, and was down by two men for 30 seconds.

However, the defense and two brilliant saves by goalie **Eric Wasel** shut them down, and Cohasset later responded with a final goal to ice the game.

Will Wise led Cohasset's scoring with five goals and an assist, **Max Shipp** had one goal and two assists, and **Will Evans** helped out with an assist. However, the key to Cohasset's turnaround was the defense, where **Keegan Flynn, Tom Pecca, Sam Leahy** and **Scott Wilson** played the last three quarters with the passion and energy that lifted the defensive effort of the whole team. Wasel was also critical, making several important saves to keep the game close, including stuffing an attack man who had broken past the defense and was moving on the net all alone.

Cohasset **Grey U-13** played away at Whitman-Hanson on Sunday. The Greys tried hard to win the field of play but where met by a tough and determined WH squad.

There were some terrific highlights for Cohasset as both goalies (**Kyle Healy** and **Brennan Bukowski**) made some terrific saves under constant pressure but they stood tall for the Greys. **Blake McGowan** and **Zach Streker** fought hard for loose balls and created many turnovers for the Greys. **Gus Helbock** had a fabulous one timer on a great feed from none other than **Alex Evans** as the Greys constantly pushed to even the score.

Danny Czerkowski, Pat Kearney, Geoff Swain and ace **John Collins** (1 goal) helped tremendously on defense as well as a strong showing from **Jim Lydon**, when he replaced an injured **Evan Yeager** and virtually carried the whole WH team on his back for a nice transition to the Grey offensive end.

As usual, **Robbie Hillman, Forster Eymer, Teddy Patsos** and **Kyle Livingstone** (1 goal) gave WH fits all game as they pressured the transition game. In the end the Greys fell 7-3 but not without the team work that will continue to make this team a winner.

The Cohasset **U13 White** traveled to Hanover last Sunday. Under beautiful sunny skies, the team matched up against a skilled and mature Hanover squad. Cohasset played **Chris Murphy** in the cage who had a demanding day and arose to the occasion and who hung tough.

Cohasset came out in the second half committed to hustling play and matched Hanover's intensity in the third period. Cohasset battled hard all game and found itself down by only two goals at the middle of the third period but found it tough to penetrate a strong Hanover defense and an "on fire" 4th period offense.

When the horn sounded Hanover was on top 13-5.

In their fifth game of the 2006 season, the Cohasset **U-11 Blue** came together as a team like never before. The Blues improved their record to 4-1 with an impressive 11-2 victory over a fast and very physical Whitman-Hanson team at Milliken Field.

Colin Whelan, continuing the aggressive style of play he has displayed throughout the season, won the first two face-offs, and **Cole "Jimmy" Maher** started off the scoring with a sharp shot from the right crease. Things were just getting started, however, as speedy **Max Montgomery** scored three successive goals to notch a hat trick in the first period.

Following a **Mats Nelson** winning face-off, Whelan closed out the scoring in the first on a nice assist from **Jeff Powers**, the quarter ended with Cohasset up 5-0. Defenseman **Matt Arnold** brought the crowd to their feet in the second period following a huge, nearly full length-of-the-field run which led to a goal by **Martin Buckley**.

Meanwhile in goal, **Tommy "The Wall" Powers** was a near perfect eight-for-nine in saves over the course of the first half and was only scored on in the final moments of the half. He was most instrumental perhaps in engineering the team's impressive defense-to-offense transition. The half ended 7-1, advantage Cohasset.

Zach Coggins found Jeff Powers to start the Blue off on the right foot with a goal to start the third period. It was one of two assists on the day for Coggins, who has demonstrated heads-up play all year. Although Cohasset found the net three more times by games end, with goals from Arnold, Tommy Powers and a second for Jeff Powers and consistently aggressive play from **Connor Green** at attack, it was the team's smothering defense that made the difference.

Harry Seraikas, Sam Murphy, Rennie Westcott and Cole Morrison clamped down in the second half, allowing no goals in the third quarter and just one in the fourth. **Patrick Holway** took over goal in the half and proved a formidable force as well.

The team's offense was just as fluid, however. In fact, following the traditional post-game shaking of hands between players, the Whitman-Hanson coach made a point of telling the Cohasset coaches that Whitman-Hanson had not played a team that passed so well all year.

The **White U11** boys are on a roll.

Facing a large team with a large supporting group, Cohasset had a surge of strength in the second half to win 10-5 for the sixth straight victory. First quarter began with goals by **Cole Kissick** and then Will Golden. Derrick Benson in the cage held Hanover to only one score. **Jack Stanganelli, Will Lucas, Hayes Keniley** and **Jack Leffel** ran a strong defensive unit against the fast Hanover offense.

Second quarter was action packed as Hanover scored three and Cohasset added four with a **Will Golden** assist to **Adam Benson, Charlie Michalkowski** pass to **Mark McKenna** and an unassisted goal by **Mark Brown** and Kissick. It was 6-4 at the half.

Golden stepped into the cage in the second half and shutdown Hanover in the third quarter. **Mark Brown** gave a terrific pass to **Ryan McKeon** which became the lead off score for the quarter. Michalowski and Brown added points to bring the score to 9-4.

In the fourth quarter, Hanover scored on a fast break and Michalowski added our final point. The passing game of Cohasset was a key to the win and **Charlie** and **Cameron Steele** made several key connections. Brown showed great sportsmanship by feeding his team with several passes after winning many face-offs. The defense continued to hold down Hanover despite the rapid replacements by virtue of a large team.

The final score was 10-5. Cohasset showed great sportsmanship, the penalties were significantly fewer than last games and the players had a great time. Congrats to the boys.

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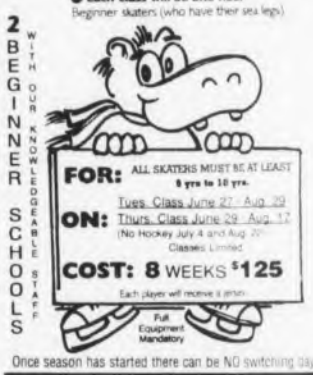

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The road race is named in honor of Evan Henry, a Norwell native who passed away in July of 2000 at the age of 11.

Evan was autistic, and the Henry family decided soon after his passing to set up a foundation that raises funds for organizations that help autistic children like Evan. Thus, the Evan Henry Foundation was born. Proceeds from the event will go toward the foundation. To date, the race has raised over $150,000 for autistic children and their families.

Like last year, race organizers will be allocating more than $1,500 in prize money to top runners.

Registration

Road race entry forms can be found at a number of running and athletic stores. You may also register online at www.evanhenry.org. Registration will be available on Saturday, May 20, in the Norwell High School gymnasium from noon to 5 p.m.

Registration is also available Race Day, Sunday, May 21, in the Norwell High School gymnasium. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. Parking is now available at Norwell High School and surrounding areas on Race Day.

On May 21, the day begins with a series of Children's Races, which run from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The 5K/10K Race starts sharply at 10:30 a.m. Runners will be lining up around 10. Please allow yourself plenty of time.

All races begin and end at Norwell High School.

Number pickup

Like last year, the Race will be using the WinningTime Chip for additional accuracy. The chip is a light weight plastic chip that attaches on to the runners ankle. Chips will be collected at the chutes after the finish.

On the 20th, Runners will be able to pick up their numbers and chip at the Norwell High School gymnasium from noon to 5 p.m. On race day, runners can pick up their numbers and chip prior to race time. Pick up will start at 7:30 a.m.

Parking and shuttle buses

This year there will be limited parking (about 200 cars) at Norwell High School. Shuttle buses will still be available and are recommended for assured parking.

The shuttle buses will be located in front of the Rockland Federal Credit Union at the Hanover Mall. The buses will leave every five minutes beginning at 7:30 a.m. and will run throughout the day. Runners and walkers should plan to be on a shuttle bus no later than 10 a.m. to get to the race on time. The buses will bring runners to and from the Race throughout the day.

For more information about the race or registration, log on to www.evanhenry.org.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Sailing Club registration is coming

Registration for membership, classes and dock space is being held on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sailing Club.

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Legion baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Post 118 Legion baseball team are being held at the Scituate High School baseball field on Saturday, May 6 and the following Saturday, May 13, both at 5:30 p.m.

Tryouts are open to residents in Cohasset and Scituate, age 20-and-under. All players must attend both tryout sessions, including those that were on the team last season.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Scott Arnold at (781)545-1896.

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June 10 is Men's, Women and Mixed Doubles. June 17 is Men's, Women and Boys/Girls under 14 Singles.

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Rec Dept. offers boot camp fitness program

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program, to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity meets from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, with checks payable to the Town of Cohasset. You may register at any class.

This session concludes Thursday, June 15, and the second session begins the following week on the 20th.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for men and women of all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump rope, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

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Lady laxers earn historic win

Victory over Hingham first in team's history

By Mark Goodman
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Coming into the season, Cohasset High girls lacrosse coach Chuck Jaffe had a list of teams his squad had to "learn to beat" in order to become an elite program.

One of those teams was Hingham, a team the Skippers had never defeated in the program's history.

Until last Thursday.

In a wild game that featured seven lead changes, Cohasset held on for a 14-12 victory at Alumni Field.

"Our team was calm and poised and played with the kind of intensity I have been trying to get them to go with all year," said Jaffe afterward. "All in all, a pretty good game for us."

Junior Lindsay Durkin scored a game-high seven goals to go with one assist. Coincidentally, those were the same numbers she put up in another memorable win April 4 in Scituate. The same could be said for freshman Gabriella Flibotte, who notched four goals and an assist.

Seniors Lisa Spirito, Mia Lieb-Lappen and junior Kara Wilcox all had a goal apiece, with Spirito adding an assist. Wilcox's goal was her first of the season, while Lieb-Lappen's was a critical goal down the stretch.

Junior Caren Garber contributed two assists on the afternoon for Cohasset.

Jaffe said the real difference in the game may have been senior goalie JoAnna Hamilton may have been the real difference. She stopped 15 shots on the day and was key to a 5-0 Cohasset run late in the second half. As the Skippers gained momentum with a couple goals, Hamilton kept Hingham off the board with a couple big stops.

As a result, the Harborwomen started pressing more, which opened things up even more for the Cohasset attack.

That 5-0 run gave Cohasset a 14-9 lead, but Hingham scored three late ones to make it interesting. That was indicative of the entire game, which saw the visitors score the first goal, only to have the Skippers come back and score the next two, followed by three in a row for Hingham.

After Cohasset tied it at 4, the Harborwomen scored three of the first half's last four goals to take a 7-5 lead into the break. After making it 8-5 just seconds after the break, Hingham saw Cohasset score nine of the next 10 goals, culminated in that 5-0 run.

Skippers tie, narrowly defeat NDA

Twenty-four hours after the Hingham win, Cohasset was right back at it when they hosted Notre Dame Academy. Things did not go nearly as well for the Skippers, who squandered a three-goal advantage in the last four minutes for a 10-10 tie.

Flibotte scored four goals and Durkin had three goals and an assist to lead the way, but the bigger story for Cohasset was squandered chances. Jaffe said his team had several goals called back for various penalties, but their biggest problem was that they "played sluggishly the entire way."

Rounding out Cohasset's scoring was Spirito -- two goals and an assist -- and Cassie Rosano, who scored on a direct-free position.

The two teams went at it again on Monday, and played another close game. It looked like the two teams could be headed for another tie, but Durkin broke a 13-13 deadlock with her second goal of the game with just four minutes left, and Cohasset held on for a 14-13 victory. Durkin, Cohasset's leading scorer (36 goals, seven assists), was playing through shin splints that forced her to sit out over half the game.

NDA jumped out to a 4-1 lead early on, led by goals from Alicia Torney, Kelsey Reilly and Kristen Gallagher. Stephanie Gill picked up an assist on Reilly's goal. Cohasset then came back with six unanswered: two each from Spirito and Flibotte, and one from Lieb-Lappen and Durkin. Junior Kaleigh Swain picked up two assists in the run.

Gill and Reilly got two back for the hosts, with Molly English assisting on one of those goals. Spirito and Flibotte scored for Cohasset just before the half, which saw the Skippers holding a 9-6 lead.

The second half was back-and-forth, with Lieb-Lappen, Spirito and Flibotte leading the attack for Cohasset, and Gill, English and Gallagher doing the same for NDA. With eight minutes to go, Gallagher converted a nice pass from McKenna Teague to tie the game at 13-all.

Defensively for Cohasset, Garber, juniors Colleen Richardson and Emily Coggins and freshman Lindsay Hill all came up with big plays in the last few minutes to keep NDA from tying the game. Overall, though, Jaffe is looking for more from his defense, saying, "Our communication is way down. We need to communicate a lot better."

Cohasset (6-2-1) was scheduled to host Sandwich yesterday in what figured to be a very good test against a tough team. The girls will travel to Marshfield today and Barnstable tomorrow morning (10 a.m. start).

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Lindsay Durkin (shown above in action against Scituate earlier this season) scored seven goals in last week's big win over Hingham, and notched the game-winner in Monday's victory at Notre Dame. The junior is currently third in the Pilgrim Conference in scoring with 43 points (36 goals, seven assists).

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Chris Bryan smacks an RBI double during a game against Archbishop Williams earlier this season. At 5-7, the Skippers baseball team needs to win four of their last six games to qualify for the state tournament, beginning with yesterday's scheduled game in Hull. On Monday, the Skippers travel to Norwell in a league clash that is a virtual must-win for both teams' playoff hopes.

Laxers prep for home stretch

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year. He'll have his chance."

Joining Brown in defense have been junior Conor Holway and sophomore Jake Cuneo, both big, physical presences. Curran says Holway has done a good job on Cohasset clears. In net, senior Ben Libby currently sports an impressive 70 percent save ratio.

Midfield continues to be Cohasset's deepest position with the likes of Trevor Brady, Dan Trendowicz, Charlie Czerkawski, P.J. McCaw, Peter Ernst and Ryan Kuciniski. Curran says Brady has been a good team leader and an instrumental part of the Skippers' transition attack, as has Ernst.

Czerkawski and McCaw have been in a two-man rotation as the Skippers' face-off specialists, and both have excelled in that role. Trendowicz is one of Cohasset's best two-way players, frequently handling the ball and setting things up in man-up situations, and providing a strong presence on defense.

Adding to the defense from the long-stick middy position has been Kucinski, who has been all over the field to wreak havoc on opposing offenses.

The Skippers took an 8-3 record into yesterday's game against Sandwich. A strong end to the season would like give Cohasset a top-5 seed in the state tournament and at least one home game.

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Ipecac Syrup alert issued by DPH

Registered nurse Karen Murphy, director of nursing for Cohasset Public Schools, recently relayed an important message from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health about Ipecac Syrup, a remedy used for generations as a poison treatment in the home. According to the Regional Center for Poison Control and Prevention, serving Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Ipecac Syrup should no longer be used as a poison treatment and pediatricians and other health care professionals are advising parents to safely dispose of the Ipecac Syrup currently in their homes.

According to Murphy, Ipecac Syrup is no longer recommended because:

- The effectiveness of Ipecac Syrup has never been proven.
- Ipecac does not completely remove poison from the stomach.
- It creates a false sense of security and is often misused and given without the advice of a health care professional.
- Ipecac can do more harm than good - creating adverse effects including persistent vomiting, lethargy and diarrhea - which can interfere with diagnosis and treatment in the hospital.
- Research does not support the routine administration of activated charcoal in the home yet, as efficacy and safety have not been demonstrated.

Murphy urged all households to post the 24-hour Poison Hotline prominently on all telephones: 1-800-222-1222.

If a poisoning is suspected, don't wait to see what happens, and don't try to treat it yourself. Call the poison control center right away.

Murphy relayed the following guidelines and tips to make homes safe for parents, children and grandchildren:

For children:

- Is 1-800-222-1222 posted on all telephones in your home?
- Have you asked your doctor if your child's lead level needs to be checked?
- Check all medicines in the house for child-resistant caps - close tightly.
- Use childproof locks on the cabinets that contain medicines and cleaners in the home.
- Know the names of house and garden plants. Do you know which ones are poisonous?
- Get rid of medicines/cleaners that are old or not in their original containers.
- Are harmful products stored away from food?
- Take these tips to grandma's house and daycare - use them there too.

For adults:

- Take medicines as directed.
- Do not take medication in the dark.
- Throw away old and outdated medications.
- If you forget to take your medicine, call your doctor. Never take a larger dose without your doctor's permission, even if you've missed a dose.
- Never take medicine prescribed for a friend or relative - even if your symptoms are similar.
- Tell your doctor about all the medications you are taking.
- Do not transfer medication from the original container to another medication container.

For grandparents:

- If you have grandchildren or other small children who visit you, be sure to poison-proof your home.
- Keep all medicines and cleaners out of sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet or closet.
- Do not leave pills on the counter, in bedside stands, or in handbags.
- Never let children play with your medicine bottles.
- Use products with child resistant packaging, especially medicine and household cleaners.
- Do not keep medicine in open containers.
- Keep alcohol (including mouthwash containing alcohol) safely away from children.

Deer Hill School volunteer Bernadette Crawford greets and assists visitors to the school.

Important dates at Deer Hill

May 15 through June 2 – MCAS Testing for grades three, four, and five. Contact your child's teacher in advance for testing dates and subjects, to ensure your child is well fed and rested for testing.

May 29 – Memorial Day, No School.

June 7 – Grade Three Parent Orientation at 7 p.m., for parents of students entering grade three in September.

June 8 – Grade Five Student Orientation at CMHS from 9:15 to 11 a.m., for students entering grade six in September. Students only. Bus transportation provided.

June 12 – Grade Three Deer Hill Field Day; Grade Six Parent Orientation in the CMHS auditorium at 7 p.m., for parents of students entering grade six in September.

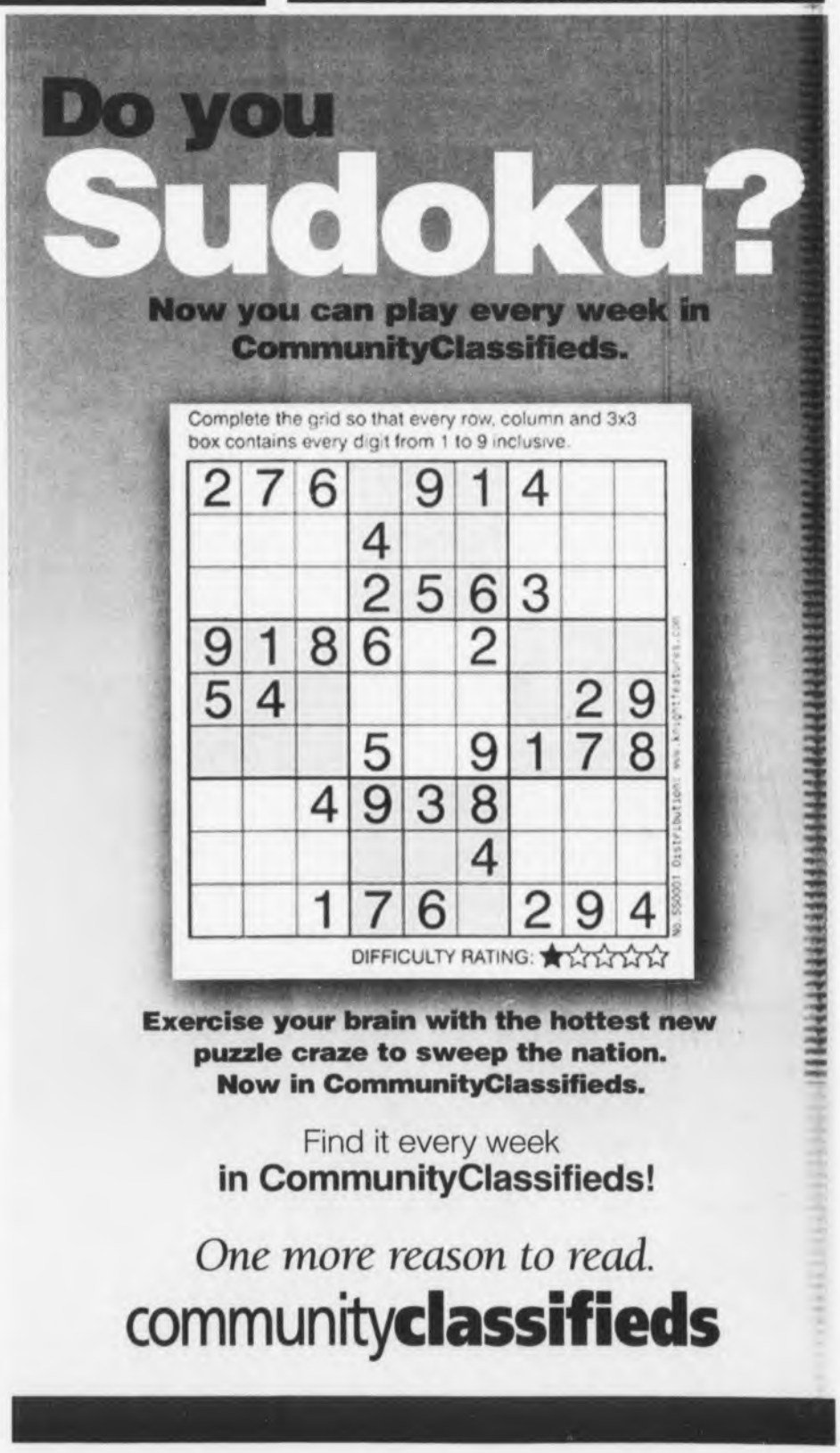
June 13 – Grades Four and Five Deer Hill Field Day.

June 14 – Deer Hill Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

June 15 – Rain date for Deer Hill Field Days.

June 16 – Move-up Day for students.

June 19 – Last day of school for students; Grade Five Promotion Ceremony at 9 a.m.; Deer Hill Dismissal at 11:20 a.m.



Rain can't dampen school spirit

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

The school is desolate and the seniors are antsy. The rain is pouring and the sun is far from shining, but spirits are still through the roof here at the High School. There seems to be, well, almost nothing going on at the school this week. AP exams have been chugging along slowly but surely and will wrap up at the end of the week, and next week will welcome MCAS testing. Sports have been and probably will continue to be delayed thanks to good old Mother Nature, but like they say, "Nothing lasts forever but the shining sun", and hopefully the rain will let up and we will be able to get out and play. Here is the news for the week, albeit rather brief, as usual it is bountiful in critical information.

• The high school band Pops Night is next Wednesday, the 16th of May at 7:30 p.m. up here at the high school. The Cohasset Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will be featured with special guests, "The Music Theory Bucket Percussion Brigade". This is the last concert for seniors and awards will be handed out. I encourage everybody to go to this concert because it has the potential of being one of the best in years.

• Congratulations to clarinet player, **Terry MacCormack**, for qualifying for the Jr. SEMSBA music festival. Terry is the only middle school student to qualify for the festival.

• The Spinnaker will be up for sale on May 24th, which coincidentally is the last day for seniors. This issue will feature the infamous "Seniors Set Sail" section, so be sure to purchase it to learn what seniors have in store for them next year.

• The Student Council will be voting on a new constitution this Friday. The constitution was written in order to make the Student Council more organized and efficient.

Σ The PSO hosted the 3rd annual "Cohasset PSO Tele-A-Thon" on Wednesday. There is an On-Line Auction that accompanies the tele-a-thon and it has been running since May 5th; however it will end on May 12th. GO to http://psotelethon.cmarket.com /cohassetpso to see if the auction is still running by the time you read this.

I apologize for the brevity of the column this week, but there is just not a whole lot happening right now. Wednesday was a half day so I hope everyone enjoyed that, but otherwise I will be back next week with news galore and information off the wazoo.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Honor Society

Next Friday May 19 at 7p.m. there will be an Induction Ceremony for the new members of the Joseph Osgood Chapter of the National Honor Society. It will be held at St. Anthony's Church.

Annual Edible Art Exhibit

Cohasset High School will host its 5th Annual Edible Art Exhibit on Thursday evening, May 25 at 6 p.m. For an admission fee of $2, patrons will have the opportunity to See…Feel… Eat… any and all artwork on display.

The competition is open to people ages 4 through 104. Artwork must be edible and safe for human consumption, and may be created by an individual, or a collaborative piece. Artists are responsible for setting up their exhibits for viewing. Many prizes will be awarded from local restaurants and merchants, after which, all work becomes the property of partygoers who will proceed to "eat your art out."

Registration is free. To register e-mail Nina Berkowitz at: nberkowitz@Cohassetk12.org or call 781-833-6100.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, MAY 15

French toast sticks with maple syrup, sausage, potato tots, pears.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Cheeseburger on a roll or tuna sub, rice and carrots, sliced apples.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or roast beef sub, sweet peas, pudding.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

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FRIDAY, MAY 19

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DESTINATIONS

Righteous Riga!

Latvian capital blends hip edge with somber history

By FRAN GOLDEN

RIGA, Latvia -- The women look like Jersey girls, many with streaked blonde hair, crimson lips, carefully painted fingernails and spike heels. The guys are obsessed with hockey (you might even get questions about the Bruins). The bartender at the Caribbean-themed bar dresses like Jimmy Buffett and pours patrons mean mojitos in front of a giant photo of Fidel Castro.

Welcome to the new Riga: capital of a small Baltic country that gained independence only 15 years ago and is working hard to "find" itself after 50 years of occupation -- first by the Nazis and then by the Soviets.

The city on the Daugava river has transformed itself from a Soviet industrial town to a place that "never sleeps" (at least on weekends), with a young, hip edge.

One 20-something woman I met admitted to being a big Aerosmith fan in high school. Nowadays, she's more into Gwen Stefani.

This is a city embracing the current and the future.

English has replaced Russian as the second language learned by Latvian school kids. And folks here are excited about the country having joined the European Union (in 2004), a visit by President George Bush in 2005 (he met with Latvian President Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, who was raised in Canada), and Riga's hosting the World Hockey Championships (which began May 5) and upcoming NATO conference.

Bostonians heard about the country recently when Latvian Jelena Prokopcuk finished second in the women's race of the Boston Marathon.

For visitors, Riga boasts impressive big-city attractions. Opera, music and ballet flourish -- even during Soviet times, the city of 800,000 was known for its arts offerings. There are museums that house displays on everything from art and textiles to firefighting and the history of medicine. Old Riga has been recognized by UNESCO, and the city's Art Nouveau architecture is among the coolest anywhere. And there are some wild modern high-rises going up as new business interests move in.

Nightlife is active, with nice bars and dance clubs open until 6 a.m. on weekends. There also are easily avoidable strip clubs that have gained fame, especially among partying young male Brits traveling in packs (prostitution is illegal here but "allowed").

Throughout the city, a large number of affordable restaurants serve up an impressive diversity of international options (Russian, Armenian, Tibetan, Tex-Mex). At the Amber Way Tavern (Torna 4, Jacob's Barracks), sitting in folksy comfort at a long wooden table, I drank way too many varieties of Latvian beer with my sample platter of local cuisine -- Latvian food tends toward meat and potatoes. Eel is another favorite dish.

There are shopping malls springing up and new hotels, too, and new cars clog the streets. Family entertainment centers are popular, including glitzy bowling alleys and a place called Lido (Krasta 76), a giant log cabin complex a la Disney with the "biggest buffet" in Latvia, and a farm and ice skating among the attractions.

Towers of Old Riga

PHOTO BY KRISTAPS KALNS

Riga's nightlife

Despite all the new, there are reminders of the Soviet era.

Tourists bring home Soviet memorabilia including military badges, as well as Baltic amber and funky brown bottles of Black Balsams, a potent alcohol that's the pride of Riga. Considered medicinal, it's best enjoyed mixed. At the hip B-Bars (Doma Laukums 2) you can join the well-dressed in crowd and have it with hot berry juice, champagne, ice cream or coffee. Watch out, it's lethal.

Parts of the city display ugly Soviet-built buildings, as bland as can be. Fortunately, they are not everywhere.

Old Riga, despite bombings during World War II, still serves up architecture that ranges from Gothic to Baroque to Classicism, sometimes on the same block. You can spend many hours if not days exploring the twisting cobblestone streets and alleyways, viewing historic buildings and churches, for the most part restored. Street performers and artists do their thing in the various squares.

The city's Art Nouveau buildings are downright exciting for architecture fans like me. Many of the buildings were designed by Russian architect Mikhail Eisenstein, father of famous Russian filmmaker Sergei Eisenstein ("Battleship Potemkin"). They boast such flamboyant embellishments as half-naked women and lions (it's not as cool as the Gaudi stuff in Barcelona, but a great surprise to find something so neat in Riga). The best concentration can be found on Alberta Street -- one of the finest examples is the house at Stelnieku 4a, built in 1905.

Riga's Central Market is interesting not only for its numerous food stalls and the general hustle and bustle, but also for the fact it occupies several huge buildings that were zeppelin hangars during World War I.

Particularly important to Latvians is the Freedom Monument. An honor guard patrols the area and Latvians place flowers at the base of the monument, an act for which they may have ended up in Siberia during Soviet times. Nearby in the park known as Bastion Hill -- one of many parks in the city -- there are memorial stones for five people killed by Soviet bullets during the crackdowns in January 1991, right before the country's liberation.

If there is one must-do museum it is The Museum of the Occupation of Latvia. Housed in an unattractive concrete structure built by the Soviets to honor the Latvian Red Riflemen, the museum explains what life was like under the Nazis and Soviets in sometimes graphic, heart-wrenching detail. Exhibits explore the murder of most of the Latvian Jewish population by the Nazis (more than 35,000 people were sent to concentration camps during one six-month period) and the deportation of tens of thousands of Latvians to the Soviet gulags. There are also exhibits on the fight for independence. You'll be touched.

In another city neighborhood, a former embassy building has a plaque out front that says Kennedy House. It's where JFK stayed in 1939 during a student summer journey to Riga.

He is quoted as saying of the locals, "Latvians will always reach upwards." That couldn't be more true today.

IF YOU GO...

STAYING THERE: The Radisson SAS Daugava (Internet rates from $225 per night, including buffet breakfast) is a thoroughly modern, first-class hotel across the river from the Old City (and serves up nice river views). The hotel has two restaurants (one featuring Mediterranean cuisine) and a top-notch health club with an indoor pool. For reservations, go to www.radissonsas.com

GETTING THERE: Estonian Air offers several flights a day to Riga from Copenhagen, London, Oslo and Stockholm, among other destinations. Go to www.estonianair.ee

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Go to www.latvia-tourism.lv

Coming next week: "Cruising the High Seas."

IT'S HAPPENING

Republicans host Spring Dinner

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee annual Spring Dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 17, at Second Congregational Church. Festivities will beginning at 6:30 p.m. The dinner includes lasagna, homemade salads and desserts for a ticket price of $15.

Besides providing an opportunity for casual conversation with available elected town officials, a brief program will feature office holders presenting updates on timely issues.

The funds raised at this event help to support the Cohasset Republican Town Committee scholarship campaign. Last year, the committee presented five scholarships to graduating seniors.

For more information or reservations, call Julie Guild at 781-383-6443

Wonder what your baby is thinking?

Baby Signs Lecture: A way to communicate with babies before they can speak is at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, at 7 p.m., May 25.

Have you ever wondered what your baby is thinking? Are there times when you wish your baby could talk to let you know what is wrong? The Baby Signs Program gives babies and their caretakers the ability to communicate through the use of simples signs often months before babies could otherwise speak.

Elyse McPherson, certified Speech and Language Pathologist and Independent Certified Instructor for the Baby Signs Programs will be presenting the Baby Signs Program and its usefulness as a parenting tool. Research has found that using the Baby Signs Program with babies has dramatic benefits, including decreasing frustration for babies and parents/caretakers, enriching the parent-child bond, boosting emotional development, helping babies talk sooner – even raising IQ scores. Come and learn more about this program and bring your questions.

The Cohasset library is located at 35 Ripley Road. This event is open to the public and free. Seats are limited. Sponsored by the Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club, www.scnewcomers.com .

'Mad Science' fundraiser set for May 20

Twenty-eight years ago, the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church sponsored the beginnings of a nursery school. Carriage House Nursery School is now home to 89 children ranging in ages from 2 1/2 to 5. Its director, Georgie Gladdys, recently submitted the school to a review, and it was one of the few schools in the state to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs in 2005.

The success of the Carriage House is the result of ongoing support from many groups: the parish community, the parents of the children and the community at large. To keep moving ahead in the area of early education, the school conducts a biannual fundraiser. This year the live auction/fundraiser is titled "Mad Science," and will take place May 20, 6 p.m., in Trueblood Hall.

The goals of the fundraiser are to be able to supplement the curriculum with more robust science and math teaching modules, enhance technology teaching tools (computers, digital photography) and grow the school's scholarship fund. Last year, the school awarded four families financial aid packages and will continue to do so on an annual basis. The school serves Cohasset, Hull and Scituate.

Donations are being sought from parents, local businesses and friends of the school for the silent and live auctions. The wish list for donations ranges from time in vacation homes, to golf outings, to sports and event tickets, travel opportunities, tutoring, boat rides, picnics, and items made with love such as weekly pies, sweaters and special dinners. Creative thinking is welcome. Anyone that has ties to science or technology is also asked to help.

The evening is shaping up to be fun with a barbecue dinner by Red Bones, music, dancing, creative "Mad Science" decor and the live auction run by school parent/auctioneer Anthony Everett. Tickets are $35/person – watch for an invitation in the mail. For more information or to make donations, call Shirley Wallace (toddler room teacher at the Carriage House) or event co-chairwoman Lydia Everett at 781-383-6722.

Healing seminar with Dr. Mincolla

Natural health care practitioner Dr. Mark Mincolla will present Manifesting the Unlimited Power of Healing at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, on Wednesday evening, May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. The seminar will cover the limitless healing potentials of the untapped super-conscious mind and heart as well as the medicinal healing powers of food. Dr. Mincolla will also engage the audience in a demonstration of muscle tests and energy exercises that harness and direct natural healing power. The presentation will be accompanied by original music incorporating integrated sound and light vibrations that Dr. Mincolla composed to promote healing.

Known to many viewers and listeners as Dr. Mark, Mincolla is known for integrating ancient Chinese techniques with cutting edge nutritional science to develop an innovative Life Force Healing System.

Tickets are $25 in advance, $20 at the door. To register call 781-834-2728 or visit www.TheHealthyLivingGuide.com. Make checks payable to Healthy Living and mail payment to Healthy Living Guide, P.O. Box 357, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051.

SSL annual meeting

The Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset.

Sign up for Sailing Club

Registration for membership, classes and dock space will take place on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, May 21, noon to 2 p.m., at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Department, Community Center and the Sailing Club on the registration days.

Farmers Market looking for vendors

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is looking for vendors. The market is dedicated to supporting local growers. Vendors may sell their own homegrown produce, plants, flowers or homemade, agriculturally based products.

The Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., from June 8 to Oct. 19, on the Cohasset Common.

For more information, call Darcy Schramn at 781-383-0170.

Proceeds from the 2005 season provided scholarships to two Cohasset High School students pursuing agricultural related studies, as well as more than $540 to the Katrina Relief Fund.

Check out the warblers at World's End

By mid-May, most of the birds that are heading north have already started on their way, including the 40 or so small birds known collectively as "warblers." Warbler migration is a sure sign that Memorial Day is not too far away, and that warm weather is on the way.

Join expert birder Sally Avery as she heads for Hingham's World's End Reservation with Mass Audubon to witness this majestic ritual of spring on Tuesday, May 16. Vans will leave the North River Wildlife Sanctuary promptly at 8 a.m. "We mustn't keep the warblers waiting!"

Pre-registration is required, and the cost is $12 for members, $15 for nonmembers. (Don't forget to ask about Mass Audubon's Spring Into Membership promotion!) All are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather, and to bring binoculars. For directions or more information, contact Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

Time to start rowing!

Please come down to the CMI Boathouse, 40 Parker Avenue's backyard, on Saturday May 20th from 9 am-2 p.m. to sign up for CMI's Middle School and Adult Rowing Programs. The Cohasset Sailing Club will also be holding sign-ups at this time (and on Sunday May 21st), so consider it one-stop shopping for all of your family's maritime activities.

CMI will be launching its two brand-new sliding seat fours on Saturday May 27th, with scheduled rowing times beginning shortly thereafter. Visit CMI's website: www.rowcmi.org after May 8th to download an application and review the available options. Applications will also be available at the boathouse on the sign-up day, Saturday May 20th. Should you have any questions, please call Susan Galligan (781.383.0765) or Lisa Hewitt Dick (781.383.0204). Sea you on the water!

Lifeguard training program

Cohasset Swim Center is offering Lifeguard Training, which will be held June 20-23. Class time is 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day, all classes are mandatory. All lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of class and need to pass a pre-course skills test. Registration deadline is May 26th.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor.

Water Safety Instructor training will be available this summer, the dates for the course to be determined. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 16 years of age by the last day of class.

Let us know if you are interested in either of these programs by forwarding your contact information by e-mail to: cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net or by mail, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Buttonwood Books welcomes illustrator

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route.3A, Cohasset, will present illustrator Jane Dyer on Thursday, May 18, 3 p.m. Dyer will sign copies of her new book, "Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons" (Harper Collins, $12.99), written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal.

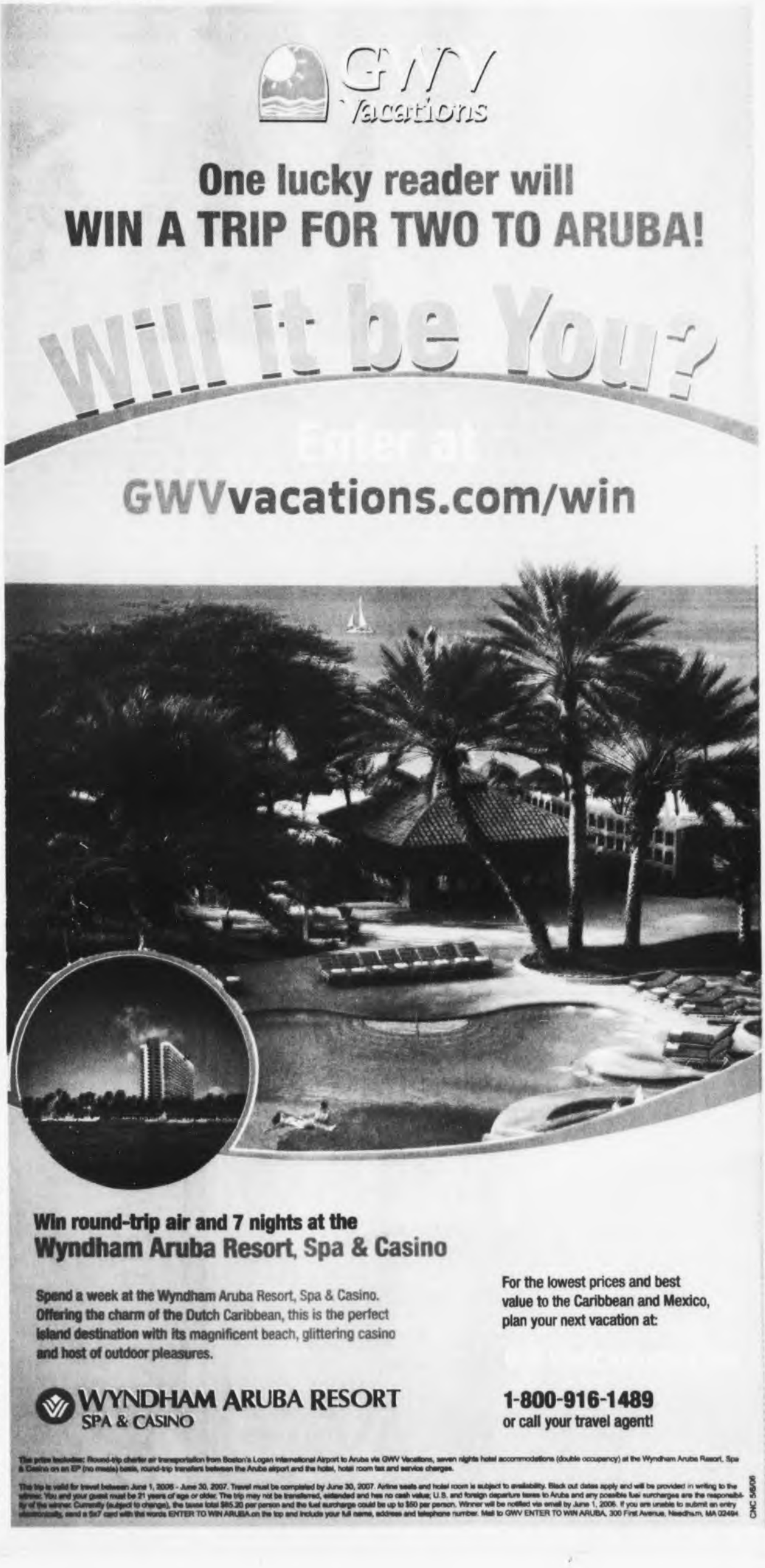
"Cookies" describes with pictures and annotation definitions such as What is fair? What is cooperation? What is trustworthy? "Cookies" uses the process of cooperative baking to explain life's fundamental virtues.

The artwork by Dyer is appealing and timeless, and the text is straightforward and inspirational. Booklist, the official magazine of the American Library Association, gave it a starred review.

This is a free event and the public is welcome. Anyone that is unable to attend and would like to purchase a signed book can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Flower Girls Needed

Girls ages 5-12 needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11:00 a.m. and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions please contact Brenda Douglas at (781) 582-9387 or (617) 678-9137.



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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, May 14. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

On this Annual **Recognition Sunday** our Coming of Age youth, Alexandra Leger and Tatyana Nakashima, will offer their "Credo" statements. We will also recognize the teachers and other volunteers who have made possible our religious education program for children and youth over this past year. Our minister will offer a message on "Credo."

• Religious Education for Children and Youth at 10 a.m. Children and toddlers will gather first in the Parish House. All children except our toddlers will later proceed with their teachers to the Meeting House.

• A celebratory Coffee Hour will conclude the morning.

First Parish offers a full program of Religious Education for children and youth and adults, as well as a toddler program and a Senior High Youth Group. For more information, contact Jacqueline Clark, Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the miracle stories of Jesus. The Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. is studying the book of JONAH.

• Friday, May 12: Noon; Soup and Sandwich in the Watermelon Room. You bring the sandwich and the Red Lion graciously provides the soup.

• Sunday, May 14: Celtic Worship with Tessa Young on harp, Aaron Bigley on bagpipes, Sally Sisson on flute and Tim Hanson on violin. There will also be a youth service at 9:10.

• Tuesday, May 16: the Social Service League will hold its annual meeting in Walton Rodgers Hall

• Thursday, May 16: Prayer and Healing class at 7:00 p.m.

• Friday, May 19: Family Movie night in Walton Rodgers Hall featuring the Sound of Music at 6 p.m. Mary Kennendy, one of our carilloneurs will play songs from the Sound of Music on the Carillon from 5:30- 6 p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, The Lesson from Acts is the story of how Philip brought the Ethiopian eunuch to faith in Jesus. The first letter of John gives a summary of the Christian life. In the Gospel of John Jesus promises his followers that those who love him will be guided by the Holy Spirit. Preacher: The Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

May 14, "Mortals and Immortals."

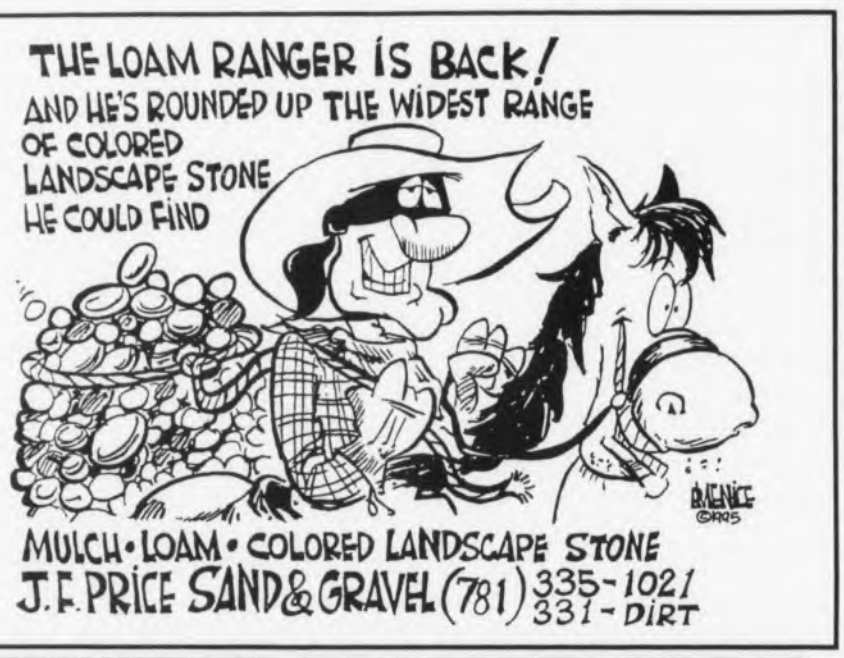
May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com



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Eleanor T. Grassie

Loved cooking and baking

Eleanor "Ellie" T. (Cicchese) Grassie, 88, of Cohasset, died May 9, 2006, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, after a brief illness.

Born and raised in E. Weymouth, she moved to Cohasset as a young woman to be a nanny for a local family, and never looked back. She worked as a lunchroom aide at Cohasset High School, and as a cook at the Cohasset Turkey Farm.

A true lover of cooking and baking, she often made cookies for the Pine Street Inn, and for tea parties held at her Cohasset Elm Street apartment, which was a gathering place for friends and neighbors. Blessed with a quick wit, a keen sense of humor, and a thirst for life, she will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Wife of the late Frederick H. Grassie, she leaves two children, Rita Marie Hardwick, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Frederick H. Grassie Jr., of Cohasset; her grandchildren, Scot, Rhonda, and Rob Hardwick, of St. Augustine, Fla., William (BJ) Morgan, of Hull, and Altonio Royster, and Frederick H. Grassie III, of Cohasset; and her great-grandchildren, Sara, Chad, Erika, Rachael, Cole, and Brett. She was the mother of the late Paula Ann Berube of So. Yarmouth, and the grandmother of the late Chuck Hardwick of St. Augustine.

A memorial Mass will be held Friday, May 12 at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the St. Anthony Church Building Fund, 129 So. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Kathleen R. Ridge

Teacher and coach

Kathleen "Kate" R. (Mahony) Ridge, 62, of Scituate, formerly of Newton and Cohasset, died May 3, 2006, at her home.

Born and raised in Newton, she was the daughter of the late Eileen and Frederick Mahony Sr.

Mrs. Ridge graduated from Newton County Day School, Barry College in Miami and earned a master's degree in education from Boston College.

She taught for many years at South Shore Educational Collaborative in Hingham, as well as teaching special needs in the Cohasset schools. An avid athlete, Mrs. Ridge took pleasure in coaching several sports in Cohasset and Hull, but her main joy was coaching field hockey.

She leaves her children, Jacqueline Ridge-Dahlquist of Boston, Christopher Ridge of Milton, Katherine Labadia of Scituate, Patrick Ridge of Nantucket and Eileen Ridge of Boston; her sister, Ellen King of Naples, Fla.; her brother, Thomas Mahony of Newton; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to South Shore Educational Collaborative, 90 Industrial Park Road, Hingham, MA 02043.

Thomas F. Geary, Jr.

Grandfather of five

Thomas F. Geary, Jr., of Cohasset and formerly of Bronx, New York, died on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at home. Mr. Geary was 72 years old. Born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y., he was educated in the New York School system and was a graduate of the University of Dayton, Ohio. Thomas worked as a salesman for National Cash Register in the Cape Cod area. He then became a social worker in the Buffalo, N.Y. area for several years. He then worked at Miles Laboratory Pharmaceuticals in Buffalo for several more years, before his promotion to the North East Regional Sales Manager. After his retirement, Thomas worked at Wild Bird Unlimited in Hanover, Mass. to stay active. He was also a member of Hatherly Country Club, Scituate.

Thomas was the beloved husband of Pat L. (Harper) and the loving father of Thomas F. Geary III of Randolph, and Trisha A. Lewis of Cohasset. He also leaves his grandchildren; Benjamin Geary, Alexander Geary, Chloe Geary, Brendan Lewis and Christian Lewis. Brother of the Late Helene Geary and Peggy Cassidy.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May13 in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset at 9 a.m. Visiting hours at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. (across from St. Anthony's Church), Cohasset on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset. If desired, contributions to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, Ma. 02445 would be sincerely appreciated.

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes handled the arrangements.

Pictured above (from left, front row) are Cohasset mothers: Margot Cheel, Christine Taylor, Amyra O'Connell Chase, Susan Etkind, Connie Afshar, Meredith Bates, Liz Bates, Amy Berniker, Allison Moskow, Helene Sceery, Gitte Shea and Alix White.

Mothers' Walk for Peace is May 14

Please join your friends and neighbors on an uplifting 3.5 mile walk in Boston this Mother's Day, May 14. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Mothers' Walk for Peace sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, a Boston organization supported by the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset which works to combat youth violence and support survivors of homicide victims. A car pool will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 7 a.m. and return at 11 a.m. For more information please contact Connie Afshar at 781 383 6006.

Organist in recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen Church is presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in recital on Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement. The program titled the "Tsar of Instruments" will include compositions by Bach, Buxtehude, Brahms, various Russian composers and some of Guzasky's own improvisations.

Guzasky is an adjunct professor at Bridgewater State College, an affiliated artist at MIT in Cambridge and is choirmaster-organist at St. Stephen's. He regularly goes to Russian to teach and perform, and specializes in Gregorian chant and Russian Orthodox choral music.

The church is at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset. There is plenty of parking available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

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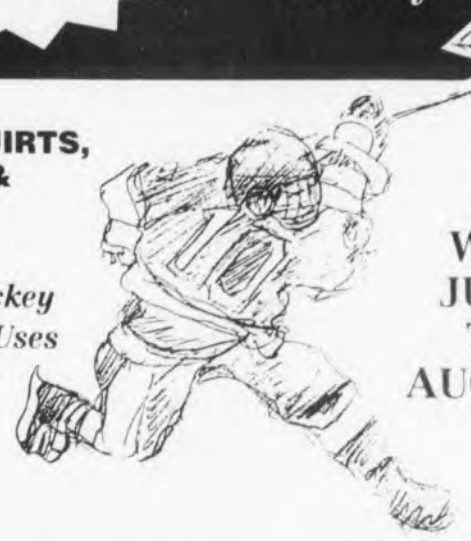

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Deer Hill puts spotlight on art

Jack, Hortense, Morgan, Lily and May McCarty made a family outing of the "Favorites 2006" art show at the Deer Hill School. Lily's paintings were on display and her proud family came to show their support.

Deer Hill art teacher Ann Berman, organizer of the "Favorites 2006" exhibit, with her husband Jeff Williams, who provided music for the event all night long.

Lynne Layman photos

Giselle Hart, grade 5, stands next to her black and white picture of Sakaty Head Light on Nantucket, which was on display at the Deer Hill School during the "Favorites 2006" art exhibit.

Bianca Futado stands beside the black and white sketches of shells she created in her fourth grade art class at Deer Hill. Above her picture is one of the many quotes about art, spoken from the children themselves.

(Left) Artist Tommy Ryan, a fifth grade student at Deer Hill, calls attention to the tiger picture he created during his school's "Favorites 2006" art exhibit, held March 22.

(Right)Lexy Kitz, grade 4, stands next to a still life painting she created, during the gala art exhibit opening of "Favorites 2006," March 22 at the Deer Hill School.

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Alexandra Raymond, grade three, shows her brother Robert her favorite painting at the Deer Hill "Favorites 2006" art exhibit.

Deer Hill puts spotlight on art

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley stands with fourth grade artist Jack Leffel and his father, John. Jack chose his yellow painting to be a part of the "Favorites 2006" art exhibit at the school.

(Below) Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley announces the traditional unveiling of the 2006 clay tile mural. Art teacher Ann Berman introduced the first tile mural project in 1992. To this day, she says former students return to the school and try to find the tile they made in art class. There are now 14 clay tile murals hanging at the school.

(Below) Evan Ackley and Ben Williams unveil the 2006 clay tile mural, which pieces together the clay creations of members of the fifth grade class.

Clara Baumgarten, grade three, chose this colorful piece of artwork to go on display during the Deer Hill School's "Favorites 2006" art exhibit.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, woman in roadway with vehicle on back curve.

8:45 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports not feeling well.

9:20 a.m. **Railroad Crossing**, property (recovered), walk in party reports that while walking dog, he found a checkbook and now passing over to police.

10:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic complaint, report of patrons standing in middle of road causing hazard.

11:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint.

11:23 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, lawn buddy incident.

11:24 a.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, animal complaint, raccoon sick.

12:01 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard (traffic), misplaced cover.

12:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, caller reports her upstairs smoke detector is malfunctioning. PD on scene reports coming from another apt. in house gaining entry at this time. E1 is requesting E2 stage for entry through window.

1:09 p.m. **North Main St.**, vehicle parking complaint. Vehicle being moved.

2:10 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, 2nd floor window slightly open.

2:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking enforcement, Lt. requests motor vehicles to be moved to appropriate location, so not to impede the operations of fire apparatus if situation arises.

2:30 p.m. **Elementary Schools**, building checks.

2:53 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop., traffic citation/warning.

3:53 p.m. **North Main St.**, property (recovered), found keys in town lot.

4:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, R3 transport patient from HQ. for laceration to hand.

5:22 p.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, hazard, status on trailer blocking sidewalk.

7:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, domestic (past report), party into station for emergency r/o.

10:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

10:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, civil matter.

MONDAY, MAY 1

12 a.m. Weather: Clear. Wind: Light. Temp: 38.

12:29 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, open door, building secure.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, sewer light is flashing, will call sewer department in a.m.

7:07 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, fire.

7:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property.

9:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

11 a.m. **Elm St.**, domestic (past report).

11:19 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service.

2:20 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports sick coyote on property.

4:57 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, woman fallen, head laceration.

6:55 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, stop sign violation.

7:18 p.m. **Schofield Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), "No" override signs taken.

7:19 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), "No" override signs taken.

7:25 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle on roadway for over an hour, unknown cause. Checked out and found no problem or hazard.

9:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:29 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 p.m. **Elementary Schools**, building checks.

10:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks, rear gate unsecured.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:51 a.m. **High St., and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:54 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states her husband is having severe stomach pain.

7:18 a.m. **Forest Aye.**, assist citizen, 911 caller stated her daughter had just fainted. Then, she stated everything was fine. She did not want a medical response. 884 confirms no immediate problem. Daughter will be seeing her regular physician later in the day.

7:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire alarm activation, caller reports her fire alarm has been activated. Hull engine responding. Alarm was activated due to water in the ceiling.

8:28 a.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service, order served in hand to defendant.

8:55 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports an unresponsive female at this location, she is sitting up in a chair slumped over. Police on scene report the female is now conscious.

10:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, runaway, transported QMC/BLS, caller reports an elderly male resident attempting to escape the facility. They are getting a section 12 order on the male party. Caller reports the staff does have the male in sight in the parking lot, he is not lost or missing.

10:44 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a water leak in the building.

2:13 p.m. **Ash St.**, fire, structure, caller reports a fire in her house. Car 20 reports fire is under control in the kitchen.

2:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports her pocketbook was just stolen. No information on the suspect.

3:06 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, no injury, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location, unknown injuries. Sgt. on scene reports no injuries being reported. Fire Captain reports R3 obtaining a sign off and E1 standing by for the vehicle to be towed.

3:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injuries, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. Fire Capt. reports no injuries R3 obtaining a sign off. Officer request tow truck for one vehicle.

7:13 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, officer reports people in the building. Officer reports no problem, this is a meeting.

7:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, training call.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

12:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

8:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:15 a.m. **Deep Run**, fire, investigation, Fire Lt. reports while on inspection they came upon a machine that was leaking oil from a broken oil line. They have assisted in the clean up. The operator of the machine will complete the clean up.

11:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle in front of his residence.

1:53 p.m. **Scituate Village**, assist other Police Department, vehicle that was wanted for erratic operation has been stopped in Scituate. Cohasset Sgt. responding to interview the female operator for an investigation in town.

3:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos, party in for fingerprints.

3:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

4:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, owner of business requesting an officer for a past problem where a customer drove off without paying for gas and is now saying she did pay and becoming irate on the phone when speaking to the owner.

4:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports she lost her cell phone while in town the other day.

5:28 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, caller just wanted it logged that as her elderly mother was leaving the senior center this afternoon at approximately 4 p.m. she fell due to the construction in the area on the Depot Ct. side. No injuries, just wanted it logged. Safety officer to be advised.

8:02 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports strong odor of gas at this location. Fire Lt. reports this odor is from freshly dug asphalt from the construction, no problem.

8:06 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

8:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Department, officer reports a motorist stopped him to advise that a vehicle just hit a deer at the Scituate Line. Scituate PD notified responding. Officer reports no injuries.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

1:17 a.m. **Cedar Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:37 a.m. **High Scholl and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:22 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:40 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, walk in party reports his truck was hit down by the harbor the other day causing damage.

1:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos, party into HQ for fingerprints for employment.

12:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:19 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, downed power lines, caller reports a large truck just took down a wire. Fire Lt. reports telephone wire down. Telephone company notified, responding.

1:59 p.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all school buildings check ok.

2:20 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a red Lexus has been left in his driveway and he has no idea who it belongs to. After checking the plate the listing came back to a resident of the neighborhood. Officer is speaking with the caller to advise.

4:22 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports suspicious party on Jerusalem Road.

4:29 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, vandalism report, bent over sign.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, 61-year-old in protective custody.

6:07 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports a female walking beagle scratched a vehicle.

9:45 p.m. **Oak St.**, animal complaint.

10:54 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

12:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, there is a tractor trailer parked behind the building. The operator will be sleeping there overnight. He is waiting for Hingham Lumber to open later in the a.m.

12:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

1:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks secure.

FIRE STATUS REPORT

April was busy month for fire department

A summary of fire department responses during the month of April is as follows: building fires three, brush fires 16, motor vehicle crashes six, medical emergencies 73, inspections 33, investigations three, assistance calls five and miscellaneous responses 22. Forty-two emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 39 medical emergencies and three fire calls, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said.

The fire department ambulance transported 50 patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient each to Quincy Medical Center and Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. Mutual aid ambulances transported two patients from Cohasset to South Shore Hospital. The six motor vehicle crashes in April did not require patients being transported to a hospital, Lincoln said.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 13 during April. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for six responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of seven responses. The three responses classes as building fires were caused by: clothes washer motor, over heated kitchen appliance and combustibles near a stove.

Engine 3, the Fire Department's 2001 HME/Central States Pumping Engine, was returned to the manufacturing facility in Lyons, South Dakota for paint repair. The cost of the work is covered under warranty, Lincoln said.

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You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 4th account(s) of Jeffery M. Sankey as executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **23rd day of May, 2006** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 10th day of April, 2006.

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LEGAL NOTICE
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Docket No. 06P0964EP

In the Estate of ETHEL S. GORMLEY AKA ETHEL J. GORMLEY

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 9, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SARAH L. SHUMAKER of BLANCH in the State of NORTH CAROLINA and SEAN P. HIGGINS of BRAINTREE in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 31, 2006.**

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 25, 2006.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

MAY 11-19 2006

L-R: Jonathan Poretz (Frank Sinatra), Kenny Jones (Sammy Davis, Jr.), Mickey Joseph (Joey Bishop) and Johnny Edwards (Dean Martin) in "The Rat Pack Returns in a Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean" at Stoneham Theatre May 10-28.

Rockland native puts 'Pack' back in business

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In the early 1960s, when Las Vegas was the personal playground of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Joey Bishop, Dick Feeney was just a child on the real-life playgrounds of Rockland. Fast forward four decades and only Joey Bishop remains of the fabled Rat Pack while a now grown-up Feeney is a co-producer, along with Buddy Hackett's son Sandy Hackett, of the long-running Las Vegas production of "The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean." The show — which was completely sold out during its New England premier in January 2005 — is currently back at the Stoneham Theatre for a return engagement.

"Since 2002, our show has been enjoying a very successful open-ended run at the Greek Isles Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas," explained Feeney by telephone from Vegas last week. "It has also become the first show packaged in Las Vegas to make a smooth transition to traditional theaters around the country. We've been to Detroit, Chicago and San Francisco and we're booked as part of subscription series to play Dayton and Memphis. This production works on the road because it is not just a Vegas show. It is a show about Las Vegas."

Feeney readily acknowledges that continued interest in the subject matter also helps sell tickets. "In the years since Sammy, Dean and Frank have died, there has been a huge resurgence of interest in them. Every night, people who see our show make a point of telling us that what we're presenting is what the real Las Vegas was all about."

"A Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean" opens with the voice of the late comedian Buddy Hackett as God asking the foursome to return to the stage one last time to recreate one of the legendary performances they gave in the Copa Room at the Sands Hotel four decades ago, complete with a 12-piece orchestra. Mickey Joseph gets things underway as comic Bishop, followed by music and comedy by the cast which includes Jonathan Poretz as Sinatra ("All of Me," "Angel Eyes," "Fly Me to the Moon"), Kenny Jones performing Davis's biggest hits including "What Kind of Fool Am I," "That Old Black Magic," "Me and My Shadow," and "Mr. Bojangles," and Johnny Edwards crooning Martin's chart-topping hits like "Ain't That a Kick in the Head," and "That's Amore."

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Dick Feeney

Feeney is currently presenting three shows in Vegas — "The World's Greatest Magic Show," and the Rat Pack tribute at the Greek Isles as well as the Strip's longest-running afternoon show, "Viva Las Vegas" at the Stratosphere. Feeney is also owner of "The Flying Elvi" skydiving team first seen in the feature film "Honeymoon in Vegas." A 1970 graduate of Rockland High School, Feeney first arrived in Las Vegas 20 years ago to co-produce "An Evening at La Cage" and "Crazy Girls" at the Riviera Hotel and Casino. In a bit of Las Vegas history, Feeney's "Viva Las Vegas" was the last show ever to play the showroom at the Sands before it was famously imploded in 1996. His producing career has taken him everywhere from Japan to Monte Carlo, but Feeney got his show business start locally as a trumpet player and singer.

"After high school, I went to Boston University for a year and then I joined a South Shore band called 'Utopia.' We played places like Surf Nantasket in Hull doing soul and rhythm and blues. From 1971 to 1976, I was with 'The Lewis & Clark Expedition.' After touring for a while, I realized what I really wanted to do was stay closer to home so I formed a group called 'Gemini' to play weddings and local club dates. The group's popularity took off, however, and ended up playing everywhere from Barbados to Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City. It was while on tour in Hawaii in 1976 that I saw my first open-ended showroom production. Right then, I decided that was what I wanted to do. In 1981, I moved to Hawaii and became a producer on a 1940s revue called 'Lullaby of Swing.'"

In 1985, an offer from local jazz booker Freddy Taylor brought Feeney back home as a producer and performer on a production of "Lullaby of Swing" at the old Hotel Bradford in Boston. With homes in Hawaii and Las Vegas, the father of three - including a college-aged son who lives on the South Shore - is almost always on the move.

Feeney is busy with many show business ventures including his collaboration with Hackett, whose show business roots provide a tangible link to the Las Vegas era defined by the Rat Pack.

"We're the only ones who have secured the rights to all the material we do in our show. This is thanks to Sandy, who grew up next to Joey Bishop's house in Beverly Hills and always thought of him as 'Uncle Joey'. As Buddy Hackett's son, Sandy was around these guys from the time he was a child. Buddy passed away on June 30, 2003, but before then he did all kinds of things to help us. Both Buddy and Joey contributed material to our script. The show takes place in the early 1960s, but after many requests we have found a way to include later Sinatra classics like 'New York, New York' and 'My Way.'"

("The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean" will be at the Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main Street, Stoneham, through May 28. For tickets and information, call 781-279-2200 or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, May 11

NRC Family Network Mom's Lunch Time chat, Thursday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jefferson School, 34 James St., Rockland. Bring a lunch and join other mothers for monthly discussion group. Free childcare available. Call 781-681-9736.

Dinosaurs and Fossils Story Time at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. for ages 4 and up. Kids can share their knowledge about dinosaurs and learn more about the amazing animals through stories and activities. Admission is free. For more information call 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club will meet Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Public is invited. Free admission and refreshments will be served. For information call Curt Stevens at 781-878-9011 or e-mail: curtstevens@hotmail.com.

Pembroke High School's Musical "Oklahoma" will be performed at the Pembroke Community Middle School on Thursday May 11, Friday, May 12, and Saturday May 13 at 7 p.m. Will include over 50 high school performers and cast members, and a full orchestra. Tickets are currently being sold at the high school during lunchtime. Tickets will also be sold each night of the performances at the door (at the Middle School). Tickets are $10 General Admission and $8 students and seniors.

Quincy Symphony Orchestra, Pops 2006, Thursday, May 11 at 8 p.m. at Quincy Marriott, under direction of Yoichi Udagawa. Tickets $20. Proceeds benefit Quincy Public Schools Music programs. For information call Eleanor MacPherson at 617-325-1460 or 800-579-1618.

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Jeff Corwin, star of Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin Experience," will be coming to Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA on Saturday, May 13 at 3pm.Jeff will be showing video of his adventures in the wild, taking questions from the audience, and bringing along some of his favorite exotic animals. Tickets priced at $22 & $30 are now on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, Ma. by phone at 508-747-1340, online at www.plymouthhall.com, and at all Strawberries outlet.

Comedy Night at Kilroy's Restaurant, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, Thursday, May 11 at 8 p.m. Featuring Annette Pollack, Spike Tobin, Jeff Clough, and P.J. Abruzzese. Hosted by Johnny Joyce. Admission is $10. Dinner and appetizers are available. For reservations call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833 or visit www.annettepollack.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Chris Fitz Band**, Thursday, May 11 at 9:30 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

D'Ann's, 340 Centre Ave., Route 123, Abington, hosts **Texas Beantown featuring Shannon Strait** on Thursday, May 11. For information call 781- 878-8767.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth. **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends**, Thursday, May 11. Shows are 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Pizza and appetizers available. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com./nextpage.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, May 11. **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Brian Stratton Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, May 12

Pulitzer prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin book signing, Friday, May 12, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com for more information.

Priscilla Beach Theatre, Rocky Hill Road in Manomet hosts **Beauty and the Beast**, a new non-musical version starring The Dramatic Players, seven local actresses between the ages of 7 through 12. Dates are Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults, $7 for children age 12 and under. For reservations call 508-224-4888 or visit www.thinkTheatre.org.

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Movie review

'Mission': accomplished (mostly)

Mission: Impossible III (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

New IMF student Lindsey (Keri Russell) pays attention to Ethan (Tom Cruise).

I surrender, Tom. I'll say anything you like about "Mission: Impossible III." Just get outta my face. You and your 3-D IMAX production "TomKat" have stolen your movie's thunder. It's an afterthought. Speaking of which, "Mission: Impossible III," which was directed and co-written by J.J. Abrams, begs the question: How many people want to see an expensive version of a canceled TV series on the big screen? Probably plenty.

Abrams, co-creator and executive producer of TV's "Alias" and "Lost," begins the film suspiciously like an episode of "Alias." In a scene out of sequence, the bad guy holds a gun to the head of woman we don't know and threatens to kill her while Ethan Hunt (Cruise) struggles vainly in his shackles.

When the sequential action begins, we see Ethan behaving extremely reminiscent of a certain Jerry Maguire and thinking about getting married to Julia (Michelle Monaghan of "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang"). Then his cellphone rings.

Before you can say "kiss kiss bang bang," Ethan and his IMF teammates Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames), Declan (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) and Zhen (Hong Kong action star Maggie Q) are having a shootout in Berlin. Things do not work out well.

Ethan is scolded by a towering superior (Laurence Fishburne doing his Morpheus thing) and massaged by his boss (a weaselly Billy Crudup). He then mounts a rogue mission to the Vatican to impersonate psychopathic arms dealer Owen Davian (Philip Seymour Hoffman, oozing menace). Davian is trying to sell a doomsday weapon known as the "rabbit's foot" (also known as the MacGuffin) to terrorists.

As a summer-season action film, "M:I:III" delivers the goods, including some nice location photography in Rome and Shanghai. People get shot, jump off rooftops and out of windows. Cars perform the Dance of the Hippos. Things blow up.

It's fun to see how the team makes those amazing masks and digitally imprints voices, even if you don't buy it. I would have enjoyed a helicopter chase through a forest of spinning wind turbines if the sound had been working better.

The film often seems like Abrams' tribute to directors who've set the gold standard for action films: James Cameron, John Woo, John McTiernan ("Die Hard") and Quentin Tarantino. It's all mucho macho in that 14-year-old-boy sort of way.

The original "Mission: Impossible" TV series was an action-and-gadget-packed guilty pleasure with a first-rate ensemble notably aided and abetted by one of the greatest musical hooks in TV and film history, Lalo Schifrin's signature theme.

But in these new "Mission: Impossible" films, the supporting cast holds Tom's coat while he walks up walls.

On the whole, I prefer Jason Bourne.

Rated PG-13. "Mission: Impossible III" contains violence and profanity.

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For Your Health

JORDAN HOSPITAL OPENS NEW REHAB CENTER AT PINEHILLS, 3 Village Green North, Suite 331, Plymouth, offering outpatient physical therapy to area residents. The center is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Jordan Hospital Rehabilitation Centers are also located at Cordage Commerce Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle and at Plymouth Fitness Center, 16 Aldrin Road, both in Plymouth, and on Route 106, 430 Plymouth Street in Halifax. For information, visit jordanhospital.org or call 508-224-2254.

"LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES OF CARING FOR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA," What do you need to know when caring for a loved one with dementia? How do you untangle the web of information surrounding these issues? Attorney Ron Kearns will cut through the confusion and share his expertise, Thursday, May 18 from 4-5 p.m., part of New England Sinai's Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Series. Free and open to the public. Held at the Center, across the street from the hospital at 143York Street in Stoughton. Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, call 781- 297-1375.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SATURDAY CIRCUIT FOR PERIMENOPAUSAL AND MENOPAUSAL WOMEN. Four important exams, gyn exam, nutritional assessment, bone density test and mammogram, that normally would be four different appointments, now can all be done in one convenient Saturday appointment. You will also receive an informative Menopause Info kit. Call to see if you can take advantage of this new program from Women's Health Affiliates. New patients are welcome. For more information call 508-941-6444.

MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP at Brockton Hospital offers a program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Men's Health Partnership offers free health screening for heart disease, prostate cancer and diabetes to men age 18 and older who do not have health insurance. For more information call 508-941-7391.

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Seussical! presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club, Friday, May 12, 19 and Saturday, May 13, 20 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 14, 21 at 2 p.m., at the Cohasset Town Hall. Tickets $15 available at the door or call 781-697-2115 to reserve.

Recent work of James Baker on exhibit at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell, through May 31. Gallery hours Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org. Gallery hours Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"MOMologues 2: Off to School" will be performed May 12 through 14 at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Show times for this comedy about motherhood are: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are $25, and available at the box office, by calling 781-871-2787 or on the Web site at www.companytheatre.com.

Lyric Stage company presents Kong's Night Out world premiere comedy, Friday, May 12 through Saturday, June 2, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., Boston. Tickets $20-$25, $10 student rush w/ID at the box office, visit www.lyricstage.com, or call 617-558-5678.

The Crosstown Quilters' Guild Quilt Show at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13. Bed and wall quilts will be displayed to showcase talented South Shore women. Demonstrations, charity workshop quilts, clothing and boutique. Hours are Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Joslin Diabetes Center 20th annual "Evening at Pops," Friday, May 12 at Boston's Symphony Hall. Features legendary Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams. Reception 6 p.m. in the Cohen Wing. Auction and performance at 8 p.m. to benefit the High Hopes Fund. Floor tickets $200 ($100 tax deductible) includes reception. Balcony seats, no reception, $75 ($33 tax deductible.) For information or reservations, call 888-JOSLIN-2 or 617-732-2412.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m. to midnight at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Live music with the Emanon Orchestra. Ages 45+. Proper dress. $15 donation, members $7. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The Jumpin Sharks**, Friday, May 12. Shows are 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Pizza and appetizers available. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com./nextpage.

Jordano's Pasta Grille Comedy Night, Friday, May 12 at 9 p.m. Featuring South Shore's Bobby Niles, Annette Pollack, Christine Hurley, Stephen Holda. Hosted by Johnny Joyce. Admission is $15 in advance, $20 day of show. Dinner and show packages are available. For reservations call 781-829-0650 or 781-843-4833 or visit www.annettepollack.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Ricky "King" Russell,** Friday, May 12 at 9:30 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 12, **Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish,** blues. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, May 12, **Lisa Love Experience**, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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Complex Conversations art exhibit through June 25, featuring the work of metal smith Tom Odell and printmaker and painter Carol Odell, at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. For information call 781-934-6634.

Saturday, May 13

North Rivers Gardeners Perennial Plant and Flower Arrangement Sale Saturday, May 13, starting at 9 a.m., at James Library, Norwell Center. Perennials and herbs from private gardens will be for sale as well as flower arrangements and homemade pies. Money raised will benefit the North River Gardeners scholarship for a high school student, local environmental and conservation organizations, and Cushing Center plantings.

Everyday Safety Skills Workshop for children ages 3.9 to 8 years and their parents sponsored by KIDPOWER, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Hingham Public Library. Workshop covers acting aware, taking charge, and getting help. $50 fee per child includes parents. To register, call 781-741-5908 or e-mail Boston KIDPOWER@comcast.net.

Melanoma Research Foundation will host an educational symposium for patients, family members and health care providers on Saturday, May 13, at the Quincy Marriott in Quincy. Registration starts at 9:45 a.m., and presentations begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a question and answer period and luncheon. For more information and a registration form, call 1-800-673-1290 or visit www.melanoma.org.

Spring Lawn Sale will take place May 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 129 Adams St., Abington. White elephant and yard sale items, clothing, jewelry and a snack bar will be featured. Admission is free. Proceeds will be used for mission projects. The public is invited. Call 781-878-2447 for more information.

Wilder Memorial Nursery School Fair Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the school, 666 Main St., Hingham. Rain date is May 20. The fair will feature activities for the whole family including children's games and sports challenges, nail and face painting, moonwalks and more. For adults, merchants have donated merchandise and services to be included in the silent auction and raffle. A boutique, lunch and refreshments will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the school's scholarship fund.

Walk-n-Roll Event. The local chapter of Families of SMA will host its sixth annual fundraising Walk-n-Roll event Saturday, May 13, at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, beginning at 10 a.m. The 1.5-mile walk is on a paved road, and can accommodate wheelchairs, strollers and bicycles. This family-oriented event also includes a scavenger hunt, crafts for kids and refreshments. Suggested donation is $15 per person for ages 12 and older. To register of pledge online, visit www.firstgiving.com/CureSMA or call Murphy at 781-659-7697.

Art Appraisal Day at The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with professional art appraiser Arthur Garrity. Verbal appraisals of etchings, prints, original oil and watercolor paintings. $10 fee per appraisal, $25 for three appraisals. Proceeds benefit Hingham Historical Society. For information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Fun Day Program Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m., at Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St. Hosted by the Youth Services Department, the program is for ages 6 and older. The theme for May is pirates, and participants can read books and do fun activities. For more information or to register, call the Youth Services Department at 508-830-4250 or visit the Web site at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Lincoln Day. The Forbes House Museum's celebration of Abraham Lincoln's legacy Saturday, May 13, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Featured will be a "visit" from Lincoln; Massachusetts Sharpshooters and 22nd Volunteer Infantry performing a living history; and the U.S. Navy Band Northeast Brass Quintet in a concert. The event is free, however, a voluntary donation of $5 to support the museum would be appreciated. For more information, call the museum at 617-696-1815.

Blue Hills Hikes and Happenings, Great Blue Hill Wolcott Path, Saturday, May 13 at 1 p.m. Moderate, 3.5-mile walk. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on Route 138, Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Skating Club of Hingham presents "SCH-High, Class of 2006" Annual Show, at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham, Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets $5, $3 students - seniors. Call 781-741-8194.

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Technology Day at the Museum of Science, Saturday, May 13, 1 to 3 p.m., MIT students explore peanut oil press, improved stove, pedal-powered generator, biogas digestor, and well-chlorinator. For more information visit www.mos.org/cst.

Project Bandaloop. Gravity-defying aerial performers, dance, sport and environmental awareness. Project Bandaloop at the Schubert Theatre for three performances: Saturday, May 13 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 14, 1 p.m. Tickets are $28 to $38 (all prices include a $2 facility-education fee), and are on sale at the Schubert Theatre Box Office, 265 Tremont St., Boston; online at www.wangcenter.org or by calling Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400.

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Mother's Day Tea Party. Afternoon tea party at Swan's Café, Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, 64 Arlington St., Boston, on Saturday, May 13, and Sunday, May 14, 1 to 5 p.m. Three-course meal to accompany the tea service includes scones, pastries, finger sandwiches, petit fours and chocolates. Cost is $26.50 per person, $29.50 with the addition of a glass of champagne. For information, visit www.bostonparkplaza.com. For reservations, call 617-654-1906 or email cynthia.gold@starwoodhotels.com.

Girl Scouts' Car Care Academy hosted by professional pace car driver and automotive education specialist Trisha Hessinger, Saturday, May 13, 3 p.m., Quincy Firestone, 2 School St. Quincy. Basic introduction for Girl Scouts on what makes a car go. Includes checking tire air pressure, vital automotive fluid levels, and driving tips. Call 781-893-6113 ext 234.

Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1760 Hancock St., Quincy Center final performance of **"The Man of Many Voices"** starring Joey Canzano, with magician/comedian Johnny Pizzi on Saturday, May 13. A special Mother's Day matinee on Sunday, May 14 with complimentary corsages, champagne and a special dessert. Four-course dinner served prior to show time. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com.

Irish Rebel Band, Erin Og will perform at **Courtney's Restaurant,** Route 139 in Marshfield, on Saturday, May 13 from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

5th Annual Tunes For Tots concert, Saturday, May 13 at the K of C Hall, Route 139, Pembroke. Benefit for the children of the Carolina Hill Homeless Shelter in Marshfield. All money raised will provide clothes, food and summer activities for the children. Live music by Basic Black with other special guests. For information call 781-834-2727 or visit www.rhythmroomrecords.com.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Saturday, May 13, Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St., Pembroke. Dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. Golfing in the afternoon, call for reservation. 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, May 13, **John Truscelli Band.** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL WILDERNESS HEALS PLEDGE HIKE, June 23-25, in New Hampshire's White Mountains. Money raised will benefit women and their children served at The Elizabeth Stone House in Boston for mental health issues and domestic violence. Any woman, athletic or non-athletic, can participate. The Hike encourages women to set challenging physical, emotional and financial goals. The fundraising minimum is $1,200 and the hiker registration fee is $40. To learn more information about Wilderness Heals or to register, visit www.elizabethstone.org or call 617- 522-3659 ext. 207.

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA'S "TICKET TO RIDE" CAR RAFFLE. Win a new car from Colonial Ford of Plymouth. Winner can choose to purchase the vehicle of his or her choice with a $35,000 Colonial Ford gift certificate, or receive $25,000 cash. A maximum of 1000 tickets will be sold, at $100 each, making the odds of winning 1000 to 1. Colonial Ford Mustangs and pick-up trucks will be on display at locations around Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury throughout the next two months. The Raffle Committee members will sell raffle tickets at these displays and at Memorial Hall on May 6 prior to the Phil's pops concert as well as at Southers Marsh Golf Club on June 17 for Father's Day. Raffle tickets are also for sale at a secure web site at www.plymouthphilharmonic.com. Winner drawn at random at the Plymouth Philharmonic's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament, June 23 at Southers Marsh Golf Club. Winner need not be present to win.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL 4TH ANNUAL MILES FOR MIRACLES WALK, Sunday, June 11 along the Charles River. Join the people who were touched by Children's Hospital as they give thanks, remember a loved one and enjoy a stroll. The entry fee is $15 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Adult walkers are required to raise $100. Call 866-303-WALK or visit www.childrenshospital.org/walk.

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC, Thursday, June 15 at Plymouth Country Club, Warren Avenue, Plymouth. The 18-hole scramble format tournament will include golf, cart, registration gift, lunch, dinner and prizes. Proceeds will equally benefit the William C. Hunt '87 Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sacred Heart. Winning foursome will be presented with the HUNT TROPHY, named in honor of Bill Hunt of Kingston who died September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. Entry fee is $150 per player. Seeking corporate and tee sponsorships and raffle prizes. For information, call 781-585-7511, ext 345 or sgiovanetti@sacredheart-hs.org.

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Sunday, May 14

Sunday Brunch with Wolfgang Puck Catering, Sunday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum of Science Skyline room and D'Arbeloff Suite, Science Park, Boston. Buffet includes eggs benedict, Berkshire bacon, lemon ricotta pancakes, roast pork loin, champagne, chocolate fountain, and freshly made smoothies, and more. Brunch includes museum admission. Cost $49, $19 children ages 3-11, $44 Members. Discount parking. For reservations call 617-723-2500 or visit www.mos.org.

A Botanical Quartet, exhibit of botanical artists through July 28, Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery, South Shore Conservatory, One conservatory Drive, Cohasset. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565.

The Helen Bumpas Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, main level, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents **"Fiber Construction" by Dora Hsiung** through June 22. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday afternoon, May 14. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext. 10 or visit www.moseleyonthecharles.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Dave Foley,** Sunday, May 14. Shows are 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. Pizza and appetizers available. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy hosts **Greg McKenzie and Greenbacks**, Sunday, May 14. For information call 617-773-1170.

Monday, May 15

Kids Club at the Manomet Branch Library, 12 Strand Ave. Story and activity for children ages 6-12. For information call 508-830-4250, 508-830-4185, or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

The Dolphin Gallery presents "The Horse Show–Ponies, Prints, and Paints," charcoal drawings by Mary Felton at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Route 228, Hingham, through June 1. Call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org for information.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society Golf Tournament Monday, May 15, at Southers Marsh Golf Club, 30 Southers Marsh Lane, Plymouth. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start, scramble format is at 1 p.m. After tournament, Newfield House will sponsor reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and an awards ceremony and mini-auction. Entry fee is $100 per golfer, and includes all golf fees, reception and dinner. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the dinner for $35 per person. For more information or reservations, call Cheryl Flowers at 508-746-0012.

Author presentation, "Windchill: Crime stories by New England Writers," with crime and mystery writers Kate Flora, Susan Oleksiw, Stephen D. Rogers, and Leslie Wheeler, Monday, May 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Light refreshments will be served. Free admission. For information call 508-830-4250 or visitwww.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Look Good Feel Better Program. Presented by the American Cancer Society, the free Look Good Feel Better Program offers beauty consultations with a licensed cosmetologist or aesthetician to women who are currently undergoing cancer treatment. There will be a session Monday, May 15, 6 to 8 p.m., at South Suburban Oncology Center, 700 Congress St., Quincy. To pre-register, call Colleen Whitehouse at 617-376-6435. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Alternative Media Night will feature the film "9/11 and the American Empire," which features David Ray Griffin, professor of philosophy and theology. The event will take place Monday, May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, lower level. After the film, follow up discussion and refreshments will be offered.

Coffee, Tea and Juice Break, Monday, May 15, 11 a.m., at Manomet Branch Library, 12 Strand Ave., and Thursday, May 18, 11 a.m., at Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Moms, Dads, and caregivers of young children are invited to join library staff for coffee, tea and juice in the Otto Fehlow Room after Tots n Tales. For more information, call the Youth Services Department at 508-830-4250 or visit the Web site at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Tuesday, May 16

Registration for "Between the Lines" Writing Group, five-week series at the River Bay Club, 99 Brackett St., Quincy. Next session begins May 31 through June 28. $55 fee includes five sessions. To register call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506. For a 2006 schedule e-mail group facilitator Karen Flood, journalguru@yahoo.com.

Inter-Agency Council of the South Shore final meeting, May 16 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Fox and Hound Wood Grille and Tavern, 123 Sea St., Quincy. Guest presenter is Ann Reale, Commissioner of the MA Dept. of Early Education and Care. Public is welcome. Cost is $18 for members, $21 for non-members. Contact Karen McKim at 617-376-1285.

NRC Family Network Let's Get Messy, Jefferson School, 34 James St., Rockland, 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Kids explore paint, play dough, glue, and more Dress for a mess. Call 781-681-9736

Charcoal Drawings: A Celebration of Contemporary Realism, exhibit of artist Mary Felton at the Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery through June 1. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. The Hingham Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405.

Duxbury artist Stephen Eames will exhibit a selection of his oil paintings in **Clemens Gallery**, at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., through June 1. Exhibit may be viewed during library hours. For more information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Book Launch party, "Norwell: Images of America," by James Pierotti, Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Channel 5's Bob Halloran will host the event. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-659-2559, ext. 203 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Trivia Night in the Atrium at Faxon Woods, 2003 Falls Boulevard, Quincy, Tuesday, May 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Exclusively for health care professionals, participants can test their knowledge of trivia while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and competing for prizes. To register, call 617-471-5595.

Tuesday Trivia Night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cover, great prizes. Teams form weekly. For information call 781-843-3648.

Wednesday, May 17

Complex Conversations art exhibit through June 25, featuring the work of metal smith Tom Odell and printmaker and painter Carol Odell, at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. For information call 781-934-6634.

Ten Wild Photos: Ten Wild Places nature photography slide presentation by Mark Wilson, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., Duxbury Public Library, Alden St., Duxbury. For information call the Wildlands Trust, 781-934-9018.

White, Black, and Shades of Gray art exhibition, through May 21, South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Includes works of international artists and 34 artists from 40 states. Call 781-383-2787.

South Shore Women's Business Network Luncheon, Wednesday, May 17, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., East Bay Grille, Plymouth. Limited seating. Pre-registration required. Call 781-749-8883 or visit www.sswbn.org.

Dr. Mark Mincolla, a natural health care practitioner presents his revised and fine tuned sound and light masterpiece during a seminar **"Manifesting the Unlimited Power of Healing,"** on May 17 from 7- 9 p.m. at the The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door. For information call Candita 781-834-2728 or visit www.maxhealing.com or www.TheHealthyLivingGuide.com.

Shadows and Reflections, works of artist Jack Dickerson on display through May 25 at South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. For information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Pajama Story Time at Plymouth Public Library, 132 So. St., Plymouth, Wednesday evening, May 17, 7 p.m. for families of children ages 5 and under. Stories, songs, and activities. Free admission. Registration not required. For information call library Youth Services, 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

"Teen Esteem" fitness program for pre-adolescent and teen girls, Four 30-minute exercise and 45-minute workshop sessions on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., May 17, 24, 31, and June 7, at Body To Soul Fitness, 33 Riverside Drive, Pembroke. Program covers Pilates, self-esteem and media influences; kickboxing, and anger management; circuit training, assertiveness, and peer pressure; yoga strength, and nutrition. To register call 781-829-2002.

Free Texas Hold'em Poker League at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, Wednesday nights, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. For information call 781-843-3648.

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Virginia Dolan is the featured artist in Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center. The exhibit "Quiet Moments" will be on display from May 16-June 24.. Virginia and her family moved to Norwell seven years ago to live in the woods and the quiet of nature. Many of her paintings capture these quiet moments of nature and its natural beauty.. An avid gardener, she uses the flowers in her garden as inspiration for many of her paintings. This show includes her works in oils, pastels, and watercolors. The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening reception on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30-4:30 pm. The Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Thursday, May 18

Swingin' For Children Jazz Concert and Auction, Thursday, May 18 at Lantana in Randolph. Sponsored by the Mollie Hirshberg Fund, program includes live and silent auction, a sit-down dinner and jazz concert by the Olde Kids on the Block. Reception and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. Net event proceeds benefit renovation of Hirshberg Learning Center. Tickets are $65 and can be purchased by calling Lois at 508-429-3402 or Cindy at 617-774-1054.

Alzheimer's Caregiver and Support Education Program welcomes Ron Kearns, who will give a talk titled "Legal and Financial Issues of Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia." This monthly education program for caregivers will meet Thursday, May 18, from 4 to 5 p.m., at New England Sinai Alzheimer's Center, 143 York St., Stoughton. For more information and to register, call 781-297-1375.

NRC Family Network Baby and Me, Jefferson School, 34 James St., Rockland, Thursday, May 18, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monthly get together with parents of children ages 0 to 19 months to share being a new parent. Call 781-681-9736.

Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable, Thursday May 18, 7 p.m. at the Endicott Estate, 656 East St., Dedham. Featured speaker is Perry Jamison. Short business meeting precedes a mini-bit talk by member Jack McDonough on "Mary Edwards Walker-Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor." Refreshments will be served. Meeting is free and open to the public. For information, email joanlelucas@comcast.net or call 508-668-1604.

Braintree Art Association watercolor landscape demonstration with Bill Beyer, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments. Call 781-335-4675.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's, Braintree 5 Corners, Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m. Featuring Teddie Bergeron, Annette Pollack, Rob Brown, Chuck Nilosek and Mike Desjardins. Hosted by Larry Lee Lewis. Admission is $12, Dinner and appetizers will be available. Call 781-843-0300 or visit ww.annettepollack.com.

D'Ann's, 340 Centre Ave., Route 123, Abington, hosts **Country Karaoke with Ed Dougherty** on Thursday, May 18. For information call 781-878-8767.

Purple Eggplant Cafe, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Billy Parsons**, Thursday, May 18. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, May 18. **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Earthbound Misfits,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, May 19

Little Artists Travel the Globe, monthly story-craft program with Malissa Kenney, **Plymouth Public Library,** 132 South St., Plymouth, Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. To register or for more information call library Youth Services, 508-830-4250.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 19. **The Swinging Steaks,** folk rock, alt country. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Volunteers

VOLUNTEER DOCENTS NEEDED at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Seeking volunteers to give tours of the museum. Training is provided. Volunteers should enjoy meeting new people and learning about new subjects. Interest in local history, arts and crafts, or teaching experience are all helpful. For more information, including volunteer benefits, please contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

SOUTH SHORE DRIVERS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT LOCAL CANCER PATIENTS TO TREATMENTS. The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers in South Shore towns to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements a challenge. New volunteers are necessary in order to fulfill the ever-increasing requests for rides. The schedule for volunteers is flexible and treatment appointments take place weekdays during business hours. For more information about becoming a Road to Recovery volunteer, please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL NATURALISTS NEEDED to catalogue the biodiversity of the Thompson and Lovells Islands on June 10 and 11 at the Boston Harbor Islands Coleoptera Bioblitz. The blitz will run from 8:30 a.m. on Saturday to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Small lab facility on-site, to bring your own collecting equipment. Specimen deposition negotiable. Thompson Island has overnight facilities; camping is also an option. Registration details and information on other biodiversity events will be posted at http://www.bostonislands.org/biodiversity. Contact Mary Raczko at 617-223-8596 or Mary_Raczko@nps.gov for more information or to register. Registration deadline is May 12.

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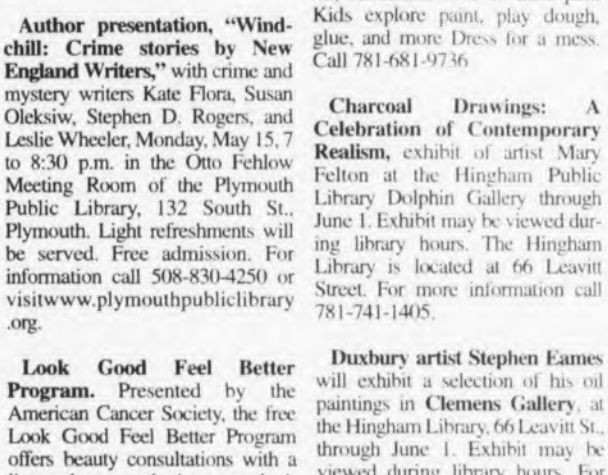

The cast of MOMologues2: Off to School: left to right - Charlotte Dietz (Newton), Cinda Donovan (Scituate), Stefanie Cloutier (Concord) and Maria Wardwell (Wellesley)

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"MOMologues2 – Off to School" a sequel to the original comedy about motherhood, will be staged May 12-14 – mother's day weekend at the Company Theatre in Norwell. "MOMologues 2: Off to School" offers a frank and funny look at the true tales of motherhood. MOMologues2: Off to School will be performed Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are $25 and are available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com. The Company Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Drive. For more information visit www.TheMomologues.com .

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Standing room only at meeting

School board looks at cuts

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee has never had the kind of turnout it did Monday night. In the wake of the failed $1.495 million and $725,000 overrides, more than 60 residents packed into the community meeting room at the high school in hopes of finding out what happens next.

Some sat on tables, some sat on the floor, others stood in the back of the room and even the adjacent hallway. For everyone the message was clear — the School Committee has its work cut out for it in terms of making up the $1.2 million gap between the budget it requested and what it is allocated.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh gave the School Committee a list of recommendations as to how the money can be made up in the least harmful way. She recommended not adding the proposed new personnel to the fiscal 2007 budget, which would free up $581,759. Without new program improvements, there would be an additional $185,293 in savings *(see sidebar)*.

The remaining $505,432 could be made up in part by not adding: $25,000 in professional development; $10,000 to update the School Committee policy manual; $15,000 for transportation maintenance; $10,000 for building maintenance; $60,000 for textbooks, supplies and materials at Osgood and Deer Hill combined; $60,000 for textbooks, supplies and materials at the middle-high school; $50,000 for athletics; and $14,000 in testing and assessment supplies.

"To eliminate a leader is like saying you have an athletic team, but no football coach."
— Adrienne MacCarthy, School Committee

Without the additions to the budget, the school department would be left with finding $261,432. Walsh said the School Committee may want to hold off on making further reductions as the amount of money the schools stand to receive from the state is still unknown. At that time, the School Committee could decide to either make additional cuts, or try to generate more revenue to offset the costs.

There are currently five staff members looking to retire, and

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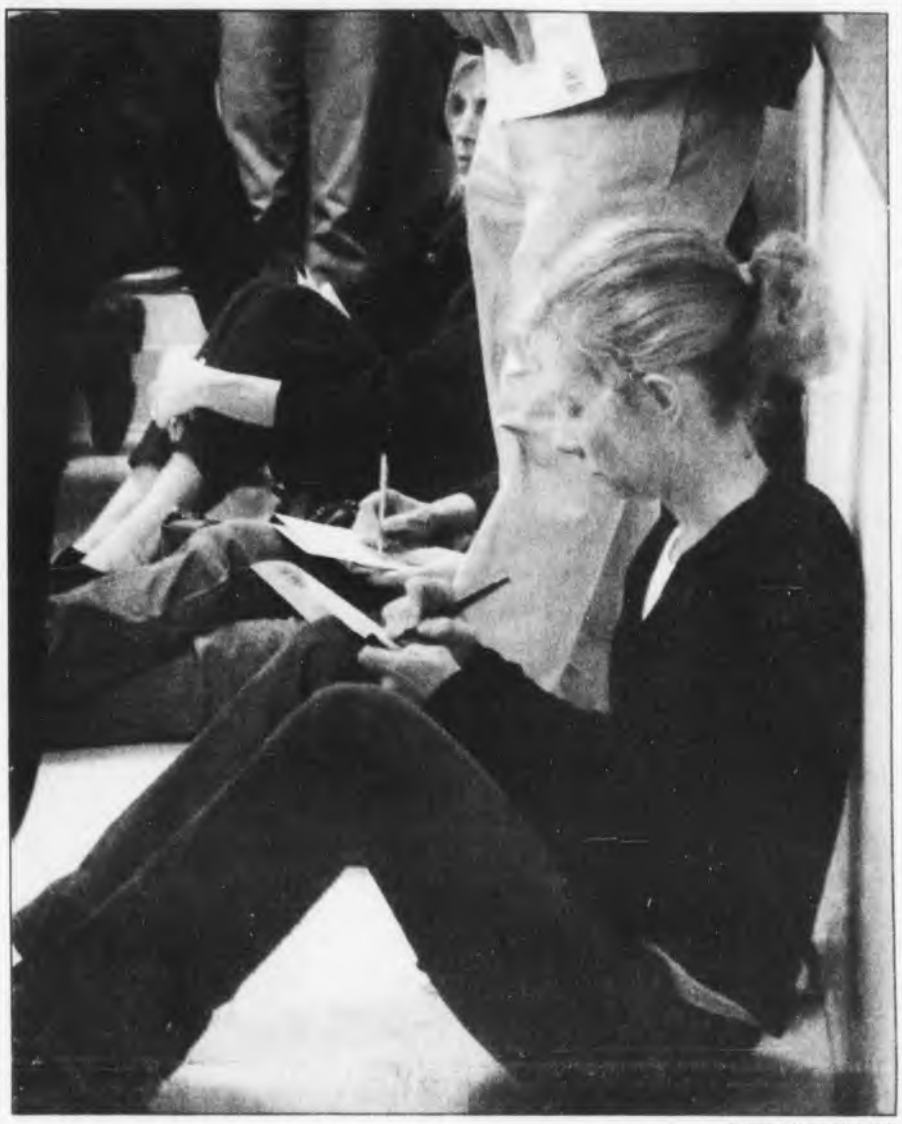

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Sixty-plus residents packed the community meeting room at the high school during Monday's School Committee meeting, leaving Lisa Legge to take a seat on the floor.

Flood takes its toll

By Mary Ford

Most of the time water is a good thing if you are a firefighter. But this past week's drenching rain that stayed around for days dumping about 8-1/2 inches in the area — was more of the wet stuff than anyone wanted.

In fact, not since the town flood of 1996 had there been so much water building up around town.

"Between Saturday, Sunday and Monday we had 50 rain storm-related incidents," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln. "Most of them occurred Sunday afternoon into the evening.

"I don't remember anything like this except in 1996 when the town rented a pump used in cranberry bogs and installed it next to the Legion Hall to pump James Brook into the harbor," he said.

Lincoln explained that most calls were due to rising water in basements that could interfere with the electrical panel and gas appliances. In some cases the fire department had to have electrical and gas service shut off to the home.

Lincoln said while the fire department does not pump

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High School could lose JV sports

By Samantha Brown
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With the failed overrides, every branch of the school department is being asked to rethink its budget, and the athletic department is no exception. Drastic times call for drastic measures and as of right now, junior varsity sports are on the chopping block.

While the athletic department is often seen as a revenue generator and a means of offsetting costs through fees, ticket sales and funds raised by booster clubs, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh has recommended cutting $50,000 from the athletic budget as well as one $20,000 athletic trainer position, leaving the department to come up with roughly $70,000 in cuts to make ends meet.

Athletic director Ron Ford said in order to make up such a

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Athletic Director Ron Ford presents his suggestions for cutting back the athletic budget to a full house at Monday's School Committee meeting.

PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Dressed in colonial garb, Leo Martin, owner of the Jenney Grist Mill in Plymouth, tells Deer Hill fifth-grade students about the pillory, or wooden stocks. Pilgrims would have been placed in for misbehavior.

Learning all about Pilgrim life

By Samantha Brown
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Deer Hill fifth graders took a step back in time this week and landed in the 1600s. Walking through the doors of the Jenney Grist Mill in Plymouth, they were transported to a world where the power of rushing water — not electricity — is harnessed to this day, to grind whole corn into cornmeal just as the Pilgrims would have done it.

Located on Spring Lane in the heart of the town's historic district, the Jenney Grist Mill is the country's oldest operating grist mill. Established by Pilgrim John Jenney in 1636, the mill is now owned and operated by Nancy and Leo Martin of Plymouth. Dressed in colonial garb, Leo Martin provides the tour of the mill, educating children and adults alike on the Pilgrim's journey to America, their struggles, and how important the mill was to their survival.

At Deer Hill, the fifth grade is studying Colonial America in its social studies classes, and taking a trip to the mill fit in perfectly with the curriculum. Over the course of the

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PICTURE THIS/Georgie Gladdys

Name: Georgie Gladdys.

Occupation: Director of the Carriage House School.

Best day of your life: The day after giving birth to my children — two days.

Best vacation: Sailing in Tortola and the British Virgin Islands with my family.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: My children's birthdays.

Favorite junk food: Tortilla chips and salsa.

Best book: "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemmingway.

Best movie: "As Good As It Gets," with Jack Nicholson.

Best TV show: The National Geographic channel.

Pet peeve: Older people commenting on how young people are raising their children.

Most embarrassing moment: While having my first child, my husband was rushing to the hospital and he gets pulled over by a police officer for speeding. We end up getting a police escort to the hospital.

Most memorable moment: Interviewing for the director position at Carriage House in the winter — the snow was falling, children were skating on the pond, it was a Norman Rockwell vision. I thought I was in a time warp.

Goal: To make Carriage House the first Reggro-Emilia inspired school in the Boston area.

Person I'd most like to meet: Maya Angelou.

Biggest worry: The world we are leaving for our children.

Best part of Cohasset: Carriage House School.

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This week, the Mariner caught up with Georgie Gladdys, director of the Carriage House School on N. Main Street. Gladdys is shown with Carriage House students Sofia Whetstone, Emma Claire McClellan, Claire Everett and Margaret Curley.

PSO override forum

The Cohasset PSO will hold a forum to discuss what is possible for the future of the schools and the town, Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The forum will allow parents and members of the community to discuss ways the school department can move forward after the loss of the override election. The meeting is for everyone, especially those who are passionate, concerned, intrigued or hopeful about this topic — whether they've been in town 100 days or 100 years, the PSO says. The events of the last several months have created a gamut of emotions ranging from frustration to exuberance. Everyone has thoughts of how things should be, or how they want it to be. Together, the forum hopes to be able to begin to address these issues and bring forth opportunities., the PSO says.

Town to have Web site

The town has contracted with Tom Rose of Scituate to design and develop the town's new Web site. Rose has done similar work for the towns of Scituate, Hingham, and Weymouth. The total cost of the project will be $3,277, including $3,000 for the Web site design and development and $277 for software to allow the town's staff to edit the site, post notices, maintain a meeting calendar, etc.

Town Manager Bill Griffin and Director of Finance Michael Buckley met with Rose to review his first draft of the site. The two will also begin the process of getting departmental information, frequently asked questions, town documents, etc., together for entry onto the site.

To view some of Rose's work, please visit: www.town.scituate.ma.us, www.hingham-ma.gov, or www.weymouth.ma.us.

Water board reorganizes

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Cigarette butt puts alleged burglar at scene

By Mary Ford
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A 24-year-old Quincy man should have thought twice before snuffing out his cigarette in the carpet of a Cohasset home.

That's because even in small towns like Cohasset, police know a DNA match can help solve a case.

So when Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Det. Garrett Hunt were investigating a housebreak and attempted burglary in January 2005 and found a cigarette butt extinguished in a bedroom carpet, they sent it to the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for testing.

"As with all crime scenes we collect anything that could be considered evidence, such as fingerprints, that could link an individual to the scene," Lennon said. He explained that in the past few years, detectives have also looked for things that could yield DNA evidence.

The state has a database dubbed CODIS (Combined DNA Index System), which is not unlike the fingerprint database AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems), and can match DNA evidence with anyone who has been convicted of a felony.

However, good detective work over the following year was the key to police linking Aaron M. Dussault with the Forest Avenue housebreak.

Lennon explained since the housebreak police had been able to connect Dussault with the crime through other means and the District Attorney was then able to use that evidence for a court order to obtain a DNA sample from Dussault, who was already in custody on another crime.

Cohasset police recently found out the suspect's DNA, taken from a swab from his mouth, matched the DNA extracted from the cigarette butt, which will help prosecutors make their case against Dussault. Dussault is facing charges in Superior Court in Norfolk County.

According to Lennon, Dussault's extinguished cigarette was almost a "calling card." He left cigarettes at burglaries in other towns, Lennon said.

In Cohasset, the homeowners surprised the suspect when they arrived home. Dussault had items piled and ready to be loaded into the car, Lennon said.

Dussault was arrested last June in Hingham following a housebreak. In that case, the left his unoccupied car idling on Holly Street. An alert neighbor called the police, who ordered Dussault to come out of the home. At that time, he was also wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Brockton for receiving stolen property.

Police Chief James Hussey said it was a first for Cohasset to use DNA evidence to help solve a burglary.

"It was nice leg work by the detectives to develop him as a suspect which provided probable cause for the court order," Hussey said.

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This SUV pushes through a flooded Atlantic Avenue on Monday afternoon. For readers' thoughts about the flood, see page 15.

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Door-to-door selling complaints on the rise

Solicitation bylaw not yet in effect

By Mary Ford
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Most residents welcome spring because it means Daylight Saving Time, flowers, green grass, and Little League games.

But most Cohasseters don't feel that way about door-to-door solicitors. In fact complaints about them pepper the police/fire log once spring arrives and continue throughout the summer.

Police Chief James Hussey wants residents to understand the new Solicitation Bylaw, which voters passed at Town Meeting on April 1, has yet to be enacted.

The bylaw still has to be approved by the Attorney General's Office, which ensures its language passes constitutional muster, a process that can take 60 to 90 days.

Over the past week, there have been several complaints to police about door-to-door solicitors, Hussey said, but until the bylaw gets the OK from the Attorney General's office, the salespeople do not have to register with the police department.

"The minute the Attorney General gives it the green light we have a camera and the paperwork in place to issue licenses," Hussey explained. "Once the ordinance is in effect, we can require the solicitors to register with us." Part of that would include police conducting a background check.

Last Thursday evening there were two complaints about solicitors. Monday night police received four more calls about solicitors, and Tuesday evening another complaint came in. Some callers described the solicitors as being aggressive, Hussey said. When police checked it out, one of the solicitors, Terrence McKinney of Mansfield, La., had a warrant out of Wellesley for violating a municipal ordinance and was placed under arrest.

Hussey explained some solicitors come to the police all ready and provide a list of names and explanation of what they are selling.

But under the new bylaw, solicitors would be required to register with the police where they would apply for a $25 license. They would be required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. In addition solicitors would have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, social security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Hussey said once police are able to issue licenses that will have a photo ID, residents should have a better sense of security that the solicitors have been checked out by police.

Exceptions to the bylaw would be town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said the Attorney General's Office has until July 25 to act on the bylaw. "They've received it and I haven't heard any questions which is a good sign," she said.

What's happening at the RTF

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Local aid from state going up

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Even if you were a math major, you may have trouble understanding "local aid."

Last week, the House and Senate released their versions of the fiscal 2007 state budget – which followed on the heels the governor's proposed budget – but the numbers vary and the reports can be somewhat misleading.

The Mariner has been inundated with phone calls and emails, some pointing to the Globe's report Sunday, that if the Senate budget passes muster, Cohasset is going to receive an increase of $365,179 or a nearly 30 percent hike in Chapter 70 (school aid) this year.

On the surface, the figure sounds like great news – a windfall at a time when it is sorely needed; a number that would make up almost 70 percent of the $530,000 the schools stood to receive had the $725,000 override passed at the polls May 6.

In fact, it is true that Cohasset is going to see an increase in Chapter 70 funds, which at 29.92 percent, percentage-wise is higher than many area communities (Hull is getting only a 2 percent increase, Scituate 14 percent, and Hingham 23 percent).

According to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who represents Cohasset and seven other towns, the current formula for Chapter 70 funds, was unfair to some similarly situated communities.

"The current formula weighs a community's property values too heavily and personal income too lightly in the formula," Hedlund said. "The Senate proposal attempts to level the playing field for all communities." This change benefits Cohasset where property valuations disproportionately exceed income levels, he said.

While the Chapter 70 news is good, on the other side of the equation are assessments, which are also on the rise, and are subtracted from the town's total local aid number. For example, the state pays 90 percent of retired teachers' health insurance premiums that are then billed back to the town as "assessments" and deducted from the town's local aid figure. In other words, the town reimburses the state for the cost of providing a life and health insurance plan for retired municipal teachers. The retired teachers' co-payment is 10 percent, which is subtracted from his or her pension payment.

Because of a large number of newly retired teachers in Cohasset, the assessment for retired teachers' health insurance premiums is going up 34.24 percent from $544,229 in fiscal 2006 to $730,560 in fiscal 2007. That means $730,560 – or $186,331 more than last year – will be deducted from Cohasset's total local aid.*

When adding in other offsets and assessments, Cohasset's net local aid increase will be $234,398 or 25.74 percent more than last year. That's still good news but about $130,000 less than what is being touted for Chapter 70 aid alone.

It is also important to point out differences between the House and Senate budget (which includes the figures presented in this story) still have to be hammered out in Ways and Means, and then sent to the governor before towns can bank on those numbers. The House budget, for example, proposed about $60,000 less in Chapter 70 aid for Cohasset than the Senate version.

Other types of local aid include lottery aid from lottery profits. Both the Senate and House versions of the budget show an increase of $63,164 or 15.6 percent in fiscal year 2007 over last year. Cohasset's "additional assistance" another "pot" of local aid is level funded at $166,099.

In addition to retired teachers' health insurance premiums, other assessments include: MBTA ($144,030 up almost $5,000); Mosquito Control Project ($30,158 up $293) and Registry of Motor Vehicles non-renewal surcharge ($6240 up $840).

The proposed Senate plan also would increase amount of Chapter 70 funding to 20 percent of the school district's "foundation budget" over the next five years.

** Retired teachers health insurance is provided through the state's Group Insurance Commission, while retired town employees stay on the town's health insurance plan until they reach 65. The difference is while retired town employees continue to have 69 percent of the premium for a family plan paid by the Town until age 65, the retired teachers have 90 percent of the premium paid by the state (and then charged to the town). That is because the state through the Group Insurance Commission pays 90 percent of the premium for other state employees.*

Definitions

• **Cherry Sheets** — Named for the cherry colored paper on which it was originally printed, the Cherry Sheet is the official notification by the Commissioner of Revenue to municipalities and regional school districts of estimated state aid to be paid and charges to be assessed over the next fiscal year.

• **Chapter 70** —The Chapter 70 program is the major program of state aid to public elementary and secondary schools. In addition to providing state aid to support school operations, it also establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.

• ***Foundation budget*** — The state's estimate of the minimum amount needed to provide an adequate educational program (it is based on a formula that begins with foundation enrollment figures).

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Education is expensive. That is one lesson everyone in Cohasset has been taught over the past few weeks. As the School Committee gears up to make some tough decisions, one change has already been put in place: tuition for full-day kindergarten will increase by $600 next year.

The School Committee is currently trying to make up for the loss of the two overrides. Instead of receiving $1.1 million from the larger $1.495 million figure, or $530,000 from the lower $725,000 figure, it must work with an increase of $370,000, which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2. Cuts must be implemented and fees must be raised to allow the schools to stay within that budget.

Full-day kindergarten is in its first year at the Osgood School. The school has five full-day classes of roughly 17 and only one half-day class of 11. School administrators anticipate adding 40 more students to the kindergarten program next year. Half-day kindergarten has to be offered at no cost while tuition for the full-day class is currently set at $1,800 per year. While it will be unclear how many students will be in the full-day program until parents register their children, it is expected the majority will enroll in the full-day program.

Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan came forward with two proposals for increasing tuition. The first would have raised tuition by $200, bringing it up to $2,000 per year, while the second raised tuition by $600, for $2,400 per year. The School Committee chose the latter option.

There is expected to be an increase of roughly 40 kindergarten students next year. By increasing tuition to $2,000 per year, anticipated revenue totaled $250,000, expecting 125 students will enroll in the full-day program and 14 will participate in the half-day, tuition-free program. With the $2,000 tuition, there would be approximately six full-day classes with 21 students per class, and one half-day class of 14. The money would cover 3.5 teacher salaries for $176,520; two instructional aides for $34,880; substitute teachers in the amount of $8,000; $9,400 for classroom setup; $10,700 for supplies and materials; and $10,500 for instructional equipment.

With tuition set at $2,400 per student, revenue jumps to $300,000. Those funds could cover the cost for 4.5 teacher salaries for $217,120; two instructional aides for $34,880; substitute teachers for $8,000; two classroom setups for $18,800; supplies and materials for $10,700; and instructional equipment for $10,500. There would be seven full-day classes with approximately 18 students per class and the half-day class of 14.

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz said he was in favor of increasing tuition to ensure money which is brought in covers the cost of running the program. "If you really think about it from a business standpoint, we need to realize the full cost of the program and try to support those costs through tuition. That was part of the deal initially. The reality is, we're in a situation and we want to keep the program going," he said, suggesting tuition be increased to potentially $2,600 per year.

Sheehan said she wanted a part-time health and physical education teacher to work with the kindergarten students, but Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh included the position in her list of recommended cuts. Slanetz said with $2,600, there might be enough money in the budget to bring back that teacher for the kindergarten students, and therefore have tuition cover all costs associated with the program.

School Committee Jamie Williams agreed increasing tuition makes sense and said Cohasset is still under the average in terms of tuition costs. Being able to cover costs incurred for running the program makes sense, she said.

However, School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said raising fees is really a hidden tax for parents and she doesn't believe the schools should charge parents any more than they already do.

"But this isn't a fee, it's tuition," replied Williams.

School Committee member Rick Flynn said in his opinion, increasing tuition by $800 in one year is a sizeable increase. "Without it, you'd still be running a half-day program," which would not pay for anything, but would still use the physical education teacher. "We don't want to make money the focus of the program," he said. Flynn added the full-day program has been a huge success and to increase tuition too much could "lock some people out who can't afford it."

The School Committee took a vote and agreed to set next year's full-day kindergarten tuition at $2,400 per student per year.

DOE full day kindergarten tuition survey

School district	fiscal 2006 tuition	fiscal 2007 tuition
Cohasset	$1,800	$2,400
Andover	$4,350	
Dartmouth	$2,800	
Dracut	Free by lottery	
Easthampton	$1,900	
Harvard	$4,000	
Littleton	$3,000	
Lynnfield	$2,600	
Marlborough	$2,500	
Newburyport	$2,700	
North Reading	$3,500	$3,750
Reading	$4,000	
Sharon	$4,200	
South Hadley	Free	
West Bridgewater	$2,000	
Winthrop	$1,400	
Wrentham	$2,225	

**For a full list of the schools included in the DOE's full-day kindergarten survey, please visit www.SuperEdNet.com.*

School administrators anticipate adding 40 more students to the kindergarten program next year

School Warrant may see changes

School Committee member Steve Fusco is not completely satisfied with the way the Warrant, or school financial reports, are set up. The School Committee approves a Warrant at almost every meeting, and Fusco said Monday, "I have no idea what I'm signing off on." He said it would be helpful for everyone on the board if the items on the Warrant could include the total budget figure for that line item, as well as how much has been spent to date, to give the board a better idea of how the schools are doing financially. "I do it in my business," he said.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said he was not sure he would be able to change the Warrant and did not know if he had the numbers Fusco was looking for. "I don't know how we cannot know what the numbers are," said Fusco. DeGennaro said he would have to redo the report in order to provide the information Fusco is looking for. "I think this is more of a fiscal 2007 kind of thing," said School Committee member Rick Flynn.

Jamie Williams floats endowment proposal

School Committee member Jamie Williams floated an idea for building up an endowment for the Cohasset Public Schools at the board's Monday meeting. She said as the one-person fund-raising subcommittee of the School Committee, she has been in contact with members of the PSO and the community, including former School Committee member Pam Wilson, and has begun brainstorming regarding ways to raise money for the schools. Williams said the money would be put into an interest bearing account, for which the principal would not be touched. Every three years, the interest would be available for the School Committee to use at its discretion. She said a resident has already donated legal services for the initiative.

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Williams said there were many people who were willing to pay additional taxes to help the schools, and this would provide a way for members of the community to continue to show support for the schools and help gain some positive fiscal momentum.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy suggested the fund-raising plan be put on a future agenda when the entire board has the opportunity to learn more about it. In the meantime, interested residents should contact Williams at (781) 383- 3075 to become involved.

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Meritorious Service Award for Cohasset's Jay F. O'Brien

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

COLUMN IS INCLUSIVE

Hey there Cohasset. The rain stopped at least for the last few days and people are starting to brighten up a bit. I had a not so pleasant experience the other day however that has taken a bit of "brightness" out of my step so I just wanted to share a bit of it. As I write this column each week, I am always being asked to write about different events, programs and items like that, that are happening in and around our town.

Some of these news represents different groups and organizations and I write about *all* of them, regardless of my views or beliefs. That is what is right and what is fair. I was very taken aback on Monday when I was approached by a member of the community who felt that I write and include pieces in the column from "every Tom, Dick and Harry" that comes down the road but I never include articles about the way I feel or tell certain "groups" no. I want all to know that this column is not about that, it is supposed to be a place for events, celebratory wishes or new baby news, and a place where parents or others in the community can share a great story about a family member's or friend's accomplishments. Please know that I am not here to "represent" a group or event, only to share the information with all of you in a way that is neither for or against but informative in a nice sort of way.

Please continue to send all of your news and information to me(keeping in mind that deadline is Tuesdays by 5 p.m.), I love being here to write this column for everyone here in town!

TOP AWARD

Congratulations are in order for Cohasset's **Jay F. O'Brien**, a technical advisor at the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Atlantic in Virginia Beach, Va., who received the 2005 Department of Homeland Security's Secretarial Meritorious Service Award (silver medal) at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Jay was recognized with DHS's second highest award for contributing outstanding leadership and service. In his current position, he has demonstrated unique initiative and skill by successfully bringing together many different agencies and allies to help create and develop a comprehensive, fused and dynamic tactical maritime intelligence picture of the North Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and federally regulated U.S. ports and navigable waterways east of the Rocky Mountains.

"I'm honored to have been nominated and selected for this prestigious award," Jay said. "It's truly been a privilege to work with the men and women of the Coast Guard over the last few years and I accept this award in recognition of my shipmates' contributions and hard work."

"Jay's efforts to improve our ability to provide awareness of the tactical maritime situation have been groundbreaking and impressive," said Capt. Daniel A. Laliberte, commanding officer of the Coast Guard's Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Atlantic. "I'm overjoyed at Jay's selection for this important award. This award is presented annually to one DHS civilian employee to recognize exceptionally outstanding leadership or service that is distinguished by achievements of marked significance to the department.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Cody Piepenbrink** as he gets ready to turn 11! Hope you enjoy the day buddy, we all love you a whole lot!

NOT TOO LATE!

The Cohasset PSO Tele-A-Thon and On-line auction concluded with much success and support. If you weren't able to watch the live broadcast and call in your donation, it's not too late to give. Please send your tax deductible check to Cohasset PSO, PO Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025. All winners of the raffle and auction items have been contacted. Please follow the instructions for picking-up your raffle prizes.

The Cohasset PSO appreciates the contributions from sponsors: Coastal Nissan, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Graham Waste Services, Inc. and Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. Thank you to all individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses that donated to the fund raiser. The families, students and teachers appreciate your support. The PSO couldn't have done it without you!

SAILING SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Sailing Club registration for membership, classes and dock space is being held on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sailing Club. Come on down to the harbor! Registration forms can be found at the recreation department, community center, and of course at the Sailing Club on the registration days.

RELAY FOR LIFE

June 16 & 17.marks the 10th Anniversary Relay for Life in Cohasset. Each year the Relay dedicates the event to a person who has lost their battle with cancer. Last year's event was dedicated to **Shelly Donze**. Shelly was a beautiful, caring, and forever giving person. Shelly's heart was filled with hope. Every day Shelly hoped for another day with her husband, her children, her sisters and her many friends. With each spring that comes, the "hope" of another new season filled with life is born. From those thoughts, the team "Springtime for Shelly" was formed. This team consisted of 50 walkers from Hingham, Cohasset, Duxbury, and Hull.

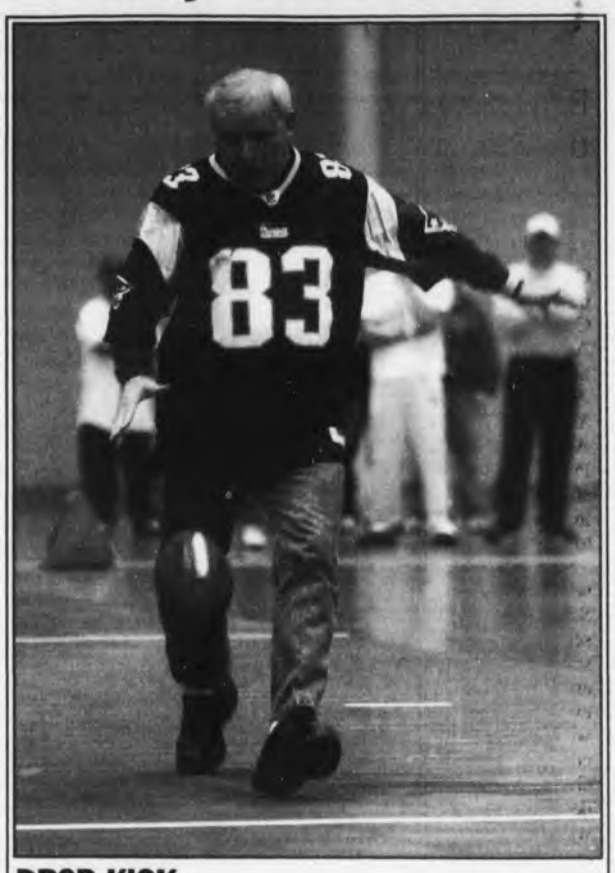
Among the remarkable number of walkers were **Paul, Laurie, Christina and Scott Berlinguet, Jeff and Margaux Donze, Anna Abbruzzese, Corey Axelson, Paula Baldassini, Jean Marie and Kelly Beane, Katherine Becker, Joe and Jack Berlinguet, Meghan Breuer, Kathy Bryanton, Michael Bynarowicz, Ann Diamond, Wayne Wilson, Jim and Kim Doyle, Martha Horsefield, Lauren Koncius, Karla and Peter Kooken, Dotty Lagrotteria, Barbara Lobosco, Rich and Sue Marchioni, John and Sue Markley, Bob and Dianne Goguen, Kristin Olsen, Dawn Peterson, Johanna Quinlan, Steve and Deb Roman, Mary Sease, Darcy Schramn, Karin Sullivan, Jeri Tyrrell, Frank and Patti Walsh, Jan Whitney, Pat and Mary Williams,** and **Kathi Yeager**.

This year **Christina Berlinguet** and **Margaux Donze** have sprouted out and started their own youth team "Surfing For a Cure" consisting of teens from Hingham and Cohasset. They have already recruited 30 members who are very eager to raise money to find a cure. If you would like more information about the Relay For Life or would like to join one of these teams please call either Laurie or Christina Berlinguet at 749-8614 or **Harry St. Onge** at 383-9457. If anyone would like Luminaria bags, please call **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** at 781-383-2668 or email PJVIT@aol.com.

The Surfing For a Cure team is having a large yard sale/bake sale on May 20th at the South School parking lot in Hingham from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. If the weather cooperates, it will be a great day and a win-win situation for all meaning money raised for a great cause and super bargains for all who are looking!(and even ones for the people who are not.)

TOP GIRL SCOUT

The Girl Scouts, Patriots' Trail Council honored Cohasset resident **Katie James** for completing her Girl Scout Gold Award at its annual meeting April 27th. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. In order to receive the Gold Award, Girl Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 must design and implement their own service projects that build on their experience in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. Katie created a field hockey clinic for middle school girls. She created a book on the history of field hockey and the rules of play. Her varsity teammates helped to run the clinics. As a result of the clinics 56 girls turned up for Field Hockey tryouts.



DROP KICK

Cohasset resident, Herb Muscato, 56, participates in the Doug Flutie Drop Kick contest on Saturday, May 17 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Eastern Bank and WEEI sponsored the event which benefited the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. Flutie attended the event, which was derived from his historic drop kick in his 2005 season with the NE Patriots.

SEE SEUSSICAL!

Seussical, the Musical, opened two weekends ago, to rave reviews from it's audiences! The show, currently being presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club, was a Broadway success upon its opening eight years ago.

Cohasset's version truly brings all the characters of Dr. Seuss fame alive with vivid costumes, and music to keep your toes tapping. Come see the show at Cohasset Town Hall. This is the last weekend on Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 and are available at the door, at Buttonwood Books or by calling 617-697-2115 for reservations.

ASP YARD SALE

Here is a super yard sale/flea market for tomorrow. Head over to the Stop & Shop parking lot and get ready to find some wonderful items, bargains and goodies. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project(ASP) is holding this event from 9-3 and it will be a great way to find some bargains, spend a bit and have your $$ go to benefit a great cause. Head on down!

That is all for this week. Send all your information to me no later than 5 on Tuesdays!

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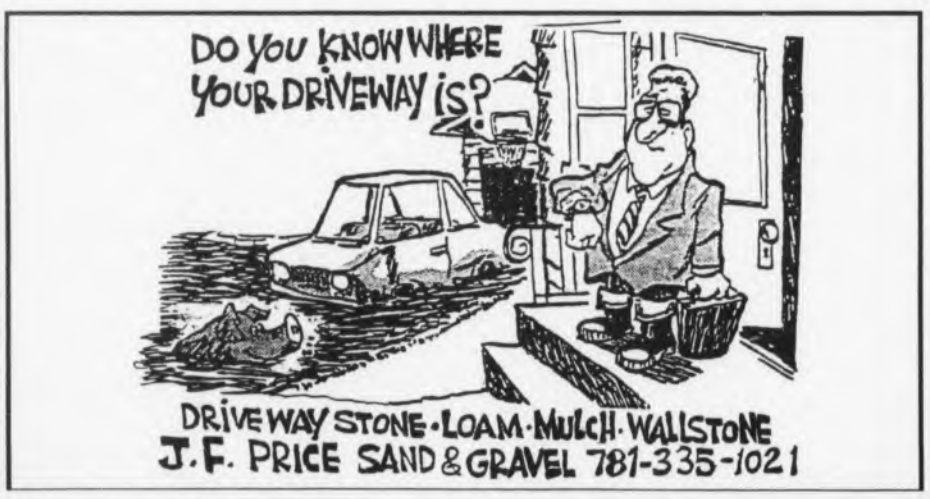

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Carriage House school is mad about science

Benefit night this Saturday

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For nearly 30 years, the Carriage House Nursery School has been educating some of Cohasset's youngest residents. As one of the only programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, the school has set high standards for itself, and is looking for help from the community to keep its mission going.

Saturday May 20, the school will hold "An Evening of Mad Science" to raise funds for the school — more specifically, its science and technology programs and its scholarship fund. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will include appetizers, a barbecue dinner from Redbones, and a chocolate fondue fountain for dessert. More than 150 items will also be up for bid during the evening's live and silent auctions.

Director of the Carriage House Nursery School Georgie Gladdys said the Mad Science fund-raiser is extremely important for the school's students. She said exposure to math and science at an early age is critical, but is often overlooked due to the complexity of scientific issues. "I always loved science. Kids love to discover and explore and figure out how things work," she said, but added today there seems to be a stigma associated with disciplines like chemistry and physics when it comes to early learning.

But at Carriage House, Gladdys said they have been working very hard to integrate science and technology into their classrooms. In fact, the school currently has Spike the turtle and "the girls" a group of recently hatched chicks teaching the children about life science and biology. Through the funds raised at the Mad Science fund-raiser, Gladdys hopes to be able to begin even more programs and purchase equipment to keep the lessons going.

Gladdys said the driving force behind the math and technology initiative is the school's recent NAEYC accreditation. She said the application process took three years to complete, and included a rigorous self-study, including feedback from parents. "There was a whole book full of criteria," said Gladdys, adding the areas which needed improvement were identified and plans were put in place to make the necessary changes.

The materials were sent to the NAEYC, and 1-1/2 years later, after the submission was reviewed, a validator was sent up to the school for an on-site visit. "She is a highly respected national validator," said Gladdys, adding she had attended seminars and read articles the woman had written prior to their meeting. After two days of observation, her study was complete and in the end, the school was accredited "on the first shot," which is something Gladdys said in all her years working at schools, she has never experienced. Having the accreditation means the school "is at the forefront of early childhood education," she said. To keep its accreditation, the school must submit an annual report for review and it must keep up with the standards set.

But without the help and support of parents, Gladdys said the school would not be the success story it is. The school is a non-profit program, owned by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, and parents play a big role in decision-making and fund-raising. Gladdys said at the urging of parents, namely Cheryl Whetstone of the parent board, the school began offering a toddler program, which is now the only toddler program in existence in the area which is part of a school, rather than a separate day care facility.

When bringing older siblings to be dropped off, many parents noticed their younger children wanted to stay, and the school is now able to provide a learning environment that enables children from 15 months to almost three years to socialize with other children their age. "At no point did we say, 'We can't do it'," said Gladdys, adding teacher Shirley Wallace stepped up to the plate, took a course, and developed her own toddler program. "It's all about teamwork," she said, and being able to provide what is best for the students.

Together, the parents and staff of Carriage House have combined their talents to host the Mad Science fund-raiser and hope it will provide the necessary funding to be able to provide scholarships for families who would like to attend the school as well as science and technology materials. Lydia Everett of the school's parent board, who has been involved with the organization of the fund-raiser, said the parents are very excited about the event and hope the funds raised will allow Gladdys to buy "the latest and greatest" in technology.

Gladdys said one of the things she would like to do with the money is bring the school into the "digital frontier" and purchase a laptop and scanner which will allow students to scan their artwork and have it projected in a power point presentation. "It would enable the children to revisit their work," she said, which has been documented as being a very positive experience for the children. "It ensures that moment (of creating the art) was not lost," said Gladdys.

While Mad Science night is being held as a fund-raiser, it is also being held as a means for parents of Carriage House students to socialize. Lauren Curley of the school's parent board said the children are socializing every day, but the parents rarely get to see each other for long as they're dropping off or picking up. The night will also provide a way for incoming parents to get to know each other and get to know the many parishioners who also support the school.

"An Evening of Mad Science" will be held Saturday, May 20 at the Carriage House Nursery School, located at 23 N. Main St., and will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served and followed by a live and silent auction. Admission is $35 per person. For more information, please contact Lydia Everett at (781) 383-6722 or Gina McClellan at (781) 544-3904.

An Evening of Mad Science at Carriage House Nursery School

What: a bi-annual fund raiser to support the Carriage House Nursery School. An evening of fun, food, entertainment, live and silent auctions, and children's art for friends and family.

Why: To expand the important areas of science and technology education, support the ongoing operational needs of the school and enhance the funding of the Carriage House Nursery Scholarship Fund.

When: Saturday, May 20 at 6 p.m.

Where: The Carriage House Nursery School, 23 N. Main Street.

Cost: $35 per person

Who to contact: Lydia Everett at (781) 383-6722 or Gina McClellan at (781) 544-3904.

What's on the Mad Science menu?

Appetizers: Shrimp cocktail, assorted nibbles and cheeses.

Dinner: Redbones famous barbecue dinner (buffet style).

Dessert: Chocolate fondue fountain, assorted brownies and cookies.

Wine: Rodney Strong 2003 Russian River Valley Pino Noir (California); Chateau St. Jean 2002 Merlot (California); Greg Norman Estates 2004 Victoria Chardonnay (Australia); Mezzacorona 2005 Pinot Grigio (Italy). *Wine courtesy of Harborside Wine and Spirits.*

Beer: Edison, the Independent light beer; Moon Shot, the original premium beer with caffeine. *Beer courtesy of the Kallman-Shanley family and the New Century Brewing Company.*

Mad Science auction items

This is a partial list of the items up for bidding during the live auction. There will also be a silent auction featuring various golf trips, Red Sox ball games, sports lessons, private chef dinners, babysitting services, manicure and pedicure packages, backstage passes for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, car detailing, handmade sweaters, watercolors, birthday party packages, camping adventures, lobster boating adventures, fine wines, and restaurant gift certificates. All tolled, there will be more than 150 items up for bid.

- The "Royal Treatment" at the Ritz Carlton Hotel of Boston. Package includes one night at the hotel, diner at Abe and Louie's and a 14K gold bracelet from Bedrosian Jewelers. Director of Carriage House Nursery School Georgie Gladdys will also provide child care for the night. Value: $1,200.
- Guys golf getaway for four at TPC Boston — the site of the PGA Deutsche Bank Golf Classic. Green fees and carts are included, as are a box of cigars and a case of beer for after the game. Value: $900.
- Take "us" out to the ballgame. Package includes four tickets to see the Red Sox take on the Oakland A's Sunday, July 16 at 2:05 p.m. After the game, use your $50 gift certificate to get something to eat at Globe restaurant. No parking hassles to worry about — a limo will pick you up and drop you at home. Value: $600.
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Carr, Dormitzer, Vanderweil weigh in on override defeat

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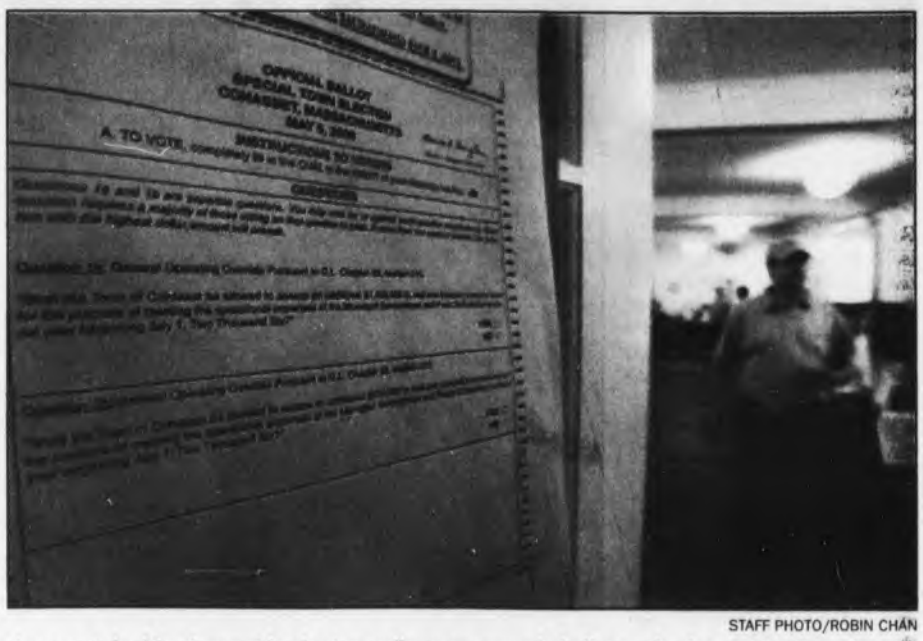

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A voter at the May 6 override election walks past a sample ballot on the door of the Second Congregational Church hall. The election was moved to the church because the Cohasset Dramatic Club had booked Town Hall for "Seussical."

Selectman Ted Carr may be the "new kid on the block" but he is ready to roll up his sleeves and help the town find answers to what he describes as a "fiscal crisis" following the May 6 override vote.

"I believe the town's leaders — from selectmen to committee members to meeting participants – need to show by example how our town can work together as a team," Carr said. "We also need to educate Cohasset citizens about what the election results mean for our town. There will be large reductions in services and significant cutbacks at our schools."

Carr said as a leader in town, it is his responsibility to bring different interests back to the same table to find an acceptable solution to allocate scarce resources.

Carr said he would focus efforts on aggressively pursuing additional funding opportunities from the state, including increasing Chapter 70 (school aid), and federal government until the town can create a larger commercial tax base to relieve some of the pressure off the residential taxpayer.

Carr said based on conversations he has had since the election, he does not think voters had a clear understanding of what was at stake. "The two numbers on the ballot resulted in a polarized campaign effort that focused on all or nothing." He noted that no group advocated for the $725,000 override and the services that would fund.

"In this case, the large turnout and the decisive rejection of both overrides was conclusive."
— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

Selectman Gary Vanderweil found it surprising that only 250 voters selected the $725,000 level of override by voting "yes-no." "All the other voters voted 'yes-yes' or 'no-no,'" he pointed out.

"In hindsight, it seems to me that it was a strategic mistake to have these two particular levels of override," he said. "I think a single override question in the mid-$600,000 range would have had a good chance of passage. Putting a stratospheric number like $1,495,000 out there probably got a lot of voters' backs up and tipped them over the edge into a no-no vote."

Vanderweil said he thought the message from the voters is the town and school leaders have to redouble their efforts to keep override request to a reasonable minimum. "The best way to do this is to push back on all the departments to validate budget requests and to ensure that all the alternatives to the extra funding have been carefully explored," he said.

Going forward Vanderweil said there are two "red flags" to be careful about: adding permanent employees and building maintenance.

"Each addition to existing levels of employment represents a permanent double whammy: first the salary and benefits, and second the retirement costs and health benefits," he said, noting one reason he opposed the $1.495 million override was the addition of 16 school positions.

But, he said the loss of the $725,000 override, which he supported, could exacerbate the trend of not maintaining buildings.

"Cohasset has a lot of tax dollars tied up in physical plant, including all new schools and a new library," Vanderweil said. "We have already fallen behind in maintaining the new buildings. Somehow we need to build an adequate level of maintenance into our operating budgets of the future."

At the annual Town Meeting, voters approved a balanced budget and two supplemental budgets contingent on the overrides passing.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said it is important for readers to understand that once the budget is presented to Town Meeting and then voted upon in an election, the will of the people prevails.

"In this case, the large turnout and the decisive rejection of both overrides was conclusive," he said. "There is talk of calling a Special Town Meeting to revisit the allocation of resources between the town and the schools or to attempt another override.

"It would be mischievous and counterproductive to do so at this time," Dormitzer said. "We may have the opportunity to look at more allocation of funding to the schools when state reimbursements are firm, but now the obligation of town officials, including selectmen and the School Committee, is to bring their respective budgets into conformance with the vote."

Dormitzer said the School Committee and superintendent set their sights and budget on the maximum override, therefore creating an impression among school parents that all changes to that figure involve cuts. He said on the town side, the approach was to start with a balanced budget and add to it when additional revenue is realized.

"If additional revenue is not realized then, at least, we are prepared for the result even if unhappy about it," he said.

Dormitzer said rather than speaking only of cuts, it would be more productive to move to a discussion of outcomes and how to achieve them with available resources.

"Moving the dialog in this direction is a process in which we can all engage constructively," he said.

Editor's note: all five selectmen were given the opportunity to participate in this story.

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Holly Hill gears up for summer harvest

By Samantha Brown
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Farmer Hannah Hobbs transplants tiny eggplant shoots to give them more room to grow. The plants will be big and strong when they go on sale at the fourth annual Holly Hill Farm Spring Plant Sale Saturday and Sunday May 20 and 21 and 27 and 28.

With warm weather fast approaching, Holly Hill Farm is gearing up for another year of summer farming fun. With expanded programming for children and adults in many different areas, those who work on the farm cannot wait to welcome guests new and old.

Tucked away on Jerusalem Road, the certified organic farm is a treasure still unknown to many South Shore residents. It is comprised of 140 acres of land, of which 7 acres are viable farm land. Currently, only 4 acres are actually farmed. In a time when open space is a commodity, "It's a real luxury to be working the land here," said Jon Belber, educational director at the farm.

Its rustic red barn is quintessential New England, and serves as a farm stand during the harvesting season. This year, Holly Hill will harvest more than 100 different varieties of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, which can be purchased when full grown at the farm stand later in the season, or as seedlings to be grown at home right now.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 20, 21, 27, and 28, the farm will hold its fourth annual Spring Plant Sale. Belber said there will be more than 15 varieties of tomato plants for sale ranging from sweet cherries to unusual heirlooms. There will also be lettuce, cucumbers, squash, peppers, and eggplant seedlings, as well as annual and perennial herbs such as basil, parsley, sage, thyme, scallions, and oregano. Annual and perennial flowers will also be on sale including delphinium, tithonia, sunflowers, snapdragons and asters.

Taking a peek inside the farm's greenhouses, many tiny shoots have already poked their way through the soil and are growing rapidly. Belber said even though the weather outside was too cold to begin growing the seedlings, the greenhouses have allow the plants the warmth they need to grow and be strong enough to be taken home during the plant sale. Belber said many plant varieties will be ready for purchase by May 20.

When residents purchase their plants, Belber said they will come with a planting guide which will provide tips not only for sunlight and watering, but for organic care. All the plants which are sold are certified organic, and the farm encourages those who purchase the plants to plant them organically at home as well.

"We do have some organic gardening workshops," for adults, said Belber. While the dates have not yet been set, they will include lessons on how to care for organic plants, how to build organic soil so it has the nutrients plants need, and how to build a compost pile.

For children, the farm has a wide variety of activities. Although the school year is ready to end, Holly Hill offers field trips and the opportunity to participate in a school garden, either at the school, or in a special spot reserved for the class on the farm. Belber said teachers are invited to attend training programs in the fall which explain everything about organic farming and provide information to help bring what they have learned back to the classroom to be integrated into the curriculum. Belber said he will often make trips to the classroom as well to help further spread the news about organic gardening.

To continue that education throughout the summer months, the farm offers a variety of children's programs. Children as young as 5 years old can enroll in classes which allow them to experience everything farm life has to offer. They will be able to plant their own seeds, help take care of the animals, and harvest their own vegetables in a camp-like atmosphere. "We hope kids can get excited about where their food comes from," said Belber, adding often when a child grows their own vegetables, they are more likely to eat them. The programs for younger students are five-day sessions, are two hours per day, and are full of different age-appropriate activities.

For students who are in grade seven and above, the Young Farmer's Program may be just the camp experience they are looking for. While the program is more of a work experience, as they have the opportunity to earn money back for the chores completed on the farm during the program, it is full of many fun activities which do not seem like work. Students help harvest vegetables and tend to the compost pile, and at the end of the week, are asked to make a meal using ingredients they harvested for their friends and family. They are also asked to help take care of the animals on the farm, which include Pumpkin the pony, 30 new chicks, and three goats. The Young Farmer's program has three sessions this summer and takes place over five days for 3-1/2 hours at a time.

Holly Hill Farm is a working, for-profit farm with a non-profit educational branch, and the two work together to educate the community on the benefits of local and organic farming. For more information on the farm or any of its programs, please contact either Educational Director Jon Belber or farmers Ben Wolbach or Hannah Hobbs at (781) 383-1455 or visit the farm's Web site at www.hollyhill-farm.org.

What's happening at Holly Hill Farm?

Spring plant sale — May 20, 21, 27, 28

• The fourth annual Holly Hill Farm Spring Plant Sale will take place rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday May 20 and 21, and May 27 and 28 at the farm. The farm is located at 230 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. There will be more than 100 varieties of certified organic vegetable, flower, and herb seedlings for sale, including more than 15 varieties of tomatoes; annual and perennial flowers such as delphinium, sunflowers, snapdragons and asters; vegetables such as lettuce, cucumbers, squash, peppers, and eggplant; and annual and perennial herbs such as basil, parsley, sage, thyme, scallions, and oregano. For more information, please call the farm at (781) 383-1455.

2006 Children's Farm Programs

Holly Hill Farm has a wide variety of age-appropriate children's farm programs, which allow youngsters to experience what it's like to plant, weed, feed, and harvest crops like a farmer.

• Pea Shoots (ages 5-7) — Session one, July 10-14 from 1-3 p.m., $90.

• Carrot Tops (ages 8-10) — Session one, July 17-21 from 1-3 p.m., $90.

• Salad Mix (ages 10-12) — Session one, July 24-28 from 1-3 p.m., $90.

• Early Harvest (Multi-ages 5-8) — Session one, July 5-7 from 9-11 a.m., $56.

• Young Farmer's Program (Students entering grades 7-9) — Session one, July 10-14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Session two, July 17-21 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Session three, July 24-28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All sessions $150 each.

Each program has a capacity of 12 children. Partial refunds available until one week before the start of the program. Members of the Friends of Holly Hill Farm receive a 5 percent discount. For more information or for a registration form, please contact Education Coordinator Jon Belber at (781) 383-1455.

Volunteers needed

Holly Hill Farm needs help maintaining its walking trails. On Sunday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m., volunteers will be gathering at the farm to clear the walking trails of blown debris, widen the paths, and cut back the overhangs. The farm is set on 140 acres of land off Jerusalem Road and has many walking paths. To volunteer your time, please call the farm at (781) 383-1455.

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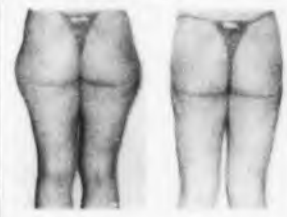
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thinking about rain

When the Cohasset Mariner reaches your mailboxes Friday, the past week's sustained rain could be fading into memory or making a temporary comeback. After all this is New England which is known for is climatic variety!

So we have used the wonders of the Internet to share some thoughts about rain. Some might be worthy of putting up with a magnet on your refrigerator or stapling to your bulletin board. So the next time "it's raining cats and dogs" – we can keep everything in perspective.

• The rain to the wind said, "You push and I'll pelt." — *Robert Frost (1874–1963), U.S. poet. "Lodged."*

• The rain it raineth on the just / And also on the unjust fella; / But chiefly on the just, because / The unjust steals the just's umbrella. —*Sam Ervin, US Senator, Senator Sam Ervin's Best Stories*

• Come rain or come shine — *Johnny Mercer (1909–1976), U.S. songwriter*

• The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain — *Alan Jay Lerner (1918-1968) U.S. songwriter*

• Too much rain is not good/ nor too much sun./ Too much talking is not good,/ nor too much silence. — *Punjabi proverb*

• Droplets of rain can soak through your clothes; goblets of wine can wash away your wealth. — *Chinese proverb.*

• If Heaven decides to rain or your mother to remarry, there is no way to stop either. — *Chinese proverb*

• God made the grass, the air and the rain; and the grass, the air and the rain made the Irish; and the Irish turned the grass, the air and the rain back into God. — *Seán O'Faoláin, Irish writer.*

• Who told you you're allowed to rain on my parade? — *Bob Merrill (b. 1921), U.S. songwriter. "Don't Rain on My Parade," Funny Girl.*

• "... You ought to have seen how it looked in the rain,/ The fruit mixed with water in layers of leaves,/ Like two kinds of jewels, a vision for thieves." — *Robert Frost (1874–1963), U.S. poet. "Blueberries."*

• How else can I explain those rainbows when there is no rain, it's magic. — *Sammy Cahn (1913–1993), U.S. songwriter. "It's Magic."*

• You don't save a pitcher for tomorrow. Tomorrow it may rain. — *Leo Durocher, NY Giants manager*

• You've got to get to the evidence before the heat, wind and rain do. — *Robert J Creighton, FBI Agent*

• Thy summer voice, Musketaquit,/ Repeats the music of the rain;/ But sweeter rivers pulsing flit/ Through thee, as thou through Concord Plain. — *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882), U.S. poet, essayist. Two Rivers*

• Alas! how easily things go wrong!/ A sigh too deep or a kiss too long,/ And then comes a mist and a weeping rain,/ And life is never the same again. — *George Macdonald. (1824–1905), Phantastes, Scottish novelist & poet.*

• A face at the window,/ A tap on the pane;/ Who is it that wants me/ To-night in the rain? — *Richard Henry Stoddard. (1825–1903). American Author, born in Hingham, Mass.*

• When shall we three meet again?/ In thunder, lightning, or in rain?/ When the hurly-burly's done,/ When the battle's lost and won. — *William Shakespeare (1564–1616) Macbeth.*

• Thy fate is the common fate of all;/ Into each life some rain must fall. — *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807–1882), U.S. poet. The Rainy Day*

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Assessors, May 19, 8:30 a.m.
Beechwood Ball Park Committee, May 22, 6 p.m.
Board of Health, June 6 at 7 p.m.
CHS School Council, June 7, 3 p.m., at the high school.
Conservation Commission, May 18, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, June 13, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Library Trustees, June 14, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee, May 25, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Sewer Commission, May 22, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, May 31, 6 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Concerned for our future'

TO THE EDITOR:

As a student attending Cohasset Public Schools, I am very concerned for our future. Sadly, neither of the overrides passed. This will create problems and force the schools to cut teachers. I think I speak for all students when I say that this will deeply affect our future. While some protest by saying they gave up their bagels, coffee, etc. we have given up teachers, Middle School sports, supplies, and other necessities. We ran out of tape in the beginning of the year. Some classrooms don't even have paper. Supplies can easily be replaced, but teachers cannot.

I strongly feel that more serious problems are going to occur if we cannot raise any more money. I understand that it is hard for people to pay so many taxes and I am sorry for them, but at least 6 teachers will be fired as a result of the majority voting against both overrides. I am also sympathetic towards the parents who send their children to private schools, but they need to support the town in which they live. After reading the paper from last week, I noted that many wrote in that the school was simply wasting the town's money. It appears that some people are concerned more about the values of their homes rather than the value of education. As I said previously, I am a student who cannot vote and yet students are the ones hit hardest by these decisions. Can someone please tell me what our future will look like? I simply ask those who read this letter to consider my message and think of the problems that are about to happen. Thank you.

Emily Toomey
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Cohasset Middle School

Education taxes trending upward

TO THE EDITOR:

Your May 12 editorial was marvelous and a nice capstone to the opinions voiced by your readers in the same Mariner issue. There was, however, one statement in your editorial that I found somewhat inaccurate: it said the education portion of the real estate tax was "about 50 percent." Actually it is currently 62.23 percent according to my Fourth Quarter Tax Bill. When we were able to pay off our mortgage we began to receive our real estate tax bill for the first time. We also began to see how much the three major segments in Cohasset's overall budget actually cost. Having lived in town for 36 years, 30 in this house, we never knew what proportion of our real estate taxes went where. I suspect neither do most homeowners since the bills are routinely sent to the mortgage company rather than the homeowner. The homeowner gets the appropriate IRS Form at year-end but does not know how the town bill is allocated.

Another point I'd like to share is that the trend in the percent of taxes attributable to education has been up for the last four years. In 2003 tax year the share going to education was: 58.04 percent for Quarters 1&2; 57.97 percent for 3&4Q. In 2004 tax year the share for education: 58.4 percent for 1&2Q; 59.92 percent for 3 & 4Q. In 2005 tax year education share was: 60.02 percent for 1 & 2Q's; 59.97 percent for 4Q [no data on 3Q]. For 2006 tax year education share was: 62.23 percent for 3 & 4 Q's; no data for 1 & 2 Q's. This data is taken from our real esatte tax bills.

Again, thank you for the Mariner's excellent coverage of Cohasset news.

Terry McCarthy
Old Pasture Road

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Dismayed by Newsweek school rankings

COMMENTARY

PAUL CARLSON

When the Newsweek rankings of public high schools came out two weeks ago, Cohasset taxpayers and parents were dismayed to see that our schools once again did not make the top 1200 (about 5 percent) high schools in the country. Meanwhile, six of our benchmark school systems were on the list including Manchester (ranked #157), Dover-Sherborn (159), Duxbury (182), Norwell (389), Wayland (874) and Hingham (1136). Each of these systems was also top ranked in the 2003 ranking. With the exception of Duxbury, all of these school systems also out performed Cohasset on the MCAS tests, most by a wide margin.

Newsweek ranks high schools based on the simple ratio of the number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken divided by the number of graduates. To make the list, the school had to have a ratio of at least 1.0 — at least one test per graduate.

AP courses are an effective program for college preparation, particularly since almost all colleges (with the exception of a handful of elite schools) grant credits for AP tests passed. Newsweek argues that their rankings "... measure how committed the school is to helping kids take college-level courses. We think kids at those schools have an edge, no matter their economic background."

Surprisingly, in the two weeks since the rankings came out, there has been no comment from our schools. Taxpayers and parents are left to wonder whether our students are not interested in preparing, whether the schools, despite their generous funding, are not offering enough AP courses or whether the ratio was improperly calculated.

We are spending as much as some of the high ranked school systems. Spending reform favoring core areas and additional revenue sources, such as using School Choice resources to cover the costs of educating employees who live in other towns, will free up funds so that our students can realize the education they deserve. On the School Choice issue, there is absolutely no reason why we should subsidize other towns.

The ongoing lack of proactive communication about test scores (MCAS, SAT) and independent rankings injures the credibility of the schools. One result is that overrides are defeated.

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Roadmap to a *successful* override

COMMENTARY

PAUL ANTICO

I know many of the voters who successfully killed this override request were *not* simply bent on rejecting any proposed tax increase, but had deeper concerns.

During the run-up to this year's special town election regarding the budget override initiatives, I spoke up twice stating that I would prefer to vote in favor of the overrides, but would only do so if our elected and appointed town officials would specify what level of tax increases we could expect in future years. Unfortunately, my request went unanswered.

That's a shame, because I know many of the voters who successfully killed this override request were *not* simply bent on rejecting any proposed tax increase, but had deeper concerns. What was rejected was not only a *substantial* tax increase, but a disturbing, long-running pattern of override motions, *in combination with* zero assurance of avoiding further requests (potentially similar in magnitude) next year and the year after that ad infinitum.

Now this column is not meant to blame, excuse, or keep alive anyone's anger over the May 6 vote. My reason for writing this column is simple: I have a plan that I believe will generate a *successful* override next year with broad support in our town.

STEP 1) **financial cuts need to be made**. Cutting costs is never easy, but it is an unfortunate necessity of not only our town, but many other towns and institutions. On the positive side, two School Committee members — Jamie Williams and Alfred Slanetz — and a few other letter writers were quoted in last week's Cohasset Mariner with suggestions about how to make *effective* cost cuts that would minimize the negative effects on school and town services. In addition, in extending the term of the Alternative Energy Committee, I believe the Selectmen made a very wise decision that could possibly help us find the same financial success some other towns are experiencing (not to mention that in the current environment, any move toward alternative forms of energy may be quite wise). Cut unnecessary costs, push back on suppliers, form buying consortia with other towns, copy every good idea others have implemented – think in uncommon ways and we may end up eliminating significantly fewer resources than we expect.

STEP 2) **build a 5-year financial plan** (i.e. *specific* income and needs statements, balance sheets, cash flow statements, etc.). This plan should incorporate *at most a modest annual override* (which I would strongly suggest be tied to an independent metric like inflation). Use this plan as a basis for doling out future departmental budgets rather than creating each year's budget on a bottom-up basis, according to the requests of various constituencies. If some departments feel they need more than they are allocated, it will be their responsibility to take action, such as: a) raise the money independently, b) find another department that doesn't need its full budget, or c) formally ask the Selectmen and Town Manager to reallocate resources from another department. In this way, every department will know how much money to expect each year and can thus plan accordingly, well in advance. Again, this is not fun, but it is reality.

STEP 3) **present all of this information to the town at town meeting**. *This is the most important piece of the process!* The introduction of an override request at Town Meeting (if necessary) should be presented as follows: a) Review the cost cuts and other financial improvements that have been made over the past year to demonstrate a concerted effort to minimize the size of the override being requested. Talk about specific actions that saved costs with minimal effect on our town's functions. In addition, discuss continuing and new efforts to reduce expenses. b) Show everyone the town's 5-year financial plan in the Town Warrant so as to illustrate the intention and roadmap toward holding annual tax increases to a modest percentage while still providing necessary growth in essential town services. c) Make the request for a *modest* override (I believe that any override request remotely similar in size to this year's is extremely likely to fail – *the higher the request, the greater the resistance*). I know and sympathize with those who truly feel the need for substantial increases in their budgets, but unfortunately reality (and now history) suggests that the best override that can be expected to be approved is a modest one. d) State clearly what the override request is based on (e.g. inflation, specific projects, voter-approved initiatives, other "worthy" requests, etc.).

STEP 4) **finally, present the request in a tone that demonstrates an understanding that tax burdens are high**. I don't mean to sound condescending, but I believe it does a disservice to those appealing for an override to suggest that the lack of passage would be destructive to our schools, schoolchildren, town services, etc. You may truly feel that way, but voters don't want to feel like they're being threatened by "if you don't pass this override, then [insert cataclysmic result here]."

Realize that this is *not* a plan to "trick" voters into passing future overrides. This plan would involve doing everything necessary to hold back unnecessary costs, prudently planning for our future town needs, presenting all the evidence in as open a means as possible, and addressing specifically what the extra funds will be used for. In my opinion, so long as the request is reasonable, this plan would find a much more amenable reception by the taxpayers of this town and the issues of "trust" and "they just don't understand" might actually begin to disappear.

As always, I appreciate public or private criticism of this plan, though I think public debate on this issue would be very healthy for our town. More importantly, however, I think it would be prudent of not only the town's elected and appointed officials, but of all interested parties, to adopt *some* formal plan that would help bridge the divide that was so pronounced this year, and to do so *now* in time to create results for presentation at the next Town Meeting.

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Decries lack of leadership from officials

COMMENTARY

MARK FLIBOTTE

...some of our town officials failed to step-up to the plate and demonstrate leadership during this extremely contentious campaign.

It is only two weeks since the two overrides were defeated and I am tired already of listening to some of the elected officials of this town point to "better communication, more transparency" and other alleged short comings of the school side efforts to properly fund our school and town services. If certain members of the school committee want to point the loss at their own efforts, so be it. From my vantage point, it didn't matter what information was disseminated, there is an element of our town that will take the consequences of a defeated override, as long as it keeps their property taxes at an artificially low number. Many of the opponents who complained of high property taxes and the need to keep Cohasset affordable live in some of the most exclusive real estate in the state and region. Their selfish interests were well served by a well-planned, well-financed campaign of misinformation that unfortunately resonated with others in town. It resonated because some of our town officials failed to step-up to the plate and demonstrate leadership during this extremely contentious campaign.

I point to this lack of leadership from appointed and elected town officials, including the majority of the Board of Selectmen. We have a new chairman of the board, Mr. Dormitzer who completely dismissed key budget information leading up to the election. This fact came to light during the May 8th Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Dormitzer used the opening comments of the meeting to basically scold the schools for not providing a "worse case scenario budget" detailing the impact of a failed override (on both figures). He went on to say this type of information is what the schools should be providing and hopefully, they will improve their performance in this area next year. When Mr. Dormitzer was informed that he in fact did have this information and he had it since mid-February, a fact he did not dispute, he then claimed he couldn't understand the information as presented. Maybe it's me, but by admitting he basically ignored or dismissed this critical information for over two months, isn't Mr. Dormitzer in effect admitting he was derelict in his duties as an elected official. Is it asking too much that if he couldn't understand the budget impact, then maybe he should have asked for clarification? Is this asking too much or expecting too much from our town leaders? We already have one board member who fails to attend crucial budget meetings, so to hear about Mr. Dormitzer's lack of regard for the consequences of a failed override was truly disheartening.

From the same Board of Selectmen meeting, I also noted with great interest that the town has some bills to pay from the Cook Estate debacle. At the onset, this project had the potential to put close to a half million dollars into the town's coffers, not including a healthy increase in property tax revenues to be generated on an annual basis. But what we ended up with is hundreds of thousands in unpaid bills with no identifiable sources to repay them. Where did we spend the money and where will the funds to pay these bills come from remains a mystery, but shockingly enough, we have no public outcry. I did note that Mr. Spofford wants to look into the Cook project at some future date. We deserve a better accounting of what happened. I know there are many who look forward to an official investigation into all aspects of the Cook project to identify the key questions of why did this fail, what decisions were made and who made them. It is strange how we just concluded a nasty override vote defeated in large part to the perception of "fiscal mismanagement" in the schools. We all know Cohasset has an abundance of self-appointed "fiscal watch dogs" including Lenora, Roy, Joe, Wig, Tana and their respective groups – Enough and Concerned Tax payers and their lovely paper – The Tiny Town Gazette. So I am anticipating these groups to mobilize into action and get to the bottom of how we as a town failed to capitalize on the generosity of the Cook family and spent hundreds of thousand dollars along the way. We have these fiscal watch groups pouncing on every line item and penny that is included in the school budget yet we are bleeding hundreds of thousands on a failed Cook Estate project and no one seems to mind.

It is obvious to me that we do have fiscal mismanagement in Cohasset, but as we beat up the schools and Superintendent Walsh over pennies, we were bleeding thousands elsewhere. I think all aspects of our town services need to be scrutinized, budgets clarified for all to see. For example, we have spent millions on the sewer project; does anyone really know where or how that money is being spent? How do we award the sewer contracts? All town department budgets should be reviewed in the same detail as the school department. Sources of revenues need to be identified. Fees will be going up at the schools and this should be the case throughout the town as well.

I am done venting. The vote May 6 will have terrible consequences on our schools and our children. There will be no denying this fact when we drop our children off to crowded classrooms, outdated books, pay outrageous fees, and receive less from our "community". The vote also put into place, a complete dismantling of any sense of community we have. I could accept the outcome of the override vote if it wasn't accomplished with venomous personal attacks on our elected officials and their families, or without making false accusations regarding the management of our schools. The majority of the town leaders allowed the negative tone of the election to surface due to their collective withdrawal from the campaign. We failed to get leadership when we needed it the most. It is unfortunate that our children will pay the price.

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Priority budgeting for fiscal 2008?

COMMENTARY

PAT WATERS

The quid pro quo required the schools to carry the burden of demonstrating the need for additional funds.

While the override vote is over, the consequences of the town's decision are just starting to be discussed and understood.

In my, albeit brief, time participating in the Town's budget process I have from budget-season to budget-season questioned why we don't prioritize what services the Town provides (or needs) and spend our available funds in accordance with our priorities? I have heard many rationalizations for why this style of budgeting is either impossible or inappropriate. As a relative newcomer to "municipal" finances I assumed with time my understanding would become clearer.

What became clear was that the Town budget had developed to a point where all departments and itemized expenditures were presumed "necessary" and each had assumed equal footing with another. Accordingly, the budget process became an exercise in evenly disbursing (in good times) and cutting (in bad times) across the spectrum of town services that had been established. The process worked as long as no major disruptions to funding occurred.

Underlying the entire process was a "social compact", an unwritten agreement or understanding that the Town would always stand-by the schools and vice versa. The quid pro quo required the schools to carry the burden of demonstrating the need for additional funds. The concept of "prioritizing" was antithetical to our budget practice and the "social compact". When suggested that we should fund the School Department (everyone's professed priority) from the first funds in the budget rather than from the last, the suggestion was roundly criticized as "divisive". Prioritization was perceived as pitting one department or service against another – it would have been a breach of the "social compact".

Well, the latest override vote has put an end to the "social compact". Oddly, for supporters of the schools, it may be for the best. If the presumption going into FY 2008 budget season is that the size of the pie isn't going to change, support for priority budgeting may finally come into vogue. If that happens, my guess is that at this time next year you'll be seeing someone other than the supporters of the Schools standing in front of Town Hall asking for your vote to save their program. *(Full disclosure: I am a member of the Cohasset Advisory Board and the parent of 3 children attending Cohasset Public Schools.)*

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Species protection

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I don't know whether this is good or bad news for you fans of the cactus ferruginous pigmy owl and I hope you know who you are because I sure don't.

The six-inch-long native of Arizona that weighs less than three ounces soaking wet has achieved enough numbers to be removed this week from the endangered species list by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

But before you and Dick Cheney get out the Uzis and organize a hunting party, be advised that the Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife has already filed a suit to block the removal.

Would that it be as easy to block the horde of a) illegal aliens or b) undocumented immigrants who daily cross the border to a) take jobs from needy Americans or b) take jobs Americans won't do. But I digress . . .

My source for this bit of useless information, the Associated Press wire, didn't tell me how many of the little owls were last counted but I've always thought that all a species needed to stay out of danger was a boy and a girl, each of the heterosexual persuasion.

There were, as of Sept. 27, 2004, the last date I've been able to find, 390 species of animals and 599 species of plants on the endangered list. That's a total of 989 ways to block a new road or housing development. Make that 988 if the decision on the pygmy owl sticks.

That includes our own Plymouth red-bellied turtle as well as the northern spotted owl that nearly brought down the logging industry in the northwest and the snail darter (that's a fish) that halted the construction of a dam in Tennessee for a matter of years.

It also includes the blue-spotted salamander which complicated the lives of the folks who were building a new $65 million jail in Springfield a few years ago and had to change the site when the little amphibians set up housekeeping in a "vernal pool habitat" in an abandoned gravel pit.

When you consider that the endangered species list was started with only 78 species in March, 1967, and there were still only 174 animals and 50 plants on the list in 1980, you can almost feel the noose tightening around progress.

My only brush with an endangered species got me a couple of midwinter days on a Gulf beach and a summer weekend on a boat on Long Island Sound.

I was going to Texas on another matter when one of our editors called me aside and suggested that as long as I was in Texas I should stop at Arkansas and check up on the whooping cranes. Joe had a thing about whooping cranes. Arkansas is not far from Padre Island and the Gulf beaches.

A couple of years later, I wound up in Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories of Canada, right next to Wood Buffalo National Park, where the whooping cranes spend their summers. This time I didn't have to be told to do a story on them. Joe was so pleased that he invited me on his boat for a weekend.

Bob Hedlund on local aid

State Senator Robert Hedlund sits down for an hour segment to speak with co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin about possible ways the state legislature might be able to help Cohasset with its current budgetary constraints. He also provides updates and information on other state matters of concern to town residents.

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School board brainstorms over where to trim budget

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not filling those positions could yield more money for the department. There would be vacancies for two high school social studies teachers ($90,000), one high school English teacher ($45,000), one high school librarian ($45,000), one early childhood teacher at Osgood ($45,000), and a reduction in substitute teachers of $40,000.

Walsh also suggested increasing revenue through bus and athletic fees and upping full-day kindergarten tuition rates. "You need to realize this will make us very reliant on the community, and there is a limit for everyone," said Walsh. She said the School Committee could also choose to use left-over funds from fiscal 2006 to pre-pay supplies and materials for fiscal 2007 as well as out of district special education tuitions. "I don't know how much there will be," Walsh said of left-over fiscal 2006 funds, but it is an option.

Walsh said the School Committee could also decide to reduce utility costs through collaborative purchasing. She said School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro has already been working on that initiative and there could be some real cost savings.

One recommendation that would be a more long-term goal would be considering restructuring the school schedule. Walsh said currently, the schools have block scheduling which allows the school year to be broken into two semesters. Classes are 90 minutes long, and students can make their way through 10 full classes per year, which is more than what students experience with traditional scheduling. "Right now, we can't fund it properly," she said, as students are making their way through course selections and the district does not have enough teachers to provide more electives. Students are being required to take study halls or independent studies instead.

Walsh described Cohasset's schedule as the "Cadillac" of schedules, but said going back to a regular schedule could save on salaries as less teachers would be needed for a smaller amount of classes. Walsh also recommended cutting back on services such as transportation.

Members of the School Committee brought up the fact that the schools currently have $205,000 in Foundation Reserve money, also known as "pothole program" funds, which are also at its disposal. The general consensus was, if the money is used, it should be put into capital improvements which will last more than one year. Without recurring revenue to make up the funds spent, any purchase would be a one-shot deal.

Member Jamie Williams suggested using the Foundation Reserve money to pay for some supplies and materials that would otherwise be cut and also take a look at perhaps realigning administrative positions to put money back into the classroom. "There was a resounding vote a couple of weeks ago. I don't think those people were saying cut teachers," she said.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said in her opinion, the district is not top-heavy in administrators and "To eliminate a leader is like saying you have an athletic team, but no football coach."

Williams said she was not saying the district is top-heavy with administrators, only that the district needs to find a way to cut down on administrative costs and funnel money back into the classroom. Perhaps duties could be realigned and more responsibility could be given to various administrators to become more efficient, she said.

Overall, the committee agreed much more discussion will need to take place before any decisions are made. Member Steve Fusco said he would like the superintendent to set priorities to enable the School Committee to determine what she sees as the most important items to try to keep. Fusco said his number-one priority is the classroom and "we need to retain those funds at all costs." He said he doesn't think the only options are the ones outlined by Walsh, and he would like to see the community have the opportunity to interject and make suggestions.

Member Alfred Slanetz said he too would like to see the committee do whatever it takes to keep funding in the classroom. He suggested partnering with other towns to form collaborative classrooms. He used Hingham as an example as the town currently offers Chinese. He said if Cohasset children could participate in that class, perhaps it could offer a class for Hingham students in turn and the two could work together for the benefit of the children. Above all, "We cannot cut personnel in the core areas," he said.

Member Rick Flynn said he would like the schools to get the most "bang for its buck" as it can, which to him means using state funds for capital projects that will last more than one year, and using anything left over from this fiscal year to pre-pay supplies and materials and/or special education tuition for next year. He said he is not in favor of raising athletic fees because they were raised last year. "They are hidden taxes," he said. However, he said a lot of schools charge transportation fees and he is open to exploring that option. Overall, "We need to try to do more with less," he said.

MacCarthy said she is opposed philosophically to raising fees, but if it does need to happen, she would like to see them raised across the board. The athletes, artists, musicians and everyone else involved in school activities should all be subject to fees. She said the does not see the number of administrators as problematic and they provide a valuable service in the schools, taking on much more than their roles used to entail, as they are responsible for assessing teaching staff and applying for grants. "Those grants save us in the long run," she said.

The School Committee is slated to meet again Thursday, May 25.

School Choice is on the table

The School Committee is slated to vote on whether it will participate in the School Choice program during the 2006-2007 school year, at its next meeting. Every school district in the state must vote yearly on whether it would like to participate in the program, and in turn allow students from other towns to attend its schools for a fee. Schools receive funding for each pupil from the state.

Currently, the district does not participate, and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she does not recommend the district join the program now. "Staffing and space needs to be available," she said, adding while the district would make some money, it would not be enough to cover the cost of additional students.

Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, pointed out at this week's School Committee meeting that currently, employees who work in the schools are allowed by contract to enroll their children in Cohasset schools at the town's cost. She asked whether the town would receive money for those same children if the district opted to enroll in school choice. Walsh said yes, the town would receive some money, but once the district joins, she cannot pick and choose which students may attend and limit enrollment just to students whose parents work in the schools. Jenkins noted superintendents are allowed to restrict how many seats and what grade levels the school can accept, a point which Walsh agreed with.

The Committee decided to wait to take a vote until they could explore the opportunities more thoroughly.

High School could lose JV sports

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substantial amount of money, cutting JV sports is one of the only viable options. However, it would be a huge step backward for students to lose that playing time in their early years of high school. The district has already lost middle school interscholastic sports due to budget cuts, and without programs in place to help prepare student athletes, the varsity sports program will suffer.

Ford came before the School Committee Monday with his recommendation. He explained currently, the school offers 10 junior varsity sports including baseball, boys and girls basketball, field hockey, football, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls soccer and softball. By cutting the sports, the salaries for assistants would be freed up, as would other costs incurred for the sports including payment for officials, transportation and supplies, or roughly $50,600. But losing the programs would also mean the loss of user fees, which were anticipated to come in at roughly $19,000. The net cut to the program would be roughly $31,500.

Ford also recommended cutting the wrestling assistant position and doing away with the cooperative gymnastics team. Currently Cohasset has joined with Norwell High School to compete as a combined gymnastics team, and while Cohasset pays the salary for the team's head coach, Norwell pays all other expenses, including use of facilities, transportation costs, equipment, and the cost of uniforms. "We currently have four gymnasts and two are graduating," said Ford, adding looking at the program as a whole, "It has very expensive per pupil costs." Together, cutting the wrestling assistant and gymnastics team would yield $6,720.

In addition to recommending cuts, Ford recommended increasing athletic fees. "If I didn't, we'd be cutting entire sports out," said Ford. He said athletic fees would have to be set depending on actions taken by the School Committee.

Currently, athletes pay $150 for the first two seasons and $100 for the third with a family cap of $600. Until the spring 2005 sports season began, athletic fees had not been changed in 12 years. However, tough budgetary times led the School Committee to endorse implementing an increase in fees of $25, which at that point set fees to $125 for the first two seasons and $100 for the third with a family cap of $600. Fees were increased by another $25 the following fall, bringing fees up to $150 per athlete for the first two seasons and $125 for the third, with a maximum charge of $600 per family.

Ford said with the cuts, keeping fees where they are at $150 for the first two seasons and $100 for the third, with a family cap of $600, the user fee total would be roughly $43,800, which coupled with the anticipated $18,000 in gate receipts would yield almost $62,000. Increasing athletic fees to $250 for the first two seasons and $150 for the third season, combined with revenue from the cuts and gate receipts, the department could see a total of $92,300.

Although the board did not take a vote, School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said she is against raising athletic fees. "You're assuming everyone can pay $300. This is a public school, not everyone has that financial ability," she said. MacCarthy added if fees are increased, donations will decrease as well as potentially participation. She added if fees are imposed for athletes, there should be fees imposed for art, music, and other activities. "The athletes pay all the fees," she said. She said fees should be implemented across the board, meaning the town should step up and increase dump and beach sticker fees as well. "Everyone should share the burden of educating the students," she said.

How the figures stack up

The School Committee requested a budget of $13,987,198. Town Meeting approved a budget of $12,714,714. This has left the school department with a gap of $1,272,484. These are some cuts as suggested by Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh. The School Committee will have the final say on what measures are taken.

The following items would have been included as new personnel in the school budget had the $1.495 million override passed. These items will not be included in the budget going forward.

Elementary Schools:
- Two early childhood teachers (one salary funded by kindergarten tuition)
- One 1.3 physical education/health teacher split between Osgood and Deer Hill.
- One grade two teacher

Middle School:
- One grade six English/reading teacher.
- One grade seven and eight foreign language teacher.
- One grades six through 12 guidance/adjustment counselor.
- One music teacher.

High School
- One grades nine through 12 English language arts teacher
- One grades nine through 12 math teacher.
- One secretary/receptionist.
- One .5 grades nine through 12 foreign language teacher.

District wide
- One athletic trainer (20 hours).
- Two custodians.
- One .5 juvenile police officer (shared cost with town).

Total: $581,759

The following items would have been included as program improvements in the school budget had the $1.495 million override passed. These items will not be included in the budget going forward.

- Expansion of full day kindergarten classes (from five to seven).
- Year two expansion of Scott Foresman Reading series (Osgood School).
- Increased professional development (math and reading).
- Inclusion of enrichment programs: reading and math, music, art, Great Books, Enrichment Motivation Challenge (EMC^3) at Deer Hill.
- Increase student support services in grades six through 12.
- Expansion of science, technology and engineering at middle school.
- Expand high school elective offerings in math and English.
- High school enrollment sections/class size.
- Replace/purchase texts at Osgood, Deer Hill and middle-high school. Osgood needs reading books, Deer Hill needs history, science and language arts. The middle school needs engineering/physics, for eign language, English language arts/reading, social studies, math and science books. The high school needs math, English language arts, science and social studies books.

Total: $185,293

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh has also recommended eliminating the following budget requests:

• Professional development (district)	$25,000
• Policy manual	$10,000
• Transportation/maintenance	$15,000
• Building maintenance	$10,000
• Textbooks, supplies, materials (Osgood)	$30,000
• Textbooks, supplies, materials (Deer Hill)	$30,000
• Textbooks, supplies, materials (middle-high school)	$60,000
• Athletics	$50,000
• Testing/assessment	$14,000
Total	**$244,000**

The remaining $261,432 could be made up through:
- Personnel or program cuts (cut staff or programs, no replacement of retirees or staff on leave of absence).
- Increase revenue (fees, tuition, boosters).
- Pre-pay supplies and materials and out of district tuitions using left over fiscal 2006 funds.
- Reduce utilities through collaborative purchasing.
- Restructuring of block scheduling (requires impact bargaining)
- Reduce services (transportation).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town made its bed

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

TO THE EDITOR:

I must take offense to the opinion that the override vote was a great day for Cohasset. As the housing market slows and a fall in home equity follows, the results will be as plain as dollars and cents. Homeowners should take a moment now that the override voting is finished and look at the impact of the vote on the most important investment they own.

The town has spoken; I wonder if those who voted against level funding fathom what they voiced. Will any town resident be pleased when cuts occur in town services? And who will be keen on paying fees for elder services, ambulance calls and school activities? The town has made our bed and now we must lie in it. Sadly it is a Procrustean bed, tailored to no one, and damaging to all. Damastes would be proud, and Theseus crestfallen.

Paul J. Schubert, M.D.
155 Sohier St.

Found letter personally insulting

TO THE EDITOR:

As a voice of the No override side, Mr. McElroy's (letter of Friday, May 12, "Trust the will of the voters") essentially perpetuates ill will in the community, and is personally insulting.

I didn't feel that way as I began his letter; in fact, I thought he articulated several rational positions. His opinions that our administrative overhead is high, school building projects and grade alignments a missed opportunity for cost reductions, and block scheduling a factor in escalating costs are among his many statements that are fodder for good civic dialogue.

But when he shifts gears and admits to buying into a conspiracy theory that CTA-School Committee negotiations were choreographed to conclude 72 hours before town meeting as "a 'timing' ploy to preclude pre-Town Meeting analysis," his opinion turns nasty, if not nutty. It might be appealing to some in this community to entertain the idea that school leadership was out to time their negotiations with the CTA to successfully conclude 72 hours before Town Meeting, thereby subverting public review. What but a conspiracy theory, Mr. McElroy states, could explain the abrupt shift from overwhelming CTA rejection of a School Committee offer to unanimous acceptance? The facts, Mr. McElroy, not a conspiracy theory, can explain this shift. What changed, Mr. McElroy, was the substance of the package offered.

Why, Mr. McElroy, do you use the Mariner as a forum to insult my integrity, and the integrity of my colleagues and fellow citizens on the School Committee, to suggest to this community that the teachers of Cohasset were duped in a conspiracy theory to sign off on a collective bargaining agreement 72 hours before Town Meeting? You owe us all a public apology, or a complete and factual presentation of the unethical behavior with which you charge us all.

Jack Buckley
272 N. Main St

Suggested cuts won't affect classroom

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset School Committee must cut $600,000 to balance the budget.

I have reviewed the budget and offer the following suggestions that will not cut teachers or diminish the students' classroom experience.

• By simply charging the market rate tuition of $4,000 for pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten we will increase our income by $250,000. These programs are extras not mandated by the state.

• Increase the fee for the before- and after-school child care program to so that this non-mandated program covers its expenses. Increase income $50,000.

• Joseph Osgood (grades kindergarten through grade 2) and Deer Hill (grades 3-5) have two principals. Each is paid $90,000 plus $18,000 in benefits. Consolidate the job, eliminate one position. Savings $118,000.

• Junior High School added a new position last year. Assistant Principal. Salary $80,000 benefits $18,000. Eliminate the position. Savings $98,000.

• Osgood and Deer Hill have three elementary guidance/psychologists. Eliminate one position. Salary and benefit savings of $75,000.

• The three schools employ four nurses. Eliminate one position. Salary and benefit savings $53,000.

Total Savings $644,000.

The above savings do not affect the teachers, curriculum or the classrooms. There is no excuse for any responsible administrator or elected official to advocate that teachers be cut.

Kevin O'Donnell
248 King St.

Accepting and dealing with the result

TO THE EDITOR:

Residents should be wary of all the rhetoric in last week's Mariner, Selectmen's meeting and elsewhere about "mandates" and what the override vote "means". Such spin should not only be unnecessary, it can easily be misleading.

It is not difficult to determine that the override results mean the following: There will not be an additional property tax assessment overriding Prop. 2-1/2 because there were more registered voters in Cohasset who voted against such assessments, that would have added either $725,000 or $1,495,000 to the town and school operating budgets this fiscal year, than there were registered voters who voted in favor of either level of increase on May 6, 2006.

I can hear the sarcasm now: "Wow! Thanks for the brilliant analysis – you just paraphrased the language of the ballot." True, but that is what the override vote mandates – nothing more and nothing less – despite some of what we have been reading and hearing. The corollary point is that there is no other mandate that was won or lost; there was nothing on the ballot about how the town should spend the money it does collect; and no one from "Enough" or the "Committee for Cohasset" was elected by all those who voted with their side this time to be their spokesperson.

There likely were many different reasons, or variations thereof, for why people voted the way they did that day (or did not vote at all). All those votes must be recognized as adequately informed and valid under our democratic system, and we have to accept and deal with the result, but those votes and the result should not be distorted into anything more than what was on that ballot this year. All of which is why, post-override vote, people are (and should be) advocating for what they believe in — that, together with the fact that the town now needs to go about the business of providing all the services townspeople want with the funding it has and people disagree as to the particulars, both for this year and for the future. That is the discussion or debate we can and will have as we move forward. Just be aware that when someone needs to argue that they have a "mandate", it is because they do not.

Joe Stanganelli
96 Aaron River Road

Lobbying legislators for more state aid

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to share with you a letter I wrote to Rep. Garrett Bradley. A similar letter was sent to Sen. Robert Hedlund.

Dear Garrett:

As a citizen of Cohasset, I am asking for your support of legislative proposals to establish a minimum per pupil level of Chapter 70 aid to cities and towns, such as the $2,000 minimum advocated by the Town of Acton and endorsed by more than 25 other towns. Since the local aid reductions in mid-fiscal 2003 Cohasset has seen significant erosion in Chapter 70 aid.

Under the Governor's fiscal 2007 proposal, Cohasset's Chapter 70 funding would still be 19 percent below its fiscal 2002 level.

Cohasset's net state aid has remained essentially unchanged since fiscal 2004, while health insurance, special education, and fuel costs have increased at double-digit annual rates.

To meet these demands, Cohasset has reduced teaching staff, seen increases in class sizes, used operating overrides, and is considering another override for fiscal 2007 to maintain level services.

Cohasset receives only $832 in per pupil Chapter 70 aid, a factor of 12 less than the highest aid recipients. While Cohasset continues to cut services and pass overrides to support our schools, many of these highest aid recipients have millions of dollars in unused levy capacity. *The Acton proposal establishing a $2,000 minimum would add only 8 percent to total Chapter 70 funding, yet would bring immediate relief to the 134 school districts impacted by the proposal.*

We urge you to work with fellow legislators in order to bring greater equity to the system by establishing this minimum per pupil funding level.

Sarah Murphy
Aaron River Road

Editor's note, this is the second round of letters to the state.

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Kitchen Tour support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center's 10th annual Kitchen Tour was held on April 28. The five fantastic kitchens plus samplings from each of the caterers were out of this world. A "Special Thanks" to the Varney, Schwandt, Mitterando, Sullivan, Avila families for opening their wonderful homes for us. We would like to thank the following caterers whose outstanding efforts in each of the individual homes truly delighted the crowds:

Executive Chef at The Borrowed Butler; Atlantica; Courtney MacManus & Cakes; The Catered Affair; The Borrowed Butler; and Bia Bistro.

We would also like to thank the following that contributed to the success of the day:

Fireking Baking Company; Dunkin Donuts; Shaw's; Stop & Shop; French Memories; Morning Glories Bakery; Atlantic Bagel Company; Curtis Liquors; Gimmy the Skinny; Mary Ernst Desserts; Red Lion Inn; Maryann Boothroyd; Harborlight Cookie Company; Emily Malone Catering; Starbucks; and Silver Spoon Café.

A special thank you to the Table Setting Designers:

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A special thank you to the Home Coordinators:

Arlene Ferreira; Lisa Evans; Laurie Ferreira; Laurie Greenip; Joanne Reynolds and Melissa Coveney.

Our thanks to the following that created the lovely floral arrangements:

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A special thanks to the Vendors:

Kristen's Designs; Gloria DiPaolo; Rooms in Bloom; Jill Flynne Designs; and Elizabeth McQuade.

The Center would like to thank all of the many people who helped to make this event possible:

The Cohasset Police Department; Jen Piepenbrink; Mary Ford; The Patriot Ledger; Globe South; and The Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our volunteers whose generosity of time and spirit made the day a tremendous success.

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Fire department answers 50 storm-related incidents

FROM FLOOD, PAGE 1

basements, he encourages residents to call if they think their electrical panel or furnace is getting wet.

"Years ago we pumped basements but due to the cost could not buy new pumps when the old ones needed to be replaced," he said.

Lincoln said there were a few fire alarm activations due to storm-related problems when water leaked into the electrical system setting off the alarms.

"In one flooded basement gas cans tipped over filling the house with fumes," he said. "The fire department used absorbent booms to get the gas out of the water, cut the power and ventilated the house."

Lincoln said several off-duty firefighters were called to help handle the volume of calls.

There was one storm-related accident, at 1:13 a.m. Monday when the driver of a motor vehicle lost control and hydroplaned into a pole and hydrant, Police Chief James Hussey said. The car was towed but no injuries were reported.

Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling of Hingham said this year's precipitation deficit has been completely erased, and it's now at above normal.

"On the first of May, that deficit was at minus 6.55 inches," he said.

Compared to problems on the North Shore and in New Hampshire, Cohasset and the surrounding area made it through the storm well.

And many residents kept their sense of humor despite the soggy weather.

"Well, I got a little worried when I observed animals hurrying in pairs up the road," said Murray Campbell of Jerusalem Road.

And Nancy Garrison, whose yard backs up to Lily Pond, said, " I saw a fish jump between the tulips."

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This scene was a typical one along Atlantic Avenue which experienced flooding during the weekend's record-breaking rainstorm.

Peter Dewey puts hip boots on to wade to his home on Atlantic Avenue on Monday afternoon.

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On Monday afternoon, David Hassan installed this sign next to the 16-18 in. swamp that was his driveway.

How did you make out in the flood?

"Well, I get a little worried when I observed animals hurrying in pairs up the road."

— Murray Campbell

"Flood? What flood? Are you saying it's been raining? Jeepers we've had nothing but hot sunny weather here on Sheldon Road! In fact it's been sooo hot I've had to open the pool early, wait, we don't have a pool.....that must be the FLOOD you're talking about!"

— Kelli Calhoun

"Our blueberry field is flooded...we were worried that the water would go over our bridge, it hasn't, but it is high. The end of our driveway is flooded as well. The ducks seem to enjoy floating around the blueberry bushes...my dog likes to chase them away!"

Linda Snowdale

"Wish I had a photo!

"Members of my family are all cursing each other because not one of us here on Mother's Day Weekend brought a camera! What would we have snapped, had we had one at hand?

"We would have recorded an unprecedented rise of Lily Pond that submerged my backyard to the house. Garden and lawn furniture (put out only last week) were inundated. A pair of white ducks that had never been seen before, joined the Mallards and Canada Geese swimming through my peony plants. I saw a fish jump between the tulips.

"Misty, surreal and beautiful. I almost hate to see it recede."

Nancy Garrison

"Alix and I kept turning to each other and singing the song Johnny Cash made famous 'How High's The Water Momma?....Two Feet High and Risin'."

— David Bigley

TAKE PART

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper.

Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

Baby seal doesn't make it

A new-born baby seal estimated at about a week old beached on Black Rock Beach last Thursday (May 11) was not in danger and was being monitored by the New England Aquarium.

But sadly the baby seal was apparently not strong enough to survive and died Wednesday.

Sheila Sinclair, a biologist with the Aquarium and a Cohasset resident, said mother seals routinely leave their babies on a safe spot on dry land while they forage for food in the water to feed themselves. Then the mother seal returns to nurse her baby. Sinclair said up until Tuesday, she had seen the mother's tracks on the beach and for several days the baby seal, who was thin but appeared healthy, was very vocal and active and seemed to be doing OK.

The seal turned up in the police log this past week when residents called dispatch after they stumbled upon it on the beach. If the seal had survived, it could have stayed on the beach for four to six weeks until it was big enough to live on its own.

Sinclair said people walking the beach can come upon a seal. However, the Marine Mammal Protection Act mandates people stay 150 feet away from a marine mammal. She said the danger with a baby seal is that the mother will be frightened off by curious people and not return to nurse her baby.

Sheila Sinclair, a biologist with the Aquarium and a Cohasset resident, said mother seals routinely leave their babies on a safe spot on dry land while they forage for food in the water to feed themselves.

She said the Aquarium will perform a necropsy on the baby seal to see why it died. She suspects it may have died from malnutrition.

"The harbor seal population is extremely healthy," she said. "Unfortunately this baby seal did not survive but we can hope for the best for the other ones."

St. Onge to speak at Rotary meeting

The Rotary Club will meet Monday, May 22 at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. Speakers for the meeting include Harry St. Onge, Cohasset Relay For Life Chairman, and Rick Kirkendall, Corporate Gift Coordinator for the Relay. The two will present the Rotary Club with a plaque for its participation in the Relay last year. The Club will also discuss this year's Rotary Relay team, headed up by Todd Fitzpatrick.

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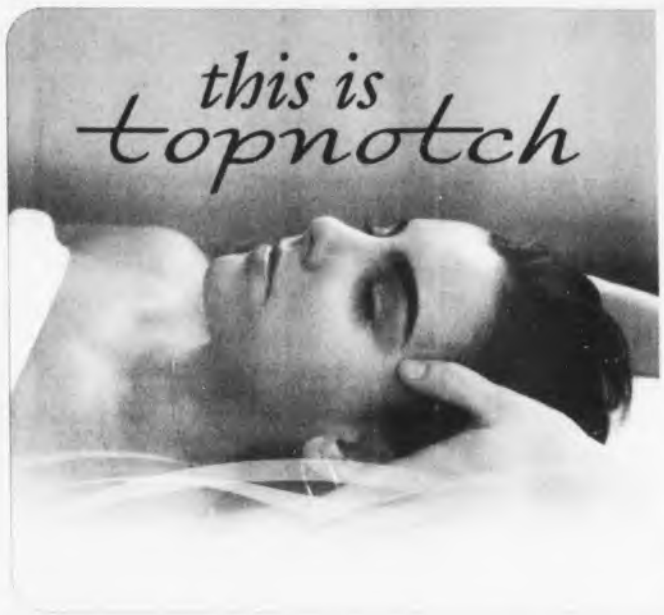

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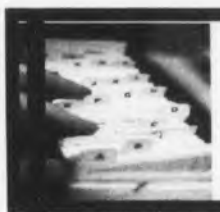

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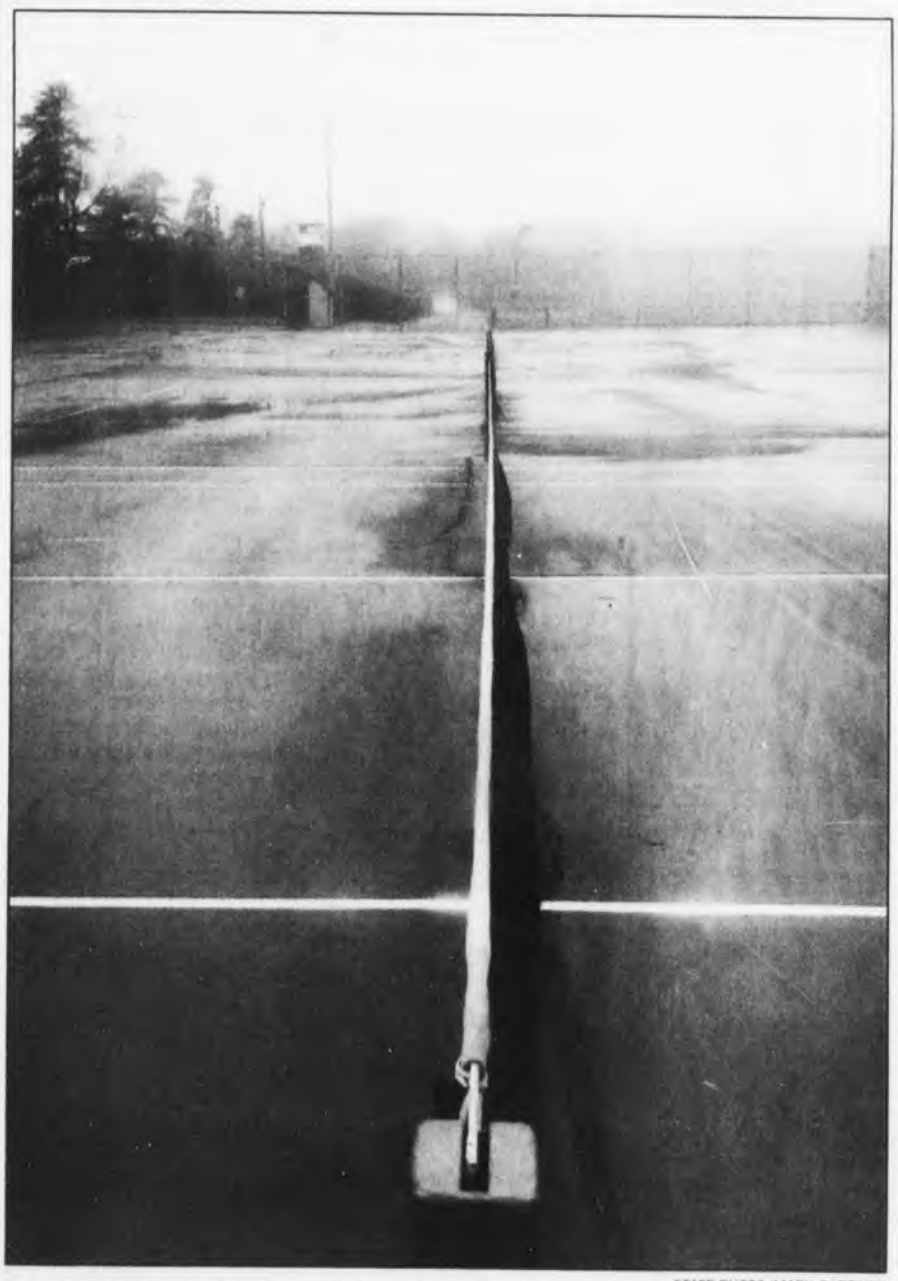
The Rockland High track and surrounding grass are flooded with water as heavy rains have led to the postponement of several meets, games, and matches over the last week. Athletes are looking at playing up to five games a week as the MIAA's cut-off deadline approaches.

Sports fields under water



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A scene that has been all too familiar lately: empty courts and playing fields.

Heavy rains stop spring season in its tracks, AD's scrambling to reschedule

By Julie Ann Nevero
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Rain, rain go away and come back…never!

Normally at this time of the spring, we sports writers are hopping around athletic fields across the South Shore watching games where league championships are on the line or reporting on teams racing to qualify for postseason play. Instead, we're being forced to writing stories like this one.

The rain storm that's tormented Eastern Mass. over the last week has stopped the high school spring sports season dead in its tracks. The postponements are piling up, leaving several area Athletic Directors scrambling to find dates to reschedule within the confines of the MIAA's cut-off dates (May 25 and May 29). Schedules are looking about as crammed as Rt. 93 South on a Friday and kids are looking at playing up to five games a week, some of which will have to be played on weekends.

But what else can these AD's do? Marshfield High AD Lou Silva perhaps said it best.

"There's nothing more we really can do," he said. "We're all in the same boat and we're all scrambling. Some of these games I have no idea where we're going to fit them into the schedule. But we have to get them in."

There's talk of the MIAA eas-

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Tracksters run wild at league meet

By Mark Goodman
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Three first place finishes highlighted a nice day for the Cohasset/Hull track teams at Wednesday's South Shore League meet in Norwell.

Senior Jake Augenstern took first place in the boys 800-meter race with a time of 2:13. On the girls side, freshman JoJo Brophey won the 200-meters in 28.9 seconds.

The girls 4x800 relay team was also victorious. That squad featured senior Lisa Musto and juniors Alyssa Hinman, Lauren Strazzula and Flossie Clougherty.

Brophey earned three medals on the day, also finishing second in the long jump (14-2) and as part of the second place 4x100. Sophomore Olivia Kimla and freshmen Georgia Murley and Rachel McMorris ran the other three legs for Cohasset.

Kimla also went home with three medals, as she finished third in the long jump (13-10) and sixth in the 400-meters (1:06.4). In that same 400 race, Clougherty took fourth place in 1:04.9.

Other medalists for Cohasset were junior Sheelah Scott (third place, mile, 6:02) and freshman

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Plenty goals left for lady laxers

With last Friday's 14-6 win over Marshfield, the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team accomplished its first goal of the season by clinching a spot in the state tournament.

And with that achievement in the books, the Skippers are ready for more, says head coach Chuck Jaffe.

"They have bigger aspirations for this season, and so do I, both from a team and personal standpoint," he said. "But getting this out of the way should allow us to use the last five games of the year to build on things, work harder to reach our targets, experiment with line-ups and plays, and hit the playoffs with a full arsenal."

Friday's matchup with the Rams was another potential "trap" game for Cohasset. The team encountered a similar situation two weeks ago when, 24 hours after a huge win over Hingham, it tied with Notre Dame.

Going into the Marshfield game, the Skippers were coming off a big victory over a scrappy Sandwich team. History seemed like it may repeat itself when Marshfield dominated the first five minutes of the game from a possession standpoint. Marshfield only scored once in

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A little bit of everything

By Mark Goodman
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Rainouts, indoor practices, suspended games, nine walks in one inning…The Cohasset High baseball team has seen a little bit of everything over the last 10 days.

It all amounts to one bottom line for the Skippers: at 5-7, they need to win four of their last six games to make the state tournament. They hoped to begin such a run yesterday at Mashpee, and continuing with today's home game against Sacred Heart.

Last Thursday's game in Hull was about as wild as it gets. The game was suspended after seven innings, with the score tied at 9. Pending unanimous approval of South Shore League athletic directors, that game will pick up where it left off Sunday at 2 p.m.

Without that approval, it will have to be replayed full, something head coach Al Gallotta was hoping to avoid due to the strain it would put on what is already going to be a taxed pitching staff.

In those seven innings last Thursday, the incredible thing was that both teams got their nine runs on just four hits. Cohasset helped Hull's cause by committing six errors, while Hull pitching walked a whopping 16 Skipper hitters, including nine in the fifth inning in which Cohasset scored all nine of its runs.

Amidst all this madness, sophomore Brian Hill pitched a very good game for Cohasset, allowing just four hits and striking out nine Pirates in seven innings. Thanks to the errors, most of the runs Hill allowed were unearned.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Sophomore Brian Hill will be on the mound Monday in Harwich in what the Skippers hope will be a crucial game to their hopes of qualifying for the state tournament.

Eighth grade hoopsters finish strong

Members of the eighth grade girls basketball team finished their South Shore League season and four year travel basketball careers in strong fashion with an exciting weekend of playoff basketball.

With a season record of 9-7 the team was seeded third entering the tournament. First up was Norwell, a team that had beaten Cohasset four times in the past two years, twice in double overtime contests.

Cohasset started strong off the opening tap with a lay-up by Isabelle Franklin. The hoopsters applied a full court 1-2-2 press that created turnovers, but Cohasset missed numerous lay-ups and short jump shots and fell behind at the half 16-11.

In an effort to pick up the game pace, Cohasset switched to a full court man-to-man press, but every time Norwell's lead was cut to 1 or 2, they would answer, increasing it back to 5. With less than two minutes to go in the game, Lindsay Allard hit a jump shot and with 1:10 left on the clock she made a driving lay-up that put Cohasset down by 1.

Norwell went into a stall and with just 35 seconds left, a deliberate foul put Norwell on the line for two free throws. Both shots were missed and Cohasset pulled down the rebound and quickly got the ball up court. After two missed shots the ball went out of bounds.

With 15 seconds remaining and Cohasset's possession, the inbound ball was worked to Samantha Crough just inside the foul line. She set, adjusted the ball and swished a 14-foot jump shot putting Cohasset up by one at 28-27 with 10 seconds to go.

Norwell quickly inbounded the ball to their best player who broke behind Cohasset's press and was streaking in for the game winning lay-up. Meredith Kelly, using her tremendous speed, caught her and committed a game saving foul with just 5 seconds on the clock. Norwell missed first free throw but made the second to tie the game at 28-28.

Cohasset, with no timeouts left,

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One of those days

CHS girls tennis struggles in loss to Ursuline

By Mark Goodman
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Sometimes, wins and losses are determined simply by which team plays better.

On Wednesday, it was the Ursuline Academy girls tennis team that stepped up in a 4-1 win over Cohasset in Dedham.

The lone win of the day for the Skippers (10-2) came from the first doubles team of Charlotte Landon and Sally Meehan. The duo won the first set, 6-3, and jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the second before the Ursuline team came back to tie it at 5-5.

The match was shaping up almost exactly like the teams' first meeting on April 12 in which Landon and Meehan, playing at second doubles, took the first set 6-2 and appeared to be in control before Ursuline came back and won the next two sets, both by 7-5 scores.

The Skippers duo was determined not to let it happen again. After the second set was tied at 5, Landon and Meehan buckled down and took the next two games to win the match.

That was the bright spot in an otherwise not-so-good day for Cohasset, leaving head coach Gigi Meehan with a rather easy analysis afterward.

"We played OK, but they played better," she said. "The first time we played (a 3-2 Ursuline win), I thought we were pretty even. This time, they just outplayed us."

With seven matches still left in the season - beginning with yesterday's rare doubleheader with Mashpee and Duxbury - the Skippers have plenty of opportunity to improve their play and get ready for the state tournament. Meehan is hoping that is exactly what happens.

"The way we played today isn't going to get us anywhere in the tournament," she said. "I think this is just one of those things where we get it out of our systems and move forward."

Skippers 4, Mashpee 1

Things went a lot better for Cohasset on Tuesday, when it improved its South Shore League record to 7-0 with a win down the Cape at Mashpee.

The match of the day for the Skippers featured the second doubles duo of Remy Lee and Kate McBride. After winning the first set 6-4, Lee and McBride got in a hole in the second set, down 2-5.

The Cohasset tandem stormed back, however, winning the next five games and the match.

"There was a lot of fight in them," said Meehan. "That's the kind of tennis you have to play in the tournament."

The first doubles team of Meg Anderson and Emilie Shea won without dropping a game, as did Susan Curry at second singles. Chelsea Grossman also won in impressive fashion at first singles, 6-2, 6-0.

Following yesterday's doubleheader, the girls are scheduled to host Harwich today. Road matches at Westwood and Duxbury follow on Sunday and Monday, respectively, and Cohasset closes out its season with a home match against Hingham on Tuesday and a roadie at Sacred Heart on Thursday.

Following Wednesday's Ursuline match, Meehan says some of her lineup for the state tournament is still up in the air.

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Boys tennis downs Sacred Heart

Playing its first match in nearly a week, the Cohasset High boys tennis team scored a 4-1 win over Sacred Heart on Wednesday.

The Skippers were led by a sweep at singles from seniors Nils Sceery, Dan Sullivan and Blain Morin. Cohasset had also earned a 4-1 win over SH in the teams' first meeting in Kingston on April 12.

The boys were scheduled to travel to Mashpee yesterday and host Cape Cod Academy today, a rematch of a riveting 3-2 encounter on April 29.

Next week, Cohasset is set to play four matches in four days (Monday through Thursday): at Harwich, at Scituate, at Falmouth, and home against Hingham.

Tomorrow, the South sectional of the boys individuals tournament kicks off on the courts of Newton North High School.

- Mark Goodman

Tracksters run wild at league meet

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Ali Sadler (fifth, 300-hurdles, 54.4).

For the boys, Augenstern also had a three-medal day. He finished sixth in the long jump (15-11) and was part of the second place 4x800 relay. Also running that race were John Cleverly, Max Rooney and Chris Wilcox.

Juniors Brent Daly and John McCarthy also earned second place finishes for Cohasset. Daly ran the 200-meters in 23.5 seconds, with McCarthy finished the two-mile with a time of 11:32.

Daly also earned one of three third place medals with a triple jump of 38-6. Fellow junior Colin Conway took third in the discus (115-05) and classmate Justin Alexander was third in the shot put with a toss of 40-2.

The boys 4x400 relay team took fourth place, with senior Mike Devlin, McCarthy, junior Kyle Dattola and sophomore Mike Kusek all running solid legs. Other fourth place finishers were Cleverly (mile, 4:57), Alexander (discus, 113-5) and junior Reed Wendorf-French (300-hurdles, 47.0).

Junior Nick Cambi took fifth in the shot put with a 39-3 toss. Rounding out the boys' top performers with sixth place finishes were senior Max Rooney (200-meters, 2:24), junior Paul St. Pierre (discus, 107-06) and sophomore Steve O'Brien (high jump, 5-4). Sophomore Steven Hurlbut tossed a personal best 91-11 in the discus.

Cohasset also saw success in the league freshman meet. Aisling Kearns won the 400-meters, with Murley and McMorris taking second in the 100 and 400, respectively.

For the freshman boys, Ryan Daly finished second in the mile with a time of 5:27. Wilcox finished just nine seconds later to earn fourth place. Ari Cabot-Boris took fourth in the 400-meters (61.5), with Nick Savage taking sixth in the 100 (14.3).

League All-Stars

Cohasset/Hull had six athletes named to the South Shore League All-Star team.

For the boys, Daly, Augenstern and Cleverly earned the honors, and were joined by Scott, Clougherty and sophomore Corinna Durham on the girls side.

State qualifiers

As of Wednesday, Daly and Durham had qualified for the Division 4 state meet. Daly has qualified in both the 100 and 200, with Durham doing so in the 300-hurdles.

The girls 4x100 relay has also made it to states.

A little bit of everything

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Pitching has been the area of strength for this Cohasset team, between Hill, fellow sophomore Sam DeGiacomo and senior Chris Bryan. All three have ERAs under 4.

Gallotta said Wednesday that DeGiacomo, who started the season as Cohasset's number-3 pitcher, may be his top option at this point in the season.

"In the last two weeks, he's been our best pitcher," Gallotta said. "Our pitching, overall, has been very good."

The coach's hope now is that the hitting and defense catch up. Bryan went 2-for-4 against Hull, with junior Corbin Faber and sophomore Kyle Pinkus also picking up hits. Gallotta is looking for more production throughout the rest of the lineup.

Fielding has also been an area of concern for Cohasset, who committed seven errors in a recent 5-2 loss to Carver, a team that came into the game with a winless record in South Shore League play.

"Right now, we're not hitting the ball well enough to recover from situations like that," Gallotta said. "We can't afford to make mistakes like that."

Hill was set to take the mound yesterday at Mashpee, with Bryan getting the start in today's game with Sacred Heart. DeGiacomo gets his turn against Hull, and then all three will go again on three days rest to close the season: Hill on Monday at Harwich, Bryan on Tuesday at Norwell, and DeGiacomo in the season finale on Thursday at home against Avon in a game the Skippers will certainly hope has some meaning.

Plenty goals left for lady laxers

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that stretch, though, and when Emily Coggins and Lindsay Durkin scored within 42 seconds of each other, the Skippers held a 2-1 lead despite being outplayed.

It got worse from there for the girls in blue, as Cohasset squandered several opportunities and Marshfield gained control of the game. Roughly nine minutes into the half, Marshfield tied the game; it took the lead back 32 seconds later, and it stretched the lead to 4-2 just past the halfway mark in the first period.

Cohasset called timeout to settle things down and regroup. Gabriella Flibotte came out of the break and took the game over. She scored 11 seconds after the draw to re-start the game, tied things up 30 seconds later and fed Durkin to give Cohasset the lead 53 seconds after that.

Flibotte then won the ensuing draw and when Marshfield collapsed on her, she dropped the ball outside for Lisa Spirito, who took the ball behind the goal, made one nice move and scored an easy goal, with just another 19 seconds gone from the clock. The four goals scored in about 90 seconds of game action appeared to demoralize Marshfield.

Spirito finished off a feed from Mia Lieb-Lappen and when Marshfield converted a penalty shot, Cohasset answered with its second Durkin-to-Coggins connection of the game, creating an 8-5 score as the teams went to the break.

The second half started slowly, with Cohasset working its settled offense, but missing several good scoring chances. Marshfield could not muster a comeback, however, and the first 10 minutes of the half went by without a goal from either team.

Once Cohasset broke the seal on second half scoring, however, it also blew the game open. Durkin scored twice, Spirito once and then Spirito fed Flibotte for a goal. Flibotte's fourth goal of the day answered a late Marshfield score, as Cohasset emptied the bench near the end of the game.

For the last goal of the game, Colleen Richardson, normally a defender, scored the first goal of her high school career, fed by sophomore Paige Strecker, whose assist was her first-ever varsity point.

JoAnna Hamilton was back in the net, but hurting; she played just the first half, stopping four Marshfield shots. Aisling Guinee replaced her at halftime and stopped two of the three shots the Rams got on net in the second half.

Skippers 13, Sandwich 9

This game last Thursday was played in what Jaffe described as "horribly sloppy field conditions." The players had to deal with big puddles and a lot of mud.

For Cohasset, the story of the day came in the Cohasset net, where Guinee made her second-ever varsity start in place of an injured Hamilton. This was Guinee's first start this season.

She responded with 13 saves, and did a great job not only frustrating the Sandwich offense, but igniting the Cohasset clear.

"Aisling said before the game that she was nervous; it never showed on the field," said Jaffe. "In the circle, she seemed calm and relaxed and oblivious to the pressure that comes from playing a good team in a close game. It was an impressive performance."

The first half was back-and-forth. After Sandwich scored first, Durkin assisted Flibotte and then Spirito to give Cohasset a 2-1 lead, before Sandwich tied things at 2. The Skippers scored the next three — Mia Lieb-Lappen and Flibotte both converted direct-free positions, then Durkin scored on a nice move from behind the net — only to see Sandwich answer with three goals to tie the game at 5.

Kara Wilcox answered with a beautiful play, taking in a clearing pass just outside of the Cohasset defensive zone and running the length of the field, splitting three defenders at the end to get off a sweet shot to the lower right corner of the net. Cassie Rosano – whom Jaffe said played her best game of the season — made it a two-goal lead. Sandwich scored to make it 7-6 at the half.

The second half looked like it would be more of the same. Spirito scored, but Sandwich answered to bring it back to a one-goal lead. From there, however, Cohasset got the ball back, settled down its offense and ran a play that allowed Flibotte to score lefthanded coming around the net.

After controlling the next draw, Cohasset ran the same play again, with the exact same result. Durkin and Spirito then scored to give Cohasset a 12-7 lead and the rest of the way was never in doubt. Durkin answered a Sandwich goal to rack up her fifth point of the day (three goals, two assists), and while Sandwich did score a late goal on a direct-free position, Cohasset controlled the end of the game.

Jaffe said another key element of the day was that Marissa Evans completely shut down Haley Conway, Sandwich's leading scorer. Conway scored just one goal - while Evans was resting on the bench.

"Marissa's job throughout the day was to isolate Conway and make it impossible for her to get the ball, and she pretty much made this girl disappear," said Jaffe.

This past Wednesday, the girls improved to 9-2-1 with a 12-7 win in Barnstable (details to come next week).

With four games remaining (Hanover yesterday, Cape Cod Academy today, Mashpee Monday and at Plymouth North on Wednesday), Cohasset will be aiming to win out, which likely earn them a top-3 seed and at least two home games in the Division 2 state tournament.

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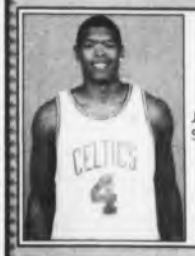
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Eighth grade hoopsters finish strong

FROM HOOPSTERS, PAGE 17

inbounded the ball to Franklin at half court. She hit Mimi Mahoney who found Crough open just beyond the 3-point arc. Crough's three point attempt at the buzzer was short, but she was fouled on the arm. With the court cleared Crough had three shots to win the game.

It would only take one, as her shot got nothing but net. With the dramatic victory Cohasset advanced to the second round to face second seed Abington.

Against Abington the 8th graders started out very slow and 9:30 into the 13-minute half they found themselves down 5-2. Then, Meredith Kelly hit a driving lay-up, Mimi Mahoney nailed a jump shot and Tori Lehr scored on a put back at the buzzer. Cohasset left the court at halftime leading 8-7.

In the second half Cohasset's 1-2-2 half-court zone defense was effective in limiting Abington's scoring opportunities. Cohasset capitalized with an assortment of lay-ups and jumpers from Kelly and Lindsey Allard. The team built-up a six point lead on two Allard free throws with 2:50 left, but Abington scored two baskets to cut the lead to 2 with just 1:20 remaining.

Kelly took command, forcing a foul on a lay-up where she made the free throw to complete the three point play. Later, Mahoney hit two free throws with nine seconds to go sealing a 28-21 victory. Allard and Kelly led in scoring with 8 points each, with Mahoney and Lehr adding 4 a piece. Lehr had 9 rebounds, Allard had 7 and Franklin pulled down 6.

Defensively, Franklin had 5 block shots and Samantha Crough added 4 more. Strong efforts by Lucy Noble (3 rebounds), Hannah Burgess (2 rebounds) and Chelsea Silvia (1 rebound and 1 assist) contributed to victory.

With the win over Abington, Cohasset proceeded to the championship game against number one seed Hanson, who owned a 15-2 record on the year, including two lopsided wins over Cohasset. However, this time Cohasset was prepared to play.

Employing its 1-2-2 zone defense Cohasset limited Hanson's high scoring offense to just 9 first half points. As had been the case almost all year, Cohasset's offense started the game slowly scoring just 9 points behind a basket and three free throws from Lindsey Allard.

In the second half the teams traded baskets and free throws until Hanson went up by five with three minutes to go. Cohasset fought back on a Mimi Mahoney 15-foot jumper at 2:45 that cut Hanson's lead to 22-19. But then Cohasset was unable to score for over two minutes. With just 55 seconds left in the game, Hanson hit a free throw to increase their lead to 23-19.

Just when it looked like the game was out of reach, with 27 seconds left on the clock, Samantha Crough was fouled and swished two free throws, cutting Hanson's lead to 23-21. A deliberate foul put Hanson on the line where they made both shots putting the tally at 25-21 with 25 seconds remaining.

Allard hit a shot at the 15 second mark to cut the deficit to 2 points. Another deliberate foul put Hanson on the line for two shots with 11 seconds to go. They made the first, but missed the second. Cohasset came down with the rebound but Hanson stole the ball. With 5 seconds to go, another intentional foul put Hanson on the line with a chance to seal the win, however both free throws were missed.

With no timeouts left, Cohasset pulled down the rebound and pushed the ball quickly up court. Tori Lehr got a good look at the basket and launched a game tying three-pointer that hit the backboard and rolled off the front of the rim. Hanson went home with the win and the title, but Cohasset's squad left true champions.

They played an inspired game against the league's highest ranked team and nearly took the title. On the game Allard had 11 points and Lehr and Mahoney contributed 4 each. Lehr also pulled down a game high 11 rebounds and had 4 steals.

Coaches Rob Mahoney and Andrew Franklin would like to acknowledge all the girls and thank them for the enthusiasm they brought to each practice and game and the respect and camaraderie they had for one another as teammates. Each player should be proud of her accomplishments over the past 4 years, both in terms of individual skill development and the dedication, respect and effort that are the core of this very successful team.

During its 4-year travel team career, this squad earned three playoff appearances including a championship in 6th grade and a second place finish this season. Erin Fontaine, Chelsea Silvia, Isabelle Franklin, Hannah Burgess, Lindsey Allard, Lucy Noble, Meredith Kelly, Mimi Mahoney, Samantha Crough and Tori Lehr – We thank you for the opportunity to share all of this with you and good luck with high school hoops!

Half bad, half good

CHS boys lax rallies for win at CM

By Mark Goodman
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The first 24 minutes on Wednesday were just one of those halves for the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team against Catholic Memorial.

The Skippers were fortunate to be down just 5-3 at the halftime break as, in the words of head coach Stew Curran, "Everything that could go wrong did go wrong." The biggest problem was some sloppy clears from Cohasset's own end.

The Skippers also had some trouble figuring out CM's zone defense. That was the biggest adjustment Cohasset made in the second half, and it worked.

Behind the explosive attack of senior Aidan Buick and sophomore Mark Flibotte, the Skippers dominated the second half and came with an 11-8 win.

Buick scored a game-high five goals and added an assist for Cohasset (10-3), as he continues to round into top form after missing a few games with a shoulder injury.

"Aidan has been scoring goals at key moments for us," said Curran. "He's doing everything we need him to do. He's settling the ball when need it, he's controlling it when we need it, and he's especially finishing when we need it."

Flibotte had another strong game in what has been an excellent season, finishing this one with four goals.

Cohasset also received clutch performances from junior goalie Nate Porter and sophomore midfielder Charlie Czerkawski. Porter came on in the second half and recorded nine saves on 12 shots for an impressive 75 percent save ratio. Czerkawski, meanwhile, won seven face-offs in a row at one point in the third period, helping give his team an overwhelming advantage in possession.

Defensively, junior Jeff Brown played a typically dominant game. Classmate Anthony DiPaolo got the start and played solid, positional defense. Sophomore Jake Cuneo came off the bench and played well for Cohasset.

Curran was encouraged by the fact that his team committed just four penalties, a noteworthy improvement over what had been a major problem a few weeks ago. The team's development in playing positional defense, and not just relying on athleticism, has played a major role.

After the win, Cohasset turned its focus to a Marshfield team that has been playing some good lacrosse after a poor start. That game was played yesterday after the Mariner went to press.

The Skippers are scheduled to finish their season with road games Saturday at Martha's Vineyard (1 p.m.) and Hanover on Monday (4:30 p.m.).

If Cohasset can win out, that would give them a 13-3 record and likely a very high seed in the Division 3 state tournament. The Skippers were on the road for their run to the state championship game last season, and wouldn't mind a couple home games this time around.

Sports fields under water

FROM WATER, PAGE 17

ing up on its cut-offs and pushing them back a few days, Silva said, but nothing has been etched in stone. So for now, it's up to the AD's to plug in the holes.

Hanover High AD Fran Coyle said it would be nice of the MIAA to give the kids a break, but also said it was unlikely.

"Last year, we were playing double-headers on weekends, making trips to different towns in the same day," said Coyle, who is also the head coach of the HHS baseball team. "They've (MIAA) already committed the dates for the state tournaments. It would be nice if they could push the dates back a little, but I doubt it will happen."

Silva said he was hopeful the MIAA would at least consider it.

"There's been some talk about it and I think if the rain persists like it's supposed to this week, they're going to have to at least consider it," he said. "I'm not saying it will happen, but it will certainly give the kids some relief."

Calls to the MIAA Monday were not returned.

On average, athletes compete in three contests a week, depending on the sport. Silva said the MIAA allows for them to play up to five for rescheduling purposes only. Potentially playing in multiple games in consecutive days over the last two weeks of the season doesn't exactly make coaches like Coyle happy, but again, what else can they do?

"I'm not so much concerned for my team because we have the numbers to work with," he said. "Boys lacrosse, on the other hand, has me concerned. It's such a high contact sport and because of that, you just don't ever see them play three games in a row. That's something we're trying to avoid, but it might come down to that."

Making matters worse is the need to find teams space to practice indoors. Coyle said Hanover uses the gymnasium and the cafeteria when practices are forced inside. One of those venues was taken away this week as the town prepares to have its Town Meeting in the HHS gym.

Silva's teams have benefited from the use of several different facilities, leaving little conflict between the school's programs.

"Today (Monday) we were lucky," he said. "It wasn't raining too much, so the track teams and lacrosse teams were able to get outside. Baseball had the gym early and softball a little later. The tennis teams got into the gym at Furnace Brook (Jr. High)."

When the rain finally does stop, that's only the first step to getting the spring sports season back on track. Flooding has occurred on several fields, tracks, and courts in the area and it could take weeks for them to dry out.

"Our fields are underwater right now," Silva said. "Some of them will become more playable faster than others, but it will be a while before they're all dry. They might never fully dry out."

"We have ponds in our fields," said Coyle. "It's going to be a while until they're back to normal."

One of those days

FROM GIRLS TENNIS, PAGE 18

"We're getting to the point now where we're determining who is in the tournament lineup, and right now, there are still some open spaces," she said. "If we can get it together and figure it out by tournament, I predict we'll go far."

Individuals tournament this weekend

Following last week's postponement, the state girls tennis individual tournament kicks off Saturday in Hingham.

Cohasset will be represented by a full lineup of players. Grossman, Shea and Lee will compete at singles. Anderson and Sally Meehan will team up at doubles, as will the Landon twins, Charlotte and Elizabeth.

The number-2 seed in this year's South sectionals, Anderson and Meehan advanced to the semifinals as freshmen last season before losing to a team from Barnstable that went on to win the whole thing.

Grossman is seeded seventh in the singles tournament.

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Leo Martin of the Jenney Grist Mill in Plymouth shows Deer Hill fifth grade students how the mill's gears operate to move the grindstone. The field trip coincided with the students' social studies lessons on Colonial America.

Fifth-graders learn about Pilgrim life

FROM PILGRIM LIFE, PAGE 1

past two weeks, the entire grade had the opportunity to travel down to Plymouth and see the mill in action in small groups.

Leo Martin asked the children how many had ever visited Plimouth Plantation, and was met with a large showing of hands. However, what the students did not know, is that the mill is located on what was the actual site of the first plantation begun by Pilgrims in Plymouth. "Talk about the history of Plymouth, it happened right here," said Martin.

Anthony Nahill and Andrew Fontaine listen while Leo Martin, owner of the Jenney Grist mill tells the students about the dangers of being a miller.

One spark and the entire mill can go up in flames instantaneously...

Due to its location on Town Brook, fresh water for drinking was always available as was power for the mill. When the water from the brook flows over the mill's large wheel, it turns the gears inside the mill which in turn causes the grindstone to spin and pulverize the corn. Town Brook is 1-1/2 miles long and is fed by natural springs that bubble out of the ground and keep the waterway full, and over the course of the brook, the waterway drops eighty feet. The combination of the water from the springs and the drop in elevation result in a constant supply of water power.

At one point in history, there were 14 mills located on the brook, but today, only the Jenney Grist Mill stands. While the original mill was built in the 1600s, it was destroyed by a fire in 1847 and needed to be rebuilt. Martin explained grinding the corn is a very sensitive operation which takes much precision or it can be deadly.

The two stones which grind the corn weigh approximately 2,500 pounds each, and must be lowered close enough to grind whole corn kernels down to powder — roughly 1/16 of an inch apart — and they cannot touch or it will produce a spark. One spark and the entire mill can go up in flames instantaneously, as both the wood the mill is constructed out of and the dust which is produced from grinding the corn is highly flammable.

During the grinding of the corn, Martin said the dust gets so thick, a miller would barely be able to see to the other side of the room. One spark can cause spontaneous combustion which has cost millers their lives more than once.

The mill's gears are made of wood, primarily because wood was plentiful, but also because it will not create sparks. The Jenney Grist Mill's gears are made out of hickory, and at 200 years old, Martin joked they are "relatively new," as well-made gears which are taken care of can last centuries. He also said due to the nature of the milling, using oil to grease the wheel is not an option, as it will get into the corn. Therefore, millers in colonial times would use animal lard instead. "I don't," said Martin, as animal lard smells bad and would attract small animals to the building. Instead, he uses vegetable oil, which used to take him 1-1/2 days to apply to ensure every spoke was thoroughly coated. However, he has since discovered a much easier modern-day alternative — Pam cooking spray in an aerosol container.

When the Pilgrims first arrived in Plymouth, they came with nothing and had to build a new community from the bottom up. The first winter was very harsh, and of the 102 Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower, 51 died. Martin said without the help of the Indians who taught the Pilgrims everything they needed to know to work the land and prosper, none of the Pilgrims would have survived. One very important lesson taught by the Indians was to use fish to fertilize the sandy soil. Without it, none of the Pilgrims' crops would have flourished. "Without the Indians, we wouldn't have survived," he said.

But the Pilgrims did succeed and began a great expansion of this country. At the root of their society was a strong belief in education. Pilgrims taught themselves different languages, read many books, and taught their children what they had learned. They believed without education, they would never prosper. Martin encouraged the students to take a cue from the Pilgrims and keep up the good work in Cohasset.

The Jenney Grist Mill is open to the public from April through Thanksgiving weekend. School groups and other group tours are welcome, and the "miller" is able to modify his presentation to accommodate various lesson plans. There is free parking on site as well as a restaurant and ice cream shop. Walking paths connect the mill to Brewster Park and the historic Plymouth waterfront, the location of Plymouth Rock. For more information, please visit the Jenney Grist Mill Web site at www.jenneygristmill.org or call (508) 747-4544.

Melinda Dignam pays close attention to the historical lesson given by Leo Martin of the Jenney Grist Mill in Plymouth during a field trip Monday. Martin told children in colonial times, everyone worked, even the children, or the community would not have survived and prospered.

Where did that saying come from?

Many of the expressions we use today come from the Pilgrims:

- Those who broke the law during colonial times were met with open ridicule and punishment. Offenders were placed in the pillory — a wooden frame with holes for the head and hands — for all the town to see. Passers-by would slap the offender in the face, spit on them, throw things at them, and offer up any form of punishment they saw fit from dawn to dusk to deter such behavior from taking place again. However, upon a second offense, punishment was escalated as the earlobes would be nailed to the planks of the pillory. At the end of the day, the offender would be pulled out of pillory, ripping their earlobes and leaving a permanent scar. Going forward, the criminals would forever be "earmarked" for their bad behavior.
- Millers like John Jenney have a somewhat dangerous profession. By grinding corn on a wooden mill, dust frequently flies, and is highly flammable. One spark from the stones which grind the corn, and the entire mill could spontaneously combust. That is why millers rely on their sense of smell and literally "put their nose to the grindstone" to make sure there isn't a burning smell, an indication the stones are too close and are heating up with the potential to cause a spark.
- Pilgrims often used thick grass known as thatch to build their roofs. Often, cats and dogs would make their way up onto the roof to sleep, as the thatch made for a comfy bed. However, when the grass gets wet, it gets slippery, which makes it hard for the animals to stay put in their rooftop beds, and suddenly it would be "raining cats and dogs."
- Any good miller knows the way to tell if the mill is working properly is by feeling of the corn meal. By taking some of the ground corn and rubbing it between their fingers, the "rule of thumb" always lets them know if everything is on track.

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LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTOPHER PESCATORE

The storm of the century has just passed over Cohasset, leaving an excess of flooded basements and drowned spirits in its wake. Now the sunshine is here brightening more than just our atmosphere, but our hearts as well. If you missed out on the bucket brigade performance last night at the High School Pop's Night, I feel bad for you because it was reminiscent of STOMP! So a big shout out to all the students in Ms. Hoskin's Music Theory and Analysis class and the band for a magnificent performance. Also, the prom is coming up so seniors make sure that you have purchased a ticket by today! None of the sports teams have been playing because of the rain, but now this week, all bets are off and all games are on! But enough of that jazz, let's delve into the news for the week.

• The Relay For Life will be held from June 16 & 17 up here at the high school.

• You are cordially invited to participate in Cohasset High School's fifth annual Edible Art Exhibit on Thursday, May 25th, at 6 p.m. The competition is open to people ages 4 through 104. There will be two categories for judging: original artwork, and copies of artwork. The registration fee is free and the admission fee is $2. Contact Nina Berkowitz at Cohasset High School to register or ask questions: 781-383-6100 or at:

nberkowitz@Cohassetk12.org.

Here is the MCAS testing schedule for next week:

• Tuesday, May 23 – Grade 10 Math

• Wednesday, May 24 – Grade 10 Math

• Thursday, May 25 – Grade 11 History, Grade 9 Science, Grade 10 Science.

• Tuesday, May 30 – Grade 9 Science, Grade 10 Science.

The ACT test session is June 10th

The SAT test session in June 3rd up here at the high school.

Any student interested in taking summer school programs this summer can pick up forms in the guidance office.

• The High School Student Council recently passed a new constitution that will establish a new form of student government in the school and create an official guideline for students to follow, which will in turn make for a more efficient organization.

If you're interested in running for a position on next year's student council, nomination forms are available outside Mr. Ames' room. 30 signatures are required and the form must be turned in by May 29th

• The handbook revision committee began reviewing the handbook on Monday.

• The National Honor Society will have met during lunch on Thursday in Mr. Newkirk's room.

Senior Schedule:

• May 24th last day for seniors

• June 3rd Graduation.

• The Senior Prom will be on Friday May 26th at The Venezia Waterfront Banquet Facility in Boston. The Prom gala on Cohasset Common begins at 5:30 p.m.; Trolley cars depart from the Common at 6:45 p.m.; Prom ends at 11p.m..; and Post Prom begins at 11:30 p.m.

• Reminder to parents of current sixth-grade students: All incoming seventh-graders need to have an updated physical on file in the Nurse's office. All immunizations must be up to date.

• Friday, May 19th National Honor Society induction at St. Anthony's at 7 p.m.

That about does it for this week. Here is the day that I never hoped would come, the day where I announce my retirement from Life at CHS. I am a senior, therefore I will be out of school on Wednesday and gone for the summer by the following Monday. Don't fret though, I have been molding a replacement over the past couple of days and he will take over in my absence. This man of mystery will make his debut in next week's paper and he will undoubtedly make me proud. It's been real Cohasset. Goodbye.

CHS to host 5th annual Edible Art Exhibit

Cohasset High School will host its 5th Annual Edible Art Exhibit on Thursday evening, May 25 at 6 p.m. For an admission fee of $2, patrons will have the opportunity to See…Feel… Eat… any and all artwork on display.

The competition is open to people ages 4 through 104. Artwork must be edible and safe for human consumption, and may be created by an individual, or a collaborative piece. Artists are responsible for setting up their exhibits for viewing. Many prizes will be awarded from local restaurants and merchants, after which, all work becomes the property of partygoers who will proceed to "eat your art out."

Registration is free. To register e-mail Nina Berkowitz at: nberkowitz@Cohassetk12.org or call 781-833-6100.

Information session addresses safer vaccines

Why have autism and other neurological disorders, such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Hyperactivity Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome and PDD-NOS grown in recent years? Some research studies suggest that the growth is related to a preservative called Thimerosal that is contained in some children's vaccines. Thimerosal consists of almost 50 percent ethyl mercury, a known neurotoxin. Since 1989, the number of required childhood vaccine injections has escalated from eight 8 to 22. Autism alone has increased from affecting one in 10,000 children to the present level of one in 166, statistics that do not include the increase of other neurological issues.

The public is now being alerted to the dangers of methyl mercury found in certain fish, hazardous waste containing mercury and the contaminating fall out from airborne mercury that impacts parts of the United States. An information session to discuss this issue will take place Tuesday, June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 129 So. Main St., Cohasset.

Speakers for the session include: state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, the sponsor of a bill that would ban mercury in child vaccines; Mark Blaxill, vice president of SafeMinds; Dr. Richard Deth, a molecular neuropharmacologist and Northeastern University professor; Mary Romaniec, a counselor and mother of a son who recovered from autism; Suzanne Messina, the founder of REACH and the mother of three children on the autism spectrum; and registered nurse Pamela Ferro, who treats children on the autism spectrum using biomedical approaches.

To register or for more information, email southshorepac@comcast.net.

Computer Camp signups sought

South Shore Computer Camp will be held the week of July 10 through July 14 at Hingham High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is co-educational for boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Campers will rotate between interactive technology classes in the computer labs and outside sports activities such as tennis and basketball. Campers receive individualized and small group instruction based on age, skill level, and interests.

Hingham High School guidance counselor Mark Awdycki, and business and technology teacher Steven George, will co-direct the camp.

Classes will be differentiated based on ability, aptitude and interests so campers can learn new skills or reinforce previously learned skills. Internet safety for kids will also be addressed and discussed by a local law enforcement agency representative. Outside sports activities will involve instruction and games in tennis and basketball with emphasis on fundamentals, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Tuition is $259, $239 if paid in full by April 1. Campers will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. Space is limited. For more information or a registration form visit www.southshorecomputercamp.com.

Important dates at Deer Hill

May 15 through June 2 – MCAS Testing for grades three, four, and five. Contact your child's teacher in advance for testing dates and subjects, to ensure your child is well fed and rested for testing.

May 29 – Memorial Day, No School.

June 7 – Grade Three Parent Orientation at 7 p.m., for parents of students entering grade three in September.

June 8 – Grade Five Student Orientation at CMHS from 9:15 to 11 a.m., for students entering grade six in September. Students only. Bus transportation provided.

June 12 – Grade Three Deer Hill Field Day; Grade Six Parent Orientation in the CMHS auditorium at 7 p.m., for parents of students entering grade six in September.

June 13 – Grades Four and Five Deer Hill Field Day.

June 14 – Deer Hill Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

June 15 – Rain date for Deer Hill Field Days.

June 16 – Move-up Day for students.

June 19 – Last day of school for students; Grade Five Promotion Ceremony at 9 a.m.; Deer Hill Dismissal at 11:20 a.m.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, MAY 22

Chicken patty on a bun or tuna sub, oven fries, mixed vegetable, peaches.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Taco day served over chips with lettuce, cheese, tomato or ham sandwich, vegetable and rice, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or roast beef sub, carrots, applesauce.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Bagel with chicken vegetable noodle soup or turkey and cheese sub, garden salad, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

French bread pizza or bologna sandwich, veggie sticks, fruit.

MONDAY, MAY 29

Holiday.

No School.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Pancakes with maple syrup, sausage, potato tots, peaches.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or tuna sub, oven fries, mixed vegetable, applesauce.

Learn to swim program offered

An American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program will be offered at Cohasset Swim Center this summer. The Swim Center is offering members mail-in registration for swimming lessons, and the deadline is May 26. More detailed information can be found in the Cohasset Swim Center brochure, which has been mailed town-wide. Additional brochures can be found at Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Library.

Swim lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 26 to July 7; Session II: July 10 to July 21; Session III: July 24 to Aug. 4; and Session IV: Aug. 7 to Aug. 18.

Lifeguard training program

Cohasset Swim Center is offering Lifeguard Training, which will be held June 20-23. Class time is 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day, all classes are mandatory. All lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of class and need to pass a pre-course skills test. Registration deadline is May 26th.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor.

Water Safety Instructor training will be available this summer, the dates for the course to be determined. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 16 years of age by the last day of class.

Let us know if you are interested in either of these programs by forwarding your contact information by e-mail to: cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net or by mail, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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OBITUARIES

Frank A. Libby

Retired senior corporate VP of United Liquors Ltd.

Frank A. Libby

Frank A. Libby, 83, a resident of Cohasset, and Naples, Fla., died May 14, 2006, at his home on Wheelwright Farm, surrounded by his family.

The son of Frank and Katherine Libby, he was born in Boston, and graduated from Commerce High School, Class of 1940, where he made his mark as a baseball pitcher of some talent. Known to many as "Babe," he pitched for a number of clubs in the Boston Park League.

His first job after graduation was with the Massachusetts Envelope Company, where he met and married the love of his life, Marguerite M. "Mac" McCusker, in 1945. He went to work for Croft Brewing Company, which was the beginning of a career in the beer business that would continue until he retired in 1989 as senior corporate vice president of United Liquors Ltd. Mr. Libby headed up the company's wholesale beer division, and was responsible for importing Molson, Heineken, and other imported beers into New England. His success made United the largest distributor of imported beers in the eastern United States.

He and his wife raised eight children, all of whom graduated from Cohasset High School. He was a longtime member of the Cohasset Gridiron Club, and an avid Cohasset sports fan. Over the past 17 years, he and "Mac" spent winters in Golden Gate, Naples, Fla., with their many friends. He was a member of Hatherly Country Club in No. Scituate, and Golden Gate Country Club in Naples, Fla. A lifelong golf enthusiast, he especially enjoyed playing in the South Shore Senior's League.

He leaves his loving wife, Marguerite M. Libby; his children, Dr. Glenn F. Libby, and his wife Gael of Seal Beach, Calif., Dennis M. Libby, and his wife Judy of Guilford, Conn., Kevin G. Libby, and his wife Cheryl of Falmouth, Maine, Susan M. Murray, and her husband Colin of Norwood, Frank Libby Jr., and his wife Terri of Needham, Nancy Hutt, and her husband Peter of Scituate, Michael Libby, and his wife Elsa of Cohasset, and Timothy J. Libby, and his wife Patty of Scituate; 21 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 19 at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, MA 02185.

Charlotte Fratus

Retired from Cohasset Knoll

Charlotte "Tootsie" (Morse) Fratus, 97, of Cohasset, died May 12, 2006, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

The daughter of the late Benjamin Francis and Winifred Estella (Lynde) Morse, Mrs. Fratus was born and raised in Cohasset. A lifelong resident, she was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of 1927.

Following graduation, she went to work at Beggs and Cobb, a show manufacturer in Boston, as a secretary. Later, Mrs. Fratus worked at Lawson Davis in Quincy and Local #8 Distillery Workers Union in Braintree. Her final job was at Cohasset Knoll, where she worked as a receptionist and typist until her retirement at age 87.

Mrs. Fratus loved her dachshunds and shopping for bargains.

Wife of the late William Fratus, she leaves her niece, Peggy Dickson of Cohasset; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Interment in Woodside Cemetery. Arrangements handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

John C. Lyons

Motor yacht captain

John C. Lyons, of Duxbury, and St. Maarten, Netherlands, Antilles, died May 12, 2006, with his family by his side, at the Life Care Center of Scituate, after a courageous battle with lung and brain cancer.

Born in Boston, he was raised and educated in Woods Hole and Falmouth, and was a graduate of Lawrence High School in Falmouth, Class of 1957. He attended Tri-State College in Angola, Ind.

An accomplished businessman and trucking company owner, Mr. Lyons sold his ownership in Quinn Freight Lines, and in 1983, fulfilled his dream of sailing his boat through the Bahamas, Caribbean, and Bermuda, with his wife, Nancy by his side.

After completing his dream, he began his career as a motor yacht captain and spent the last 15 years in command of a private motor yacht for a Toronto family. His final command was the 153-foot ARGYLL, with 11 crew. He and his wife visited ports on six continents, with extended visits to England, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, France, Croatia, Sardinia, and Tunisia. For the last several years, the couple lived in their homes in St. Maarten and onboard their trawler "Sealions" cruising the coast from Virginia to Maine.

He leaves his loving wife, Nancy Lyons; a daughter, Heather Conroy, and her husband Doug, of Cohasset; two granddaughters, Brooke, and Sarah; his brother, Jim, of Halifax; his sister Jane, of Falmouth; and many loving cousins.

Arrangements by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

• Sunday, May 21. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

The focus is "Charity" as our Senior High Youth lead the worship service, followed by a Walk in the Woods led by our 4th-6th grade Keepers of the Earth Coffee hour will follow in the Parish House.

While our full religious education program is completed until the fall, childcare is available for our youngest, and all children are invited to attend services in the Meeting House with their parents. Services are child-friendly!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universlist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays). Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Christian Meditation, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on the miracle stories of Jesus. The Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship at 7 a.m. is studying the book of JONAH.Friday, May 19: Family Movie Night. Pizza, salad and a family movie in the parish hall beginning at 6:00PMSunday, May 21: Creation worship Morning Prayer Service at both the 8 & 10 a.m. service.Monday, May 22: Profile Committee will meet. Today is the deadline for news articles to the Carillon. Contact Susan Esielonis in the office if you have an article.
In the Scripture lessons for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, The Lesson from Acts tells of significant events in the life of the early church. The first letter of John teaches that God has made his love known for us through Jesus. In the Gospel of John Jesus speaks of his great love for the disciples and calls upon them to show this love for one another. Preacher: Ms. Colette Wood.

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The Right Reverend, Bishop Bud Cederholm of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, blesses the newly completed Memorial Garden at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset. He visited St. Stephen's Sunday, May 7.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative; Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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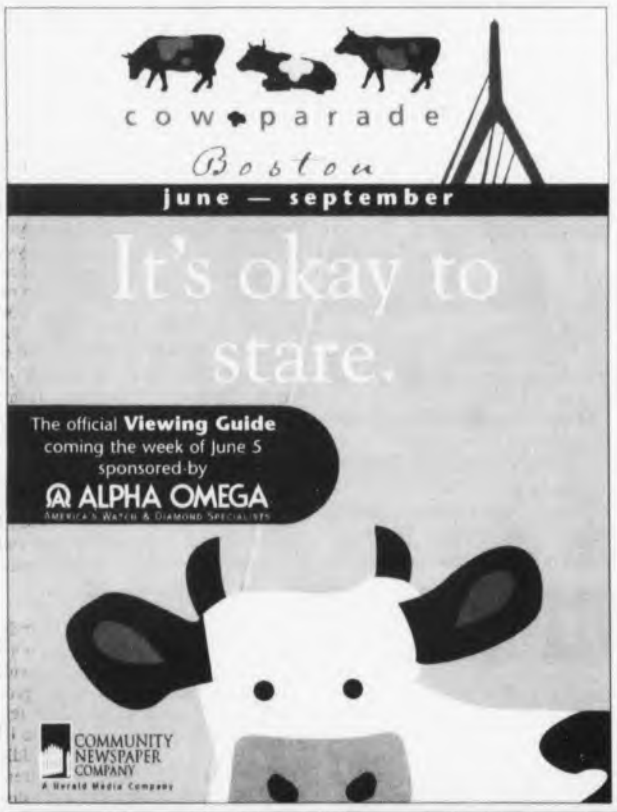

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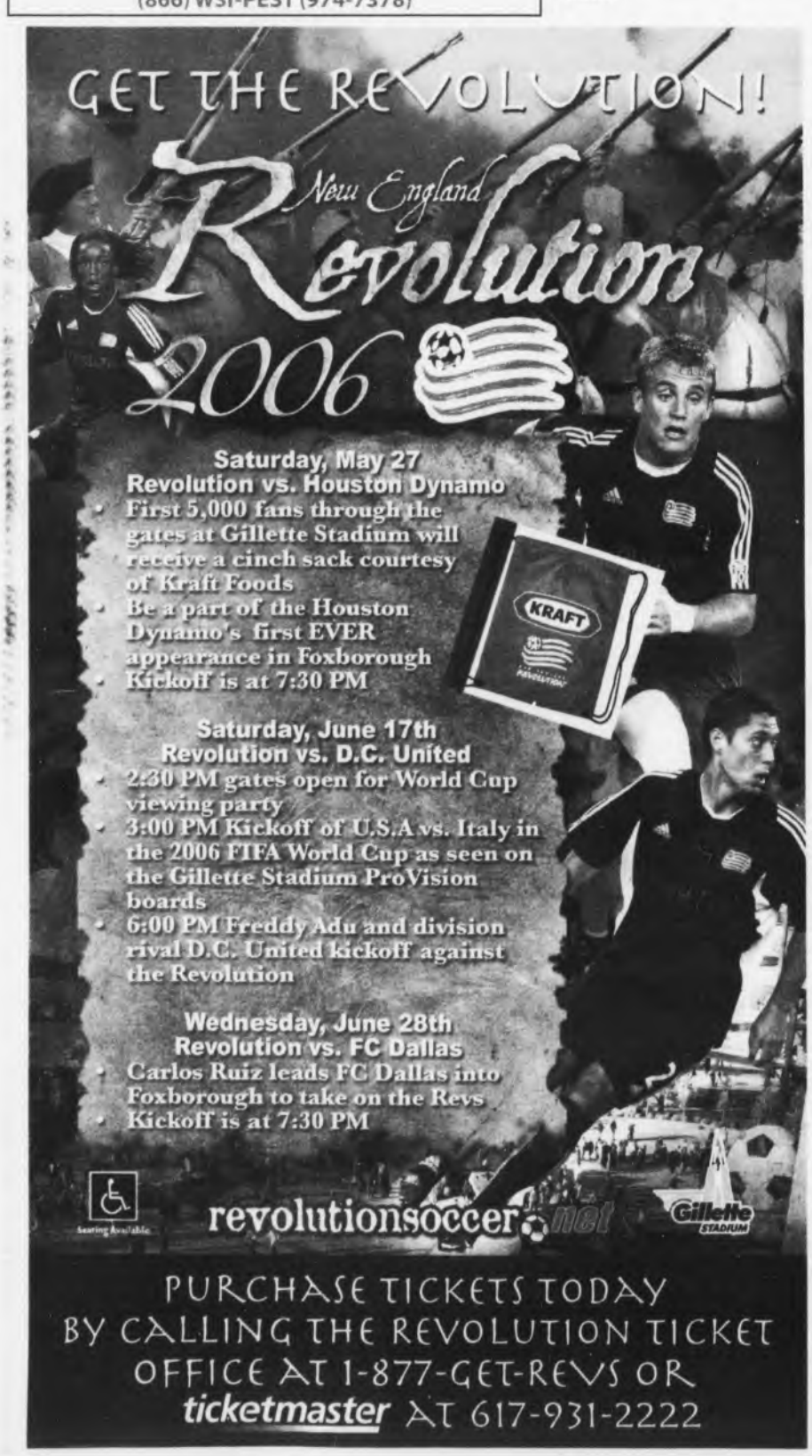

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6:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, dispatch unable to transmit by radio. Fire Capt. unable to receive transmission. Chief calling dispatch advised that the radio is not functioning. Transmission to E1 via Scituate Fire. Assistance dispatch supervisor notified. Via Scituate Fire, R3 will be transporting. Trouble appears to be in the police side radio board.

9:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, male party into HQ for fingerprints for employment.

9:40 a.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports two black mustangs racing up and down the street at very high rates of speed. Officer has stopped both cars and spoken to them, they have been sent on their way.

10:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok.

10:42 a.m. **Depot Ct., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:08 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:53 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid.

2:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:32 p.m. **Collier Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny (report), walk in party reports his prescription meds were taken from his vehicle.

5:13 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, fire-public assist.

5:14 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a hurt seagull.

5:16 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Arrowwood Rd.**, downed wire, caller reports a low hanging wire.

6:32 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, warrant services, Delta One and Delta Two in Scituate executing search warrant.

7:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, disabled motor vehicle.

8:24 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:48 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller requests extra patrols regarding the rate of speed traffic on Lamberts Lane coming from the Cohasset Golf Club.

9:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, Delta One requests bolo for vehicle and hold. Bolo given to all Cohasset units.

9:46 p.m. **Central Ave., Scituate**, arrest: Alisha M. Tsimbidaros, 20, 533 Country Way, Scituate. Charges: Larceny from person.

10:17 p.m. **Central Ave.**, assault and battery (past), Det. Sgt. filing an incident report after being assaulted by party in Scituate during an arrest.

11:10 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music being played in back of above address request it to be turned down.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, 882 reports Deer Hill and Osgood Schools appear secure.

6:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks-all schools.

7 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, notification, 882 reports motor vehicle with political signs on it parked too close to the polling place. Owner advised-will move same.

7:04 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Arrowwood Rd.**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire down in the road.

7:18 a.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, neighbor reports that "vote no" signs were vandalized during the night. Log info only.

9:42 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service.

9:59 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

10:47 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement, landscape truck moved from traffic, hazard view.

11:10 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:33 a.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

11:36 a.m. **Town of Scituate**, assist other Police Department, Sciutate PD reports 2 females left local hotel without paying, driving a green Pontiac, registered to party in Indiana.

12:37 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, caller reports that the plate in front of establishment is starting to move.

1:58 p.m. **Elementary Schools**, building checks.

2:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking enforcement, 883 removed vehicles blocking access to schools.

2:55 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Windy Hill Rd.**, well being check, caller reporting elderly male walking down middle of road. Unsure if he is ok. 882 reports party is alright, going to take him to West Corner.

5:01 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, medical aid.

6:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking enforcement.

7:54 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, public service, caller reporting that the solicitors are being aggressive to them. Supervisor notified to pack it up for night.

8:06 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, civil matter, caller reports that he heard fireworks in area.

8:28 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, parking enforcement.

8:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, initial call for erratic operation of motor vehicle, unknown plate, units notified. Caller called back to report she took R on 228 vehicle went straight Hingham notified.

11:05 p.m. **Linden Drive**, disturbance, loud party, talked with homeowner, will take party inside.

11:26 p.m. **Town of Hingham**, bolo announcement, wanted by Hingham PD for domestic A&B operating above vehicle blue Pontiac.

11:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, check of the school.

12:35 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, check of the school.

12:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, believes his wife is going to kill him.

1:18 a.m. **Cedar Lane**, open door/window, callers house alarm went off, her alarm company called her. She did find an open door and wants an officer to check house with her. Checked house inside and out, all secure.

2:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, A&B with dangerous weapon, caller reported assaulted, arrest: John Delaney, 51, 595 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Charges: A&B with dangerous weapon.

9:21 a.m. **Capt. Pierce Rd., Sciutate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:10 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports that at 2 a.m. 2 cars were racing and braking up street. Just wanted documented of incident.

10:22 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:09 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:55 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic complaint, caller reports cars racing up and down Lamberts Lane to golf course.

1:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, unwanted firearm, turning in a shotgun which he does not want.

1:26 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:40 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

1:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, improper display of plates.

3:03 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, disturbance-neighborhood, caller reported that last evening and some times over past weeks vehicles have been going up and down his street and screeching in front of his home, wanted it logged and hopes to find who did it or who it may be.

4:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in found property, wallet.

5:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, anonymous caller reports erratic operator Northbound in CJC Highway, partial plate only.

5:32 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

5:59 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:52 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

7:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in found property at lightkeepers house.

7:41 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

8:02 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint, 2 callers report speeding motor vehicle gave differing descriptions/plate #'s.

8:49 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

10:41 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Department.

MONDAY, MAY 8,

12:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, parking lot is clear.

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:35 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement, all traffic within acceptable limits.

8:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. Caller believes there are injuries.

10:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, received hang up 911 call from this location. Line was busy on call back. Medics have gained access, female is fine, no problems.

12:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash /injuries, several callers report motor vehicle crash at this location. Sgt. on scene reports fire units will need the jaws for extraction. Paramedic report people are out of the vehicles. Sgt. reports 3A Northbound has been shut down.

1:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports a female just stole a bunch of plants and fled. Surrounding towns notified. Hull PD has the suspect stopped in their town. Sgt. is responding to this location. Units returning with one in custody. Arrest: Debbie L. Mulligan, 165 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: Shoplifting by aspiration, (3rd offense), larceny under $250.

1:28 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party reports she has lost her cell phone.

POLICE BEAT

Car crashes last week

Police investigated three car crashes last week, one of which resulted in a summons being issued for a Lynn man on the charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Two of the accidents occurred last Monday (May 8), the first at 8:41 a.m. was near Leo's Exxon on Chief Justice Cushing Highway and involved a 2004 Toyota Camry versus a cement truck, Police Chief James Hussey said. The cement truck was on Beechwood Street making a left onto 3A heading south. The other vehicle was in the left lane of 3A heading south, taking a left into Leo's Exxon when the cement truck hit the right rear of the Camry. Hussey said the car was drivable and the driver of the cement truck was cited for failure to use care while turning.

At 12:25 p.m., the fire department had to force open the door of a 2000 Toyota Camry that had pulled out of the medical office building at 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in front of a 2005 Lexus. The driver of the Toyota was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, Hussey said. Police had to shut down the northbound lane of Route 3A at lower King Street for about half an hour following the accident. Both cars were towed; there were no reported injuries, he said.

On Wednesday (May 10), a two-car accident involving a 1989 Toyota and a 2003 PT Cruiser occurred at 4:33 p.m. at 3A and lower King Street. The Toyota was taking a left onto 3A heading south. The other vehicle was travelling north on 3A when the Toyota came out of lower King and struck it. The driver of the Toyota was cited for failure to yield and the other driver was summonsed for having no license.

Alleged plant heist leads to arrest

A Hull woman allegedly took off with a bunch of plants from the Village Greenery on Chief Justice Cushing Highway last Monday (May 8). Police put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to surrounding towns with a description of the vehicle and plate number, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Hull police stopped the vehicle. Cohasset police have charged Debbie L. Mulligan, 45, of 165 Nantasket Ave., Hull, with shoplifting (third offense) and larceny of property valued at less than $250.

Hussey said police photographed the items that were stolen. "But due to the nature of the property – plants and flowers – we returned it to the owner," he said.

Man crushes fingers in mishap

The driver of a truck delivering oxygen to the medical building at 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway caught his hand in the truck's rear lift gate crushing his fingers, Police Chief James Hussey said.

The incident occurred at 3:30 p.m. Monday (May 8). As it turned out the Cohasset ambulance and those from Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell were all tied up at other incidents. According to the police log, the closest rescue was Marshfield that was on the highway in heavy traffic.

Sgt. William Quigley and two firefighters planned to take the victim to the emergency room at South Shore Hospital. But Scituate was able to staff a second ambulance which, using advanced life support, transported the victim to the hospital, Hussey said.

Child abuse investigation training

Three Cohasset Police investigators joined District Attorney Bill Keating and more than 60 other police chiefs and officers from two-dozen police departments at an advanced training program on child abuse investigation this month.

The May 2 training was done through the Children's Advocacy Center of Norfolk County, which the Cohasset Police Department helped co-found with District Attorney Keating in 2001.

Speakers provided officers information on recent legal changes, specific kinds of interviewing techniques for abused children, information on medical exams for those children and other topics. It also featured Robert Baker from the Sex Offender Registry Board.

"I was very pleased to have several from Cohasset attend this training," Keating said. "The Children's Advocacy Center of Norfolk County is proving to be an asset and a resource to our local communities. And its value is only expanding."

"The Bank of Canton donated the use of the amphitheater at its Route 138 headquarters to host the event," Keating said.

Attending from Cohasset were Officer Lisa Matos, Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Detective Garrett Hunt.

IT'S HAPPENING

Wonder what your baby is thinking?

Baby Signs Lecture: A way to communicate with babies before they can speak is at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, at 7 p.m., May 25.

Have you ever wondered what your baby is thinking? Are there times when you wish your baby could talk to let you know what is wrong? The Baby Signs Program gives babies and their caretakers the ability to communicate through the use of simples signs often months before babies could otherwise speak.

Elyse McPherson, certified Speech and Language Pathologist and Independent Certified Instructor for the Baby Signs Programs will be presenting the Baby Signs Program and its usefulness as a parenting tool. Research has found that using the Baby Signs Program with babies has dramatic benefits, including decreasing frustration for babies and parents/caretakers, enriching the parent-child bond, boosting emotional development, helping babies talk sooner – even raising IQ scores. Come and learn more about this program and bring your questions.

The Cohasset library is located at 35 Ripley Road. This event is open to the public and free. Seats are limited. Sponsored by the Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club, www.scnewcomers.com .

Democrats to host yard sale May 20

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will host its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund on Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 85 Linden Drive (off Jerusalem Road). Because of the generosity of the entire Cohasset community, shoppers will find a treasure trove of furniture, household items, china, glassware, collectibles, linens, books, toys, sports equipment and more.

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978.

Anyone with items to donate should call 383-0222 for delivery or pick-up information.

Health and Wellness Council to meet

A meeting of the Cohasset Health and Wellness Advisory Council will take place at Deer Hill School on Monday, May 22, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

This group of educators and interested residents makes recommendations to the Cohasset Schools regarding student health and wellness. Among other things, this meeting's agenda will discuss the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools grant for the 2006-2007 school year.

Interested residents are welcome to attend.

Spring Plant Sale set for May 20

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host its Spring Plant Sale on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society's Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 20. Perennials that have proven their hardiness and merit in Garden club members' own gardens will be for sale, and experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

Many plants from young trees to flowering perennials, groundcovers and indoor plants will be for sale. Garden club members have started seeds of annuals and vegetables, and will offer some unusual varieties. Some heirloom plants that are no longer available from commercial nurseries will also be offered. Also on sale will be copies of the club's most recent publication, "The Eclectic Gardener," a compendium of gardening information, recipes and nature notes of local interest.

A special feature this year will be the opportunity to order spring-flowering bulbs to be delivered at planting time in the fall. Now is the time to evaluate garden beds with next spring in mind.

In case of rain the plant sale will take place inside the Pratt Building. Proceeds from the sale of plants and books will support the Community Garden Club's projects in Cohasset, which include maintenance of the gardens at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Constitution Park and the Pratt Building, a garden therapy program at Cohasset Knoll, scholarships and Arbor Day plantings.Debbie

Sign up for Sailing Club

Registration for membership, classes and dock space will take place on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, May 21, noon to 2 p.m., at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Department, Community Center and the Sailing Club on the registration days.

Rec offers dance classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a one-week summer dance workshop, directed by Caroline Carr, from June 19 to 23, at the CHS Multi Purpose Room.

The Dance with Caroline program will take place Monday through Friday, 3 to 4:30 p.m., and is for boys and girls ages 10 and older. Basic jazz and hip hop dance techniques will be included. Emphasis will be placed upon developing a healthy, active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun.

Participants are encouraged to come in comfortable attire, and bring a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind. Cost is $75 per participant.

Registration forms are available in the foyer of Town Hall. Call the Recreation Department at 383-4109 for more information.

Organist in recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen Church is presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in recital on Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement. The program titled the "Tsar of Instruments" will include compositions by Bach, Buxtehude, Brahms, various Russian composers and some of Guzasky's own improvisations.

Guzasky is an adjunct professor at Bridgewater State College, an affiliated artist at MIT in Cambridge and is choirmaster-organist at St. Stephen's. He regularly goes to Russian to teach and perform, and specializes in Gregorian chant and Russian Orthodox choral music.

The church is at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset. There is plenty of parking available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Dog training course offered

Dog training, sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Center, will take place Monday, June 12, on the Common. Beginners class will be at 6 p.m., and the Obedience with Distraction class at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Cohasset Recreation Center at 781-383-4109. To speak with the class instructor, call 781-857-1239.

Summer programs

Some fun-filled summer programs are happening at the South Shore Community Center from June through August. A Gymnastic/Sports Camp including Bowling, Face painting, Water play & Crafts with 3 different weeks is being offered along with a gymnastic programs for 8 weeks for ages 4-12. Some of the programs have limited availability. Call SSCC now at 781-383-0088.

Farmers Market looking for vendors

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is looking for vendors. The market is dedicated to supporting local growers. Vendors may sell their own homegrown produce, plants, flowers or homemade, agriculturally based products.

The Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., from June 8 to Oct. 19, on the Cohasset Common.

For more information, call Darcy Schramn at 781-383-0170.

Proceeds from the 2005 season provided scholarships to two Cohasset High School students pursuing agricultural related studies, as well as more than $540 to the Katrina Relief Fund.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thanks to all the students that took the time to think about why they read. All of the reasons were individual and thoughtful. Congratulations to Tommy St. Sauver, Nicholas White-Spenik, Henry Greentree, Lauren Cunning, Katherine White-Spenik, Molly Cunning, Sarah Gruber, Sarah Whilton and Julia Canney for their award-winning reasons for reading. Their responses can be viewed in the Children's Room on the bulletin board over the computers on the parking lot side of the building.

Film opportunities for teens – Reel Camp will take place Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to get a cursory overview of the components of modern filmmaking from Glorianna Davenport, founder of the Media Fabrics Group of the MIT Media Lab. This is part of the Future Filmmakers Felix Awards program of the Plymouth Independent Film Festival. Teens that are interested in film, shouldn't miss this chance to learn from a master. Cost is $75 adults, $12 teens Register online. Meets at Brewster Gardens, Plymouth. For more information and to register, visit wwwplyfilmfest.org.

Future Filmmakers Felix Awards – Participants can have fun and create an original video no more than 20 minutes long. Work alone or with friends. Get help from a teacher, librarian or community access studio manager. Entering participants must be in grades seven through 12, but can use younger people in the video with parental permission. Content must be appropriate to be viewed by a general viewing audience. Submissions must be digital DVD format. Deadline for teen submissions is June 30 on the desk of Duxbury Free Library YA librarian. Awards night will be July 20 at Plimoth Plantation Visitors Center.

Visit the Web site at www.duxburyfreelibrary.org/teens/videocontest for more information.

FOR ADULTS

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesday.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Ann Packer's book "The Dive from Clausen's Pier" on Thursday, May 25, 10 a.m. See reference librarian Gayle Walsh to reserve a copy of the book. All are welcome.

New titles – Recent acquisitions include: "A Twist of Lemmon" by Chris Lemmon; "Passion, Betrayal and Killer Highlights" by Kyra Davis; and "Golf Course Designs" by Tom Fazio. Also available are the DVDs "Munich," "Nanny McPhee" and "New World." Place a hold on these titles online or by calling the library.

Coffee with authors

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host "Coffee with the Authors" on Tues. Jun. 6, 9:45-11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant. Enjoy a continental breakfast while three contemporary authors discuss their latest work. Featured authors are James Dodson, Elinor Lipman and Susan Richards. Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $15 per person and are non refundable.

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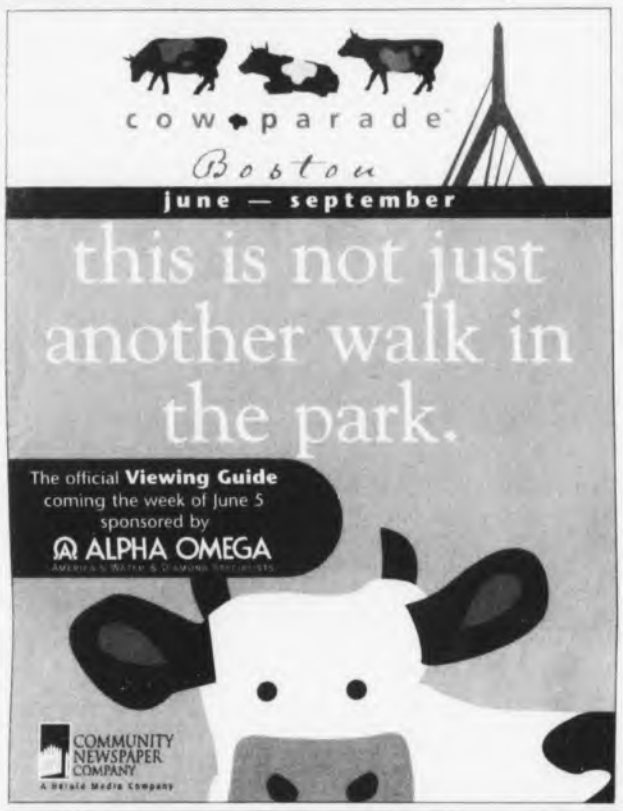

Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Avalon Cohasset

LOCATION: 155 King Street, Cohasset, MA

PROPONENT: AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form (''ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before June 15.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62 62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Kelly Engineering Group, Inc., 0 Campanelli Drive, Braintree,MA 02184 (Tel. 781 843 4333)

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of the Town of Cohasset, where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Scott Dale

AD#11053125
Cohasset Mariner 5/19/06

MOORE GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P1069GC

In the Matter Of LESLIE B. MOORE
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To LESLIE B. MOORE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said LESLIE B. MOORE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, is physically incapacitated and praying that SANDRA L. POITRAS of NORWELL in the County of PLYMOUTH and RICHARD L. POITRAS of NORWELL in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 14, 2006.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 4, 2006.

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert & Joyce Sturdy** seek to construct an addition and replace the existing garage at **270 Jerusalem Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-05-15.

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In every neighborhood, it's possible that one or two properties, and maybe more, are in probate. You can find profit-making opportunities close to home. Even areas of town you only dreamed of moving to can suddenly become affordable when the price of real estate drops in half.

To Make Big Money: BUY LOW and SELL HIGH

Rest assured, I'm not talking about rundown foreclosures, bankruptcies, or condemned properties like the slew of so-called "real estate gurus." Properties in probate can be beautiful homes with no mortgage or debt attached, making them some of the cleanest and easiest of all real estate to buy low and sell high quickly.

There is no "For Sale" sign out front, and few people know where to find these properties. But for those who do, it can be a land of riches and the fastest route I know to making big money in real estate.

Why Such Incredible Bargains Everywhere?

Not every beneficiary wants to keep the property they inherited. Perhaps the estate involves people who live out of state and they don't want to change their lives. If a house is willed to more than one person, it's likely the property must be sold to ensure everybody gets their share.

Plus, most beneficiaries want their money quickly. Fifty dollars today is a lot better than the promise of $100 sometime off in the future. Especially when attorney fees are eating away at that $100 value. So you have highly motivated sellers who appreciate you're helping them get on with their lives.

Believe It or Not, a 300% Gain Can Be "All in a Day's Work"

The potential to make significant money is huge. For example, if you purchased just one property at a 30 percent discount, and then resold the property for 100 percent of its market value, you'd make about $45,000 on a property worth $150,000. And with my system, it may not even take a full week's effort to do this.

But here's how you leverage your money to make gigantic profits... assuming you put down 10 or 15 percent to purchase the property, when you quickly sell for full market value, the gain on your initial down payment could easily be more than 300 percent.

Real estate has long been a proven path to making millions of dollars. Almost anyone can walk along this path, and I believe that no route has more moneymaking potential than the one you'll discover in my FREE workshop.

How to Get the Cash to Buy Properties

In addition to learning why it's possible to regularly purchase real estate for as little as 50 cents on the dollar, you'll also discover it's possible to get the cash to fund your offers to buy properties.

That means you do not have to have money in the bank.

A gentleman from Dallas purchased 18 probate properties his first year.

Another student bought a vacant lot for $40,000 less than comparable lots on the same street.

You won't find a book on "How to Make Money in Estates" at bookstores. My FREE workshop is the only way to start learning the secrets of "estate investing."

More than $3 trillion worth of assets are in probate.

It's a buyer's paradise. Yet there are very few real estate investors who know about it.

I guarantee that if you attend my FREE workshop and put yourself "in the know," you'll be positioned to be "in the money" as never before.

TOP FIVE REASONS TO ACQUIRE PROBATE PROPERTIES

1. **BARGAIN-BASEMENT PRICES**: The probate market is full of fabulous properties you can snap up for 30% to 50% below market value. Get the home of your dreams for your family, or resell quickly and be positioned to capture a lifetime of gains within days. It's the **ultimate "Buy Low/Sell High" scenario**.
2. **HUGE INVENTORY**: There are almost **six million estates** in probate, with assets worth trillions of dollars. Every type of real estate — from houses to beachside motels — are in probate. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, there are nearly **44 times more probate properties than properties in foreclosure**.
3. **BUYER'S MARKET**: Purchasing property out of an estate assures you of a highly motivated seller. Most beneficiaries are **anxious to sell** the house (and other unwanted assets) so that they can pay off debts attached to the estate that must all be settled before the estate can be distributed.
4. **ALL KINDS OF TREASURES**: Historic architecture, classic cars, fine jewelry, antiques, art, toys, collectibles, and much more enter into probate every day. **Millions of items**. And they can sit there for years unless you rescue them.
5. **IT'S A SECRET**: Few people know how to find and purchase property from an estate. Even the beneficiaries don't know how to sell. That means, as a "first in" estate investor, **you have little or no competition** from other buyers — plus you're helping anxious sellers.

How to Buy Almost Anything for 30% to 50% Off

BUSINESSES. CLASSIC CARS. ANTIQUES. ART. COLLECTIBLES. TREASURES OF ALL KINDS.

There's a whole world of assets beyond houses. To start, there can be commercial real estate including industrial parks and offices. Plus all kinds of personal property — even businesses.

An enterprising young man turned his love for cars, and the knowledge he gained from the J.G. Banks workshop, into a career. The man purchased an auto shop that the beneficiaries had no interest in. He and his brother own and run the business, creating for themselves a potential lifetime of profits from one estate purchase. The flow of wealth didn't stop there. Our student also netted over $22,000 in profit on four cars. All four vehicles were acquired using the J.G. Banks system.

An estate can be your quickest way to acquire a prime business for pennies on the dollar. You can run it, or sell it quickly for market value and position yourself for substantial gains.

Estate hunting is also a great way to start an e-business, auction off your findings, and cash in on the new, thriving e-based economy.

One of our students made profits of 1,000 percent to 3,000 percent on the possessions he found in estates and then quickly sold. There is a potential windfall in every estate you search.

You can use probate to build a tidy business around just about any item or collectible that interests you. Millions of items, and real estate, end up as "buried treasure" hidden in probate.

Who Should Attend

- Real estate investors
- Business people
- Young entrepreneurs
- Homemakers
- Couples
- Retirees
- Anybody who wants to make money

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What's happening on the South Shore

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America in America's hometown

Memorial Hall concert set for May 19

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Fueled by hit songs like "A Horse With No Name," "Ventura Highway," "Sandman," and "Sister Golden Hair," the folk-rock band America — which plays Plymouth Memorial Hall on Friday — has been on the road almost non-stop since its initial breakthrough 35 years ago even though the group's last Top Ten single was 1982's "You Can Do Magic."

"These days our audience spans three generations, our longtime fans, their children and a rogue bunch of new listeners who are interested in learning more about us," explained Dewey Bunnell who first formed America in 1969 along with Gerry Beckley and Dan Peek, while the trio were just teenagers. "I'm very confident with our live show, because it's predominantly comprised of our best-known songs from the 1970s. That's what people pay for and that's what we give them. When we're on-stage we are there to entertain and we continue to take that very seriously."

At 54, Bunnell is quick to point out that what needs to happen on-stage drives their behind-the-scenes behavior these days.

"We lived it up in the early days. We don't stay out as late now. We're also more likely to do just long weekends on the road so we guaranteed more time at home with our families. The early morning flights, however, are still a nightmare just like they have always been."

Peek left the group almost 30 years ago, but Bunnell and Beckley continue to play more than 100 tour dates each year, choosing material from their 25 albums. These days when they aren't on the road, the pair can be found at work on a new album - their first studio album in almost a decade.

Dewey Bunnell, and Gerry Beckley

"We're working with two younger producers, Adam Schleisinger from Fountains of Wayne and James Iha who was the guitarist with Smashing Pumpkins, on a new album for Sony's Burgundy label. Gerry has always been more invigorated by the music business than I am. I live in northern Wisconsin while Gerry is still in southern California. Working with new producers has been more of a transition for me, but Adam and James are great to work with and this really feels like it's going to be a fun project. With our concert schedule, the challenge has just been to find the time to write music for the new album. We've got 25 songs done now and we'll have to boil those down to about 12 songs total, which will break to about one third by Gerry, one third by me, and a third from outside writers. Gerry and I will also write at least one of the songs together. The song development is happening in the studio so we won't be performing any of the new songs in concert for a while," says Bunnell.

These days when they aren't on the road, the pair can be found at work on a new album - their first studio album in almost a decade.

Until the new songs are ready, the set list will continue to feature familiar favorites and some the pair hasn't done since America was a trio.

"Dan Peek's 'Lonely People' and 'Don't Cross the River" are back in our set now. They were Dan's songs, of course, but they're great and we love doing them live."

The Grammy Award winners will also pay homage to their former record producer George Martin by doing a few songs that the legendary Martin produced for another popular rock group of the 1960s and 1970s.

"We always do 'You're Gonna Lose That Girl' and one or two other Beatles songs. They always elicit a great reaction from the audience and they are a nice way to honor George Martin who was instrumental in the success of our recording career."

The vocal blending of easy-listening harmonies, rock and folk-style music that first brought Bunnell and Beckley together continues to this day as does the friendship the duo formed while attending high school in England as the sons of U.S. Air Force officers.

"We have a very solid off-stage friendship that has only grown stronger over the years."

America will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street on Friday, May 19. Tickets are available at the box office, all Strawberries locations and by calling 866-468-7619 or visiting www.plymouthhall.com.

Movie review

William Shatner and Avril Lavigne play possums Ozzie and Heather in "Over the Hedge."

'Hedge' grows on you

Over the Hedge (B+)

James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

A popular 2-D comic strip comes to clumsily plotted 3-D life in DreamWorks' amiably amusing CGI comedy "Over the Hedge."

When mischievous raccoon RJ (Bruce Willis) runs afoul of Vincent the bear (the vocally formidable Nick Nolte) by ruining his cache of junk food, the bear gives RJ one week to replace his stuff, including a red wagon, or else he will eat him. Gulp.

Con man RJ enlists the aid of a group of guileless forest animals, foragers on the most natural diet on earth, to help him. He lures them with the promise of getting transported to transfat heaven with human food: chips, Cheez Whiz, cookies and caffeinated soft drinks that turn their children into maniacs.

The foragers' leader Verne (Garry Shandling) is a turtle who resents being mistaken for an amphibian (he's a reptile). Verne's a smart, sensitive, uhh, guy who worries about piling up a storehouse of food for the winter and the dangers facing all of them. Verne's friends are Hammy the hyperactive red squirrel (Steve Carell), Ozzie the paternal possum (William Shatner), Ozzie's daughter Heather (Avril Lavigne), proud porcupine parents Penny and Lou (Catherine O'Hara and Eugene Levy) and Stella (Wanda Sykes), a skunk with an, ahem, stinky attitude.

The woodland animals' arboreal home is being encroached upon by El Rancho Camelot, a sprawling housing development full of vulgar McMansions and surrounded by a mysterious barrier.

It's tall; it's wide; it's green, and the animals call it Steve. Newcomer RJ tells them the barrier is a hedge through which they must go in search of delicious junk food.

But like a certain film by M. Night Shyamalan, the world over the hedge is a horror show. Scariest of all is human Gladys Sharp (Allison Janney), a realtor and singleton who, like many idiots, drives an SUV with one hand and talks on her cellphone with the other (you know who you are). Gladys wants the thieving animals exterminated. The other piece of bad news is Dwayne (Thomas Haden Church), also known as "The Verminator," a one-man, animal-extinguishing machine with fat gut and nasty comb-over.

Based on a comic strip by Michael Fry and T. Lewis and featuring blobby creatures, a blurry, green- and -earth-tone forest world, "Over the Hedge" is kiddie-friendly and mostly cute. Some of the "Shrek"-like popculture references — "Citizen Kane" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" — appear to be aimed at the target audience's grandparents, and many may flinch at some of the gratuitous and sophomoric vulgarity. Others may be similarly repelled by a cameo by a certain TV "Dr."

But the action is often laugh-out-loud funny and reminiscent of classic "Tom & Jerry" cartoons, especially a chase that ends with animals launched into the upper atmosphere and a nacho chip explosion visible from outer space. Also memorable is a sequence in which Carell's squirrel channels "The Matrix."

Shandling and Willis have genuine mismatched-buddy chemistry, even wrapped in their CGI fur coats. Sykes, whose voice should be registered as a deadly weapon, is another major asset. I'm not sure how you steal scenes when you're animated, but Omid Djalili does as Tiger, Gladys' aristocratic Persian cat. If you need to entertain the children or, for that matter, grandchildren, this "Hedge" might be the place to go.

Rated PG. "Over the Hedge" contains some vulgar humor.

Calendar of events

Thursday, May 18

U.S. Coast Guard Heritage Museum season opening, Thursday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3353 Main St., Barnstable. New lighthouse exhibit, and Rear Admiral Lyndon Spencer collection from the invasion of Normandy on D-Day. Admission $3, free for children ages 10 and under. For information call 508-823-0554 or e-mail dbingham1@verizon.net.

Illustrator Jane Dyer at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Thursday, May 18, 3 p.m. Signing and discussion of **"Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons,"** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. For information or to purchase a signed book, call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

NRC Family Network Baby and Me, Jefferson School, 34 James St., Rockland, Thursday, May 18, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monthly get together with parents of children ages 0 to 19 months to share being a new parent. Call 781-681-9736.

Swingin' For Children Jazz Concert and Auction, Thursday, May 18 at Lantana in Randolph. Sponsored by the Mollie Hirshberg Fund, program includes live and silent auction, a sit-down dinner and jazz concert by the Olde Kids on the Block. Reception and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. Net event proceeds benefit renovation of Hirshberg Learning Center. Tickets are $65 and can be purchased by calling Lois at 508-429-3402 or Cindy at 617-774-1054.

Alzheimer's Caregiver and Support Education Program welcomes Ron Kearns, who will give a talk titled "Legal and Financial Issues of Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia." This monthly education program for caregivers will meet Thursday, May 18, from 4 to 5 p.m., at New England Sinai Alzheimer's Center, 143 York St., Stoughton. For more information and to register, call 781-297-1375.

South Shore Natural Science Center will host a reception for artist **Virginia Dolan** on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Vine Hall Gallery. Dolan's exhibit "Quiet Moments" will be on display until June 24. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

"Lend Me a Tenor" will be presented by Starcreations Theater, Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m., at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets are $10 adults, $5 students. For information and reservations call 508-747-1234 or e-mail info@starcreations.org.

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Author book signing at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor, Thursday, May 18, 7 to 9 p.m. Catherine Goldhammer speaks about her memoir "Still Life with Chickens," on transitioning from being married in Hingham to divorced in Hull. Call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Beer Tasting at Blanchard Liquors, Route 139, Marshfield, Thursday, May 18, 6 to 9 p.m., featuring over 100 micros and imports. Discounts offered on purchases of any four-six packs and 12 22-ounce bottles.

Catholic Charities South Annual Springfest and Auction, Thursday, May 18, 6 to 9:15 p.m., Shaw's Center, 1 Lexington Ave., Brockton. Guest of honor television's Dick Flavin. Co-hosted by Channel 5's Gail Huff and attorney Bill Sullivan. Guest auctioneer former New England Patriot Tim Fox. Tickets $100. Call 508-587-0815 or e-mail lisa_lodge@ccab.org.

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Mark your calendar

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY 30TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 300 artists, craftsmen and performers from New England. Gala Preview Party on Friday, May 26 at 7 p.m. Donation at the door is $20. Park at the Eames Way Elementary School and take a free shuttle all weekend. For information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org.

82ND HINGHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR, Sunday, June 25 from 1 to 7 p.m. "Living With History" is the theme of the tour which features six private houses and five historic sites. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 day of tour and can be purchased at various businesses in Hingham and Cohasset. For more information and a listing of where to obtain tickets, call 781-749-1851 or visit www.hinghamhistorical.org.

HOUGHTON'S POND FISH FESTIVAL, Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free family event. Take lessons in casting, knot-tying and fish identification. Fish crafts, games and more. Bring your own fishing equipment. There will be limited equipment available. Sponsored by the MassWildfile Angler Education Program. For information call 617-698-1802.

ANNIE arrives at The Opera House. Performances begin on June 13 and run through June 25. Tickets are $25-$87.50 and are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787, www.broadwayacrossamerica.com or at The Opera House box office, 539 Washington St., Boston.

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The Unicorn Singers welcomes altos and basses for an open rehearsal Monday, May 22. The group rehearses at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main Street in Hingham. The select chamber choir will audition altos and basses now for its 29th season. Visit bcc-us.org to see and hear the variety of music and performing opportunities with US. Please call ahead (781-749-6561) if you'll attend the open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on May 22.

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Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House 188 Main St., Avon, Candlelight Singing Tour, Friday, May 19, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Open House Tour, Sunday, May 21, 2 to 4 p.m.; Coffee, cider and cookies served. Donations accepted. For information call 508-583-7616

Braintree Art Association watercolor landscape demonstration with Bill Beyer, Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments. Call 781-335-4675.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's, Braintree 5 Corners, Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m. Featuring Teddie Bergeron, Annette Pollack, Rob Brown, Chuck Nilosek and Mike Desjardins. Hosted by Larry Lee Lewis. Admission is $12, Dinner and appetizers will be available. Call 781-843-0300 or visit ww.annettepollack.com.

D'Ann's, 340 Centre Ave., Route 123, Abington, hosts **Country Karaoke with Ed Dougherty** on Thursday, May 18. For information call 781- 878-8767.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Bill Parsons,** Thursday, May 18 at 9:15 p.m.. No cover. Free pizza from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends,** Thursday, May 18, 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/next page.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, May 18, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Earthbound Misfits,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Friday, May 19

Celebrate Nova Scotia onboard the CAT, America's fastest catamaran ferry, at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Friday, May 19 and Saturday May 20, 8 p.m.; Sunday May 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Non-stop entertainment includes Nova Scotia pipers and fiddlers, and members of the 78th Highlanders. Free admission and complimentary refreshments. Photo ID required.

Little Artists Travel the Globe, monthly story-craft program with Malissa Kenney, **Plymouth Public Library,** 132 South St., Plymouth, Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. To register or for more information call library Youth Services, 508-830-4250.

Jennifer Shepard Charitable Benefit for Plymouth resident and long-time Quincy Medical Center nurse Jennifer Shepard, who suffered a stroke in January. Event includes dinner, dancing, and auction, Friday evening, May 19, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Moose Club, 175 Howard St., Braintree. Tickets $25. Call 617-376-3150.

Books in Bloom at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Three floors of 25 floral creations depicting books arranged by some of South Shore's most creative neighbors. Music and refreshments. To exhibit, e-mail JamesLibrary@verizon.net. Call 781-659-7100.

USS Salem 3rd Annual Comedy Show, Friday, May 19, 7 p.m. to midnight, Son's of Italy, 120 Quarry St., Quincy, featuring headliners from Boston, New York, and Las Vegas. Buffet dinner and cash bar to benefit USS Salem Onboard Education program. Tickets $30, $50 per couple. Tables of 10, $250. For tickets call 617-471-1806 or 617-479-7900, or visit Monahan's marine, 39767 Washington St., Weymouth and Abigail's Roses, 343 Newport Ave., Quincy.

Pre-Convention Rally and Candidate Night sponsored by the South Shore Democratic Party Caucus, Friday, May 19 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Weymouth Eagles Hall, Route 53 in Weymouth. Cost is $20 per ticket. Buffet with cash bar. For information call 617-773-6662, ext. 225 or 781-383-0639.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Polly Fiveash and Anand Nayak, and Mel Green, Friday, May 19, 8 p.m., at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Open Mike. $6, $5 members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, May 19, Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For singles and couples, 30+. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. Golfing in the afternoon, call for reservation. 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 19, **The Swinging Steaks,** folk rock, alt country. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Stonecrazy**, Friday, May 19. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, May 19, **Lazarus,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Karaoke night at Applebee's, 755 Granite St., Braintree, from 9 p.m. to midnight. For information call 781-843-3648.

New England Singles Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Friday, May 26, 8 p.m. to midnight, ages 35+. DJ music from the 60s to the present, hors d'oeuvres, $10.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Greg MacKenzie and Greenbacks,** Friday, May 19, 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/next page.

Saturday, May 20

Golfers, hole sponsors and raffle items needed by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth 9th annual golf tournament, Saturday, May 20, shotgun start at 7 a.m. at Southers Marsh Golf Club, Federal Furnace, Plymouth. Greens fees are $100 each and includes coffee, doughnuts, cart, lunch and prizes. For registration forms or to become a sponsor, call Joan Hoye at 508-946-1354.

19th Annual River Clean-Up Day of North and South Rivers watersheds, Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to noon. To volunteer or organize a group cleanup call NSRWA, 781-659-8168, e-mail paula@nsrwa.org, or visit www.nsrwa.org.

Tae-Bo demonstration with martial arts expert Shawn Graham, at The Workout Club, Webster Square, Marshfield, Saturday, May 20, at 9 a.m. A 75-minute class-workshop open to the public. Donations requested to benefit breast cancer research. For information call 781-834-1150.

"Oriole Outing," sponsored by Mass Audubon, Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m., leaving from North River Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield. Tracking Baltimore Orioles and Orchard Orioles on the South Shore. $13, $10 members. For directions and information call 781-837-9400.

Hull Garden Club Plant Sale George Washington Blvd., DCR parking lot, Hull, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, patio pots, vegetable plants, herbs, rain barrels, composters, and more. Proceeds to benefit Hull outdoor spaces. For information call 781-925-4823.

"Women Underway" boating seminar for women, taught by women, sponsored by Duxbury Bay maritime School and Duxbury Yacht Club, Saturday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. $50 fee covers three workshops, and lunch. To register call 781-934-7555 or visit www.duxbayms.com.

County Fair at Marina Bay Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2 Seaport Drive, Quincy, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pony rides, moonwalk, magic show, live animals, clowns, face painting, caricatures, balloonist, cotton candy snow cones, and more. Free and open to the public.

Plimoth Plantation Plant Sale, May 20 through June 11, Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. Features heirloom flower and vegetable varieties from the upcoming Smithsonian exhibit at Plimoth Plantation July 8 through Sept. 2.

Decathlon U.S.A. Camping and Outdoor Expo, Saturday, May 20, noon to 6 p.m., 1207 Washington St., Hanover. For information call 508-272-3776 or e-mail csepich@claritygroup.com.

"Antiques at Winslowe's View," a new antiques show at the Pinehills, Route 3 South, Exit 3, Plymouth. Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Antiquities from the 18th to the early 20th century, antique appraisal clinic Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. For information call 781-862-4039 or visit www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, May 20, a p.m. Two-mile walk around Green Dot Loop. Meet at Wilson Mountain Reservation parking lot, Exit 17, Route 128. For information call 617-698-1802.

Breast Cancer Symposium sponsored by Dana-Farber Brigham and Women's Cancer Center, Saturday, May 20, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave., Boston. Breast cancer specialists present advances in traditional, alternative, and complementary treatments. Cost $50 per person. To register or for more information visit www.livingthroughbreastcancer.com or call 617-262-9600.

South Shore Jewish Film Festival screening of "Ushpizin," at Congregation Shirat Hayam, Marshfield United Methodist Church, 185 Plain St., Marshfield, Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. A lighthearted film in Hebrew with English subtitles documenting a week in the life of Moshe and Male as they plan a Sukkot feast. Coffee and refreshments. Tickets $5. For reservations call 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net.

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Roberts as Tony in MOVIN' OUT

'Movin' out' moves in at Opera House

Fans of Billy Joel won't have any trouble recognizing the main characters in "Movin' Out" — currently at Boston's Opera House — as they come straight from Joel's lyrics. There are Brenda and Eddie from "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant," Tony and Sergeant O'Leary from "Movin' Out," Judy from "Why, Judy, Why" and James from what else but "James" — and their stories are told through dance directed and choreographed by the legendary Twyla Tharp. Working with a score comprised of two dozen of the piano man's best-known songs — and a company of classically and Broadway-trained dancers — Tharp mixes time-tested ballet moves with her trademark modern moves to tell the tale of life on Long Island in the 1960s entirely through dance with no dialogue whatsoever.

Keith Roberts, who played Tony for the show's entire Broadway run and is currently on the national tour, came to Tharp after 13 years as a principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre and hasn't looked back since.

"When I left the Ballet, I was looking for something new so I joined Twyla as she was developing this piece. I've been on this project ever since, but I still find it fresh and exciting. You learn something new all the time, just by being around Twyla. She worked very closely with each of us who originated these roles and she really gave us input in developing these characters," explained Roberts last week by telephone from Connecticut. "I feel privileged to have created this character that didn't walk, talk or even exist before I played him. Tony is a man who has experienced many hardships in his young life. He goes off to war with two friends and is broken when one of them is killed in combat. His relationship with Brenda is really tested in the process and it's not always clear that they will make it as a couple."

What is clear, however, is that Roberts has made a smooth transition from ballet to Broadway.

"There are different energies between ballet and Broadway audiences, but I love them both. It was great to be on Broadway for three years, but I'm starting to like the road, too. You get to see all kinds of different people and places. It is an experience that I might never have any other way and I'm thoroughly enjoying it."

"Movin' Out" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, through May 28. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787, or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com.

-R. Scott Reedy

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"Antiques at Winslowe's View," a new antiques show at the Pinehills, Route 3 South, Exit 3, Plymouth. Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Antiquities from the 18th to the early 20th century, antique appraisal clinic Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. For information call 781-862-4039 or visit www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

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Author Joseph C. Mastroianni will present his new book Chaconne the Novel, at the Hingham Public Library Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m. Far from a typical book presentation, Mr. Mastroianni has invited members of the Boston Classical Guitar Society to join him, and perform the music of Bach. Mr. Mastroianni, also an amateur classical guitarist, will perform Bach's Chaconne, which many musicologists believe to be the greatest piece of music ever composed and it is central to the theme of his novel. Books signed by the author will be available for purchase at the event, and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Hingham Public Library. The library is located at 66 Leavitt Street.

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Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange Annual Southeastern Mass. Adoption Party to recruit adoptive families for children in foster care, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., LaSalette Shrine, Route 118, Attleboro. To register call 800-882-1176 or visit www.mareinc.org.

Community Garden Club of Cohasset Spring Plant Sale, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society's Pratt Building, or indoors if rain, 106 Main St., Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plantings include young trees, flowering perennials, groundcovers and indoor plants.

"Chaconne the Novel," author presentation by Joseph C. Mastroianni along with classical guitar performance of J.S. Bach's "Chaconne," at the Hingham Public Library, Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. For more information e-mail jmast@gte.net.

Book discussion, John Grisham's "The Painted House," Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m., ROAM book club of Friends of Turner Free Library, in the Shurtleff Room, 2 North Main St., Randolph. Open to book lovers of all ages. For information call 781-963-5608 or 781-767-3018.

"Boston Globe Illustrated New England Gardening Almanac," book signing and discussion by Boston Globe Garden columnist Carol Stocker at the Hingham Barnes and Noble in the Derby Street Shoppes, Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. Admission free and open to the public.

Monte Carlo Night at Prowse Farm, 5 Blue Hill River Road, Canton, Saturday evening, May 20, 6 to 11 p.m. Casino games of roulette, craps, blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Wheel-of-Fortune, plus complimentary cocktail reception, dinner, DJ music, silent auction, raffle. Cash bar. Proceeds benefit Forbes House Museum. Tickets $100 at FHM, 215 Adams St., Milton. For information call 617-696-1815.

"Lend Me a Tenor" presented by Starcreations Theater, Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m., at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets $10 adults, $5 students. For information and reservations call 508-747-1234 or e-mail info@starcreations.org.

Ballroom Dance at the Church Hill United Methodist Church Hall, 11 Church St., Norwell, Saturday, May 20, 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes, lesson at 7:30 p.m. Singles welcome. Tickets $10 advance, $12 at the door. Call 617-325-1562.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, May 20, **Roger Ceresi All Starz,** eight-piece jump blues band with horns, featuring Roomfull of Blues alumni. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Old Ship Coffeehouse presents David Massengill on the Appalachian dulcimer, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Open mic, coffee, tea and desserts at 50 cents. Admission $10 at the door. For information call 781-749-1767.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Sweet Melissa Band with Stovall Brown,** Saturday, May 20. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The Beacons,** Saturday, May 20. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

Sunday, May 21

12th Annual Boston Kidney Walk at the Franklin Park Zoo, Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m. Non-competitive, 5K stroll with activities for adults, families, and kids including clowns, face painting, balloon animals, live, band, and DJ. For registration information call 800-542-4001 or visit www.kidneywalk.org.

12th Annual Ride for Research to benefit Brain Tumor Society, bike ride to benefit brain tumor research with KISS 108's Matt Siegel, Sunday, May 21, Verizon, Sylvan Road, Waltham. 8:30 a.m., 50-mile ride launch; 10 a.m., 25-mile ride launch; 10:30 a.m., 10-mile ride launch. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. $250 pledge ages 16 and over, $100 pledge ages 15 and under. To register visit www.braintumorsociety.org or call 800-633-9997.

11th Annual Blue Hills Mountain Bike Day, Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Houghton's Pond Picnic Site 5, Blue Hill River Road, Milton. For more information, call 617-698-1802.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday afternoon, May 21. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit wwwmoseleyonthecharles.com.

Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series presents the final concert of the season, Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. "In Good Company" will feature Bobbi Carrey and Will McMillan with Doug Hammer on piano. No tickets are required. Refreshments are served at a post-concert social hour. For information contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

Silver Lake Chapel Fashion Show by Dress Barn fundraiser, Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m., Town and Country Estates Mobile Home Park Club House, Route 53, Plympton. Refreshments and door prizes. $8. Call 781-582-8394 for tickets.

The Art Complex Museum will host a reception for several of its exhibitions on Sunday, May 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibitions are Complex Conversations: Carol and Tom Odell; Shaker Forward; Sano Gofu; Watercolors; and Student Outdoor Sculpture, SOS. For information call 781-934-6634 ext. 12 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

Jazz at Braintree Library, Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m., 798 Washington St., Braintree, featuring the Ed Sorrentino and Perry Rossi Jazz Band. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 781-848-0405

Dixie Land Jazz Concert at the Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, featuring John Clark and his Wolverine Jazz Band Sunday, May 21, 4 to 7 p.m. Optional dinner at 3 p.m. $10 admission. For information call 781-834-6505.

Winslow House 2006 Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m., Winslow House, 643 Careswell St., Marshfield. Members, prospective members, board of governors, and volunteers are welcome. Refreshments included.

South Shore Charter Public School Spring Carnival, Sunday, May 21, noon to 3 p.m., 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell. Moonwalk, dunk tank, crafts, games, pizza and more.

"Keeping your Sanity while Loving and Letting Go of your Teen," presented by life coach Anne Jolles, Sunday, May 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m. $10. To register call 781-335-1686 ext 10.First Church in Weymouth, 17 Church St.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Dave Foley,** Sunday, May 21. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/next page.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, hosts **Stubbies,** Sunday, May 21. For information call 617-773-1170.

Monday, May 22

South Shore Hospital's 17th annual Charity Golf Tournament, Monday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at Pinehills Golf Club, Plymouth. Proceeds benefit the new Cardiovascular Center at SS Hospital. Call 781-340-4061 to register.

Genealogy Day "Tips, Tactics, and Techniques," sponsored by SeniorNet at Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Boulevard, Brockton, Monday, May 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch provided. $35, $20, SeniorNet members. For information call 508-588-9100 ext 1063.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston orientation session for women ages 20 and older to become Big Sisters and create little moments that make big magic. Monday, May 22, 6 to 7 p.m., Monroe Building, 2nd floor, suite #7, 1245 Hancock St., Quincy. Call 617-328-1061.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

Tuesday, May 23

Weymouth Art Association, Artist of the Month, **Shirley Adams** will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-3126 or 781-335-4675.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Feed the Animals –** Saturdays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. **Tales from the Wild –** Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. **Sunday Walks –** 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

Boston Pops Jazz Fest featuring John Pizzarelli, guitarist and vocalist widely-known for "Meet me at Foxwoods" commercial, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, May 23, 24, 25, 8 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. Tickets $17-$74 at the box office or call SymphonyCharge, 617-266-1200, 888-266-1200, or visit www.bostonpops.org.

Grub Street South writing workshop, Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m., Buttonwood Books, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. "Building Character," how-to session features classic literature and writing exercises. Reservations requested. Call 781-383-2665.

Bar Association of Norfolk County Free Legal Clinic, Tuesday evening, May 23, 6 to 8 p.m., Quincy District Court, Private confidential consultation. No appointment necessary. For information call 617-471-9693.

Wednesday, May 24

"Who's Watching You?: Owls of the World," program and demonstration featuring owls of the world sponsored by The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts, Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m., at the Plymouth Public Library, Route 3, Exit 5. For information call 781-934-9018.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

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On Sunday, May 21, the Art Complex Museum will hold a reception from 1:30-3:30 p.m. for several exhibitions "Complex Conversations: Carol and Tom Odell," "Shaker Forward," "Sano Gofu; Watercolors" and "Student Outdoor Sculpture, SOS". The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxubury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

Special Places Walk, 10 kilometers, explores some of Boston's lesser-known places such as Liberty Square, Bay Village, the Custom House Tower and Chinatown. The trail also continues along the Charles River and past the Esplanade where the Boston Pops and other groups perform concerts during the summer months. Walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at the National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday evening, May 24. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit wwwmoseleyonthecharles.com.

Thursday, May 25

Ladies' Night at Lily's Apothecary, 6 Main St. Ext., Plymouth, Thursday, May 25, 4 to 8 p.m. Features free 'blow-out,' hair and scalp analysis by New York City Phyto hair stylist, Alberto Vara. Free raffle and gift with purchase of $50 or more. To schedule a 20-minute appointment call 508-747-7546.

Discovery at Camp Wise-n-Up, a musical by First Baptist Christian School, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., 40 West St., Weymouth. Program includes creative art exhibit of school students. For information visit www.fbcweymouth.org or call 781-335-6232.

"Ragtime," at the New Rep theatre, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, May 26, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 27, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. Tickets in advance. Call 617-923-8487 or visit www.newrep.org.

Baby Signs lecture by speech and language pathologist Elyse McPherson, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. How to communicate with babies through sign language. Free admission. For visit Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club, www.scnewcomers.com.

D'Ann's, 340 Centre Ave., Route 123, Abington, **Country Dance Party with dance instructor Margret Wilson.** Master of Ceremony is WKLB radio's Vic Martin on Thursday, May 25. For information call 781-878-8767.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **The Houserockers**, Thursday, May 25 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. Free pizza from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends,** Thursday, May 25, 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/next page.

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As overall winner of South Shore Conservatory's Piano Solo Competition, Jeremy Wisoff (right) of Kingston performs in the Conservatory's first annual Winner's Circle Concert.

South Shore Conservatory presents the first annual Winner's Circle Concert Saturday, May 20, 7:30 pm in Cox Hall at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The concert features the overall winners of the Conservatory's Song & Aria Competition, Concerto Competition, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Competition and Piano Solo Competition, as well as faculty and student group performances. Audience members are invited to meet the performers, and the Conservatory's new president Kathy Czerny, at a reception following the concert. Admission is free. South Shore Conservatory is handicapped accessible. For directions, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10, Monday through, Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Auditions

THE COMPANY THEATRE, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, will hold auditions for the **Will Rogers Follies**, Sunday, May 21 at 1 p.m. for adults. Please be prepared to sing something from the show or standard musical theatre (an accompanist will be provided,) and be prepared to dance. Bring tap shoes if you have them. Performances run July 28-August 22. **For more information call 781-871-2787.**

AUDITIONS FOR BLUE HAIR TROUPE, musical comedy actors over 40, Sunday, May 21 for the musical revue, Blue Hair Troupe which will be running in the fall of 2006 at Giggles Comedy Club in Saugus. For more info and to make an appointment visit www.bluehairtroupe.com.

THE UNICORN SINGERS will hold an open rehearsal for altos and basses on Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.. The group rehearses at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham. The select chamber choir will audition altos and basses for its 29th season. Visit bcc-us.org for more information. Please call ahead 781-749-6561.

THE ISLAND GROVE CHORUS, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's *a cappella* chorus that gives vocal training to its members who provide musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shore area. For information call a Sweet Adeline at 781-843-4355.

DREAMCHASERS is now accepting registrations for their Summer Theatre Program. Classes run from July 10-Aug. 5. Classes and performances are held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Summer classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org.

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Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents David Massengill onSaturday, May 20, at 8 p.m. for its last concert of the season. As distinctive a performer as he is a writer, David Massengill accompanies himself mainly on the Appalachian dulcimer, slung over his shoulder like an electric guitar. David's songs are upbeat and engaging, but full of subtle complexities. For more information, visit www.davidmassengill.com. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. An open mic precedes the concert. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts is available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

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Friday, May 26

South Shore Singles dinner dance, Friday, May 26, 8 p.m. to midnight at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, with Joey Canzano, the man of a thousand voices. DJ music, buffet dinner at 8:30 p.m. $18, $12 members. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Evan Goodrow Band**, Friday, May 26. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 26, **Lydia Warren Band,** blues. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **J Place Band,** Friday, May 26, 9:15 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. No cover. For information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

Ongoing events

Fall Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Human Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in May, June, July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehassociation.org of call 781-878-4343Cost $100

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Ala-teen and Al-Anon family groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people ages 6-12 or ages 13-18 to share experiences and understand ways of coping, form close friendships and hope for a happier life. Friday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hanover First Baptist Church in the back lower level, 580 Webster St. Call Kris, 781-834-5973. For schedule of similar fellowships in the state call 781-843-5300.

South Shore Soliloquy Toastmasters Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. Opportunities to master public speaking and learn leadership skills. For more information visit www.geocities.com/sssoliloquy or call 781-837-5734.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

The Island Grove Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines International, open additions for its women's a cappella chorus, every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. Chorus performs throughout South Shore, vocal training provided. For information call 781-843-4355.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m**. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a new marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard-flag squad members. A family style group open to those from age 13 to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting will train inexperienced but motivated people. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at Pembroke Community Center, Route. 14, Pembroke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.pathwayproductions.crg/imperials.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting, wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Quincy Toastmasters Club. Look forward to speaking in public. Transform from a nervous speaker to a confident superstar with a friendly and fun club. The Quincy Toastmasters meets every Monday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Quincy Recreational Center, 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Visit www.quincytoastmasters.org or call 617-472-8893.

Poetry at the Main Street Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, last Wednesday of every month. Open Mike, 7 p.m. Sign up, 6:30 p.m. Email Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

MS Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth. Call Liz, 781-878-7041, email Vze2n8tr@verizon.net, call Cindy, 781-878-5835 or email aRockland119@aol.com.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating them to help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Back Bay-Beacon Hill Walk of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) travels through charming Beacon Hill, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, the Public Garden, Symphony Hall and the Museum of Fine Arts. A portion of the trail is inside the elegant Copley Place and Prudential Center. Walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at the National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Buttonwood Books & Toys Story Time Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Storytellers entertain 2-5 year olds with a half-hour of delightful stories. Book selections are a mix of new releases, traditional favorites and seasonal. No signup necessary. Free admission and open to the public. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Pick a Party, Route 139, Hanover, **Mother's Group Meeting** Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost $5 per hour per child with the purchase of a 10-visit family pass for $50. Pass entitles holder to any Tuesday morning visit for up to two children per family pass. Call Stacy Smith Wheel, 781-826-7077 to register.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

New Beginnings support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a new Plymouth stamp club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

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Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Infertility Support Group at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. For individuals or couples experiencing fertility problems. Allow an opportunity to share feelings and concerns in a confidential setting and helps improve coping skills. Group meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. No fee. Call Janet Garnier, LICSW at 508-830-2412 for more information.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Partner/Spouse Loss Group at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. Daytime group meets every other Wednesday; from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For further information or to register call Kathleen McAleer, LICSW at 508-746-0215.

The Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

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The Quincy Library Society Concert Series presents the final concert of the season on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. The show, titled "In Good Company" will feature Boston-based cabaret performers Bridal Carey and Will McMillan with Doug Hammer on piano. Songs by Jacques Brel, Stephen Sondheim, Tracy Chapman, James Taylor and others will take a musical journey from the 1930s to the 21st century. VML Sunday Concerts are free and open to thepublic. No tickets are required. Refreshments are served at a post-concert social hour. For more information contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or go to www.ventresslibrary.org.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents Patty Fivnash and Anand Nayak, and Mel Green, Friday, May 19, 8 p.m., at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Open Mike. $6, $5 members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

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Blues Cruise!

By LARRY KATZ

Holland America's Westerdam in the Caribbean

ABOARD THE WESTERDAM -- What happens when 1,800 blues fans, 120 musicians included, take over a cruise ship?

The answer surely involved lots of music and the consumption of alcoholic beverages, but beyond that I didn't have any idea what to expect when I traveled to Ft. Lauderdale for a seven-day Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise of the Caribbean.

The truth is I had never cruised before. And the prospect of being trapped on a ship and sharing meals and activities with hundreds of strangers with no place for refuge except what in my mind would be a teensy cabin was not something I was looking forward to.

But in recent years more and more music fans -- and I am certainly one -- have been discovering music cruises geared to their particular tastes. Beyond blues, there are cruises for jazz, country, bluegrass and folk fans. And lately younger rock bands have been following the example of rhythm and bluesman Delbert McClinton, whose annual cruise is known as the closest thing to heaven among his admirers. The Dave Matthews Band organized a high seas bash for its fans early this year; Barenaked Ladies are booking passengers for theirs next January.

The lineup of talent for the Blues Cruise was impressive enough to make me book. And was impressive enough as well to fill every last cabin with music lovers from all across the United States and as far away as Austria and Australia.

Bobby "Blue" Bland, Taj Mahal, Millie Jackson, Pinetop Perkins, James Cotton, Hubert Sumlin, John Hammond, Buckwheat Zydeco and Corey Harris topped the long list of players set to perform. How bad could it be?

And the chance to visit Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Belize had appeal, too.

As soon as the Holland America Line ship left the pier the nightly, all-night musical feast began. The action took place in four main locations: indoors in the Westerdam's large, nightclublike Vista showroom, the more intimate Queens Lounge theater or the clublike Crow's Nest; and on a stage outdoors on the open deck, a space with lots of room for dancing.

Showtimes often overlapped, which made it impossible to hear every performance. But who would want to? Instead I found myself happily moving from one venue to another as my mood and the music dictated.

On one typical day, I caught Taj Mahal (reunited with his tuba band) and the always uninhibited Millie Jackson in the late afternoon, discovered 27-year-old Yugoslavian phenom Ana Popovic after dinner and finished up with Cotton, Sumlin and Perkins (playing under the direction of Brookline-born guitarist Bob Margolin as the Chicago Legends), Tab Benoit and Bobby "Blue" Bland before deciding to call it a night.

The harder-partying folks kept right on going. Every night featured a 1 a.m. jam session led by one blues star or another. And pianist Mitch Woods didn't even start his daily gig until 2:30 a.m.

Woods had his night owl fans, but the majority of blues cruisers were ages 45-65 and seemed to know from experience that sleep, along with moderate alcohol intake, were essential to maximum enjoyment. I didn't witness any inebriated frat boy-and-girl-type shenanigans, but then I didn't see a single frat boy or girl among my fellow passengers either.

Moderation, however, was hard to maintain when it came to food. I was so ignorant of cruise life that I was surprised to find that the daily musical feast was no more spectacular than the Westerdam's daily culinary feast. Eating, I quickly learned, qualified as a main shipboard activity and there were no obstacles to stuffing yourself -- you didn't even have to dress up for the ship's more elegant dining areas (specifically for the Blues Cruise, informality reigned with T-shirts, sandals and shorts perfectly acceptable at all times and in all areas of the vessel).

What dressing up did occur was entirely wacky. If experienced travelers know to pack light, veteran blues cruisers know to pack like it's Halloween, bringing masks, costumes and props in preparation for Pirates Night and a Mardi Gras celebration. Many also brought beads, feathers and other adornments to decorate the doors of their cabins, an optional but amusing Blues Cruise tradition.

My cabin, I should mention, far exceeded my expectations. I had a bright, inviting room with enough space for a king-sized bed and loveseat along with a TV, a private balcony and a bathroom with a shower/tub. Here was my refuge from the ongoing festivities: a peaceful place to read a book, watch the changing blues of the water and enjoy the simple, enduring pleasures of sea travel.

As with nonmusical cruises, ours made four stops at ports where passengers could spend the day taking prepaid excursions or gad about on their own. Time onshore also provided contrast to the near-constant onboard musical activity.

Veteran travelers may imagine that this blues voyage was simply a standard cruise with extra entertainment. And music fans may envision not much more than a multiday festival on the high seas.

Both would be wrong. Music and cruise equaled more than the sum of their parts thanks to the reigning convivial atmosphere that left no one a stranger. Passengers mingled with musicians at meals and chance encounters, as well as at organized autograph sessions. Musicians mingled onstage for spontaneous jam sessions: One night Ana Popovic and Anthony Gomes engaged in an inspired, entirely friendly guitar dual.

Young bluesman Kenny Neal joined veteran Bobby Bland onstage; Ronnie Baker Brooks was joined not only by his famous father Lonnie Brooks, but by funkateer Jellybean Johnson in a triple guitar frolic.

Even the ship's crew, from captain to cabin boys, seemed infected by the good vibes. When a busboy started tapping his feet and shaking his hips to the piped-in music -- all blues, all the time, of course -- it was one more bit of proof that on this cruise it was all but impossible not to feel like a guest at a very special party.

The next Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise, Oct. 3-7, sails from San Diego to Mexico with 18 artists including Taj Mahal, Ike Turner and Irma Thomas. A limited number of cabins are available from $850 per person. The next Caribbean cruise is Jan. 14-21, 2007, embarking from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with 19 acts including Taj Mahal, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Otis Clay and Buckwheat Zydeco. Prices start at $1,300 per person. For information, call 888-BLUESIN or go to www.bluescruise.com

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Diving into flood analysis

High water raises issues

By Samantha Brown
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Flooding during Mother's Day weekend caused damage to many homes around town. While the storm, which brought more than 11 inches of rain over the course of three days is a somewhat unusual event, town officials say something must be done to help prevent flooding from happening in the future.

The area near the post office on Ripley Road, including portions of Sohier Street and Smith Place, were greatly impacted by the water. This is not the first time there has been flooding in that area, as a storm in 1996 left the post office accessible only by rowboat. President Bill Clinton declared a state of emergency which allowed the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get involved. Since that time, drainage improvements have been made in the area which many say should have been enough to stop flooding from taking place this time around.

James Brook runs from Sanctuary Pond, down through the village and out into Cohasset Harbor. After the flooding in 1996, strategies were developed to address flooding along the brook, which included work at the upper end near King Street as well as the lower end in the village using Greenbush mitigation funds.

Ripley Road resident Peter Pratt, who was on the Board of

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METCO coordinator Aleisa Gittens-Carle checks in on graduating seniors Aileen Fortunato, Brittany McNeil and Shevaughn White, who will soon end their academic career in Cohasset. The girls had gathered for lunch with friend Adam Chaney.

Seniors put cap on Cohasset school career

Share thoughts about experience

By Samantha Brown
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"This is the only voluntary program for integrating kids in the whole United States. We're very fortunate to have this program in our state."
— Shevaughn White, METCO student

Graduation day is fast approaching for the Cohasset High School class of 2006. For three of the school's seniors, receiving their diplomas will be especially rewarding as they and their families have made many sacrifices over the years to allow them to be educated in Cohasset.

Aileen Fortunato, Brittany McNeil and Shevaughn White have attended school in Cohasset since they were in the elementary grades. They have grown up alongside their classmates, but have had a much different school experience. Instead of waking up and heading a few miles down the road to get to their destination, through the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO, program, the girls have traveled from their homes much closer to Boston, all the way to the South Shore.

Shevaughn and Aileen live in Dorchester while Brittany lives in Roxbury, which has led to early mornings and sometimes late nights on the bus. The girls say over the course of the years, they have been required to wake up between 5 and 6 a.m. to get to the bus on time. When the girls have participated in after-school sports or events, they have needed to take the late bus, which doesn't leave until 6 p.m. "Two hours gets lost every day in travel time," said Aileen, which could otherwise have been used to get homework done, or just hang out with friends. These days Aileen no longer has to wait for the bus, as she now has her license and drives herself to and from school, but commuting still takes its toll.

Brittany and Shevaughn always attended Cohasset schools while Aileen began her schooling in Scituate and transferred to Cohasset when she was in the fourth grade. Aileen's parents wanted her to be in the same school as her older brother, which is why she made the switch.

The sacrifice has not always been easy for the girls, especially when they were younger. Shevaughn said [illegible] try to make things easier and provide a home away from home for students who participate in the METCO program, but as they have gotten older have relied on their host families less and less. All three say at one point in their academic career or another they have been tempted to leave Cohasset and attend school closer to home. All three said their parents kept encouraging them to stick with it and finish their years in Cohasset, and as good

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Light to shine on all budgets

Fire could be first on hot seat

By Samantha Brown
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A new Selectmen's year has begun for the board and members are beginning to think about goals for the upcoming 12 months. Clearly finances will be on the table in the wake of the failed overrides, and taking a closer look at every departmental budget — not just the schools' — is on the docket.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said analyzing the fire department's budget should be a priority for the board as the town's benchmarking study indicates the town's per capita costs are way above its peer groups. "We are way out of range," he said, which could have to do with the fact that Cohasset does not have an active call fire department, which he said is something that will become more apparent with more dissection of the budget.

Dormitzer said there are slated to be six firefighters retiring over the next few years which could mean now is a good time to begin discussing any potential changes to the department. "Do we replace them with EMTs? Do we look to have a bigger call force? I don't know if it's even realistic to have call firefighters," said Dormitzer. He added he has seen both an ambulance and fire engine speed off to a call together, and maybe the town should look at whether it is necessary to send both, as it could require

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Cohasset Citizen of the Year Margie Steele, right, chats with Annette and Wayne Sawchuk at a special reception in her honor at the Cohasset Harbor Inn on Sunday. Steele was honored for her long-time commitment to the Cohasset Food Pantry. For more photos, see page 25.

Cook payoff starts in fiscal 2008

By Samantha Brown
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"We have to pay that off."
— Town Manager Bill Griffin

While the town's very tight fiscal 2007 operating budget will not be directly affected by Cook Estate expenses, free cash and operating revenue could take a hit from fiscal 2008 to 2010 to make up the costs.

All tolled, the town's expenses in relation to the project are $616,715. Of that amount, $204,987 was returned to the town as a refundable deposit plus interest. Therefore, net expenditures totaled $411,727, of which $123,838 was expended "out of pocket" and cannot be regained.

The town took out a $400,000 temporary 5-year note to cover expenses related to the project, of which $287,889 was expended, leaving a balance of $112,110. Temporary notes allow the town to borrow funds for a limited time, usually one year, and pay only the interest on the funds, not the principal.

"We have to pay that off," said Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Griffin said he and Director of Finance Michael Buckley both recommend the balance of $112,110 be used to make the first payment on the bond, due on Jan. 26, 2007, to avoid a negative impact on the fiscal 2007 budget. The following three payments, due Jan. 15, 2008, 2009 and 2010 will be financed through free cash, or depending on the status of town finances at the time, through a combination of free cash and regular operating revenue.

Free cash is essentially surplus funds left over at the end of a fiscal year. On June 30, the last day of each fiscal year, the Director of Finance prepares a balance sheet to essentially take a snapshot of the town's finances as of that moment. After the Department of Revenue reviews the balance sheet, it certifies the amount of free cash or surplus the town has. Those funds can then be transferred by Town Meeting for any lawful purpose.

From one year to the next, free cash can vary greatly based on how much money the town collected in revenue over and above what was predicted, how much money was turned back to surplus from budget appropriations and many other calculations by the Department of Revenue.

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Occupation: Communications Supervisor and National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion.

Best day of your life: The day I met my wife.

Best vacation: Trip to Washington, D.C. where I visited the WWII Memorial.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Memorial Day.

Favorite junk food: Peggy Lawton's Chocolate Chip Cookies.

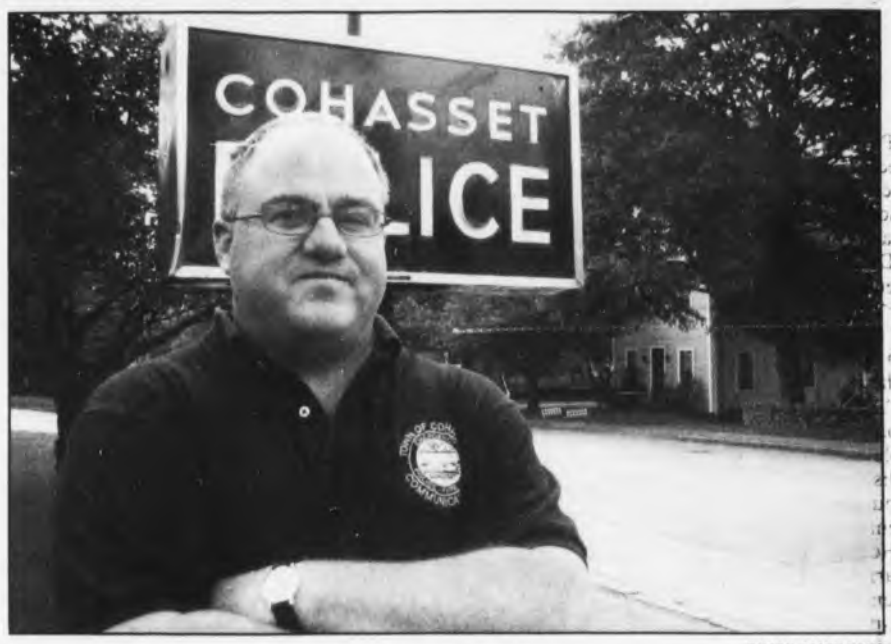
Best magazine: "The American Legion."

Best movie: "Saving Private Ryan."

Best TV show: Anything on the History Channel.

Pet peeve: People who don't appreciate the sacrifice veterans have made.

Most embarrassing moment: Unpacking my suitcase in the wrong hotel room after the maid let me in.



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Police/Fire Communications Supervisor Tom Wigmore is also National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. Each spring Wigmore places flags at the graves of veterans who were laid to rest at Woodside Cemetery. (Wigmore explains Ed Brennock places flags on veterans graves at Beechwood Cemetery and Ralph Perroncello of the VFW places the flags at Central Cemetery.)

Most memorable moment: My wedding and being named National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion.

Goal: Ensuring the Memorial Day tradition continues in Cohasset.

Person I'd most like to meet: The President.

Biggest worry: Rain on Memorial Day.

Best part of Cohasset: Veterans Memorial Park at the Harbor.

Police welcome officer Goodman

Fresh out from the police academy, officer Chris Goodman joined the Cohasset Police Department Wednesday. Goodman spent 31 weeks training at the academy and began working with a training officer this week at the department. Police Chief James Hussey introduced Goodman to the Board of Selectmen Monday and said Cohasset is "Very fortunate he chose our town."

Hussey added Goodman's father is a member of the Army Reserves and is being sent to Iraq for 15 months, so not only will Goodman be adjusting to his new role, he will be looking out for his mother while his father is away.

New ConCom member

Dick Perkinson, 274 King St., is the newest associate member of the Conservation Commission. Perkinson came before the Board of Selectmen Monday for an introduction and said he looks forward to serving on the board.

Perkinson said he has worked for the Department of Environmental Protection for six years and feels he has a lot of ideas and experience that will make him a good addition to the Conservation Commission. Selectmen unanimously appointed Perkinson to the position.

Brush, paint disposal

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Scituate woman arrested for purse snatching

By Mary Ford
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Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the theft of two pocketbooks from shopping carts in local supermarkets.

Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon said police had reports of two pocketbooks stolen out of shopping carts: one on April 26 at Stop & Shop and the other on May 2 at Shaw's.

"As a result of our investigation of the incidents we were able to identify the suspect as Alisha Tsimbidaros, 20, of 533 Country Way in Scituate," Lennon said.

He explained he and Det. Garrett Hunt were able to identify Tsimbidaros as the suspect after discussing the thefts with detectives in other towns. The woman is a suspect in similar offenses in other towns, he said.

"Based on that information and using the video we were able to confirm her as a suspect in the Shaw's incident," Lennon said.

"One thing led to another and we ended up applying for a search warrant for the residence at 533 Country Way," he said. "The search warrant was executed on May 5 with the assistance of Scituate and Hingham police."

While executing the search warrant, police recovered the pocketbook allegedly stolen from Stop and Shop on April 26 as well as a number of other pocketbooks that had been stolen across the South Shore, including Pembroke and Norwell.

"Their continued diligence in pursuing justice for victims of crime is just one example of the great work done by the officers of our department."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Tsimbidaros was not at home when police conducted the search but they were able to track her down at a residence in Humarock and placed her under arrest on two counts of larceny from the person for the Cohasset incidents: one of the felony counts carries an enhanced penalty because the person was over 65. One of the alleged victims is an 89-year-old woman, Lennon said. Tsimbidaros could be facing further charges in other towns.

Police Chief James Hussey gave the investigation high marks.

"Using their training and experience, Sgt. Det. Lennon and Det. Hunt were able to quickly identify a suspect, develop probable for a search warrant and effect the arrest of a criminal for two purse snatchings here in Cohasset," Hussey said. "Their continued diligence in pursuing justice for victims of crime is just one example of the great work done by the officers of our department. We should all be proud."

Intoxicated, homeless males in parking lot

Police responded to a call last Saturday evening about three intoxicated males hanging around and harassing workers taking the shopping carts in at Shaw's.

Chief James Hussey said the men – who said they were homeless and living in Wompatuck State Park – had a car and said they were there to purchase charcoal and food.

Police placed them in protective custody for their own protection. Protective custody is not an arrest and is used when someone is inebriated. Often police can release someone in protective custody to a family member but in this case two of the three men were kept overnight, Hussey said. The third requested medical attention and was transported to South Shore Hospital.

Hussey said the men's car, an old Saturn, was towed and will be released when police determine who the proper owner is. The car had plates on it, but had not been registered in quite some time and the state Department of Motor Vehicles has no record of it, he said.

The next day police transported the two men, who spent the night at the station, to the bus. They had money with them for bus fare and told police they would head to a homeless shelter in Boston, Hussey said.

BOLO for white truck

At about 9 a.m. Sunday, police received a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) from Scituate for a white dump truck with a truckload of stolen gravel from the Scituate Country Club. Scituate police provided the plate number and Cohasset police located the vehicle and called Scituate to come to the scene. The driver told police he had permission to take the gravel, Hussey said. Scituate is investigating the incident.

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From left, Georgie Gladdys, director of the Carriage House Nursery School; event co-chair Gina McClellan, Anthony Everett; and event co-chair Lydia Everett, pose for the camera during "An Evening of Mad Science" benefit for the Carriage House Nursery School. For more, see page 21.

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Tree limb at root of outages

A tree limb that was down on a primary line on Sohier Street was able to knock out power to 2,040 electric customers in Cohasset and 589 in Scituate on Monday evening, David Graves, National Grid spokesman said.

Graves said National Grid received an alarm at 6:03 p.m. that a limb on a wire on Sohier Street was affecting customers in Cohasset and Scituate.

"This primary line is a feeder meaning it feeds other lines of less voltage," he said. "If there is a fault on a line, as in this case, then the 'recloser' acts like a circuit breaker and opens creating a break in the system."

The limb was taken off the line and power was restored at 6:56 p.m.

Graves said the recloser may have tried to close several times creating a flickering that some may have thought was a power surge. He said National Grid did not have any reports about a transformer blowing out or burning.

National Grid sent out a truck to inspect the entire length of the line. The limb was taken off the line and power was restored at 6:56 p.m., he said.

Graves explained the primary line has 13,800 volts of electricity; a home uses 220 volts. Therefore, the line feeds a large number of customers, he said.

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Cook payoff starts in fiscal 2008

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someone's "net worth" where it is more of an accounting calculation than actual in-hand money. A person's net worth can go up and down based on the value of their property, how much they owe on their mortgage, performance of investments, and so on.

Selectman Rob Spofford asked Griffin whether the original authorization given by Town Meeting to spend money to purchase the property allowed the town to bond its expenses. He said he had thought the town only authorized spending money to purchase the property, to keep the town from incurring any expenses.

However, Griffin explained the town approved spending $4.5 million to purchase the property with only the condition that the town would have to make back what it would spend. As long as the purchase price would cover the town's costs, the town was allowed to borrow money to make the project happen.

Griffin said in fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010, money will be taken out of free cash to pay for Cook costs, but the money could have been used for other non-recurring expenses, to which Spofford said, "It could have been used for the schools."

Spofford also asked whether using free cash to pay for the Cook costs is the way the town should be spending its money. Griffin said while using the money to pay for the project might not be the preferable way to spend free cash, using the money to cover the costs would be consistent with the way free cash is usually spent.

The Cook Estate, located on Sohier Street, is a roughly 19-acre parcel of land, that was owned by the late Jane Bancroft Cook. The town had been working with the heirs of her estate since 2003 to build senior housing on the site. Voters at the November 2003 fall Special Town Meeting authorized the town to spend $4.5 million for the purchase of the Cook property with the intention of making a profit when the town sold the property to a developer.

The project was put out to bid, then wastewater issues forced a reduction in scope of the project. A second Request for Proposals was sent out for the smaller project, and two subsequent developers both pulled out due to tight permitting deadlines. The Weathervane Construction Corporation was the fourth developer to try to work with the town to develop the property, but they too pulled out from the project, which in turn led the town to back out of the deal. The heirs of the estate are no longer working with the town, and the property is now in their hands. The heirs were slated to put out a Request for Proposals for a new project by the end of this month.

Payoff schedule for $400,000 Cook Estate note

Date	Principal	Interest	Total
1/26/07	$100,000	$14,600	$114,600
1/15/08	$135,000	$12,000	$147,000
1/15/09	$135,000	$6,600	$141,600
1/15/10	$30,000	$1,200	$31,200
Totals	**$400,000**	**$34,400**	**$434,400**

Cook Property expense analysis

Expense	Vendor	From note proceeds	From general funds	Total
Engineering services	Coler & Colantonio	$8,445	$24,970	$33,415
	John Cavanaro	$263	$14,099	$14,362
Appraisal services	Thomas Mulhern		$4,200	$4,200
Consultant services	GLC Development	$114,560	$23,791	$138,350
Note issuance expenses	First Southwest		$7,263	$7,263
Interest on notes	U.S. Bank		$45,770	$45,770
Legal expenses	Rubin & Rudman	$50,921		$50,921
	Deutsch Williams	$27,189	$3,745	$30,934
Deposits	Initial	$200,000		$200,000
	Extension	$91,500		$91,500
Gross totals		**$492,878**	**$123,838**	**$616,716**
Return of deposit with interest				**$204,988**
Net total expended				**$411,728**

LIBRARY CORNER

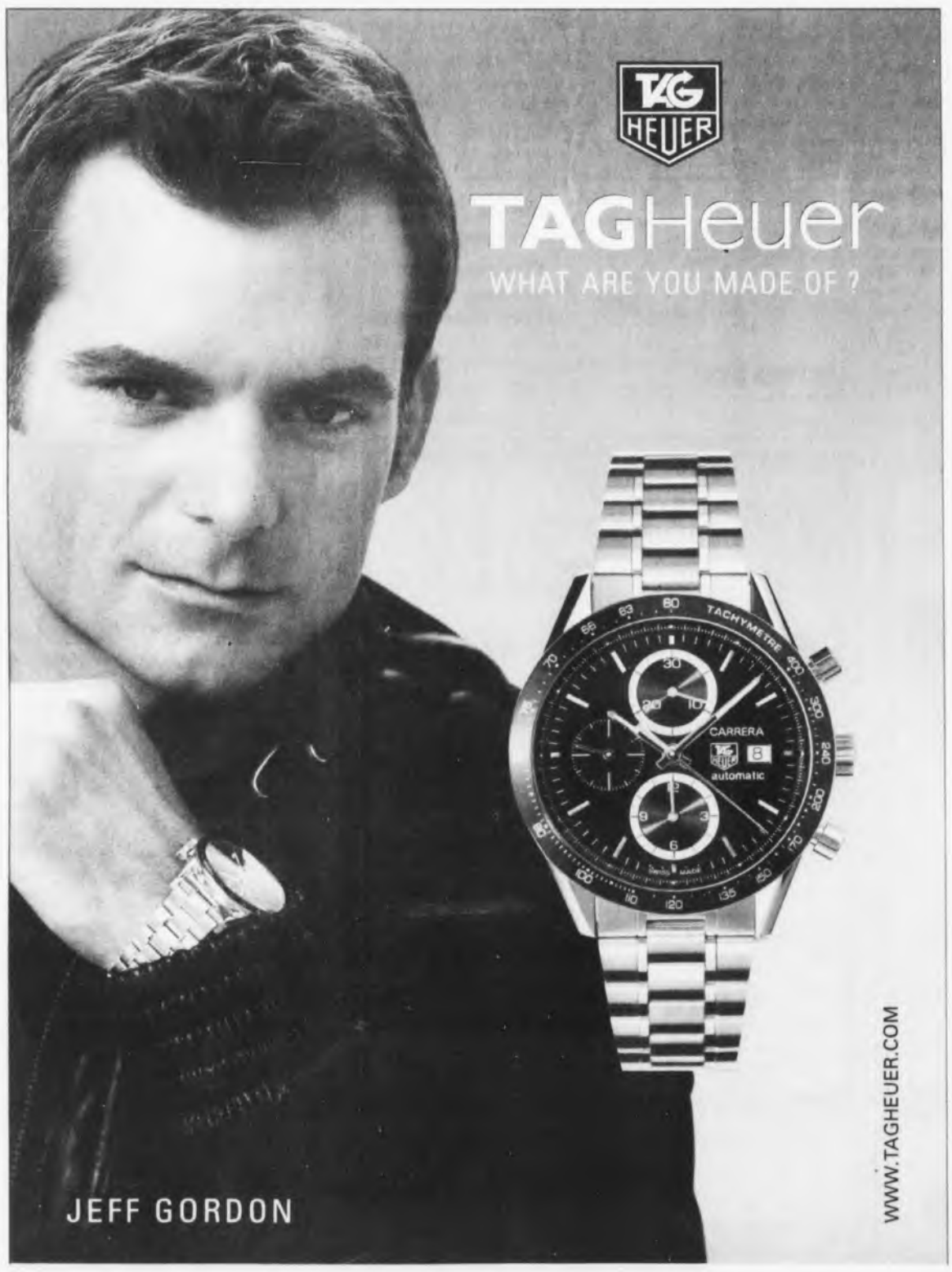
The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesday.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the movie "Aaltra" on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. This award-winning French film portrays the story of two feuding neighbors who become paraplegics after being run over by a tractor. The two decide to join forces and lay siege to the manufacturer of the tractor by wheeling across the country in their wheelchairs. Co-stars Benoit Delepine and Gustave Kervern show a distinct flavor for understated physical comedy and defiantly non-PC humor. Free admission and refreshments.

New titles – Recent acquisitions include: The DVDs "Cheaper By the Dozen 2" and "Transamerica," and the books "Europe Central" by William Vollmann, "Two Little Girls: A Memoir of Adoption" by Theresa Reid and "Absurdistan" by Gary Shteyngart. Place a hold on any of these titles online or by calling the library.

Holiday closing – The library will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.



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Hey Cohasset, get ready to have a fun-filled and safe Memorial Day Weekend and make sure to take a few moments to remember and reflect on the true meaning of the day. The weather for the most part looks like it will be great for the parade on Monday and this is a nice time to join together with family and friends, put aside differences of opinions and enjoy our community together. Send in all of your graduate news, birthdays, new baby information etc. Have a super weekend!

PRE-PROM GALA

Tonight's prom festivities begin when the seniors and guests arrive at the Common starting at 5:30 p.m. They will take trolleys to dinner at Venezia's at 6:45 p.m. While the Seniors are dining, the former Garage will be open from 7-8:30 p.m. for citizens to see the building's transformation and party activities for the evening. Come on down! Best of luck to all of the seniors as they kick-off the start of their summers and get ready to see the world in a whole new light.

POST PROM

There's a great new place in town! The Class of 2006 Post Prom Committee announced that tonight's post prom activities will be held at the newly renovated space formerly known as the Garage. After months of renovations funded by private donors, the Garage is no longer! A hip new name for the building will be revealed tonight to the prom guests as they enjoy a variety of activities from midnight to 5 a.m. The event is a substance-free lock-down party and seniors and guests must stay on the premises from 12-5 a.m.

PRESCOTT HONORED

Congratulations to **Caroline Prescott** who won the Cohasset Sailing Club Registration Day Raffle, which included a tote bag full of sailing gear. Everyone enjoyed beautiful weather as they registered at the Club on the Harbor for summer sailing classes and fun! Enjoy all your wonderful goodies Caroline and to all members, get ready to have a "sailingly" super summer!

SUMMER RECREATION

The Cohasset Recreation Department has a wide range of summer programs being offered for this summer. For more information, call 781-383-4109, or 781-383-2211, or go to Town Hall and pick up the summer catalog of programs. You may also log on to www.onecreativeplace.net.

SCIENCE FUN

Here is an event that sounds like a fun and creative one to attend. "Meet the Scientists" will be presented at the Paul Pratt Library on June 8, 2006 at 4 p.m. in the Story Room. Members of **Mrs. Horigan's** sixth grade class have assumed new identities: scientists.

Come to meet them as they appear in costume to talk about themselves and to answer questions about their lives and accomplishments. The program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

LUMINARIA BAGS AVAILABLE

Anyone who is looking for Luminaria bags for this year's Relay For Life being held on June 16 and 17, can contact **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** at 781-383-2668 or email her at PJVIT@aol.com.

OVERRIDE FORUM

A special meeting is being held on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. sharp in the High School Gym and is sponsored by the Cohasset PSO. This meeting is a place for any member of the town to come and hear, share and explore ideas and thoughts on where the town and schools should head from here. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring with them all of your thoughts and emotions and get ready to work together on discussing the issues and opportunities at hand.

BIRD WALK

A bird walk with Cohasset birder **Sally Avery** will take place Saturday, June 3, 8 to 10 a.m. Participants will explore the area around Straits Pond and the nearby ocean. Those attending should meet at 8 a.m. at the base of Summit and Atlantic avenues near the Cohasset and Hull town line. The event is free.

Bird lists from past years are listed on www.weirriver.org. For more information, call 781-925-9066.

COFFEE WITH AUTHORS

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host "Coffee with the Authors" on Tuesday, June 6, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., at the Atlantica Restaurant . Contemporary authors James Dodson, Elinor Lipman and Susan Richards will discuss their latest work. The event includes a continental breakfast. Tickets are $15 per person and are non-refundable. Advance reservations and ticketing are required. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

James Dodson is a household name in golf circles. He is a four-time winner of the prestigious Golf Writers of America Award for his column in Golf magazine. In "Beautiful Madness," he moves from the links to greens, and researches America's obsession with gardening. His journey into the inner sanctum of gardeners takes him behind the scenes at the world's two most important garden shows, The Philadelphia Flower Show and the Chelsea Garden Show in England. It leads him to Cohasset to meet with Polly Logan, Penny Place, Pat Chase, Ginny Gary, and Mary Hickey, a group of women he affectionately refers to as "The Colonial Dames of Cohasset." He also secures himself an invitation from Tony Avent, premier horticulturist and self-proclaimed "plant nerd," to travel to South Africa to search for rare plants and flowers.

Elinor Lipman is well known for her deft handling of social issues in a wry and entertaining way. In her newest book, "My Latest Grievance," Lipman introduces Frederica Hatch, a precocious 16 year-old. She is the only child of liberal, left wing parents. The Hatches are dorm parents on the campus of a small college for women located outside of Boston where Frederica has lived her whole life. The arrival of Laura Lee French, a gorgeous new dorm mother attracts the attention of Frederica, and her new influence throws the family dynamic into chaos. Lipman's wit and humor are at her comedic best as she works her magic in this new book, for which she received a starred review in Library Journal. She is the author of seven previous novels including "The Pursuit of Alice Thrift," "The Inn at Lake Devine," and "The Ladies Man."

"Chosen By a Horse" is a poignant memoir written by **Susan Richards** after the death of her horse, Lay Me Down. The author became a foster parent to Lay Me Down and her foal when the New York SPCA put out an urgent appeal. They had confiscated 40 abused horses from a standard bred horse farm and they needed help. A horse lover from childhood, and the owner of three horses, Richards felt compelled to help. The story of Lay Me Down unfolds alongside the story of her own difficult life – her mother's death when she was five, the uncaring relatives who raised her, her dissolute youth and subsequent marriage and divorce. Lay Me Down's unique temperament, combined with Richards' awakening awareness, creates a special bond between them. Richards is the co-author of "The Joy of Marriage," with Stuart Ober.

That is all for this week. Send all your information to me no later than 5 on Tuesdays!

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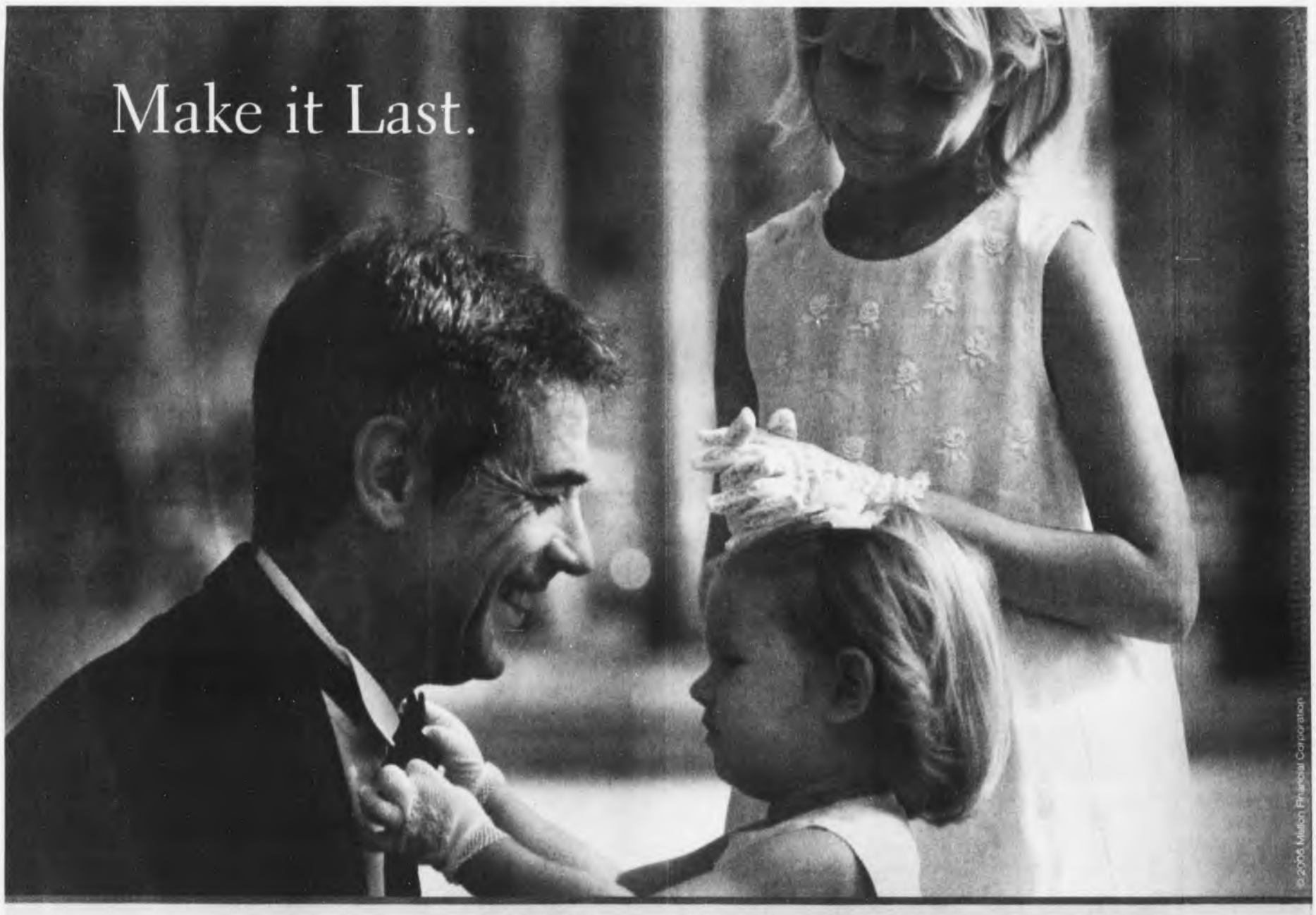
SWEET TREAT

Abby Slanetz, 10, of Cohasset takes a Chocolate coin from Puopolo Candies during the Taste of Hingham, held Saturday, May 6.



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METCO seniors to put cap on Cohasset school career

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ation approaches, the girls say they are very happy they did. "It's all been worth it to get a good education," said Brittany.

The METCO program allows students from more urban areas to commute to schools in suburban areas as a way of expanding educational opportunities and reducing racial imbalance. "This is the only voluntary program for integrating kids in the whole United States. We're very fortunate to have this program in our state," said Shevaughn.

There is a long waiting list to be accepted into the program, and all three girls said they feel lucky they were accepted. However, they said they do sometimes feel the program is misunderstood, even by the classmates they have known all their lives. "It's not just about black kids coming to a white school," said Aileen, adding it is more about being able to receive a good education in a different setting. She explained there are many top-notch schools in Boston which METCO students can attend, but coming to Cohasset, students are exposed to a different atmosphere and essentially, a different way of life.

But for all the time the girls have spent in Cohasset over the years, none would ever choose to live in the town permanently. "I'm a city girl and I couldn't live in Cohasset," said Shevaughn. "Me too," said Brittany, adding "There are more people and there's more to do," which somewhat distinguishes them from their Cohasset counterparts. Shevaughn said many of her Cohasset classmates seem to think Boston is far away and making the trip up is a big deal, but she does it every day.

The girls say making that daily trip does have its advantages. Shevaughn noted when applying to colleges, having recommendations from Cohasset has held more weight than some other schools they could have attended due to the large percentage of students who go on to college. However, there are down sides too as the girls say there is a lack of diversity which sometimes makes for uncomfortable situations.

"We try to be in the same classes," said Aileen, adding having someone there who is in the same situation as you are, helps make it easier to get through uneasy moments. The girls say they have been required to read "Huck Finn" in English class, and the book uses the "N-word" which has been very awkward at times. Overall, she said the Cohasset community has made a good effort to be welcoming and smooth over the awkward moments.

By the end of the week, the girls are very tired, and all three said there has never been a weekend when they have chosen to stay in Cohasset and hang out with their friends in town. "I just want to go home and take a nap," said Brittany.

During the weekends, the girls say they like to go shopping, bowling, or to the movies. In addition, all three girls have jobs. Aileen works at CVS as well as in admissions in the Franklin Park Zoo. Shevaughn is a lifeguard at the Melnea A. Cass pool in Roxbury, and Brittany works at Boston Scientific in Quincy.

All three girls plan on pursuing their education after graduation. Shevaughn said she has plans to attend the University of Massachusetts in Boston where she will study pharmacy. Brittany plans on moving down to Maryland where she will study business at a local community college. Aileen will attend Arcadia University in Pennsylvania where she has plans to study criminal justice and one day become a lawyer.

While it has been tough getting through the program, all three girls say they would never take back the experience. "It will be a good part of our history to look back on," said Shevaughn. All three girls would like to see more community involvement with the program, especially at the high school level, as the younger kids have large turnouts for their events, but the older kids seem to get lost in the shuffle. "We need more interaction," said Aileen.

The girls say they would recommend the program in a heartbeat to anyone considering participation. In fact, they said they would apply to have their own children participate in the METCO program one day, although Shevaughn noted, "If it still exists." While it can be hard and takes a lot of hard work, Aileen said, "You need to focus on the good things and enjoy your time here."

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Shevaughn White, Aileen Fortunato and Brittany McNeil are the three METCO students who will be graduating from Cohasset High School this year. All three girls have traveled down to Cohasset every day since they were in elementary school.

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All departmental budgets to go under microscope

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calling in backup staff who in turn are paid overtime.

Selectman Rob Spofford said while in theory he agrees with Dormitzer that all budgets should be scrutinized, he would like to see any discussions take place with the help of a facilitator. "You don't want to alienate the town employees you have right now," he said, especially where they work in public safety which is a vital service to the town.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he has already completed some of the work Dormitzer is looking for. When the benchmark report arrived in town, he began calling other fire departments to see just how comparable Cohasset was to the other towns in its peer group. He said there were roughly six other towns which had a professional paid staff with very limited call firefighters, who also provide Advanced Life Support services. He said he would provide the board with the information for an upcoming meeting.

Spofford reiterated discussion surrounding peoples' jobs must be handled delicately so as not to build up walls. "It has to be in a healthy environment that is not a threat to the department's members," he said.

Selectman Fred Koed currently serves as the board's liaison to the fire department. He said he knows from speaking to the department's members that they feel when money gets tight, they are always looked at as the ones to be cut. "They are a hard working department. It's one of the few jobs where you go out the door with someone and you may not come back in the door with them," he said.

Koed noted years ago, call firefighters were abundant because most residents lived and worked in town and could drop everything at a moment's notice to respond to a call. "Now, everyone's in Boston, or they're not around," which makes it very difficult to have a volunteer department. Even when residents are home for the evening, Cohasset will likely have trouble finding volunteers to step forward to fight fires at 3 a.m. Call firefighters are also usually limited to fighting fires and do not provide medical assistance.

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— Joe Stanganelli, 96 Aaron River Road

Koed also said by limiting a department's staff members, Cohasset will have trouble entering into mutual aid agreements which benefit the town's citizens greatly when there are two emergencies at once. Other towns are not going to be willing to subsidize Cohasset's public safety departments, he said.

In terms of the ambulance and fire truck responding together, "They are just doing their job," Koed said. "They don't know what's going on until they get there," and those on the scene need to be ready for anything. Koed said it might be a good idea for him to back away from being the liaison to the fire department and allow another board member to take on the role and hopefully gain a more clear picture about what being a member of that department entails.

Joe Stanganelli, 96 Aaron River Road, said as an override supporter, he was very disappointed when neither one passed, but added, "This is the most encouraging thing I've heard in the past two weeks. A lot of supporters will feel relieved to see the kind of magnification applied to other budgets that's been applied to the schools."

Stanganelli added while the schools have been asked to pare back costs to only deal with the core mission of providing for the classroom, perhaps the police and fire budgets should decide on their core missions as well, and potentially stick to law enforcement and protecting against fires and nothing else. "They do provide a lot of other services, and maybe those are not within the core mission of the town," he said.

Dormitzer went back to the thought of bringing on a facilitator to help the town deal with such issues and Griffin said he would like to take the lead on any discussion concerning changing public safety in town. "There are many stakeholders involved and many people have no idea how the fire department works," said Griffin. He added the process which is taken to delve into the fire department budget may be able to serve as a model on how to magnify the rest of the budgets.

Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., said in her opinion, the town has already chosen the kind of fire department it wants to have. She said Cohasset did not always have Advanced Life Support, which is now provided by the paramedics on the department, and before they were on board, she lost a neighbor because the necessary aid wasn't available. She said she has no doubt her neighbor would still be alive today had Cohasset been able to provide ALS at that time. "Think not about what this costs, but what we chose and what we want," she said.

Village sidewalk work questioned

Selectman Rob Spofford asked for clarification on what the curbs in front of St. Stephen's church on South Main Street will look like once Village improvements are complete. "I thought we agreed to rolled curbs," said Spofford, adding the street is very narrow and the rolled curbs are important to allow emergency vehicles to have ample access, but currently, the curbs look like all the other curbs in the Village. Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said when the work is complete, the street will be 2 inches higher, and the rolled edge will become more apparent.

Spofford said he has also received calls from residents about the sidewalk material. He said Town Meeting voted in favor of concrete sidewalks and residents are wondering why asphalt sidewalks are going in without having Town Meeting approval.

Dormitzer said there was only enough money in the budget to install asphalt, so the Board of Selectmen had to either choose asphalt or nothing at all, and it voted to go with asphalt. As it stands, there is not enough money in the Village Revitalization budget to complete work on Brook and Elm streets and the town is in the process of applying for grant money from the state which would provide funding for those areas. Dormitzer said only drainage work will be completed on those streets with current funds

Resident Russ Bonetti of Parker Avenue asked whether the town has any insurance to cover the loss of business being felt by Village business owners, as he has heard some merchants are experiencing a 30 percent decrease in sales. Town Manager Bill Griffin said the town has no such insurance.

Lifeguard training program at Swim Center

Cohasset Swim Center is offering Lifeguard Training, which will be held June 20-23. Class time is 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day, all classes are mandatory. All lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of class and need to pass a pre-course skills test. Registration deadline is May 26th.

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Memorial Day observances Monday

Rain or shine, you can be assured that hundreds of local citizens will gather at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday for Cohasset's traditional Memorial Day observances.

The annual event that includes a parade down North Main Street to the Common and onto Elm Street and the harbor is always a draw in this small town that has lost more than of its share of soldiers, sailors and airmen over the years.

The Veterans Honor Roll — which will eventually include those to served in all the nation's wars — is one of the finest tributes anywhere and demonstrates the esteem in which Cohasset holds its veterans.

The stone monument provides the backdrop for the ceremony that will include featured speaker Spc. Michael Golden, US Army National Guard. Spc. Golden, who lives on Beechwood Street, spent a year in Iraq. Golden said his speech will talk what a soldier goes through in Iraq.

The parade arrives at the harbor at about 11:45 a.m. but the day's events actually begin much earlier, the from 8 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday, a Legion member will keep vigil at Veterans park. Then at 7 a.m. at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 on Summer Street hosts the annual veterans' breakfast. From the Legion veterans march up to the old Paul Pratt Library building (now the headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society) where they board buses for the North Cohasset Cemetery and honor roll. The buses arrive at Woodside at about 9:30 a.m. that includes visiting the Gold Star Mothers Memorial. Then it's on to Beechwood Cemetery. The veterans join the parade that includes local bands, scouts, a contingent from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and veterans at the Music Circus parking lot at about 10:30 a.m. The parade marches to Central Cemetery at Joy Place, then down North Main Street to the Common, the POW/MIA Memorial, and onto Elm Street and the harbor, arriving at about 11:45 a.m.

Memorial Day schedule

- 7 a.m., veterans breakfast at the Legion
- 8:15 a.m., buses leave former Paul Pratt Library building on S. Main Street for North Cohasset
- 9:30 a.m., buses arrive at Woodside Cemetery, then on to Beechwood Cemetery
- 10:30 a.m., parade steps off from Music Circus parking lot
- 11 a.m., ceremony at Central Cemetery at Joy Place
- 11:30 a.m., ceremony at MIA/POW Square at Depot Court
- 11:45 a.m., parade arrives at Veterans Memorial Park. Guest speaker is Iraq war veteran, Spc. Michael Golden, US Army National Guard.

Flower Girls needed for Memorial Day Parade

Girls ages 5-12 needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11:00 a.m. and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions please contact Brenda Douglas at (781) 582-9387 or (617) 678-9137.

Memorial Day cookout hosted by Lightkeepers

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites residents for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately after the Memorial Day parade on May 29, at Bancroft Hall, Government Island.

The nonprofit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family light-keepers residence (no longer used as such because of automation of Minot Light some years before), and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town, but is maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation. The surrounding gardens were established and are maintained by the Community Garden Club, Cohasset Garden Club, Amateur Garden Club and by the Lightkeepers.

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The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and nonprofits at no charge.

This will be the ninth year that the Lightkeepers Corporation has hosted Memorial Day parade attendees in recognition of the generosity of the supporters. About 1,000 people are expected again this year.

Enough! Files ethics complaint

By Samantha Brown
SAMBROWN@CNC.COM

Members of the political action committee Enough! have filed a second complaint with the state against Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh.

The group, which opposed passing the $1.495 million override, first filed a complaint with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance days after Walsh sent a letter outlining Frequently Asked Questions regarding the override the week before the vote, held May 6. Saturday, May 20, the group sent a packet of information to the State Ethics Commission, asking it to formally investigate the circumstances surrounding the letter, which was sent to every student in the district. Campaign Finance law prohibits the use of governmental resources to distribute informational or advocacy material regarding an override vote.

Elementary students brought the letter home in their backpacks while it was mailed home to all middle-high school families. The distribution included using school letterhead and for some, postage, as well as time spent by staff members who aided Walsh with the mailing. The complaint also includes any staff which helped Walsh compile the mailing.

Walsh has received a copy of the latest complaint and said she immediately got in touch with the state. "I have been in touch with the State Ethics Commission and have rectified the matter to its satisfaction," she said.

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— Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh

The complaint filed by Enough! states the superintendent's actions, "shocked the citizens of Cohasset. We wish to ensure that our elections are free from improper official influence. We want to ensure that such a blatant disregard for the campaign, conflict of interest and ethics laws does not happen again in the town of Cohasset or in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

At the time the first complaint was filed, Walsh said the list was intended to be purely informational, and she was under the impression that as long as she was objective and factual and did not advocate a position, she could distribute the letter to parents. After being notified it was in fact a violation, Walsh apologized and offered to pay the town back for time and materials.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Memorial Day remembrance

Where will you be on Monday morning?

Making potato salad, marinating shrimp, and chilling soft drinks and beer for an anticipated cookout?

On a holiday trip on this first three-day weekend of the season?

Our fallen heroes deserve better than that.

All they ask is not to be forgotten.

All they ask is for us to remember the price they paid for this Memorial Day.

No one is sure when or where Memorial Day was first celebrated. After the Civil War, many communities spontaneously set aside a day to mourn and honor their dead soldiers. This groundswell led to the official proclamation of the first Memorial Day on May 5, 1968 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It wasn't until May 1966 that former President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is a patriotic observance, a day to honor Americans who gave their lives for their country.

Originally set on May 30, the traditional date of the observance was changed to the last Monday in May to create a three-day weekend by the National Holiday Act of 1971.

Sadly, the Memorial Day weekend then became associated more with barbecues and mini-vacations than honoring those who paid the supreme sacrifice for our country.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has spoken out on this issue.

"Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt this has contributed to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day," as quoted from the VFW 2002 Memorial Day address at www.usmemorialday.org.

What will you be doing this Monday?

Certainly enjoy friends and family and all the day has to offer.

Yet let's also recall the reason American hearts set aside this solemn day.

The U.S. Memorial Day web site offers these suggestions to commemorate Memorial Day: visit cemeteries and place flags on the graves of our fallen heroes; visit memorials; fly the U.S. Flag at half-mast until noon; fly the POW/MIA flag; renew our pledge to aid widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead and to aid disabled veterans; and participate in the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m., when the nation pauses for one minute to think about the true meaning of Memorial Day.

One minute.

One minute that symbolizes the suffering and sacrifice of those who gave their lives to defend us and our privilege to live in freedom.

Our town offers the opportunity for us to keep the Memorial Day observance.

Let's join our neighbors in this sacred remembrance on Monday.

This one's got really deep pockets!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, June 1, 7 p.m.
Assessors, May 26, 8:30 a.m.
Board of Health, June 6 at 7 p.m.
CHS School Council, June 7, 3 p.m., at the high school.
Cohasset Housing Authority, May 31, 1 p.m., 60 Elm Street
Conservation Commission, June 8 & 22 at 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, June 13, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, June 6, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, May 27, 10 a.m. and June 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Library.
Selectmen, June 5, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, June 26, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, May 31, 6 p.m.
ZBA, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gift for special teacher

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Friday I took my son and his 14 friends to Scalliwaggs in Pembroke for his birthday. Scalliwaggs is an indoor soft play arcade and children's birthday party facility. Twelve of the boys are in Miss Thorell's first-grade class at Joseph Osgood School. While in the arcade, they started to win tickets from the games and cooperatively decided after perusing the prize counter, they would try to win as many tickets as they could and pool them together to win one big prize.

My husband and I thought they were trying to win a gift for my son for his birthday and found the boys really cute. They worked very hard and after my husband became penniless buying tokens, they had finally earned the 2000 tickets to get the special prize they so wanted. They told us at the last minute of their plan to get a special gift for their teacher and we were delighted and so proud of these young men. On Monday, they will present Miss Thorell with a brand new "boom box" for her classroom.

It is really special to see these six-, seven- and eight-year-old boys being so selfless and excited about something so positive. While I can only take some credit for my own son's character and contribution, I would like to thank the parents of all these children for teaching them to truly get the spirit of working together and doing something really nice for someone else. I would also like to thank Miss Thorell for clearly being such a wonderful presence in these children's lives. This experience was an excellent reminder of all the wonderful families who we live with here in Cohasset and of how lovely a truly great teacher can be.

Michele Skolnick
26 Heather Drive

Student's letter praised

TO THE EDITOR:

I wanted to comment on Emily Toomey's letter to the editor that was printed in the May 19 Cohasset Mariner ("Concerned for our Future"). I was Emily's Grade 7 Ancient History teacher at Cohasset Middle School for the first few months of this school year (before I started my maternity leave).

I was impressed by the maturity conveyed in her letter and her effort to get involved in the "adult" public debate over the school budget situation (which as she reminds everyone, ultimately impacts students the most). Bravo! I'm sure her fellow students appreciate her efforts as well.

I applaud Emily and encourage her to keep up the good work — she is a great role model for all Cohasset students (and residents)!

Jennifer Lankow
17 Doane St.

Information sought on contract 'trade-offs'

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like respond to Jack Buckley's upset about my suggestion as to the timing for approval of the new union contract. I should have used the term "co-conspirators" as the School Committee had to be complicit. I would love for someone to explain to me how almost 8 months of negotiations ended without any "trade-offs" that I can determine. Didn't the School Committee want some significant concessions? Did they get them? What were they? Were all the last minute concessions made by the School Committee? What were they?

As Confucius once noted, "if it looks and smells like a fish; it is probably a fish." Sorry Jack, no apology.

Jack, I come from a background of several generations of union members. Unions were necessary and made our lives better. However, times change and you want to be compensated and treated as professionals. In my opinion, unions are the single greatest threat to quality affordable education in America. In fact, I believe the American educational system is near collapse in large part because of unions.

Since I was on the School Committee 10 years ago, each year the Superintendent and School Committee dismiss out of hand such options as school choice, selective regionalization, and an objective analysis of the pros and cons of charter schools. Personally, I see plenty of "cons" inherent in the State mandate for charter schools. However, why can't we learn and adopt the "pros." One "pro" is greater parental control and involvement of your students' education.

The PSO is sponsoring a forum from 7-11p.m., on Tuesday, May 30, in the CMHS Gym. I hope that it will not simply be a four-hour strategy session in how to win override votes. It needs to be a session on how to get the most value for each taxpayer dollar. Once positive results are shown and an override is the last option to maintain and accelerate positive momentum-you will find many "No" voters ready to vote "Yes."

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

P.S.: I assume that the PSO is paying the considerable cost of using the CMHS Gym for their huge meeting.

Carriage House appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of all the friends and families of the Carriage House Nursery School, I wanted to write a letter to all town residents and businesses who might read this to say *thank you* for all of your kindness and support of the children who attend the Carriage House both now and in the future.

We held an art show and fundraiser this past Saturday, May 20th to raise funds for our Scholarship fund plus science and technology programs that we felt would make significant enhancements to our curriculum. These funds and learning enhancements can be otherwise out of reach for a nursery school such as ours without ancillary fundraising efforts. This event was more successful than anyone could have imagined, and I am in awe of how the families and our community came together to make it such a wild success. Mostly, I am humbled.

Below we have listed all the local and regional businesses that made a contribution and/or provided a donation to our auction. Early education is a significant stepping stone to building a future for any child. At our small school we will continue to be able to provide opportunities for families of all backgrounds with the contributions to our Scholarship fund as a result of Saturday night's fundraiser. All the while we will keep on working to be at the educational forefront, exploring how we can expand the world of discovery in the early learning days of our children.

My deepest appreciation to everyone. The following is the Donor List: Abe and Louie's Restaurant , Acapulcos Accord Stationery,

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Rain, rain, and more rain

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Just think, three months' of rain in three days.

The recent rain event clearly challenged the drainage throughout the Town. For the most part, the center of Town cleared much quicker than it did during the flood event of 1996. For those of you who were here for that flood may remember that the Post Office was inaccessible for the better part of three days due to high water. This time, principally as a result of the improvements made to James Brook and the harbor outfall, the water at the Post Office was gone by Monday morning, quite an improvement from 1996.

It happened the Commonwealth's Coastal Zone Management group was doing data logging at the Cohasset Harbor and actually measured 11.5 ins. of rain for the three-day rain event. That's a LOT of rain, considering that we normally get about 44 ins. of rain per year. Just think, three months' of rain in three days.

Revitalization progress – The weather clearly put a crimp in the work of the contractor doing the Village Revitalization Project. Not only did the pace of work slow a lot, but they spent a lot of effort just trying to keep the center of the Town passable. This was not an easy job. But, as we write this article there is a big orange ball in the sky that is drying things out and the contractor is proceeding again at a rapid pace.

The contractor has been very busy trying to make up for lost time. The base coat should be on some of the sidewalks before Memorial Day weekend. The new granite curb has been placed in most locations on Main Street and Depot Court. (See photo.)

Manholes and storm grates have now been raised to their final height in preparation for the final paving. Please be careful when driving. By the time you read this the base coat of asphalt should be in place on most of the sidewalk. The MIA / POW Square at the corner of Main Street and Depot Court should be finished and planted in time for the Memorial Day parade. Lastly, construction of the granite edged crosswalks will have started and you will be able to see what they will look like and where they will be located.

Greenbush stuff– On Wednesday, May 17 we had an emergency meeting with the civil engineering folks from CBB, the Greenbush design build contractor. The sequence in which the railroad crossing at Pond and Spring streets will be constructed will change as a result of a utility's inability to get its work done in time. Now, the section of Spring Street that passes by the skating pond in Ellms Meadow will be closed first so that pipes and drainage on the right of way in this area can be completed. Detours will be set up using the section of Spring Street near St. Anthony's as well as Pleasant Street. (Obviously this cannot be done until Pleasant Street crossing reopens. This should happen just following Memorial weekend.) When this section of Spring Street is complete it will receive a temporary paving job so that it can be used as the other parts of Cushing and Spring Street are completed. Ultimately, when the new crossing is completed this section of Spring Street will be closed permanently.

Greenbush dispute resolution — As we have discussed many times, the MBTA has shorted the Town 21 public parking spaces in the Municipal Parking Lot from what they are obligated to provide under the terms of the Mitigation Agreement. As most of you know, parking for the businesses in the Village area is not plentiful and the loss of spaces is unacceptable. This past week, our Town Manager, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, sent an official letter to Mr. Michael Stoffel, MBTA Director of Design and Construction, as required by the Mitigation Agreement, indicating that the Town of Cohasset is instituting Informal Dispute Resolution. This letter was received by the MBTA on May 19, 2006. According to the MBTA's Informal Dispute Resolution procedures The MBTA has two days to respond to the Town. As we write this, we are in the third day with no response from the MBTA. It appears the MBTA is in default of their own Informal Dispute Resolution procedure. Where this goes from here is anyone's guess. The Town intends to pursue its rights vigorously.

New granite curb on South Main Street.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs. Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org

Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering. Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org
Phone: 781-383-3044

Love finds our Andy Hardy

THE COLLEGE BOY

KATHLEEN HEALY

I find myself sighing when I'm around them. After a few hours with them, I realized that the tender shoots of this romance represent yet one more "last".

Fourth in a series; a mother's tale of a Cohasset boy's first year at a small coastal college in Scotland.

Readers familiar with this series are already aware that my husband, sons and I left Cohasset in 1995, to begin a new chapter of our lives in rural Scotland. In the past year I've shared a few of our experiences, and jumped forward a decade to chronicle the experience of sending our oldest son off to college last September. Sometimes growing up is very hard — hard on the mother, that is, not on the son! The past year has been one of change for all the members of my little family.

Precious time has a sneaky way of slipping by without my being aware of it. When my sons were young, we celebrated their many happy milestones; first tooth, first steps, first day of school. Frequently, our sons' lives are now marked by milestones, which begin with the word "last" as often as those beginning with the word "first".

The past year included Gerald's last term of high school and his first at college. He donned a school uniform for the last time. He had his last orthodontist appointment and attended his first Christmas Formal. For the first time in a decade, he saw in the New Year without his younger brother Anthony by his side. I recently prepared the paperwork for his passport, which I've been doing since he was three weeks old, for the last time. He'll be 28 when it will next need to be renewed. Where will he be then? Who will he be then?

We're hoping to visit Cohasset this coming summer. Will this be our little foursome's last summer together on Cushing Road? Will this be the last time that we four "Establish the Beach-head" on Sandy Beach with our clutter of chairs, towels, books and food?

The end of Gerald's freshman year of college is approaching. It's been a joyful year for him; filled with new experiences, new friendships, academic achievement and development of his outlook on national and world politics. He speaks with more confidence. He's already planning a trip to Greece for July 2007.

He came home to visit last weekend, and I was very aware that he has matured in other, smaller ways since we left him on that excitement-filled "Moving In" day last September. Having been cursed with a weak gene pool on both sides, his hairline has started to recede a bit. He looks older, he speaks with more confidence, he's more relaxed, and (yet one more first) he's in love.

He brought the girl he's been dating for a few months home to meet us, or to be correct, he brought her home so that *we* could meet *her*. His pride in this girl and their friendship was shining from his dear face as he introduced Anna, a lovely girl from the northeast coast of Scotland who, like Gerald, is also a freshman at the University of St Andrews. They're soft-spoken and calm with each other. I find myself sighing when I'm around them. After a few hours with them, I realized that the tender shoots of this romance represent yet one more "last". Whether this relationship thrives for one year or 50, another breaking away has naturally taken place, and the two pieces of evidence of this fact were gazing into each other's eyes over the roast lamb and peas at our dinner table a few hours ago.

Although Gerald probably isn't aware that another milestone has been passed, his father and I are. This stirs up memories for us of the beginnings of our own romance, amid the anti-seizure meds and foot-soaks of the Pine Street Inn Nurse's Clinic.

From the time they were young, we always wanted the fullness that life offers for our boys: good health, a strong spiritual life, an education, friendships and, in time, independence. The older my husband and I get, the quicker we are to recognize our blessings. We're aware that, for a while at least, our son will necessarily grow away from us as he grows up a bit. This is a step we're quick to view as a blessing, as we're aware that we've also grown up a bit in the last year.

Time is passing, and it's passing too fast. There are things from the last year, which I would have liked to change or avoid, but the cycle of the past school year was also a cycle in our development as a family.

So, once the last term paper has been submitted, once the last exam has been taken, once the last bell has rung and the last trunk has been packed, our foursome will be reunited. We'll enjoy our time together. We'll savor Sandy Beach. We'll look to the future; but, for a while, we'll hold onto each other just a little longer.

Kathleen Healy, a CHS graduate, lives and works in the west of Scotland.

HEALTH NOTES

Preparation key to handling disaster

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A clear signal there is work going on was the Town Meeting vote to establish a medical mutual aid system involving surrounding towns and extending into the greater Boston area.

For many of us, recent rain storms have felt like a mini-disaster, and for some it may well have been. Which leads us to consider disaster and pandemic planning; many wonder what Cohasset is doing in this area. This Health Notes reports on where we stand. First, we can just say that emergency planning, an activity, which involves both town employees and numerous volunteers, is active and well. A clear signal there is work going on was the Town Meeting vote to establish a medical mutual aid system involving surrounding towns and extending into the greater Boston area.

• **Funding** — During the year we have continued to develop our emergency preparedness capabilities and we funded, for the first time, a line item budget of $5,000. We received a grant from the state for $12,000 that we plan to use to purchase personal protective equipment for the police, fire and DPW employees.

• **Exercise and Training** — During January 2006 we will be conducting a tabletop exercise to assess our capabilities to respond to certain emergencies and disasters. Additionally the Board of Health has been developing plans for a pandemic response and has reactivated their network of volunteer medical professionals. The Board continues to work with the fire department to establish a training program, so they can locate more defribrilators in town owned buildings. Defibrillators were placed in the schools this year. The Board of Health was the recipient of a State Public Health Grant of $5,000 again this year.

As required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), we were able to certify 21 Town employees in the National Incident Management System (NIMS); in doing so we continue to qualify for FEMA funds. During 2006 we will be required to certify nearly all Town Employees, including teachers.

We plan during 2006 to reestablish our volunteer network and offer them the required Community Emergency Response Team (CERTS) training.

• **Communications** — The national network RACES/ARES was reestablished; the network is a backup communication system through the amateur radio operators; the system allows us to communicate with MEMA and FEMA in case of a failure of other communications systems. Also, we were authorized by the December Town Meeting to purchase a mass-calling program (Reverse 911 so called) that will allow us and other town agencies to communicate emergency information to large numbers of residents in a short time. Along with the Town Manager we are establishing an advisory committee to oversee the selection and management of this system.

• **Sheltering** — Our emergency shelter supplies and equipment are being updated and restocked, through a $5,000 appropriation of the December Town Meeting. We are also working with the Board of Directors of the Community Center to establish their facility as an Emergency shelter. Our large incident shelter is the Middle High School.

• **Public School Involvement** — During the year we were able to set up a coordinating committee for school related issues, consisting of one School Committee member, the school department business manager and the middle-high school vice principal; these members are also members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. This is a very important move, because the town's Emergency Plan relies heavily on the school department's facilities and assets. The School's Safety and Crisis Plan in certain cases relies on the resources of various Town departments, agencies, and emergency management planning.

• **Water Department involvement** — The Water Department as part of its communication upgrades to monitor its sale of water to the Erickson Retirement Community in Hingham, now has the telecommunications and data capability for us to automatically transfer all emergency dispatch lines and communications to our backup Emergency Operations Command Center at the Water Treatment Plant. We expect during 2006 to have the transfer capability operational.

In the event of an emergency of any kind we will never be as ready as we will need to be, but, in general we can be proud of the volunteers and staff of public servants in Cohasset who have worked hard to create an effective emergency preparedness system for the Town.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

It's only fiction

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Aw, cmon now, fellas, it's only fiction.

I never thought I'd have to say that again after all the time we spent convincing Dan Quayle that Murphy Brown and that kid she had out of wedlock were only shadows on his television screen.

Now it's the Catholic Church that's circling the wagons against a film called "The DaVinci Code," which has launched a cinematic attack on all the Church holds dear, straight from the world of make believe.

For those of you who have been in outer space for the past few weeks, "The DaVinci Code" suggests that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene were married and had a kid and the Pope and his minions have spent the last 2,000 years covering it up.

And we're still hung up on the grassy knoll!

I haven't seen such an aggressive defense since the day someone suggested to a Texan that Santa Anna may have had a point when he attacked Davy Crockett and the gang that time at the Alamo.

The movie is based on the book of the same name, written by New Hampshire's Dan Brown and published in 2003, which is said to have sold 50 million copies worldwide with hardly a murmur of protest. So much for reading, I guess.

The film was first shown last week at the Cannes film festival in France and, according to the blog RottenTomatoes.com, which keeps track of such things, 40 of the 48 reviews that were produced were negative.

In fact, the thing that interested the reviewers most about the film appeared to be Tom Hanks' hairdo, which is described as "a cross between hippy and just plain hideous." Hanks plays a Harvard "symbologist," whatever that is.

The opening in Boston's Loews Theater drew about 50 protesters distributing flyers warning that the picture was "a monstrous falsehood (with) outrageous injuries, shameful disgraces, contumelious blasphemies, false accusations and unjust judgments."

The Indian government put an adult rating on the film, presumably leaving the kids at home reading the book; censors in Thailand allowed it to be shown but only with a disclaimer that it is fiction; a survey in Britain found that 59 per cent felt there was some truth to it.

Publication of the book, "The DaVinci Code," appears to have started a cottage industry. More than four dozen books have been published and too many websites to count have been created to discredit it, including www.catholic.com/library/crackingdavincicode.asp.

And the tourism industry hasn't been far behind with trips to all the places mentioned in the film, including the Chateau de Villette (a five night package for $4,500 per person) and Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland (a one nighter with champagne picnic, $818 per person).

Once the furor dies down, what will Hollywood do for an encore? I might suggest the newly discovered Book of Judas, the one that rehabilitates the arch villain. Let's see, we'll have Tom Cruise in the title role . . .

Me? I haven't even seen "The DaVinci Code" yet. I'll wait and catch it on cable.

Budget solutions on Our Town

Starting Monday (May 29) Our Town begins an ongoing series on citizen ideas and proposals for solutions to Cohasset's budget constraints.

The first in the series features resident Kevin O'Donnell of ENOUGH! O'Donnell will present his proposals for saving money. O'Donnell is followed by a segment featuring residents, Ann Musto and Susan Galligan, who have some creative ideas, including enacting a real estate transaction surtax, to generate more revenue.

Please note Our Town is moving to the consistent start time of 9 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Georgie Gladdys
Carriage House Nursery
School Director

(The Carriage House School is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Cohasset and is NAEYC Accredited. Carriage House School currently educates 88 children from 18 months to 5 years.)

Memorial Day is to honor veterans

TO THE EDITOR:

Most veterans managed to get on with their lives successfully. For many their service seems like another life, almost as if it happened to someone else. For some, it was a great adventure, even a romp. For many, part of the experience was being cold, wet, hungry, bone-tired, numbed by observance of death and destruction, far in both time and distance from the warmth of home.

Some didn't come home, and are buried near where they were destroyed, or fell from the skies in burning aircraft, or, like the crew of the Indianapolis, were drowned or eaten by sharks. Some are handicapped for the rest of their lives, some live out their lives in Veterans Hospitals.

All these we should think about as we hear the stirring music on Memorial Day. The soldiers, sailors and aircrew of all nations, of the well-meaning nations and of the nasty nations, pay the price of their nation's choice of action.

Of course, not only service men and women should be honored for their public service, so should firemen, policemen, nurses, social workers, community leaders, adoptive mothers, and other contributors to a better society. But the servicemen and women we honor didn't come home each night, most did their duty far away in an unpleasant place.

It's good to know that the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee will build a new Memorial at Veterans Park to honor those Cohasset men and women who served our country during the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars, as well as those serving in the war on terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Its funding is not yet complete, and a collection station for the Memorial will be available for donations at the Lightkeepers cookout on Government Island immediately following the Memorial Day parade. (The cookout is an expression of appreciation to the community for its financial and other support in converting the old Lightkeepers residence into a community function hall)

R. Murray Campbell.
217 Jerusalem Road

Revisit sharing sewer costs

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

It seems clear that, in light of the recent vote and the impact of the town budget, a number of items will need to be reviewed in all departments. Town officials will need to make very difficult decisions regarding authorizations for spending and items that will need to be cut.

We watched your proceedings on television on May 8, and there was discussion of decisions that will need to be revisited.

Last year, a decision was made at Town Meeting to extend sewerage to additional areas of the town, and the costs of doing so should be entirely borne by the property owners. We do not wish to open discussion with regard to the "understanding" that was in place when sewerage construction was brought to Town Meeting several years before that and a decision was made for the town to bear all costs associated with the project. Suffice it to say that those construction costs are a large part of the town's expenditures at this point in time.

We actually agree that the costs for sewerage construction should be borne by the property owners and support the principle behind the most recent vote on this matter. Given our need to establish priorities with respect to public expenditures, however, and the vote against expanding the property tax, it would seem more reasonable to revisit the vote that granted extension of the sewerage system to only one area of the town at the expense of the entire town. If that vote is rescinded and the costs are charged to the end users, presumably, there will be very substantial funds available from those sources of revenue to support the priorities decided upon by the town's officials.

We are told by attorneys who specialize in public administration, and represent towns such as Cohasset, that revisiting the vote is possible.

Thus, this letter is to raise the question for your consideration of rescinding the vote to exempt certain homeowners from bearing the costs associated with sewerage installation. We would appreciate knowing the results of your discussions.

We want to extend our appreciation to you for the hours and energy you expend on behalf of all of us.

Alan R. Gruber
Helen E. Gruber
84 Jerusalem Road

Three steps to increase the bottom line

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

Selectman Gary Vanderweil and others have called for the School Department to charge the "market rate" for full-day kindergarten in order to help alleviate the overall budget shortfall in our schools. However, there are other fees for services provided by the town which are ripe for sharp increases that also can generate much-needed revenue to cover the costs of other town services.

Here are three easy-to-grasp proposals that would increase revenue for our town by more than $1 million:

1) Increase the dump/facilities sticker fee for a revenue gain of $287,500: Our town dump sticker is a relative bargain for every resident who has one (and don't forget that the $60 fee includes parking at our town-maintained recreational facilities such as the Sandy Beach parking lot.) Many communities (Hull, for example) do not provide any trash disposal service. Hull residents pay private contractors $85 per quarter for trash pickup. Thus, even if we were to increase the sticker fee by $100 to $160, that is still a bargain compared to the $340 annual trash disposal costs incurred by Hull residents (even taking into account the $50 most of us spend annually on the blue bags). Assuming that 2000 of the 2500 households in Cohasset have a sticker, we would realize a net increase in fees of about $200,000 ($100 x 2000).

In addition, the fee for commercial plate vehicles should be increased from the present $125 to $1000. It is not clear how many commercial vehicles use our transfer station, but assuming there are 100 such vehicles (the plumbers, electricians, landscapers, contractors, etc. who dump far more waste at the transfer station than the typical household), a fee increase of that magnitude would generate another $87,500 (100 x $875). And by the way, a $1000 sticker would still be a bargain for these businesses to use our transfer station.

2) Increase fees in the building department for a revenue gain of $275,000. A building permit presently costs $10 per thousand of value of the work to be performed. I realize that the fee recently went up from $6 per thousand, but raising the fee to $20 per thousand would still be a minimal cost of construction, especially for new homes where the average asking price is well over $1 million.

Building permit fees generated $189,875 in the first 10 months of this year, an annual rate of $228,000. Doubling these fees therefore would raise an additional $228,000.

The fee for the sticker from the Sealer of Weights and Measures that you see on the gas pumps at Exxon Mobil and on the scales at Shaw's is $15. Let's raise that fee to $100. Weights and measures fees totaled $1275 last year; an increase to $100 per sticker would bring in an additional $7225 (about the cost of the part-time person at the Senior Center who is being let go).

The fees for the plumbing and electrical inspectors, who generated about $15,000 and $22,000 each last year, also should be doubled for a revenue increase of $37,000.

3) Increase the mooring permit fee to $60.00 per foot for a revenue increase of $500,000.

Thus, taking the lobster boats (which constitute about 12 percent of the 250 mooring permits in our harbor) out of the equation, a fee increase to $60 per foot for pleasure craft would generate about $500,000 in additional revenue. The fee schedule proposed above is prudent, fiscally necessary, and sound from a business standpoint. Moreover, it would impact only those who choose to use the town services described above. The selectmen should implement this new fee schedule immediately. The $1 million would go right to the bottom line. If Selectmen Vanderweil and others feel it is appropriate to milk the five-year-olds of Cohasset like cash cows, it would be hypocritical of them not to support an increase in other fees charged by the town. If the new credo is, "Let's start running the town like a business," then, as with any for-profit enterprise, we should charge whatever the market will bear in every aspect of town business, not just the schools' kindergarten program.

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to lobby legislators for more State aid

TO THE EDITOR:

State educational funding is up for review right now. Our reps need to hear our voices now. Together we can make a difference.

In a listing of Massachusetts towns and cities, Cohasset ranked near the bottom for percentage of per-pupil expenditure covered by the State: Clearly there will be a large difference between towns based on wealth and income; however, the disparity in how much state tax money is given to each town is very large: the #1 district, Greater Lawrence, receives $9,917 per student annually; whereas, Cohasset receives only $832 per student (Source: compiled by the Acton School Committees promoting "The Acton Plan" — $2,000 per student in Chapter 70 Aid).

Cohasset is not alone. At the Suburban Coalition breakfast at the State House, it was clear that many towns are very frustrated with the State's formula for awarding aid to towns. The resulting lack of state funding is causing towns to rely more and more on property tax increases to fund its vital services. Local governments are in effect paralyzed by the gap between cost of services and income, and are being forced to either cut services or increase property taxes in the form of overrides.

Calling easy; You just leave a message with your name and why you are calling. Rep. DeLeo's and Rep. Haddad's offices are keeping a tally of calls, and it is important that the number is large. You can also send e-mails.

Here's a sample phone call:

"Hi, my name is ... I'm from Cohasset and I'm calling to voice my concern about the House Budget that just came out and the cuts the House has made to Education. The State needs to fund public education."

"The Commonwealth needs to increase the total pot for Education Funding and also rework the Chapter 70 formula. Proposition 2-1/2 is not working."

Representative DeLeo
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
617-722-2990
Representative Haddad
Chair, Joint Committee on Education
617-722-2070
E-Mail Your Reps

Sending a short e-mail or letter is also strongly recommended.

Sample e-mail:

Dear Rep. DeLeo,
Dear Rep. Haddad,
As a concerned citizen, I respectfully ask you to review the House Budget and numbers in the Education line items. These reductions in education are unacceptable. Instead of reducing funding for education, you should be advocating for an increase, as well as a revision of Chapter 70 funding to include a fair per-pupil expenditure in all towns.

Our state has a poor performance compared to the rest of the country in terms of state support for public education. The quality of our programs cannot be upheld without more state funding.

As part of state aid, the METCO grant needs increased funding: METCO students receive only $3,354 per student from the Commonwealth; whereas, the Foundation Level funding is $7,904. There is a $15 million statewide gap between the per pupil foundation level funding and the amount towns receive per METCO students. We need to eliminate this disparity.

Respectfully,
(Your name here)
More State Reps:
Cohasset's State Representative: Rep.GarrettBradley@hou.state.ma.us
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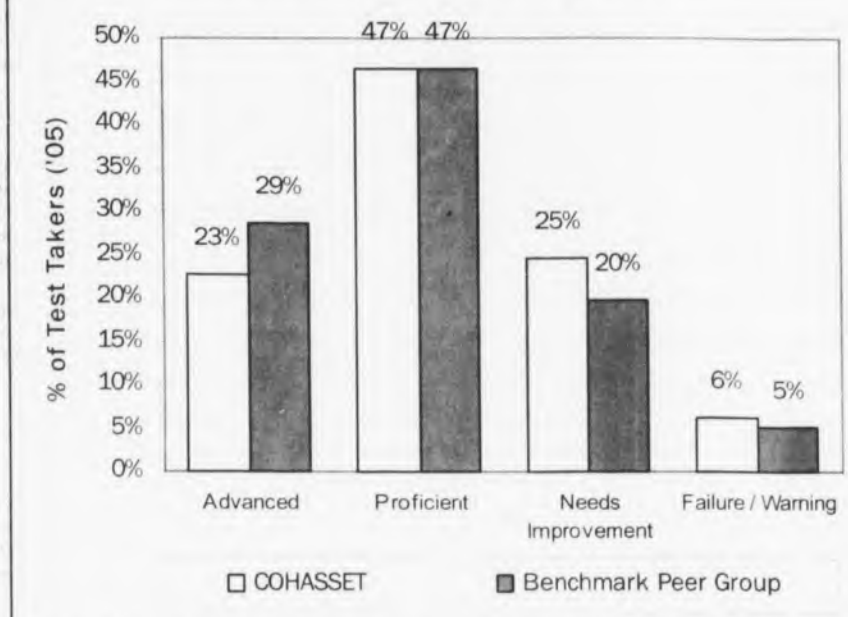
— EIGHTH IN A SERIES —

How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts. All comparisons are the product of Municipal Benchmarking. The DOE does not endorse inter-district comparisons.

This chart shows the percent of Cohasset's students that achieved advanced, proficient, needs improvement or failure on the Spring 2005 MCAS exam, for all grades and all subjects. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

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Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. Once the school benchmarks are complete; the series will feature those about general government, including the police and fire budgets.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall.

Jacob, 15 Jerusalem Lane, wood stove, $1,000; Havlichek, 11 Elm Court, remodel kitchen, replace windows, $20,000; Murray, 137 N. Main St., install three replacement windows, $2,200; Skolenick, 26 Heather Drive, reconstruct rear decks, replace slider, window, $18,000; Murray, 22 Hill St., install shed, $1,700; Carlson, 18 Old Coach Road, kitchen remodel, $28,000; Davis, 322 S. Main St., reline existing pool, $25,000; Martin, 169 Linden Drive, tent set up, $750; Robbins Jr., 20 King St., pool shed, $5,000; Cohasset Harbor, 123 Elm St., remove/replace side entry roof, rot, $4,000; Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., tent installed for Inly School, Scituate, $395; Koswick, 25 Deep Run, install above ground pool, $8,000; Murphy, 40 Red Gate Lane, install foundation for garage, $10,000; Braga, 429 S. Main St., demolish/rebuild garage, $20,000; Driscoll, 240 Fairoaks Lane, add family room, new deck, kitchen remodel, $260,000; Whinnery, 19 Short St., remove one-story kitchen, replace with two-story addition, $180,000; and Gomez, 53 Highland Ave., remodel bath, kitchen, back/side deck, $125,000.

Morrissey, 44 Hillside Drive, finish basement for use as family room, $19,555; Lengyel, 306 Forest Ave., rebuild existing deck, $5,000; St. John, 20 Stockbridge St., remodel/expand bathroom, $4,000; Conte, 151 Sohier St., repair rook leak, $800; Meehan, 354 Jerusalem Rd., gazebo addition, reroute driveway, $406,000; Helton, 299 Forest Ave., replace kitchen cabinets, windows, $10,000; Armstrong, 105 Ripley Road, build deck around Goodfellas Trattria, $3,000; DeCaprio, 10 River Road, 13 squares, wood shingle, aluminum gutters, $18,000; and Hamilton, 363 Jerusalem Road, erect 10' x 16' utility building, $8,000.

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A US mail truck drives through the flood in the Post Office parking lot off Ripley Road last week. The torrential rain storms caused the worst flooding in town in 10 years.

Town dives into flood water analysis

FROM FLOOD, PAGE 1

Selectmen at the time of the last flooding, said he believes the work which has been done has been ineffective and it is unacceptable that residents are still being flooded out during rain storms. He said he has been advocating for those residents since he left the board in 1997 and continues to do so today. In the interest of full disclosure, Pratt said his mother has since moved into a home on Sohier Street which has experienced flooding. Having a family member personally affected has driven the issue home for him, he said.

"We got 11-1/2 inches of rain in three days. If that had been snow, we would have gotten 12 feet."
— Mark Brennan, Greenbush liaison

Pratt said engineers from the Waterfield Design Group and Tutela Engineering have argued against each other's designs for the culvert in the village. He believes Waterfield's strategy, a bid awarded by prior management at Town Hall, is obviously a failure due to the flooding which is still taking place. "Yes, it's done something, but we're not the Merrimack. We should not have flooded as much as we did," he said.

Greenbush liaison Mark Brennan is providing input into the issue as there is some question as to whether current Greenbush construction is adversely affecting the town's drainage system. Brennan said some wetlands located on the Barnes property on Route 3A, which are in the James Brook watershed, were filled in during MBTA construction. The wetlands, which have been replicated, drain into the Weir River watershed. He said the town has lost roughly two acres of wetlands in the James Brook watershed which could have provided retention. "That's serious," Brennan said.

In addition, Brennan said all the drainage along the Greenbush line has been completely redone, which is having positive and negative effects. He said drainage systems were badly in need of repair and have been improved, but now when there is a significant flooding event, water is traveling faster than it did before and can therefore have an impact very quickly. "We feel we need some kind of retention," he said.

Brennan said the town's current drainage capacity will deal well with a "50-year" storm, but anything above that and the town could run into trouble. He estimated the water which fell on Cohasset during Mother's Day weekend was more akin to a 75-year storm. He said during the storm, the culvert which runs under the village was completely full. The tide was very high and as it went down, the culvert at Jacob's Meadow released, and the water was able to leave the village rather quickly.

"We got 11-1/2 inches of rain in three days. If that had been snow, we would have gotten 12 feet," said Brennan. "This was a once-in-a lifetime event." Brennan added a number of homes were evacuated as water rose near electrical panels. "It was a pretty big deal. There was significant property damage, and many of those homes were along the right of way" he said. Pratt's mother was among those who were required to evacuate.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said the town has decided to get some data on the amount of flooding which took place, what worked and what didn't, and develop strategies on how to again address the retention issue at the upper end of the Village. Daniel Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC has been hired to conduct a post-flood analysis.

Brennan said with the additional help of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection, he hopes the town will be able to identify some of the issues that led to the flooding. "It will take some research," he said, adding many different facets of the town will need to become involved. He said the town is already working with Coastal Zone Management and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on other stormwater initiatives and expects they will also take a look at this latest situation. On the local level, he said the Conservation Commission will be involved as well.

"When we get the report with that data, we will try to work with Congressman Delahunt's office to see if there are any FEMA or other grant funds available to address the retention issue, which will likely be very expensive," Griffin said.

Border collie ruling upheld

This April, the Board of Selectmen issued an order for nine border collies owned by Mia and John Dean of Meadow Lane who had bitten and/or threatened four Cohasset residents. Monday, the family's appeal went to district court and the town's ruling was upheld.

The Board of Selectmen had ordered the Deans to place four of their nine border collies into suitable rescue facilities to break up the "pack mentality" which was displayed during some of the attacks. If facilities could not be found, the town said those animals would have to be put to sleep.

All nine border collies had undergone a behavioral analysis and the board carried out the specialist's recommendations. The five dogs the Dean family were allowed to keep were ordered to be neutered and restrained at all times, either on a leash, or in an enclosure built on the family's property. The family must also find homes for five roughly 3-month-old puppies.

The day in court required town counsel's services and will not be covered by the retainer. Town Manager Bill Griffin said there will be costs incurred for a half day of preparation Friday and the full day in court Monday.

"That is money well spent for the citizens of this town," said Selectman Rob Spofford.

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Creative budget solutions on table

By Samantha Brown
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If there is a positive effect coming out of the loss of the override election, it is that more people are becoming involved and bringing creative budgeting ideas to the table.

At Monday's Board of Selectmen's meeting, Susan Galligan, 31 Border St., came forward with a list of potential ideas for increasing revenue for the town which would not increase property taxes. By boosting the revenue to the town, it could hopefully negate the town's need to go for overrides in the future.

Galligan's first idea would require passing special legislation which would allow the town to implement a "transfer tax" payable by all prospective buyers of residential properties in Cohasset at the time of the closing. The tax would be a 1 percent tax for those moving into town, and half that for Cohasset homeowners moving to another home in Cohasset. The revenue would be put into a revolving account for the purpose of maintaining all town facilities and supplementing the annual school and town operating budget. Exceptions could be made to the tax, such as a reduced rate for the elderly.

Galligan pointed out the improvements which have been made in all the town's buildings over the last number of years and noted, "We have no reserve to take care of items down the road." She said 37 states have some level of real estate transfer tax in place. Town Manager Bill Griffin explained Community Preservation Funds come from a town real estate tax surcharge which in Cohasset is 1.5 percent. The town also receives a state match for CPA funds, which are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).

Selectman Rob Spofford said it might make sense to put the Economic Development Committee on the job. He said its members have a good background and would be the perfect fit for doing more research. Galligan said the ultimate goal is to help bring forward legislation as soon as possible, which might require going to the fall Special Town Meeting, so the more people working on the initiative the better.

Griffin cautioned the board, if the town is considering trying to pass an act of legislation in the fall, Town Counsel should become involved first. Selectman Fred Koed added there may already be a prepared act in place which the town could model if it decides this is the right direction to take. Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer suggested the town hold a forum on the issue.

Griffin said he will reach out to his contacts on the state level, but added the Legislature may not be interested in approving the town's request. He said in addition, it might be hard to get anyone's attention at this stage of the state budget process as Cohasset's problems will likely take a back seat to other issues going on.

Galligan's second suggestion comes on the heels of a rumor she heard about the town of Winchester. She said she had heard that town has decided to permanently bypass Prop. 2-1/2 and raise taxes by 4 percent every year. "That would be groundbreaking," said Griffin, who added he has not heard Winchester has taken that route, nor any other town in Massachusetts, but planned to find out.

Galligan also suggested those residents who supported passing the override "put their money where their mouth is," and pledge to donate funds to a special account with the Cohasset Education Foundation which would be used solely for the schools. The CEF is currently in the process of being revived, as it has been somewhat inactive over the past few years. Dormitzer said, "You may even find some people who voted no," who are willing to donate.

Spofford said he was against the idea as it gets away from what is truly the obligation of every person in town — to fund public education for its children. "Once you open it, you'll never close that door again," he said. "I don't believe that's the role of public education."

Galligan also suggested the town increase building fees, or perhaps charge a fire service fee. However, Griffin noted a town cannot charge a fee for more than the cost of a service, or it becomes a tax and only the Legislature can impose taxes.

Griffin said he would look into the different suggestions made by Galligan and report back to the board. Selectman Ted Carr said he thought the ideas brought forth were a very creative exercise and encouraged residents to keep coming forward with ideas.

How could a transfer tax add up?

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PSO override forum Tuesday

Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m., the PSO will hold a forum to discuss what is possible for the future of the schools and the town in the wake of the failed overrides.

The event, which will be facilitated by Cohasset resident and strategy consultant Laura Stone, will be held in the Cohasset High School gym, and is expected to draw a crowd including residents on both sides of the issue. All are welcome to attend.

"Since emotions are high and people are still deeply engaged and uncertain of how to move ahead, the event seems like a perfect way to bring all sides together and plan for the future using a unique process call Open Space Technology," said Stone.

The process Stone refers to is a way to bring a group together who cares deeply about a topic for a massive brainstorming session. In this case, the theme for the event is, "What is possible for the future of our schools and town." Unlike most meetings, it does not have an initial agenda that is sent out ahead of time. "This process goes completely contrary to how our Fortune 500 clients want us to run meetings," Stone said.

"Typically with the large turnout we are expecting you have a finely tuned, well-crafted, detailed agenda. Here, the agenda will be completely driven by who shows up – we intentionally show up with a blank slate – and that is critical to the process," she said.

Other unique components include "The Law of Two Feet." If during the meeting you are not learning or contributing to the content of a breakout session, you are expected to use your two feet and move on to another session. "Time is too precious to spend it in a group that is not working," she said, adding people will get the message loud and clear about who is genuinely interested in helping to move something ahead.

"What you will get out of the evening will be fresh ideas, an opportunity to galvanize with others on topics important to you and create ways to move them ahead. Old topics will suddenly have a new venue for constructive conversations to happen," she said.

School Committee member Steve Fusco said, "We are lucky to have so many people willing to get involved and that care so much about our town. I hope this meeting will help create some actionable items to help the schools and town progress."

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Softballers are back at it

Recent winning streak sends Skippers to another postseason trip

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

In addition to the dramatic water damage wreaked upon the North Shore, mother nature also threw a big monkey wrench into the usually smooth sports schedule of the Cohasset High softball team.

One game cancellation after another forced the ball club to play five games in five days.

When the dust settled, and there wasn't much, Cohasset walked away with four wins, one loss and a trip to the playoffs.

A torrent of good pitching coupled with some slick hitting opened the floodgates for the Lady Skippers. When the players headed back to school this past Monday, they could feel proud about their 6-5 season to-date performance in South Shore League play and about their overall 10-5 record.

The five-day march started off with a drive southward to Mashpee a week ago Wednesday. The Falcons sunk their claws into the Skippers and never let go until they walked off their own field with a 13-5 victory.

The Mashpee coach claimed that her team had their "best hitting game ever." Twelve agonizing Falcon hits proved this point.

Still, we can't call this a "bad" game for Cohasset. From a hitting standpoint the Skippers managed to connect on 10 different occasions. They just could not string their hits together to bang in the runs. In fact, nine very lonely Cohasset players were stranded on base.

If you're wondering about when the good news comes in this story, the next four games tell it all. The day after the loss to the Falcons, Mashpee returned the favor by coming to Cohasset and losing. Sweet revenge.

The Falcons strutted onto Freedom Field hoping to stick it to the Skippers again. Cohasset, however, never let the Falcons get off the ground.

Virginia Spofford led the defensive charge from the mound when she allowed only two hits. Anna Haggerty racked up a staggering eight put-outs at third base, and Melissa Crowley-Buck took control of center field.

Crowley-Buck also led the offensive charge with a solo shot home run in the third inning, complimented by three Spofford RBI. With the final out the Skippers walked off the field with a well deserved 8-6 victory.

On game #3 came the second win in a row. This time Cohasset hosted Holbrook and put a muzzle on the Bulldog offense. Emily Savage pitched a great game, holding Holbrook to only three runs. She received strong support from Kristin Monaco, who performed well from behind the plate.

The Skippers unleashed a strong offense against the Bulldogs. At the end of the day the Skippers looked back on a 13-3 win. Several girls added to their personal RBI columns: Christina Pinkus had four, followed by three from Spofford, two from Laura Campadelli, and one from Crowley-Buck.

The Lady Skippers needed a day off and they got one on Saturday. The very next day the Skippers carried their momentum into a doubleheader at home against Harwich and Avon respectively.

The fun started at 12:30 p.m. on Freedom Field. The Rough Riders became the first victim to the Skipper one-two punch of strong hitting and equally strong pitching. The usual cast of characters lit up the field. Pinkus struck out eight. Both Campadelli and Carly Zappolo contributed doubles.

Erin Liddell, Crowley-Buck,

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A dejected Brian Straughn walks off the field as the Clippers celebrate their 8-6 win over Cohasset on Tuesday. The loss ended the Skippers' hopes of qualifying for the Division 3 state tournament.

The dream ends for local 9

Narrow loss to Norwell ends tourney hopes for CHS baseball

By Mark Goodman
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What started as a season of promise for the Cohasset High baseball team will ultimately end in a bit of frustration.

Going into Tuesday's game in Norwell needing to win to keep their tournament hopes alive, the Skippers jumped out to a 4-0 lead, thanks in large part to a three-run rally in the third.

Unfortunately for Cohasset, their season-long Achilles heel - defense - came up to bite the team again. Three errors combined in the third and sixth innings led to five unearned runs, and it was too much to overcome for the boys in blue, who dropped to 7-10 with an 8-6 loss to the rival Clippers.

Cohasset finished its season yesterday against Avon.

After Chris Ofsthun scored on a wild pitch to start that third inning rally, Sam DeGiacomo knocked in Chris Bryan with an RBI single. Kyle Pinkus scored the third run on an RBI groundout off the bat of Brian Straughn.

It was in the bottom of that inning, however, that things unraveled for Cohasset. The Skippers committed two errors, which led to four of Norwell's five runs that inning being unearned.

Cohasset managed to tie it in the top of the fourth with a nice piece of small ball. Pat Doonan led off the inning with a single and went to second on a sacrifice bunt from Dave Snowdale. Alex Goetz then managed to put in 0-2 pitch in play to send Doonan to third, and Doonan scored on a wild pitch.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the sixth, when the Clippers put together a three-run rally of their own. A DeGiacomo grounder got one back in the top of the seventh, but the tying runs were stranded, bringing the Skippers' postseason dream to an end.

DeGiacomo went the distance on the mound for Cohasset, giving up nine hits but walking no one and striking out five. Only three of the eight runs he allowed were earned.

"He certainly pitched well enough to win," said Skippers coach Al Galluzzo. "If we had played well enough defensively, we would have won. But, that's been our problem most of the year."

Including the Norwell game, Cohasset had committed 70 errors in its 16 games.

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Lady laxers go out on top

Skippers could be top seed when tourney pairings are announced today

The stakes were pretty high and simple for everyone when the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team traveled to Plymouth North on Wednesday.

The home team needed to beat Cohasset to make the playoffs. Cohasset needed to beat Plymouth to close out its regular season at 13-2-1, a record that head coach Chuck Jaffe says most people trying to handicap the tournament believe will be good enough to earn the top seed (and homefield advantage throughout) in Division 2 South.

It was the Skippers that took care of business, using a key 6-0 run spanning the end of the first half and beginning of the second to take home a 12-6 victory.

Plymouth's leading scorer, Heather Cannon, got the home team on the board first, with a goal just under two minutes into the game, and before Cohasset ever had a possession. Cohasset answered with six goals in the next eight minutes and seemed to take control, only to have Plymouth answer with three scores of its own.

"It looked like it might be like a lot of our other games this year, where the team relaxed after a good run and wound up allowing a lesser opponent to stick around all day," said Jaffe.

That was not the case this time, however, as Cohasset closed the half with three goals, then opened the second half with three more to take a 12-4 lead and take most of the fight out of Plymouth.

Jaffe said a big key to the game was Marissa Evans' blanket coverage of Cannon, who is the third leading scorer in the Atlantic Coast League. While Cannon scored the first goal and stuck another one on a defensive mix-up to make the game 6-3, she was then held without a goal until the very end of the game, leaving Plymouth without its best weapon.

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Gabriella Flibotte, pictured above on a face-off during a game against Scituate, had three goals and five assists in Wednesday's win over Plymouth North. The victory gave Cohasset a final regular season record of 13-2-1, which could give them the top seed in the Division 2 South sectional tournament; pairings are announced today.

Girls tennis primed for postseason run

By Mark Goodman
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Do the girls have another such run in their future when the state tournament begins next week?

To say the least, the Cohasset High girls tennis team has had its share of postseason success the last three years.

In 2003, the Skippers were state champions. They followed that up with another Division 2 South title in '04, and last year lost in the sectional semifinals to eventual champion Medfield.

Do the girls have another such run in their future when the state tournament begins next week? Judging by their results earlier this week against two very good teams in Duxbury and Hingham, quite possibly, yes.

Cohasset earned 3-2 victories in both, leaving head coach Gigi Meehan confident that her team is again rounding into top form at the right time.

"Those were both tough matches, and it was good for us to rise to the occasion, especially with the fatigue and injuries we've been dealing with," she said.

The fatigue stems from the fact that Tuesday's Hingham was the fifth consecutive day of action for some of the team. Over the weekend, seven players participated in the MIAA individuals tournament, with Chelsea Grossman and the doubles team of Meg Anderson and Sally Meehan advancing to play on Sunday.

Anderson and Meehan won two more matches that day to advance to the second weekend of competition, tomorrow and Sunday at Old Rochester. Tomorrow at 10 a.m., the Skippers' sophomores will take on Barnstable's Jessica Francis and Madison Demello in the sectional quarterfinals.

In Duxbury on Monday, Grossman won a tough three-setter to clinch the match for the Skippers (14-4 overall, 9-0 South Shore League). Both doubles teams won as well, with Anderson and Elizabeth Landon winning 6-4, 7-5 at the first spot and Meehan and Charlotte Landon taking second doubles, 7-5 and 7-6.

Against Hingham on Tuesday, Grossman and Susan Curry won the top singles matches, with Curry dropping just one game. Anderson and Elizabeth Landon earned Cohasset's other point with a 6-0, 7-5 win. Remy Lee played well in a 4-6, 5-7 loss at third singles.

A shorthanded Skippers squad suffered a 4-1 loss Sunday in Westwood. Grossman was nursing an injured hand, and Anderson/Meehan were busy in the individuals tournament.

Coach Meehan did praise the play of Lauren Allen at third singles, saying, "she played a beautiful match."

Plenty goals left for lady laxers

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Meanwhile, Gabriella Flibotte picked up three goals and five assists, and Lindsay Durkin and Caren Garber each added three goals and one assist to the cause. Kara Wilcox notched two scores and an assist, Cassie Rosano netted two goals and Mia Lieb-Lappen and Kaleigh Swain both scored a goal apiece.

JoAnna Hamilton posted 15 saves in the Cohasset net, and never allowed Plymouth the chance to get back into the game.

After a practice Thursday, the team will take today off (it's prom night at CHS) and see how things turn out when the brackets are announced today (they should be available on the MIAA web site, www.miaa.net, sometime this afternoon).

Cohasset's first tourney game will likely be in the middle of next week.

Skippers 18, Mashpee 8

This game was a look at things to come, as Mashpee will be a part of Cohasset's new league (along with Norwell, Hull and Abington). The Falcons entered this Monday game 5-3, but with a 2-2 record in games against varsity teams (3-1 in its other games).

Cohasset celebrated the six seniors on the roster before the game -- tri captains Mia Lieb-Lappen, Marissa Evans and Cassie Rosano, Lisa Spirito, Jessica Wheelwright and JoAnna Hamilton -- and the party continued early on in the game. It was a 5-0 Cohasset lead just 2:18 into the game, and it was 9-0 before Mashpee scored. The game went to the half 15-3.

In the second half, Cohasset played mostly its reserves. Hamilton and backup goalie Aisling Guinee both moved to attack, and Lieb-Lappen and Spirito split the time in net (each making one save). For Spirito, it was her first action in the net since playing boys lacrosse back in grade school (where, Jaffe says, she played very well against Duxbury's Max Quinzani). They were the first saves of both girls' varsity careers.

Durkin and Flibotte each scored three goals to lead the way.

Kaleigh Swain had a goal and two assists, Rosano and Lieb-Lappen each netted a goal and an assist, and Spirito, Kara Wilcox, Mary Previte, Caitlin Mahoney, Lara Novak, Grace Steele, Michelle Madge, Katelyn Ryan and Wheelwright all had solo scores. For the last seven players, it was their first varsity goal.

Caren Garber also picked up an assist in the contest.

Skippers 18, Cape Cod Academy 10

Playing against a team they had defeated 11-3 earlier in the season, the Skippers came out sluggish in this one last Friday, as the game was tied 6-6 at the half. After a 4-1 lead, CCA got back in the game when the Cohasset defense allowed several golden scoring chances.

Jaffe said he ripped into the team at halftime, and they responded. Cohasset scored six goals in the first 3:40 of the second half, and Less than seven minutes into the half and the lead was 10. In all, Cohasset scored the first 12 goals of the second half -- all in the first 14:15 of play -- and then subbed liberally, allowing CCA to score four goals near the end of the game to make the score a bit more respectable.

Flibotte had five goals and three assists to lead the way.

Lieb-Lappen scored five goals, Wilcox and Spirito both had three goals and two assists, Garber had a goal and an assist and Evans scored her first goal on a feed from Swain.

Jaffe was encouraged by the second half performance, and hopes to see more of it as his team kicks off what it hopes to be a prolonged tournament run.

"We finally played like the kind of team we can be," he said. "The elite teams in Massachusetts crush the weaker opponents, rather than allowing them to hang around. We have played at the level of our competition a bit too long this year, and we finally played up to our expectations and I think the girls found out it was a lot of fun.

Skippers 22, Hanover 12

Cohasset took early charge of this game last Thursday, jumping out to a 7-1 lead just 9:30 into the game. From there, however, the Skippers let up a little and Hanover made it a 10-6 game at halftime.

That trend continued through the much of the second half, with Cohasset outscoring Hanover 7-6 to have a 17-12 lead with about seven minutes left. From there, a quick four-goal outburst put things away, and Cohasset subbed liberally the rest of the way.

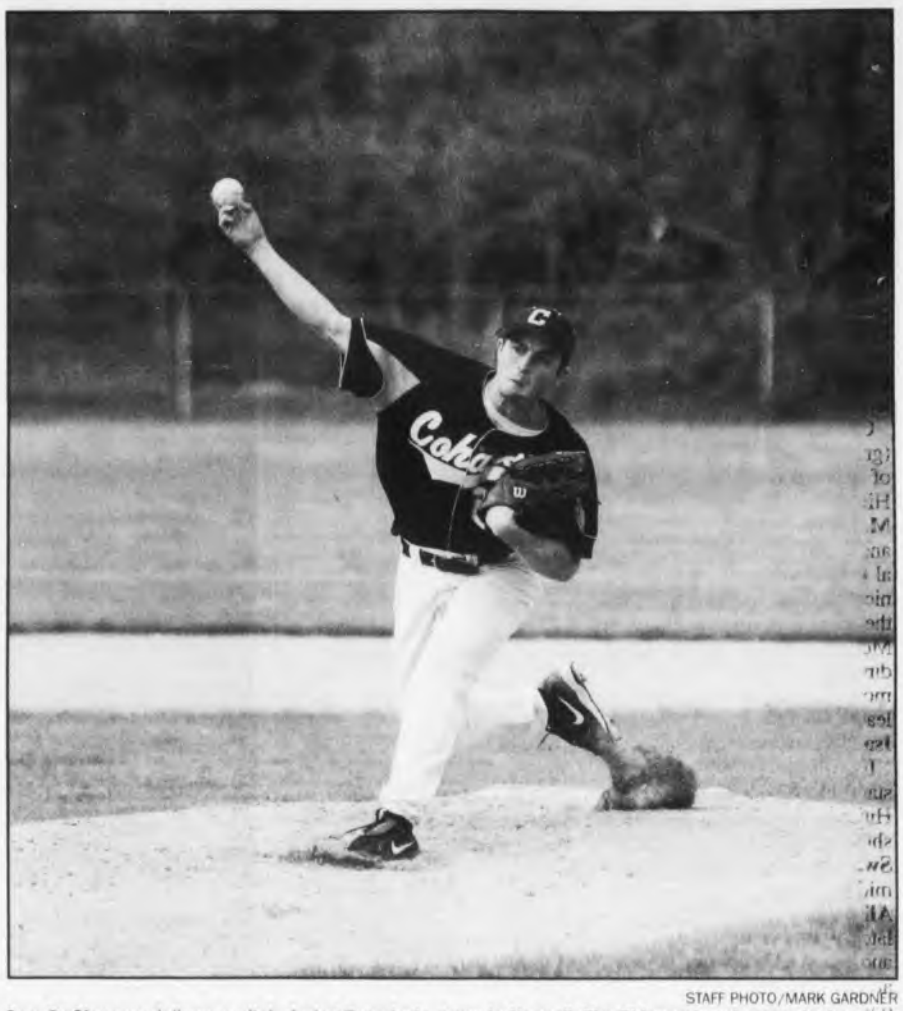
In the absence of Durkin, Spirito (seven goals), Lieb-Lappen (six goals) and Wilcox (five goals) stepped up to proved the bulk of Cohasset's offense. Flibotte scored twice, Emily Coggins hammered home the first penalty shot of her high school career, and Jen Silvia scored her first varsity goal near the end of the game.

Skippers 12, Barnstable 7

The girls shook off a sluggish start in this matchup last Wednesday and eventually pulled away in the second half for the win.

Durkin led the way with four goals and one assist, the final goal being the 100th score of her high school career. Flibotte also scored four goals. Wilcox had two goals, Garber notched a goal and an assist, and Spirito converted a penalty shot against Barnstable goalie Brittany Warmington, who made 20 saves on the day to keep this game from reaching the blowout stage. Lieb-Lappen added an assist in the win.

At the defensive end, Hamilton made 12 saves and never allowed Barnstable to get any momentum.



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Sam DeGiacomo delivers a pitch during Tuesday's game in Norwell. The Skippers' sophomore hurler pitched well enough to win, but was done in by three costly errors that led to five unearned runs.

The dream ends for local 9

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Skippers 8, Sacred Heart 6
By Eric MacCarthy

Heading into last Friday, the Cohasset High School varsity baseball team held a record of 5-8 and was in desperate search of some wins. At first it looked like they may have to cancel another game, but Mother Nature was on their side and the Skippers were ready to go head-to-head against the Sacred Heart Saints.

Starting pitcher Chris Bryan showed why he was the ace on this team by striking out 10 batters in only five innings of work. But he needed offense from his teammates if Cohasset was going to win, and he got plenty of it with an astounding season-high 14 hits from his team.

Gallotta said he was most impressed with the fact that all but one player in the starting lineup had a hit in the game, and five players had at least two hits in the game.

One of these players was sophomore right fielder Sam DeGiacomo, who had a fantastic game with three hits, including a two-out single in the bottom of the second inning which was the flame that started the fire for Cohasset's offense. After DeGiacomo stole second base, junior Fletcher Smalzel drove him in with an RBI single, which was followed up by sophomore second baseman Pat Doonan's RBI double, a shot over the leftfielder's head.

With Cohasset up two runs after the second inning, Bryan gave up a two-out bases loaded single that tied the game for the Saints. But there was Cohasset's offense to bail him out, scoring three runs in the bottom of the third with Bryan helping himself with an RBI double. The Skippers put two more runs on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning giving them a 7-2 lead.

In the middle of all this offense, Bryan stayed strong and got himself out of a potential rally inning for the Saints by throwing out a base runner at first on a pickoff attempt.

Sacred Heart seemed to have finally figured out Bryan, though, because in the top of the fifth inning they knocked him around for four runs to push the score to 7-6. Cohasset came back with a run of their own, making it an 8-6 score after five innings.

As Bryan continued to struggle in the top of the sixth inning, Gallotta made the move to bring in DeGiacomo from right field and putting Bryan in his place in the outfield. DeGiacomo retired the next three batters with a pop out, fly out, and strikeout.

Bryan was brought back into the game in the top of the seventh to try and close things out, but again struggled, giving up two hits to begin the inning, giving Gallotta no choice but to bring DeGiacomo back in once again. With one down in the inning and men on second and third, DeGiacomo gave up a fly ball to center field, allowing the runner from third base to score easily and, what everybody thought, the runner from second to tag up and go to third base easily.

That is, everybody except former Cohasset JV baseball coach Bob Rogers, who saw the runner on second leave the base early and screamed to the players to appeal to second base.

With one step on the bag, the umpire called the Sacred Heart runner out and the Cohasset Skippers had won the game with a final score of 8-6.

Cohasset has two SSL All-Stars

The South Shore League baseball coaches held its All-Star meeting Wednesday night, and seniors Chris Bryan and Chris Ofsthun were both named to the team. Bryan has been one of the Skippers' top pitchers and hitters this year, while Ofsthun was a solid presence at the top of the lineup and in the outfield.

CHS boys dash Rams' tourney hopes

By Mark Goodman
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For the Marshfield High boys lacrosse team, the state tournament started last Thursday.

With a 5-8 record heading into that afternoon's game against Cohasset, the Rams needed three wins in their last three games to qualify for the postseason.

Against a team regarded by most as a contender for the Division 3 state championship, Marshfield got two goals in the first four minutes from senior Hugo Souza and clamped down defensively, allowing the Skippers just one goal over the game's first 34 minutes.

The problem for Marshfield was that Cohasset's defense was up to the challenge, too, and the Rams began the fourth period with a slim 3-2 lead. And with

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YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Girls enjoy day, and split games, at lacrosse fest

The girls youth lacrosse season took a fun turn at the first ever South Shore Family Lacrosse Festival, a jamboree run by the new South Shore Lacrosse League that Cohasset's girls teams joined this year.

Cohasset's **11-U White** team (grades 3 and 4) opened its day of abbreviated games against a Hingham squad. **Katie McKenna, Caroline Prescott** and **Lily McCarthy** made several key defensive plays and did a nice job of moving the ball out of the defensive zone. In one play, McCarthy intercepted a pass directly in front of the net and moved the ball into the midfield, leading to a fast-break shot from **Isabelle Dunne**.

In another strong defensive stand, Katie scooped the ball as Hingham was setting up for the shot, passed up to **Emily Swanborg** who moved through midfield and passed ahead to **Alison Bodner**. Several moves later, Bodner was behind the net and found **Katie McCabe** open at the doorstep for the game's only score.

Cohasset kept up the strong defensive performance in the second game against Hull/Norwell. **Mackenzie Axelson** and **Caroline Evans** played solid defense with **Lexa Grasz** putting in an impressive effort in the net Dunne opened the scoring for Cohasset, followed by McCabe – who converted a feed from **Bridget Berube** – and then Dunne again as the team dominated the ground balls and possession time en route to a 3-0 win.

The Cohasset **11-U Blue** team split their two Jamboree games; losing 2-0 to Norwell and winning 2-1 against Braintree. The team played well on defense for most of the Norwell game with **Shannon McGowan, Caty Gilman, Rebecca Brown** and **Hannah Newhall** stopping a strong Norwell attack until late in the game. The Blue squad struggled on offense and could not muster enough opportunities to close the gap.

In the second game the Blue team gave up the first goal to Braintree before taking control of possession by winning the ground ball battle. **Maddie Curley** moved from goalie to midfield in the second game and led the offense by scoring the first goal and then assisting on the second score by **Charlotte Allard**. **Christina Tedeschi** moved from midfield to goalie and made a great, point blank save to keep Cohasset in the lead.

The Cohasset **13-U** girls (grades 5 and 6) played simultaneous games to open the day, and barely had the kids to do it. The Blue squad faced off against Braintree, and after falling into a 2-1 hole, came back to win in the end. **Whitney Jaffe** scored two of the three goals, with **Christina Healy** picking up the third score and **Mariel Teague** adding an assist.

Meanwhile, the **White 13-U** squad was dropping a 5-4 game against Duxbury. **Alison Whelan** scored three goals, and **Hope Kissick** added a goal and two assists. **Ellie Tedeschi** made seven saves in the net to keep things close.

From there, the two teams combined to play two games against teams from Hingham. In the first, Cohasset jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the strength of goals from Whelan and Healy, but four straight Hingham goals – scored despite a six-save effort from **Sarah Evans** – gave the red team the win.

In the final game of the day for the 13-U girls again jumped out to a 2-0 lead, with Whelan and **Moira Donohue** accounting for the scores. After Hingham tied the game, a late **Katherine Brown** goal gave Cohasset a 3-2 win and sent the girls off to the dunk tank and the fun and games for the rest of the day.

The Cohasset **15-U girls** (grades 7 and 8) also played as a combined group for the jamboree, and got off to a big start against a shorthanded Braintree team. **Hannah Burgess** scored three goals, **Kaci Kucinski** two and **Lindsey Allard, Amy Meikleham, Leigh Collins** all had solo scores as Cohasset cruised to an 8-2 win. One of the Braintree goals was scored by Cohasset's **Jessica Fusco**, who was one of several players who crossed sides so that the game could be played on time.

The next game, against a team from Duxbury, wasn't nearly so smooth. Duxbury jumped to a 2-0 lead, answered a **Leigh Collins** goal with another score and then used outstanding goaltending to keep Cohasset at bay and to start a lethal fast break. While **Olivia Murphy** and **Isabelle Franklin** scored eventually, it was far too little too late for Cohasset, as Duxbury cruised to a 6-3 win.

Next, Cohasset played the Hingham 1 team. Burgess and Kucinski opened the scoring; for both players, it was the 50th goal of their youth lacrosse career. Cohasset couldn't celebrate long, however, as Hingham roared back with two scores to balance the game. Kucinski converted a **Maddy Altholtz** feed to answer, then scored a solo goal, then watch Altholtz and **Chelsea Silvia** both convert free-position shots to give Cohasset a 6-2 lead.

The game ended 8-5 on the strength of two **Olivia Sullivan** scores, and behind the solid net work of fill-in goalie Leigh Collins.

For the day's final game, Cohasset played yet another of those Hingham squads, dropping a 5-4 decision. Franklin scored twice, and Meikleham and Teague had single goals. Kucinski saw her first-ever action in net and made three saves in a close, well-played game.

Cohasset's teams will take to the field again on June 4. For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, check out www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Boys Report

The **U15 Blue** team came back from a week off to continue their winning ways (and preserve their unbeaten season) with a dominating victory over Duxbury notching an unprecedented shutout 12–0.

Though Duxbury didn't to seem to have their usual stable of horses in attendance, the Cohasset boys played a well executed game that included precision passing, superb ground ball work, and a lopsided time of possession that turned this game into more of scrimmage than a mid-season contest.

Chase Murphy notched his first shut out of the season using his new equipment to stave off a number of strong bids while being supported by a relentless D of **Chris Brown, Mark Seraikas, Jack Nelson, Patrick Dunn**, and **Wil Lynner** that simply shut down the opponent's offensive threats whenever they came up.

Olly Forrer (1G/1A) didn't lose a single face-off as he really begins to develop his technique while **Jack Carrier, Nick Lieberman**, and **Jake and Terrence Durkin** controlled the transition game. As the boys settled into their offensive sets, we also saw some great work by **John McGoldrick** (2G), working a give and go from behind with **Luke Ernst** (2G), who buried one in the upper left hand corner – shooting from his left side no less!

Dean Driscoll and **Derek Youngman** both scored a hat trick with Driscoll adding 2 assists for good measure while **Ian Porter** (1G/2A), and Lynner (coming up from defense) scored on a nice move in front of the cage.

The Blue team seems to be really hitting their stride and it is getting awfully fun to watch this group work.

The **U15 White** squad took on Duxbury's 7th Grade "B" Team in our easiest contest of the season. Duxbury's "A" Teams (6th, 7th, 8th) don't participate in the MBYLL. We jumped out to a 3–0 lead in the first quarter and had them at 5–1 by half time. When it was 9–2 at the end of the third quarter, everybody got to switch positions and demonstrate their breadth of skills. D-Men played Attack and Attack played Defense; and fun was had by all.

Nine players contributed goals or assists to our 10– final score. **Dave Hernon**, a defenseman, scored one playing attack and nearly had a couple more. **Geoff Evans, Jake Kissick**, and **Austin Meyers** all had one goal. **Andrew Whitney** and **Alex Kinnealy** each had an assist. **Ian Quinlan** had four assists, **Tom Flibotte** posted another big game with an assist and four goals and **Conor Queenan**, who was all over the field, had two goals and two assists.

Between Jake, Austin and Alex, we dominated face-offs. Our give & go's and back-side cutters were there all day long for us. **Jack Murphy** wasn't too challenged in net and personally led some exciting clears up field. Good team effort everybody. See you after Memorial Day break.

The **U15 Gray** stayed on the winning track with a comfortable 10-6 win over Kingston on Sunday. Cohasset set the tone from the beginning, controlling the play and building a 3-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. Cohasset built its lead to 5 - 0, before Kingston finally got on the board with a goal late in the second quarter, and Cohasset led 5-1 at the half.

Cohasset suffered some sloppy turnovers and breakdowns in defensive play in the opening minutes of the third quarter and Kingston took advantage to score two goals, bringing the score to 5-3. Cohasset responded by tightening its defensive focus and being more careful with the ball and scored three unanswered goals to lead 8-3 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was played pretty evenly, with Cohasset generally still controlling the play, but Kingston bested Cohasset by one goal in the quarter.

As they have all season, Cohasset's attack led the scoring. **Will Wise** led Cohasset with three goals and four assists, **Max Shipp** struck for five goals, **Christian Lemaire** and **Graham Stevenson** each added a goal, and **Keegan Flynn** and **Justin Yeager** each contributed an assist.

Defensively, goalie **Eric Wasel** helped set a strong tone, making several key saves, and defensemen Flynn, **Sam Leahy** and **Scott Wilson** were solid, playing the entire game.

The **U13 Blue** squad had their hands full with an aggressive and talented Duxbury group that battled to the end for their first tie of the season 6–6. **Mitch McNary** (3G), got things going on a rocket down low from his attack position, but Duxbury came right back on some super work from behind and feeds out front to midfield cutters.

Defensively, Duxbury also found a few seams in the armor, to go up by a couple heading into the half, but strong play by **Ben Curley, Blake Erler**, and **Derek Froio** – who played key shifts at midfield as well – kept the game tight throughout the contest. **Robbie Mahoney** (3G), played both D and Attack giving strong support in both positions and was the beneficiary of some nice feeds by **Chase Baldwin** and **John Mills** while **Axel Seppala** and **Alex Hunt** played both attack and middie to help out the effort.

The boys staged a strong push in the last 2 minutes to score the tying (and what would be the final goal) on a **Dean McNary** snipe on a blind side feed from Mills and though there were some exciting moments as the clock ran down, the Duxbury keeper did an excellent job of keeping the score even as the last whistle sounded. All in all, it was another strong performance for these future Cohasset all-stars.

What happens when you put together strong defense, excellent passing, a great transition game, great goaltending and almost as many assists as goals – Cohasset Lacrosse at its best.

Grey U-13 put on a spectacular team effort Sunday against Kingston on their home field. After the long "rain break" between games the Grey's played a tight first half that saw both teams with equal action and the score knotted at 2 a piece Cohasset put their game into high gear for the second half with goals from **Jamie Timothy** (2G), **Kyle Livingstone** (1G/1A), and **John Collins** (1G), on a nice backhand.

Highlight reel work came from **Danny Czerkawski** as his behind the back shot was closely matched by his aggressive ground ball efforts and up-field runs. **Geoff Swain** led a strong defensive effort as he transitioned the ball many times for Cohasset breaks. **Brennan Bukowski** had some dramatic saves in goal as Kingston pressed hard but was outmatched by the stick of Brennan.

Zach Forster, Teddy Patsos, Forster Eymer and **Zach Strecher** gave some strong minutes for the Greys in chasing down ground balls. **Blair McGowan** and **Gus Helbock** (1A), showed tremendous wheels in bringing the ball deep into the Kingston end.

The knockout blow came on a 1-2-3 pass routine starting with Collins feeding **Alex Evans** (2G/1A), who quickly hit a diving **Kyle Healy** (2G/2A), to the right of the Kingston goalie. That score packed with **Jimmy Lydon's** active defensive moves kept Kingston at bay with the final Cohasset 9-3 winners. Great team effort, next stop Barnstable

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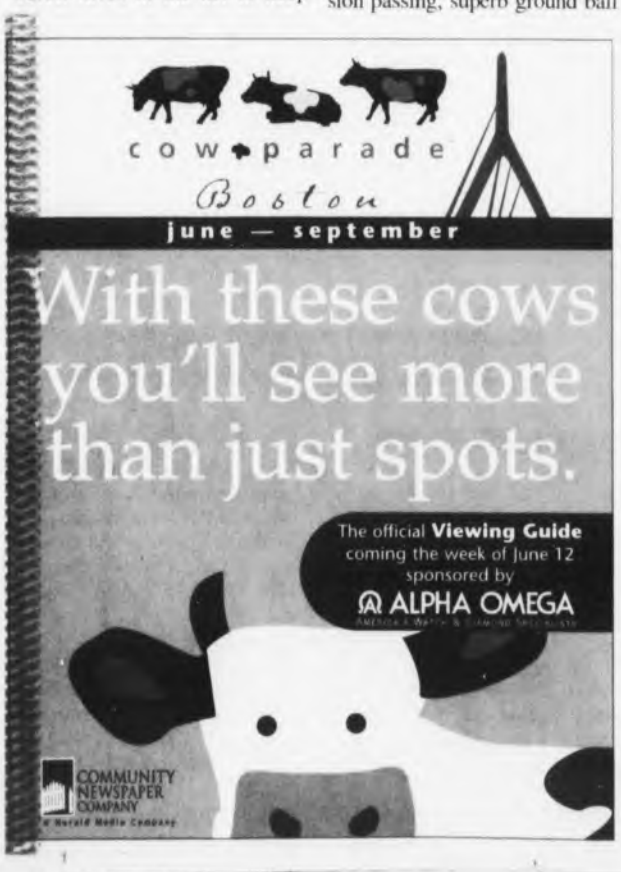
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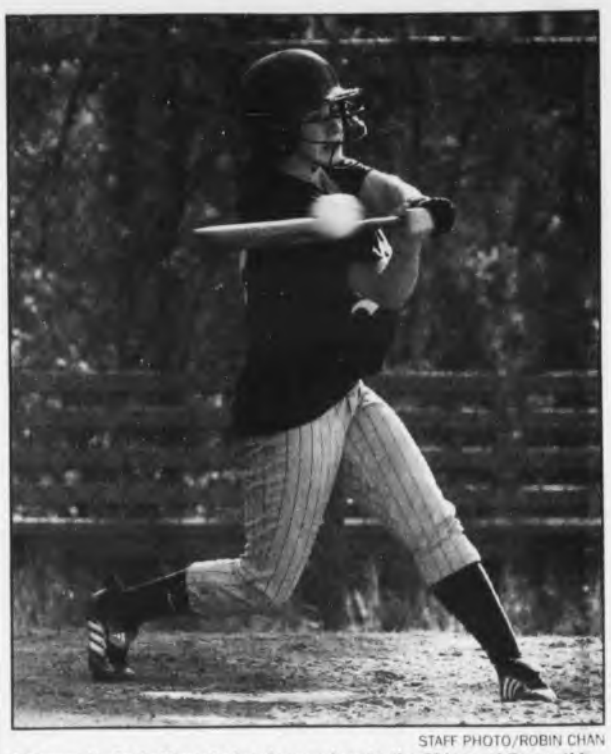

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Cohasset's Carly Zappolo has been a key to the Skippers' lineup this season.

Softballers back at it

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Spofford, and Carly Salerno all performed very well on the field as well to give the Skippers a 7-1 "W". As Harwich walked off the field Cohasset barely had time to breath before the bus rolled in from Avon.

Only one win away from tournament qualification, the Skippers knew what had to be done. Whether or not it was in the game plan, Cohasset started things off with a bang.

Crowley-Buck and Pinkus blasted home runs in just the first inning. The batting juices flowed throughout the game. Liddell put some icing on the tournament-bound cake with a fifth inning homer.

Spofford once again contained the Panthers from the mound, where she racked up six strikeouts. Haggerty and Monaco turned in solid performances in the infield. Both Emily Nash and Emily Savage showed heads-up defense in right field.

The final result: a 9-5 Skipper victory; and yes, this win gives Cohasset the go-ahead to test their skills in the Division 3 state tournament.

"We have a better record this year, so that should help us in terms of seeding," explained Liddell. "Also, I think this year's team meshes better together than last year. That's always important in the playoffs."

With four consecutive games this week, the Skippers should have plenty of time to boost their seeding in the MIAA tourney. Pairings will be available Tuesday afternoon on the MIAA web site, www.miaa.net.

CHS boys dash Rams' tourney hopes

FROM LACROSSE, PAGE 18

the Skippers getting two goals in the period's first five minutes - from sophomore P.J. McCaw and senior Aidan Buick, both assisted by junior Dan Trendowicz - Cohasset had all the scoring it needed in a hard-fought 4-3 victory.

After Souza's two quick ones, the Rams looked like they would add more soon after, as senior Pat Shea, sophomore Andrew Brown and Souza all got off good shots over the next couple minutes. Cohasset sophomore goalie Nate Porter was up to the task, however, and in all made six saves in the period to keep his team in it.

The Skippers, the Pilgrim Conference's second place team behind defending Division 1 state champion Duxbury, got on the board with just over seven minutes to go in the first half. Sophomore Mike Bunstein found junior Chris Davis cutting down the middle of the Marshfield third, and Davis buried it to bring Cohasset within one.

Just three minutes later, though, Brown restored the Rams' two-goal advantage, converting on a nice shot from 12 yards out. Senior Dan Doherty set up the play with an assist.

The score was 3-1 at the half, and that is how it would stay for most of the third as both defenses dominated the game. For Cohasset, junior Jeff Brown and sophomore Jake Cuneo helped hold the Rams to just one shot in the entire third period with their trademark physical defense.

The Skippers dominated possession in the third period, but their only score came with 1:30 left when Buick set up sophomore Mark Flibotte for a goal. Wendall Chipman and Chris Belucci patrolled the defensive zone for Marshfield, forcing Cohasset into mostly long-distance shots.

Cohasset, however, broke through by beginning the fourth period similar to how Marshfield started the first. McCaw, typically a defensive-minded face-off specialist type of player, unleashed a screamer from the top of the box to tie the game.

It was Buick who would score the game's next, and final, goal. Taking a pass from Trendowicz, Buick fired away from 14 yards out and hit the back of the net with a low, well placed shot.

Porter, with help from Brown and sophomore long-stick middy Ryan Kucinski, shut the door on Marshfield from there on out to preserve the win.

The Skippers now wait to see how the Division 3 tournament will shake out. The brackets will be announced today and should be posted by this afternoon on the MIAA web site, www.miaa.net. Cohasset is likely to be seeded in the top three, giving them homefield advantage until at least the semifinals.

YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

FROM LACROSSE, PAGE 19

at home on June 4.

The Cohasset U13 White traveled to Duxbury last Sunday. The squad enjoyed getting back to playing a lacrosse game after so many wet and soggy days. The team matched up against a skilled Duxbury squad.

Cohasset, led by its co-goaltenders, **Chris Murphy** and **Matt Swanborg**, battled hard all day, but found it tough to penetrate a strong Duxbury defense. Duxbury's offense was consistent and the home team lead 7-2 at the half. Cohasset's scores came unassisted from **Charlie Neaves** and **Chris Lunde**. Duxbury led 6-0 at the half.

Cohasset came out in the second half committed to hustling play, but couldn't find an answer to Duxbury's disciplined approach. When the horn sounded Duxbury was on top 11-3. Neaves netted Cohasset's only score of the half on a feed from Lunde.

The squad is off for the Memorial Day weekend, and hosts Norwell next on June 4.

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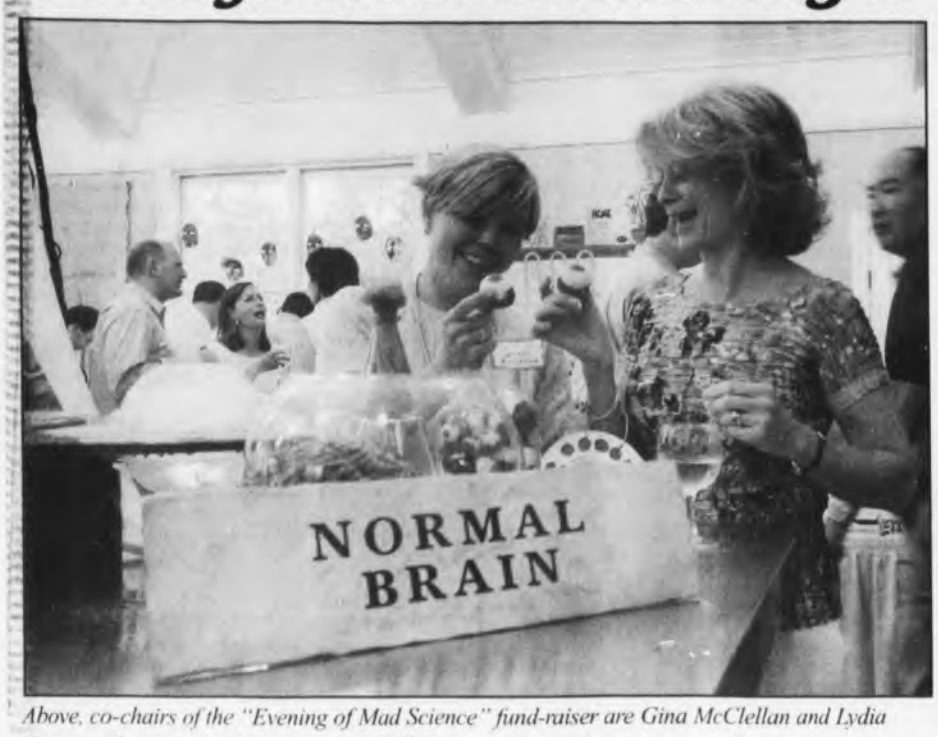

Above, co-chairs of the "Evening of Mad Science" fund-raiser are Gina McClellan and Lydia Everett, who are examining some "eyeballs."

At left, Stacy Sturdy bids on toy caddies during the Silent Auction at "An Evening of Mad Science" to benefit the Carriage House Nursery School.

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Right, Pat Baird and Carol Martin, members of the Carriage House Nursery School board, look over items at the Silent Auction.

Below right, Andrew Franklin, left, and John Dulke, sample some of the fare at "An Evening of Mad Science." Below left, Michelle DeGroat and Charlie Sturdy, focus on a smoky purple dome that was part of the evening's decor.

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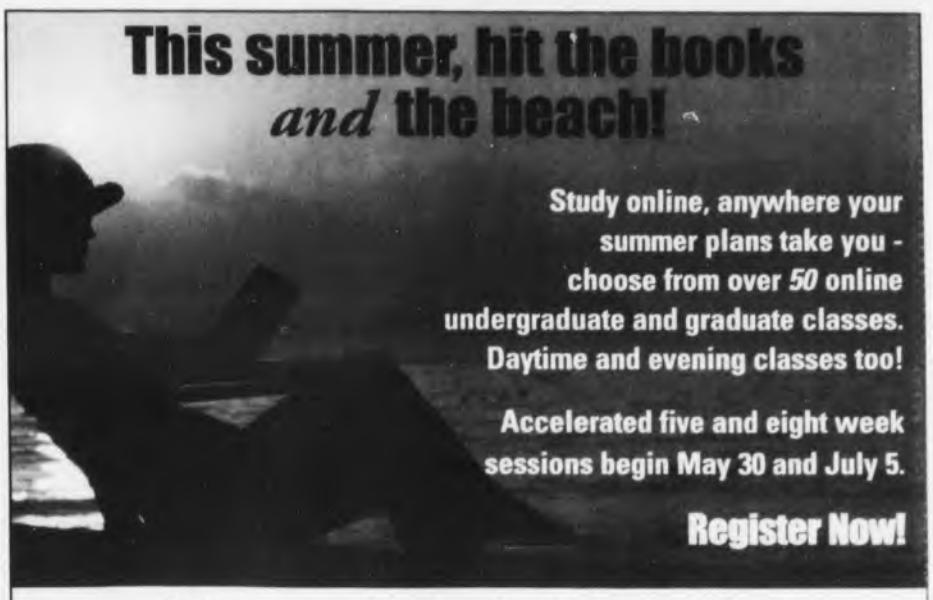
Volunteer moms, Megan Donovan and Lisa Fulton, flank Carriage House Nursery School director Georgie Gladdys at "An Evening of Mad Science." Proceeds from the event support the nursery school.



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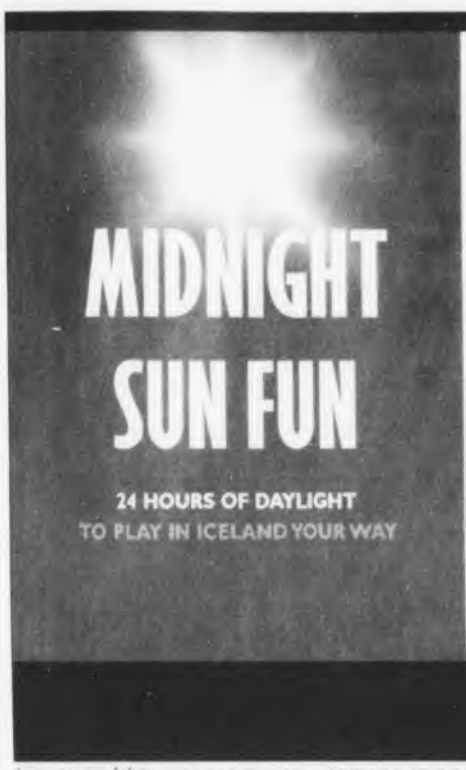

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, May 28. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - for all generations. Sermon: "Into the Garden" — Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

During this service we will dedicate Ruth Felicitas Clark Cross, daughter of Cassandra and Matthew Cross, and Griffin Tyler Mozinski, son of Kayte Manuel and Brian Mozinski.

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To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universlist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High.

- Saturday, May 27: Bible Fellowship 7:00 AM. Book of Jonah
- Sunday, May 28: Youth Worship at 9:10. Worship Committee Meeting at 11:30. Intercessory Prayer Group at 11:30.
- Monday, May 29- Office Closed. Memorial Day. Profile Committee will meet at 7:00PM. Christian Meditation 7:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, May 31: Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on women in the Bible.

In the Scripture lessons for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in the Lesson from Acts Matthias is chosen as the apostle to replace Judas. The first letter of John the disciples are to have confidence that their prayers are heard. In the Gospel of John Jesus prays for the disciples shortly before his death. Jesus prays that they will be unified.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main S., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28. "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

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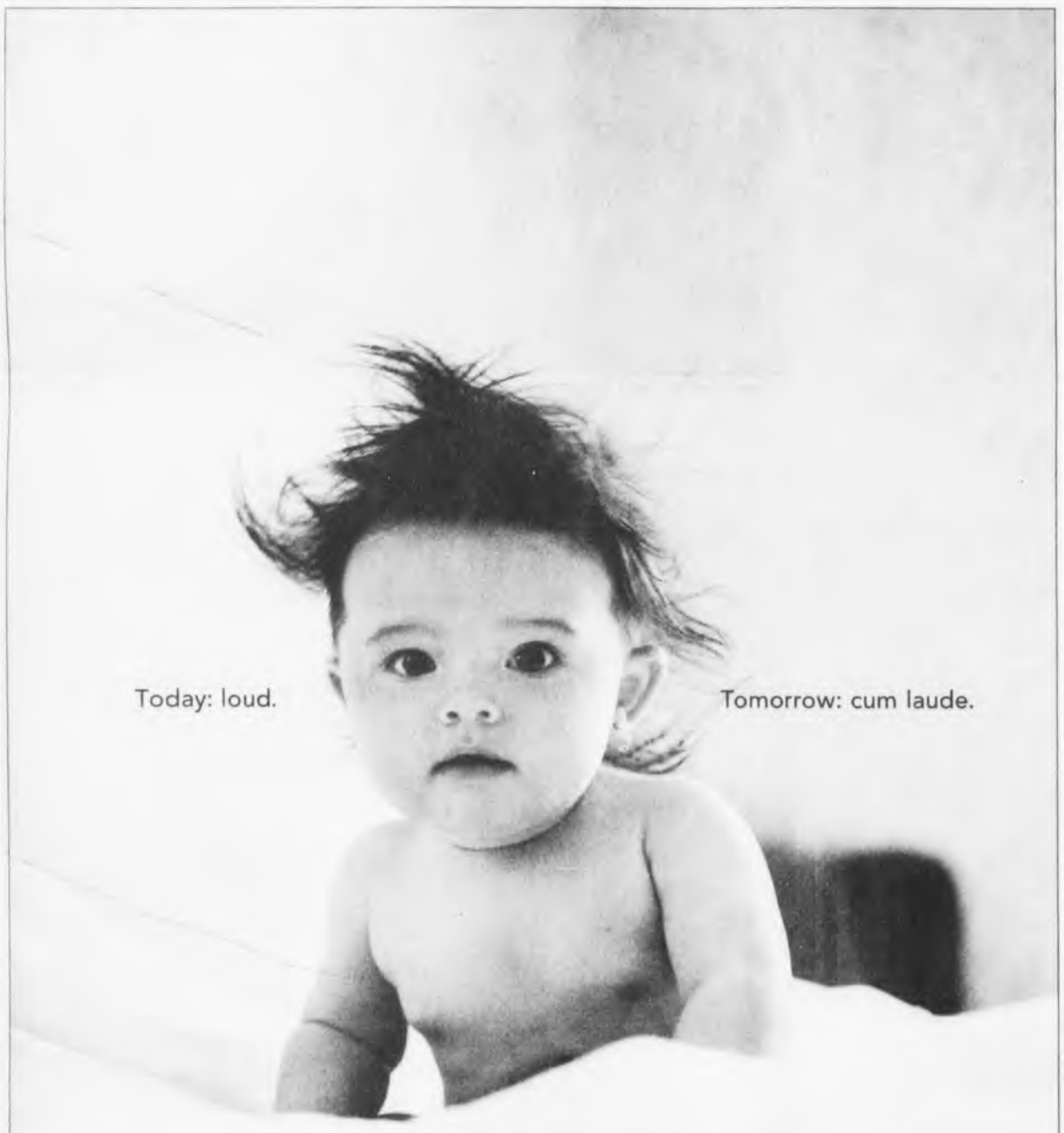

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OBITUARIES

Theresa Froio

Retired assembler

Theresa (Froio) Froio, 94, of Hingham, died May 23, 2006, at Harbor House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hingham.

Mrs. Froio was born in Boston and raised and educated in Brockton. She had lived in Cohasset for 35 years before moving to Hingham, where she lived for 42 years.

She had been employed for 10 years as an assembler at the Foxboro Co. and Pyrotector Inc. in Hingham, and retired in 1977.

Mrs. Froio and her husband were co-founders of the Hull St. Neighborhood Club in North Cohasset. She did volunteer work at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth for many years. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and made gifts of items she made to family and friends.

Theresa Froio

Wife of the late Rocco Froio, she leaves her daughter, Rosalie A. (Froio) Bravo of Hingham; her sons, Dr. Ralph J. Froio and James V. Froio, both of Hull; a brother, Angelo Froio of East Bridgewater; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be May 26, from 5 to 9 p.m., at Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., Hingham. A funeral Mass will be celebrated May 27, at 10 a.m., at the Church of the Resurrection, Hingham. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Thomas Anton Riihimaki

Founded Oriental Medical Supplies

Thomas Anton Riihimaki, 60, of Cohasset, formerly of Norwell, died May 23, 2006, at home.

He was born in Quincy, and raised and educated in Braintree. He was a graduate of Braintree High School, Class of 1963. He graduated from Lowell Technological Institute in 1967.

He worked for a few years at Esso Research in New Jersey before returning to school for a master of science degree, which he received from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Mr. Riihimaki worked for the Bellaform Corporation in Burlington before starting his own company, Oriental Medical Supplies, now the oldest supplier of acupuncture needles and alternative healthcare medical supplies in the U.S. He also graduated from the New England School of Acupuncture in 1989.

An avid rock climber and hiker, he climbed in New Hampshire, Gunk's in New York, as well as the Alps, Tetons, Mt. Rainier, Yosemite and others. He was also active in running, yoga, Zen and spiritual studies.

Married in Seoul, So. Korea in 1985, he leaves his wife, Julia (Helvie) Riihimaki; and three beloved children, Krista, and Christopher Riihimaki, and Matthew Pike.

Services and interment is private. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Katherine Crafts

Had long career in real estate

Katherine (Blanchard) Crafts, 88, of Concord, died May 1, 2006, at her home following a long illness.

Mrs. Crafts was born and raised in Portland, Maine, the daughter of the late Harold Weston and Hazel (Merrill) Blanchard.

She was an accomplished ballet dancer and starred in several performances during her youth, and had a lifelong love of dancing. In 1937, she graduated from Westbrook Junior College with an associate degree. Following college, she worked for Porteous, Mitchell & Braun stores as a sales associate and modeled in many fashion shows.

Katherine Crafts

Mrs. Crafts met and married her husband, Roger, in 1942. During World War II, they lived in Cambridge where Lt. Crafts was stationed. She returned to Portland while he was serving in the Pacific Theatre. They moved to Acton in 1946, where Mrs. Crafts began a long career in real estate with agencies in Concord and Acton.

They moved to Concord in 1975 following Mr. Crafts' retirement. While in Concord, Mrs. Crafts worked for the Mary Curtis Shop, where she was renowned for her creative window displays. Mr. and Mrs. Crafts celebrated their 60 anniversary in 2002. Following his death, she moved to the Inn at Robbins Brook, up the road from her original Acton home.

Wife of the late Roger Crafts, who died in February 2003, she leaves her daughters, Margaret C. Thorpe and her husband, Everett, of Concord and Katherine C. Marchand and her friend, Chip Powers, of Whately; a son, Roger Crafts Jr. and his wife, Jill, of Cohasset; her grandchildren, Andrew Thorpe and his wife, Katherine, Amy, Jonathan and Lydia Crafts, and Marissa and Matthew Marchand; two great-grandchildren, Noah Everett and Lily Kayanna Thorpe; and a niece, Susan Leavitt Ray of Buxton, Maine. She was the sister of the late Caroline (Blanchard) Leavitt.

A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Concord. Interment in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord. Arrangements handled by of MacRae-Tunnicliffe Funeral Home, Concord.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720 or Emerson Hospital, ORNAC, Concord, MA 01742.

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Beginner Gymnastics classes for girls ages 4 through 6, will take place on Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., for eight weeks, July 12, 19 and 26, and Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Fee is $88 for members, $96, non-members.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Michael Corry is hard at work at the computer writing his "Life at CHS" column for this week.

Sun, seniors out but life goes on

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

When Chris Pescatore approached me in the hallway, I should have figured he was up to his usual tricks. I found out a few moments later that there was, in fact, nothing at all on my shirt — and like many students here became the victim of his prank. After his chuckling subsided, Chris asked me to take the reins of this weekly column. I humbly accepted the role as messenger to you, the community.

A little about myself: I'm currently a junior at CHS, a member of the concert band, and have the honor of being class president. Outside of school, I work part-time at Cohasset News/The Village Butcher and Deli (where you can pick up The Mariner and a delicious sandwich). Through this column, I hope to establish a rapport with the townspeople while giving the news. The sun and our seniors are out, but Life at CHS goes on. Good luck to the class of 2006, and all apologies to underclassmen. Enough about me, here's the news:

- Senior's last day was Wednesday.
- Prom is tonight! Come see the Pre-Prom Gala at Cohasset Common at 5:30p.m. The Prom begins at 7:30pm at the Venezia Waterfront Banquet Facility and ends at 11pm.
- The annual Eat Your Art and Arts Night and took place 6-8p.m. yesterday night.
- MCAS testing for the high school started Tuesday, May 23.
- Guidance has put scheduling next year's classes on hold due to the failed override
- The Band will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29.
- Class Night for Seniors is next Wednesday, May 31st in the auditorium. at 7p.m.
- Graduation is Saturday June 3rd at The Music Circus. The ceremony will begin at 1:30p.m.
- Relay For Life- — June 17-19 at the high school. Those interested in joining The Social Awareness Team should contact Mr. Newkirk or Kelsey Bell.
- SATs will be held here at the high school Saturday June 3rd.
- The ACTs will be held on June 10th.
- Student Council elections will take place on June 5th. Anyone interested in running for a position can pick up the form outside Mr. Ames' room. The form must be filled out and returned to Mr. Ames by May 30th.
- Students interested in taking summer school programs this summer can pick up forms in the guidance office.
- The Handbook Revision Committee met on Wednesday.

That concludes the news for this week. For those not taking looking for something to do tonight X-Men 3: The Last Stand, opens today. This blockbuster will surely satiate the empty part of the soul that can only be filled by a cinematic adventure. Seniors, cherish the summer; enjoy the weekend Cohasset. Cheers.

Session addresses safer vaccines

Why have autism and other neurological disorders, such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Hyperactivity Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome and PDD-NOS grown in recent years? Some research studies suggest that the growth is related to a preservative called Thimerosal that is contained in some children's vaccines. Thimerosal consists of almost 50 percent ethyl mercury, a known neurotoxin. Since 1989, the number of required childhood vaccine injections has escalated from eight 8 to 22. Autism alone has increased from affecting one in 10,000 children to the present level of one in 166, statistics that do not include the increase of other neurological issues.

The public is now being alerted to the dangers of methyl mercury found in certain fish, hazardous waste containing mercury and the contaminating fall out from airborne mercury that impacts parts of the United States. An information session to discuss this issue will take place Tuesday, June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 129 So. Main St.

Speakers for the session include: state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, the sponsor of a bill that would ban mercury in child vaccines; Mark Blaxill, vice president of SafeMinds; Dr. Richard Deth, a molecular neuropharmacologist and Northeastern University professor; Mary Romaniec, a counselor and mother of a son who recovered from autism; Suzanne Messina, the founder of REACH and the mother of three children on the autism spectrum; and registered nurse Pamela Ferro, who treats children on the autism spectrum using biomedical approaches.

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Matt and Margie Steele and Margie's sister, Alice Horner, at right, look over the framed front page of the Cohasset Mariner honoring Margie's selection as the Citizen of the Year.

Enjoying Sunday's reception are seated, from left, Mary Keating (former Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year Gerard Keating's sister), and former Citizen of the Year Katherine Stanton. Standing are former Citizens of the Year John Coe and Glenn Pratt.

Friends, family gather to honor Margie Steele

Special reception held at the Cohasset Harbor Inn

Photos by Lynne Layman

Margie's husband, Matt Steele, talks about Margie's dedication to the Cohasset Food Pantry. (The Steeles celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year).

Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford presents Margie Steele with the Citizen of the Year award on Sunday. Margie was honored for her long-time commitment to the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Citizen of the Year Marjorie "Margie" Steele, left, greets Libby Hagan at the Cohasset Harbor Inn on Sunday. Steele is described as the "heart and soul" of the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Enjoying the Cohasset Harbor Inn patio on the beautiful afternoon are Margie and Matt Steele and their neighbors the Canney family, Paul and Kim with children Evan and Julia.

Marjorie Steele's mother, Marge Felton, left, and friend Connie Chapin, listen to the Citizen of the Year program at the Cohasset Harbor Inn on Sunday.

Margie's family poses for a photograph during Sunday's reception. Kneeling are daughters Callie and Grace. Middle row from left are: Margie's sister Nancy Hughes; her mother Marge Felton; Margie; sister Alice Horner; and mother-in-law Jean Corriveau. Back row from left, uncle Mark Parke, Matt Steele, and son Sam Steele.

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HEALTH

Foot care – Second Thursday of the month at 60 Elm St.

Blood Pressure – June 8 at CEA.

Annual Senior Health Fair – June 8 at the River Bay Club.

Vision Center – Hingham Senior Center.

Arthritis Exercise Class – Fridays, 9:30 a.m., at CEA.

Stroke Club – Hingham Senior Center, Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Van available five days a week.

Lunch at the Senior Center – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cost is $2.50.

Local grocery shopping – Call the Senior Center for a schedule.

Escort shopping – Mondays and Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m. Call 24 hours in advance.

Pembroke shopping malls – second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Hanover Mall – fourth Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

MEDICAL TRANSPORATION

Call Trudy at 383-0220. Schedule 24-hours in advance.

ONGOING EVENTS and HOBBIES

Monday Bridge – Second Congregational Church.

Drop-in Bridge – Wednesdays, 1 p.m., at CEA.

Men's Breakfast Club – Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. For information, call Lloyd Prescott at 544-3626.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, May 29, 10 a.m. to noon – Hot dogs, drinks and chips, $3, American flags $1, sold in front of the Community Center. Proceeds benefit the "Keep our Center Open" Fund.

Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. to noon – Annual Senior Fair, River Bay Club, 60 vendors, free vision and hearing, screenings and massage just for visiting.

Wednesday, June 14, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. – Flag Day container planting sponsored by Home Instead at CEA.

Wednesday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Senior Health Summit at Lombardo's.

Thursday, June 15, 9:30 a.m. – Senior Games Fitness Walk in Springfield.

Donna Green, Celebrating Cancer Survivors presentation – Call for information.

Wednesday, June 21, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. – School Memorabilia Day. Bring in badges, hats, diplomas, pompoms, etc. Contests and prizes. At CEA.

OUR WORLD

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. Admission is $5, free to members. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Saturdays during the summer. For information or to register for a program call 781-383-3198.

Summer Camp – Just a few spaces left in these two weeks: June 6 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plants, and fun with dirt. For ages 3-5, must be potty trained. Bring snack and lunch, no nuts please. Cost $75, $65 members. June 27 and 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plants II, and more fun with dirt. For ages 3-5, must be potty trained. Bring snack and lunch, no nuts please. Cost $75, $65 members. Call to register.

Vocalmotion – Sample class with Sharon Chase, Friday, June 9, at 11 a.m. Joy of music and movement. Free with admission. Call for more information.

Learn to swim program offered

An American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program will be offered at Cohasset Swim Center this summer. The Swim Center is offering members mail-in registration for swimming lessons, and the deadline is May 26. More detailed information can be found in the Cohasset Swim Center brochure, which has been mailed town-wide. Additional brochures can be found at Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Library.

Swim lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 26 to July 7; Session II: July 10 to July 21; Session III: July 24 to Aug. 4; and Session IV: Aug. 7 to Aug. 18.

Dog training course offered

Dog training, sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Center, will take place Monday, June 12, on the Common. Beginners class will be at 6 p.m., and the Obedience with Distraction class at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Cohasset Recreation Center at 781-383-4109. To speak with the class instructor, call 781-857-1239.

Computer Camp signups sought

South Shore Computer Camp will be held the week of July 10 through July 14 at Hingham High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is co-educational for boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Campers will rotate between interactive technology classes in the computer labs and outside sports activities such as tennis and basketball. Campers receive individualized and small group instruction based on age, skill level, and interests.

Hingham High School guidance counselor Mark Awdycki, and business and technology teacher Steven George, will co-direct the camp.

Classes will be differentiated based on ability, aptitude and interests so campers can learn new skills or reinforce previously learned skills. Internet safety for kids will also be addressed and discussed by a local law enforcement agency representative. Outside sports activities will involve instruction and games in tennis and basketball with emphasis on fundamentals, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Tuition is $259, $239 if paid in full by April 1. Campers will be responsible for bringing their own lunch. Space is limited. For more information or a registration form visit www.southshorecomputercamp.com.

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• Use designated run/walk areas whenever possible. Running/walking on trails through parks, woods or on a sidewalk is always the safest option.

• Run/walk with a partner. This is especially important if you are running/walking in the woods or a park. There will be times when you should go single file to maintain safety.

• Run/walk during daylight hours. Obviously you can see and be seen much better in the daylight. If you must run before/after daylight, make sure to wear reflective material.

• Running/walking on the street. If you run/walk on the street, make sure to run/walk against the traffic. This allows you to see a potential hazard approaching. If a vehicle's driver has poor vision, is intoxicated, is talking on a cell phone, is blinded by the sun or oncoming lights or is distracted in some other manner, you want to be able to take evasive action. You can not do so if your back is to the traffic. When a vehicle is coming toward you, it is a good time to go single file if you are running/walking with others. Single file is also a good idea when approaching the curves in a road. This is when both you and an oncoming vehicle will have trouble seeing each other.

• Make eye contact with the vehicle's driver at intersections and driveways. You never want to assume that a driver sees you. Most drivers are just looking for other vehicles. Make eye contact with the driver to insure he/she is yielding before you proceed through the intersection or pass the driveway.

For you bicycle enthusiasts, there are a different set of rules to follow. Here are a couple of tips to consider:

• Use proper equipment. Inspect your bicycle (brakes, tires, etc.) to make sure it is in good working order. Mirrors are very helpful in monitoring vehicle movement around you. Wear a helmet. Just because you didn't wear one when you were younger doesn't make it all right. What better way to model positive behavior for our youth and your children.

• Use designated bike paths whenever possible. Anytime you can avoid mixing with vehicle traffic your ride will be more enjoyable.

• Ride during daylight hours. If you must ride before/after daylight, make sure to wear reflective material.

• Riding on the streets. Bicycles follow the same rules of the road as do motor vehicles. You not only ride in the same direction as vehicle traffic, but you should obey traffic signs and signals. Stay far to the right to allow vehicle traffic to move safely around you. Use hand signals to give notice of your intended action/movement.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you follow these guidelines you will make our streets safer for everyone.

Safety Officer Sgt. William Quigley helped with compiling this report.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 8,

1:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, chest pain.

3:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, male has severely crushed his fingers. Sgt. reports hand is crushed. Contacted Plymouth County Control, the closest rescue available is Marshfield from the highway in heavy traffic. Sgt. will be driving the victim with 2 fire fighters on board to SSH, unable to wait for the rescue. Scituate Rescue is now in service. Scituate Fire transporting to SSH ALS.

3:44 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, resident with a high heart rate. Marshfield Rescue responding, delayed response. Marshfield paramedic on scene. Marshfield medics transporting.

3:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports harassing phone calls.

4:44 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint.

4:58 p.m. **N. Main St.**, parking complaint, illegally parked motor vehicle.

5:38 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, caller reports barking dog being a nuisance. Officer reports nobody home at this location.

6:46 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, assist Hingham PD with suspicious person left Hull Street on Hingham side and entered Cohasset in a pick up truck. Officers spoke with suspicious person everything ok person was landscaper working in area.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

12:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:43 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:07 a.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, animal complaint, scruffy coyote running around the neighborhood. Coyote went into a yard on Pine Ridge Rd., and into the woods.

7:11 a.m. **Elm St.**, public service, Elm Street between South Main Street and Brook Street will be closed.

9:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports her vehicle has just broke down in the middle of 3A. Vehicle has been pushed tot he side of the road.

2:42 p.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:23 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer advises there is a big tractor trailer parked in the front of this location on 3A. Officer request someone from the business come to the location, the manager is on his way.

11:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller wants to report that she lost the keys to her rental car and will be back in the morning to get it, she said its parked in the Shaw's parking lot towards the street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

12:56 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, the parking lot is clear.

1:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:30 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid.

5:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:59 a.m. **Hull St.**, fire investigation, caller reports some type of spill in the road, caller believes it may be antifreeze. Hingham DPW conducting a dye test in the area, no problems.

11:07 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

11:45 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch**, caller reports a large truck parked in the middle of the road taking up almost both lanes with a forklift unloading lumber. Sgt. reports the truck is no longer in the area.

12:07 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, Sgt. reports cruiser was in a minor accident, very minimal damage.

2:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:04 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, party called regarding defacement of property.

3:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party reports lost cell phone.

3:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A violation.

4:33 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Lynn male summoned on charge of unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

7:04 p.m. **Summer St.**, oven fire.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

12:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, the parking lot is clear.

12:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny(report).

9:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, callers reporting a seal that has washed up on the beach appears to still be alive. ACO is unavailable. Called the Aquarium Rescue Team, awaiting a call back. Aquarium Rescue called back stating she believes it is ok and just waiting to be fed by the mother at low tide, but she will come to this location to evaluate. After evaluation, member of the rescue team is requesting the animal be picked up and transported to the rescue.

9:35 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports school buildings check ok.

10:18 a.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a motor vehicle accident, second ambulance in.

1:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

2:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports Keyspan just finished digging a trench at this location and now there is a substance bubbling out of the ground. Companies clear returning E3 standing by awaiting the gas company. Keyspan on scene at this time.

3:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service.

4:07 p.m. **Beals Cove Rd., Hingham**, notification, summons service.

4:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports possible fire in the stove. E3 reports electric has been turned off, units are investigating.

4:49 p.m. **Church St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller is requesting R3 for a party that has fallen.

5 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, a gas leak in the catch basin.

5:10 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious person, caller is requesting a check on a male in the area. No problem party is going door to door.

5:13 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports a possible stove fire box struck. 5:15 p.m. E3 reports the fire it out.

5:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation.

6:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, party in HQ reporting her plate missing.

6:33 p.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported other/ALS, caller is requesting R3 for a party that has fallen.

7:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller would like the solicitor to stop for the night.

7:59 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a large raccoon in the road.

9:13 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, suspicious person, caller is reporting the individuals are still selling on Windy Hill Road.

9:38 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller is requesting R3 for a male that has fallen.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

12:35 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

1:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

1:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, verbal warning.

7:13 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, caller reports their new water bubblers have been bent and broken and also it looks like someone tried to rip them out of the ground.

7:29 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:19 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint.

8:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller states a wild turkey is patrolling the lot, no other complaints.

9:34 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report.

10:03 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check. Arrest: John Delaney, 595 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Intimidating a witness.

12:01 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, hazard, caller reports witnessed a woman who had to go around a landscape truck by King Street with baby carriage.

12:30 p.m. **Concord Ave.**, prisoner transport, out a Quincy Court with prisoner.

2:38 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard, parking complaint.

6:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, cars parked on her property without permission. Vehicles have been moved. Advises of the complaint.

9:23 p.m. **Black Rock Beach**, disturbance, male party on Black Rock Beach harassing a seal. The New England Aquarium is monitoring the animal, but the male does not think enough is being done and he wants to take it and feed it. Checked area, no one found.

9:45 p.m. **King St.**, harassment report, caller reports that an ex-girlfriend keeps text messaging him and he would like her to stop. Requests that they call ex and advise her that the is no longer interested in her.

9:51 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, suspicious activity, check on youths with flash light on the field. 5 youths looking for a lost item, no problem.

10:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the schools.

10:17 p.m. **Pond St.**, check of the school.

10:18 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, fireworks, possible fireworks or gun shots. Youths with fireworks fled upon arrival of units.

10:37 p.m. **Pine St., Hingham**, assist other Police Dept.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

12:44 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

3:19 a.m. **Tilden Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain. Wind: Gusty. Temp: 51.

9:47 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Kendall Village**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports that she was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident in the driveway to Walgreen's (Beechwood Street side). She neglected to get the other operators information. Requesting help ID'ing the operator of the 2nd vehicle. 886 on scene with female operator. 886 to attempt to ID 2nd drive. Damage is under $1000, no police report required. 886 was able to ID driver. Information given to caller.

10:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, caller states water rushing down gutter, possibly coming over curb and flooding bakery drains blocked due to ongoing construction will notify engineer.

11 a.m. **Cohasset Knoll, Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, call from Fire HQ units are responding to the North Wing for a medical aid.

11:25 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity.

1:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller is reporting flooding into his front yard.

1:47 p.m. **Brook St., and Elm St.**, notification, road is starting to wash out. Project manager notified.

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2:01 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle is parked in the parking lot for sale. Nothing officers can do at this time.

2:22 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:23 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:42 p.m. **South Main St., and Brook St.**, public service, assist contractor with traffic.

4:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports an earlier accident between 2:30 and 3 p.m. in front of the above location, she reports it was just a minor fender bender and information was exchanged. she was informed to come down and pick up an accident report. Caller reports that she was stopped behind someone who was taking a left hand turn and the car behind her hydro planed and hit her back right side and back right side fender.

4:51 p.m. **Margin Ct.**, fire, caller reports there is about 6-8 inches of flooding in the basement and it has put out the power in the house. Request a plumber to pump some of the water.

5:27 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

5:40 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid.

6:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports flooded basement and water is rising above the water heater and furnace, this was a direct call into the Fire Station. The power to the water heater and furnace have been turned off until the water can be pumped out.

8:14 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:08 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Red light violation.

11:27 p.m. **South Main St.**, call came directly into the Fire Station, caller reports he has water in the basement and would like the Fire Dept. to check it out. E3 has shut of electricity at this location to prevent any danger.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

12:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Black Rock Rd.**, public service, the road is flooding.

12:44 a.m. **Linden Drive**, assist citizen, caller states there is a motor vehicle parked in his yard. Motor vehicle is parked in the roadway. Motor vehicle owner notified. Motor vehicle will be picked up later in the a.m.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Motor vehicle into pole. Pole and hydrant damaged. National Grid notified. Motor vehicle cannot be towed until National Grid on scene. National Grid requests Water Dept. back to scene to lay out water lines. Motor vehicle has been removed by 3A towing.

1:46 a.m. **Cohasset Harbor**, assist citizen, walk in party reports a boat alarm going off. Left message for owner. Harbormaster notified. Harbormaster in HQ states the problem has been resolved.

2:08 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint, night clerk requests assistance with noise guests.

7:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash, walk in party would like an officer to view damage to her motor vehicle from a previous motor vehicle accident.

7:27 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, E 3 investigating a water problem.

7:31 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller requesting information about getting her cellar pumped.

8:13 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, Engine 3 investigating water in the cellar.

8:38 a.m. **Holly Lane**, caller reports water in basement coming up to the electrical panel.

9:01 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, Sgt. requests company be notified about shifting plates at construction sight due to heavy rain.

9:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, water in the basement.

9:31 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, alarm-residential, officer on scene reports major flooding at this home.

9:35 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, public service, water in the basement. Engine 2 reports power shut off to hot water tank and furnace. Owner will get a pump.

10:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, caller reports storm drain needs to be cleared. DPW notified.

11:01 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, water in the basement. Capt. requests electric company be notified. 2 to 3 feet of water. Engine 2 also responding.

11:32 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire-public assist.

11:34 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire-public assist. Engine 2 reports they are out with an investigation water problem.

11:53 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, assist citizen, caller needs assistance shutting off breaker.

11:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, water coming through floor boards. Capt. requests National Grid to pull the power. National Grid notified.

11:59 a.m. **Rust Way**, public service, caller reports clogged storm drain, DPW notified same.

12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, public service.

12:01 p.m. **Margin St.**, public service, water in basement.

12:04 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, public service, caller reports basement filling with water. National Grid responding. Fire Lt. requesting Keyspan. Keyspan notified.

12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, public service. DPW notified regarding flooding in the area.

Police issued 54 motor vehicle citations last month

During the month of April the police department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, none of which resulted in personal injury. There were 54 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,240. In fines.

Additionally, there were 33 parking tickets issued totaling $800 in fines, Police Chief James Hussey stated in his monthly status report.

Also in the month of April the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 864 calls for police services of those 109 were Emergency 911 calls, Hussey said.

There were two arrests; one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; and one for an outstanding warrant.

In the month of April there was one report of breaking and entering involving a private residence. Also in April there were six criminal complaints issued, Hussey said.

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Cohasset Mariner 5/26, 6/2/06

GITAKOS GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P0855GI

In the Matter Of CHRYSSI GITAKOS
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To the Department of Mental Health, CHRYSSI GITAKOS of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said CHRYSSI GITAKOS of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that RACHELLE BOUCHER of Sagamore Beach in the County of BARNSTABLE or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person and estate with the authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan for reasons further stated in said petition.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 11, 2006.

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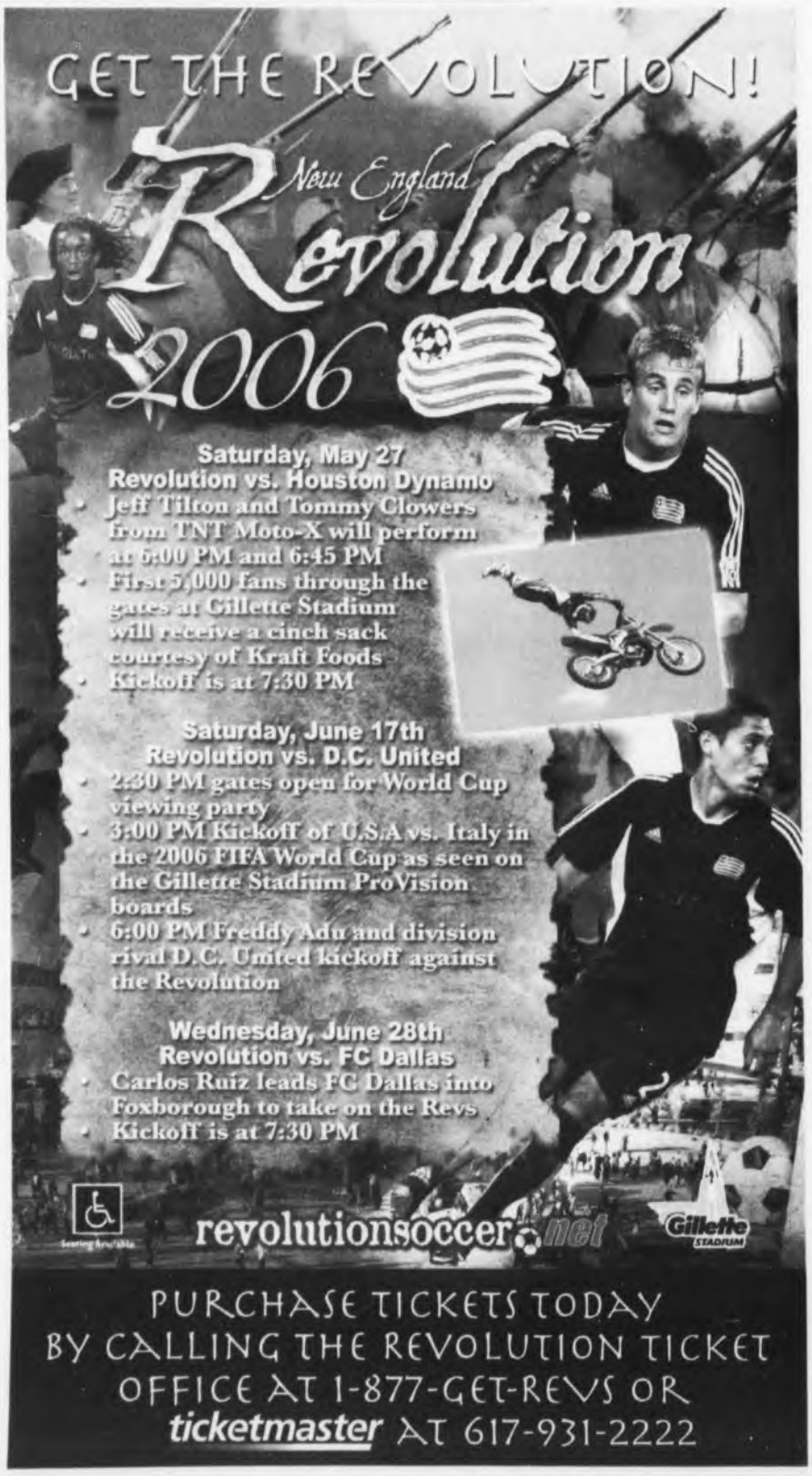

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Movie review

"The Da Vinci Code" is plagued by a lack of chemistry between Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou.

Actors and script break 'Code'

The Da Vinci Code (C+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

"The Da Vinci Code," or "Opus Dei vs. Opie," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. Dan Brown's novel, a fabulously fun, page-turning, publishing phenomenon, has had the Vatican's knickers in a twist since 2003, and "The Da Vinci Code's" second coming as a movie is further cause for chagrin among the faithful. The faithful fans of the book, that is.

Part scavenger hunt, conspiracy theory, riddle, art-history lesson, theological mystery and chase movie, the film, featuring the redoubtable Tom Hanks as the Indiana Jones-like Harvard "symbologist," promised to be a blast on the big screen.

Starting with a ritualized murder in the Louvre, the film pits Hanks' longhaired, suavely dressed scholar Robert Langdon together with beautiful, young Paris police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) against the forces of evil. Their quest is to unravel the mysteries of the Holy Grail and recover it.

For the book's lovers, it's all here: the 2,000-year-old conspiracy of silence concerning Jesus' true nature, a murder plot involving the psychopathic Silas (Paul Bettany), the Three Stooges of albino-assassin-monks, clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces, secret societies and a conclusion that blows the lid off two millennia of religious tradition.

What went wrong? To quote Don Rumsfeld, "Stuff."

Director Ron Howard and screenwriter Akiva Goldsman, who collaborated on "A Beautiful Mind" and "Cinderella Man," have not made a movie but a book on film, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book at that. At 2-1/2 hours, "The Da Vinci Code" is too long and stuffed full of scholarly pedantry about the Council of Nicaea and goddess worship.

The homicidal monk, barely acceptable on the page, becomes a cartoon character on the screen, parading through the streets of Paris and London like a kinky trick-or-treater, lashing his bare back and tightening up his bloody, spiked cinch. Yeah, baby.

Shot on location in Paris, Malta, London and Scotland and at Pinewood and Shepperton Studios in England, and featuring Latin dialogue with English subtitles (take that, Mel Gibson), the film works intermittently as a travelogue and art-history tour.

But 49-year-old Hanks and 29-year-old Tautou have no chemistry. He seems to be lecturing her half the time, and the charm she displayed in "Amelie" and "A Very Long Engagement" is in short supply. Ian McKellen brings the right mix of zaniness and conviction to the role of an eccentric Grail scholar. But the great Jean Reno ("The Professional") is wasted as a high-ranking Paris policeman with ties to Opus Dei. As a misguided bishop, Alfred Molina appears to be auditioning for the cast of "Spamalot."

In defending "The Da Vinci Code" against its angry Christian detractors, Hanks recently described the film as "hooey." You said it, Tom.

Rated PG-13.

Mark your calendar

CEREBRAL PALSY OF MASSACHUSETTS SEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, Monday, June 12, at Pembroke Country Club, 94 West Elm St. Pembroke. Proceeds enhance programming and resources that help thousands developmental disabilities throughout the state Registration at 10:30 a.m. Tournament begins with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are $150 per person ($600 for a foursome) and include: lunch; unlimited use of the practice range and putting area; a wine and cheese reception and sit-down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef.The event will also include a raffle and silent auction, featuring a variety of exciting prizes. Make checks payable to Cerebral Palsy of MA, 43 Old Colony Ave., Quincy, Mass., 02170, Attention: Golf Classic. For information call Ann DiMattio at 617- 479-7443 ext. 203.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB GOLF CLASSIC, Friday, June 30 at the Cross Winds Golf Course, Plymouth. Sponsored by BuyTheCase.Net and Epic Athlete Incorporated. Registration at noon and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Format is four man best ball. Cost is $600 for a foursome, $150 for an individual spot. Price includes: 18 holes of championship golf, golf cart, driving range, full dinner and a memorabilia auction. For information or to obtain a registration form, visit the Boys and Girls Club, 1837 Ocean St., Marshfield; call 781-834-CLUB, or www.BoysAndGirlsClubofMarshfield.com.

MILES FOR MIRACLES, annual pledge walk for Children's Hospital of Boston will be Sunday, June 11. Walkers can walk a 2 or 7-mile pledge walks which begin at the Charles River Hatch Shell. Entry fee is $15 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under. Adult walkers are required to raise $100. For information call 866-303-9255 or visit www.childrenshospital.org/walk.

Tribal connections

Powwow puts community in touch with native past

By Alice Coyle
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After a 9-year absence, the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness (MCNAA) is bringing its Spring Planting Moon Powwow and Native American Arts and Crafts Festival back to the Marshfield fairgrounds this weekend. For three-days beginning Saturday, visitors can get up close and personal with Native American culture, food, dance, and crafts. The festival, which is supported in part by a grant from the Marshfield Cultural Council, will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

"We're back by popular demand," noted MCNAA board member Anthony Silva, whose tribal affiliation is to the Natick Praying Indians. Silva said the annual festival is a great place for those thirsting for more knowledge on native cultures to get their fill. It's also a way for the MCNAA — private, non-profit organization founded in 1989 — to accomplish its mission to educate and increase public understanding, awareness and appreciation about Native Americans.

Visitors can sample buffalo burgers, venison, smoked mussels, succotash, and turtle soup. For the less adventurous, there will be a full menu of familiar favorites including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda.

Proceeds from the powwow will benefit the group's Slow Turtle Youth Empowerment and Cultural Enrichment Program which provides activities and gatherings for youth during the summer, after school and on weekends using Native American philosophy to promote self-esteem and the empowerment of youth.

Highlights for this year's festival include informative and interactive Eastern Native American Songs and Dances by the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers. The Mashpee-based group will don handmade and designed deerskin attire as they performed narrated songs and dances encouraging audience members to get into the act. Among the dances to be performed Saturday and Sunday are the Alligator Dance, the Round Dance, Mosquito Dance, Duck Dance and Rabbit Dance.

The Wolf Cry Singers — and intertribal woman's hand drum group — will also share Native American songs and chants, performing traditional and contemporary music of the Mi'kMaq, Cherokee, Navajo, Abenaki and Delaware tribes on Sunday.

Specialty dance demonstrations are also on the docket during the weekend-long festival. Mashpee Wampanoag dancer Aquaya Takemaquah will demonstrate several dances including the Lady's Fancy Dane and the Jingle Dress Dance, while MicMac dancer Don Barnaby of Hull will perform the Men's traditional and Fancy Dances.

In addition to music and dance, Native American art will be on display and for sale at the festival. Rex Begaye, a Navajo Artist will bring his collection of paintings based on the stories of elders passed down through the generations and colorfully illustrating the connection of Mother Earth, Father Sky and man.

Wampanoag Artist Marlene Blake will demonstrate the ancient of finger weaving — a form that predates the loom — producing designs of the 18th century Eastern Woodland and Plains tribes.

Storytelling and craft making lessons will be offered to visitors of all ages. Loril Moondream and Peter White Fox of Shutesbury will demonstrate the Lakota bone choker necklace. And many arts and crafts will also be for sale. MicMac baskets handcrafted by Native American artisans at the Listuquj Reserve in Canada, and genuine buckskin goods made by Chippewa craftsman Badger Robideau. Popular sterling silver, beaded and turquoise jewelry, dreamcatchers, vases, stone carvings and blankets will also be available for purchase.

Festival-goers can see how the native peoples lived by visiting the "wickiup" and "tipi" style dwellings set up on the fairgrounds. While the wickiup is a rectangular framed home with a covering of skins, the cone-shaped asymmetrical tipi was home to more transient tribes like the Plains Indians.

To complete the cultural connection, the festival will serve up a variety of native foods. Visitors can sample buffalo burgers, venison, smoked mussels, succotash, and turtle soup, Silva said. For the less adventurous, there will be a full menu of familiar favorites including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda.

Books, pamphlets and other information to learn more about Native American culture will be available to the public at the MCNAA Native Resource Table. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

The Spring Planting Moon Powwow and Native American Arts & Crafts Festival will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27, Sunday May 28 and Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day). Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and MCNAA members and $2 for children 6-12 years old. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted to the festival free. For more information on the festival or the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness call 617-884-4227 or visit www.mcnaa.org.

Mashpee Wampanoag Fancy Dancer, Aquayah Peters, will perform at the Spring Planting Moon Powwow at the Marshfield Fairgrounds all threedays demonstrating the "Ladies Fancy Dance".

MicMac Dancer, Don Barnaby of Hull, will dance at the Spring Planting Moon Pow-wow at Marshfield Fairgrounds demonstrating the "Men's Traditional Dance". He will also participate in all the inter-tribal dances.

Eastern Pequot, Alejandro Powell, will participate in the "Grass Dance."

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The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza welcomes the Dave Foley Band Friday, May 26, from 9 p.m. to midnight. For more information call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com

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Thursday, May 25

White Ribbon Campaign, men working to end men's violence against women, assembly at Duxbury High School, Thursday, May 25, 9:54 to 11:02 a.m., and 12:52 to 2 p.m. For information call DHS, 781-934-7650, or No Place for Hate, 781-837-5725.

South Shore Chamber 2006 Golf Outing, Thursday, May 25 at the Pinehills Golf Club, Plymouth. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. and a scramble-format. Participants enjoy a continental breakfast before golfing. Each golfer receives a gift bag filled with items from Chamber members and tournament sponsors. Followed by a hot and cold buffet lunch, raffles and a silent auction.

Ladies' Night at Lily's Apothecary, 6 Main St. Ext., Plymouth, Thursday, May 25, 4 to 8 p.m. Features free 'blow-out,' hair and scalp analysis by New York City Phyto hair stylist, Alberto Vara. Free raffle and gift with purchase of $50 or more. To schedule a 20-minute appointment call 508-747-7546.

Sportswriter and author Leigh Montville at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor, Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m. Montville will discuss and sign copies of his latest book, "Big Bam," a biography of the legendary Baby Ruth. Free admission. Call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com for more information.

Discovery at Camp Wise-n-Up, a musical by First Baptist Christian School, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., 40 West St., Weymouth. Program includes creative art exhibit of school students. For information visit www.fbcweymouth.org or call 781-335-6232.

Greater Plymouth Lupus Group final meeting of the season, Thursday, May 25, 7 to 9 p.m., Kingston Public Library. Guest speaker is registered yoga instructor and lupus patient; Natalie Comoletti will present a yoga demonstration. Comfortable clothing. Light refreshments served. For more information call Nicole Peterson, 781-582-8770.

"Ragtime," at the New Rep theatre, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, May 26, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 27, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. Tickets in advance. Call 617-923-8487 or visit www.newrep.org.

Baby Signs lecture by speech and language pathologist Elyse McPherson, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. How to communicate with babies through sign language. Free admission. For information visit Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club, www.scnewcomers.com.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

D'Ann's, 340 Centre Ave., Route 123, Abington, Country Dance Party with dance instructor Margret Wilson. Master of Ceremony is WKLB radio's Vic Martin on Thursday, May 25. For information call 781-878-8767.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **The Houserockers with Michelle "Evil Gal" Wilson,** Thursday, May 25 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. Free pizza from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, May 25, BBC "Pint Night" featuring Living Proof from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Glen MacAuliffe and Friends, Thursday, May 25, 6 to 9 p.m. No cover. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

Friday, May 26

North River Arts Society Juried Art Exhibit Annual Preview Party, Friday, May 26, 7 p.m. in GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Awards presentation at 8 p.m. To sign up for the preview, call 781-837-8091. $20 per person donation. Exhibit continues through Sunday, June 4, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

Ala-teen and Al-Anon family groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people ages 6-12 or ages 13-18 to share experiences and understand ways of coping, form close friendships and hope for a happier life. Friday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hanover First Baptist Church in the back lower level, 580 Webster St. Call Kris, 781-834-5973. For schedule of similar fellowships in the state call 781-843-5300.

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

South Shore Singles dinner dance, Friday, May 26, 8 p.m. to midnight at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, with Joey Canzano, the man of a thousand voices. DJ music, buffet dinner at 8:30 p.m. $18, $12 members. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Evan Goodrow Band, Friday, May 26. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, May 26, Lydia Warren Band, blues. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

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Saturday, May 27

Spring Planting Moon Pow-Wow and Native American Arts and Crafts Festival, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 27 to 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, at Marshfield Fairgrounds, Route 3A. Sponsored by the Mass. Center for Native American Awareness. Admission: $5 adults; $4 MCNAA members and seniors; $2 for ages 6 to 12; free for children under age 5. Includes singers, dancers, artists, craft demonstrations and sales, drumming, educational and cultural events and foods. For information call 617-884-4227; e-mail mcnaa@aol.com; or visit www.mcnaa.org.

South Coastal Demolay yard sale will take place Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 120 Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth.

Clift Rogers Library book sale Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the white tent at the North River Festival at the library, 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Books at affordable prices. Free admission. 9:30 a.m. early admission fee is $10 for first choice of books Call the library at 781-834-4597 for more information.

The 30th annual Festival of the Arts, Saturday, May 27, Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Marshfield Hills Village. Admission is free. Free shuttle to parking facilities. Includes food tent, ongoing entertainment, juried artisans fair, student art, artist demonstrations, children's tent, and children's parade on Sunday.

First Annual Memorial Day MacFarlane Farm Bike and Buggie Parade, Saturday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m. at 40 Gilfeather Lane, Kingston. Decorate your own bike or buggie. Everyone will win a prize and there will be two grand prizes. Free hot dogs, chips, drinks at 12:30 p.m. Hosted by William Raveis RE and Chilton Development Corp. Tour their decorated model home.

Hull Police Department, K-9 drug search demonstration, with Officer Jon Mahoney, Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Hull. 1117 Nantasket Ave. Free with museum admission.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, May 27, Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen, Roadhouse boogie, national act, starts at 9:30 p.m. Casual dress, ages 21+. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Racky Thomas Band, Saturday, May 27. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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Sunday, May 28

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Blue Hills Reservation, 695 Hillside St., Milton, Sunday, May 28, 1 p.m. Moderate walk, hilly terrain, 3.5 miles. Tucker Hill Path to Headquarters Path to Buck Hill Path. Return via Massachuseuck Trail and Doe Hollow Trail. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/der. Wear sturdy footgear and bring drinking water.

Breast Cancer presentations at The Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, every Sunday in May, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Guest speakers discuss latest developments in cancer biology, imaging and treatments. Included with Exhibit Hall admission. For more information e-mail cwojciechowski@mos.org or call 617-589-0407.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy. Satch's Sunday Nite Blues hosts Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue, Sunday, May 28. For information call 617-773-1170.

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Just for kids

ARTS FOR YOUTH AND TEENS SUMMER CAMP. Session I June 26-July 14; Session II, July 17-Aug.4. Sessions held at Bridgewater State College Rondileau Campus Center, Bridgewater. Youth camp includes dance, drama, visual arts, music, creative computing, video production, animation and gymnastics. Teen camp includes improvisation, creative movement, script writing, and visual arts. Enrollment, deadline May 31. Cost per session $575 full day, $325 half-day. For information call Professor Jim Quinn, 508-531-2141.

YOUNG RIDERS FOR PAN-MASS CHALLENGE WANTED, ages four to fourteen, to will ride around Powder Point in Duxbury on June 11 at 10 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m. A true regional event, youths will have a choice of riding a 3.3-, 6.7, or 10-mile route, or a "trike and trainers" loop for the less experienced. The ride starts and finishes at Duxbury High School. There is no rain date. It is requested that riders raise a minimum of $50. There is a $10 registration fee. Riders who register before June 1 will receive a PMC Kids T-shirt, water bottle, and neoprene bracelet. For details or to register, volunteer or donate to the ride, www.kids.pmc.org/duxbury. For information call Laurie Garbarino at 781-934-2679.

TENNIS LEAGUE FOR JUNIORS, South Shore Tennis Association will start a tennis league on June 28. Registration will be held on June 13 from 7-8 p.m. at Pembroke Public Library meeting room. Open to all South Shore students, entering grades 7 through 12. Not appropriate for beginners. Players must be able to rally and serve with some control. For information visit www.network.usta.com or call 781-789-8930.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS AT THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM, for ages 12 and older. Classes range from journaling, drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Classes scheduled for: July 10-14, July 17-21; July 24-28 and July 31-Aug. 4. For information call 781-934-6334, ext. 15.

KID'S FRIDAY, PLYMOUTH ARCHAEOLOGICAL REDISCOVERY PROJECT, Friday, July 28. An exploration of the fascinating world of archaeology. Explore hands-on activities such as making your own stratigraphy, identifying bones, participating in a sandbox excavation, casting a replica of a Native American arrow or spear head and many other activities designed for children ages 6–11 years old. Bring your arrowheads or artifacts. Fee is $10 per child. All events are open to the public but reservations are required. Call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Executive Director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES, 'Water Wonders' with Leslie Wood at New England Wild Flower Society, Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham. June 14 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for children grades K-2. Explore the ponds, bogs, and brooks and meet watery creatures. Make an aquarium to take home. Pre-registration required 508-877-7630 or registrar@newfs.org. Cost is $12 members; $14 for non-members.

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Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore, a marching arts program is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard-flag squad members. A family style group open to those from age 13 to seniors. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting will train inexperienced but motivated people. Free unlimited trial membership. Rehearsals take place on most Sundays at Pembroke Community Center, Route. 14, Pembroke, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.

Reggae Sundays at Paddy O's, 33 Union St., Faneuil Hall, with Danny Tucker & Vibe Tribe. Featuring a mix of Bob Marley classics, original roots Reggae music, hip hop and reggaeton beats, and DJ spins between sets. Every Sunday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Free admission, dress is casual. For information call 617-263-7771 or visit http://www.dtvibetribe.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday afternoon, May 28. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit wwwmoseleyonthecharles.com.

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Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Dave Foley's Acoustic Jam, Sundays from 8 to midnight. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/next page.

Monday, May 29

Annual Memorial Day book sale at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center, Monday, May 29, 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments, collectibles, new books and children's books. Free admission. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.Jameslibrary.org.

MS Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth. Call Liz, 781-878-7041, email Vze2n8tr@verizon.net, call Cindy, 781-878-5835 or email aRockland119@aol.com.

Studio at the Beach in Hull, 217 Nantasket Ave., opens its 8th season on Memorial Day. Features 35 artists displaying fine art including jewelry, paintings, photographs, greeting cards, pottery, shell art and other gift ideas. Free to the public. Hours are Fridays 1-8 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For information call 781-925-1996 or visit www.hullartists.com.

New Beginnings support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

Quincy Toastmasters Club. Look forward to speaking in public. Transform from a nervous speaker to a confident superstar with a friendly and fun club. The Quincy Toastmasters meets every Monday from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Quincy Recreational Center, 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Visit www.quincytoastmasters.org or call 617-472-8893.

Tuesday, May 30

Buttonwood Books & Toys Story Time, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Storytellers entertain 2-5 year olds with a half-hour of delightful stories. Book selections are a mix of new releases, traditional favorites and seasonal. No signup necessary. Free admission and open to the public. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

The Island Grove Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines International, open additions for its women's a cappella chorus, every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. Chorus performs throughout South Shore, vocal training provided. For information call 781-843-4355.

South Shore Soliloquy Toastmasters Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. Opportunities to master public speaking and learn leadership skills. For more information visit www.geocities.com/sssoliloquy or call 781-837-5734.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Wednesday, May 31

Adoption information meeting hosted by The Home For Little Wanderers, Wednesday, May 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. All types of adoption will be explored, including international adoption, infant and domestic adoption, as well as older children from foster care. Refreshments served and meeting is free and open to the public. For information or to reserve a space, call Rosemary at 617-927-0669 or visit www.thehome.org.

Transformation Place Bible Study, an outreach ministry of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, meets Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m., at Au Bon Pain, Route 139 at Route 3, Pembroke.

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce 2006 golf tournament and dinner sponsored by PartyLite, Wednesday evening, May 31, at Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston. Shotgun start at noon, dinner at 6 p.m. with guest speaker David Moynihan of Titleist. Cocktail hour at 5 p.m. Golf and dinner reservations in advance by May 24. Call PACC at 508-830-1620 ext 13 or visit www.plymouthchamber.com.

Huntington Theatre Out & About Club for members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities. Pre-show reception, Wednesday, May 31, 6 p.m. at the Top of the Hub restaurant, Prudential Center. Post-show backstage tour. Free with ticket purchase to "Love's Labour Lost" by William Shakespeare. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or call 617-266-0800.

Poetry at the Main Street Café, 122 Main St., No. Easton, last Wednesday of every month. Open Mic, 7 p.m. Sign up, 6:30 p.m. E-mail Poetryman1@comcast.net or call 508-238-6788.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday evening, May 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit wwwmoseleyonthecharles.com.

Thursday, June 1

Annual Thanksgiving Day dinners at Plimoth Plantation tickets go on sale beginning June 1 for. Choose a Victorian dinner, or Thanksgiving buffet. Prices and times vary. Seating sells out early. For reservations call 508-746-1622 ext 8365.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, Thursday evening, June 1 at 8 p.m., featuring comedian, actor, songwriter and musician Chance Langton. Other comics include Michael Acciola, Stephen Leach, Annette Pollack, Scott Darby, Brian Robertson and hosted by Jim Cahillane. Admission $12. For tickets or information, call 781-848-0300 or visit www.annettepollack.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. New Blue Revue Blues Jam, Thursday, June 1. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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Friday, June 2

Randolph Women's Club Annual Barn Sale, 360 No. Main St., Randolph, Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items include jewelry, linens, dishes, and kitchen equipment, all in prime condition. Call 781-986-0336.

Brazilian pianist Rogerio Santos concert at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell Center to benefit First Parish Unitarian Church organ restoration fund, Friday evening, June 2, 7:30 p.m. Tickets $20. For information call 781-659-7100.

South Shore Folk Music Club hosts Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. Event includes silent auction fundraiser. Tickets $15 for non-members, $13 members. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Scituate band "Emergency Exit" at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Friday evening, June 2, 8 p.m. Local garage band advances to regional semifinals of the Emergenza Festival international music competition. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets $12. Call band members Farragher, 781-545-7155, Kennedy, 781-545-5877, or Johnson, 781-545-6913.

Huntington Theatre performance of William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour Lost." ASL-interpreted performance for deaf or hard of hearing, 8 p.m., June 2, call TTY 617-424-0694 for information. Audio-described performance for blind or low-vision, Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or call 617-266-0800.

Friday Night Stargazing at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, Friday evenings, approximately 8:30 to 10 p.m., weather permitting. Free admission. For information call 617-589-0454 or visit www.mos.org.

Comedy Night at All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Friday evening, June 2, 9 p.m., featuring Teddie Bergeron. Other comics performing, Annette Pollack, Phil Doyle, Christine Hurley and hosted by Joe Holden. Tickets $15. For information call 781-293-4135 or 781-843-4833 or visit www.annettpollack.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. The Motown Funk and Soul Costume Ball featuring Boston Soul Revue, Friday, June 2, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Costumes mandatory. Special hot-cold buffet at 9 p.m. $100 cash for best costume. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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Jumpin' Juba trio at Steve's Backstage Pass, 15 School St., Taunton, Friday evening, June 2, 8 p.m. Visit www.thedessertclub.com.

Ongoing events

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts needs your unwanted vehicles. Consider donating an old or unused car to help support their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Classes

AMERICAN RED CROSS ADULT CPR/AED AND FIRST AID, Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 pm. Completion of this course awards a CPR certificate valid for one year and a First Aid certificate valid for three years. Cost is $69. Classes are held at 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Pre-registration is required. Call 617-770-2600 Monday through Friday for more information.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset, offers Gymnastic/Sports Camp including bowling, face painting, water play and crafts. Cost is $95 members/$100 non-members. Session I – June 27, 28 and 29. Session II – August 15, 16 and 17. Session III - August 22, 23 and 24. Camp held 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginner Gymnastic Classes for Girls Age 4-6, runs 8 weeks. Held on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26 thorugh August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Cost is $88 members/$96 non-members. Beginner/Intermediate Gymnastic Classes for Girls Ages 7-12. Course runs 8 weeks. Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 13, 20, 27 through August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. $88 members/ $96 non-members. Call SSCC at 781-383-0088.

EXCEL WORKSHOP, offered by Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull. A computer learning classes focusing on individual applications. Small class size and an experienced instructor combine to provide a great opportunity for personal growth. Friday, May 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. Cost is $45. Financial assistance is available. For information call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org.

SUMMER DOG OBEDIENCE offered by 4-H Club. A course begins June 26 and runs through July 1; another class will be held from July 10-15. Classes are from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the 4-H Livestock Barn and Show arena at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Cost is $110 and will cover all materials and a t-shirt. The program is designed for children 8 and older and teaches the joys and responsibilities of caring and training a dog. Parents are encouraged to attend. For information call 781-293-3541 or email: plyctext@mindspring.com.

ART COMPLEX MUSEUM YOGA CLASS, with instructor Kathleen Young. Gentle, meditative movements in a positive, non-threatening environment. Classes will be held June 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Cost is $36. Summer Yoga will start July 12 and continue for five weeks. One-hour class begins at 8 a.m. and cost is $45. Pre-registration is required, call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT, Tuesday, July 18 at 8 p.m. Featuring Norwell chiropractor, John Hayes. Simple ways to lose and maintain a healthy weight. Held at Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Register by calling 781-925-1941 or email: szabofitness@gmail.com.

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Get active on the Cape

A haven for biking

By TIM JONES
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Cape Bike. Biker's Vineyard. Nanbikedit Island.

Those names aren't on the maps, but they should be. The Cape and the Islands are heaven for those of us who prefer to pedal. With gas priced at $3 a gallon, biking is not only fun and great exercise, it makes sense. Just park your car and bike wherever you want to go. If your destination is the Islands, save by taking your bike on the ferry instead of your car.

It's easier to list the places on the Cape and Islands that aren't good for biking than those that are. There's Route 6 on busy days, the water parts of Cape Cod Bay, Buzzards Bay, Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, a few ponds and soft sand beaches. Other than that, every back road, woodland path and bike trail is fair game.

Backroad biking is the best way to see the sights on both the Cape and the Islands. This isn't high-speed cranking, nor are there difficult hills, so you don't need a fancy bike or lots of stamina. It's perfect for old-timers on old bikes, families with young children on brand-new bikes and everyone in between.

You also can pedal more than 100 miles of bike or "recreation" paths on the Cape. You'll have to share with walkers, joggers and in-line skaters, even the occasional unicycle -- but no cars.

As you first cross onto the Cape, try the seven-mile paths on either side of the Cape Cod Canal. At the other end of the Cape, there's a paved five-mile loop on the Province Lands in P-town. In between are a host of bike paths, including two beauties on the Cape Cod National Seashore, specifically at Head of the Meadow in Truro and at the Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham.

PHOTOS BY TIM JONES

Mountainbiking to the hidden "kettle ponds" around Wellfleet

It's easier to list the places on the Cape and Islands that aren't good for biking than those that are.

Most famous, of course, is Cape Cod Rail Trail. Two new bridges over Route 6 have cut off a long road section around Orleans and Rock Harbor, shortening the journey from around 26 miles to 22 miles.

If you want to see a different side of Cape biking, try the dune biking around P-town and the off-road mountain biking around "kettle ponds" within the National Seashore in Wellfleet.

For those who don't want to go it on their own, Cape Outback Adventures (800-864-0070; www.capeoutback.com) offers a $45 per-person guided mountain biking tour of the "kettle ponds." This fairly strenuous, three-hour afternoon ride (with time for a swim) is a real eye-opener. Like most visitors, I had no idea there were places on the Cape where you could be completely away from the sight and sound of other people.

You start at the Wellfleet pier, warm up with a mile of road riding, turn off into a little sand lane and the fun begins as you follow a maze of fire roads and walking paths through the forests, past the shores of seven secluded ponds, most with a hidden sand-bottom swimming spot.

Any strong rider could enjoy this trek. You bump over a lot of roots, grind up one or two small hills, and ride around or over an occasional fallen tree, but the greatest challenge is the occasional patch of soft sand, which grabs your tires and slows you to a wobble.

A fat-tire bike, which you can rent, is mandatory. Wear a helmet, bring water and a small pack to carry a towel. You'll have a blast on your bike and see a side of the Cape most people never know exists.

For more information on Cape Cod bike routes, go to www.cctrails.org/bike.htm

Go for a hike

By TIM JONES
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

If the "walk on the beach" so popular on online dating Web sites sounds lame, how about a hike instead? The Great Island Trail in Wellfleet is the longest and most remote official hiking trail on the Cape. The views of Cape Cod Bay are expansive and breathtaking (especially at sunset), and you get completely away from the tourist hustle.

Your first challenge is finding the trailhead at the end of Chequesset Neck Road in Wellfleet. The second challenge is distance and soft sand -- you'll feel your glutes and hamstrings by the end.

The length of your hike depends on your route, and whether or not you want to get your feet wet. The basic dry-feet hike is about seven miles, round trip. Visit Jeremy Point (underwater at high tide) and loop around the perimeter of Great Island for an honest 10 miles.

A pamphlet available at the trailhead gives you a glimpse of the geology and history of the land you are walking. Visit the site of Smith's Tavern -- just don't expect a cold beer. The archaeological site was excavated then refilled. But it's a great place to loll among the oaks and pines and reflect on the past. Note: Watch for poison ivy while off-trail exploring or lolling.

Hike the Great Island Trail and you're likely to see expanses of undeveloped shore, empty beaches, sparkling sun on riffled waves, grasses and reeds dancing in the breeze. You can stroll in solitude through quiet pine and oak forests. See hundreds of birds. Study the shells and bits of flotsam left behind by the falling tide. Follow seabird tracks. Go on a rainy day or midweek in the offseason and it might seem as if you are the last person standing at the very end of the earth. Nice getaway.

A woman hiking on the Great Island beach

The views of Cape Cod Bay are expansive and breathtaking (especially at sunset), and you get completely away from the tourist hustle.

IF YOU GO...

WHAT TO BRING: Hike barefoot or in river sandals (sneakers fill with sand). The breeze off the water can be chilly, so bring a windproof jacket. Sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat are essential. This is a wonderful rainy-day diversion if you have a rainsuit or don't mind getting wet. Also pack ample water -- there's none along the trail -- and a snack. Bring a camera for the gorgeous views, as well as binoculars and a bird book (you might also see seals, whales and other wildlife including deer).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tide chart: www.boatma.com/tides/tides-capecod.html. Maps and Trail info: www.cctrails.org/greatisl.htm

OTHER SUGGESTED LONG WALKS ON THE CAPE: Provincetown: Cape Cod National Seashore Pilgrim Heights to Race Point Light. Wellfleet: Wellfeet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Eastham: Cape Cod National Seashore Visitor's Center to Nauset Harbor inlet. Orleans: From Nauset Beach south along Cape Cod National Seashore. Chatham: Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge. Bourne: Cape Cod Canal Recreation Path. Martha's Vineyard: Chappaquiddick Island Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge. Dike Road to Cape Poge. Nantucket: Nantucket Wildlife Refuge in Wauwinet, to Great Point Light and Coatue Point.

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Meaning of Memorial Day not forgotten

By Samantha Brown
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Memorial Day is often thought of as the unofficial kick-off to summer. This year's weather lent itself especially well to barbecues and boating. But Cohasset's residents have not forgotten the meaning of the day, as year after year they continue to come out in full force to honor those who have paid the ultimate price serving our country.

The sun was shining on Veteran's Park and "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" was playing in the background as veterans marched down Elm Street to the cheers of those standing by. As a crowd gathered on the green, Ralph Perroncello, commander of the VFW post, thanked the many World War II veterans who came to be a part of Cohasset's ceremony. "There are only a few of us around, and every year, we still show up," he said, adding this year, World War II veterans came all the way from as far as Washington, D. C., Florida, Texas, Maine, and Nevada.

National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Tom Wigmore, also

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PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

With patriotic music playing in the background, those in uniform make their way toward Veterans Memorial Park, where a ceremony was held honoring those who have given their lives for our country.

Grads to bid adieu

Commencement 1:30 p.m., Saturday

By Samantha Brown
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Tests are complete, lockers have been cleared out and members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2006 are ready for graduation day.

This year's 99 graduates will begin commencement exercises at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, under the green and yellow South Shore Music Circus tent. Speeches will be given by members of the administration, as well as valedictorian Emily Nash, salutatorian Nils Sceery and class president Brendon Barrett. The ceremony will be followed by refreshments, courtesy of the Cohasset PSO.

Cohasset High School Principal Joel Antolini said he couldn't be more proud of this

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PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Joe Nedrow, who attended Tuesday's forum, suggested discussing partnering with neighboring communities to offer more for students in the area.

Forum helps find common ground

By Samantha Brown
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Roughly 100 residents gathered in the high school cafeteria Monday for a forum unlike any other held in the town thus far. Sponsored by the PSO and facilitated by Cohasset resident and strategy consultant Laura Stone, the meeting was held to help the town figure out "What's possible" for the future of the town and its schools.

Stone said the meeting technique, dubbed "open space technology" is one that is being used at the Pentagon, in Fortune 500 companies, and in African villages. She said it can be used with very small, or very large groups. There is only a rough agenda so as not to limit creativity during discussion. "Sometimes with creativity, you can't be bound by the clock," she said.

There are four principals associated with the meeting technique: whoever comes are the right people; whatever happens is the only thing that could have; whenever it starts is the right time; and when it's over, it's over. There was only one law for the night, "The law of two feet," which states if you are neither learning nor contributing, use your two feet to go to a more productive place.

Chairs were placed in a circle with an open space in the middle. Stone explained those in attendance would be responsible for the meeting's agenda. Anyone with an idea or opportunity for the town was asked to come to the middle of the circle, state their idea for discussion, and write it on a piece of paper with their name, to be hung on the wall. Once full of ideas, the wall becomes the agenda for the meeting, and those who brought the idea forward become the facilitator of that discussion.

Many residents came forward with questions, thoughts, and concerns they wanted to see addressed.

• Lou Harvey, 465 King St.,

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Giving old wedding gowns new life

By Samantha Brown
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"It has helped them save on the cost and I can be at the exhibit to help answer questions about the restoration of vintage gowns."
— Ken Grippi, restoration specialist for Dependable Cleaners

The beginning of June ushers in wedding season, bringing with it blushing brides wearing shades of ivory and white. Just the sight of a bride in her gown can bring a tear to the eye, especially if it is the eye of a mother or grandmother whose dress has been restored for the occasion.

Ken Grippi, restoration specialist for Dependable Cleaners, said more and more, he is being asked to bring gowns back to life for brides-to-be. He said while some gowns may seem dull, dingy and look hopeless, his restoration process has worked on gowns dating back to the 1800s.

Some of those gowns belong to the Cohasset Historical Society, which has partnered with Dependable to bring its collection of antique wedding gowns back to their original state for its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." The exhibit will open June 8, and there will be a "wedding luncheon" to cel-

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

These wedding dresses, which will be on display next week, have been cleaned, pressed and restored to their original grandeur, thanks to the experts at Dependable Cleaners, which partnered with the Cohasset Historical Society to bring its collection of antique wedding dresses back to life.

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PICTURE THIS/Leesa Bleicken

Name: Leesa Bleicken.

Occupation: School-based physical therapist and leader of Cohasset Girl Scout Troop #4775.

Best days of your life: The day I met my husband Craig and the births of our children Alexa and Owen.

Best vacation: Our honeymoon to Antigua.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: The Fourth of July — I am crazy for fireworks!

Favorite junk food: Oreos and milk.

Best book: "John Adams" by David McCullough.

Best movie: "The Wizard of Oz."

Best TV show: Anything on The Discovery Channel.

Pet peeve: Rude people who carry a sense of entitlement.

Most embarrassing moment: When I was 9 months pregnant I wore two completely different style white sneakers to work and did not realize it until lunch time when I put my feet up to rest. I could no longer see my feet while standing!

Goal: To stay healthy so I can continue to jog around town.

People I'd most like to meet: Our country's founding mothers — Martha Washington and Abigail Adams.

Biggest worry: War, poverty and world hunger.

Best part of Cohasset: Our schools! We are all very fortunate to have dedicated teachers and happy children striving for excellence every day in the classroom.

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

The Mariner caught up with Cohasset Girl Scout Troop #4775 leader Leesa Bleicken at Veteran's Park during the town's Memorial Day ceremony. Bleicken's daughter Alexa is a member of the troop, of which Bleicken has been a leader for the past four years, and often Alexa's brother Owen joins in on the fun activities.

Openings on Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee is seeking new members. The committee is responsible for writing the town's Open Space Plan for approval by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs as well as managing its implementation. Applicants must be able to attend meetings twice per month in the evenings, and be able to work on projects between meetings. Residents who would like to participate should send a letter of interest including any applicable credentials to: William Griffin, Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, or by e-mail to wgriffin@townofcohasset.org.

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Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

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Alleged victim finds stolen outboard motor on Internet

By Mary Ford
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A 21-year-old Hull man is being summonsed to court for allegedly stealing an outboard boat motor and trying to sell it on the Internet.

But police say the alleged victim, who lives in Cohasset, was one step ahead of Michael A. Mello, 28 Stoney Beach Road, Hull.

Police Chief James Hussey said the Margin Street resident reported the outboard motor stolen and then immediately started looking on "craigslist", an Internet site, to see if it would turn up there for sale.

"Sure enough, he came across what he believed to be his motor and began an Internet chat and contacted us," Hussey said.

Cohasset Police Officer Pat Kenney advised the alleged victim about how to set up a meeting to buy the motor. The meeting was arranged for a location in Weymouth. Hussey said Cohasset police worked with Weymouth police in identifying Mello as the suspect. He will face felony charges of larceny of property valued at over $250 and receiving stolen property valued at over $250, Hussey said.

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— Police Chief James Hussey

Pocketbook stolen

Cohasset detectives will be looking at video surveillance tapes at Shaw's to try and determine the identity of the person who stole a black-leather pocketbook that contained the victim's driver's license, some cash and credit cards last Friday. They are also interviewing the victim to get as much detail as possible about when the pocketbook was taken, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Pocketbook thefts appear to be on the rise. Last month police arrested a Scituate woman on charges of stealing pocketbooks from both Shaw's and Stop & Shop.

Hussey said police are going to talk to the supermarkets and ask the management to put up notices to alert customers to keep their pocketbooks in sight at all times. He explained that a female thief can take a pocketbook, look normal, and walk right out of the store.

"People should not put their pocketbooks in their shopping carts and then turn their backs or walk away," Hussey said. "If they don't need their entire pocketbook, then they should lock it in the trunk.

"Shoppers need to be vigilant," he said.

Another shopper notified police that her wallet with her license, credit card and cash was also taken while she was shopping at Shaw's last Friday. Hussey said apparently a Good Samaritan found that wallet and dropped it off at her house. Police don't think the wallet was stolen, only lost.

Raccoon bites hand that fed it

A raccoon that a Cohasset couple had been feeding bit one of the residents and had to be put down in order to be tested for rabies.

Police Chief James Hussey said the residents had apparently been feeding the raccoon for some time. The animal bit the woman on the finger last Saturday and she went to South Shore Hospital, Hussey said. The couple barricaded the raccoon in the doghouse where the animal control officer picked it up.

The next day the victim's husband called police wanting to speak to the animal control officer. He explained they did not want the raccoon killed. But Hussey said the state lab has to examine the animal's brain in order to test for rabies and it had to be put down.

Paintball ignites chase

Cohasset police stopped a vehicle registered in Norwell on Route 3A for erratic operation at 10:55 p.m. last Saturday. The occupants told the officer they were chasing a vehicle whose occupants had fired a paintball and struck a pedestrian, who was their friend, in Norwell. They gave the vehicle plate number to the officer who determined the other vehicle was registered in Cohasset.

Police contacted the registered owner who came to the station with his daughter, who allegedly was driving the vehicle at the time of the incident. They did not share the names of anyone else who was in the vehicle. Information was gathered and forwarded to the Norwell Police for possible further action, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Marijuana possession

A middle-high school student is being summonsed to court on the charge of possession of marijuana, Chief James Hussey said. He said in keeping with the Memorandum of Understanding between police and the school department, school administrators notified police last week who took custody of a marijuana pipe that contained marijuana residue. Hussey said the court would likely order the student to attend a substance abuse program and he could also have to perform some community service.

Gas main mishap

At about 8:15 a.m. Thursday (May 25) a construction worker hit a gas main at Brook and South Main streets that resulted in some evacuation of area businesses and the shutting down of South Main Street from Brook to Spring street, Police Chief James Hussey said. A detail officer working in the village reported the incident. The gas company came out and made repairs, Hussey said. The incident lasted about an hour. Cohasset News, the Village Butcher and Deli and the law offices of Richard Henderson were evacuated, he said.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Parents hold up umbrellas to create a corridor of protection for prom-goers as they make their way to the trolleys on Friday evening. For more photos, see pages 20 & 21.

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Department of corrections

A story which ran in last week's Mariner about goals for the selectmen for the upcoming year incorrectly attributed quotes dealing with taking a closer look at the fire department's budget to Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer. The quotes should have been attributed to Selectman Gary Vanderweil. Vanderweil said analyzing the fire department's budget should be a priority for the board as the town's benchmarking study indicates the town's per capita costs are way above its peer groups. "We are way out of range," he said, which could have to do with the fact that Cohasset does not have an active call fire department, which he said is something that will become more apparent with more dissection of the budget.

Vanderweil said there are slated to be six firefighters retiring over the next few years which could mean now is a good time to begin discussing any potential changes to the department. "Do we replace them with EMTs? Do we look to have a bigger call force? I don't know if it's even realistic to have call firefighters," said Vanderweil. He added he has seen both an ambulance and fire engine speed off to a call together, and maybe the town should look at whether it is necessary to send both, as it could require calling in backup staff who in turn are paid overtime. The Mariner regrets the error.

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Grads to bid adieu

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year's graduating class. He said while a large number of students participate in co-curricular activities, he has been amazed at their willingness to help each other succeed. "So many participate in the peer tutoring program," he said, whether it be during scheduled classes, through the National Honor Society, or privately on their own time. "They really want to help the other kids do well in school," he said.

Academically, the class has done exceedingly well. Antolini said 29 out of the 99 members of the class earned recognition by being awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for performance on the MCAS test. Antolini explained students must be in the top 25 percent of their high school class to be eligible to receive the scholarship, and in Cohasset, every student who was eligible scored high enough to achieve that honor. "It's just fabulous," he said.

This year's seniors have excelled outside the classroom as well. Antolini said they have earned state championship sports titles and have given outstanding performances at music, arts and drama festivals. "There have been many wonderful achievements," he said.

Antolini taught at Cohasset High School years ago and returned last summer as principal of the school, which makes the Class of 2006 the first he has led and will have to say goodbye to. "They were very welcoming to me," he said. Antolini said while there is much that sets this class apart, it is also very typical of Cohasset students, as its members immediately made a positive first impression, which carried through all year long.

Cohasset High School graduation will be held Saturday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m. under the tent at the South Shore Music Circus on Sohier Street. Speeches will be given by Supt. Denise Walsh, Principal Joel Antolini, valedictorian Emily Nash, salutatorian Nils Sceery and class president Brendon Barrett. There will be a reception hosted by the PSO following the ceremony on the Music Circus grounds where refreshments will be served.

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Political forum

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As usual, all are welcome to participate.

Birders to explore Straits Pond area

A bird walk with Cohasset birder Sally Avery will take place Saturday, June 3, 8 to 10 a.m. Participants will explore the area around Straits Pond and the nearby ocean. Those attending should meet at 8 a.m. at the base of Summit and Atlantic avenues near the Cohasset and Hull town line. The event is free.

Bird lists from past years are listed on www.weimriver.org. For more information, call 781-925-9066.

Athletes will see hike in sports fees

JV program could be saved

By Samantha Brown
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"I understand the hardship it creates."
— Athletic Director Ron Ford on user fees

Athletic fees are scheduled to spike this year, beginning with fall sports. At its May 25 meeting, the School Committee voted in favor of raising fees to $250 for the first two seasons and $150 for the third, with a family cap of $900.

While the idea has been floated to cut Junior Varsity sports, the athletics department is hoping through the increase of fees and additional support from the local booster clubs it will be able to retain its strong JV program. It is estimated increasing fees would yield $32,500 in revenue.

Athletic Director Ron Ford said Cohasset currently has a very competitive sports program, and five out of the six spring sports have qualified for tournaments. He said JV sports help condition players to perform well at the Varsity level, and without that practice, the school's performance could be affected.

Ford came before the School Committee May 15 with an initial proposal to increase fees and potentially cut JV sports, as well as one wrestling assistant position and a cooperative gymnastics program with the town of Norwell. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh asked Ford to go through the exercise as she had made roughly $70,000 in recommended cuts to the athletics budget as a way to help bridge the gap between the budget the School Committee presented, and the budget which was approved by the town.

Ford came back before the board at its May 25 meeting and said implementing fees is the only way to save JV sports. He said while the money could be made up by cutting entire sports out of the budget, spreading costs over 10 sports while keeping them all going felt like a better option.

Increasing user fees "is not something we do lightly," said Ford, adding he realizes the same parents who help with fund-raising pay for tickets at the gates and will be asked to pay the fees. "I understand the hardship it creates," he said. Currently, athletes are paying $150 for the first two sports and $100 for the third, with a family cap of $600.

Ford said Cohasset currently has between 300 and 400 single-sport players, which means a good number of families who participate will only pay the fee for one season. He said because there are so many specialized players, it gives the school "almost a private-school type atmosphere." Compared with other towns, with the increase of fees Ford said Cohasset will be "average to above average, but not by much."

While nothing is set in stone, Ford said the show of support he has already received from parents willing to help is encouraging. He said parents as well as local booster clubs came forward after first hearing JV sports might be cut, asking how they could help keep the programs going and how much money would need to be raised. Ford said he has been overwhelmed with their dedication and willingness to help, and stressed the importance of keeping the JV program alive. "Cutting JV sports undermines the development of the sports program," he said. Ford noted middle school interscholastic sports has already been lost as a result of budget cuts and if JV sports are cut, the only place left to go when money gets tight will be the Varsity sports program.

When the school had middle school sports, it also had a much larger overall budget. At that time, fees and gate receipts made up between 10 and 20 percent of the total athletics budget. However, he said the athletics budget keeps getting smaller, and this year, "If JV is cut and user fees are increased, 50 percent of our budget will be revenue from user fees and gate receipts."

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said in her opinion, JV sports should be a part of the school budget. She said it has been shown that involvement in sports helps children achieve in the classroom and builds very important time-management skills, and the schools should be able to fund it. She said she feels parents are being asked to pay more fees every year, which is essentially a hidden tax, while the community as a whole should be responsible for providing all facets of public education together.

School Committee member Steve Fusco asked whether the schools could ask local businesses to sponsor sports teams to help cut back on costs. However, Ford said Cohasset does not have a large number of businesses in town and the same companies "get hit up" year after year by other entities in the community and it isn't fair to ask those businesses to subsidize all the sports teams in town.

Fees will be increased in the fall and there will be a sliding scale (similar to the one currently in place for full-day kindergarten tuition) in place for those families which cannot afford to pay the full cost. JV sports will not be cut just yet, but Ford said it will be up to the booster clubs to come up with roughly $18,000 to fund the programs. "If the boosters feel they can't fund it, we'll cut it," said Ford.

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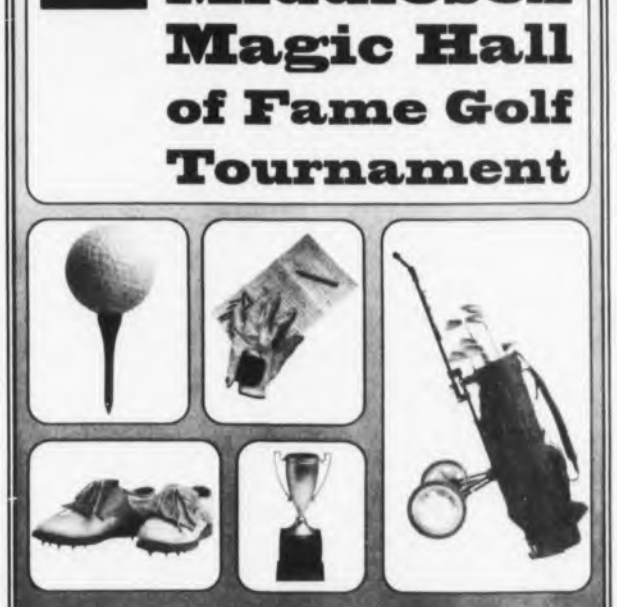
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AROUND TOWN

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HATS OFF!

Hello Cohasset. As we enter the last month of school for most, get ready for a fun-filled and safe summer ahead. Congratulations to all graduates from preschool on up and make sure to send in any tidbits on the graduates in your lives. Plan your summer to include some family moments, take lots of pictures and enjoy. As we all know, time goes by way too quickly.

For all who are getting ready to go forward in college or careers, a great message was repeated the other day from my mom and it is such a great one that we don't always follow. "Make sure to find a job or career that you love and then, you will never have to 'work' another day in your life." This is very hard to do but once it happens, it definitely makes life so much nicer.

Wow, here is some amazing news to share with our town.

PHOTO/RICH BONANNO

Margaret Pilczak, who is going to Harvard, won one of the $5,000 Pilgrim Arena Scholarships.

TONY NOMINEE!

Cohasset native **Ron Nicynski** (CHS '99) recently garnered his first Tony award nomination as a Producer of the Broadway production of Martin McDonagh's "The Lieutenant of Inishmore," currently at the Lyceum Theatre. The production opened to rave reviews across the board and on May 16th earned fiveTony nominations including Best Play.

The New York Times hails the production "Criminally funny and appallingly entertaining." CBS-TV proclaims "I've never seen a play so brilliant, and so funny!" and The Washington Post asserts, "Play-going doesn't get any better than this!"

Ron began his career here in Cohasset co-founding Cohasset Plays By the Sea. Keep up the great work Ron and make sure to send in any other news about your experiences.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A special set of birthday wishes go out to my mom, **Joann Egan** on June 5th, my husband **Bob** on June 8th and, (this one is a killer for me) my son **Daniel** who is turning 16 on June 15! Daniel, we are all so proud of you in every way. You are a wonderful young man who is moving forward in such a positive way. Enjoy your birthday, we all love you so much.

Another special birthday wish goes out to **Debbie Johnson** from her family and friends. Enjoy it Deb and make it a great one. **Abbey**(Deb's 5 year old daughter) wants to make sure you "invite" her and make sure to share your cake with her. Happy Birthday to a great friend.

EASTERN NAZARENE

Hats off to **Christina Grossman** and **John Parrell**, both of Cohasset who graduated from Eastern Nazarene College this month. Christina earned a degree in Early Childhood Education, and John received an A.A. in General Business. Best of luck to you both as you get ready to move forward in your lives and careers.

PATRIOTIC BROWNIES

Cohasset Brownie Troop #4780 on the Town Common getting ready to join in the Memorial Day Parade. The first graders put their hand prints and names on their colorful banner to honor our troops. Troop leaders (from left): Donna Sanderson, Mary Jo Blackington, Erin Marcelli. Brownies (from left): Emma Humphrey, Keely Hunter, Caroline Adams, Sarah Kehoe, Marina Longo, Kelsey Behenna, Charlotte Marcelli, Maggie Queenan, Sara Blackington, Madeline Ronzoni, Leah Cook, Olivia Sanderson and Jenny Wolfe.

PILGRIM SCHOLARSHIP

Hat's off to **Margaret Pilczak** of Cohasset, who will graduate from Notre Dame Academy in Hingham on Sunday. Margaret was one of 10 recipients of $5,000 scholarships at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham this spring. The arena recognizes top area graduates with scholarships each year. Margaret is the daughter of proud parents, **Joanne and Ken Pilczak.**

BC HIGH GRADUATES

President William J. Kemeza and the Board of Trustees of Boston College High School are pleased to announce that diplomas were conferred upon the class of 2006 and the "golden jubilarians" of the class of 1956 during the 142nd Commencement Exercises, held Sunday, May 21, 2006 at McNeice Pavilion. **Michael Francis Barnes, Patrick Michael Horigan, Thomas Edward Morgan, Michael W. Pecca,** and **Kevin M. Roach,** all of Cohasset, were among the 293 graduates. Congratulations!

MEET THE SCIENTISTS

Here is an event that sounds like a fun and creative one to attend. "Meet the Scientists" will be presented at the Paul Pratt Library on June 8 at 4 p.m. in the Story Room. Members of Mrs. Horigan's sixth-grade class have assumed new identities: scientists. Come to meet them as they appear in costume to talk about themselves and to answer questions about their lives and accomplishments. The program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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Wedding dresses get new life at Dependable Cleaners

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ebrate the exhibit from noon to 2:30 p.m. on the day of the opening.

Grippi explained Dependable Cleaners is a member of the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists. He said he was contacted by the Historical Society and was very excited to become a part of their restoration. He said he met with society members for close to three hours, deciding which pieces he would feel comfortable restoring, and it began a beautiful partnership. "It has helped them save on the cost and I can be at the exhibit to help answer questions about the restoration of vintage gowns," he said.

Depending on the fabric, gown restoration can cost anywhere from $650 to well over $1,000. Grippi said the nature of the fabric and what has to be done can greatly affect the cost. Many older gowns have whale bone or metal corsets which have to be removed before restoration can be completed as they cannot be exposed to the chemicals of the process. He said dresses are often taken apart and reconstructed to ensure every piece is thoroughly restored.

But the company's expertise is not strictly limited to gown restoration, as it also offers an extensive preservation package. Brides of today can bring in their wedding gown, have it evaluated for free, hand-cleaned, put through an anti-sugar stain treatment, and packed in a special environmentally pure preservation box for the future. "One day your daughter or granddaughter can walk down the aisle wearing the same dress that was so important to you," he said.

Grippi has been in the dry cleaning business his whole life. His father owned Beacon Cleaning in Quincy up until 1974, which is when it merged with Dependable Cleaners. "It's in my blood," he said, adding he has held many roles in the company over the years. Five years ago, while talking with Cohasset resident and President of Dependable Cleaners Christa Hagearty, they agreed with his expertise with wedding gowns, they should look into building the wedding gown restoration and preservation portion of the business and joined the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists in 2001.

"As a member, our commitment to quality bridal gown preservation and restoration earned us the endorsement of the Association of Bridal Consultants," Grippi said. "Our processes have been featured on 'Weddings of a Lifetime' on the Lifetime Television Network." He added on the care labels of some high-end designers such as Gianni Versace and Georgio Armani, it directs the bride on how to process their gown and recommends finding a company which is in the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists. "There are over 500 in cities around the world," he said, adding Dependable Cleaners has 17 locations in the South Shore area. When Dependable Cleaners preserves a gown, no matter where a bride lives, there is an international guarantee that she can bring her dress to any member of the association and they will open the preservation box, press and inspect the gown free of charge.

Every customer service representative at Dependable Cleaners is certified in accepting wedding gowns for preservation and restoration. Grippi said he is available for personal inspection and he will even make house calls, especially if a dress owner is worried about the condition of antique fabric. Grippi notes it is not just wedding gowns that people want to see restored — antique quilts, communion and christening gowns, stuffed animals and baby dresses are also high on the list. "Anything you might want to save and put away as a memory can be packed away and stored to last a lifetime," he said.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Martha Hurtig, chair of the costume and textile department at the Cohasset Historical Society, fixes the collar of a wedding dress which dates back to 1905. Thanks to Ken Grippi and the restoration experts at Dependable Cleaners in Cohasset Village, the dresses in the society's collection, including the dress on the left, which dates back to 1868, will be on display at society headquarters throughout the summer.

Grippi said being able to give new life to a family's heirlooms has been a very rewarding experience. He said last summer, he was able to restore and redesign a mother's wedding dress for her daughter, which she wore at her wedding. The dress had formerly been yellow, had sleeves and was lacking the look the daughter had wanted, but when they returned to see the dress, with its new strapless design, restored to a perfect white, it brought tears to both their eyes.

Dependable Cleaners has 17 locations around the South Shore, including one in Cohasset Village on S. Main Street. For more information on restoration and preservation of wedding gowns or other family heirlooms, please visit www.DependableCleaners.com or contact Restoration Specialist Ken Grippi at (781) 706-7940 or via e-mail at kgrippi@dependablecleaners.com.

The Cohasset Historical Society will open its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings," Thursday, June 8. A luncheon will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence, located on Government Island off Border Street, before the exhibit's formal opening. There are 60 slots open for the luncheon and the price to attend is $30 for Historical Society members and $40 for non-members. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund the society's efforts to continue restoring its gowns. The exhibit will run at the Historical Society, located in the Paul Pratt Building, 106 S. Main St., through the month of August, and will be open during Historical Society hours Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact the society at (781) 383-1434 or via e-mail at cohassethistory@yahoo.com.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bright ideas

Bright people, bright ideas – that is what is coming together in Cohasset.

Unfortunately, there is still a lot of hostility and divisiveness among those on both sides of the override that failed at the special election May 6.

But what just might come out of that loss could be a big gain down the road.

If Tuesday's PSO-sponsored forum is a gauge then we think some innovative ideas that could be turned into real action could be a positive result. If nothing else, the event brought a lot of people together to create a dialog about the town, its services, finances, and where we can go from here.

We think everyone realizes while there are no simple answers or solutions, there could be ways to move the town forward without annual overrides or at the very least, with overrides that would garner broader-based support because every rock had been overturned looking for alternatives.

The forum, which in our view was a major event, is not all that is happening. Residents Susan Galligan and Ann Musto are appearing on Our Town to talk about a real estate transfer surtax that could generate some real revenue. Kevin O'Donnell of Enough! is presenting proposals to save money.

Sarah Murphy is conducting a lobbying campaign to get residents to write to local legislators about getting more state aid for Cohasset.

Elaine Breslow raised a point at Tuesday's forum that was similar to one proposed to us by Doug Eymer: getting to the bottom of the "rumor mill." Here at the Mariner we would like to do our best to shed light on (or dispel) "rumors." In other words, we will do the legwork and ask those who would know if there is any truth to a particular "perception" or "misperception." Mr. Eymer pointed out he often hears about "lights being left on at the schools at night." Is there a reason for this? Safety? Security? Are they in fact being left on? What is being done about conserving electricity?

Mrs. Breslow had heard the rumor that is costs $200 to cart away items from the Boutique at the RTF. We can check that out. Is the Boutique a cost or a cost-saver? [Scituate considered closing its "take-it-or-leave-it" for cost reasons but residents objected, saying it was a quality-of-life issue. They love it!]

These are questions that we are prepared to ask and try to find answers for in a feature dubbed, "Winding Down the Rumor Mill." Some answers might be able to be handled in a paragraph or two, others might require fuller stories.

If you have heard anything in the "Rumor Mill" that you would like checked out please email or call us. Even if you know the answer, others may not know.

We think the PSO , facilitator Laura Stone, and the estimated 100 residents who attended Tuesday's forum deserve a big pat on the back. The forum was held to help figure out "what's possible." With so many people and town officials working together, we think more doors could be opened than closed. Residents on the "yes" and "no" side of the override could discover they have a lot to agree about.

New solutions needed for the new reality

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

This new reality calls for a new form of political activism and fiscal pragmatism by citizens and public officials to combat the downward spiral of our schools and other services.

Those in our community who are concerned about the decline of our school system and other public services must recognize that there is a new reality which does not bode well for the future. What are the elements of this new reality?

• First, demographics are working against continued taxpayer support of public education. Empty-nest baby boomers who are retiring are the nation's fastest growing population segment. In addition, in Cohasset in particular, one of the unintended consequences of the Cedarmere project is that it will add another 150-200 voters over the age of 55, most of whom will not be from Cohasset and who will have no stake whatsoever in our public schools. In future override elections, their "no" votes will make a difference in a close contest.

• Second, it should be clear that local property taxpayers in Cohasset (and in many other places) have indeed had, "Enough." After a succession of successful overrides in the past decade for budget increases, new schools, and sewers, Cohasset voters have rejected three overrides in the past two years, two for budget increases and one for sewers.

• Third, the political climate at the state level is the worst it ever has been for local aid in the past 40 years. Unlike in past economic cycles, when upturns in the economy resulted in large increases in local aid, the state in this economic cycle has failed to return local aid levels to where they were prior to the last recession. Two of the three Democratic candidates for governor and both branches of the legislature have called for reducing the state income tax on the alleged basis that the state has a "billion dollar revenue surplus." Yet, teachers are being laid off in communities all across the Commonwealth.

This new reality calls for a new form of political activism and fiscal pragmatism by citizens and public officials to combat the downward spiral of our schools and other services. Here are a few ways in which concerned parents and others can use our talent, energy, resources, and political clout to effect meaningful change.

• First, there must be the recognition that attention to town budget and other matters must be a year-round endeavor, not merely for one month in the spring. For example, if we raise fees for stickers, building permits, and mooring permits, we can realize at a minimum $500,000 starting July 1. That money may not be available for fiscal 2007. But the next Town Meeting, when we will set the budget for fiscal 2008, is just 10 months away. If the selectmen approve these fee increases now, the funds will be available at that time. The point is, the 1500 people who voted for the override should get on the phone today and fill the selectmen's chambers at their next meeting to tell them to start taking a hard-headed business approach to town finances and to raise these fees.

• Second, it also must be recognized that Town Meeting is the arena for setting budgets and that we are the ones who approve those budgets. A town budget is not merely a financial document, it is a political one as well. It is a compromise among the selectmen, School Committee, Advisory Committee, Town Manager, and department heads. Instead of acting like sheep at Town Meeting, an informed and organized force of concerned residents would have the ability to make changes to the budget to conform it to their vision of how our community should be managing its finances.

• Third, political activism by those who want to see our schools move forward should not be confined to the School Committee races. The Board of Selectmen also must be held accountable for budget problems in other areas that directly and indirectly have adverse impacts on our schools. Candidates who support our children and our town must be encouraged to run and be actively supported.

• Fourth, the School Committee must be convinced to stop being squeamish about raising fees for extracurricular activities. If faced with the choice between eliminating a program such as JV sports or paying a higher fee, parents will pay the higher fee as they do in most other school districts. Also, I see nothing wrong with our teenagers paying for some of their extracurricular endeavors. There is some value in having our children sacrifice a shopping trip to American Eagle in order to help pay for their activity of choice.

• Fifth, the parents who voted for the override must be willing to put their money with their votes are. If the schools say we cannot afford to buy new textbooks, then parents must be willing to step up to pay for them. This in turn means that the School Committee needs to reach out in a meaningful way to citizens groups for financial support. For example, if the School Committee were to establish an athletic subcommittee, consisting of leaders from the various youth sports and boosters clubs, I guarantee that new ideas and a funding mechanism would be forthcoming to alleviate much of the cost of athletic programs, as has been done in many other communities. Ditto, for example, if the School Committee were to establish a Textbook and Supplies Subcommittee. It might mean that the Committee and school administration would have to yield some of their authority (for want of a better word) to parent groups, but this is what must be done.

• Sixth, we all must acknowledge that the definition of "public" in public education is becoming blurry. But if the choice is either to sit on our hands on principle or to take direct action to benefit our children immediately, I vote for the latter, as I'm sure most parents would.

• Seventh, no supporter of our schools should be looking to take money from other town department budgets. That is an exercise in futility (because there isn't any money to begin with) and divisiveness. In a similar vein, stop wasting time and effort in blaming the Mariner for the override's defeat. That is a senseless exercise akin to "shooting the messenger."

• Finally, we must realize that the fight to improve education is never ending. There is no one battle that will win the war to provide our schools with adequate resources. We must attack the problem on a number of fronts, both large and small, direct and indirect, for the foreseeable future.

If this sounds like a tall order, it is. Quite frankly, it's depressing. But that's the situation we're facing. If we care about the quality of education and other services in our town, this is the effort we have to make.

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, June 6 at 7 p.m.
CHS School Council, June 7, 3 p.m., at the high school.
Conservation Commission, June 8 & 22 at 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, June 13 & 26, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, June 6 & 13, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, June 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Library.
School Committee, June 15, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, June 5, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, June 26, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, June 12, 7:30 p.m., King Street.
ZBA, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

All-facility stickers update

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30,2006. The "all-facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale beginning the week of June 19 during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends beginning June 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices will be set by the Board of Selectmen at its June 5 meeting.

All-facility stickers allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town which require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the DPW building and various locations throughout the town. *Please be advised that all commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up their stickers at the DPW building.* You are encouraged to purchase your sticker *through the mail* by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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HEALTH NOTES

Shingles vaccine is promising

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Generally, shingles first manifests as pain, itching or tingling in an area of skin on one side of the body or face.

In one of the largest adult vaccine clinical trials ever, researchers have found that an experimental vaccine against shingles (zoster vaccine) prevented about half of cases of shingles — a painful nerve and skin infection — and dramatically reduced its severity and complications in vaccinated persons who got the disease. The findings appear in the June 2 issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

The Shingles Prevention Study was conducted over 5-1/2 years by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). According to Stephen E. Straus, M.D.of NIAID, the "striking results indicate for the first time that we can use a vaccine to prevent shingles. Among vaccine recipients who did get shingles, the episodes generally were far milder than they otherwise would have been."

Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is caused by reactivation of the virus that causes chickenpox. Once chickenpox infection has run its course, the virus is not eliminated; rather, it retreats to clusters of sensory nerve cells usually located near the spinal cord, where the virus persists in a dormant state. As immunity weakens with advancing age, the virus can reactivate, multiply in and damage sensory nerve cells to cause pain. It then migrates to the skin, causing the blistering rash of shingles. Generally, shingles first manifests as pain, itching or tingling in an area of skin on one side of the body or face. Then a painful blistering rash develops in that same area of skin; the rash can take two to four weeks to heal.

Anyone who has had chickenpox — which includes most adults in the United States — could develop shingles, though not all will. The two major risk factors are increasing age and declining immunity. Half of all people who live to age 85 will get the disease. Experts estimate more than a million new cases of shingles occur in the United States each year.

The trial enrolled more than 38,500 men and women half of the which received a single injection of the vaccine. Neither the researchers nor the participants knew who received vaccine and who received placebo until after the study was over. The zoster vaccine used in the study, manufactured by Merck, is a new, more potent version of the chickenpox vaccine used to prevent chickenpox in millions of American children every year since 1995.

The vaccine was well tolerated and reduced the incidence of shingles by 51 percent: 642 cases of shingles occurred among those in the placebo group compared with only 315 in the vaccinated group. Among all vaccine recipients, the total burden of pain and discomfort due to shingles was 61 percent lower than in placebo recipients. Moreover, the zoster vaccine reduced the incidence of postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) — a form of chronic nerve pain that is the most common serious complication of shingles — by two-thirds compared with placebo.

Approximately 12 percent of older people with shingles experience PHN pain lasting for three months or longer. As people age, however, shingles-associated nerve pain increases in frequency and severity. This complication may occur in nearly one-third of persons with shingles who are 60 years of age or older. The pain is described as burning, throbbing, aching, stabbing or shooting, and it can cause both physical and emotional suffering. What can be most distressing and debilitating, according to these patients, is that at least 90 percent of them have allodynia — pain caused by something that ordinarily is not painful, such as clothing touching the skin, or a cool breeze. Simply dressing and having a shirt touch the side of the body that is affected can be excruciating.

Postherpetic neuralgia is difficult to treat. Antiviral medications can speed the healing of shingles and reduce the severity of nerve damage caused by the disease, but only if these medications are used within 72 hours of the first sign of a shingles rash. It is important for people to recognize the symptoms of shingles and get to a doctor quickly. Antiviral medications do not help relieve the pain once it has begun.

As always, if you have the symptoms described above, see your doctor immediately.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Delivering baby advice for free

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

...I found myself describing the practical realities of labor to a pregnant woman as if I'd personally been through the experience eight times.

A few days ago neighbors of ours delivered their first child — a girl. I was very excited, because the one purest joy of parenthood is the foisting of advice on other parents farther behind you on the baby curve. I discovered this joy a week after my wife delivered our first child when I found myself describing the practical realities of labor to a pregnant woman as if I'd personally been through the experience eight times. In this same spirit of generosity I'd like to address this article to a certain anonymous couple next door.

The Stroller — As responsible new parents you'll be tempted to spend as much time evaluating, discussing and shopping for the right stroller as other people spend searching for the holy grail. But it's important to understand that strollers are a poor investment. They depreciate considerably the minute someone throws up on them. And every year there's a new must-have stroller from somewhere in Europe, as if just having a sexy accent and the world's lowest infant mortality rates and being really well-educated makes you a good parent. Some perfectly fine strollers are built right here in America. I wouldn't trust my cat's life to one of them but my cat and I are pretty close so maybe that's just me.

Sleep Deprivation — It's 4:15am. All night at 35-minute intervals you have rocked your baby to sleep, crawled into your warm bed and begun drifting off, only to hear that hated monitor start up again. But this time she's down; you can tell. Rising from the rocker without using your arms, as if handling a freezer bag full of nitroglycerin, you float that baby over the crib rail and down onto the mattress, ignoring the discs slipping in your upper back. You slowly, imperceptibly slide your hands out from under her, lift your arms and, holding your breath, glide away from the crib, turn, and clip the Diaper Genie with your right knee.

You stand stock still. You wait, listening. There's a little stir. It could be nothing. She's just settling. Another stir. Now a snort. You pray to God, the devil, the saints, the angels, the Red Sox — anyone who comes to mind. She makes that tiny "Eh" sound — a noise that can only lead in one direction — and you know you're doomed. It is at this moment that I want you to remember the name Richard Ferber. He can help you. Let Ferber into your heart and find peace.

Avoid Gender-Based Stereotypes — By all means buy your daughter Tonka Trucks, airplanes, Hot Wheels, and all the stereotypical "boy" toys. Just don't expect her to show a whiff of interest in any of them, except as something to crush underfoot as she dances around with her princess dolls. On a side note if you're in the market for mint condition trucks, airplanes and Hot Wheels we have a bunch to loan out.

Advice for Dad — It's been an exhausting, exciting week involving every distraction imaginable: the baby, the in-laws, the loud, omnipresent neighbors. It's the absolute last time you'd expect a person to be wondering when his wife might again be "approachable." So why are you? I'll tell you why. Because your suspicions are correct: that day is a long, long way off. The woman just had a baby, you jerk. The mere fact that you're pondering this is an insult to us caring, sensitive men. Statistics do show that the average family has 2.2 children, so in theory there's light at the end of the tunnel, but since those statistics come from Europe I wouldn't get my hopes up.

Advice for Mom — Forgive him. He knows not what he does. Especially when it comes to treating beet stains on light fabrics.

Advice for Baby — You won't remember the cake, the ice cream, or any of the gifts you receive on your first birthday, but you'll never forget those four shots in the bum. If you find yourself in an unusually clean room with a stranger who sounds intelligent but reeks of iodine, run. I don't care if you have to walk before you can run, just run dammit. No one gets polio anymore. Run, Lola, run.

And call your mother.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Currently he is next door extolling the virtues of Desitin.

Team Eagle: the start of something grand

SAILING FOR BEIJING

MARK LEWIS

In January 2006, Team Eagle was awarded the right to purchase one of the three boats allocated to the US and our campaign started to get off the dock.

It's a common misconception that the Paralympic Games are only for paralyzed athletes. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) reports that almost 4,000 disabled athletes participated in 2004. These athletes represented many disabilities, such as amputee, cerebral palsy, visually impaired, spinal injuries, and other physical disabilities that cannot be easily categorized.

I have also heard the Paralympic Games described as being similar to the Special Olympics. The term "Paralympic" was derived from the Greek word "para" and means "next to" or "alongside" the Olympic Games. Held every four years, the Paralympic Games directly follow the Winter and Summer Olympics and are held in the same venues. The Paralympics are the Olympics in almost every way.

The Paralympic Games represent the best disabled athletes in the world. The road to these games is not easy.

In April 2005, the International Association for Disabled Sailing, which governs sailing for the Paralympic Games, was awarded a third sailing event by the IPC.

This new sailing event, the two-person keelboat event, makes a couple stipulations in an effort to increase participation by all disabled athletes. The first condition is that at least one athlete must be female. The second condition is that at least one athlete must be severely or very disabled.

During the summer of 2005 I set out to find a female teammate.

I discovered Maureen McKinnon-Tucker in Marblehead to form Team Eagle. Maureen was part of a previous three-person keelboat campaign for the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens.

There was one more challenge before this Paralympic campaign could begin. The boat that was chosen to be used in the two-person keelboat event was not yet in production. Consequently, the distribution of the first batch of boats was regulated.

The national sailing authority in each country was given the responsibility of choosing which Paralympic hopefuls would receive one of the allocated boats to that country. US Sailing, our national sailing authority, accepted applications to determine which teams would be allowed the right to purchase one of the allotted boats.

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The road to success involves two critical characteristics: perseverance and purpose. That is Team Eagle.

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The new boat, the SKUD-18, has been shipped from Singapore. Upon arrival, we will partake in a training camp with US Disabled Sailing coach and five-time Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year, Betsy Alison, and other US SKUD-18 teams.

Please support Team Eagle with a tax-deductible donation. Make checks payable to Duxbury Bay Maritime School. Specify Team Eagle in the memo section on your check and mail it to the address below. DBMS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

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Mark Lewis, who lives on North Street in Hingham was paralyzed in a swimming accident 4-1/2 years ago. He has been sailing his entire life. Mark's column will appear monthly so readers can keep pace with Team Eagle's quest for the gold.

Important anniversaries

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

We can't let yesterday, May 31, 2006, a date that won't live in infamy, pass without noting it's the 51st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregated schools.

Or the 117th anniversary of the Johnstown Flood.

Or the 44th anniversary of the execution of Adolf Eichmann.

But I'm here to see that the most important and lasting event of the day gets its full recognition.

This was the 122nd anniversary of the day in 1884 when Dr. John Kellogg applied for a patent for the process to make corn flakes.

I don't know about you, but I grew up with a bowl of corn flakes for breakfast — corn flakes with milk and sugar, sometimes topped with either applesauce or blueberries.

Not even Bob Richards, the disgustingly healthy Olympic pole vaulter, pleading with me from a box of Wheaties could make me give up my own personal Breakfast of Champions.

You're probably familiar with Dr. Kellogg as the quirky sanitarium owner played by Anthony Hopkins in the movie "The Road to Wellville," who died of a heart attack while jumping into a lake to prove his fitness.

Actually, he was 91 at the time, a longevity attributed to corn flakes.

Another important anniversary that I predict will be ignored by "the drive-by media," as Rush Limbaugh puts it, is June 6, 1933, the day that Richard Hollinshead opened the first drive-in theater in Camden, N.J.

I got my first license in 1941and it must have been all of the next day when I piled kids up like cordwood in the backseat of the old '38 Ford and entered the drive-in on Route 3A in North Weymouth.

That drive-in was located on land that later became Harborlight Mall and is now occupied by Lowe's, the home fixup firm. Right next door was Morey Pearl's "Popeye," where a bartender once refused to serve Verle King a Black & White and ginger on grounds it would spoil good scotch. But that was another day . . .

I don't remember what was playing on my first visit to the drive-in but lots of times you didn't go there for the movie anyway.

Later on, the outdoor theater of choice was the Quintree Drive-In on Quincy Avenue in East Braintree. It's a Dan Quirk used car lot now. Quirk also stores cars at the old Fore River shipyard. There's a message in there somewhere . . .

There's an anniversary of some consequence on June 4, too, the day in 1937 when Sylvan Goldman first put shopping carts into service in his Humpty Dumpty Supermarket in Oklahoma City.

The customers didn't go for them at first so Sylvan hired models, one of each gender, to push them around the store and acquaint the faint hearted with their use.

Can you imagine a supermarket today without a grocery cart? Where would a bag lady carry her extra clothes? What would we use to save our parking spaces on a snowy day?

Budget solutions on Our Town

Our Town continues an on-going series on citizen ideas and proposals for solutions to Cohasset's budget constraints.

The first in the series features resident Kevin O'Donnell of ENOUGH! O'Donnell will present his proposals for saving money. O'Donnell is followed by a segment featuring residents, Ann Musto and Susan Galligan, who have some creative ideas, including enacting a real estate transaction surtax, to generate more revenue.

Please note Our Town is moving to the consistent start time of 9 p.m.

NEW! Our Town is providing viewers with an opportunity to express their opinions on the issues we will be covering with a new feature called Question of the Week. Watch this column for the question and email your thoughts to pat@wellspringhull.org and we will discuss them on the show or pose them to quests. ***This week's question***. "What are our thoughts on the override?"

Tune in at 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All on Comcast channel 10. And remember, stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!.

Viewers can email Our Town at: pat@wellspringhull.org.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs or events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

'Meet the Scientists' — A program titled "Meet the Scientists" will be presented by members of Mrs. Horigan's sixth grade class on June 28, 4 p.m., in the Story Room. Come to meet them, and find out about their lives. There is no registration fee.

This program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesday.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the film "Aaltra" on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. This award-winning French film portrays the story of two feuding neighbors who become paraplegics after being run over by a tractor. The two decide to join forces and lay siege to the manufacturer of the tractor by wheeling across the country in their wheelchairs. Co-stars Benoit Delepine and Gustave Kervern show a distinct flavor for understated physical comedy and defiantly non-PC humor. Free admission and refreshments.

Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "Unless," by Carol Shields, Thursday, June 29, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Participants may hold a copy of the book online, over the phone, or at the library. Open to the public.

PSO-sponsored forum helps residents find common ground

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was the first to step forward with an idea. He said he would like to find a way to bridge the chasm between the town and the schools and find a common ground for funding in a financially sound way.

• Sue Thompson, 21 Flintlock Ridge Road, said she would like to find a way to maintain standards in the schools. She said her older child received a wonderful education in Cohasset, and she would like to see the same opportunity for her younger child.

• Dick Avery, 22 Surry Drive, said the town has been having overrides for years, due in part to the "elephant in the room" which no one wants to speak about. He said he would like to discuss the structure of the teachers' contract which may be contributing to the town's need for overrides. He said a solution needs to be found for maintaining an increase in pay for teachers while avoiding the annual need for overrides.

• John Dunn, 23 Schofield Road, said he had read about the Cohasset Education Foundation in the Mariner and would like to learn more about it and what it does. He said there are many residents who supported the override who are still willing to spend their money and would like to have a place to send that money where it can be earmarked for the schools.

• Tom Callahan, 35 Hillside Drive, said it has been pointed out many times by the superintendent that Prop. 2-1/2 does not give the town enough money to work with year after year. He said he would like to discuss pulling together some legislation to reform the town's tax increase from 2-1/2 percent to perhaps 4-1/2 percent, or the cost of living each year, whichever is less.

Callahan also later suggested the town look at distance learning and/or hiring adjunct faculty to help increase elective offerings at the high school.

• Larry Lieberman, 193 S. Main St., said he would like the town to come up with short-term, medium-term, and long-term solutions to the structural and financial challenges it is currently facing. He said if things change at the high school for the worse, just for one year, 25 percent of a high school student's career can be affected.

Later, Lieberman also said the town should come up with a definition of what makes a good school system and how the town can get there. "We need to identify what makes a school system great," he said.

• Joe Nedrow, 21 Fairoaks Lane, said he would like the town to explore working with contiguous school systems to find ways to build partnerships. Other South Shore towns are facing the same kinds of budgetary difficulties, and working together, he believes the towns can all help each other out.

• Merle Brown, 546 Beechwood St., said he would like to understand more about fees and taxes. He would like to know what is being charged and how they are being applied to the town and school budgets.

• Nancy Whelan, 23 Summer St., said she would like to make sure there are ideas brought forward for the future as well, to ensure students who are currently at the Osgood School have the same opportunities when they reach the high school level as older students have had.

Many residents came forward with ideas for discussion during the "What's Possible" forum, held Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

• Ann Musto, 42 Stevens Lane, said she would like to learn more about real estate transaction fees.

• Stephanie Noble, 10 Joy Place, said she would like the town to come up with some guiding principals for the Cohasset public schools. Priorities must be set, whether it be class size or keeping a first-rate faculty, and the town needs to unite and decide what those priorities should be. Until priorities are set, the town cannot decide how to spend its money and what can be spared.

• Rick Flynn, 30 Summer St., said he was under the impression the forum was to discuss town issues as well as school issues and he would like to piggyback on Noble's suggestion and figure out what the town priorities are as well. "Somehow, we're in this together," he said.

• Linda Indek, 17 Adams Road, said she would like to find ways to raise the standards at the schools. "I would like to know how to get my child on a level playing field," with children in surrounding towns. "I think we're falling behind," she said.

• Sarah Murphy, 41 Aaron River Road, said she would like to explore volunteer opportunities in the town, which could provide services at no cost.

• Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., said the issue of leadership in town needs to be discussed.

• Adrienne MacCarthy, 85 Doane St., said she would like to talk about lost opportunities for the town's senior citizens.

• Lynn Durkin, 40 Hill St., said she would like to step back and take a look at the town budget as a whole. She said there appears to be mismanagement on the town side, and it's leaving nothing for the schools.

Each person who came forward with an idea was asked to lead a discussion on that topic in a smaller "breakout session." Groups met in various corners of the cafeteria or in classrooms. Those interested in attending more than one discussion became "bumblebees" going in and out of groups as they pleased, while others stayed with one group the entire time.

Lou Harvey was the first to step forward with an idea for discussion at Tuesday's "What's Possible" forum. Discussion topics were written on pieces of paper, then posted on the wall to make up the meeting agenda. Harvey said he would like to find ways to bridge the gap between those who voted for and against the overrides, and come up with ways to fund programs in a fiscally responsible way.

Each group has been asked to provide documentation of what was discussed. That information will be posted on www.togethercohasset.com. On Tuesday, June 13, after those who attended have had a chance to look over the information posted on the Web site, the meeting will reconvene for more discussion.

Winding down the rumor mill

During Tuesday's "What's possible" forum, Jerusalem Road resident Elaine Breslow said she would like answers to the rumors floating around town. She has heard statements circulating the town, such as it costs the town $200 to cart away the items at the RTF boutique; people didn't want to pass the override because they send their children to private school, etc.; and they need answers. The Mariner invites readers to send us your questions, and we will in turn ask the appropriate person and publish his or her answer. Please send questions to editor Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or reporter Samantha Brown at sambrown@cnc.com.

Town Manager Bill Griffin signs up to become part of the "fees versus taxes" discussion group, during the "What's Possible" forum held Tuesday.

Cohasset resident Laura Stone speaks to the crowd of roughly 100 residents who attended the "What's Possible" forum, hosted by the PSO. The meeting had an open format, where those in attendance create the agenda and are not bound by the clock, so as not to squelch creativity

Breakout group gets straight scoop on fees and taxes

By Samantha Brown
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Town Manager Bill Griffin explained fees are different from taxes because fees are charged for optional services.

Increasing fees has been suggested as one way to help the town recoup some of the money it would have had, had the overrides passed. During Tuesday's "What's Possible" forum, Advisory Committee member and former selectman Merle Brown led a small group discussion on what fees and taxes are charged to residents, and how both affect the town and school budgets.

During the forum, many topics were raised by the roughly 100 residents who attended. Depending on their concerns and areas of interest, residents signed up to take part in smaller group discussions. Brown's was one of roughly 30 small "breakout sessions" which took place during the evening. Town Manager Bill Griffin sat in on the discussion at Brown's request and provided answers for the group.

Griffin explained fees are different from taxes because fees are charged for optional services. "You bring your trash to the recycling center, but you could hire a private company. You can send your kids to full day kindergarten, or not," he said.

Taxes, on the other hand, provide revenue for mandatory services. "People don't have the choice of whether to use the services or not," he said. He added, only the Legislature can impose taxes, not a town.

Griffin said fees and taxes are governed by a 1984 court case in which the city of Boston began assessing its commercial buildings a fee if the fire department responded to a rescue call. It claimed it had to have special equipment to respond to emergencies at big buildings, and therefore additional money was warranted. However, Emerson College filed a suit and won, on the basis that the funding being collected from the fees was more than the amount necessary to meet expenses incurred in providing the service. The funding was actually being used to supplement the city's budget beyond the costs, which is in actuality a tax and cannot be handed down by a city.

In Cohasset, residents must pay fees for the Recycling Transfer Facility both through all-facility stickers and the pay-as-you-throw trash bags. Fees are also imposed for parking tickets, moorings in the harbor, overdue library books, obtaining liquor licenses, building permits, and making copies on the copy machines, to name a few. Those funds all get put back into the general operating budget and become part of the town's revenue, and can be used for any cost incurred.

Griffin said the water and sewer departments also charge fees, but they go back into their department's budgets to ensure they are self-supporting. Fees for the schools stay in the school budget, he said.

Griffin pointed out while the Board of Selectmen can increase fees for services, it is a fine balance. Fees can only be raised to allow them to cover 100 percent of the cost of the service, but not a penny more, and if the increase is too much too quickly, the town runs the risk of losing out on revenue if residents choose to obtain their services elsewhere.

Currently at the RTF, fees are covering roughly 43 percent of the cost to run the operation. Griffin said it is important to note, the selectmen have in the past set some fees strategically to ensure the fees cover half the cost of the operation. He said the indirect costs of running the program, such as health insurance for workers, had not previously been factored in, which is why the town is currently covering 43 percent of those costs, not 50 percent.

To get to the point where RTF fees cover 100 percent of its costs, Griffin said all-facility sticker fees would need to be raised from $30 to $90 per year and the pay-as-you throw bags (which are used for non-recyclables) would need to be increased from $1 per bag to $2.25 per bag.

Donna Hayden, 12 Ledge Way, asked whether instead of having an all-facility sticker, the beach stickers should be broken out and made separate. However, Griffin said if that happens, the town would run the risk of losing money.

Tana Carlson, 18 Old Coach Road, said it might make sense for the town to look into offering visitors passes for the beach. Visitors could be charged by the day or by the week, and that could bring in more money for the town.

Griffin said he would bring the matter up with the Board of Selectmen and also said he knows it will be taking up the issue of doubling fines for parking at the beach without a sticker. "I know the beach association and the police chief support it," said Griffin.

Fees for ambulance service is also an area often suggested for bringing in more revenue to the town. Residents have questioned whether having paramedics is really necessary, and whether the services being provided are necessary as well.

Griffin explained the town has not always provided its own ambulance service. A few years back, South Shore Hospital stopped providing ambulance service and towns on the South Shore were forced to provide their own transportation and care for their residents. The fees which used to be paid to the hospital for transportation in an ambulance now come to the town.

In order to run your own ambulance service, there must be at least two paramedics on a shift at all times. Griffin noted the town could have opted to hire its own private ambulance company, but again the fees would not be paid to the town, and due to Cohasset's size and location, it would not be worth it for a company to keep one ambulance on standby in Cohasset every day just in case something happens. In addition, if residents do not pay their bills to the private company, towns can be stuck paying back that debt.

Griffin explained ambulance service is considered an "optional" service for which residents can be charged a fee. However, he said ambulance fees are dictated by Medicare as the town only receives a portion of the funds and Medicare gets the rest.

In terms of taxes, there is one area the town could choose to take advantage of which it currently does not. Towns may choose to impose a rooms tax, which can be up to 4 percent, at its hotels. Griffin said at one point in Cohasset just after the implementation of Prop. 2-1/2, Town Meeting voted to impose the 4 percent tax, but the next year, voted again to bring it back down to zero.

Brown recalled the two hotels in town at that time, which are still in operation and are now known as the Red Lion Inn and the Cohasset Harbor Resort, "were starving" and imposing the tax made things worse, which is why the town voted to take the tax away. However, both establishments have come a long way since then and business is thriving.

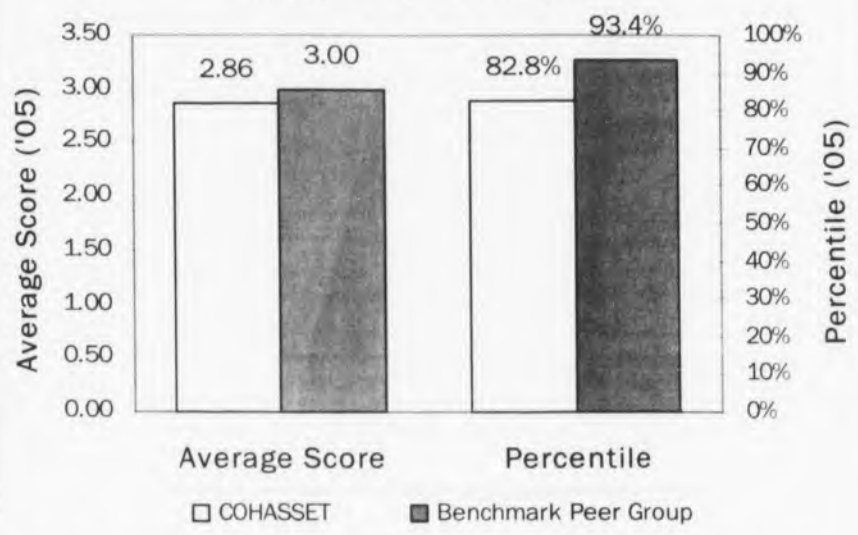
Hayden of Ledge Way said implementing the tax would be painless for the town and not very noticeable for hotel guests.

The Board of Selectmen will be taking up the issue of increasing fees across the board at its next meeting, scheduled for Monday, June 5 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

— NINTH IN A SERIES —

How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



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This chart shows Cohasset's Average Score on the Spring 2005 MCAS exam, for all grades and all subjects, and what percentile that Average Score represents . The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. The Average Score allows one to compare the results between similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com.

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. Once the school benchmarks are complete; the series will feature those about general government, including the police and fire budgets.

Third step to increase the bottom line

Editor's note: due to a production error, the third proposal in Andrew Quigley's column "Three Steps to increase the bottom line" did not appear in its entirety last week. We are repeating the third proposal part of the column below and regret the error.

3) Increase the mooring permit fee to $60 per foot for a revenue increase of $500,000.

The present rate of $6 per foot to moor a boat in Cohasset Harbor is a joke. A person with a 25 foot boat pays a mere $150 for the privilege, convenience, and safety of mooring his boat in Cohasset Harbor. Does anyone doubt that the person currently at the bottom of the years-long wait list for a mooring would gladly pay $1500 (at least!) for a mooring for his 25 foot boat in our picturesque harbor?

Last year the fees generated from the harbor totaled $68,766. Raising the mooring and other fees by a factor of 10 would raise an additional $600,000. However, I would not advocate raising the fee for the lobstermen. That may sound counterintuitive, but two quick points: First, these guys work hard for a living and sticking them with a hefty fee increase would be unfair, in my view. Second, their year-round presence is what makes our harbor the quintessential New England post card. If we raise their fees, they might go somewhere else where the fee is cheaper on a year round basis. As I recall, a report issued a few years ago ranked tiny Cohasset harbor as the seventh largest port for lobster catch in the state. We should not jeopardize that local industry via a mooring fee increase.

Thus, taking the lobster boats (which constitute about 12 percent of the 250 mooring permits in our harbor) out of the equation, a fee increase to $60 per foot for pleasure craft would generate about $500,000 in additional revenue.

Holocaust speaker June 5 at CMHS

Cohasset Middle-High School will host Holocaust speaker Janet Applefield, Monday, June 5 at 1:30 p.m. Applefield spent time in a concentration camp as a child, and will share her story with those in attendance. Applefield is a Plymouth resident and is one of six Greater Boston area Holocaust survivors featured in the educational video, "Present Memories."

Seating for community members is available on a limited basis. The program is being sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee in collaboration with the Cohasset Middle-High School history department. There will be a discussion and refreshments served in the high school library at 2:30 p.m. following the presentation.

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Bus, parking, higher athletic fees eyed

Schools try to bridge budget gap

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The school department says with the defeat of the $1.495 million override, there is a roughly $1.3 million gap between what it needs and what voters approved at Town Meeting.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh presented the School Committee with a list of potential solutions at its Thursday, May 25 meeting. At this point, with projected state aid and the strategic use of grant money, Walsh has found ways to make up part of the difference to help purchase some of the items which would have been included in the budget had the override passed.

In terms of revenue which could be used to offset the budget gap, there are six areas where the school department can gain ground. Walsh said the schools are currently anticipating receiving a $229,403 increase in Chapter 70, or state aid funds. She said she would recommend using that money to ensure the schools can replace five retirees who will leave at the end of the year.

Increasing athletic fees could yield $32,500, but the schools would also need to rely on the support of local booster clubs for roughly $18,300. (Walsh had recommended decreasing the athletics budget by $70,000 as a way of making ends meet by cutting $50,000 of services and not adding one athletic trainer position for $20,000. *See related story*).

The school department is also considering implementing transportation fees for both students who ride the bus and parking fees for students who drive to school. While the school department is required to bus some students, non-mandated riders would be charged $1 per day, or roughly $180 per year, to ride. School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro estimated, assuming no loss of ridership, the schools could generate $102,780 in bus fees as well as $7,320 in student parking fees next year.

The before and after-school enrichment program uses the school buildings but does not pay a "rental fee" for the space at the Osgood School. Walsh suggested a fee be charged to cover the school department's cost to maintain the rooms. DeGennaro said depending on the amount of time spent by the child in the classroom, including whether they attend only in the morning, only in the afternoon, or only on certain days, the fees will vary.

He said assuming a child attends the enrichment program five mornings per week, the fee for the program could be increased from $140 to $170 per week. For the afternoon program only, fees could increase from $255 to $310 per week. If a child was enrolled in both the before and after school programs, the fee could increase from $374 to $450 per week. DeGennaro estimated roughly $20,740 could be raised by implementing a rental fee.

The Recreation Department also uses school buildings for its programs and the school department says it has not seen any of the money brought in by that department. Walsh said the money generated by the department goes back into the town's general fund, and she has asked for a portion of that money to cover custodial costs. "We're subsidizing the after-school and summer programs and we're not receiving any of that money back," she said.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the school department needs to honor all its costs and if the recreation programs are using the school buildings, it needs to

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Closing the budget gap

The school department asked for	**$13,987,198**
The town approved	**$12,714,714**
Budget gap	**$1,272,484**
Additional revenues to offset budget gap	
Senate Chapter 70 increase	$229,403
Increase in user fees for sports (no loss of JV sports)	$32,500
Additional reliance from booster clubs	$18,335
High School student parking fees	$7,320
School bus transportation fees	$102,780
Rental fee: Before and after school enrichment program	$20,741
Rental fee: Recreation Department use of facilities	Fees not set
Total additional revenues	**$411,079**
New budget gap	**$861,405**
Budget requests taken out to bridge gap	
No new additional personnel	$581,759
No new programs	$185,293
Policy manual (generated by sub-committee)	$10,000
Transportation maintenance (lower hourly rate from maintenance vendor)	$15,000
Building maintenance (delete funding for emergency repairs)'	$10,000
Pre-purchase textbooks, supplies, materials (Osgood)	$18,000
Pre-purchase textbooks, supplies, materials (Deer Hill)	$18,000
Pre-purchase textbooks, supplies, materials (Middle-high school)	$23,353
Total cuts	**$861,405**
New budget gap	**$0**
Additional funds available for use	
Foundation Reserve (state "pot hole" grant money)	**$226,00 available**
* $21,000 received November, 2004; $205,000 received October, 2005	
Security system, Osgood School commitment	$50,000
Professional development	$25,000
Student testing and assessment	$14,000
Science texts and kits for grades 3,4,5 and 6	$30,707
Level readers for grades 3,4 and 5	$20,862
Pre-purchase textbooks, supplies, materials (Osgood)	$12,000
Pre-purchase textbooks, supplies, materials (Deer Hill)	$12,000
Pre-purchase textbooks, supplies, materials (Middle-high school)	$26,431
Technology education program, middle school	$20,000
Permanent locks for middle-high school lockers	$15,000
Total	**$226,000**
Circuit breaker funds (to be used toward special education)	**$183,786**

* Schools budgeted for $150,089, but have received $33,697 more than anticipated

School budget glossary

Chapter 70: The Chapter 70 program is the major program of state aid to public elementary and secondary schools. In addition to providing state aid to support school operations, it also establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.

Foundation reserve funds: The school department applied to the state and was given a Foundation Reserve Award, also known as "pothole program" funds, in October. Cohasset was one of four communities to receive funding, based on significant reductions in state aid.

Foundation budget: The state's estimate of the minimum amount needed to provide an adequate educational program (it is based on a formula that begins with foundation enrollment figures).

Circuit breaker funds: Reimbursement funding given by the state to pay for costs associated with a district's special education program.

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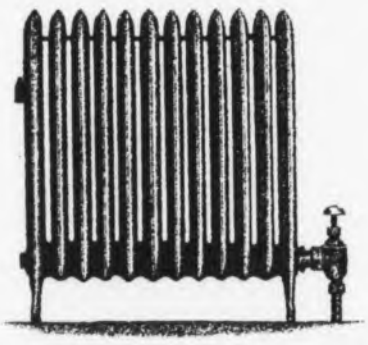
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Fees eyed

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help pay for those costs. She said the department should be billed to ensure if the school buildings are bringing money into the town, that money comes back to the schools.

"We do bill them, they just don't pay," said Walsh.

MacCarthy said the money generated by the recreation program is not being accounted for, and it is a substantial amount. Member Steve Fusco asked how much money the schools could stand to gain from the Recreation Department. MacCarthy said she wasn't sure, but that it was a significant amount. "What's significant?" asked Fusco. DeGennaro said he did not know how much the Recreation Department owed the school, but said the bills have been sent and not paid since long before he came to work for the school department.

However, reached by telephone Recreation Department Director Jack Worley said he has paid the bills. He said the town and schools have an agreement that if there would not be a custodian on duty during a Recreation Department event, the department would pay the cost to bring in a custodian, which is time and a half, or roughly $32 per hour. He said with the weekend basketball programs, the bills for custodial services are sent to the town and he forwards them on to the Basketball Booster Club. He said for the most part, there is a school custodian on duty during the after-school programs, and therefore, his department has not been charged.

Worley said the fees charged for Recreation Department programs cover the cost of the programs. He explained in an instance where an outside group provides a program for the department, that group collects payment from those who participate in its program, and 15 percent of the proceeds from that program are paid back to the town's general fund. "Over the last 20 years, we've needed to be self-supporting," said Worley, adding only his salary and the tennis program are covered by the departmental budget and the rest is funded through the general operating budget through the fees.

Worley said the current school administration may not realize, one of the selling points when the town was considering building new schools was the fact that there would be brand new buildings in town for everyone to use. While he understands the schools may need funding to maintain the buildings, he noted the town owns Milliken Field and the schools are given first priority to use it, "But they have not contributed to its upkeep."

Red Cross Blood Drive in Cohasset June 14

All of our lives are dependent on blood. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Donations of all blood types are needed to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals and those throughout New England.

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 14, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available on site from 3 to 5 p.m. Donors can enter to win two Red Sox tickets and two tickets to see Dave Matthews and Sheryl Crow at Fenway Park on July 7.

Blood donated by volunteers at this drive will go to help people like Jack Burfoot, a 13-year-old from Vermont whose suspected stomach flu in 2002 turned out to be a rare, high-risk form of leukemia. Aggressive chemotherapy helped Jack beat the odds. Over 40 units of blood and platelets made sure he could receive those treatments on schedule. Today, Jack is in remission, thanks in part, to dedicated Red Cross blood donors.

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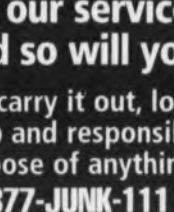

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Meaning of Memorial Day is not forgotten

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thanked the crowd for coming and said this past year, in his role as National Vice Commander, he has had the opportunity to visit many different states and has heard much about Memorial Day ceremonies which take place all over the country. "This is the best Memorial Day observance I've ever seen," he said.

This year's featured speaker was Beechwood Street resident SPC Michael Golden, who returned home this December after spending time in Iraq with his National Guard unit. A graduate of Marshfield High School, Golden married a Cohasset girl — Carleyann Rose — and said it was an honor to be chosen to speak at this year's ceremony.

"Unlike many who have stood at this podium in years past, I am not an officer. I am not a great orator. I am not a war hero. I am a simple soldier in the National Guard who was called to active duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom and did what I was told to do," he said.

"I come before you not to speak of war. Rather, I want to speak to you about the average man or woman who serves in war and the love and support they receive from you, the average American back home. It is that love and support that sustains the soldier. It is that love and support that made the bad days and the boring days tolerable. It is also the reason I am here, because more than anything else, I want to say 'Thanks'."

SPC Michael Golden, this year's Memorial Day speaker, recited this poem, written by Charles Province, during his address. He said he received the poem while serving in Iraq, and he doesn't believe it can be repeated enough.

"It is the soldier, not the reporter
Who gives us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet
Who gives us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.
And it is the soldier, who salutes the flag,
who serves the flag
and whose coffin is draped by the flag
Who allows the protestor to burn the flag."

Golden told the audience of the nerves he felt upon hearing his unit would be sent to Iraq. "Ninety percent of the guys in my unit had never been on active duty before," he said. "We didn't know what we were going to be asked to do. We didn't know what it would be like. We only knew we were going to be away from friends and family for a long time. We all simply wanted to serve, and survive. Thank God we did," he said.

He told of the cold Iraqi winter and the scorching summer where the temperature reaches 140 degrees during the day, and a "balmy" 100 degrees at night. He told of the sand storms which are akin to a hurricane with 80 or 90 mile-per-hour sustained winds carrying mountains of sand so thick, it turns dark. He told of the extreme dryness and the rainstorms that would bring that dry spell to an end, turning all the sand to impassible mud. All the while, soldiers must "weather the storm" in full gear and body armor.

But the best days were those when they would have the opportunity to deliver food and supplies to the Iraqi people. "You should see the faces of the children when we give them their first pair of shoes and share with them the goodies from our care packages from home. It is on these days that the average soldier feels like there is a purpose to our being there," he said.

Golden said he will never forget the day he returned home. "It was chaos with hundreds of people waving American flags, cheering, crying, and saying 'Thank you.' It was one of the greatest days of my life," he said. He added when soldiers returned from Vietnam, he has been told they did not come back to such a warm welcome. "Thank God America has learned that it can disagree with the war, but still honor, respect and support the everyday soldier who had to fight it. I am very grateful for that support."

"I would like to thank all of you for caring enough to be here today. Sadly, many Americans think this is just another three-day weekend, a day off from work, a day to shop and do chores. They seem to have forgotten the meaning of Memorial Day. Over one million American servicemen and women have died in the wars and conflicts fought by our country. It is important to remember and teach our children that today is a day of remembrance, a day to honor all the soldiers who died for our freedoms."

As the ceremony came to a close, a memorial wreath was hung in memory of Cohasset's veterans and the flower girls tossed their bouquets into the harbor. With taps playing in the background, soldiers fired shots into the air. The Cohasset High School band, along with the Rusty Skippers, played the National Anthem while the cub scouts helped raise the flags back to the top of their poles.

Steve Wigmore, commander of the American Legion post thanked everyone for coming, especially those who were veterans in the crowd, before sending them on their way. "Gentlemen, take care, see you next year."

Cohasset resident SPC Michael Golden was the featured speaker during the town's Memorial Day ceremony. Golden returned from a tour in Iraq this December and thanked those in the crowd for the support he and his family received while on duty.

Joe Hamilton reads "In Flanders Fields," in honor of Memorial Day.

Deirdre Wigmore, President of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Gold Star mother June Simeone prepare to lay a memorial wreath at Veterans Park on Cohasset Harbor.

Commander of the VFW post Ralph Perroncello thanks the World War II veterans who attended this year's Memorial Day ceremony. Perroncello said some veterans had traveled from as far as Florida, Texas and Nevada for the occasion.

Janet Hoyler plays "Taps" in honor of those veterans who have given their lives in the name of freedom over the years.

National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Tom Wigmore tells those gathered for the town's ceremony, without his father Steve Wigmore's (left), service in the Korean War he would not be where he is today. "I love you dad, I love you all, God bless America," he said.

Barbara Dillon proudly waves the American Flag while leading members of the Daughters of the American Revolution during the Memorial Day parade.

A couple shares a patriotic embrace.

Photos by Lynne Layman

Cohasset Mariner

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Lady laxers march on

Shorthanded Skippers top Nantucket in first round matchup

By Mark Goodman
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One mark of any truly good team is the ability to win without its full arsenal.

Such was the situation facing the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team in its Division 2 South first round game with Nantucket on Tuesday.

Playing without senior Lisa Spirito, their third-leading scorer, and a key midfield substitute in junior Lara Novak, the Skippers came together for a 18-12 win over the visiting Whalers.

The reward for Cohasset (14-2-1) was a second round showdown with Walpole last night, played after the Mariner went to press. The winner of that game would take on the winner of yesterday's Medfield-Norwell game in the South semifinals.

Against Nantucket, junior Lindsay Durkin led the attack with six goals and four assists, followed by freshman Gabriella Flibotte (four goals, two assists) and junior Kara Wilcox (three goals, two assists). Junior Caren Garber added two scores, while seniors Mia Lieb-Lappen, Cassie Rosano and junior Kaleigh Swain all added one apiece.

Skippers head coach Chuck Jaffe said Rosano, one of the team's three captains (with Lieb-Lappen and Marissa Evans), has been playing her best lacrosse of the season over the last two weeks. Against Nantucket, Rosano picked up seven ground balls (including three in her first 45 seconds on the field) off the bench in addition to her goal.

"With us being thin, Cassie is extremely important to us," Jaffe said. "She is a phenomenal athlete. She's in terrific shape and has a great attitude. She could have sulked (over losing her starting role from last year), but she has been great for us. Having Cassie out there gives us another offensive weapon."

The Skippers had beaten Nantucket in the first game of the year 10-5, and Jaffe said he had a chance to look at that game film before Tuesday's rematch.

"The problem was that I mostly noticed things about our team, rather than Nantucket's," he said. "Both teams have improved dramatically since the beginning of the season, but our offense is in a totally different place now."

That showed early in the game. Garber opened the scoring just 1:04 into it, finishing a feed from Lieb-Lappen, who was behind the goal in an offensive set that Jaffe said wasn't in place until the middle of the season. Flibotte followed with a goal out of the same basic set.

In the first game, Nantucket proved dangerous on the draw and in transition, and the Whalers controlled the ensuing face-off and came down and created a chance for Melissa Waine, who made it a 2-1 game. Cohasset answered 19 seconds later, though, with Flibotte finishing on a pass from Wilcox, who answered another Nantucket score by converting a pass from Durkin.

Durkin then scored her first on the day and Flibotte finished

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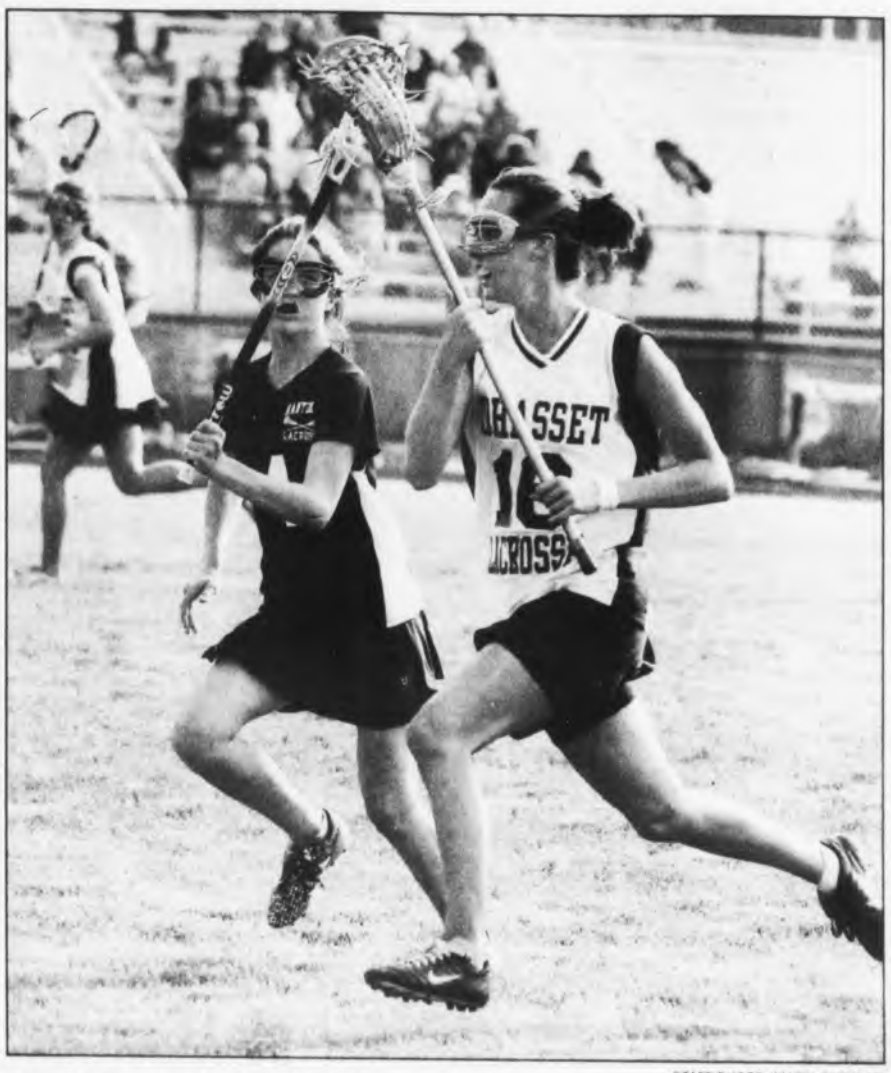

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Marissa Evans sprints downfield while holding off a Nantucket defender during Tuesday's first round tournament win.

Boys tennis to rely on veterans

Last season, the Cohasset High boys tennis team had a strong postseason showing, advancing to the Division 2 South quarterfinals.

The Skippers, who with a 13-6 regular season record earned the 11th seed in the South, hosted 22-seed Seekonk yesterday in a match played after the Mariner went to press. The winner travels to sixth-seeded Westport this afternoon.

Wins yesterday and today would bring the boys back to the quarterfinals. In order to do that, coach Kent Parrot says he will be relying on his team's senior veterans, particularly singles players Nils Sceery, Dan Sullivan and Blain Morin.

"They have been starters for us for three or four years now. They know what it takes to win at this point in the season," Parrot said. "I have a lot of confidence in them."

The coach said Wednesday that he was not sure whom he would be starting at second doubles against Seekonk. Senior Chris Pescatore and junior Chris Donze will, as usual, be paired together at the top doubles spot.

"They have been starters for us for three or four years now. They know what it takes to win at this point in the season."

Skippers coach Kent Parrot on his team's singles players

Parrot said one of his team's strengths is its depth, so he has several options at the second doubles position. Ryan Crough and Victor Hartmann have seen some time there, but the likes of Owen Stevenson, Josh Dupre and Ivan Sceery are also all in the mix.

"As is always the case with doubles, it's a matter of finding the right combination playing well together," Parrot said.

- Mark Goodman

Clark's Fund Run, June 10

On Saturday, June 10, the fifth annual "Clark's Fund Run" will be held at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

The race was established in honor of Mr. Clark Chatterton, Cohasset's loved teacher, coach and athletic director, after his loss with his battle with cancer. The Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund was established as a way to give back to the community by providing and supporting educational and recreational activities for the children and their families.

All of this year's race proceeds will be given to the Cohasset swim team to help fund their pool rentals and other expenses. The Chatterton Committee feels strongly about keeping Clark's name alive and helping his legacy live on.

Race day includes a one-mile kids run at 9 a.m., a 3.5-mile walk at 9:30 a.m. and the 3.5-mile road race at 10 a.m. All registered will receive a t-shirt while they last. Post-race events include pizza and ice cream and plenty of refreshments. This year's post race activities will also include a raffle in which tickets can be purchased for only $1 to win some great prizes that local businesses and families have donated.

Race registration cost is $18 and can be done on race morning. Applications are available at The Good Sport or via email, dbeal@cohassetk12.org.

The day's events are really fun and the course is challenging and rewarding. Please consider participating in this years race or stop by and purchase some raffle tickets.

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A crowd of over 24,000 packed the stands of East Hartford's Rentschler Field for Sunday's friendly against Latvia.

A proper sendoff for the US

WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN

EAST HARTFORD - How the tides can change in a matter of days.

There was some worry and despair surrounding the U.S. men's soccer team following a rather anemic performance last Tuesday in a 1-0 loss to Morocco.

The Yanks' two subsequent friendlies against Venezuela and Latvia – played in a 48-hour span this past weekend, no less - did much to ease the concern and leave supporters with a renewed sense of optimism heading into the World Cup, which begins for the US on June 12 against the Czech Republic in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

The atmosphere on Sunday was tremendous. At 4 p.m., three hours before kickoff, the parking lot was jammed with tailgaters basking in the hot sun. The soccer balls were rolling, the burgers and sausages were grilling, and the beverages were flowing to complete the pleasant aura for all the senses.

Inside Rentschler Field, there was a slow buildup of excitement as the sides warmed up. By kickoff, however, nearly 25,000 fans - nearly all adorned in red, white and/or blue - were ready for some football.

And wonderful, flowing football we received. The 1-0 score line, courtesy of a Brian McBride goal in the 43rd minute,

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Tracksters finish with a winning mark

Boys end year with 3-2 record

By Mark Goodman
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Despite a loss to Norwell in its season finale, the Cohasset/Hull boys track team finished its season with a winning 3-2 record.

The biggest reason for the team's success has been the infusion of strong long distance runners from Hull to go with the talented sprinters and throwers that were already in place at Cohasset.

That mix was on full display in the Norwell meet, as Hull senior John Cleverly won both the mile (4:59) and two-mile (10:59) races. Another senior from Hull, Jake Augenstern, took first in the 800 with a time of 2:12.

Cohasset juniors Brent Daly and Justin Alexander, meanwhile, both won two events. Daly finished first in the 200 (24.3) and triple jump, while Alexander won the discus (110 feet) and shot put (38-2). Cohasset juniors Paul St. Pierre and Colin Conway joined Alexander for a 1-2-3 sweep in the discus.

Rounding out the winners for the C/H boys was Hull senior Joe Davern, taking the high jump with a leap of 5-4.

"We had a good combination with the boys team this year," said coach Al LaFountain. "We had been short on runners, and [Hull] brought a good long distance crew to go with our sprinters."

The girls, meanwhile, finished

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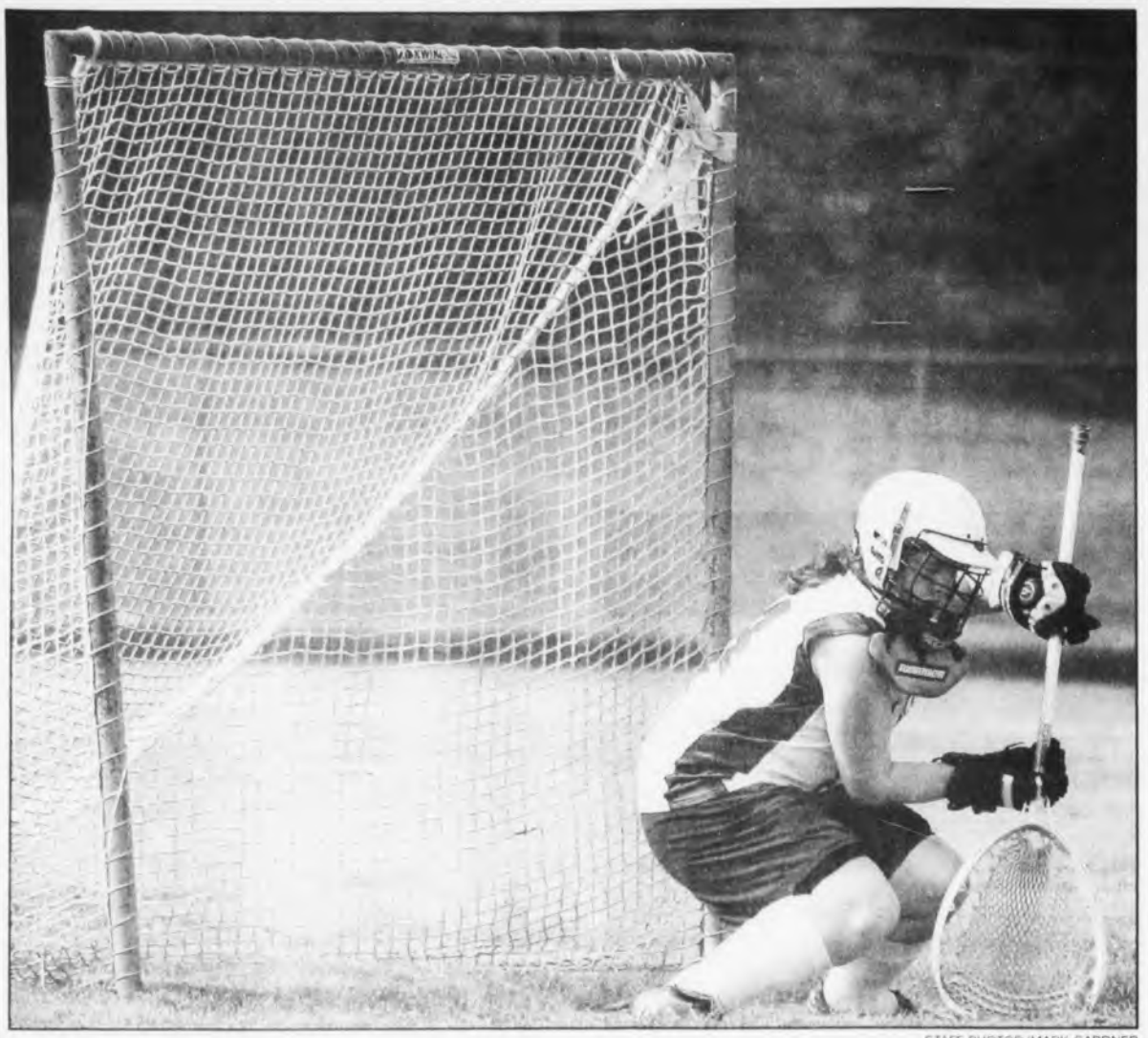
Brent Daly gives it his all on this triple jump effort during last week's meet against Norwell. The Cohasset junior won the event that day, along with the 200-meter race.



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Skippers goalie JoAnna Hamilton makes one of her 15 saves Tuesday.

Cassie Rosano scoops up a loose ball during Tuesday's game. The senior tri-captain was a critical part of the Skippers' 18-12 win.

Lady laxers march on

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a hat trick to make it 6-2 shortly before the midway point in the first half.

Durkin finished a Flibotte pass to answer a Nantucket score, and then fed Lieb-Lappen for another goal, only to have Nantucket score twice in 1:30 to draw the game to 8-5. Durkin answered with a solo score, then fed Garber, whose second goal made it 10-5 — the same score as the first game — at the break.

After Durkin and Flibotte made it 12-5 just 1:30 into the second, the Skippers let the Whalers back into the game, as the visitors scored three straight goals and made things just a bit nervous on the home side of the field.

Not finishing off teams has been an issue for Cohasset throughout the season, and Jaffe says that is something everyone on the roster needs to look at.

"At times, we have a tendency to relax, and it's not necessarily in defense," said the coach. "If we break down in midfield, that leaves the defense naked. When a goal is scored against us, it looks like it's against the defense, but in reality it's against everybody."

Rosano got her team back on track, making a terrific scoop-and-go play, splitting three Nantucket defenders and feeing Wilcox for a goal. After scoring a goal to make it 14-8, Rosano then grabbed a key loose ball and settled the offense, leading to another Durkin-to-Wilcox connection for a 15-8 lead that essentially put the game away.

Senior JoAnna Hamilton made 15 saves in the net. Miranda Dale made more than 20 stops for Nantucket to help keep her team in the game.

CHS softballers enter tourney on a high note

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

With no rest for the weary, Cohasset trekked over to Holbrook on Wednesday the 24th. But the trip proved very productive.

All the news seeping out of the varsity softball dugout remains positive.

The team opened the state tournament yesterday against 13th seeded Greater New Bedford Voc. Tech High, after the Mariner went to press. To put this into further perspective, the Skippers are seeded fourth and they face the New Bedford team in Cohasset.

There is no question that Cohasset leaps into the playoff season at the very moment when it has reached a peak in its performance. The Skippers have turned in victories for eight out of their last 10 games. No one would argue that they earned their 4-seed.

"Compared to last year, we are much better at preserving our lead," explained Emily Savage. "If we can get ahead early and put up some runs in the first innings, I think we can be successful in the tournament."

So what has happened on the diamond over the past few days to produce four solid wins in the last five games? For starters, the Saints of Sacred Heart paid a visit to Freedom Field on Monday, May 22.

Both teams struggled to knock home some runs in the early innings. No luck on either side. Cohasset finally produced one run in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Saints struck back with a run of their own in the sixth.

Things went from bad to worse when Sacred Heart hammered home the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh inning. At this point the Skippers felt the game slipping away. They needed a hero in the worst way to pull them out of the situation.

Look no further than sophomore Anna Haggerty. With a last-minute frozen rope shot to left field, Haggerty propelled the Skippers into extra innings. A quick Saints run in the top of the eighth, however, landed the Skippers back in their original predicament. Could the Skippers orchestrate any more miracles?

Senior Erin Liddell stepped up to the plate....literally. She banged in a run to knot the game at 3-3. Senior Melissa Crowley-Buck closely followed with a game-winning RBI. Softball does not get much more exciting than this game.

The Skippers carried this enthusiasm into the next day's face-off with Scituate. No need for any heroes here. Aside from three nerve-racking Sailor runs in the first inning, Cohasset put on a nice show.

Senior Katie James checked into the pitching rotation and impressed the fans. Crowley-Buck, Liddell, and freshman Carly Zappolo performed quite well in their respective defensive positions.

Offensively speaking, junior Christina Pinkus woke up any snoozing Sailors with a two-run blast in the first. Freshmen Kristin Monaco, Carly Salerno, and Zappolo also hit hard from the plate to seal a decisive 13-5 Skipper victory.

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As the high score might not tell, this turned into a relentless pitching duel. Virginia Spofford tallied seven strikeouts in the first four innings, complimented by an incredible closing job from Pinkus. Pinkus put the Bulldogs in their place when she stopped an intimidating seven-run Holbrook streak in the fourth.

In subsequent innings Pinkus kept the Bulldogs on a short leash. Meanwhile, the Cohasset bats ran wild. Crowley-Buck, James, Savage, Zappalo, and Salerno all punched in two RBI apiece. When Cohasset made the last out, the scoreboard listed a 13-8 victory for the visiting Skippers.

"This was a very messy game," admitted Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick. "We made too many errors, but we managed to come through."

Not so true of the next encounter with Sacred Heart in Kingston. The Saints had a score to settle and they succeeded.

The Skippers experienced what Bostwick called "the first inning from hell." A number of mental errors allowed for five Sacred Heart runs to cross the plate.

A slow Cohasset start, coupled with the Skippers' inability to connect with the Saints' slow pitcher, finished off the Skippers 7-5. This game accounted for Cohasset's only loss for the week.

There is absolutely no reason to dwell on this off day with so many other positive showings. The Skippers quickly redeemed themselves on Memorial Day with a big win against Norwell.

Once again, the deadly mound duo of starter Spofford and reliever Pinkus prevented the Clippers from launching

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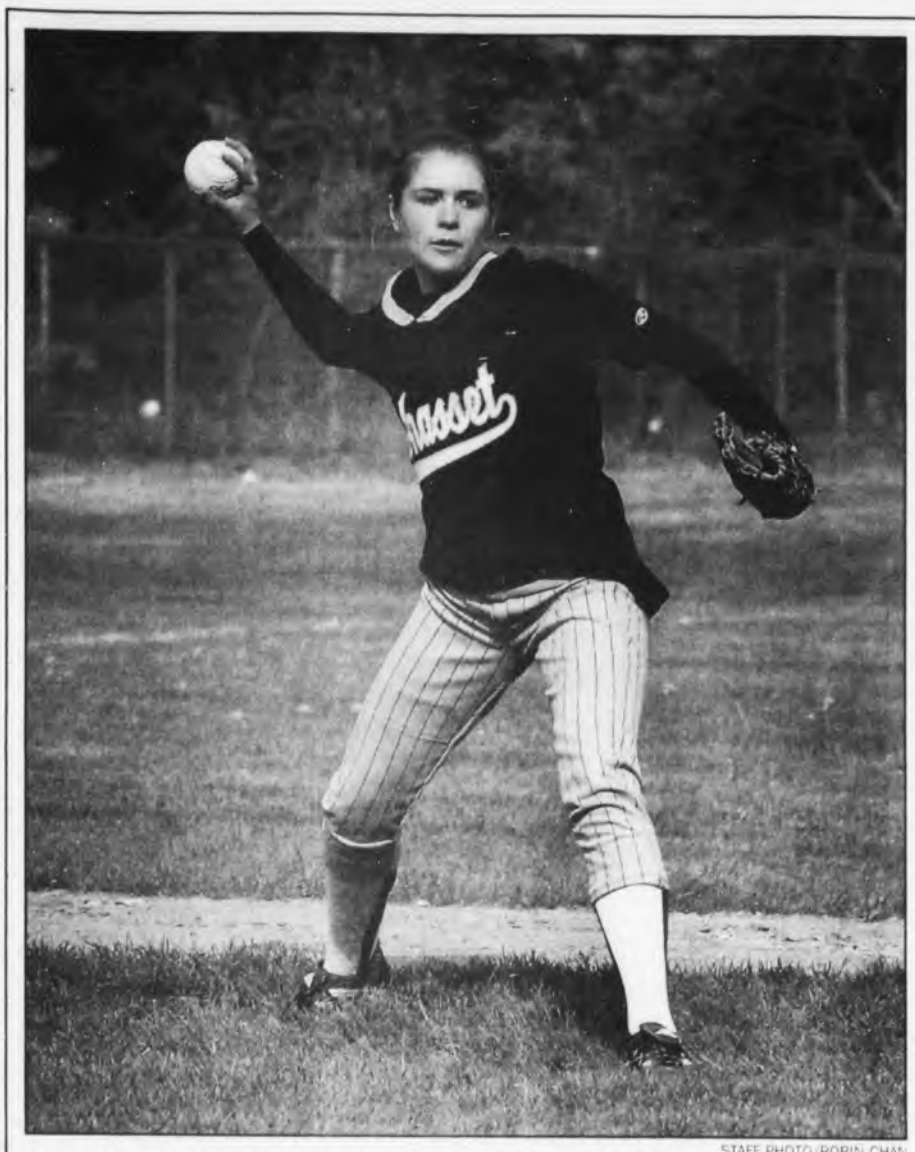

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Cohasset shortstop Carly Salerno winds up to gun down a runner at first during a recent game against Holbrook.

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any meaningful rally. Cohasset junior Laura Campedelli set a winning tone in the third by completing a double play from left field. Later in the game, she would bang out a triple.

Feeding off Campedelli's energy, the Skippers pounded in six runs in the bottom of the third inning. Crowley-Buck, Pinkus, and Campedelli led the offensive charge.

Several defensive plays by Monaco, Campedelli, and Alida Tangherlini lent support to the Skipper pitching efforts. The final result: a momentum-restoring 11-6 Skipper win.

So the Skippers have wrapped up their regular season giving the fans a wonderful show not to mention an excellent overall record of 14-6.

When the news came out on who made the SSL All-Star team, no one expressed surprise to hear four Cohasset players made the roster: Pinkus, Spofford, Crowley-Buck, and Liddell. Deb Bostwick received the honor of being named co-coaching for the same team.

By next week's Mariner we should have significant news to report on the tournament. Hopefully, all news will be good news.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Recreation offers sports clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer the following clinics. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., at 781-383-4109.

South Shore Basketball School – The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with South Shore Basketball School, is accepting applications for a summer basketball clinic, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two sessions will be available during the week of Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14, at Cohasset High School gymnasium. Session I is for boys and girls, ages 7 through 11, and will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session II is for boys and girls, ages 12 through 15, and will be noon to 3 p.m. The fee for the five-day program is $125. This year's sessions will be led by Dorian Bryant, current coach at Cohasset High School.

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cohasset Town Hall in the Recreation Department office.

Baseball Clinic – The Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball clinic, for boys and girls, ages 5 through 12, at the Recreation office at Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Club has been contracted again this year to provide the program, which will be one week, beginning Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, at Milliken Field.

Two sessions are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for ages 7 and older; and half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., is available for 5- and 6-year olds. The week -long program costs $185 per child for the full day, and $125 for the half day program.

South Shore Soccer Camp and Squirts Camp – Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office to register. Space is limited – early registration is advised.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades three through six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. Brothers Jamie and Ronan Buick will direct the program.

The clinic will take place the week of July 17 to 21, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Sessions take place rain or shine – in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it includes a helmet, including mouthpiece, gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the lacrosse clinic is $85. Call the Recreation Department to register.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.

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does little justice to the US's thorough domination of this match.

The slow, brutish, hacking Latvians could not keep up, especially in the first half. The final foul count was 24-12 against Latvia, though this reporter would estimate it was about 15-3 after the first 45 minutes.

The reason for this disparity? The remarkable speed from the boys in red in the attacking half of the pitch. And yes, while playing Latvia is a little different than playing the Czechs and the Italians of the world, those sides would be well served to take notice of just what the Americans showed on Sunday.

After the Moroccan disaster, U.S. head coach Bruce Arena ripped Eddie Johnson in front of the team. "How many offsides, how many fouls did you commit?" being part of the infamous verbal undressing of the 22-year old striker.

Johnson got the message. After an improved showing Friday against Venezuela, Johnson was an absolute terror to the Latvians on Sunday, time and again splitting their back line with blinding runs. He was called for offsides four times - two coming on rather dodgy decisions by the linesman - and was pulled down from behind in the area for what should have been called a penalty by Canadian referee Steven Dipiero, who otherwise called a fine match.

Johnson possesses a combination of size (6-foot-1, 185 pounds) and speed that are the envy of just about anyone that watches him. Whether his finishing will catch up with his absurd athleticism remains to be seen, but the makings of a brilliant Johnson-McBride strike force are in the works.

Another promising sign was the play of John O'Brien on the left flank. After Bobby Convey's impressive performance against Venezuela, O'Brien needed a good showing to keep himself in the mix for a starting spot there. Just as important, he needed to get through a game healthy.

O'Brien accomplished both before being subbed by Convey in the 66th minute. Both will likely see their share of playing time in Germany, and if they can maintain the form they have shown in the last week, the U.S. will be getting a needed boost.

Quality wing play is essential in the world game. It can keep an otherwise great team from fully realizing its potential (just ask England) and can bring a team with deficiencies in other areas to the top (read: Portugal, Euro 2004).

On the right side, Arena utilized DaMarcus Beasley on Sunday. A left winger by trade, Beasley did look a little lost at times. At others, he looked like the quick, dangerous threat that he will have to be to complement his teammates on the left. Should he falter at the World Cup, the Revolution's Clint Dempsey is likely the next option at that spot.

Also worth noting were the performances of Pablo Mastroeni and Kasey Keller. Mastroeni was sublime in the middle of the pitch, while Keller showed why he is one of the leaders on this team.

With his teammates absolutely dominating the run of play in the first half, Keller would have been better off writing poems about the majestic sunset overlooking the stadium. Always focused, however, the keeper made an inspired save in the closing minutes and got on his teammates more than once when they let up in front of him in the second half.

All in all, it was an encouraging match to see. The question is: Does it mean anything when the games are for real? We begin to find out in 10 days.

Mark Goodman, a CNC regional sports editor, will write a weekly World Cup column until the competition's conclusion on July 9. He can be reached at mgoodman@cnc.com.

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with a 2-3 record after a down-to-the-wire 69-67 victory. Cohasset needed wins in the two-mile and 4x400 relay to take the meet, and they did just that. Junior Sheelah Scott won the two-mile with a time of 13:37.

Sophomore Corinna Durham won two events, the 300-hurdles (50.5) and the high jump. Junior Flossie Clougherty took first in the 400 in 67.8 seconds, while JoJo Brophy won the 200 in 29.5 seconds.

LaFountain is hopeful that his girls team, who is losing just one senior (Lisa Musto) to graduation, will show even more improvement next season.

"They should be strong next year," he said. "

Durham, Daly and the girls 4x100 relay all competed in last weekend's Division 4 state class meet. Durham missed qualifying for tomorrow's All-State meet by one spot, taking fifth place in the 300-hurdles in 50.5 seconds.

Daly was seventh in the 200 (23.5), while the 4x100 relay finished in 54.5 seconds to take 15th place.

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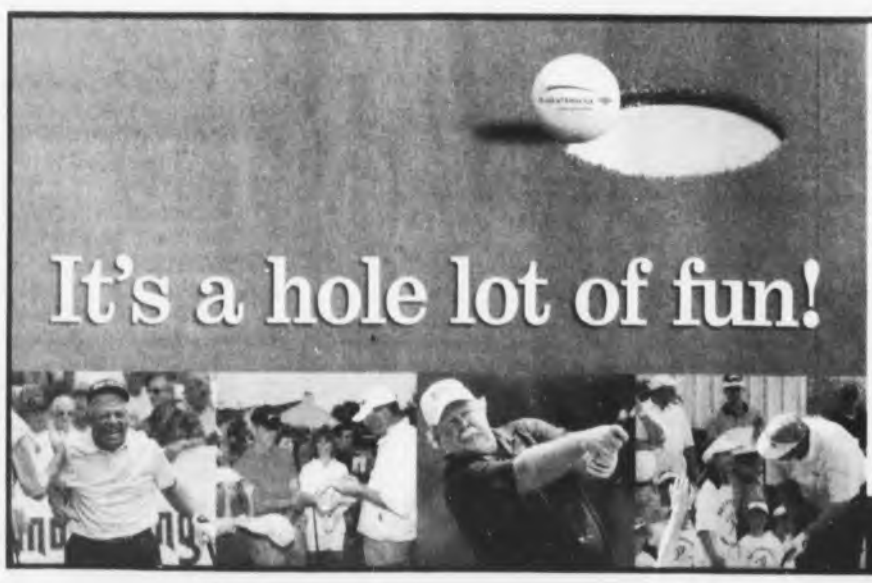

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The Cohasset High School Band marched in the Memorial Day Parade along with the Rusty Skippers and Veterans. Thank you to everyone who came out to honor our nation's Veterans and Soldiers currently in the service. Sunburns were a small price to pay for coming out and showing some support. The 62nd anniversary of D-Day is coming up also.

In the spirit of these days of remembrance, I have a complaint. There is a lesson some students at CHS seem to have slept through. A question for the students who do not stand up for the Pledge of Allegiance: where is the respect? What kind of statement is made by sitting other than ignorance and laziness? It saddens me to see students either choose or refuse to take their feet. Think about the sacrifices our armed forces have made and continue to make for our country. As Americans we have the right to choose not to stand up, but the flag symbolizes that right. Nothing is accomplished by sitting other than perpetuating the stereotype of the stupid, lazy teenager. If we have the good fortune to reside in the United States, we should at least acknowledge that fact. Just stand up. If

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that is too much to ask, stay seated. Enough ranting, I'm going to hop off the soapbox and deliver the news.

• MCAS is over! The students and teacher can now get back to their everyday lives, where their merit is determined by more than a series of filled in bubbles and short essays.

• Eat Your Art & Arts Night satisfied many eyes and stomachs alike. Congratulations to the Winners in both Original and Copy categories:

* In the K-4 entries, **Anna Huicke** and **Jonah Jones** both won with two original pieces.

* 5-8 Copy: "Strawberry Fields" by **Jillian Crawford**, **Carly Jane Schwantner**, **Angela Cipolla** and **Camryn Caron**

* 5-8 Original: **Isabella Flibotte** and **Allison Whelan**

* 9-12 Copy: "Boston Gas Tank" **Katie Callahan**

* 9-12 Copy: "Colonel Armstrong" **Robin Earle** and **Robby St. John**

* 9-12 Original: **Charlotte and Elizabeth Landon**

* Adult Copy: "Sun Flowers" **Pam Golden**

* Best In Show: "DaVinci Code" **Ryan Ingram**

• Graduation is tomorrow at The Music Circus at 1:30pm.

• Today Student Council candidates made speeches to their classes under the Council's new Constitution. Elections are June 5th

• Tuesday Night the PSO held a Community forum at 7pm. in the Cafeteria

• Graduation rehearsal was in the Cafeteria on Wednesday & at the Music Circus on Thursday.

• Class night was Wednesday night. All the seniors donned their caps and gowns for the event, which was held in the Auditorium.

• The Handbook Revision Committee met yesterday.

• Last night a school committee meeting took place.

• SATs are tomorrow morning. Good luck to all the students in their four hour ordeal.

• Boys Lacrosse welcomed back Sophomore Mike Grimm Thursday for their game against South Shore Voc. Tech.

• Girls Lacrosse had a victory against Nantucket on Tuesday.

The shortened week has pumped some life back into the school, and the students are wishing for summer. I'll be celebrating my 18th birthday tomorrow, so we'll see what happens when I blow out the candles. Take it easy this weekend, Cohasset. Cheers.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Safer vaccines are addressed June 6th

Why have autism and other neurological disorders, such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Hyperactivity Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome and PDD-NOS grown in recent years? Some research studies suggest that the growth is related to a preservative called Thimerosal that is contained in some children's vaccines. Thimerosal consists of almost 50 percent ethyl mercury, a known neurotoxin. Since 1989, the number of required childhood vaccine injections has escalated from eight 8 to 22. Autism alone has increased from affecting one in 10,000 children to the present level of one in 166, statistics that do not include the increase of other neurological issues.

The public is now being alerted to the dangers of methyl mercury found in certain fish, hazardous waste containing mercury and the contaminating fall out from airborne mercury that impacts parts of the United States. An information session to discuss this issue will take place Tuesday, June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 129 So. Main St.

Speakers for the session include: state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, the sponsor of a bill that would ban mercury in child vaccines; Mark Blaxill, vice president of SafeMinds; Dr. Richard Deth, a molecular neuropharmacologist and Northeastern University professor; Mary Romaniec, a counselor and mother of a son who recovered from autism; Suzanne Messina, the founder of REACH and the mother of three children on the autism spectrum; and registered nurse Pamela Ferro, who treats children on the autism spectrum using biomedical approaches.

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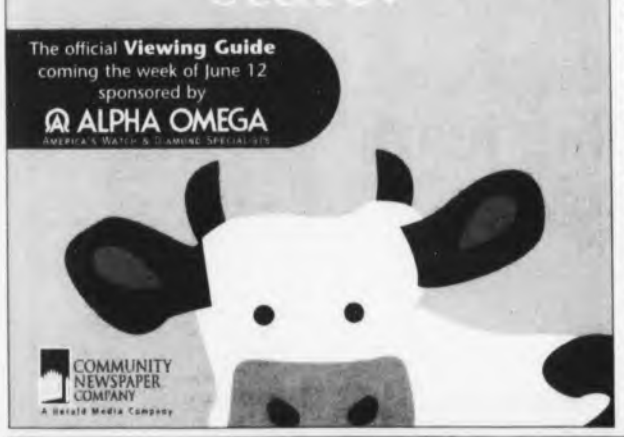

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Bob Murphy photographs his daughter's date, sophomore Pat McCarthy, with his mother Patti McCarthy, before the start of the red-carpet walk.

Joan Grassie pins the boutonniere on her son Ricky's tuxedo before the start of the "red carpet" entrance by the prom-goers.

Red carpet event

Rain doesn't dampen pre-prom gala

Staff photos/Robin Chan

Friends and family applaud as senior Zach Etkind escorts his date, senior Molly Trahon, down the red carpet.

From left, Grace Gaumer, Shea Smith, and Emily Appleton, all of Cohasset, look down the aisle waiting for the pre-prom gala to get under way.

Under a canopy of umbrellas, senior Jeff Kent rushes with his date, sophomore Sinclaire Dean, to the trolleys that will take them off to the prom at the Venezia in Dorchester.

Parents hold up umbrellas to create a corridor of protection so their children could get to the trolleys without getting wet from the torrential downpour during this year's pre-prom event.

Seniors Kristen Schwerin, left, and Jess Bilbo, right, wait for the trolley to pick them up with Andrew Jerz, a college freshman, and junior John McCarthy at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

Melissa Crowley-Buck, a senior, and junior Pat Monroe share a quiet moment together in the rain away from the crowd and heat inside St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Friday during the pre-prom gala.

Red carpet event

Aaron Bigley, a senior, sports his trademark kilt, while escorting his date, Michelle Madge, down the red carpet at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

Aileen Fortunato, a senior, poses for a photo with her date, as they walk down the red carpet on Friday night.

Jake Duggan, 12, and his brother Terrence, 13, help roll up the red carpet after Friday's event.

Seniors, Michelle Lemair, left, and Marissa Evans, right, pose for the camera while waiting for the trolley to rush them off to the prom at the Venezia in Dorchester.

Staff photos/Robin Chan

DESTINATIONS

Puerto Rico, town and country

By TANIA MEJER

LARES, Puerto Rico -- I ate ice cream for lunch on my second day in Puerto Rico.

In this small town on the north-central part of the island, ice cream is a well-balanced food group at Heladeria de Larena. As a vegetarian, shrimp ice cream was out for me, and I admit I was scared off by the garlic ice cream (though one of my companions tried it and proclaimed it "interesting.").

But the corn ice cream I ate was amazing (and worth passing up the more standard flavors for).

If it wasn't the most nutritious lunch, it was authentic and more off the beaten tourist path than some of the other adventures, which made it worth the empty calories.

If you come to Puerto Rico for Old San Juan, the famous walled city known for its historic forts, picturesque blue cobblestone roads, restaurants of many varieties and more local shops than you can venture into -- as well as the nearby beaches -- it's also worth taking a day trip (or even spending an overnight or more) outside of the city to see what you can find.

When I explored Old San Juan, my base was the beautiful Hotel El Convento (787-723-9020; www.elconvento.com; nightly rates $185-$225 (promotional through July), special packages available). From my fifth-floor room, I had picture-perfect views of the city and waterfront, and I left the door-sized windows open at night so I could fall asleep to the sound of coquis, small native frogs that make more of a chirping song than a croak.

A walking tour is the perfect way to get acquainted with the pretty city, where it's easy to get around on foot. You can pick up information and do a self-guided tour starting from La Casita (the Puerto Rico Tourism Company's main information center on the waterfront). Just to be different, we started from our hotel.

On the way to the El Morro fort, not far from the hotel, is a huge grassy area where families go on weekends to fly kites. I was told the whole sky fills up with kites on nice afternoons, but the day we passed through, the rain deterred all but a few determined people. We quickly made it up to the shelter of the fort, which dates back to the late 1500s and is probably bigger than you expect. There were great views of the city and ocean from this perch, even on a rainy day.

From the fort we also walked over to the large Plaza del Quinto Centenario, with its beautiful fountain. Along the way you'll pass places of interest, including the Museo de San Juan, which houses a permanent collection on the history of the city as well as rotating exhibitions. Due to the rain, our walking tour was kept short, and the members of our group split up -- some to seek shelter and some to keep exploring.

PHOTOS BY TANIA MEJER

San Juan city wall

Coquí frog, native to Puerto Rico

After walking down to the waterfront to check out the offerings from local artisans who set up carts on the pier, I ended up at the Old Harbor Brewery and sampled the brews there (see accompanying story).

In San Juan proper (a cab ride from Old San Juan), it's worth making a trip to the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico (www.mapr.org). Aside from the gorgeous setting -- with a wall of colored glass on one end of the museum and stair railings designed to look like the lines of sheet music -- the museum has a great collection of screen-printed art that includes historical Puerto Rican political posters, propaganda, music and even public service posters. There's also an excellent interactive section for kids.

Beach lovers will want to check out the Isla Verde area of San Juan (also a cab ride away from Old San Juan), populated with high-rise hotels and resorts and much more tourist-y than the old city, as befits a beachfront strip.

But there's plenty to do on this island besides beach.

Get into the countryside, and you'll discover Puerto Rico is home to the El Yunque rainforest and more than one bioluminescent bay, where anything that touches the water glows an eerie neon blue. But we stuck to the north-central part of the island for our adventures in the out-of-doors.

Rio Camuy Cave Park was one of the highlights of our trip. It's part of the third largest cave system in the world, carved out by the Camuy River over a million years ago. Groups are taken down to a cave entrance by trolley, and the entire group -- roughly two dozen people -- shares a guide. It's a popular place, and you can see other tour groups making their way through the cave while you explore the huge caverns and examine the eerie formations made by calcium drippings.

If you're looking for more excitement (and something with fewer tourists surrounding you), you might try spelunking in this cave system. Companies such as Adventuras (www.aventuraspr.com) offer trips for $150 per person. These tours are not just about rappelling down into the caves. The trips include climbing, swimming, free jumps and zip lines. I didn't have time to seek out such thrills, but it would be at the top of my list for a return visit.

Nearby is the bizarre tourist attraction that is the Arecibo Observatory. It's home to the world's largest radio telescope, but if the words "radio" and "telescope" don't immediately pique your interest, it's not worth the trek. I was more intrigued here by some anarchronistic product placement -- at the front of the visitor's center is a large illustration of several famous historical inventors sitting around a table -- but with 7Up cans and other beverages in their hands. It's a far cry from the way museums show off their sponsors Stateside.

If, like me, you're more interested in the natural world, there's a new attraction opening in Manati, also on the north-central part of the island. Hacienda la Esperanza is an old sugar plantation surrounded by conservation lands that include beaches, mangroves, marshlands -- there are 10 different ecosystems here. This Conservation Trust site will be open to the public within the next year, and visitors will not only be able enjoy the nature and the hiking trails but also be able to see the working machinery of a sugar plantation and learn the history of the slaves who ran it.

You can do all these things as day trips from San Juan, but with traffic, you may want to spend the night closer, such as in the north coastal town of Dorado (an hour from Old San Juan if there's no traffic -- it's rare that there's no traffic). Accommodations are limited in town, but Dorado's sleepiness may be an attraction to some. And you can hit the beach in Dorado in a more low-key way than in San Juan. The beach area at the Embassy Suites Dorado del Mar Beach & Golf Resort (www.embassysuites.com; 787-796-6125) where I stayed was particularly small, however. The Chi Chi Rodriguez-designed 18-hole 72-par golf course seemed the prime attraction.

But whether in the quiet town of Dorado or the hustle and bustle of Old San Juan, the coquis are sure to be happily chirping outside your hotel window.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MAY 14

1:37 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist motorist, caller reports his motor vehicle is broken down.

1:42 p.m. **Cedar St.**, caller stated that there is a male on the golf course with a dog. Male may be a trespasser. 886 reports party is gone on arrival.

1:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, Sgt. reports that the area in front of 619 Jerusalem Road is under water and fire units may have a hard time getting through.

1:59 p.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, public service, caller reports drain over flowing. DPW notified.

4:44 p.m. **Forestside Drive**, fire investigation, call came directly into the Fire Station for water in the basement. National Grid has been notified, they will call back with an ETA. National Grid has cut the power at this location.

4:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, Fire Dept. is complaining of dangerous pot holes in the road on Elm and Brook St. Town engineer has been notified.

5:06 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports his basement is flooded and he has turned his gas and burner off but is concerned about an electrical panel.

5:10 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a flooded basement. Lt. requests DPW to clean the catch basin at this location. DPW has been notified.

5:19 p.m. **Scituate PD**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate PD requests R3 for an injured child. 9-year-old male who has possible broken leg.

5:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, call directly to Fire Station for a water problem.

5:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports a flooded basement. 911 call from this location caller states his basement is filling up very quickly. Shut outside gas off and notify National Grid.

5:46 p.m. **Linden Drive**, notification, resident reports a large amount of water on the road way. Cohasset DPW notified.

5:49 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, caller reports a flooded basement, garage and an inside odor of gas. E1 on scene 5:57. Requesting a hazmat team. hazmat on scene. E1 requests salvage booms to this location R3 will be transporting these to this location. R3 and Squad 1 to this location. Conservation Commission on their way.

5:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller reports flooded basement. Officer reports it hasn't reached the fuse box, but has reached the furnace. Power has been cut to this location. Keyspan has shut power off.

6:11 p.m. **Forest Notch**, flooded basement. Officer reports an odor of gas, Hull engine responding. Power and gas has been shut off.

6:11 p.m. **Stanton Rd.**, flooding.

6:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports the storm drains are backing up in his basement.

6:22 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, caller reports flooding and the water is only a few feet away from the electrical box. National Grid and Keyspan to this location. Keyspan has shut off power.

6:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, notifying National Grid to shut gas off. National Grid has cut the power to this location.

6:48 p.m. **Riverview Drive**, caller reports he has about a foot of water that is touching the furnace, but he has shut the furnace off. Officer reports 6 inches of water in basement, they have been advised to stay out of the basement.

6:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, report of flooding.

7:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, flooding.

7:37 p.m. **Wood Way**, caller reports she just came home to about 4 inches of water in her basement and there's some sort of alarm going off and she doesn't know what it is. Fire requesting National Grid to this location.

7:41 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, call came into Fire House for flooding.

7:52 p.m. **James Lane**, investigation, officer reports no fire services necessary at this time.

7:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports flooding.

8:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports he parked his car on the side of the road out of the way of traffic because there is about a foot of water in his driveway.

8:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transporting SSH/BLS, caller reports a male who cut his arm.

8:42 p.m. **Church St.**, fire, investigation.

9:12 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, notification, residents are complaining of flooding, the DPW notified to put blockade in the road.

9:18 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, flooding in this area, state DPW has been notified.

9:34 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:29 p.m. **Depot Ct., and South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports a disabled motor vehicle at this location and the driver is trying to get someone to pick them up. Officer reports their husband showed up and is changing the tire and will be leaving soon.

MONDAY, MAY 15

12 a.m. **Woodland Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:02 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, public service, Fire Capt. requests the area be blocked off, as any traffic will cause further flooding to the business.

12:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, the lights in the shop were left on. Building checks secure.

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:24 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, 911 caller states a woman has fallen.

5:52 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller states "The people, who came to pump out her cellar told her she needed a flood and disaster agency." Caller referred to cellar pump person.

6:11 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, assist citizen, caller inquiring about "The Lake and Ripley Road."

6:57 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, assist citizen, caller states she has a flooded cellar. Appliances shut off in the cellar.

7:31 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller states "A turkey is annoying him." Caller referred to ACO.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain. Wind: Light. Temp: 48.

8:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, caller is reporting a flooded basement.

9:58 a.m. **Beach St.**, flooded basement. Power has been shut down.

10:02 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, flooded basement. Heat has been shut down.

10:26 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, dead raccoon in roadway.

10:36 a.m. **Linden Drive**, water heater problem. Gas shut off to house.

10:57 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, water investigation. Power has been shut off.

11:20 a.m. **Parking Way**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued. Caller reports a motor vehicle is blocking access to Stagecoach Way.

11:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, caller reports a motor vehicle accident. Unknown injuries.

12:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, caller reports a motor vehicle accident. Unknown injuries.

1:41 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, dispute with neighbor regarding pumping water.

3:14 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, caller states water in cellar.

4:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller states motor vehicle causing wake from water, on road in front of house.

4:32 p.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller requests Sgt.

4:47 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious person. Caller states solicitors being aggressive.

5:12 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious person, caller states aggressive solicitors bothering babysitter. Spoke with solicitor.

5:22 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person.

5:31 p.m. **Surry Drive**, caller reports aggressive solicitors, does not want to speak to officer at this time.

6:24 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports aggressive solicitors, does not want to speak to officer.

6:29 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, caller reports aggressive solicitors.

7:10 p.m. **Linden Drive**, caller reports aggressive solicitors, does not want to speak with police officer.

7:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports aggressive solicitors, does not want to speak with police officers.

7:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered).

7:58 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, caller reports arcing wires, not down. Power shut down.

8:16 p.m. **Black Rock Beach**, caller reports baby seal on beach. New England Aquarium rescue team notified.

8:48 p.m. **King St.**, 888 reports out with solicitors at Mobil Mart. 888 reports enroute to HQ., with one in custody-warrant. Arrest: Terrence J. McKinney, 30, 992 Johnson St., 42A, Mansfield. Charges: Municipal by-law or ordinance violation.

9:26 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, caller reports aggressive solicitor.

11:07 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, caller reports aggressive solicitors, does not want to speak with police officer.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

12:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, surprise window washing is power washing the windows in the plaza. They were advised to stop, as the alarms are going off.

5:58 a.m. **Elm St.**, 911 caller states he has an unwanted guest. Female party was gone on arrival. Verbal argument between parties.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain. Temp: 47. Wind: Light.

8:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports there is trash coming out of the back of a yellow truck on CJC Highway. Company notified units are reporting no trash in the roadway at this time.

9:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, party not feeling well.

10 a.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, warrant services, Plymouth Sheriff is requesting back up.

11:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:03 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:27 a.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports a dryer fire. C-20 is reporting lint fire in a dryer, fire is out.

11:39 a.m. **Scituate Police Dept.**, Scituate Police Dept. is requesting a transport to the Hingham line.

1:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, party in HQ., reporting identity fraud.

4:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled vehicle in roadway. AAA notified 45 minutes, vehicle off road currently.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House)781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, June 4. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - for all generations

Sermon: "Spring's Rain, Summer's Sun" - Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

While our full religious education program is completed until the fall, childcare is available for our youngest, and all children are invited to attend services in the Meeting House with their parents. Services are child-friendly!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universlist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy: the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High.

- Saturday, June 3: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m., Book of Jonah
- Sunday, June 4: It's Pentencost. Wear Red!! Balloons will descend and our dove kite will fly high above us as we celebrate the "Birthday" of the Church. Parish Forum at 11:30; Adding an additional worship service.
- Monday, June 5: Profile Committee will meet at 7:00PM. Christian Meditation 7:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, June 6: Property Committee meeting
- Wednesday, June 7 Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on women in the Hebrew Bible.

Thursday, June 8 Bishop Tom Shaw will visit the South Shore Episcopal Clergy for a retreat from 10-2p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for Pentecost, in the Lesson from Acts the Holy Spirit descends upon people from all over the world and the Good News of Jesus is heard by everyone each in their own tongue. In the Gospel of John Jesus breathes on the disciples and sends them out to do ministry. Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

OBITUARIES

David J. Lincoln

Former truck driver

David J. Lincoln, 65, of Marshfield, died May 25, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Lincoln was born and raised in Cohasset. He had worked for many years as a truck driver for the Angelo's and Purity Supreme Supermarket corporations. He then worked for the town of Cohasset for several years.

He leaves his wife, Janice K. (Goyette) Lincoln; his children, David F. Lincoln of New York, Paula M. Lincoln of Duxbury, Gregg M. Lincoln of Holden and Derek A. Lincoln of Weymouth; his sister, Harriet Hopkins of Arizona; his brothers, Roger Lincoln of Cohasset, Joseph Lincoln of Chatham and Sam Lincoln of Arizona; and four grandchildren, Kayla Lincoln, Erin Lincoln, Courtney Lincoln and Connor Lincoln.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment in Couch Cemetery, Marshfield. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 326, Plymouth, MA 02360 or to Jordan Hospital Cancer Center, 275 Sandwich St., Plymouth, MA 02360.

Farmers Market looking for vendors

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is looking for vendors. The market is dedicated to supporting local growers. Vendors may sell their own homegrown produce, plants, flowers or homemade, agriculturally based products.

The Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., from June 8 to Oct. 19, on the Cohasset Common.

For more information, call Darcy Schramn at 781-383-0170.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **June 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert & Joyce Sturdy** seek to construct an addition and replace the existing garage at **224 South Main Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-05-15.

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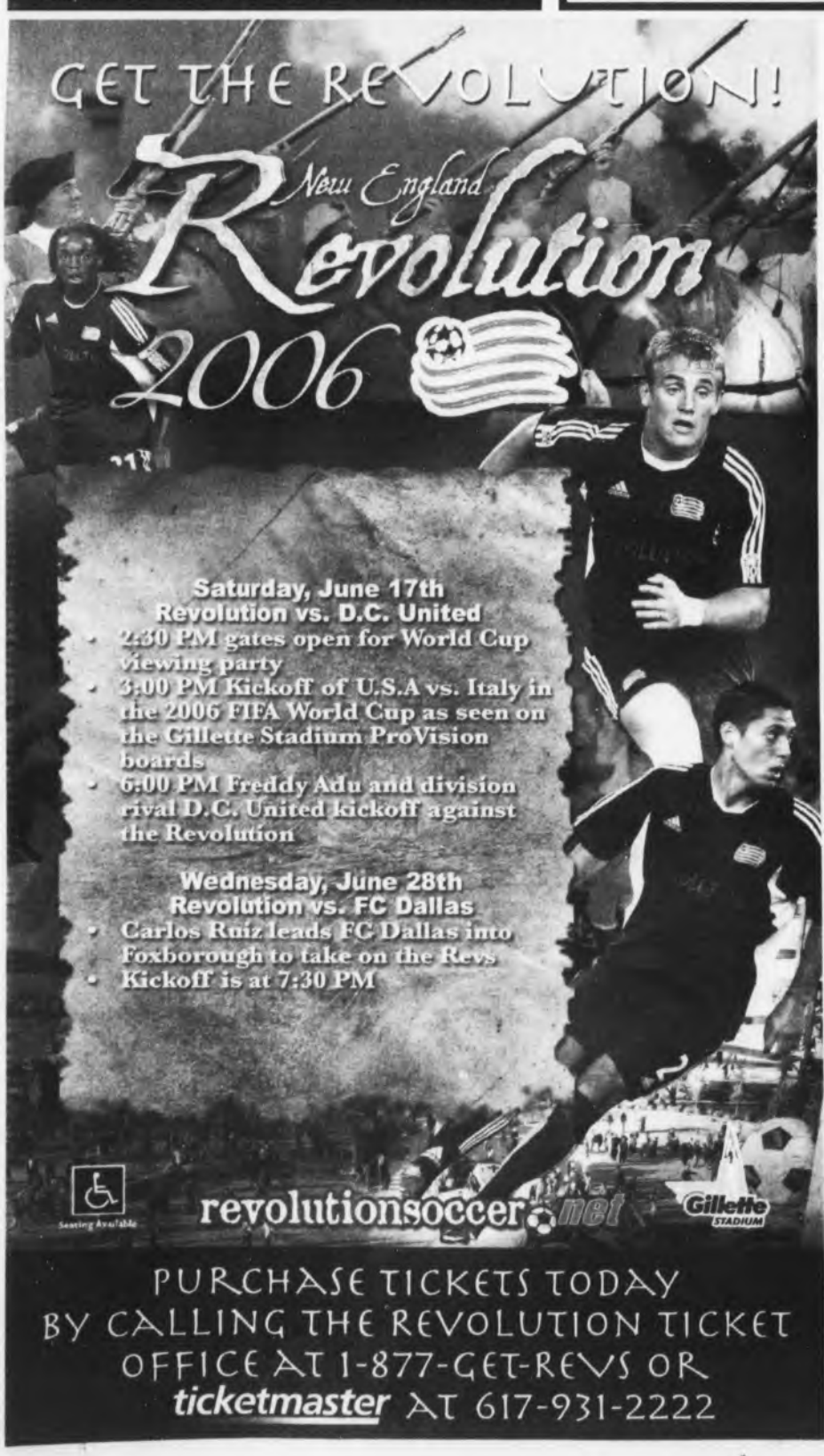

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What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 1-9, 2006

Tony Bennett on stage

Music Circus opens 55th season with Tony Bennett

Fresh from serenading Katie Couric on her final Today show this week, legendary singer Tony Bennett heads to Cohasset next Friday to open the 55th season at the South Shore Music Circus.

One of the best friends the American songbook has ever had, Bennett has been using his rich, romantic voice to stir the hearts and souls of audiences since scoring his first number one hit with "Because of You" in 1951. In the years since, Bennett has topped the charts with songs like "Rags to Riches," "The Good Life," and, of course, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." With over 50 million records sold, and multiple platinum and gold albums to his credit, Bennett has won ten Grammy Awards including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Just this year, Bennett's "The Art of Romance" won the Grammy Award for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album. He has performed and recorded with a wide range of entertainers, from Frank Sinatra to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and from Elvis Costello to K.D. Lang.

Tony Bennett

A man of many talents, Bennett — who will turn 80 on August 3 — has authored two books and remains a dedicated painter and humanitarian who has helped raise millions of dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the American Cancer Society. The United Nations named Bennett "Citizen of the World" to recognize his many accomplishments. The Martin Luther King, Jr., Center in Atlanta has also honored Bennett - who was with Dr. King for the march on Selma — for his efforts to end discrimination.

Tony Bennett will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, on June 9. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Music Circus box office, open daily from 12 to 6 pm, online at www.themusiccircus.org, or by telephone at 617-931-2787.

- R. Scott Reedy

For your health

PARKINSON'S DISEASE: AN UNDERSTANDING presented by New England Sinai Hospital, 150 York St., Stoughton in the Brenner Conference Center, Wednesday, June 14 at 9:30 a.m. Discussion will focus on treatment and prognosis. Lecture is free and open to healthcare professionals and the general public. A light breakfast will be served. Registration is suggested. Call Diane at 781-297-1369.

QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER FREE HIV TESTING. Confidential testing is offered by appointment on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Quincy/South Shore AIDS Cares offices at Quincy Medical Center, 114 Whitwell St.. For information, call Quincy/South Shore AIDS Cares at 617-376-2038.

YOUR KEY TO DIABETES MANAGEMENT, four week program by the Sinai Diabetes Center, New England Sinai Hospital, 150 York St. Stoughton, Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 from 1 –3 p.m. Teaches people with Type 1 and Type 2, basic information about diabetes management. Topics include: overview, meal planning and the glycemic effects of food on blood sugar, monitoring, medications, hypoglycemia, carbohydrate counting, complications, food choices and exercise. A physician's referral is needed for participation. The cost is covered by most insurance. For information call 781-297-1385.

JORDAN HOSPITAL REHABILITATION CENTER LOCATED AT PINEHILLS, 3 Village Green North, Suite 331, Plymouth. Now offering outpatient physical therapy to area residents. The center is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Jordan Hospital Rehabilitation Centers are also located at Cordage Commerce Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle and at Plymouth Fitness Center, 16 Aldrin Road, both in Plymouth, and on Route 106, 430 Plymouth Street in Halifax.

Thursday, June 1

Hull Art Studio Connection's "Studio at the Beach" is open for its eighth season, located across from the MJM Bathhouse, 217 Nantasket Ave. Hours are Fridays, 1 to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Features 35 artists displaying jewelry, paintings, photographs, greeting cards, pottery, shell art and gift items. Wheelchair accessible. Free to the public. For information, call 781-925-1996 or visit www.hullartists.com.

South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree will host an **Open House**, Thursday, June 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. View artworks donated by local artists through the "Art Connection." There will be a special ceremony at 5:30 p.m. to honor outstanding contributors to SSES. To RSVP call 781-848-3939, ext.351 or e-mail: dsargent@sselder.org.

'Famous Lighthouse Dogs' with historian Jeremy D'Entremont, part of the First Thursday Lecture Series at Hull Lighthouse Museum, Hull, Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m. Tales of amazing dogs and a few cats who have helped crew New England Lighthouses, such as the Owl's Head Light dog who rang the lighthouse bell for passing ships. Admission $5 non-members and $3 members. Visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org or call 781-925-5433.

Annual Thanksgiving Day dinners at Plimoth Plantation tickets go on sale June 1. Choose a Victorian dinner or Thanksgiving buffet. Prices and times vary. Seating sells out early. For reservations call 508-746-1622 ext 8365.

Third Annual T.R.E.K. for Tomorrow to benefit South Shore YMCA, Saturday, June 3, seeks riders, volunteers and contributions for 20, 30, or 60-mile bicycle ride. Event start and finish at YMCA Camp Burgess in Sandwich. Luncheon and awards presentation included. Call Peter Waisgerber, South Shore YMCA, 617-479-8500 ext 109.

Country Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Thursday, June 1, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. Two-step, east and west Coast swing, waltz, cha-cha, salsa, hustle and line dancing, with DJ music by Paul DeMaria. Call 781-326-3075 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com. Refreshments and cash bar.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, Thursday, June 1 at 8 p.m., featuring comedian, actor, songwriter and musician **Chance Langton.** Other comics include Michael Acciola, Stephen Leach, Annette Pollack, Scott Darby, Brian Robertson. Hosted by Jim Cahillane. Admission is $12. For tickets or information, call 781-848-0300 or visit www.annettepollack.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue Blues Jam**, Thursday, June 1. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends**, Thursday, June 1. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 1, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring The Brian Stratton Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Open mic country bluegrass jam with **"Flintlock,"** Thursday, June 1, 8 to 10 p.m., Bendle-Beans BBQ, 6b Riverside Drive, Pembroke. Call 781-910-9159.

Friday, June 2

Randolph Women's Club Annual Barn Sale, 360 No. Main St., Randolph, Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items include jewelry, linens, dishes, and kitchen equipment, all in prime condition. Call 781-986-0336.

29th Annual Quilt show and sale Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Admission $6, $5 seniors. Children under age 12, free. Free garage parking on Saturday and Sunday. Over 200 quilts, raffle drawing of reversible queen-sized quilt. For more information e-mail quiltshow@quiltersconnection.org or call 781-383-8335.

"Six Collage Artists" on view at the James Library, Norwell Center, June 2 through 28, Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opening Reception **Friday, June 2, 7 to 9 p.m**. For information visit www.jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

Brazilian pianist Rogerio Santos concert at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell Center to benefit First Parish Unitarian Church organ restoration fund, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $20. For information call 781-659-7100.

South Shore Folk Music Club hosts Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, June 2 at 8 p.m. Event includes silent auction fundraiser. Tickets $15 for non-members, $13 members. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Scituate band "Emergency Exit" at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Friday evening, June 2, 8 p.m. Local garage band advances to regional semifinals of the Emergenza Festival international music competition. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets $12. Call band members Farragher, 781-545-7155, Kennedy, 781-545-5877, or Johnson, 781-545-6913.

Friday Night Stargazing at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, Friday evenings, approximately 8:30 to 10 p.m., weather permitting. Free admission. For information call 617-589-0454 or visit www.mos.org.

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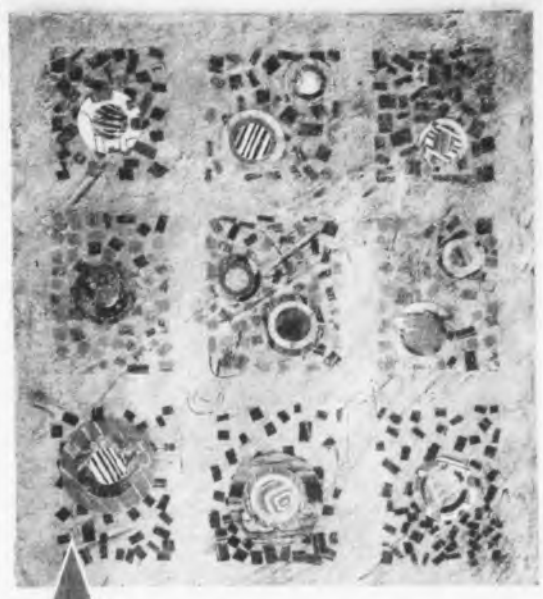

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"Six Collage Artist", a show of six collage artist will be on view at The James Library, Norwell Center, from June 2 - June 28. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, June 2, from 7-9 pm. The exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. For more information visit our Web site www.jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

Movie review

Mystique (Rebecca Romijn) emphasis her point with an interrogator (Anthony Heald).

'Stand' can't deliver

X-Men: The Last Stand (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

It's not easy being a mutant.

Take Warren Worthington III (Ben Foster). In a startling flashback in "X-Men: The Last Stand," the third installment of the "X-Men" series, the cherubic boy stands in a bathroom in a puddle of blood and feathers, weeping and hacking at appendages growing out of his back. His father Warren Worthington II (Michael Murphy) barges in, surveys the scene and intones, "Not you, son."

This moving "Angels in America" moment in the new "X-Men" movie is easily the best scene in the otherwise lackluster film and a timely reminder why the X-Men hold us in such sway.

We're all X-Men and Women. The new development in "X-Men: The Last Stand" is that a young mutant (spooky-eyed Cameron Bright), whose shaved head suggests a cancer victim, has provided a mutant antibody being hailed as a "cure."

"We're not a disease," protests an indignant Storm (a surprisingly unimproved Halle Berry). Death camp survivor Magneto, also known as Eric Lensherr (Ian McKellen in a costume suggesting a movie usher from Rigel 7), sees the cure as a genocidal plot.

Peacemaking Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart), the Martin Luther King of mutant leaders, is still running the Xavier School for Gifted Children and dreaming of a time when mutants and homo sapiens will all just get along.

But Magneto, the mutant Malcolm X, wants to fight oppression "by any means necessary." He's planning an Osama-like jihad from his mutant-ista guerilla camp. Meanwhile, Jean Grey (Famke Janssen), is back as the newly dubbed Phoenix, behaving like Carrie to the 10th power, and Scott Summers — Cyclops — (James Marsden) is gone, leaving behind only a pair of designer goggles.

New character Beast (Kelsey Grammer) sports a Cookie Monster blue pelt and serves as a mutant lobbyist in the halls of presidential power (Wolverine dubs him "Furball").

Most scorn the cure, but Rogue (Anna Paquin, still wearing that Vampira 'do) wants to be able to "touch" boyfriend Bobby Drake "Iceman" (Shawn Ashmore). He, meanwhile, is canoodling with Kitty Pryde ("Hard Candy" 's nymphette Ellen Page), who can walk through walls. Wolverine (Hugh Jackman, looking tired), is still pissed. Juggernaut (Vinnie Jones), a gratuitous new character, can walk through walls, too, but he leaves rubble behind.

The X-characters remain reservoirs of lust, angst and antagonism, which is to say, symbolic adolescents. But "Last Stand" feels like a blueprint for a film, and half the time you expect the characters to break into the theme song from "Hair."

All that's missing from their costumes are the nipples and codpieces. Shoddy looking and unfocused dramatic scenes sit between big, expensive, action and special effects sequences, including an impressive one involving moving the Golden Gate Bridge. Directed by Internet whipping boy Brett Ratner ("Red Dragon") and scripted by Zak Penn ("Elektra") and Simon Kinberg ("XXX: State of the Union"), the film will satisfy die-hard fans. But it should have been so much more.

FYI, fanboys: Stay for the end credits.

"X-Men: The Last Stand" contains violence.

Calendar

JUNE 1-9, 2006

BEST BET

The Dedham Historical Society's 2006 House and Garden Tour will feature some fascinating and beautiful homes as well as gardens. The tour will start at 12 noon, on June 4, and tickets will be available at the Historical Society at 11:30 a.m. that day. The Society's current exhibits will also be on view. Advance purchase tickets are $16 for members and $20 for non-members. All tickets purchased on the day of the tour will be $23. Tickets may be ordered by sending a check to the Historical Society at Box 215, Dedham MA 02027-0215.

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Huntington Theatre performance of William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour Lost." ASL-interpreted performance for deaf or hard of hearing, 8 p.m., June 2, call TTY 617-424-0694 for information. Audio-described performance for blind or low-vision, Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m. Visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or call 617-266-0800.

Bingo, Friday nights at the Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Current pull-tab jackpot up to $3,000. Non-smoking. Call 781-925-2700.

Comedy Night at All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Friday, June 2, 9 p.m., featuring **Teddie Bergeron.** Also performing will be Annette Pollack, Phil Doyle, Christine Hurley. Hosted by Joe Holden. Tickets are $15. For information call 781-293-4135 or 781-843-4833 or visit www.annettpollack.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **The Motown Funk and Soul Costume Ball** featuring **Boston Soul Revue**, Friday, June 2, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Costumes mandatory. Special hot-cold buffet at 9 p.m. $100 cash for best costume. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The Ripchordz**, Friday, June 2. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 2, **John Truscelli Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Jumpin' Juba trio at Steve's Backstage Pass, 15 School St., Taunton, Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. Visit www.thedessertclub.com.

Mark your calendar

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HEAVY ATHLETIC COMPETITION, August 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old South Weymouth Naval Airbase, Route 18, Weymouth .Similar to a strong man competition except the athletes wear kilts and use authentic tools such as stones, logs, Scottish hammers, etc. All proceeds will benefit St Jude's Children's Cancer Research Hospital. Also features moon walk, kids games, and Celtic vendors. For information visit www.stjudehighlandgames.com or email: dcheney85@hotmail.com.

THE 11TH ANNUAL WILDERNESS HEALS PLEDGE HIKE – June 23-25, more than 75 women will unite to hike through the rugged terrain of New Hampshire's White Mountains to benefits women and their children served at The Elizabeth Stone House in Boston for mental health issues and domestic violence. Four trail options, round-trip transportation from Boston will be provided. Fundraising minimum is $1,200, the hiker registration fee is $40.To learn more information about Wilderness Heals or to register, visit www.elizabethstone.org or call 617- 522-3659 ext. 207.

SACRED HEART GOLF CLASSIC, Thursday, June 15 at Plymouth Country Club, Warren Avenue. The 18-hole scramble format tournament includes golf, cart, registration gift, lunch, dinner and prizes. Proceeds equally benefit the William C. Hunt '87 Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sacred Heart. Winning foursome will be presented with the Hunt Trophy, named in honor of Bill Hunt who died September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. A Kingston native, Hunt was a graduate of Sacred Heart and was an active member of the school community. Entry fee is $150 per player. The Golf Classic Committee is seeking corporate and tee sponsorships and raffle prizes. For information, call 781-585-7511, ext 345 or sgiovanetti@sacredheart-hs.org.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER 51st ARTS FESTIVAL on Cohasset Common, Friday, June 16 through Sunday, June 18. Wide variety of quality, artist-designed items, including jewelry, home and garden products, hand-made clothing, ceramics, toys, fine art and photography. Features a Juried Art Exhibition, Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition. Held outdoors, rain or shine, hours are Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Proceeds support ongoing programs at the SSAC. Free trolley shuttles visitors from near-by parking, $5 donation requested. For information visit www.ssac.org or contact the Art Center: 781-383-2787.

Saturday, June 3

Bird Walk around Straits Pond and ocean areas with Cohasset birder Sally Avery, Saturday, June 3, 8 to 10 a.m. Meet at 8 a.m. at the base of Summit and Atlantic Avenues near Cohasset and Hull town line. Free admission. For more information call 781-925-9066.

Annual Bare Cove Fire Museum Spring Barn Sale, Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Building #52, Bare Cove Park, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. Rain or shine. Furniture, unusual appliances, jewelry, books, DVDs, CDs, toys. For information call 781-749-0028.

National Trails Day at Cutler Park Reservation, Great Plain Ave., Needham, Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteer cleanup and improvement of Cutler Park Woods and marshes. Call 617-698-1802 to register.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands cruise to Lovells Island, Saturday, June 3, from Quincy at 10 a.m., or Long Wharf in Boston, 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Return to Long Wharf and Quincy. Cost $25 adults, $23 seniors, $21 members, and $16 children ages 3-12. Cash only. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

"Irish Boston: a Lively Look at Boston's Colorful Irish Past" book signing with author Michael P. Quinlin, Saturday, June 3, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., JFK Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1960.

Jimmy Fund Spring Classic, Saturday, June 3, Southers Marsh, Plymouth. Entry fee is $110. For information call 866-521-GOLF.

Third Annual Touch A Truck to benefit the Jett Foundation for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Saturday, June 3 at Sam's Club parking lot, Plymouth. Event features trucks, cranes, and rescue vehicles, refreshments. For information call 781-294-8445 or 877-359-5388.

2006 Jimmy Fund Regatta, 18-mile cruise in Newport Harbor to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Saturday, June 3, 12:30 p.m., and "Party in the Paint Shed," Newport Shipyard, at 8 p.m. Open to power and sail boats over 23 feet. $75 entry fee under 50 feet, $125 over 50 feet. Dinner, dancing and live music by New York City band Cracked Ice. Cash bar. $75. To register for the Sail for Jimmy and purchase tickets for the Party in the Paint Shed visit www.jimmyfund.org./regatta.

Hull Knights of Columbus Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m. Choice of steak or lobster. Music by DJ Bob Caldera. $25 per person in advance. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

"Chocolates, Chagall, et al" art auction, Saturday, June 3, 8 p.m., art preview and dessert reception at 7 p.m., Congregation Shirat Hayam, United Methodist Church, 185 Plain St., Marshfield. Tickets $5 advance, $7 at the door. Collection includes framed lithographs, engravings, etchings, watercolors, cartoon cells, original oils and mixed media. For reservations and information call 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net.

Ballroom Dance at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth, with DJ music by DanceSport of Boston, Saturday, June 3, 7:30 to 11 p.m. Refreshments, door prizes, and lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 advance, $12 at the door. Call 617-325-1562.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Mission of Blues,** Saturday, June 3. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Ricky **"King Russell,"** Saturday, June 3. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, June 3, **Jon Frattasio and Friends** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Sunday, June 4

Stony Brook Canine Strolls, Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m. Get some exercise for you and your dog. Join a DCR Ranger for an easy summer stroll through Stony Brook Reservation. Bring your furry friend. All dogs must be on a leash not to exceed seven feet. Meet at Stony Brook Reservation in Hyde Park. For information call 617-333-7404 for meeting place and directions.

21st Annual AIDS Walk Boston and Larry Kessler Run, Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston, Sunday, June 4. Registration 8:30 a.m.; AIDS Walk, 10 a.m.; Larry Kessler run, 10:30 a.m.; Wellness Festival 11 a.m. Individual and team entries. $100 donation suggested for Walk registration. To register visit www.aidswalkboston.org or call 617-424-WALK. Run registration is $25. To register visit www.aac.org/larry.

John's Race, Sunday, June 4, at 10 a.m., Pope's Tavern, South and Plymouth Sts., (Rt. 106), Halifax. A 5-Kilometer (3.1 miles) run/walk and 10-Kilometer (6.2 miles) run which will benefits John Kealey's daughter, Kyli who was born five months after he was tragically in a car crash caused by an alleged drunk driver. Funds raised will be used to help support Kyli who is now two, as well as to assist others who have fallen victim to drunk drivers. Registration is $20, $50 for family of five $10 under 14 and over 65. Visit www.johnsrace.com or www.coolrunning.com for registration forms or pay on-line. For information call Kaitlyn Bergin at 1-617-529-5232 or e-mail: kaitb@adelphia.net.

Easter Seals Walk with Me, a 5K walk to benefit people with disabilities, Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m., Artesani Park, Soldiers Field Road, Brighton. To register in advance, visit www.walkwithme.org or call 800-244-2756 ext 443.

Dedham Historical Society 2006 House and Garden Tour, Sunday, June 4 at noon. Properties include the MIT Endicott House and the Fairbanks House. Tickets in advance, $20, $16 members, $23 on the day of tour at Historical Society, 11:30 a.m. Checks payable to Historical Society, Box 215, Dedham, MA 02027-0215. Call 781-326-1385.

Walk to benefit Habitat for Humanity, a 3K walk hosted by EXIT Realty of New England, Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m. Registration will be at Benny's on Court Street in Plymouth at 8 a.m. $20 per person entrance fee will be waived for those who bring $100 in pledges. To sign up or for more information, call Janet Spaulding at 508-846-2202.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, 3.5 mile moderate walk, Massachuseuck Trail to Three Pines Trail to No Name Trail, returning on Ponkapoag Trail, Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m. Meet at Donovan School, Reed St., Randolph. For information call 617-698-1802. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club is pleased to present a concert on Friday, June 2 featuring Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry. SSFMC will present its Silent Auction fund raising event, with items awarded at this final concert of the season. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for Members and $15 for Non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least ten days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass. 02051

Tracy Grammer

Huntington Theatre Humanities Forum, panel discussion of issues and ideas behind its production of Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost," directed by Nicholas Martin, Sunday, June 4, immediately following the 2 p.m. performance. Free admission with ticket purchase. Visit www.hungingtontheatre.org or call 617-266-0800.

South Shore Charter Public School Spring Carnival, Sunday, June 4, noon to 3 p.m., 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell. Events include Touch-A-Truck, moonwalk; dunk tank, pizza, games, and crafts.

Fashion Plate fashion show to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center, Sunday, June 4, 3 to 6 p.m., Hull Yacht Club. Hull. Community leaders model designs donated to Wellspring Thrift Shop. Food provided by Chef's Table and Maggie's Corner. Wines provided by Port Side Wines. Tickets $25 in advance. Call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org.

Irish Connections Social under the tent at Castle Island, So. Boston, Sunday, June 4, hosted by Boston Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Holy Mass at 2 p.m., modern and old time music by Comhaltas musicians, 3 to 7 p.m.

Chorus pro Musica will perform Verdi's "Attila" on Sunday, June 4 at 3 p.m., at NEC's Jordan Hall in Boston. Music director is Jeffrey Rink. Steven Ledbetter will give a pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. Tickets range from $15-$60. Purchase tickets by calling 800-658-4276 or visit www.chorus-promusica.org.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" concert, at the Old Ship Meeting House, 107 Main St., Hingham, Sunday, June 4, 4 p.m. Costumes, professional vocalists. All choruses sung by the audience. Tickets $10 in advance at Nobles Camera Shop, Hingham Public Library or at the door. For information call 781-383-2240.

Family Movie Night sponsored by Church of the Holy Nativity Youth Group, Sunday, June 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 8 Nevin Road, So. Weymouth. Refreshments and beverages provided. Admission $2 per person, $10 families. For information call 781-335-2030 or visit www.holynat.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday afternoon, June 4. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is $12, student discount with ID, refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www-moseleyonthecharles.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Dave Foley**, Sunday, June 4, from 8 to midnight. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy. Satch's Sunday Nite Blues hosts **Ricky "King" Russell**, Sunday, June 4. For information call 617-773-1170.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, June 4, **"Wicked Trivia Night."** Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeercom.

Monday, June 5

South Shore Women's Business Network Luncheon at La Scala Restaurant, Randolph. Monday, June 5, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. Call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Aujourd'hui Ensemble at the Plymouth Public Library, spring chamber music concert with soprano Carol Cybulska, in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room, 132 South St., Plymouth, Monday, June 5, 7 to 8 p.m. Free admission at the door. Refreshments. Call 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston needs women who are at least 20 years old to become Big Sisters. Create little moments and big magic for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Orientation sessions will take place Monday, June 5, 6 to 7 p.m., at 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Building, Suite 7, second floor, Quincy. For information, call 617-328-1061 or visit www.bigsisters.org.

New Beginnings support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Call 781-659-1857.

British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, hosts **"Late Night at the BBC" featuring Ian Richarson**, on Monday, June 5. For information call 508-747-1776 or visit www.britishbeer.com

Tuesday, June 6

Buttonwood Books and Toys Coffee with the Authors, Tuesday, June 6, 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., at Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset. Featured authors James Dodson, "Beautiful Madness," Elinor Lipman, "My Latest Grievance," and Susan Richards, "Chosen By a Horse." Continental breakfast. Advance reservations and $15 tickets required. Call 781-383-2665.

Soccer School of Excellence fall season tryouts for ages 9-12. A high-level technical coaching environment geared towards player development at Abington High School, Abington. Girls tryouts are Tuesday, June 6, U9-U10, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.; U11-U12, 5:45 to 7 p.m. Boys tryouts, Thursday, June 8, U9-U10 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.; U11-U12 5:45 to 7 p.m. For information call 508-888-0865 or e-mail rlawrence@mpsbr.com.

American Cancer Society Look Good Feel Better workshop. Tips from cosmetologists for patients undergoing treatment for cancer. Tuesday, June 6, 6 to 8 p.m., Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. To pre-register call Gail Mitten, 781-829-4823.

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The Scituate-based rock 'n' roll band "Emergency Exit" has advanced to the regional semifinals of an international music competition and will play at the fabled Paradise Rock Club Friday, June 2. at 8 p.m The Paradise is located at 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Doors for the show open at 7:30 p.m. "Emergency Exit" performs at 8 p.m. "Emergency Exit," is composed of three college-bound seniors at Scituate High School: Ben Johnson on drums; Zack Kennedy on bass guitar, and Brendan Farragher, lead guitar and vocals. Tickets for the show are available for $12 from band members before the show. Band members can be contacted for tickets at these numbers: Farragher, 781-545-7155; Kennedy, 781-545-5877, and Johnson, 781-545-6913.

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South Shore Summer Theater auditions for the musical "Strega Nova," based on the beloved children's book, Tuesday, June 6, 5 to 8 p.m., at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church. Many roles available for ages 8-15. Performance will take place July 28, 29, and 30. Rehearsals held early evening in June and July. Call 781-545-7043 or visit www.southshoresummertheater.com.

24th Annual Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl, June 6 and 7, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and June 8, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Boston City Hall Plaza. Over 40 flavors of ice cream, contests, live music, and games. Admission $7, $3 children ages 3-10. $15 Scooper Pass guarantees no waiting in line. For advance tickets visit www.scooperbowl.org.

Adoption and Foster Care School Awareness Project monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke. For parents, family members, educators and other professionals concerned with special needs of those in foster and adoptive care. For information visit www.about-mebooks.biz/asap/asap or e-mail: asap_Pembroke@verizon.net.

Wednesday, June 7

Broad Cove Chorale will hold an open rehearsal on Wednesday, June 7 from 9:20 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Free babysitting provided. Looking for new singers who are available on Wednesday mornings to make music with a wonderful group of women. Ensemble performs on the south shore and rehearses at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., So. Hingham. For information call 781-749-6561 by Monday, June 5 to arrange for sitters. Visit www.bcc-us.org.

Transformation Place Bible Study, Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m., Au Bon Pain restaurant, Route 139 at Route 3, Pembroke. An outreach of The New England Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Partner/Spouse Loss Group at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. Daytime group meets every other Wednesday; from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For further information or to register call Kathleen McAleer, LICSW at 508-746-0215.

Diabetes Support Group, South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, monthly meeting, Wednesday, June 7, 7 to 8 p.m. For information call 781-340-4166.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday evening, June 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Refreshments. Admission $12, student discount with ID. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleyonthecharles.com.

Thursday, June 8

A visit with Mother Goose at the Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Ave., No. Easton, Thursday, June 8, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Interactive performance by Sally Davis for pre-school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Admission $6 per person, members and children under age 1 free admission. For information visit www.childrensmuseumineast-on.org or call 508-230-3789.

Cranberry Hospice Ninth Annual Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 8, at the Plymouth Country Club. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration at 11:30 a.m., Luncheon at noon. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by awards ceremony, auction and raffle. $150 entry fee per golfer. Sponsorships still available. To register call 508-830-2465.

Starcreation Theater presents the musical "Tiny Thumbelina," Thursday, June 8,and Friday, June 9 at 5 p.m., Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets $3. For reservations and information call 508-747-1234 or e-mail info@starcreations.org.

Civil War Circle "The Trent Affair," history discussion group, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Open to the public. $5 donation requested. For information call 617-696-1815.

Open mic country bluegrass jam with "Flintlock," Thursday, June 8, from 8 to 10 p.m., Bendle-Beans BBQ, 6b Riverside Drive, Pembroke. Call 781-910-9159.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

27th Annual Sea Musical Festival will celebrate music from the Age of Sail June 8 through 11, at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. Musicians will perform aboard ships and on stage at Lighthouse Point, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 7 p.m. Performances and workshops on Saturday and Sunday at the Museum of America and the Sea. For more information call 888-973-2767 or visit www.mystic-seaport.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Greg MacKenzie and Greenbacks**, Thursday, June 8. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe .com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends**, Thursday, June 8. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/nextpage.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 8, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring 3rd Left** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, June 9

"Bloom" mixed media exhibit of leading South Shore artists through June 23 at Epiphany Designs, 518 Nantasket Ave., Hull. A collection of oils, prints, photographs, watercolors, ceramics, and jewelry in spring colors. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 781-925-4344.

New Life Church in Weymouth presents "Godspell," June 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m., and June 11, 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets $12. Group rates available. Call 781-843-4355 or e-mail godspell@newlife4square.org.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center presents Morland Cary's "Love Rides the Rails," a classic melodrama of the railroads complete with vile villains and valiant heroes and heroines, Friday, June 9, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m., at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets $10, $8 seniors and students, $5 Dreamchasers' students. For advance purchase call 508-224-4548. Final dress rehearsal June 8, 4 p.m., with free admission for seniors. For more information visit www.dreamchaserstheatre .org.

Big Red Golf Tournament to benefit the Jimmy Fund, Friday, June 9, Olde Scotland Links, Bridgewater. For information call 866-521-GOLF.

Tenth Annual Art Exhibit at The New Art Forum of Kingston, gala opening on Friday, June 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. "Sale Into Art" may be viewed June 10 and 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.; June 13 through 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Evening hours on June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit is located at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. For information call Lilias at 781-585-5622 or email: artforumkingston@adelphia.net.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Cindy Daley Blues Band w/Satch Romano** Friday, June 9. For more information call 781-335-9796 or visit barrelhouseblues.com/next page.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 9, **Lisa Love Experience** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.british beer.com.

Auditions

SOUTH SHORE SUMMER THEATER will be holding auditions for its children's summer theater production of "Strega Nona," a musical based on the children's book. Many roles are available that require talented children who act and sing from ages 8-15. Auditions will be held Tuesday, June 6 from 5-8 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church. Performances will be July 28, 29 and 30. Rehearsals are early evenings in June and July. Call 781-545-7043 for more information, or visit www.southshoresummertheater.com.

THE ISLAND GROVE CHORUS, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. A women's *a cappella* chorus that gives vocal training to its members who provide musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shore area. For information call a Sweet Adeline at 781-843-4355.

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CENTER is accepting registration for their Summer Theatre Program. Classes begin July 10 and conclude August 5. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All students take classes in acting, dance, stage movement and improvisation. Enrollment is limited and registration is required. Call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchasersthreatre.org.

Ongoing events

Fitness Programs and Exercise Classes, at Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon for mothers with child-care available; 1 to 3 p.m., seniors ages 60 and over. To register call 781-925-1941 or e-mail szabofit-ness@gmail.com.

Smoking Cessation group sessions with acupuncture, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. To register call 781-925-1941 or e-mail szabofit-ness@gmail.com.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts needs your unwanted vehicles. Consider donating an old or unused car to help support their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizons-forhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizons-forhomelesschildren.org.

Infertility Support Group at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. For individuals or couples experiencing fertility problems. Allow an opportunity to share feelings and concerns in a confidential setting and helps improve coping skills. Group meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. No fee. Call Janet Garnier, LICSW at 508-830-2412 for more information.

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A concert version of the operetta, "Pirates of Penzance" by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan will be presented June 4th at 4 p.m. in the Old Ship meeting house, 107 Main St., Hingham. There will be costumed soloists, fine vocalists of semi-professional caliber as well as a small orchestra. All choruses will be sung by the audience, and choral scores will be available. Tickets are $10 and available in advance from church members, Nobles Camera Shop and the Hingham Public Library. They may also be purchased at the door. More information may be obtained by calling (781) 383-2240.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmass-bay.org or email: peg.merzbach-er.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting, wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

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Fee hike

Cost of blue bags, stickers going up

By Samantha Brown
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Fees of every shape and form are currently on the table for both the town and schools due to the failed overrides. The Board of Selectmen voted Monday to increase both the cost of all-facility stickers and pay-as-you-throw bags, which may be the first in a long line of changes.

All-facility stickers allow use of the Recycling Transfer Facility as well as parking at Sandy Beach and all other areas which require a parking sticker. The town is limited in terms of what it can charge for fees, as they may only cover the cost of the service provided and cannot bring in money over and above that cost or it is considered a tax. Only the legislature can impose taxes, not towns.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said the Board of Selectmen has traditionally aimed at covering

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Class of 2006 moves off high school stage

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Katherine Whoriskey, left, and Emilie Shea, right, each pick up their rose before the start of Saturday's CHS commencement at the Music Circus. For more photos, see pages 26 & 27.

Says it's ready for new challenges

By Samantha Brown
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With misty skies outside the tent of the South Shore Music Circus and misty eyes underneath it, this Saturday the 97 members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2006 received their diplomas.

Wearing the traditional blue and white caps and gowns, the members of the class walked down the aisle and across the stage of the theater in the round while friends and family jumped out of their seats to get the perfect photo.

Cohasset Middle High School Principal Joel Antolini welcomed everyone to the day's ceremony, with a special welcome going out to members of the Class of 1956 who were in town celebrating their 50th class reunion. Antolini then handed the microphone over to Class President Brendon Barrett.

Barrett said over the years he and his classmates have been together, the relationships they formed while on the jungle gym at the Osgood School have only gotten stronger. "We've been through a lot together — our

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Third-grader is principal for day

Carly Norton takes over at main office

By Samantha Brown
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When third grade student Carly Norton arrived at school Tuesday, she went directly to the principal's office. But she wasn't there to be scolded by Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley, she was there to take his seat, as she had been awarded the title of "Principal for the Day."

The PSO sponsored a telethon as well as an online auction at the beginning of May and Carly's mother placed a bid on the "Principal for the Day" item and won. Carly said at first, she didn't know her mother had won and when people asked her if she was excited about her new role, she didn't know what they were talking about. However, she said it ended up being a nice surprise.

Before the big day, Gauley met with Carly to help prepare her and let her know what to expect as head of the school. When she arrived at school Tuesday, her mother dropped her off and instead of going to teacher Emily Fortin's classroom, she came in and put her bag down in Gauley's office. She made the morning announcements and told the students all MCAS testing was over and scores would be received in October.

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Deer Hill student Carly Norton sits in a meeting with third-grade teachers discussing the next academic year.

At 8:30 a.m., Carly said she helped Gauley send out e-mails to some other principals and some teachers. She also reviewed the Safety Plan drill. Next, Carly had a meeting with members of the PSO. "We talked about how to raise money for the fifth graders who are going to camp," she said, as the fifth grade travels to Camp Bournedale for one week each spring and planning for next year's trip is already underway.

Carly then did some classroom observations, which she said was one of the most fun parts of the day. "I liked going to different classes and seeing my friends and what other classes do," she said. Carly said she even went to her own classroom to see how they were doing.

With the school year coming to a close, Carly helped Gauley prepare some materials for the parents of Osgood students who will be coming up to Deer Hill next year. Osgood parents were scheduled to have an orientation the next day and Carly helped print out papers and prepare a Power Point presentation.

When lunch time rolled around, Carly sat at her regular table with her friends. "It

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Harbor action plan surfaces

By Samantha Brown
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Last July, the Harbor Health committee was appointed to take the lead in cleaning up the town's waters. Less than one year later, the group has established many contacts at the state and local level, and is well on its way to determining why the harbor's health has been suffering, and what can be done to fix it.

At the May 22 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Harbor Health Committee Chairman Karen Quigley presented the board with an action plan that will help the town chart a course moving forward. Quigley said many of the initiatives outlined in the plan are already underway, at no cost to the town.

One of the most exciting plans for the harbor is its involvement in the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean New England Beaches Initiative. Under this program, the EPA conducts targeted bacterial monitoring at several selected freshwater and marine beaches each summer. Bassing Beach has been selected as one of the testing sites by the EPA as a result of the agency's review of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's historical beach data (2002-2005) in which Bassing Beach has shown repeated bacterial incidents, resulting in 48 beach closure days.

The targeted monitoring and screening will attempt to locate potential bacteria source(s) that may be impacting the beach. The EPA will work with the Harbor Health Committee, the Board of Health, and the students at the Center for Student Coastal Research. Between four and six sampling events (testing for enterococci bacteria) are planned at between 12 and 15 sites during the months of June and July. The EPA's regional laboratory in Chelmsford will analyze all collected water samples. In addition, the regional lab will provide other testing to help screen and detect human sources of bacterial pollution.

"All this is being done for the town at no cost, which is very generous on behalf of all the agencies,"
— Karen Quigley, Harbor Health Committee

"All this is being done for the town at no cost, which is very generous on behalf of all the agencies," Quigley said. Quigley also noted the Cohasset Conservation Trust owns Bassing Beach and has cooperated fully with the testing.

A "kickoff" to the study was held Thursday, May 25 at the town dock on Government Island. Ken Moraff, deputy

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PICTURE THIS/Emily Nash and Nils Sceery

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The Mariner caught up with Cohasset High School Class of 2006 Valedictorian Emily Nash and Salutatorian Nils Sceery during graduation Saturday. There were 97 graduates in this year's senior class.

Names: Emily Nash and Nils Sceery.

Occupation: Student and Class of 2006 Valedictorian (Emily). Student and Class of 2006 Salutatorian and a tennis instructor at the Cohasset Indoor Tennis Club (Nils).

Best day of your life: I'm sure the best is yet to come (Emily). When I took a set off my Dad in tennis (Nils).

Best vacation: Going to Quebec with my friends (Emily). Summers in France (Nils).

Favorite season: Winter (Emily). Summer (Nils).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Emily). Thanksgiving (Nils).

Favorite junk food: Ice cream (Emily). Gut Buster from Atlantic Bagel (Nils).

Best book: "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller (Emily). "1984," by George Orwell, "Walden," by Henry David Thoreau and "The Conspiracy of Fools," by Kurt Eichenwald (Nils).

Best movie: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (Emily). "Inside Man" and any James Bond movie (Nils).

Best TV show: "Lost" (Emily). "24" (Nils).

Pet peeve: When people chew loudly (Emily). Dishonesty (Nils).

Best part of Cohasset: Sandy Beach (Emily)...The fact that it is such a close-knit community (Nils).

Most embarrassing moment: During gym class a few years ago, I tried to jump over the net on the tennis court and landed flat on my face (Emily). Voice cracks during Varsity soccer games (Nils).

Goal: To become an environmental scientist and end global warming (Emily). To become a person of value and character (Nils).

Person I'd most like to meet: Trot Nixon of the Red Sox (Emily). My parents and grandparents when they were my age (Nils).

Biggest worry: College! (Emily). That I won't have enough time to fulfill all of my dreams and ambitions (Nils).

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Police warn disoriented raccoons could be rabid

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset residents have been calling the police lately reporting raccoons acting strangely. Some reports say the raccoon appears sick and others describe the animal as sitting in the driveway.

Police Chief James Hussey says according to Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy, it appears the incidence of rabies in the raccoon population is high on the South Shore this year. Some years rabies appears to occur more in foxes or skunks, he said.

"This can go in cycles and this appears to be the year for raccoons," Hussey said because the department has received multiple calls about sick raccoons.

"People should be aware that any wild animal acting strangely, appearing disoriented or sick, or overly friendly, is not normal behavior," Hussey said.

The police chief explained that wild animals, like raccoons are only tested for rabies if the animal has attacked, bitten or scratched a human being or an unvaccinated domestic animal, like a pet dog or cat. "Those are the protocols set up by the Department of Public Health," Hussey said. In other words, not all wild animals that are sick or acting strangely that are caught and put down are tested for the disease or the DPH would be overloaded, he said.

Hussey urged residents not to feed wild animals or attract them to households by leaving garbage out in unsecured containers.

Lost pocketbook found

Police Chief James Hussey said as it turned out the pocketbook reported stolen at Shaw's featured in a story in last week's Mariner was lost, not stolen. He said the victim called police (May30) to say someone had turned her pocketbook in at Walgreen's (next to Shaw's) and nothing was taken. Recently police arrested a Scituate woman in connection with thefts of pocketbooks from Shaw's and Stop & Shop, and continue to urge shoppers to be vigilant about their wallets and pocketbooks while shopping.

Road rage

Police found no evidence of a road rage incident reported last Thursday, June 1. The cell caller, who did not leave a name, reported she witnessed a road rage incident in which the suspect attempted to throw a ladder through the windshield of the victim. She said the ladder was in the middle of Route 3A. "Our investigation revealed no evidence of the incident having taken place," Chief James Hussey said. "There was nothing on the road."

Oil spill

Approximately 75 gallons of home heating oil spilled inside the upholstery shop on Brook Street last Thursday (June 1) creating a hazardous materials incident that was handled by the fire department. The fire department brought in the Department of Environmental Protection to assist with the cleanup. The incident may have been caused by a leak in the oil tank.

Tick bites

Two police officers were bitten by ticks while taking firearm training on Moon Island in Quincy, Chief James Hussey said. The ticks were not deer ticks, which can carry lime disease. Hussey said the officers just wanted to report the incident and have it documented.

Major outage causes flood of 9-1-1 calls

By Mary Ford
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Police are asking residents *not* to call 9-1-1 when the power goes out unless it is an emergency.

Last Thursday (June 1) there was a major power outage on the South Shore and the dispatch center at police/fire headquarters was flooded wi.h upwards of 75, 9-1-1 calls, Chief James Hussey said.

"Chances are if it is a major power outage, we know about it," Hussey said, explaining some of the callers were informing police about the outage. "We want to make sure to keep the 9-1-1 line open for emergencies."

He explained with one dispatcher on, multiple calls might have to be bumped over to another community.

Residents can call the police business line at 781-383-1055 with non-emergency questions or comments.

David Graves, spokesman for National Grid, said there was a brief equipment problem that disrupted the flow from the transmission line into multiple substations affecting lines that feed Cohasset, Scituate, Hanover, Abington, Rockland, Whitman, Norwell and Pembroke.

The incident occurred at 6:47 p.m. last Thursday (June 1) affecting 9,754 customers. Power was out for 17 minutes — the time it took to reenergize the substations — coming back on at 7:04 p.m..

"It looks as though almost the entire town of Cohasset was affected," Graves said. "National Grid has 3,400 residential and commercial customers in Cohasset and 3,039 were affected."

Graves explained that "everyone went out at the same time and came back on at the same time."

The outage also knocked out the traffic lights on Route 3A.

The incident was not weather related. However, later that evening the weather caused an incident on Pond Street when a lightning bolt hit a tall pine tree, setting off car alarms and frying the television set at 53 Pond St. A piece of wood from the tree flew across the street breaking a window at 68 Pond.

Wednesday, there were two weather-related outages in Cohasset, Graves, the National Grid spokesman said. The first occurred at 10:20 a.m. and lasted eight minutes. A tree came down on a line on Henry Turner Bailey Road in Scituate, affecting 285 Cohasset customers and 391 in Scituate.

At 1:50 p.m., Wednesday, a tree came down across three lines on Sohier Street taking out service to 1,754 customers in Cohasset and 19 in Scituate, Graves said. Power was out for two hours and 25 minutes, coming back on at 4:15 p.m. Interestingly that same line also affected 4,800 customers in Brockton, Graves said.

Department of corrections

An article which ran in last week's Mariner which discussed implementing fees for use of facilities incorrectly reported the current tuition rates for the before and after-school enrichment program at the Osgood School. Those students who attend five mornings per week are currently charged $170 per month, those who attend five afternoons per month are charged $310, and those who attend the morning and afternoon sessions are charged $450 per month. The Mariner regrets the error.

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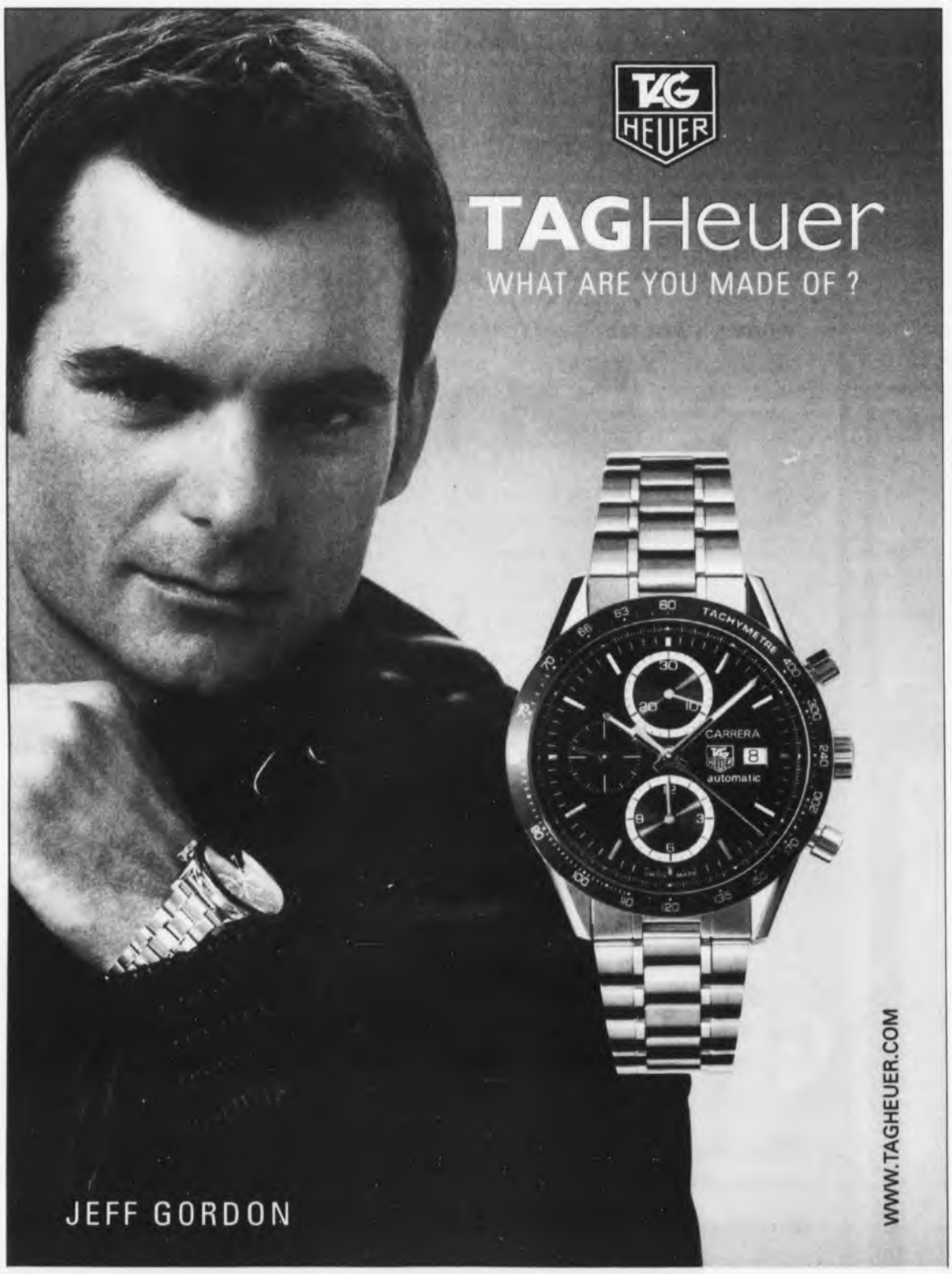

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Dean dogs gone

By Samantha Brown
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Nine border collies owned by Mia and John Dean of Meadow Lane were seized on Memorial Day. All nine of the dogs had been ordered to be restrained and kept on the Dean property at all times, and that order was violated on May 29.

According to police reports, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy was called to Pleasant Street on Memorial Day when the dogs escaped from Cohasset Greenery, owned by Alida Dean, daughter of Mia and John Dean. The dogs allegedly began coming after people and "tearing things up." It took police officers and Murphy five hours to corral the dogs.

Once the dogs were in custody, Murphy brought the dogs to the Marshfield Animal Shelter. Town Manager Bill Griffin said the Marshfield Animal Control Officer was also called in on the holiday to deal with the dogs, and the town of Marshfield has been very accommodating in helping Cohasset with the situation.

In April, selectmen issued an order for the dogs that required the Deans place four of the nine dogs into suitable rescue facilities to break up the "pack mentality" which was displayed during some of the incidents which have taken place in town. Four residents have been threatened and/or bitten by the dogs, and one of the incidents took place at Cohasset Greenery. If facilities could not be found, the town said those animals would have to be put to sleep. The Deans appealed the order with the District Court and the town's ruling was upheld.

All nine border collies had undergone a behavioral analysis and the board carried out the specialist's recommendations. The five dogs the Dean family was allowed to keep were ordered to be neutered and restrained at all times, either on a leash, or in an enclosure built on the family's property. The family also had five puppies which were not part of the order, but for which the board suggested the Deans find homes for.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said because the order has now been violated he will need to speak with Town Council to determine the appropriate course of action. The town had said the family could keep five dogs if the order was not violated. The four dogs which were ordered out of the Dean home have been placed in facilities in Massachusetts and New York. Appropriate homes are being looked into for the remaining dogs, and Murphy is working with Town Counsel to ensure placement of those dogs complies with the order. If homes cannot be found, Murphy may order the dogs be destroyed. The Deans currently have two of the five puppies at their home.

Learn To Row Day

This Saturday, June 9, the Cohasset Maritime Institute will conduct a "Learn to Row" day from noon - 2p.m. at the boathouse, behind 40 Parker Ave., where CMI staff and coxswains will be available to demonstrate the use of the clubs' sliding seat 4's, Alden's and dory. All are welcome to try to row in any of these vessels.

CMI still has some spaces available in its Spring and Summer 2006 Rowing Schedule, for the sliding seat 4 vessels for adults and for its Summer Middle School Rowing Program. Visit: website, www.rowcmi.com for the application, schedule, waiver and other information. Information will also be available at the boathouse on Saturday. Please call Susan Galligan (781.383.0765) or Lisa Hewitt Dick (781.383.0204) with any questions. Hope to sea you there!

Jury to decide harassment claim

Fired dispatcher sues town

By Mary Ford
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Closing arguments in "DeWolfe vs. the Town of Cohasset" were expected to take place yesterday (Thursday) after the Mariner went to press.

On one side is former civilian dispatcher Barbara DeWolfe, who claims she was fired in retaliation after requesting a stress leave due to harassment allegedly inflicted on her by a sergeant who regularly shared her shift.

On the other side is the Town of Cohasset that disputes DeWolfe was a victim of sexual harassment and says there is no record she ever told anyone of her allegations while she was employed as a dispatcher.

This week a jury in the civil trial at Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham is expected to decide whom to believe.

Closing arguments in "DeWolfe vs. the Town of Cohasset" were expected to take place yesterday after the Mariner went to press. A verdict could have come down late yesterday or sometime today (Friday).

DeWolfe, who was employed as a full-time dispatcher for 18 months, is seeking back pay and benefits and damages for pain and suffering, her attorney James J. Ciapciak said. She was fired on Oct. 29, 2003 by then Town Manager Mark Haddad when she called about not being able to cover her scheduled shift due to child-care problems. She had received two prior written reprimands about attendance problems.

But Ciapciak, of Ciapciak & Associates in Norwood, says the reason given for firing DeWolfe was pretext — or to mask — the real reason, which was the fact she sought stress leave due to a hostile working environment.

DeWolfe says nothing was done after she complained about Sgt. David Pomarico's "lewd and harassing conduct." She claims some officers watched adult-oriented cable channels at the police station and that Pomarico had a tendency to touch her in an inappropriate and unwelcome manner, by pulling her hair and bringing his face close to DeWolfe's. She says she did not feel safe in such an environment and was oftentimes alone with Pomarico.

This week in addition to DeWolfe and Polmarico (who is now retired), several police officers, the police department secretary, dispatchers, and the dispatch communications supervisor all testified. Retired Chief Robert Jackson was expected to take the stand yesterday.

Ciapciak said DeWolfe was making about $50,000 a year including benefits and overtime when she was fired. He said she tried to settle with the town "which did not offer her anything to make it worth her while."

"The town made it easy to make the decision to go to trial," he said, explaining that three years is the normal amount of time for a case to get to trial in civil cases.

Ciapciak said DeWolfe described the environment at the police station as "hostile toward women" and claims the officers often watched adult movies on cable-TV including women comparing their breasts and behinds. "The test is: would you want your mother, sister or daughter subjected to that," he said.

Attorney Leonard H. Kesten, who is representing the town, considered DeWolfe's demands as "extortive" in light of the total absence of merit to her case. He said no one at the department even hinted to the dispatch committee that consisted of the fire chief, police chief and Town Manager about her sexual harassment claims. "Her complaint was totally unsupported," he said.

Kesten said while the work environment was certainly tense – in light of the fact two officers had been placed on administrative leave on another matter – it was not hostile. He said on a couple of instances some officers watched the Howard Stern show, which was inappropriate but did not amount to sexual harassment.

"The fact is DeWolfe was fired for being chronically late and absent," he said. "No one heard any complaints from her until after she visited her attorney's office. There are no witnesses to support her story."

In a related matter, Judge Elizabeth Donovan who is presiding over the DeWolfe trial, recently issued the opinion on the sexual harassment claim filed by former dispatcher Adrienne Davenport stating what happened to Davenport did not amount to sexual harassment. That case was dismissed.

Davenport, who resigned in June 2002, accused three officers of sexually harassing her by making false accusations that she was having an affair with a coworker and for using their supervisory capacity to harass and intimidate her. She also charged then Town Manager Mark Haddad with sexual harassment and intimidation by sending the officers to question her. Davenport also charged then Chief Robert Jackson with aiding and abetting the harassment and for failing to stop it.

Police Chief James Hussey said the police department wants to move on. He said during the trial the department has had to pay overtime or backfill positions with police and personnel from the night shift to cover for officers and dispatchers who testified.

"We are looking forward to the whole thing being over with," Hussey said. "We have put the past behind us and are going forward providing the best service we can to Cohasset and its residents."

Water main flushing this month

Cohasset Water Department will be flushing water mains during the month of June. Temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the areas to be flushed each day. Notice will also be provided on the local cable access channel, Channel 10.

"Water main flushing helps to remove the mineral deposit build up which may have accumulated in the water mains. It is an important part of our ongoing commitment to providing high quality drinking water," noted water superintendent Eileen Commane.

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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Morrissey, 44 Hillside Drive, finish basement for use as family room, $19,555; Lengyel, 306 Forest Ave., rebuild existing deck, $5,000; St. John, 20 Stockbridge St., remodel/expand bathroom, $4,000; Conte, 151 Sohier St., repair rook leak, $800; Meehan, 354 Jerusalem Rd., gazebo addition, reroute driveway, $406,000; Helton, 299 Forest Ave., replace kitchen cabinets, windows, $10,000; Armstrong, 105 Ripley Road, build deck around Goodfellas Trattria, $3,000; DeCaprio, 10 River Road, 13 squares, wood shingle, aluminum gutters, $18,000; and Hamilton, 363 Jerusalem Road, erect 10' x 16' utility building, $8,000.

Tehranian, 132 Atlantic Ave., siding, windows, $21,500; D'Antonio, 348 Forest Ave., add laundry room, $20,000; Riihimaki, 130 Atlantic Ave., two-car garage, family room, master bedroom, $230,000; Sheehy, 57 Jerusalem Road, 19 squares, $8,800; Jackson, 9 Ash St., 24 squares, $7,150; Dicorsi, 520 Jerusalem Road, tent from May 19 to May 22, $600; DiTullio, 24 Little Harbor Lane, replace existing front entry, four square roof, clapboard, $12,000; Troupe, 8 Short St., new entry, porch, kitchen, master bath, windows, $220,000; Crews, 6 Joy Place, add second floor to garage, raise existing breezeway, $20,000; Hickey, 323 North Main St., re-side house, $10,000; Chase, 25 Red Gate Lane, remove sliders, skylights, remodel sunroom, $20,000.

Brown, 67 Ripley Road, re-roof 13 squares, $5,700; Fever, 364 Jerusalem Road, demolition prior to remodel, $10,000; Conroy, 96 Doane St., remodel bathroom, $5,000; Ahearn, 41 Clayspring Road, 16' x 17' deck per plan, $7,000; and Caravel by Sea, 131 Nichols Road, repair, re-roof 29 squares, $26,000.

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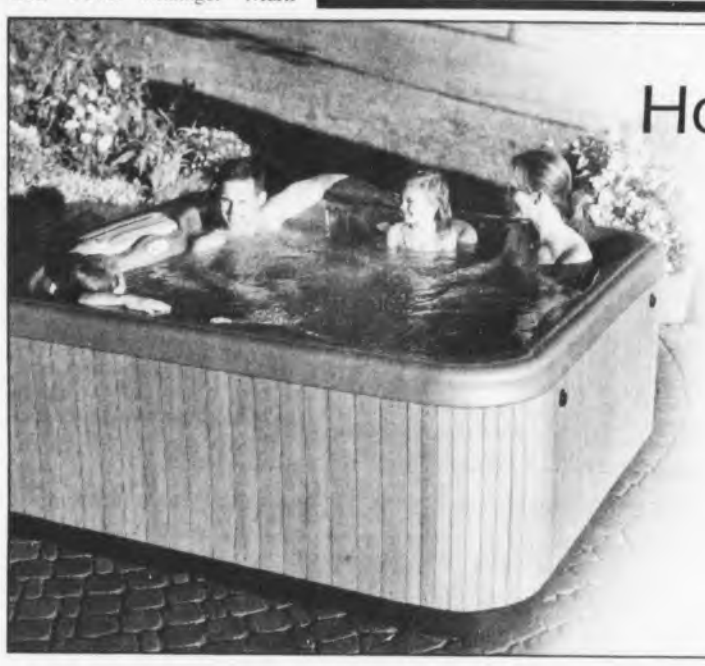
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RAIN, RAIN

Hello Cohasset. Will it ever stop raining? I saw on the weather that Monday should be nice, one out of six ain't bad! It will get better and the grass, flowers and trees are happy I guess. Uggh. Anyways, a lot of proud parents are out and about talking and sharing the news about their recent graduates from preschool on up. Congratulations again to all and more are yet to come.

Get ready for next weekend as Cohasset celebrates the annual Arts Festival on the Common and the Cohasset Relay For Life kicks off at the same time. It will be busy but wonderful weekend to look forward to after this wet and soggy one.

MIDNIGHT BLUE

The Class of 2006 leaves behind its class spirit and a newly renovated space called "Midnight Blue" for underclassman to enjoy for years to come! After months of renovations funded by private sponsors, the Post Prom Committee '06 hosted the Senior Prom After Party in the former "Garage".

The all night lock-in party was a huge success and included a 2-1/2 hour performance by the Aerosmith tribute band, "Draw The Line". Although the prom party is over, the Seniors leave a great new space "Midnight Blue" to be enjoyed by Cohasset youth for years to come. "Midnight Blue" is located in the town parking lot — come on down and see the improvements made by the many post-prom sponsors

CONCORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Katie Kuppens** of Cohasset who graduated from Concord Academy in Concord, Mass. While at Concord Academy, Katie's' activities included chorus, field hockey, and volunteering for Concord Academy's Admissions Committee. During her junior year, Katie participated in CITYterm, an innovative academic program in New York City. Katie's parents are **Cindy and Michael Kuppens,** who are so proud of all she has done. As Katie moves forward, she plans to intern at a local children's museum before attending Trinity College. Super work and news Katie.

DEAN'S LIST

Anthony Truglia of Cohasset was named to the deans' list at Suffolk University in Boston for the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year. That was a lot of hard work Anthony, keep it up!

MUSIC SCHOLARS

The South Shore Music Teachers Association recently awarded Summer Music Experience Scholarships to **Austin and Zoe Meyers**. Austin will be attending The Putney School Summer Program in Putney, Vt ,where he will take music and art classes. Zoe will participate in a Summer Sonatina International Piano camp in Bennington, Vt. where she will study piano, as well as participate in fun camp activities. Their parents, **Carol and Steve Meyers**, are very proud of their accomplishments!

NDA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy incoming freshmen **Courtney Culhane** for being named a Notre Dame Scholar for the Class of 2010. Courtney was chosen based on her outstanding academic record which places her in the top 15 percent of accepted students. As a Notre Dame Scholar, Courtney will receive a scholarship for all four years of high school and will participate in a series of interactive, educational and fun programs during her four years as well.

THANKS, GEORGE!

The Cohasset Diamond Club would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to those of who helped raise money to support Cohasset High School Baseball. Everyone is so grateful to all the dirty car owners who waited patiently to have cars washed or those of you who made donations to the team while canning and/or contributed to the Program Guide. Although Deer Hill School was the site for the fundraiser due to poor street conditions downtown, a special thanks goes out to **George Roukounakis**, owner of Olympic Citco, who year after year allows the club to use his station for car washes. Again, thank you to all for your support!

FOOTBALL COACH

The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to invite anyone who would like to meet Cohasset High School's new head football coach, **Peter Afanasiw**, to a reception that will be held at 6:30 on Tuesday, June 13 at the Cohasset Lightkeepers function hall. The new coach would like to meet the parents as well as players to discuss his approach to the game of football. Light refreshments will be served. Please feel free to call **Alan and Linda Snowdale** at 781-383-9131 if you have any questions.

PILGRIM MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Congratulations to **Bob Driscoll**, who was the lucky winner of two tickets to the May 24th Red Sox vs. Yankees game at Fenway Park. The Driscolls were one of hundreds of local families that entered the drawing at Pilgrim Bank to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The drawing was held May 16th at Pilgrim Bank's main office in Cohasset Village. Bob met his eight-year-old son at his bus top that Friday afternoon to share the great news. "I'm not sure which one of us was more excited!" he said. **Donna Murphy**, Pilgrim Bank's Vice President and organizer of the fundraiser, was thrilled with the response. "So many of our customers were happy to participate," she said. "This drawing alone raised $3,200 for the fight against cancer."

Pilgrim bank has been a proud sponsor of The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life since it first came to Cohasset 10 years ago. Many of the bank's employees and their families also participate as part of the "Pilgrim Difference" relay team. Together, the bank and its team members and supporters have contributed close to $30,000 to the American Cancer Society.

MEMORY RIDE

Another event that will be coming up in July has been brought to my attention and I really hope that everyone who can or would like to will think about supporting Joe in his efforts. **Joe Masci,** a Cohasset resident since 1994 is taking part in this amazing benefit ride. On July 15th and 16th, Joe will participate in a fundraiser to benefit research for a cure to Alzheimer's disease. It's called Memory Ride; it is a 2-day, 150 mile bike ride from Brattleboro, Vt. to Fitchburg, Mass., to Boston. With the support of so many friends, neighbors and colleagues Joe has set an ambitious fundraising goal of $5,000. Anyone interested in donating can contact Joe via e-mail at:

joe.masci@pollak.com or visit his personal web page at the Memory Ride website, at :

http://memoryride2006.kintera.org/jmasci.

Frank Campbell, president and CEO of Pilgrim Bank, presents two Red Sox tickets to Bob Driscoll, winner of a drawing to benefit the American Cancer Society.

It is truly a great cause and with the increase in Alzheimer's disease, one that is definitely needed to be worked on.

LOBSTER ROLL SALE

First Parish U.U. Church in Cohasset will holds its Lobster Roll Sale June 16 -18. These are all-meat lobster rolls and a bag of Cape Cod Potato chips for $13 each. Pre-ordering is encouraged! Mail in your order to the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025. Checks may be made out to "First Parish Cohasset" - $13 per lobster roll – or order by calling **Lucia Woods** at 781.383.1555. Your order may be picked up at the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset: Friday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 – 7: p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 – 7 p.m. and on Sunday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. or until all are sold.

PIRATE PARTY

Yo-Ho-Ho! Ahoy Me Hearties – Buttonwood Books & Toys is kicking off this summer with a Pirate Party, at Buttonwood, on Tue. Jun 27 at 10:30 a.m.. Pirate related book readings and activities are planned for budding buccaneers, ages 5 and up. This is a free event. Reservations are appreciated. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

LAUNCH PARTY

Join all for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' at the Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday July 8th from 5-11p.m.. All Parents and Adult Members of the CSC are invited to a New England style Lobster Bake and Silent/Live Auction to benefit the Club. The Party BYOB and will be held at the CSC rain or shine. Tickets are $40pp payable to Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phone from Barbara Golz at 383-1597 or mail your check to 25 Wood Way. Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- contact **Erik Golz** 383-1597 or egolz@comcast.net! Thanks to all, - see you on July 8th!!

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Relay For Life to remember Cohasset's Mardi Wood

By Samantha Brown
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Marjorie "Mardi" Wood always had a sunny disposition. Even through the tough times when she was undergoing chemotherapy, her family and friends never once heard her complain. This year, in celebration of her courage and the life she led, Cohasset's 10th Annual Relay for Life will be dedicated to her memory.

On June 16 and 17, Wood's family and friends as well as many other South Shore residents who have pledged their time to donate to the cause, will gather at Cohasset High School to walk in her memory during the Relay. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is an overnight benefit event in which team members take turns either running or walking laps, trying to keep one team member on the course at all times.," and already, more than 30 people have registered to participate.

Luscombe said when they got the news her mother had been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, the family was devastated, but Wood's attitude was so positive, the family used the experience as an opportunity to become proactive. While Wood took advantage of every available treatment, Luscombe became involved with the Road to Recovery, which provides cancer patients with transportation to appointments. The family also began participating in the Relay for Life. "I always wanted to put together a Relay team and I never did. This year, I said to myself, 'This has to be the year,' and it's just snowballed," she said.

"I had only hoped for eight or nine," people to join her team, said Luscombe, adding the support she has received has been overwhelming. While many donations have been pledged online, "I just opened up my mailbox and received another $100." Luscombe lives in Weymouth and teaches at Jenkins School in Scituate, and her father Peter Wood lives in Cohasset and she said friends and family from all over the South Shore have pledged to gather next weekend to support the cause. "It's turned into a gaggle of people, for lack of a better word. People just haven't said no," she said.

For Mardi Wood, the sun rose and set on her two grandsons, Daniel and Matthew Luscombe, whom she loved taking to the beach.

Wood's daughter Lauren Luscombe has coordinated a team which will be participating in her mother's memory named "S-Miles for Mardi."

Included in the team are Luscombe's two sons, 2-year-old Daniel and 5-year-old Matthew. As an only child, her sons were "Grandma's" only grandchildren. "The sun rose and set on the boys," she said, and even at their young ages, the boys have been very involved with the Relay already. Last year, the boys walked with their grandmother while she pushed the stroller around the high school track. This year, Matthew is participating in the walk again and has raised $120 on his own.

Luscombe said last year, the American Cancer Society received $150,000 from Cohasset's Relay for Life and every dollar counts. She said she was attending an event shortly after her mother passed away in February and heard the Cancer Society is at a point where funds coming in to support its efforts have been steady enough that the organization is optimistic it will be able to eradicate cancer by 2015. She said she hopes someday, "My kids won't have to do what I'm doing this year," because the need for funding to find a cure will be obsolete, she said. "It'll all be worth it in the long run."

Wood will always be remembered by her daughter as a one-of-a-kind mother, mother-in-law, wife, grandmother and friend. "She was all of 100 pounds and she fought this right until the very end," she said, adding her mother was still going to chemotherapy treatments two weeks before she passed away. Even a stem-cell transplant couldn't keep her away from being there when Daniel was born. "We pulled every string we could and even the doctors were telling her they had to get her out of the hospital in time to be there," she said.

Mardi Wood shares some smiles with her family, from left, son-in-law Shane Luscombe, holding grandson Daniel Luscombe, daughter Lauren Luscombe, grandson Matthew Luscombe and husband Peter Wood. Next weekend's Relay for Life will be dedicated in her memory.

But long before she was a doting grandmother, she was a doting mother, sewing skating dresses, prom dresses and even Luscombe's wedding dress. "I was nervous and I didn't want her to initially," she said, explaining when her mother had made her prom dress. "She hated it, I hated it, and neither one of us wanted to hurt the other's feelings," and she was skeptical about going through the same process with a wedding gown. But in the end, "It was beautiful and it was just mine, exactly the way I wanted," she said.

Next weekend, when family and friends are walking the track, they will recall all the good times they shared over the years. While they celebrate the lives of so many others who have passed away due to illness and celebrate with those who have beaten the disease, a smile will come across their faces, in memory of "Mardi."

The Relay for Life will be held at Cohasset High School Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Friday and runs through 10 a.m. Saturday. For more information, please visit the American Cancer Society's Web site at www.cancer.org or call relay chairmans Harry St. Onge at (781) 383-9465. Residents may register at the start of the Relay.

Relay For Life schedule of events

Friday:

3 p.m. – Relay for Life begins. Team registration open.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Children's tent theme – "Under the Sea. Face painting and crafts.

5 p.m. – Survivor registration open.

6 p.m. – Opening Ceremony with songs by Lisa Battista and Steven Gilbert; opening remarks; survivor's story; survivors and caretakers/supporters lap; team theme lap.

6:45 p.m. – Rusty Skippers Band.

6:45 to 8 p.m. – Taste of the Relay in the cafeteria.

7 p.m. – Jeremy Tosi, juggler and fire/hoop twirler.

8 p.m. – Storyteller in the children's tent.

9 p.m. – Luminaria Ceremony with songs by Lilly Sestito.

Saturday:

8 a.m. – Team registration open. DJ and Ray Papile.

10 a.m. – Closing ceremony with awards, remarks and final relay lap.

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Third-grader is principal for day

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was kind of normal until lots of kids started coming over to me and asking me questions," she said. Carly added her friends think "It's cool" that she was able to serve as principal for the day and they wish their mothers could have won it for them.

After lunch, it was back to work for Carly who met with the grade three teachers to help decide what next year will be like for the new third-grade students. She also reviewed the English language arts and reading curriculum materials.

At 2 p.m., Carly dismissed her fellow students, but the day wasn't over yet. She and Gauley reviewed the draft of the specialist schedule for next year and waited for bus routes to be complete. While Gauley stays until at least 5 p.m., he said since it was only her first day as principal, they'd give her a break and allow her to be picked up after the bus routes were complete at 3 p.m.

Carly said before becoming principal for the day, she never knew how much work a principal has. "He gets lots of e-mails and lots of phone calls too," she said. "He has to do so much stuff." Carly said the toughest part for her was talking to the students who had gotten into trouble. "I had to ask them what happened and give consequences," she said, adding she had to tell one of the students they couldn't play with another student during recess that they had been having trouble with in the classroom.

Carly said after being principal for the day, when she grows up, she may want to become the real principal of a school. "It's hard work and there's lots of things you need to do, but it's fun too."

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Third-grader Carly Norton sits behind her nameplate at Mr. Gauley's desk at Deer Hill where she was principal for the day on Tuesday.

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Forum to reconvene

The "What's Possible" forum will meet again Tuesday June 13 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria to discuss the outcome of the first forum, held May 30. Results from the first meeting have been posted on the Web at www.togethercohasset.com. The forum provided a means for community members to foster discussion with one another, and those who attended broke up into smaller groups to discuss specific issues. All are welcome to attend the follow-up meeting.

Senior citizen fair

More than 60 vendors will be on hand at the River Bay Club in Quincy, Thursday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to answer questions about healthcare, long term care, pharmaceuticals, moving, finances and travel. There will also be vision and hearing tests administered and a free massage just for visiting. For more information or to sign up for a ride, please call the Council on Elder Affairs at (781) 383-9112. There is limited space, so sign up early.

CEA party June 21

The Council on Elder Affairs is celebrating the last day of school Wednesday, June 21 from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Bring in badges, hats, diplomas, pompoms and year books for a fun and festive lunch. There will also be contests and prizes. Lunch will be served at noon and costs $2.50. For more information or to sign up, please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112.

Fire services task force

The Board of Selectmen will discuss forming a fire services task force at its June 19 meeting. The board had discussed taking a closer look at the department's budget at its May 22 meeting and Town Manager Bill Griffin said he feels having a task force made up of many different stakeholders will be a good approach for looking at the town's options when it comes to paying for fire services. Griffin is currently working on a committee charge and will bring it to the board June 19.

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Class of 2006 moves off high school stage

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jump from kindergarten to what at the time seemed like 'the big leagues' in grade school, the awkward years, the emergence of peer pressure, revealing our first crushes, the list goes on…Wherever we go from here, no friendship will ever be stronger than the one formed while each of us grew from a child to an adult," he said.

Barrett recalled the Class of 2006 has had its fair share of laughs over the years. "Way back in the old Deer Hill School when our recess bell broke, Principal (Paul) Callahan introduced a cowbell to herd us back to class. In response, all of us could be heard 'moo-ing' on our way back into the building," he said.

Barrett said no matter where he or his classmates end up, they will always be grateful to have attended school in Cohasset. "There aren't many towns where the principal doesn't have to look at a list to know your first and last name while he hands you your diploma," he said. "There aren't too many towns where you can go back and visit an elementary school teacher who not only remembers you, but who your friends were as well."

Barrett said the town has changed greatly during the time his class has been in school, as theirs was one of the last to graduate from the "real" Joseph Osgood School and the former Deer Hill School. Theirs was also one of just two grades to experience the "vintage" CHS and newly renovated one in its entirety. However, at this time next year, surely more change will abound, as "the commencement speakers for the Class of 2007 may have to pause as the Greenbush train goes barreling through what will be a newly renovated downtown area," he said.

"To all my fellow classmates, I hope you enjoyed your time here as much as I did and I hope you got out of this experience everything it had to offer. I wish you continued success in everything you do, as you move from one stage in your life to the next."

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh addressed the class and commended them on their many achievements. She said 94 percent of this year's graduating class will go on to further their education and will attend some of the most prestigious colleges including Dartmouth, Cornell, Fordham, Tufts, Fairfield University and the University of Vermont, just to name a few.

"As graduates, we can no longer remain bystanders. The torch is being passed to us."
— Nils Sceery, salutatorian

Walsh advised the class to adhere to "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," as written by author Steven Covey. She told students to be successful, they must be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think "win-win," seek to understand, then to be understood, synergize and "sharpen the saw," which in essence means to take care of yourself in every way. "Take that singing lesson that could make you the next Taylor Hicks on American Idol or use that gym membership you paid for," she said.

"May you all be highly effective at all you choose to do," she said.

Salutatorian Nils Sceery spoke to the future of the Class of 2006. "Indeed, seated in front of you today are the doctors, lawyers, laborers, teachers, professors, servicemen and women, writers, poets, diplomats and politicians — Brendon Barrett has been campaigning since he first grew a beard in kindergarten — of tomorrow. The town of Cohasset has tirelessly invested both its time and funds into this class, and I assure you that investment will, and already has begun, to reap huge benefits," he said.

Sceery said his class has seen a dynamic change in the world around it as a result of the attacks of Sept. 11, the War on Terror and the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. "As graduates, we can no longer remain bystanders. The torch is being passed to us," he said. As they move on into the next phases of their lives, they will be asked to find the solutions and leave their communities a better place. "The world is ours to change," he said. "Best of luck to you all."

Valedictorian Emily Nash said it seems ironic to her that one of the most daunting tasks she has had all year has occurred after classes are finished. "It is a well-known fact that mankind's two greatest fears are death and public speaking, and seeing as I'm in good health, I'm sure you can guess what I'm feeling."

Nash referenced a quote stated by contemporary author Kurt Vonnegut. He said, "This is Eden, and you're about to be kicked out. Why? You ate the knowledge apple. It's in your tummies now." In Cohasset, Nash said she and her fellow classmates have had a glimpse of Eden. "Even the location seems to suggest this — a small, safe town with a common green, a quaint village center and a soft, sandy beach. I do not mean to imply that our lives have been perfect, each of us has had a personal struggle. Fortunately, we have always had the warmth of a supportive school and community," she said.

Nash said at one time, it was a common tradition for students to give their teachers an apple out of appreciation for their labor, "But it is in fact the teachers who bestow the apples — the apples of knowledge — upon us. Thanks to their efforts, and those of our families and friends, we have been made aware of the problems plaguing our society today and how we can make a difference."

"Now it is time that we too are 'kicked out.' As we move on to further education, employment or service, I hope your mouths are watering for that next apple."

Principal Antolini took the podium and joked, "Just because we're kicking you out, doesn't mean we don't want you back. Come back anytime."

Antolini taught at Cohasset Middle High School from September 1991 to June 1995 and remembers the Class of 2006 when they were students at the Osgood School. He said the class made as much of a positive impression on him the second time as they did the first. He said he remembers visiting the Osgood School years ago and how the children would sit on their rugs and listen to stories, so eager to participate. Antolini said the attitudes of the students "Seem very similar to the way I remember them years ago in the first grade." He added, "They remain a very tight-knit group."

Antolini said he is very proud of the class as a whole, as 23 individuals were inducted into the National Honor Society and 29 received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Nearly 90 percent of the student body participated in athletics, 10 were on state championship teams, and two students can call themselves "state champs."

Members of the class were also commended for their tremendous work on the high school paper, "The Spinnaker." Students also received the "Silver Key" in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Competition. Students received the Henry David Thoreau scholarship for outstanding work in science and participated in many community-related programs such as serving as big brothers and big sisters, working at the Historical Society, or serving as peer mentors.

As the students move ahead in their lives, "I know you'll always find more ways to make lasting impressions in our world. Good luck," he said.

After students received their diplomas, Class President Barrett came back to the podium to lead the group in moving their tassels from the left to the right, officially marking the end of their high school careers. Some tossed their graduation caps in the air as Barrett brought the ceremony to a close: " '06 out."

Retirees honored at Saturday's graduation

Six faculty members "graduated" alongside the Class of 2006. Combined, they have given 85 years of service to teaching students.

Joseph Bouchard has been a social studies teacher for 32 years and 28 years ago came to Cohasset Middle School. Cynthia Hurley has been a teacher for 26 years and began at the Osgood School in 1990, primarily as a first grade teacher.

Edward Leary began teaching at the middle-high school in 1973 and has taught English for the past 33 years. He has served as the chair of the department for the past 11 years. Anthony Rolfe has taught social studies for the past 34 years and joined the staff at the high school 18 years ago. He has also served as the Varsity football coach since 1988.

"Congratulations and may you have a long and prosperous retirement," said Cohasset Middle High School Principal Joel Antolini.

After graduation plans for Cohasset High seniors:

Cohasset seniors have the following plans after graduation:

Steven Abrams, CW Post; Brooke Allen, Stonehill; Nicholas Arment, University of Delaware; Brendon Barrett, Suffolk; Kelsey Bell, Tufts; Alexandra Belz, Fisher College; Patrick Bertovich, University of Arizona; Aaron Bigley, Wheaton College; Jessica Bilbo, Simmons College; Katherine Bolger, Bryant College; Benjamin Bolster, Johnson & Wales; Mark Bouchard, Gettysburg; Trevor Brady, Keene State; Christopher Bryan, Lynn University; Aidan Buick, Northfield Mount Hermon; John Burgoon, Quincy College; Prescott Busk, University of Vermont; Rita Carpenter, Fairfield University; Adam Chang, UMass-Boston; and Whitney Condon, UMass-Boston.

Also: Melissa Crawford, University of Delaware; Melissa Crowley-Buck, Loyola of Md.; Susan Curry, Georgia Tech; Amanda Daley, Hobart & William Smith; Michael Devlin, University of Rhode Island; Kathleen DeWaal, Savannah College of Design; Jennifer Dinger, Undecided; Shane Dorion, Suffolk; Nicole Dugan, Mass. College of Art; Zachary Etkind, Tufts; Marissa Evans, Fairfield University; Sydney Fallon, Fisher College; Matthew Fithian, University of Vermont; Aileen Fortunato, Arcadia University; Frederick Grassie, Cape Cod Community; Chelsea Grossman, Boston University; and Joanna Hamilton, United States Air Force.

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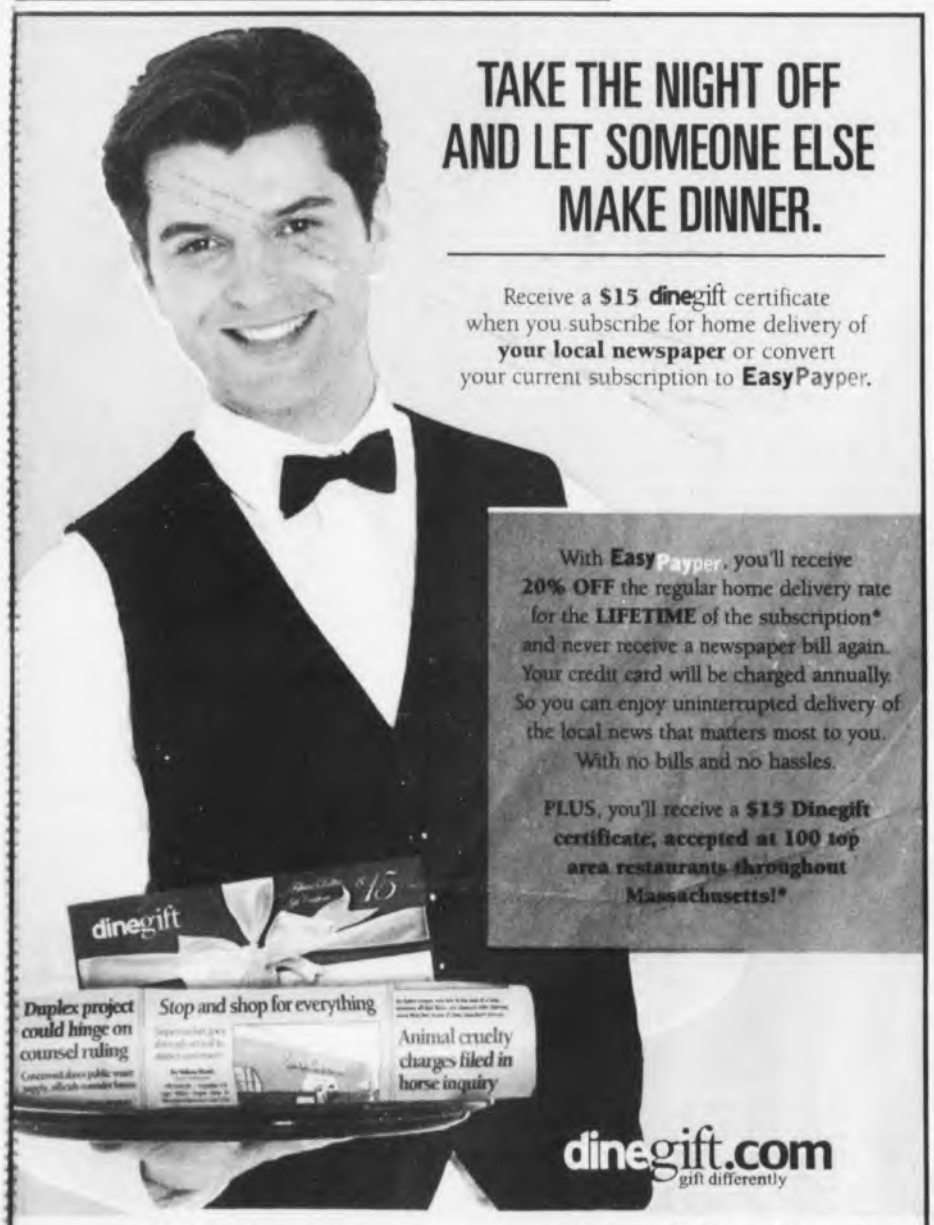

State offices clear Walsh on mailing

By Samantha Brown
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Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh is no longer being investigated by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance or the State Ethics Commission. Although Walsh violated campaign finance law when she used public funds to distribute information about the override election, in a letter dated May 25 sent by the OCPL, it states it believes Walsh has taken the appropriate remedial action by paying back the costs incurred to the town, and "We believe that our explanation of the law will help ensure future compliance."

In a letter sent May 30 to Anson Whealler, president of the political action committee dubbed Enough!, the State Ethics Commission states, "We have determined that this matter does not warrant further investigation or the imposition of formal sanctions at this time." The letter goes on to say while that does not mean the complaint was without merit, due to confidentiality restrictions the commission cannot discuss the specific considerations which applied to the handling of the complaint.

Whealler said now that the matter has been closed, Enough! would like to move forward. "They've made their determination and the matter is closed as far as we're concerned," he said.

What did the mailing cost?

Stamps (787 at 39 cents each)	$306.93
Paper (1,500 sheets)	$6.90
Envelopes (787 at 5 cents each)	$39.35
Address labels (787 at 1 cent each)	$7.87
Secretarial time (one hour at $17.35)	$17.35
Total	**$378.40**

Members of Enough! filed both complaints with the state against Walsh. The group, which opposed passing the $1.495 million override, filed the complaint with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance days after Walsh sent a letter outlining Frequently Asked Questions regarding the override the week before the vote, held May 6. Saturday, May 20, the group sent a packet of information to the State Ethics Commission, asking it to formally investigate the circumstances surrounding the letter, which was sent to every student in the district. Campaign Finance law prohibits the use of governmental resources to distribute informational or advocacy material regarding an override vote.

Elementary students brought the letter home in their backpacks while it was mailed home to all middle-high school families. The distribution included using school letterhead and for some, postage, as well as time spent by staff members who aided Walsh with the mailing. The complaint also includes any staff which helped Walsh compile the mailing.

At the time the first complaint was filed, Walsh said the list was intended to be purely informational, and she was under the impression that as long as she was objective and factual and did not advocate a position, she could distribute the letter to parents. After being notified it was in fact a violation, Walsh apologized and offered to pay the town back for time and materials.

Walsh has since filed an expense report with the town outlining the costs associated with the mailing. She has paid the town back $378.40, which covers the cost of stamps, paper, envelopes, address labels, and secretarial time.

Osgood, Deer Hill schools chart course for the future

Set stage for budget process

By Samantha Brown
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Every year the schools present an improvement plan to help keep things moving forward in a positive direction. At the June 1 School Committee meeting, plans were unveiled for both Osgood and Deer Hill which coincide with the district's Strategic Plan.

In essence, bringing forward the school plans is a first step toward building the fiscal 2008 budget, said Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh. The goals set will dictate and prioritize the line items of the future. The middle-high school improvement plan will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan as well as members of the Osgood School Council, including parents Lynne Schwandt, Kate Krumsiek and Bruce McMeekin, teachers Diane Barbieri and Jennifer Thorell, and community representative Chartis Tebbetts, drafted the school's improvement plan. Taking a cue from the district's goals, Osgood set goals of its own to coincide with the Strategic Plan.

To enable Osgood to continue its high performance standards, Sheehan said the school will continue the district's goal of improving communication among parents, the community, staff members and the town and will continue to use the Connect-ED notification system, which sends pre-recorded telephone messages home to parents. It will also utilize the district's Web site and local newspapers to communicate school information. The school also plans to increase communication via e-mail.

The district goal of promoting high expectations for all will tie in with Osgood's improvement plan to development an assessment method for gathering baseline data, monitoring student progress and measuring student progress in reading and writing. "We have had an assessment plan in place, but it's being updated," said Sheehan. The school would also like to improve student performance in math and form an assessment team to analyze school data. Another committee could be formed to explore elementary school foreign language programs.

The district's goal to provide a safe, respectful and positive learning environment for students, staff and the community will be carried through at Osgood by providing staff training for school safety plan procedures, by fully implementing and monitoring the building's security system and installing a generator for emergencies.

The district goal to meet present and future needs of Cohasset's student population will be met with the school's goals to provide staffing to keep class size below 20 students, to upgrade building infrastructure for technology and develop a plan for maintaining and upgrading equipment. "Traditionally, Osgood has received the hand-me-downs and we're fine with that as long as they work," said Sheehan. She added warranties for much of the school's equipment have run out and the pieces are outdated.

The school will also review report cards for alignment with the new curriculum programs, and examine National Association for the Education of Young Children requirements for accreditation. "It's quite a procedure, but very rewarding," she said.

Osgood has also set SMART goals, or goals which are "specific," "measurable," "attainable," "realistic," and "tangible" goals. The first is to have 85 percent of the school's students achieve unit and end-of-the-year grade-level benchmarks in the Reading Street program. "We thought we should set a high goal for our first year," said Sheehan. The second will see 85 percent of students achieve a score of three or better when giving a writing prompt using a four-point rubric, which is a kind of assessment tool. Scores of three or better mean a student is performing at their grade level or better. The school would also like to see 85 percent of grade one and two students achieve a threshold score of 31 or better on the end of the year Everyday Math assessments.

Deer Hill's plan

The Deer Hill improvement plan was drafted by members of its school council. Members include chairman and Principal Keith Gauley, co-chair and parent Beth Marsden-Gilman, teacher representatives Denise Yess and Suzi Corkhum, parent representatives Catherine O'Callaghan and School Committee liaison Jamie Williams.

The school's first goal is described by Gauley to be the "meat and potatoes." He would like to see all students meet or exceed target improvement goals in regard to student understanding, skill development and application of learning standards in English language arts, math and science and technology and engineering. To achieve that goal, he would like to analyze the current strengths and weaknesses of those areas on an annual basis and develop and implement an assessment system to benchmark student progress at all grade levels.

He would also like to implement a new grade three to grade five language arts program and ensure consistency for students from kindergarten to the middle school. Implementing the revised curriculum for science, technology and engineering at the elementary level is also a goal.

The second goal at Deer Hill is to expand programs within and beyond the school day to meet the needs of all students, including students with learning differences and accelerated learners. This will require providing professional development in the areas of co-teaching and addressing the needs of academically advanced students. Gauley would also like to encourage flexible grouping in content areas to better meet the needs of students at their instructional level.

Goal three is to maintain the lowest possible class sizes with consideration of budget constraints and meeting the needs of all students. Strategies include raising awareness and support for budget money allocated for classroom and teaching positions, seeking additional grant funding to supplement town-allocated money for learning resources, and working to provide small group instruction in the context of everyday teaching with the assistance of available staff and the co-teaching model.

Improving the safety and level of respect in the learning environment, which includes classrooms, the cafeteria, the hallways, playground and buses, is goal four. This can be achieved through staffing, increased supervision and consistency with communication and behavior management. The school will also increase safety awareness regarding the new Greenbush commuter train.

The school would also like to provide the structure, training and personnel for the effective integration of technology as an educational tool and the effective use of library resources. This will include providing budgeted money for the level of technology staffing needed to support student instruction and assistance to staff, ensuring availability and use of the available resources including software and hardware currently in the building and use of the computer lab. Gauley would also like to implement a regular maintenance and replacement program for technology equipment.

The last goal for the school is to ensure high levels of communication within the school, among the other schools in the district, with central office and across the Cohasset community and town agencies to further assist in developing consistency and continuity with curriculum, instruction, assessment and the successful operation of the system. "We need to know what's going on at other grade levels," he said. The school will also provide updates to the community and town agencies via the Deer Hill newsletter, the media, e-mails, phone calls, community forums and meetings.

The district's Strategic Plan can be accessed via the Web at www.cohassetk12.org or print copies can be picked up at the office of the superintendent. The School Improvement plans will also be posted on the Web or can be picked up at the main offices of the schools.

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Middle School drama is a star

Troupe takes home the gold

Cohasset's "small actors" were in fact the youngest troupe at the festival, but that didn't stop them from making a big impact.

On Saturday April 29, a young troupe of actors from Cohasset Middle School spent the day participating for the first time in the Massachusetts Middle School Drama Festival, held at Weston Middle School. Cohasset earned perfect scores from the judges and was awarded a gold medal.

The troupe, comprised of 18 students in grades six, seven and eight, put on a flawless performance of "Small Actors," a one act play by Stephen Gregg. Cohasset performed alongside troupes from Weston Middle School, Boston Latin, Framingham's Fuller Middle School and Newton's F.A. Day and Rashi Middle Schools.

The judges (all theatre professionals) rated the unique productions on 17 specific criteria including actor-based and production-based measures. They also assessed the ability of cast members to maintain and present convincing characters using emotive voice and physical acting techniques, and their ability as a group to deliver a fluid performance with accurate timing and clean transitions. The success of casting, direction, blocking and staging and how it worked to create a rhythmic, cohesive production were also rated as were technical aspects of the production such as set, costumes, lights and sound.

"Small Actors" tells the story of an unconfident teen named Emily who desperately wants to play Juliet in her school's production of "Romeo and Juliet." She ends up cast in the one line, four word, four syllable role of the "second servant." When she learns her parents will be in Hawaii the week of the production, she tells them she got the lead. Things begin to spin out of control as the story of an adolescent daughter's attempt to "be something" in order to lessen the emotional void left by the untimely death of her talented brother unfolds. Directed by sixth-grade teacher and Cohasset resident Stephanie Noble, and co-directed by student Savanna Norris, the play uses humor to offset a plethora of emotions, from loss complicated by doubt to the adolescent fears of rejection and insignificance.

Cohasset's "small actors" were in fact the youngest troupe at the festival, but that didn't stop them from making a big impact. In addition to earning a gold medal, a number of the cast members and crew received special recognition from the judges for their contributions to the production. Recognized were Olivia Franklin who played Emily "with a wonderful air of adolescent resignation to here lot" and "so confidently it was easy to forget that she's a middle school student," judges said. Zoe Whilton played Emily's mother Laura, "without resorting to any tricks of make up, physicality or even costume. She inhabited Laura so fully and completely that she created a most believable character," judges said. Isabel Robinson was recognized for her portrayal of the over the top drama teacher Mrs. Phelps which she played "with gusto and intensity."

The production itself received accolades with Savanna Norris being recognized for both directing and stage management. Francesca Asito and Eloise Lucas were singled out for their contribution as stage crew. Specific cast and crew members, as well the chemistry of the actors were noted in the judges comment sheets. Chris Murphy who plays Emily's pal Jason was noted by the both judges for his "great comic timing" and the young actors "played with such maturity that (again) I had to remind myself of their ages." All in all it was a "spectacular production that was genuinely funny and entertaining."

Fusco wants clearer financial format

School Committee member Steve Fusco has not signed the Warrant, or school financial report, since mid-May and will not sign any further Warrants until its format is changed. The committee approves a Warrant at almost every meeting, and Fusco refused to sign off at its Monday May 15, Thursday May 25 and Thursday June 1 meetings.

Fusco would like to see more specific information provided in the Warrant. Essentially, he would like to see a spreadsheet of information outlining a summary of what has been spent on specific items thus far, the total budget for that item, and how much is left to spend. Currently, he feels he would have no idea what he is signing off on based on the information being provided by the school department. "We're signing off on thousands of dollars worth of bills," he said, without any specific information.

Fusco brought up his concern at the May 19 meeting and School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said he was not sure he would be able to change the Warrant. He said he would be willing to provide copies of all invoices and receipts for Fusco to look over at every meeting, and brought that information to the board's May 25 meeting. Approving the Warrant was therefore moved to the end of the meeting to give those who wished to look at the school department's records extra time. While Fusco said he was willing to go through the records, he felt he shouldn't have to.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Class of 2006: We wish you a hero

A pundit once suggested that commencement speakers refrain from frightening graduating seniors by telling them the world was theirs.

The world as we travel through the sixth year of the 21st century is a heart-rendering place.

War, disease, social injustice, and poverty still tear our planet apart.

Looking over past years, we sometimes wonder if we have made progress.

The First World War was supposed to be the war that was going to make the world safe for democracy, yet in regions across the globe there are still leaders who value holding power in their own fists above the welfare of their people.

The dawning of the Age of Aquarius in the 1960s was supposed to usher in harmony, understanding, love, and peace. Well.... we're not exactly there yet.

Sometimes we wonder if the world is getting better or worse.

Yet out the mire of the world's despair rise heroes.

The soldiers on the battlefield fighting for freedom.

The doctors, nurses, and scientists who strive to save us from the scourge of disease.

The teachers who open the door to tomorrow to their students.

The technologists who make our lives safer, more interesting, and easier.

These are just some of our heroes.

As you look back on your achievements and look forward to future challenges and successes, consider the heroes who inspired you to do more than you thought you ever could.

You'll probably see that over the years your idea of heroism became deeper.

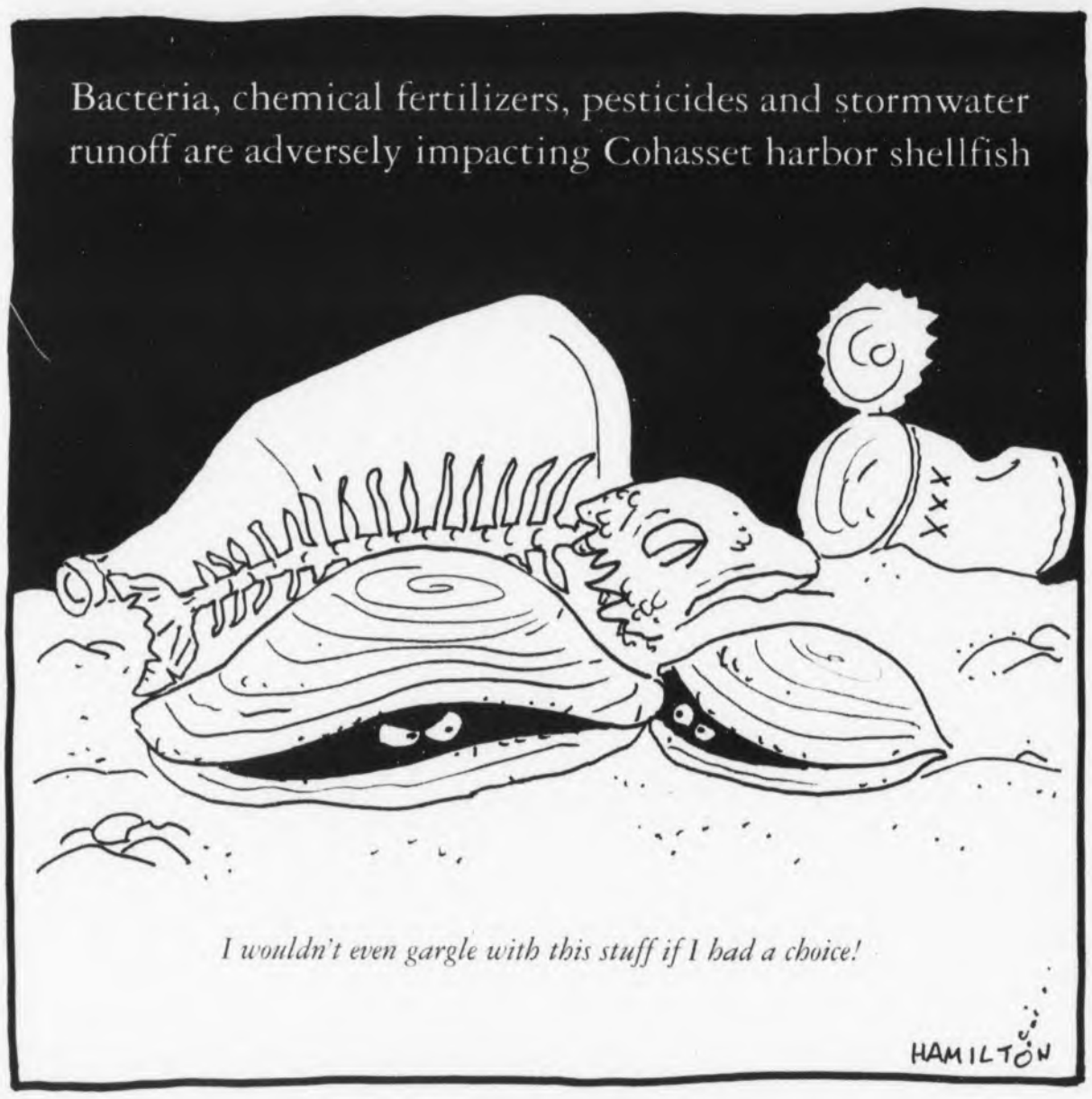
"Superman or Captain Marvel. If someone had asked me what a champion is when I was a child, I probably would have answered by naming these two superheroes of the day. During this time, I didn't realize how the kindness of a few key people could parallel the life-saving feats superheroes regularly performed... instead of muscles of steel, they protected me with the strength of their kindness," journalist Bob Danzig once wrote.

A word on happiness: A cult hero once said, "There are a million things in the universe you can have. There are a million things in the universe you can't have. Your happiness in life depends on choosing from the things you can have." Star Trek's Captain James T. Kirk may not be your hero, but we bet you've caught him on the reruns.

Class of 2006, we wish you well.

We wish you a hero.

For you are the heroes of tomorrow.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, June 22, 7 p.m.

Community Forum "What's Possible" sponsored by the PSO, June 13, 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Conservation Commission, June 22 at 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, June 13 & 26, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Cohasset Cultural Council, June 26, 7 p.m. at the library.

Economic Development Committee & the Alternative Energy Committee, June 20, 7:30 p.m.

Economic Development Committee, June 26, 7:15 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, June 13, 7 p.m.

Housing Partnership, June 21, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, June 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

School Committee, June 15, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, June 19, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 26, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cohasset Political forum set for June 10 — "The Environment and the Economy – Can't They Get Along?" will be the topic at the next Cohasset Political Forum on Saturday, June 10, 9:30 a.m., at the library.

The forum will explore the supposed conflict between environmental and economic interests. Discussion will surround the issue of whether the two are indeed in conflict, or whether certain economic interests only wish to paint it that way.

Discussion will also address both the challenges and threats to the national and global economy posed by environmental change and catastrophe, and the economic opportunity that lies in the same.

All are welcome to participate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'If someone had only listened'

TO THE EDITOR:

Sometimes later isn't better than never. Sometimes it's just too late.

Public outrage over the disclosure of a $400,000 loss to the town from the Cook project is an example. Now, when it's too late to do anything about it, people are up in arms and are looking for someone to blame.

People say: "If we only knew". I say: "If someone had only listened."

Some of us raised concerns about investment risk, the inability of Cohasset's seniors to qualify for affordable housing, and limited septic capacity. We attended and spoke at meetings; wrote letters to the editor; ran an ad in the Mariner; and voiced our concerns at the Town Meeting. If you didn't know, you weren't paying attention.

We were vilified as "Anti-Senior, NIMBY, Rabble-rousers" who didn't know what they were talking about. We weren't, and we did.

And, so where does the blame lie? It lies on the shoulders of the Cook project's chief architects and main proponents: two former Selectmen, our infamous former Town Manager, and the former Senior Housing Chair.

Some blame lies with subsequent Boards of Selectmen who tried to recoup the town's losses rather than cut our losses.

But it also lies squarely on us, the public. If we don't pay attention; if we blindly trust our public officials; if we don't value the opinions of fellow citizens; if we don't demand transparency and accountability; then we get what we deserve.

Karen Quigley
27 Clay Spring Road

Forum remarks clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

I thought I would take this opportunity to clarify statements attributed to me in last Friday's *Mariner.* At Tuesday evening's PSO sponsored forum, I suggested an idea to investigate the possibility of creating a "clearing house" where rumors/concerns could be published on a regular basis and where appropriate town boards could factually research and then post answers. Hurray for the *Mariner* for already jumping on board and agreeing to spearhead this new column!

The three illustrations that I cited, "I have heard that" it costs the town $200 per week to cart away our treasures from the Boutique, "I have heard that" a gentleman thought that his taxes would go up $800 a month and that those funds would only generate enough money to hire one teacher, and "I have heard that" people thought that parents who send their children to private school were pleased that the override failed, were *in fact examples* of rumors and *not* intended to reflect my personal opinions.

I apologize if I was less than articulate in conveying this that night and can only attribute this deficit as the reason for being misquoted. I know, for a fact, that some of the staunchest supporters of the override (many who I have had the privilege of working with on several endeavors this year) have or will have at least one child in private school. Just thought you should know.

Elaine Breslow
714 Jerusalem Road

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Village revitalization project off track

COMMENTARY

RONNIE MCMORRIS

Ronnie McMorris provided the Mariner with a copy of the following letter to the selectmen and the Town Manager.

I am asking the Board to schedule time on your next agenda for a public discussion of the downtown revitalization project.

As a reminder, a past Board of Selectmen was able to negotiate a PWED grant for revitalization of the downtown as part of the Greenbush restoration package. We considered this grant a unique opportunity to accomplish necessary infrastructure improvements, but more importantly it was an opportunity to give the village "a little lift." Workshops and meetings drew lots of public participation over a five to seven-year period. Townspeople had a strong sense of what was wanted and what wasn't.

Today, as construction continues, the ugly black tar sidewalks are a constant reminder that the vision of the people has been ignored.

We all know that after much debate there was a decisive vote by the community for concrete sidewalks. Two years ago that project was ready to go out to bid, but newly elected selectman Ralph Dormitzer wanted more review and more study.

Today, as construction continues, the ugly black tar sidewalks are a constant reminder that the vision of the people has been ignored. Excuses, I've been told, include not enough time and not enough money. I am therefore making this request for a public accounting for the project.

Please address:

- How and when were decisions made regarding the scope of this project?
- Why does the project extend to the Historical Society when there wasn't money in the budget for the basics?
- What happened to Brook Street, Elm Street in front of Dean & Hamilton and the intersection at Ripley Road and Depot Court?
- And, please explain the bumpouts to the people who are noticing their existence.

As some of you know, I work for a friend who has a business in the downtown. The merchants experienced street closings in the days and weeks leading up to Christmas, and the work continues past the Memorial Day completion date. The disruption and loss of business and profits should have been a trade off for that needed "lift." So what happened to that attractive plan to revitalize the downtown?

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Village work moves along, Pleasant St. open

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Now that Pleasant Street is completed, the MBTA will start construction on drainage under Smith Place.

Well, thanks to your nimble fingered scribe the article that was meant for last week's Mariner was emailed off into oblivion. We hereby promise not to repeat that performance this week.

Pleasant Street finally opened to traffic, just before the Memorial Day weekend. Now we have easy access to the South Shore Art Center, James Brook Crossing and Henry's Root Beer. No more zigzagging around construction. There are several finishing touches to the crossings that need be completed, but at least the traffic can flow. The entrances to the Town Parking Lot from Pleasant Street still need to be reconfigured. This will happen when the Town Parking Lot is rebuilt later by the MBTA. The new small addition to the Town Parking Lot on Pleasant Street across from James Lane is now under construction. When this is completed, the MBTA is scheduled to start reconstruction on the main part of the Town Parking Lot. We are waiting for more up to date information about the exact starting date.

Speaking of the main part of the Town Parking Lot, we mentioned before that the Town has instituted "Informal Dispute Resolution" with the MBTA over their failure to provide adequate "Public Parking Spaces." This is a procedure written into our Mitigation Agreement by the MBTA. After they receive our notification of dispute initiation, they have two days to get back to us. Now, as we write this article, 16 working days have passed and the appointed person from the MBTA has not called in accordance with their own procedure. When they will respond is up to them. It's very difficult to undertake Dispute Resolution when the other party won't respond.

Now that Pleasant Street is completed, the MBTA will start construction on drainage under Smith Place. Once this construction starts, Smith Place will be closed forever.

Village revitalization — The Revitalization Project continues at a good pace. The rain did set us back appreciably. Not as much was accomplished before Memorial weekend as we had hoped. The curbing is now about completed up the South Main Street hill to Spring Street. Sidewalk and street paving should also be completed by the end of this week. Next week the two brick pocket parks will be paved, the crosswalk pavers will be laid and new trees are planned to be added. Of course, this work schedule does depend on the weather. The Red Lion Inn should start construction on the sidewalk in front of their buildings, which they agreed to undertake.

We continue to be impressed with the cooperation we are receiving from our contractor, Northern Construction. It is tough for all of us, the merchants and the contractor to work in such a congested area. We thank everyone for their cooperation.

New sidewalk on Main Street.

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HEALTH NOTES

Don't be lazy about your lawn care

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The benefits of the Greenscapes program are considerably more far reaching than just the mailing, which you all have received.

Each year, Health Notes puts out a piece about the terrible things we do to our property in order to obtain a perfect lawn. We wring our hands and moan about despoiling our various waters; about the green algae which we get on ponds this time of year, and about bird kills from eating bugs and insects loaded with pesticides and lawn chemicals; about the incidence of cancer in pets living with lawns containing harmful pesticides, and the terrible things we're doing to children who play on such lawns, etc., etc. Well, this year, we're not going to talk about that stuff!

Looking over the Town, I believe that we probably have 25 percent of individuals who mow their own lawns. The rest use a service. So, really what should we be talking about? Well, maybe we should be talking about the thing that interests most of us more than lawncare. "What is the best way to have a good looking piece of property for the least cost and effort?" You probably already know it's possible to waste enormous amounts of money on lawn care, sometimes by the same people which ruin other projects; the lowest bidder. What can be done?

Greenscapes — Each year, the Town signs up for the Greenscapes project. As a result, each of us receives a paper in the mail full of good advice about the care of one's property. It should be read by everybody interested in having a nice looking place — but it isn't. It should be followed by every lawn care professional — but it isn't. The benefits of the Greenscapes program are considerably more far reaching than just the mailing, which you all have received. If you are really interested in caring for your property in an economical and responsible manner, there is information aplenty in the Greenscapes program's web page: www.nsrwa.org/greenscapes.

Not only does the page provide information about how to care for your property, it tells how to select a landscaping professional whether he be a grass cutter, a landscape designer or a full fledged horticulturist. Further, it gives a listing of landscape companies that have sent personnel to sessions for training in lawn care. But more important, it provides sound advice on how to save money. For example, it asks the question "Does your provider apply insect and weed controls on a fixed schedule? If so, it is *not* a professional Greenscaper! – since use of insecticides, herbicides or fungicides call for inspection of the site and a determination whether the pest problem warrants pesticide use." Greenscapes provides materials valuable to your landscaper and to you. Here are some of the suggestions included in a section called "Hire a Pro:"

symbol 183 \f "Symbol" \s 10.5 ⟨ Read the print, large and small. Review a written description of services. You should also have a clearly written contract in hand that is effective for a fixed period of time before any work begins. The following points should be indicated in writing:

symbol 183 \f "Symbol" \s 10.5 ⟨ Does your provider apply fertilizer without checking soil needs? As with pesticides, fertilizers and limestone are tools applied for specific jobs. Their use should be adjusted to needs shown in a soil test. No test offered? Keep shopping.

symbol 183 \f "Symbol" \s 10.5 ⟨ What is your provider's pest management philosophy? Are non-chemical pest controls employed? Does the service include pest monitoring, an explanation of pest thresholds that determine when and where pesticides must be used, and spot treatments instead of broadcast applications? Are pesticides used based on toxicity to humans, odor and persistence in the environment? If no to these, shop on!

symbol 183 \f "Symbol" \s 10.5 ⟨ Does your provider offer advice on mowing, watering, seeding and aeration? Unless these activities are included as part of their service program, you'll need to know how to take care of your own lawn or landscape to contribute to its well-being. Does your service company recognize these important lawn care steps when they are required?

The Greenscapes Reference Guide gives many more recommendations about landscape and turf management. Moreover, they would like to hear from you or your landscaper about any of your special problems.

Greenscapes Training Workshops — In the early spring of 2005, the Greenscapes program offered a five-part workshop series for landscaping professionals. These three-hour training workshops focused on topics such as soils, lawn care, responsible chemical use, low maintenance plants, and stormwater management. For a copy of the Greenscapes Workshop attendee list to start your search for a qualified landscape provider, contact the Board of Health or go to the Greenscapes web page.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Spring's rain, summer's sun

COMMENTARY

REV. DR. JAN CARLSSON-BULL

Growing up is walking across a minefield. An at-risk child is anyone under the age of 18, at which point we graduate to becoming at-risk adults.

What are we called to do, when one day it feels like the heavens themselves are overflowing and the next delivers a postcard perfect blue sky and gentle surf? Perhaps at this time of year more than any other, I think of resilience, that wondrous capacity to move gracefully with whatever comes our way. It's a practice of mind and heart. Lucky for each of us, it's an acquired skill, though we're each born with the potential to learn it.

Why do I think of it now, in early June? Because June brings graduations — graduation from nursery school, graduation from high school, graduation from college, graduation from graduations even. While I offer congratulations to all our recent graduates — and of course the 99 Cohasset High School seniors who are moving on — I ponder what comes with graduations. Of course there are parties. Of course there are picnics. Of course there are photo ops. Of course there are laughter and tears.

And there are speeches, speeches that challenge our graduates from four to 24 and more to go forth and succeed. Our youngest might be challenged to go forth to kindergarten or first grade, but even at this early age the pressure is on, not just to succeed but to excel. Work hard! Be popular, but be good! Mind your manners, but don't' take flack!

As our youngsters grow, the expectations and exhortations grow with them. Bring home those A's! Play sports! Consider what will look good on those college applications! Grow up, but not too soon! Do it all, but use your head! As our children once content to play with stones and buckets on the beach become young women and men and head off to college, what's the message tucked covertly into their departure? Study hard! Be a cut above! Choose your friends well! Ask what will look good on that resume! And when in four, or maybe five or six years or more, our offspring graduate from college, we sit proudly at their commencements and hear somebody say — usually somebody who seems to have taken every ounce of good advice and run with it — that now it's time to get out there into the world and succeed. Now it's time to show your stuff! Now it's time to be the person we so desperately hope you will be!

But who is that person? What is success? What about all those times when our proud graduates will fall flat on their faces? Jobs are lost, love affairs ended, families divided, loved ones are lost — not in any particular rhythm, but along with those great jobs landed, love affairs becoming committed relationships, and times of illness moving into times of new-found health. It's all there, as flagrant and unpredictable as spring's rain and summer's sun.

When folks used to ask me what I hoped Sarah or Lisa or Shana, my children now in their 30s, would be when they grew up, I used to say, "Caring adults." Growing up is walking across a minefield. An at-risk child is anyone under the age of 18, at which point we graduate to becoming at-risk adults. We're at risk of all those things that can mess up life as we may have been led to believe it's going to be, and if we're not paying attention or if we simply pour all our energy into avoiding failure and sadness, life is not much fun, let alone a joy.

Most of us have had ample bouts of spring's heaviest downpours and winter's fiercest storms, as well as days that shimmer with sunlight. Whatever is, may we be there for it, noting that waves are to be ridden not bucked and days are to be known not seized.

May we not miss a beat of those raindrops or a drop of that sunshine. And may we have the good grace to ensure enough umbrellas and sunscreen for all God's children. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is pastor, First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Cohasset.

South Shore governor?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It's beginning to look like the South Shore may have its first governor in 123 years.

If things go right, that is.

If I read my handbook of Massachusetts politics correctly, they probably won't, but let's take a swing at it anyway.

Deval Patrick of the Milton Patricks came away from the Democratic State Convention in Worcester with the votes of 58 per cent of the 4,569 delegates to 27 per cent for Tom Reilly and 15.36 percent for Chris Gabrieli.

Deval still has to face the same two opponents in the party primary in September, but his victory is a foregone conclusion — except in those years that end in odd or even numbers.

After that, he still has to beat Kerry Healey, the Republican lass they call "Muffy," who has been governor in all but name since the boss decided to look around for something better to do.

Then and only then will Deval Patrick of Milton become the first governor from a South Shore town since John Davis Long of Hingham held the post from 1880 to 1883. He went on to become a congressman and Secretary of the Navy under President William McKinley.

We almost had a governor from Braintree after the war in Horace T. Cahill. He was beaten by Maurice Tobin, the mayor of Boston, for the governorship in 1944.

I don't remember much about him even though he lived just around the corner from me on Edgehill Road, I think it was.

In fact, he is recalled mostly by my friends and I as the father of Ruthie, the belle of the Class of 1939 at the Thomas A. Watson School.

I know that Horace T. was a selectman at one time, and a state representative, even speaker of the House, and lieutenant governor for six years under Leverett Saltonstall before his ill-fated run for governor.

Later, when the GOP's Bob Bradford succeeded Tobin in the corner office, Horace T. was rewarded for his years of service with a Superior Court judgeship. See, Republicans do it, too!

Republicans pretty much ran things in the State House in Horace T.'s day. They outnumbered the Democrats in the Legislature 136 to 104 during his speakership, even though the governor was a Democrat, Charles F. Hurley.

Fact is, there hadn't been a Democratic majority in the state House of Representatives since before the Civil War, and it was so bad that in one year (1869), Republicans outnumbered the opposition 224 to 16.

Unfortunately for Horace T., that was just starting to turn around when he ran for the governor's job.

I can remember in 1948 or 1949 when my college classmates, most of whom came from Dorchester, and I sought temporary jobs at the Post Office for Christmas.

They marched proudly off to the office of that grand old Democratic Congressman, John W. McCormick, to receive their appointments, while I had to slink off to Milton to get mine from my Congressman, Richard Wigglesworth, a Republican.

RE surtax discussion

Our Town continues an on-going series on citizen ideas and proposals for solutions to Cohasset's budget constraints.

The first in the series features resident Kevin O'Donnell of ENOUGH! O'Donnell will present his proposals for saving money. O'Donnell is followed by a segment featuring residents, Ann Musto and Susan Galligan, who have some creative ideas, including enacting a real estate transaction surtax, to generate more revenue.

Please note Our Town is moving to the consistent start time of 9 p.m.

NEW! Our Town is providing viewers with an opportunity to express their opinions on the issues we will be covering with a new feature called Question of the Week. Watch this column for the question and email your thoughts to pat@wellspringhull.org and we will discuss them on the show or pose them to guests. ***This week's question***: "What are our thoughts on the override?"

Tune in at 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All on Comcast channel 10. And remember, stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed!. A new show continuing the discussion on Cohasset budgetary constraints featuring guests with ideas and solutions will start Thursday, June 15.

Viewers can email Our Town at: pat@wellspringhull.org.

Committee dives into ways to improve health of harbor

FROM HARBOR, PAGE 1

director of the EPA's Office of Ecosystem Protection was on hand, as were many town officials. A "ceremonial" water sampling also took place.

The Harbor Health Committee is also working with the Massachusetts Bay National Estuaries Program to monitor Cohasset Harbor. Quigley said her committee has been working with Christian Krahforst of MBNEP who has coordinated the study with members of Coastal Zone Management, the EPA and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Testing in the harbor will include salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, light penetration and nutrients. Testing will take place from June through November.

One of the first tests to be done will involve the town's eel grass beds. "Cohasset has a large eel grass bed at the mouth of the outer harbor. They're very sensitive to change in water quality," said Krahforst, adding he would like to be able to determine the quality of the water the grass is living in and the condition of the grass itself, especially where there could be changes coming soon to the harbor with the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant. With increased flow, there could soon be more fresh water effluent pumped into the harbor.

Krahforst said sensors will soon be placed in the harbor to monitor the levels of dissolved oxygen. "This is a pilot study which will hopefully set the stage for looking for additional funding for next year which will allow further study," he said. "We should be able to collect a reasonable stream of data throughout the summer. The DEP is very excited about that."

Greenscapes

The Harbor Health Committee is also very excited about entering into its second year of endorsing the Greenscapes program. Chemical fertilizers and pesticides in runoff is one of the leading sources of water quality impairment, and Quigley said the committee is encouraging residents to switch to organic means of lawn care.

Quigley said it is estimated that between 70 and 75 percent of the town's stormwater runoff ends up in the Harbor, and the rest ends up in Lily Pond. The runoff brings with it nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn products and other organic materials. The high nutrient loading feeds the growth of alga, phytoplankton and bacteria; decreases sunlight into the water; and can negatively impact the dissolved oxygen levels in the water and sediment, adversely affecting water quality and aquatic life. "If people would all lead by example and use organic products," the town's waterways could be greatly improved, she said. The town does have bylaw restrictions regarding the use of chemical lawn care products on property adjacent to waterways.

To that end, Quigley said the Harbor Health Committee would also like to begin a Stormwater Task Force, which would address stormwater runoff in relation to the health of the harbor as well as providing the structure for the town's required compliance with the EPA and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit Phase II and Total Maximum Daily Load requirements.

Marshes

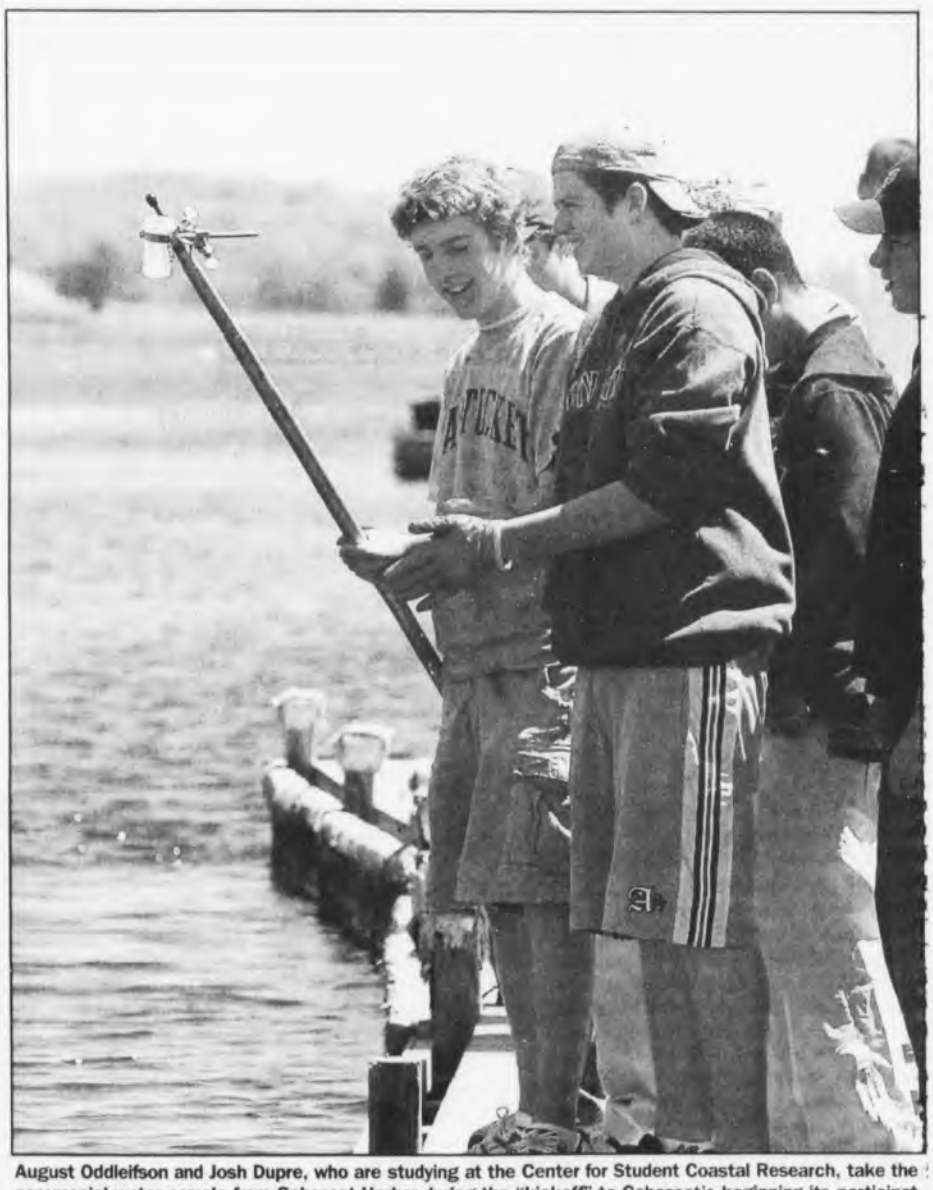
Other initiatives on the committee's agenda include restoring the harbor's salt-water marshes. The committee is working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain a $25,000 grant which could be used to install a new culvert at the Parker Avenue cut. The committee is also working with many organizations to address ways to allow more salt water into Jacob's Meadow, by changing the settings of the self-regulating tide gates in the harbor. At this time, the tide gates are restricted due to stormwater flooding, which is resulting in excessive amounts of fresh water in the marsh. Selective and supervised temporary flooding of the marsh during the summer months when little rain has occurred or is expected has been approved, but does not totally solve the problem.

Cohasset will also take part in the federally sponsored "Blue Mussel Watch." Each fall, mussels, which are an excellent indicator of health issues within their environment, are collected and analyzed. Cohasset will be included in the fall 2006 program, provided the town can find several hundred blue mussels in the harbor. There is no cost to the town to participate.

PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Quite a crowd gathered for the "kickoff" to the Clean New England Beaches Initiative at Cohasset Harbor Tuesday, May 25. Front row: Christian Krahforst of the Massachusetts Bay National Estuaries Program, Cohasset Harbor Health Committee Chairman Karen Quigley, Michael DiBara of the Department of Environmental Protection. Back row: Corinne Young of Congressman Delahunt's office, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, Town Manager Bill Griffin, Matt Liebman of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ken Moraff of the EPA, Mark DeGiacomo of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, Greenbush Liaisons Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber, Sara Grady of the MBNEP and a Cohasset resident, and Jack Buckley of the Center for Student Coastal Research.

Harbor Health Committee Chairman Karen Quigley looks out over Cohasset Harbor after students from the Center for Student Coastal Research took samples of the harbor's water during the "kickoff" to the Clean New England Beaches Initiative program. The program will test Cohasset's waters for bacteria throughout the summer



August Oddleifson and Josh Dupre, who are studying at the Center for Student Coastal Research, take the ceremonial water sample from Cohasset Harbor during the "kickoff" to Cohasset's beginning its participating in the Clean New England Beaches Initiative. Throughout the summer months, Cohasset's waters will be tested for bacteria and hopefully the town will be one step closer to finding the source(s) of pollution which resulted in 48 days of closure for Bassing Beach last year.

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Tracking speed on Lamberts Lane

By Samantha Brown
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"May through September is what they're really concerned about."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Lamberts Lane residents are concerned too many motorists are driving way too fast on their street. With the Cohasset Golf Club open for the season, traffic has increased and residents worry the situation is becoming unsafe.

Lamberts Lane is located off Hull Street, and aside from the golf club, it is a completely residential neighborhood. At the urging of residents, Police Chief James Hussey met with the Board of Selectmen Monday May 22 to discuss the situation.

Hussey said residents have been concerned with the speeding for quite some time. He said at the tail end of last year's golf season, he had a meeting with residents to discuss the issue. "There is the perception of 40 to 50 miles per hour," said Hussey of the average speed reported by residents. He said while the matter is seasonal, it poses a real problem for the residents in the neighborhood. "May through September is what they're really concerned about," he said.

Hussey said he met with residents of the street again in early May and many said they believe a majority of those speeding are visitors. People who do not frequently travel the road, such as contractors, tradesmen and delivery personnel who may only be stopping off at the golf club, as well as golf club employees or those people who attend functions at the club's facilities, tend to be the culprits. "It is mostly people who are not familiar with the street," said Hussey.

Hussey also met with Melissa Browne, President of the Cohasset Golf Club, and he said she has already taken action on some recommendations given by residents of the street. The membership handbook specifically addresses the speed limit on Lambert's Lane and every club member was also sent an e-mail reminding them of the speed limit. In the future, events at the club may require a police detail to ensure speeding is not an issue. "The golf club is doing everything in its power to help this issue," said Hussey.

Hussey said he would recommend posting signs at strategic locations on Lambert's Lane warning drivers to "slow down, high enforcement zone," which could be purchased using grant money. He would also like to see an officer conduct frequent radar enforcement on the peak hours of offense, which have been identified by the residents. Hopefully if some tickets are issued, it will deter motorists from speeding in the future.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he believes having a police officer on the street with a radar gun would be a great deterrent. "I got pulled over and it does work," said Vanderweil, adding every time he goes by the area where he was pulled over, he notices how fast he is going, and he believes other residents would do the same.

While the idea had been floated to post a speed limit sign with a trailer that displays how fast a car is going and flashes to warn residents they are over the speed limit, Hussey said that would cost the department $10,000. "We are looking at less costly options that are portable, yet difficult to damage or remove," he said. In addition, the street and many other streets in Cohasset are narrow, and the larger sign on a trailer might not be a good option.

Members of the Board of Selectmen also asked whether the speed limit of 15 miles per hour was a good choice. "You don't want to make everyone a law breaker," said Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, as most slow zones are roughly 20 miles per hour.

Hussey said he has a call into the Norfolk County Engineering Department to see if they can come do a reading to determine what the proper speed limit for the road is. "They will do a survey and make a recommendation on what the speed should be," he said. "I wouldn't expect to get anything more than 25 miles per hour."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tree & Park Dept. praised

TO THE EDITOR:

I wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the Cohasset Tree and Park Department over the past spring season and in particular the past two weeks. As we all know, this spring went from one of the driest early seasons to probably the wettest May and early June on record. The care of the fields and willingness of Andy Swanson and Carl Sestito to work with me on getting our fields and tennis courts playable has been commendable. I had to postpone and cancel approximately 80 contests this spring. The extra effort put in by the Tree and Park Department made it possible to reschedule a majority of the contests that were postponed.

At no time was this more evident than over the past two weeks. Due to the successful seasons of our sports teams we were fortunate to host eight home tournament events, including five in one day. The Tree and Park Department put in extra effort to make sure Alumni Field and our Tennis Courts were in excellent playing condition and the grounds looked their best. Alumni Field was mowed prior to each contest and when we had a lacrosse doubleheader scheduled for Monday, June 5 after a three days of heavy rain, Andy Swanson changed his schedule and mowed the Alumni Field with a smaller mower so not to damage the playing surface and spread by hand over a yard of loam to the muddy spots on the field to enable the games to be played that evening. If it wasn't for his efforts we would have had to play those games on the road. On behalf of our students and parents we thank the Tree and Park Department for the extraordinary efforts.

I would remiss if I did not mention the volunteer efforts of Matt Salerno and Rob Spofford in making our softball fields playable on a daily basis. This crew of two have managed to allow us to play 17 varsity and JV home softball games (including our first home state tournament game at Freedom Field) on four fields through some of the worst weather conditions I can remember. They would arrive at the fields as early as 5 am to make sure our girls had a chance to get to play the games scheduled for that day. Without their efforts and the cooperation of Liam O'Connell and the Cohasset Little League we would have never completed the season. Thanks for all your help.

Ron Ford
Athletic Director
Cohasset High School

Arts support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset High School Fine Arts Department and the Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters would like to acknowledge the contributions of following individuals and businesses that made Fine Arts Night and Eat Your Art such a success:

Mr. LaFountain and his students, Lisa Marder-Stevenson, Ms. Berkowitz, Mrs. Charwat, Mrs. Roehrer, Mrs. Swartz, Mr. Antolini, Ms. Sternala, Carol Meyers, Beth Serakis, Sarah Murphy, Atlantica, Bernard's, Acapulcos, Rooms in Bloom, Shoe Market Kids, The Sports Closet, The Good Sport, Mermaids at Little Harbor,The Village Butcher and Deli, Papa Ginos, JJ's Dairy Hut, Goodwin Graphics, South Shore Art Center, Cohasset Cultural Council and patrons of the Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters.

Please visit our website www.CohassetArtsBoosters.com to view photos of the students' fantastic work.

Again, thank you for giving the arts a boost!

Paula Dickinson, Sue Thompson, Catherine Davis , Kathy Guinee, Barbara Baumgarten, and Elaine Breslow

Village revitalization project off track

FROM VILLAGE, PAGE 12

In May of 2004, Town Counsel was asked for an opinion on the binding nature of the 2003 Town Meeting vote on a concept for improvements to the Downtown Business District, said improvements to include concrete sidewalks. That opinion states in relevant part:

"In our opinion, the original article, by presenting a 'concept' for 'approval' was not the usual binding article… Instead, it used the theory that the people of the town are the 'owners' of the subject property, and therefore the owners are being asked whether they agree with a 'concept' to be employed on 'their' property… Our conclusion then is that the vote of the town for 'a concept' is not a specifically legally binding permanent restriction on future actions by the BOS, and instead was intended to, and does operate as an expression of the wishes of the town to be used as guidance by the BOS in its deliberations.

"There is nothing in the vote prohibiting future planning to further refine the project.

"Notwithstanding the foregoing legal analysis, there is a compelling non-legal moral and equitable force to the undeniable fact that Town Meeting, representing ultimately the owners of the streets and ways in the town, specifically rejected a design switch from concrete to brick, and we caution the Board not to disregard the wishes of the town so clearly stated at Town Meeting. In any democracy, all power eventually comes from the people, and here the people have spoken, albeit not in a way that legally tied the hands of the Board for the future after November 2003.

"Our legal advice is that the vote pursuant to Article 6 does not preclude additional changes to the concept; our practical experience is such that the Board of Selectmen should not do so without a further vote of the town."

I believe that the people are entitled to a full accounting and a complete explanation of how and why our clearly stated wishes were ignored.

Ronnie McMorris, who is a former long-time selectman, lives at 89 Doane St.

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All-facilities stickers to see price increase

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50 percent of the costs associated with the RTF and the beach through fees. He said indirect costs such as health insurance for RTF workers had not been previously factored into that equation, which means currently fees cover about 43 percent of the cost to run the department. However, with the changes voted on by the board this week, cost recovery is projected to increase up to roughly 65 percent.

The board agreed to raise all-facility stickers from $30 to $50, increase the cost for blue pay-as-you-throw bags from $1 to $1.50 and increase the disposal cost for construction and demolition pickup loads from $40 to $80. "If you do all three, it'll bring your cost recovery up to 65 percent," said Griffin.

Raising the cost of all-facility stickers from $30 to $50 will generate approximately $54,000 for the town, assuming sales remain constant. Senior citizens (ages 60 and up) currently pay $10 for a sticker, and theirs will now be $15. That increase will yield an additional $5,000. Together, $59,000 could be raised from the increase in sticker fees alone.

The blue pay-as-you-throw bags are currently $1 for a large bag and 50 cents for a small bag. Those fees will increase to $1.50 for large bags and 75 cents for small bags. Griffin said the change in bag cost could generate roughly $53,000.

By increasing construction and demolition fees from $40 to $80, the town could realize another $10,000, bringing the total cost recovery up to roughly $122,000.

Griffin explained to increase fees to the amount where the town would see 100 percent cost recovery, sticker fees would need to be set at $90 and large blue bags would be sold for $2.25 each. "Then, you'll see a lot of dynamics there," he said, as an increase like that could cause some residents to start hiring an outside company to take care of their trash and the town could lose money. He said it is a real balancing act and the town will likely be better off raising costs incrementally and monitoring whether sales are affected.

The board agreed to raise all-facility stickers from $30 to $50, and increase the cost for blue pay-as-you-throw bags from $1 to $1.50.

Going forward, the board said more monitoring needs to happen at the RTF to ensure residents are in fact using the blue bags as they should be. While many residents abide by the rules, many "cheat," Griffin said, however, Cohasset has one of the most effective pay-as-you-throw programs, as it has one of the highest recycling rates in the state. Not only is it good for the environment, the town actually brings in revenue for turning in recyclables and charges to haul away trash decrease the more residents recycle. The board said currently, some organizations in town such as the churches and the schools are not required to use the blue bags, but that could change in the future.

The idea has been raised to break out beach stickers and charge for them as well. Some residents who attended Monday's meeting said beach stickers could be very valuable to some families and they would be willing to pay more. However, the town does not own Sandy Beach, and is therefore only responsible for the parking lot, which includes sweeping it once or twice per year and trash pickup. The total cost is roughly $8,000 per year, which means beach sticker proceeds cannot exceed that amount. If only 400 residents bought beach stickers at $20 each, the town would have already reached its limit.

The board also voted to increase parking fines at the beach. Currently, those who park in the lot without a sticker are charged $25, and that will now be $50.

The Board of Selectmen will discuss harbor and building fees at its next meeting, scheduled for June 19.

What do other communities charge for pay-as-you-throw?

Town	Charge per bag (current)
Cohasset	$1
Scituate	$1
E. Bridgewater	$1.25
Concord	$1.50
Natick	$1.75
Bridgewater	$2
Halifax	$2.25

** Information from the Department of Environmental Protection Web site. Trash bag prices are for large bags only.*

Recycling Transfer Station and Beach Operations
Expenses and Revenues for fiscal 2007

Expenses	Direct Expense	Indirect Expense	Total Cost
Full time salaries	$145,492		$145,492
Part time salaries	$13,745		$13,745
Overtime	$6,000		$6,000
Contracted services	$2,000		$2,000
Utilities	$2,500		$2,500
Rubbish removal	$1,500		$1,500
Recycling	$4,000		$4,000
SEMASS	$180,000		$180,000
SEMASS hauling	$28,926		$28,926
Recycling hauling	$71,110		$71,110
Hazardous waste removal	$8,000		$8,000
Bags	$24,000		$24,000
Printing		$1,000	$1,000
Landfill monitoring		$15,000	$15,000
Health insurance		$14,589	$14,589
Retirement		$22,517	$22,517
Worker's compensation		$4,582	$4,582
Medicare		$2,015	$2,015
Life insurance		$30	$30
Total	**$487,273**	**$59,733**	**$547,006**

Current Revenues	Unit Sales	Unit Price	Revenue
Regular sticker	2,668	$30	$80,040
Senior sticker	1,057	$10	$10,570
Landscape	13	$125	$1,625
Bag sales ($1 and $0.50 per bag)		$107,000	
RTF revenue			$20,000
Recycling revenue			$16,000
Total			**$235,235**

Proposed Revenue	Unit Sales	Unit Price	Revenue
Regular sticker	2,668	$50	$133,400
Senior sticker	1,057	$15	$15,855
Landscape	13	$150	$1,950
Bag sales ($1.50 and $0.75 per bag)		$160,000	
RTF revenue			$30,000
Recycling revenue			$16,000
Total			**$357,205**

After graduation plans for Cohasset High seniors:

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Paul Miller, Working; Mary Moore, Mitchell College; Carrie Muir, Fairfield University; Christie Muir, Fairfield University; Robert Murley, Traveling/Plymouth State; Katharine Murphy, University of Connecticut, Lisa Musto, Virginia Tech; Emily Nash, Cornell University; Nathan Needle, College of Charleston; Patrick O'Brien, Tilton School; Christopher Ofsthun, NYU; Christopher Pescatore, University of Vermont; William Pinkus, Bridgewater State College; Vanessa Plante, Simmons College; Katrina Reardon, Providence College Christopher Reynolds, Dartmouth College; and Cassie Rosano, St. Michael's.

Also: Caitlin Sanchez, UMass-Dartmouth; Emily Savage, Fordham University; Nils Sceery, St. Andrews, Scotland; Alex Schwantner, Full Sail Art School; Kristen Schwerin, University of New Hampshire; Emilie Shea, Skidmore College; Charlotte Sida, Fairfield University; Ariel Siegel, Maine College of Art; Stephen Simmons, Bryant College; Brandon Smith, Bentley College; Devin Smith, Arizona State; Lisa Spirito, University of Connecticut; Brian Straughn, UMass-Amherst; Daniel Sullivan, New Hampten School; Dereck Sullivan, Working; Ellen Tarpey, Simmons College; Molly Trahon, Merrimack; Molly Trisler, NYU; Scott Wakefield, Tallahassee Community College; James Watts, Working; Jessica Wheelwright, Gordon College; Shevaughn White, UMass-Boston; Katherine Whoriskey, Boston College; and Justin Wood, Savannah College of Design.

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Baby signing at One Creative Place

Elyse MacPherson offers The Baby Signs Parent Workshop (cost is $60 per couple includes $35 fee for kit) is a 1-1/2 to 2 hour information session Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at One Creative Place is specially designed for parents of children from birth to 24 months. The workshop teaches how begin using the Baby Sign Program at home. It reviews the research behind the program, why we look to use "modified" American Sign Language(ASL) as well as many signs that are true ASL, the benefits of signing with your baby, how to begin, how to choose signs for your family, what to expect, possible problems, and there are activities to start teaching you specific signs that day.

The Baby Signs Parent Kit is included in the cost of the workshop. It comes with a Parent Guide, two DVDs, a Signs at a Glance Flipper chart and more. For more information or to register, call 781-383-2211 or go to www.onecreativeplace.net

Festival on Common starts next weekend!

The South Shore Art Center will hold its 51st Annual Arts Festival outdoors, rain or shine, on Friday, June 16, from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 18, from noon to 6 p.m. A free trolley will shuttle visitors from nearby parking. A $5 donation is requested. Proceeds from the Arts Festival support ongoing exhibition and education programs at the South Shore Art Center.

This year's Festival features 100 juried craft artists offering a variety of quality artist-designed items including jewelry, home and garden products, hand-made clothing, ceramics, toys, fine art and photography. Also featured will be a Juried Art Exhibition, Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition showcasing the work of over 300 area artists under spacious white exhibition tents. Throughout the weekend, many of the Art Center's affiliated artists offer plein air painting demonstrations on the Common. A Kids Tent, sponsored by the Scituate Rotary, will offer hands-on art projects such as Father's Day cards, a community art piece, and boat building. The boats can be sailed in the pond on the Common alongside the fleet of replica boats provided by the Marine Modelers of New England. Adding to the festivities will be A Music Stage featuring many musicians back by popular demand, including the Cohasset and Hingham High School jazz ensembles, Cohasset's Rusty Skippers, the bluegrass quartet Harvest, and the traditional Irish band The O'Reillys.

Visiting artist Jeff Hopkins will bring art alive with his original Pictures Come to Life story performances on Saturday, June 17, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Art Center. Working on wall-sized sheets of paper, Hopkins draws, narrates, and acts out characters' movements and sounds. Hopkins has performed at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Whitney Museum in New York. The performance is sponsored by Adrian Morris Salon, Cohasset. Admission is free, but space is limited and reservations are required.

A variety of refreshments reflecting typical New England summer fare will also be available, including homemade lemonade, lobster rolls and old-fashioned strawberry shortcake.

For more information visit www.ssac.org or call the SSAC at 781-383-2787.

Calling all lobster lovers!

Lobster lovers will be glad to hear that First Parish U.U. Church will again be holding its lobster roll sale Friday, June 16, Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18. The rolls will be sold every day during the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common. These are all-meat lobster rolls accompanied by a bag of Cape Cod Potato Chips. The rolls will be freshly made by a committee with co-chairwoman Betsy Millard and Lucia Woods. The price will be $13.

Woods said, "It's the perfect June meal. Have a lobster roll with us and then have a strawberry shortcake dessert across the common at the Second Congregational Church. It's a truly delicious summer experience." Wood also suggests getting co-workers together at lunchtime to come to the festival for lunch or bring lobster rolls home for dinner with family and friends. Don't forget your cooler.

Pre-ordering is encouraged. Mail in an order to the Parish House, 23 No. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Checks may be made out to First Parish Cohasset, or order by calling Woods at 781-383-1555.

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Learn to swim program offered

An American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program will be offered at Cohasset Swim Center this summer. More detailed information can be found in the Cohasset Swim Center brochure, which has been mailed town-wide. Additional brochures can be found at Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Library.

Swim lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 26 to July 7; Session II: July 10 to July 21; Session III: July 24 to Aug. 4; and Session IV: Aug. 7 to Aug. 18.

LIBRARY CORNER

FOR CHILDREN

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road. To register for a program or for more information call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Summer Reading – Registration for the statewide summer reading program "What's Buzzin' @ your library" begins Monday, June 26, at 10 a.m. When registering, students will set a personal reading goal and choose a summer reading log on which to record their summer reading titles. At the completion of the summer program on Aug. 14, participants will bring their reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. A t-shirt with the summer reading logo will be awarded to those participants who meet or exceed their goal. Check out the "What's Buzzin' @ your library" bulletin board in the Children's Room for more details or email Mrs. Moody at smoody@ocln.org.

Read To Ride – The Dependable Cleaners "Read to Ride" summer reading program entry forms may be picked up in the Children's Room on top of the display cabinet and on Mrs. Moody's desk. The program ends July 21, so better start now!

FOR ADULTS

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesday.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the film "Aalta" on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. This award-winning French film portrays the story of two feuding neighbors who become paraplegics after being run over by a tractor. The two decide to join forces and lay siege to the manufacturer of the tractor by wheeling across the country in their wheelchairs. Co-stars Benoit Delepine and Gustave Kervern show a distinct flavor for understated physical comedy and defiantly non-PC humor. Free admission and refreshments.

Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "Unless," by Carol Shields, Thursday, June 29, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Participants may hold a copy of the book online, over the phone, or at the library. Open to the public.

Audio books – The library has acquired more audio books and has a number of titles in disc format as well as some in cassette format. New additions include "Marley & Me," by John Grogan, "Mayflower," by Nathaniel Philbrick, and "Manhunt," by James Swanson. Some books are also available for downloading onto a home PC or MP3 player. Ask any staff member for assistance or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org for more details. Check out the new Playaway audiobooks, which come pre-loaded with one title, a set of earbuds, lanyard, and battery. Playaway is compact enough to fit in your hand or pocket, light enough to fit comfortably around your neck, and great for walking, relaxing on the beach, by the pool or commuting to work. Titles include "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini, "Team of Rivals," by Doris Kearns Goodwin, "The Broker," by John Grisham, and "The Fifth Horseman," by James Patterson. Be sure to browse our catalog for more popular titles.

Knitting Group – There will be an organizational meeting of the Knitting Group on Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Library.

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Cohasset goalie Ben Libby makes a big save early on in Monday's 10-3 win over Nantucket. Libby made 14 stops on the day.

CHS names new football coach

Pete Afanasiw looks to continue program's recent success

By Mark Goodman
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Playing under Marshfield's Lou Silva and coaching with Duxbury's Don Dellorco, Pete Afanasiw has learned from two of the coaching legends of South Shore high school football.

The 35-year old Marshfield native brings that winning pedigree to Cohasset High School as the Skippers' new head football coach.

Afanasiw, who will also be a full-time history teacher at the school, takes over for Tony Rolfe, who is retiring after over three decades of teaching and coaching, the last eight coming at Cohasset High.

Afanasiw (pronounced A-fon-a-siv) says he first got the inkling toward coaching in middle school. The youngest of four athletic brothers, he says he often found himself mentoring other kids in neighborhood games.

"I really enjoyed helping kids who weren't as skilled, whether it be a game of kickball or backyard football," Afanasiw said in an interview with the Mariner on Wednesday. "It kind of grew from there, and throughout college I became more thoroughly convinced that that's what I wanted to do."

After playing football and baseball for Marshfield High School in the late 1980's, Afanasiw went on to the University of Rhode Island (coincidentally, MHS and URI sports teams are both nicknamed the Rams). He continued his baseball career at URI, playing first base and serving as a team captain his senior year in 1993.

At URI, Afanasiw majored in Russian and Eastern European Studies, with a minor in English. Afanasiw, whose father was born in Russia, wound up spending the next

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Laxers halfway home

Skippers defenseman Jeff Brown challenges a Nantucket player for a loose ball.

2 wins down, 2 to go in quest for a Div. 3 state title

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: Thursday's state semifinal between Cohasset and Scituate was played after the Mariner went to press. The winner of that game goes on to the state championship game (scheduled for Monday) against the winner of today's semifinal between top-seed Hamilton-Wenham and Dover-Sherborn.

Sometimes, the scoreboard doesn't tell the whole story.

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team ran wild over South Shore Voc. Tech, 21-2, in last Thursday's Division 3 first round matchup at Alumni Field.

The biggest story of the day, though, was the return of sophomore Michael Grimm. For Grimm, a Mariner All-Scholastic honorable mention last season, it was his first game back after a very serious knee injury that caused him to miss the entire regular season.

He made the most of his return by scoring two goals and assisting on another two in the win for the Skippers. Sophomore Nate Porter, who played the first half in net, said Grimm's return was a welcome sight for Cohasset.

"He is a big part of our offense," Porter said. "We needed him back."

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Lady laxers bow out to Walpole

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team's season ended Monday with a 12-8 loss to Walpole in the Division 2 South quarterfinals.

Were head coach Chuck Jaffe and his players disappointed? Of course.

But, if the program goes where many believe it will next year and beyond, all involved will likely look back at this 2006 season as the one that started it all.

"If you had made everyone look at our schedule before the season and make a prediction, I don't think anyone - with the possible exception of me - would have said 14-3-1 and the second round of the playoffs," said Jaffe minutes after Monday's loss. "I'm disappointed we couldn't get it done today, but it's not like we don't have a lot to be proud of."

"I'm disappointed we couldn't get it done today, but it's not like we don't have a lot to be proud of."
Head coach Chuck Jaffe

Monday's game actually started last Thursday. Walpole took a 2-0 lead after 10 minutes, at which point the game was called due to rain and lightning.

The contest started over Monday night, and the visiting Rebels again got off to a blazing start, as they held a commanding 6-1 lead just over nine minutes into the game. The Skippers were determined to make it a game, however, and a goal from junior Lindsay Durkin at the 10:58 mark started a run of three Cohasset goals in just over two minutes.

The last two goals of that run, scored within 20 seconds of each other, came from freshman Gabriella Flibotte. The second of those scores was a vintage Flibotte goal, as she came around from behind the net and put it past the goalie from a

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Cohasset's Mary Previte keeps a close eye on a Nantucket attacker during the teams' first round playoff game last week.

Softballers hit a wall

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

What's more frustrating than a cold streak in softball?

A cold streak in the first round of the playoffs last Thursday. Unfortunately, this scenario short-circuited any dreams the Cohasset softball players may have hoped for.

So what exactly went wrong, causing the fourth-seeded Skippers to fall to the visiting 13-seed Bears of the Greater New Bedford Vo-Tech High School by a 5-1 score? It could be summed up in two thoughts: Jessica Starkie and no Cohasset hitting. And yes, these two concepts are closely tied together.

And who is Jessica Starkie? The 5-foot-10 pitcher for GNB Voc Tech has literally intimidated her opponents in the tournament. A few days after holding Cohasset hostage, she pitched a no-hitter against fifth-seeded Nantucket on the island.

When interviewed by the Mariner, Cohasset head coach Deborah Bostwick admitted, "Our opponents outplayed us. It was a great game but GNB Voc Tech earned the win."

In fact, the MIAA Division 3 South sectional tournament has been full of surprises. Hull, the 9-seed, bounced the number-1 seed, Norfolk Aggie, out of the playoffs on a 12-2 romp. It just goes to show how tournament seeding does not do a good job in predicting outcomes.

So how did this heart-breaking loss unfold? The trouble started early. In the top of the first, the Bears cranked out their first run. When Cohasset came to bat the Skippers hit the Starkie brick wall with three quick outs. She positioned the Bears well for their second and most lethal at-bat of the game.

In the top of the second, the Bears roared past the Skippers with four earned runs. A series of base hits followed by a crushing triple catapulted New Bedford to 5-0 lead. Cohasset's fate was sealed at this point.

When the Skippers came to bat in the bottom of the second inning, Starkie once again struck out the side. Although the damage had been done, the Skippers trapped the Bear offense in later innings through what Bostwick called "a flawless defense."

She pointed to junior Christina Pinkus, who struck out nine Bears. Bostwick also praised senior Erin Liddell at first, sophomore Anna Haggerty at third, junior Virginia Spofford in right, and freshman Kristin Monaco behind the plate.

Even with the Bear offense silenced for the remainder of the game, Cohasset still could not mount any meaningful offense. The Skippers stranded many of their base runners during the third and fourth innings. Senior

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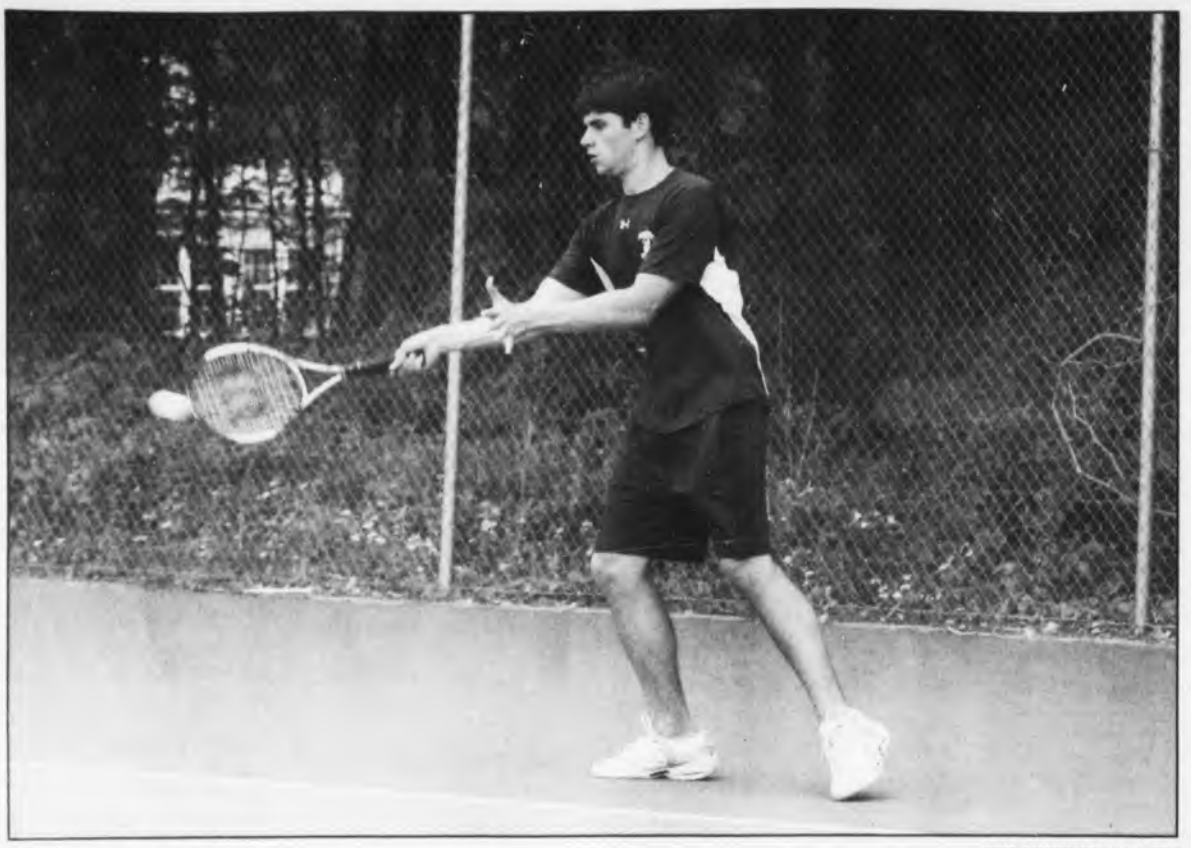

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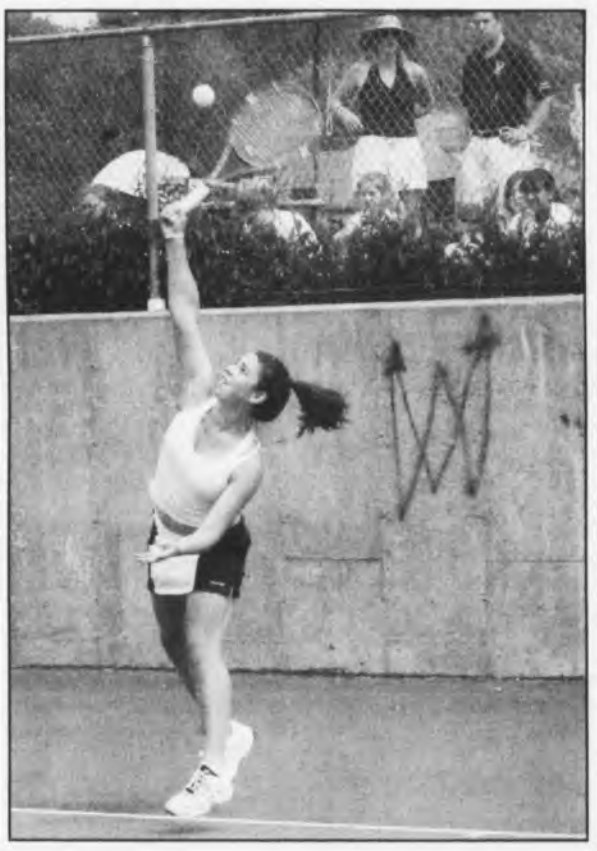
TENNIS, ANYONE?

Last Thursday was a busy one at the Milliken tennis courts, as both high school tennis teams hosted opponents in MIAA state tournament opening round play. The boys, led by seniors Chris Pescatore (above) and Nils Sceery (below, left) scored a 3-0 win over Seekonk. The team went on to defeat Westport before being eliminated in the quarterfinals at Cape Cod Academy on Tuesday.
Meanwhile, Meg Anderson (below, right) and her CHS girls teammates earned a 4-1 win over Rockland last Thursday. In the next round, played on Monday, the Lady Skippers fell to Scituate.
Both teams were South Shore League co-champions this season.



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Melissa Crowley-Buck hammered out a triple but her teammates failed to knock her home.

The Skippers' sole run came on a sixth-inning homer from Pinkus. Pinkus ripped a solo-shot which cleared the fence by at least 20 feet. Unfortunately, not even this monster hit would flip the switch on the Cohasset offense.

So the seasonal curtain came down after this frustrating 5-1 loss. But the Skippers had a lot to feel proud of. This time last year, Cohasset lost its first tournament game to Archbishop Williams by a painful 15-0 score.

And in this year's 5-1 loss the score hides some interesting stats. Cohasset in no way gave up without a fight. The Bears totaled only one more hit than the Skippers did. Also, the Bears stranded the same number of base runners. On the mound, Pinkus tallied one more strikeout than did Starkie.

"If you take away the second inning, we would have had a 1-1 ball game," said Spofford. "They out-hit us though, and they earned the win."

Spofford also pointed out that this year's highly successful JV softball team should produce some up-and-comers for the '07 varsity squad.

The Skippers desperately wanted to inflict damage in the later innings. It just did not happen for them. They went out on a great performance. And, with such a young team, the Skippers will get only stronger.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Christina Pinkus, pictured above in action against Holbrook during the regular season, ripped a home run in the Skippers' tournament loss.

Lady laxers bow out to Walpole

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tough angle.

The problem for the Skippers on this day was that there was not enough finishing of that caliber. Cohasset created plenty of chances, but too often, fired the ball right at the Walpole goalie.

The Rebels took an 8-4 lead into the half, and quickly made it 10-4 just 2:30 into the second frame. Again, Durkin and Flibotte connected back-to-back to bring Cohasset within four, but that would be as close as it got.

Flibotte scored five times to lead the Skippers. Durkin finished with two, and junior Caren Garber scored once for the home team. Senior goalie JoAnna Hamilton made 14 saves in net.

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Grimm wasn't the only star of the game. Sophomore Mark Flibotte (five goals) and senior captain Aidan Buick (three goals) were huge parts of the offense, as they have been the whole year.

The goals came early and often from Cohasset, and from some unusual sources. Sophomore Jake Cuneo, a starting defenseman, got a goal after he was put in to play attack when Cohasset had a more than comfortable lead.

With all this offense, and outstanding defense by Cohasset, Porter was able to relax in goal and senior captain Ben Libby was able to come into the game in the second half. People always say that a goalie is only as good as his defense. Well, Cohasset's goaltending on this day was great as the Skippers defense played like a brick wall, not allowing anything to get by them without a consequence.

This hard-nosed defense is led by junior Jeff Brown, a Division 1 type player, and backed up by Bobby Meikleham and Cuneo. With the invincible defense, and unstoppable offense, the Cohasset Skippers moved one step closer to the title.

Skippers 10, Nantucket 3

Cohasset took another step on Monday with a convincing victory over the visiting Whalers. The Skippers defeated Nantucket in their season opener, 9-1, and were just as dominant in this state quarterfinal.

Libby was in top form in the cage for Cohasset (15-3), making 14 saves and never allowing the Nantucket attack to establish any momentum.

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Senior midfielder Trevor Brady eyes on a shot on goal during Monday's win over Nantucket.

Flibotte and Buick again led the attack with four and three goals, respectively. Buick added three assists, while Flibotte had one.

The Skippers held a 6-2 lead at the break, and things didn't get any closer in the second half, as their defense and Libby kept the clamps on Nantucket.

Sports editor Mark Goodman contributed to this story.

Girls sweep six May 21 games

With the lacrosse season entering the home stretch, the Cohasset youth girls program kicked its play into high gear, winning six games on May 21. Proving the coaches' point that "The weather is always good when you beat Hingham," Cohasset took five of those wins from its rival despite day-long mist and cold.

Those five games at Hingham High School started with the Cohasset **Blue 15-and-Under** squad (grades 7 and 8) facing off with Hingham Red. The start of the game suggested that Cohasset would win in a rout. **Olivia Sullivan** opened the scoring, followed by **Isabelle Franklin**, and when Hingham retaliated, **Kaleigh Teague** and **Lindsay MacNaught** made back-to-back connections, with Teague scoring the first goal and MacNaught the second to give Cohasset a 4-2 lead.

That pair would score again – as would Franklin – on assists from **Lindsay Allard** and **Olivia Murphy**, and **Paige DeSisto** finished a quick run from behind the goal to make the score 8-3 at the half.

But Hingham would score five of the first six goals in the second half, its run interrupted only by a goal from **Amy Meikleham**, whose score was the 50th of her youth lacrosse career. Just when it looked like things were getting close, DeSisto scored again, MacNaught completed her hat trick by cashing in a feed from Meikleham and Allard notched the 40th goal of her youth career to take control again.

Hingham didn't quit, scoring three more times to make it a one-goal game, but Murphy netted a goal in the last 90 seconds and Cohasset was able to kill the clock to finish with a 13-11 win, raising the team's record to 5-1.

Thomson Jaffe made 6 saves in the Cohasset net.

With that close finish fresh on everyone's minds, Cohasset **White 15-U** took the field against Hingham Black in a game that would prove to be even closer.

Hingham ran out to a 3-0 lead, only to see Cohasset answer with five scores. **Kelsey Erler** had two goals during that run – one on an assist from MacNaught, the other from **Anna Michalowski** – MacNaught finished an Murphy feed, **Kaci Kucinski** had a solo score and **Maddy Altholtz** potted a penalty shot as Cohasset took its first lead.

Hingham retaliated with two goals to tie the score, but **Eliza Kinnealey** gave Cohasset a 6-5 lead at the break. Jaffe made four saves in the first half, putting her past 350 for her youth career; she also surrendered the 300th goal during her five years of youth lacrosse.

The second half was more back and forth between the two sides. After Kucinski finished a Murphy feed, Hingham answered with two scores to tie the game at 7. **Katy Baker** scored her first career goal to help Cohasset recapture the lead, but Hingham answered with two scores to take the lead. Kucinski converted a penalty shot, and when Hingham regained the lead, nailed a second penalty shot to tie the game in the waning moments.

From there, Cohasset controlled the action, and DeSisto scooped up a loose ball after a missed shot and drove the net earning another direct-free position shot. Her score as time expired allowed the White team to escape with an 11-10 victory, raising its record on the year to 5-0-1.

The Cohasset **Blue 13-and-Under** team (grades 5 and 6) had a game similar to that of its older Blue sister squad from earlier in the day, rolling to a lead, allowing Hingham to make a comeback, and finishing with a win that raised its record to 5-1.

The first half looked like a rout, with Cohasset jumping out to a 9-4 lead. **Whitney Jaffe** had a hat trick, **Christina Healy** added two scores and **Isabella Flibotte**, **Moira Donohue**, **Katherine Brown** and **Stephanie Brierly** had single goals. **Maria Buckley** added an assist.

The second half proved to be much more back and fourth. After two Hingham scores, **Marie Gilman** netted her first goal of the season, and Jaffe followed with the 50th goal of her youth lacrosse career to extend the lead to 11-6. Two more Hingham goals were

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four years of his life in that country after graduating from URI.

Upon graduation, Afanasiw, who also speaks Russian, was offered a six-month internship in Russia through a Boston University program to teach English. Those six months came and went, Afanasiw says, and he decided he wanted to stay and apply for graduate school at Moscow State University.

After missing the cut on the entrance exam by two points, Afanasiw was faced with a decision: come back home, or stay in Russia for another year and take the test again. He decided on the latter, passed the test, and studied in Moscow for two more years.

Toward the end of that time, Afanasiw applied to become director of the BU program that brought him there in the first place.

"If I had gotten that job, I'd probably still be there today," he said. "But, I'm a strong believer that things happen for a reason."

Upon returning to the United States, Afanasiw taught in Brockton for a year before coming to Duxbury High School in 1998. In addition to teaching history and English, he coached football, girls ice hockey and baseball for the Green Dragons.

Afanasiw, who has stayed close with Silva and the Marshfield coaching staff, said his first couple Marshfield-Duxbury Thanksgiving games as a Dragons assistant were "very surreal."

"They were always giving me a hard time, jokingly," Afanasiw recalls. "They asked me why I wasn't in Marshfield. I applied to both schools, and Duxbury was the one that offered me a job."

As the head freshman football coach and a varsity assistant under Dellorco and, most recently, Dave Maimaron, Afanasiw has been part of an extremely successful program at Duxbury, culminating in a Super Bowl win last fall. Two major factors for the Dragons' success that Afanasiw says he hopes to emphasize at Cohasset is consistent growth and interest at the youth levels, and a commitment to weightlifting at the high school level.

Afanasiw has begun to look at some Cohasset game film from last season, and says he has been very impressed with the offensive linemen he will be working with next season. A lineman himself in high school, Afanasiw will coach a line that returns four of its five starters (only right guard Nick Arment is graduating).

He is still learning names and terminology, but the new Skippers coach says quarterback Anthony DiPaolo, fullback P.J. McCaw, and defensive back Jeff Brown have also stood out to him while watching film.

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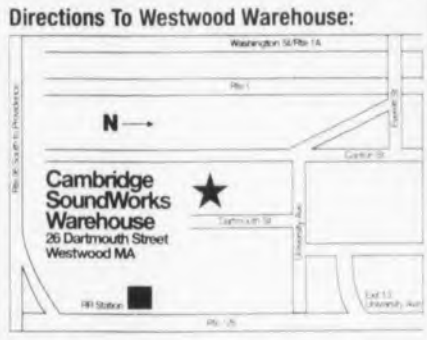

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answered by a score from **Alison Whelan**, and after Hingham closed the gap to 12-10, Healy and Jaffe finished them off with single tallies to make the final score 14-10.

Ellie Tedeschi made 8 saves in the Cohasset net to gain the victory.

The Cohasset **White 13-U** game was more of the same, an in fact with many of the same players as the team was a bit shorthanded for the contest.

Cohasset again scored nine goals in the first half, with Jaffe again accounting for three of them. **Allie Farren** scored twice, and **Kristen Alexander, Katherine Brown**, Buckley and **Anna Seraikas** all scored once.

After Farren answered a Hingham goal to open the second stanza, the home team rolled off five goals in a row, turning a route into a 1-7 game with plenty of time remaining. But Brown made a nifty move to get open and blasted home a shot to the lower right corner of the net, and Farren scored her first career goal on a penalty shot to kill Hingham's momentum.

A Jaffe-to-Farren fast-break connection answered Hingham's final goal of the day and **Sage Stebbins** converted a direct-free shot to close out the scoring and make it 14-8 Cohasset at the whistle. Brierly made four saves in the Cohasset net, but also picked up some key ground balls and triggered several Cohasset transitions with quality passes upfield.

The Cohasset **Blue 11-and-Under** team (grades 3 and 4) finished the day in Hingham, facing off against Hingham's Red team and controlling the action from start to finish.

The Blue team continues to display great scoring balance and had seven different players score points in a 7-1 rout: **Jackie Driscoll** led the way with a goal and two assists, and teamed with **Christina Tedeschi** on the play of the game, firing a pass from the left wing to Tedeschi who made a great catch on the crease and blasted the ball to the back of the net.

Charlotte Allard, Victoria Bryan, Annie McElgunn, and **Eliza Murphy** all scored single goals and **Dagmar Seppala** added an assist. **Maddie Curley** completed the scoring by circling the Hingham cage and then banging a left handed shot off the crossbar and into the goal.

The defensive duo of **Hannah Newhall** and **Shannon McGowan** refused to let Hingham in the game and continue to be outstanding on ground balls and clears, and **Micaela Braun** – playing her first game of the season in goal — was excellent scooping and clearing the loose balls. The 11-U Blue team improved to 6-2 on the season.

With five Cohasset teams playing in Hingham, it might have been easy to overlook the Cohasset **White 11-U** team, were it not for a solid 4-1 win against Pembroke.

Cohasset controlled the early going, keeping the action at midfield and in its offensive zone while Pembroke struggled to penetrate Cohasset's defense. Meanwhile, Cohasset's improved passing and catching allowed the girls to move through the midfield and work into the offense.

Emily Robbins controlled the ball into the Cohasset offensive zone and several passes later, Emily Swanborg read a clever cut from **Lexa Grasz**, feeding her the ball and allowing Grasz to give the team a 1-0 lead.

Moments later, **Katie McKenna** scooped up a loose ball in front of the net and fired it into the net to make the game 2-0 at the half.

Pembroke was up to the challenge in the second half, however, and came up with several quality looks at the net and its first score, but Cohasset answered with a strong offensive possession, keyed by **Brigette Berube**, that resulted in a direct-free position for **Madeline Blackburn**. Blackburn took one quick step and slipped the ball past the Pembroke goalie for the score. After several strong offensive attacks from Pembroke – and equally strong defensive stands by Cohasset – **Kathryn Dunn** closed out the scoring to make the final 4-1.

Molly Fitzgerald and **Alexandra Raymond** split the goaltending chores, each coming up with some solid saves as the White team raised its record on the year to 5-2-1.

The South Shore Lacrosse League closes out its inaugural season of official games on Sunday, June 11, and Cohasset's girls will play in Blue-against-White games on June 18 to close out the season. For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, check out www.cohasset-lacrosse.com.

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The **Boys Blue U15** team came off the Memorial Day break riding the wave of an undefeated season as the schedule took them to Norwell for their season ending matchup.

Though we needed some "reinforcements" from the Gray team that had a bye week, the kids finished a perfect season easily defeating a weathered looking Norwell group by a commanding 9–3 margin. Feeling energized in the damp conditions by the influx of some new blood, and anchored by goalies **Chase Baldwin** and **Chris Brown**, the kids got right to work and teamed up to put the home town team ahead comfortably right from the very beginning.

Will Wise, Dean Driscoll, and **Christian LeMaire**, proved to be an unstoppable starting attack trio scoring repeatedly on well placed shots off of laser-like feeds. The defense corps of **Jack Nelson, Ian Porter, Mark Seraikas**, and **Patrick Dunn** was also formidable enough to deny most of the offensive advances before they could muster much momentum.

In the second half we "turned the tables" and switched the attack to defense and vice versa and saw some equally impressive play from all of the kids in their new roles. With the transition game safe and sound in the hands of **Derek Youngman, Max Shipp**, and **Jack Carrier**, it was a great watch for the fans and super way to wrap up the season on a perfect score.

The **U15 White** squad took on Norwell at home and coasted to an 11–3 victory giving the team a nearly perfect season with only one lost game. Eleven players contributed goals and/or assists during the game. As in our Duxbury game, many players were able to demonstrate their all around lacrosse skills by playing different positions.

Tom Flibotte who had 2A / 1G, took over in net during the second half for goalie **Jack Murphy** who then played midi and attack with 2G. **Taylor McQuade** and **Andrew Littauer** switched from defense to attack in the second half and posted 3A and 1G respectively. **Ian Quinlan** with 2A/1G, and **Conor Queenan** with 1A, switched from attack to play defense for us.

Alex Kinnealy had 3G, **Geoff Evans** 1A, **Austin Meyers** 1G, visiting Gray team player **Brendan Horigan** had 1G, and **Chris Hayes** had the biggest goal of the game resulting in a series of high fives.

Congratulations on a nearly perfect season and strong efforts by every one. We look forward to hosting and competing in the first South Shore Youth Lacrosse Jamboree this Sunday with Hingham, Duxbury, Marshfield, Hanover, and Scituate.

The **Boys U13** team also visited Norwell and met with the same degree of success as they easily overcame an overmatched Norwell squad – the only town to have beaten them previously this season.

Seemingly getting better with every game, **Willy Brown** made a number of key saves in the cage while driving the team to a 6–2 victory. Anchored by another strong defensive performance from **Ben Curley, Blake Erler, Dan Barnes**, and part-time middie X-man **Derek Froio**, the scoring chances for the Norwell squad were few and far in between.

Robbie Mahoney, John Mills, Dean and Mitch McNary provided all the firepower that was needed with **Christian Davis** and **Andrew Fontaine** icing the victory with key late game scores. Key ground balls were won by **Alex Kent** and **Sasha Nakishima** while **Alec Hurd** kept the opposing defense off guard around their net.

This was a great final win for the kids as it wrapped up another great run of lax and demonstrated how far they've come as a team over the course of the season.

The **Greys** (who won 9-5) put on one of their best efforts Sunday in the season finale against last year's nemesis - Barnstable.

The game was highlighted with a ton of action in the Barnstable end and a strong transition game for the Greys. The younger group of Cohasset players, **Zach Strecher, Jamie Timothy** (1G / 1A), **Blair McGowan, Forster Eymer** (1G/1A), **Jimmie Lydon** and **Teddy Patsos** all worked strongly in getting to ground balls and working the rock around to find the offense.

Eymer and Timothy both had outstanding efforts with Eymer connecting on a nice bullet from the wing position. The veteran Greys also showed pride in their work and led by example in their last U-13 outing.

John Collins (4A / 1G) lead the way offensively contributing in many transitional plays as he did all year. **Geoff Swain** anchored the defense and held back many

Barnstable threats in protecting both **Brennan Bukowski** (2H / 6 saves) and **Kyle Healy** (1H / 4 saves) from many tests in the net. **Pat Kearney** hit the net one last time as he was instrumental all season and in the finale as both an offensive and defensive force. **Kyle Livingstone** gave tireless minutes in middie work creating many Grey opportunities.

Kyle Healy (2G) struck the net twice in playing out of net in the second half, both on great feeds from Collins and **Gus Helbock** (1G / 1A). Helbock was relentless – as his "wheels" created the offense he was credited with in the box score – but all year has been a go-to worker who consistently produced results.

The story of the day was **Danny "CZ" Czerkawski** (2G) who was a man of action, as he delivered on many fronts. CZ led the team in creating turnovers and in many cases stopping Barnstable efforts cold. He transitioned the ball fantastically and even showed us his "left hand" shooting to prove his ambidexterity.

And on one last note, thank you to both our goalies this year Brennan Bukowski and Kyle Healy for not backing down in the heat of battle while protecting the Grey nets! Great year, bring on the tourneys!!

The Cohasset **U13 White** hosted Norwell last Sunday. The squad enjoyed getting back to playing a lacrosse game after the Memorial Day break. Despite the wet conditions, both squads played aggressive, competitive lacrosse.

Cohasset, led by its co-goaltenders, **Chris Murphy** and **Matt Swanborg**, battled hard all day, but found it tough to penetrate a strong Norwell defense and had difficulty defending a fleet-footed Norwell offense. Norwell's offense was consistent and led 9-3 at the half. Cohasset's scores came unassisted from **David Hill** and **Charlie Neaves**, with **Coleman Hernon** scoring on a feed from **Nick Tangherlini**.

Cohasset came out in the second half committed to hustling play, but couldn't find an answer to Norwell's offensive output. When the horn sounded Norwell was on top 16-6. Cohasset second half scores came unassisted from Murphy, Neaves (2) and **David Hill** (2).

Next up for the squad is participation in the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Jamboree this Sunday, 6/11.

The **U11 White's** final game of the regular season against Norwell began with an assist from **Mark Brown** to **Ryan McKeon**. **Mark McKenna** made quick pass to **Curtis Golden** for our second.

Jack Stanganelli, a rising star on our defense, made an unassisted goal on a fast break. McKenna earned a second assist by feeding **Adam Benson** for a 4-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. At the top of the second, **Charlie Steele** connected with **Tom O'Brien** for the fifth goal.

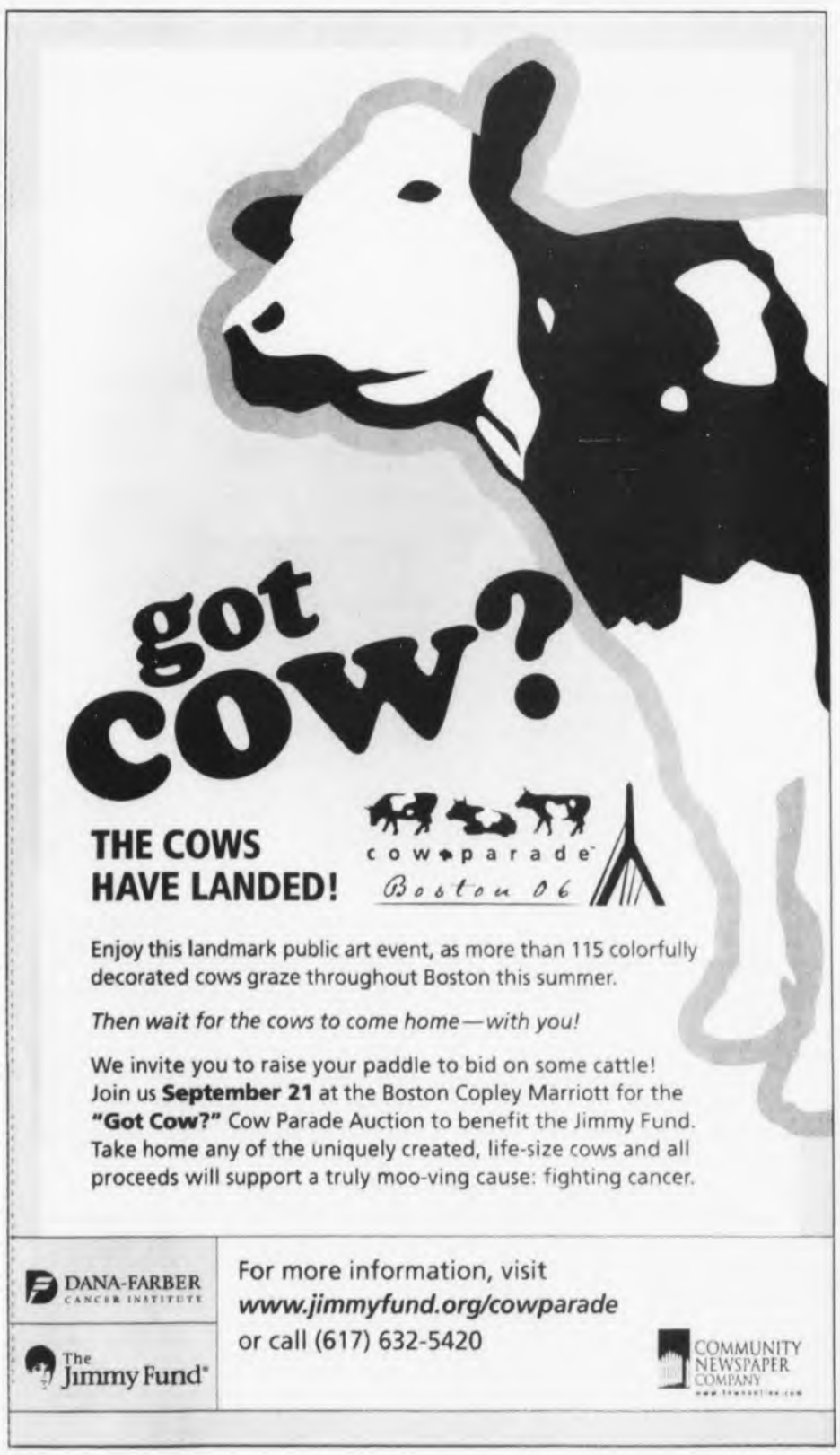
In a rare move, **Will Golden** made an unassisted goal. Benson scored for his second time, unassisted. **Will Lucas** sent a long pass to **Charlie Michalowski** which became our eighth goal. Brown made final score of the half with an assist from **Matt MacCormack**. It was 9-0 at the half.

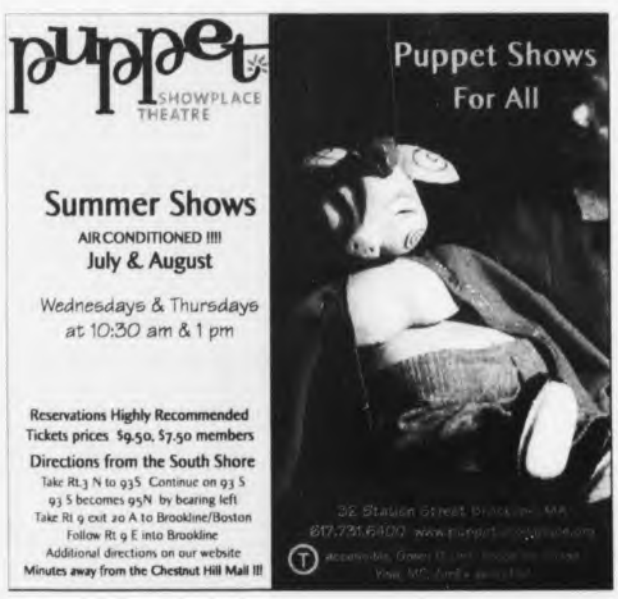
Cohasset defense has a unique starting line up: Jack, Jack and Jack with Derick. That is Jack Stanganelli, **Jack McElgunn, Jack Leffel and Derick Benson**. They are the wall to our opposing teams.

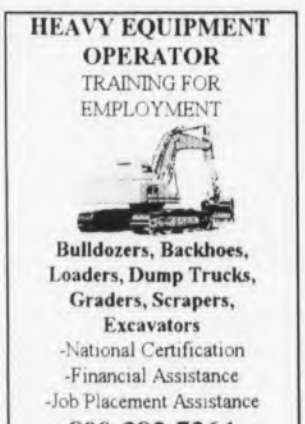
With a 9-0 lead, the coaching staff reached for drastic measures. The Four Pass Rule is imposed. The offense lined up in 3–1–2 formation and no shots on cage were allowed until the team completed four consecutive passes. Many passes, no points. **Cole Kissick** again showed great ball handling skill and ran like the wind bringing the ball downfield.

The fourth quarter begins with another drastic move by the coaches. Attack plays defense and defense plays attack. Curt Golden holds down the goal for the second half. Norwell takes advantage of the changes and scores. Will Golden delivered the final shot to the net and Cohasset wins 10-1 to complete an undefeated 8-0 season.

By the way, there is nothing to the rumor that scouts from the University of Virginia, Cornell, Princeton or Johns Hopkins attended this game. Stay tuned, they will come.







Congratulations to elected Class Officers!

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Summer: two syllables that when registered by the human brain, conjure a bevy of mental images. Barbecues, the beach, sleeping in and a general sense of disorder juxtaposed with the routine of school can be quite a welcome transition. However, it isn't quite summer yet. But to help segue into the season is an event that will capture the attention of our entire planet. This year's World Cup in Germany begins today. Although team USA does not take the field until the 12thof June in their match against The Czech Republic, check the listings and take a gander at the action. Cohasset's Conor Buick and Chris Clark are both traveling to Germany to witness some history in the making. Even with all this excitement, we still have recent and upcoming events:

Congratulations to the elected Class Officers!

• Ninth Grade: President: **Hillary Gaumer**; Vice President: **Chase Stebbins**; Secretary: **Taryn Donahue**

• 10th Grade: President: **Maggie McGoldrick**; Vice President: **Anna Roberts**; Secretary: **Jenny Cahill**

• 11th Grade: President: **Tyler Kelly**; Vice President: **Paige Strecker**; Secretary: **Jackie Cahill**; Treasurer: **Sally Meehan**

• 12th grade: President: **Mike Corry**; Vice President: **Callie Barrett**; Secretary: **Lara Novak**; Treasurer: **Tessa Leahy**

• Student Council positions will be voted on next September.

• Relay For Life will take place June 17-19 at the high school. Interested in joining The Social Awareness Team? Contact Mr. Newkirk.

• The Middle School Band and Chorus both received Superior ratings at the Musical Carousel last Friday. This is the highest judged ranking available.

• Middle School Arts Night was Wednesday. The Band and Chorus performed, and student's artwork was on display.

• Today is Grade 6 Olympic Day! Good luck to all the athletes in their endeavors.

• Ms. Crimmins' Coffee House is today, where students showcase their poetry. Hopefully no sixth graders got into the coffee, or we may have subpoenas for performance enhancement in the near future.

• The Handbook Revision Committee met Wednesday.

• Wednesday Mr. Newkirk's Current Domestic Issues had a field trip to MCI Norfolk.

• Sophomore **Kenny Muir** will attend The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership conference this weekend at Bentley College.

• Students interested in making a difference and having a blast should check out The **S**tudent **L**eadership **T**raining **P**rogram. More information is available at www.sltp.info , or I'd be happy to share my experience with you.

• Reminder to parents of children with medication in the nurse's office: Parents must pick up the medicine by June 20th. After the 20th, all medication will be discarded.

• Physicals are due for entrants to the seventh or 10th grade in September 2006. Please mail a copy to the nurse's office.

• The Guidance Department is happy to announce that the scheduling progress is back on track after hiatus. Guidance will set next year's courses before the end of the year; and make every effort to start one-on-one scheduling before summer.

• Senior report cards will be mailed home this week, and final transcripts will be sent to the colleges they will attend.

Coming up next week, **Charles Miller** and I will be attending Boys State at Stonehill College. Hang on; don't worry, because I will elect someone worthy to report in my stead. Rest assured Life at CHS doesn't stop for two students. In our week of absence we should have no doubt a fun and educational experience. Somehow, missing class seems to factor into my positive outlook. Then again, make-up work will seriously detract from next weekend's downtime. In closing, the end of the year does not mean that things slow down here at CHS. Nothing is over until we walk out those doors for the last time this year. Enjoy the weekend.

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Drummers Greg Berube, Jack Thomae and Lauren McLellan keep the beat during Deer Hill band practice.

Clarinetists Marissa Gildea, Meghan Kearney and Callie Neaves prepare for the upcoming spring concert at the Deer Hill School.

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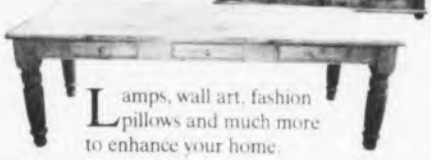

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OBITUARIES

Manuel E. Salvador

U. S. Navy World War II veteran

Manuel E. Salvador, 79, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died June 5, 2006, at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

Born and raised in Cohasset, he graduated from Cohasset High School. At 16 1/2 years old, he joined the US. Navy, and served during World War II in Guam as a Motor Machinist Mate 3rd Class.

Mr. Salvador worked for the Town of Cohasset as chief operator of Waste Treatment Services. He also worked for over 60 years as a lobsterman in Cohasset Harbor.

He leaves his beloved wife of 53 years, Jean M. (Barrow) Salvador; and a brother, Bernard J. Salvador, of Sanbornton, N.H. He was the loving father of the late Dana J. Salvador.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, June 12, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Robert Morse

U.S. Army Air Corps World War II corporal

Robert Morse, 83, died May 6, 2006, at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Facility.

Mr. Morse graduated from Wells High School in Southbridge, Class of 1940. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, serving as crew chief and flight engineer for B-17 and B-29 bomber aircraft. After the war, he studied engineering at Brown University in Providence, R.I., and subsequently held numerous engineering positions, most notably at Pratt and Whitney aircraft in Hartford, Conn.

Along with fishing and hunting, he mastered the art of fly tying and was a founding member of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center in Livingston Manor, N.Y.

He leaves his loving daughters, Roberta Morse Tuttle of Gloucester, Va., and Elizabeth Morse of Cohasset; three grandchildren, Matthew Morse, of Uncasville, Conn., Mark Cappetta of No. Branford, Conn., and Luke Wilcox, of Gloucester, Va.; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Morse, and Aidan Cappetta; three nieces; and two nephews.

A Memorial service will be held Wednesday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m., in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

WORSHIP GUIDE

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To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High.

• June 9, Noontime: Soup and Sandwich in the Watermelon Room. You bring a sandwich and the Red Lion Inn provides the soup.

• Saturday, June 10: Bible Fellowship 7:00 AM. Book of Jonah

•Sunday, June11: Trinity Sunday. The Boston Duck Tour will leave at 11:30 after the 10 a.m. service.

• Monday, June 12: Vestry Meeting 7:30 P.M. Christian Meditation 7 p.m..

• Tuesday, June 13: Book Group meets at 7:30 PM. Stewardship Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 14: Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on women in the Hebrew Bible. Profile Committee meets at 7 p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for Trinity Sunday, in the Lesson from Exodus, the Lord appears to Moses in the burning bush. In Paul's letter to the Romans, when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become his children and heirs with Christ. John's Gospel tells of the story of Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees who comes during the night to talk with Jesus. Preacher: Ms. Colette Wood.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

May 21, "Soul and Body."

May 28, "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Cross Blood Drive in Cohasset June 14

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 14, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available on site from 3 to 5 p.m. Donors can enter to win two Red Sox tickets and two tickets to see Dave Matthews and Sheryl Crow at Fenway Park on July 7.

Blood donated by volunteers at this drive will go to help people like Jack Burfoot, a 13-year-old from Vermont whose suspected stomach flu in 2002 turned out to be a rare, high-risk form of leukemia. Aggressive chemotherapy helped Jack beat the odds. Over 40 units of blood and platelets made sure he could receive those treatments on schedule. Today, Jack is in remission, thanks in part, to dedicated Red Cross blood donors.

To give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Most medications and medical conditions do not prohibit a person from being a blood donor. Donors can give blood safely every eight weeks. To make an appointment to donate at this Blood Drive or for information, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290, the Red Cross Blood Services at 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.givelife.org. For more information on the blood donation process and current eligibility guidelines visit www.newenglandblood.org.

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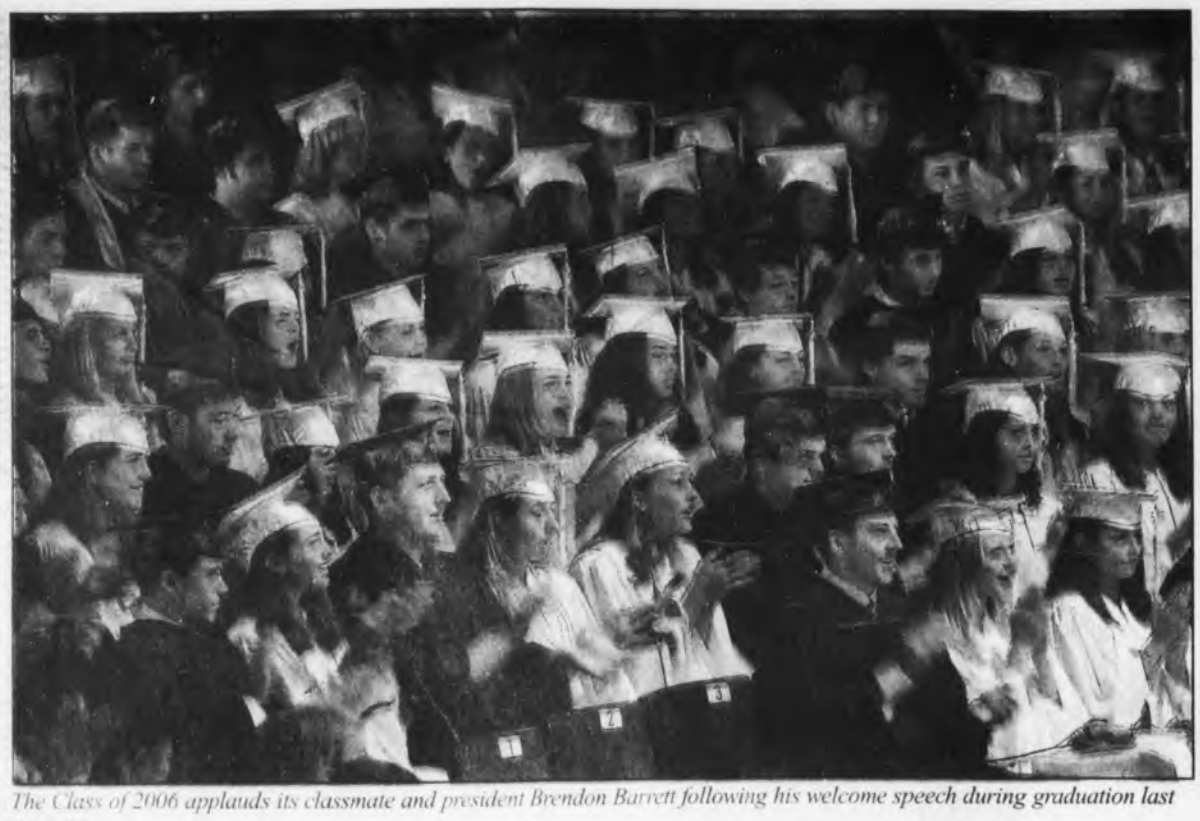


The Class of 2006 applauds its classmate and president Brendon Barrett following his welcome speech during graduation last Saturday.

Salutatorian Nils Sceery addresses his classmates during graduation Saturday.

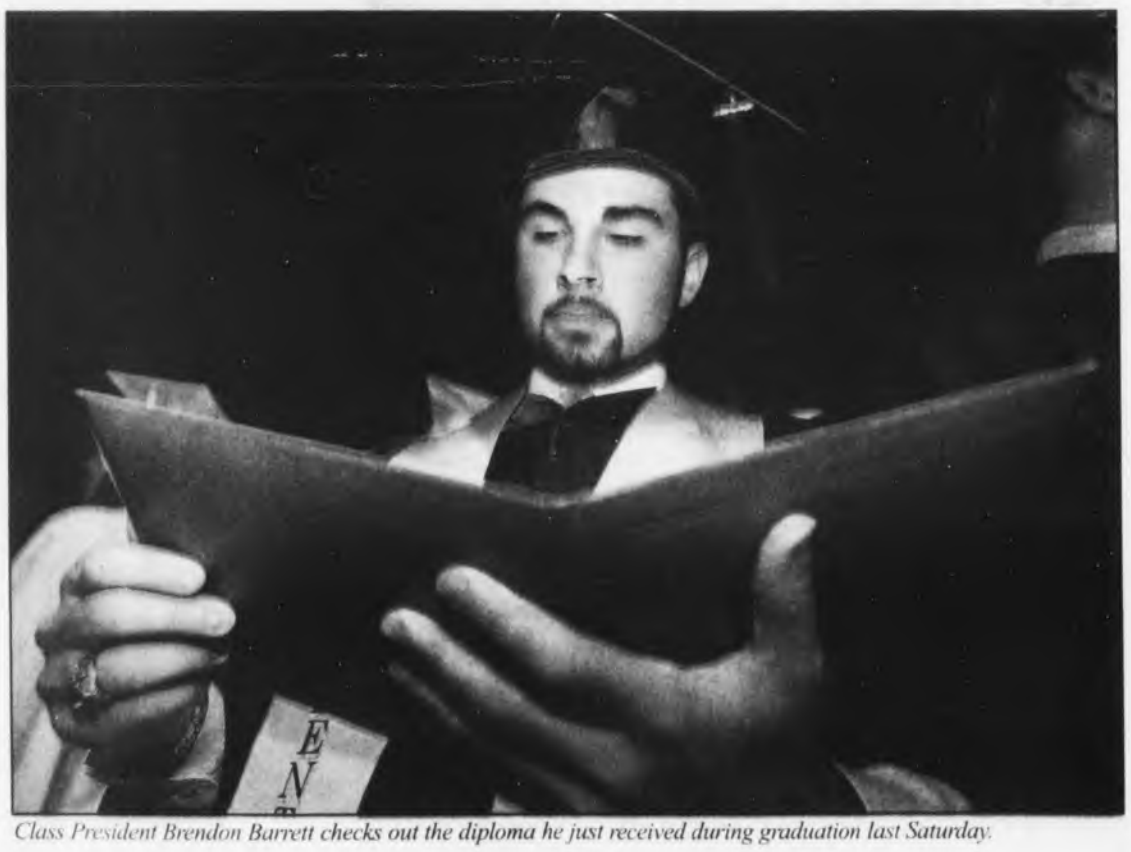
Lisa Spirito stops to smells her rose as she awaits the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony.

Torch is passed to CHS Class of 2006

97 awarded diplomas

Staff photos/Robin Chan

Melissa Crowley-Buck wipes a tear from her eye during Brendon Barrett's speech during graduation last Saturday. Barrett led the class on a trip down memory lane, from the playgrounds at Osgood to the present.



Class President Brendon Barrett checks out the diploma he just received during graduation last Saturday.

Carrie Muir, Michelle Lemaire, Marissa Evans and Christie Muir walk down Sohier Street to their graduation ceremony after going to Katherine Whoriskey's graduation brunch last Saturday.

Valedictorian Emily Nash addresses her classmates during graduation and urges them to always be hungry for more knowledge.

Brittany McNeil feeds her cousin Kai Winder, 2, of Randolph some graduation cake at the conclusion of the Class of 2006's graduation ceremony.

Steve Abrams pauses while Assistant Principal Michael Gill asks him to hand back his diploma and return to his place, as he had made the mistake of calling Abrams' name first, rather than the class officers. Supt. Denise Walsh and Principal Joel Antolini smile at the humorous scene.

Graduates told not to be bystanders in life

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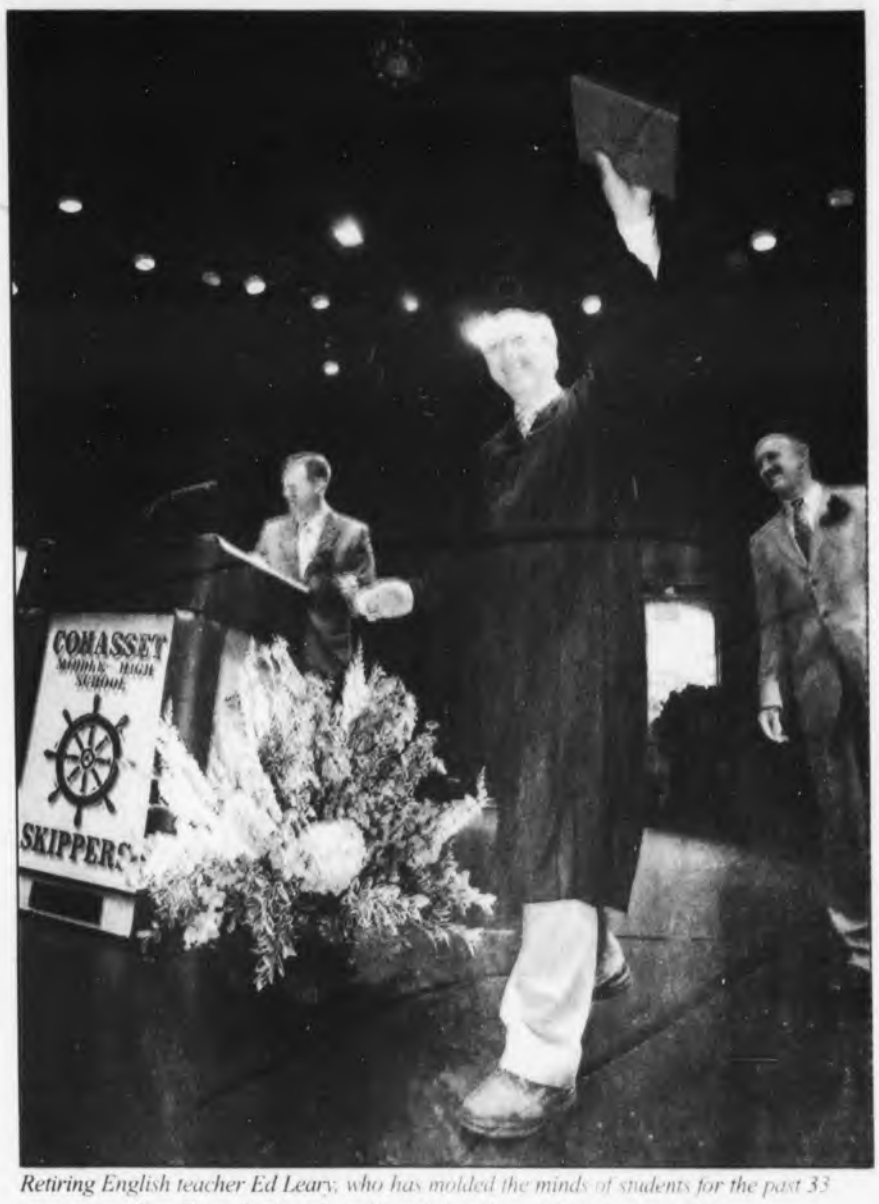
Alison Krupczak smiles while taking a picture of her classmates before the start of graduation last Saturday.



Retiring English teacher Ed Leary, who has molded the minds of students for the past 33 years, was all smiles as he "graduated" with the Class of 2006 last Saturday.

Jim Schwantner, left, checks out his son Alex's new diploma with his wife Derry and daughter Carly, 12, following the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony last Saturday.

Cohasset High School Principal Joel Antolini shakes hands with Lisa Musto before handing over her diploma during last Saturday's graduation ceremony.

Brooke Allen smiles while listening to Class President Brendon Barrett's welcome speech at graduation last Saturday.

Some of the guys from the Class of 2006 pose before their graduation ceremony. From left to right, they are: Chris Bryan, Ben Bolster, Dave McKenna, Ben Libby, Chris Pescatore, Steve Abrams, Nils Sceery, Dan McCarthy, Rob Murley, Brendon Barrett, Nick Arment, Scott Wakefield, Will Pinkus, Mark Bouchard, Mike Devlin and Shane Dorion.

***Mary Moore**: "Working as a lawyer." **Katie Bolger:** "Traveling the world." **Lisa Spirito**: "Working on a movie set in Hollywood."*

***Nathan Needle**: "Boating in South Carolina." **Mike Devlin**: "Living on a house boat in the Caribbean fishing all day."*

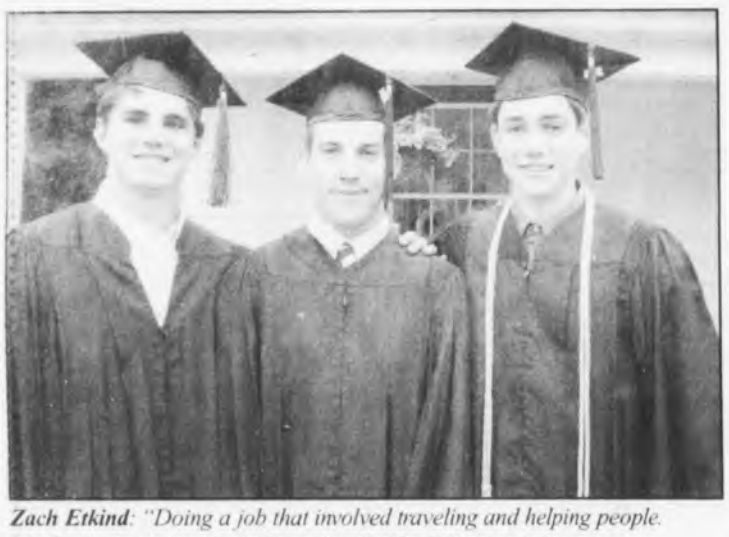
***Trevor Brady**: "As a general in the United States Army." **Brian Straughn**: "As a sports agent." **Sam MacDonald**: "Running a business."*

***Kelsey Bell**: "Living in another country." **Charlotte Sida**: "Traveling." **Molly Trahon**: "Married with four kids." **Jessica Hinman**: "Married with kids."*

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Photos and interviews by Samantha Brown

***Jen Dinger**, **Lisa Musto** and **Devin Smith**: "Married."*



***Zach Etkind**: "Doing a job that involved traveling and helping people. Maybe in South America." **Brandon Smith**: "Working in Boston somewhere." **Chris Ofsthun**: "Working in the Big Apple (Manhattan)."*

***Right, Brittany McNeil**: "As a very successful business woman." **Aileen Fortunato**: "Still on the path to becoming a lawyer." **Ariel Siegel**: "Running my own art studio." **Shevaughn White**: "Running my own business and doing a little traveling."*

THE COHASSET MARINER CONGRATULATES

Cohasset High principal Joel Antolini shakes the hand of Lisa Musto before giving her her diploma during Saturday's graduation ceremony.
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THE COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2006

Steven Michael Abrams
Brooke Elizabeth Allen
Nicholas Patrick Arment
Brendon Chase Barrett
Kelsey Marie Bell
Alexandra Danielle Belz
Azalea Grace Bemis
Patrick Roy Bertovich
Aaron McDermott Bigley
Jessica May Bilbo
Katherine Anne Bolger
Benjamin Matthew Bolster
Mark Daniel Bouchard
Trevor Michael Brady
Christopher Donnelly Bryan
Aidan Conlon Buick
John Thomas Burgoon
Prescott Laird Busk
Rita Kathleen Carpenter
Whitney C. Condon
Melissa Anne Crawford
Melissa Lee Crowley-Buck
Susan Elizabeth Curry
Amanda Weems Daley
Michael Thomas Devlin
Kathleen Elizabeth DeWaal
Jennifer Lynn Dinger
Shane Michael Dorion
Nicole Lee Dugan
Zachary Stuart Etkind
Marissa Anne Evans
Sydney Fallon
Matthew Ryan Fithian
Aileen Stephanie Fortunato
Frederick Hassellbrook Grassie, III
Chelsea Elizabeth Grossman
Joanna Marie Hamilton
Jessica Howland Hinman
Kaitlin Mary James
Katherine Marie Jensen
Jeffrey Donald Kent
Alison J. Krupczak
Samuel McGrath Kusek
Leigh Renee Laugelle
Remy Christman Lee
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Mia Dawn Lieb-Lappen
Jonathan Granville Lowe
Jeffrey Luong
Samuel Gerard MacDonald
Michael Anthony Martone
Daniel E. Maynard
Katherine McBride
Daniel Davis McCarthy
David Charles McKenna
Brittany Louise McNeil
Paul George Miller
Mary Katherine Moore
Christie Davidson Muir
Carrie MacPherson Muir
Robert John Murley
Katharine Paige Murphy
Lisa Ann Musto
Emily Anne Nash
Nathan Richard Needle
Patrick Joseph O'Brien
Christopher Joseph Ofsthun
Christopher James Pescatore
William David Pinkus
Vanessa Jean Plante
Katrina Marie Reardon
Christopher Field Reynolds
Cassie Lee Rosano
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Alex Richard Schwantner
Kristen Marion Schwerin
Emilie Anne Shea
Charlotte Madeline Sida
Ariel Rachel Siegel
Stephen Gregory Simmons
Brandon Windsor Smith
Devin Coogan Smith
Lisa Olivia Spirito
Brian James Straughn
Daniel Shoffner Sullivan
Dereck Dwayne Manton Sullivan
Ellen Elizabeth Tarpey
Molly Donovan Trahon
Molly Davis Trisler
Scott Goodwin Wakefield, IV
James Charles Watts
Jessica Lee Wheelwright
Shevaughn Tavia Jasmine White
Katherine Julie Whoriskey
Justin Frederic Wood

Cohasset High School awards and scholarships

The following awards and scholarships were presented at Senior Class Night last week:

Margaret Mary Hardy Scholarship: **Kelsey Bell, Erin Liddell, Christopher Ofsthun, Katrina Reardon, Christopher Reynolds** and **Brandon Smith.**

Alice and Walter Shuebruk Scholarship: **Prescott Busk, Susan Curry, Jeffery Kent, Kate McBride, Lisa Musto, Emily Savage** and **Jessica Wheelwright.**

Malcolm H. and Helen C. Stevens Scholarship: **Carrie Muir** and **Christie Muir.**

American Legion Woman's Auxiliary: **Leigh Laugelle.**

American Legion, George H. Mealy Post, #118: **Jessica Bilbo, Amanda Daley, Leigh Laugelle** and **Vanessa Plante.**

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars #9146, the William T. Barnes Jr. Memorial Scholarship: **Leigh Laugelle** and **Jeffrey Luong.**

Cohasset Hockey Boosters Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship: **Mark Bouchard.**

Cohasset Teachers Association Scholarship: **Mark Bouchard, Kathleen DeWaal** and **Nicole Duggan.**

PCEA Award: **Molly Trisler.**

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association: **Kaitlin James.**

Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Scholarship: **Michael Devlin.**

Cohasset Farmers Market Scholarship: **Kelsey Bell** and **Vanessa Plante.**

Cohasset Gridiron Club: **Steve Abrams, Nicholas Arment, Shane Dorion, Zachary Etkind, Frederick Grassie, Daniel McCarthy** and **David McKenna.**

Cohasset Dental: **Katherine Whoriskey** and **Christopher Pescatore.**

Cohasset METCO Scholarship: **Aileen Fortunato, Brittany McNeil** and **Shevaughn White.**

Cohasset Arts Awards: **Katherine DeWaal, Emily Savage** and **Kristen Scherwin.**

CHS Student Council Scholarship: **Brendon Barrett.**

Cohasset Police Association: **Rick Grassie.**

Cohasset Soccer Boosters Club Scholarship: **Melissa Crowley-Buck** and **Nils Sceery.**

Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship: **Kelsey Bell, Amanda Daley, Kaitlin James, Vanessa Plante** and **Charlotte Sida.**

Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Boosters Scholarship: **Amanda Daley.**

Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Scholarship: **Shane Dorion** and **David McKenna.**

Rockland Trust Scholarship: **Marissa Evans.**

Cohasset Youth Baseball/Softball Association Scholarship: **Erin Liddell** and **Christopher Ofsthun.**

Community Garden Club of Cohasset: **Emily Nash.**

Cohasset High School Class of 1956 Scholarship: **Aileen Fortunato.**

DAR Good Citizen Award: **Brendon Barrett.**

Cohasset Basketball Boosters – Susan DeMichele Scholarship: **Trevor Brady, Chelsea Grossman, Kaitlin James, Mia Lieb-Lappen** and **Will Pinkus.**

Gia Baressi Memorial Scholarship: **Mia Lieb-Lappen.**

Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship: **Ben Libby.**

Jean F. Higgins Community Service Award: **Charlotte Sida.**

Democratic Town Committee: Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship: **Zachary Etkind.**

Republican Town Committee: **Alison Krupczak** and **Christopher Reynolds.**

Max Lax Lacrosse Scholarship: **Zachary Etkind** and **Lisa Spirito.**

Catherine W. Mulcahy Scholarship: **Brooke Allen.**

Nichols Fund: **Emily Nash.**

Henry David Thoreau Scholarship: **Mia Lieb-Lappen.**

Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship, Troop 28 Boy Scouts of America: **Kaitlin James.**

Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust: **Caitlin Sanchez, Brian Straughn** and **Shevaughn White.**

Burtram J. Pratt Memorial: The Cohasset Historical Society: **Aidan Buick.**

Rotary Club of Cohasset: **Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Susan Curry, Amanda Daley, Kaitlin James, Alison Krupczak, Christopher Ofsthun, Christopher Reynolds, Caitlin Sanchez , Brandon Smith** and **Lisa Spirito.**

Valedictorian Award – Salutatorian Award: **Emily Nash** and **Nils Sceery.**

Stanton Family Scholarship: **Mark Bouchard, Nicole Duggan, Rick Grassie** and **Alison Krupczak.**

Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship: **Christopher Ofsthun.**

Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship: **Shane Dorion.**

Mary E. (Beth) Goff Memorial Scholarship: **Remy Lee.**

Barbara Elizabeth Gurnis Memorial Scholarship: **Kaitlin James.**

Lenny Kupsc Memorial Scholarship: **Kelsey Bell.**

Justin Langham Memorial Scholarship: **Melissa Crowley-Buck** and **Dan McCarthy.**

Major William Arthur Memorial Scholarship: **Alison Krupczak.**

C.P. Harvey Memorial Scholarship: **Kristen Schwerin.**

MAFLA Award: Spanish – **Emily Savage**; Latin – **Kate McBride.**

Teen Ink Awards: **Mia Lieb-Lappen, Christopher Pescatore** and **Emily Savage.**

Science Achievement Awards: **Aaron Bigley, Mark Bouchard, Prescott Busk, Susan Curry, Zachary Etkind, Matthew Fithian, Chelsea Grossman, Jeffrey Kent, Alison Krupczak, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Jonathan Lowe, Michael Martone, Carrie Muir, Christie Muir, Emily Nash, Nathan Needle, Christopher Pescatore, Christopher Reynolds, Charlotte Sida** and **Katherine Whoriskey.**

Joel Antolini, principal, presented the following awards:

AFL-CIO Scholarship Award: **Emily Nash.**

Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award: **Daniel Maynard.**

Cohasset Mariner Scholarship: **Katrina Reardon.**

Jane Tilden Memorial Scholarship: **Matthew Fithian** and **Cassie Rosano.**

Noel Ripley Scholarship: **Jessica Hinman** and **Mary Moore.**

William Ripley Scholarship: **Ellen Tarpey.**

National Merit Finalist Award: **Emily Nash.**

National Merit Letter of Commendation: **Christopher J. Ofsthun** and **Molly Trisler.**

Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship, Social Service League: **Rita Carpenter** and **Alison Krupczak.**

Dr. Michael Gill, assistant principal, presented the following awards:

Class of 2007:

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: **Colleen Richardson.**

Dartmouth Book Award: **Caren Garber.**

Harvard Book Award and MFLA French Award: **Ryan Ingram.**

Holy Cross Book Award: **Emily Coggins.**

Rensselaer Award: **Donald (Reed) Dickinson.**

Smith Club Book Award: **Amanda Thompson.**

Tufts Book Award: **Kevin Barber.**

Wellesley Book Award: **Laura Campedelli.**

Williams Book Award: **Laura Struzzulla.**

The "Golden Apple" Award: **Christine Berman.**

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, MAY 16

4:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), called owner of vehicle for callback. Owner notified of non payment, will rectify in morning.

5:01 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, well being check, caller states she observed 4 young males 10 to 12 years old hop fence into golf course with a canoe concerned for their safety.

5:15 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports his dog goes by name of Beau is missing from his address, golden retriever, blue collar, tags on him.

7:10 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance, solicitors. Gone on arrival.

9:41 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

10:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

12:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, caller states there is someone outside her residence banging on the window. 883 on scene. No one in the area now.

6:24 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, dead animal. Walk in party reports a dead raccoon on the road in front of his house. 2nd time this is being reported.

7:23 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:49 a.m. **Brook St.**, public service. Brook Street is closed.

7:50 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service. Pond Street in front of CHS is down to one lane.

9:52 a.m. **Margin St.**, larceny (report), caller reports an outboard motor was taken from his residence last night.

10:03 a.m. **Elm St.**, missing child, party in to report her child did not return home last night.

10:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports vandalism to his outside lights.

10:29 a.m. **King St.**, resident is reporting a bob-cat working in the roadway. 883 reports workmen delivering plants in the area. He will remove motor vehicle from the roadway.

1:08 p.m. **Stagecoach Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:01 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:15 p.m. **Castle Rd.**, Squad 1 investigating road blockage. Castle Road can not be accessed from 211 South Main St., anymore due to construction. Access must be accessed from former Hayes Estate on Beechwood Street, Windermere Site.

7:37 p.m. **Bayberry Lane and Tupelo Rd.**, suspicious activity, green Lexus acting suspicious.

8:22 p.m. **Edgewater Rd.**, **Hull**, medical aid.

8:33 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, report of female high blood pressure and heart palpitations. E3 reports Scituate rescue will transport E3 in service at the scene.

8:47 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, civil matter, caller reports her neighbor is shining his light into her driveway and wants it logged.

9:23 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:02 p.m. **Oak St.**, medical aid, initial call for male fainted in yard.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

12:24 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports her and a friend are house sitting and they keep receiving phone calls from a man they don't know, but he is scaring them, they'd like an officer to check it out. Officer reports the perimeter is secure, the girls are being picked up by an older sister and these calls will be reported to the phone company.

12:43 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

12:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, call came directly into fire station, the caller reports her smoke detectors are going off, but there is no smoke or fire seen.

6:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:29 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vandalism report, report of someone tampering with locks. No crime involved, mistake in drop off area, owner advised of course of action.

10:39 a.m. **North Main St.**, investigation, retrieve item for investigation.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports woman in back parking lot not looking well.

11:13 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal bite, assessors was out doing inspections when she was bitten by a dog.

4 p.m. **Summer St.**, well being check.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Passing on right.

4:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist private ambulance with location of patient.

4:48 p.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:02 p.m. **Beach St.**, downed wires. National Grid notified responding. Service to 16 Beach St., ripped from residence.

6:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports that a motor vehicle passed him on right.

7:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

8:04 p.m. **South Main St.**, investigation. Follow up.

8:49 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance, 883 made several passes in area, gone on arrival solicitors.

10:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

12:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Hingham reports a black BMW coming from the rotary headed South towards Cohasset, all over the road.

12:50 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

3:27 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid.

7:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

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Docket No. 06P1135EP

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FREDERICK S. MOORE SR.

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 28, 2006

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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9:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Linden Drive**, assist Police Officer.

9:37 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, downed power lines.

1:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, credit card fraud.

2:34 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, investigated/report taken.

4:12 p.m. **Carbone Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, detail officer reports there is a hole at this location and the right companies have been notified.

6:07 p.m. **Priscilla Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, Scituate reports there is a man with his fingers stuck in the gears of his car, they are requesting R3. Scituate cancels R3.

6:47 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, drivers license found and returned.

7:26 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller reports there are cars parked where they're not supposed to be and kids are walking in the street because the cars are on the sidewalk. Officer reports 5 vehicles tagged on Hull Street and Grace Drive. The sidewalk is clear.

8:05 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, disturbance, caller reports someone who looks under 16 is riding a moped and its getting dark and she's concerned for him. Officer reports gone on arrival.

9:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, caller reports there is someone locked in the manager's office.

10:28 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music next door. Officer reports no loud music, but the involved party does have a scanner and probably shut it off when it was put out.

11:21 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

1:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 62.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:05 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

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10:50 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost cell phone.

11 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid.

11:39 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check, caller would like a well being check on the motor vehicle operator.

5:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports an erratic operator all over the road with a smashed out windshield. Officer reports a young female driver who could use a little more experience driving and slowing down.

6 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports 3 intoxicated males in a car at this location harassing the workers who take in carriages at Shaw's. Officer reports they have 2 in custody and is going inside for the third one. 33-year-old Quincy man, 47-year-old Pembroke man, and 59-year-old Boston man in protective custody.

6:06 p.m. **School St., Hull**, bolo announcement, missing 13-year-old juvenile female child often frequents malls and could have possibly headed there by herself or with friends.

7:52 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, 4 vehicles tagged at this location.

8:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, R3 to evaluate prisoner.

8:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, a walk in party and a caller both reports there are kids on Sohier Street just after the Music Circus throwing eggs at cars.

8:37 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, abandoned/hang-up 911, 911 hang up call, when trying to call back the residence dispatch was hung up on twice. House in darkness, attempting to reach someone at the door. 883 speaking to the homeowner. Resident experiencing phone troubles. They are attempting to have it repaired.

11:51 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, Hull Police report there may be people on the beach. There are a lot of motor vehicles on the Hull side, no one on their side of the beach. No one in the area.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

12:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, noise complaint, caller reports a "ruckus" in the parking lot.

12:09 a.m. **Summer St.**, Mass motor vehicle parked behind the building. Motor vehicle belongs to the resident.

12:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:19 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire alarm activation. Unable to restore the system. Checked building several times. Custodian remaining on scene, will notify the alarm company.

2:27 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, alarm company reports burglar alarm.

3:15 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, alarm company reports burglar alarm activation. Alarm company advised of the fire alarm response.

3:51 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, building manager will attempt to contact the alarm company later in the a.m. to repair the system. The strobe lights will be flashing until the system is reset.

6:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:45 a.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:09 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports fire alarm activation at this location, box struck. Fire Capt. reports alarm company on scene at this time, attempting to repair the system.

8:41 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, severe pain.

9:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, Scituate PD looking for a white dump truck that has stolen a truck load of gravel from the country club. It is known as to who the suspect is, units on the lookout. Officers are out with one of the working crews for the suspect's company on Jerusalem Lane. Scituate cruiser responding to this location to meet the Sgt.

11:43 a.m. **Spindrift Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle parked in front of her house since earlier this morning. She would like it to be checked.

2:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports a large tree branch has fallen in the middle of the street blocking one lane.

4:40 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports there are 2 cars parked where everyone pulls into the street and now its hard to get in and out, also that there is a black car parked around the circle.

7:02 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, caller reports there is a wire that comes off her house and now its laying on the ground.

7:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports trees down with wires.

7:14 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, caller reports trees fell on wires.

7:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, downed tree, DPW notified.

7:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports they have a big oak tree down laying across the street.

8:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, E3 responding, to this location for a tree down on the wires.

9:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, officer reports there's no personal injury, there was a tree blocking the road and the driver swerved, she's just shaken up.

MONDAY, MAY 22

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:36 a.m. **Edgar Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:55 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, downed tree, caller reports large branch in the roadway.

7:10 a.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, South Main Street between the Spring Streets will be closed.

9:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:58 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, verbal warning.

10:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:25 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, medical aid.

10:47 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

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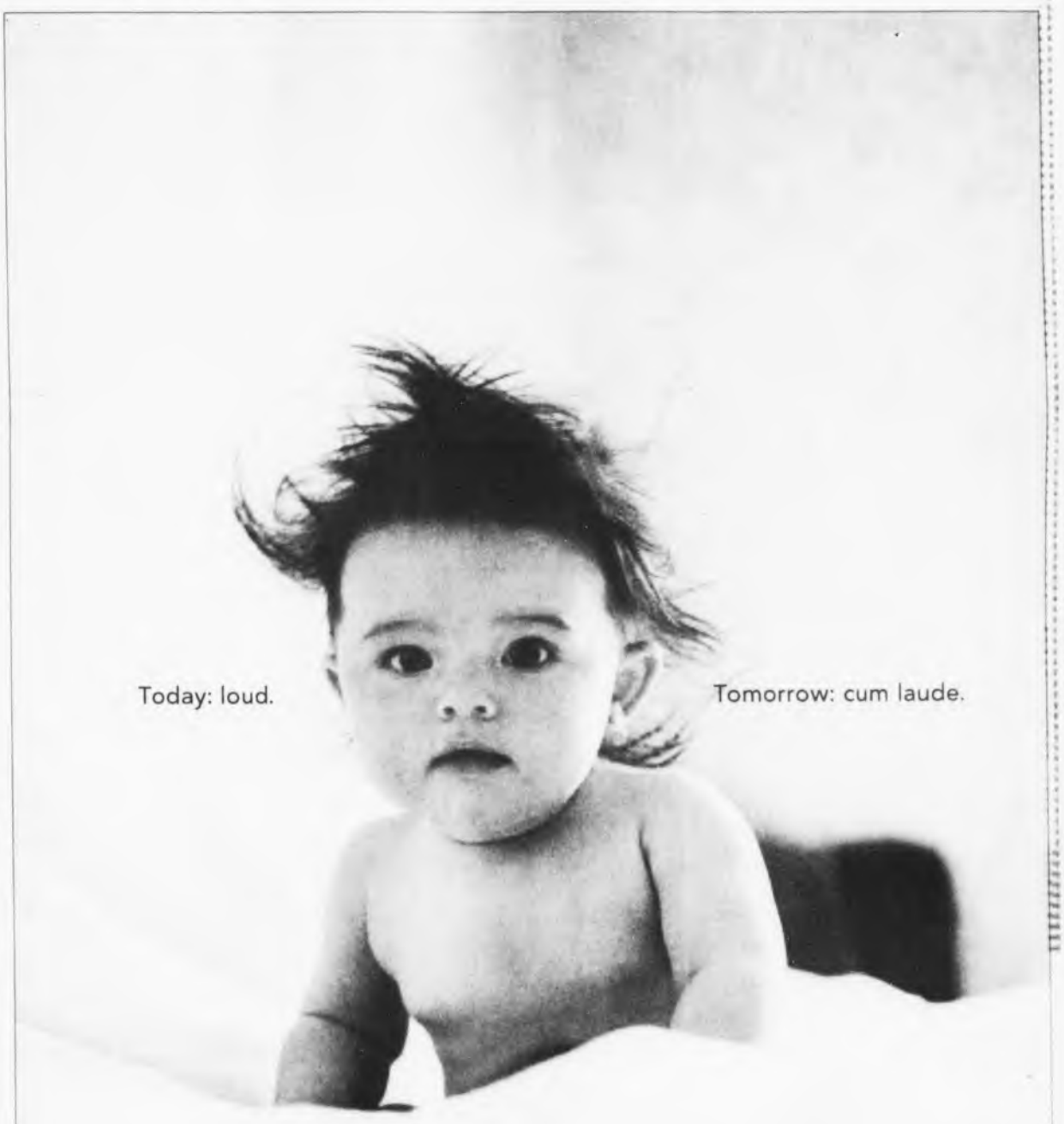

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 8-16, 2006

Fourth time's a charm for Keillor

Popular radio show headed to big screen, host headed to Music Circus June 28

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Garrison Keillor will undoubtedly share news from Lake Wobegon when he brings his live show to the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on June 28. On the telephone from Tampa recently, however, Keillor's mind was on the far less bucolic, but equally mythical town of Hollywood. The humorist was eager to explain that it was the movie business that got him to leave Minnesota. Keillor wrote the screenplay and also plays himself in Robert Altman's "A Prairie Home Companion," the fictional film version of his popular radio show, which opens nationwide this Friday.

"Friends of friends of mine brought Mr. Altman and me together for lunch, because everyone in Hollywood does business over lunch," recalled Keillor, host and writer of "A Prairie Home Companion" and "The Writer's Almanac" on National Public Radio and the author of more than a dozen books. "This was sort of my fourth attempt to make a film. Three previous attempts went nowhere, but the fourth was the charm. I had been trying to find an independent production company to work with for some time and then I talked to Mr. Altman. He wasn't interested in doing a Lake Wobegon movie, but he instead wanted to do a movie about a radio show. Altman began the process by visiting several of our programs."

Before long, the director whose legend was made with films like "Nashville" and "M*A*S*H" began to assemble a company of legendary actors to bring Keillor's story to life. Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin play the singing sisters Yolanda and Rhonda Johnson, while Kevin Kline plays Keillor's alter ego, detective Guy Noir. Woody Harrelson and John C. Reilly play the singing cowboys. Others in the cast include Virginia Madsen, Lindsay Lohan and Tommy Lee Jones. At the center of it all is the host, known only as G.K., and played by none other than Keillor. In the story, which takes place on a rainy Minnesota night, fans are filing into the Fitzgerald Theatre to see the final broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion."

"Casting came earlier than usual. Meryl Streep was interested in the project from the very beginning. Not too surprisingly, Meryl does a really good Minnesota accent to add to her repertoire of great accents," says Keillor. When it came to G.K., I had intentionally written the part small — assuming I would play it. Although I thought George Clooney could also very easily have played the role."

"A Prairie Home Companion" movie poster.

"I can't wait to be back at the Music Circus. I just like the old theater-in-the-round summer tents so much that I would never want to miss a chance to play one."
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For the 63-year-old Keillor, movie-making opens an entirely new chapter in a long career.

"I've been a writer my whole life. And I have always been the boss on my show. This movie represented a level of collaboration I had never before experienced. Mr. Altman is a very permissive director when it comes to actors. You are very much left to your own devices, which was hard for me as an amateur. That said, the whole experience has just been wonderful. The movie shows you a great deal about the show that is real. Now I can't wait to do this all again on more secure footing."

Keillor spent the better part of 10 years on his first screenplay — distilling more than 30 years of radio homilies and live entertainment into two hours of cinema-worthy story. If his summer schedule is any indication, Keillor's next film project may have to wait a while.

"We're working a big American show to be broadcast from Tanglewood on July 1. Meryl Streep will be with us for that show and also the Wailing Jennies. We'll have other characters with us, too. And I can't wait to be back at the Music Circus. I just like the old theater-in-the-round summer tents so much that I would never want to miss a chance to play one. I'm still writing my weekly newspaper column, too, and this summer I'm going to be working on a comic novel. And, of course, I will also be doing the radio show."

The need to develop material for many different outlets might stymie some writers, but the St. Paul resident sees it differently.

"Writing for the radio is so different from everything else. The way I avoid writer's block is to move from one style to another."

With little time off in between.

"I really don't know a good way to manage time, but that's fine. It's not rest that people need, it's variety."

("An Evening with Garrison Keillor: The Rhubarb Tour" comes to the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, on Wednesday, June 28. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, June 8

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce Business Leader's Breakfast, Thursday, June 8, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Plimoth Plantation's Gainsboro Hall. Topic is "Professional Baseball and the Economic Impact on the Community." Guest speaker is Mayor of Worcester, Timothy Murray. Cost is $20 for members and $25 for non-members. For information call 508-830-1620 or visit www.plymouthchamber.com.

Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl Ice Cream Festival, Thursday, June 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., on City Hall Plaza, Government Center, Boston. More than 40 flavors of ice cream available. Proceeds support Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Musical entertainment will also be featured. Cost is $7 adults; $3 children, ages 3 through 10; and free for children under 3. For information, visit www.scooperbowl.org.

A Visit with Mother Goose at the Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Ave., No. Easton, Thursday, June 8, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Interactive performance by Sally Davis for preschool, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Admission $6 per person, members and children under age 1 are admitted free. For information visit www.childrensmuseumineaston.org or call 508-230-3789.

Cranberry Hospice Ninth Annual Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 8, at the Plymouth Country Club. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration at 11:30 a.m., Luncheon at noon. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by awards ceremony, auction and raffle. Entry fee is $150 per golfer. Sponsorships still available. To register call 508-830-2465.

Starcreation Theater presents the musical "Tiny Thumbelina," Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9 at 5 p.m., at Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets are $3. For reservations and information call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org.

Sunrise Assisted Living of Plymouth 6th anniversary celebration, Thursday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., 97 Warren Ave., Plymouth. Wine tasting compliments of Pioppi's Package Store and a variety of hors d'oeuvres will be served. For information call 508-746-1943.

Civil War Circle "The Trent Affair," history discussion group, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Open to the public. $5 donation requested. For information call 617-696-1815.

Annual Gem and Mineral auction at the Southeastern Mass Mineral Club, Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public. Free admission and refreshments. Call 781-878-9011 for information or e-mail curtstevens@hotmail.com.

Open mic Country Bluegrass Jam with **"Flintlock,"** Thursday, June 8, from 8 to 10 p.m., Bendle-Beans BBQ, 6b Riverside Drive, Pembroke. For information call 781-910-9159.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

27th Annual Sea Musical Festival will celebrate music from the Age of Sail, June 8 through 11 at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. Musicians will perform aboard ships and on stage at Lighthouse Point, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 7 p.m. Performances and workshops on Saturday and Sunday at the Museum of America and the Sea. For information call 888-973-2767 or visit www.mysticseaport.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Greg MacKenzie and Greenbacks**, Thursday, June 8. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, Classic Rock Acoustic Café w/ **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends**. Thursday, June 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 8, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring 3rd Left** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Movie review

You'll crack-up over 'Cars'

Cars (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

More flat-footed or, more correctly, flat-tired than such Pixar triumphs as "Finding Nemo," "The Incredibles" and "Monsters, Inc.," "Cars" isn't a complete blowout.

It's an entertaining, if arguably anachronistic celebration of America's love affair with the automobile and its collective scorn for speed limits, although the film will seem out of touch to Americans dreading their next visit to the pump.

But for the rest, including aging boomers nostalgic for the good old days of Detroit muscle, "Cars" provides several reasons to rev the engines, blast the horns and burn rubber.

Directed by John Lasseter, who has shown more vision as the producer of "Finding Nemo" and "The Incredibles," "Cars" exists in a world of sentient automobiles that have the power of speech and expressiveness.

Their "eyes" are in their windshields that their "eyelids" wipe across. They talk out of their grilles. I can't think of anyone, including those exposed to reruns of "My Mother the Car," who hasn't imagined a car coming to life in this manner.

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson), doubtlessly named in honor of speed-freak movie star Steve McQueen, is a Corvette-like rookie racecar with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup.

Lightning's chief rivals are the regal, Dodge Charger-like champion "The King" (NASCAR legend Richard Petty) and Road Runner-like Chick Hicks (Michael Keaton), who is not averse to bumping his rivals and spinning them off the track. Just like real life, the famous racecars have pit crews, corporate sponsors and groupies, such as Tia and Mia, the cute Miata twins.

When Lightning, who is full of himself, gets lost on iconic Rt. 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., he is assigned by crotchety Doc Hudson (acting legend and racing enthusiast Paul Newman) to perform community service in the Nevada-esque, semi-ghost town of Radiator Springs.

The bugs really are tiny VW Beetles with wings. The town's Casa della Tires, a shop run by the Ferrari-worshiping Fiat 500 named Guido (Guido Quaroni) and faithful forklift Luigi (Tony Shalhoub), has no customers. Much to the chagrin of VW minibus Fillmore (George Carlin), no one wants his "organic" fuel.

The V-Eight Cafe, where big-finned coupe Flo (Jennifer Lewis) is ready with a hot pot of high-octane, is empty. Ditto for the Cozy Cone Motel owned by curvy Sally the Porsche (Bonnie Hunt). The place used to be a destination. But ever since the interstate bypassed them, they've been off the map.

For Lightning, Radiator Springs is "hillbilly hell," but for his new buddy Mater the tow truck (a scene-stealing Larry the Cable Guy), it's heaven on earth. Mater takes Lightning to the fields to tip the sleeping, bovine tractors. Meanwhile, Sally, who gave up life in the fast lane in L.A., and Lightning, are drawn to one another and go cruising.

Old hippie van Fillmore (voice of George Carlin) gives some advice to young upstart racer Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson).

The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot, which is attributed to eight writers, is a problem.

Instead of all-wheel drive, it's one bent wheel spinning, and the various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. I could have also done without Bob Costas as Bob Cutlass and cameos by celebrity gearheads Jay "Limo" and a certain Teutonic Gov. Hummer. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking.

Rated G. "Cars" contains no objectionable material.

Calendar

JUNE 8-16, 2006

BEST BET

"Godspell" will be performed at New Life Foursquare Church, Middle Street, Weymouth, on June 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m., and June 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12, with group rates available. Call 781-843-4355 or email godspell@newlife4square.org.

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Friday, June 9

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Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center presents Morland Cary's "Love Rides the Rails," a classic melodrama of the railroads complete with vile villains and valiant heroes and heroines, Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. Held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets $10, $8 seniors and students, $5 Dreamchasers' students. For advance purchase call 508-224-4548. Final dress rehearsal June 8, 4 p.m., with free admission for seniors. For information visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org.

Big Red Golf Tournament to benefit the Jimmy Fund, Friday, June 9 at Olde Scotland Links, Bridgewater. For information call 866-521-GOLF.

Tenth Annual Art Exhibit at The New Art Forum of Kingston, gala opening on Friday, June 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. "Sale Into Art" may be viewed June 10 and 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.; June 13 through 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Evening hours on June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit is located at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. For information call Lilias at 781-585-5622 or e-mail: artforumkingston@adelphia.net.

String Celebration with Mark O'Connor and the New England String Ensemble, Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory. Last concert of the season. Tickets are $45, $35 and $25 and can be ordered online at www.newenglandstringensemble.com or by calling 781-224-1117.

Irish Connections Festival will take place June 9 to 11 at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. Musicians, singers, dancers craftspeople, authors, actors, children's activities and more will be featured at the festival. General admission is $15, children younger than 12 admitted free. The event takes place 7 p.m. to midnight on June 9; noon to midnight, on June 10; and noon to 9 p.m., June 11. For a complete schedule, visit www.irishculture.org.

Friendship Home Fundraiser will take place Friday, June 9 from 6 to 9 p.m., at Norwell Middle School, 328 Main St., Route 123. Chinese food buffet, 50/50 raffle and variety show by members three Fellowship clubs and community members will be featured. Dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. will be followed by the show. Tickets are $25 pre-paid for adults, $10 pre-paid for children 17 and younger and those served by the Department of Mental Retardation. Call Wilma at 781-740-9507 for information or to order tickets.

Comedy Show at Jordano's Pasta Grille, 871 Washington Street, Hanover, Friday, June 9 at 9 p.m. Headliner is **Ted Bergeron**. Other comics performing include Annette Pollack, Larry Lee Lewis and Dan Hershon. Hosted by Shane Mauss. Tickets in advance $15, night of show $20. Cost for dinner show $30. For reservations, call 781-829-0650 or visit www.annetepollack.com.

New England Singles dance will take place Friday, June 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Sheraton Braintree, Route 128/I-93, Exit 6 in Braintree. Music provided by a disc jockey. The dance is for singles ages 35 and older. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com.

Jah Spirit Reggae at Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell on Friday, June 9. For information call 781-659-0050.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Cindy Daley Blues Band w/ Satch Romano** Friday, June 9. For more information call 781-335-9796.

South Shore Singles dance, Friday, June 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Features DJ De De Rose. For singles 45+, proper dress required, no jeans or sneakers. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 9, **Lisa Love Experience** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, June 10

Old Colony Council Scout Show, Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sally Blair Ames Recreation Center at Stonehill College. Tickets are $10 for a family. For information call 781-828-8360. Proceeds support local Scout units and their activities in Southeastern Mass.

South Shore Writer's Club Anthology Release Party to celebrate release of "Shore Voices, 2006, Saturday, June 10 at 10 a.m., Abington Public Library. Free admission and refreshments. For more information call Ingmar Soderholm, 781-331-1790 or Chris Robbins, 781-447-3771.

Fred the Book Shed grand re-opening, Saturday, June 10 with a $1 a bag and baked goods sale, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-2015.

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Plant Sale, Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Garden in the Wood, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham. Garden tour is $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and $3 children. Proceeds benefit the plant conservation work of NE Wild Flower Society. For information call 508-877-7630 or email: cbennett@newfs.org.

Melt and Pour Soapmaking for Adults, Saturday, June 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Make your own fancy or plain soaps. All supplies included, perfume is optional. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Cost is $20 for members and $25 non-members. For information call 781-659-2559 ext.203. Visit www.ssnsc.org.

Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., will host a digital photography exhibit of Cape Ann by photographer **Leslie D. Bartlett**. Exhibit will be on view through June 30. An artist's reception will take place **Saturday, June 10, 2 to 4:30 p.m.** The public is welcome to meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, June 10 at 1 p.m., a 3.5-mile moderate walk, Braintree Pass Path to Barberry Bush Spring Trail to Laurel Path to Bouncing Brook Path, returning on Braintree Pass Path. Walkers meet at the intersection of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road in Milton. Rangers recommend wearing sturdy footgear and bringing water on all hikes. For information call 617-698-1802.

Friends of Boston Harbor Islands Cruise to Spectacle Island, Saturday, June 10. South Shore passengers may board at Harbor Express, Quincy Fore River Shipyard. Leaves Quincy at 10 a.m. and travels to Long Wharf, Boston for an 11 a.m. departure, and returns to Long Wharf at 3 p.m., then on to Quincy. Tickets are $25 adults; $23 seniors; $21 FBHI members; $16 children from ages 3 to 12; babies travel for free. Cash only. Participants should pack a lunch; beverages will be available on the boat. For more information, visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

'Tuned-In to Fashion' a graduation fashion show sponsored by Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling and Finishing Program, Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m. at Pembroke Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund to assist qualifying Fashion Focus students with college education costs. Evening include 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Tickets are $15 and are available at the door or by contacting 781-826-0241.

Jim Kennedy Memorial Race for ALS, Saturday, June 10 at Pageant Field, Merrymount Parkway, Quincy. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend the 5-mile run and 2.5-mile walk, which will benefit the Angel Fund. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the walk starting at 9 a.m. and the run at 10 a.m. Cost to pre-register is $15, $20 on day of event. For registration information, call Rich Kennedy at 781-383-6008 or Marty Levenson at 800-999-5950, ext. 1127 or email mlevenson@adt.com.

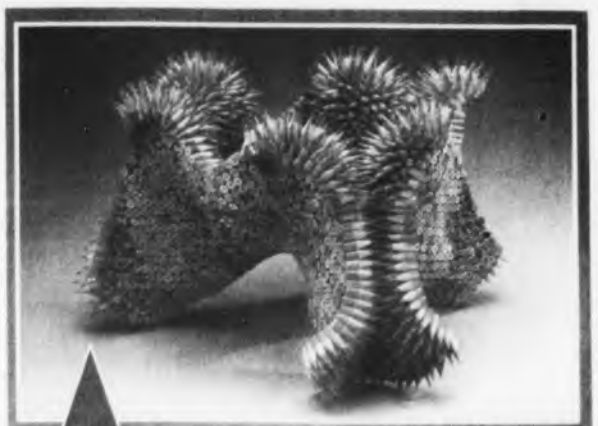
Mark your calendar

ANNUAL FREE SHAKESPEARE ON THE COMMON, "Taming Of The Shrew," by Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, July 22 through Aug 13. Shows are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. at the parade grounds of the Boston Common. An uproarious battle of the sexes. Presented by the Wang Center for the Performing Arts.

"ALL SHOOK UP" at the Opera House, Boston, Sept. 26 through Oct. 8. A high energy musical that combines Elvis Presley's classics with surefire rock and roll. A romantic tale of a girl's dream comes true when a guitar playing roustabout come to town. For tickets call 617-482-8616 or online at www.broadwayacrossamerica.com

ONE MILLION DOLLAR HOLE-IN-ONE SHOOTOUT sponsored by Jack Conway Realty to benefit My Brother's Keeper. Dates are June 22, 23 and 24. Participants compete for a chance to win $1 million dollars by shooting an "Ace" at Easton Country Club. For more information call 508-238-7512 or email: jimorcutt@mybrotherskeeper.org.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER 51st ARTS FESTIVAL on Cohasset Common, Friday, June 16 through Sunday, June 18. Wide variety of quality, artist-designed items, including jewelry, home and garden products, hand-made clothing, ceramics, toys, fine art and photography. Features a Juried Art Exhibition, Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition. Held outdoors, rain or shine, hours are Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Proceeds support ongoing programs at the SSAC. Free trolley shuttles visitors from near-by parking, $5 donation requested. For information visit www.ssac.org or contact the Art Center: 781-383-2787.



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The Fuller Craft Museum exhibition Basket (R)evolution will be on exhibit May 13 – Sept. 10. Curated by Libby and Jo Anne Cooper of Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, MA, this exhibition features baskets by forty-three leaders in the field including Carol Eckert, John McQueen, Ed Rossbach, Kay Sekimachi and June Schwarz. Weaving together tradition and innovation, these basket makers are experimenting with form and exploring new materials, reinventing the fiber medium Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For more information please visit www.fullercraft.org.

Church of the Holy Nativity film screening and hymn sing, Saturday, June 10, 6 p.m., Church of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Hall, 8 Nevin Road, So. Weymouth. Viewing of "Supper," a movie about blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby. Free-will offerings accepted. For information call 781-335-2030 or visit www.holynat.org.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance and Harbor Cruise, Saturday, June 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. Leaves from Rowes Wharf, Gate C, Boston. Bon Voyage Party with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Music by DJ Bruno. Casual attire, ages 35-55. Cost is $45. For information or reservations, call 781-283-0400 or visit www.se-4u.com.

South Shore Dancers June Dance 'Goin' Bananas,' Saturday, June 10, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Cushing Center, Route 123, Norwell. Swing dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Dress is casual. Admission $10 for non-members and $9 members. For information and reservations call Tom Osterland, 781-659-4703 or visit www.SouthShoreDancers.org.

Country Western Dance with DJ Donna Shea, Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. to midnight, Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Admission $5, cash bar.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **John the Conqueror** on Saturday, June 10. For more information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, June 10, **The Loonatics,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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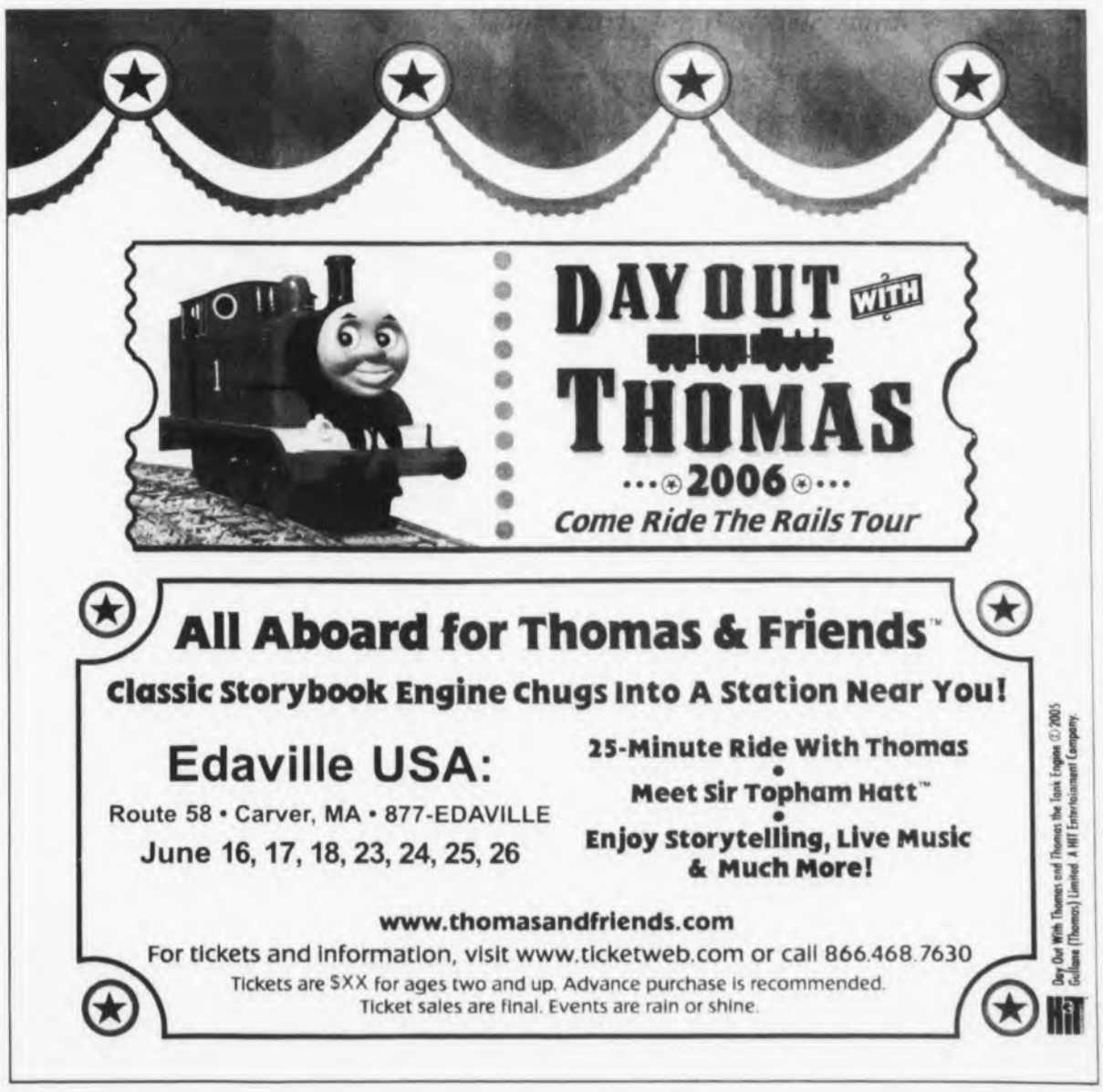

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Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Michelle "Evil Gal" Wilson, Madeleine Hall and Stovall Brown,** Saturday, June 10. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Sunday, June 11

Miles for Miracles Walk to benefit Children's Hospital in Boston, Sunday, June 11. Pledge walk begins and ends at the Charles River Hatch Shell. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Seven-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. and two-mile walk begins at 11 a.m. Entry fee is $15 adults, $5 children 12 and younger. Adult walkers are required to raise $100 each. For more information or to register, visit www.childrenshospital.org/walk or call 866-303-9255.

Second Annual Powder Point Challenge Kids Bike Ride to benefit PMC, Sunday, June 11. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and ride starts at 10 a.m. Starts and finishes at Duxbury High School on George St. Youths have a choice of a 2.2, 6.7 or 10-mile route, or take a "trike and trainers" loop for the less experienced. It is requested that riders raise a minimum of $50. Registration fee is $10. For information visit www.kids.pmc.org/duxbury or call 781-934-2679.

Sunday Walks for All at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. Explore some of the lesser-know open spaces on the South Shore. Sunday, June 11 explore **North Hill Marsh, Duxbury**. Meet at the parking area on Mayflower St. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Cost is $3 for members and $5 per non-members. Walks begin at 10 a.m. and take approximately two hours. Bring water, sunscreen and insect repellant. For information call 781-659-2559 ext. 203. Visit www.ssnscorg.

Kennedy Library Forum Series, Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the Stephen Smith Center at John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Robert Dallek discusses his book "Let Every National Know: John F. Kennedy in His Own Words." Recordings and comment on excerpts from President Kennedy' speeches, press conferences and debates. The forum is free and open to the public. For reservations or information, call 617-514-1643 or visit www.jfklibrary.org.

82nd Annual Hingham Historical Society House Tour, Sunday, June 11, 1 to 7 p.m., Living with History tour features six private houses built between 1637 and 1869 and five historic sites. Includes quilt exhibit. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 day of tour. Available at Bowl and Board, Noble's Camera Shop, Whitney Gordon Jewelers in Hingham Square; Noble's Camera Shop at Lincoln Plaza; Corson's Glass House and Noble's Camera Shop in Queen Anne's Corner; Andrew Zona Studio at Derby Street Shoppes; Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset; and the HPL. For information call 781-749-1851 or visit www.hinghamhistorical.org.

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites' Wilson Mountain Wander, Sunday, June 11, 1 p.m. A scenic ramble and hike through the wetlands and among the hillsides of Wilson Mountain Reservation. Meet at the Wilson Mountain parking lot on Route 135 in Dedham. Call 617-333-7404 for directions or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, June 11. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For more information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Chamber music by the Cantabile Quartet, Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m., The Whitfield House, 26 North St., Plymouth. First violinist Patison Story, second violinist Marla Rubison, violist Brian Whitfield, and cellist Toni Rapier perform works by Gershwin, Mozart and Schubert. Tickets $15 at the door. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. For information call 508-746-5289.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Dave Foley,** Sunday, June 11. For information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, June 11, **"Wicked Trivia Night"** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, featuring **Satch's Sunday Night Blues Series w/Ricky "King" Russell and Kit Holliday,** Sunday, June 11. For information call 617-773-1170.

Monday, June 12

Cerebral Palsy of Massachusetts invites golfers and sponsors to take part in its Golf Classic on Monday, June 12 at the Pembroke Country Club. Registration is at 10:30 a.m., and a shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. Tickets include: lunch; unlimited use of the practice range and putting area; a wine and cheese reception; sit-down dinner; and a raffle and silent auction. To sign up or for more information, call Ann DiMattio at 617-479-7443, ext. 203.

"Siblings," photographic exhibit at Clemens Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Hingham through June 29 during regular library hours. Westwood photographer James Dwyer's works in color, sepia and black and white. For more information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

"Six Collage Artist," exhibit will be on view at The James Library, Norwell Center, through June 29. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, Monday, June 12, **"Late Night at the BBC"** featuring **Ian Richardson**. Call 508-747-1776 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Tuesday, June 13

South Shore Women's Business Network Luncheon at the Rustic Kitchen in Hingham, Tuesday, June 13, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. To register call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Weymouth Art Association will exhibit the paintings of their Artist of the Month, Zeid Velic. Works will be on exhibit for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-8134 or 781-335-4675.

"Protecting Your Life & Legacy," a presentation by the Law Office of Dagmar M. Pollex, will take place Tuesday, June 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m., at the Conference Center, 50 Braintree Hill Park, Braintree. Reservations are required by calling 781-535-6490. The program is designed to answer questions about the role planning plays at various stages of life.

Buttonwood Book Group will meet Tuesday, June 13, at 7:15 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "March" by Geraldine Brooks. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome. For more information, call 781-383-2665.

Wednesday, June 14

"Parkinson's Disease: An Understanding," will be the subject of a talk by registered nurse Cathi A. Thompson, Wednesday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m., at New England Sinai Hospital, 150 York St., Brenner Conference Center, Stoughton. The lecture is free and open to health care professionals and the general public. A light breakfast will be served. To register and for more information, call Diane at 781-297-1369.

Friendship Home will present a program on loss and grieving for family members and others with loved ones who have developmental disabilities. The presentation will take place Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. Psychotherapist Bill Newman will lead the group. For more information or to sign up, call 781-740-9507.

Basket (R)evolution Exhibit on view through September 10 at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. This exhibition features baskets by 43 leaders in the field of basket making. The museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For information, visit www.fullercraft.org.

Brain Aneurysm Foundation's South Shore Support Group meeting, second Wednesday of each month. Topic is: Survivor discussion of family and children, Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate, first floor. For information call 617-513-3578 or email tfquirk@aol.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, June 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, June 15

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 15, **"BBC Pint Night"** featuring **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

South Shore Caregiving Collaborative is offering a free fitness forum on Thursday, June 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. "The Role of Exercise in the Caregiver's Well-Being: Mission Impossible or Achievable Goal?" To pre-register or for more information, call Donna Ciappina at South Shore Elder Services at 781-848-3910, ext. 335.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

WCRB 102.5 Classical Concert Series, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through June 28, Copley Square Park, Boston. featuring **Mistral,** string ensemble, Thursday, June 8.

'You Are Never Alone' presented by Healthy Living Productions, with spirit medium Rita Berkowitz and angel messenger Karen Paolino. Presentation on how to spiritually connect with lost loved ones and gain clarity communicating with angels on Thursday, June 15, 7 to 9 p.m., at Lantanas, 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. Tickets are $40 per person. A mini health fair will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. with chair massage, Reiki, etc. For information visit www.thehealthylivingguide.com. For tickets call 508-615-9806.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **J Place Band**, Thursday, June 15. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

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Just for kids

"ADVENTURES INTIME" HISTORY CAMP at Historic Alden House in Duxbury. A five-day camp designed for students ages 10-14. Campers will wear period clothing, learn both male and female chores and engage in hands-on activities. Enrollment is limited. Session One runs from Tuesday to Saturday, July 11-15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Session Two runs Tuesday to Saturday, July 25-29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $120 for members and $150 for non-members. To register call 781-934-9092.

ART COMPLEX MUSEUM SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN. Workshops designed for ages 12 and above. Classes range from journaling, drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Scheduled classes are July 10-14; July 17-21; July 23-28 and July 31 to Aug. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is $125 per week. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 781-934-6634, ext. 15.

EDAVILLE USA summer line up includes live stage shows from Jay Jay the Jetplane, Angelina Ballerina and Calliou. Characters will visit for meet and greets such as Strawberry Shortcake, Bob the Builder, Curious George and many more. Thomas the Tank engine will be back for "A Day Admission fee is $16 and includes unlimited access to all ride and attractions (even the live stage shows) all day. Free parking. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates and hours of each event.

ARTS FOR YOUTH AND TEENS SUMMER CAMP. Session I from June 26-July 14; Session II, July 17-Aug. 4. Sessions held at Bridgewater State College Rondileau Campus Center, Bridgewater. Youth camp includes dance, drama, visual arts, music, creative computing, video production, animation and gymnastics. Teen camp includes improvisation, creative movement, script writing, and visual arts. Cost per session $575 full day, $325 half-day. For information call Professor Jim Quinn, 508-531-2141.

MASS. CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND "ME AND MY DAD" PHOTO CONTEST. Winners will run in the Children's Trust Fund 2007 Fatherhood calendar. Entries accepted from June 5-Oct. 5. Enter photos that captures the father-child. relationship. Photos can be with father, grandfather, stepfather, or other male who has a positive influence. May be sent in as jpegs to info@mctf.state.ma.us or mailed to the Children's Trust Fund, 294 Washington St., Suite 640, Boston, MA 02108. Submit with name, address, phone number and consent of all those in photos. Call CTF at 617-727-8957 or go to onetoughjob.org for entry form. No photos will be returned. For information go to www.onetoughjob.org.

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Arlanda Fernandez (Mimi), Bryce Ryness (Roger), and Company in RENT, playing at The Shubert Theatre, June 6 - 25, 2006.

'Rent' still resonates

Ten years after debut, musical making impact on new audiences

A full decade after its New York debut — and first visit to Boston in November 1996 — the musical "Rent" continues to resonate not only with the theatergoers who first made it a sensation, but also with a whole new generation of "Rent-heads" who see the show over and over. One of the cast members in the show's current national tour, now at Boston's Shubert Theatre, thinks he knows at least one reason the piece remains so popular.

"In theater, in terms of what's going to stay around and what's going to be forgotten, it comes down to content. This play deals with subjects to which a great many young people can relate. It is all about social outcasts finding a community where they can belong and also finding love. Seeing these characters act out their lives on stage is very cathartic for the audience," explained Bryce Ryness by telephone recently.

Inspired by Puccini's "La Boheme," "Rent" tells the story of one year in the life of a group of bohemians struggling in modern-day East Village New York. The story centers on two roommates, Mark and Roger, and their group of friends as they deal with love, loss, and the impact of AIDS. Ryness plays Roger, a songwriter with AIDS who has all but given up on life when he meets Mimi, an exotic dancer struggling with drug addiction. Ryness sees Roger's story as being as relevant today as it was when it was first told more than10 years ago.

Bryce Ryness (Roger) in RENT.

"The topic of AIDS is still very real today. Fewer people are dying from it in the U.S., but we certainly haven't cured it. It is destroying whole geographic areas in Africa. With Roger, his illness definitely represents a ticking clock. The disease is a circumstance, however, and not the entire context of this piece."

A piece that seemed destined to become a lasting part of theater history almost from the moment it had its world premiere off-Broadway at New York Theatre Workshop on February 13, 1996, "Rent" soon became a must-see and quickly moved to Broadway just weeks later where it continues to play at the Nederlander Theatre. Now the 7th-longest running show in Broadway history, the success of "Rent" is always tempered by the death of its creator, Jonathan Larson. Larson died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm on the morning of January 25, 1996, just hours after the show's final dress rehearsal off-Broadway, and 10 days before his 36th birthday.

Ryness never got the chance to work with Larson. The California native does, however, remember the first time he heard about "Rent" and the songs that helped define it including "Seasons of Love," "La Vie Boheme," "One Song Glory" and "Without You."

"I was in college in 1998 when I first saw the show. It was so current that I immediately fell in love with it. I listened to the whole cast album over and over."

When he joined the national tour, Ryness was well aware that the show's loyal fans would be watching what he did with his character.

"Initially, I was very intimidated because some of our audience members have seen this show as many as 100 times before. Wise men and women know that they have to bring themselves to the characters we play. The audience sees Roger, but it is really me out there. I have accepted that some people just won't like me whatever I do. I'll still give it all I can. Where I defy expectations is that I capture traditional musical style with a rock sound. I approach it not from a rock background, but more from how I can serve the story from a more theatrical perspective. I take solace if I can just serve the story. That is always paramount."

"Rent" will be at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston, through June 25. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

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JUNE 8-16, 2006

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'Tuned-In to Fashion' a graduation fashion show sponsored by Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling and Finishing Program, will be held Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m. at Pembroke Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund to assist qualifying Fashion Focus students with college education costs. The evening includes 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Tickets are $15 and are available at the door or by contacting 781-826-0241.

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Friday, June 16

Doobie Brothers at Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis, on Friday, June 16, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are $51.75 and $38.75. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or online at www.melodytent.org. Tickets may also be purchased at South Shore Music Circus Box Office, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset.

Disaster Relief golf tournament hosted by Able Restoration, Friday, June 16 at Atlantic Country Club, 450 Little Sandy Pond Road, Plymouth. Registration, 11:30 a.m.; box lunch, 12:30 p.m.; shotgun start, 1:30 p.m.; cocktail reception, 6:30 p.m.; and dinner, raffle and awards presentation, 7:30 p.m. Cost is $150 for an individual golfer (dinner only is $50 per person). To register, call Jeff Sabel at 888-225-3911.

"Bloom" mixed media exhibit of leading South Shore artists through June 23 at Epiphany Designs, 518 Nantasket Ave., Hull. A collection of oils, prints, photographs, watercolors, ceramics, and jewelry in spring colors. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 781-925-4344.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, June 16, Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Singles and couples 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Steve Murphy Band** on Friday, June 16. For more information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 16, **Five to the Face** featuring **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Ongoing events

Smoking Cessation group sessions with acupuncture, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. To register call 781-925-1941 or e-mail szabofitness@gmail.com.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts needs your unwanted vehicles. Consider donating an old or unused car to help support their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Infertility Support Group at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. For individuals or couples experiencing fertility problems. Allow an opportunity to share feelings and concerns in a confidential setting and helps improve coping skills. Group meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. No fee. Call Janet Garnier, LICSW at 508-830-2412 for more information.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or email: peg.merzbacher.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

Special Places Walk, 10 kilometers, explores some of Boston's lesser-known places such as Liberty Square, Bay Village, the Custom House Tower and Chinatown. The trail also continues along the Charles River and past the Esplanade where the Boston Pops and other groups perform concerts during the summer months. Walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at the National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals – Saturdays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. Tales from the Wild – Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. Sunday Walks – 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while you share your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Human Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in May, June, July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehassociation.org of call 781-878-4343Cost $100

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting, wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Back Bay-Beacon Hill **Walk** of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) travels through charming Beacon Hill, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Public Garden, Symphony Hall and the Museum of Fine Arts. A portion of the trail is inside the elegant Copley Place and Prudential Center. Walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at the National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

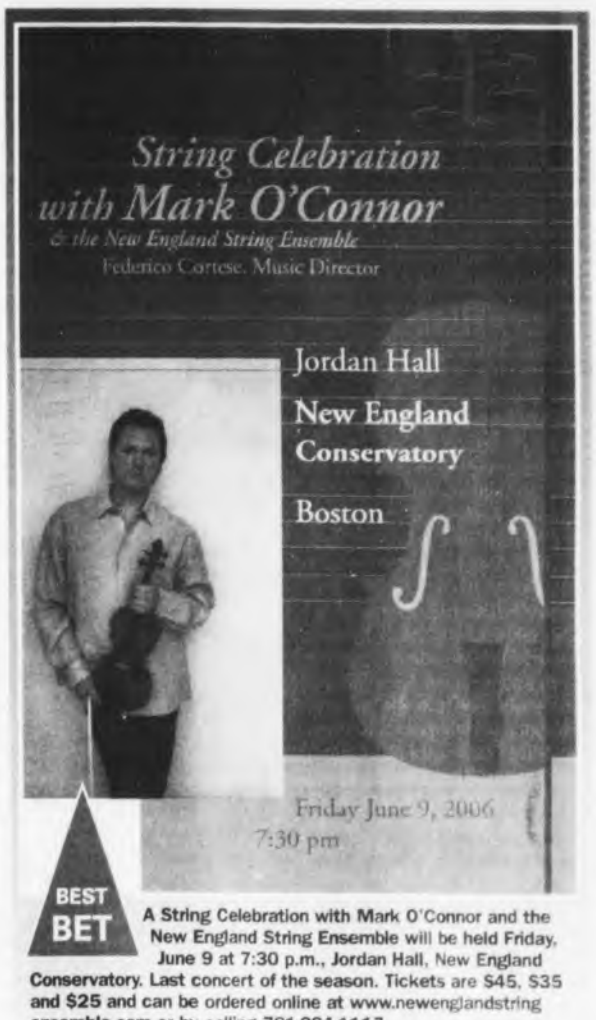
Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/-0121208.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth stamp club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.



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A String Celebration with Mark O'Connor and the New England String Ensemble will be held Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory. Last concert of the season. Tickets are $45, $35 and $25 and can be ordered online at www.newenglandstring ensemble.com or by calling 781-224-1117.

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The 10th Annual Art Exhibit at The New Art Forum of Kingston will host a gala opening Friday, June 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. "Sale Into Art" may be viewed June 10 and 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.; June 13 through 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Evening hours on June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit is located at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. For information call Lilias at 781-585-5622 or e-mail: artforumkingston@adelphia.net.

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Where the wild things are

Nature lovers tour safari country at South African reserve

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE, South Africa -- "Leopard or lion?"

That was the difficult question posed during a three-day stay in the luxurious Mateya Safari Lodge here in this reserve in the north, near the Botswana border.

Other questions were easy. "Red or white wine?" (South Africa has excellent varieties.)

"Pan-fried prawns with avocado salsa or medallion of ostrich fillet?"

There were no wrong answers, not at this exquisitely appointed lodge in the midst of safari country. Here, daily game drives provided close encounters with zebras, giraffes, elephants, rhinos and jackals.

But "leopard or lion?"

Sakkie Faurie, one of Mateya's guides, explained the situation during the morning game drive. Chatter on the radios of the reserve's guides indicated a young leopard had been spotted hanging out in a tree some distance away. We could investigate, or go looking for a pride of lions reported nearby.

A tough dilemma for a nature-craving, besotted cat lover like myself.

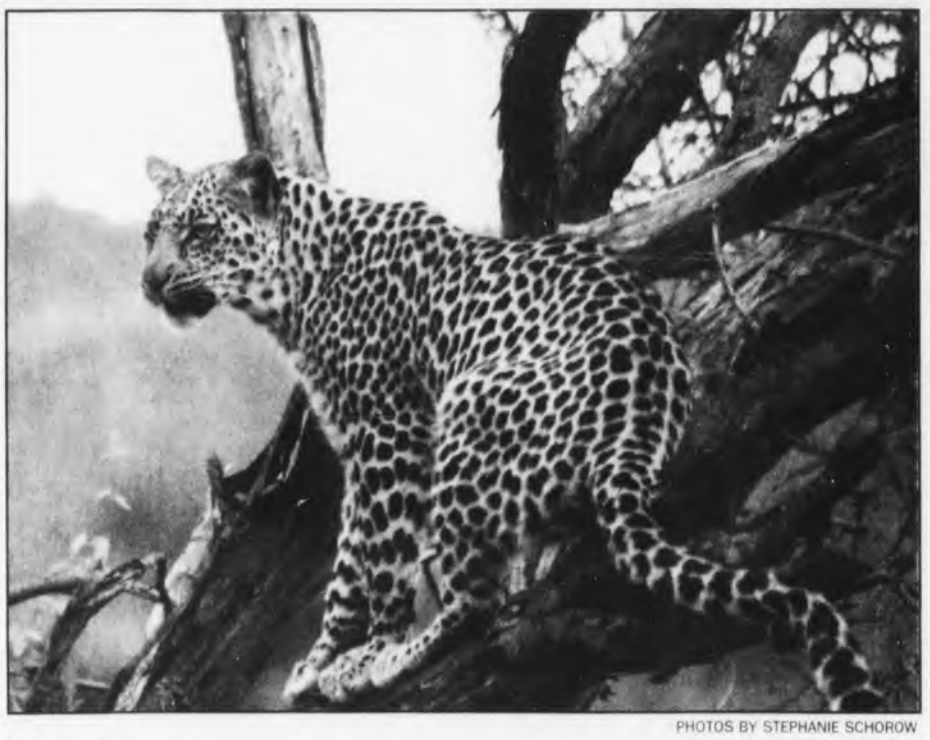
To put the question in context, my companions and I had arrived at Mateya the day before in time for an evening game drive, where we glimpsed a pair of rhinos, wildebeests and impalas, before stopping for wine and snacks at sunset. As we were packing up to return to the lodge for dinner, our tracker, Adolph Sibuyi, picked up lion signs. Sakkie drove our Land Cruiser to within 30 feet of two male lions, lying side-by-side like affectionate house cats; one had his huge paw resting on the back of the other.

Now, I always thought a single male ruled the roost in a pride. Sakkie explained that these lions were 13-year-old brothers who had grown up together and thus ran the pride together. Moreover, the dynamic duo apparently had the biggest, baddest pride around, and "controlled" an area of about 43 square miles.

Just a few yards away, however, a female began to roar. Actually, "roar" is not an adequate term. When a lioness lets go with full-throated vibrato, punctuated with a gut-clearing cough, and when her sleepy pridemates decide to join, the resulting wall of sound would make Phil Spector ache with envy.

Later, in the darkness, we almost witnessed the ultimate National Geographic special. We sat quietly in our vehicle, watching two lionesses slinking alongside the road. Ahead was a herd of wildebeests, their eyes pinpoints of red in our dimmed headlights, unwitting targets. But another car spooked the wildebeests and the lions charged too late, stalking off into the night for another try.

The thought of seeing more lions, this time in daylight, was tempting.



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE SCHOROW

A leopard in a tree

While safari companies often tout the chance to see the "big five" (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant), just as spectacular are the smaller creatures and birds such as the lilac-breasted roller.

Bedroom at Mateya safari reserve

But "leopard or lion?"

Leopard sightings were more rare. Yes, we had seen a leopard the previous night. But in the dark, using a spotlight for light, we learned quickly why leopards have spots; they blend precisely into the background. My resulting photos were of the "see if you can find a leopard in the tall grass" variety.

So, we took the leopard option. Of course, there was no guarantee we would catch up with either big cat. We drove off into the bush, the Land Cruiser bumping on the rutted road until, rounding a curve, we could see another tourist-packed vehicle and a big cat splayed out on a tree branch seemingly enjoying the fuss. With feline aplomb, the leopard batted at strips of bark and studied the horizon as cameras clicked away like a swarm of digital locusts.

What made the sighting so extraordinary -- in fact, what made a visit to the Madikwe in general and Mateya in particular so memorable -- was the stately pace. Sakkie and Adolph made sure we had time to observe the leopard's honey-hued fur, the cookie-cutter precision of its spots, the fluff of its tail and the ripples of muscles when it moved.

Still, touring the reserve felt at times a bit more like being in a gigantic, open-air zoo than a heart-of-darkness wilderness. The reserve is encircled by an electric fence, and many of the animals are accustomed to the rattle and hum of Land Cruisers filled with gawking tourists. While there's a strict limit on the number of lodges (30) and beds (600), the park represents only a shadow of the former majesty of the vast African bush.

Open only 15 years, Madikwe is not as well known as the popular Kruger National Park. But it is home to an impressive 66 large mammal species.

On our drives we saw zebras goofing on each other like rowdy children, watched a herd of giraffe heads undulate above the trees and held our collective breath as a herd of elephants (with babies in tow) surrounded our vehicle before moving on.

While safari companies often tout the chance to see the "big five" (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant), just as spectacular are the smaller creatures and birds such as the lilac-breasted roller.

Mateya provides a list of local animals and birds, and we started checking off our sightings in jest, only to become obsessed with racking up hits. Sakkie would point out, say, a "gray go-away bird," and we'd promptly write it down.

"Leopard or lion?" The choices were good.

IF YOU GO

STAYING THERE: The Madikwe Game Reserve also has a variety of other accommodations, ranging from low-cost bush camps to sumptuous retreats. Descriptions of lodging options can be found at www.tourismnorthwest.co.za/madikwe

GETTING THERE: South Africa Airways (www.flysaa.com) offers flights from New York to Johannesburg. Madikwe is about a three-hour drive from Johannesburg or you can fly directly to the reserve.

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How sweet it is!

With coach Stew Curran (far right) and teammates looking on, Cohasset senior goalie Ben Libby offers his love for the Division 3 state championship trophy after the Skippers' 8-3 win over Dover-Sherborn on Monday.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CUNN

CHS laxers are state champs after 8-3 win over Dover-Sherborn

By Mark Goodman

This all began on June 13, 2005.

It was on that day the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team traveled to Medfield for the Division 3 state championship game. After getting off to a strong start, the Skippers faded and wound up on the wrong end of a 14-4 final score.

Ever since that day, the players that were coming back for this season had two goals in mind: get back to the title game, and this time, win it.

On Monday, that's exactly what they did.

Led by a patient, balanced attack, bruising defense and solid goaltending, Cohasset put its name in the MIAA record books, defeating Dover-Sherborn 8-3 to win the 2006 Division 3 state title.

The usual suspects led the Skippers' attack. Senior Aidan Buick, in his last game in a Cohasset uniform, tallied a game-high four goals to go with an assist. Sophomore Mark Flibotte scored twice with senior Trevor Brady and sophomore Mike Bundrick each adding one.

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Second forum gets down to business

What's Possible discussion held

By Samantha Brown
SAMBROWN@CNC.COM

"None of us on the School Committee wants you to feel you don't have all the information."

— Adrienne MacCarthy, School Committee chairman

While the turnout was much smaller the second time around, Tuesday's "What's Possible" forum continued the positive exchange of ideas from residents looking to make the town a better place.

Roughly 30 residents gathered in the high school cafeteria, eager to continue discussion on topics brought up at the first forum, held May 30, and share additional topics for discussion. The meetings have been sponsored by the PSO and facilitated by Cohasset resident and strategy consultant Laura Stone. They are intended to help the town figure out "What's possible" for the future of the town and its schools in the wake of the failed $1.495 million and $725,000 overrides.

The second meeting was conducted in much the same way as the first. Chairs were place in a circle with an open space in the middle. Residents came forward to the microphone, which was placed in the middle of the circle, to state their name and idea for discussion. Both were written on a piece of paper which was posted on the wall as the meeting agenda, and residents were invited to sign up to take part in each small discussion group facilitated by the person with the idea.

To begin, Tom Callahan, 35 Hillside Drive, said the only way the forum meeting process is going to work is if all three boards — the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and Advisory Committee — "buy into the process." While School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy and member Rick Flynn attended along with Advisory Committee member Merle Brown, no one from the Board of Selectmen attended, which made it more difficult to discuss the future of the town. Town Manager Bill Griffin is on vacation this week.

Callahan then said since the last meeting, he has begun doing some research on expanding high school electives by looking into distance learning via the Internet as well as hiring adjunct faculty, but he needs help. He said he would also like to see the town enhance its revenue beyond what is collected through property taxes, which could require legislative approval, which will require another group working behind that initiative.

Callahan later noted Dick Avery, 22 Surry Drive, had mentioned at the first forum the town should look at the structure of its contracts. "Seventy-eight percent of our budget is personnel," he said, adding it is a topic the town cannot ignore as costs are increasing by much more than the 2-1/2 percent it has to work with annually.

Merle Brown, 546 Beechwood St., came forward with the idea to boost up efforts to teach people about the importance of recycling and how to do it. Not only does recycling help the environment, it helps boost revenue as it will cut down on the cost of hauling trash because there will be less of it and the town is paid for its recyclables. "The schools are the worst offenders in town," he said, adding the community as a whole needs to be taught about recycling.

Wig Pierson, 124 Atlantic Ave., said since the last meeting, he has drafted an article for an upcoming Town Meeting Warrant which would amend the town's bylaws to designate some fees in town as discretionary and charge fees to fully cover costs for those services.

Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, said she would like to see a roadmap created for financial and academic accountability.

Larry Lieberman, 193 S

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Jury clears town in harassment suit

But fired dispatcher plans to appeal

By Mary Ford

Former civilian dispatcher Barbara Dewolfe's legal team did not persuade a jury in a civil case at Norfolk Superior Court that she was fired in retaliation after requesting a stress leave for complaining about a sexually hostile work environment.

The jury, which deliberated about three hours, also did not find that the communications supervisor or the sergeant, who regularly shared DeWolfe's shift, created a sexually harassing environment, the town's attorney Leonard Kesten said.

"We are greatly relieved," said Kesten, who has described DeWolfe's claims as "extortion."

"It is unfortunate that a chronically absent employee and her attorney put the good people of the Cohasset Police Department through this ordeal," said Kesten, a partner at the Boston law firm, Brody, Hardoon, Perkins and Kesten.

However, the issue has not been put to rest. DeWolfe's attorney, James Crapeau, said DeWolfe will appeal based on the judge's decision to limit some of the evidence and the belief the judge gave improper instructions to the jury.

In a statement this week, Crapeau provided a number of graphic allegations about what DeWolfe said occurred of a sexual nature at the police department — the mildest of which included naked women on the television, jokes with sexual content, and an officer referring to women as "stupid broads." He asked if this does not rise to the level of sexual harassment, then what does?

The jury reached a verdict last Friday after the week-long trial during which about 10 witnesses testified, including current and former police officers, the department secretary, dispatchers, and the former police chief.

DeWolfe, who was employed as a full-time dispatcher for 18 months, sought back pay and benefits and damages for pain and suffering, Crapeau said. She was fired on Oct. 29, 2003 by then Town Manager Mark Haddad when she called about

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Jeremiah Stevenson has been working as the office administrator at the Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Name: Jeremiah Stevenson.

Occupation: Office Administrator, Rec Department.

Best day of your life: The day I learned how to play "Snake in the Grass."

Best vacation: I went backpacking in China in 2002 and met some cool travelers and locals over there.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Halloween.

Favorite meal: Going out for Dim Sum in Chinatown with friends. We never know what we are ordering but it is usually really good.

Best book: "The Sun Also Rises," by Ernest Hemingway.

Best movie: "Akira," "Friday the 13th #1", and "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Best TV show: World Cup on ESPN.

Pet peeve: People who don't appreciate the Rec Department.

Most embarrassing moment: When I had to get glasses in the first grade. I still remember it very clearly.

Goal: To become the greatest high school art teacher ever.

Person I'd most like to meet: Dick Vitale.

Biggest worry: The future of the Boston Celtics.

Best part of Cohasset: Turkey Hill/Whitney Woods.

Cultural Council to meet June 26

The Cohasset Cultural Council, a program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, will host a public input meeting on Monday, June 26, at 7:45 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Library. The council seeks input from Cohasset residents as they enter the 2007 grant cycle during which the council will disburse at least $2,500 for cultural programming of benefit to Cohasset residents.

The public input session will take place from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in seeking a position on the council or who would like more information on the Cultural Council is welcome to attend.

Applications for 2007 funding from the Cohasset Cultural Council must be postmarked by Oct. 15. 2006. Applications, guidelines and information can be found online at www.mass-culture.org. For more information call council chairwoman Selene Eymer at 781-383-2761.

Fire services task force

The Board of Selectmen will discuss forming a fire services task force at its June 19 meeting. The board had discussed taking a closer look at the department's budget at its May 22 meeting and Town Manager Bill Griffin said he feels having a task force made up of many different stakeholders will be a good approach for looking at the town's options when it comes to paying for fire services. Griffin is currently working on a committee charge and will bring it to the board June 19.

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Police recover car with Lojack system

By Samantha Brown
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Thanks to a false alarm Thursday, June 8, the department was able to test out its new tracking system and in a matter of minutes found a car whose alarm was going off .

If a car is equipped with a Lojack location system, the Cohasset Police will be able to find it. Thanks to a false alarm Thursday, June 8, the department was able to test out its new tracking system and in a matter of minutes found a car whose alarm was going off .

Police Chief James Hussey explained Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon has worked with the Lojack company in the past and suggested the department look into its offer to donate units to police departments. Not only does the company donate the devices, it provides free training for officers. Currently the department has units in two of its cruisers and had the opportunity to use one for the first time last week.

An officer driving in the vicinity of Lamberts Lane was notified by the Lojack system a car had been "stolen" and followed the signal to Robbins Garage on North Main Street. "They were doing electrical work and it was set off," said Hussey, adding, "It was a good practice round."

Hussey said when a car's system is activated it sends out a signal to the Lojack system in the cruiser and a map lights up showing the way to the car. The system beeps once every 15 seconds and intensifies as you approach the "stolen" vehicle. "Our goal is to recover the vehicle as soon as possible," said Hussey, and if Thursday's response is a gauge, the department is ready.

Turtle trouble

A family of turtles is happily nesting at Wheelwright Farm. On Saturday, June 10, a resident reported finding a large hole with a turtle sitting on her eggs. "This is normal behavior for turtles this time of year," said Police Chief James Hussey, adding Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy advises leaving the mother and her eggs alone so as not to frighten her. "This is where they've decided to make a nest. Enjoy the front-row seat to nature," he said.

Hussey said turtles aren't very picky about where they make their nests and "They'll all leave once their young have hatched."

School speeding

The police department received a call about speeding in the Deer Hill and Osgood parking lots Tuesday, June 6. Parents picking up students at the end of the day were noticed going faster than seemed safe, and the police were called to the scene.

Police Chief James Hussey said there was no license plate number reported and therefore the person speeding remains unidentified. The schools were planning to send home a letter asking parents to be aware of their speed in the parking lots.

"What happens is, in different parts of town, people expect other people will drive slow. Anyone going a little faster than normal will stick out," said Hussey, adding with the amount of children present in a school parking lot during dismissal, "The slower the better."

Village bumps out

The bumpy crosswalks causing trouble for motorists Wednesday, June 7 have been repaired. While the Police Department received calls about the dangerous situation being caused by the large potholes in the road, which were due to the heavy rain washing away the dirt of the unpaved crosswalks, the holes have since been filled in and paved over.

Hit and run

A motorist came into the police station Friday, June 9 to report a hit and run incident. She was hit from behind on Ripley Road by someone driving either a black Volkswagen Jetta or a Ford Focus and both she and the other person pulled over onto the side of the road. Police Chief James Hussey said she reported giving the other person her information and when he went to his car to "get his registration" he hopped in his car and took off. The woman was not able to get a license plate number for the car.

House party arrest

A concerned parent called the Police Department Saturday, June 10 to report a party on Pond Street. Police responded and only saw a few cars in the driveway, but upon coming up to the front door could see "Many youth and beer on the tables inside the property," said Police Chief James Hussey. One officer went around to the back of the house while another rang the doorbell. Those at the party began running in various directions and the 17-year-old host was detained, identified and arrested. He was charged with person under 21 possession of alcohol and furnishing alcohol to people under 21.

Beechwood crash

Two vehicles traveling north on Route 3A crashed at the intersection of Beechwood Street Sunday, June 11. The car in the left lane attempted to make a right turn onto Beechwood Street without seeing the car in the right lane. "It must have been in a blind spot and the driver didn't see the vehicle heading straight," said Police Chief James Hussey.

Dune crash leads to OUI arrest

On Friday, June 9 the Cohasset Police Department received a call about an erratic driver traveling near Sandy Beach. The motorist drove into a sand dune, then left the Sandy Beach area, heading toward the Nichols Road area. Police Chief James Hussey said the caller described the vehicle as being an SUV and gave a license plate number. An officer in the area turned on his lights and began searching for the SUV and later found out he passed the erratic driver on his first time through as she was not driving an SUV and the plate number given was a few characters off. After passing the car once and not being able to find the SUV, the officer turned around and happened to see the front of the erratic vehicle which was covered in sand and appeared to be the vehicle in question. The officer stopped the car and questioned the motorist, administered a field sobriety test, and arrested the operator for operating under the influence.

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School Committee looks to foster communication

By Samantha Brown
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In an effort to help improve communication between the School Committee and the community, School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy has suggested changing the night the committee meets to either Tuesdays or Wednesdays to enable more timely coverage in the Mariner.

At the second meeting of the "What's Possible" forum, held Tuesday in the high school cafeteria, MacCarthy led a "breakout session" or small discussion group, to discuss the ways the public receives information about the schools and the town and on her end, how the school department can better communicate its message.

MacCarthy felt one of the issues with the community receiving information about the schools is that when stories about the School Committee are printed in the Mariner, they are more than one week old. With the School Committee meeting on Thursdays, news stories cannot appear until the following Friday, as the paper has already been sent to be printed by the time the meeting takes place. Even back in 2004 when the paper came out on Thursdays, it was printed on Wednesday afternoon meaning information was exactly one week old when the paper came out.

The School Committee was scheduled to meet Thursday, June 15 after the Mariner went to press, and MacCarthy said she would ask the board to take a vote and see if personal schedules would allow for the change. The Board of Selectmen recently changed its meeting night from Tuesday to Monday, leaving Tuesday open for the schools without a conflict.

In addition to changing its meeting date, MacCarthy, along with PSO President Sarah Porter, Paul Carlson, a member of the planning and technology sub-committee (A strategic planning sub-committee for the schools), and parent Nancy Oddleifson brainstormed for other ways the schools could increase communication. Carlson said he has been disappointed with the amount of information he has been able to receive from the School Committee and asked for more public disclosure of documents prior to meetings. MacCarthy said many documents are not given to the public prior to their being viewed by the School Committee, which typically receives a packet at the meeting. MacCarthy said the Massachusetts Association of School Committees does not allow certain documents to become public without first being approved by the School Committee.

The group also discussed forming an e-mail list where residents can submit their address to receive updates on school and town news. They said either bi-weekly or monthly, someone could send an update about what's going on in the schools and town to those who sign up. For example, upcoming concerts or road closures could be publicized. While it might take community volunteers to make it happen, it would help bridge the communication gap.

MacCarthy said it is frustrating to hear there is a lack of communication in town when the schools and town departments need to work together on various issues and not one member of the Board of Selectmen was in attendance Tuesday. She said on the part of the School Committee, it has tried to increase communication greatly this year. She said she doesn't think there should be anyone in town who has questions about the school department because everyone on the committee and the school administration is available to answer questions at any time. She said while some people might think it is a bother to approach a member of the committee and ask a question outside of the meeting, she would rather that than keep the misconceptions alive and impede communication. "Maybe not all the information you get you're going to like or want to hear, but you will get it."

Oddleifson said any time she has had a question about the schools, she has called either the superintendent, one of the principals or a School Committee member, and "I've had an immediate response," she said.

The results of the "What's Possible" forum will be posted on the Web at www.togethercohasset.com.

Public access to meeting documents

Public Supervisor of Records for the Commonwealth Alan Cote said when a citizen attends an open meeting, he or she has the right to get a copy of any document to be discussed during the open session at the beginning of that meeting.

During this week's "What's Possible" forum, concerned resident Paul Carlson questioned why the School Committee does not always provide copies of public records for the public at its meetings. School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the Massachusetts Association of School Committees says some documents are exempt from being made public due to their being drafts, while others require School Committee approval before they must become public, and that is why not all documents are always immediately available.

Cote said there are some exemptions to the public records law which would allow a committee to hold back information depending on its content. However, if a draft or other potentially exempt document is discussed in open session, it becomes a public record. The only way that information could be withheld was if it was discussed in executive session, and the committee would have to abide by the rules of the Open Meeting Law in order to call an executive session.

Cote said if there is any confusion regarding the Public Records Law, he would be happy to schedule a training session for the Cohasset School Committee.

Walsh offered communication outlet

At a discussion group led by Larry Lieberman, 193 S. Main St., the issue of communication also came up. His group was focusing on what will happen in September, and reported the schools will need three teachers in order to keep from having a real setback. Two of the teachers are needed for the high school and one at the middle school in order to take a step forward, he said, which will cost roughly $200,000.

Lieberman said it will be critical in the upcoming months for the school department to communicate its needs to the community as it looks at possible ways to accomplish its goal. He said the superintendent needs a venue for communicating "the issues of the day." He said if the superintendent wants to share why she feels she needs certain things to make the district run properly, there should be a place where people know to look to get that information.

The Mariner has offered Walsh the opportunity to begin writing a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly column at her discretion to enable the town to hear any messages she may have on education. The same opportunity has been offered to members of the School Committee.

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Breakout session seeks simpler school budget

By Samantha Brown
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Finding ways to restructure the town budget to make it easily accessible for residents was the focus of a "breakout session" led by Lou Harvey during the "What's Possible" forum. Without any members of the Board of Selectmen present, the conversation focused solely on the school's side of things.

Harvey said much confusion and distrust some residents feel when it comes to the school administration could be avoided just by putting the budget "Into terms the average man on the street can understand."

"Don't teach the town to read the budget, but form one it can read," Harvey said.

Harvey's group met with School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro at a table in the high school cafeteria during the forum Tuesday and asked whether the school budget could be set up to compare levels of funding for those items which specifically deal with helping support student's academic performance. "Our whole budget is geared toward student performance," said DeGennaro.

However, Harvey said if funding could be broken down into how much is spent on English, for example, and then test scores are compared with the level of funding, there would be a more tangible way to decipher whether putting money into certain programs is helping the students of Cohasset. He said funding could be split into those areas that help send students to college, and other services, such as maintenance of the buildings.

"Don't teach the town to read the budget, but form one it can read."
— Lou Harvey, King Street

But DeGennaro said keeping up with things like maintenance of the building, heating, cooling and ventilation all contribute to a student's overall achievement and everything is intertwined.

Harvey said if the community had a better understanding of where the money was being spent, there would be a much better chance for an override to be passed in the future. Wig Pierson agreed and said while members of the community have continually asked for changes to the budget and more information, the School Committee has refused to acknowledge the need to make changes. "There have been 1,000 reasons given and endless excuses against changing one wit," he said, adding the people in town are desperate to hear from someone in the school department that it hears what is being said and that it is willing to make the changes necessary, not that it can't be done.

"We have made changes. We've made a lot of them," said DeGennaro, but added people only focus on the negatives.

Pierson said the School Committee consistently says if people want more budget information, they should attend the meetings. "This is not an issue of asking people to come read it, it is up to you to provide it in a way that we can see it. That is the very thing the School Committee does not want to do," he said.

"Why was the override defeated by 700 votes? Hear what the people are saying," he said.

DeGennaro said although he was not here last year, he knows there have been big strides made this year in terms of the budget information which has been presented to the community from the school department. "We are working toward a goal," he said.

Harvey pointed out while changes may be evident to the School Committee, it must be communicated to the residents of the town. "That is the part that is missing. Presenting a justifiable case to the town," he said.

— WINDING DOWN THE RUMOR MILL —

Unwanted boutique items mean lost revenue

One of the rumors circulating around town is that it costs the town $200 per week to cart away items at the Recycling Transfer Facility's "boutique" or take it or leave it area.

Director of Finance Michael Buckley said that statement is partially true. From the beginning of spring through the fall, the boutique sees an influx of items as people tend to clean out their houses and bring items to the RTF. Many of the items are "yard sale leftovers." When residents leave the items at the boutique, they are not charged as they would be to throw the items into the bin.

Therefore, every Thursday, roughly four or five bucket loads of unusable boutique items are thrown into the bin. Had they been disposed of properly, each bucket load is considered roughly one pickup truck load for which a resident would have been charged $40. Four or five bucket loads of boutique treasures therefore could have yielded between $160 and $200 had they been thrown away instead, meaning the town actually does average a loss of revenue of about $200 per week at the RTF in the summer.

The town must empty its bin no matter what, which means it is not so much a cost that is being incurred by throwing away boutique items, but a lost opportunity to gain some revenue from those who should have paid to throw them away. "One man's trash is not always another man's treasure," said Buckley.

If you have a question for the Rumor Mill, contact Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or Samantha Brown at sambrown@cnc.com.

Graduation televised

Graduation exercises for the Class of 2006 were videotaped and will air on local cable stations. Tune in to watch the 97 members of this year's class receive their diplomas.

School Web site

The school department has had a Web site up and running for some time, but it may have gone unnoticed by members of the community. The district's main page can be found at www.cohassetk12.org and it has links to the individual school pages as well as the athletics program page. Useful information such as Connect-ED messages, meeting agendas, budget information and school improvement plans can be found on the pages.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Hey Cohasset, Happy Father's Day to all the dads, uncles, grandpa's and special "dads" in everyone lives. This weekend is chock full of things to do for everyone in the family from babies on up. From the Relay For Life, the annual Arts Festival and music concerts, take your pick and have a wonderful time. Make sure to load up on the sunscreen as it is finally supposed to be picture perfect! Enjoy.

JUST PERFECT

Jennifer Meehan, daughter of **Barbara Meehan**, has maintained a 4.0 GPA at the Lynch School of Education at Boston College in her graduate studies.

Jennifer has also been named to the National Chancellor's List for the 2005-2006 school year.

Great work, Jennifer!

FATHER'S DAY CONCERT

On this Sunday, among the many fine offerings of events that are taking place for Father's Day is a concert called, "Salute to Summer Chamber Music Concert." This event will happen on Sunday at 12:15 at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church at 330 First Parish Road in Scituate. children are welcome and there is no admission charge. The following artists will be performing: a Piano Duo - **Beth Hilliard** and **Beth Dubuisson**, The North River Trio – **Donna Culley**, violin, **Caroline Hine**, cello, **Dawn MacGarvey**, piano, Piano - Cello Duo – **Beth Hilliard** and **Caroline Hine**. This will be a wonderful event for the family to take part in if wonderful music is what you would like to hear.

GIRL SCOUT

The Girl Scouts, Patriots' Trail Council is pleased to announce that **Kaitlin James** has graduated from the Cohasset Girl Scouts. Kaitlin has been active in Girl Scouts from the time she was a little girl. The Girl Scouts, Patriots' Trail Council is one of the largest organizations in greater Boston dedicated to girls. Fantastic!

SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

Attention all Cohasset swimmers. Swim Team Tryouts will be held on Monday, June 19 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Swim Center Pool. Swimmers must be 6 yrs or age by July 1, 2006 and no older than 17 years.

Rain Date June 20th, same time. Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held on Monday, June 19 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.at the Swim Center Pool. Rain date June 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Here is some great news from a very proud family here in town about a very determined young man. **Tim Pilczak** (CHS '05) recently participated in commencement exercises at the Kents Hill School in Kents Hill, Maine, where he completed a post-graduate year. Tim was an honors student each trimester during his year at Kents Hill. He was also a three-season athlete on Kents Hill Varsity and Varsity Prep golf, hockey and baseball teams. He was selected captain of all three teams by coaches and teammates and was awarded the Coaches' Award in both golf and hockey, the MVP award in baseball, and, the Baseball All-League Award.

Tim was also selected by faculty and staff to receive the "Newton 'Bud' Brooke Award." This award is presented to the member of the graduating class who "always gave 110 percent in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in his personal life and, did it all as Bud would have done – with pride, enthusiasm and humor." Simply stated by Mr. Brooke's wife — "this award is given to the all around great guy!" Next fall, Tim will attend Saint Michael's College in Burlington, Vt. where he plans to study business and environmental science and play baseball. Tim is the son of proud parents **Jo-Ann and Ken Pilczak**.

TENNIS BENEFIT

Good weather is finally here and now is the time to get in shape for the 17th Annual Tennis Tournament to benefit Children's Hospital. As you may or may not be aware, each year a specific area within Children's Hospital is selected to fund raise for. In the past seven years, this group has given between $15,000-$23,000 to some of the neediest areas thanks to your generosity. They have included cardiology, autism, oncology, neonatal brain injury, kidney research and this year, the monies will be donated to the pediatric AIDS program. Many players ask why Children's Hospital is chosen; in short, the tradition began here in Cohasset in the 1950's with the inception of the tournament. Jesse Cox and her neighbors organized the tournament for Children's.

The committee for this event strive to continue this tradition. Children's Hospital is close to all of their hearts as we all have utilized their expertise with our families. They all feel as a community, that everyone is so fortunate to have this world renowned hospital in our backyard! Save the dates for the event, July 22nd and 23rd (Saturday and Sunday). For more information on this wonderful cause, go to www.cohassetbenefit.com.

Edward F. DeGraan, Vice Chairman of Global Gillette, receives his Suffolk University honorary degree from Suffolk University Provost Patricia Maguire Meservey.

HONORARY DEGREE

Hat's Off to Cohasset's **Edward F. DeGraan**, Vice Chairman of Global Gillette. Edward received his Suffolk University honorary degree recently from Suffolk University Provost Patricia Maguire Meservey during commencement exercises held at the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston. This was wonderful news Edward, congrats!

PIRATE PARTY

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset is kicking off this summer with a Pirate Party, at Buttonwood, on Tue. Jun 27 at 10:30 AM. Pirate related book readings and activities are planned for budding buccaneers, ages 5 and up. Free event. Reservations appreciated. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay For Life is being held today and tomorrow, June 16 and 17 at Cohasset High. The schedule is packed with events and things to do for all from 3 p.m. when the Relay begins until 10 a.m. on Saturday when it ends.

LAUNCH PARTY

Join all for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' at the Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday July 8th from 5pm-11pm. All Parents and Adult Members of the CSC are invited to a New England style Lobster Bake and Silent/Live Auction to benefit the Club. The Party BYOB and will be held at the CSC rain or shine. Tickets are $40pp payable to Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phone from Barbara Golz at 383-1597 or mail your check to 25 Wood Way. Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- contact Erik Golz 383-1597 or egolz@comcast.net! Thanks to all, - see you on July 8th!!

That is it for this week. Send in all your news to me no later than Tuesday by 5 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information call 781-383-1348.

SUMMER CALENDAR FOR CHILDREN

June 26 – Registration begins for the summer reading program- school age children only.

July 6 – Registration begins for Story & Craft. A four-week commitment, for Cohasset residents ages 3-6.

Telephone registrations accepted.

July 11-Aug. 15 – Free Tuesday evening family programs at 7 p.m. For details visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

July 17-Aug. 7 – MamaSteph Drop-In Music, Mondays at 10:30 a.m., for all ages. No registration required.

July 17-Aug. 7 – Puzzle Club – Mondays, from 7 to 8:45 p.m., for Deer Hill Students. Hosted by Marjorie Murphy. Prompt pick up required.

July 20- Aug. 10 – Story & Craft – Thursdays, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Previous registration required.

Aug. 14 – Summer reading program ends. Tee shirts will be awarded to all who meet or exceed their goal.

FOR ADULTS

Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "Unless," by Carol Shields, Thursday, June 29, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Participants may hold a copy of the book online, over the phone, or at the library. Open to the public.

Knitting Group – There will be an organizational meeting of the Knitting Group on Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Library.

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Visit provides window into American life

Altholtz family hosts guest from Kyrgyz Republic

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

"Being in this beautiful place is like living in Eden," says Ikbol Bahramova, the houseguest of Howie Altholtz and his family during her two-week visit to the United States of America from her home of the Kyrgyz Republic, a newly formed democracy in the former Soviet Block.

Altholtz, Cohasset resident, was anxious to participate in this program of exchange and international relations. "....there is no 'we' and 'them' only us."

Through this program offered through WorldBoston, Altholtz accomplished participation in this form of diplomacy, included his children in an enlightening experience and provided an ideal setting for a guest to learn a great deal about American life.

Ikbol is the Program Coordinator at the Development and Cooperation in Central Asia. An accomplished businesswoman in her own right, she is fascinated by the United States and how government, non-government, public, private sectors and charities work together to create a peaceful and productive society.

Her days were spent in Boston with peers and colleagues studying socioeconomic problems, civic development and other complexities of new societies. But her evenings, weekends and leisure time was what she treasured most and where some of her most profound and lasting images were gained.

Town elections were held on the first full day of her stay in Cohasset, so off she went to the polls to hold a sign and watch the peaceful voting process. With an amazing command of the English language, she grinned warmly and mentioned that her favorite observation of the day was that adults brought children to the polls. Though not old enough to cast a ballot, they learn at a very young age what an important part of being American and being free it is to exercise the right to vote.

With her English/Russian dictionary nearby on the coffee table Ikbol continued with confidence. (Her trip to the public library with the family for the dictionary had been a fun excursion as well. Her interpreter, Cally, Altholz's 12-year-old daughter, never was far from ear shot either and always prepared to assist.) She admired how much families were together in this country. She had attended several sporting events in which Altholtz's girls had participated. Cally and her older sister Maddy, 14, enjoy softball, lacrosse and riding and Ikbol found the atmosphere at these family events uplifting and joyous despite at times being somewhat soggy underfoot! She had ridden along to pick them up at school, too and thus observed that process and been introduced to an American school teacher.

The family went to see Mission Impossible one evening at the movies. "We wanted to do something that would transcend any language barriers," Altholz said.

The role of men and women in daily life intrigued Ikbol. This was a discovery she could not wait to share with those in her homeland. "Howie's cooking....SUPER!!!!!" This she said, always with a "thumbs up" gesture. The concept of outdoor grilling was one she enjoyed several times and referred to her host as a "Super cook!". An excursion to the lobster pound was another first for her and she bravely posed for a photo with what soon would be her dinner.

Ikbol Bahramova of the Kyrgyz Republic, a newly formed democracy in the former Soviet Block, bravely poses for a photo holding a Cohasset lobster.

"In general, men do much more here around the house than in my country," she said. "But, more women drive here than they do from where I come. Also, not many children in my country have school buses. Children in Cohasset are very lucky."

Among Ikbol's other unconventional sightseeing trips were a visit to Whole Foods where the vastness of the selections was overwhelming, the RTF, and an international buffet of the various cuisines available in Cohasset. She had not tried Mexican food before and was surprised she did so in a New England town. Mount Blue was another destination and of course, a walk along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean was a special gift.

"....there is no 'we' and 'them' only us."
— Howie Altholtz

The mother of two teenagers, Ikbol felt very at home with Maddy and Cally even though her own children had remained at their home in the Kyrgyz Republic. They communicated via email and the time apart flew. She arrived with lovely gifts for her host family including a wall hanging, a hat for Altholtz and precious figurines of native villagers.

She would be returning home with gifts for her family as well including a collection of music, souvenirs of the area and of course all things Red Sox.

When asked if she had any thoughts she would like to share with the people of Cohasset, she most graciously thought, consulted her reference book for the perfect word to convey her feeling and said, "I wish that God will protect the people of Cohasset. They are very fortunate to have prosperity. The people and children in the USA live in a very strong and very good country."

IT'S HAPPENING

Clock company of Joshua James

On Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., residents can meet representatives from the Chelsea Clock Company at King Jewelers, 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway to learn how the clocks, known as the "Timekeepers of the Sea," are made. Not only did Joshua James and other mariners rely upon them, but they have been standard issue in all Navy and Coast Guard vessels since 1897.

Clocks purchased at the event can be signed by Chelsea Master clockmaker Bhupat Patel.

King Jewelers will hold a free raffle of some very popular items, including a Chelsea clock from the "By the Sea" collection, a Coromandel art treasure box with a hand-painted image of Minot's Light, and a sailor's valentine pendant.

Refreshments will be served. A portion of sales will go to local maritime museums, including the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

Talk on healing

AGIOW will hold an international and interdenominational luncheon at the Cohasset Golf Club in Cohasset on Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m. Keynote speaker is Forshia Ross, noted author and authority on emotional healing. Cost is $25. Registration and payment by July 12. For more information call Karen at 781-383-0026.

Dance with Caroline

Dance with Caroline in the CHS Multi Purpose Room, Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Jazz and hip hop dance techniques for boys and girls ages 10 and older. Cost is $75. Directed by Caroline Carr. For information contact the Rec Department, 781-383-4109. Office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturdays by appointment. Check out all the other Rec summer offerings!

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Arts Festival sure to draw a crowd

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By Samantha Brown
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Come rain or shine the 51st Annual Arts Festival on the Common will be in full swing this weekend. There will be plenty of entertainment from Friday through Sunday, whether it be artwork, music, or browsing through the booths of vendors selling unique items from around the South Shore and the world.

Children of all ages are sure to be "drawn in" by this year's special guest, master storyteller/illustrator Jeff Hopkins. Hopkins will hold two "Pictures Come to Life" story performances on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Art Center's Dillon Gallery, 119 Ripley Road. Working on wall-sized sheets of paper, Hopkins draws, narrates and acts out characters' movements and sounds. Audiences are inspired to interact with stories by adding their own voices and sound effects.

"This is very new for us," said Executive Director for the Art Center Sarah Hannan, as this is the first time the Art Center has hosted a children's activity in one of its galleries during the Festival. She said Hopkins is sure to be a hit, as he has entertained audiences at Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Whitney Museum in New York. Hopkins' performance is being sponsored by the Adrian Morris Salon, on Ripley Road next to the Art Center. While admission is free, space is limited and reservations are required.

More than 300 area artists will be featured under the white tents during the Juried Exhibition, Members' Show and Young Artists Show. Winners include, in the Juried Exhibition, Cohasset residents Janice Mattox for oils and acrylics as well as mixed media/3D, Emily Malone and JoAnne Chittick for watercolors, Mary St. Sauveur for drawing and pastels and Kimberly Majury Albanese for printmaking. Sarah Roche of Cohasset won Best in Show. In the Members' show, Kimberlee Alemian was given the Award of Excellence.

Budding artists will get their creative juices flowing in the kids tent, sponsored by the Scituate Rotary, which will offer hands-on art projects such as Father's Day cards, a community art piece and boat building. The boats can be floated on the duck pond alongside the fleet of replica boats built by annual guests, the Marine Modelers of New England.

There will be more than 100 vendors selling their crafts during the Festival as well. "Lots of them are repeat guests, which is great," said Festival Coordinator Diane Kennedy, adding there are a few new vendors the Art Center is really excited about adding this year.

Ireland native Deirdre Donnelly will bring her fine gold and silver jewelry to the Festival this year. Her designs are largely inspired by the carvings on the Great Megalithic Tombs, built in Bronze Age Ireland. Her work features modern adaptations of the decorative motifs found on the tombs, such as the spiral which was believed to represent the movement of the sun, and the serpentine pattern, believed to be related to the movement of the moon. Her jewelry, which includes rings, earrings, pendants, cufflinks and more is 22K gold overlay on sterling silver and 18K gold.

Cohasset resident Olivia Baldwin is also new to the Arts Festival, and will have her unique aprons on display this weekend. "She has one that is a faux leather that she calls the 'mermaid apron' and it has shells hanging from the bottom," said Kennedy. "They're fun and interesting."

Kennedy said many photographers from the South Shore will have their work on display at the Festival as usual. "So many people have beautiful pictures of Cohasset Harbor and the North River," she said adding this year's vendors are exceptional. "They blow me away every time I look at their photographs," she said. She added one artist features photographs of Fenway Park and has an exceptional shot from behind the score board.

There will be plenty of food on hand during the weekend as well. "Everyone loves the kettle corn," said Kennedy, as well as the Greek food vendors who will also return this year. In addition, the First Unitarian Universalist Church will be selling its all-meat lobster rolls Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until they are sold out. Rolls are $13 each and are accompanied by a bag of Cape Cod potato chips. The Second Congregational Church's strawberry shortcake is the perfect complement to the lobster rolls, and will be on sale throughout the duration of the Festival for $4.50 each.

For the ears, there will be musical entertainment. Many musicians are back this year "by popular demand," including the Cohasset and Hingham High School jazz ensembles, Cohasset's Rusty Skippers, the bluegrass quartet "Harvest," as well as the traditional Irish band "The O'Reillys," to name a few.

For more information please contact the art center at (781) 383-2787 or visit its Web site at www.ssac.org.

All about the festival

What: 51st Annual South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common

Where: Cohasset Common

When: Friday, June 16 from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday June 17 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 18 from noon until 6 p.m.

How much: Admission is free but a $5 donation is requested.

Parking: Those planning to attend the Festival are encouraged to take advantage of the free trolley that will be running from satellite parking areas throughout the weekend. On Friday and Sunday there will be parking at the South Shore Music Circus on Sohier Street and Saturday there will be parking at the Deer Hill School, also on Sohier Street. Trolleys will run continuously throughout the duration of the Festival.

Proceeds: Support the ongoing exhibition and education programs at the South Shore Art Center.

Additional events

• **Lobster rolls** will be on sale at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church throughout the Festival. All-meat lobster rolls will be sold Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until they are sold out. Rolls are $13 each and are accompanied by a bag of Cape Cod potato chips. Proceeds benefit the many charitable organizations endorsed by the church.

• **Strawberry shortcake** will also be sold as the perfect complement to the lobster rolls at the Second Congregational Church. Large buttermilk biscuits piled high with strawberries and whipped cream will be sold during festival hours for $4.50 each. Typically the church runs out of berries by 2:30 or 2:45 p.m. on the Sunday of the Festival, so don't wait until the last minute! The church typically sells 2,500 shortcakes per festival weekend and proceeds go toward the charities the church supports.

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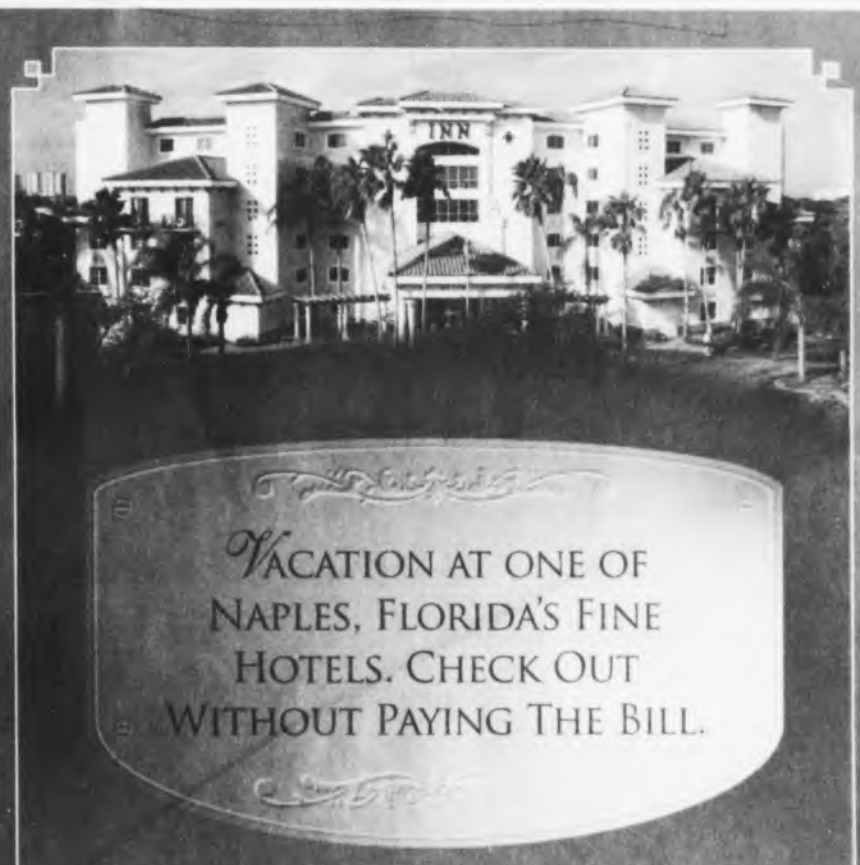

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Here's to fathers everywhere

Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, here is a little history about Father's Day:

Father's Day exists almost all over the world to honor and commemorate fathers or forefathers.

In the United States, the driving force behind the establishment of the celebration of Father's Day was Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd, born in Creston, Wash. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, as a single parent raised his six children in Spokane, Wash. She was inspired by Anna Jarvis' efforts to establish Mother's Day. Although she initially suggested June 5, the anniversary of her father's death, she did not provide the organizers with enough time to make arrangements, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910 , in Spokane.

Unofficial support from such figures as William Jennings Bryan was immediate and widespread. President Woodrow Wilson was personally so feted by his family in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge recommended it as a national holiday in 1924 to "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson made Father's Day a holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June with a presidential proclamation. But the holiday was not officially recognized until 1972, during the presidency of Richard Nixon.

Here is some trivia about the holiday:

- More reverse-charge (collect) telephone calls are made on Father's Day than on any other day.
- In the US, there are fewer dollars spent on gifts ($8.2 billion in 2005 as opposed to $11.2 billion for Mother's Day; per spender the sum was $85.66 compared to $104.63), and retailers say the shopping is more last-minute.
- The necktie is the most common and famous Father's Day gift.
- In recent years, retailers have adapted to the holiday by selling male-oriented gifts such as electronics and tools.
- Official Flower: Rose — wear red for living father and white for deceased father.
- Half of the Father's Day greeting go to dads of all ages and nearly 20 percent are given to husbands, but the celebration of gratitude and love doesn't stop there. Many people also remember their grandfathers, sons, brothers, uncles, and men who are not related but have earned the right to be called "someone special."
- Nearly 95 million Father's Day cards were given last year in the United States, making Father's Day the fourth-largest card-sending occasion
- Sons and daughters send 50 percent of the Father's Day card to their dads. Nearly 20 percent of Father's Day cards are purchased by wives for their husbands. That leaves 30 percent of the cards which go to grandfathers, sons, brothers, uncles and "someone special."
- The origin of the word Dad comes from infantile speech (baby talk) and dates back to the 15th and 16th centuries.

Sources: wikipedia.com; www.loveyoufather.com;www.chiff.com

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, June 22, 6 p.m.

Assessors, June 23, 8:30 a.m.

Cohasset Cultural Council, June 26, 7-8:45 p.m., at the library.

Conservation Commission, June 22, July 6 & 20, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, June 26, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Selectmen, June 19, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 26, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, July 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

CEA party is June 21

The Council on Elder Affairs is celebrating the last day of school Wednesday, June 21 from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Bring in badges, hats, diplomas, pompoms and year books for a fun and festive lunch. There will also be contests and prizes. Lunch will be served at noon and costs $2.50. For more information or to sign up, please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112.

All-facilities fees increase to $50; pay as you throw bags to $1.50

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Backs Fusco's quest for clearer financial format

To the Editor:

I did not vote for Steve Fusco because of his position on the $1.5 million override. Today I support him based upon the Mariner piece "Fusco wants clearer financial format." Why?

I attended a coffee for Mr. Fusco during his campaign. He proved intelligent, financially savvy, and had very good ideas of what the Cohasset schools needed to do to move forward. His presentation and the subsequent give-and-take were very competently handled. Unfortunately all of us get jaded with the promises made at coffees and not delivered in performance once elected.

This coffee I feel may have been Mr. Fusco's most difficult since the other attendees, like myself, were older residents of Cohasset with 30-50 years experience in the town. So, what Mr. Fusco heard were the mostly negative stories that each resident had experienced relating to the School Department over the past 40 years or so. Each attendee had children go through the Cohasset schools so for some period of time each of us had a very focused perspective on the schools. What emerged from the dialogue, at least for me, was that the negative stories almost always concerned how the School Department handled and reported on financial matters. I now believe Mr. Fusco heard what the group was saying and is trying to improve communication.

What also surprised me was that every resident told a different story! So what I heard was the creation of a myth. The myth that the School Department, no matter who was superintendent, could not be trusted to tell the whole truth. And that skeptical reality is what the School Department and Committee need to factor into future "communication" with the residents. There's an old saying the School Department needs to recognize: "What you do speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say."

An example of this saying was provided in the same article. When Mr. Fusco raised his concern about "signing off on thousands of dollars worth of bills," he said, in effect, the information lacked sufficient details. The response of the School Business Manager was the epitome of the Bureaucratic Shuffle. For those of you who don't recognize this technique, this is when a bureaucrat hears a request that is legitimate but he or she doesn't want to do the work, or has some other unstated reason . According to the article, the Business Manager said, "he would be willing to provide copies of all invoices and receipts for Fusco to look over at every meeting." This, folks, is bureaucratize for "bury the sucker in paper."

Let me illustrate how this gambit works. When a Cohasset citizen requested some information from Mr. Haddad in the heyday of the Cook Project under the Freedom of Information Act, Mr. Haddad sent along a very significant pile of copied documents. The problem was that maybe 10 percent of the documents were the ones requested — 90 percent were irrelevant. Mr. Haddad graciously included a sizeable bill for duplication. He then became "unavailable." We know all too well how successful Mr. Haddad and the Cook Project turned out to be. But the point is if there is a true spirit of cooperation among the School Department, School Committee and the Town Government we can all put the myth I have alluded to behind us.

My recollection, which may be faulty, is that Michael Buckley and Selectman Dormitzer have also asked for essentially the same information as Mr. Fusco is seeking. It is critical for all parties to understand that financial information in the current context **is** the key communication. And, one thing I know, in a bureaucracy, generally if the boss says "Do it" it gets done. Perhaps Superintendent Walsh might want to ask her Business Manager to comply with the requests made by Mr. Fusco? Just a thought.

Terry McCarthy
Old Pasture Road

Nix the exit tax

To the Editor:

It's being suggested that the Town raise money by a new tax on sales of real estate. The tax would be about 10 percent of the excess of the selling price over the assessed value. So the tax would fall on those who are leaving town, or at least on those leaving their houses. The assumption is that homeowners should have been assessed more and should have been paying more taxes all along, so why not hit the seller with an exit tax in recompense. A goofy extrapolation of the idea is that the selling price can be increased by the amount of the tax, so it is the buyer rather than the seller that gets hit.

A few of us will retain our homes until we leave this universe, and our heirs will inherit the property at its current value and escape the capital gains tax, and would also escape the proposed "exit tax".

But most of us will sell our homes during our lifetime for one reason or another (moving away, moving to condo living, upgrading etc.). So most of us would be paying, sooner or later, this exit tax. (Assuming that selling prices will always be greater than assessed values).

Certainly the Town should be looking for ways to increase income as well as ways to cut expenditures, but the exit tax surely is low on the list of viable ideas. Furthermore, if our ever-increasing tax burden is causing people to sell out and leave town, it would be a further injury to levy this additional exit tax on the departing ones.

R. Murray Campbell
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My dad's got a cool name

COMMENTARY

ED WHELAN

My dad, my mom, my two sisters and my three brothers and I were all blessed to have had those 11 months between my dad's diagnosis and his eventual passing

These days, my dad goes by "Papa on the Hill". He is a man of great faith. He has as many personal friends as ever, and has 15 grandchildren (Carissa, Devin, Paul, Joey, Joshua, Margaret Anne, Quinn, Lindsey, Daniel, Brian Sean, Lilly, Becca, Graham, Caleb, and Katie) in addition to his six grown children and a loving wife. The place he currently calls home has a breathtaking view of Boston Harbor from a rolling hill in Hull. By all measures, my Dad has the greatest life I could ever imagine. The only drawback is that he passed away in August 1989.

When I visit his grave at the Village Cemetery with my kids we always bring a bag of M&Ms for him. He loves M&Ms and insists that we share the bag during our visit. In his memory, we shake a half dozen M&Ms around in our hand and then "pop" them into our mouths. It truly brings him back to life in my mind. To my kids, though, he's just their dad's dad — a man they've never met. They do love how generous he is with his M&Ms though, that's for sure. Even my four-year-old knows what Papa on the Hill's favorite candy is.

Each year since 2000, my wife and I join forces with friends and family to create The Beach Bums team and participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Cohasset. We don't live in Cohasset, but that's OK because this relay includes all surrounding towns too. We don't have cancer, but that's OK too because we know people who have had cancer, and perhaps just as important, we can assume we know people who will at some time, have cancer.

We Relay with joy, not sadness. Things are improving with cancer prevention, screening, and survival. Things are improving as a result of the work of volunteers and the financial donations generated by events like the Relay For Life.

When my dad passed away in the summer of 1989, it was the culmination of an 11-month battle with a cancerous brain tumor. My dad, my mom, my two sisters and my three brothers and I were all blessed to have had those 11 months between my dad's diagnosis and his eventual passing. That time provided us with an opportunity we all took advantage of — we really got to know my dad much more closely, more intimately.

Papa on the Hill would have been a charter member of The Beach Bums team, and although he has never taken a single lap at the ACS Relay for Life of Cohasset, he has been there every year we have. Papa on the Hill has watched almost every lap taken by every participant, usually from multiple vantage points. How? He is part of the vast sea of luminaria that line the inside of the track each year. He is there, he is remembered, he is loved, and he is helping others continue the fight against cancer.

Come out and join the fight against cancer. Don't wait until someone you know gets a cool name like my dad's, come out now, help out now. Papa on the Hill will be there, looking to see what new faces circle the track this year. Let one new face be yours ... and think about tossing a handful of M&Ms into Papa on the Hill's luminaria on your first lap by ... he'd really love that.

Ed Whelan is a member of The Beach Bums team and is 2006 ACS Relay for Life of Cohasset On-Line Chair.

Relay for Life schedule of events

The Relay For Life takes place at the middle-high school.

Friday:

3 p.m. – Relay for Life begins. Team registration open.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Children's tent theme – "Under the Sea. Face painting and crafts

5 p.m. – Survivor registration open.

6 p.m. – Opening Ceremony with songs by Lisa Battista and Steven Gilbert; opening remarks; survivor's story; survivors and caretakers/supporters lap; team theme lap.

6:45 p.m. – Rusty Skippers Band.

6:45 to 8 p.m.– Taste of the Relay in the cafeteria.

7 p.m. – Jeremy Tosi, juggler and balloon twirler.

8 p.m. – Storyteller in the children's tent.

9 p.m. – Luminaria Ceremony with songs by Lilly Sestito.

Saturday:

8 a.m. – Team registration open. DJ and Ray Papile.

10 a.m. – Closing ceremony with awards, remarks and final relay lap.

Raingardens and our water supply

WATER RESOURCES

JIM KINCH

Over the past 18 months the Cohasset Water Department has been quietly preparing to construct a series of raingardens that should dramatically improve water quality in Lily Pond.

There has been a lot of talk over the past few weeks about 50-year storms and 100-year rain events, and while we all talk about the weather and its effects there just isn't much that the average citizen can do about it. But there is a relatively simple technology on hand to provide a solution to the detrimental effects of stormwater and uncontrolled runoff. Technically termed the bioretention cell or more familiarly a Raingarden, the concept is to catch and clean the first flush of storm runoff And Cohasset, through the efforts and support of the Water Department, will soon be host to one of the largest applications of this technology in the Northeast.

Stormwater quickly flashes off the lawns and streets and into the gutters, gullies and sewers, after all, storm sewers were designed to move this excess water away from where it's not wanted. With this torrent flow sediment, animal waste, vegetation and trash, picked up along the way are eventually deposited into the receiving streams, ponds, lakes and harbors. Nutrients, natural growth promoters, and pollutants are part of this floating and dissolved debris and deliver a dramatic impact to the receiving waters. Over enrichment is a major problem to the water quality of Lily Pond, Cohasset's drinking water source. Algae blooms and excess plant growth lead to increased turbidity, reduced quality and off tastes in water. None of these is a good thing for any water body but are especially detrimental to a drinking water source.

Over the past 18 months the Cohasset Water Department has been quietly preparing to construct a series of raingardens that should dramatically improve water quality in Lily Pond. This technology is not a high-tech, expensive or mechanized treatment but one based on Low Impact Development or LID. LID refers to techniques that are low technology, unobtrusive and effective and, in a word, elegant. A raingarden is just such an application.

In two presentations in May, Mike Clark, an engineer and senior associate with Norfork Ram LLC of Plymouth and consultant for Cohasset Water presented an introduction to the program. Before an audience of citizens and members of the Cohasset Garden Club at St Anthony's Parish Hall, Clark outlined the plan for construction of 50 raingardens in the watershed of Lily Pond. Construction has already begun with five completed and many of the remaining gardens are expected to be installed by winter.

In his discussion he described the engineering and construction detail and outlined locations. "The goal of this program is to slow the rate of water movement, to capture the first inch of rainfall, and remove the sediment and reduce the nutrient load reaching Lily Pond. Raingardens are the most cost effective application of LID the Water Department could employ to improve and protect the water quality of the Pond," Clark said.

Last year a demonstration bioretention cell was constructed adjacent the parking lot at the water plant within 60 feet of Lily Pond. Clark explained, "We used this site as a test bed to work out the system. Our landscape consultant employed three distinct plant communities to display the variety of plants that will be used in the neighborhood installations. We played around with different mixes of engineered soils until we came up with the right combination of coarse sand, loam and hardwood mulch. The formula we developed provides the perfect media for retention of water and beneficial bacteria. I was pretty excited to see the clear water leaving the garden after the first major rain event!"

Engineered system

A raingarden is an engineered system for retaining and redirecting runoff, its holding capacity lowers water velocity and uses gravity and engineered soil mixtures and healthy bacteria to reduce suspended solids and sufficiently cleanse the water of pathogenic bacteria, and dissolved mineral nutrients. Raingardens are layered in-ground systems consisting of slotted pipe imbedded first in pea stone then gravel then covered with an engineered soil and finally overlaid with a garden of select hardy plants. These structures will replace the familiar common open sewer grates in public right of ways at designated sites to act as passive systems to control and clean runoff water heading into Peppermint Brook before it reaches Lily Pond. Installed structures are now on Pond Street, by the high school, King Street, along the driveway of the water plant and at the end of Arrow Wood Rd in Veterans Park.

Home lawns are very poor at absorbing rainfall so most excess water ends up in streams and eventually in our lakes and harbors. The raingarden's cleaning features uses plants and filtering soil bacteria scrub the rainwater of sediments, minerals and harmful bacteria and reduce the water velocity in its path to the sewers and streams. And most importantly these are passive systems requiring minimal maintenance for peak efficiency. In a monitored raingarden study at the University of New Hampshire, oil and greases and dissolved heavy metals contaminants were reduced by 100 percent with nutrient pollutants (nitrates and phosphates) reduced by more than 40 percent, when compared to the non-treated storm sewers.

So check out the contract crews over the next few months and stop by the demonstration raingardens at the water plant on King Street. Clark figures with a good construction season we could have nearly 40 sites installed this year. In any case you may see Clark checking each installation, tracking progress, making adjustments and monitoring each incremental improvement in stormwater, like a proud parent, engineers are like that. This program is partially funded by EPA 319 grants with matching funds from the Cohasset Water Department. The Cohasset application is thought to be the largest of its type in New England.

Jim Kinch is a member of the Water Resources Protection Committee.

Stop by the Maritime Museum

MARINERS CORNER

STEVE BOBO

The Maritime Museum received a structural inspection indicating the need for some minor repairs, which will be taken on, along with the new electrical service to be installed.

Well, its time for David Wadsworth and I to open up the Historical Society's Maritime Museum again. It's been an interesting winter. We finished rerigging Roger Hill's model of the clippership Cutty Sark. You may have seen it being worked on at the Pratt Building every Tuesday during a meeting to discuss next Fall's biggest historical deal; the Society's gala auction fund raiser of which you'll hear more as it comes closer.

The Sark has been replaced by a beautiful model of the Southern Cross a moderate Clipper (1854) built in Boston by Briggs, of a Scituate family of shipbuilders, I believe. The Cross is being restored at the Maritime Museum in the back office, also on Tuesdays, although David and I have yet to work out the day for certain. Nevertheless, visitors always welcome. We have a shelf of free nautical magazines which you may want to raid.

The big news at the Maritime, though, is the renovations. Thanks to the Community preservation funds which you have voted to give to various good works in Town, along with renovations of the Wilson House, the Maritime is getting some attention. The floorboards from the Wilson are gone, and the Maritime received a structural inspection indicating the need for some minor repairs which will be taken on along with the new electrical service to be installed. There'll be some chimney repairs, and painting, and some strengthening of places where damage has occurred, probably during the move from Bates Wharf in 1959. There's also stabilization of damage from powderpost beetles, and a few other minor details.

The move in 1959 was accomplished by cutting the building in half and moving it down Elm Street on a truck. You can see the pictures inside. At the time, the building found use as office and warehouse space. One renter was Tom Lucas, one of the founders of the Art Center. Tom was also responsible for the rope banister up to the second floor; he said it was cheaper than wood.

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The strengthening repairs are interesting. One of the structural members on the north wall of the building had a knot which caused a crack in the roof support. A 4x4 was fitted to take the weight, but in time it has moved slightly and needs strengthening. At another place, a collar tie had been repaired with a channel iron because of a crack from knot. These old repairs, historical in themselves, will be set right if deemed necessary, by historically minded artisans, with all the respect accorded to frail elderly individuals. If you have time, stop by and see us.

Steve Bobo is a member of the Cohasset Historical Society.

The $4 million Brangelina baby

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The last time I hired a photographer to take baby pictures, he was a Hungarian refugee and it cost me a couple of pops of slivovitz and a bowl of gulyas. That was 40 odd years ago.

Now it appears that the going rate for a set of baby pictures is $4 million — and the photographer pays you for the privilege while the government keeps the paparazzi at bay at gunpoint.

Brad was so proud of Angelina, I am told, that he may even marry the girl — but not right away.

That seems to be what happened when Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt was born to Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, aka Brangelina, in Welwitschia Clinic in Walvis Bay in Namibia, a fourth or fifth world country in Africa.

Shiloh, they say, is the most important baby born since Tom Cruise and his Katie (aka Tomkat) sired and foaled Suri and Britney Spears and her husband of the moment produced Sean Preston.

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By my reasoning, Shiloh's Namibian birth certificate makes her a real African-American and more eligible for affirmative action than Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. We'll have to keep watch on that one.

Brangelina has promised that he (or she or they or whatever) will donate the $4 million People magazine is said to have paid for the exclusive pictures to charities that aid African children.

A worthy cause, I can assure you, since the life expectancy for a Namibian man is 42 years and 38 years for a woman and Brangelina's largesse is just a tad short of one per cent of the country's operating budget.

"While we celebrate the joy of the birth of out daughter, we recognize that two million babies born every year in the developing world die on the first day of their lives," they said in a joint statement.

The government of Namibia certainly worked hard for its $4 million share of the spoils.

The president himself, Sam Nujoma, manned the barricades at the airports against nosy reporters and paparazzi, and those who managed to sneak in were met at the door to the clinic by squads of armed police.

Brangelina was so grateful that they gave $15,000, parking meter change to them, on the spot to build a school and community center in the village of Swakopmund.

Two days after the birth of Shiloh, a doctor at Welwitschia Clinic made like Deep Throat and confided to the press in deep background, as they say in Washington, the top secret information that mother and baby were doing just fine.

In spite of that serious lapse in security, Brangelina donated another $300,000 to Namibia. They wanted to celebrate the birth, and what else is there to do in Walvis Bay on a Sunday afternoon?

"We want to contribute to Namibia and the people who have been so gracious to us at this time," they were quoted as saying by the government of Namibia, which was now taking on the role of press spokesman, too.

Village project is timely topic

Next on Our Town, discussion switches to Cohasset's Downtown Revitalization Project.

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris joins co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to raise questions on whether the project has followed the original plans voted in by the town.

Political activist Nancy Garrison takes the position that the project is in line with the town's wishes and provides her understanding of the goals and outcomes of the current project.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Happy Father's Day!

The following essays were written by Lauren Cook's second grade students at the Joseph Osgood School in honor of their fathers.

My dad is super! My dad is tall and he has short black hair. He has brown eyes that twinkle like the stars. My dad is really smart. He's really cool, too. He's also funny. My dad works for the Chartis Group. He is one of the three bosses. He travels a lot so I'm really happy when he comes home. My dad cooks breakfast and dinner when he's home. Sometimes he talks about problems with me. He brought me into class when I was shy. I love it when he cuddles up with me. Sometimes he tells me a story in bed. My dad makes me feel loved when he gives me a kiss goodnight and says, "I love you." He tickles me sometimes. I also like it when he dances with me. My dad warms my heart like the sun. I love my dad. He is the best!

— Olivia Arnold

My dad is the greatest! He has blue eyes, he has black hair and he has black shoes. He makes money and gives it to the poor. At home he helps by mowing the lawn and goes to the dump and cooks with my mom. My dad helps me with my homework and he teaches me lacrosse. I like when my dad plays baseball and basketball with me. I like going to New Jersey and Martha's Vineyard with him. My dad makes me feel loved when he hugs me and kisses me on the cheek and reads me a story. I feel special when he calls me "Sammy-Whammy." My dad is cool and I love him!

— Sam Arnold

My dad is the best! My dad's eye color is blue like the sky. He is very caring and loving, too. My dad has a painting company and sometimes he comes home covered in paint. At home he does the dishes and packs me lunch money and he takes care of me. My dad helps me when I do my homework and he helps me get a cup when it is too high. I love when he tickles me and when we go fishing and when we play hide-and-seek together. My dad makes me feel loved when he hugs me and kisses me and he makes me laugh. Sometimes he calls me "Jelly Bean." It seems like I have the best dad in the whole wide world!

— Ashley Ash

Who's the best dad? My dad! He has short brown hair, crystal blue eyes and he is really strong. He is a really smart and hard working dad. He makes me laugh a lot. My dad works in an office to make money. My dad helps at home by doing the garden and he cooks and does dishes. He helps me with sports and schoolwork. I like to play baseball with him and I like when we go to a Red Sox game. I like to hit golf balls at the driving range with him and I like to watch movies with him. I like when me and my dad wrestle and when we go out on the boat. He makes me feel loved when he gives me a goodnight kiss and a kiss when I go out for the bus. My dad makes me feel special when he says, "Good Job!" like one of my sport coaches. My dad is the best dad in the world!

— Danny Axelson

My dad is the best! He has chocolate-brown eyes and he is very, very tall. He works in Boston for Fidelity Investments. When he is not working he helps me do my homework and he helps me clean my room. I like playing catch with our baseball gloves and we love playing Legos, most of all! I love going out to dinner at T.K. O'Malley's with him. He makes me feel loved when he calls me "Buddy" and when he says, "Good play, Owen!" My dad is the best dad in the history of the world!

— Owen Bernsee

My dad is awesome!!! He has blue eyes, brown hair and looks strong. He likes fishing, gardening and coaching baseball. My dad works for himself and travels to clients at advertising firms. At home he helps by gardening, he builds stuff and he helps my mom with the cooking and cleaning. My dad helps me by being my baseball coach. He also helps by going to the doctor with me and by helping to take care of me when I'm in the hospital. I like it when my dad plays sports with me. I also like it when he takes me fishing in Cohasset Harbor and when he goes swimming with me at the beach. My dad makes me feel loved when I make a good play in baseball and he says, "Good play, Will!" My dad is very special!

— Will Broderick

My dad is awesome! My dad is nice on the inside and very, very, very funny on the outside. My dad has blackish-grayish hair. His eyes are blue like the sky. He works at Reebok. My dad helps by packing my lunch and snack. He takes me to school and reads me bedtime stories. I like when my dad plays catch with me and when he takes me to Cohasset News. He makes me feel loved by grabbing my hands and spinning me around. I love my dad!

— Lukas Brown

My dad is the best dad I could ever have. My dad is tall; he has short hair and a short beard. He wears fancy clothes at fancy places. He is funny and nice. My dad works hard! He works in Texas and he makes money for my Mom so we can buy food. He cooks and makes us lunches. He helps me with my homework and he helps me if I get lost on a trail in the forest. I feel loved when he gives me hugs and kisses before I go to sleep and when he tucks me into bed before I go to sleep. My dad always throws me behind his back and I laugh. My dad lights up my day. His eyes shine like the sun up in the sky. I would never want another dad!

— Samantha Campedelli

My dad is the best dad whoever lived in the history of the world! He has black hair and brown eyes. My dad is funny, he's a good cook and he is as smart as George Washington! He works at Fidelity in Boston. At home he sometimes cooks dinner and he cleans the gutters. My dad helps me by taking me to sports. I like to play baseball and street hockey with him. He makes me feel loved when he plays Mario Super Star Baseball with me. No one is better than my dad!!!

— Davis Cronin

My dad is the best dad in the world! My dad has a heart as big as the world. He has brown eyes and has short dark hair but a little of it is white. My dad is a builder. He has his own little business with five guys. They work around town. At home he cooks good dinners. My dad helps me with homework when I am stuck. He helps me figure things out. There are many things I like to do with my dad. I like going to the dump, going on errands and playing sports with him. I love when he takes me to Red Sox games! My dad makes me feel loved when he gives me a kiss goodnight and when he calls me nicknames like "Bug." He also makes me feel loved when he throws me in the pool. I love my dad so much!

— Bobby Driscoll

No one is better than my dad! His eyes sparkle like emeralds and he has dark blonde hair. He is smart, funny and very tall. He works at an office in Boston. At home he mows the lawn and puts mulch on the garden. He helps me feel better when I'm sad and when I need help playing a sport. I love to take a nap with him in our hammock and I like when we play baseball together. My dad makes me feel loved when he calls me "Morganski." No other dad whoever lived is better than my dad!

— Morgan Fechter

My dad is a very special guy. He has dark chocolate-brown eyes and dark, dark, dark brown hair like mine. His skin is tan and looks like he was in Florida for a week! He is strong and smart. He has the biggest 'dad-heart' in the world! My dad is also funny, active and very, very, very supportive. He absolutely loves basketball! My dad does doors and windows. He helps me with my homework and he helps around the house by playing with our dog Dunkin' when we're busy. He helps my family by keeping me busy when my sisters are trying to do their homework. I like to play tag with my dad and I like to go out with him and get ice cream. I like going to the Girl Scout 'Father-Daughter Dance' with him. I like it when we go to the park together and when he makes me do pushups. (Yes, I know, very odd!) He makes me feel loved by telling me he loves me and when he kisses me goodnight. I love my dad and he loves me! "That's a fact people, not an opinion!"

— Rebecca Fredey

My dad loves me very, very much. He has brown eyes and he is as nice as an ice cream cone on a hot summer day. My dad is caring, kind, supportive and very fun. He goes to work at Winn Residential. At home he helps by going to the dump and sometimes he paints inside our house. My dad helps me practice baseball and hockey. I like when my dad plays catch with me and I like when he takes me to practice at the batting cage. My dad makes me feel loved when he plays with me and when he calls me "Fred." I love him very much!

— Andrew Kuppens

My dad is awesome! He has short black hair and he is very tall. He has a smile as bright as a light bulb. He is very funny and kind and he cares about me. My dad is a very hard worker. He stays at home on the computer and he travels a lot. He helps out at home by mowing the grass and he barbeques. My dad helps me with my math and helps me with problems. I like going to a restaurant with him. It is so much fun! I feel loved when he plays with me and kisses me goodnight. When he calls me "Peanut" I know I am special. I love my dad so much!

— Grace Lucier

My dad is the greatest! He has gorgeous brown eyes that sparkle in the sun. He has brownish-black hair, the color of a wooden canoe swaying on the water. He is also very tall. My dad makes me laugh when he says something funny. He is very smart and good at math problems. He is always very kind to me. He works very hard as a lawyer in Boston and he is good at his job. He mows the lawn when the grass is too tall. He also cooks hamburgers on the grill for us for dinner. He helps me with my homework when it's hard. My dad also practices catching and throwing a softball with me. I like when we make waffles together for the family on the days he's not at work. We love going for special bike rides, just me and him. He makes me feel loved when he takes me out to breakfast at the Red Lion. My dad loves me and I love him. My dad is the best dad ever!

— Julia Stanganelli

My dad is the best dad! He has hazelnut-brown eyes and black hair. My dad is a very hard worker. He makes car parts for work. He is a funny dad. My dad helps at home by mowing the lawn and sometimes he makes us dinner. He helps me do my homework and sometimes helps me clean my room. I love when he takes me to Starland. When I'm sick he brings me tea and cookies. I feel loved when he calls me "Chessy." He makes me laugh when he calls my friend Rebecca, "Reba." I love my dad so, so, so, so, so, so much!!

— Tess Masci

My dad is the best! My dad has brown eyes like a brown bear. He has black curly hair and he is very strong. My dad goes to work in Boston and he works for S.A.S. as a sales person. My dad is really, really funny. He's very smart and good at doing funny voices. At home he helps by watching us when my mom goes to the gym and sometimes he makes special dinners for us. My dad helps me with my homework and when I'm sad he helps me feel better. I like when we go to Maine on vacation and when he tickles me. I love when my dad spends a lot of time with me, and I mean "a lot!" My dad makes me feel loved when he gives me a hug and a kiss and when he calls me "K.K." I love my dad!

— Caelin McDonald

My dad is the best! My dad is stronger than an ox. He has black hair and brown eyes and he is tall. He is very smart, cautious and nice. He is a hard worker and he never gives up. He is also caring, helpful and funny. My dad is a reporter for the State House News Service. At work he writes for The Boston Globe. He is also a mason and he lifts heavy rocks. At home my dad helps me with my homework and helps me practice sports. I like when he helps me build Legos. I love to play baseball with him. My dad makes me feel special when he says that I am good at lots of sports and he makes me feel loved when he calls me "Lukezilla." I think my dad is the best dad on Earth! I love my dad.

— Luke Norton

My dad is the best dad! My dad has a smile like the sun. He's really strong. He is really kind. He has a heart like a bunny. He is funnier than a tickle. My dad makes magazines. He goes away a lot. When he's home he makes my lunches every day and helps me make my bed. My dad helps me when I get hurt. He helps me when I get stuck in a tree. I like to snuggle with him. I also like to ride bikes with him. I love to play hockey with him. My dad makes me feel loved when he calls me "My Brother-My Brother." He also makes me feel loved when he picks me up and runs. I feel special when my dad says, "Good job!" I wouldn't want another dad.

— Kyle O'Brien

My dad is the best ever! My dad has ocean-blue eyes and dark black hair. My dad is tall and very nice. He is fearless and funny. He goes to work in Boston and sometimes he goes on trips. He helps at home when he does the dishes at night. He helps me by paying me an allowance. He takes care of me and gets me stuff that I need. I like to go outside with my dad. I like when he watches me ride my bike and I like when he takes me to Red Sox games. He makes me feel loved when he tucks me in at night and when he goes to my baseball games. I feel loved when he calls me "Pal" and when he gives me a 'high-five!' My dad is the best dad ever!

— Sam Pitts

My dad is the best! He's tall and he has black hair and he has nice brown eyes. For work my dad mows peoples' lawns. He takes out old trees and he puts in new ones in their spots and plants flowers. At home he cooks bacon and eggs on Sunday for breakfast and cleans up the yard. My dad helps me do my homework when I am stuck. He helped me learn how to plant flowers and lots of other things. My dad makes me feel loved when we play baseball on Sunday and catch. I like when he gives me kisses every night after pillow fights. I love my dad so much!

— Dom Sestito

My dad is special! My dad has sparkling blue eyes and short black hair. My dad is smart and funny and talkative. My dad lends money to people. He works at Bank of America. At home he does the laundry and picks clothes up that are left on the floor. He cooks for me and fixes things for me. I like to take my dog out with my dad and we get ice cream together. My dad makes me feel loved because we like to snuggle up together and play games together. I love my dad!

— Kaitlyn Stanislawzyk

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Forum focuses on links between vaccine, autism

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Devastation, determination, bewilderment and faith were evident on the faces of attendees at a seminar held recently at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. The event's purpose of spreading awareness about a possible link between childhood illnesses and vaccines was bringing a community together in a common cause.

Approximately 200 concerned citizens were present at the forum Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council Network,(PAC) to learn about the importance of safe vaccines for children. The seminar addressed the possible relationship between the mercury-based preservative "thirmerosal" contained in some children's vaccines and the escalation of autism and other neurological disorders.

A panel of experts spoke to the audience about the many aspects of the problem, its ramifications and possible steps toward solutions.

Trish Seskay, event organizer whose nephew, Cameron soon will turn three was diagnosed recently with autism following a vaccine. The family knew immediately there had been a change in his behavior. Devastated by this news, Seksay and her father, Dr. Robert V. Dandrow, retired chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Milton Hospital, Founding Fellow of the American College of Ob/ Gyn and Associate Professor at Tufts Medical School, devoted their waking hours to finding help for Cameron. Cameron's parents, Trish's brother Phil and sister-in-law Tricia cared for the child's immediate needs around the clock..

"It really is a family effort," said Seksay. "We are fortunate to have my father who is from a medical background and can meet with people in the system. We have been researching this and the information is endless. When we realized how widespread it was, we knew we had to get information to more people."

In her research, Seksay discovered that Dan Burton, U.S. Congressman from Indiana, is the grandfather of two children with autism and involved with legislation and actions that will improve the situation. His office recommended that to communicate with larger groups about these topics, Seksay work through "systems," thus the PAC agreed to sponsor the program with the approval of Denise Walsh, superintendent of Cohasset schools.

The panel assembled provided a wealth of information. Mark Blaxill, vice president of SafeMinds, gave a presentation based on numerous studies and research that indicated a correlation between the increases in neurological disorders and vaccines given to children. Among the facts considered were the content of the vaccines and the number of vaccines given during particular time periods.

SafeMinds is an organization whose mission is "to serve proactively in science, legal and public awareness arenas and in an educational capacity to regulatory and legislative bodies." Blaxill indicated that though this "hypothesis is denied in print... the explosion rates are recently discovered." As parents and medical professionals he said people should ask the right questions. "We should ask, 'why are so many children sick?'" he said.

> **"We should ask, 'why are so many children sick?"**
> — Mark Blaxill, SafeMinds

Dr. Richard Deth, a molecular neuropharmacologist and professor at Northeastern University, explained the science and chemistry of vaccines and how thimerosal travels through the body. His comments indicated in a great number of cases where neurological disorders develop there is also a lower level of "glutathione," which carries the metallic substances through the body to be eliminated. The combination of a low level of this natural genetic agent and the thimerosal are present when these disorders appear.

Also attending the forum was state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, sponsor of House Bill (H4703) . "Like so many people," Bradley said, "my interest grew when someone close to my family was diagnosed with autism. At the same time, I was hearing from other parents and from teachers that there were more and more kids that were sick..

" In 1999 the FDA and the CDC *suggested* that thimerosal be removed from all vaccines. Seven years later, they haven't done it."

Bradley is joined by representatives Barbara L'Italien-R and Bradford Hill-D as bipartisan sponsors to make Massachusetts one of 32 states attempting to pass legislation(H4703) banning mercury preservatives in children's vaccines.

"We need constituents to call and support this bill and ask that it be brought to the floor of the House," Bradley said. "California and New York have passed similar legislation. As California and New York go, so go the business markets for the rest of the country. We are not against vaccines. We simply want the assurance of safe ones."

Bradley explained safeguards have been added to the language of the bill to assist the medical community in the event of a catastrophic illness, natural disaster or pandemic. The law would be scheduled to go into effect in 2007, but has ways to be extended to 2010 if necessary. "We can work with the medical community in the event of an epidemic or unexpected public health emergency," he clarified.

Closing the evening's program was Mary Romaniec, a counselor and mother of a son who recovered from autism. She spoke of her struggle and perseverance as she sought answers for her child. "The answers were not in my physician's hands," she said. "I thought, 'Parents are desperate.' We want information. When we don't know what to do, that's when parents lose hope."

"I didn't stop," she continued." I found a diet that helped him. It may not have helped him....It may have been something else. I may never know. I kept looking. He lost his diagnosis at age four."

Her final words of advice: for those just beginning the battle were, "Immerse yourself in information. Ask questions. If someone tells you there is no such thing as a recovered kid, they are wrong."

Suzanne Messina, founder of REACH (Research, Education, and Action for Autism Spectrum Children) and mother of three children on the autism spectrum, ended the forum with words of inspiration. She outlined the story of her children and the frightening moments of the unknown she had experienced. In a voice strong with purpose she said, "We have the power to fix it."

"This is what we can do: We can follow Representative Bradley's leadership, join organizations like SafeMinds, REACH and National Autism. Know that there are variations from textbook disorders. Trust your gut instinct. Recover your child."

Armed with information

Information Sources for Autism Treatment and Recovery

- Autism Treatment Center:
www.autismtreatmentcenter.org
- SafeMinds
www.safeminds.org
- Autism Research Institute
www.autismwebsite.com
- National Vaccination Information Center
www.nvic.org

Legislative Information
Massachusetts House Bill 4703
www.mass.gov
Contact Garrett Bradley and/or local representative and Speaker. Request that Bill 4703 be heard on the floor of Legislature and passed.

Questions for Medical Staff
(compiled from parents and advocates of children with autism)

- Discuss mercury free vaccines with physicians.
- Call ahead to prepare for visit.
- Inquire about package inserts and contents.
- Request vaccines to be administered one at a time.
- Trust your instinct - know your child.

Happy Father's Day!

FROM FATHER'S DAY, PAGE 14

My dad is the best dad in the history of the world! My dad has a smile that makes anyone happy. He has black short hair and he has tan skin. My dad is very strong. My dad is very nice and he is kindhearted and very loving. My dad travels around places for his job. My dad cooks and helps my mom clean. My dad helps me by putting me to bed when my mom isn't here. He helps me fix my stuff and helps me build toy models because he loves cars. We enjoy having Father-Son days. He makes me feel loved by playing with me a lot and calling me "Stinky Monkey."I love my dad!

— Dan Toomey

My dad is very special. My dad has light chocolate-brown hair, two brown eyes and glasses on both eyes. He is caring, funny and a hard worker. He is a lawyer for his job. He works in a really, really, really big building in Boston. I like to take long walks with him, go to the dump with him and especially be with him at my house when I'm going to bed. He does many special things for me. He helps me with my homework, he helps me clean my room and he helps me wash the dishes. He makes me feel loved and special by helping me, kissing me goodnight, calling me "Minksey-Doodle" and telling me bedtime stories. I enjoy walking with him, swimming with him and cooking with him. I love my dad!

— Maria Waters

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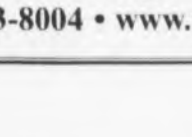
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Second forum gets down to business

FROM FORUM, PAGE 1

Main St., said he wanted to get the "800 pound gorilla out of the closet" and discuss what is going to happen with the schools in September. "We need to know how much money we need to not take a step backward," he said. Lieberman added many different town entities must be involved to make changes happen, and he is really worried about what September will look like.

Rick Flynn, 30 Summer St., said it seems the conversation always focuses around the schools, but the town should be included. He said he would like to see how the town plans to proceed going forward. "We need to look at the whole thing," he said.

Lou Harvey, 465 King St., a member of Enough! a political action committee which opposed the $1.495 million override, said he had met with Terry Green, a member of the Committee to Support Cohasset which supported the overrides, and together they found they had a lot in common. Although Green was unable to attend the second forum, Harvey said they would like to co-convene a discussion group to talk about the presentation of the whole town budget. He said both sides would like to see a presentation much different from what is currently provided.

Harvey said there are two key issues to be addressed. First, what is the town spending for specific services in town, and second, can those services be evaluated in terms of how much is being built into the budget for the service.

Lori Langenhagen, 24 Sanctuary Pond Road, said she had been speaking with Ann Musto, 42 Stevens Lane, about her idea to implement a real estate transaction fee. Langenhagen explained if a house sells for more than it is assessed for, the town can recoup some of that money by charging a transaction fee.

Mike Dick, 27 Parker Ave., said he would like to "Disentangle the confusion with the school system." He said many members of the community are concerned about why the school department works in certain ways and said there needs to be a way "lay people" can understand why the school system works the way it does.

Flynn spoke to Dick's suggestion and said he felt forming a discussion group based on the assumption that the school department is entangled is a negative starting point. "Maybe you don't understand something, then give me 10 questions and I'll give you the answers, but don't say that it's broken. That will just send out more misinformation," he said.

Dick said he did not feel his discussion would be negative. He said his topic is merely a reflection of what he has heard residents say. "We couldn't pass an override because of distrust," he said, adding the town has to figure out why things are done the way they are and build that trust back up again.

Adrienne MacCarthy, 85 Doane St., said she would like to lead a discussion on where people receive their information about the town and the schools, how they receive their information and how can the town and schools communicate more effectively. "None of us on the School Committee wants you to feel you don't have all the information," she said, but said recently it became apparent, "1,435 got the information and 700 didn't." She said she could speak personally to the communication efforts of the School Committee, and said the town as a whole should be focusing on getting more information out to the people and explaining how things are done. "The town's side is different (from the school department), and we don't have anyone from the town here," that can explain how it runs, she said.

The "What's Possible" forums use a meeting technique dubbed "Open Space Technology." It is a technique which has been used at the Pentagon, in Fortune 500 companies, and in African villages. There is only a rough agenda so as not to limit creativity by a time limit.

There are four principals associated with the meeting technique: whoever comes are the right people; whatever happens is the only thing that could have; whenever it starts is the right time; and when it's over, it's over. There was only one law for the night, "The law of two feet," which states if you are neither learning nor contributing, use your two feet to go to a more productive place.

Each person who came forward with an idea was asked to lead a discussion on that topic in a smaller "breakout session." Groups met in various corners of the cafeteria or in classrooms. Each group has been asked to provide documentation of what was discussed. That information, as well as information collected from the first forum, will be posted on www.togethercohasset.com.

Small discussion groups will continue to meet on their own, and the next meeting for group leaders will be Thursday, July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library. Continual updates on group progress will be posted on the Internet at www.togethercohasset.com. Anyone who is interested in helping keep up the Web site or becoming involved in any of the discussion groups, or who just wants to help keep the positive momentum going in any way they can may send an e-mail to info@togethercohasset.com.

Positive outcome from the first forum

John Dunn, 23 Schofield Road, said he met with John Englander, 87 Lamberts Lane, at the last forum and in their group of roughly 14 people, they discussed the possibility of raising funds for the school and beginning an endowment. He said the group met last week and was having a third meeting while the second forum was taking place. He said any information the group has will be posted on the www.togethercohasset.com Web site.

Town-owned parcel could get protection

The Water Department has formally informed selectmen it would support placing a conservation restriction on the town-owned property next to the Cook property on Sohier Street. In a May 24 letter, the commission writes, "Restricting this large parcel helps to protect our watershed." The commission is in unanimous agreement that the town should put a restriction on the land.

When the town originally agreed to work with the heirs of the Cook Estate to build senior housing on the property, building on the adjacent town-owned parcel was an option. However, as wastewater issues arose with the site and the project was scaled back, it became apparent the number of units had to be reduced and therefore, the town land was not needed. The town took its land out of the deal and residents voted at the 2005 fall Special Town Meeting to authorize selectmen to place a conservation restriction on the land.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would put the item on an upcoming agenda.

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Jury clears town in harassment suit

FROM SUIT, PAGE 1

not being able to cover her scheduled shift due to child-care problems. She had received two prior written reprimands about attendance problems.

But Ciapciak, of Ciapciak & Assoc. in Norwood, said the reason given for firing DeWolfe was pretext — or to mask — the real reason, which was the fact she sought stress leave due to a hostile working environment.

Kesten said no one at the department even hinted to the dispatch committee that consisted of the fire chief, police chief and Town Manager about her sexual harassment claims.

Kesten said while the work environment was certainly tense — in light of the fact two officers had been placed on administrative leave on another matter — it was not hostile. He said on a couple of instances some officers watched the Howard Stern show, which was inappropriate but did not amount to sexual harassment.

"I'm delighted the police department was fully vindicated by a jury that saw through these false allegations," Kesten said. "The jury's verdict also shows that the unfair accusations against Sgt. Pomarico were nonsense."

"I'm delighted the police department was fully vindicated by a jury that saw through these false allegations."
— Lenoard Kesten, town's attorney

Pomarico regularly shared DeWolfe's shift and was the target of several allegations.

Kesten said the town would seek attorney fees and court costs from DeWolfe and her lawyer.

Grant helps launch traffic safety campaign

The Cohasset Police Department is stepping up its enforcement of traffic laws, and in particular, safety belt use, with assistance from an $8,400 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket campaign, a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety. The grant provides funds for increased traffic patrols, traffic safety equipment, and safety belt education activities to be conducted through Sept. 30.

One of the Cohasset Police Department's educational activities will be to conduct incentive distributions at Cohasset Plaza, Cohasset High School, and Cedar Street during the week of June 19. Henry's Root Beer Stand will be assisting the Cohasset Police Department with the distribution. Incentives will be provided to all vehicle occupants who are properly belted at the location.

"When safety belt use goes up in a community, the rate of motor vehicle injury goes down," said Chief James M. Hussey. "We will be actively enforcing the use of safety belts, booster seats, and child safety seats in order to save lives and prevent injuries."

"When safety belt use goes up in a community, the rate of motor vehicle injury goes down."
— Chief James M. Hussey

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety, provided funding and resources to enhance the efforts of the Cohasset Police Department. The goal of the Click It or Ticket Campaign is to increase safety belt use in the state, but the biggest gain will be in lives saved and injuries prevented. According to a 2005 GHSB safety belt survey, 65 percent of Massachusetts drivers use safety belts, as compared to 79 percent nationwide for 2003.

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How sweet it is

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Sophomore Mike Grimm had three assists, all in the first half. Bunstein and junior Jeff Brown both finished with an assist.

In the midfield, Brady and junior Dan Trendowicz continued their strong all-around play that has served as a backbone for this Cohasset team all season long. Sophomores Chuck Czerkawski and P.J. McCaw again came up big on the face-offs.

Defensively, Brown moved up to the long-stick middy position and played one of the best games of his career, harassing D-S attackers all game long and starting several attacks the other way after forcing a turnover. Junior Ryan Kucinski and sophomore Jake Cuneo formed a brick wall around senior goalie Ben Libby, who made six critical second half saves to keep the visiting Raiders from getting back in the game.

And not to be overlooked was the performance of freshman defenseman Bobby Meiklehamm, who started in place of injured junior Conor Holway and did a superb job defending D-S junior attack Nick Brown, who finished the game scoreless.

All in all, it was a marvelous way to finish a season that started in the dog days of mid-March, a sentiment voiced by head coach Stew Curran after the game.

"When you get together on March 20 for that first practice and you're going through the grime and the grit and the mud, you don't know if you're going to be here (in the title game)," said the coach. "Needless to say, this is a sweet ending to the year."

The Skippers received a huge boost last Friday when, a day after they defeated Scituate in their semifinal matchup, Dover-Sherborn went to top-seeded Hamilton-Wenham and pulled off the upset, giving Cohasset the homefield advantage for the final and preventing a long bus ride up to the North Shore.

STAFF PHOTOS/ROBERT CHAN

Cohasset's Jeff Brown administers a punishing hit on Dover-Sherborn's Jamie Sharpless in the second quarter of Monday's Division 3 state championship game.

Cohasset 8, Dover-Sherborn 3

	1	2	3	4	Final
D-S	2	0	1	0	3
Cohasset	3	2	1	2	8

First period
C - Aidan Buick (Mike Bunstein assist), 9:48
C - Trevor Brady, 8:23
DS - Jamie Sharpless (Tom Kelsey assist), 7:04
C - Buick (Mike Grimm), 3:34
DS - Charlie King, 2:25

Second period
C - Mark Flibotte (Grimm), 7:32
C - Bunstein (Grimm), 1:15

Third period
C - Buick (Jeff Brown), 9:10
DS - Sharpless, 4:15

Fourth period
C - Flibotte (Buick), 6:58
C - Buick, 5:04

Jake Cuneo (27) makes a clearing pass to his middies during the fourth period.

There were no such problems on Monday, however, as it was a perfect day for lacrosse. And, even more importantly, the team didn't have to go anywhere.

"Once [the fact that Dover-Sherborn won the semifinal] got back to the team, everyone was very excited to play at home," said Buick after the championship win. "The fan support behind us today was great."

Indeed, the stands were packed and the fence surrounding Alumni Field was lined with fans, creating a raucous atmosphere for the players.

"Knowing this game was going to be on our own field, we knew we had to win it," Libby said. "We didn't want to let our fans down."

The game itself may have been the easiest part of Libby's day. The senior goalie, who will be prepping for a year at Avon Old Farms in Connecticut and playing lacrosse and soccer, injured his right arm at the team's Saturday practice. Sunday night, his right forearm seriously swelled up.

Monday morning, Libby went to an acupuncturist in Quincy to alleviate the pain and swelling. That worked for a while, but again became an issue before the game.

"It was killing me during warm-ups," said Libby, whose forearm was wrapped with ice after the game. "[Athletic trainer] Bonnie [Kilpatrick] did a great job wrapping it up before the game, and once I got out there, I got the adrenaline running and it wasn't an issue."

While he came up big in the second half, Libby had little to do in the first, thanks to the Skippers' dominance in possession, which helped lead to two goals in the first 3:37 of the game. Bunstein set up the first, as he found Buick in front of the net after Buick cut in from behind the cage. Just 85 seconds later, Brady drilled home a shot from 12 yards out.

Junior Jamie Sharpless got one back for D-S with 7:04 left in the first, but Cohasset responded with three minutes of consistent pressure before Buick scored his second of the game, assisted by Grimm.

Grimm would set up the only two goals of the second period, one from Flibotte and the other scored by Bunstein.

Buick would score twice more in the second half, while also assisting on Flibotte's second goal, which came with 6:58 left in the game to give Cohasset a 7-3 lead. With Libby, Cuneo, Kucinski and Meiklehamm taking care of business in the Cohasset end, that would be more than enough to give Cohasset the championship.

Trevor Brady stretches out to catch a clearing pass in the second quarter.

Showdown in Scituate

Before state final, Skippers faced stern test against archrival Sailors

By Mark Goodman and Diana Crowley

SCITUATE - It was the game that both Scituate and Cohasset had waited for, and by the end of the up-tempo, thriller of a game, there had to be a winner and a loser.

Fortunately for the boys in navy blue, it was the Skippers who came out on top of a 13-11 score.

A goal from Sailors senior Colby Hawkins with 3:35 left in the game tied it at 11-all, the contest's sixth tie. Continuing a theme that prevailed all game, however, Cohasset wouldn't let Scituate get over the hump.

Cohasset senior Aidan Buick scored two of his game-high seven goals in the last 1:18, one off a good feed from junior Dan Trendowicz and the other resulting from a Scituate misplay in its own zone with just 35 seconds left to seal the deal.

The Trendowicz-to-Buick game-winner came after two minutes of possession from Cohasset, who kept passing and waiting until a scoring opportunity materialized.

"We were just trying to be patient and run some clock, and Aidan eventually got open and it was just there," Trendowicz said of the play after the game. "It worked out perfectly."

Scituate head coach Rick Bagby was pleased with his team's hard fought battle, saying that the only disappointment was the fact that they lost. He was happy with "the heart and enthusiasm we played with. We responded when we were down. We kept coming back."

The first quarter started off slow, as both teams were knotted up at two goals apiece by the end of the period. Buick struck first for Cohasset, but Scituate junior Nick Stella would score two consecutive goals to give Scituate its only lead of the game, 2-1. With 28.6 seconds remaining in the quarter, Trendowicz scored for the Clippers to tie the game back up.

The second quarter was a shootout, as the team's combined for eight goals. Cohasset scored first again, with Mike Bunstein assisting Buick, but Sailors junior Gary Crowley responded and the game was tied, 3-3. Cohasset would then go on a 4-0 run, finding holes in Scituate's zone defense and extending its lead to four goals, its biggest lead of the game.

Two of those goals in that run came from sophomore Mike Grimm, playing only his second game of the tournament after missing the entire regular season with an injury. The effect that Grimm has on the Cohasset attack was clear, and Skippers head coach Stew Curran had nothing but praise for him.

"Offensively, he might be our most talented kid," said the coach. "Others stepped up nicely in his absence, but having Grimmy out there gives us another dimension in attack."

"To us, this was just as big as a state championship game."

Skippers junior
Dan Trendowicz

Crowley and Stella picked up the team as they both scored a goal respectively, and Scituate went into halftime only down two goals, 7-5.

Despite the somewhat high scoring, the first half featured some good, physical defense from both teams. Ryan Woodford made a key defensive play for Scituate with 26 seconds to go in the first half, riding Buick out of bounds to force a Cohasset turnover. Cohasset's Jeff Brown immediately followed suit, aggressively defending Stella to make sure he did not get off a good shot before the halftime buzzer.

Brown has been playing at an All-American caliber all season long, and last Thursday was no different.

"Jeff Brown is just a beast on defense," said Curran. "Whoever we've put him on all season, that kid doesn't have a good day at the office."

Although Cohasset would again draw first blood in the second half, Scituate was fired up in the third quarter, and would ultimately tie the game up at 9-all for the game's fourth tie. Sailors junior Sam Brigham, playing in his second game back after suffering a broken jaw in April, scored a crucial goal (assisted by junior Jay Milkiewicz), but Buick responded 20 seconds later off a feed from Brown for a 9-6 Skippers advantage.

The Sailors then battled back, scoring three unanswered goals, two by junior Brendan Dickinson and one by Brigham.

The atmosphere was intense as the rivalry was heating up further heading into the fourth quarter. The game drew a crowd larger than that of most football games, and the fervor in the stands almost equaled what was taking place on the field.

"The atmosphere was awesome," said Trendowicz. "To us, this was just as big as a state championship game."

Sophomore goalie Jake Gray came up big in the fourth period's opening minutes, making two of his 10 saves on the day in that span. Cohasset could not be held off any longer, however, as Buick scored with a little less then eight minutes remaining in the game on a possession started by a check from Brown and key ground ball pick-up from senior Trevor Brady. Hawkins fired right back and scored to tie the game for the fifth time at 10 goals apiece.

Bunstein scored for the Skippers with 3:47 left in the game, but not to be outdone, Hawkins won the face-off and then bolted downfield to score 12 seconds later, tying the game for the sixth and final time at 11-11 and setting the stage for the last-minute dramatics.

Bagby was particularly pleased with the play of Dickinson. He said Dickinson is usually known as a great scorer, but his three assists in this game were huge. He also noted that Dickinson left everything on the field, playing with a ton of heart. Also making some great passes were freshman Kyle Crowley, who had two assists, while Gary Crowley added one assist and Hawkins had three.

Looking back on the game, Bagby said, "There are a dozen things that could be changed, but the kids gave 110 percent, which made it so hard to lose.

"We make mistakes every game, we take chances. We made a few mistakes throughout the game, but we had our chances."

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Cohasset's Aidan Buick and Ryan Kucinski (30) celebrate after Buick's empty net goal with 35 seconds left sealed the Skippers' scintillating 13-11 victory over Scituate.

Chuck Czerkawski scoops up the loose ball after battling the Sailors' Colby Hawkins on a second period face-off. The two went at it in the face-off circle all game long, with Czerkawski and his teammates earning a 16-10 advantage in face-off controls for the game.

Dan Trendowicz tries to break up the flow of Scituate's Gary Crowley's attacking run in the third period of last Thursday's game.

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WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN

For U.S. soccer fans, Monday was the second beginning of the World Cup.

Many called in sick, took a long lunch break, whatever it took to avoid the typical Monday doldrums and enjoy a festival of football.

We should have just stayed at the office.

What transpired Monday afternoon was a thorough disaster. The United States, the glamour boys of so many magazine covers and sports front pages over the last month, were an aimless wreck in a 3-0 destruction at the hands of the Czech Republic.

I wasn't a soccer fan in 1990, when a ragtag bunch of collegians went to Italy and got smacked around by the hosts and the Czechs. Nor do I remember much from France '98, which is definitely a good thing.

But I would have to imagine that Monday's debacle was probably quite similar.

Is it a shock that the U.S. lost? No. While the most hopeful of supporters thought a win, or at least a draw, was possible, it would not have been a surprise coming into this match to see the Yanks lose to the mighty Czechs, who boast a great keeper (Peter Cech), solid defending and a menacing core of attacking players, including Pavel Nedved, Tomas Rosicky and Jan Koller.

But it was the way in which they lost that made Monday afternoon a depressing one. Mistakes in defense, Kasey Keller's inability to come up with a trademark big save, and an embarrassingly impotent attack all contributed to this ruinous day for fans of the local 11.

His team down 2-0 at halftime, Bruce Arena tried to breath some life into his side with the insertion of Eddie Johnson and John O'Brien into the lineup. With little help from his midfield mates, Johnson did what he could, getting a couple decent shots on goal and making his case for a start this Saturday against Italy.

On the other hand, when the cameras showed O'Brien getting up after a foul against him in the 84th minute, I turned to my brother and said, "I forgot he was in the game."

To which he responded with something along the lines of, "Yeah, and is Landon Donovan playing?"

The face of the American team, Donovan can expect a fair amount of attention from opposing defenses, meaning others must step up. A good start would have been DaMarcus Beasley, who may as well been scouting the Gelsenkirchen bar scene on Monday, given his disappearing act on the pitch Monday.

And what happened to Bobby Convey, a player who looked brilliant in the U.S. tendoff matches three weeks ago, which by now seem like another lifetime?

Ah yes, such is the current plight of being an American soccer fanatic. But, there is hope yet. We have Italy on Saturday in a must-win. Anything less than three points, and the dream of repeating the glory of 2002 will be quashed.

What will it take? To put it in the simplest terms possible, the exact opposite of Monday.

A collection of unrelated thoughts

Keeping it in Czech

With all of the above being said, take nothing away from the Czech Republic. They were marvelous, turning in by far the most dominant performance of the tournament's first four days.

Karel Bruckner's side did everything right for the full 90 minutes. Zdenek Grygera, Tomas Ujfalusi and the rest of the defenders were terrific. Nedved, as always, played a sublime game in attacking half.

And if Rosicky continues finishing like that, there will be much jubilation in Prague, and from a certain French football coach in North London.

Hail the Socceroos

The Japanese are still trying to figure out what happened in Kaiserslautern.

Needing a win with a showdown against almighty Brazil looming, Australia scored a wondrous three goals in the final six minutes to pull out a 3-1 win.

In just those six minutes, the Australians' chances of second round qualification went from dead to very much vibrant, with Tim Cahill playing the role of grand resuscitator. Between his heroics in the World Cup playoff against Uruguay and Monday against Japan, Cahill should be eating for free in the Land Down Under for the remainder of eternity.

Let's do the Shaka shake

For my money, the highlight of the Cup's first four days was a 0-0 draw.

The Soca Warriors starred in a dual role of nuisance and inspirer on Saturday, playing the allegedly superior Swedes to a scoreless tie. Keeper Shaka Hislop was immense, despite not knowing he would even be playing until minutes before kickoff. Defender Brent Sancho, he of the Davids-like dreadlocks, also submitted a performance worthy of the envy of central defenders across the globe.

Making the accomplishment all the more impressive was Trinidad and Tobago playing with only 10 men for almost the entire second half after defender Avery John (who can't even crack the New England Revolution's starting 11) earned his second yellow card in the 46th minute.

The response from manager Leo Beenhakker? Send on another striker! What a novel concept; instead of packing it in defensively and abandoning any thought of offense, let's at least keep the opponents honest!

There are many managers who can learn from Beenhakker's example. Speaking of which...

Sven must go

Of the first 11 matches, only two were complete bores.

One was Portugal-Angola, as the Portuguese apparently decided 10 minutes of football would be enough for one day.

The other was England-Paraguay, and this one really grinded my gears. For one, I woke up at 8:45 on a Saturday morning, no easy task in and of itself.

Secondly, there is no excuse for an English team with that kind of talent to be that clueless in attack. The Brits were one Paraguayan own goal away from a 0-0 dud. You mean to tell me the best they can do is a few Frank Lampard prayers from 30 yards out?

Is there any way, for the sake of football fans everywhere and especially our friends across the ocean, that manager Sven Goran-Eriksson can just go away right now? Would anyone mind?

Next week: Culture shock.

Mark Goodman, a CNC regional sports editor, will write a weekly World Cup column until the competition's conclusion on July 9. He can be reached at mgoodman@cnc.com. Also, be sure to check out his World Cup blog at www.futbolguy22.blogspot.com.

Local gymnasts shine

COURTESY PHOTO

Jillian Crawford earned a 7.2 on the balance beam.

On May 5, 10 optional gymnasts from the South Shore Community Center "Gymnast in Motion" competed at Ohrenberger Gymnastics in West Roxbury.

As a team, the gymnasts placed third overall, missing second by just five-tenths of a point.

In the 10-year old category, Kelsey McCunney placed first in the all-around, with first place finishes on the vault (7.8), bars (7.75) and beam (8.05). She was second on the floor exercise with a 7.9 score. Teammate Marisa Stewart was second in the all-around, with third place finishes on the beam (6.85) and vault (7.35) and fourth on bars (6.8).

Third place in the all-around went to Micaela Durkin, who earned fourth place finishes on the vault (7.2), bars (6.8) and floor (7.1).

Girls competing in the 11-12 year old age group included: Jillian Crawford with a 7.2 on the beam, and Amber Silvia taking fifth on the beam with a 7.35 score.

Gymnasts competing in the 13+ age group had several strong performances. Merrick Sease received a 7.5 on the floor. Kathleen Kelly medaled for fourth place on the vault with a 7.6, and teammate Juliette Karp medaled for sixth place on the bars with a score of 7.6.

Hannah Black placed fifth in the all-around with a second place finish on beam (8.25), fourth on vault (7.6), and sixth on bars (7.5) and floor (8.2).

Grace Barlow also had a great day, taking second in the all-around with a first on bars (8.5), second on vault (8.0), and fourth place finishes on the floor (8.5) and beam (8.05).

At left, the South Shore Community Center optional team, with coaches Caitlin Sanchez and Amy Maree.

Above, Amber Silvia medaled with a fifth place finish on the beam.

Above left, (left to right) Marisa Stewart (second place, all-around), Hannah Black (fifth, all-around) and Grace Barlow (second, all-around).

At left, The SSCC "Gymnast in Motion" optional team took third place overall. Back row, left to right: Merrick Sease, Juliette Karp, Micaela Durkin, Kelsey McCunney, Hannah Black, Kathleen Kelly, Jillian Crawford. Front row, left to right: Marisa Stewart, Grace Barlow, Amber Silvia.

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Rain doesn't dampen runners' support for Clark

As many of you know, and for those who do not, when Clark Chatterton passed away on July 5, 2000 from complications of cancer, a small piece of Cohasset also died.

Clark was born and bred in Cohasset and spent his entire life in this small town. He grew up, lived, worked, and raised his family in Cohasset. Clark loved Cohasset and its citizens loved him.

Clark gave back to Cohasset, too, not only by his mentoring of hundreds of students and faculty, but by his countless acts of generosity to people who needed a helping hand and to the town itself. His memorial service overflowed the Music Circus; it was apparent that many townspeople looked forward to the opportunity of creating a lasting memorial to Clark.

As a result, the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund was created to honor Clark's life and work by enhancing Cohasset's sports and recreation facilities. Now that almost six years have passed, The Clark Chatteron Honor Committee has undertaken and completed many projects.

A new basketball court was constructed and completed in collaboration with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters program behind the Deer Hill Elementary School. Two Automatic External Defibrillators (AED'S) were purchased in collaboration with the Cohasset Fire Department for use at all high school athletic events and in the middle-high school.

Clark's tradition of sending one high school student to the Presidential Classroom in Washington D.C. is continued. New athletic benches were purchased for the school's Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex. Additional financial support was provided for the Cohasset Metco Program to supply a late afternoon bus for the students to return home after school activities or athletics.

Financial support was given to the high school athletic department to fund the Athletic Trainer position. New fitness equipment and maintenance packages were purchased for the Fitness Center in the middle high school for the use of students in physical education classes. New swings were purchased for the playground at the new Deer Hill Playground. Financial support was given to the purchase of the playground underlayment at the new playground built behind Ripley Library. Since its inception, the fund has donated over $60,000.

As you can see, the fund has been able to provide support to many town groups to finish or start projects that enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities for the children and families of Cohasset. The reason that the fund is so successful is because of the support we receive from people every year.

Our primary fund raisers are the Clark's Fund Run road race held every June and "Clark's Fall Scramble" golf tournament held every October. We are passionate about keeping Clark's name and memory alive and continuing the things that Clark would enjoy.

Race day recap

It has been five years since "Clark's Fund Run" began, and for three of them the rain has registered. It never seems to pre-register, it just shows up on race day.

Even though the weather was damp, the conditions didn't seem to bother the runners, as they continued as they do every year to support the race and raise money for The Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

This year's race was special in the sense that all of the race profits will be turned over to the Cohasset Swim Team. The memorial fund was approached by the swim boosters/parents to formulate a plan to raise money that would cover the costs of the pool training time and other necessary expenses involved with the high school swim program.

Committee members met and thought that turning over the race funds would not only help the team but also help the participation in the race. It was obviously a win-win situation for all involved. Saturday morning, the South Shore Music Circus parking lot was full of swimmers and runners.

The swim team members and their parents did a tremendous job; they came into this not really knowing what to expect and were able to help out in many ways. The team was there to help with pre race setup and course management. Some members ran also. Many thanks go out to all of our sponsors and donators; without your support year after year, this race would not be as successful as it is.

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The 3.5 mile course features some spectacular scenery along the local roads and has quickly become a favorite among the area's runners. The race was won this year by Brian Stewart, a 2004 graduate of Scituate High School and current Bridgewater State cross-country runner. Stewart had placed second the two previous years and his time this year of 19:49 was impressive considering the rainy conditions.

In second place was Emerson Oronte of Cohasset High school. Oronte, a talented cyclist, showed his versatility with a strong time of 21:07. In third place was Thomas Finneran of Scituate, right on the heels of Oronte with a time of 21:34.

In the women's division the overall winner was 2004 Cohasset High graduate and former three-sport athlete Jenn Buckley with a time of 24:04. In second place was Jen Lankow, a Cohasset High School teacher, with a time of 24:15. In third place was another Jen, this time Jen Spaulding of Scituate with a time of 25:02.

Buckley and former Bridgewater State College cross country star and record holder Scott Newkirk of Scituate were recognized for their consistency. Newkirk and Buckley are the only two runners who have participated in every Clark's Run and never finished out of the top 10.

Over 50 people, mostly children, participated in the Kids Run organized by Deer Hill physical education teacher Mike Weydt.

Race results are available at: http://www.coolrunning.com/results/06/ma/Jun10_Clarks_set1.

This report was submitted by Deb Beal.

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YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Girls have rough weekend against Scituate

The last weekend of the regular season pitted Cohasset's girls youth lacrosse teams against Scituate squads for the second time this year, and the second go-round was not a charm, as the locals lost four of six games played on June 11.

The 11-and-Under White team (grades 3 and 4) started things off in Scituate with a nailbiter against Scituate 2. The White team opened the scoring with a close-in shot by Lily McCarthy. Lexa Grasz was a standout with several ground balls in the defensive zone, followed by strong clearing runs and passes. She eventually scored the second goal, which had the game knotted at 2 at the break.

Christine Guinee tended goal in the first half and Alexandra Raymond in the second, each showing superb skills and making clean stops and crisp clears. Caroline Prescott, Caroline Evans, Katie McCabe, McKenzie Axelson and Isabelle Dunne contributed key ground balls throughout the game. Emily Robbins. Emily Swanborg, Hanna Cooper, Alison Bodner and Cassandra Lieberman helped set up some good offensive chances.

Ultimately, however, only Axelson broke through with a goal, and while Cohasset had a one-goal lead through much of the half, it surrendered two late goals and saw its last offensive opportunities thwarted by Scituate's goaltender, so that the team finished on the short end of a 4-3 final.

The Cohasset 11-U Blue team closed the day in Scituate in style, coming back from a 3-2 half-time deficit against a tough Scituate team and winning 6-4. The Blue squad jumped out to a quick lead on goals from Dagmar Seppala and Molly Fitzgerald, but went into cruise control for the rest of the first half and allowed Scituate to go into the break with the advantage.

The second half was some of the most exciting lacrosse of the season as both teams battled hard to gain control. Cohasset controlled possession by winning the ground balls with Allie O'Callaghan and Maggie Ernst hustling for the ball. Shannon McGowan and Eliza Murphy moved to attack in the second half and combined on McGowan's first two goals of the season, with Murphy making great feeds. Jackie Driscoll and Elizabeth Baker also scored to finally put Scituate away.

After playing middie in the first half, goalie Maddie Curley returned to her familiar position in the cage and made several outstanding saves to keep Scituate at bay. Hannah Newhall continued her excellent defensive play by refusing to allow a Scituate player to get a ground ball in her area. The Blue team raised its record to 7-2 entering the Blue-White game at Cohasset's Family Day celebration on June 18.

Meanwhile, at Deer Hill School in Cohasset, the older girls were playing Scituate and the day started with one of the most back-and-forth contests the locals have seen in years.

Cohasset's Blue 15-and-Under squad (grades 7 and 8) gave up the first four goals of the day to Scituate 2 in the first five minutes of the game. But a Hannah Burgess goal and two scores from Kaci Kucinski calmed the home team and seemed to wake everyone up. After a Scituate score made the game 5-3 in favor of the visitors, Cohasset ran off the last five goals of the half, two from Burgess, two from Isabelle Franklin and one from Kaleigh Teague.

But the Blue team couldn't stand prosperity, and surrendered the first five scores of the second half, retaking the lead and putting Cohasset on its heels. Franklin fired home a penalty shot and Burgess knotted the score at 10, only to see Scituate re-take the lead.

Scituate appeared headed for another goal when Cohasset defender Mimi Mahoney disrupted a fast break, scooped up the loose ball and carried the ball into the offensive end, where she threaded a pass to Kaci Kucinski, who tied things up at 11. Scituate recaptured the lead, but Franklin scored two consecutive goals to give Cohasset the lead.

When Scituate tied the game for the sixth time on the day, Burgess answered with her fifth goal. From there, however, Scituate earned a penalty shot, to be taken by their top scorer, Grace Ciolfi. Goaltender Thomson Jaffe stuffed Ciolfi's low shot and made a long clearing pass, which led to a fast-break goal from Kucinski. The goal gave Cohasset a two-score edge with under a minute left; when Jaffe got her knee in front of another shot from Ciolfi with 18 seconds left, Cohasset finally was able to breath easy and sneak away with a win.

In all of the back-and-forth action, it would be easy to assume that the game lacked defense, but Mahoney, Abby Faulkner, Lauren Blaze, Eliza Kinnealey, Charlotte O'Callaghan and Emily Toomey stood tall all day and kept the potent Scituate offense from getting even more scoring chances.

Unfortunately, when the Cohasset White 15-U team took the field, it did not have the same success thwarting Scituate.

In this game, all of the ties came early, as the game was tied at one, two and three before Scituate finally captured the lead for good. Thomson Jaffe made 7 first-half saves to keep things close, as Scituate went to the break with a 6-4 lead; he seven saves in the second half were not enough, however, as Scituate opened the stanza with a five-goal onslaught and six of the seven goals scored in a 12-5 Cohasset loss.

Isabelle Franklin, helping out the shorthanded White team, scored three goals to lead the way for Cohasset, pushing her past the 100-point mark in scoring for her career. With 94 goals and 7 assists, Franklin is just the second player in the history of the program to break the century mark. Kaci Kucinski – who this season moved into third place among the all-time scorers for the youth program – finished off a slick feed from Emma Quigley, who recorded the very first point of her youth career, and Kelsey Erler scored the remaining goal for the White team.

Jaffe finished with 14 saves in the game.

The Cohasset Blue 13-and-Under team (grades 5 and 6) like its sister squad, opened its game by allowing four quick Scituate goals. Just when things looked bleak, however, Hope Kissick broke the seal for Cohasset, Christina Healy followed with a neat drive-and-shoot to the net and Rachel Littauer scored her first goal of the season to close the margin. A Scituate goal made it 5-3 for the visitors at the break.

Cohasset opened the second half with three quick scores to take its first lead. Kissick finished a nifty feed from Alison Whelan, Whitney Jaffe drove from behind the net to score and Healy added a second goal to make it 6-5 for the home team. Jaffe answered a Scituate score with her second of the day, to reclaim the lead and, after two quick Scituate goals, answered again to knot the game at 8. Scituate broke out for two goals, and while Jaffe responded with her fourth goal on the day, Scituate was able to turn away several quality scoring chances as the game came to a close with the visitors in front 10-9.

Ellie Tedeschi made five saves in the Cohasset net, and the defense of Alison Whelan, Eloise Lucas and Olivia Franklin helped keep Scituate from getting a rhythm and was crucial to several Cohasset fast-break opportunities.

The 13-U White team also started slowly in its game against Scituate 1, falling behind 3-0. Kissick, Jaffe and Whelan – all playing in their second game for the shorthanded White team – accounted for three of the game's next four scores, and it appeared Cohasset was ready to make a run, down 4-3. Instead, Scituate reeled off four goals before the half against first-time goalkeeper Maria Buckley and went into the break with an 8-3 lead.

That lead grew to 10-3 when Scituate popped in two quick goals against Whitney Jaffe, seeing her first action in the cage in two years. Cohasset rallied with two goals from Kissick and one from Whelan, and Jaffe made several of her six saves down the stretch, but the home team could never get the gap close enough to make Scituate nervous. Kissick's fourth goal of the game answered a Scituate marker and made the final score 11-7 for the visitors.

All six of the Cohasset teams will complete their season at Family Day on Sunday, June 18 at Milliken Field, playing in Blue-White contests for town bragging rights for the summer. The 11-U girls play at 11 a.m., and are followed by the 13-U girls at noon and the 15-U girls at 1 p.m.

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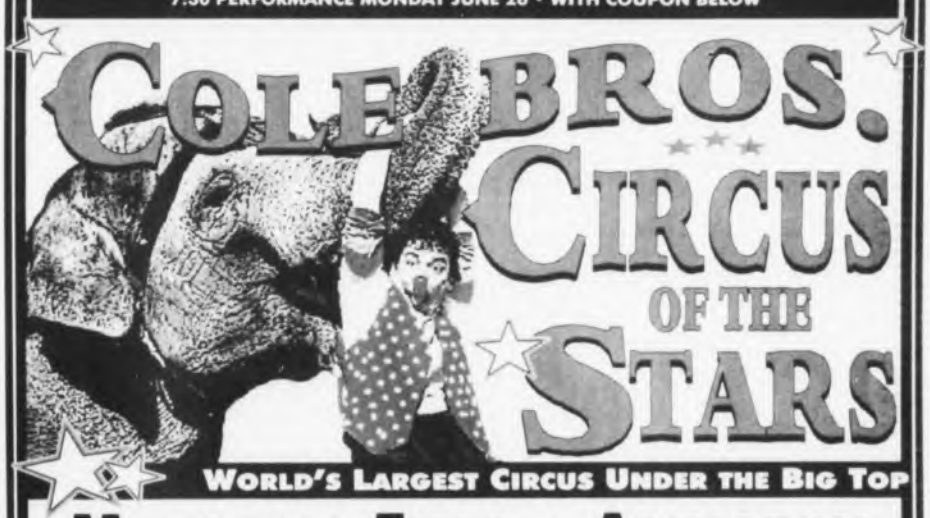

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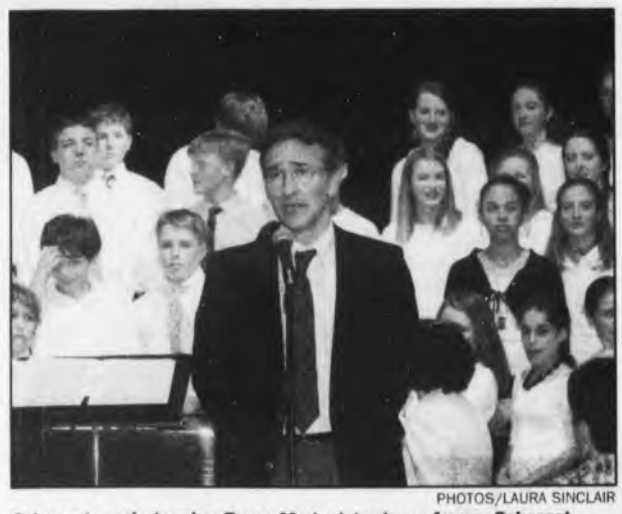
Lois Cecsarini, who returned to Cohasset June 7 for the Middle-School Arts Fest, has always been fascinated with maps, she'll tell you. They take you through space and time to new and exotic places, sometimes dangerous, often marvelous places. And then, if one is fortunate, maps come alive, and the tiny dot with the strange name takes on color and character, size and shape, history and adventure, and becomes part of one's own life story.

It has been nearly 30 years since Lois first came to the spot on the map called Cohasset and began to walk the halls of CHS. She arrived in the late summer of 1975 to teach Spanish, and spent the better part of the next decade working under Department Chair Paul Narkiewicz and alongside her four other foreign language colleagues who "taught her everything she knows." Students called her "Shorty" (in Spanish, of course), at least those who couldn't master the complicated last name. She loved teaching languages, she said, since everything was fair game for learning – Red Sox scores (perfect for learning numbers), jelly beans (great for learning colors), and the semi-annual Talbot sales (names of clothing), as well as poetry, literature and the normal textbooks. Her greatest joy came each year in June when her students



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Cohasset music teacher Bryan Marks introduces former Cohasset teacher Lois Cecsarini to the audience during the Middle School Arts Fest June 7. Cecsarini wrote the music performed by the seventh and eighth grade chorus during the festival, which stems from her experiences in negotiating peace settlements around the globe.

Former Cohasset teacher Lois Cecsarini shares the stories behind the four song selections from the musical program "Amahoro," which she wrote. The songs were sung by the seventh and eighth grade chorus during the Middle School Arts Fest. "Amahoro," which means peace, was written based on Cecsarini's travels and experiences working for the United Nations

realized they had conducted an entire class without a word of English – something in September they'd insisted could never happen.

But the lure of the map was strong and in 1985, Lois left Cohasset to join the U.S. Foreign Service. For the next 21 years, she was posted to embassies and consulates on three continents, including Portugal, Burundi, South Africa, and Israel, as well as to positions in the State Department in Washington, DC and temporary duty in other parts of Africa. "Doing diplomacy" for her has involved a variety of assignments, including working with refugees in southern Africa, following parliamentary affairs in the new post-apartheid South Africa, and supporting U.S. efforts to address the aftermath of genocide in Rwanda and to advance the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Many of these assignments came from her fascination over the years with conflict resolution. This interest took her to places of both inspiring hope and deep despair, to new beginnings, as in South Africa, and to peace processes gone awry, as in the Middle East or Angola. It was in response to these situations that she found her passion for music coming to life in a new way – composing. Her songs grew out of stories encountered in her work, in daily images on TV or in the newpapers, and in people and scenes from daily life in these areas. They were a way understand and to communicate the stories and their implications, she said, and especially to try to understand the plight of the innocent people that war always claims as its victims. In the summer of 2003, after returning from a three-year posting in Tel Aviv, she was given a year long sabbatical, underwritten by the Una Chapman Cox

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Pool party today for eighth graders

LIFE AT CHS

REED DICKINSON

My good friend Reed Dickinson happily agreed to take over the column and scrounge up the news for this week. I'm going to apologize now for the brevity of the column, because I am writing this on Saturday, before Charles Miller and myself set out on our trek to Stonehill College for the Boys' State Leadership Conference. We'll be returning later today and I'm sure that next week I'll be able to share some of our experiences with you.

• On Monday June 12, the Skippers varsity lacrosse team won the division III State Championship by defeating Dover-Sherborn 8-3 in the final match. Great game guys!

• The Baseball break-up dinner was held in the cafeteria at 6:30 on Monday to celebrate another great year of baseball. Good job guys!

• The Fifth Grade Parents' Night was held in the Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Monday June 12.

• On Tuesday, the PSO President's Council met at 7 p.m.

• On Tuesday, the Orange Crush Youth Wrestling Clinic met.

• The Lacrosse break-up dinner was held at the Red Lion Inn on Wednesday.

• On Thursday the Grade 6 Talent show was held in the auditorium. Good luck to all participants!

• The Wellness Policy Development was held on Thursday

• Have fun to all Grade 8s who will be celebrating the end of the year with a pool party on Friday June 16.

• CCSCR is happy to announce the commencement of several marine science programs this summer. Kids from many ages are going to be completing many tests on Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf Stream, and many other locations in order to test the cleanliness of the water. For some jobs kids are even being paid! Sign up now if you have interest working with scientific data.

• The Grade 8 dance is being held at St. Stephen's Church Hall on Friday, June 16.

• The Relay for Life is being held from Friday night to Saturday morning to raise money for cancer patients. Please come and walk a few laps and help fight this deadly disease.

That covers the news for this week. Once again I'm sorry for the shortness of the piece, but I am about to step out the door. Summer is in the air. It seems like the other classes have caught senioritis. Don't worry though, I've found a cure! Failing. Have a great weekend Cohasset.

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Sharing message of peace through music

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Foundation, to compile these lessons into a "musical" on war and peace. Amahoro was born.

Amahoro. Besides being a daily greeting, the title means "Peace" in the languages of Rwanda and Burundi. The 14 songs of the CD are created from individual stories, but also based on general principles that relate to settling of differences, things like getting to know the "other," sharing our resources, rejecting violence, and caring for the earth. These same principles were outlined by United Nations, in its 2000 declaration of a "Decade of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World." Woven together loosely around the theme of a Journeyer searching for the elusive destination "Amahoro," the place of peace, the songs are meant to awaken reflections and questions on these themes. In sharing these songs, with the gracious collaboration of Bryan Marks and the CHS chorus, it is Lois' hope that they might, in some small way, contribute to understanding, understanding that could in turn could bring us all one step closer to the place called Amahoro.

PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Lois Cecsarini, a former Cohasset teacher who now works for the United Nations, joins in with the seventh and eighth grade chorus in singing the final song from "Amahoro," a musical program she wrote based on her experiences traveling around the world. "Amahoro" means peace.

Former Cohasset teacher, Lois Cecsarini listens for the first time to the music she created being performed by the seventh and eighth grade chorus. The concert was held during the Middle School Arts Fest, held in the high school auditorium Wednesday, June 7. The sixth grade band, sixth grade chorus and seventh and eighth grade band performed as well.

Savanna Norris narrates the dialogue portion from the musical program, "Amahoro," which means peace. The program was written and created by former Cohasset teacher Lois Cecsarini, who works for the United Nations and has traveled extensively through many of the world's war-torn countries. The music she created was inspired by her experiences around the globe.

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Cohasset 13 Scituate 11

Division 3 state semifinal
Thursday, June 8, 2006

The scoreboard tells the story as the Skippers celebrate their victory in Scituate.

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Pete Emst cradles the ball and goes on the attack in the second quarter.

Ben Libby displays his prescient abilities after the Scituate win, as he seems to already know who will be number one.

Trevor Brady checks the balls out of the hands of Scituate's Colby Hawkins at the start of the first period.

Mark Flibotte (14) clears out Scituate's David Lee (15) so that teammate Chris Davis has a chance to grab the loose ball on this exchange in the third period.

Dan Trendowicz dishes the ball to Aidan Buick (1) as the Skippers go on the attack in the second period. Trendowicz would later connect with Buick for the game-winning goal with just over a minute to go in the game.

Cohasset 8
D-S 3

Division 3 state championship
Monday, June 12, 2006

Mike Bunstein (17) and teammates bring the Division 3 state championship trophy to the fans cheering them on from the sidelines.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Mark Flibotte heads toward the D-S net on his way to a goal in the second quarter.

Ben Libby keeps his eye on the ball while collecting the rebound from his initial save in the third quarter.

Despite being knocked to the ground by a Dover-Sherborn defender, Aidan Buick scored on this fourth period shot to put the finishing touches on Cohasset's championship victory

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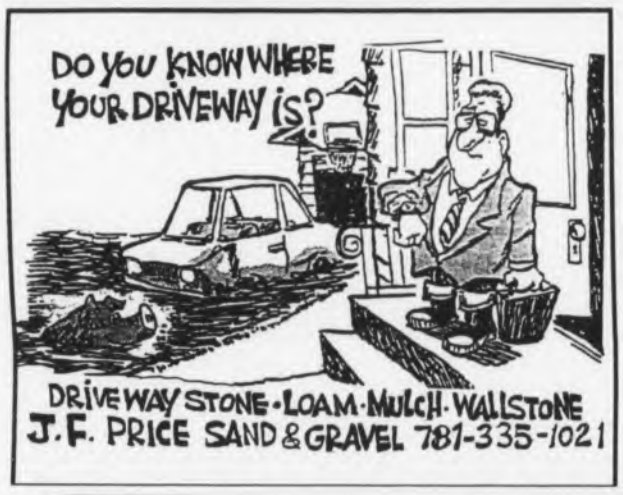

WORSHIP NEWS

Rosemary Brennan elected General Councilor

On June 25, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston will participate in the Transfer of Leadership for their congregation. More than 800 sisters, associates, and guests are expected at the Mass that will take place at St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill.

Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, who has been elected as General Councilor, teaches at Boston College's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Prior to this she was Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset for eight years and has continued to serve on retreat teams both in Cohasset and throughout the United States and Canada. In this capacity she has coordinated retreats for men and women of diverse denominational backgrounds. Sister Rosemary holds a Masters of Education from Boston University and a Masters of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology. She is also part of the three-person steering committee that coordinates the Catholic Association of Field Educators, a network of field educators serving in Catholic seminaries and graduate schools across the United States and Canada.

Prior to this she was Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset for eight years and has continued to serve on retreat teams both in Cohasset and throughout the United States and Canada.

The other women who have been elected by the congregation to serve in the ministry of leadership for the next six years are: Mary L. Murphy, CSJ, President; Lee Hogan, CSJ, Assistant President; Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ General Councilor; Brenda Forry, CSJ, Helen Sullivan, CSJ, and Ellen Powers, CSJ, Area Councilors.

Murphy, CSJ, moves into her position as President of the Sisters of St. Joseph from her current position as a General Councilor. Other members of the Leadership Team completing their six-year term are: Joan Duffy, CSJ, President, Elizabeth Cawley, CSJ, Assistant President, Margaret L. Sullivan, CSJ, General Councilor, as well as Area Councilors, Ellen Pumphret, CSJ, Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, and Margaret Nichols, CSJ.

Earlier this year, Sisters and Associates articulated a vision for the next six years that states: *Enflamed with the compassion of God, we, Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, women of the Church, rooted in the Gospel together with our Associates are impelled by the active, inclusive love of God to: deepen our relationship with the dear neighbor without distinction; foster prophetic communion; and journey into the future with Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates throughout the world and with all God's creation.* The mission of the newly elected team is to empower the congregation to live this vision at this time in history.

Rosemary Brennan, CSJ

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is a congregation of vowed religious women of the Church and rooted in gospel values. They are committed to living as women of unity, reconciliation, and inclusive love of neighbor without distinction. Fidelity to this vision is at the heart of their mission.

OBITUARIES

William C. Casey

Owned and operated Casey & Hayes Movers

William Coleman Casey, 77, of Winchester and a summer resident of Humarock Beach for more than 40 years died June 7, 2006.

The oldest of eight children, Mr. Casey was born in Arlington. He was raised in Arlington and graduated from Arlington High and Boston College in 1950. He met and married his love, Anne Marie Cahill of Chestnut Hill. They raised nine children in Winchester and were married nearly 53 years.

Working for more than 55 years, Mr. Casey along with his brother John of Cohasset owned and operated Casey & Hayes Movers and Brede Exposition Services.

Mr. Casey lived a full life dedicating himself to his family and his businesses and charities. Gifted with a beautiful tenor voice himself, music was an important entity in his life.

He enjoyed his community work as a former Boston Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He enthusiastically supported many charities and was presently involved with the development of the Paraclete Center in South Boston.

For those who loved this larger than life man he will be fondly remembered for his love of the simple things in life: a crimson sunset, a steady summer breeze, and the upbeat music of a marching band.

Mr. Casey leaves his wife, Anne Marie (Cahill) Casey; his children Marie Christine Casey and Bruce Brodie of New Canaan, Conn., William Casey III of Winthrop, George and Mary Casey of Winchester, Paul and Sonja Casey of Winchester, Anne-Louise and Andrew Parlin of Lexington, Timothy Casey of Charlestown, Rosemary and Vasili Toumbas of Belmont, and Bonnie-Jeanne Casey of Arlington. His 18 grandchildren were one of his greatest sources of joy. He enjoyed their many athletic games, music recitals and birthday celebrations. He was the father the late Joseph Casey of Arlington

William C. Casey

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Mary's Church in Winchester. Internment followed at Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline.

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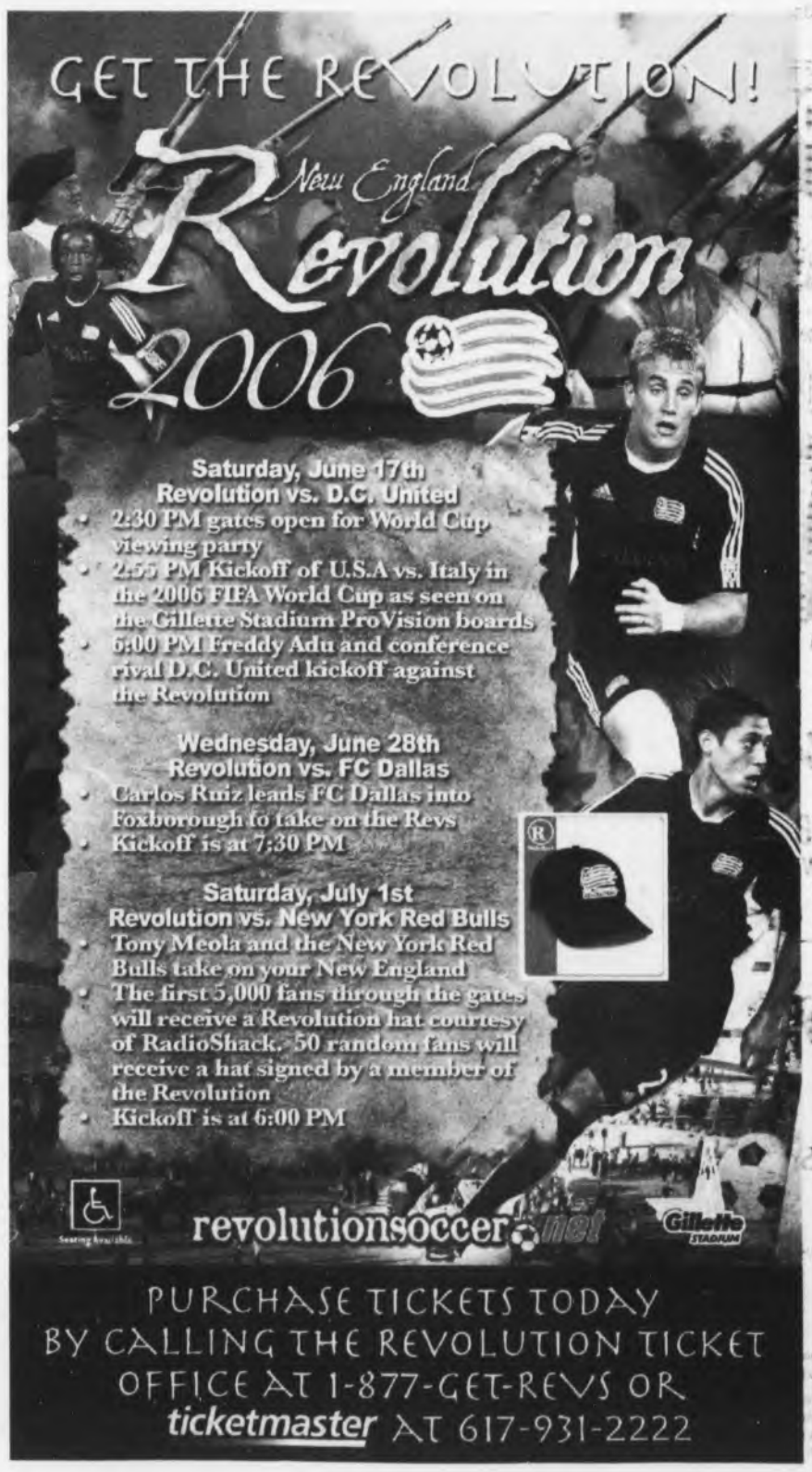

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, June 18. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - for all generations

Sermon: "Circles" - Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Please bring your children to the Meeting House - no child care this Sunday. As we worship together, we'll dedicate John Rahal Shannon, celebrate Father's Day, and introduce our new Director of Reigious Education.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, June 16-18 - First Parish Lobster Roll Sale - $13@ - Pre-orders were due this past Tuesday, so first come, first served. Bon appetit!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.first-parishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High.

- June 16 Cohasset Middle School 8th Grade Celebration Dance
- Saturday, June 17: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m.. Book of Jonah
- Sunday, June18: End of the year celebration for church school at 10 a.m. followed by the Church School Picnic in the Parish Hall
- Monday, June 19: Profile Committee 7 p.m..

Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m..

- Wednesday, June 21: Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on women in the Hebrew Bible.
- Thursday, June 22 Prayer and Healing Group 7 p.m..

Summer Worship Schedule begins on July 2. Services will be held at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., which will be a family service. In the Scripture lessons for the second Sunday after Pentecost, the prophet Ezekiel tells a parable against Pharoah, king of Egypt. Paul speaks of his confident hope in his letter to the church in Corinth. Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed. Preacher: Ms. Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

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The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

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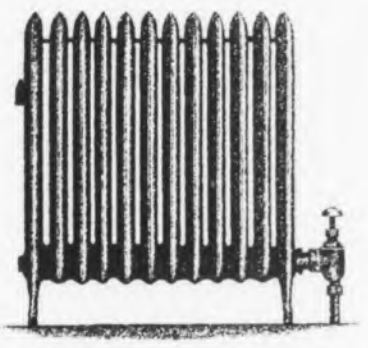
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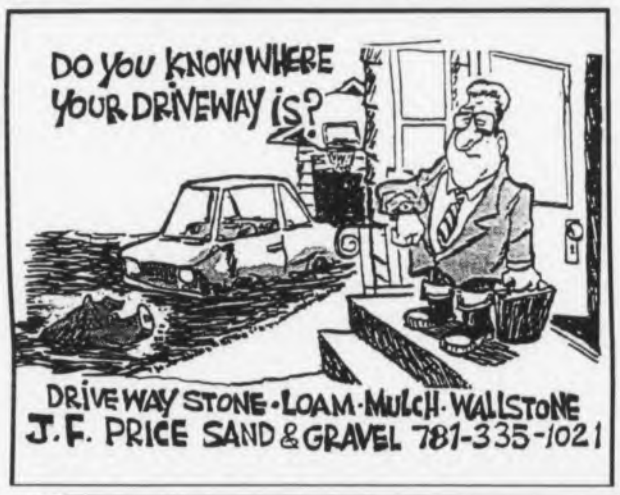

WORSHIP NEWS

Rosemary Brennan elected General Councilor

Prior to this she was Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset for eight years and has continued to serve on retreat teams both in Cohasset and throughout the United States and Canada.

On June 25, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston will participate in the Transfer of Leadership for their congregation. More than 800 sisters, associates, and guests are expected at the Mass that will take place at St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill.

Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, who has been elected as General Councilor, teaches at Boston College's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Prior to this she was Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset for eight years and has continued to serve on retreat teams both in Cohasset and throughout the United States and Canada. In this capacity she has coordinated retreats for men and women of diverse denominational backgrounds. Sister Rosemary holds a Masters of Education from Boston University and a Masters of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology. She is also part of the three-person steering committee that coordinates the Catholic Association of Field Educators, a network of field educators serving in Catholic seminaries and graduate schools across the United States and Canada.

The other women who have been elected by the congregation to serve in the ministry of leadership for the next six years are: Mary L. Murphy, CSJ, President; Lee Hogan, CSJ, Assistant President; Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ General Councilor; Brenda Forry, CSJ, Helen Sullivan, CSJ, and Ellen Powers, CSJ, Area Councilors.

Murphy, CSJ, moves into her position as President of the Sisters of St. Joseph from her current position as a General Councilor. Other members of the Leadership Team completing their six-year term are: Joan Duffy, CSJ, President, Elizabeth Cawley, CSJ, Assistant President, Margaret L. Sullivan, CSJ, General Councilor, as well as Area Councilors, Ellen Pumphret, CSJ, Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, and Margaret Nichols, CSJ.

Earlier this year, Sisters and Associates articulated a vision for the next six years that states: *Enflamed with the compassion of God, we, Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, women of the Church, rooted in the Gospel together with our Associates are impelled by the active, inclusive love of God to: deepen our relationship with the dear neighbor without distinction; foster prophetic communion; and journey into the future with Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates throughout the world and with all God's creation.* The mission of the newly elected team is to empower the congregation to live this vision at this time in history.

Rosemary Brennan, CSJ

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is a congregation of vowed religious women of the Church and rooted in gospel values. They are committed to living as women of unity, reconciliation, and inclusive love of neighbor without distinction. Fidelity to this vision is at the heart of their mission.

OBITUARIES

William C. Casey

Owned and operated Casey & Hayes Movers

William Coleman Casey, 77, of Winchester and a summer resident of Humarock Beach for more than 40 years died June 7, 2006.

The oldest of eight children, Mr. Casey was born in Arlington. He was raised in Arlington and graduated from Arlington High and Boston College in 1950. He met and married his love, Anne Marie Cahill of Chestnut Hill. They raised nine children in Winchester and were married nearly 53 years.

Working for more than 55 years, Mr. Casey along with his brother John of Cohasset owned and operated Casey & Hayes Movers and Brede Exposition Services.

Mr. Casey lived a full life dedicating himself to his family and his businesses and charities. Gifted with a beautiful tenor voice himself, music was an important entity in his life.

He enjoyed his community work as a former Boston Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He enthusiastically supported many charities and was presently involved with the development of the Paraclete Center in South Boston.

For those who loved this larger than life man he will be fondly remembered for his love of the simple things in life: a crimson sunset, a steady summer breeze, and the upbeat music of a marching band.

Mr. Casey leaves his wife, Anne Marie (Cahill) Casey; his children Marie Christine Casey and Bruce Brodie of New Canaan, Conn., William Casey III of Winthrop, George and Mary Casey of Winchester, Paul and Sonja Casey of Winchester, Anne-Louise and Andrew Parlin of Lexington, Timothy Casey of Charlestown, Rosemary and Vasili Toumbas of Belmont, and Bonnie-Jeanne Casey of Arlington. His 18 grandchildren were one of his greatest sources of joy. He enjoyed their many athletic games, music recitals and birthday celebrations. He was the father the late Joseph Casey of Arlington

William C. Casey

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Mary's Church in Winchester. Internment followed at Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline.

The arrangements were handled by the Costello Funeral Home in Winchester.

Donations in his name can be made to The Paraclete Center, 207 E St. South Boston, MA 02127.

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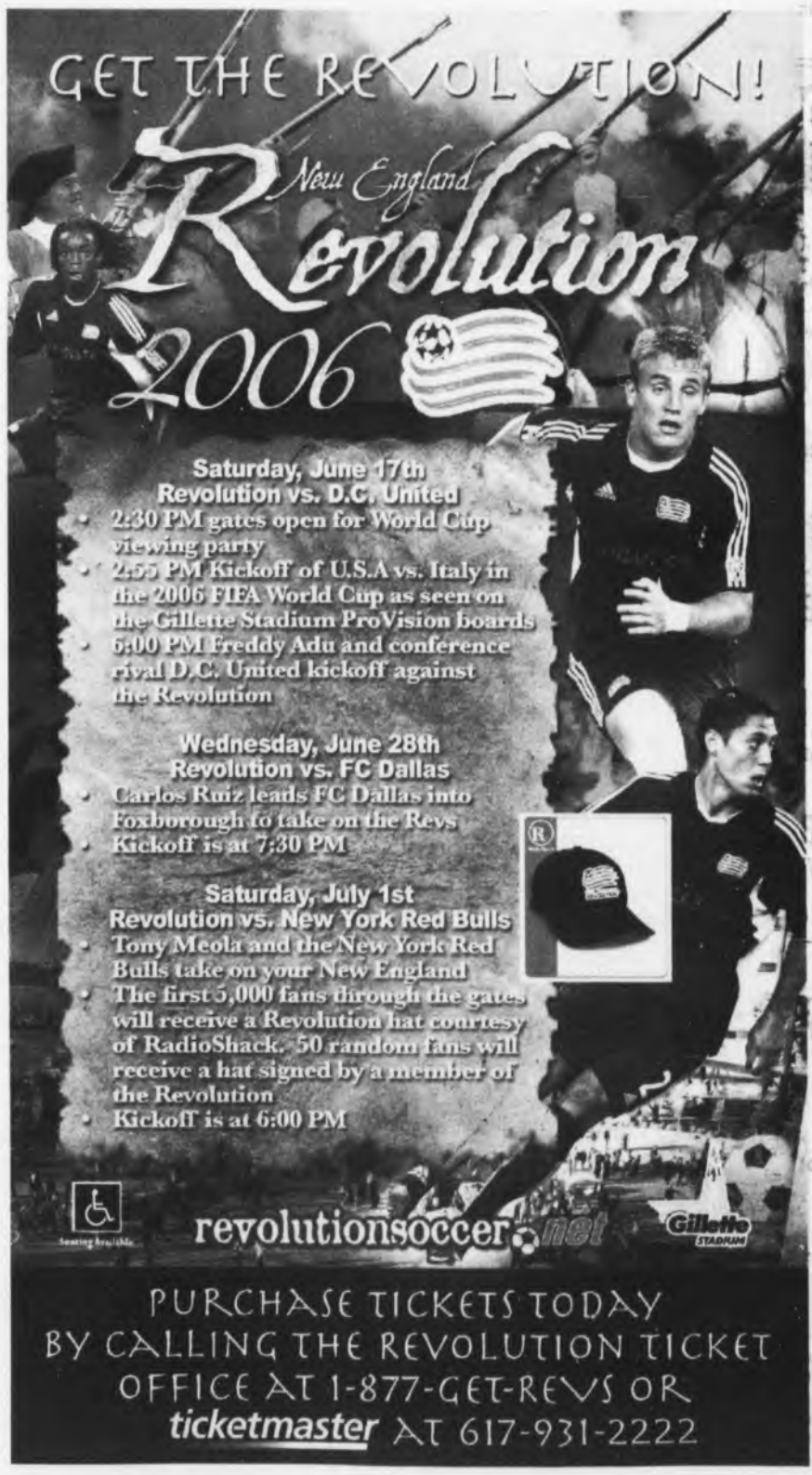

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, June 18. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - for all generations

Sermon: "Circles" - Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Please bring your children to the Meeting House - no child care this Sunday. As we worship together, we'll dedicate John Rahal Shannon, celebrate Father's Day, and introduce our new Director of Reigious Education.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, June 16-18 - First Parish Lobster Roll Sale - $13@ - Pre-orders were due this past Tuesday, so first come, first served. Bon appetit!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.first-parishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High.

- June 16 Cohasset Middle School 8th Grade Celebration Dance
- Saturday, June 17: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m.. Book of Jonah
- Sunday, June18: End of the year celebration for church school at 10 a.m. followed by the Church School Picnic in the Parish Hall
- Monday, June 19: Profile Committee 7 p.m..

Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m..

- Wednesday, June 21: Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study which will focus on women in the Hebrew Bible.
- Thursday, June 22 Prayer and Healing Group 7 p.m..

Summer Worship Schedule begins on July 2. Services will be held at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., which will be a family service.

In the Scripture lessons for the second Sunday after Pentecost, the prophet Ezekiel tells a parable against Pharoah, king of Egypt. Paul speaks of his confident hope in his letter to the church in Corinth. Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed. Preacher: Ms. Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

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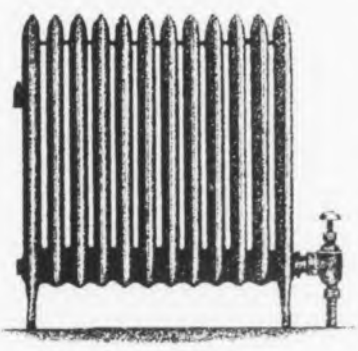
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 22

11:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism report.

2:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:20 p.m. **Margin St.**, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. Units report no injuries on scene.

4:53 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

5 p.m. **Washington St., Weymouth**, investigation, officers following up on a call, stolen motor. Summons: 21-year-old Hull male summoned on charge of receiving stolen property over $250.

6:05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, electrical fire on pole

6:08 p.m. **All over Cohasset**, power outage.

6:53 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire, caller reports sump pump not working, several inches of water in basement.

7:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire, oily substance in water.

8:03 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious person.

8:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation /warning.

11:08 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

10:55 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all buildings check ok.

1:11 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint, caller reports motor vehicle blocking the roadway.

5:01 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, parking complaint.

6:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance - neighborhood.

9:04 p.m. **Henry Turner Baily Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, female with chest pain.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

12:19 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

2:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he woke up to his car alarm going off and would like an officer to check it out. Officer reports area search negative, the car has a cover on it and it doesn't look like anyone tried to remove it.

7:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Marion Way**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports a landscape truck is broken down in roadway.

2:18 p.m. **Hull St., and Fisher Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:35 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Michael J. Allen, 45, 164 Athens St., South Boston. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, speeding in violation special regulation.

3:09 p.m. **Stockbridge St., and Common St., Scituate**, medical aid.

3:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, spoke to party for failing to yield to emergency vehicle.

3:47 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, disturbance, party reports there is a possibility of seniors going to have party at Bassin's Beach.

5:08 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:12 p.m. **Cedar St.**, assist disabled motor vehicle motorist to French Memories.

5:26 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, citation to owner and operator expired registration.

7:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

7:46 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

9:17 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:47 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

12:49 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

2:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:47 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, detail officer on duty.

7:01 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, disturbance, a walk in party reports yesterday afternoon around 4 p.m. he was harassed by kids in a vehicle.

7:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:10 a.m. **King St.**, party has brought to station following items: orange cones, American Flag, 2 signs for cookout, these items were found at end of her property.

8:13 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer reports contractor hit gas main. Evacuation in progress. Keyspan 15 minutes. Keyspan on scene. Keyspan shut gas down.

9:30 a.m. **Scituate Fire HQ.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:38 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reported seeing 2 birds that were deceased on Clayspring and Old Pasture, message to ACO.

9:57 a.m. **Deep Run**, downed utility line.

10:40 a.m. **North Main St.**, credit card fraud.

10:52 a.m. **Bound Brook Lane**, medical aid.

12:28 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking.

1:18 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:31 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public assist.

1:51 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic complaint, report of vehicle apparently cut her off in Cohasset heading toward Hingham 10 minutes ago.

3:33 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, fire, investigation.

3:43 p.m. **King St., and Hill Lane**, fire, brush. E1 reports the fire is under control and being extinguished.

3:59 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny. (report).

6:40 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle at this location, it is a silver Mercedes.

7:25 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports she went to her car today parked on Highland Ave and there was a note on it with a name and number of a woman who said she had hit the parked car. Damage to the right rear. Both parties have been spoken with Sgt. to handle.

9:44 p.m. **Lawson Terrace, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:02 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, public service, where the construction is going on at this location the temporary waterline has broken and water is blowing everywhere, the resident from this address has no water.

11:09 p.m. **King St.**, animal complaint, caller reports his friend hit a fox and it's suffering. Officer reports that animal was put down.

11:55 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller reports motor vehicle accident. Hingham notified. 2nd motor vehicle left scene. Red motor vehicle, female operator; short, bald male passenger. Motor vehicle may be headed towards Hull. Hull notified. Hingham notified. E3 requests Hingham Fire respond to the scene, as there may be damage to the pole.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

12:16 a.m. **North Main St.**, Wheelwright parking lot is clear.

6:51 a.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:18 a.m. **Square**, Northern will be paving in the square.

7:31 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller states "there was wild turkeys in the road."

11:02 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party reports he lost his cell phone needs report number.

1:36 p.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, drug/narcotic violations.

2:38 p.m. **Eldridge Ct., Hingham**, detective units off with Hingham PD for search warrant.

2:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, caller reports a female operator driving very erratically down 3A. Units off with the vehicle in front of Scitute PD. Scituate Sgt. has given permission to stop the vehicle.

4:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, walk in party reports her pocketbook was stolen from Shaw's Supermarket. It was a black leather bag with a driver license, City card, Sears card and $10 cash. This happened at about 1:30 p.m. this afternoon.

4:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports her wallet was stolen or lost from this location at 12:30 p.m. this afternoon. The wallet was dark green with about 5 credit cards, $47 in cash and her license.

6:11 p.m. **Woodland Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:56 p.m. **Summer St., and Sankey Rd.**, caller reports he stopped to help an older gentlemen whose car had been sideswiped. Officer reports the 2 parties are exchanging info and will be on their way.

8:09 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:33 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, parking complaint, resident from this location report a party at the Yacht Club. The people from the party are parking at the above location and if needed an engine could not get up this street.

9:15 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, Sgt. off at Teen Center having vehicles moved out of driveway. Blocking access for the Fire Dept.

9:21 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, parking complaint, officer reports tagging a vehicle parked at the hydrant.

9:30 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity.

9:31 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, 884 off at post from party having a vehicle moved out of the driveway. Blocking access for the Fire Dept.

10:30 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer reports 3 vehicles at this location.

10:51 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:18 p.m. **Border St.**, fire, investigation. Officer reports an outside odor of gas at this location. Gas company notified.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

12:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure. Most of the Prom goers are waiting to be transported to the Teen Center.

12:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, just crossed the line into Hingham. Hingham notified.

12:48 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:57 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, parked by the cemetery.

2:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, 883 opened the beach.

5:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal - speeding.

5:55 a.m. **Hatherly Rd., and Edgar Rd.**, mutual aid to Scituate. Motor vehicle accident. R3 cancelled by Scituate.

8:27 a.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports two tires were popped last night on the vehicle due to the construction in the area.

8:28 a.m. **Elm St.**, threats (bodily harm), walk in party to report receiving death threats via cell phone from a known male party. Officers investigating at this time. 26-year-old Scituate male summoned on charges of annoying telephone calls, threat to commit crime.

10:12 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:08 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports someone hit her side view mirror and smashed it and took off. Officer responding to HQ for report.

12:21 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller states a dog in her backyard is injured possibly by a coyote attack.

2:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports dispute between neighbors.

2:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party to HQ to speak to an officer wanting to press charges on a party for fraud. Male victim will return to speak to Sgt. with more information.

5:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 p.m. **Scituate Police**, police announcement, Scituate had larceny from motor vehicle on Border St. Motor vehicle was seen leaving. Larceny of CD's and radio faceplate.

8:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:24 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, medical aid. Party bitten on the hand by raccoon. Animal is contained in doghouse. ACO will pick up on Sunday.

9:07 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, suspicious activity, large group of youths gathering at the ball field. Just a family, no problem.

10:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, two suspicious vehicles in the lot. Clear, no problem.

10:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Lothrop Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:55 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, motor vehicle was chasing another motor vehicle. Reports that some type of weapon was shot at party in Norwell and one vehicle followed the other to Cohasset. Parent of female operator to HQ with daughter to explain what happened in Norwell. Sgt. called Norwell PD and advised them of incident. Norwell will follow-up if necessary.

11:17 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate** Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:19 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop, traffic cita-

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tion issued.

11:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

12 a.m. **Ledge Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:35 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, animal complaint, caller requests ACO contact him regarding the raccoon that bit his wife. Caller wants the raccoon trapped instead of killed. He wants it checked for rabies. Caller requests the ACO be paged later in the a.m.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

4:58 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

6:17 a.m. **HQ., Duxbury Police** have several road signs that were taken from various towns. One is a stop sign that was taken from a side road near CJC Highway, there are no missing stop signs.

10:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks secure.

11:19 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports her vehicle was broken into last night and her pocketbook was stolen. Further update, caller states she is not sure if pocketbook was in her vehicle or she left in shopping cart at supermarket, officer will take report.

11:24 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, noise complaint, caller reports construction work making too much noise.

2:17 p.m. **Border St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid.

7:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint.

8:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, advised legal help.

9:14 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

10:54 p.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, occupant has no correct ID. Registration not in possession.

11:30 p.m. **Deep Run**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle parked in front of hydrants.

MONDAY, MAY 29

12:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, the clerk at the Inn reports a female party in the back lot is popping up and down.

12:10 a.m. **Summer St.**, public service, there is an honor guard overnight at Legion Park.

12:14 a.m. **Border St.**, public service, out at Government Island with several motor vehicles.

12:23 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is secured.

12:29 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, the parking lot is clear.

12:52 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the 2 motor vehicles that were tagged earlier are still there.

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, verbal red light violation.

4:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen, meet a Scituate unit for a transport to Pleasant Street.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, 5 a.m. the beach is open.

8:02 a.m. **Stevens Lane**, caller reports when she woke up this morning 2 of her chickens are missing from the chicken coupe.

9:12 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, caller reports her daughter left her bike in the yard last night and when they woke up this morning it was gone. It's a medium sized purple Schwin mountain bike.

9:32 a.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, caller reports he has a raccoon sitting in his driveway. ACO notified he will not be back in town for a couple of hours, have the officer do what he thinks needs to be done. Officer reports they have trapped the animal for now, waiting on the ACO.

10:05 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, walk in party reports there is a pot hole that was filled in at this location and now it's a sink hole, it's in the middle of the road, he reports that if someone was to speed over it they'd end up in the woods.

10:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a drunk driver. Gave a plate number, a NH reg. he reports they were headed towards Scituate. The caller was very brief, gave just that info and hung up.

10:40 a.m. **Margin St.**, caller reports she has a raccoon sitting in her driveway and appears to be sick. Officer to meet up with ACO shortly. Officer put the animal down.

11:33 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports she thinks her mother has had a stroke.

11:35 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports the deans dogs are loose and coming after people, tearing things up. ACO notified. ETA 10 minutes. ACO to impound the animals. 884 standing by until ACO can have them picked up. ACO to take the animals to Marshfield.

12:14 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, caller reports they have an 89 year-old male who tripped with his walker, fell and hit his head, he is still laying on the ground, they do not want to move him.

12:32 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, harassment report, a walk in party reports that when she visits her friend on Red Gate Lane, the neighbors at the above location start harassing her and yelling things at her. The involved party has even started calling the victims mother and harassing her.

1:33 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer reports the dog from the package store is up the lightkeepers bothering people.

1:39 p.m. **Sohier St.**, walk in party found a wallet at this location and turned it in . It's a blue/purple type of change purse with a Maine license and a AAA credit card and some change.

6:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

9:29 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

12:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer reports an open side door at this location.

12:50 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

5:01 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the gate is open.

6 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

7:17 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, fire drill.

9:45 a.m. **Hatherly Rd., Scituate**, male fallen.

11:45 a.m. **Church St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, difficulty breathing.

12:48 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, traffic citation/warning, caller reports vehicle hit stop sign and took off.

1:28 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire-public assist.

4:07 p.m. **North Main St.**, well being check.

4:22 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, report of stolen bike.

6:18 p.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:37 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire-public assist.

8:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, initial call, motor vehicle crash at above location.

10:30 p.m. **Mosinee County Jail**, assist other police department, Mosinee County Jail called about the wanted person, no ex at this time, warrant officer notified of situation.

10:43 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

9:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, disturbance, caller reports angry student, requested assistance. 884 transporting student to mothers work. 883 to high school.

10 a.m. **King St.**, fire, inspections.

10:16 a.m. **Bow St.**, fire, inspections.

10:57 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, fire drill.

4:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, walk in party reports she has lost her wallet and had it last at Cohasset Liquors. It was a small brown square wallet, in it was her license, registration and some Visa cards.

6:13 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports he found a small mountain bike on his lawn today, it doesn't belong to anyone at his residence. It's a female mountain bike, color red with white and black on some of the bars and it says Giant on one bar and Boulder on another.

8:35 p.m. **Hull St.**, caller reports they ran out of gas at this location. Officer reports the residents at this location is going to take this party for gas.

9:32 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, resident from this location called to report he is back from vacation.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a black semi track trailer truck went through the red light at 3A and 228 going about 70-80 mph. Scituate has been notified, but they report a truck matching that description has been seen unloading at the Starbucks.

11:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, **Sandy Beach secure.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1 a.m. **North Main St.**, the parking lot is clear.

Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P1379EP

In the Estate of ROBERT T. SCEERY

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 18, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that R. MICHAEL SCEERY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 12, 2006**.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 2, 2006.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thursday, **July 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an appeal of the Building Commissioner's decision not to grant a building permit pursuant to the provisions of §8.3.3, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Bruce W. Henrikson, Trustee of Sydney Realty Trust, and owner of **Lot 9 on Jerusalem Lane**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-05-17.

AD#11078005
Cohasset Mariner 6/16, 6/23/06

ZBA/380 CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HWY.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thursday, **July 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a Variance pursuant to §6.5.1 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Cohasset Realty Trust, seeks to place an illuminated sign on the side of the building (Sovereign Bank) at **380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-06-02.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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'Annie' brings Pecevich back home to South Shore

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Katherine Pecevich has been a working actress and director for almost 20 years, but recently the Brockton native has seen her career take off — literally. Known to South Shore audiences for her many performances with the former Showstoppers Dinner Theatre in Scituate, Pecevich is currently criss-crossing the country in the national tour of the Tony Award-winning musical "Annie" now at Boston's Opera House.

"This is my first national tour and really my first time on the road and I'm loving it," explained Pecevich last week by telephone from Buffalo. "We didn't travel much when I was a child and I didn't fly for the first time until after college. This tour is a whole new experience for me."

A Brockton High School graduate whose father was the longtime head of the foreign language department at the school, Pecevich had graduated from the Boston Conservatory with a degree in musical theater and was working as an actress in the Berkshires when a personal matter changed her professional life. "I moved home to Brockton over 10 years ago to be a caretaker for my father who was very ill. While I was home, I worked as an actress and director with Showstoppers and I also taught children's theater in the Scituate Public Schools. After my father passed away, I moved to New York to restart my career. I signed with an agent who specializes in comic character actors. Shortly after I arrived in New York, I was cast in my first independent film, 'Pay Day,' which I did for a directing student at the Tisch Graduate School at New York University. I played a depressed woman who ultimately kills herself which was kind of a departure for me as an actress. The film ended up being shown at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival." It also led Pecevich to be cast in her first commercial television project — an episode of NBC-TVs "Law and Order: SVU."

"I played an emergency room doctor. I actually had six lines in the script, but only one made it on air. I did have my own dressing room, though, and what's even nicer was that I joined the Screen Actors' Guild (SAG).

I feel very lucky, because as a character actress things only get better with age. I got my SAG card from doing television, and I joined Actor's Equity to go out with 'Annie'."

Pecevich was also almost cast as a replacement in several long-running Broadway shows including "Mamma Mia!"

"My agent was submitting for some wonderful stuff and I was getting close when I heard about 'Annie.' It was an open casting call to cover Miss Hannigan and several other of the older female leads. I was cast as Mrs. Pugh/Sophie/Perkins and as understudy for Miss Hannigan. We opened in Seattle last August and I've been with the show ever since." With Conrad John Schuck back as Daddy Warbucks, the current production is again directed by its lyricist Martin Charnin who brought the legendary original production to Broadway in 1977.

PHOTO BY CHRIS BENNION

The Full Company of the national tour of Annie.

Katherine Pecevich

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Annie (Marissa O'Donnell) and Sandy (Lola).

With music by Charles Strouse — including "Tomorrow" and "It's a Hard Knock Life" — and a book by Thomas Meehan, the musical stage version of the adventures of comic strip heroine Little Orphan Annie would that same year win seven Tony Awards including Best Musical. It also won a legion of fans who remain loyal to the little red-head and her dog Sandy almost 30 years later.

"It is amazing what this show means to people," says Pecevich, 37, who remembers seeing "Annie" for the first time when it came through Boston on its first national tour in 1979. "This show works because it is simple and clear. It doesn't pretend to be anything it isn't. It is also timeless. Even the scenes in the White House with Franklin D. Roosevelt have parallels to today. What makes our production so great is that the entire original creative team is involved. Our Annie, Marissa O'Donnell, is terrific, too. She has these wonderful freckles and beautiful blues eyes and an amazing voice. It just doesn't get much better than that."

In addition to her mother and sister in Brockton and sisters in Wellesley, Northboro, and Hull, who came to see her when she went on as Miss Hannigan in Charlotte, N.C., earlier this year, Pecevich expects a good turnout of local friends and family to be on hand when she makes her debut on a downtown Boston commercial theater stage.

"It is thrilling to come to Boston and play the Opera House. Since we're playing in my backyard, there will definitely be a huge contingent of my friends and family coming out to see the show. I'm happy, too, because I love my characters and I can't wait to play them in Boston. And, I'll be staying at my mother's house in Brockton so it will be fun to actually get to drive to work each day."

And fun, too, according to Pecevich, to once again sample some favorite hometown food.

"I'm definitely going to the Cape Cod Cafe in Brockton. There isn't a better barroom pizza anywhere in the world."

"Annie" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, through June 25. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com

Movie review

Young Damien (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick) watches his mother (Julia Stiles) sleep peacefully ... for now.

'Omen' remake ups the anti-Christ

The Omen (C+)

What do you do when you realize your child is the Anti-Christ?

I believe this is a question all parents ask themselves.

It's also a question famously asked by the original "The Omen," Richard Donner's terrific 1976 B-movie featuring a diabolically clever plot and, more importantly, an A-movie cast.

In the new film, shot in Prague and directed by remake specialist John Moore ("Flight of the Phoenix"), we get the B-movie leads. Robert Thorn (Liev Schreiber in the Gregory Peck role) is an American diplomat in Rome. Katherine Thorn (Julia Stiles in the Lee Remick part) is the power-couple wife giving birth in a Rome hospital. After their infant child dies, a grief-stricken Robert, at the behest of a priest, agrees to switch the dead child with a newborn whose mother has died.

Can you spell Armageddon? We know the "switched" son is strange because his parents name him Damien and people start getting knocked off in the most gruesome ways imaginable.

Morevoer, in the role played by Billie Whitelaw in the original, Mia Farrow ("Rosemary's Baby"), who knows a thing or two about birthin' and raisin' devil babies, is Damien's witchy nanny Mrs. Baylock. Apparently, in hiring her, the Thorns missed the line on her resume that read, "Apostate of Hell."

Based again on the ingenious, widely imitated script by David Seltzer, a superior offshoot of "The Exorcist," this film takes everything that was ambiguous and subtle in the original and makes it so obvious, it's often unintentionally funny.

Little Damien (spooky-eyed Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick in the role originated by Harvey Stephens, who plays a tabloid reporter in the new film) now looks like he just stepped off Spaceship Beelzebub. His mother's fear of him — a motif borrowed from "Rosemary's Baby" — is now entirely too justified.

Baboons not only go nuts in his presence, now an ape goes literally ape. Most notably of all, Jerry Goldsmith's original Academy Award-winning score, often mistaken for Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," has been replaced by the assaultive compositions of Marco Beltrami ("Underworld: Evolution').

Still, the film has its moments, chief among them scenes in an Etruscan cemetery in which Thorn and photographer Keith Jennings (David Thewlis in the David Warner role) uncover the identity of Damien's real mother and the true fate of Thorn's biological son and are attacked by a pack of devil dogs.

Otherwise, this is an "Omen" for the "Save the Last Dance" crowd. If you want to see a truly wild Anti-Christ film, check out "Day of the Beast," a surreal 1995 comedy from Spanish bad boy Alex de la Iglesia ('Accion Mutante"). You'll also see where this "Omen" stole its poster image.

Rated R. "The Omen" contains graphic violence.

Calendar of events

Thursday, June 15

Historic Spooner House season opening, Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16, 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 7, 27 North St., Plymouth waterfront. Admission $4.50 adults, $2 children under age 12. For information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@verizon.net

South Shore Caregiving Collaborative is offering a free fitness forum on Thursday, June 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. "The Role of Exercise in the Caregiver's Well-Being: Mission Impossible or Achievable Goal?" To pre-register or for more information, call Donna Ciappina at South Shore Elder Services at 781-848-3910, ext. 335.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

WCRB 102.5 Classical Concert Series, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through June 29, Copley Square Park, Boston, featuring **New Piano Quartet,** Thursday, June 15.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe and Friends** Thursday, June 15. For more information call 781-335-9796.

'You Are Never Alone' presented by Healthy Living Productions, with spirit medium Rita Berkowitz and angel messenger Karen Paolino. Presentation on how to spiritually connect with lost loved ones and gain clarity communicating with angels on Thursday, June 15, 7 to 9 p.m., at Lantanas, 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. Tickets are $40 per person. A mini health fair will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. with chair massage, Reiki, etc. For information visit www.thehealthylivingguide.com . For tickets call 508-615-9806.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 15, **"BBC Pint Night"** featuring **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **J Place Band**, Thursday, June 15. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Hal DeWaltoff, "Towards Hull"

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The South Street Gallery will feature the works of artists Morgan Davis of Quincy and Hal DeWaltoff of Cataumet. The show "Coastal Visions" runs from Friday, June 16 to Friday, July 7. The display will be open to the public at the Gallery on Friday, June 16, from 6 to 9 p.m, with refreshments. The artists will be appearing at the opening reception.The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South Street, one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Morgan Davis, "Afternoon on the Creek"

Friday, June 16

Coastal Visions Exhibit at South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, Friday, June 16 through July 7. Works of artists J. Morgan Davis of Quincy and Hal DeWaltoff of Cataumet. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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Doobie Brothers Takin' it to Sohier Street

70s rock legends play Music Circus Saturday

On the telephone from his home in northern California, Tom Johnston, singer, songwriter and guitarist with The Doobie Brothers, is ready for a relaxed conversation about the million-selling rock band he helped form in 1970. Much has changed in the music business in the past 36 years, but Johnston — along with fellow original bandmate Patrick Simmons — remains true to the sound that earned the Doobies 16 Top 40 hits including "Black Water," "China Grove," and "Listen to the Music." Maintaining their place in the pantheon of classic American rock groups means touring (including a stop this Saturday at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset), however, and on that subject Johnston is a little less relaxed.

"We've had two weeks off which has been great. I know that we'll be back out on the road soon and that means traveling on planes and the tour bus. The traveling from place to place gets old fast, very fast. We often say that we get paid for 22 of hours of travel. We play two hours a day for free," says Johnston. "We do between 70 and 90 dates a year. During the mid-70s, we would play between 150 and 200 shows a year. That schedule almost killed me."

Johnston stepped away from The Doobie Brothers in late 1974. Simmons remained and was joined by guitarist Jeff Baxter and singer, songwriter and keyboardist Michael McDonald, both of whom had been with Steely Dan. When Johnston's health prevented a return to the band and his primary songwriting responsibilities, the group divided that task between Simmons, McDonald and guitarist Tiran Porter. Before long, the group's hard-charging, guitar-infused rock and roll gave way to a style of blue-eyed soul marked by keyboards and horns. With hits like "Takin' It to the Streets," and "It Keeps You Running," "What a Fool Believes," and "Minute by Minute," The Doobie Brothers remained at the top of charts throughout the rest of the 1970s. By 1982, Simmons was ready to depart and rather than send out "The Doobie Brothers" with no original members, the group was disbanded. In the mid-1980s, Johnston, Simmons and McDonald all released solo projects. When they came together for a benefit reunion concert in 1987, a more full-time reunion was not far behind. Since that time, Johnston and Simmons have continued to headline a reformed version of The Doobie Brothers. McDonald has even joined them on several occasions. Johnston is quick to point out that the differences between him and McDonald are musical, not personal.

"Where Michael took the band was just as popular as where as it had been before. He is incredibly talented and he helped the group reach a lot of new people. When I left, it had nothing to do with Michael. It was just time for me to get away from everything. I had an ulcer and I almost bled to death. I took two years off to regain my health and then did two solo albums."

With Johnston and Simmons firmly back in the fold, The Doobie Brothers have been back together since 1989 and are now joined by Michael Hossack on drums, John McFee on guitar, strings and vocals, saxophonist March Russo, drummer Ed Toth, Skylark on bass and vocals, and Guy Allison on keyboards and vocals.

"We're grateful that we still get radio air play and that our fan base is still so strong. We put great effort into our live shows and these days we know exactly what we're doing. The road is different, too. When we're not on-stage, we lead a more sedentary lifetsyle. All in all, we're having more fun than we ever did before.

The Doobie Brothers will be at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday, June 17, at 8 PM. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

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51st South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on Cohasset Common, Friday, June 16, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 18, noon to 6 p.m. Features 100 juried craft artists, juried art exhibition, members' show, young artists' exhibition, kids' tent, live music. Free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking. $5 donation requested. For more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Doobie Brothers at Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis, on Friday, June 16, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are $51.75 and $38.75. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or online at www.melody-tent.org. Tickets may also be purchased at South Shore Music Circus Box Office, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset.

Disaster Relief golf tournament hosted by Able Restoration, Friday, June 16 at Atlantic Country Club, 450 Little Sandy Pond Road, Plymouth. Registration, 11:30 a.m.; box lunch, 12:30 p.m.; shotgun start, 1:30 p.m.; cocktail reception, 6:30 p.m.; and dinner, raffle and awards presentation, 7:30 p.m. Cost is $150 for an individual golfer (dinner only is $50 per person). To register, call Jeff Sabel at 888-225-3911.

"Bloom" mixed media exhibit of leading South Shore artists through June 23 at Epiphany Designs, 518 Nantasket Ave., Hull. A collection of oils, prints, photographs, watercolors, ceramics, and jewelry in spring colors. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 781-925-4344.

Acoustic Duet with Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett of the Band Little Feat, at The Regattabar, Charles Hotel, Harvard Square, Friday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets $20. Visit www.regattabarjazz.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, June 16, Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Singles and couples 30+. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Steve Murphy Band** on Friday, June 16. For more information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 16, **Five to the Face** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, June 17

156th Annual First Parish Church Fair, Saturday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. Food, games thousands of items at bargain prices, auction at 10 a.m. Free admission and parking. For more information call 781-934-6532.

Old King's Highway Hearth & Home Tour to benefit Plymouth Antiquarian Society, Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View eight private homes along Plymouth's ancient thoroughfare ranging from Victorian to modern. Tickets are $25 per person, $20 for Society members, includes free trolley shuttle service, Spooner House Museum tour, and garden reception. Call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@verizon.net.

Two day German Sommerfest hosted by The Boylston Schul-Verein, Route 109 in Walpole. Saturday, June 17 from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, June 18 from noon until 6 p.m. Member and friends dress in native Lederhosen, Tyrolean hats and Dirndls in celebration of this event. Donation is $7 per person, children under 12 are free.

13th Annual South End Garden Tour, Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m., to benefit South End-Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust. Starting at Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., the tour covers a variety of public and private gardens from alley gardens to roof decks. Tickets $20 day of tour, $17 in advance. Call 617-347-0999.

Behind the Scenes Tour: The Plants and Animals at Plimoth Plantation in Plimoth, Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes tour of the greenhouse and the Hornblower Garden and luncheon. Admission $40, $25 members. Visit www.plimoth.org or call 508-746-1622.

"Timekeepers of the Sea" exhibit of Chelsea clocks at King Jewelers, 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clockmakers will be on hand to demonstrate the intricate clock-making process. Refreshments, free drawings for marine jewelry and artifacts, presentations by Maritime and Hull Lifesaving museums.

Sense-ation Day community celebration at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, Saturday, June 17, noon to 5 p.m. New exhibits, performances by Gerwick Puppets, hands-on demonstrations and art activities. Donations accepted. For more information call 508-588-6000 ext 112 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

Kingston Youth Soccer Association Tailgate Party at Gillette Stadium, Saturday, June 17, 4:30 p.m., prior to the New England Revolution vs. DC United soccer game at 6 p.m. SuperEvent ticket $24 per person, $18, ages 6 and under, covers cost of catered tailgater, parking at Gillette Stadium, and assigned seating. To order visit www.eteamz.com/kysa or email event coordinator at kysasuperevent@earthlink.net.

Mt. Hope Improvement Society presents "the Artful Garden," a tour of member's gardens, along with plein air artist and musicians, on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mt. Hope is located at corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Streets, West End, Scituate. Tickets are $12, $10 for seniors. For information call 781-545-3859 or visit www.MtHopeImprovementSociety.com.

Hingham Cemetery Walking Tour, Saturday, June 17, 1 p.m. Tour of historic cemetery dating back to 1672 starts at the Hingham Bell Tower at Old Ship Church. Led by cemetery director Lucinda Day. $5 donation requested. Children under age 12 admitted free. Rain Date Sunday, June 18. For more information call 781-749-4868.

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Summer Solstice at World's End, Hingham. Bring your family, friends, and picnic supper, and share in our annual celebration of the longest day of the year. Music, drinks, dessert and a breathtaking sunset! Wednesday, June 21st 6-8:30 pm. Members $5 (show your card), non-members $10. Children under 12 are free. From Route 3A at Summer St., take Martin's Lane to World's End. Visit www.thetrustees.org for details.

Mark your calendar

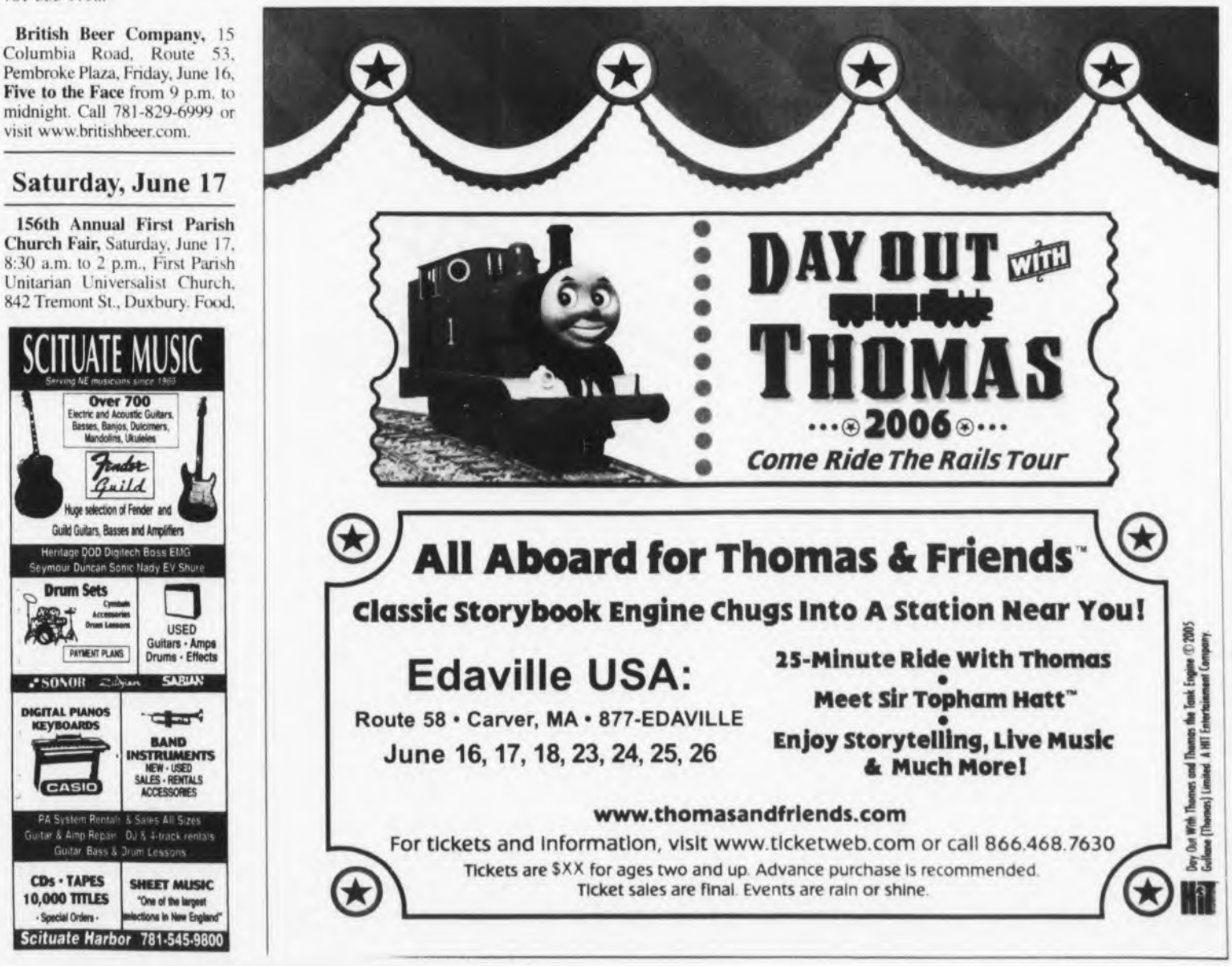
KINGSTON POLICE ASSOCIATION 16TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, Monday, July 17 at Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston. Registration at 9 a.m. and shotgun start at 10 a.m. Entry fee is $125 per golfer or $500 per team. Fee includes golf, cart, food, and gifts for each player and prizes for winning teams. Make checks payable to Kingston Police Association, c/o KPA Golf Classic, 244 Main St., Kingston, MA 02364. For information call 781-585-0522.

"THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE" 25TH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR benefits South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Wednesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Features a Norwell garden, three Scituate gardens and a Marshfield garden. Proceeds benefit the educational programs at the Science Center. Tickets available in advance for $20 ($18 members.) Box lunch can be ordered in advance for $10. Tickets the day of the tour are $25. To order tickets, send a self-addressed business sized stamped envelope to the SSNC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. Tickets may also be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or by calling the Center at 781- 659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org.

FIRST ANNUAL BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, August 21 at 1 p.m. at Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Lake of Isles, private course. Fee is $300. Rooms available at Two Trees Inn, $115/night, use group code: T19459 by July 21, www.foxwoods.com or 800-FOXWOOD. For information contact Christine Buckley Leblanc at christineleblanc@bafound.org.

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT'S RAW, "BIGGEST PARTY OF THE SUMMER TOUR" at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset on Sunday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets on sale at $43.75 and $30.75. Features top stars, including Bay State native John Cena. WWE Title match: John Cena vs. Edge with Lita; Kane vs. Umaga with Alejandro. Intercontinental Title Match: Carlito vs. Shelton Benjamin. World Tag Team Title Match: Goldust and Snitsky vs. Spirit Squad. Playboy Cover Girl Match: Torrie Wilson vs. Candice Michelle; Harry Smith vs. Rob Conway and Charlie Haas vs. Chuck Palumbo and more. Tickets available at the Music Circus box office open daily from noon to 6 pm; online at www.themusiccircus.org, and by phone through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787.

SOUTH SHORE YMCA 10TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC, Wednesday, July 12 at Pine Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. Players have the choice of playing "scramble" or "own ball" at the tournament that makes use of both A-rated golf courses. Includes lunch, golf shirt (compliments of Talbot's in Hingham), 18-holes of golf, dinner and a live and silent auction. Contact Jill Donovan at 617-479-8500 ext. 146 to register for the golf classic or if you are interested in donating an auction item. Proceeds benefit the Y's Strong Kids Annual Support Campaign.



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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a Special Antique Auto Invitational, "35 and rolling" on Saturday, June 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cars on exhibit include a 1937 modified Ford Delivery Sedan and 1969 custom-painted Corvette. Refreshments, music and a detailing demonstration. For more information, call 781-934-6634 ext. 12 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

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Franklin Park Zoo Baby Shower, Saturday, June 17, rain or shine, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Boston. Celebrate recent births of a baby gorilla, zebra, giraffe and tiger cubs to benefit Children's Trust Fund. Activities include exhibits, ReadBoston Storymobile, movies, petting zoo, face painting, live music by Radio Disney, performances by Boston Ballet School students, themed photo opportunities. Tickets $9.50 adults, $5.50 children ages 2-12, under age 2 admitted free. $1 off every ticket purchase for each donation of new and suitable baby items. For information call 617-541-LION or visit zoonewengland.com.

Greenhouse Gardening class at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Saturday, June 17. Limited to 12 adults. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, 3-mile walk from Headquarters Path to Doe Hollow Path returning via Bugbee Path, Saturday, June 17, 1 p.m. Meet at Houghton's Pond parking lot on Hillside St., Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, June 17, **Darwin's Children** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **"Undaunted" Professor Harp,** Saturday, June 17. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplant-cafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Blind Billy & The Spectacles** on Saturday, June 17. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day Ponkapoag Paddle, Sunday, June 18, 9 a.m. A two-hour canoe trip on Ponkapoag Pond Ages 12 and older. Previous canoeing experience required. For information Call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Father's Day Celebration at Szabo Fitness & Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Sunday, June 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Hungary's top gymnast, Zoltan, personal trainer. Enter to win one month free membership. For information call 781-925-1941.

Salute to Summer Chamber Music concert, Sunday, June 18 at 12:15 p.m., at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate. Free admission and children are welcome.

12th Annual Road Race, Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m., at the Children's Museum in Easton, Sullivan Ave., No. Easton. Five-mile race and two-mile walk to benefit museum programs. Prizes awarded. Free pizza and ice cream. Entry fees $15 online in advance, $18 mail or walk-in, $20 day of race. Visit www.signmeup.com or www.childrensmuseumineaston.org/fathersdyroad-race.asp. For information call 508-230-3789.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of original quits by members of **The Coastal Quilt Artists titled "Cloth is Our Canvas II."** Exhibit will run from June 18 through July 9 at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Viewing hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday and Sunday noon to 3 p.m. Closed July 4 weekend. A free opening reception will be held on **Sunday, June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.** For information call 781-837-8091.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, June 18. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, June 18, **Wicked Trivia Night** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Dave Foley** on Sunday, June 18. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Kilroy's Café, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, featuring **J Place Band,** Sunday, June 18. For information call 617-773-1170.

Monday, June 19

Author Peter Abrahams book signing and discussion of "End of Story," Monday, June 19, 7 p.m., Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. To purchase a signed book call Buttonwood Books & Toys, 781-383-2665.

19th Annual South Shore ARC Lou Bailey Golf Tournament, Monday, June 19, 2006, Pembroke Country Club, 94 West Elm St., Pembroke. Registration and lunch at 12:30 p.m., shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner buffet, raffle, silent auction and awards presentation at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Arc of the South Shore. $125 per person, $500 per foursome. To register call 781-413-2230.

10th Annual Wet Paint exhibition, at the Maritime Gallery, Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., Monday, June 19, through Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily. Watch 40 top Gallery artists at work to be sold fresh off the easel. Artist reception, Saturday, June 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and wine. Exhibit runs through Labor Day. For more information call 888-973-2767 or visit www.mystic-seaport.org.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston orientation, Monday, June 19, 6 to 7 p.m., Monroe Building, Suite 7, 2nd floor, 1245 Hancock St., Quincy. Open to women age 20 and older looking to befriend girls in need ages 7-15. For more information call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsisters.com.

Special Places Walk, 10 kilometers, explores some of Boston's lesser-known places such as Liberty Square, Bay Village, the Custom House Tower and Chinatown. The trail also continues along the Charles River and past the Esplanade where the Boston Pops and other groups perform concerts during the summer months. Walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at the National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

ADHD Lecture, Monday, June 19, 7 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth, with Anne McClenon, Ph.D., naturopathic medicine. Dr. McClenon will discuss natural treatments for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Free admission, donations accepted.

British Beer Company, "Late Night at the BBC" featuring Ian Richardson, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. Call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, June 20

"Siblings," photographic exhibit at Clemens Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Hingham through June 29 during regular library hours. Westwood photographer James Dwyer's works in color, sepia and black and white. For more information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Infertility Support Group at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. For individuals or couples experiencing fertility problems. Allow an opportunity to share feelings and concerns in a confidential setting and helps improve coping skills. Group meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. No fee. Call Janet Garnier, LICSW at 508-830-2412 for more information.

Neighboring Support Organization, a non-profit organization of neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. No monies are exchanged, just time. Services include painting, wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning windows, cellars, and moving furniture. Call Elaine Cormier, president, 781-871-2583.

Walk The Freedom Trail and the waterfront and downtown shopping areas, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The trail passes many historic sites including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution and the State House. Walk suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Start at National Historic Park Visitors Center, 15 State St., Boston, Sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship through non-competitive walking and other free sporting events. Call 978-562-7023 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass/seasonal_walks/boston.

Smoking Cessation group sessions with acupuncture, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. To register call 781-925-1941 or e-mail szabofitness@gmail.com.

Wednesday, June 21

South Shore Women's Business Network Luncheon, at the East Bay Grille in Plymouth, Wednesday, June 21, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. To register call 781-749-8883. For information visit www.sswbn.org.

Summer Solstice at World's End. Martin's lane, Hingham, Wednesday, June 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Annual celebration of the longest day of the year. Guests bring picnic supper. Music, drinks, and dessert provided. Admission $10, members with card, $5, children under age 12 admitted free. For information visit www.thetrustees.org.

Transformation Place Bible Study meeting, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Au Bon Pain restaurant, Route 139 at Route 3, Pembroke. An outreach ministry of New England Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Free Legal clinic, "Protecting Your Life & Legacy," Wednesday, June 21, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Conference Center, 50 Braintree Hill Park, Braintree. Reservations required. Call 781-535-6490. Sponsored by law offices of Dagmar M. Pollex.

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51st South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on Cohasset Common is set for Friday, June 16, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 18, noon to 6 p.m. The festival will feature 100 juried craft artists, a juried art exhibition, members' show, young artists' exhibition, kids' tent, live music. Free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking. $5 donation requested. For more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Performance artist Jeff Hopkins

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Franklin Park Zoo Baby Shower, Saturday, June 17, rain or shine, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Boston. Celebrate recent births of a baby gorilla, zebra, giraffe and tiger cubs to benefit Children's Trust Fund. Activities include exhibits, ReadBoston Storymobile, movies, petting zoo, face painting, live music by Radio Disney, performances by Boston Ballet School students, themed photo opportunities. Tickets $9.50 adults, $5.50 children ages 2-12, under age 2 admitted free. $1 off every ticket purchase for each donation of new and suitable baby items. For information call 617-541-LION or visit zoonewengland.com.

Just for kids

ICE SKATING LESSONS WITH THE PILGRIM SKATING CLUB. Summer group skating lessons at Hobomock Arena, Pembroke under the USFSA Basic Skills program. New nine-week summer session begins June 28 (10:50 - 11:50 a.m.). Fee is $100, plus once-a-year USFSA registration fee of $5 for new students. Skaters must be 5 or older. Adults are welcome. Helmets are required for beginners. Register Friday June 23, from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. For information call 781-294-7575 or visit www.pilgrimskatingclub.com.

SOUTH SHORE BASEBALL CLUB'S SUMMER CAMPS. Kids learn basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Cohasset camp for youngsters 5-12 will be held June 26-30 at Milliken Field. Hingham Summer Baseball Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players 5 to 15, is scheduled July 10-Aug. 4 at Hingham High School. Not restricted to Hingham residents. Braintree camp is August 7-11 at Watson Field, for campers 5-15. Sessions will be held Mon-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Half-day sessions available for 5-7 year olds from 8:30-11:30 a.m. For information call 1-800-GO4-HITS/(781) 749-6466 or visit www.ssbc.com.

CAMP WING DAY CAMP! Still time to register your children ages 6-12 for Camp Wing Day Camp on over 300 acres locally in Duxbury. Program includes activities ranging from archery to arts and crafts, dance to drama, canoeing to climbing wall, sports and games to swimming. Opportunities to go on a day field trip, as well as try out an overnight camping experience. Bus transportation is available in Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Kingston and Pembroke. For information on Camp Wing Day Camp and registration details, call Suzanne Richard at 781-834-2700.

SUMMER FUN AT KALEIDOSCOPE. For kids aged 8-13 years and runs from July 24 – Aug. 11 at Milton Academy. Students rotate through four, 75-minute classes daily in art, creative writing, improvisational theater and problem solving - followed by an hour-long swim. Sessions run Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tuition includes T-shirt, lunch and use of the pool. For information, call 617-898-2481 or visit www.milton.edu and link to summer programs.

HISTORIC WINSLOW HOUSE KIDS' FRIDAY, July 14, "Missy and Dolly's Tea Party" with Jan Norman. Jan will bring her collection of dolls. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite doll and have a tea party as well as read stories. Fee is $5 per child. For information call 781-837-5753 or email: mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

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The North River Arts Society is pleased to present, for the second time, an exhibit of original Art Quilts by members of The Coastal Quilt Artists titled Cloth is our Canvas II. This exhibit will run from June 18 through July 9 at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. This exhibit will feature the beautiful handwork of the following textile artists: Lynne Conover, Cris Crawford, Betty Crowell, Janet Duncan Dignan, Sandy Gregg, Gail Lane, Anne Marcin, Graciela Piccolo, Joan Randall, Pat Smith, and Bobbie Sullivan. A free opening reception will be held at the G.A.R. Hall Sunday, June 18 from 5-7 p.m. Viewing hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday and Sundays 12-3 p.m. (closed July 4th weekend)For more information, contact the NRAS Office at 781-837-8091.

Calendar

JUNE 15-23, 2006

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Sense-ation Day community celebration at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton will be held Saturday, June 17, noon to 5 p.m. New exhibits, performances by Gerwick Puppets, hands-on demonstrations and art activities. Donations accepted. For more information call 508-588-6000 ext 112 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

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Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, June 21. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, June 22

SBANE June 2006 Breakfast Series, June 22 from 7-9 a.m. at the Newton Marriott in Newton. "Innovation is Alive and Well in the Elder Care Business. If You Know Where To Look" featuring Andrea Cohen, CEO of Houseworks. Tickets are $40 SBANE member/$50 non-member (pre-registered) and $45 SBANE member/$55 non-member (pay-at-door.)

Echo of the Dreamer Jewelry Trunk Show, Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth, Thursday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 27. Contemporary, one-of-a-kind unusual gemstones. Open daily, except Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WCRB 102.5 Classical Concert Series, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through June 29, Copley Square Park, Boston, featuring **Small-Clemente Duo,** classical guitar, Thursday, June 22.

South Shore Women's Business Network 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Thursday, June 22, 6 to 9 p.m., South Shore Country Club Tickets $40. Pre-registration required. Visit www.sswbn.org.

Basket (R)evolution Exhibit on view through September 10 at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. This exhibition features baskets by 43 leaders in the field of basket making. The museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For information, visit www.fullercraft.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m., with **Lenny Vaz German Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 22, **BBC "Pint Night" Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue Blues Jam**, Thursday, June 22. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplant-cafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe & Friends** on Thursday, June 22. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Friday, June 23

Plymouth Philharmonic 5th Annual golf tournament Fundraiser, Friday, June 23, 11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start, Southers Marsh Golf Club, Plymouth. Prizes awarded and car raffle. Reception with hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet. Registration $125 per person, $500 per foursome. Sponsorships available. Limited to 100 players. To register, purchase car raffle tickets, or for more information call 508-746-8008.

Livingston Taylor at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, June 23, 8 p.m. Tickets $25 at Company Theatre box office, by phone at 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

New England Singles Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Friday, June 23, 8 p.m. to midnight. Ages 35+. DJ, hors d'oeuvres. $10. Call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 23, **Spank,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Ricky "King" Russell – Kit Holliday** Friday, June 23. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplant-cafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** on Friday, June 23. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Ongoing events

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts needs your unwanted vehicles. Consider donating an old or unused car to help support their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454 or email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org. To apply online visit www.horizonsforhomeless-children.org.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or email: peg.merzbacher.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals – Saturdays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. Tales from the Wild – Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. Sunday Walks – 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital. Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while you share your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Art on the Avenue, celebrating its 10th anniversary at 1037 Nantasket Ave. in Hull, is the waterfront gallery/studio/home of artist Lenore Schneider. She invites you to visit during summer weekends 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. For information call 781-925-5619. Also on display, along with her photography, abstract expressionistic landscapes, whimsical drawings and children's playbooks, is the artwork of four guest artists. Free Admission. Free Parking. Children welcome. lenoreschneider@comcast.net.

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Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Human Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in May, June, July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehassociation.org of call 781-878-4343Cost $100

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth stamp club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Dept. of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Volunteers

FEMALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED who are currently anorexic, or have recovered from past symptoms of anorexia nervosa, age 18-45, in stable medical health, and not taking medications (except oral contraceptives) are sought for a study of behavioral ratings and blood hormone levels. Eligible participants will receive up to $550 for a total of four outpatient visits and two overnight stays at the Clinical Research Unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. For information, call Addie Smith at Boston College 617- 552-2758.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - TWO HOURS A WEEK. Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to play with children living in domestic violence, teen parent, family homeless shelters in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth Counties. Just two hours of your time can make a lifetime of difference for the children in these shelters. A commitment of six months and attendance at one of our trainings are required. Next training in Brockton, Aug. 7 and 8 from 6-9 p.m. Contact Nicole Schwartz at 508-999-9454 or email: nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org for information and application, or fill one out online at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

VOLUNTEER AT QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER. Make a difference in the health and wellness of the community by volunteering on a regular basis. Numerous assignments are available. QMC will work with you to find a position that best meets your interests and availability. For information call Marilyn McAllister at 617-376-5368.

OLD COLONY HOSPICE is seeking some special people to participate in assisting patients. If you have a few extra hours per week to provide companionship or support, run errands or read to a patient. Flexible scheduling, monthly support group and training. For information call 781-341-4145 or www.oldcolonyhospice.org.

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Family fun in New England

Summer deals for families feature lighthouses, falcons, fairways

By KIM FOLEY MacKINNON
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

While the waves at the beach and constructing sand castles may be the idyllic picture of summer fun, there are more ways than that to build vacation memories. Consider the "Summer Learning" packages being promoted by the New England Inns and Resorts Association.

The family-oriented packages include a chance for the kids to check out what it's like to be a lighthouse keeper, improve their golf game, handle a live hawk and take rock-climbing lessons.

Any of these will ensure your kids will have nothing to complain about when it's time to write that "What I Did This Summer" essay in the fall.

The inns in the association are found throughout New England. Here are some of our favorites (find more at www.newenglandinns.com).

Massachusetts

Bring your mini-Tiger Woods to the Cranwell Resort and Spa (800-272-6935; www.cranwell.com) in Lenox, where they can participate in the resort's Junior Golf Program. Kids 6-16 will get a junior golf assessment to identify their strengths and weaknesses and then take group classes. The Golf Digest School, a 60-acre complex, is the largest in New England. The juniors learn basic swing fundamentals and practice techniques, rules for playing and how to play the course. Classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays for $20 per session. Overnight midweek (Monday-Thursday) lodging packages are from $325 per room; available June 1-Oct. 31.

On the Cape, your kids can learn what a lighthouse keeper actually does at the Lighthouse Inn (508-398-2244; www.lighthouseinn.com), where a three-day package includes a tour of the Bass River Lighthouse, plus a narrated cruise of the Bass River and whale watch tickets. The inn has been in the same family since 1938. Originally bought by a developer after the lighthouse had been dark for years, the property escaped being parceled out because the mortgage payment was due. Guests were taken in to pay the bills and the family recognized a good thing when they saw it. By the time your kids come home from their lighthouse experience, they will have filled a personal keeper's log with neat facts, including how to identify turn-of-the-century ships by their sails and details of shipwrecks of the Civil War and Cape Cod. Available June 30 through Labor Day. Prices start at $1,050.

Mini Land Rover program at The Equinox in Vermont

Sailing at Sebasco Harbor Resort in Maine

New Hampshire

For real family togetherness, go to the Mount Washington Resort (800-258-0330; www.mtwashington.com) at Bretton Woods to attend family rock-climbing school. Learn about safety systems, communication, knots, proper use of equipment, belaying and rappelling. Parental bonus: Kids who tend to complain about boring family vacations are unlikely to whine when dangling from a line.

Classes are led by experienced and certified guides from the International Mountain Climbing School. The package includes 1 1/2 days of climbing instruction, two nights' accommodations, two dinners, two breakfasts and one picnic lunch. Rates start at $295 per person per night. Available July 17-19 and Aug. 14-16.

Maine

Grandparents and grandkids can ditch the parents and do their own thing with a program designed just for them at the Sebasco Harbor Resort (800-225-3819; www.sebasco.com). The "Grand Vacation" package includes overnight accommodations for up to four (two adults, two children, ages 5-12), breakfast and dinner each day and use of bikes. The big draw is the choice of a golf lesson with a pro and unlimited playing on the resort's three-hole Lake Course, a sailing lesson for two with a half-day sailboat rental or passage for up to four along the coast on the resort's boat, The Ruth. The kids also can visit the resort's supervised kids' camp program (while the grandparents nap or take a break). Package rates start at $297 per room (up to four people with a minimum two-night stay). Available June 18 through Aug. 31.

Vermont

For those who want a little more of an extreme vacation, high-tail it up to the Equinox Resort (800-362-4747; www.equinox.rockresorts.com) in Manchester Village, where two standouts among myriad activities are the junior off-roading class and falconry class.

Kids 5 and up can participate in the off-roading program. Once behind the wheel of a mini-Land Rover, they'll get instruction on maneuvering and driving a circuit of off-road obstacles. If they want more than this 45-minute lesson, the next level is a bit more challenging ($85 per lesson or $150 for both).

Falconry is a skill your kids won't learn during a normal school year, but those 12 and up can try it here. The British School of Falconry, located at the resort, will teach them how to both handle and fly a hawk. Participants are also educated on the role falconers play in the conservation of raptors. Rates for the classes start at $55 per session. Off-roading and falconry sessions are offered for adults, too. Summer lodging rates are from $269 per night, with a variety of special packages available.

Next week: "Cruising Hawaii"

Rock Climbing at Mount Washington Resort

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Bus fees

Some kids will have to pay to ride

By Samantha Brown
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Transportation to and from school will no longer be free for many Cohasset students. The School Committee has voted to implement bus fees as well as parking fees for those students who drive themselves to school, on a one-year trial basis.

However, the June 15 vote was not unanimous as School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said she was philosophically opposed to charging parents to make up the budget gap caused by a failed override vote when the schools are the responsibility of the community as a whole.

This fall, all students in grades seven through 12 will be charged $180 each, per year, with a family cap of $540, to ride the bus. Students in kindergarten through grade six, who live within two miles of their school, will be charged as well. Those students in kindergarten through grade six who live outside the two-mile radius will be bused free of charge, as mandated by the state.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said there are 1,493 total students in the district and 1,207 of those students could be charged for transportation. Assuming those students all continue to ride the bus, at $180 per

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

ARTISTS AT WORK

Lucy Knox,8, (front) and Joseph Wellman, 6, both of Cohasset, decorate a large wall canvas inside the South Shore Art Center after Jeff Hopkins' "Pictures Come to Life" storytelling presentation during the Arts Festival on the Common. Hopkins enthralled children with the story of "Long Dragon and the Emperor" and brought the story to life with his drawings. For more the Arts Festival photos, see page 8.

School security beefed up

By Samantha Brown
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Security is a top priority for Cohasset's schools. To ensure they are monitored day and night, a new security system is slated to be installed at all three buildings which will connect to monitors at the Cohasset Police Department.

The School Committee approved allocating funding in the amount of roughly $42,000 for a new system for the Osgood School at its June 15 meeting, although where that money will come from is still up for discussion.

Both Deer Hill and the middle-high school gave money left over from their building projects which has been earmarked by the School Building Committee to cover the cost of a security system upgrade. Not wanting to leave Osgood out of the upgrades, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the school department would find the money to cover the cost for its new system to ensure all three schools install the same security system.

Walsh said the funding for Osgood can either come from the $226,000 it has in Foundation Reserve grant funds

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Cost of some services rises

By Samantha Brown
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Building department and ambulance fees are going up.

Selectmen voted Monday to go along with Town Manager Bill Griffin's recommendation to increase the fees for sealer of weights services, which would allow for full cost recovery for services. As the sealer of weights, Building Inspector Bob Egan is responsible for making sure when a scale says an item weighs five pounds, it really does weigh five pounds. He also ensures when a gallon of gas is purchased at the town's gas stations, a gallon is truly received. Fees for Egan's services will be increased from $10 to $25 per scale and pump.

Egan said the fees are not unusual as the town of Scituate has set its rates at the same level. In addition, Egan said businesses with a number of scales or a

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Carol Martin of Cohasset signs the Celebration on the Hill banner during the Relay for Life. This banner and 5,000 others like it with signatures from an estimated 3 million Americans will be compiled into the Wall of Hope monument at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Wall of Hope will be displayed in September at a unique event where 4,000 "Celebration Ambassadors" will demonstrate to lawmakers how the American Cancer Society is waging the fight against cancer in communities nationwide.

Fighting cancer is a team effort at the Relay For Life

Overnight event raises more than $160,000

By Mary Ford
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There were 32 teams at Cohasset's Alumni Field on Friday night but no cleats, soccer balls or lacrosse sticks could be found.

Yet all the participants had as much determination and heart as any high school athlete playing for the state championship.

Sporting Relay For Life T-shirts, team members walked the track throughout the night with the common goal of raising money to find a cure for the disease that eventually touches everyone in some way.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 600 volunteers raised more than $160,000 (compared with an average of $80,000 nationwide) in the overnight event that started Friday afternoon and wrapped up Saturday morning. And donations are still coming in. In 10 years, the Cohasset Relay for Life has raised more than $1 million with the average team raising $4,900 compared with the $1,800 national average, organizers say.

Hundreds of Relays take place around the country each year. "In our small community, we are really making a difference," said Cohasset Relay chairman Harry St. Onge.

A rumble from the field was audible Saturday morning as the "The Tenacious Teen Team" heard the news its members had raised $15,002.50, making the 25-member Tenacious Teens the tops among the youth teams at the Relay in terms of raising money.

Team leaders Tessa Young and Kenzie Raymond, both 16, are from Hingham. The girls, along with their teammates are sophomores at Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge.

Tessa explained she was introduced to the Relay through a team at her church and then founded her own team when her church stopped fielding one of its own. Both Tessa and Kenzie know people their own age who have had cancer.

Teammate Emily Duggan came all the way from Dover to be part of the Tenacious Teens. "Having friends so into it, I got into it," Emily said.

St. Onge, the Relay chairman, said there are two aspects of the Relay that he finds are really "fantastic."

"The youth teams we have are actively involved and enthusias-

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PICTURE THIS/Tessa Young and Kenzie Raymond

Names: Tessa Young and Kenzie Raymond.

Occupation: Sophomores at Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge and co-captains of the Tenacious Teens, the teen team that raised the most money at the Cohasset Relay for Life.

Best day of your life: Becoming a platinum team at the Relay For Life.

Best vacation: Italy with our families last summer.

Favorite season: Winter (Tessa). Spring (Kenzie).

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Sour Patch Watermelon (Tessa). Sour Patch Kids (Kenzie).

Best book: "Winter's Tale," by Mark Helprin (Tessa). The Harry Potter book series by J.K. Rowling (Kenzie).

Best movie: "Finding Nemo" (Tessa). "Airplane" (Kenzie).

Best TV show: "Law & Order" (Tessa). "Grey's Anatomy" (Kenzie).

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Tessa Young and Kenzie Raymond are co-captains of the Tenacious Teens Team at the Cohasset Relay For Life.

Most embarrassing moment: Forgetting a relative's name (Tessa). Walking into a tree limb on my first day of school at B, B, & N. (Kenzie)

Goal: To raise $20,000 at next year's Relay For Life.

Pet peeve: People not walking the laps when they should be during the Relay For Life.

Person I'd most like to meet: President George W. Bush (Tessa). J. K. Rowling (Kenzie).

Biggest worry: Failing the Biology SATII.

Best part of Cohasset: The Relay For Life.

Cultural Council to meet June 26

The Cohasset Cultural Council, a program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, will host a public input meeting on Monday, June 26, at 7:45 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Library. The council seeks input from Cohasset residents as they enter the 2007 grant cycle during which the council will disburse at least $2,500 for cultural programming of benefit to Cohasset residents.

The public input session will take place from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in seeking a position on the council or who would like more information on the Cultural Council is welcome to attend.

Applications for 2007 funding from the Cohasset Cultural Council must be postmarked by Oct. 15. 2006. Applications, guidelines and information can be found online at www.massculture.org. For more information call council chairwoman Selene Eymer at 781-383-2761.

Village celebration idea is proposed

With work on the downtown streetscape coming to a close, Selectman Ted Carr suggested the town hold some kind of dedication or event to encourage residents to bring business back to shops which were affected by the construction. With road closures and torn up streets, village merchants have reported a decrease in sales by at least 30 percent over the past few months, Carr said. He added he would be happy to spearhead the effort and said he would work with Greenbush liaisons Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber as well as village merchants to come up with ideas.

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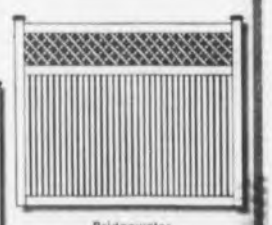

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King St. becoming rear-end alley

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Simply stated, motorists are tailgating along King Street (Route 3A), says Police Chief James Hussey. He said that driving behavior coupled with the amount of curb cuts along the stretch of roadway adds up to an accident waiting to happen.

And that is just what occurred this past week, times four.

There were four car accidents on King Street; three of which resulted in an operator being cited for failure to use proper care.

"They were all basically the same type of accident: rear-end collisions which usually happens when a vehicle is following too close," Hussey said.

On Monday, June 12 a landscape truck towing a trailer and traveling south on Route 3A hit a 2005 Nissan Altima that was making a turn in the vicinity of 130 King St. (Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square). The truck driver was cited for failure to use care, Hussey said.

On Wednesday, June 13, a southbound garbage truck hit a 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix which was attempting to turn right onto upper King Street at the Stop & Shop light. No one was cited in that accident, he said.

On Friday, June 16, the operator of a northbound 1995 BMW was cited after the car rear-ended a 2002 Infinity that had stopped to take a left into Fitness First.

And on Sunday, June 18, the operator of a 2006 VW Jetta was cited after hitting a 1998 Mercury Grand Prix near Acapulco's.

"Motorists must keep a safe distance," Hussey said. He explained that along that part of the highway an operator may be looking for a particular store or business and slow down or stop quickly in order to make the turn. "There are so many curb cuts on both sides of the street that a motorist may not see where he wants to turn until he is right there," he said.

"Motorists must keep a safe distance."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Bridge jumpers are back again

Almost since time began – in other words, as far back as anyone can remember – when the temperature rises, youths jump off the bridge on Border Street into the rapids below.

However, Police Chief James Hussey does not want anyone to get hurt and is very uncomfortable with this rite of passage in Cohasset.

For the second year in a row, he is going to increase patrols at the bridge. In fact as of July 1, when the seasonal officers come on board, there will be even more vigilance in the area.

"We will make sure the officers respond there and keep the kids moving," he said. Hussey said his department would be proactive and not wait for complaints or calls from concerned citizens.

"My biggest concern is the young kids," Hussey said. He explained the officers can pick up juveniles and deliver them to their parents or call their parents.

He has also considered levying fines for repeat offenders to act as a deterrent but will check out the process first and see if any legal hurdles need to be cleared. "It would be a drastic measure but is one we are considering," Hussey said.

With the mini-heat wave earlier this week and sunny skies on the weekend, the police log has peppered with calls about bridge jumpers.

Juvenile in trouble over fire alarm

Police are summonsing a juvenile (meaning the youth is under 17) to court on the charge of pulling a false fire alarm. The incident occurred at the middle-high school Thursday, June 15 at about 12:53 p.m. In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the school department and police, the school spoke with police about the incident.

"We contacted the parents and set up a time to talk to the teen with the parents present," Police Chief James Hussey said. "We are summonsing the child into court on charges of pulling the alarm." Police did not release the child's name on account of his age.

Girl approached by vehicle

A 15-year-old girl riding her bike alone along King Street at about 9:30 p.m., last Thursday, was approached by a man in what she described as a newer, black small station wagon. The man told her little girls should not be out alone at night and he offered to give her a ride home. When he pulled up again, she went into a yard on King Street and the car drove off. The girl was not able to provide a license plate. The incident is under investigation, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Detail officer hit by backhoe

A detail officer at Depot Court and South Main Street was hit in the shoulder with part of a backhoe that was working on the village project last Friday at 7:54

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Stolen laptop holds priceless memories

By Samantha Brown
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A laptop containing years of digital family photos was stolen from the Tedeschi family sometime during the night on Friday, June 16. The family lives on Beach Street. Paul Tedeschi said the car was unlocked and parked in the driveway when the laptop was stolen.

Tedeschi said the car was opened from the side closest to the street and other items such as his golf clubs, tennis racquets and his check book were not taken. He said the Cohasset Police Department took fingerprints Saturday morning and an investigation is under way.

The laptop is a silver, Dell Inspiron 8600 and it is password protected, which means whoever took it will not likely be able to use it. The Tedeschi family has offered up a $1,000 reward for a "no questions asked" return of the laptop. He said it is possible the laptop could have been discarded into the woods or even left at the boutique at the RTF if those who took it were not able to use it due to the password protection. He said more than anything, his family just wants the pictures back, as he does not have backups for his files.

Tedeschi said he was told by the police department there were a number of other thefts which took place over the weekend both at the Arts Festival on the Common and at the Swim Center. Sunday morning, he found an abandoned docking station for an IBM think pad, which could belong to someone else in the community and was also password protected and therefore useless to the person who took it.

Tedeschi said he walks his dog every morning and did not see the docking station the day before. He called the police which came and removed the docking station with rubber gloves on. It too will be dusted for fingerprints.

"I just want to remind people how important it is to back up your files," said Tedeschi, adding in the age of digital photographs, it is easier than ever to take pictures and upload them to a computer, but if that set of files is gone, you can be left with nothing. He said while he also used the laptop for business, it is the photos that mean the most and anyone with any information is urged to call the Cohasset Police Department at (781) 383-1055.

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Larceny at festival, vandals hit Cohasset Swim Center

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a.m. It's not clear what exactly happened but the backhoe's supports could have been being put in place and the machine then moved a couple of inches.. The officer was taken to South Shore Hospital to be checked out as a precaution, but he was not seriously injured, Police Chief James Hussey said. The backhoe was checked out for mechanical problems and was not defective, he said.

Larceny at the Festival

Police are investigating the theft of several items, including jewelry, pottery and ivy, over Friday night at the Festival on the Common. Police Chief James Hussey said the security guard said he saw three youths run from a tent at about 3:30 a.m. The thefts were reported at about 9:43 a.m. Saturday.

MVA at Spring and S. Main

Last Friday at 3:19 p.m. a Ford Mustang attempted to cross South Main from Summer Street over to Spring Street when it was involved in an accident. Police Chief James Hussey explained the operator of the Mustang apparently thought the intersection was a four-way stop. When the operator saw a gray 2002 Subaru traveling on S. Main Street slowing down as it approached the intersection, he thought it would stop but the Subaru did not. "There were no injuries; the mustang was towed from the scene and the operator was cited for failure to use care at an intersection," Hussey said.

Boat vandalized

A boat at the Sailing Club was vandalized over the weekend. The hatch cover was ripped off and the thief took hardware and a gas can adapter. Anyone with information should contact the police at 781-383-1055.

Swim Center vandalism

At 10:15 a.m. last Saturday police received a call about windows broken at the Swim Center and the theft of a cash box. The cash box was empty, Police Chief James Hussey said. He said the incident was more than a burglary. He said six windows were broken, therefore, the crime also involved vandalism. The matter is under investigation and anyone with information should contact the police at 781-383-1055.

Festival-goers' cars towed

Several Festival-goers could not locate their cars after attending the Festival on the Common because they had been towed. A fire captain reported the way several cars were parked would prevent a fire engine from being able to travel through the area and therefore the cars were towed for public safety reasons. The police log indicated five cars were towed last Saturday afternoon. Police Chief James Hussey said the cars were parked illegally.

Peacock causes a stir

Police received a call about a peacock on the roof of a home on Beechwood Street on Sunday followed by a call stating the woman was trying to catch the bird.

Chief James Hussey said Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy advises that an animal like that is wonderful to see. People should enjoy them but leave them alone, Hussey said.

Elworthy is new CEA director

Town Manager Bill Griffin has appointed Linda Elworthy of Salem, Mass. to be the town's next Director of Elder Services at the Council on Elder Affairs. Elworthy will take over for Kathy Bryanton, who retired at the end of May.

Selectmen voted Monday to waive their right to veto Griffin's appointment and approved bringing Elworthy on board.

"I am passionate about senior services," said Elworthy, adding by the year 2010 there will be 8 million seniors across the country and their needs will have to be met. "I am a fiscal bulldog," she said, adding she realizes the money spent by the CEA comes from the taxpayers and as a seasoned grant writer, she will do all she can to supplement the funding provided by the town.

Elworthy said her goal is to become a member of the community and she has been able to find temporary housing in Hull while she looks for a permanent residence in Cohasset. "I want to plant my feet here," she said, adding she can't wait until she no longer has to make the drive down from Salem. "I'm delighted to be here," she said.

Elworthy was one of 15 candidates for the position. At Griffin's request, the résumés which came in were reviewed by members of the CEA and the field was narrowed down to eight. Following interviews, the eight were reduced to four candidates and Griffin added a fifth to the final list, as the person is a current employee of the department.

An interview team comprised of Anna Abbruzzese of the CEA board, Director of Finance Michael Buckley and Hingham Council on Aging Director Barbara Farnsworth then developed a strong consensus Elworthy was the strongest candidate for the position.

Elworthy's was Director of Elder Services for the city of Salem from 1998 to 2006. When a new mayor was elected and severe budget cuts were made, the mayor decided to consolidate the elder services department with the recreation department and Elworthy's position was eliminated. She has also worked in the adult day health and long term care fields for many years and holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education from Emmanuel College. She has an extensive amount of grant writing and fund-raising experience.

Positive evaluation for Town Manager

Town Manager Bill Griffin's evaluation is complete and Selectmen ranked his performance as "superior" or "outstanding" in each category. Griffin was evaluated in seven different areas including: Proactively administers Town affairs, minimizes issues that require Selectmen intervention, keeps the Board informed of Town Affairs; Leads and manages the budget process effectively; Proactively administers the office of the Board of Selectmen, is responsive to individual board member requests (e.g. information), as well as to official Board decisions; Easy to communicate with and to work with; Accomplishes tasks in a timely manner; Provides leadership to the organization, inspires teamwork, good morale and positive results; Has met the goals and objectives set by the board for the evaluation period. Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said on behalf of the board, "We're glad to have Bill here."

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Beach association pays sticker fees

Town Manager Bill Griffin met with Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence June 7 to discuss beach stickers. Griffin said Lawrence informed him the person who donated the Sandy Beach property in roughly 1917, did so for the benefit of both Cohasset and Hingham residents. For many years, the Association has purchased 200 beach stickers from the town and sold them to Hingham residents.

After hearing the discussion during the June 5 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Lawrence asked an Association employee if the Association has been paying for the stickers and was told for several years the Association has not been billed for the stickers. When Lawrence found out, he brought in a check payable to the Town of Cohasset for $10,000, which represents five years of sticker fees. Lawrence and Griffin agreed future annual payments will be made in exchange for the stickers.

Village work update

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said work in the Village should hopefully be done by the end of this week. The first crosswalk was completed on Monday and 13 trees, which include chanticleer pears and lilacs, were planted Tuesday. Painting of the streets took place Wednesday night.

Dormitzer said there have been questions raised as to how the town arrived at the plan it currently has and why. He replied well over $300,000 was spent on designs with the Waterfield Design group, and when Town Manager Bill Griffin came on board in January 2005, the town tried to get away from using Waterfield.

Dormitzer said when the project was first put out to bid in January 2004, it included bluestone pavers for the sidewalks, not asphalt, but only one response came in and the bid was too high. The project was redesigned and went out to bid again and the town received a good bid for the $1 million it had left, Dormitzer said. He said the new design did not include streetscape work on Brook and Elm Streets, but hopefully the town will be able to secure additional grant money to improve those areas.

Dormitzer said there has been some question as to why there are "bumpouts" downtown and he said really, there are no bumpouts, only extended sidewalk ramps which comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. He said the ramps allow for accessibility to handicapped parking spaces. "It was all done with $1 million because that's all we had left," said Dormitzer.

Once the project is complete, Dormitzer said a list will be made of all improvements made and the cost associated with every improvement.

Committee vacancies

Several town committees currently have vacancies. The Cohasset Cultural Council and the Government Island Advisory Committee both have one, three-year seat open, while the Harbor Committee and Historical Commission both have two, three-year seats open. The Economic Development Committee and Harbor Health Committee both have one, one-year seat open. Anyone interested in participating should send a letter of interest to Town Manager Bill Griffin, 41 Highland Avenue.

Committee appts.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Frank Moody, 37 Rustic Drive, to the Harbor Health Committee at its Monday Meeting. Moody served as an associate member to the committee for the past eight months and said he has developed a genuine interest in working with the HHC's members to continue to address the issues with Cohasset's waters.

Moody was also a Naval submariner for 20 years and has been in harbors around the world. He said he is keenly aware of the problems associated with pollutants that are dumped into harbor waters. He was also an active member in Trout's Unlimited and addressed pollution and conservation of streams throughout the northeast.

The board also appointed Pat Martin, 169 Linden Drive, and Stephen Oronte, 2 Bound Brook Lane, to the Cable Advisory Committee. Martin is the co-host of "Our Town," the town's local cable access show, and has been working with both Comcast and the town's local Comcast Access Coordinator, Evelyn Burke since May 2005. She is currently one of six people in Cohasset "certified" by Comcast to use their equipment and film events on its behalf. For the past eight years, Oronte has run organizations and worked with technologies that are at the center of IP convergence, and he is completely familiar with the business models of the telephone, cable and Internet providers. He also works with and understands the implications of Municipal Wi-Fi and various Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, ubiquitous and pervasive network technologies.

Sewer Bd. reorganizes

At its Monday, May 22 meeting, the Sewer Commission voted to reorganize. Sean Cunning will serve as chairman with John Beck as vice chairman and Ray Kasperowicz as secretary.

Town cool to National Grid's plan to boost cell reception

By Samantha Brown
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Cell phone reception in some areas of Cohasset is less than crystal clear. To that end, Town Manager Bill Griffin asked Mike Cooper of National Grid to come before the Board of Selectmen at its June 19 meeting to introduce the concept of a Distributed Antenna System which could help remedy the problem.

National Grid is looking to install DAS equipment on several telephone poles in the towns of Cohasset and Scituate and has already begun installation in Hull, to provide wireless telephone carriers better reception in sections of town where reception is poor, resulting in "dropped calls." National Grid already services Nantucket, Andover and Melrose with DAS technology. Cooper said DAS allows better service for multiple wireless carriers without requiring the installation of a cell tower.

"We've been approached by many (wireless) companies," said Cooper, who noted when calls are dropped in an area, it is the wireless provider that receives the complaints. He said to satisfy the carrier's coverage objectives, the companies themselves (although he is not allowed to name specific companies, he said there are four major carriers) have contacted National Grid to pursue a cost-effective DAS solution. In some areas it is very difficult to receive permission to install cell phone towers due to zoning restrictions, and DAS provides an alternative.

DAS allows wireless carriers to locate their equipment at a "hub" which is essentially a small building similar to a shed. Cohasset would likely connect to a hub already in existence in Hull. The signals are then delivered over fiber to the radio cabinets, which are posted to a telephone pole with an antenna at the top. National Grid expects it would implement about 12 nodes in Cohasset to improve cell phone service.

Cooper said currently, there is existing poor coverage between Route 3A and the waterfront. While most of the time dropped calls are a nuisance, Cooper said the town needs to think about public safety and be able to ensure a 9-1-1 call can be made anywhere in town.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said the town currently has three cell phone towers and "They cover the town fairly well." He said some of the areas which do not have good reception, such as Jerusalem Road, have underground telephone wires and no poles which could be problematic. Cooper said when there are no poles to attach an antenna to, the other option is to install a pole, which Dormitzer said would not go over well with residents.

Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., asked whether the DAS could incorporate wireless internet as well. Cooper said while the company has been talking to a national wireless internet provider and at some point that could be an option, it is not currently.

Dormitzer said the town is interested in providing better service for its residents, but "I'm not sure we shouldn't look into other options," he said. While it seemed to him like a good place to start, he recommended the Cable Advisory Committee take up the task and report back to the board with other alternatives.

— WINDING DOWN THE RUMOR MILL —

AP classes are going strong at CHS

One of the rumors circulating around town is that there were no Advanced Placement courses offered at Cohasset High School this year, and there will not be any offered next year. Middle-high school Principal Joel Antolini said that is not true.

"This year, a total of 120 kids took AP level courses," said Antolini, adding the school offered AP English for grades 11 and 12, AP calculus, AP U.S. history, AP biology, AP Spanish and AP French. The school also accepted credits earned by one student who took an online AP physics course through the Harvard University Extension School.

Next year, the school will again offer AP English for grades 11 and 12, AP calculus, AP U.S. history and AP biology, and will be adding AP European history and AP chemistry. The school will also offer structured level five Spanish and French courses which will meet for two terms, and students will have the option to pursue the remainder of the class on their own through an independent study for AP credit during the second half of the year. Another student has signed up to participate in an independent AP government and civics course.

Antolini said currently, 142 students have signed up to take AP courses next year including 15 students who will take level five languages with the option to pursue the AP standing.

If you have a question for the Rumor Mill, contact Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or Samantha Brown at sambrown@cnc.com.

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Relay, arts fest make for wonderful weekend

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WONDERFUL WEEKEND

Hello Cohasset. Well, last weekend was a very busy one indeed with the Relay For Life taking place, the Festival on the Common and Father's Day. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cohasset raised over$160,000. More than 600 volunteers walked through the night to help raise funds and cancer awareness. Over 2,500 luminaria were lit to honor cancer survivors and remember those who have died of cancer.

It is amazing to see so many dedicated people come out for this important fundraising event. For more information about Relay For Life or for cancer information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call 1.800.ACS.2345 or log onto www.cancer.org. The Festival also brings out family and friends from all over to enjoy the wonderful spirit that shines each year on the Common. The weather was beautiful and so many tents, exhibits and art lovers were able to enjoy a weekend filled with beauty. Super job.

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations go out to **Lindy J. Morde** who made the dean's list at Coastal Carolina University for the spring 2006 semester. Super work Lindy.

ALL-STAR FUN

Congratulations to all of Cohasset's students who ended school this past Monday and Tuesday along with others who have finished as well. Let the summer begin...

It was a soggy day, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the players and spectators at the Cohasset Youth Baseball All-Star festivities on June 10th. The All-Star players competed in three challenges: The Golden Arm tested each player's throwing distance and accuracy. Each player was given three opportunities to throw from center field and hit at target at home plate. After a four-way tie and a "throw off", the winner was **Christian Allard** of the Rangers.

The Home Run Derby and Hitting contest drew the most excitement from the crowd when the future All-Star players ran out and line the outfield fence in hopes of catching a home-run ball! In this contest, points were given for home runs, balls hit to the outfield and against the outfield fence. Each player was pitched seven balls. **Patrick Kearney**, of the Cardinals, accumulated the most points earning him the Hitting contest champ.

But it was **Drew Cobin**, of the Mets, who hit the most home runs (a total of four) to win the Home Run Derby championship. Congratulations to these three players and to every CYBSA All-Star !

For more information about this and other baseball and softball news, go to our new website: CYBSA.net.

BAND VIDEO

Some wonderful news from the **DeWaal Family**. **John DeWaal**, who is a Music Ed. major and just completed his freshman year at UNH was featured in a UNH recruiting video for the marching band. To see this, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NbADK8SuQc

Great stuff John, your family and friends are so proud.

UNITED WAY

Celebrating the civic leadership that is alive in our community, United Way recently honored individuals and corporate and community partners that are helping to make the Greater Boston metropolitan region the best place in the country for children. This year, Cohasset resident **Ted Noon**, a Vice President at Acadian Asset Management was among those whose leadership and dedication to improving the community was recognized by United Way. At the event, UWMB honored Ted with the 2005 Young Leaders Award for his advocacy on behalf of individuals and families in Greater Boston and bringing UWMB's mission and vision to the future leaders of Boston. This was very inspiring news to receive, keep up the wonderful work Ted.

THAYER AWARD

Thayer Academy's Headmaster Ted Koskores is proud to announce that **Lindsey Allard** was honored with an award at the Last Chapel and Commencement ceremonies of 2006. Congratulations Lindsey.

HOLY CROSS HONORS

Katie Roche, a third-year student at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, has been named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2005-2006 academic year. Katie is the daughter of proud parents, **Adrian and Sarah Roche** of Cohasset. Katie is majoring in history, peace and conflict studies.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Join friends from town for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' at the Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday July 8th from 5-11p.m. All Parents and Adult Members of the CSC are invited to a New England style Lobster Bake and Silent/Live Auction to benefit the Club. The Party is BYOB and will be held at the Cohasset Sailing Club rain or shine. Tickets are $40pp payable to Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phone from **Barbara Golz** at 383-1597 or mail your check to 25 Wood Way. Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- if you have anything you would like, contact **Erik Golz** 383-1597 or egolz@comcast.net!

TENNIS ANYONE?

Here is another reminder about this great event coming up in July. Good weather is finally here and now is the time to get in shape for the 17th Annual Tennis Tournament to benefit Children's Hospital. As you may or may not be aware, each year a specific area within Children's Hospital is selected to fund raise for. In the past seven years, this group has given between $15,000-$23,000 to some of the neediest areas thanks to your generosity. They have included cardiology, autism, oncology, neonatal brain injury, kidney research and this year, the monies will be donated to the pediatric AIDS program. Many players ask why Children's Hospital is chosen; in short, the tradition began here in Cohasset in the 1950's with the inception of the tournament. **Jesse Cox** and her neighbors organized the tournament for Children's. The committee for this event strive to continue this tradition. Children's Hospital is close to all of their hearts as we all have utilized their expertise with our families. They all feel as a community, that everyone is so fortunate to have this world renowned hospital in our backyard! Save the dates for the event, July 22nd and 23rd (Saturday and Sunday).

For more information on this wonderful cause, go to www.cohassetbenefit.com.

PIRATE PARTY

Yo-Ho-Ho! Ahoy Me Hearties – Buttonwood Books & Toys is kicking off this summer with a Pirate Party, at Buttonwood, on Tue. Jun 27 at 10:30 AM. Pirate related book readings and activities are planned for budding buccaneers, ages 5 and up. This is a free event. Reservations are appreciated. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

That is all for this week. Send in all news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. William Finbarr Moore

Moore – Lille

Rachel Susan Lille, the daughter of Marianne Lille of Cohasset, and Dr. Robert Lille of Plymouth, married William Finbarr Moore, the son of Nuala Moore, and the late William Moore of Cobh, County Cork, Ireland, on Oct. 8, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Church in Brewster. The Rev. William Kelly officiated. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Ocean Edge in Brewster.

Maid of Honor was Rebecca Lille of Boston, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sara Moore of Arlington, Va., Kathryn Strickland of Hollywood, Calif., and Eileen Bell Tran of Melrose. Susanna Moore of Hingham, cousin of the bride, served as Flower Girl.

Patrick Moore of Seville, Spain, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Ushers were Thomas O'Mara Jr. of Hingham, cousin of the bride, Kevin Joyce of Mexico City, Mexico, and Nick Clark of London, England. Ronan O'Connor of Cobh, County Cork, nephew of the groom, served as Ring Bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She received a master's degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is the public relations director for the Heart Rhythm Society in Washington, D.C.

Her husband is a graduate of University College, Cork, and attended the London Business School. He is an engineer associate with Exxon Mobil in Fairfax, Va.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple are residing in Arlington, Va.

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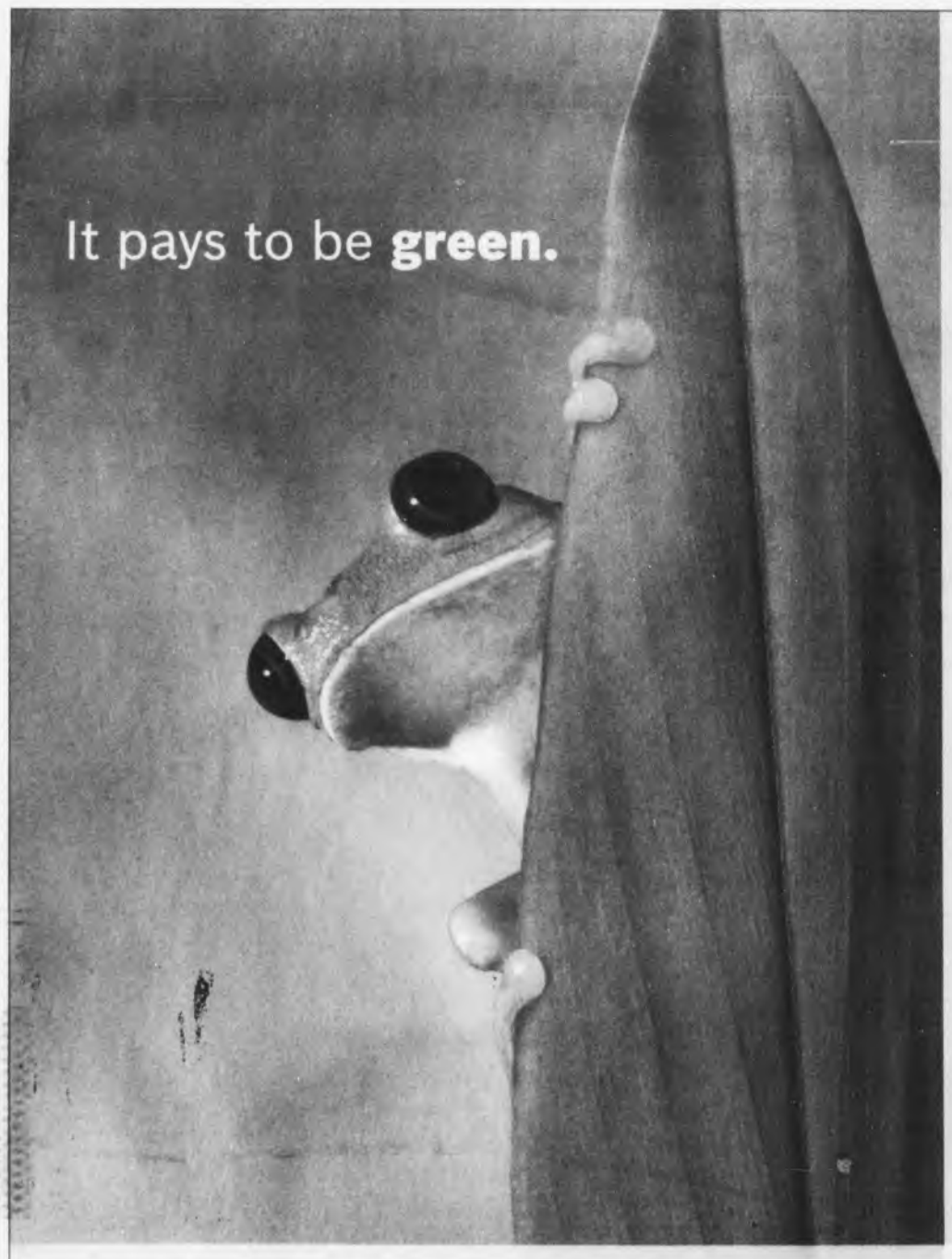

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Wedding gown display well worth a visit

The Cohasset Historical Society has partnered with Dependable Cleaners to bring its collection of antique wedding gowns back to their original state for its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." The exhibit opened June 8, with a "wedding luncheon." The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historical society, located in the Pratt building on S. Main Street, for the duration of the summer.

Right, June Withington stands next to the dress worn by her mother Margery Hamilton, which is now on display at the historical society as part of its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." The exhibit will be open throughout the summer during historical society hours.

This dress was treated by the experts at Dependable Cleaners in Cohasset Village, which partnered with the Cohasset Historical Society for its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings."

These four ladies have been busy for months readying the Cohasset Historical Society's collection of antique wedding gowns for the society's latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." From left to right are, Martha Hurtig, chair of the society's costume and textile department, Executive Administrator of the historical society Lynne DeGiacomo, Co-President of the historical society Kathy O'Malley, and Laura Abrams, curatorial assistant.

Right, June Withington, Laurie Hamilton and Sue Grant share a laugh during the "wedding luncheon" held at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island, just prior to the opening of the Cohasset Historical Society's latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings."

Many of the dresses for the historical society's latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings," were restored by Dependable Cleaners. As a member of the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists, Dependable Cleaners was able to safely bring many of the very delicate garments in the society's collection back to life.

Right, wedding dresses dating back to the 1800s are currently on display at the Cohasset Historical Society, located in the Pratt building on South Main Street. The society's latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings," will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the summer

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The Cohasset Historical Society has many vintage wedding items in its collection, which are currently on display during its latest exhibit, "Tying the Knot: 100 Years of Cohasset Weddings." Here a vintage photograph and wedding invitation are shown with some "wedding bonnets" during the exhibit opening June 8.

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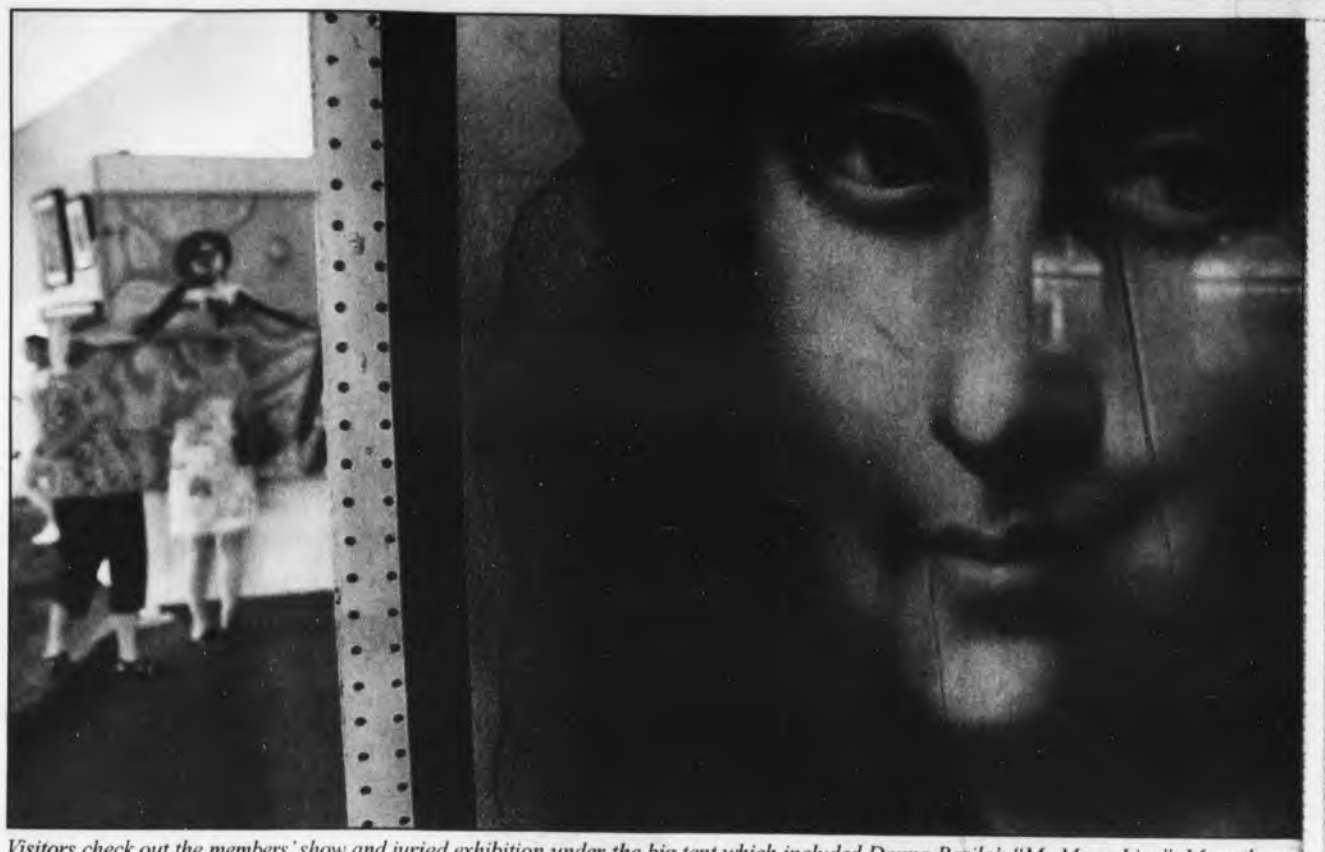
Ethan Ivy, 7, of Maine reaches up to squeeze a lemon half for a customer as he helps his dad work his lemonade stand, Steve's Lemonade, at the festival. The weather was sunny and warm, so lemonade sales were brisk.



Visitors check out the members' show and juried exhibition under the big tent which included Donna Basile's "My Mona Lisa." More than 300 area artists were featured.

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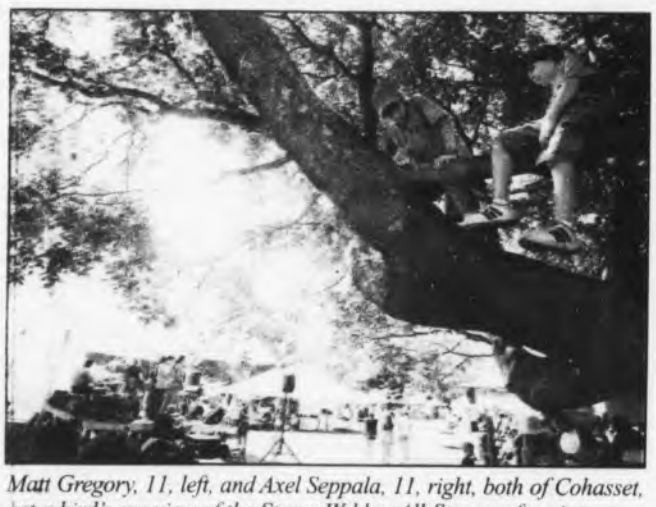
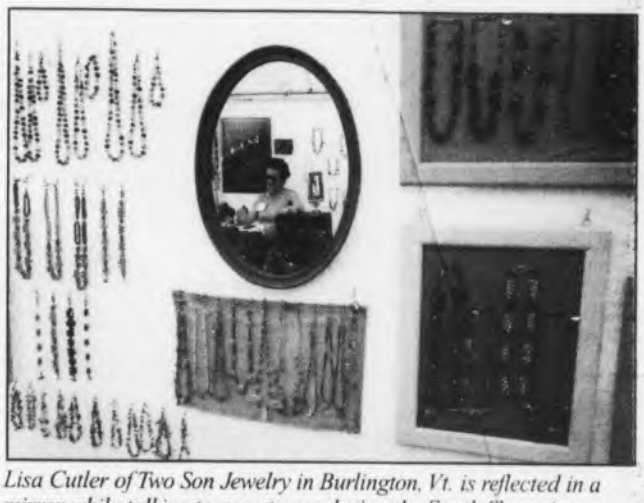
Spectacular weekend draws crowds to Cohasset



Matt Gregory, 11, left, and Axel Seppala, 11, right, both of Cohasset, get a bird's eye view of the Steven Webber All-Stars performing on the festival stage.

Trumpeter Mark Greel is framed by Andy Reiner's fiddle while the Steven Webber All-Stars entertain the crowed at Cohasset Common during the 51st annual Arts Festival over the weekend.

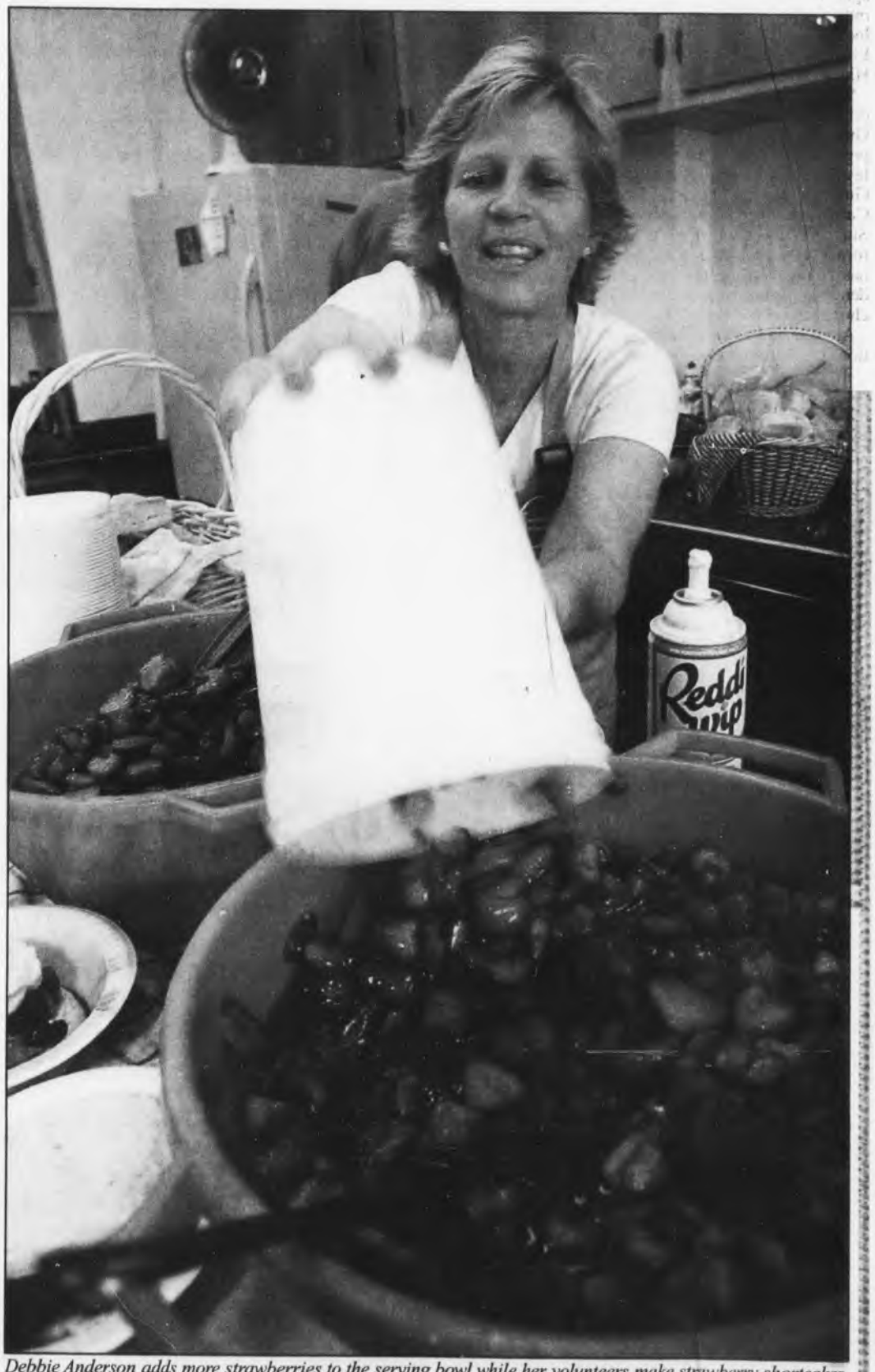
Staff photos by Robin Chan



Lisa Cutler of Two Son Jewelry in Burlington, Vt. is reflected in a mirror while talking to a customer during the South Shore Art Center's 51st Arts Festival on the Common. Two Son Jewelry was one among dozens of artisans at the popular event.

Jane Wrenn, 6, of Cohasset paints the ground for her painting of a dog in the Kids Tent at the festival. The annual event draws upwards of 10,000 people over three days and has something for all ages.

An array of colors sparkle from Catilin Burch's Glassworks' vases at her booth during the Arts Festival which drew shoppers looking for something artistic and unique. Glassworks is based in Putney, Vt.



Debbie Anderson adds more strawberries to the serving bowl while her volunteers make strawberry shortcakes at the Second Congregational Church. The Strawberry Fest at the church is always a delicious addition to the Arts Festival.

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Deer Hill students Hunter Forrer, Devin Kennedy, Anne McElgunn, Nicholas Schubert, and Danny Cronin pose with the pop art sculpture which was also on display last weekend at the Arts Festival on the Common.

A ride through American Pop Culture

The sculpture uses the style made famous by well-known sculptor, Pepon Osorio.

This pop art sculpture was designed by the Deer Hill students on Arts Night this past May. Using American Pop Culture as a theme, the children collected objects of their choice including plastic toys, sequins, logos, and other knickknacks representing our society. The children glued objects to the bicycle, also an important part of our society, to create this wonderful masterpiece.

The sculpture uses the style made famous by well-known sculptor, Pepon Osorio. An avid collector of pop cultural knickknacks, Osorio often sculpted using plastic dolls, miniature toys, beads, and game pieces, including emblems representing his Latino heritage.

The sculpture, which was on display in the Kids Tent at the Arts Festival on the Common, drew a crowd of admirers!

Fredrick Guzasky directs music school in Hingham

Conservatory Teaching in Your Community, an organization originally begun as a satellite school of the Boston Conservatory some 10 years ago, is now an independent music school opening a new location at Hingham Music at Lincoln Plaza, Route 3A, Hingham.

Still managing the school is director Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky, along with a staff of professionals, all with master-level-plus degrees in music. Guzasky teaches at MIT in Cambridge and Bridgewater State College, and also performed and taught in Russia. He has a large private studio of students of piano, organ, harpsichord and cello.

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The conservatory's staff at its various locations, includes: Guzasky, Sargis Karapetyan, Sarah Brady, Evelyn Czaja, Kathy Planeta and Maureen Connolly.

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School buildings to be monitored 24/7 by police

FROM SCHOOL SECURITY, PAGE 1

or it could choose to bring the item to Town Meeting in the fall and ask voters to approve having the town pay for it as a capital expense. If the town chose not to fund the project, Walsh said the Foundation Reserve funds would be used. The state gave Cohasset $21,000 in November 2004 and $205,000 in October 2005, for a total of $226,000 and so far, none of the funds have been spent.

"We have parents covering the doors and I think they're tired," said School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy. The doors at all three schools are locked during the day and Osgood does not have a buzzer which allows the main office to let people in. Parent volunteers have been staked out at the main door of the school all year long to open the door and sign guests in. MacCarthy said there would also be a cost savings to do all three projects at the same time. "In an ideal world, this shouldn't even be coming before us because this is a capital item. But, it's our students and our staff," she said.

Member Rick Flynn agreed and said if the school department waits another year to put in a new system at Osgood, it will undoubtedly cost more to do it separately. He said with the bomb threats and vandalism which have taken place at the high school this past year, "I think security is pretty important and I don't think we can count on volunteers to be our security."

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— Rick Flynn, School Committee

Walsh said the new system would be "state of the art," but did not mention the police department would be able to have 24-hour monitoring of the schools. She also said Griffin put together a Request for Proposals with the Osgood Project included, to allow all three to be bid on at the same time.

In an interview after the meeting, Griffin said the town was able to bypass the RFP process. He explained after the Water Department made upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant and its water system as a whole, it decided to install cameras to monitor the new system and plant, just in case anything ever goes wrong. Those cameras are in the process of being installed as are the monitors at the police station.

Griffin said after consulting with Town Counsel, who in turn contacted the state, he was told the town could bypass the RFP process and purchase the equipment from the same provider to enable the police station to keep tabs on both the water and school department security systems using the same equipment. The only requirement is that the company that installs the equipment (as it does not have to be the company the town purchases from) is certified for installation by the state.

School Building Committee Chairman Scott Collins said his committee has had the money set aside for the Deer Hill and middle-high school portion of the project for more than one year. "This has been a long time coming," he said, adding the committee had been looking at a variety of different security systems even before the string of vandalism and bomb threats which took place this year. He said the company offered the town a great price, as all three systems together will cost roughly $230,000 and it made sense to have a system installed that would be compatible with the system at the police station. He also said there were several benefits with the system chosen which the other possibilities did not include.

Collins said the Building Committee is "very excited. This is a great system and we hope it will be able to deter any future incidents." He said the goal is to install the equipment over the summer when there aren't any children or many staff members in the building, and have it up and running in the fall.

Fees on town side of the budget ledger are going up

FROM COST, PAGE 1

number of pumps that would be affected the most are the companies that pass the cost along to the larger corporation.

The sealer of weights expenses are estimated to be roughly $3,507 for fiscal 2007. Sealer permit revenues for the pas three fiscal years have been $1,335 in fiscal 2004, $1,275 for fiscal 2005 and the year to date estimate for fiscal 2006 is $1,281.

The building department has three other permitting functions which generate revenue, for which Griffin said the town is on track and should not increase fees. Building permit fees bring in the most revenue for the department, and it currently charges a fee of $10 per $1,000 of construction cost. The fee for residential building permits was increased from $6 to $10, effective July 1, 2005, while the commercial fee remained at $10.

The town has calculated the total fiscal 2007 expenses for building permit-related activities (including all direct and indirect expenses) will be $123,260. In fiscal 2004, building permit revenues were $121,090. That number increased to $200,299 in fiscal 2005. The year-to-date revenue total for fiscal 2006 is $221,980. Griffin said it is important to note, towns are not allowed to set fees to bring in more money than it costs to run the program or it is considered a tax. However, building department fees are different because "they are driven by activity in town," and it is therefore hard to gauge how much revenue will be brought in.

Griffin said both the towns of Scituate and Hingham charge $10 per $1,000 for residential construction. Scituate also charges $10 per $1,000 for commercial construction, while Hingham charges $15 per $1,000. He said Cohasset's revenue is right where it is supposed to be.

Griffin said the total fiscal 2007 expenses for wiring permit-related functions will be roughly $23,838. Revenues for the past three fiscal years have been $16,535 in fiscal 2004, $16,435 in fiscal 2005 and $22,400 for the year-to-date fiscal 2006 calculation. Griffin noted in addition to the usual wiring inspections, the wiring inspector also provides direct electrical services for the town itself.

The plumbing and gas permit expenses for fiscal 2007 are estimated to be roughly $10,000. Revenues for the past three fiscal years have been $14,964 in fiscal 2004, $14,065 in fiscal 2005 and $15,391 as a year-to-date for fiscal 2006.

Selectmen also approved Griffin's recommendation to increase the town's ambulance billing rates to 30 percent above the allowable Medicare rates and that it authorize the Town Manager to adjust ambulance billing rates in the future, based upon the recommendation of the town's ambulance service. In addition, he suggested the town contract with a third-party collection agency to pursue past due bills.

Cohasset contracts with Comstar, which handles all of the town's ambulance fee billings and collections. Comstar handles billings for more than 200 municipalities in New England. On Wednesday, June 7, Griffin met with Rick Martin, President and CEO of Comstar to better understand the town's billing rates.

Griffin said Comstar recommends billing rates for ambulance-related activities, including, but not limited to, Advanced Life Support service, Basic Life Support service, oxygen, airways, intravenous therapy, defibrillation and mileage.

When the Cohasset Fire Department transports a patient to a hospital, a report is generated and sent to Comstar which details the range of medical services provided. Comstar then bills and collects those fees, primarily from Medicare and health insurance providers, and then transfers the revenue back into the town's bank account.

Under Medicare regulations, only certain fees for services are allowed. Griffin said for example, Medicare charges $435 for ALS service, $48 for oxygen, and $146 for cardiac monitoring. It is Comstar's common practice to recommend local billing rates 30 percent above the Medicare allowed rates. Griffin said this is based on a national analysis that Medicare reimbursement rates are approximately 70 percent of the true cost of services. "At present, our rates are approximately 24.5 percent above the Medicare allowed rate," he said.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln agreed with Griffin's recommendation but said if the fees are raised too high, the town would run the risk of having residents not pay their bills. "We've been very successful at collecting," he said, adding the town is collecting roughly 91 percent of its billings.

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No more free rides for some students

FROM BUS FEES, PAGE 1

student the school department could see $217,260 in revenue next year. However, there is no way to tell just how many students would continue to ride the bus if charged a fee.

DeGennaro said a one-day sampling of actual bus ridership showed the middle-high school has 287 riders, Deer Hill has 231 and the Osgood School has 257. Based on the sampling of actual bus ridership, the school department would more likely see around $102,780 brought in, assuming no loss of ridership.

Regardless of whether a student is bused for free or not, every child will need to have a bus pass with the exception of special needs students who attend out-of-district placements or receive special transportation in district. Applications for bus passes must be received by the school by the end of July, and will be sent to the home for parents to fill out and return. No student will be allowed to board the bus without a valid bus pass on the first day of school. Based upon income, households may be eligible for transportation fee waivers.

Students who drive themselves to school will also be charged $180 to have a parking space for the entire year. The school has 120 spaces available and parking will be granted to seniors first. A one-day sample was taken on May 16 and there were 112 total student cars parked on that day. Using that figure and assuming there are 112 students driving next year, the school could see $22,320.

But there will be administrative costs associated with the program, as billing, collecting, handling applications, generating bus passes and other tasks will need to be handled by a staff member. Total administrative costs are anticipated to be roughly $15,000.

School Committee member Jamie Williams said she was in support of implementing the fees. "We need to protect the educational environment," she said, and collecting money to take care of transportation costs will help ensure money earmarked for the classroom does not go toward paying for transportation. "My priority is to not touch the classroom," she said.

Members of the School Committee said it is important for parents to know the parking sticker for students is separate from the all-facilities stickers which are purchased for access to the RTF and parking at Government Island and Sandy Beach.

How are other towns setting fees?

District	Bus fees	Parking fees
Cohasset	$180 per student $540 family cap	$180 per student
Duxbury	$180 per student $360 family cap	$50 per student
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Hingham	$0	$5-$10 high school
Hull	$0	$0
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Norwell	$200 per student $350 family cap	$25 per student
Scituate	$230 per student $450 family cap	$0

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Joining the team to fight cancer

If you find yourself letting the little things in life bother you, then make it a point to either take part in, or attend next year's Cohasset Relay For Life.

The fact is those of us lucky enough to have our health really have it all. Health is a gift, one that we take for granted until a potential killer strikes like cancer.

Cancer takes so many forms and can attack and invade a person in so many different ways causing everything from very serious to not-so-serious illness. There is virtually no one on the planet who has not been touched by the disease in some way.

Harry St. Onge, the Cohasset Relay For Life chairman, notes being a cancer survivor can be a tough community to belong to. He explained the community could lose someone like Cohasset's Mardi Wood, for whom this year's Relay was dedicated. Mardi, who passed away in February, had walked the Relay for three years. This year her family and friends formed "S-Miles for Mardi" and raised more than $15,000 at the Relay.

The Relay is as uplifting and as it is sobering. Seeing 61 cancer survivors walk the track in the Survivors' Lap puts faces on the fight to find a cure for cancer and to increase awareness about early detection and treatment of the disease.

Seeing literally thousands of luminaria surround the track Friday night and the candles on the bleachers spelling out the names of Mardi Wood and Lisa Audet — a 34-year-old Hingham High teacher who passed away earlier this month – give all of us courage. However, there is also the stark realization that some have ultimately lost their battle with this dreaded disease.

Many may not realize that until the 1950s, cancer was considered such a death sentence that the disease was only discussed privately, behind closed doors. Babe Ruth, who died of complications from throat cancer in 1948, played a significant role in cancer awareness. His legions of fans were stunned when it was announced that Ruth had cancer. How could this happen to an American icon? Ruth literally brought cancer out of the closet.

We have come a long way in the past 60 years.

Another aspect of the cancer fight that the Relay brings to light is the involvement of children. Teams made up of kids have highlighted each of the 10 annual Cohasset Relays. These young people – many of whom know a family member or friend with the disease – are about the best example of really great kids that can be found anywhere.

Hingham's Katie Egan, a cancer survivor, gave the opening address on Friday night. Katie, now a senior at Hingham High School, was in the fourth grade when she was diagnosed with cancer. For two years, her elementary school classmates came together with a Relay team for her, "The Yellow Polka Dotted Penguins." Katie, who is the daughter of Cohasset Building Commissioner Bob Egan, has walked with the "Hingham Highkers" for three years.

Organizing a team and participating in the overnight event is no small feat, but the kids seem to understand their efforts pale in comparison to the courage of those with cancer.

Each year, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a candle of hope lighting the future for all those whose lives have been darkened by this feared and potentially deadly disease.

The Relay for Life raises funds for cancer research, memorializes the immortality of love for those who have lost their valiant battles against cancer, grants life-saving hope to those now engaged in that battle, and celebrates the lives of cancer survivors.

The Relay for Life is there for those who want to help and those who may need help.

We take our hats off to the American Cancer Society and all those involved with the Relay For Life. We thank you.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Relay raises upwards of $160K

TO THE EDITOR:

The final numbers are not in but the 2006 Relay held in Cohasset and encompasses Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate will have raised over $160,000. Our average raised per team will be around $5,000. This is a tremendous effort for all those who participated and contributed to this event.

To put this into perspective nationally there are over 4,400 Relays every year. The national average per Relay is $80,000. The national team average is over $1,800. We are a small group but we are very efficient, productive and we are making a difference.

What always amazes me about the Relay is the outpouring of community spirit and the number of youth teams that are involved. Nearly one third of out teams were youth teams. We had the "Tenacious Teens" from Hingham raising over $15,000. The combined effort of all the youth teams was $52,500. This is remarkable considering they do this all on their own. They organize their own teams, plan their own fund raising and actively participate in the event. We have to be proud of this generation because they will only be getting more active as they move through life. They have to be proud of themselves because their efforts really make a difference in the success of our event.

There are so many people and organizations to thank that have supported us thorough the year. But a few that we can always count on for support and space are Cohasset High School for the use of the library for our monthly meeting and the use on the field to hold the event, the Second Congregational Church for the use of their facilities for our team meetings, for all the business sponsors for their contributions of money, food or gifts, for all of the team captains for their support and enthusiasm and for all of the volunteers that helped make it work and we can not thank the team members enough because they are the people that raise the money.

Our four towns are great communities and we should all be proud to be part of them. The Relay is a true community event drawn together to create awareness and raise money to fight cancer. We were very successful doing both and we really enjoyed process.

Harry St.Onge
Relay For Life Chairperson

Keep positive momentum going

COMMENTARY

LAURA STONE

Even though it's summer, we still need to move ahead. Our schools, senior citizens, town projects still need to figure out how to best proceed.

We are making progress with advancing our conversations about what is possible for the future of our schools and town. We have better understanding of some of the issues and opportunities most important to the people who attended these meetings. Now we move into the strategic phase. This phase is where the Action Champions, the people who have stepped forward and are taking responsibility for topics they have passion about need to work through how to best help this work get traction and continue to make progress.

At our last meeting Rick Flynn shared that we ideally need to bring together our governing bodies and the Action Champions to continue our work. This would be a great next step if they are willing and interested in helping to create a town strategy to address the critical issues and opportunities. Let's think together now what this might look like and include.

Also, many people have been behind the scenes helping to bring this work forward.

Huge thanks goes to Sarah Porter who was willing to have the PSO sponsor these events and help get the word out to all the schools and parents. Steve Fusco created the website and continuously updated it during an extremely busy time at work. Soon Tracy Longo will be continuing this work to help keep us all updated. Lou Harvey compiled all the reports to make it easier for us to have "one stop shopping" in preparation for our second meeting. In addition Lou and Terry Green are working together to figure out how to best make the budget work more transparent. Mike Gill help set up the logistical needs at the high school during one of the busiest times of the year. Joe McElroy and Paul Carlson helped set up meeting rooms along with providing support and suggestions to move ahead. Jim Armstrong loaned us the great sound system for our first meeting. Lee Stone has helped to keep communication progressing and helping with everything else in between. And there are many people doing great work in many other areas.

Even though it's summer, we still need to move ahead. Our schools, senior citizens, town projects still need to figure out how to best proceed. As a reminder, if you are an Action Champion, please submit your session summary report to info@togethercohasset.com. We look forward to seeing what occurred!

On July 13, the Action Champions will be meeting at the Paul Pratt Library to move the work forward. All are welcomed.

Laura Stone lives at 46 Gammons Road. She served as facilitator at the recent "What's Possible" forums held at the middle-high school.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Selectmen, School Committee, (joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 at 7 p.m.) Check with the Town Clerk for updates and location.
Cohasset Cultural Council, June 26, 7-8:45 p.m., at the library.
Conservation Commission, July 6 & 20, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, June 26, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Economic Development Committee, June 26, 7:15 p.m.
Library Trustees, July 12, 6:30 p.m. at the library.
Recreation Commission, June 28, 6 p.m.
Selectmen, July 10, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, June 26, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, July 5, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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Why village work decisions were made

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Train dialog is ongoing

We'd like to make several things very clear. The MBTA, Cashman, Balfour Beatty (CBB) and the Town are in constant dialog. Yes, we do disagree on some key, and some not so key, issues. But, we do talk constantly with both of them and our dialog remains open. We also need to keep in mind that our goals are not necessarily the same. The MBTA is tasked with getting a rail system designed, constructed and running on time and on budget. At the same time, CBB, as the design build contractor, is charged with designing and then building the rail system to meet the MBTA specifications, schedule and budget. Our job as the Town's representatives for the project is to protect our residents and get the best rail system we can within Cohasset, as well as operate as an information pipeline between our residents, our Town Government and the Project. In this role, we are accountable to the Town Manager, who of course, works for the Board of Selectmen.

You might ask, why all of this detailed explanation? Simple — we don't want to leave anyone with the impression that there is not constant dialog between all parties. We do meet, we do discuss and we do solve a lot of issues, both large and small. Issues are resolved almost daily. However, there are also issues, both large and small which have not been resolved. Some of these are more difficult than others. That is why the Board of Selectmen has instituted Informal Dispute Resolution with the MBTA. Officially that process kicked off on June 21, 2006 with a meeting between the Town and the MBTA.

One last Greenbush item: We are being told that North Main Street should be open in 1 to 2 weeks.

Revitalization

There has been a lot of discussion about the Revitalization Project among various residents. We'd like to share some of the background and decisions. You may remember that this project first began in the very early 1990s with a small group of citizens who proposed a project to renew and improve the appearance of the Village. In 1996 several generous residents provided the seed money and effort to begin a study, hire a project leader to assist in the initial conceptualization among residents in order to create a vision for Revitalization.

The Cecil Group, was hired to turn the original ideas into a rough design. About the same time as the rough design was being finalized, the Town made an application for a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to cover the cost of this Revitalization project. This seemed like an appropriate move for the Town because in the Greenbush Section 106 Historic and Archeological Mitigation hearings the MBTA agreed that it would endorse grant applications from the five Greenbush Towns. Also, the Revitalization Committee had built a strong collection of data required to apply for a PWED grant. At the same time, the Town had hired its first Town Planner, who had the capability to pull all the data together and write a very cogent grant request. All of these things coalesced for the Town to write an excellent grant request which was well received. The grant for $1.5 million was awarded by the Secretary of Transportation, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen at a ceremony on the Common near the duck pond.

In the fall of 2002, the Town Manager hired Waterfield Design Group to do the final design and put the project out to bid. Many meetings and hearings were held and designs were done and redone. The project finally went out to bid in summer of 2004, with a very complicated set of basic specifications, including 4 sets of addenda and 51 pages of complex drawings. The cost to the Town for the engineering design over the two-year period was slightly more than $300,000, leaving just less than $1,200,000 for the construction phase. The bid was structured as a lump sum bid. Only one bid was received in 2004 and it was for more than the amount remaining in the grant. So, here we were with not enough money to do the job.

In the winter of 2005 the Revitalization Committee was reconvened to decide how to approach this project. It was decided to:

- Simplify the project. i.e. Remove the multitude of options and drop back to a more basic design which included new storm drainage, new asphalt sidewalk and streets, upgraded crosswalks and a few small decorative touches including 11 new street trees.
- Partition the project into a series of sections, so that if the bid came in too high, the Town could select some of sections for construction assuring us of the ability to proceed with construction.
- Change the way the job was bid from "Lump Sum" to "Unit Pricing." ("Lump Sum," as the name implies, is a fixed price for a total scope of construction. "Unit Pricing" permits the Town to pay only for the actual work done. Under Lump Sum, for example the contractor assumes the risk of having to deal with the possibility of excavating buried ledge to install the new drainage pipes, while under "Unit Pricing," if the contractor does not encounter any ledge we don't pay for it.)

The results of this work were presented to the Board of Selectmen in March of 2005. They requested that a public hearing be held before proceeding. On April 7, 2005, a public hearing was held in the Selectmen's office for the public to ask questions about the new specifications and the Town's approach to Revitalization. Only, three citizens attended and very few questions were asked.

New crosswalks finally get installed in Cohasset Village.

At this point, the Town decided to put the project out to bid. By the way, the new bid package had about 50 percent fewer pages of specifications and only 31 pages of plans. The specification revisions cost the Town an additional $20,000.

This time we had three bidders and the low bidder was selected. However, due to substantially higher energy costs resulting in much higher construction costs, only the most basic portion of the project could be undertaken within our budget. There was not enough money to do Brook and Elm streets nor to do South Main Street from the Red Lion Inn to Spring Street. By carefully monitoring the actual work being done under the "Unit Pricing" method we were able to save enough money to go ahead and do Brook and Elm Street drainage. So now, when we go back to do these streets all of the underground drainage will have been done.

So, if we didn't have enough money to do South Main Street why did we do it? That's an interesting story. The Town DPW had already decided that this stretch of South Main Street was critical and needed to be repaved in 2002 and had earmarked Chapter 90 money (a special fund from the Commonwealth for road repair) for this purpose. When we compared the cost of using the standard Commonwealth pricing for the necessary South Main Street repairs the amount that was bid under Revitalization contract was less expensive and included brand-spanking new sidewalk with granite curbing. That seemed like a no brainer so we included it in the Revitalization project, but paid for it from Chapter 90 funds.

So, at this point despite three weeks of rain delays, and almost 16 years of hard work by a large number of citizens, we are finally nearing the end of a very important upgrade to our village. We've tried to keep both residents and merchants appraised throughout the project. We'll continue this until all is finished.

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Getting the hang of soccer

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

If there is anything in life, outside of eating okra, that I never got the hang of it was soccer.

Oh, I played it myself. I played it for the Thomas A. Watson School team, mostly because it was the only fall sport on the curriculum and it sure beat doing pushups in the schoolyard during recess.

My graduation from the eighth grade coincided with my graduation from soccer.

I am reminded of my brief soccer career — the height of which was my dash for home from the playing field of Watson Park through wildly swaying trees as the Hurricane of 1938 approached — every four years when men who take the game much more seriously than I gather to decide who plays it better than anyone else in the world.

They're doing that right now in a number of venues in Germany and they are drawing crowds that would make the Red Sox and the Evil Empire turn green with envy. Just the other day, Portugal and Iran drew 48,000 to a World Cup game in Frankfort.

At the same time, our professional soccer team, the Revolution, was playing DC United of Washington before 16,208 in Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, where Tom Brady and the Pats pull in nearly four times that many on a Sunday afternoon with another 16,000 tailgating in the parking lot with their radios on.

Why has soccer never caught on in the United States, and don't tell me it's the okra of the sports world because it does have some good qualities that raise it to level of, say, lima beans.

For one thing, there's the scoring. Or, rather, there's the no scoring. How can you get excited over a game where a 1-0 victory is considered a rout? The latest US effort in Germany was a 1-1 tie with Italy. After two games it's one goal for, three against. Tom Brady can top that in a second with one pass.

Then there's that off side rule where a player can't take a pass if he is nearer the goal than the passer when the ball is passed to him. At least I think that's what it says. After that, there is a long list of exceptions known only to the referee and, if the crowd's reaction means anything, he won't tell.

That doesn't seem to bother soccer fans everywhere but in the United States. The record crowd is 199,854 for a World Cup game between Brazil and Uruguay in Rio in 1950. The Sox and the Evil Ones wouldn't draw that in a three game series if you counted the players and the press, too.

A soccer player named Alan Shearer signed a 15.6 million pound ($22.4 million) contract with Newcastle United in the British league in 1996. That certainly compares favorably to the paychecks of Alex Rodriguez with the Yankees and Manny Ramirez with the Sox.

Real Madrid in the Spanish league paid 13 billion pesetas ($66 million) to Juventus in 2001 for the services of Zinedine Zidine and the biography of Brazilian star Pele has been translated into more than 100 foreign languages.

That ain't okra, or even lima beans.

Personality contrasts can't hamper wedded bliss

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

You wouldn't know it by the way we dress, but my wife and I are generally very compatible. She likes to laugh at her own foibles and shortcomings and so do I. Her malapropisms alone are hilarious. She likes to sing, and I like to turn up the radio. She enjoys spending time alone, more and more as time goes on it seems, and I like to tag along when she's alone in case she needs some company. There are good reasons we've been married for 13 years. I know because I feel like I explain them to her on a weekly basis.

But I'd be lying if I said there weren't a number of things she could definitely work on. For example recently we had to replace our hamper. Now, there are two steps to replacing an object in daily use: 1) buy a new object, and 2) throw out the old object. I feel the order here is important, but my wife tends to throw out the old hamper or automobile or defibrillator first, then leisurely shop for a new one. I think she's afraid that if she doesn't chuck the old hamper swiftly, with extreme prejudice, I will intercept it on the way to the dump and use it to store rusty bolts rather than part with it, eventually suffocating my family under the weight of all this repurposed junk. Where she gets these paranoid theories, and exactly how often they've been confirmed in the past, I'd rather not say. The point is that once the children and I began tossing our dirty clothes in the hamperless corner of the upstairs hallway, it wasn't long before we felt free to toss them pretty much anywhere we pleased. The kids have even taken to tossing their used underwear on the lawn, the effect of which, when combined with an old canoe and my systematic under-fertilization of the grass, has been the decrease of property values in our neighborhood by an average of 15 percent.

In a nutshell my wife tends to act rashly and emotionally, whereas I take the more prudent approach of never acting at all. One morning as she waded through the dirty clothes in our upstairs hallway she decided on a whim that its walls needed repainting in a different color. As always I counseled patience but she ignored me and drove off to buy the paint. Then, as if just to prove me right, she got pulled over on Forest Avenue and her car was towed because I had neglected to register it that year. So you can see our different styles are often at odds.

Sometimes I wish our Catholic retreat had prepared us a little better for these personality clashes. For the non-Catholics out there, this retreat is a weekend excursion engaged couples take to monasteries or convents where you learn the ins and outs of married life from people who have taken vows of poverty just to avoid the ordeal you're facing. In truth I have very fond memories of our retreat, which took place in a hilly, secluded part of Gilroy California. As we sat with several other couples listening to a young priest talk about the various methods of birth control sanctioned by the church, the blessings of a life full of surprises, and the tax benefits of a large family, my bride-to-be took copious notes, which I thought was a great sign, while I ogled the nuns. I couldn't help it, I've always had a thing for over-dressed women. For me the more that's left to the imagination the better, because I have this unbelievable imagination. Anyway the class was going fine and I was making lots of new cloistered friends, but that night I sensed a certain distance between me and my fiancée. Then I realized that for the first time in two years we were sleeping in separate quarters. Oh I'm kidding of course! I don't really have a thing for nuns. Though I have to say I felt a strange attraction to the priest. Anyway, getting back to my betrothed, to whom I'm also strangely attracted, was difficult after spending time with those nuns. I'm sure I don't need to tell you. I was spoiled for good. But I did go through with the wedding that fall and it was a lovely, fun time. Every nun I invited showed. They even enjoyed my bachelor party. I still keep in touch with the ones who talk.

You know, when I think about how much fun my wife and I have had together it seems awfully tacky to harp on the minor differences between us. I'm going to ask her to stop doing that. And to use the old hamper I rescued from the incinerator while we wait for a neighbor to leave us a new one some night.

John Lengyel lives in Cohassset with a large family that includes his wife, who has an excellent sense of humor but probably doesn't need to hear about this article.

Recent rains caused raw sewage overflow

COMMENTARY

JIM DRYSDALE

After the recent heavy rains the Waste Water Treatment Plant was unable to deal with an increased flow, the tanks overflowed, raw sewage filled the plant and then poured into James Brook and flowed onto properties surrounding Jacobs Meadow. The situation was made worse by the tide gate which blocked flow to the sea. There have been several such incidents. These overflows raise health safety concerns that should be addressed before new sewer connections are made.

The health issues are obvious. Sewage failures also occurred in towns on the Merrimac River. In these cases, the danger was immediately reported to the media and the public repeatedly warned to avoid contact with the river and sea water on affected beaches. However, I am unaware of any such warnings to residents of Cohasset with this or previous incidents. I think the town is morally obliged to warn residents and those using the harbor or consuming possibly contaminated seafood of this problem. Without this warning the town is also exposed to potentially damaging lawsuits.

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In dry periods, the plant usually treats about 200,000 gallons per day but this can increase several fold during floods so that much more water can enter the system from outside sources than from connected homes. The plant is therefore presently operating with only a small safety margin. This inflow problem should be corrected before the safety margin is further reduced by the proposed sewer expansion. Otherwise we can expect more discharges of raw sewage.

The tide gate adds to the problem. It is ill suited for flood control and is designed primarily to limit entry of sea water. However, most of the flooding in the downtown area comes from James Brook not the sea and the State-mandated gate settings are not appropriate for dealing with increased stream flow. The gate should be replaced with a more suitable system. Serious consideration should also be given to building a retention pond on James Brook above town centre to control floods as was recently expensively recommended by two engineering firms.

Finally, it is quite remarkable that a safety bypass was apparently not installed in the treatment plant to allow untreated sewage to be discharged through the present outlet to the sea. This would prevent further damage to the plant and serious health risks to the plant operators and residents near Jacobs Meadow.

Jim Drysdale lives at 4 Cedar Acres Lane.

Village project talk continues

Our Town discussion continues about Cohasset's Downtown Revitalization Project.

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris joins co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to raise questions on whether the project has followed the original plans voted in by the town.

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Political activist Nancy Garrison takes the position that the project is in line with the town's wishes and provides her understanding of the goals and outcomes of the current project.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

HEALTH NOTES

Measles can still be dangerous

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On May 5, an outbreak of measles began in the Back Bay. By June 4, seven people had been infected. The source was a computer programmer who had flown in from India on April 24th. According to the CDC, measles is one of the most infectious diseases in the world. It occurs most often in the late winter and spring. Symptoms are a few days of fever, followed by a cough, runny nose, and conjunctivitis (pink eye). Then a rash starting on the face and upper neck, spreading down eventually covering the body. After about five days, the rash fades in the same order it appeared.

Infected people are contagious from about four days before their rash starts to four days afterwards. The measles virus resides in noses and throats of those infected. When they sneeze or cough, droplets spray into the air and the droplets remain active and contagious on infected surfaces for up to two hours.

Measles is unpleasant, but the complications are dangerous. Six to 20 percent of the people who get the disease will get an ear infection, diarrhea, or even pneumonia. One out of 1000 people with measles will develop inflammation of the brain, and about one out of 1000 of those will die. It's therefore imperative for people to get vaccinated. The measles vaccination program in the U.S. has caused a greater than 99 percent reduction in measles compared with the pre-vaccine era when approximately 450,000 cases and 450 deaths were reported each year. Now most measles cases like the Back Bay outbreak originate offshore.

The vaccine is effective. More than 95 percent of the people who receive a single dose of the so called MMR (for measles, mumps and rubella) vaccines will develop immunity to all three viruses. A second gives immunity to almost all of those who did not respond to the first dose. If you wonder whether you are immune to measles, mumps or rubella, you can have a simple blood test to measure the strength of the antibodies in your system to these illnesses. Also, if you do not wish to have the triple MMR shot for you or your children, you can receive monovalent (one vaccine at a time)shots rather than the trivalent MMR.

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In January, *Health Notes* spoke about the philosophy behind vaccination programs and the risks of thymerisol, a mercury derivative, in causing harmful side effects in some recipients. Since that time, the DPH has begun providing thymerisol free vaccines to doctors. Accordingly, there is little reason for Massachusetts doctors not to take advantage of the free vaccine provided by the State.

The most common reaction following MMR is no reaction. However, 5 to 10 percent of the people receiving the MMR vaccine experience a low grade fever and a mild rash.

Infants should be given vaccines only after their first birthday because most infants born in the United States will receive passive protection against measles, mumps, and rubella in the form of antibodies from their mothers. These antibodies can destroy the vaccine virus if they are present when the vaccine is administered and cause it to be ineffective. By 12 months of age, almost all infants have lost this passive protection.

A second dose of MMR can be given anytime, as long as the child is at least 12 months old and it has been at least a month since the first dose. However, the age at which the second dose is required is generally mandated by state school entry requirements, so contact the school nurse for advice.

Certain Adults need to receive the MMR vaccine, but many don't. You *should* get the measles vaccine if you are: are a college or trade school student, or other student beyond high school; work in a hospital or other medical facility; travel internationally, or are a passenger on a cruise ship; or are a woman of childbearing age.

People who received "live" measles vaccine in the 1960s do not need to be revaccinated. Those vaccinated prior to 1968 with either inactivated (killed) measles vaccine or measles vaccine of unknown type should be revaccinated with at least one dose of live attenuated measles vaccine. This recommendation is intended to protect those who may have received vaccine available in 1963-1967 which was not effective. Contact the Board of Health or your doctor if uncertain.

Most older people have already been exposed. People born before 1958 lived through years of epidemic measles before the first measles vaccine was licensed. As a result, they are very likely to have had the measles disease. Surveys suggest that 95 percent to 98 percent of those born before 1957 are immune to measles. This applies only to measles and mumps, and does *not* apply to rubella.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

'Certain minds are still closed to crux of crisis'

COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

I applaud Laura Stone for her contribution in attempting to bring the town together. After I led a group at Session II of *What's Possible* and observed subsequent School Committee and Selectmen's meetings, it is obvious that there is a level of denial on the part of override proponents.

It is discouraging to hear school committee member, Rick Flynn, at a *What's Possible* meeting state that he does not like the "negative" tone of the name of a session that insinuates there is a problem in the system. At the same meeting, school committee chairman, Adrienne MacCarthy declared that after all the coffees and cocktail parties they conducted prior to the election, she is amazed that only 1,342 residents are educated. Coincidentally, that is the number of people who voted for the highest override.

Even with impartial investigations and misleading statements exposed, certain minds are still closed to the crux of our crisis. They are more concerned with rhetoric and absolute trust than with being intelligent leaders researching truth and substance in doing what is best for the students and residents.

Those of us who have been battling for accountability and fiscal responsibility recognize that problems in both the school and town have emanated from a cycle of poor monitoring, a lack of oversight and an acceptance of overrides to correct flawed management. On the part of the school, the 2005 School Budget Investigation Report confirmed what so many of us had been discussing for years.

There have been by-law changes made at Town Meetings over the last few years by concerned taxpayers to alleviate some of these problems. The latest by-law requires the compilation of monthly financial reports which are to be available at the library. The school reports at the library are months behind in addition to being imprecise. This situation has been consistently brought to the attention of the superintendent's office and most recently to chairman of the school committee.

In order for the public to have trust in the schools, information must be communicated and be comprehensive, transparent, up to date, accurate and readily available. The first goal of the school Strategic Plan is: "*to improve communication among parents, community, staff and town government.*" It appears they are oblivious how to achieve this objective even though this is a long-standing dilemma. The local papers have repeatedly offered them space and the schools even have a website though it is not consistently maintained. But most importantly, the town has been requesting for years the school network their financial records and the school committees and administrations have been resisting.

We don't need officials to tell the press and the citizens what in their opinion is public information. We also don't need the chairman of the school committee informing the selectmen how they should be conducting their meetings when discussing financial aspects of the school.

Budgets must have numbers that actually add up and make sense. Fee for services should cover the actual costs and if not the taxpayers should be informed and agree to subsidize them. Programs should not be scuttled due to misleading information.

The last *What's Possible* session indicated by the number of attendees, the majority of whom were the override opponents, that there is a great deal of interest by at least one faction of the community to achieve solutions. Nothing can be accomplished until both sides come to the realization that money alone won't solve the crisis we face in our schools.

L.C. "Lee" Jenkins lives at 198 Jerusalem Road.

Film, reception on global warming

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

"In 39 years, I have never written these words in a movie review, but here they are: You owe it to yourself to see this film. If you do not, and you have grandchildren, you should explain to them why you decided not to," wrote Roger Ebert in the Chicago Sun-times.

Ebert is referring to "An Inconvenient Truth", a documentary on global climate change. The film will be opening at Hingham's Loring Hall Theater June 30.

You are invited to a reception following the 7:30 p.m. screening June 30 and July 1. Co-sponsored by Old Ship's Green Sanctuary Team and Sustainable South Shore, the receptions will gather in Old Ship's Parish Hall, 107 Main St., diagonally across the street from Old Ship meetinghouse. It's about a one-minute walk from the theater. The "official" part of the reception will last only 30 minutes. Refreshments will be served. You will neither be inundated with information nor be asked for money.

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The intention of the reception is to provide a safe container where you can voice your feelings and thoughts about the film and what is happening to Earth. This will be an opportunity to listen to ourselves and others, voicing our feelings and concerns, our hopes and fears. We'd love this to be a community building experience. The purpose is not to debate the issues, not to agree on collective action. Only share our responses to the film and connect with other South Shore residents.

I encourage you not only to see this important film, but also to stretch your envelope and invite family members, friends, or neighbors to join you for the film and reception.

The film opened my eyes to the debate over whether humans are really affecting the climate. Science magazine analyzed 928 peer-reviewed scientific papers on the subject published between 1993 and 2003. Not one (zero percent) dissented from the international scientific consensus that human activity is dramatically increasing the earth's temperature, in ways that will bring severe consequences. But because of promotion by corporations like Exxon/Mobil of a handful of global warming deniers, 57 percent of the news stories during the same period presented the issue as if there were a serious scientific debate. Energy industries admitted their strategy to "reposition global warming as a debate." In other words, our mainstream medias lied to us.

A friend of mine gave me a wonderful sentence that can be applied to leaders, schools, businesses, products, you name it. Try it yourself. Here it is: "All (insert category here) must now be judged by the extent to which they ignore, inhibit, or foster a mutually enhancing relationship between Earth and humans.

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Matt Mulvey kickoff at Greenbush Line site

Weymouth resident Matt Mulvey will kick off his campaign for Plymouth-Norfolk District State Senate on Tuesday, June 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Jackson Square Restaurant & Tavern, 1530 Commercial St., Weymouth, next to the Commercial Street train station on the Greenbush Line. Mulvey noted, "Since one of my major campaign issues is transportation, I felt this was the perfect place to hold my campaign 'kick-off' celebration."

The Greenbush project will restore commuter rail service on the 18-mile long Greenbush rail line through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate – towns represented in the Plymouth-Norfolk Senate District. Mulvey said he would also advocate for a cross-town bus service on the South Shore. Especially interested in transportation, education and affordable health care, the senatorial candidate has been meeting with residents and business owners to get their views on the issues.

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A Massachusetts certified building commissioner, small business owner and president of the New England Building Code Association, Mulvey is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and has volunteered for Father Bill's Place in Quincy and the Talking Information Center in Marshfield.

For more information visit: www.mattmulvey.com

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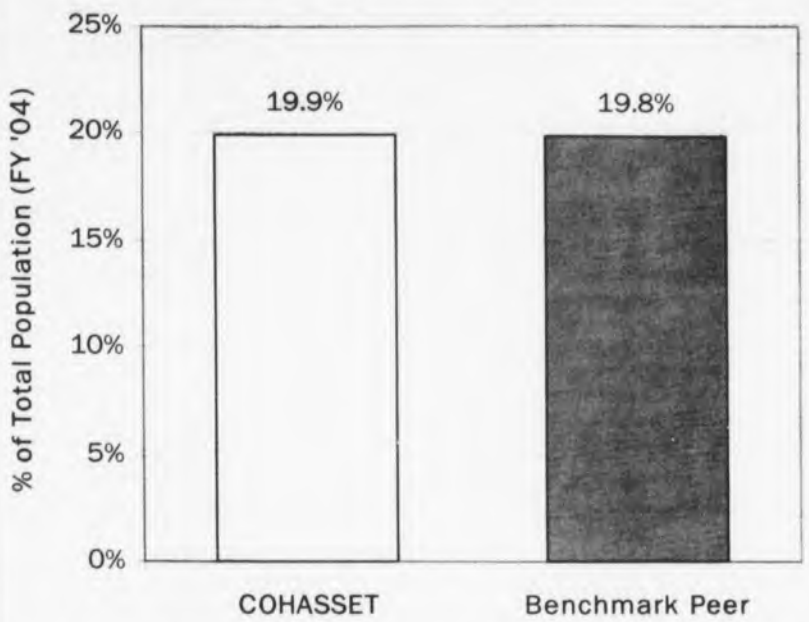
School Population Burden



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Data for communities that are part of a single regional district reflect that district. Data for communities that are part of two different districts reflect the weighted average of the two districts.

This chart shows what percentage of Cohasset's total population is enrolled in the schools. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. The percent of the population in the schools is a demographic trait that has a large impact on education costs. All other things being equal, a community with a higher percentage of population enrolled in the schools will have to spend more on a per capita basis to achieve the same level of per pupil education spending.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-a-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. Once the school benchmarks are complete, the series will feature those about general government, including the police and fire budgets.

Peace Forum supports petition to end war

Residents of the district can sign the petition on Tuesday, June 27, from 11:30 a.m. to noon, during the group's weekly Peace Vigil.

Members of the Hingham-based South Shore Peace Forum are working with the American Friends Service Committee's Cambridge office on a petition calling for state representatives to endorse a non-binding resolution that asks the President and Congress to end the war in Iraq.

Residents of the Third Plymouth District, which covers of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset, are being asked to endorse the petition which reads: "Shall the representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the President and Congress of the United States to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all the United States military forces home from Iraq?" The Third Plymouth District is represented by Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham.)

The petition is being circulated throughout Massachusetts by the AFSC. Residents of the district can sign the petition on Tuesday, June 27, from 11:30 a.m. to noon, during the group's weekly Peace Vigil on North Street in front of the Hingham Post Office.

Water main flushing through month of June

Cohasset Water Department will be flushing water mains during the month of June. Temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the areas to be flushed each day. Notice will also be provided on the local cable access channel, Channel 10.

"Water main flushing helps to remove the mineral deposit build up which may have accumulated in the water mains. It is an important part of our ongoing commitment to providing high quality drinking water," noted water superintendent Eileen Commane.

For information call 781-383-0057 or email ecommane@amwater.com.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Holway, 212 So. Main St., strip and re-roof, $5,000; Dominguez, 702 Jerusalem Road, new residence, $500,000; McElhinney, 145 Fairoaks Road, one-story addition, replace six windows, kitchen, $60,000; Auger, 17 Lantern Lane, shed installed, $2,300; Davis, 332 So. Main St., reside/re-roof pool cabana, $3,000; Nicholls, 33 Tower Lane, addition to main house, $300,000; Karcher, 264 No. Main St., replace existing porch, $20,000; Cohasset Village Partners, 35-39 So. Main St., remodel second floor, re-side/re-roof, add two dormers, $65,000; Fawcett, 15 Spindrift Lane, replace existing house, $125,000; Calhoun, 2 Sheldon Road, in-ground pool, $28,000; Donohue, 221 Forest Ave., remodel bath, $6,000; and Chapman, 22 Wood Way, shed on sona tubes, $5,838.

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Schools adopt wellness policy

Junk food being expelled

By Samantha Brown
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Selling candy or soda on school grounds is prohibited. So is using food as a reward, unless proper approval is obtained 24 hours in advance. These are just some of the requirements set forth in the district's new Cohasset Public Schools Wellness Policy, presented to the School Committee June 15 by high school Assistant Principal Michael Gill.

The Department of Education requires all school districts adopt a wellness policy, as there is a direct relationship between student well-being and student achievement. Gill said the policy which has been drafted will be assessed at the end of one year, and includes both healthy eating and physical activity guidelines. "This is not a policy we're married to," he said, but one those on the committee are proud of.

Those who drafted the policy include: Gill, School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy, Middle School Assistant Principal Beth Sternala, health teacher Maureen Duffy, Athletic Director Ron Ford, girls soccer coach Debbie Beal, wrestling and golf coach Torin Sweeney, Deer Hill Health Educator Jane Gregory, Food Services Director Bob Levy, Nurse Karen Murphy, PSO president Sarah Porter, Town Health Agent Joe Godzik and community representative Chartis Tebbetts.

Gill said there has been a national movement afoot for schools to get the junk out of the cafeteria and start offering more healthy choices. As the school's former Health Education Coordinator, he said he has been working for the past 25 years to have soda removed from the school. Today, only water, milk and fruit juices are sold. "It hasn't happened overnight," he said.

The policy states that students' lifelong eating habits are greatly influenced by the types of foods and beverages available in their daily environment. Cohasset's policy says all foods and beverages sold or served to students, including reimbursable school meals and those available outside of the school meals program, must meet at minimum, the nutritional requirements established by federal, state and local statutes and regulations. This means the schools must offer a variety of fruits and vegetables, offer low-fat and fat-free milk and nutritionally equivalent non-dairy alternatives. Half of the served grains must be whole grains. Healthy choices must be offered in any vending machines or concession stands and only water, milk and fruit juices may be sold on school grounds.

All food and beverages sold as part of a school-sponsored fundraising activity must follow the wellness policy, which means no selling of candy bars or cookies. Refreshments served at parties, celebrations and meetings during the day must also comply with the standards. "Cohasset Public Schools should limit celebrations that involve food during the school day," the policy states.

The wellness policy outlines goals for creating an environment conducive to healthy eating and being physically active. The school should be clean and safe and allow enough space and serving areas to ensure all students have access to meals with a minimum wait time. The identity of all students who eat free and reduced price meals will also be protected and the school will be sensitive to those students who have food allergies.

Nutrition education will also be offered for students in a developmentally appropriate way. They will be taught the skills they need to adopt and maintain healthy eating behaviors as well as maintain physically active lifestyles. At the elementary level, students will participate in weekly physical education classes, daily recess, and experience physical activity as combined with the curriculum when appropriate. At the middle-high school levels, students are allowed physical education opportunities as the schedule permits. All students at the middle-high school will be scheduled for instructional units in health education and/or physical education each school year.

A complete copy of the Cohasset Public Schools Wellness Policy will be posted on the district Web site at www.cohassetk12.org. A hard copy can also be obtained at the high school main office.

Improvement plan in place for high school

By Samantha Brown
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As the school year comes to a close, Cohasset Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini is already thinking ahead to the next. As is done every year, Antolini presented a School Improvement Plan for the middle-high school to the School Committee at its June 15 meeting, which sets goals for the year ahead to coincide with the district's Strategic Plan.

Bringing forward the plan is the first step in building the fiscal 2008 budget, as it will help set funding priorities. Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan and Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley presented their school improvement plans to the committee at its June 1 meeting.

The middle-high school's School Improvement Council drafted the improvement plan and includes Antolini, students Nils Sceery and Brooke Allen, parents Bernadette Faulkner, Maria Kennedy, Melody Maurer and Mary Kay Richardson. Due to the fact that teachers were working without a contract for much of the school year, there was no teacher participation on the committee, Antolini said.

"It is a very ambitious plan, but certainly one we can work with to achieve the blue ribbon of excellence," said Antolini. Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc., is a non-profit organization established to improve academic excellence for all children. BRSE uses criteria developed from 20 years of research from the United States Department of Education's former National Blue Ribbon Schools Program and has developed a Blueprint for Excellence assessment instrument that provides schools with a road map for school improvement.

The Council identified four broad areas of concentration with 14 specific areas of focus for improvement. The objective areas fell under the umbrella of: academic excellence through curriculum, instruction and assessment; a professional learning community through teacher quality, training and professional development; safe schools through discipline, leadership and governance; and aiding student preparation and needs through student support programs and services.

Goal one as set by the Council is to increase student proficiency in core subjects, preparing them for higher education, employment and responsible citizenship prior to graduating. To achieve that goal, the school will need curriculum support, which will require establishing a process for curriculum renewal in grades six through 12 to ensure currency in the curriculum at all levels. The school will also need to establish differentiated teaching methodologies and strategies to meet varied learning styles, abilities and learning needs, to enable all students to meet high standards. A measurement system to assess program effectiveness should be implemented as well.

Goal two would ensure all teachers continue to be highly qualified in the subject(s) they teach. The school will therefore need to recruit and employ qualified professional and support staff whose knowledge, skills and experience continuously improve student achievement. The school will also need to provide professional development opportunities and support teacher efforts to build professional learning communities.

Goal three is to promote a sense of social responsibility, good citizenship and life-long learning within the students. The school will strive to maintain the culture that is conducive to learning, providing all students with a safe, respectful and positive environment. The school will also continue promoting a supportive and orderly environment that facilitates the pursuit of academic achievement for all students.

Goal four is to project population growth and identify staff, program and resources needed in the next five years. To do that, the school must provide students with academic support services. Those identified as needing additional help, whether it be anything from English language services to Individual Education Plans to counseling or psychological help, will receive the appropriate assistance to make adequate progress, to achieve their learning goals including graduation. All students will also be given an understanding of the requirements of challenging career opportunities and will participate in career education activities. The school will also aim toward providing students with co-curricular activities that demonstrate talents outside the classroom.

The full Middle-High School Improvement Plan will be posted on the district Web site at www.cohassetk12.org or can be picked up as a hard copy at the high school main office.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Joint meeting

A budget meeting for the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 28. The boards are waiting to hear what the House and Senate will decide regarding Chapter 70 funding before setting a firm meeting date, as it could be pushed back depending on whether the House and Senate have come to a decision on the funds by the meeting date. Chapter 70 is the major program of state aid given to public elementary and secondary schools. In addition to providing state aid to support school operations, it also establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.

Warrant format could change

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said he has been in touch with Director of Finance Michael Buckley as well as Jan Braverman, an accounting package software designer, to see if they could design a school financial report, or Warrant, to meet the needs of the School Committee. School Committee member Steve Fusco has not signed the Warrant since mid-May and did not sign the report at the committee's June 15 meeting. He said he will not sign any further Warrants until its format is changed.

Fusco would like to see more specific information provided in the Warrant, including a summary of line items, what was budgeted, what has been spent and what is left to spend. Currently, he feels he would have no idea what he is signing off on based on the information being provided by the school department.

Fusco brought up his concern at the May 19 meeting and DeGennaro said he was not sure he would be able to change the Warrant. He said he would be willing to provide copies of all invoices and receipts for Fusco to look over at every meeting, and brought that information to the board's May 25 meeting. Approving the Warrant was therefore moved to the end of the meeting to give those who wished to look at the school department's records extra time. While Fusco said he was willing to go through the records, he felt he shouldn't have to.

By working with Buckley and Braverman, DeGennaro said he is optimistic changes can be in place by August. "Whenever we have it ready, we'll submit it to the board," he said of the revised report.

School web site update

At the request of School Committee member Steve Fusco, the school district Web site will be updated to include contact information for members of the School Committee. The district Web site can be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

Title I school grant funding decrease

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset will see a decrease in its Title I grant funding for fiscal 2006. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the district will only receive roughly $26,000 in Title I funding, and the tutor position which had been increased from half-time to full-time will now be kept at a half-time position.

"We didn't receive it because we're not a 'needy' community," said Walsh.

According to the Department of Education, Title I is the largest federally funded education program, and it provides resources to eligible school districts. There are four grants that comprise the Title I allocation for the 2006-2007 school year, and eligibility is determined based on the percentage of students in the district who are considered to be in poverty, according to the latest census data. (The federal census poverty calculation is different than the Massachusetts low-income calculation, which means the number of students considered to be in poverty will be significantly lower than the number of low-income students reported to the Department of Education).

Under No Child Left Behind, school districts receive funding to ensure all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on state academic standards and state academic assessments.

According to the DOE, for the 2006-2007 school year (Fiscal 2006), Title I funding will be cut overall by $28 million nationally, and Massachusetts will most likely lose almost 10 percent of its Title I funding. The projected reduction means Massachusetts would go from $230 million to roughly $207.5 million, which will affect virtually every district in the state.

Fiscal year 2006 Title I allocations

Town	Basic grant	Concentration grant	Targeted grant	EFIG grant	Total Title I grant funding available
Cohasset	$26,226	$0	$0	$0	$26,226
Boxborough	$34,680	$0	$7,386	$7,532	$49,598
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Duxbury	$85,483	$0	$0	$0	$85,483
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Lincoln	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Marblehead	$177,990	$0	$39,399	$40,188	$257,577
Marion	$42,591	$0	$8,831	$9,004	$60,425
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Norwell					$36,398
Scituate	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
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Topsfield	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Wayland	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Westwood	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

**Towns chosen are either neighboring communities or those designated as "peer communities" in the town's benchmarking report.*

Policy, standards update slated

Assessment tests under microscope

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the School Committee have formed a policies and standards sub-committee, which has been charged with delving into not only the board's policy manual, but the standards which have been set for the school district as a whole. The last time a thorough review of the schools' policies was conducted was October 2003, and members of the board felt it was time for an update.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy as well as members Jamie Williams and Alfred Slanetz met with Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh Monday, June 5 for their first discussion session. Williams gave a brief overview of the meeting to the rest of the School Committee at its June 15 meeting.

Williams said the group decided the School Committee policy manual will be split up into 10 sections and one section per month will be brought back to the committee "all marked up," with changes for the committee to approve. Williams said the group has many examples of policies given by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees which it will use to help Cohasset personalize its own policy manual.

Williams said in terms of setting standards, it will be vital for the committee to think about the principles it believes will drive the schools toward achieving and maintaining excellence. "Where do we want to be? In the top 10 of the state? In the top 100 in the country? I think these are very realistic goals for us," she said.

Williams said to help monitor student achievement, the schools should set aside proper funding to purchase assessment tools, such as standardized tests, for its students, which will allow the district to measure student progress. "I'd like the board to give the consensus to leave enough money (in the Foundation Reserve account) to provide for assessments," said Williams. The school department applied to the state and was given a Foundation Reserve Award, also known as "pothole program" funds. Cohasset was one of four communities to receive funding, based on significant reductions in state aid. Cohasset received $21,000 in November 2004 and $205,000 in October 2005, for a total of $226,000. So far, none of the funds have been spent and the School Committee is trying to decide what the best use would be.

Williams suggested bringing in a professional from one or more of the testing companies to provide an overview of what the tests assess and help the district decide which tests would be most beneficial for the district to use. Currently the schools use the Stanford Achievement tests for grades three to six and Williams suggested expanding those tests to encompass grades one through six. There is currently around $14,000 in the school budget for assessment tests. She said because Cohasset's top competitors are private schools, it would do well to look into the tests those schools use and implement those as well.

MacCarthy said she would feel uncomfortable talking about the tests and would prefer to have the professionals give a presentation to the administration which gives the tests and uses the results. "I'd prefer if they'd present to you and your staff," she said to Walsh, adding "I'd feel inadequate."

However, Williams said as members of the School Committee, "We set the vision and the standards. We need to understand." MacCarthy said, "I look to my administration to guide me in that process."

Member Steve Fusco suggested getting in touch with other school districts to see which assessment tests they use and how successful they have been, which the committee agreed to. "I'll be interested to hear what they have to say," said Williams.

Brush, paint disposal last Saturday of month

Brush Chipping – Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area on the last Saturday of every month through October, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No trees over 3 inches. No contractors.

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All-Stars shine at skills contest

It was a soggy day, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the players and spectators at the Cohasset Youth Baseball All-Star festivities on June 10.

The All-Star players competed in three challenges: the first was the Golden Arm, which tested each player's throwing distance and accuracy. Each player was given three opportunities to throw from center field and hit at target at home plate. After a four-way tie and a "throw off," the winner was Christian Allard of the Rangers.

The Home Run Derby and Hitting contest drew the most excitement from the crowd when the future All-Star players ran out to line the outfield fence in hopes of catching a home-run ball. In this contest, points were given for home runs, balls hit to the outfield and against the outfield fence. Each player was pitched seven balls.

Patrick Kearney of the Cardinals accumulated the most points, earning him the Hitting contest champ. But it was the Mets' Drew Cobin who hit the most home runs (four) to win the Home Run Derby championship.

Congratulations to these three players and to every CYBSA All-Star. For more information about this and other baseball and softball news, go to our new web site, www.cybsa.net

Boys summer basketball

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will be running a summer basketball program for boys entering grades 6-12 on Wednesdays at the outdoor court behind the Paul Pratt Library.

This seven-week program will began this week, with the schedule posted below. Teams will be made and games will begin at that time, so don't miss out. A $40 fee is required for all players.

Registration will be held at the court this Wednesday, the 28th. Checks should be made out to the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club. Contact Joe Campbell at 781-383-0665 if you have any further questions.

Schedule

Grades 6 and 7, 5-6:15 p.m.; grades 8 and 9, 6:15-7:30; grades 10-12, 7:30-9.

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Cohasset's Chris Bryan, pictured above in high school action against Norwell last month, smacked a three-run double for the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team in its 12-12 tie against Braintree.

A bit of everything for Post 118

Legion team 2-2-2 through first six games

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

It was an unusual first week of the season for the Cohasset American Legion baseball team, to say the least.

Post 118, which features players from both Cohasset and Scituate, won a couple of games, lost a couple of games in its first week of competition in Zone 6 East and saw it finish with a baseball rarity, back-to-back 12-12 ties.

The highlight of the week was the first of those ties with perennial power Braintree Sunday night at Braintree High School.

Greg Malley's two-run double with two outs in the top of the seventh inning allowed Post 118 to pull even with a program that had won seven straight zone titles before being ousted by Milton the last two years, and had won its first four games this season before Sunday's deadlock.

The next night saw Cohasset

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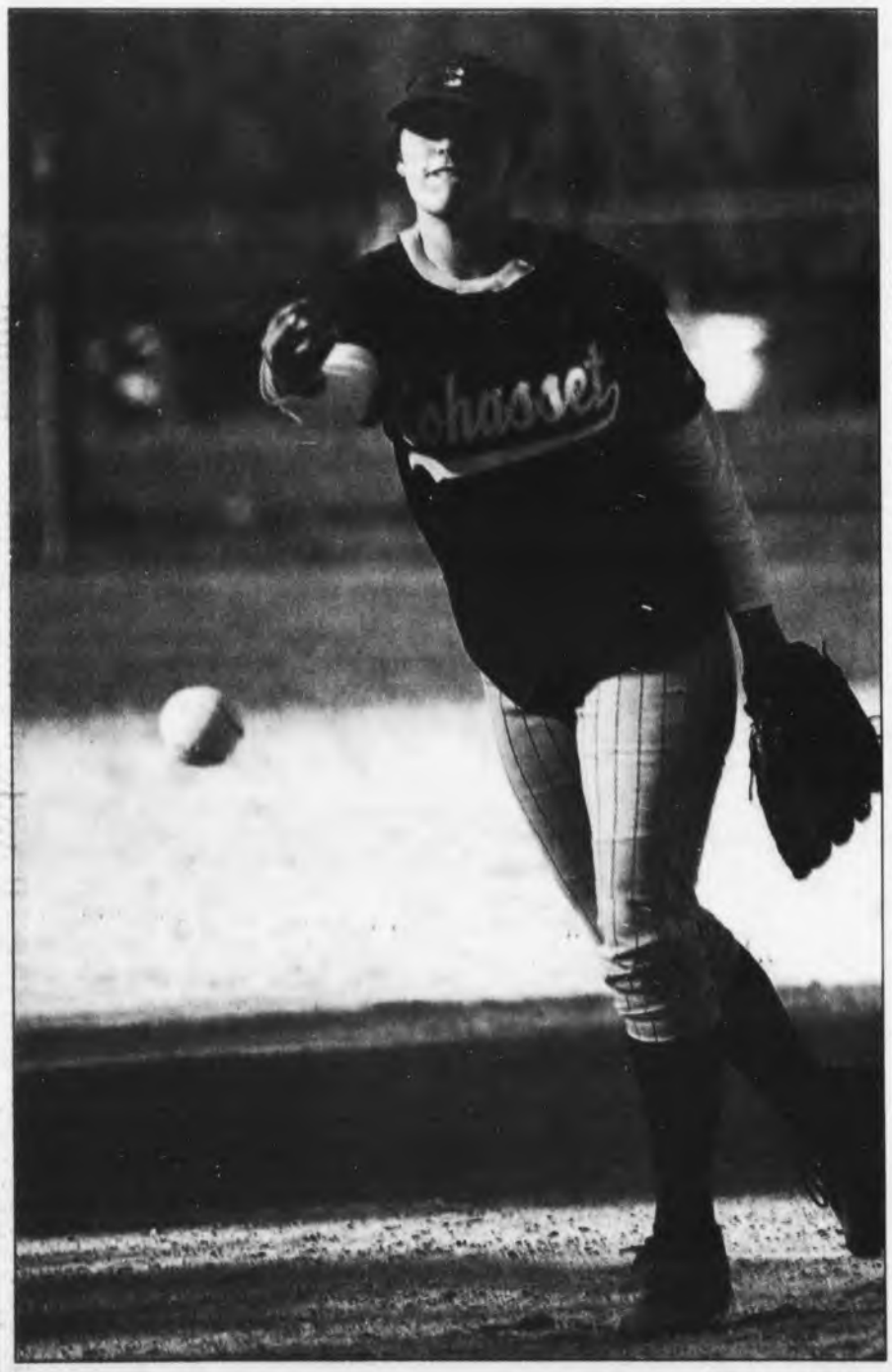
Another big step

Skippers softballers accomplished a lot in memorable season



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Katie James, shown here firing in a pitch during a game against Norwell, is one of five important seniors the CHS softball program will need to replace next season.

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High softball team did not go all the way to become state champions in 2006. But the players compiled a very impressive 14-7 season record which fans and players alike can feel very good about.

For the first time in Cohasset softball team history the players earned the right to a home game in the playoff opener. The Lady Skippers also received a 4-seed in the Division 3 tournament. Then, their luck ran out against the GNB Voc. Tech squad.

From the opening practice in April, head coach Deb Bostwick faced a difficult task of molding a small but strong number of upperclassmen with a plethora of sophomores and freshmen.

The end result? Impressive. In prior years, one or two dominant players carried the team. Not in 2006. The lineup this year featured more than 15 consistent, solid athletes.

In a recent interview with the Mariner, Bostwick shared an interesting perspective about her players.

"In the beginning of the season, having a lot of freshmen on the roster created some problems," admitted Bostwick. "The upperclassmen weren't used to playing with them, and the freshmen were nervous. Things began to click when everyone realized we were all playing for the same cause."

The biggest click went off on May 11th, a day the Skippers broke tradition. They earned their very first victory against Hull in Cohasset softball history. As a result of this upset victory, the Skippers gained self confidence. Then tournament

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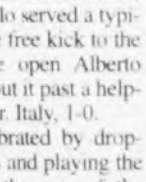
World Cup heats up

WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN



Elation, exhaustion and acute anger are all pretty strong feelings and emotions to deal with.

Try to handle them all at the same time, and, well…

The North End was the place to be Saturday, as the United States was set to take on Italy. Ghana's stunning performance in victory over the Czech Republic served as a delectable appetizer to what turned out to be a football feast that no one who watched and cared will ever forget.

Italy fans were clad in traditional blue, and there was plenty of blue winding through the narrow streets and back roads of Boston's most wondrous neighborhood. A lot of it found its way to Caffe Paradiso on Hanover Street, where the football fans in blue outnumbered those in any other color by about 2-to-1.

The place was packed, whistles were blowing, people were screaming, the bar ran out of cold beer, and everyone was sweating proverbial buckets.

Then, the game started.

Both teams missed golden chances early in the contest, with fans of both sides summarily responding with loud, bemoaning groans. "Oooooooohhhh!!!!," the most beautifully anguished sound in sport.

For Italian fans, the sorrow turned to joy in the 22nd minute, when Andrea Pirlo served a typically immaculate free kick to the head of a wide open Alberto Gilardino, who put it past a helpless Kasey Keller. Italy, 1-0.

Gilardino celebrated by dropping to his knees and playing the air violin, with the roar of the Azzurri fans around the world serving as the sound. To the American fans in Caffe Paradiso, it was an ugly cacophony.

It didn't take long for that tune to change. Five minutes later, Clint Dempsey – who played a fabulous match – lofted a cross into the area, right to the feet of Italy defender Cristian Zaccardo. Surely, this would easily be dealt with by Zaccardo, leading to a regrouped American attack, or perhaps even a corner.

And then…

Is that the ball in the back of the net? What just happened? Was it offside? Wait, are the American players celebrating? Is this really a goal? It is, it is! A goal, a blessed goal!

The fact that it was an own goal did not matter, we were tied with the Italians. Only once before in my life have I hugged complete strangers: when the Red Sox won the World Series.

Make it twice.

It didn't take long for the mood to shift again, thanks to Daniele De Rossi spilling Brian McBride's blood with a ghastly elbow to the face. Fittingly, De Rossi received a red card, and the players in the blue shirts turned from tough, respected opponents to vile, wicked enemies that needed to be punished.

The Italians did not do themselves any favors with American fans by proceeding to flop at every given opportunity. By this time, I had lost any and all touch with reality, and began hurling my disgust through the television screen and into Kaiserslautern with words unfit for print in these pages.

I did, however, bestow a bit of admiration on Italy's band of divers by informing many of them that they were, in fact, number-1. The ones that I revered less were given the number-11 salute.

And if I had three hands, rest assured that referee Jorge

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World Cup heats up

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Larrionda would have been ranked 111th in my book after his dastardly wretched decision to send off Pablo Mastroeni with a straight red on what was clearly a yellow card offense.

After many of us stepped outside in the 95-degree weather to cool off, we came back in and were immediately treated to Act 2 of the Larrionda Circus. A most unjust comedy of errors continued when the Uruguayan gave Eddie Pope his second yellow card.

Traditionally, a referee would have called a foul and administered a warning, particularly given the stage and importance of this particular game. Not Larrionda, however, who was determined to make himself The Show. May he be banned from the sport for the remainder of eternity.

Following Larrionda's latest atrocity against the game were the longest 45 minutes of my life. It was right around this time that I said out loud Italy could very well win on a Pirlo free kick; he is the best in the world at this particular skill, and very much in detriment to my mental well being, he had two such opportunities within five minutes of Pope's sending off. He missed on both, barely.

In the 65th, DaMarcus Beasley, who has otherwise provided nothing for the Yanks, sent American fans into a frenzy with what appeared to be a go-ahead goal. More jumping, more hugging, and then more disdain as the goal was called back for offsides. It was the proper call, though that didn't stop Larrionda and his henchmen from receiving a few more words of scorn.

The U.S. fans in attendance then had to sweat out the last 25 minutes, quite literally, as the Yanks were done attacking and valiantly defended against the burgeoning Italian onslaught. Keller came up with the biggest save of his life on Alessandro Del Piero, and there was more rejoicing.

By the 85th, I was in full Jerry Tarkanian mode, biting my perspiration soaked red t-shirt while my nerves were worked like a speed bag. After a couple more near misses from the Italians, Larrionda made one of his few good decisions all day by blowing his whistle to end the match.

By this point, no one in Caffe Paradiso had anything left. Least of all me, as I was a shell of my usual self. Numb and utterly useless, I hugged my friends, milled about the place for 10 minutes, and sauntered off.

The U.S. had lived to see another day.

Thursday afternoon saw England take on Trinidad and Tobago, with the first 80 minutes serving as a complete debacle against the sport, unless you were rooting for our Caribbean friends.

At Bad Abbot's in Quincy, there were a few of us doing just that. After their draw with Sweden, the Soca Warriors became the darlings of the tournament. A team from a nation of 1.3 million improved its fan base tenfold in the span of 90 improbable minutes.

With England misfiring on all cylinders, it looked as though Trinidad would pull off the impossible yet again. With each clumsy attempt at goal by the overwhelming favorites, the English fans grew more and more tense and troubled, while those pulling for T&T began to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

It was not meant to be, as in the 83rd a cross from David Beckham found Peter Crouch, a tall, gangly, freakish-looking football player, who for once put his 6-foot-7 frame to good use to head it past Shaka Hislop and into the net.

Bullies that they are, the English put one more on the board, thanks to a splendid strike from Steven Gerrard.

For England, another horrid victory. For Trinidad and Tobago, a dream deferred. For fans at Bad Abbot's, another round, please.

The first half of Sunday's Brazil-Australia match was a bleak picture of blunt obduracy, save for a marvelous back-to-his-target, over-the-head pass from Ronaldo to Kaka, whose shot whistled just inches wide of glory for the Brazilians.

The near 100 patrons at Terra Brasili's in Quincy were ready to shake the very foundation of the building with excitement, but had to wait until the 49th minute when Adriano scored on a marvelous left-footed strike.

The Brazilians up to that point had not looked very, well, Brazilian. But, it didn't matter when that ball hit the back of the net, as those in attendance let loose a roar that may very well have reverberated back to the streets of Rio de Janeiro.

The people were singing, the Brahma was flowing, and the Brazilian colors formed a cascading sea of yellow and green within the restaurant.

The Socceroos controlled the next 40 minutes of the match, time and again piercing an at times overmatched Brazilian defense. Only mediocre finishing and two wonderful saves from Dida kept a zero next to Australia's name on the scoreboard.

And once again, that was of little consequence when Brazil scored, this time in the 90th minute on a goal from Fred. The celebratory singing was just a little louder this time, as the final whistle blew and Brazil was on to the second round.

Another less-than-spectacular showing from the five-time champions, but try telling that to the fans who wore their yellow and green shirts and wove their flags with pride.

Mark Goodman, a CNC regional sports editor, will write a weekly World Cup column until the competition's conclusion on July 9. He can be reached at mgoodman@cnc-.com. Also, be sure to check out his World Cup blog at www.futbolguy22.blogspot.com.

COURTESY PHOTO

After an undefeated season, the Cohasset Blue Jays softball team last weekend walked away with the 2006 Cohasset Major League Softball Championship title. The coveted honor entitles the girls to ride the fire truck next spring during the annual CYBSA Memorial Day parade. A Blue Jays flag will be raised during the ceremony and will be displayed throughout the 2007 softball season.
Front row, left to right: Sara Campedelli, Kelsey McCunney, Christina Healy, Michaela Rattenbury; Middle row, left to right: Marissa Gildea, Christine Chase; Back row, left to right: Meghan Burke, Maggie O'Grady, Anya Gruber, Coach Mike Mullin, Jen Mullin, Danielle Healy, Colleen Ryan, Kate McKelvey, Coach Laura Chase, Sara Corry

Skippers softballers accomplished a lot in memorable season

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fever began to spread through the dugout.

Day after day the rains came down, but the weather never dampened player enthusiasm.

"The team chemistry really clicked near the end of the season," explained senior co-captain Melissa Crowley-Buck. "It would have been nice to have this earlier in the season, but it definitely helped us out later on."

The Skippers' defense proved important in their 14 victories over the season. With the senior leadership of captains Katie James, Erin Liddell, and Crowley-Buck, along with Emily Nash and Emily Savage, the Lady Skippers mounted a defense lethal to their South Shore League opponents.

Bostwick said Liddell was "solid as a rock" in controlling the infield. Sophomore Anna Haggerty also stood her ground very well at third base. In the outfield, Crowley-Buck's high level of communication tied everything together.

Juniors Christina Pinkus and Virginia Spofford teamed up on the mound to create an intimidating pitching staff. Kristin Monaco turned heads with her consistent play behind the plate.

So what finally led to the team's downfall? Simply, a lack of hitting. There were a few exceptions. Crowley-Buck finished the season with two doubles, two triples, two home runs, and 16 RBI. Monaco got on base an impressive 23 times, with her quickness leading to 17 stolen bases.

"We just had trouble connecting," explained Bostwick. "If we can improve our hitting and work on increasing our intensity, we will be a force to reckon with."

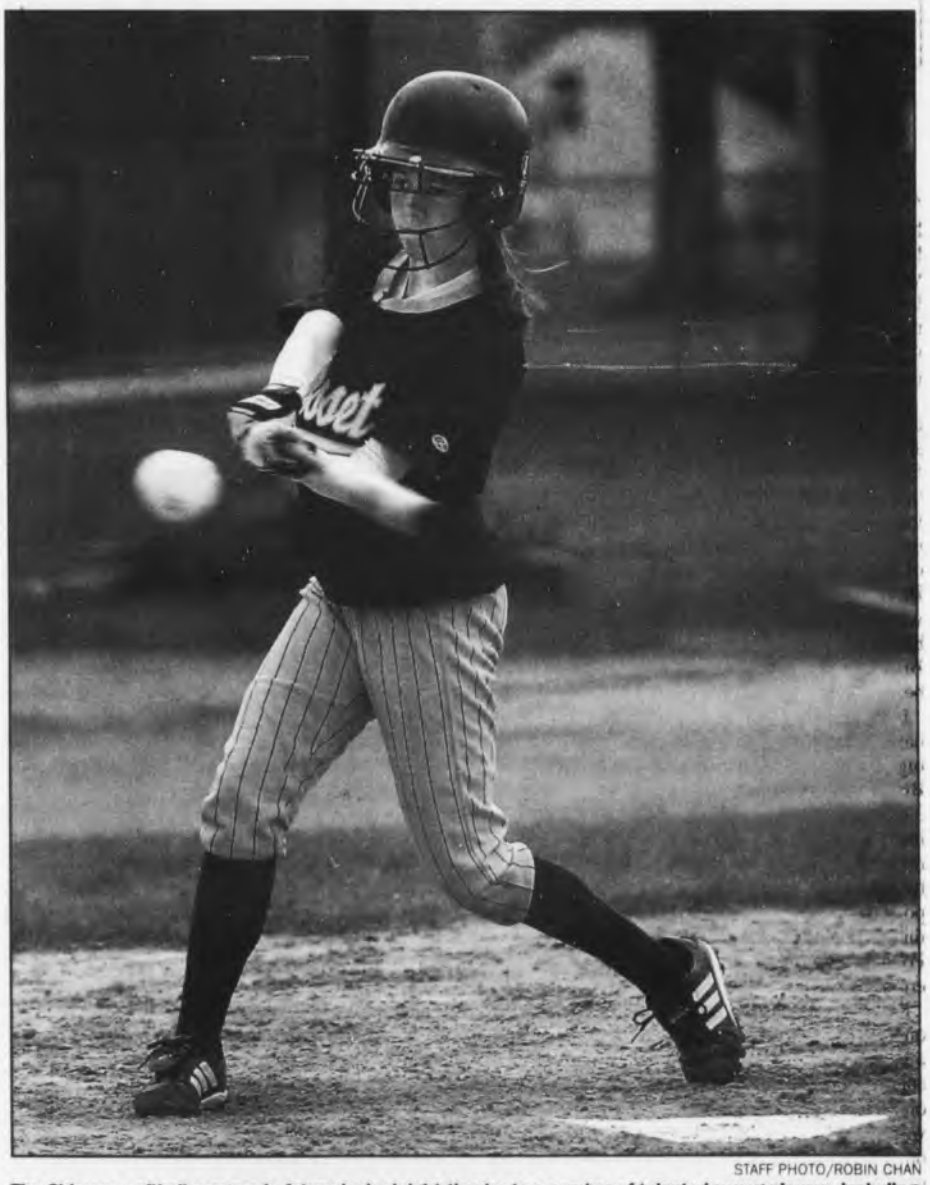
Bostwick's comment raised the key question: can the Skippers match this or beat it next year? The graduation of the "fab five," as Bostwick likes to call them, will certainly leave holes in the lineup.

Yet, the younger players and their skills should fill the graduation void. This year's juniors, along with Haggerty, will provide plenty of experience for the '07 squad. Additionally, the undefeated JV team will give Bostwick additional depth in her selection of the 2007 varsity roster.

Cohasset will certainly need another strong lineup next year to contend with the highly competitive SSL. Along with strongholds like Abington, the Skippers will face East Bridgewater at least twice. The Vikings will move from the larger Patriot League to the SSL next year. The Vikings will certainly be a team to watch.

Bostwick summed up the season with some very positive words.

"I'm extremely proud of all the girls," she said. "We created a lot of firsts. The upperclassmen have established a strong program, and we will continue to build into next year."



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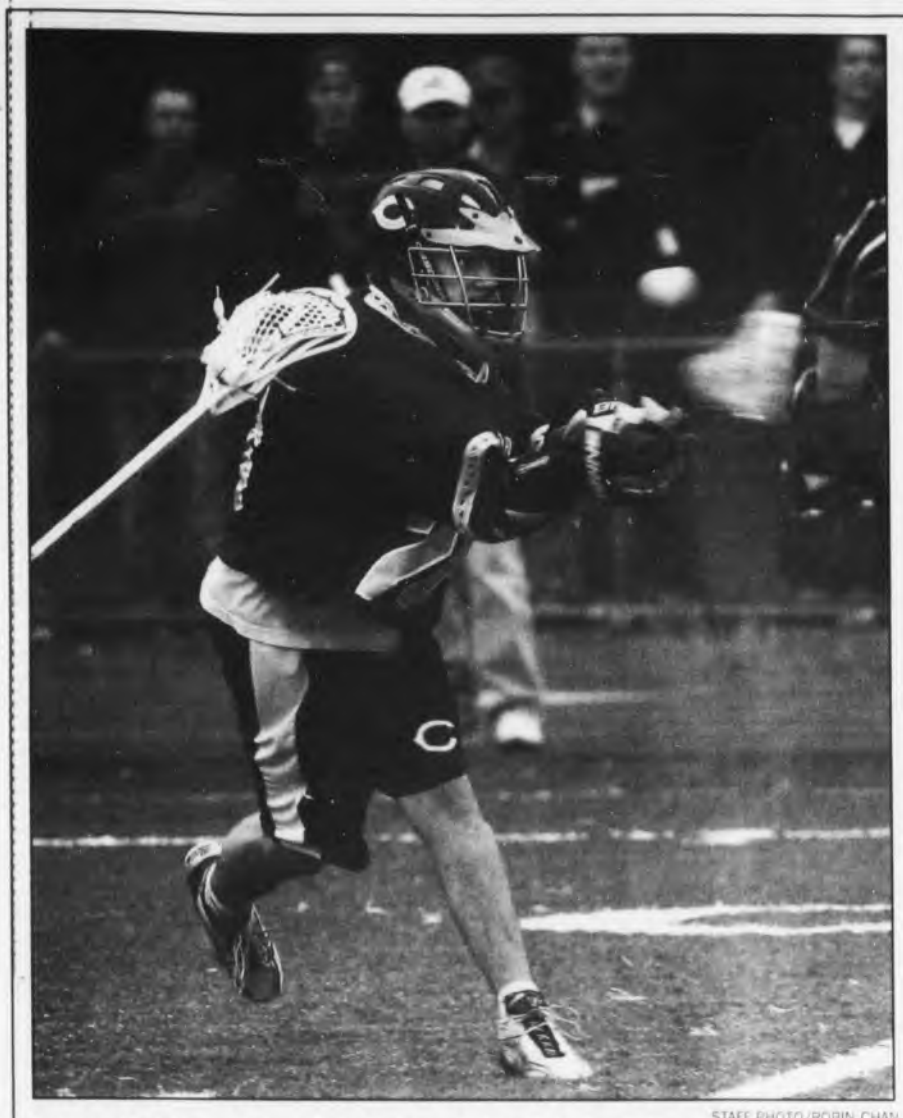
The Skippers softball program's future looks bright thanks to a number of talented young players, including Kristin Monaco (above), who had an impressive freshman season behind the plate for Cohasset.



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Cohasset's Mike Grimm unloads a shot that found the back of the net during the Skippers' 13-11 win over Scituate in the Division 3 state semifinals, a big part of a memorable year for the Skippers. Next week, the Mariner looks back on the boys' championship season.

A bit of everything for Post 118

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have to settle for a 12-12 tie in its home opener with Holbrook, who came from behind in the late going after trailing by seven runs at one point. Cohasset is now 2-2-2 and in the chase for a playoff berth.

"We've played well at times and we're off to a pretty decent start," said Post 118 head coach Fred Caffrey. "We do need to tighten up defensively. In our losses, we have given up some unearned runs, and I believe six of the runs we allowed against Braintree were unearned. Still, we finally broke loose with the bats against a very good Braintree team and we seem to be hitting right now."

It looked like Cohasset might have squandered a chance for a big early-season upset when Braintree rallied from deficits of 3-0 and 10-5 to take a 12-10 lead into the seventh inning. But reliever Ryan Ferriter stranded two more runners in scoring position, and Cody Morgan got things going in the seventh for Post 118 when he reached on an error.

Morgan was forced at second on Rob Dongara's grounder, but a wild throw on the double play attempt moved Dongara to second. Kevin Signorelli drew a walk, and both runners moved up on Shane Caffrey's grounder to first base.

Up stepped Malley, and he delivered the biggest hit of the Cohasset season so far when he lined his game-tying double a few feet fair down the first base line. Signorelli went to the mound to pitch the bottom of the seventh, and allowed only an infield hit to Tom Huddleston as the game ended after seven innings because Braintree had another game to play against undefeated Milton.

"That was a huge hit by Malley and we had some big hits in the game," said Caffrey. "I really like the way we swung the bats. Our pitchers really battled, starting with (starter) Chris Bryan)." Post 118 struck first with three runs in the second. Ryan Ferriter reached on an error to lead off the inning, but was out when Marcus Joyce's ground ball hit him. Joyce was safe at first, Bryan walked and Kyle Pinkus singled to load the bases with one out.

Dongara was hit by a pitch to force home the game's first run, and Signorelli followed with a single to chase home two more runs and give Cohasset a quick 3-0 lead.

That first lead didn't last long as Braintree answered with five runs in an inning that started when the first two batters reached on errors and the first run was forced home on a bases loaded walk. Post 118 got back to within 5-4 in the third when Malley led off with a single, went to second on a single by Joyce and scored on a single to left by Pinkus.

Cohasset then erupted for six runs in the fourth to go up, 10-5. It looked like the inning would produce nothing when the first two batters struck out, but Signorelli and Caffrey drew walks and Malley reached on an error to load the bases.

Walks to Ferriter and Joyce forced home two runs to give Post 118 a 6-5 lead, Bryan followed with a three-run double to put the visitors up, 9-5, and Pinkus capped the inning with a run-scoring double, and Cohasset suddenly had a commanding five-run lead.

Braintree, however, grabbed a pair of runs in each of the next two innings to close the gap to 10-9, and then took the lead with three more in the sixth to take that 12-10 advantage into the seventh inning.

"I liked the way we answered back the two times they took the lead," said Caffrey. "We kept swinging the bats and some good things happened for us."

Cohasset's week began in an uneventful manner, but a win nonetheless when Post 118 was awarded a forfeit victory over West Roxbury. A 4-1 loss to last year's Zone 6 East runnerup Weymouth followed on Wednesday, and then an agonizing 6-5 loss to Morrisette at Adams Field in which Post 118 took the lead with three runs in the top of the seventh only to see Morrisette respond with three runs in the bottom of the seventh for the win.

Post 118 got back on track Friday night with a 3-1 win at Stoughton as Greg Ouellette pitched a nifty three-hitter backed by strong defense, and Caffrey and Tim McGrath each went 2-for-3 at the plate. Then came the back-to-back ties as the first six games have truly produced a little bit of everything.

Cohasset played Quincy yesterday and will host unbeaten zone leader Milton on Friday, and after a road game Sunday at Canton at 5 p.m., Post 118 hosts Weymouth, Quincy and Braintree next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. All home games are at Scituate High School at 5:45 p.m.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Recreation offers sports clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer the following clinics. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., at 781-383-4109.

South Shore Basketball School – The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with South Shore Basketball School, is accepting applications for a summer basketball clinic, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two sessions will be available during the week of Monday. July 10, through Friday, July 14, at Cohasset High School gymnasium. Session I is for boys and girls, ages 7 through 11, and will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session II is for boys and girls, ages 12 through 15, and will be noon to 3 p.m. The fee for the five-day program is $125. This year's sessions will be led by Dorian Bryant, current coach at Cohasset High School.

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cohasset Town Hall in the Recreation Department office.

South Shore Soccer Camp and Squirts Camp – Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office to register. Space is limited – early registration is advised.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades three through six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. Brothers Jamie and Ronan Buick will direct the program.

The clinic will take place the week of July 17 to 21, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Sessions take place rain or shine – in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it includes a helmet, including mouthpiece, gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the lacrosse clinic is $85. Call the Recreation Department to register.

SSBC Summer Baseball Camps upcoming

Cohasset, Hingham & Braintree

HINGHAM- The South Shore Baseball Club's popular summer camps will soon hit fields in Cohasset, Hingham and Braintree.

"All of our campers will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of these SSBC summer camps," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "Cohasset, Hingham and Braintree are all great baseball towns and we really enjoy having our camps there every summer. Our expert staff of qualified professionals will help kids to improve their skills and enjoy the great game of baseball at the same time."

All campers are grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball. Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

The Cohasset camp for youngsters 5-12 will be held June 26-30 at Milliken Field.

The annual Hingham Summer Baseball Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players 5 to 15, is scheduled July 10-August 4 at Hingham High School. The camp is not restricted to Hingham residents.

The Braintree camp returns August 7-11, but shifts to Watson Field this year, for campers 5 through 15.

Sessions at all three camps will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Half-day sessions also will be available for 5 through 7 year olds from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS/(781) 749-6466 or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.

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Boys State turned out to be a blast

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Forget about tardies and final exams, it's Summer! There is no news for this week, because school is (finally) over. However, last week Charles Miller and I were at the American Legion's Boys State conference at Stonehill College. We didn't really know what to expect, but it turned out to be a blast. Both of us are extremely grateful that we went, because we learned got to meet new people and learn about government.

As chance would have it, Charles and I were separated into separate political parties but remained members of the same county. This meant that although we could not participate in the same pre-primary and primary elections, we played on the same sports teams. Charles was elected Town Moderator, and I was elected to the Board of Selectmen. Town Moderator is a position much like Cohasset's Town Manager; the moderator ran all the municipal meetings. The Selectman voted on decisions for the town and also helped appoint positions for the municipality. I also wrote for the Boys' State Newspaper, *The Citizen*.

As a Federalist I decided to run for Lieutenant Governor. Throughout the week I gave speeches to my party. Ms. Berman's Public Speaking class paid off — my party saw fit to elect me as their candidate. After the final round of speeches, the opposition won the gubernatorial election. However, the two elected U.S. Senators were from the Federalist Party, and they will represent Massachusetts Boys' State at the Boys' Nation conference in Washington, D.C. this July. I have the utmost confidence in these two, and know Massachusetts will be represented extremely well.

Boys' State has provided us with a slew of new friends and an experience we will not forget.

Boys' State has provided us with a slew of new friends and an experience we will not forget. The American Legion is truly doing this country a service by educating young men about government while keeping a fun atmosphere. We would like to sincerely thank Tom Wigmore and the American Legion for sponsoring our week at Boys' State. I hope Cohasset's Legionnaires will continue to send representatives in the future. Charles and I plan on remaining involved with the program and may even apply for Staff positions next year.

If you would like to know more about Boys' State feel free to ask one of either Charles or myself about it. Enjoy the summer, Cohasset, and stay out of trouble.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Deer Hill Student Council members Jenna O'Brien, Valerie Farren, Cassandra Lieberman, Ian Kennedy, and Tanner Gildea helped organize the "Hoops for Heart" event.

Deer Hill students have big hearts

On May 12th, Deer Hill Elementary School students helped fight heart disease and stroke by participating in Hoops For Heart. This first-time event was open to the entire school with the participants raising $7,620 for the American Heart Association.

Hoops For Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of playing basketball. The event is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

"The student's were excited about learning how much they had raised from the event" said Deer Hill physical education teacher and Hoops for Heart coordinator Mike Weydt.

On Weydt's leadership, Carrie Fortino, senior director of Youth Markets for the American Heart Association said, "It is obvious that Mike is very proud of the students at Deer Hill, and they all looked like they had a lot of fun."

Funds raised in Hoops For Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's number one and number three killers.

RECREATION NOTES

Teen Center dance

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold a dance for students entering grade six through eight at Midnight Blue, the new Teen Center, on Friday, July 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. Billy Carbone will DJ the event. Snacks and drinks will be on sale. Admission is $5 per person. Once registered, guests may not leave the Teen Center until picked up by an adult.

Late registration

Anyone wanting to register for the seven-week Summer Playground program, youth tennis lessons, or drama, should call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for late registration times and dates.

Residents may continue to register for various Sport Camps programs at the Recreation Department office. Each program has a separate brochure and registration form available in the foyer of the Town Hall outside the Recreation office. Some Sports programs are nearing the limit in numbers, so early registration is advised.

Great games!

Sign up for Great Games with Mr. Dykas at Deer Hill School. Monday, Aug. 14, to Wednesday, Aug. 16. Cost is $25 per day (may do one, two or three days). For ages 4 through 9. Morning/afternoon sessions according to age. Register online at www.onecreativeplace.net or call One Creative Place at 781-383-2211.

Pirate party at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset is kicking off this summer with a Pirate Party on Tuesday, June 27, at 10:30 a.m. Pirate-related book readings and activities are planned for budding buccaneers, ages 5 and up. Free event. Reservations appreciated. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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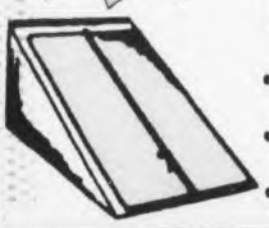

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IT'S HAPPENING

Band concert set for July 11

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. Each June, the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission for concert funding, hence, certainty of concerts are not absolute until mid-June each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, New York City.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2006 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., on the Town Common.

The performance will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band, under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts take place on the Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellant is a good item to have available.

Call the Recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts if there is double about weather conditions.

Launch party for Cohasset author

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A will host the launch party for Cohasset resident David Hosp, to celebrate the release of his new book, "The Betrayed," on Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m.

His first book, "Dark Harbor," was a fast-paced mystery placed in Boston. "The Betrayed" introduces a new set of characters, and the venue is Washington. The District of Columbia is no stranger to cover ups, and the answer to why a young woman is brutally murdered is buried deep under many layers of influence and power.

Hosp has a gift for characterization. He creates likeable, multi-dimensional characters who quickly become favorites. His new detectives, Cassian and Train, will join Scott Finn and Tigh McCluen from "Dark Harbor" in the gallery of favorite Hosp characters.

Hosp will talk about, read from and answer questions about "The Betrayed." He is a Boston attorney who received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College and his Juris Doctor degree from George Washington University.

Refreshments will be served.

This is a free event, however reservations are appreciated. Anyone unable to attend that would like to purchase a signed book, can call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Register for 'healing lunch'

Aglow International Lighthouse (non-denominational) will hold a luncheon at the Cohasset Golf Club in Cohasset on Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m. Keynote speaker is Forshia Ross, noted author and authority on emotional healing. Cost is $25. Registration and payment by July 12. For more information call Karen at 781-383-0026. All are welcome!

Date changed for Hingham fireworks

Due to unforeseen events, the date for the Hingham Lions Club annual fireworks display at Hingham Harbor has been changed to Friday, June 30. Club members understand that this may inconvenience some residents who have already made plans, and truly apologize for this inconvenience, as the Lions Club relies on the support of the town to fund the event.

The Hingham Lions Club is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization. All proceeds are used for various charities and scholarship funds. Club members are looking forward to an enjoyable, safe celebration with the community.

CHS grad joins brother as Thoreau Scholar

Growing up in Cohasset, Mia Lieb-Lappen recalls her early experiments with "kitchen chemistry." She and her older brother, Ross, would mix fluids of different densities and colors – for instance, apple juice and milk – and watch them separate.

Later, frequent philosophic discourse went on between them. "He was never too shy to show me the opposite side of global issues, thus fostering some heated debates," she said.

"Throughout my life, Ross has been a source of inspiration, competition and motivation. Today, his respect and concern for the environment has grown contiguous to mine. Watching him take action has motivated me in a similar fashion. I can definitely picture us working hand in hand for a safer world," Mia said.

In the fall, Ross will be a senior at Middlebury College, where he is majoring in chemistry. Mia will enroll in the freshman class at Middlebury, starting in the winter term. They are the first siblings in the history of the Henry David Thoreau Scholars program to receive that honor. Their parents, Dr. Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen, couldn't be happier about it.

Three years ago, upon graduating from Cohasset High School, Ross received a $30,000 four-year grant from the Henry David Thoreau Foundation. This Somerville-based nonprofit organization recognizes the outstanding leadership potential of Massachusetts high school seniors – in 2006, a select annual group of 11 – who plan to pursue environmental studies at many of the nation's top-ranking colleges and universities. Recipients bear the designation "Henry David Thoreau Scholar," an honor that may open doors of opportunity to them. A profile of Ross appears on the Thoreau Foundation Web site, www.thoreauscholar.org.

After an Earth Watch expedition to study dolphins and whales in the Bahamas, Mia came back with renewed inspiration to pursue her own environmental studies in college. Earlier, she had taken part in a Cohasset High School ecology field trip to the rainforests and coral reefs of Belize. She also spent summers collaborating with CHS science teachers on salinity studies of Cohasset Harbor, conducted through the town's Student Center for Coastal Research.

With encouragement from her family, teachers and friends, Mia applied for a Thoreau Scholarship. Cohasset has strong representation among Henry David Thoreau Scholar high schools, as five of its graduates have earned the honor during the past six years. Besides the Lieb-Lappens, other Thoreau Scholars from CHS are Christopher Golden, Harvard '05; Charles Anderson, Bowdoin '06; and Brittany Novak, Harvard '08.

The result? Mia was welcomed as a Thoreau Scholar at the organization's luncheon on May 20 at the Museum of Science, Boston. John R. Galvin, the foundation's president, served as host, along with members of the organization's governing board.

Mia D. Lieb-Lappen, second from left, is Cohasset High School's newest Henry David Thoreau Scholar. She will begin her freshman studies at Middlebury College during the winter term of 2006-07. With her is her family. From left to right are Dr. Helene Lieb, her mother; Ross, her brother, also a Henry David Thoreau Scholar and member of Middlebury's Class of 2007; and father Ed Lappen.

In addition, CHS Science Department chairman David Magnussen was on hand to offer his congratulations. He has actively encouraged all five Scholars from Cohasset to apply for the grant and was thanked by the organization for his efforts.

Mia's high school record – of academic excellence, athletics and community involvement – speaks for itself. A high honor student, she completed five Advanced Placement classes and graduates near the top of her class. Besides serving as editor in chief of The Spinnaker at CHS, she earned varsity letters in basketball, lacrosse and field hockey. She has held offices in CHS student government and tutors both classmates and private clients.

During all four years of high school, Mia participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, a 24-hour charity walk that she organized. She has also volunteered for building and repair assignments in West Virginia and Virginia for the Appalachian Service Project and the METCO program (as a hosting sister since the third grade). One of her CHS teachers describes her perfectly: "Mia has learned that to care is to act, and [she] lives her life accordingly."

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Corbin Faber, Patrick Horigan, Robert Silvia, Nick Cambi, Ryan Kucinski, Adrian Lucas, Zach Murray, Paul St. Pierre, and Chris Mills are all members of the Iceman22 KRD team established in memory of their friend and teammate Kurt Gritzan.

Fighting cancer is a team effort

FROM RELAY, PAGE 1

tic and that is absolutely fabulous to see," he said. "It's great to see the kids all walking the track, it's a positive message.

"And then there is the sense of community — we all get together for a cause."

St. Onge said planning starts six months before the event. "We have a great committee, and when you have a great committee — while it's still a lot of work to plan the event — they make it easy," he said.

St. Onge, who is a cancer survivor, noted the community of survivors can be a hard one to belong to. He explained that the community could lose someone, as was the case this year with the loss of Mardi Wood, who walked the Relay for three years.

This year's Relay was dedicated to Mardi Wood, a Cohasset resident, who passed away in February. Mardi's daughter, Lauren Luscombe, said she had hoped for maybe eight participants on the "S-Miles for Mardi" team with the possibility of raising $1,000. She was overwhelmed to have the team burgeon to 36 people raising more than $15,000.

"In our small community, we are really making a difference."
—Harry St. Onge,
Cohasset Relay For Life

Friday night during the luminary ceremony Mardi's name was lit up with lights on the bleachers, along with that of Lisa Audet, a Hingham High teacher who succumbed to cancer earlier this month at the age of 34.

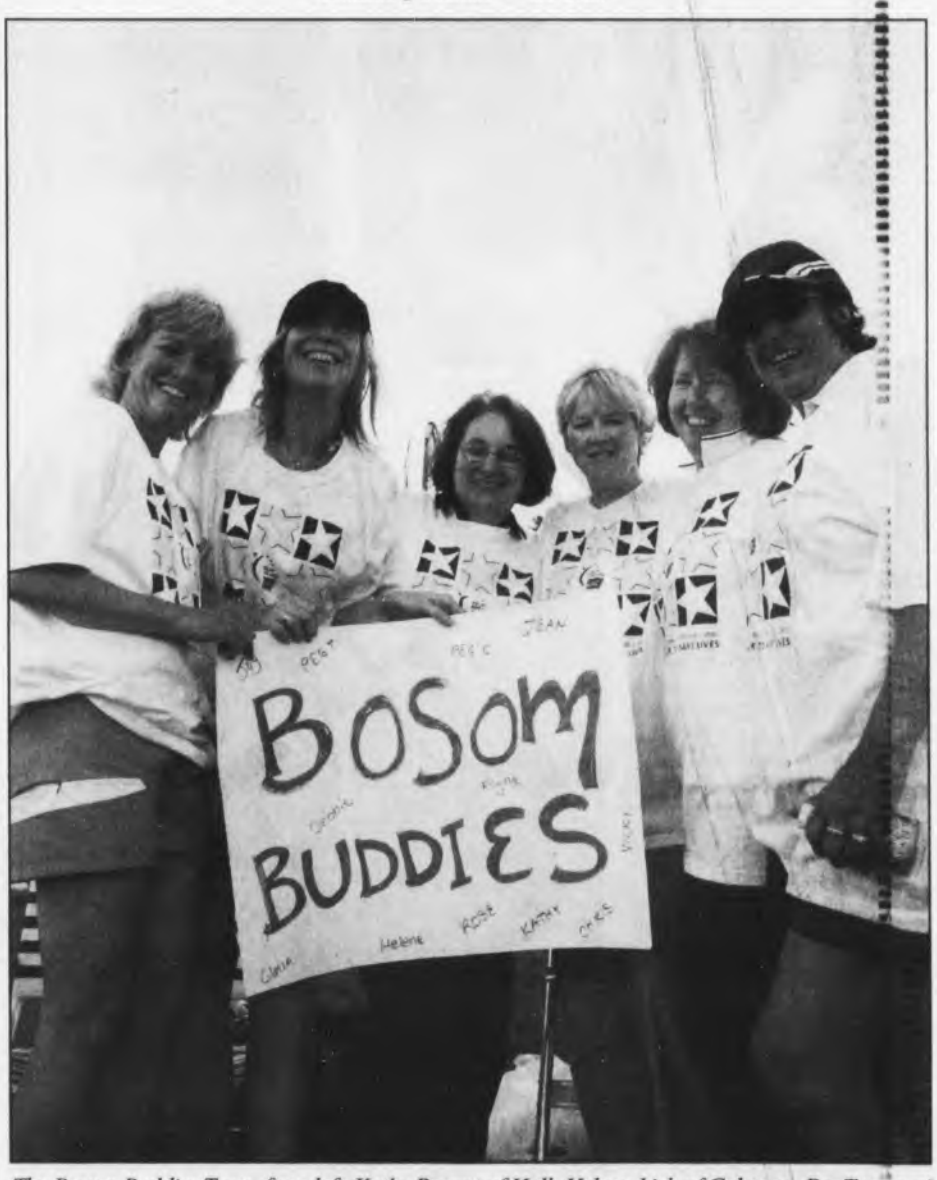
In the months leading up to the Relay, participants collect pledges. The event itself revolves around team members taking turns walking laps for 24 hours. Luminaries — bags inscribed with a personal message and containing a candle — are available to the entire community to purchase. The event also "Taste of the Relay" in which includes the area restaurants donate their time and food for the event.

Patrick Connors of the American Cancer Society, which sponsors the event, said there were 61 cancer survivors who participated in the Relay. The Survivor's Lap is one of the Relay traditions.

"It was very touching and emotional for all of us," Connors said. "I am very proud of the hard work and dedication of everyone who helped make this Relay such a successful event."

Just before Saturday's closing ceremonies, a group of students from Foster School arrived along with some parents and staff to honor sixth-grader, Maddie Dillon, a tough cancer fighter. The students had just learned that Maddie's cancer had returned.

"The students wanted to do it," said Principal Betsy Connolly. "They wanted to honor Maddie and tell everyone to keep her in their prayers."



The Bosom Buddies Team, from left, Kathy Prevett of Hull, Helene Lieb of Cohasset, Peg Turner of Scituate, and Vicki Watkins, Chris Sida and Rose Nella of Cohasset take part in the Relay For Life.

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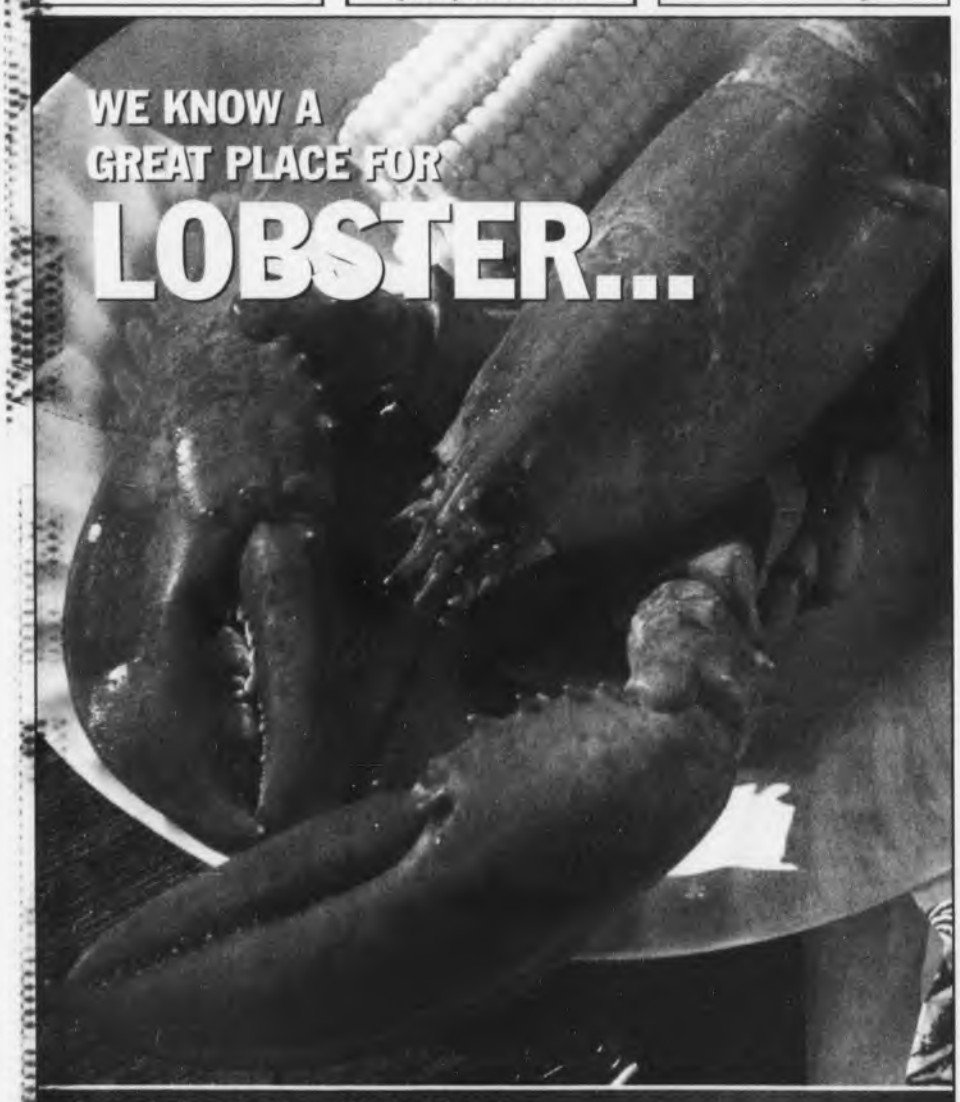

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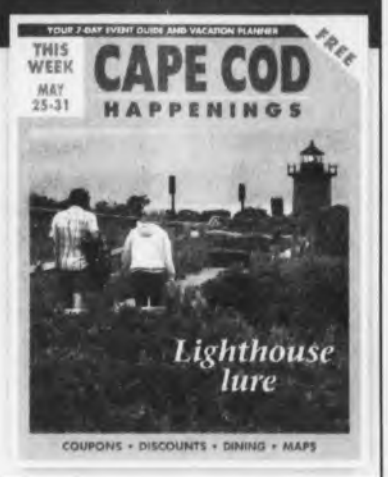


Relay For Life raises money and hope

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Jennifer Lord of Cohasset lights the candles for the luminaria during the Relay for Life.

Relay For Life organizers are Rick Kirkendall, Lindsey Blampied and chairman Harry St. Onge.

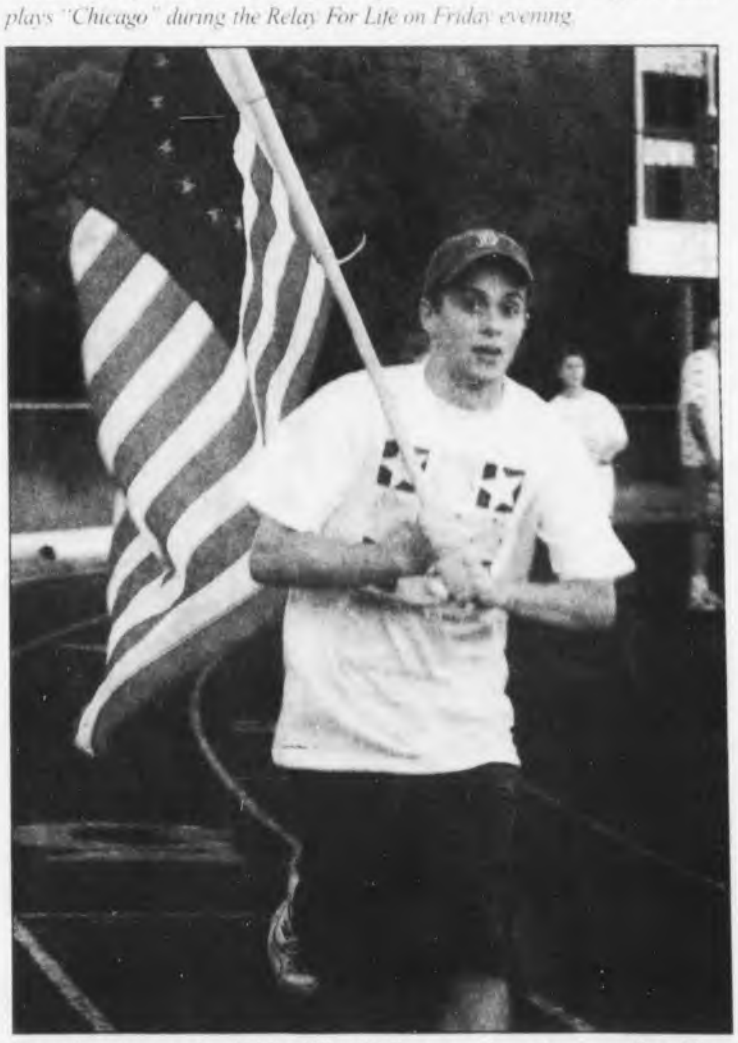
Taylor Ham, Kendall Hodgkins, and Ashley Prezioso, all of Hingham, Lesen Haracz of Cohasset, and Kayla Fahy of Hingham are members of the team, Surfing for a Cure.

Jeremy Tose of Weymouth entertains the children attending the Relay For Life at Alumni Field.

Aaron Bigley of Cohasset plays the bagpipes during the luminaria ceremony.

Walkers are reflected in the bell of the euphonium as the Rusty Skippers Band plays "Chicago" during the Relay For Life on Friday evening.

Lily Smith, 8, of Cohasset, a cancer survivor, has a dolphin painted on her arm during the Relay For Life.



Team America member, Eddie Gill of Hull, runs with an American flag. His team raised more than $6,000.

DESTINATIONS

'Pride' of the Islands

Hawaiian cruise adventure shines, even when the sun doesn't

By FELICITY LONG
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

ABOARD THE PRIDE OF AMERICA -- Nothing tests the merits of a cruise more thoroughly than bad weather. Faced with a series of rained-out shore excursions and curtailed poolside fun, can the ship still deliver a vacation experience that isn't -- for want of a better expression -- all washed up?

Though answering this question was not the reason I yanked my 13-year-old daughter and her friend out of school for a recent seven-night Hawaii cruise, we nonetheless had occasion to put the question to the test.

Our cruise -- roundtrip to the four major Hawaiian islands from Oahu -- happened to coincide with a freak springtime weather pattern that left the state saturated.

We got rain. But what we also got was a chance to experience this ship, which is often unfairly upstaged by the beauty of the destination it serves.

PHOTO BY FELICITY LONG

One of the fun kids' areas on the ship

The year-old, 2,000-passenger Pride of America boasts a fun theme that is a salute to all 50 states. From the White House ambience of the atrium, the Aloha Cafe buffet area and the South Beach swimming area to the Newbury Street shopping area (a nod to Boston), you are constantly reminded this is an American ship. (In fact, when the Pride of America debuted it was the first brand new U.S.-flagged cruise ship in nearly 50 years.)

In keeping with Norwegian Cruise Line's Freestyle Dining concept, the ship offers eight restaurants and you can eat anywhere you like -- no rigid cruise dining here. To help keep things moving, the ship has computers guests can check to see which restaurants are open and what the wait time is likely to be.

Complimentary dining is available at the buffet, the New York-themed Skyline Restaurant and Colonial-themed Liberty Restaurant (here we dined on menu choices that ranged from steak and vegetarian options to mahi-mahi and pasta). Burgers at the '50s-themed Cadillac Cafe were a hit with the teenagers (you pay extra just for the milkshakes).

Specialty restaurants (meaning you pay a service charge) include our favorite, the Teppanyaki room, a kind of theatrical dining experience with a performing chef who sets a volcano of onion rings ablaze and slices and flips the meat and vegetables. Italian, steakhouse and French are among the other restaurant offerings.

The girls and I spent some happy afternoon hours on the ship making kukui nut and ribbon-weave leis and other Hawaiian crafts, and watching a group of spirited passengers attempt to learn the hula.

We also caught screenings of "Walk the Line" and "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." And I dropped a staggering $80 at the spa getting daughter Chloe's hair braided.

Had I any willpower, I would have shed pounds at the ship's fitness center doing Pilates, jogging on the treadmill or attending seminars on dieting.

I chose to watch as Chloe and her friend, Alex, defied gravity at the bungee-jumping station and turned upside down on the ship's gyroscope.

One of the nightly shows proved a big hit -- "America's Beat," a dance review that showcased U.S. history through dance and song. And we found unexpectedly charming a crew show, complete with robust singing, comedy and a surprise ending.

The Pride of America ship

Though NCL is family-friendly fleetwide, the Pride of America offers even more for parents cruising with young children. The kids center for children ages 2 to 12 features computer terminals, a movie room, a jungle gym and a play area with an animal decor. There is also a kids' pool and video arcade with all the latest games.

Chloe and her friend checked out the Connections Teen Club with its video jukebox and juice bar -- shyly at first, then with increasing enthusiasm.

Families can book one of eight Family Suites that sleep five in three separate areas.

We stayed instead in one of the standard balcony cabins, with beds dressed in bright colors and plenty of storage space even for teenage girls.

The charms of the ship notwithstanding, a huge appeal of the Pride of America voyage is the destination itself.

The itinerary offers a day each in Hilo and Kona, both on the big island, two days in Maui and two in Kauai.

The shore excursions are some of the best in the business and range from strictly sightseeing to more adventurous.

Our weather held just long enough for Captain Zodiac's snorkel tour in Kona. Here, up to 16 passengers cling to a speedy Zodiac past frolicking spinner dolphins and, in winter, the occasional spouting whale. After an hour's stop for snorkeling, our Zodiac hugged the coast, nearly grazing the lava caves with their mysterious striations and water spouts.

Another success was the kayak waterfall tour in Hilo, where we embarked in double kayaks from a bay, bobbing over waves until we reached a series of waterfalls just past the junction of the river.

After scanning the clouds, we took a chance on a Ka'anapali Beach Day excursion. Sure enough, the heavens opened just as we arrived at the white-sand beach, so we whiled away the hours at Whalers Cove, a nearby outdoor shopping and dining area.

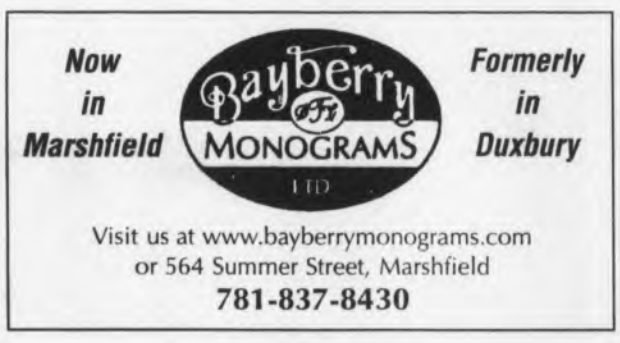
We explored Lahaina on Maui, a touristy but attractive town with shops and pricey restaurants -- an excursion that worked despite the rain.

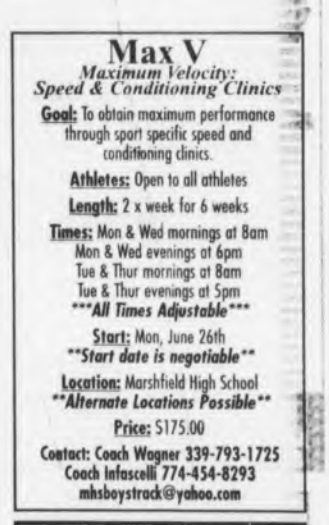
But after driving about 20 minutes in the rain to scenic Poipu on Kauai's scenic north shore in the hope of riding horses along the beach, we were given the option to don ponchos and ride in the muck or go shopping and receive a full no-hassle refund. We picked the shopping.

On disembarkation day -- when, as luck would have it, the sun finally poked through -- the girls listed all the things they had done, seen and tasted. Dodging raindrops never even made their list.

Prices in August start from $1,099; $999 in September. Also beginning inter-island service in Hawaii this month is Norwegian Cruise Line's new and larger Pride of Hawaii -- which carries 2,400 passengers and has 10 restaurants. For reservations, go to www.ncl.com or call 800-327-7030.

Coming next week: Bear watching in British Columbia





LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road.. For more information on programs or events call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center presents "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "Unless" by Carol Shields on Thursday, June 29, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Open to all. Place a hold on the book online, over the phone, or in person at the library.

Independent Film Series – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will show the independent film "Day Break" on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Summer Reading – For suggestions on future reading, browse our readers' advisory materials in the Reference area. Lists of suggested readings are available at the Reference Desk or page through the Genreflecting Readers Advisory books shelved in the 011-028 section.

FOR CHILDREN

Summer reading registration —What's Buzzin @ your library, the 2006 Massachusetts Summer Library Adventure will begin Monday, June 26. A registration center will be set up on the counter under the clock in the Children's Room. At the time of registration, students will set a goal and be given a reading log on which to record their summer reading. At the completion of the program, Aug. 14, participants will bring their reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. A t-shirt will be awarded to those participants who meet or exceed their goal. This program is funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Summer calendar:

June 26 – Registration begins for the summer reading program- school age children only.

July 6 – Registration begins for Story & Craft. A four- week commitment, for Cohasset residents ages 3-6.

Telephone registrations accepted.

July 11-Aug. 15 – Free Tuesday evening family programs at 7 p.m. For details visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

July 17-Aug. 7 – MamaSteph Drop-In Music, Mondays at 10:30 a.m., for all ages. No registration required.

July 17-Aug. 7 – Puzzle Club – Mondays, from 7 to 8:45 p.m., for Deer Hill Students. Hosted by Marjorie Murphy. Prompt pick up required.

July 20- Aug. 10 – Story & Craft – Thursdays, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Previous registration required.

Aug. 14 – Summer reading program ends. Tee shirts will be awarded to all who meet or exceed their goal.

DERBY DAY

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Pre-K student Tilly McLean, 5, of Cohasset waits for her mom while keeping dry in the back of their minivan on a drizzly Thursday in Hingham for the Derby Day parade and graduation exercises June 8. Derby Academy is a private school on Burditt Avenue.

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OBITUARIES

Anne Signorelli

Co-founder of Signorelli's Restaurant

Anne Signorelli, 95, of Cohasset, died June 17, 2006, peacefully at home, surrounded by her family.

A lifelong Cohasset resident, she helped to establish and manage Signorelli's Restaurant on Route 3A in Cohasset, through the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Wife of the late Salvatore Signorelli, she leaves her children, Mary R. Green of Cohasset, William S. Signorelli of Cohasset, Vito J. Signorelli of Quincy, Ann M. Percy of Cohasset, and Barbara J. Gunville of Norwell; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Philomena Colello of Readville. She was the mother of the late Theresa M. Signorelli, and Katherine E. Igo.

Anne Signorelli

A funeral Mass was held on June 21, in St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

Paul M. Donovan

Life-long educator

Paul M. Donovan, 82, of Cohasset, died at his home on Monday, June 19, 2006, after a long illness.

Born and raised in Boston, he graduated from Boston English High School. As a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, he entered the Navy's V-12 officer training program at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, and attended officer training school in Quantico, Va., while serving in Washington D.C. He received a master's degree in English from Middlebury College in Vermont, where he became good friends with the poet Robert Frost.

Mr. Donovan had a life-long career as an educator. During the 1940s and 50s, he assisted World War II refugees, including many survivors of Nazi Concentration Camps, by teaching them English. He later became an English teacher in the Boston Public School system and eventually the principal at William Barton Rogers Junior High School in Hyde Park. This led to his appointment as district principal, overseeing several elementary schools in Hyde Park. After his retirement in 1988, he worked as a professor of education at Boston College in Chestnut Hill.

Outside of work, his life revolved around his family and his love of the sea and sailing. Mr. Donovan was a member of the Cohasset Sailing Club since its founding in 1962, and took his family on many sailing trips, including Acadia National Park in Maine as well as charted sailing trips throughout the Caribbean. He loved dogs, and could often be found sailing with his dogs. An accomplished gardener, he kept many gardens at his home in Cohasset. An avid reader, he had a life-long love of language and literature.

He leaves his beloved wife, Mary (Sullivan) Donovan; a daughter, Ann Donovan of Newton; a son, Paul Donovan II and his wife Dr. Elena Toschi of Brookline; a grandson, Michael Paul Donovan of Newton; and two sisters, Marie Donovan and Claire Donovan, both of Cohasset.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, June 23, at 11 a.m., in St. Anthony Church, Summer St., Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Summer Carillon Recitals start Sunday

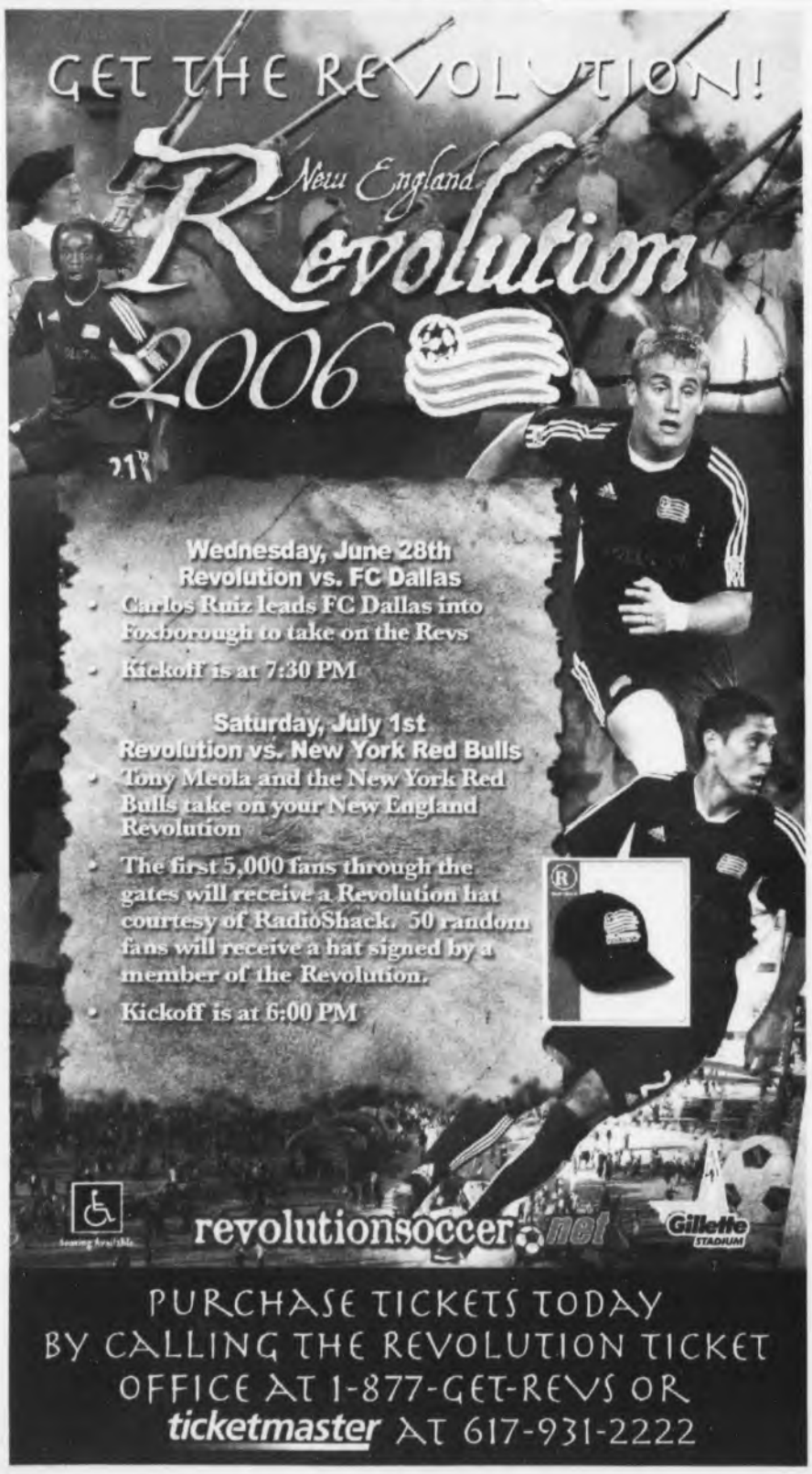
The 82nd annual series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., beginning June 25, and continuing through Aug. 13. The public is invited to attend free of charge, and may bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs and blankets to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Printed programs will be available in both locations. The concerts will take place rain or shine, and in case of bad weather, listen from parked cars.

Following this and every recital in the series, there will be an open tower tour for all who are interested in climbing the 45 stairs to see how the instrument is played.

The first program on June 25 will be performed by Roy Lee, carillonneur of the University of Toronto. Lee will play a varied program including arrangements of hymns and spirituals, original carillon compositions by Matthias Van den Gheyn, Jos D'hollander, Terry Vaughn, Ronald Barnes and John Knox, European folksongs, and "Ol' Man River" by Jerome Kern. Following this and every recital in the series, there will be an open tower tour for all who are interested in climbing the 45 stairs to see how the instrument is played.

On July 2, the carillonneur will be Ellen Dickinson from Stamford, Conn. The guest artists for the following Sundays are: July 9, Amy Johansen from the University of Sydney, Australia; July 16, Marcel Siebers, carillonneur of Cuyk, The Netherlands; July 23, Dave Johnson, carillonneur of House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn.; July 30, Daniel Kehoe, carillonneur of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; Aug. 6, Margaret Angelini, coordinator of the Guild of Carillonneurs of Wellesley College; and Aug. 13, Sally Slade Warner, carillonneur of St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599 or Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur, at 781-383-9599.



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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, June 25. Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House - for all generations

"Celebrating Summer" - A Service of Music and Poetry - led by Edwin Henneken

This will be our last 10 a.m. service until September.

There will be no services on Sunday, July 2. Summer led services begin July 9.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is in St. Louis this week, participating in the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. To learn more, visit www.uua.org/ga.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 10 a.m. Church School, nursery through grade 5, meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows the 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High.

- Saturday, June 24: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m. Letter of Peter
- Sunday, June25: Intercessory Prayer Group at 11:40 a.m.
- Summer Worship Schedule begins on July 2. Services will be held at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. which will be a family service.

In the Scripture lessons for the third Sunday after Pentecost, God appears to Job out of the whirlwind, Paul celebrates God's reconciling work through Christ and in the Gospel Jesus stills the waters. Preacher: Ms. Wheatley-Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

June 25: "Christian Science"
July 2: "God"
July 9: "Sacrament"
July 16: "Life"
July 23: "Truth"
July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091. 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Feed the Need benefits area food pantries

The 4th annual Feed the Need 5k-10k Race will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, at Wompatuck State Park. Entry fee is 25 cans of food, which will be donated to local food pantries. There are T-shirts and medals for the top three male and female finishers in each age group, children's races, a bouncy house, door prizes and family fun.

Pre-register on-line at www.feedtheneed.org or register on race day from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center in Wompatuck.

Participants may drop off their food donations and pick up race numbers and t-shirts on Friday, June 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the LDS Church, 379 Gardner St., in Hingham.

For more information call Jenn Ashley at 781-925-9939 or visit www.feedtheneed.org.

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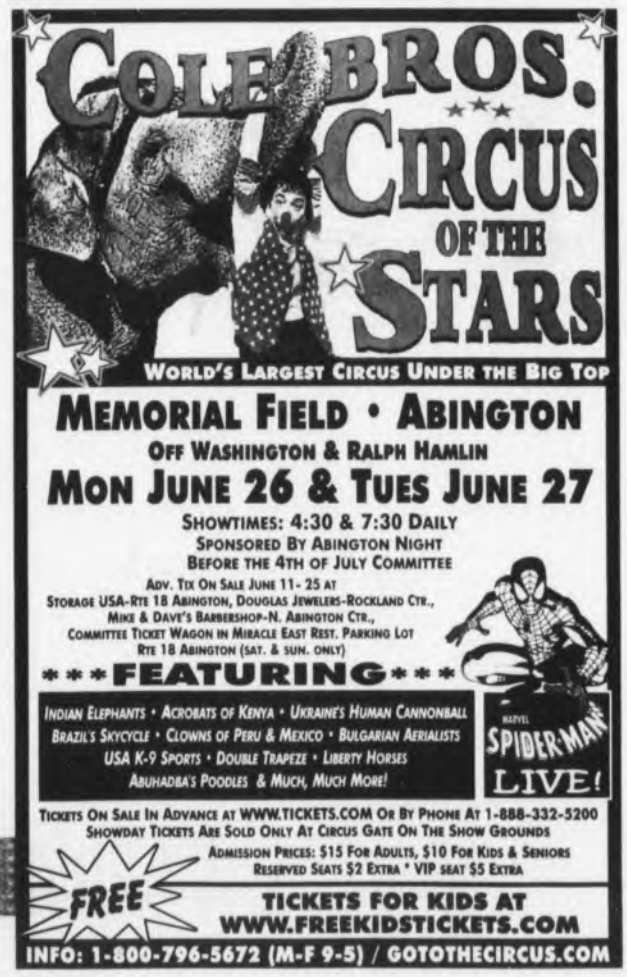

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

6:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:57 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:16 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, caller reports she had witnessed a road rage incident and the suspect attempted to throw a ladder through the windshield of the victim. The ladder is in the middle of 3A.

8:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, walk in party reports tools stolen from work site.

10:42 a.m. **Brook St.**, call from fire HQ., reporting a possible oil spill. Units now reporting a major gas leak at this location. Keyspan responding. DEP on scene. Keyspan on scene.

12:45 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports a raccoon in the roadway.

2:05 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:22 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, verbal warning, caller reports a silver sports car at a very high rate of speed. Caller did not want to leave her name, but said she lives on the same street as where the report was. Units are off with this vehicle at the country club.

3:28 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:52 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports she is receiving annoying phone calls from another party. The calling party will be notifying Verizon Call Center about this matter.

4:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, firearms training, officers report they were bit by ticks.

4:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:12 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:29 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:55 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:14 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:21 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:26 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, power outage, police station on generator.

6:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, power outage, dispatch receiving multiple power outages all over town.

6:53 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, power outage, 911 caller states their power is out.

6:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, power outage, caller states power outage in the Atlantic Ave., area.

6:56 p.m. **Sankey Rd.**, power outage, caller reports her power is out and is concerned her cellar may flood because her pump is not working.

7 p.m. **Elm St.**, hazard, multiple calls reporting all traffic lights on 3A are out.

7:05 p.m. **South Main St.**, power outage, business owner called wants police to notify National Grid regarding power outage.

7:06 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement from the National Weather Service: Radar is estimating rainfall rates of up to 2 inches per hour with this thunderstorm. Urban flash flooding is likely. Flash flooding of poor drainage areas is likely due to the torrential rainfall. Culverts along road slides may be washed out. Standing water on roadways and especially under passes may rise to several feet in depth submerging most vehicles.

7:25 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, responding to assist Hull Police for a motorcycle down at Atlantic Ave., and Summit Ave. Hull Fire reports personal injury.

7:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:12 p.m. **Pond St., and Virginia Lane**, fire, outside, caller reports lightening hit the top of a tree and it's on fire. E3 reports the fire is out, cleaning the debris from the road at this time. E3 reports when the tree was struck, a branch flew across the street through the window of 68 Pond Street. No personal injury.

8:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, disabled motor vehicle, walk in party reports he went over a manhole in the square and both tires on his right side are blown.

9:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller report there is a group of people in the Sandy Beach parking lot with the radio blaring, swearing and being loud. Officer reports no one on the beach, he will be securing the gate.

10:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

12:28 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Hull, male possibly suicidal missing.

6:34 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller wanted to speak to "the person, who does log entries." When questioned further, she stated she was having a problem with her neighbor. She "Did not want anyone to speak to him because he went to school with all the cops, she just wanted a log entry." She was advised that further info was needed at which time she asked when officer was working and hung up.

10:52 a.m. **Elm St.**, caller states that items were stolen from her room at Cohasset Harbor Inn on May 20. Would like to file a report. Information taken, caller advised to come to Police HQ and fill out an affidavit before a police report will be written.

10:58 a.m. **James Lane**, caller states she is concerned about dogs in a vehicle. Officer on scene reports two dogs in the vehicle. The dogs have been ordered to be taken out of town prior to this date. ACO notified responding, officer standing by on scene.

11:47 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports sick raccoon in his yard. Animal is going to be taken care of. ACO to pick up.

1:16 p.m. **Holly Lane**, caller reports elderly female has fallen with injuries.

3:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:49 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:54 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:13 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:26 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. **Elm St., and Elm Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports a male acting very strange in the store harassing the females working. He passed a note to the female working the florist shop with his name on it.

7:14 p.m. **King St.**, noise complaint, caller reports a resident in this area running heavy equipment and causing a disturbance at this hour. Officer reports he has spoken to the contractors doing a driveway they have stopped work for the night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

3:16 a.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, caller states a motor vehicle alarm has been going off for 1/2 hour. Unable to get a response at the door. Owner contacted by telephone. Alarm has been silenced for now. Electrical problems with the motor vehicle. Motor vehicle owner will handle.

3:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, 911 caller states "There is someone beeping the horn, somewhere in the area." It is the motor vehicle alarm.

6:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller requests assistance as he locked his keys in his motor vehicle. He was advised that the PD cannot unlock motor vehicles. He stated he does not have access to a phone directory and needs assistance from the police. Spoke to the party. Party requests 3A towing.

6:33 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

8:50 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:02 a.m. **Border St.**, caller reports an odor of gas at this location this is an ongoing problem.

1:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, off duty police officer called reporting a vehicle behind him all over the road and has gone off the road at least twice.

1:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:59 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok.

5:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller is requesting an ambulance for a party not feeling well.

6:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, caller reports a traffic sign in the roadway. Sign has been removed from the roadway.

6:23 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS, resident is requesting an ambulance for ah elderly male not feeling well.

7:22 p.m. **Summer St., and Border St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a motor vehicle blocking the roadway.

10:48 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, caller reports a downed wire on Grave Drive.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

12:33 a.m. **Cedar St.**, assist citizen, daughter is missing on the Dump Road. Female party is on rollerblades. Spoke to the caller. She has found her daughter.

1:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, caller states there is a loud party in the hotel. Parties have moved inside.

1:59 a.m. **Elm St.**, clerk requests assistance with noisy patrons. Peace restored.

2:28 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, State Police attempted to transfer cell phone caller. Call was disconnected. State Police stated a female party gave them the address and stated "she needed the police." No call back number available. 882 on scene. Requests bolo for Mass motor vehicle. Hull, Hingham, Scituate notified. 882 clear of scene, remaining in the area. No phone service at the residence. On call judge has issued an emergency RO. Immediate telephone repair needed.

6:34 a.m. **HQ.**, domestic. Hingham Police have stopped Mass reg. motor vehicle. Hingham Police has male party stopped at the Hingham Shipyard. Hingham Police request a Cohasset unit to the scene. 884 has one in custody. Arrest: Frederick Torres, 33. Charges: Intimidation of a witness, assault to intimidate, threat to commit a crime.

4:30 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:58 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, caller reported a strong odor of gasoline in her home. Noted flooded basement homeowner advised to evacuate residence.

8:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, accidental 911 call, child playing with phone.

8:35 p.m. **Border St.**, outside gas leak. Keyspan notified on gas leak.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

1:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic motor vehicle operation, Hingham reports they had a cell phone caller reporting an older green Explorer all over the road headed toward Cohasset from Hingham on 3A.

1:58 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 80 year-old fell down about 14 steps.

6:57 a.m. **Central St.**, Hingham Police report they found 3 mailboxes belonging to residents in Cohasset. They were found on French Street in Hingham.

8:47 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic).

9:45 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, fire drill, bomb safety.

11:10 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, odor of something burning.

11:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:23 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop. 40-year-old Kingston man summoned on charges: Unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, number plate violation to conceal ID, motor vehicle brakes violation.

1:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, reports of a poodle like dog running around Common.

2:44 p.m. **South Main St.**, 209A service.

3:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

6:07 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:18 p.m. **Linden Drive**, animal complaint, injured bird.

6:29 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:18 p.m. **Margin St.**, vandalism report.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports there is a window open on the first floor in the West Wing.

7:11 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, notification, Depot Ct., will be closed for the day, fire can access through the town parking lot.

7:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:37 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:12 a.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, hazard, caller reports that a vehicle has dropped a piece of metal in roadway and holding up traffic.

1:17 p.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:41 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:57 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:14 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:40 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:35 p.m. **Pond St.**, moving truck blocking roadway.

3:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller reports vehicle is traveling from Osgood Lot to Deer Hill Lot everyday at high rate of speed.

4:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), one purple Schwinn, girls bike, given back to owner.

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7:38 p.m. Victim reports she knows how to go about a 209A if she has second thoughts, but would like extra patrols by the house.

7:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller left message from ACO she complained about a sick looking fox that has been hanging around her yard.

8:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, employee from this location reports there is a group of youths outside the store causing a disturbance. Officer reports no alcohol involved about 6 car loads of kids headed back to Scituate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

12:30 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, area has been checked.

12:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open side door, building checks secure.

1:17 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, open door/window.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop. Male summoned for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

2:01 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, public service, area checks secure.

3:28 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, public service, area checks secure.

4:30 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, public service, area checks secure.

4:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open. While opening the beach, officer compressed his right middle finger.

8:15 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire, engine three to this location for an assist.

11:13 a.m. **Deep Run**, fire, engine three to this location for inspection.

11:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller states a shopper in reported to manager she had found a bullet.

1:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller states water in basement could be leading to electrical problems.

1:46 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, caller reports a large tree has fallen blocking the entire road with wires down. Fire Capt. requesting National grid to the scene. Units report road will be totally closed for the time being.

3:40 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, caller reports a pole on fire at this location and a transformer has blown. Fire Capt. reports just a limb on the wire.

3:52 p.m. **King St.**, caller reports a buzzing sound coming from the electrical panel in the business.

3:55 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, caller reports a motor vehicle accident at this location. Officer reports cancel fire and rescue. Caller reports minor accident at this location.

4:15 p.m. **Pond St., and King St.**, traffic lights out at this location.

4:16 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, traffic lights out at this location.

4:21 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a psych patient.

4:37 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, caller reports her basement is flooding and water is going into the furnace.

7:08 p.m. **Hull St., Hingham PD** reports they had a caller reporting a guy driving a brown Chevy Silverado erratically from 228. The driver comes from Hull.

8:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, the intersection of South Main and Depot Ct., the rain has made the cross walk that's under construction a hazard, cars are bottoming out when they go over the road there, it's going to be a problem if it is not blocked off right away. South Main at Depot Ct. is now down to one lane.

10:09 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, fire reports they're going back to this location to check a flooded basement and electrical.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

1:59 a.m. **Linden Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:30 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement. No violators.

9:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, parent passed out. R3 transporting 2 patients to SSH ALS.

10:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transporting SSH/BLS, service desk elderly male fallen.

11:24 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, dehydration.

11:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:59 p.m. **Hill St.**, harassment report.

2:14 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, caller reports a loud noise in the house unknown what the problem is due to a language barrier. Fire Capt. on scene reports this is a sewer alarm, no problems.

2:16 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller states kids skateboarding almost hit one of their customers. Officer states kids were advised to find somewhere else to skateboard.

4:48 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer reports out with motor vehicle on suspicious activity reported by a passer by.

5:22 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer reports Lojack activation. Lojack code came back deactivated. Confirmed not stolen. Officer confirmed vehicle is having electrical work done.

11:18 p.m. **Lantern Lane**, disturbance, officers requesting the rescue for evaluation at this time.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

1:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller states he hit a tree that was across the roadway. Tree has been moved to the side of the roadway. Notify Mass Highway later in the a.m. for tree removal. The tree was in the roadway due to the rain.

6:03 a.m. **Elm St.**, call directly to the Fire HQ., back pain.

6:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, gas leak. Keyspan on scene.

6:37 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:11 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance.

11:46 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller states motor vehicle drove into sand dune at beach and fled the scene.

11:50 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, officer has pulled over car. Arrest: Amyra A. Chase, 17 Highland Ct., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor.

Legal Notices

BAILEY JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P1453EP

In the Estate of LOUIS C. BAILEY JR.

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death July 27, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that KATHLEEN J. BAILEY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and MICHAEL T. BAILEY of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 26, 2006.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 13, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
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Docket No. 06P1486EP

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Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 26, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PETER J. WOOD of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 14, 2006.

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ZBA/380 CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HWY.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thursday, **July 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a Variance pursuant to §6.5.1 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Cohasset Realty Trust, seeks to place an illuminated sign on the side of the building (Sovereign Bank) at **380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-06-02.

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Cohasset Mariner 6/16, 6/23/06

ZBA/LOT 9 JERUSALEM LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thursday, **July 6th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an appeal of the Building Commissioner's decision not to grant a building permit pursuant to the provisions of §8.3.3, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Bruce W. Henrikson, Trustee of Sydney Realty Trust, and owner of **Lot 9 on Jerusalem Lane**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-05-17.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 22-30, 2006

Taylor-made for performing

Livingston live at Company Theatre June 23

By Alice Coyle
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From coffeehouses and clubs to college campuses, Livingston Taylor will tell you that wherever he's playing that night is his favorite place to perform.

That being said, the beloved singer/ songwriter and younger brother to James Taylor, quickly notes how much he enjoys playing Norwell's Company Theatre where he will perform this Friday, June 23.

"I love playing in Norwell and at that venue. I never have a better time," he said en route from his teaching gig at Berkley College.

Professor Taylor teaches a course titled "Stage Performance" something he's spent the last 40 or so years perfecting while doing what he loves best.

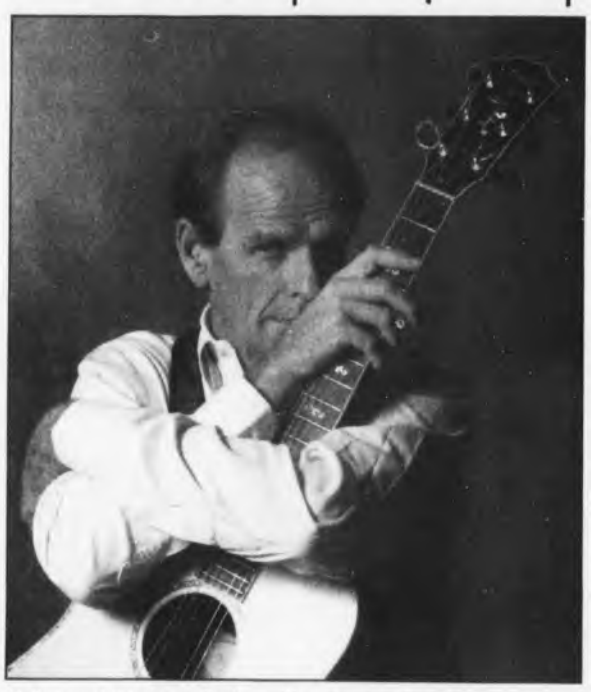
Born in Boston, the fourth of five children of Isaac, a doctor, and Trudy Taylor, a homemaker, Livingston describes his upbringing in Chapel Hill, SC as "musical." Alex, the oldest of the close knit Taylor kids, was first to form a band — The Corsairs — in which younger brother, James also played.

"I remember Alex playing and the band got paid something like $25 at the time. It was a revelation to me, that you could play music, and get paid — that music was viable career."

That was music to Livingston's ears, as a youngster who didn't much care for school and describes his academic performance as "spotty."

"It's weird that I wind up as a full professor at Berkeley," notes Taylor, who is a popular draw at colleges all over the Commonwealth and says he really loves performing for and interacting with young people.

Livingston started playing and performing at a young age, picking up guitar at about 12 and starting a little singing duo with pal, Carly Simon who his family came to know summering on Martha's Vineyard. And at home in Chapel Hill, Livingston was a member of a folk trio as a teen, before coming back to Boston where he decided to finish high school. It was during those years back in Boston on the coffeehouse circuit that Livingston met Jon Landau (later producer to Bruce Springsteen) who produced his first recording in Macon Georgia. Since then, Livingston has produced 13 albums, including top 40 hits such as "I Will be in Love with You" and "I'll Come Running" and written songs recorded by brother James, "I Can Dream of You," "Going Round One More Time," and "Boatman."



Folk icon Livingston Taylor will appear at the Company Theatre in Norwell June 23.

"I love playing in Norwell and at that venue. I never have a better time."
Livingston Taylor

Livingston Taylor during a recording session in Nashville.

While generally regarded as a folk musician — he received a BMA (Boston Music Award) as outstanding Folk Artist in 1988 — Livingston said he considers himself a pop musician who has been influenced musically by other pop musicians.

"Pop music is integral to what I'm about," he said. "I'm shaped by what I hear on the radio." When asked to name names of influential artists, Livingston mentions Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick and the Beatles.

Broadway music is the other big influence in Livingston's life. "I listened to a lot of Broadway music when I was young," he said, noting many of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical scores as his favorites. "I loved Carousel, Showboat, My Fair Lady, and I learned the full score to Oklahoma. I was very taken with and influenced by the lyrical work of Oscar Hammerstein."

While fans can expect to hear many of Livingston's popular tunes during Friday's concert performance, he's also promoting his new album "There You Are Again," which he recorded in Nashville, alongside world class musicians. Livingston said he's particularly proud of the record for both the quality of the material — he wrote all the songs — and the greatness of the musicians playing on it.

He'll be highlighting his new work as he tours this summer. Next up he'll be heading west to Seattle out on tour with Linda Ronstadt, an artist he loves working with. "I have a wonderful time working with Linda. We blend well together and we admired each other," he said.

In addition to touring — about 75 days each year, and writing new music, Livingston has also published two children's books "Pajamas" based on one of his popular tunes, and "Can I be Good." He also penned the text "Stage Performance" from which he teaches at Berkeley.

To quote the title of his 1988 album release, "Life is Good" for Livingston who has happily made making music his life's work, and has no plans to slow down anytime soon.

Livingston Taylor will perform at Norwell's Company Theatre Friday, June 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the show are $25 and can be purchased at the Company Theatre Box office at 30 Accord Park Drive, by phone at 781-871-2787 and online at www.companytheatre.com. For more information on Livingston Taylor visit www.livtaylor.com.

Movie review

'Home' sweet home

A Prairie Home Companion (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

An instant cult film, the charming if surprisingly toothless "A Prairie Home Companion" takes Garrison Keillor's enduringly popular Minnesota-based National Public Radio program and transforms it into a Robert Altman film. It's no "Nashville." It may even be hard to recognize as "A Prairie Home Companion" to the 4 million fans who listen to the distinctive NPR program every week. But it has its charms.

Keillor plays himself, a kind of all-purpose singer/host/master of ceremonies on an old-timey radio program with musical guests and advertisements for imaginary products. Keillor also supplied the script. But instead of his stock company, he's joined on stage — and for the most part upstaged — by Altman's cast, including most notably Meryl Streep and Altman favorite Lily Tomlin as singing sisters Yolanda and Rhonda Johnson, respectively, who've been sharing a dressing room for too many years. Also on board are Woody Harrelson and John C. Reilly as a couple of seriously amusing singing cowpokes.

Lindsay Lohan is Lola, Yolanda's insolent 20-something daughter and assistant. As Keillor's imaginary private detective Guy Noir, a role Keillor himself plays on the airwaves, Kevin Kline is in for some rough sledding. A radiant Virginia Madsen is a ghostly mystery woman who may be the Angel of Death.

Altman's artistic vision is perfectly suited to this backstage comic fable with its ensemble cast of quirky showbiz characters. But the film is uninspired and conceptually flawed, which is too bad given its genuinely moving valedictory tone.

Instead of being a film-noir character who has a series of imaginary comic misadventures, for example, Kline's Noir has been reimagined as the flesh-and-blood, albeit sartorially retrograde, head of security for St. Paul's venerable Fitzgerald Theater, where the radio program is being taped.

Frankly, this reconfigured Noir doesn't fly, even with Kline's trademark Buster Keaton-esque pratfalls.

Lefty and Dusty (Woody Harrelson and John C. Reilly) sing up a storm of goofy cowboy music at a radio broadcast.

As a philistine, Clear Channel-like executive planning to pull the plug on the show, Tommy Lee Jones is persuasively slimy. The Edward Hopper-ish visuals are also neat.

But while Streep and Tomlin can carry a tune, I wouldn't pay to hear them sing. Lohan's big moment in the sun will not require ultraviolet protection. She looks as if she whirls around too abruptly, her hair will break off.

Keillor, who resembles the love child of Stephen King and David Letterman, oddly makes scant impression on screen. He really has a face for radio, and, more importantly, a voice.

On the whole, "Prairie" is Altman lite. But it's impossible not to be deeply affected when we hear "Light from the Lighthouse" sung in honor of a beloved veteran member of the ensemble who dies suddenly backstage (in accepting a life achievement Academy Award last winter, 81-year-old Altman revealed he has had heart transplant surgery). Death haunts this "Companion," especially in final scenes featuring a cover of the old spiritual "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" that will open some viewers' tear ducts like floodgates.

Rated PG-13. "A Prairie Home Companion" contains off-color jokes and language.

Calendar of events

BEST BET

Scituate Animal Shelter's Annual House Tour will be held Sunday, June 25 from 2-6 p.m. Tour a brand new home on 3rd Cliff with breathtaking ocean views. Riva Restaurant will cater the event. Tickets are $40. For more information visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/fundraisers.html.

Thursday, June 22

SBANE June 2006 Breakfast Series, June 22 from 7-9 a.m. at the Newton Marriott in Newton. "Innovation is Alive and Well in the Elder Care Business. If You Know Where To Look" featuring Andrea Cohen, CEO of Houseworks. Tickets are $40 SBANE member/$50 non-member (pre-registered) and $45 SBANE member/$55 non-member (pay-at-door.)

Echo of the Dreamer Jewelry Trunk Show, Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth, Thursday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 27. Contemporary, one-of-a-kind unusual gemstones. Open daily, except Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WCRB 102.5 Classical Concert Series, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through June 29, Copley Square Park, Boston, featuring **Small-Clemente Duo,** classical guitar, Thursday, June 22.

Paint A Brighter Future Wine Tasting to benefit Chernobyl Children Project, Thursday, June 22, 7 to 10 p.m., Import Furniture & Antiques, Route 228, Norwell. Special guests Bobby Collins and Nicky Latteo play classic tunes from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Hors d'oeuvres and prizes. For information call 781-871-8870.

South Shore Women's Business Network 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Thursday, June 22, 6 to 9 p.m., South Shore Country Club Tickets $40. Pre-registration required. Visit www.sswbn.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m., with **Lenny Vaz German Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 22, **BBC "Pint Night" Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue Blues Jam**, Thursday, June 22. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplant-cafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Glen MacAuliffe & Friends** on Thursday, June 22. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Steak & Fin restaurant, Brain tree 5 Corners featuring South Shore's own, **Bob Niles.** Hosted by Shane Mauss. Admission $12, dinner and appetizers available. Advance reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300

Friday, June 23

Priscilla Beach Theatre opens June 23 at 10:30 a.m. with the a new play based on The Wizard of Oz, called "Dorothy's Dream." Show will run for two weekends, June 23, 24, and 30 and July 1. Tickets are $12. Theatre is located at 796 Rock Hill Road, Manomet. For reservations or information, call 508-224-4888 or visit www.think Theatre.org.

Plymouth Philharmonic 5th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser, Friday, June 23, 11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start, Southers Marsh Golf Club, Plymouth. Prizes awarded and car raffle. Reception with hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet. Registration $125 per person, $500 per foursome. Sponsorships available. Limited to 100 players. To register, purchase car raffle tickets, or for more information call 508-746-8008.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

SWIM ACROSS AMERICA BENEFIT AND AUCTION, Thursday, July 13, 6-10 p.m., with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres and auction items. Meet Olympic swimmers Janel Jorgensen, Carlton Bruner, Eric Wunderlich, and Tim McKee at the Sports Club/LA Observation Deck, Boston, 4 Avery St., adjacent to the Ritz Carlton.. Tickets are $75. Proceeds benefit survivor programs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Friday, July 14, swimmers will dive into Boston Harbor for a 22-mile relay. Saturday, July 15, there will be one-mile and half-mile swims at Nantasket Beach. All swim events are open to individuals and teams. For information or tickets, email Kitty Tetreault at kitty@swimacrossamerica.org or visit www.swimacrossamerica.org.

SECOND ANNUAL BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA, Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. (rain or shine) at Georges Island/Boston Harbor Islands national park area. This sailboat pursuit race will be fully visible from Georges Island. Spectators will have a full view of the race and can participate in family activities taking place on Georges Island, including: wildlife walks, fishing lessons, kite flying, tours of historic Fort Warren, and the post-race cookout. Proceeds support the Island Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and use of the Harbor Islands.

SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL GROUP 12-SESSION SAT COURSE for area juniors and seniors taking the SAT this fall. Held at Marshfield High School beginning July 26 at 5:30 p.m. For information visit www.mytutor.com. To register, call Summit at 1-800-MYTUTOR (800-698-8867) by July 19. For information Summit's SAT classes or one-on-on, in-home test preparation, call 1-800-MYTUTOR (800-698-8867.)

Calendar

JUNE 22-30, 2006

BEST BET

Garrison Keillor of "A Prairie Home Companion" will perform at South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, Wednesday, June 28, 8 p.m. For tickets and information visit www.themusiccircus.org.

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Wampanoag Strawberry Thanksgiving and Bazaar, Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Plimoth Plantation, sponsored by Cultural Survival. Vendors of indigenous food, music, art and crafts. Percentage of proceeds to support Cultural Survival's efforts for indigenous peoples worldwide. Highlights include Batik fabric from Bali, hand-blown Guatemalan glass, African carvings, Massai and Navajo jewelry, Thai silk, Middle Eastern rugs, Indian textiles, and Ecuadorian paintings. A variety of Thai and Wampanoag cuisine will be available along with traditional and native music. Free admission and parking. For information visit www.cs.org or call 617-441-5400.

3rd Annual Relay For Life of Marshfield, to benefit the American Cancer Society Friday, June 23, 3 p.m., nonstop through Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m., at Marshfield High School. Friday events include children's games and entertainment 4 to 6 p.m., reception catered by Roche Bros. for area cancer survivors 5 to 7 p.m., survivor's "Victory Lap" 6 p.m., music by E. B. Fay of the Full Moon Revue 7 p.m., Relay Idol contest 8 p.m., luminary ceremony 9 p.m., Miss Relay cross-dressing pageant 10 p.m. Children's Relay Olympic Games competition, Saturday, 8 a.m. A variety of food and beverages donated by area businesses will be available throughout the event. For more information call Elizabeth Spurr, 781-293-5094 or Cindy Whipple, 781-834-7421.

11th Annual Wilderness Heals Pledge Hike to benefit Elizabeth Stone House supporting women's mental health and victims of domestic violence, Friday, June 23, through Sunday, June 25. Three-day women's' hike through the rugged terrain of New Hampshire's White Mountains. Each team of four to six women will include an experienced leader. Round-trip transportation from Boston will be provided. Pledge minimum of $1200. Hiker registration fee $40. For information or to register, visit www.elizabethstone.org or call 617-522-3659 ext 207.

Ninth Annual Chefs in Shorts, Eastport Park at World Trade Center East, Two Seaport Lane, Boston, Friday, June 23, 7 to 9:30 p.m., to benefit Greater Boston Food Bank. Chefs from more than two dozen top Boston restaurants will prepare a variety of specialties. Tickets $60 per person includes complimentary, beer, wine, and tastings. To order or for information visit www.seaportboston.com.

Hull Artist Studio Connection's The Studio at the Beach will host "Meet The Artists" on Friday, June 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at 217 Nantasket Ave. Across from the MJM Bathhouse. Free refreshments and parking

Livingston Taylor at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Friday, June 23, 8 p.m. Tickets $25 at Company Theatre box office, by phone at 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

"Rent" at the Schubert Theatre, 75 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets on sale day of performance, front-row orchestra seats available for $21 at box office only, 265 Tremont St., Boston. Cash only, two-ticket limit. opens daily at 10 a.m., Sunday at 11 a.m.

South Shore Singles dance, Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring **DJ Dave Joubert.** Ages 45 +. Proper dress. Snacks and cash bar. Summer discount admission $7, through August. For information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

New England Singles Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Friday, June 23, 8 p.m. to midnight. Ages 35+. DJ, hors d'oeuvres. $10. Call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 23, **Spank,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Ricky "King" Russell – Kit Holliday** Friday, June 23. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** on Friday, June 23. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, June 24

Annual Strawberry Shortcake Outdoor Flea Market Festival, Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the lawn of East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St., Jackson Square, E. Weymouth. Homemade strawberry shortcake available for $4, a variety of baked goods, arts and crafts, and church thrift shop. Tables still available. Call 781-335-2267.

Long Road to Freedom at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, June 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A collaborative exhibit with Parting Ways celebrating the four African American veterans of the Revolutionary War. Rare documents from Plymouth's 18th century. Exhibit is part of the Backroads of the South Shore project. For information call 781-837-5753 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org.

Open Air Art Festival, Saturday and Sunday June 24 and 25 at Scituate Harbor. Artists painting on location and art demonstrations, both days from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Reception on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. For information call 781-545-7579 or Robert Beaulieu 781-424-7064.

The Lifesaving Museum in Hull will host a lecture by Maritime Historian Mary Malloy on **"African Americans in the New England Maritime Trades"** on Saturday, June 24 at 3 p.m. Lecture is a part of the Backroads of the South Shore project. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-837-5753 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org.

Equine Art and Crafts Show, Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mitchell Memorial Club, Elm St., Middleboro, sponsored by New England Horse Talk and Geri DeSousa Photography. Donations of proceeds will go to MSPCA. Open to the public, free admission.

Backroads of the South Shore Opening Weekend, Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25. Abolition: Long Road to Freedom theme will feature varied events and exhibitions at several locations to highlight wide-ranging aspects of slavery and its demise. All sites open to public. Admissions vary. For more information call 781-837-5733 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org.

Blue Hills Reservation Insect Safari, Saturday, June 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Meet at Brookwood Farm on Blue Hill River Road, Canton. Participants will capture and release all varieties of six-legged creatures on this meadow exploration, using nets, bug boxes, and magnifiers to identify. Suitable for all ages. For directions and information call 617-698-1802.

Second Annual "Fur Fair" Dog Show at the Derby Street Shoppes, Route 3, Saturday, June 24, noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Performances by a variety of talented canines and their owners. Competitions include bathing suit contest for dogs, peanut butter licking contest, agility demonstration, doggie parade, and pet tricks competition. Prizes awarded. Donations appreciated. All proceeds support Driftway Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter in Scituate. For more information visit www.ZoominGroomin.com.

"Against the Tide" annual morning swim, kayak or walk for breast cancer, Hopkinton State Park, Hopkinton, Saturday, June 24. To register or pledge visit www.mbcc.org/swim or call 800-649-6222.

Boston Harbor Cruise and Tour of Boston Light lighthouse. Cruise departs Fan Pier at Moakley Federal Courthouse at 2 p.m. to Little Brewster Island, and returns at 6 p.m. Visitors ages 8 and up can climb to the top of Boston Light, and may bring a picnic lunch. Light snacks available on boat. Tickets $30 adults, $28 seniors age 65+, $26 FBHI members, $18 children ages 6-12, babies travel free. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Winslow House Annual Ham and Bean Supper and Lecture at the historic Winslow House in Marshfield, Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. UMass Boston professor Kathie Mason Lee, co-author of "Raising Scituate's Spirits," will discuss local stories of paranormal happenings.

BEST BET

Island Grove Park in Abington welcomes back storyteller Andrea Lovett Wednesday, June 28 at 10.a.m. for her 12th year of "Folktales from the Forest" series. Island Grove Park is located on Park and Lake Streets in Abington. Weekday storytelling takes place in the gazebo. Campfire storytelling is by the pond. The events are free an open to the public. For more information call 781-871-5892.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, June 24, **Jeff Lowe Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Racky Thomas Band** Saturday, June 24. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The Hivewhackers** on Saturday, June 24. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Sunday, June 25

Second Annual Courtyard Gardens Tour, Winslowe's View at The Pinehills in Plymouth, Sunday, June 25, 1 to 3 p.m. Tour of 20 private courtyard gardens. Complimentary trolley provided. For more information call 508-209-5000.

Basket (R)evolution Exhibit on view through September 10 at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. This exhibition features baskets by 43 leaders in the field of basket making. The museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For information, visit www.fullercraft.org.

Scituate Animal Shelter's Annual House Tour, Sunday, June 25 from 2-6 p.m. Brand new home on 3rd Cliff with breathtaking ocean views. **Riva Restaurant** is catering the event. Tickets are $40. For more information visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/fundraisers.html.

Help kids at the South Shore Hospital's Pediatric Emergency Services by having a beauty treatment on Sunday, June 25 at Charles David Salon in Norwell. Salon will donating 75 percent of proceeds from all its services to the Pediatric Emergency Services at South Shore Hospital. The entire team at Charles David Salon will accept appointments for any of the salon's services from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 781-982-1224 to schedule an appointment.

Sierra Club Membership meeting at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. South Shore Sierra Club members share concerns and meet elected chapter members. Refreshments available. Call 781-925-5665 or 617-567-4749 or visit www.sierraclubmass.org.

CALENDAR

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Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, June 25. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Re-freshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, June 25, **Wicked Trivia Night** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **Dave Foley** on Sunday, June 25. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Monday, June 26

Vacation Bible School at Fort Square Presbyterian Church, 16 Pleasant St., Quincy, Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30, 6 to 8:30 p.m., for children age pre-school through grade five, free admission. Free Adult Bible Study and ESL classes offered nightly. Call 617-471-6806 for more details.

17th Century Sail-making at Plimoth Plantation, every weekday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through September, weather permitting. Maritime crew will be creating the fore-sail for Mayflower II. For more information visit www.plimoth.org.

Colonial and Wampanoag overnight programs at Plimoth Plantation, available for families interested in spending the night at this bicultural, 17th century living history museum. For more information visit www.plimoth.org.

British Beer Company, "Late Night at the BBC" featuring **Ian Richardson,** 6 Middle St., Plymouth. Call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, June 27

Tickets now on sale for South Shore Natural Science Center 25th Annual garden tour "Through the Garden Gate." Advance tickets $20, $18 members, $25 day of tour. Box lunch can be ordered in advance for $10. Purchase at the Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, during normal business hours, by credit card at 781-659-2559 or by mail to SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. Scheduled for Wednesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the tour features Norwell, Scituate and Marshfield gardens. Proceeds benefit educational programs at the Science Center.

Children's Pirate Party, Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 a.m., Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Pirate-related book readings and activities for ages 5 and up. Free admission, reservations appreciated. Call 781-383-2665.

Creating Deft Dialogue writing workshop with author Catherine Elcik, Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m., Buttonwood Books, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Free admission, reservations requested. Call 781-383-2665.

Plymouth Public Library first monthly Poetry Club, Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth, with Tidepool Poets member Chuck Harper. Open to the public. No registration. For information call Jennifer Harris or Lee Regan, 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

Wednesday, June 28

Sunset Cruise to Bumpkin Island, from Boston to Hingham Bay, Wednesday, June 28, departing Rowes Wharf, Boston Harbor Hotel, at 6 p.m., returning at 9 p.m. Narrated cruise includes snack service. Passengers can bring a picnic supper. Tickets $22 adults, $20 seniors, $18 Friends of Boston Harbor Island members, $15 children ages 3-12, babies travel free. For more information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

"Crows Over the Wheatfield" book signing and discussion by author Adam Braver, Hingham Public Library, Hingham, Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m. Free admission, reservations suggested. Call Buttonwoods Books & Toys, 781-383-2665.

Garrison Keillor of "A Prairie Home Companion" at South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, Wednesday, June 28, 8 p.m. For tickets and information visit www.themusiccircus.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, June 28. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, June 29

WCRB 102.5 Classical Concert Series, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through June 29, Copley Square Park, Boston, featuring **violinist Peter Krysa,** Thursday, June 29.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 29, **Earthbound Misfits,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue Blues Jam**, Thursday, June 29.. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, June 30

Golf Classic to benefit Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, and the Epic Athletes Foundation, Friday, June 30, Cross Winds Golf Course, Plymouth. Registration at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. Four-man, best-ball format. Cost $150, $600 foursome, includes 18 holes of championship golf, golf cart, driving range, full dinner, and a memorabilia auction. Sponsored by BuyTheCase.net and Epic Athlete Incorporated's Sean Morey of the Super bowl XL award-winning Pittsburgh Steelers. For a registration form or more information stop by the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, 1837 Ocean St., call 781-834-2582 or visit www.BoysAndGirlsClubofMarshfield.com.

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Ongoing events

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or email: peg.merzbacher.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

CALENDAR, see next page

BEST BET

The Bradford House in Kingston is one of several South Shore historic sites that will be open during this weekend's Backroads of the South Shore event.

Backroads of the South Shore will hold its Opening Weekend, Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25. The theme for the event is Abolition: Long Road to Freedom and will feature varied events and exhibitions at several locations to highlight wide-ranging aspects of slavery and its demise. All sites will be open to public. Admissions vary. For more information call 781-837-5733 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org.

The historic Winslow House in Marshfield.

BEST BET

The Wampanoag Strawberry Thanksgiving and Bazaar will take place Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Plimoth Plantation. The event is sponsored by Cultural Survival. Vendors of indigenous food, music, art and crafts. Percentage of proceeds to support Cultural Survival's efforts for indigenous peoples worldwide. Highlights include Batik fabric from Bali, hand-blown Guatemalan glass, African carvings, Masaai and Navajo jewelry, Thai silk, Middle Eastern rugs, Indian textiles, and Ecuadorian paintings. A variety of Thai and Wampanoag cuisine will be available along with traditional and native music. Free admission and parking. For information visit www.cs.org or call 617-441-5400.

Classes

TAI CHI CLASSES at Whiddens' School of Fitness, 822 Webster St., Marshfield. "Animal Frolic Qi Gong," classes will consist of core movement, stretching and strengthening while learning the primal patterns of the monkey, bear, bird, deer and tiger in a moderate cardiovascular format. The Animal Frolic Qi Gong may be the oldest health and spiritual practice known to humans. Classes are Sundays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., beginning July 9. Tuition is $ 60/one month, or $100 for July and August. Register now, by mailing your payment to WSFI 822 Webster St. Marshfield, MA. 02050. For more information, call 781-934-9161, email wsfi1@verizon.net, or visit www.whiddenschool.com.

HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT, Tuesday, July 18 at 8 p.m. Featuring Norwell chiropractor, John Hayes. Simple ways to lose and maintain a healthy weight. Held at Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Register by **calling 781-925-1941 or email: szabofitness@gmail.com.**

SUMMER BABYSITTING COURSE offered at Body To Soul Fitness, the all-female gym in Pembroke, beginning in July. Girls ages 11 to 16 can learn how to become the best babysitter in the neighborhood through four weeks of instruction plus an additional two-hour "internship" at Body To Soul's on-site nursery. For information call 781-829-2002.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset, offers Gymnastic/Sports Camp including bowling, face painting, water play and crafts. Cost is $95 members/$100 non-members. Session I – June 27, 28 and 29. Session II – August 15, 16 and 17. Session III - August 22, 23 and 24. Camp held 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginner Gymnastic Classes for Girls Age 4-6, runs 8 weeks. Held on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26 thorugh August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Cost is $88 members/$96 non-members. Beginner/Intermediate Gymnastic Classes for Girls Ages 7-12. Course runs 8 weeks. Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 13, 20, 27 through August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. $88 members/ $96 non-members. Call SSCC at 781-383-0088.

ICE SKATING LESSONS WITH THE PILGRIM SKATING CLUB. Summer group skating lessons at Hobomock Arena, Pembroke under the USFSA Basic Skills program. New nine-week summer session begins June 28 from 10:50 - 11:50 a.m.) Fee is $100. There is a once-a-year USFSA registration fee of $5 for all new students. Skaters must be 5 or older. Adults are welcome. Helmets are required for beginning skaters. For information call the Pilgrim Skating Club at 781-294-7575 or visit www.pilgrimskatingclub.com.

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JUNE 22-30, 2006

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South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals – Saturdays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. Tales from the Wild – Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. Sunday Walks – 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

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Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while you share your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Human Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in May, June, July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehassociation.org of call 781-878-4343Cost $100

BEST BET

Echo of the Dreamer Jewelry Trunk Show, Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth, Thursday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 27. Contemporary, one-of-a-kind unusual gemstones. Open daily, except Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

CLEAN (A-)

After a fight on the road, washed-up rock star Lee Hauser (James Johnston) overdoses, and his wife, Emily Wang (Maggie Cheung) is arrested for possession and imprisoned. Upon her release, her weary American father-in-law, Albrecht, (Nick Nolte) persuades Emily to stay out of her son's life; he's been living happily with his grandparents anyway. Beautifully shot and marvelously acted, "Clean" traces Emily's attempts, many of them half-hearted and cynical, to get clean and be reunited with the boy. You'll find yourself swept up in its admittedly soap-operaish story line and carried along for the distance. In English, French and Cantonese with subtitles. (Rated R)

GIULIANI TIME (B+)

Love him or hate him, Rudy Giuliani gets your attention. The once-mayor of the Big Apple is the subject of Kevin Keating's "Giuliani Time," a well-crafted documentary that spits fire in Giuliani's face and chuckles as he goes up in smoke. This two hour film delves into Giuliani's eight-year stint as New York City's head honcho and warns us about the politician with one eye on the White House and the other on the stars. Some good points are made in "Giuliani Time." But when all is said and done, some may find it hard to take "Giuliani Time" as the authority on Giuliani, a guy whose comb-over hairdo and sweet-talking lisp came to be loved in a post-9/11 world. (Not rated) *-Chelsea Bain*

LADY VENGEANCE (A-)

"Lady Vengeance" is the third installment in the acclaimed "Vengeance" trilogy by Korean auteur and master of gory lyricism, Park Chan-wook. The film's heroine, Lee Geum-ja (Lee Young-ae), is released from prison after serving time for a crime she didn't commit. She hatches a complex plot for revenge against Mr. Baek (Choi Min-sik), the true culprit and the person who caused her to lose her infant daughter. Toting a primitive double-barreled pistol, she wades into her task with determination and guts, leaving a trail of brains and dead assassins. But the mystery at the heart of "Lady Vengeance" is Geum-ja herself. Is she an angel or a devil? Mary Poppins or Lizzie Borden? (In Korean with subtitles. (Rated R)

Ongoing

AKEELAH AND THE BEE (A)

How do you spell winner? "Akeelah and the Bee." Superbly cast and smartly written, "Akeelah" tells a familiar story of 11-year-old Akeelah Anderson's (Keke Palmer) road to self-worth as she discovers her talent for spelling and works to place in the national spelling bee in Washington D.C. (Rated PG) *-Stephen Schaefer*

THE BREAK-UP (C+)

Oversized, overaged frat boy Gary (Vince Vaughn) and his art dealer girlfriend Brooke (Jennifer Aniston) break up but continue to share a condo. In this anti-romantic comedy, tabloid-linked stars Vaughn and Aniston have nowhere to display their chemistry, except in anger. Between the hijinks that ensue as Gary and Brooke try their best to hurt one another, you end up sitting back and checking off the product placements or trying to figure out how many endings the director shot. (Rated PG-13)

BRICK (D)

In this oddball teen noir about a high school drug ring, Brendan Frye (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is determined to oust head drug pusher, The Pin (Lukas Haas), from his throne after Brandan discovers the body of his ex-girlfriend Emily (Emilie de Ravin) in a gully. Intriguing as the mystery may be, this film leaves something to be desired. "Brick's" cryptic content, jargon-filled speech and visually bland ambience will leave viewers with a sinking feeling. (Rated R) *-Tenley Woodman*

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

THE DA VINCI CODE (C+)

"The Da Vinci Code," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. The key elements of Dan Brown's fabulously fun novel are all here: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) investigating a 2,000-year-old conspiracy concerning Jesus' true nature; a murder plot involving a psychopathic, albino monk (Paul Bettany); and clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces. But director Ron Howard's film is too long and too stuffed with scholarly pedantry. "The Da Vinci Code" comes off as a book, rather than a movie, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book, at that. (Rated PG-13)

DEEP SEA 3D (C+)

Giant squid, sand sharks and moon jellyfish frolic in 3-D in this escapade narrated by Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet. During the hour, viewers traverse coral reefs, shipwrecks and kelp forests to glimpse the day-to-day life of creatures we normally see on dinner plates laced with bread crumbs, lemon and butter. The film's message — preserve these submerged communities — is important, if a little bland to watch. (Not rated) *-Tenley Woodman*

DISTRICT B13 (B+)

In this French action flick, street vigilante Leito (David Belle) reluctantly teams up with cop Damien (Cyril Raffaelli) to save Leito's younger sister Lola (Dany Verissimo) from tres bad guy Taha (Bibi Naceri), a drug dealer who has kidnapped Lola and plans to bomb the blighted District 13 neighborhood. Set to an incendiary French hip-hop soundtrack, "District 13" features fight scenes with furiously flying fists, dizzying acrobatics and bizarrely colorful criminal bystanders. This film makes most other American action films look even dumber and less hip than they already did. (Not Rated.)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

KEEPING UP WITH THE STEINS (C+)

It's the battle of the bar mitzvahs in "Keeping Up with the Steins," as the Fielder family wages war to outdo their rivals, the Stein family, and throw a more lavish party for their son. Filled with mawkish sentimentality, antediluvian Borscht Belt jokes, and a cast of TV actors, "Keeping Up with the Steins" often feels like a lame, big-screen sitcom. (Rated PG-13)

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (B-)

Tom Cruise reprises his role as IMF agent Ethan Hunt, this time mounting a rouge mission to the Vatican to impersonate psychopathic arms dealer Owen Davian (Philip Seymour Hoffman) who is trying to sell a doomsday weapon to terrorists. As a summer-season action film, "M:I:III" delivers the goods with the requisite shoot-outs, explosions and some nice location photography in Rome and Shanghai. (Rated PG-13)

MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT (A-)

Mrs. Palfrey (Joan Plowright) moves to London to be near her 26-year-old grandson, who, oddly, doesn't show up. Instead, Mrs. Palfrey persuades aspiring young writer Ludovic Meyer (Rupert Friend) to impersonate her grandson to deflect the attention of busybody hotel residents. A rare friendship develops between the lonely widow and young artist. Brimming with warmth and intelligence, "Mrs. Palfrey" is small film, yet completely delightful. (Not rated)

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Fire budget is under scrutiny

By Samantha Brown
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The failed overrides have led to budget scrutiny like never before. To ensure the town is getting the most bang for its buck, spending versus services will be analyzed and the fire budget will be the first to go under the microscope.

"This will be the first department to be focused on, but certainly not the last," said Town Manager Bill Griffin.

To help in the analysis, Griffin has suggested forming a Fire Services Task Force which would spearhead an analysis of the fire department's budget versus the services it provides. He believes the task force should look into the existing structure, service level, expenses and revenues of the department; the results of the municipal benchmarking study and subsequent detailed analysis of the peer communities; identify options for alternative means of delivering fire and emergency medical services, including projected impacts on the level of service, expenses and revenues, and

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Pleasant St. hospital 'crazy' about creatures

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Dr. Fawn Stevenson checks her dog Prophet's ears during a routine physical exam at her new veterinary practice, Crazy Paws, located in the James Brook Crossing building on Pleasant Street. Stevenson and her husband, Dr. Gregory Conard, offer everything from emergency services to routine internal medicine, to dental checkups.

Soothing place for peoples pets

By Samantha Brown

With a name like Crazy Paws, one would not expect a serene environment [illegible]. However at the Crazy Paws Veterinary Hospital patients are greeted with warm colors, cozy walls, comfortable [illegible] while they wait for their appointment, and [illegible] Italian waterfall fixtures in the examination rooms.

Crazy Paws is the latest addition to the James Brook Crossing building on Pleasant Street, which was formerly ABB Optical and has since been transformed into several separate business spaces. As the first people to work out of these newly renovated spaces, Doctors Fawn Stevenson and Gregory Conard have been given full creative license to turn it into their dream office.

With backgrounds in conventional and holistic medicine as well as psychology, the pair recognize the impact [illegible] soothing environment can have on an animal during a hospital stay, and have striven to [illegible] their office as inviting as possible. With both [illegible] experience in the veterinary industry, carrying out the

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

An unidentified man walks on the new crosswalks in Cohasset Village on Wednesday

Village people like new look

By Samantha Brown
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Downtown Cohasset is starting to come together. Parking spaces are being painted, trees have been planted and some businesses are reporting customers are slowly beginning to return to the area in the wake of the Downtown Revitalization project.

With the finishing touches taking place over the course of this week and next, Village business owners say they are glad to see the worst is over and hope with the dust settling, it will encourage more residents to patronize their shops. It seems there is an overall positive feeling with the changes that have been made, and shop owners like the looks of their new surroundings.

"Get on with it and leave the negativity in the rear-view mirror."
— James Watson, Cohasset Hardware

Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan have been working with the Village shop owners throughout construction. "The overwhelming response has been positive," said Brennan, adding many of the merchants have told him they are glad to see the Village looking much better than it did three months ago and glad the construction phase is over.

"The weather has been extremely unkind," said Brennan, adding the project hasn't been pushed back too far, thanks to the work done by Northern Construction. Brennan said supervisor Jack Graves has been very cooperative with the

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King Street home is a dream

To be featured on NECN starting July 8

By Samantha Brown
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William Otis Souther would be proud of the changes which have taken place at his house. While the home he knew back in the late 1800s was a small Victorian farm house located on Lily Pond — a perfect base for his lucrative ice business — today it is being recognized by New England Cable News as a "New England Dream House."

Located at 433 King St., Souther's home still boasts the same Victorian charm, thanks to its current owner Barbara Russell. For the past two years, she and her business partner, engineer Sid Sheps, have worked together to transform the house. Previously converted into a three-family home, the two have brought it back to a true Victorian style single-family home. In light of the extensive renovations, the home caught the eye of producers at NECN, and will be the first Cohasset residence to be featured on the show.

"It was certainly not anything I expected," said Russell, adding this is her [illegible] Victorian home renovations, many of which took place in her native Canada, and none before had ever received this kind of attention. However

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The home is a renovated Victorian which features several stained glass details, including the windows in these French doors leading into the parlor.

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PICTURE THIS/Meredith Equi, Christina St. Pierre & Kim Bonner

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Meredith Equi, Christina St. Pierre and Kim Bonner are age-group coordinators at the Summer Playground program. Meredith also works in the special education department in the Weymouth schools; Christina is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut; and Kim is a fifth-grade teacher at Weymouth Middle School.

Names: Meredith Equi, Christina St. Pierre, and Kim Bonner

Occupation: Age-group coordinators at the Rec Dept. Summer Playground Program.

Best day of your life: "I'll never tell." (Meredith). "Still waiting." (Christina). "The day I got my first teaching job!" (Kim).

Best vacation: Bermuda (Meredith). Atlantis in the Bahamas (Christina). College (Kim) .

Favorite season: Summer!

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Meredith & Christina). Counselor appreciation day (Kim).

Favorite junk food: Spicy fries (Meredith). Cheese pizza (Christina). Buffalo chicken calzone from Crow Point Pizzeria (Kim).

Best book: "The Notebook," by Nicholas Sparks (Meredith). "The Lovely Bones," by Alice Sebold (Christina). "Oh the Places You'll Go," by Dr. Seuss (Kim).

Best movie: "Back to the Future (I, II, III)" (Meredith). "Top Gun" (Christina). "Zoolander" (Kim).

Best TV show: Anything on Sunday night on ABC (Meredith). "Friends" (Christina). "Grey's Anatomy" (Kim).

Pet peeve: Sticky fingers (Meredith). Morning people (Christina). Habitually late people (Kim).

Most embarrassing moment: "Driving away with a diet Coke and my wallet on top of the car" (Meredith). "I try to block them out" (Christina). Getting caught bringing Tupperware to an all-you-can-eat buffet in college (Kim).

Goal: To strive for excellence (Meredith). To find a well paying job when I graduate (Christina). To do something so worthwhile that I would be on Oprah (Kim).

Person I'd most like to meet: Oprah (Meredith). Tom Brady (Christina). Michael Patrick MacDonald, author of "All Souls" (Kim).

Biggest worry: No worries!

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset Recreation (Meredith and Kim). The ocean (Christina).

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Spate of accidents prompts 3A crash study

By Mary Ford
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"There are spots where the speed limit is 50 M.P.H., which may need to be changed."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Police Chief James Hussey has asked one of his sergeants to pull together accident reports from crashes along Route 3A from this time last year to see if there is a trend developing.

"We need to devise a strategy," Hussey said, about the recent spate of accidents along the corridor.

At about 9 a.m., Tuesday (June 27) there was yet another "rear-end" accident along the King Street section of Route 3A that extends from Stop & Shop to lower King Street. Tuesday's accident occurred opposite one of the curb cuts to Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square and had southbound traffic backed up to the future MBTA train station (former Graham Waste site).

Hussey explained a woman driving a brown 1998 Toyota Camry said her foot slipped off the brake and hit the gas causing her to drive into the 2005 Honda Pilot in front of her. The front end of the Toyota, which sustained considerable damage, actually went under the back of the Honda. The driver of the Toyota was cited for failure to use care when stopping.

"Route 3A is a major thoroughfare," Hussey said, explaining the State Police have given up jurisdiction over many secondary roads like 3A, so Cohasset police are charged with handling all the calls.

He said police need to study the accident trends along the entire highway in Cohasset and therefore, has asked Sgt. Bill Quigley to compile the reports.

"We need to look at the bigger picture," Hussey said. "There are spots where the speed limit is 50 M.P.H., which may need to be changed. Also, we need to look at whether to allow left-hand turns and discuss the effect of proposed traffic lights at lower King and the new train station."

On Friday (June 23) at about 5:30 p.m., a rear-end collision occurred at the light at 3A and Pond Street. Hussey said in that mishap the operator of a 2001 Volvo V70 was cited for failure to use care when stopping after hitting a 2001 Mazda Miata convertible that had stopped at the light.

In another accident Tuesday (June 20), a driver was cited for failure to use care when entering a roadway after the 2001 Nissan Maxima the operator was driving apparently pulled out of the Mobil Station on Sohier Street hitting a 1994 Dodge van. Both drivers were treated at the scene for what appeared to be minor injuries, Hussey said.

Three teens arrested

Three Cohasset teenage boys were arrested at about 1 a.m., Saturday (June 23) on alcohol charges. Two of the youths were also charged with possession of marijuana.

Chief James Hussey said police had been patrolling the Summer Street area because of an ongoing domestic situation in the vicinity.

The officer on patrol observed the teens go into a driveway and get into a vehicle. He went over to check out the vehicle and observed beer and hard liquor in both closed and open containers and some marijuana.

Hussey said in some cases, the officers will call the parents of youths who are minors in possession of alcohol, but even though no one was driving – the fact that a vehicle was involved – is "an accident waiting to happen." Therefore, the officer made the arrests, he said.

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Robert Raymond, 7, tries to throw someone out while playing dodge ball at the Rec Department Summer Playground program at Deer Hill. For Rec Notes, see page 28.

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Stolen laptop, jewelry recovered

Three Cohasset teens believed responsible

By Mary Ford
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"They closed this case in less than 24 hours of receiving the tip. Fantastic work."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Thanks to good detective work and an anonymous tip, police located the laptop stolen from a car on Beach Street last week and jewelry that was taken overnight Friday (June 16) from numerous tents at the Arts Festival.

"We received a tip from a person who pointed us in the right direction," Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said.

He explained based on that tip, detectives developed further sources that led them to the individuals who are believed responsible for the offenses.

Police will be summonsing three male, Cohasset juveniles to court on larceny charges. The names of the three subjects have not been released because they are under 17 years of age.

Lennon said the boys were apparently out roaming the streets on foot and are believed to be responsible for jewelry thefts from the Arts Festival and entering at least four cars, two of which police know items were stolen from. The laptop was stolen from one car and a computer docking station, which was subsequently discarded, was stolen from another.

Lennon said the subject, who had the computer in his possession, said he felt bad after reading the story in last week's Mariner and intended to return it.

A security guard said he saw three youths on the common in the wee hours of Saturday morning (June 17) but did not immediately report it to police.

Chief James Hussey said the solving of these crimes (laptop and jewelry thefts) are wonderful examples of the community working with their police.

"Sgt. Det. Lennon and Det. (Garrett) Hunt did a great job following up on a lead provided by an anonymous caller and developing further information that led them to the suspects," he said. "They closed this case in less than 24 hours of receiving the tip. Fantastic work."

In the hopes of getting his laptop returned, Paul Tedeschi of Beach Street notified the Mariner last week after his laptop containing priceless family photos was stolen from his unlocked car in his driveway. In a telephone interview Tuesday, he said police were able to instruct him on ways to keep the password from being changed to prevent the subjects from logging on.

Tedeschi praised the police for their professionalism and quick action. "They were fantastic," he said. "They were able to find the person and get the computer back."

"It has been a good lesson for me," said Tedeschi, adding he is locking his car and has backed up his files twice already.

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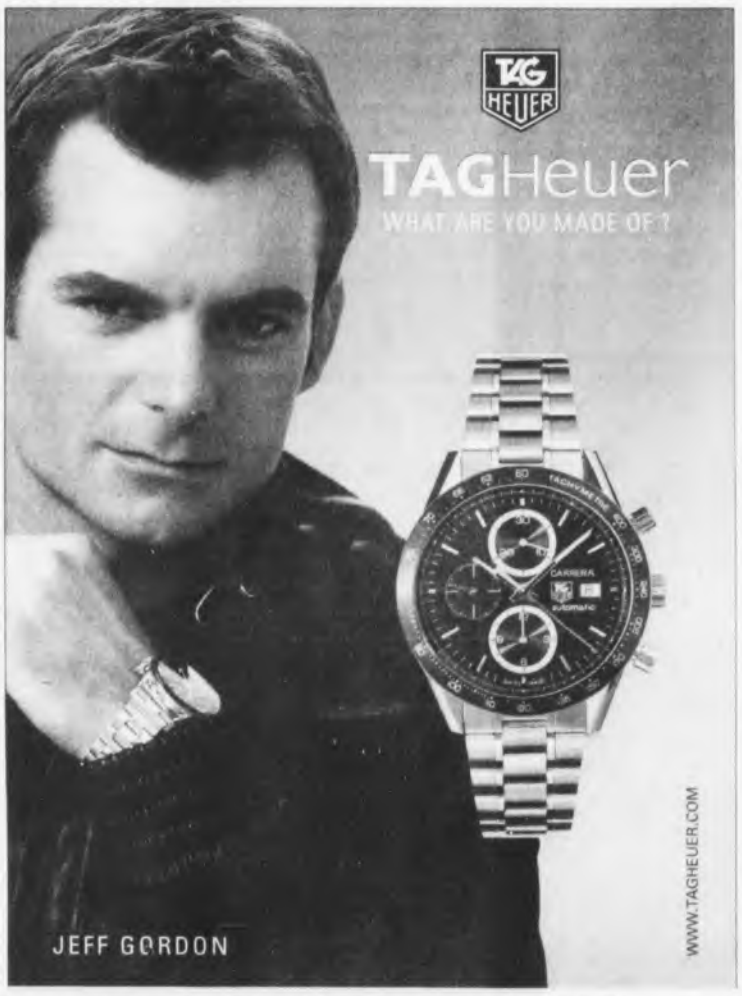

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Former handyman Adams sentenced in Logan robbery

Gets two years in state prison

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Throughout the investigation, Cohasset Police detectives had been keeping track of Adams' whereabouts since he left Massachusetts shortly after the crime occurred.

The persistence of the detective division at the Cohasset Police Department — that relentlessly pursued clues and leads over several years into a home invasion that left a Nichols Road resident tied up in sweltering heat — has resulted in a prison sentence.

Dan Adams, a former Cohasset handyman who worked for Polly Logan of Nichols Road and other residents in town, will be spending the next two years in the state penitentiary.

Adams essentially pled "no contest" to three felony charges of receiving stolen property: jewelry, silver and the victim's car meaning, although he did not admit guilt, he understood the state had evidence against him. The judge then found Adams guilty and sentenced him to prison, said David Traub, spokesman for the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office.

The state had asked for 2-1/2 years in the county jail but the defense asked for the two years in state prison, stating Adams would get better medical care there. According to previous published reports, Adams is believed to have AIDS.

Cohasset Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said should anyone come forward with more information, the case has not been closed. "However, we are happy with what we have been able to accomplish," he said.

Nearly four years ago Logan, then 77, — who stands roughly five feet tall and weighs less than 100 pounds — was the victim of a home invasion and robbery. The perpetrators allegedly took the rings off her fingers and pendant off her neck before binding her with duct tape and leaving her in a sweltering upstairs bedroom where attic-like temperatures were in excess of 100 degrees. They stole upwards of $500,000 of her jewelry.

They also stole family heirloom silver and drove off in Logan's Ford Escort wagon.

At the time of the robbery in July 2002, Adams was staying in Logan's home in the loggia off the living room. He found the severely dehydrated Logan, some 36 hours after the robbery, and called 9-1-1. He told police he had been away on a camping trip.

Adams' arrest last August on receiving stolen property followed on the heels of the indictment of Kevin Gunter, then 22, of Roxbury, on a similar charge. When indicted, Gunter was serving time at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution in Shirley on a firearms violations.

According to the District Attorney's Office, Gunter allegedly received multiple expensive rings taken from Polly Logan, in exchange for a small amount of crack cocaine. He subsequently fenced the rings to a crack dealer for $700.

Cohasset police said Adams, now 36, sold a portion of Logan's jewelry to Gunter, who gave crack cocaine to Adams in exchange for the rings.

Throughout the investigation, Cohasset Police detectives had been keeping track of Adams' whereabouts since he left Massachusetts shortly after the crime occurred. Detectives tracked him to Florida and last summer learned he was working for a carnival operator that was providing the entertainment for numerous carnivals and fairs across the eastern seaboard. Last August, Cohasset detectives tracked Adams to the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, Ohio. Adams did not resist arrest or extradition.

Lennon said the case has been a challenging one because the victim was unable to identify her attackers and there was not a lot of physical evidence. He said he and Det. Garrett Hunt had to build sources and follow leads. "It took persistence to get some of the sources to cooperate with us," he said. "We conducted interviews with dozens of people and evaluated and combed through bits of information that pointed us in the right direction.

"This was the most complex investigation ever undertaken by the Cohasset Police Department," said Lennon, adding the time he and Hunt spent on the investigation would not have been possible without the support of the entire department.

Chief James Hussey said he didn't think people realize the work Lennon and Hunt put into solving the Logan robbery.

"They spent many hours on the streets of Boston seeking evidence of this crime," Hussey said. "They were able to put the case together, track Adams from Florida to Ohio and have him brought back to face justice. These are just two of many dedicated employees we have in our department."

Cohasset teen house party dispersed

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Kids' beef investigated

Police have left the door open for a potential victim to file a complaint about an alleged assault last Wednesday (June 21) on Doane Street.

Police say the youths, who all know each other, said they were having an argument over one of them owing another one some money. Reports to dispatch indicated one of the youths was being chased by others, one of whom was wielding a baseball bat.

Chief James Hussey said police did not find evidence of an assault. They took a report of the incident. "However, if the youth feels threatened in any way and wants to seek a complaint, we will gladly take the case to court," he said.

Party prevented

Teens headed to Bassing Beach last Wednesday (June 21) after 9:30 p.m. with a backpack were sent on their way, Chief James Hussey said. The teens were headed to the beach for a supposed party. No alcohol was found and the kids were sent on their way before the party started. Hussey said the harbormaster alerted the police and he cited this as a good example of the two departments working well together.

Teen repairs mulch area

At just past 8 p.m., last Wednesday (June 21), dispatch received a call about kids in the back of Deer Hill School tearing up the lawn and being loud. Police Chief James Hussey said there was some damage to the mulch and the teen subject who drove a truck over the area subsequently raked and cleaned up the damage. "The damage was fixable and we contacted the parents," Hussey said. The other kids in the area at the time were on skateboards.

Animal suspected in break-in

After investigating a report of a broken window at a house on King Street given by a neighbor last Friday, police believe a squirrel or other animal may have broken in. Chief James Hussey said the way items were knocked around and off the shelves — but nothing was taken — means the perpetrator could have been a squirrel or even a bird.

Party dispersed

A teen house party on Forest Avenue at about 12:20 a.m. Saturday dispersed prior to the arrival of police. However, the owner of a car that was stuck on a rock at that location was contacted to remove the vehicle. Apparently the car owner's child had the vehicle that night. No arrests were made and although there had apparently been a large number of kids at the house, there was no evidence of alcohol, Hussey said.

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The following Cohasset residents were recognized for their hard work at Thayer Academy in Braintree. **Christian W. Allard**, in grade 6, earned Honors for Academic Achievement; **Lindsey E. Allard**, in grade 8, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and High Honors for Effort; **Leigh C. Collins**, in grade 8, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and Honors for Effort; **Anna E. Blanken**, a Freshman, earned High Honors for Term 3 and High Honors for Semester 2; **Sarah Bookstein**, a Junior, earned Honors for Term 3 and Honors for Semester 2; **Catherine M. Ernst**, a Senior, earned Honors for Term 3 and Honors for Semester 2; **Claire E. Oswald**, in grade 6, earned Honors for Academic Achievement and Honors for Effort; and **Joseph M. Rosano**, a Senior who earned Honors for Term 3 and Honors for Semester 2. Enjoy your summer, you earned it!

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations to **J. Morgan Bigley** who has just received notice that he has made the dean's list at Harvard Extension. Morgan's parents are **David Bigley and Alix White** of Cohasset. Morgan is working as a chef in Cambridge at Central Kitchen while earning a degree in journalism at Harvard University Extension School. In his "spare time" he is actively helping to plan his wedding which will take place on Sept. 30.

Morgan, great job and your parents are so happy and proud of you.

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR

Cohasset resident and three time cancer survivor, **Harry St. Onge**, was recently selected as an Ambassador to represent his community at Celebration on the Hill 2006, a nationwide event to be held in Washington, D.C., Sept. 19-20 that will engage Members of Congress in the fight against cancer.

Harry was recently the head of the Relay For Life held at Cohasset Middle/High School and is truly a man to look up to. We are all so proud of you Harry, thank you for being you.

AWARD WINNER

Cassandra Becker Mahar was awarded the Bradford Yaggy, Jr. Prize for the sixth grade at Thayer Academy, Braintree on June 8, 2006. The Yaggy Prize is awarded to that student, selected by the faculty, who has achieved effort honors for at least 2 terms in the current year, and who has also demonstrated superior effort in Middle School activities and athletics. Cassandra also achieved Honors in Academics and High Honors in Effort during her 3rd trimester at Thayer. Cassandra is the daughter of **James Mahar and Paula Becker** of Cohasset. Super work, Cassandra.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR TO BID ADIEU

This is a special goodbye to a lady who has made a difference to so many families. A Cookies & Juice goodbye is happening at the Our World museum for Museum Director, **Michelle Golduc**. As many of you know, Michelle has a special place in her heart for all of the museums young visitors, and hopes to have a chance to say goodbye to all of them personally.

Drop in times are Wed., June 28, from 10 a.m. to noon; Thus., June 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Fri., June 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Michelle has worked over the last three years to bring the dream of Our World into reality for the South Shore. She will be moving onto the next chapter in her life and entering graduate school at Tufts University. She will be joining the Board of Directors and staying as active as possible with the museum.

CHS 20TH REUNION

The Cohasset High School Class of 86 is having their 20th class reunion on July 22nd at the Cohasset Golf Club. We are still looking for addresses for the following classmates. If you have any information, please email Ginni Froio at Ginnifro@cox.net or call **Collette (Ford) McElhinney** at (781) 383-1383:

Wendi Blakes, Anthony Bogarty, Linda Calabro, James Conley, James Creed, Laura Doherty, Kristen Eisenstadt, Kathleen McGuire, Gail Fasciano, Scott Patrolia, Cheryl Price, Christopher Ridge, Damian Wolfe, Andrew Glasfield, AnnMarie Goggin, Bill Gorvine, Michael Greiner, Floyd Hardwick, Darrell Horton, Jennifer Hynes, John Kuntz, Brian Leary, Teresa Lloyd, Wayne Lyle, Raymond Maguire, Robin McAllister, Suzanne McMahon, Kymberly Wright and **Kellie Riley**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Leah Kisiel, left, of Cohasset helps young students from Boston area schools with their teambuilding strategies in the annual Learning for Life Field Day in Milton's Camp Sayre. Organized by the Boy Scouts, Minuteman Council and sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA), the field day included archery, scavenger hunts, a ropes course, and other teambuilding activities. Leah was one of 22 Blue Crew volunteers from BCBSMA who took a day out of work to plan outdoor games in the wooded campsite.

BLESSING OF FLEET

Join friends from town for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' at the Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday July 8th from 5-11p.m. All Parents and Adult Members of the CSC are invited to a New England style Lobster Bake and Silent/Live Auction to benefit the Club. The Party is BYOB and will be held at the Cohasset Sailing Club rain or shine. Tickets are $40pp payable to Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phone from **Barbara Golz** at 383-1597 or mail your check to 25 Wood Way. Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- if you have anything you would like, Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- if you have anything you would like, contact **Erik Golz** 383-1597 or egolz@comcast.net!

SYRACUSE HONORS

Congratulations to **Jennifer Murray** of Cohasset who was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2006 semester at the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University. Jennifer finished her freshman year and is majoring in design/technical theater.

MUSIC LADY RETURNS

Beth Green, "The Music Lady" will be coming back to Cohasset the week of August 7th for classes, workshops and a family concert for all to enjoy. The Music Lady is someone who has entertained and shared her love and joy for music with so many families and cannot wait to see everyone. For more information or to register for her classes go to www.onecreativeplace.net or call 781-383-2211.

That is it for this week. Send all your news in no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From the Garden in My Hands" by artist Nancy Connolly at Paul Pratt Memorial Library through June 30. Gallery hours on Friday are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Independent Film Series – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will show the independent film "Day Break" on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit the Web site at www.cohassetlibrry.org.

Summer reading – Be the first to check out these new titles: "Promise Me" by Harlan Coben; "The Girls Who Went Away: The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades before Roe v. Wade" by Ann Fessler; "The One Percent Doctrine: Deep inside America's pursuit of its enemies since 9/11" by Ron Suskind; and "The Art of Detection" by Laurie King.

Closed for the holiday – The library will be closed on Independence Day, July 4.

CHILDREN'S ROOM SUMMER CALENDAR

July 6 – Registration begins for Story & Craft. A four- week commitment, for Cohasset residents ages 3-6.

Telephone registrations accepted.

July 11-Aug. 15 – Free Tuesday evening family programs at 7 p.m. For details visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

July 17-Aug. 7 – MamaSteph Drop-In Music, Mondays at 10:30 a.m., for all ages. No registration required.

July 17-Aug. 7 – Puzzle Club – Mondays, from 7 to 8:45 p.m., for Deer Hill Students. Hosted by Marjorie Murphy. Prompt pick up required.

July 20- Aug. 10 – Story & Craft – Thursdays, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Previous registration required.

Aug. 14 – Summer reading program ends. Tee shirts will be awarded to all who meet or exceed their goal.

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Cohasset attorney awaits release of second novel

Writes while commuting on the boat

By Samantha Brown
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"This one is a little bit more of a political thriller."
— David Hosp, "The Betrayed"

Old Pasture Road resident Dave Hosp has always liked to write. In high school and during his college years, he would often put pen to paper as a creative outlet, never once expecting his work would ever be published.

But next week, Hosp, an attorney with Goodwin Procter, LLP, will celebrate the release of his second novel titled, "The Betrayed," at a launch party held at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Shaw's Plaza on Rte. 3A. Hosp will be on hand to answer questions about the book during the event, which will begin at 7 p.m.

"It's all very surreal," said Hosp of his somewhat new second profession, as he literally became an author by accident. When he and his wife Joanie moved to Cohasset just over five years ago, he suddenly found himself with a chunk of time all to himself while riding the commuter boat into Boston to his office. The trip back and forth on the water inspired his first release, "Dark Harbor," a fast-paced mystery set in Boston, which was published in 2005.

"It was fun to start writing again," said Hosp, adding he never planned on doing anything with his story aside from perhaps taking it over to Copy Cop during his lunch break and making a few copies for family members. He designed his own cover and turned it into a paperback and sure enough, gave a copy to his parents.

"My father said, 'This isn't bad'," and soon suggested Hosp let him forward the book on to one of his neighbors, who is a literary agent. Hosp said if his father felt comfortable doing that, it was fine with him, but never expected the sequence of events that unfolded.

Hosp said after the book was submitted, he found out the literary agent his father knew was Aaron Priest, a very well-known and respected agent based in New York City. He said after hearing the name, he went home and looked Priest up on Google, and was absolutely stunned. "I felt like a complete idiot," he said, but hoped if nothing else, Priest would say the manuscript wasn't terrible.

Priest receives thousands of submissions every month and at first, Hosp said Priest wasn't enthused about reading the book. However, one night coming home on the train, he picked up the book and read five pages, just in case Hosp's parents ever asked if he had taken a look at it. After reading the first five pages, he read five more. One week later, Hosp received the call Priest's company would like to represent him.

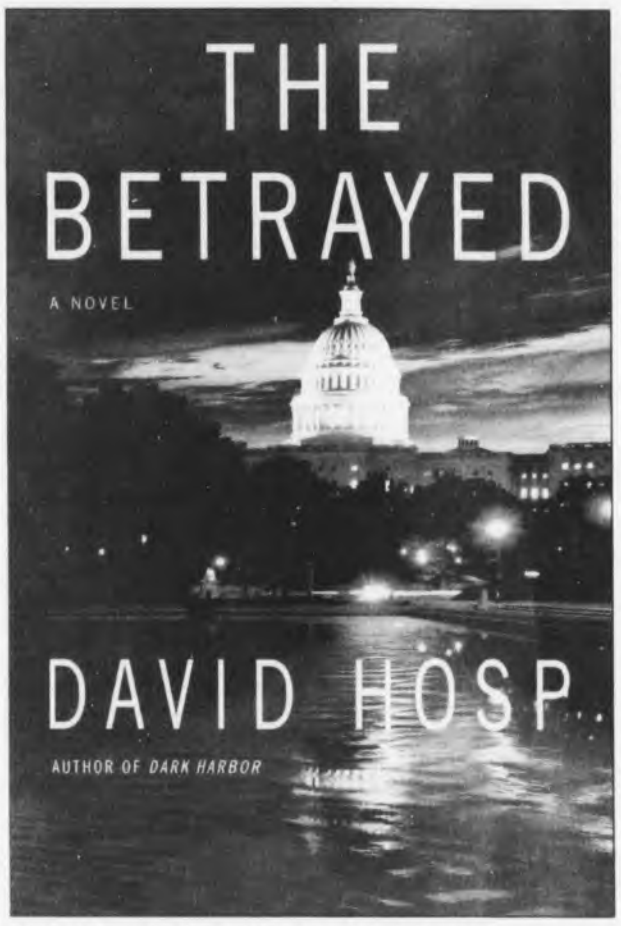
"It was a very weird moment. One of those you know you'll always remember. I would have been happy to just have him not laugh at my story," he said.

The release of the first book went very well and Hosp began working on his second. Commuting to Boston every day, the setting for "Dark Harbor" was natural. For "The Betrayed" he decided to go back to the place he called home while attending law school at George Washington University — Washington, D.C.

"This one is a little bit more of a political thriller," he said, and therefore, setting it in Washington made perfect sense. "It's a fun place to write about. I like to write about cities that can become characters in and of themselves," he said.

With the formal release date set for July 5, Hosp said he has already started seeing displays popping up in Borders and Barnes and Nobles. "It's very weird, but at the same time, it's a lot of fun," he said. He said he hasn't had much free time in which to anticipate the release, as things at work have been fairly hectic as well, and said his wife Joanie has been supportive on all fronts.

Hosp is a copyright and trademark attorney and he is in preparation to go to trial on a case in which five major Hollywood studios (20th Century Fox, Universal City Studios, Paramount Pictures, Disney Enterprises, CBS Broadcasting, American Broadcasting and NBC Studios) are suing Cablevision, the fifth largest cable provider in the United States over its digital video recorder (DVR) service that allows subscribers to record and store their favorite television shows and movies on an Internet server, bypassing commercials. Hosp and fellow Cohasset resident John Englander are representing Cablevision in the case.



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Author David Hosp will celebrate the release of his second novel titled, "The Betrayed," at a launch party at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Shaw's Plaza on Rte. 3A.

The launch party for "The Betrayed" will take place Thursday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books and Toys, located in Shaw's Plaza on Rte. 3A. Refreshments will be served and the event is free, although reservations are appreciated. For more information, please call Buttonwood at (781) 383-2665 or visit its Web site at www.buttonwoodbooks.com. Hosp's novels can also be found at all major book stores and Web sites.

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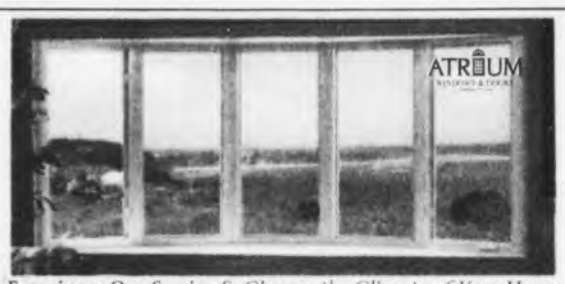

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Deirdre Bigley works on the mural at her dad's health food store, "All The Best" on Pleasant Street. Dierdre's mural is similar to the ones she had been painting for the past four months in Costa Rica. The mural is full of vibrant colors and reflects the organic produce in her father's store.

Costa Rican adventure inspires mural at All the Best

By Samantha Brown
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When customers enter All the Best natural food store on Pleasant Street, they are greeted with a splash of color. With rolling hills, a bubbling brook and plants and trees which produce many of the products sold in the store, the new mural dressing up its walls takes customers back to where it all began in nature.

This month, shop owner David Bigley was not only delighted to have his daughter Deirdre home for a visit, he was thrilled when she agreed to paint a mural on his wall, similar to the ones she had been painting for the past four months in Costa Rica. Full of vibrant colors, her mural reflects the organic produce in her father's store.

The mural includes everything from lemongrass, flax and Echinacea flowers, to mango, noni and almond trees and raspberry and blueberry bushes. "There's lots of stuff from different climates, but they're going to grow together," in the mural, Deirdre Bigley said, which will somewhat mimic her experiences over the past year.

Deirdre Bigley is a graduate of the Cohasset High School Class of 2003. She graduated from the Delaware College of Art and Design in 2005 with an associate's degree in fine arts and illustration. After college, she took a year off to travel, working for the first half of the year to support living in Costa Rica from February to the end of May.

During high school, Deirdre Bigley took a trip to Costa Rica with a group of students led by science teacher David Magnussen. "I knew I had to go back," she said, which is exactly what she did. She signed up to be an intern at the Punta Mona Center for Sustainable Living and Education, an 85-acre organic farm and educational retreat center located on the southern Caribbean coast of Costa Rica. Eventually, she began trade work, painting murals to earn her keep.

Located on the southern border of Panama on the Caribbean coast, Punta Mona, is "where the jungle meets the beach," Deirdre Bigley said. After living in the rainforest for the past four months, the recent bouts of rain in New England have had no affect on her, as she got used to living in a soggy climate. "Everything is damp and biodegrades quickly," she said, adding the cycles of life are really obvious as decomposition happens much faster and plants grow back much more rapidly. She said the plants which grow are very different from those found in the United States due to the moisture, and many are very good for the body. In fact, numerous things grown in the rainforest can be found at All the Best.

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Costa Rican adventure inspires mural at All the Best

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able ways of living and the housing is built from local, fallen trees, not trees which were cut down. Drinking water is mostly processed rainwater and the homes use solar energy. The food eaten is organic and primarily grown on the farm, which has an extensive variety of tropical fruits, nuts and spices as well as medicinal plants. Deirdre Bigley said there were more than 100 different varieties of bananas at her disposal while in Costa Rica which she ate constantly. She said they are much different and much tastier than the bananas which are shipped up to the states. "There were all kinds of exotic fruits you can't get here," she said.

During Deridre Bigley's stay in Costa Rica, her father and brother Aaron, a member of the Cohasset High School Class of 2006, traveled to visit her. "I thought, 'When am I ever going to have someone in Costa Rica to go visit again,' so we took a week and went out," David Bigley said.

In Spanish, Punta Mona means "monkey point," which the Bigleys can attest to. "We'd wake up at 4:30 every morning to the screeches of the howler monkeys," David Bigley said. But the monkeys were easy to deal with compared to the bugs.

Deirdre Bigley said every night, she would sleep with mosquito netting around her and in the morning when she would get dressed, she would have to shake off her clothes to make sure there were no creepy crawlers tucked inside. However, one morning, she didn't shake hard enough and was stung on the leg. "I had a scorpion in my shorts," which had made a home out of her back pocket.

But living in the jungle got her creative juices flowing and she painted many murals throughout her stay which featured jungle flowers and vines. The bright colors she used are akin to the work done by her mother, Alix White, whom David Bigley says his daughter takes after. White's paintings can be found at All the Best, and David Bigley said there is no question where his daughter gets her talent. "It's probably genetic, I guess. With a little training added in," David Bigley joked.

In the future, Deirdre Bigley said she would like to go back to school to study art therapy or possibly elementary education to become an art teacher. She said she practices her Spanish every chance she gets, so as not to lose the skill. The next time she goes back, Deirdre Bigley said she would like to travel through Central America painting murals the whole way in exchange for food or a place to stay. "It is a really amazing way to see the world," she said.

All the Best beats downtown traffic

Greenbush and Village Revitalization construction have taken their toll on downtown businesses. For shops in James Brook Crossing, located on Pleasant Street, which experienced frequent closures during construction but has recently reopened, the last few months have been especially difficult, as residents may still not be used to the building's being converted into retail space. The building formerly served as the site of ABB Optical and now houses a variety of shops.

"Things have been slow, but good. I have a core group of customers who come in on a regular basis," said David Bigley, owner of All the Best natural food store, adding after coming back from a week-long trip visiting his daughter Deirdre in Costa Rica not too long ago, he was joking with another village merchant he thought the roads there were better than in Cohasset Village. Fortunately with the end of the project near, the village streets are smooth again, which will hopefully spur on more business.

"We're trying to get people used to seeing this as a retail building. Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't say to me, 'How long have you been here?' and I've been here for a year-and-a-half. Even some people who live in town don't know we're here," Bigley said.

Today the whole first floor of the James Brook Crossing shops has been completely renovated and includes the Windsor Tea Shop, the Platinum Spike, Cohasset Greenery, Emporium Naturals, Crazy Paws veterinary hospital and All the Best. "There's beginning to be some cross-pollination," said Bigley, with businesses sending business to their neighbors.

When the train comes, Bigley said he and the other tenants know their situation is going to change as the tracks run right next to the building. However, he said he feels as a small business owner, he can provide much more than larger retailers at different locations. "At Whole Foods, you can go in and find anything you want — except me. As an owner, I have a 100 percent vested interest in customer satisfaction. I hope people like that personal service," he said.

Retrace Thoreau's steps through Hull and Cohasset

"In the Footsteps of Henry David Thoreau" is a Mass Audubon Van With a View Tour, costing $13, or $10 for a member of Mass Audubon.

In July 1851, Concord naturalist, Henry David Thoreau visited Hull and Cohasset on his way southeast to Cape Cod. He noted observations in his journal of both the natural and human worlds around him, leaving historians with a literary snapshot of life in those communities in the mid-19th Century.

Join Mass Audubon's John Galluzzo on Sunday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., as he retraces the steps of Thoreau and recounts his observations in the author's own words, from Stony Beach to Straits Pond to Little Harbor, as documented in the naturalist's posthumously published Cape Cod.

"In the Footsteps of Henry David Thoreau" is a Mass Audubon Van With a View Tour, costing $13, or $10 for a member of Mass Audubon. Pre-registration is required. The van will leave from Mass Audubon's South Shore Regional Office in Marshfield at 9 a.m., with a secondary pick-up spot at Fort Revere Park in Hull. Attendees are asked to dress accordingly for the weather. For more information, contact 781-837-9400.

IT'S HAPPENING

Municipal lot reconstruction to start

Beginning Wednesday, July 5, contractors from Cashman Balfour Beatty, the company building the Greenbush line, will begin reconstructing the municipal parking lot. Prior to the start of construction, the parking lot on Pleasant Street, next to the James Brook Crossing shops, will be available as an alternative parking location.

While the construction will be undertaken in phases, crews will occupy a considerable portion of the lot installing drainage, regrading and paving the parking lot. It is anticipated the project will take most of the summer.

For a complete schedule of the work to be done, please check the CBB Web site at www.cbb-greenbush.com for posted updates and outlooks. Residents with questions and concerns may also call the 24-hour hotline at (781) 682-6350.

Register for 'healing lunch'

Aglow International Lighthouse (non-denominational) will hold a luncheon at the Cohasset Golf Club in Cohasset on Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m. Keynote speaker is Forshia Ross, noted author and authority on emotional healing. Cost is $25. Registration and payment by July 12. For more information call Karen at 781-383-0026. All are welcome!

Water Safety Instructor course offered

Anyone that enjoys swimming and working with children can become a certified Water Safety Instructor. The class will take place on Monday, July 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, July 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, July 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, July 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, July 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cohasset Swim Center. All classes, without exception, are mandatory.

There has been an overwhelming response for this program and limited class space. Presently, applicants will have to be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration must be accompanied with payment for the course. Replies must be dropped off at the Swim Center or postmarked by July 8.

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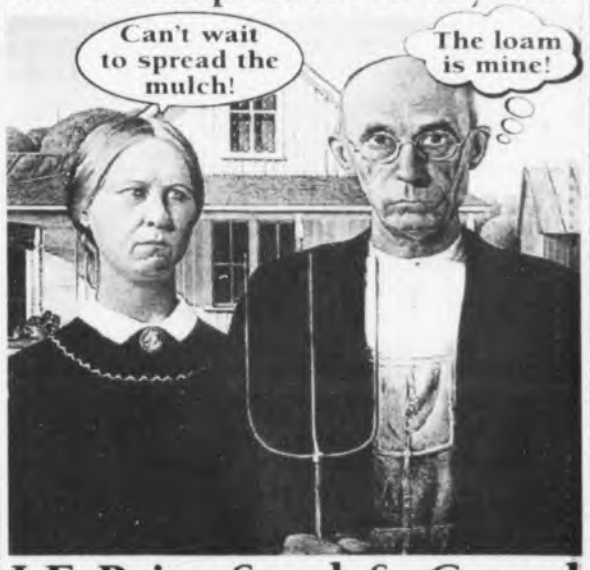

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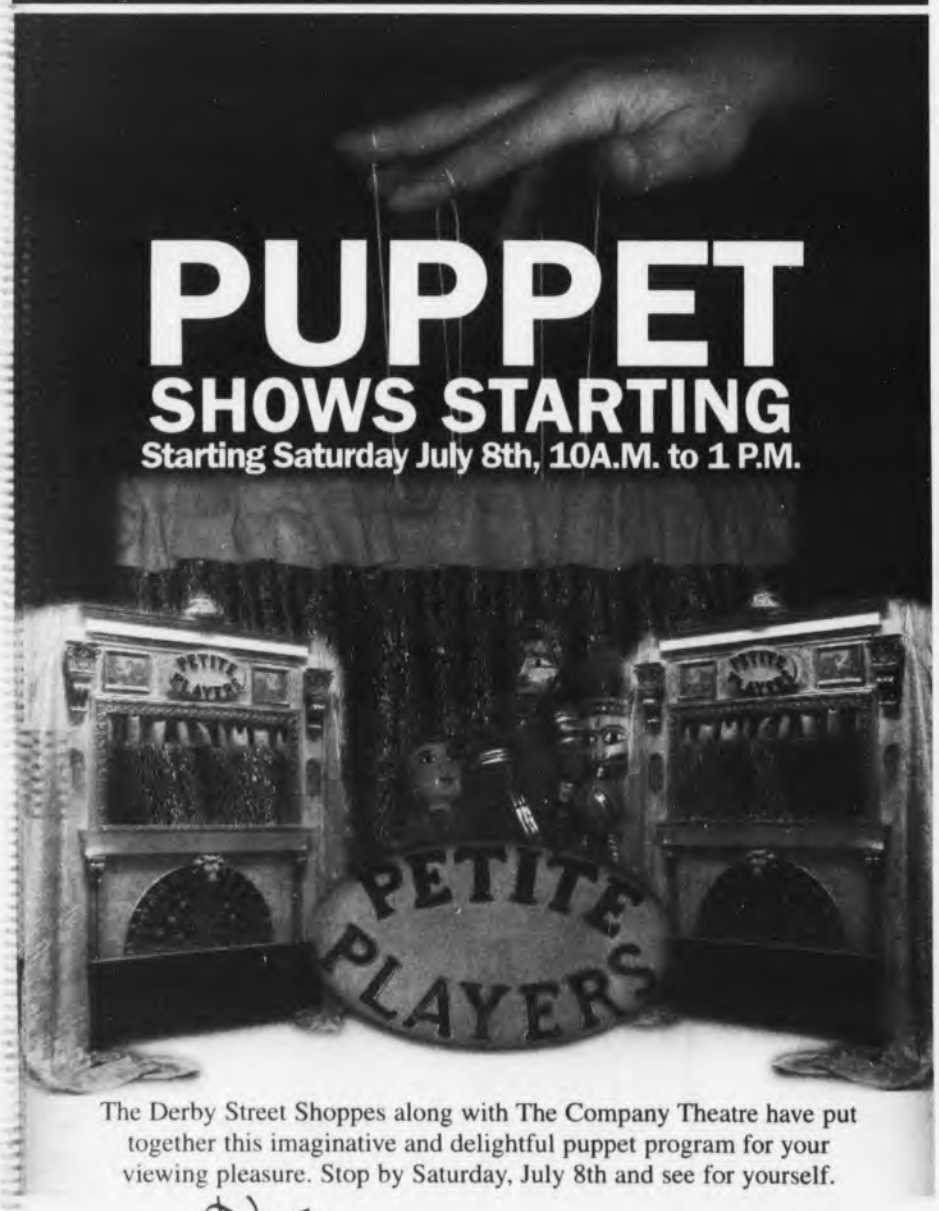

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Cohasset fire department services budget under scrutiny

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opportunities and obstacles for change. Griffin would like the report of findings and recommendations presented to the Board of Selectmen no later than Dec. 30, 2006.

Griffin's suggestion comes as a result of questions being brought up in the community. At the June 19 Board of Selectmen's meeting, he said some residents have commented at public meetings the money currently budgeted for public safety and public works services should be allocated to the school department. He said residents have also noted the municipal benchmarking study compiled for the town revealed per capita expenses for the town's fire department greatly exceed the mean of the town's peer group, which has led some to question whether more is being spent than is necessary.

Cohasset has paid $7,500 to Municipal Benchmarking, LLC — a Waltham company that analyzes town spending and prepares reports to aid in the budget process — for a 150-page report called "The Municipal Yardstick." The report compares Cohasset against 19 other municipalities with similar attributes. Since receiving the data, Griffin has been in touch with members of other fire departments to see if Cohasset's fire budget is in fact "way off," in terms of spending, as the report might suggest.

Griffin sent out a survey to all 19 if the town's peer communities and 17 responded. The towns of Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham and Westwood responded while Newbury and Southborough did not. Griffin said he has found the benchmarking analysis measures Cohasset against communities which are not in fact "apples to apples" comparisons as Cohasset does not have a strong "call force" or volunteer fire fighters that respond during an emergency, when many of the peer towns do. All of Cohasset's fire department members are paid staff which greatly affects its budget. When compared with other paid departments, Cohasset's fire budget is actually lower than the average.

"We are the experts, we know how we compare to other towns because we have mutual aid agreements with them."
—Union President Paul Bilodeau

Members of the fire department attended the meeting and welcomed the formation of the task force. They said it is healthy to inspect the budget, but reminded the board this is a task that has been done twice before and it should not reinvent the wheel.

Fire Capt. Bob Silvia said many of the questions currently being asked have been asked, and answered, before. "We need to go back to those committees and ask what they did then and what they wished they had asked," he said to be sure the questions are answered to everyone's satisfaction this time around. He reminded the board there have always been suggestions from the public as well as private analysis firms, as to how the department should be run and at one point 25 years ago, someone said the town needed three or four stations because response time was too slow to certain areas of town, "and that was before the train."

Fire Union President Paul Bilodeau said members of the fire department would be happy to participate in the task force and also suggested having one of the town's four call firefighters participate as well. "We are the experts, we know how we compare to other towns because we have mutual aid agreements with them," he said. In fact, Bilodeau said in order to take advantage of mutual aid, the town must provide certain services and "There's a certain cost associated with bringing the apparatus out the door."

Bilodeau also acknowledged the fact that the fire budget currently has high costs associated with overtime, but that will decrease as members of the department retire. Right now, roughly one-third of the department is over 50 years old and has accrued a good amount of vacation time, and every time someone is out, someone needs to come in and replace that person which results in paying overtime.

Residents interested in participating on the Fire Services Task Force, or those who have previously served on fire budget committees and have information to share, are encouraged to contact Town Manager Bill Griffin at (781) 383-4105 or via e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org. Interested task force candidates may send a letter of interest to Griffin at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

Fire services survey result

Town	Population budget	Net fire fire stations	# of firefighters	# of call shift level	Minimum service	EMS
Duxbury	14,248	$1,589,008	2	4	5	In transition
Lincoln	8,056	$763,786	1	8	3	BLS
Marblehead	20,377	$2,493,753	2	0	9	Private
Norwell	9,765	$1,191,946	2	5	5day/4 night	ALS
Swampscott	14,412	$2,512,097	1	0	7	Private
Wayland	13,100	$1,513,000	2	10	5	ALS
Westwood	14,117	$1,800,135	2	0	6	ALS
Average	13,439	$1,694,818	2	4	6	
Cohasset	7,292	$1,457,401	1	4	4	ALS

** Each town provided information in a survey sent out by Town Manager Bill Griffin. These seven towns have less than 10 call (volunteer) fire fighters and can be compared on an "apples to apples" basis with Cohasset.*

Could movie-plex hurt the Loring?

By Carol Britton Meyer
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An eight-screen "Hingham Playhouse" cinema complex is part of the mixed-use lifestyle center planned for the former Hingham Shipyard off Route 3A.

But the Hingham Planning Board and Selectmen have reservations about adding such a complex to the mix. There are also concerns about how doing so would affect the quintessential Loring Hall Theatre in Hingham Square.

Leslie Cohen of Samuels & Associates, which plans to transform 27.5 acres of the western portion of the property into a premier residential and retail "destination," presented a conceptual modification to the original plan to Hingham selectmen last week. The board shared the Hingham Planning Board's concerns about the magnitude of the changes and the fact that a theater complex is now being proposed.

"I understand your frustrations [about delays in the project over the past several years], but I think there's a better way to attract people than by building a theater complex," said Hingham Selectman John Riley, who sat on the Hingham Planning Board for 20 years and was actively involved in many Shipyard redevelopment hearings over the years.

Hingham Selectmen Chairman Philip Edmundson and Riley both wondered how this might affect the future of the popular Loring Hall Theatre.

Warren Baker, attorney for Patriot Cinemas, which owns Loring Hall, the Cameo Theatre in South Weymouth, and theater complexes in Scituate and Hanover, announced that the company is interested in building the Shipyard cinema complex. With regard to concerns about the size, Patriot Cinema representatives explained that eight screens are needed to get the right mix of genres.

"That's why the Loring Hall Theatre works – because we have other theaters to support it," Baker said. Besides, this local theater has a loyal customer base.

While assurances were given that the Scott family, which owns Patriot Cinemas and has strong ties to Hingham, is dedicated to keeping the Loring Hall Theatre open, Edmundson was not convinced. "There's no guarantee at this time that Patriot Cinemas will run the Shipyard theater complex, which could have a negative effect on the Loring Hall Theatre," he said.

In fact, overall, Edmundson has "deep reservations about the modifications being sought to the original plan. This is a big change," he said. "I don't like the movie complex or the growth in the restaurant component. I encourage continued communication with this board, although the Selectmen don't have any direct control over the project."

More restaurants are included in the new plan, with an increase of 8,000 square feet allocated to food uses, ranging from ice cream shops to sit-down restaurants – 10 in all.

Selectman Riley was not alone in expressing his concern about the number of liquor licenses that might be requested for these eating establishments. "We have some work to do here," he said, and Edmundson agreed.

Cohen said that Samuels believes "restaurant, cinema, and retail uses are complementary."

Riley also wonders what happened to the original intent "to create a Newburyport look. This architecture doesn't look like Newburyport at all," he said.

A mix of residential, retail, and commercial spaces, public open space, a waterfront park and walking path as well as 500 residential units, improved commuter boat and marina facilities, office space, restaurants, a health club, and a day-care center are all included in the overall plan to redevelop the 130-acre site. The history of the site will be reflected in the architecture and in other ways as well.

SeaChain, LLC, which previously owned the entire property and obtained the master permits needed to move forward with the development, recently finalized agreements with three other real estate developers who now own separate parcels within the redevelopment area. SeaChain will continue to operate, making minor improvements to its marina.

AvalonBay will construct 250 rental units adjacent to the commuter lot and retail portion of the project, and Roseland Property Company will build about 150 manor homes and townhouses on the eastern portion of the site.

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everything's waiting for you...
(Tony Hatch - as recorded in 1964 by Petula Clark)

Although we will admit we are old enough to remember the Petula Clark song "Downtown" — we hope those of all generations will be humming that tune when thinking about downtown Cohasset this summer.

We are biased because we love Cohasset Village; it is where we shop, walk, and have dinner or coffee with friends.

It is no secret the village area has been under siege with the revitalization project and will now face further challenges as MBTA work on the Municipal Parking Lot is poised to start.

Nevertheless, businesses, shops and restaurants in the village are operating at full tilt and need your support despite the inconvenience.

In the early 1990s, Cohasset Village was a different place. With a faltering economy, the loss of Cohasset Pharmacy, Cohasset Savings Bank, and a viable Red Lion Inn, "beleaguered" is the adjective that comes to mind to describe the village.

At the time the realization that Cohasset could lose a real treasure – the true heart of the community – propelled caring people and organizations into action. Efforts to find money and a vision for revitalizing the Village began.

The "project" has taken many twists and turns over the years. A lot of money, time and effort have been spent. Not everyone is thrilled with the asphalt sidewalks or the fact utility poles are still up and so are wires overhead.

But with that being said, a lot has been accomplished and the Village is looking better than it has in many years.

(On a side note relating to sidewalks, the Cohasset Mariner office is in Hingham Square, which has concrete sidewalks. The Mariner staff has taken a careful look at those and concrete sidewalks do show stains more easily; they also crack and need to be replaced. We are not professionals in the area of sidewalk surfaces, but after our informal study – we are not big fans of concrete either.)

However, despite whether you like asphalt or concrete – or would have preferred brick sidewalks throughout – now the important step is for everyone to support the Village. Our merchants and businesses have tried to hang in there for us because they believe in the place. We should support them. That means we need to be regular customers and patronize those businesses.

So maybe I'll see you there
We can forget all our troubles, forget all our cares
So go downtown, things'll be great when you're
Downtown - don't wait a minute for Downtown — everything's waiting for you

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, July 5, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 25, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, July 6 & 20, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, July 12, 6:30 p.m. at the library.
School Committee with Mass. Assoc. of School Committees, July 11, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, July 10, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, July 31, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, July 5, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

School Committee changes meetings

Beginning in September, the School Committee said it will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month instead of Thursdays. The change of day is an effort on the committee's part to increase communication between the school department and the community, by allowing more timely coverage in the Mariner.

Currently, with meetings on Thursdays, the paper has already been sent off to press and school news is one week late by the time it is printed. By moving meetings to Wednesdays, some of the information from the meeting will be in the paper that Friday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Can't we work this out?'

TO THE EDITOR:

So let me get this straight. I have to pay $180 each for my kids to take the bus to our "public" schools while the seniors in town receive a 70 percent discount on their beach and dump stickers ($15 rather than $50)?

Perhaps Cohasset's NO!-bility will get a grasp of reality when folks begin choking on the exhaust fumes from the convoy of minivans and SUVs making their way to and from school — 180 days each year.

I am kidding — but can't we all come together and work this out?

Douglas Eymer
31 Bow St.

Arts Festival support is appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Art Center extends its appreciation to the many Cohasset residents and businesses for their support of its 51st annual Arts Festival. We were a bit nervous heading into the Arts Festival because of all the road construction, but like the home getting readied for a family event, everything came together in the days before Festival and the village looked great.

Many thanks to our South Shore sponsors: Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Image Resolutions, South Shore Music Circus, Party by Design, Kitchen Concepts, Adrian Morris Salon, Kinnealey Meats, Lower Mills Seafood, Scituate Rotary, Hingham Institution for Savings, Members of the SSAC Board of Advisors, Strekalovsky Architecture, Cold well Banker, Granite City Electric, Peacock Press, Smith Print, Conway Insurance, Cohasset Collision, Hassan Sign Company, L.P. Carpenter Interiors, Inc., Graham Waste Services and Atlantic Bagel.

We are grateful for the support of the Plymouth County Development Council, the local cultural councils of Abington, Braintree, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, and, our friends at the Cohasset Cultural Council who understand the importance of the arts in shaping a community. The cultural councils are all local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

A very special debt of gratitude is owed to the neighbors of the Common who are inconvenienced by the traffic and the crowds and to all at the Town Hall who help to make our job a bit easier. Our volunteers happily held things together during the weekend and we very much appreciate their being a part of the Arts Festival. Finally, an enormous thank you to Carl Sestito and everyone at the Department of Public Works for tending to the Common and making it look spectacular.

The Art Center relies on the Arts Festival as its major fundraiser each year and we sincerely appreciate being able to host the event on the Common. Our exhibiting artists/artisans always use the term "beautiful show" to describe the Arts Festival and we are extremely proud of being able to offer one of the nicest art shows in such a special place.

Diane Kennedy
South Shore Art Center

Giving arts a boost!

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the students, faculty, administration and parents at Cohasset Middle High School, the Arts Boosters would like to acknowledge the South Shore Play House Associates (Music Circus) for so generously supporting a grant for the 2006-2007 school year. This contribution will allow the Arts Departments to further enrich the creative studies of their students.

Once again, thank you for giving the Arts a Boost!

Paula Dickinson, Catherine Davis, Sue Thompson, Kathy Guinee, Barbara Baumgarten, and Elaine Breslow

Sandy Beach summer hours and rules

Sandy Beach lifeguards will be on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily, through Labor Day, Sept. 4. Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours.

The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

Prohibited:
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Dogs between 8:30 a.m. and sunset.
- Flotation devices.
- Glass containers.
- Open fires.
- Rock climbing.
- Walking on dunes.
- Water craft in marked swim area.
- Fishing.
- Launching boats, canoes, kayaks.
- Scuba diving.
- Allowed – only in orange cone marked area:
- Frisbees.
- Hard balls.
- Kites.
- Skimmers.

Beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "Jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environment-friendly manner.

Click on CohassetCares.com

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Restoring faith in the budget process

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DENISE WALSH

Two years ago the Cohasset School Committee and this Superintendent of Schools embarked on a journey. We developed, along with over a dozen other community members, a five-year Strategic Plan and established a mission to "Continue the Commitment to Excellence".

With building projects complete, there were two primary goals for the district. The first goal was to expand program offerings at all levels while we reduce class size, and the second goal was to get our financial house in order.

We see great progress in student results from the full-day Kindergarten program as well as our new Reading program at the Osgood School. Despite difficult fiscal times, the accomplishments for the school department have been many.

The biggest challenge we face moving forward seems to be restoring faith in the budget process. During the recent "What's Possible for Schools and Town" forum, it became apparent to me that much of the mistrust and cynicism in the town around the school department budget process seems to stem from misinformation taken for fact, a grounding in perceived flawed past practices, and no clear understanding of the fiscal responsibilities, under the law, of the Superintendent of Schools and the Cohasset School Committee.

I have been asked by participants at the forum to provide you with the information necessary for you to make difficult decisions moving forward. I will attempt to clarify misinformation, separate fact from fiction, and clearly define the unique role of the Superintendent and School Committee within the town government structure.

We appreciate the many suggestions made by town citizens to cut costs or increase revenue. Some we will take under advisement, some we have already implemented, others may not be as cost effective as they may appear.

Non-resident tuition

I have been asked lately why we do not charge tuition/fees for non-resident students? There are 11 students (not 25 or 65 as some may have heard) of staff members currently enrolled in the Cohasset Public Schools. This is a long-standing benefit established to attract and retain the best faculty and staff possible. It has been suggested to increase revenue for non-resident students that the school committee votes to become a "School Choice" district. However, school districts of "Choice" cannot select who is enrolled. It must be an open application process with random selection. There is also a per pupil cap of $5,000 reimbursement for each student accepted for "School Choice". This amount is far below the per-pupil expended currently in Cohasset. Because of class size concerns, the need to increase staff and program offerings for the current student population, and the fact that the per pupil reimbursement rate is far less than what is currently expended on average each year, the school committee voted at its May 25, 2006 meeting, not to be a "Choice" community.

Regionalization

Another question I am asked regularly is about regionalization of the school district. There was a day when the state offered fiscal incentives to regional school districts. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. Smaller districts that have surveyed larger communities to see if there was any interest in regionalization, have found no takers. The loss of autonomy for any school district as well as the legislative action that is required, do not make it an attractive venture.

Be assured the school department does share costs with surrounding communities in many ways — collaborative purchasing for utilities (gas and electricity), special education transportation, special education programs through the South Shore Educational Collaborative, to name just a few.

Fiscal responsibilities

Finally, the fiscal responsibilities of the Superintendent of Schools as Chief Financial Officer of the department as well as the Cohasset School Committee as outlined in the Education Reform Law, create operational systems unlike any other town department. The legislature has created it that way.

A line-item budget is developed annually. The format for school budget development is not the same as other town departments. The required school format is in the same function code model that is used for reporting end of year expenditures to the Department of Education, Department of Revenue and the audit report.

Additional revenue is received beyond the operational budget to offset expenses throughout the year. For example, reimbursement from the state is received for a percentage of out-of-district tuition for our special needs population. This revenue is maintained outside of the operational budget, but calculated as part of total expenditures. For forecasting purposes, this anticipated reimbursement is deducted from the out-of-district line item during the budget building process.

The school committee may decide at anytime to utilize this revenue for unanticipated (non-budgeted) tuitions or to prepay tuitions and avoid deficits at the end of the next fiscal year. These are fiscal obligations that are ever changing and require very different fiscal controls. For the second year in a row, due to sound fiscal management, the school department will close at the end of the fiscal year without an operational deficit.

In conclusion, I hope this has answered your questions. Please check our website at www.cohassetk12.org to view up to date budget information or to follow up with more specific information regarding each building/grade level.

Denise M. Walsh, Ed.D., is Superintendent of Schools.

Wine and lamb can be the perfect pair

WHICH WINE

AMYRA O'CONNELL & BRIAN HOULIHAN

At the end of the night, after I clear the last of the wine tasting and Brian finishes his last entrée, we meet at his bistro and compare our evening over a glass of wine. Our friendship and our conversations are rooted in a very symbiotic relationship. Brian runs a bistro and I sell wine. Our conversations are almost never linear. We both share a passion for food, wine, and our clientele. And from our vantage point, we have watched our worlds defined by the people that cross our thresholds. Whether our nights are marked by a celebration, a business meeting, a sorrow, an escape from a winter storm, or a simple night out, our job is to provide food and wine within a warm ambience. The outside world, for better or worse always dictates our business and in return we sometimes influence the outside. At best it makes for some very interesting times and at the end of the day we both agree it is not a bad way to make a living.

One very distinct way our passions have fused is through the ubiquitous Wine Dinner. For many of our clients this is a night of pure hedonistic pleasure — a five-course meal exquisitely paired with five wines. There were times that even I would groan momentarily under the culinary weight of food and wine, but only until the next course. The Wine Dinner, given the context of a warm bistro, Brian's meticulous attention to detail, the passion of a particular winemaker's presentation, and the swirl of lively conversations, was a perfect marriage between food and grape. The most frequently asked question in my store, "What wine goes with this food?" was sometimes a direct result of the Wine Dinner. Over the years it became apparent that the level of sophistication among our clients grew alongside the attendance of my Friday night wine tastings and Brian's Wine Dinners.

And so it makes sense to begin our first column with wine-food pairing. Brian's philosophy is tradition based. "When I think about wine and food I mainly think of terroir," he says. "The idea of terroir is basic to the way I cook. In Europe terroir is about native wine vines growing alongside native food. It's a natural pairing." While listening to Brian explain his approach, it occurs to me that the idea of wine-food pairing could be a New World concept. In Europe drinking a Chablis with oysters or a Chianti with prosciutto, is not the result of a scientific sensory study, it sprang organically from the soil. There is no doubt that wine and food do accentuate each other, but a meal is also enhanced by conversation, music, and friendship. Brian's philosophy that wine exists for food, but that food does not exist for wine, may have some validity. Maybe wine's role is to enhance a meal. Perhaps our New World approach of 101 rules to wine-food pairing is a bit over the top. Maybe the answer is to drink your favorite wine with your favorite food or if you're worried about creating the perfect wine-food pairing, stop worrying. Instead let pleasure and surprise be your guidelines.

No chef can help loving a traditional roasted lamb accompanied with seasonal vegetables as a way to welcome the spring. In bistro fashion Brian believes the simplicity and freshness is what makes this meal special. "I like the idea of a roasted lamb with potatoes simply studded with rosemary and garlic and served in its own juices," Brian says. "When pairing the wine to lamb, I don't think about the lamb, I think about the accompaniments. It's the garlic and rosemary that's my link to the wine. And because it's a simple meal — and bistro cooking is about simple food —I am not looking to crack open an Opus One. I want a wine that is simple and inexpensive, like a Barbera. It is an easy, drinkable wine."

Barbera is indeed a simple wine. It is indigenous to the Piedmont region in Italy and it is by no means a thoroughbred; in fact it is one of the world's most widely planted grape varieties. For many it is a thrilling new find with its combination of "pricklingly" high acid, mouth-filling fruit, and a bone dry finish.

But since we have adopted a laissez-faire attitude to wine-food pairing, I would like to increase the complexity just a notch and suggest a Cotes-du-Rhone Village from the Rhone Valley in France. Still a simple wine, Cotes-du-Rhone, is a blend of syrah, grenache, mourvedre. What attracts me to this combination is the rich, herbal, "garliclyness" of the lamb, tied to the rich, spicy juiciness of the wine.

And so to answer the question: "Which wine goes best with lamb?" you will find that whichever vine grows alongside the lamb, is your wine. Historically the relationship between lamb and wine in such places as Bordeaux, Greece, northern Spain, northern Italy, and southern France is centuries old. So when it comes to wine-food pairing, there are no absolutes, only endless variations of pleasure!

Brian Houlihan is owner/chef of Bia Bistro and Amyra O'Connell is a former owner of Village Wine & Spirits.

HEALTH NOTES

Rain, runoff, water and our health

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I would guess that you're tired of the subject of water by now; at least in the quantities we've been experiencing, but just in case you're not, we'll give you a brief overview of the health implications of the extraordinary amount of rain we've been having. In many ways, last week's rain was unique for Cohasset. It occurred at exactly the time that many State, Federal and local water quality people were doing measurements in Town.

The EPA was here from their lab in Chelmsford; representatives for Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection were here, and under the leadership Jack Buckley and his indispensable staff at the Center for Student Coastal Research, students from the High School were taking data in Town for the Board of Health under sponsorship of the Department of Coastal Zone Management of the Executive Office of Environmental affairs.

The researchers caught one of the most prodigious releases of pollution into the Town's waters that has ever been recorded. Throughout the system, bacteria levels reached over a hundred times the safe limit for several hours. Ponds of polluted water covered streets, lawns, cellars. Virtually every bit of data indicated levels of bacteria above safe limits. Such levels are present at isolated locations in Town during every rain event, but never before have we had people collecting data from critical locations all over the Downtown area. And only now, do we know what happens in Cohasset during a deluge such as we saw last week.

It speaks volumes for contractors, volunteers and town employees who did the planning, sampling and data analysis. There were examples of enormous dedication and real commitment on the part of students and supervisors. Some students braved downpours and lightning. Some stayed up well into the night, analyzing data, and all, though wet, tired and harried, demonstrated that volunteers working for a cause can bring enormous value to their community. And now the Town has something no other town has: a method for collecting information on the performance of our stormwater system at a time when it is most important: during a rain event under first flush conditions when the pollution collected along our streets our parking lots and our back yards is being scoured and washed into our drain system. At long last, there's a method by which towns can know by direct measurement how well their drainage systems operate and where the weaknesses lie.

Last week's rains created pollution over much of the eastern seaboard. Cohasset was not alone, and from an environmental degradation standpoint, the last 12 months have been one of the most damaging that the nation has ever witnessed. And finally, the experts all now agree: storms are more violent and frequent and that's just the beginning. We can no longer ignore the changing climate. Moreover, the teachers and students of this little coastal town have a gift to give which, with all our help, can be brought to all communities along the South Shore.

It's about the water we drink, and it's all connected. Water from your tap comes through pumps, pipes and valves that control its flow from a pond which is connected to a stream to the harbor to the bay to the ocean where it evaporates in a continuous cycle. Myriad materials go into water and just as many purifying steps remove them; some natural; some artificial. The baseline purification is evaporation. Surface water evaporates relatively quickly depending on temperature, eventually ending up in the air we breathe. Increasingly, fresh drinking water is becoming scarce; frequently, it's more expensive than soft drinks or beer. And drinking water has flavor. If you don't believe it; try drinking distilled water; not deionized water, but distilled water. Pond water is different from well water and water from springs tastes differently with location. There are so many things added to water as it makes its way from clouds to lakes to earth to ocean that a big part of determining water's influence on health is finding what's in the water we drink and filtering out what we don't want.

For home use, the rule of thumb is to compare the water you are interested in drinking to water from the same source which has been processed by a filter using activated charcoal. One web page for water filter information with a list of suppliers may be found at http://www.heartspring.net/water_filters_guide.html . A simple way to ensure the water you drink meets minimum *taste* requirements is to ask your favorite appliance store to tell you what they have in the way of activated charcoal household water filters and obtain one which fits your needs. We can assume the Water Department knows what it's doing and provides generally safe water meeting all relevant standards.

So we know that our drinking water's safe, but what can we do, practically, to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the ever present threat of illness from contamination of places and things we once considered safe. The threat of bacterial contamination has always been with us and fortunately, we have learned to live with it. We wipe our children's noses and wash our hands before dinner because we've learned that we can reduce the risk of illness by so doing. The difference now is that contamination may reside in places we hereto considered clean and harmless. Dogs drinking or walking through, and children playing in, seemingly harmless puddles may now be at risk. Just as we've become more suspicious and protective in our personal relationships, we have to become more vigilant in our hygiene.

But even more important, now our student volunteers from the CSCR have given us an important tool to tell us how bad things really are.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Wars over the 'Fluffernutter'

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

At least it got those illegal immigrants off the front pages, for a day or so, anyway.

I'm talking about the Great Fluffernutter Controversy that pitted Jarrett Barrios, the elected senator from Cambridge, against Kathi-Anne Reinstein, the elected state representative from Revere, while their Democratic colleagues chose up sides and Republicans blamed Ted Kennedy.

I hasten to point out that both Barrios and Reinstein were "elected" to those positions in case this column happens to be read by someone from outside New England who gets the idea that we allow children as young as 12 to vote for our Great and General Court. Sometimes even I wonder.

Living in Cambridge where they serve tofu steaks at cookouts, Barrios was aghast at this violation of nutrition standards...

The whole thing started when Barrios's son, Nathaniel, came home from the King Open School and announced that his third-grade class had been served fluffernutter sandwiches, that is, peanut butter and marshmallow fluff between two slices of bread, as the main meal of the day.

Living in Cambridge where they serve tofu steaks at cookouts, Barrios was aghast at this violation of nutrition standards so he announced plans to file an amendment to a pending school junk-food bill that would ban the serving of fluffernutters more often than one day a week in the public schools of Massachusetts.

This brought Reinstein into the action since her district is near Lynn where the Durkee-Mower plant has produced marshmallow fluff for more than 80 years. "I'm going to fight to the death for Fluff," she said but, failing that, she proposed that the fluffernutter be named the office state sandwich.

Stay tuned.

Incidentally, if it is made the official state sandwich it will become the 50th official state thing-a-ma-jig to be duly so noted by our legislature — our "elected" legislature, I might add, for the benefit of those from out of state. In fact, you could put together a pretty tasty meal from our official state foods.

Let's see, we can start of with an official drink (cranberry juice) followed up by an official muffin (corn), an official game bird (wild turkey, the bird not the booze), an official bean (navy) and an official dessert (Boston cream pie). If you're still hungry, you can scarf down an official state doughnut.

I hate to admit it but I have never knowingly eaten a fluffernutter sandwich, I say "knowingly" because there were times in the dim past when I wasn't sure I had eaten at all or if I ever would eat again. My exotic sandwich of choice was peanut butter and sliced gherkins, which I ate with my back to my classmates lest someone see me.

In order to end this effort on a happy note, while Barrios and Reinstein were fighting over fluffernutters, the school committee in my own town of Braintree was approving guidelines that would allow school groups to sell junk food like candy bars and cookies to raise funds and permit teachers to reward students with candy.

Way to go, guys!

Tune-in to Village talk

Our Town discussion continues about Cohasset's Downtown Revitalization Project.

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris joins co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to raise questions on whether the project has followed the original plans voted in by the town.

Political activist Nancy Garrison takes the position that the project is in line with the town's wishes and provides her understanding of the goals and outcomes of the current project.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Merchants like the new look in the village

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town and has ensured his crew has been working diligently to complete the project as soon as possible. "It's looking good," he said.

James Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware, 40 S. Main St., said he thinks the Village project turned out "Just fine." He said it is time for the town to "Get on with it and leave the negativity in the rear-view mirror," as he has heard some are still upset about the material chosen for the sidewalks.

"Asphalt ages better than concrete," he said. When the sidewalks need mending down the road, he said it will be much easier to fix asphalt than it would be to have to cut up big pieces of concrete and replace it. He said concrete stains more easily and in his opinion, with the time and resources the town had, he feels the right decision was made to go with asphalt. "You have to look at the big picture," he said.

Watson said just having the Village open full-time again is wonderful as his business was affected "Big time." He said he probably had a decrease in sales of about 30 percent during construction, and fortunately business is starting to pick up again now that construction is nearing its end.

Frank Smith, owner of Flemings, 24 Elm St., said he is just glad to see something being done as he has owned his shop for 23 years and the entire time, there has been talk about the project but no action. "I think it looks better, but I know a lot of people weren't ready for the black top," he said. He added while he isn't looking forward to the construction that will ensue on his street when and if grant funding is secured to complete its streetscape project, the drainage improvements which have taken place will be a real improvement.

"They are an accident waiting to happen," Smith said of the sidewalks on Elm Street, adding this winter, water was not draining properly and was pooling and icing up. "It is going to be a much safer situation," this year, he said.

Smith noted while the process has been tough for those who live and work in the Village, it is time to move forward. "We hoped they would have finished earlier," he said, but with the summer season in full swing, business at his shop has been on a slow uphill climb.

But for Bia Bistro, 35 S. Main St., which opened its doors in December 2003, the transition has not been as smooth. Tristen Houlihan, who owns the restaurant with her husband, executive chef Brian Houlihan, said while communication was open during construction and they were kept up-to-date with the project, business was significantly affected. "Our business was cut in half," she said, adding while the restaurant had been receiving great exposure through various media outlets and business had been booming, once construction began, people stopped coming. "We couldn't even open for lunch until two weeks ago," she said, as many customers said it was just too much of a hassle to come down to the Village with the construction going on.

Houlihan said Wild Plums, which used to be located in the Independence Building, across the street from the restaurant, was so affected it had to close. She said she recently went into the South Boston Wild Plums store and business was booming, which indicates to her it is not the market for the business, but the surroundings it had in Cohasset that caused it to fail.

But now that the project is finishing up, Houlihan said she is optimistic with the Farmer's Market on the Common every week and the Music Circus bringing people to the area, more people will begin filtering into the Village and give a boost to all the downtown shops and restaurants. "It's such a shame, last night was such a beautiful night and there should have been people all over," she said of Tuesday night, but the streets were fairly empty.

Wayne Sawchuk, owner of the buildings at 35 to 39 South Main St., said he is "Thrilled with how the Village is turning out. I like the job they've done with the crosswalks," he said, which are lined with granite pavers. However, he explained he had his heart set on brick sidewalks and had even approached the Board of Selectmen to see if it would approve allowing him to pay to install brick in front of his property. He had asked other downtown property owners if they would be willing to do the same, and they said yes.

"I hope the asphalt surface will only be temporary," he said, adding there are bricks being installed at the corner of South Main Street and Depot Court in front of Farsh Oriental Rugs and Antiques and he thinks it looks wonderful. "I am thrilled for the corner merchant who will have a delightful appearance. I know it will give a boost to his business, and he's a first-class merchant. Unfortunately, the rest of the town is going to have to be happy with asphalt," he said.

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Kevin Chrisom of Chrisom Brick and Stone in Milton lays down the bricks for a the sidewalk at the corner of Depot Court and South Main Street on Wednesday. After the corner is complete, Chrisom and his crew will make their way over to Elm Street to lay brick in front of the former site of the antique shop

Village revitalization timeline

• Early 1990s: a small group of citizens proposes a project to renew and improve the appearance of the Village

• 1996: several residents provide the seed money and effort to begin a study and hire a project leader to come up with a concept for the Village revitalization.

• The Cecil Group is hired to turn the ideas into a rough design. The town applies for a Public Works Economic Development grant from the state Department of Transportation to cover the cost of the project.

• Fall, 2001: PWED grant is awarded by the Secretary of Transportation to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen at a ceremony on the Common.

• Fall, 2002: Town Manager Mark Haddad hires the Waterfield Design Group to do the final design for the project and puts it out to bid. Many meetings and hearings were held and designs were done and redone.

• Summer, 2004: The project goes out to bid. Over the course of the previous two years, the town spent roughly $300,000 for engineering and design work, leaving roughly $1.2 million for the construction phase of the project. One bid was received for the project, but it was more money than the town had left to spend.

• Winter, 2005: the Downtown Revitalization Committee reconvenes to decide how to approach the project. It decides to recommend simplifying the project including partitioning the project to allow the town to select certain sections for construction, allowing some work to be done with the money available, and changing the way the project was bid from lump sum to unit pricing (lump sum is a fixed price for the total scope of construction while unit pricing permits the town to pay for work done).

• Results of the Downtown Revitalization Committee were presented to the Board of Selectmen in March 2005. The following month, a public hearing was held and three citizens attended. The project was put back out to bid and the revisions cost the town $20,000.

• Three bidders responded and the low bidder, Northern Construction, was awarded the contract. With higher energy costs resulting in higher construction costs, only the most basic portion of the project could be completed within the town's budget. South Main Street by the Red Lion Inn is being paid for using state funding, and streetscape improvements for Elm and Brook streets will have to wait until the town has more money. For now, only drainage work has been completed on those streets.

Francisco Assis pushes his wheelbarrow down South Main Street and across the new crosswalk Wednesday. Assis is one of many Northern Construction workers who have been completing the streetscape project in downtown Cohasset

Asphalt sidewalks disappointing to some

By Samantha Brown
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"We spent so much time on this, I'm really disappointed. We don't have the sidewalks we voted to have."
— Ronnie McMorris, Doane Street

While most everyone in town will agree it was great to finally see something done in the Village after more than 20 years of talking about it, there are still mixed emotions about the project's outcome. Some are unhappy to see asphalt sidewalks when they had expected concrete.

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who also works at Rooms in Bloom, 64 S. Main St., which is owned by her friend Darilynn Evans, said she has spoken with many residents regarding the outcome of the project. "People are disappointed with the look. We voted for concrete sidewalks," she said.

"I was never a fan of the asphalt and I was never a fan of the brick, but I am a fan of Town Meeting and I think people should respect the vote of the people," she said.

At the time of the November 2003 fall Special Town Meeting, there were essentially two sidewalk materials on the table: brick and concrete. The first order of business for the town during the meeting was to vote on whether it wanted to see the wires buried downtown. The vote was cast knowing if it passed, the town could only afford to have concrete sidewalks, not brick. Brick could only be afforded on its own.

The town voted down burying the wires, and in turn was asked to vote on whether it would "approve a concept for improvements to the sidewalks and streets in...the Downtown Business District. Said improvements to include concrete sidewalks, more or less as shown on plans on file in the office of the Town Clerk."

McMorris said it has been said the town ended up with asphalt due to its lack of funding. She said if cost was an issue, the crosswalks should not have been upgraded. She said the money saved could have been put into the sidewalks which were people's number-one priority. "We spent so much time on this, I'm really disappointed. We don't have the sidewalks we voted to have."

McMorris said it has also been suggested she voted as a member of the board in favor of some of the changes which have been made. "This wasn't my plan," she said, adding she has always been in favor of concrete sidewalks.

However, Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said residents actually had three opportunities to voice their opinions. He said at one point, the James Brook walkway had sidewalk options laid out for people to vote on and of the roughly 244 people who voted, 240 voted in favor of brick pavers.

After the vote, a petition circulated which asked residents to weigh in on whether they opposed the proposed bumpouts, or extended sidewalks, and concrete as the sidewalk material. Dormitzer said 750 were opposed to both. Following that petition, he said the Board of Selectmen brought forward the concept including concrete sidewalks to Town Meeting. Dormitzer said the town has since been advised by Town Counsel the vote taken on the article for concrete sidewalks was a vote for a concept and not an actual binding vote of the town.

Dormitzer said in his opinion, the project as it has been done looks great. "I have had nothing but compliments coming back. We have a few more trees to go, but everything is looking attractive. We're lucky to have gotten as much as we did," he said.

Dormitzer said he really likes the look of the crosswalks as well as the asphalt sidewalks. He said concrete to him is a more urban material and Cohasset has always had asphalt. "Why should we change it?" he said.

After the project is complete in roughly one week, Dormitzer said he thinks residents will be pleased with the results. He said the park at the end of Elm Street will have its brick laid and there will be three planters installed at the end of Depot Court. There will also be granite sets installed around the trees which will be a nice decorative touch and three more trees will be planted on the Cohasset Hardware side of South Main Street. "We didn't plan on planting them, but the rest of the trees looked so nice, we decided to keep going," he said.

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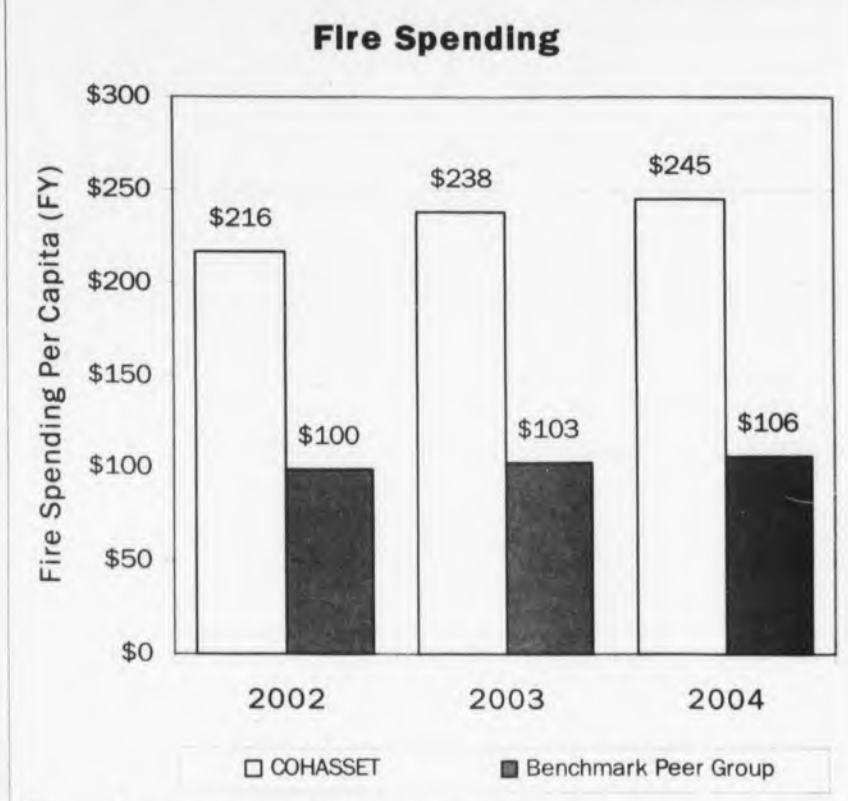

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart shows how much Cohasset spent per capita on fire in 2002, 2003 and 2004. By looking at spending on a per capita basis, one can address the cost of fire services for each resident. Fire spending often varies based on the level and type of services that the department offers. A department may be call/volunteer, full time or a combination of both. In addition, a department may offer EMT or ambulance service. All other things being equal, a full time department that offers the advanced life support services will cost more than a call department that offers basic services. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group, which gives a sense for how other, similar communities have allocated their resources to fire safety.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. This is the first of six benchmarks about the fire department.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. To register or for information call 781-383-9112.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior water aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday, July 11 to Aug 17, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., Cohasset Swim Center, $3. Call 781-383-9463.

St. Stephen's Bells – Free concert, Sundays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Riding tour of Cohasset gardens – Wednesday, July 5, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., immediately following Wednesday luncheon. A riding tour in our air-conditioned van.

Antique wedding gowns – Wednesday, July 12, 1 to 2 p.m., Cohasset Historical Society, Pratt Building. A guided tour of 30 wedding gowns from the turn of the century will be on display. Call CEA to register.

Farmer's market – Cohasset Common, Thursdays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October.

Cruise and dine evening – Wednesday, Aug. 16, 3:15 p.m., leave St. Anthony's parking lot. Back by popular demand. Boat through Boston Harbor arriving at the Chart House for dinner. Great fun, nice discount for Cohasset seniors. Call CEA for information.

Celebrating cancer survivors, TBA in August – at the Farmers' Market on the Cohasset Common. Welcome 13-year-old Sir Stephanie the Strong, from Bronx, N.Y., a young knight from the Magical Moon Army battling cancer, who will bring awareness and contributions to help others with cancer. Donna Green's Magical Moon Painted Cow will be at Christopher Columbus Park in Boston through Sept 10. After lunch, seniors will make ribbons to sell at the event. Visit www.boston.cowparade.com.

End of summer picnic luncheon, TBA –at Cohasset Sailing Club. Once again Anna Abbruzzese will host a fun event featuring good food and entertainment. Call CEA for reservations.

Day of beauty, TBA – second week in September, South Shore VoTech. Another enjoyable spa day offering manicures, pedicures, facials, hairstyling, and luncheon. Call CEA to register.

Three-part health seminar in October – Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at CEA, $3 per session. Includes a light supper. Oct. 4: Long-Term Care and Mass Health Eligibility; Oct. 18: Memory Loss, What to Do; Oct. 25: Preparing Healthy Meals. Call CEA for reservations.

Skinner antique appraisal fundraiser – Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, $10 per item, $25 for three items. Appraisals, silent auction, food, raffles and children's entertainment. Day care provided. Bring up to three items. No coins, jewelry, stamps, or musical instruments. Proceeds benefit Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. Call CEA.

ONGOING ACTIVITES

Fitness and dance – line dancing – Starting in September 9 to 10 a.m., $3 Instructor: Nancy Kramer. Need six to start. Call 383-9112.

Senior dance – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., $3, in CEA's Pink Room. Instructor Karen Kirkendall offers back-to-basics dance aerobics. Call CEA.

Arthritis exercise class – Fridays, 9:30 a.m., $3. Guided exercise with occupational therapist Paula Luoma, for people with moderate problems affecting movement.

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A day at the big top at the South Shore Music Circus

COMMENTARY

MATT DUNNING

Part one of two)

There's an old saying in the concert business that goes, "Early is on time, on time is late, and late is you're fired." On Saturday morning two weeks ago, by concert standards, I was late.

Between 2000 and 2005, I spent a total of five summers working at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, the last two (2004 and 2005) as the Lighting Director. Earlier this year, I was called in to help train the new LD on the Circus' lighting rig. When that LD didn't work out, I was called in again earlier this month to work a one-off show with 70s rock favorites the Doobie Brothers.

What follows is an account of one day on the job as a 'Circus tech, a behind-the-scenes look at how big-name talents manage to squeeze into the friendly confines of the Cohasset big top.

11 a.m. Load in:

I pulled in to the 'Circus parking lot about one minute before 11 to find the other 'Circus techs milling around the front of the production shop, waiting for the Doobie Brothers' tour crew to finish breakfast. One by one, the Doobies' boys filed out of Hospitality and led us up to the waiting 18-wheeler.

Before I get too far into this, it's worth mentioning that a big part of working on the production crew at the Music Circus is learning the terminology. In the concert business, everything has a name, and if one expects to be able to function as a tech, one had better learn the language. But fret not, dear reader, for I am not Anthony Burgess, and this is not "A Clockwork Orange." I'll do my best to refrain from inundating you with jargon and slang without ample definition.

Even after seven years in concert production, I still can't help feeling a twinge of dread in the moment before the trailer doors swing open. I always think back to one of the first shows I worked on, country giants Brooks and Dunn in 2000. When we opened their first truck (they had two), the first thing we saw was a 60-foot steel-truss longhorn cattle skull. In my naiveté, I remember asking if we were going to use it.

Where production is concerned, the Music Circus is divided into three key locations. There's the orchestra pit behind the stage, where the monitor rig (that is, the console for mixing all speakers not pointed at the audience) and instrument techs will be housed; the stage (often referred to as the deck), where the band is typically put; and front-of-house, the area from which the house audio will be mixed.

The nice thing about returning acts like the Doobie Brothers is they generally have a good understanding of what equipment they will or won't use, given the size and nature of our venue, so they pack their truck accordingly. This year, we had the added fortune of seeing the Doobies after they already played our sister venue, the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis, which meant that their trailer had been packed specifically to suit our venue's constraints. This makes the unloading of the trailer worlds easier, as everything the tour crew knows it's going to need is packed ahead of the things they know they won't. Case by case, we roll the gear out of the trailer, down the steel ramp, and set off to the side of the trailer. The system is such that we have two cells of kids working on "the dump," one cell rolling the cases off the truck, and the other moving them to the various locations mentioned a paragraph ago. Occasionally, the entire crew (or most of it, anyway) is needed to move the heavier cases off the truck, lest no one die. All told, the process of emptying the truck typically takes about 45 minutes.

STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

South Shore Music Circus Production Manager Dave Wentling, center, is helped by crew members Tim Berry, left, and Steve Pleines and Justin Dunk, at far right and second from right, respectively. Facility Manager Scott Niski, second from left, is also part of the behind-the-scenes crew that makes the Music Circus go.

11:45 a.m., Basic cable:

As you can probably imagine, putting a concert in the round carries with is a unique set of challenges.

One such challenge is that of getting cable (power, signal, etc.) from the amplifiers and power supplies in the pit to the gear on stage, which wouldn't be such a hard task to negotiate if our stage didn't spin 360 degrees during the shows. In the old days of the Circus, two techs would be relegated to the pit during shows, one to operate the stage's motor control and the other to page a massive loom of speaker, microphone, and power cables on and off the stage as it spun. It was a good workout, but wholly inefficient.

Thankfully, in 2002, when Dave Wentling signed on as the Production Manager, a new system was implemented. Nowadays, any cable that needs to go from the pit to the stage is pulled through a 10-foot tube and laid in a circular trough under the center of the stage. With enough slack underneath, the stage can make a full 360- degree turn. For you physicists reading, yes, the stage could make two full rotations in the opposite direction of the loom's lay, but the strain on the cables as the stage pulls them over themselves would be too great to chance even a single chord being yanked out of its socket.

Again, following the Cape on the Doobies' tour worked in our favor, as they had pre-loomed their cables to fit the Melody Tent's trough system. (To give credit where credit is due, it was their idea first.) Having the cables pre-measured and pre-loomed cut down the time it took to lay them in the trough by at least half.

Justin Dunk, a member of the crew at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, pushes a storage case onto center state in preparation for a recent show.

12:30 p.m., What, no key-tar:

Setting up the instruments generally doesn't take long, at least not where the local crew is concerned.

Mostly, the tour crew will ask us to unpack the instruments, and simply place them in the area on stage the musician will likely call home for the night. In some cases, such as keyboard and bass rigs, the local crew is asked to physically set up the gear. However, especially where drum kits, amplifiers, and guitars are involved, the tour crew does a great deal of the work themselves, including all of the tuning. After all, the talent would probably prefer their instruments, which have a tendency to be worth more than a Circus tech will make all summer, not spend too much time in the hands of the local grunts.

Once the band gear is set, most of the local crew is let go until 6 p.m., when they're needed back for parking and last minute clean-ups. Stage Manager Tim Berry and I, however, are typically asked to stay the whole day to attend to specific lighting (me) and sound issues (him) as they arise.

(This column will be continued next week.)

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Summer Institute kicks off season of maritime study

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For the eighth consecutive year in a row, students participating in the Summer Institute will gather data for the town to better assess the health of its waters.

At the June 15 School Committee meeting, teacher and Summer Institute coordinator Jack Buckley came before the board and received resounding approval for the program, which provides students with summer coursework for credit, or for fun, during their summer vacation. Operating out of the Center for Student Coastal Research in Mariner's Park on Parker Avenue, the Summer Institute will offer six courses this summer, covering everything from the town's marshes to the harbor to dealing with stormwater management.

The CSCR offers programs for students year-round. The Summer Institute is one of the longest-running programs, as it has grown out of a professional development program which was sponsored by the school department, and took place over the course of 16 Saturdays in 1998 and 1999. Teachers who participated, including Buckley, David Magnussen, Patti McGrail, Jody Wood and Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey, created a maritime studies pilot program which worked cooperatively with the Board of Health to test fecal coliform levels in the harbor. That project began with roughly 15 students and has grown to the roughly 50 students who have signed up for this summer's program, which Buckley said is an all-time high in terms of participation.

"It gives students opportunities to become engaged in science and produce data that can withstand the rigors of professional review," said Buckley, adding students gain real practical experience which provides data for the town. In fact, he said for five consecutive years, students who have participated in the Summer Institute have won the prestigious Henry David Thoreau Scholarship for outstanding work in science.

This year, the Summer Institute is offering courses dealing with Gulf River non-point source pollution, wetland monitoring, Cohasset Harbor bacteria monitoring, James Brook non-point source pollution and storm drain analysis, and is also working cooperatively with the Mariner to open up its pages to students interested in producing a weekly column detailing the efforts of those doing field work with the Summer Institute. "The schools, non-profit organizations and the community are working together to create opportunities that do not normally exist during the school year," Buckley said.

The Gulf River non-point source pollution study will focus on collecting and analyzing water quality data in the upper reaches of the Gulf River, a tidal river which significantly influences the health of Cohasset Harbor. The study will benefit the towns of Cohasset and Scituate, and is important to Coastal Zone Management and the Gulf Association, a watershed protection organization that has been active in environmental stewardship since the 1960s. Students entering grades nine through 12 will conduct water quality field and lab analysis, complete a computer mapping project, meet with Scituate and Cohasset officials, analyze data and compile a report for submission to state and local officials.

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— Jack Buckley, Summer Insitute

Wetland monitoring will be done by students entering grades eight through 12. Students will work with CZM officials as that office monitors wetlands throughout the state to determine how well it is managing its estuaries. Students will monitor one of five salt marshes on the South Shore and will learn how to collect pore-water salinity in salt marshes, identify vegetation and collect, quantify, and identify little fish that live in and around salt marshes. All data collected by students will be submitted to CZM.

The EPA's Cohasset Harbor bacteria monitoring project is for students entering grades eight through 12. The EPA has selected Cohasset Harbor as a sampling site to address bacterial pollution at Bassing Beach. Students will work with the Harbor Health Committee to help collect and publish data, giving the community a "report card" on the health of the harbor.

The James Brook non-point source pollution project is already underway and will continue with students entering grades eight through 12 during the summer. The current grant-funded assessment of the waterway is nearing completion and aspects of the project which are not completed will be the focus of the summer work. Storm drain inspections and recording will be a significant part of the project, and students will work with other students participating in a storm drain analysis and stenciling project.

Those participating in the storm drain analysis and stenciling project will help the town complete its storm drain data collection and mapping project. Stormwater management is one of the most important components to managing a healthy harbor and marine ecosystem, and the EPA mandates all cities and towns have stormwater management plans in place to minimize the amount of pollution entering harbors through storm drain pipes. With supervision from members of the Department of Public Works, students will go into the streets of Cohasset to measure and record information about storm drains. Students will identify those drains that lead directly to the harbor outfall and stencil on the pavement educational notices to the public, such as letting people know the water which enters the drain flows to a stream and waste should not be dumped down the drain.

Students entering grades 11 and 12 may serve as a student correspondent to the Mariner, producing a weekly column for the paper which includes photographs. The course is an independent study project and columns published would inform the public about the projects being completed by the students and adults who work for the Summer Institute, and the importance of the work being done.

Buckley said by participating in the classes, students can receive course credits, although not everyone participates to that extent. In order to receive credit, a student must have 54 hours of work completed, submit a journal and have it reviewed by the chair of the science department.

Steve Bobo of the Board of Health was also present at the meeting and spoke to the importance of the Summer Institute. Over the years he has worked very closely with the CSCR to collect data for the town, and he said the students are providing very useful information which is being utilized by a number of organizations in town. "The water supply, estuaries, parks, playing fields, marshes, they're all being monitored by volunteer students," said Bobo, adding the scholarships the students receive as a result of their work is just the icing on the cake. "They receive an enormous amount of recognition and it provides credentials for beginning résumés," he said.

Bobo said the students are able to learn by doing during the summer months, and expand on what the schools are able to offer during the school year. "The curriculum can't cover all the scientific fields, but the students are able to practice all summer," he said. The Summer Institute is also not at the mercy of a budget, as it receives grants from CZM, the EPA, the Cohasset Education Foundation, the Gulf Association and the Lighthouse Keepers.

Bobo said currently, the CSCR is working on obtaining a grant that would be able to pay the salaries for four or five teachers which would teach at the schools during the school year and at the CSCR over the summer. "If we can do this right, we can offer classes all year round," said Bobo.

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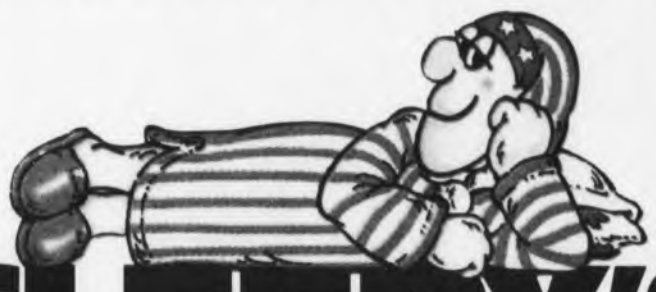

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Legion has sights set on playoffs

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset American Legion Post 118 baseball team continued its quest for a spot in the Zone 6 American Legion playoffs by picking up a pair of victories during the past week to take a 4-2-2 record into its game on Tuesday against winless Quincy.

A win there set up a showdown on Wednesday against Braintree with second place in the zone at stake.

Cohasset surprised then-unbeaten Braintree by rallying for a 12-12 tie in the team's first meeting, and surprised another of the zone's perennial powerhouses by coming from behind to pick up a 7-4 victory over Weymouth Monday night.

That win came after three days off because of rain and moved Cohasset into third place in the zone, and Post 118 was only three points behind second-place Braintree with a game in hand going into Wednesday's matchup between the two at Scituate High.

"Beating Weymouth was big for us," said Post 118 manager Fred Caffrey. "We were down in the game early and we came back. We got some big hits and Chris Bryan was very strong on the mound after we gave them a couple of unearned runs in the first inning. This has to be as big a win as we have had so far this season."

It didn't look promising for Cohasset when Post 79 jumped on Bryan for three runs in the top of the first inning, but Bryan shut the door on last year's Zone 6 East runnerup the rest of the way, limiting Weymouth to just one run and three hits over the final six innings.

Bryan, who graduated from Cohasset High School earlier this month, pitched a complete-

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Post 118's Rob Dongara tries to beat out this throw to third base during Monday's Legion game against Weymouth. Dongara was tagged out, but he and his teammates had the last laugh in a 7-4 win.

For the love of the game

Spofford offers plenty to CHS softball team

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Virginia Spofford was a third grader when she picked up a softball for the first time in her life.

Little did she know that, eight years later, her softball coach would ask her to serve as a co-captain for the 2007 varsity softball team.

Head coach Deb Bostwick quickly pointed out how much Spofford earned this leadership position.

"Virginia never gets rattled," Bostwick said. "She stays very composed in tight situations and she always has lots of intensity. She just loves the game."

Her teammates see her as a born leader.

"Virginia gets along with everybody," said Alida Tangherlini. "She always shows a very positive attitude. We find Virginia really easy to talk to. She'll make a great co-captain."

Spofford's intensity and love for the game becomes evident when one takes a close look at Spofford's 2006 statistics. She finished the season in Manny Ramirez territory with a .329 batting average. She also punched in 17 RBIs and stole 14 stolen bases. No one blinked an eye when Spofford's name popped up on the South Shore League All-Star team.

She also pitched with a high level of skill. Starting last year as a sophomore, Virginia completely transformed her little league pitching style. Both Spofford and teammate Christina Pinkus (also a newly named co-captain) intimidated many of their SSL batting opponents.

As the '05 season progressed, Spofford matched her strikeout count with an equally impressive batting average. She ended up winning the Skippers' 2005 Best Offensive Player award.

When the 2006 softball season drew near, it became very obvious Spofford's pitching and offensive production would prove crucial to the team's success. That's exactly what happened.

Still, Spofford comes across as caring less about her personal stats and more about her team's success.

"The 2006 season has been a really positive experience," she said. "Everyone knew each other really well. The team atmosphere was great. We all worked well together. We did everything as a team."

So how did Spofford accomplish so much by the end of her junior year? The answer lies in a combination of personal perseverance and good family softball genes.

Behind the scenes Spofford trains regularly with a pitching coach. During softball season you can find her next at the high school, throwing pitches both before and after practice.

Spofford keeps on throwing even when the regular season ends. On her Braintree summer-league team she loves to rattle opposing batters.

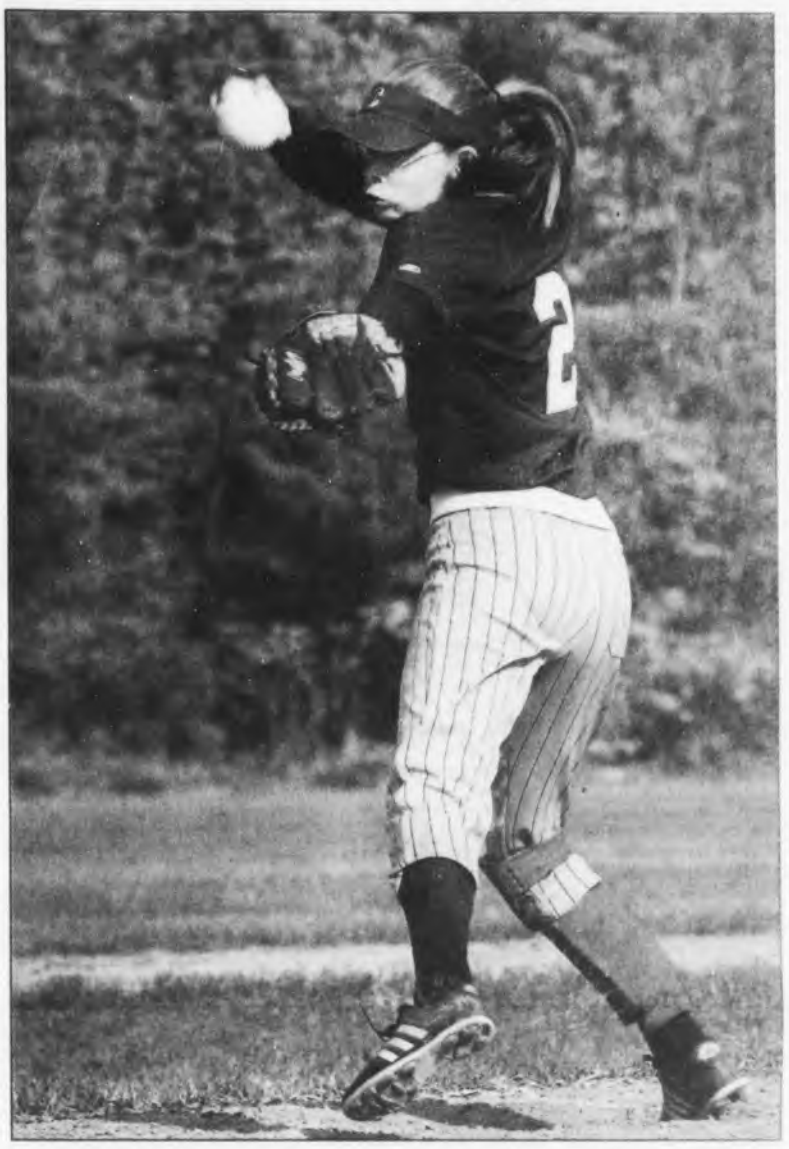
The rest of the Spofford family shares Virginia's passion for softball. Her father, Rob, directs the Softball Boosters Club. When Virginia graduates after the 2007 season, keep an eye out for her three younger sisters. They all are Little League prodigies who will likely follow in her talented footsteps.

In fact, softball represents only a small part of Spofford's life. This fall, once again Spofford will play an important role on the field hockey team, a squad also coached by Bostwick.

At school Spofford maintains a GPA that blows her batting average out of the water. Her subject of choice? French. When not in class or on the ball field, Spofford can be found leading the clarinet section in the concert band.

We're not done yet. In her free time, Spofford enthusiastically participates in community service through the Girl Scouts. She has already earned the Silver Award. Spofford hopes to earn the coveted Gold Award in the next few years.

So, no matter what way the cookies crumble, we can count on Virginia Spofford to provide excitement on the athletic fields, in school and with the Girl Scouts.



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Virginia Spofford fires in a pitch during a regular season game against Holbrook.

Reasons aplenty for laxers' success

Forecast for '07 looks good, too

By Mark Goodman
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Looking at its roster, it's not hard to see why the Cohasset High boys lacrosse won a state title this spring.

There is an abundance of talent at every position, and it all came together to form a cohesive unit that could win any type of game.

Never was that more evident than during the Skippers' state tournament run. After a couple laughers against South Shore Voc. Tech and Nantucket, Cohasset ran into archrival Scituate, and it was a game for the ages. Cohasset came out on top, 13-11, setting the stage for the state championship game at Alumni Field against Dover-Sherborn.

Unlike the Scituate game, the contest with D-S was a low-scoring affair that needed to be won in the midfield and in defense. Not a problem; Cohasset 8, D-S 3, and a state title trophy for the Skippers.

Starting up front, senior Aidan Buick ended his high school career in style, scoring seven goals against Scituate

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Chuck Czerkawski, shown here scrapping for a loose ball during a tournament game against Nantucket, is one of over a dozen players that contributed this year who will back next season, when the Skippers will aim to defend their Division 3 state championship.

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WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN

In his masterpiece on the beautiful game, *Soccer in Sun and Shadow*, Uruguayan historian and author Eduardo Galeano describes the referee thusly:

"An abominable tyrant who runs his dictatorship without opposition, a pompous executioner who exercises his absolute power with an operatic flourish."

The book was written in 1998, but at no time have Galeano's words rung more true than during this 2006 World Cup. Or, shall we call it now, the Cup of the Referees.

Galeano goes on to say, "Card in hand, he raises the colors of doom: yellow to punish the sinner and oblige him to repent, and red to force him to exile."

Well, there have been far too much repenting and exiling in this tournament, at least until Monday's Ukraine-Switzerland match, where apparently nothing short of bone protruding from the flesh was going to draw a card from the pocket of referee Armundo Archundia.

What in the name of Pierluigi Collina is going on here?

It has been ignored, if not forgotten, that the marvelous, wildly underrated Maniche scored another cracker of a goal in Portugal's 1-0 victory over Holland on Sunday. That strike is not the topic of discussion upon review of the match, of course, due to the sheer lunacy surrounding referee Valentin Ivanov.

There has been enough Ivanov-bashing in the football world to last us two lifetimes, so we'll keep it to a minimum here. It has to be said, however, that the Russian dug his own grave barely a minute into the match when he gave Dutchman Mark van Bommel a foolish yellow card for a tackle that was a simple foul, and nothing more.

If Ivanov is to be commended for one thing, it should be for his consistency, because the silly bookings kept coming, and in various ways. How does Gio van Bronckhorst earn that second yellow? How is Luis Figo, that inglorious weasel, still on the field to flop around after he headbutted van Bommel? Why does Khalid Boulahrouz get his second yellow for barely touching Figo?

The lasting image of this game – save for the redundancy of Ivanov showing off his card collection – came in the closing seconds, with the surreal sight of Portugal's Deco and Holland's van Bronckhorst in the

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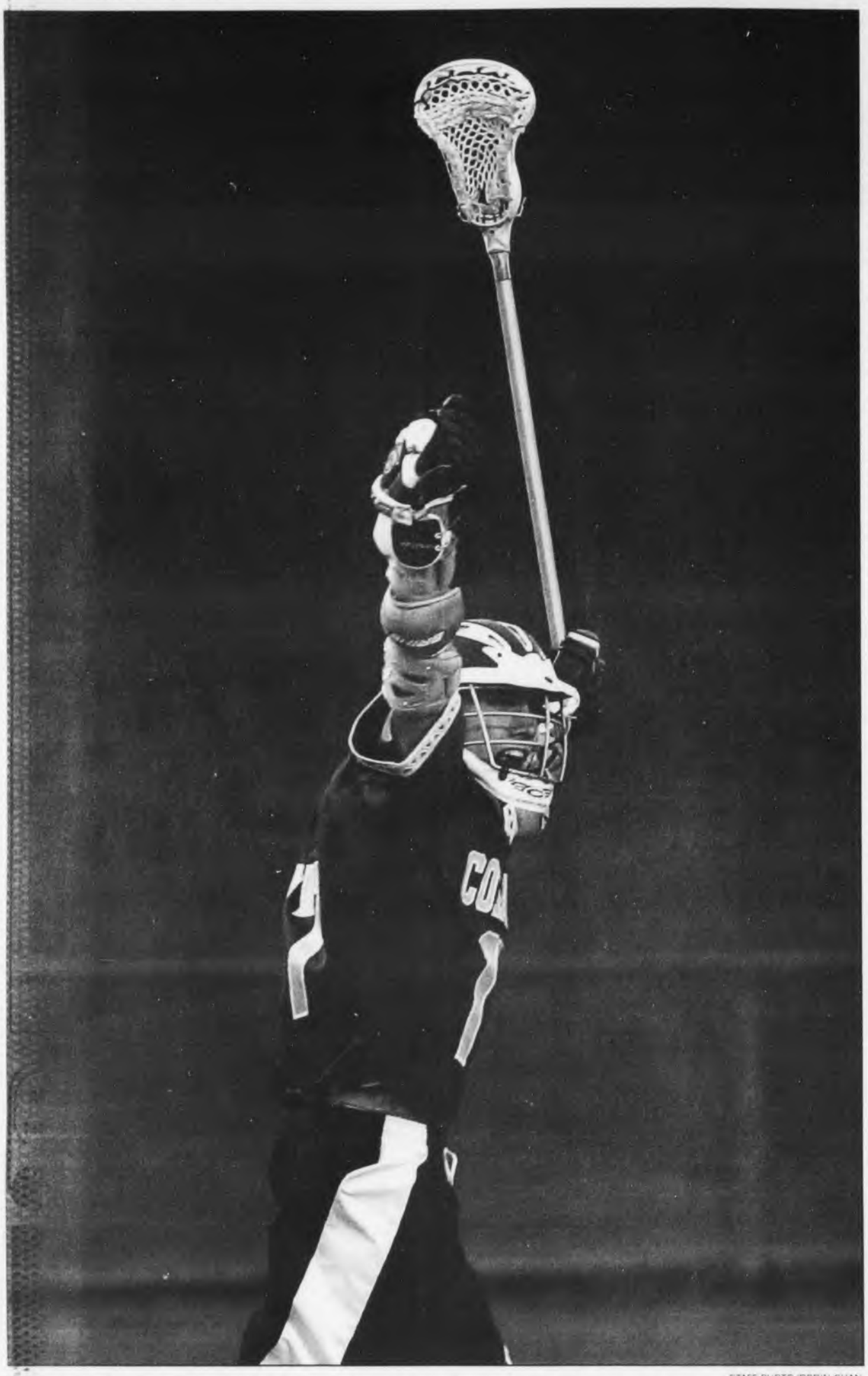

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Cohasset's Mike Bunstein raises his arms in triumph after scoring a critical fourth period goal in the Skippers' state semifinal win over Scituate. Bunstein was one of Cohasset's top playmakers this season, and will again be a big part of the Skippers' attack in 2007.

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and another four against D-S. Late in the regular season, Buick broke the program's all-time scoring record, set just last year by Jake Previte.

Sophomores Mark Flibotte and Mike Bunstein were also critical parts of the attack. Flibotte finished as Cohasset's second-leading scorer, and went on a tear while Buick was injured midseason, scoring as many as seven goals in one game. Bunstein was a solid goal-scorer himself, but his superb playmaking abilities gave the Cohasset attack another great dimension.

The Skippers were buoyed in the postseason by the return of sophomore Michael Grimm, who had missed the entire regular season while recovering from surgery. Grimm came up with a few key goals, and will be counted on for a lot of scoring next year, as will junior Chris Davis, who had several three- and four-goal games during the year. Peter Ernst will also likely figure in the attack picture as well.

Senior Trevor Brady and junior Dan Trendowicz led a dominant midfield that consistently controlled games in that part of the field. Both played good defense, were tremendous on ground balls, and often led attacks either down the wing or at the top of the zone.

Sophomores Chuck Czerkawski and P.J. McCaw performed well as the team's face-off specialists, and did a lot of the grunt work in the middle of the field. Junior Ryan Kucinski stepped up in a major way this season as a long-stick middy.

Defensively, junior Jeff Brown further established himself as one of the region's top talents at that position. A phenomenal athlete, Brown was more than happy to throw his weight around, create turnovers, and then blow by opponents down the field to create goals.

Sophomore Jake Cuneo was an absolute force for Cohasset, intimidating opposing attackers with his size and strength and often flattening those who dared to venture near the net. Juniors Conor Holway and Anthony DePaolo were also big parts of the defense, and freshman Bobby Meiklehamm played a great state championship game when pressed into starting duty.

Senior Ben Libby was usually there with the save whenever opponents got off a shot. Libby made a couple huge stops in the fourth period against Scituate in the playoffs, when the Sailors were pressing to gain the lead that they were never able to take.

Sophomore Nate Porter served as a more than capable backup in net, making a few starts late in the regular season and contributing to Cohasset wins. With Libby graduating, the Cohasset goaltending situation remains in good hands with Porter.

Joining Libby as graduates from the program are Buick, Brady and Zack Etkind. Those losses create some holes to fill, but with all of the talent coming back, 2007 could be another banner year for the Skippers.

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The Skippers have a significant hole to fill in the midfield with the graduation of Trevor Brady, shown above lining up a shot against Nantucket during the state tournament.

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game five-hitter, walked just one and struck out seven to pick up the win. He got offensive support from second baseman Tom Chase, a junior-to-be at Boston College High School, who went 3-for-4 and drove in a pair of runs, and third baseman Marcus Joyce, who went 2-for-4.

"We played a solid all-around game once we got past that first inning," said Caffrey. "Chris Bryan gave us the kind of game we needed on the mound, and we backed him with some good defense and we got the big hits when we needed them."

Post 118 was coming off successive 12-12 ties against Braintree and Holbrook when it went to Quincy last Thursday to face Post 95 as it tried to get over the .500 mark. Post 95 was winless going into Tuesday night's game against Cohasset at Scituate, but four of its losses have been by one run.

As was the case Monday night against Weymouth, Cohasset also received a complete-game pitching performance that night in Cohasset's exciting 5-4 victory over Post 95 at Quincy's Adams Field.

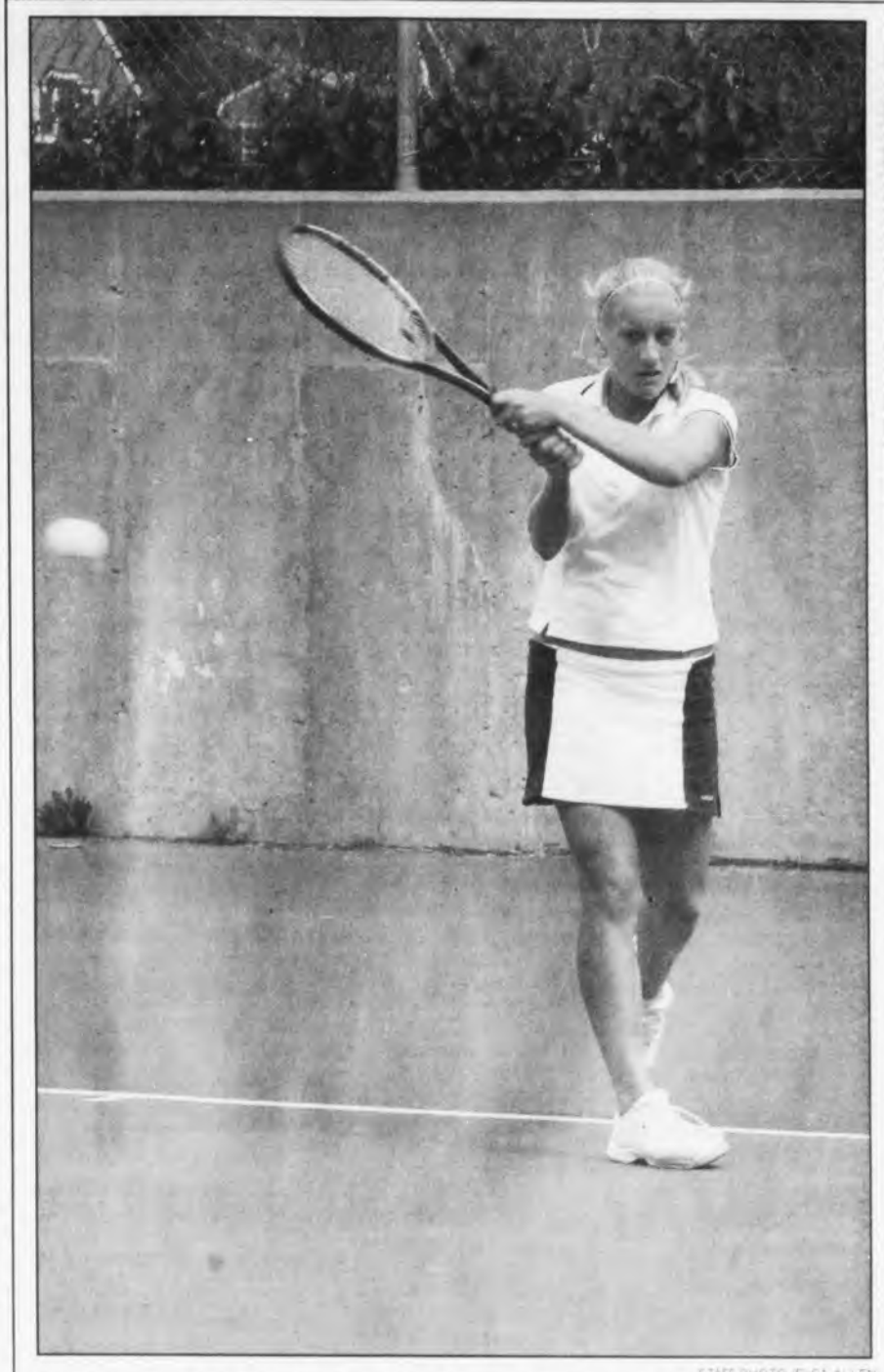
Greg Ouellette, a graduated senior at Scituate High School, went all seven innings and allowed seven hits in picking up his second win of the season.

Post 118 trailed during the early innings, but finally tied the game in the fifth inning on a run-scoring triple by Tim McGrath, and grabbed the lead an inning later as first baseman Shane Caffrey drove home the go-ahead run.

The schedule gets even more hectic for Post 118 as it tries to land a playoff spot and also shoots for one of the top three spots in a zone where the top five teams make the playoffs. Those five qualifiers then cross over to face a team from Zone 6 West in the zone playoffs that begin on July 14.

After Wednesday's home game with Braintree, Cohasset goes to Catholic Memorial High School tonight to take on West Roxbury at 5:45. Cohasset will host unbeaten defending zone champion Milton on Saturday, and Morrisette on Sunday, but as of press time, Caffrey still wasn't sure of the time or site for either game.

Things have gotten hectic for all Legion teams because of the rain, perhaps none more so than Post 118. And as of right now, Cohasset is tentatively scheduled to host Stoughton on Monday.



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Chelsea Grossman eyes a backhand during state tournament action against Rockland. Next week, the Mariner publishes its All-Scholastic girls tennis team.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Recreation offers sports clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer the following clinics. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., at 781-383-4109.

South Shore Basketball School – The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with South Shore Basketball School, is accepting applications for a summer basketball clinic, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two sessions will be available during the week of Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14, at Cohasset High School gymnasium. Session I is for boys and girls, ages 7 through 11, and will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session II is for boys and girls, ages 12 through 15, and will be noon to 3 p.m. The fee for the five-day program is $125. This year's sessions will be led by Dorian Bryant, current coach at Cohasset High School.

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cohasset Town Hall in the Recreation Department office.

South Shore Soccer Camp and Squirts Camp – Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second. child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office to register. Space is limited – early registration is advised.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades three through six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. Brothers Jamie and Ronan Buick will direct the program.

The clinic will take place the week of July 17 to 21, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Sessions take place rain or shine – in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it includes a helmet, including mouthpiece, gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the lacrosse clinic is $85. Call the Recreation Department to register.

Hingham July 4 race

The Hingham Recreation Department is finalizing plans for the 48th Annual Hingham 4th of July Road Race 2006. Volunteers are still needed for road guards, water stations and other positions. Please contact the Recreation Department at 781-741-1464 if you are willing to volunteer.

Registration and early T-shirt pick up continues at the Recreation Department from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. through June 30 and from 9 a.m. to noon July 1-3 (cash only). Register online at www.signmeup.com through June 30. Race day registrations (cash only) will be accepted from 5:30 a.m. until 6:30 a.m. T-shirts are guaranteed to pre-registered runners only.

The race will start at 7 a.m. from the Middle School at 1103 Main Street in Hingham. The field of approximately 1700 participants will run the 4.6-mile course. The award ceremony will follow the race at the finish line in Hingham Square. Return transportation will be provided back to the Middle School.

Please call the Recreation Department at 781-741-1464 for registration and additional information.

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midst of discussion on a set of steps just off the pitch. The Barcelona teammates, opponents on this day, sat together as bystanders, seemingly remarking to one another on the chaos that had befallen this much anticipated match.

Ivanov deserves his fair share of criticism, to be sure, but the players must take responsibility as well. All of the diving and acting like they have been shot after they were barely touched is threatening to make a shambolic farce of the sport.

It seems as though referees not named Markus Merk are now afraid to call penalties, operating under the assumption that players are diving to get the call. Which produces situations like we saw last Monday, when a Swiss defender reached his leg back *behind* him to trip up Togo's Emmanuel Adebayor in the penalty box, and there is no call made.

FIFA, the game's governing body, has not acquitted itself well in this mess either. In no sport is there more gray area in terms of officiating than in soccer, and the idiotic braintrust of FIFA expanded that area exponentially with its list of edicts prior to the start of the Cup, my favorite of which being a mandatory booking for "time wasting."

It was for that very infraction that Deco picked up his second yellow card against the Dutch. In fact, one could legitimately make the point that Ivanov was merely following the letter of FIFA's ever-changing laws (although obdurately so).

FIFA President Sepp Blatter, wretched leader that he is, predictably threw Ivanov under the bus in the aftermath of the Portugal-Holland debacle, saying, "There could have been a yellow card for the referee." And how about a red card for you, Mr. Blatter?

The 2002 Cup also produced its share of diabolical decisions, with one key difference. Most of those calls in the '02 competition were made by second-rate referees from third-rate domestic leagues; those guys were overmatched to begin with.

But Ivanov came into this tournament as one of the world's most respected referees, and as a candidate to officiate the final. Merk is from Germany, where referees presumably have the common sense to know that what Oguchi Onyewu did against Ghana was not worthy of a penalty in any galaxy.

Graham Poll, England's top ref, completely lost control of the Australia-Croatia match, highlighted by his administering three yellow cards to Croatia's Josip Simunic. Talk about records that will never be broken.

Which leads us to Luis Medina Cantalejo, a referee from the world's best league (Spain's La Liga), who needlessly sent off Italy's Marco Materazzi in the *Azzurri's* 1-0 win over Australia on Monday. Cantalejo was playing the role of restless first grader at show-and-tell, flaunting the red card like a prized new toy.

The commentators on ESPN, bless them and their ceaseless ineptitude, have bemoaned the fact that referees are getting as much attention as players and the goals they are scoring. Of course, those same commentators ironically can't stop talking about the referees, and this is one occasion where I cannot disagree with them.

The pompous executioners have become the story. Let us hope Germany and Argentina play the epic that is expected of them, and return the focus to where it belongs: great players accomplishing wondrous feats on the pitch.

A collection of unrelated thoughts

Come to think of it, Blatter got his just punishment by attending that Ukraine-Switzerland match, a contest that produced ennui of staggering proportions. After a fairly promising first half, both teams appeared to come out for the second half playing for the 0-0 draw and penalties, which is precisely what happened.

Apparently, Sven Goran-Eriksson gave both teams their halftime pep talks. And give the Swiss credit for being consistent, managing the dubious task of being shut out in a penalty kick shootout.

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Do you think Landon Donovan has realized that the World Cup has started?

The United States can blame their dreadful showing on a lot of things: questionable refereeing decisions, their group, FIFA's seeding process that shafted them in favor of Mexico, etc.

All of those topics came up after the Yanks crashed out of the tournament with their loss to Ghana, but many of the players have to look themselves in the mirror before anything else. Most of all Donovan, who did little to live up to his reputation coming into the Cup.

As in any other walk of life, failure begins at the top, and with this in mind let us hope that Bruce Arena is not on the U.S. sidelines come 2010 in South Africa.

That sentiment, which seems to be the prevailing one among the nation's football followers, is no indictment against Arena's accomplishments in his eight years at the helm. He has been nothing less than superb at what he was hired to do: lift a struggling program out of the doldrums and into the spotlight, to the point where the U.S. has to be taken seriously on the international scene.

Arena has done just that, but the program needs an influx of new ideas. If the U.S. is to make the next step - which is to become a legitimate World Cup championship contender - it will take a manager with a more worldly perspective, a person who has played and coached abroad and knows what it takes to succeed at the game's highest levels.

Many are already calling for the hiring of Jurgen Klinsmann, who is a little tied up right now managing his native Germany. Klinsmann has already addressed those whisperings, saying he is not interested and is focused on leading the Germans.

Well, of course he is. But should Germany bow out to Argentina, will the nation's former hero be asked back to manage? Klinsmann, who calls California his home, will see his contract expire at the end of this World Cup. Should Germany's run end in the quarterfinals, it is very much in question whether Klinsmann will be rehired.

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Of all the teams that did not make it out of group play, Togo was among the most captivating.

An undermanned side not expected to be competitive with any of its Group G opponents, the Togolese played perfectly even with South Korea, held their own with the Swiss, and were one half away from stunning France and knocking that side out of the tournament.

And all the while, whether they were playing with 10 men or running up against teams that were supposed to squash them, Togo played and attacked with unending verve, scoffing at the notion that they did not belong.

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For all of those who are already penciling in England for the semi-finals…

Yes, Portugal will be without Deco and Costinha, and possibly Cristiano Ronaldo. But Portugal is deep in the midfield, Pauleta has been in good form up front, and the defense that played so well against the Dutch (led by the heroic Miguel and Ricardo Carvalho, whom England fans should be rather familiar with) remains intact for this encounter.

Any team with a strong defense and the skill of Maniche and Pauleta up top is tough to deal with, and the English to this point have had a difficult go of it against far lesser sides. Many are still waiting for England to come out of its shell and play the football they are supposedly capable of, but they have had plenty of time to do it and haven't shown it.

At some point comes the realization that, as Bill Parcells might say, you are what you are.

Prediction: After a 1-1 draw in regular time, the Portuguese take it in penalties. And Sven is never allowed in England ever again, forced into exile by the red card that is British popular opinion.

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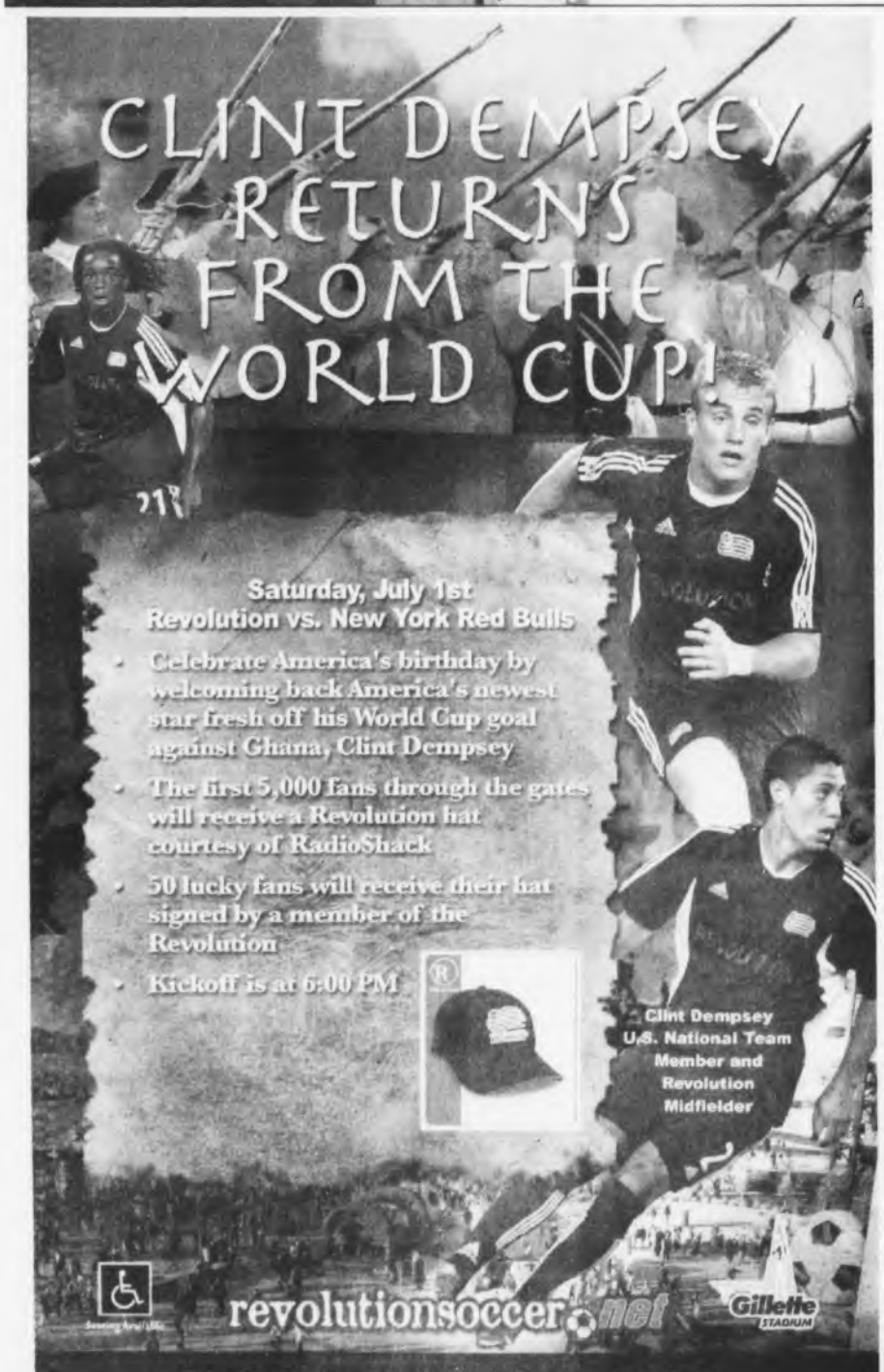

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RECREATION NOTES

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Matt Lucitt and Ellen Quinn, both 5, Anthony Quinn, 7, and Scott Lucitt, 5, get ready to sprint for the ball once their camp counselor gives the signal to start the game of dodge ball during the Rec Department Summer Playground at Deer Hill School on Wednesday.

Not too late to sign up for programs

Call 781-383-4109 for information. Office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturdays by appointment.

Late registration — Anyone wanting to register for the seven-week Summer Playground program, youth tennis lessons, or drama, should call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for late registration times and dates.

Residents may continue to register for various Sport Camps programs at the Recreation Department office. Each program has a separate brochure and registration form available in the foyer of the Town Hall outside the Recreation office. Some Sports programs are nearing the limit in numbers, so early registration is advised.

Teen Center dance — The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold a dance for students entering grade six through eight at Midnight Blue, the new Teen Center, on Friday, July 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. Billy Carbone will DJ the event. Snacks and drinks will be on sale. Admission is $5 per person. Once registered, guests may not leave the Teen Center until picked up by an adult.

Boot Camp – Cohasset Town Common. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 7 a.m., through Aug. 24. Cost is $100. Instructed by Betsy Callanan.

South Shore Basketball School – Cohasset High School gym. For ages 8 through 15. Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14. Boys and girls ages 8 to 11, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; price is $125. Ages 12 to 15, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; price is $125. Directed by coach Ron Ford.

Lacrosse: Girls Clinic and Boys Clinic – At Milliken Field. Grades three through six. Monday, July 7, to Friday, July 21, 8 to 10 a.m. Price is $85. Directed by Jamie and Ronan Buick.

Soccer Squirts – South Shore Soccer Camp – At Milliken Field. Monday, July 31, to Friday, Aug. 4, 8 to 9:30 a.m.. Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5. Price is $90, and includes ball and camp shirt. Directed by SSC - Jon Anderson.

South Shore Soccer Camp – At Milliken Field. Monday, July 31, to Friday, Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For boys and girls ages 6 to 8. Cost is $255 ($20 discount for second child). Includes a camp shirt. Directed by SSSC - Jon Anderson.

Great Games with Mr. Dykas – At Deer Hill School. Monday, Aug. 14, to Wednesday, Aug. 16. Cost is $25 per day (may do one, two or three days). For ages 4 through 9. Morning/afternoon sessions according to age. Register online at www.onecreativeplace.net or call One Creative Place at 781-383-2211.

Fall/Spring Soccer – Age 4 by Aug. 31 to qualify. Register online for fall or spring 2006 at www.cohassetsoccer,com.

All programs have individual application forms. To register for any of these programs, call the Recreation Office or stop by at the first floor, Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To ensure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for some programs. Sports camps are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the high school, participants will be notified at drop-off time as to status for the day.

SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS REGISTRATIONS

The Music Circus Children's Show registrations will be open to children in the playground programs. They will be attending the 10:30 a.m. performances on Thursdays at a group rate. Registrations must be made two weeks prior to the show date. No late registrations can be accepted. Payment must be made at the Recreation Office, Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or between 5 and7 p.m. in the evening on dates indicated. Registration for the second show of "Beauty and the Beast" will take place on Wednesday, July 5.

Schedule:

July 13 – Russian American Kids Circus. Cost is $15. Payment due June 27.

July 20 – "Beauty and the Beast." Cost is $8. Payment due July 5.

July 27 – "Sleeping Beauty." Cost is $8. Payment due July 11.

Aug. 3 – "Snow White. Cost is $8. Payment due July 18.

Aug. 10 – "Rapunzel." Cost is $8. Payment due July 25.

The Music Circus is optional. Regular playground program activities will continue for those who do not attend. On rain days, see Martha regarding pick-up and drop-off routine. Programs are subject to change by SSMC.

YOUTH TENNIS

Youth tennis began Monday, June 26, and continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 11. Youth tennis registrations are under way: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m. The program is offered to children ages 7 through 18, and is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days a week, is $80 per person. Lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced players are offered.

Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office for weather status reports. Fridays are rain make-up days.

BOOT CAMP

The Recreation Department will offer Boot Camp fitness training classes to be instructed by Betsy Callanan. This physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday, June 20, for 10 weeks through Thursday, Aug. 24, on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for the 20-class session is $100, and checks are payable to the town of Cohasset.

Callanan will run an interval calisthenics and running fitness program for both men and women for all levels of ability. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength.

BAND CONCERTS

During the past 12 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. Each June, the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus takes under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission for concert funding; hence, certainty of concerts is not absolute until mid-June each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians in New York City.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the season is as follows: **Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m. on Town Common**. The performance will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band, under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts take place on Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. Call the Recreation Office to check on the status of concert if in doubt as to weather conditions.

AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION SERVICES

During fall 2005, the Recreation Commission reorganized the administration and delivery of a variety of programs that are generally referred to as "Afterschool Recreation Programs."

Via **One Creative Place, located at Jonathan Livingston Square, Route 3A, Cohasset**, the joint effort with the Recreation Department has provided a format to increase the number of afterschool programs, ages and facilities for programming.

Ideally, but not always possible, afterschool programs are offered directly after school is released for the day, at a school facility. In this manner, children may simply stay after school and go directly to their recreation activity, then be picked up at the conclusion of that activity, or return to the school department after school care program.

Because of the increased number of services now available, it is not always possible to follow this format, and often children will need to either return to school, or be taken to an off-school site for programs. Efforts remain to offer as many services as possible, directly after school, at a school site.

The joint delivery effort has also provided residents the ability to register at the Recreation Office as in the past, or online at www.onecreativeolace.net or at 130 King St., the One Creative Place facility.

It is the intent of the Recreation Commission to further develop the after school programs that currently serve youngsters from ages 3 through grade eight. In order to accommodate the increased numbers of services, programs will be provided not only at school facilities, but at two One Creative Place facilities, the Teen Garage and at various outdoor facilities as well.

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Anna Abbruzzese adds candles to the birthday cake during a senior birthday party held in honor of octogenarians and nonagenarians in the area. Abbruzzese teaches a gourmet cooking class at the Council on Elder Affairs, and the group made lunch for those who attended the party.

Fr. John R. Mulvehill, pastor at St. Anthony's, serves lunch to Madelaine Wheelwright, right, while Margaret Bily looks on, during the senior birthday party held to honor octogenarians and nonagenarians.

Jim MacLellan of Pembroke works the ivory keys of the piano to the delight of all who attended the senior birthday party to honor octogenarians and nonagenarians of the South Shore. The party was held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

Older and better!

Birthday party fetes those in the 80s and 90s

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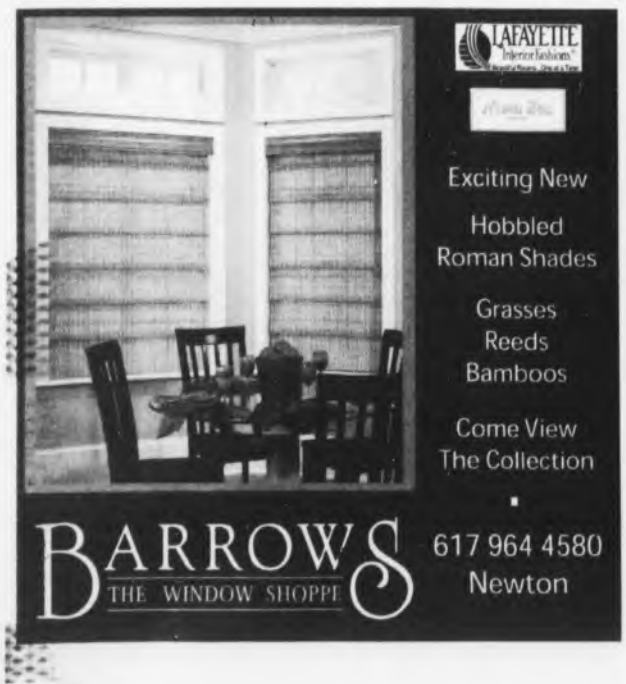
Libby Hagan reaches out to pet Jasper, the dog of Gary Ritts' daughter. Ritts is the minister at the Second Congregational Church and was at St. Anthony's serving lunch during a special birthday party held recently for octogenarians and nonagenarians. Ritts was dog-sitting and brought Jasper to the party to entertain the seniors.

Helen Gallop and Helen Carter have a delightful conversation while waiting for lunch to be served during the senior birthday party this spring. The party was held to honor octogenarians and nonagenarians on the South Shore.

Jean Tea of Hull takes a plate of salad from Angie Kelley of Cohasset. The two take a gourmet cooking class at the South Shore Community Center and prepared the meal for a special birthday party held this spring for octogenarians and nonagenarians.

Robin Eaton enjoys good company and good food during the senior birthday party at St. Anthony's. While the party was held to honor octogenarians and nonagenarians, the Senior Center invited friends of all ages to attend.



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TV spotlight shines on Cohasset 'New England Dream House'

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when the network came calling, she was happy to open up her home for a day of filming. The show will air Saturday, July 8 on NECN and will continue running throughout the week.

The network chooses homes from all over New England to be featured on the show, which airs Sundays from 10-11 a.m., Monday through Friday from 3 to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday from 7-8 p.m. Russell said the show features homes for which the owners have been significantly involved in the renovation process. "They want those that took a lot of blood, sweat and tears," she said, and her home certainly qualifies.

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Russell purchased the house with the intent of completing renovations and reselling. Living in Hull, she scoured the South Shore for a promising project and was delighted to find the Souther home, primarily due to its surroundings. While the house has a beautiful view of Lily Pond, she said there was nothing being done to take advantage of that view the way the house had previously been configured. "We wanted to create a vista of the pond from every floor," she said, which required taking back every wall to the studs.

When the house was converted to a three-family dwelling in the 1960s, the ceilings were lowered to save on heating costs and the home had been given three separate entrances, one for each apartment. During renovations, the ceilings were put back up to their full height and today, a Victorian chandelier hangs in the front entryway. In fact, many of the features of the home, from the many windows which were added to the home, to the bathtubs to the decorative molding, are authentic Victorian pieces collected from antique shops and architectural salvage yards. While Russell said it is possible to find very good Victorian reproduction pieces, there is nothing quite like finding an original to refurbish.

One of the best features of the home are the original wood floors, which she said was an extraordinary find due to their pristine condition. She said she was very lucky the house had not only good floors, but a very solid foundation made of granite. With the improvements made to the house, that same granite could serve as the foundation for families for the next 150 years, she said.

Once the walls were back up in the house, Russell sold her home in Hull and moved into her King Street project. Having come through 25 prior renovations, she was no stranger to living with sawdust. "I have never lived in a brand new house in my entire life," she said, adding she wouldn't have it any other way.

STAFF PHOTOS/ELSA ALLEN

This house, located at 433 King Street, is being featured by New England Cable News as a "New England Dream House."

Recognizing she was renovating to bring back the antique Victorian feeling of the home, but with the intention of selling to a modern-day audience, she did not cut corners when it came to amenities the families of today expect in a home. Three Victorian style gas fireplaces were added to the home, and by taking everything down to the bare bones, the opportunity arose to wire the house for cable television and Internet access in every room as well as add central air conditioning.

The kitchen has a porcelain farmer's sink, but also has modern amenities such as a double refrigerator and a granite island with cable Internet access at the kitchen island, which makes for a nice place to work on a laptop or plug in a mini flat-screen television. Upstairs, there are three bedrooms including the master bedroom which has a fireplace, its own bathroom, and his and hers closets. The woman's closet is a walk-in while the man's closet is slightly smaller, but lined in cedar. There is also a first-level in-law apartment which could also double as an in-home office, which has its own entrance, laundry facilities, kitchen, and garden patio.

Outside the house, Russell admits she may have "gotten carried away with the stonework," but she felt having gardens overlooking the pond was the perfect way to enjoy the view. "The transformation was done because of the setting," she said, adding she loves to garden and lining the pathways and gardens with stonework pulled everything together.

The homer is currently on the market for $1,890,000 through William Raveis real estate and Russell is the listing broker. Open houses have begun, and Russell said she has received many renovating tips from those who have walked through. She said there is a large community of do-it-yourself renovators on the South Shore and she has been keeping a list of all the ideas given to her by those who have visited her home.

In preparation for the sale, Russell said she has already started scouring the town for her next Victorian renovation. She said she would love to be able to complete her next project in Cohasset, as she has fallen in love with the town. "I love Cohasset. It has a real neat little niche. When the train comes, I think it will become the jewel of the South Shore, comparable to many of the coastal towns in southern Connecticut," she said. "There is no question the growth potential is there, which is why I want to do another one."

When contemplating remodeling, homeowner Barbara Russell said she knew she needed to have a wrap-around porch to take advantage of the home's beautiful view of Lily Pond.

This breakfast nook, flooded with afternoon sun, is one of many sitting areas in Barbara Russell's home with a spectacular view of Lily Pond

Stonework accentuates the gardens overlooking Lily Pond at Barbara Russell's King Street home.

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Pleasant Street clinic is 'crazy' about pets

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changes has been a labor of love they have gladly taken on themselves.

"We've been here at night the last four months," said Stevenson, adding both were working other jobs to support themselves before opening up the hospital, which resulted in many 18-hour days. However, the arrangement has not resulted in missing out on any family time as the doctors are husband and wife.

Stevenson said making the office their own has been really fun as it has enabled them to step away from the "conventional" feeling of a hospital, with sterile white walls and cold stainless steel, and instead have embraced the naturally exposed copper pipes which stem from their walls. They are also considering adding a water feature in the waiting area. "Hospitals are so empty, they echo, which can create anxiety for pets," she said. A water feature would not only create a soothing sound, but the fresh water would flow into a pool perfect for patients to take a sip out of before their examination.

With their fresh approach to veterinary medicine, providing quality care with state-of-the-art equipment is not lost. Together, the two provide internal medicine and surgical services, as well as dental care, behavioral analysis and emergency care.

"We'll see them at their worst when there's an emergency, but we can also see the babies and give them their vaccines or treat them as they get older and develop diabetes. We can take them from birth all the way through and give them homeopathic care in conjunction with conventional medicine," said Stevenson. "If they can fit through the front door, we'll see them."

When deciding on a location for their office, the veterinarians knew they would need to pick a place close to home to enable them to respond quickly during an emergency. The family, which includes daughters Katiableue, 15 and Ariadne, 13, as well as five dogs, two birds, and two cats — one of which is named Ophelia and often comes to work with her parents — recently moved to Scituate from Missouri. "We were looking for a good place to raise the kids and we all wrote a list of everything we were looking for. We drove through Scituate and thought, 'This is it'," Stevenson said. Living roughly 3-1/2 miles away from their office, "We can get here quick," she said.

Stevenson and Conard both have extensive relief work experience, which means they have seen a variety of animals along the way. "No one does exotics" on the South Shore said Stevenson, but they will. "People have nowhere to go if their gerbil has a uterine tumor of their macaw has obsessive compulsive disorder," she said, adding for many people, their pets are their family members and they need a place where they can go to get them help.

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Dr. Fawn Stevenson stands in her state-of-the-art operating room, next to x-rays of a cat, left, and a blue macaw parrot with a broken femur. Stevenson and her husband, Dr. Gregory Conard, are two of the few veterinarians who will treat exotic pets on the South Shore.

Conard explained during surgery, animals at their office are actually given the same gas anesthetic given to infants in the pediatric wards of hospitals. Animals are monitored using similar equipment as well. He said oxygen intake, heart rate, core body temperature and blood pressure are all monitored to ensure the patient is doing well throughout the entire procedure. "We're dealing with family members, not dogs in dog houses. They're very important to us and their families too," Conard said.

Stevenson added the two are "very much into pain control," as animals can sometimes be overlooked when it comes to giving medication for operations that do cause a lot of pain. "Getting spayed is actually a hysterectomy," she said, adding when animals are coming in for such a procedure, they are given medicine to calm them down. All patients go home on medication, as healing can take place faster when they are not in pain. "We want to keep everyone comfortable. We don't want the animals to be scared of coming to the vet," she said.

Both Conard and Stevenson have a long history of working with animals. Conard grew up on a farm in New Jersey with horses, with a goat farm down the street. "I helped my neighbor deliver baby goats and helped raise them," he said, adding when his sister became a veterinarian, it further spurred on his interest in helping animals. After attending Hofstra University on Long Island, he decided to go to veterinary school at Ross University's School of Veterinary Medicine, located on St. Kitts. St. Kitts is in the Leeward Islands group at the northern end of the Lesser Antilles, approximately 220 miles southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Stevenson attended the University of Vermont and received her bachelor's of science degree in wildlife and fisheries biology as well as a second degree in psychology. Ever since she was a child, she knew one day she would like to be a veterinarian, but when she was in high school, was told by teachers women don't go to medical school. Stevenson would not give up her dream and earned her master's degree in wildlife biology and eventually her path also led her to attend Ross University, which is where she met Conard. "We met second semester and we've been together ever since," she said.

Today, the two are very happy to be using their skills to help families on the South Shore take good care of their pets. Stevenson said some of the more rare services they offer are chemotherapy and in-home euthanasia. "Whoever needs to participate can be there, in the animal's home environment," she said.

Conard added because they own their own practice, they are able to provide services at a lower cost. "People should let their kids have pets and not worry about whether they can afford it should something happen," he said.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9

12:03 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, walk in party repots her vehicle was hit and the other party involved refused to leave any information, but the victim did give hers to the other party and then the suspect fled.

4:15 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:56 p.m. **North Main St.**, civil matter.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

12:44 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is open.

6:57 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:29 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, walk in party reports he went outside and noticed a large hold dug and looked down and saw a large turtle sitting in it and the turtle has laid some eggs. ACO notified and will be in contact with the resident.

4:17 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, 209A violation.

4:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, party came into store and verbally threatened customer. Two different stories advised to keep peace.

5:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:11 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, chimney fire.

9:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Speeding.

10:22 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity.

10:32 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, protective custody. 61-year-old Scituate male in protective custody.

10:50 p.m. **Mill Lane and Beechwood St.**, reports hitting a cat in roadway.

11:10 p.m. **Pond St.**, disturbance, house party. Arrest: Anthony L. Dipaolo, 17, 43 Pond St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor, person under 21 in procure of liquor.

11:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

11:25 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, disturbance.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

5:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate open.

6:30 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

6:41 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:28 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9 a.m. **Cohasset**, public service.

10:53 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11:03 a.m. **Route 3A, Scituate**, medical aid.

11:13 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, annoying phone calls, walk in party reports that daughter receiving harassing phone calls on cell.

11:15 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11:52 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, caller reports his wife's car was keyed.

12:29 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle parked in the driveway of a house he owns which is vacant. Vehicle belongs to a resident across the street and they will be moving it.

1 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, escort, escort parties to South Shore Music Circus for graduation.

2:44 p.m. **Church St.**, caller requests assistance with mother up the stairs.

3:17 p.m. **Central Ave., Hull**, injuries after fall.

6:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, several callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. Officer requesting tow truck for one vehicle.

8:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports she is locked out of the house and her 16-month-old infant is inside the home alone. Units have gained access.

8:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports while he was away someone stole some gas out of his vehicle.

9:12 p.m. **Diab Lane**, several callers reporting a tenant is out of control. Callers reporting the male is very intoxicated and was screaming at everyone in the apartment building.

10:27 p.m. **Hull St.**, walk in party reports her daughter has been missing since about 6 p.m. last night and has not been seen or heard from since. Administrative message put out over leaps and surrounding cities and towns notified.

11:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer reports beach gates secure. Nancy
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MONDAY, JUNE 12

1:08 a.m. **High St., and Pond St.**, officer advised building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer advised the beach is now opened.

6:41 a.m. **Elm St.**, accidental 911 call, called residence they advised accidental - she was using the phone in the dark and hit the wrong numbers. Officer confirmed accidental.

8:50 a.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports that a seal has washed up on her private beach.

10:31 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, raccoon on her porch.

11:19 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

2:32 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

6:08 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller advised elderly male subject fell, hit head and nose, transported SSH/ALS.

6:48 p.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged vehicle parked at the cross walk.

7:29 p.m. **Hull PD**, bolo announcement, missing white female, 92, gray hair, confused.

9:29 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, noise complaint, caller advised several people are loud.

10:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer secured gates.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

12:03 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports loud music in the area. Music has been turned down.

12:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:24 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police Dept., Hull Police report they have found the missing female party.

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:36 a.m. **King St.**, open door on the upper level.

12:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

2:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, there is an open door behind the business.

4:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports a large tree across the road. Tree has been moved to the side of the road.

4:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

6:06 a.m. **Town Parking Lot**, noise complaint, caller states there is a street sweeper in the town lot.

7:12 a.m. **South Main St.**, South Main Street between Spring Street and Elm Street will be closed.

8:18 a.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, caller states his car was splattered with white paint all over the driver side of the vehicle.

10:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medial aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller requests Fire Dept. for appendicitis.

12:17 p.m. **South Main St.**, water rescue, transported SSH/ALS, Capt. reports mother and child on board rescue three.

1:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medial aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports they need the ambulance for a student with an internal injury in the abdomen area. Hull R2 transporting shortly with mother on board. This is an internal injury after a fall.

4:03 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, officer advised removed subject from the bridge.

4:46 p.m. **South Main St.**, 209A service, officer advised served papers.

5:25 p.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen.

5:26 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer advised there is a vehicle parked at ballfield, for sale sign on it.

6:27 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:53 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller advised vehicle was speeding up and down the street.

11:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

12:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

6:50 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement .

6:51 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, caller states a manhole cover is "flipped over and causing a traffic hazard." Left message for the water dept.

8:10 a.m. **Rust Way**, traffic complaint, caller states the trucks are in the way of the buses and cars cannot take right turns.

9:10 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal for speeding.

9:17 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement, verbal for speeding.

9:33 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, turtle hit in the road. ACO responding. ACO is in route to Weymouth with turtle.

9:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk in for finger prints.

9:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports wires down. Fire Capt. reports wires down across drive way and White Head Road. Notified National Grid.

10:12 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported QMC/BLS, caller states a woman has fallen down. Possible broke arm.

10:35 a.m. **Valley Rd.**, identity theft.

12:02 p.m. **Border St., and Otis Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

1:49 p.m. **Telegraph Ave., Hull**, medical aid, Hull Fire requesting R3 to assist in searching for a male party walking covered in blood.

2:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, several calls reporting a motor vehicle crash at this location, a truck vs. vehicle.

7:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance - neighborhood.

10:09 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, noise complaint.

10:29 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

7:14 a.m. **Smith Pl.**, traffic complaint, caller states "a large truck is blocking the roadway. As this is a major route to CHS there will be a traffic problem." She requests "A cruiser be sent to the area." They are dropping a tank off into the woods. The truck should be there 5 - 10 minutes.

7:20 a.m. **South Main St.**, the road is down to one lane.

9:25 a.m. **Smith Pl.**, motor vehicle stop, written warning for stop sign violation.

9:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a bat in her house. Resident called back advising she ahs removed the bat.

12:53 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports fire alarm activation at this location. P83 reports he has command of the scene. E3 tied up on scene, alarm has reset but E3 tied up with police on scene investigating the activation. Juvenile arrest. Age: 13. Charges: False fire alarm.

2:33 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, 209A service.

4:51 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:16 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, caller reports her gas stove won't stop clicking and there is a smell of gas in her house. Fire Capt. reports problem has been resolved.

7:30 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, keep the peace, caller reports earlier this morning at about 10:20 a.m., the woman from the above location was driving on 3A just north of King Street going south. As she came upon King Street a man in a truck pulled out in front of her, she said she had to slam on her brakes and her dog went flying across the car, when she stopped, she was about 10 feet from the truck. She said the driver flipped her off and swore at her. She said she called the company and the woman who talked to her didn't seem to care about what had happened and she'd like to report this and see what an officer could do.

7:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

9:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports his 15-year-old daughter and two friends were approached by a man in a dark colored newer car described as a station wagon, and he told them little girls shouldn't be riding their bikes alone and get in my car and I'll give you a ride. They proceeded back into the restaurant and one of the girls called their mother.

10:04 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, littering, caller reports there's a car with a loud muffler throwing beer bottles out of the car and smashed them on the street. Officer reports it's not beer bottles but a long florescent light someone might have had under their car and it fell off, no one in area.

10:21 p.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a large possum, climbing up the window. Officer reports animal is sick.

10:35 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, confused person, called 911 because they have no water and wanted to know why.

10:42 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports a delivery truck backing up the street all over the road.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

12:46 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, building checks, checking on a person inside the building. Painter will be inside the building most of the night.

12:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle.

1:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

5:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. 911 caller states she heard a motor vehicle accident. 2nd caller reports motor vehicle vs. tree. Motor vehicle accident is off the road, Jerusalem Road. Motor vehicle vs. tree. R3 evaluating patient.

6:48 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:57 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, caller reports broken glass in the road.

7:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, may be related to the motor vehicle accident.

7:54 a.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, officer down, transported SSH/ALS, detail officer reports another detail officer has been hit by a tractor.

9:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:54 p.m. **Parking Way**, caller reports he would like a parking issue addressed. Officer requesting at least one tow truck at this time.

3:19 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, traffic citation issued. Several callers reporting a motor vehicle crash at this location, unknown on injuries.

4:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller complains cars are parked across from this location and are not supposed to be.

4:26 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:49 p.m. **Holly Lane**, property damage, caller reports he found two broken windows on his house and thinks someone might have shot them or thrown rocks at them.

5:34 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requests R3 to their fire headquarters for a 35-year-old female with difficulty breathing.

6:55 p.m. **King St.**, Sgt. reports minor motor vehicle accident in front of the above location, no personal injury.

7:27 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:40 p.m. **Evergreen Lane**, medical aid, Fire Lt. reports medical evaluation for an elderly female at the above location.

10:28 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, caller complains of an animal yelping and making noise, she's concerned for the animal. Officer reports he did hear the noise and took a walk into the woods, but could not locate the animal.

10:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a white Chevy pick up truck ran him off the road speeding. Caller is on a motorcycle.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

12:52 a.m. **Pond St.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a cancer walk going on, they are loud. Caller advised in the past it has be quiet at this late hour. Officer spoke to subject in charge.

1:07 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer advised vehicle is parked at the ball field.

1:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer advised the gates are open.

6:36 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:18 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:23 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, larceny, art festival reports they have several damages and possibly things stolen. She said the security guard thinks he saw some kids at about 3:30 this morning.

10:06 a.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports his car was broken into last night.

10:08 a.m. **All Schools**, building secure.

10:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, vandalism, caller reports several windows were smashed last night. Officer requesting camera for pictures.

10:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:24 a.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports he found a computer ditched on the side of the road across from his house at above location. Officer to bring it in for detectives.

11:27 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, officer reports a window open on the first floor of the Deer Hill School in the backside. Window is not broken.

1:44 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports there are two kids ages 4 and 7 stuck in an elevator. E3 reports the kids have been taken out of the elevator.

2:50 p.m. **Pond St.**, lost property, caller reports he lost his cell phone at the relay for life at the high school yesterday.

3:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, Fire Captain reports opposite the above location fire will not be able to get through this area people are parking where they are not supposed to be. The Fire OIC took the squad car down to check this problem out and reports if something were to happen the ladder truck cannot get down Depot Court, it will be tight for the engines. Officer requests another flat bed notified 3A towing.

3:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

3:44 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports a 9-year-old male on a slip and slide, someone fell on him and he complains he can't walk and possibly his arm is out of the socket.

4:54 p.m. **McBrien's Towing**, public service, transporting 2 females to McBrien's Towing to pick up vehicles that were towed out of the square earlier today.

5:24 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:28 p.m. **McBrien's Towing**, public service.

6:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports his car was vandalized while he was at the arts festival.

8:13 p.m. **Fay Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, difficulty breathing.

8:56 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller advised there is a white female wearing purple skirt on the side of the road - she looked disoriented. Officer escorting female to Marshfield Line.

11 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, caller advised bad window broken out.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

12:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5:22 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer advised the beach is open.

6:09 a.m. **Wheeler Park**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate advised elderly female not feeling well.

6:41 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

8:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

8:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:15 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:46 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, missing child, walk in party reports she let her daughter walk to the park at the library and she is not there. Given to all units, child missing. Officer reports he found the father who has found the girl.

10:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, walk in party reports he found 9 bundles of shingles on a pallet on his property this morning and they do not belong to him.

10:42 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, calling party reports minor motor vehicle accident at this location, no personal injury, rear ended.

2:29 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, vandalism, caller reports someone vandalized her boat at the sailing club. They ripped off the hatch cover, took hardware and gas can adapter.

3:06 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, fire, investigation, caller reports his fire alarm is going off for no reason and will not stop, no smoke, no fire.

4:15 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

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4:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller advised subject drove off without paying for $38 in gas. Contacted Arlington PD, they will send officer by residence, have her contact Cohasset PD. Arlington PD called back, they left a note to contact Cohasset PD.

4:54 p.m. **Border St.**, well being check, caller advised there is a dog inside a vehicle parked on the side of the road. Officer advised there is no hazard for the dog - windows are open and there is water in the vehicle.

5:01 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, officer removed subject off the bridge.

5:32 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, officer removed group from bridge.

5:59 p.m. **Common Area**, public service, officer out at above address.

6:04 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, walk in party advised there are several vehicles parked on the side of the road by Barns Field in the no parking area. Officer advised vehicle is tagged and other vehicles left upon officers arrival.

6:10 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, officer cleared the bridge.

6:36 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers, officer removed bridge jumpers.

6:55 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller advised there is a raccoon sleeping on his back porch. Left a message for ACO.

7:16 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

8:12 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, assist other police dept., bolo for stolen vehicle - gray Corissa with lots of dents. Last 2 letters on plate MB.

8:20 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller advised there is a peacock running on the caller's roof.

8:34 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller advised that there is a female trying to catch the peacock. Spoke to ACO - he advised leave peacock alone it will find it's way home.

8:54 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:07 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:27 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:46 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked swim center.

9:47 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, officer checked above location.

10:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer advised out at above address.

11:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked building.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

12:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:53 a.m. **North Main St.**, there is brush in the roadway by the North Main Street road closure.

5:01 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

6:51 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:07 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, is closed.

7:12 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 76. Wind: Light.

9:23 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, caller reports an Ipod is missing from his motor vehicle.

11:08 a.m. **Hull St.**, call into Fire HQ., reporting smoke detectors sounding in the residence. Alarm set off by dust.

11:59 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller is reporting one of the employees is not feeling well.

1:35 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers.

3:46 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised her dog has been hit. Dog has been packaged up o its way to the vet.

4:16 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers. Officer removed subjects from bridge.

4:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller advised vehicle all over the road.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller advised there is a gold van, white female with child - female is on the cell phone all over the road. Caller advised the van just turned around headed towards Hingham. Notified Hingham.

5:20 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, called advised several juveniles running through her yard going towards the bridge.

5:47 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Written warning.

6:08 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:13 p.m. **Lower King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:23 p.m. **Gridley Bryant Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate advised hand injury.

7:18 p.m. **Brook St.**, property (recovered), officer found ATM card. Contacted owner, he will pick it up. Subject arrived at the station to pick up property.

7:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, missing person, caller advised subject walked out of facility. Officer on scene advised subject is with staff member. Advised Fire Dept. - they can cancel.

7:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller advised there are several juveniles in the parking lot of above address. Officer advised tow is needed.

8:02 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, caller advised there was damage done to her vehicle while she was out of town. Called caller back, she will come into HQ in the a.m. to make a report.

8:24 p.m. **Cedar St.**, animal bite, caller advised he was bit by a dog at the above address. Subject was bit on both legs. Notified ACO and dispatch supervisor.

10:09 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are several juveniles out at the ball field.

10:43 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

12:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, 884 out with a male party behind the bank. 2 male parties in the area are leaving.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St**, building checks secure.

4:57 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

7:14 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, street will be closed.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 78.

8:45 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, caller reports workers in the roadway. 883 advised workers to stay out of the roadway and the equipment has been removed.

9:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports a disabled motor vehicle on 3A by Cohasset Pizza.

9:35 a.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, animal bite (dog non injury).

10:37 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run.

12:20 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a motor vehicle parked on the side walk.

12:28 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:29 p.m. **Hazal Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate is requesting R3 for a resident not feeling well.

1:44 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers.

2:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer wanted, a driver from Northern Construction would like to see an officer.

3:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a black pick up truck all over the road heading South on 3A Scituate PD notified.

3:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), reporting party in HQ reporting her bike missing. Bike is described as a purple girls bike with a black seat. Bike has been found.

4:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller advised minor motor vehicle accident - no injuries - he has pulled into parking lot. Officer advised pole has been hit across from Hingham Lumber. Notified National Grid.

4:49 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, officer removed subject from bridge.

5:31 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Dept. advised they received a call of gas odor at above address. Fire Dept. advised no odor detected.

6 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, traffic citation issued, caller advised motor vehicle accident. Fire Dept. advised airbag deployment. Contacted tow company for both vehicles. Officer advised citation issued - major damage.

7:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised she received a report of kids at the swim center.

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Former secretary

Marjorie (Bergain) Cornacchio, 82, of Duxbury, died June 21, 2006, at her home.

The daughter of the late John E. and Mildred (Pratt) Bergain, Mrs. Cornacchio was raised in Pittsfield and graduated from Pittsfield High School, Class of 1941.

Following high school, she attended secretarial school and worked for General Electric Co. In 1946, she married William T. Goldsmith, who died in 1982. In 1984, she married artist John Cornacchio.

She leaves her husband, John Cornacchio; her children, Susan Heymsfeld and her husband, Joel, of New Jersey and Robert Goldsmith of California; her stepchildren, Janet Cornacchio and her husband, Richard Hom, of Scituate and Gina Leahy and her husband, Edward, of Cohasset; her brothers-in-law, Anthony Cornacchio and Robert Cornacchio, both of New York, and Alfred Cornacchio of New Jersey; a grandchild, Margaret Heymsfeld of New York; and her step-grandchildren, Gregory Hom, John Leahy, Alexandra Leahy and Ryan Leahy.

A service was held at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by Shepherd Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Scituate Art Association, 25 Trout Farm Lane, Duxbury, MA 02332.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

There will be no services on Sunday, July 2. Summer layled services begin July 9.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is in St. Louis this week, participating in the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. To learn more, visit www.uua.org/ga.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

- Saturday, June 24: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m. Letter of Peter
- Monday, July 3: Office Closed, Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 4: Happy 4th! Office Closed
- Wednesday, July 5 Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Labyrinth Meditation walk

In the Scripture lessons for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost, we are reminded of the responsibility to be of open heart and hand to the poor and needy. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians urges them to be generous in their offerings to support the church in Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter. Preacher: Ms. Wood

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

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The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 2: "God"
July 9: "Sacrament"
July 16: "Life"
July 23: "Truth"
July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Ellen Dickinson to perform in concert

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m., and is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions.

The second program in the 82nd season of Summer Carillon Recitals on the Cohasset Carillon will be given on Sunday evening, July 2, by Ellen Dickinson of Stamford, Conn. The recital scheduled for this date was originally to have featured Ulla Laage of Copenhagen, Denmark, who has had to cancel her United States tour for health reasons. Dickinson has agreed to fill in on very short notice. This will be her second appearance at St. Stephen's Church carillon, having played a joint recital with Roy Lee in the summer of 2001.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m., and is free of charge. It will take place regardless of weather conditions. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the courtyard of St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to the common or the church courtyard. Following the program, the tower will be open to visitors for a demonstration by the carillonneur and a look at the bells.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, the church carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner, at 978-475-2599; or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, at 781-383-9599.

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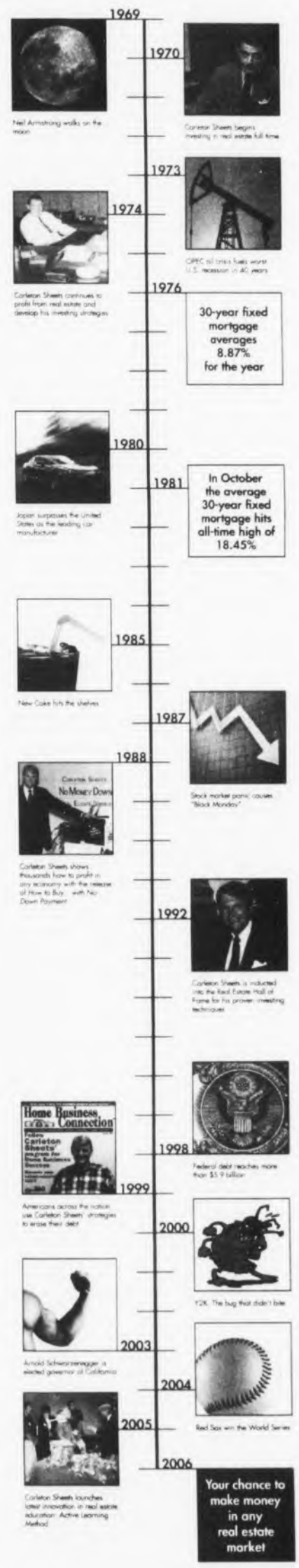

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 29 - JULY 7, 2006

Calendar of events

Thursday, June 29

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

WCRB 102.5 Classical Concert Series, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through June 29, Copley Square Park, Boston, featuring **violinist Peter Krysa,** Thursday, June 29.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset will host an opening reception for **Fresh Perspectives,** Thursday, June 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bancroft Gallery. Visiting artists are Ken Auster, Susan Fisher, Randy Frost, Jane Goldman, Peter Madden, Antonia Ramis Miguel, and Peter Schroth. Exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays noon to 4 p.m. Free exhibit. For information call 781 383-2787.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, June 29, **Earthbound Misfits,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue Blues Jam**, Thursday, June 29. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplant-cafe.com.

Friday, June 30

Golf Classic to benefit Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, and the Epic Athletes Foundation, Friday, June 30, Cross Winds Golf Course, Plymouth. Registration at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. Four-man, best-ball format. Cost $150, $600 foursome, includes 18 holes of championship golf, golf cart, driving range, full dinner, and a memorabilia auction. Sponsored by BuyTheCase.net and Epic Athlete Incorporated's Sean Morey of the Super bowl XL award-winning Pittsburgh Steelers. For a registration form or more information stop by the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, 1837 Ocean St., call 781-834-2582 or visit www.BoysAndGirlsClubofMarshfield.com.

Screening of "An Inconvenient Truth" at the Loring Theatre, Hingham on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. The one hour and 40 minute film looks at the global climate crisis. Free and open to the public. There will be a reception and group discussion at 9:20 p.m. after the showing of the film. Sponsored by Sustainable South Shore and the Old Ship Church Green Sanctuary Team. For information call 781-383-9024.

Jamie's Bar and Grille, 804 Plain St., Marshfield hosts **Catunes** on Friday, June 30. For more information call 781-834-7877 or visit www.jamiesgrill.com.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

THE MARSHFIELD FAIR will run from Aug. 18-27. Musical entertainment, midway rides and games, spectacular motor shows, and special events ranging from magic shows to fireworks. There will be flower shows, rabbit displays, giant pumpkin contests, horse pulls and more For more information visit the www.marshfieldfair.org or call the fair office at 781-834-6629.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK, Sunday, Sept. 17 at Plimoth Plantation. Volunteers are needed to hang posters and distribute flyers. For more information call Judy Elste at 508-833-8404, or email: judy.elste@alz.org, or visit www.memorywalkma.org.

THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES at Company Theatre in Norwell. Performances will run from July 28-Aug. 20. Tickets are priced at $27-$29, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell or can be purchased by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION 8TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT, Monday, July 31 at the Cohasset Golf Club, a beautiful, private Donald Ross-style course located on Lamberts Lane in Cohasset. Registration is 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. All proceeds benefit the Norwell VNA in its ongoing efforts to provide low cost, quality healthcare to South Shore residents. Tickets are $175 per person and include lunch, unlimited use of the practice range and putting area, along with a sit-down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef. Separate, dinner-only reservations are available for $40 per person.

Tom Everett Scott gets 'Saved'

East Bridgewater native has new role playing paramedic

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

His good looks have-helped make Tom Everett Scott a leading man in feature films and television, but with his latest role the actor hopes to shake things up a bit.

"I've played my share of nice guys. They can be boring," Scott pointed out in a recent telephone interview. "I still like nice guy characters, just with some flaws."

Scott's new TNT series, "Saved," offers the East Bridgewater native a chance to play just the kind of character that interests him. The drama follows the life of Wyatt Cole (Scott), a conflicted young man who is uncertain of what he wants to do with his life. Once seemingly destined to follow in his father's footsteps and become a surgeon, Cole instead dropped out of medical school. Dumped by his girlfriend, who is an emergency room physician, Cole becomes a paramedic. The often intense pace of the work energizes him and he comes to believe that by helping save other people's lives he just may save his own.

"When I first got the script, I saw that Wyatt Cole is a gambler and med school dropout whose Dad is always on him to go back to med school. Wyatt is constantly burning the candle at both ends. The dichotomy of his not being able to save himself, but wanting to help other people, is what really attracted me to this role."

Scott first attracted the attention of moviegoers 10 years ago in "That Thing You Do!," which was the first feature directed by Tom Hanks. Since then, Scott has appeared in other features including "Boiler Room," 'The Love Letter," and "One True Thing" and has had recurring roles on TV's "Grace Under Fire" and "ER." In addition, the 35-year-old has starred in the short-lived series "The Street" and "Philly." For Scott — who will be seen later this year in the feature film "Because I Said So," with Diane Keaton and Mandy Moore — the ability to find good roles in both films and television is something he values.

"It's not so much the format that interests me. I prefer to look at the character I'm being asked to play and who my fellow actors will be. And I just try to keep working. I was very lucky that at a young age that I got to do films. That has made it easier for me now to be able to do both films and television. I haven't been affected by the perception that it's not cool to do television if you still want movie roles."

East Bridgewater native Tom Everett Scott plays a paramedic in the new TNT series "Saved." The show airs Monday nights at 10 p.m.

One thing Scott did find cool was the chance to experience the inside of an ambulance in full motion.

"So many people know paramedics first-hand that I knew if I was going to play this role I had to do it accurately. I sent out an email to all my friends asking if any of them knew any paramedics who would be willing to talk with me. Eventually, I got to actually ride along on an eight-hour shift. It was very exciting and it really got my adrenaline pumping. What really impressed me, too, was the paramedics' mental capacity for all this information. I memorize one page of dialogue and the next day I can't remember one word of it," said Scott. "And they really have to care about their work. I didn't meet a single paramedic who wasn't a thoughtful, giving person. It was amazing."

What local fans of Scott may find amazing is that he may once have cleared their tables at a well-known Brockton restaurant.

"My very first job was busing tables at Christo's," recalls the 1988 graduate of East Bridgewater High, whose parents and grandfather still live in the town. "I played freshman soccer in high school, but I grew something like eight inches before my sophomore year. I looked like a Great Dane puppy with huge hands and feet. I ended up dropping sports. My first acting role came not long after in an East Bridgewater High production of 'The Wiz.' It was a pretty strange experience with all these white kids doing 'The Wiz,' but I remember thinking that I had wanted to be on stage since seeing my sister in a play when I was in fifth grade so even a small role felt great. My big break came in junior year when I played Lancelot in 'Camelot.' Once I got the taste of what it was like to play a lead I knew that was for me."

After graduating from Syracuse University with a degree in theater arts, Scott returned home to East Bridgewater for what turned out to be only a very brief visit.

"I came home from Syracuse and moved back into my old room, but that lasted about a week. I knew I had to go to New York to pursue my career."

Appearances off-Broadway and in regional theater were soon followed by television and film work that have kept Scott busy in New York and now Los Angeles where he and his wife, Jenny Gallagher, are raising two young children.

Not too busy, however, for occasional trips to his old South Shore stomping grounds.

"We're home at least once or twice a year. When we're there we always go to Peaceful Meadows in Whitman. I love it there and my kids do, too. Nobody makes better ice cream than Peaceful Meadows."

"Saved," starring Tom Everett Scott, airs Monday nights at 10 p.m. on the TNT cable network.

Movie review

The Adventures of Superbland

Brandon Routh, the star of the new "Superman," is the spitting image of Christopher Reeve. And he photographs even better.

"Superman Returns" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

The film has capable, if unoriginal special effects and is not unpleasant.

Not a bird nor a plane, "Superman Returns" is a misguided missile — a $200 million-plus tribute to a mediocre movie.

In the title role is the amiable, 26-year-old, spit-curl-and-cleft-chin-equipped Brandon Routh, who is the spitting image of Christopher Reeve (and photographs even better in the role).

Similarly, the film covers much of the same ground as its predecessor. Director Bryan Singer's bizarrely faithful evocation begins with the same faux 3-D credit sequence as Richard Donner's 1978 film and John Williams' same triumphal theme. Superman has taken a five-year hiatus from Earth, we learn. He claims to have visited Krypton's remains. But how did he pass the rest of the time?

Did he surf the cosmos with that silver dude? Chase intergalactic fugitives with Martian Manhunter? Get it on with Amazonian Wonder Woman? Who knows? And who knows why he re-creates the crash-landing of his infancy when he returns to Smallville and his widowed, adoptive mother (Eva Marie Saint)?

Meanwhile, Superman's bald nemesis Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey, straining to rise to Joker-ish heights) penetrates Superman's surprisingly unfortresslike Fortress of Solitude and steals several crystals of enormous power, if not enormous interest.

We also see and hear the "crystalized" messages of Kal-El, aka Superman's regal father Jor-El (a hideously bewigged Marlon Brando, appearing from beyond the grave). Jor-El strikes the film's messianic theme by referring to himself as the father and Superman as his beloved son, sent to Earth to serve and protect.

Cue the heavenly choirs.

Back in Metropolis at a bustling Daily Planet, Perry White (Frank Langella) orders Pulitzer Prize-winning Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), now engaged to Perry's nephew Richard (James Marsden of the "X-Men" films) and mother of an asthmatic little boy (a Damien Thorn-ish Tristan Lake Leabu), to rekindle her "friendship" with the big lug in the cape.

The plot involves a Dr. Evil-esque plan by Lex to kill Superman and submerge the United States under water. As usual, no one sees any connection between Kent and Superman.

"Superman Returns" recycles the props, dialogue, visual style and aerial pas de deux of the 1978 film and the resurrection scene from "E.T." with all the pomp and circumstance of a modern megabudget. Routh and Bosworth are easy on the eyes, but don't have much chemistry. What's most striking — Superboy leaping in the cornfields, the bullet stopped by an eyeball, Lex exclaiming "Bring it on!" and an evocation of United 93 — is in the trailers everyone has already seen.

The film has capable, if unoriginal special effects and is not unpleasant. It's just kitsch with nostalgic cameos and the biggest stiff in the superhero catalogue. There is a big "surprise" you can see coming a mile away. Notably, the old standard "Heart & Soul" is played a couple of times in the film, and heart and soul are exactly what's lacking here. But don't worry. A 2009 sequel is already in the works.

Rated PG-13. "Superman Returns" contains generic action-film violence.

Calendar

JUNE 29 - JULY 7, 2006

Independence Day with the 'works!

From festivals and fairs, to fireworks and parades, towns all over the South Shore are celebrating America's birthday with a bang. The following is a list of local events throughout the holiday weekend:

BROCKTON FAIR: Come to the fairgrounds off Route 24 for fun, games and more from June 30-July 9. Fireworks will be displayed June 30 and July 3, 4 and 8 at 10:30 p.m. (July 7 fireworks sponsored by the Brockton Rox and will be displayed after the game). Other activities include demolition derby (June 29 and 30, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.); amateur boxing (July 7, 7:30 p.m.); and baby contest (July 9, 3 p.m.). For information on schedule, midway attractions and more, visit brocktonfair.com or call 508-586-8000.

EVENTS IN DUXBURY: July 1 - 4-10 p.m., Holiday Beach Party. Live entertainment - Music by Entrain. Food & Refreshments available. Duxzbury Bonfire (pending town approval); July 2 - 8-11:30 a.m., Holiday Breakfast (proceeds support a Duxbury scholarship) at Corner Stone Lodge, 591 Washington St.; July 3 - (outdoor) 4th of July Concert featuring the So. Shore Bay Band, at Duxbury High School, St. George Street; July 4 - Duxbury's 4th of July Parade. Starts at 2 p.m. at Hall's Corner via Washington Street to St. George Street to end at Duxbury High School. Parade award ceremony at 4 p.m. at Duxbury Middle School.

CELEBRATION IN CANTON: The annual celebration will take place July 2-4 at Canton High School. There will be a large midway with concessions, a petting zoo, Winn's Thrill Show and children's entertainment. A gala fireworks display will be held July 4 at 10 p.m. Sponsored by the Canton Recreation Department. Call 781-821-5030 for information.

Friday, June 30

FIREWORKS IN HINGHAM: Sponsored by the Hingham Lions Club at the Hingham Bathing Beach. Festival starts at 6 p.m. featuring live music, food, and activities. Fireworks start time is approximately 9 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, July 2.

Saturday, July 1

CELEBRATION IN BRAINTREE: At the high school field from noon-10 p.m. An open air flea market will take place from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, and will feature more than 100 tables of varied bargains. The celebration begins at noon with live musical entertainment, North American Amusement kids rides and games; public safety equipment parade; visit by U.S. Army equipment and personnel; annual raffle (tickets sales until drawings at 9:45 p.m.); and a Gulf War returning veterans salute. The fireworks will go off at 10 p.m.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Some spectators watch the fireworks from the boat landing in Hingham Harbor during last year's Fourth of July festivities.

EVENTS IN STOUGHTON: The Stoughton 4th of July Committee will present the following events: today at the high school field, rain or shine (if rain, events will be in the high school cafeteria). 9 a.m., doll carriage and bicycle decorating contest; 10 a.m., children's field day program for ages 3-14, including games, races, ice cream, soda, flags and prizes.

FESTIVITIES IN WAREHAM: At Shell Point, Onset Village. Celebrate Independence Day early with fireworks and festivities. Call 508-291-3140 or visit wareham.ma.us for more information.

FIREWORKS IN WEYMOUTH: At the George Lane Beach at dusk.

Monday, July 3

FIREWORKS IN ABINGTON: The annual Night Before the Fourth event will take place at dusk at Memorial Field.

EVENTS IN STOUGHTON: At the middle and high school fields, 6:30-10 p.m., a concession stand will be available at the high school field; 7-9:30 p.m., concert featuring the Ronnie Lewis Expedition; 9:30-10 p.m., fireworks.

Tuesday, July 4

EVENTS IN BRIDGEWATER: The 4th of July/350th Celebration Committee will offer the following events: parade, 10 a.m.; Festival of the Arts, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bridgewater State College, Boyden Hall Quad, including puppeteers, games, storytellers, music, food and more; music at Legion Field from 6-10 p.m., capped off with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. at Legion Field. For information, visit bridgewatercelebrates.org.

EVENTS IN HINGHAM: 7 a.m. Hingham Recreation Commission Road Race; visit hinghamrec.com/RoadRace for registration forms and more information. From 7-9:45 a.m. or until the pancakes run out, the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be held at Hingham Common, Middle and Main Street. The annual Hingham Fourth of July Parade steps off at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "An Olde Fashion 4th" with Grand Marshall Jill Drohan. The parade starts at Hingham High School (Pleasant Street) ends at Station Street.

EVENTS IN HULL: The 16th annual Hampton Circle Fourth of July parade will step off at 10 a.m. at the Hampton Circle Playground. This year's parade marshal will be Vincent J. Dolan. For details, call 781-925-5142. From 2-4 p.m., head to Nantasket Beach for a concert at the Bernie King Pavilion featuring Four Men in Tuxes.

ASSEMBLY IN MARSHFIELD: The Town Green ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. with the presentation of colors by the police and fire departments, the singing of the national anthem, and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. There will be an invocation followed by a public reading of the Declaration of Independence by 29 of the town's citizens. Immediately following the reading, there will be a children's parade of decorated bikes and doll carriages. All children are invited to participate. The morning's celebration will end with a patriotic sing-along. Copies of the Declaration of Independence as well as song sheets will be given out to those in attendance.

PHOTO/BERT LANE

Ed Johnson of the Hingham Militia gets his powder ready during last year's Fourth of July Parade down historic Main Street.

EVENTS IN PLYMOUTH: The day starts off with the 26th annual Independence Day Parade with this year's theme being "Plymouth's Patriotic History Comes Alive." The parade kicks off at 9:30 a.m. at Cordage Park Marketplace, continuing south on Court Street to Main Street where it will turn left on Water Street at the bottom of Main Street Extension.

The Legion Bud Band will be entertaining the crowds on the waterfront starting at 7 p.m., and juggler Greg Frisbee will be performing at 5 p.m. All evening entertainment will take place on the bandstand in front of Cole's Hill on the waterfront. The evening's fun will culminate with the fireworks at approximately 9:15 a.m., depending on when it's good and dark and the howitzers will once again be shot off during the 1812 Overture.

AT ADAMS NATIONAL PARK, QUINCY: On Independence Day, visit the Adams Carriage House, 135 Adams St., for the following events: "Continental Congress," noon and 3 p.m. Reenact the Second Continental Congress and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. You will assume the role of a delegate and debate various issues leading up to the vote for Independence. At 7 p.m., "Jefferson and Adams: A Stage Play" at the Beale Estate, 181 Adams St. In a fast-paced series of encounters, we see the turbulent relationship between Thomas Jefferson (Colonial Williamsburg interpreter Bill Barker) and John Adams (veteran actor Sam Goodyear) as their friendship ignites, flourishes, ruptures and resolves itself. The perceptive Abigail Adams (Colonial Williamsburg interpreter Abigail Schumann) acts as a catalyst and motivator while steadfastly maintaining her own beliefs. This event is free and open to the public. It will take place on the grounds of the Beale Estate under a tent. For more information, call Melissa Burnham, 617-770-1175.

PARADE IN STOUGHTON: The annual 4th of July parade will step off at 2:30 p.m. at the intersection of Prospect and Park streets (Route 27), north on Park through Stoughton Center, onto Washington Street (Route 138), right on Central, disbands at the Department of Public Works.

Fireworks displays

BROCKTON FAIR: June 30, July 3, 4, 7, 8, 10:30 p.m., fairgrounds off Route 24

HINGHAM: June 30, approx. 9 p.m., bathing beach (rain date July 2)

BRAINTREE: July 1, 10 p.m., high school field

WAREHAM: July 1, dusk, Shell Point, Onset Village

WEYMOUTH: July 1, dusk, George Lane Beach

ABINGTON: July 3, dusk, Memorial Field

STOUGHTON: July 3, 9:30 p.m., high school fields

BRIDGEWATER: July 4, 9:30 p.m., Legion Field

CANTON: July 4, 10 p.m., high school

PLYMOUTH: July 4, dusk, harbor

BEST BET

"Intimate Time", photographic works by James Robbins runs through July 22 at the Copley Society of Art. The photographs come from an intensely personal journey through the desert region of India called Rajasthan. The artist will give a talk on Saturday, July 8 at 2:00 pm. The Copley Society of Art is located at 158 Newbury Street in Boston. For information call 617.536.5049.

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Concert at Hingham Harbor Gazebo on Friday, June 30 at 7 p.m. followed by a fireworks display sponsored by Hingham Lions Club. Fried dough, lemonade and more will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting Lions Club charities. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

New England Singles Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Friday, June 30, 8 p.m. to midnight. Ages 35+. DJ, hors d'oeuvres. $10. Call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The HouseRockers** on Friday, June 30. For more information call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, June 30, **Dave Foley Band,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, July 1

Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II, along with Radio Disney, will present an innovative pirate program for kids of all ages on Saturday, July 1 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth waterfront. Go aboard the Mayflower II and learn about pirates, 17th century weaponry and see a real cannon. Radio Disney will be broadcasting tunes and hosting a treasure hunt. Tickets to Mayflower II are $8 per adult and $6 per child. Tickets are available at participating Tedeschi's stores, Lil'Peach and Store 24 locations. For more information visit www.plimoth.org.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club 4-mile walk from St. Moritz Pond to Sawcut Notch, returning on Indian Camp Path, Saturday, July 1, at 1 p.m. Meet at Shea Rink parking lot, Willard St., Quincy. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Weymouth Fourth of July Events, Saturday, July 1 at George Lane (Wessagusset) Beach, a musical program with live entertainment beginning at 5 p.m., plus games and rides, food and novelty concessions and a fantastic aerial fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Free transportation will be provided from the John F. McCulloch Senior Center (aka Whipple Senior Center) at 182 Green St. beginning at 5 p.m. and returning after the fireworks.

BEST BET

Annual Free Twilight Concert at the Historic Winslow House, Webster St., Marshfield. Local acts Three of Cups, Seven and Bob Norton will perform. Bring a picnic supper and lawn chair. Reservations requested. Call 781-837-5753 or email: mark.Schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Destination Moon Planetarium Show at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, Saturday, July 1 through Feb. 2, 2007. For information visit www.mos.org or call 617-589-0250.

An Evening with John McDermott at The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Solier St., Cohasset, Saturday, July 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets online at www.themusiccircus.org, by phone at 617-931-2787, or box office, noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday or all Ticketmaster outlets. Group sales and gift certificates available.

Jah Spirit Reggae at Joe's American Bar & Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover, Saturday, July 1. For information call 781-878-1234.

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BEST BET

Forget pirates lurking in the Caribbean, pirate activity in the North Atlantic, during the 17th. century is the hot topic on all buccaneer brains for July 1st! Saturday, July 1 from noon to 3pm at the Plymouth waterfront, Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II, along with Radio Disney, will present an innovative pirate program for kids of all ages! Dockside, Radio Disney will be broadcasting tunes, playing games and hosting a treasure-hunt for visitors. Follow the treasure map along the waterfront, to the very end and collect the pirates' booty, including movie tickets and other great Disney prizes. Tickets to Mayflower II are $8 per person for adults and $6 per child, but discount coupons for combination Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II tickets are available at participating Massachusetts Tedeschi's, Lil'Peach and Store 24 locations.

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Braintree's Salute of America's Birthday at Braintree High School, Saturday, July 1.Open air flea market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Amusement rides and games all day. Braintree Police canines demonstration from 1-1:45 p.m.; John Penny Band will perform from 2 to 5:30 p.m. At 9:45 p.m., a special ceremony to welcome home returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. Fireworks at 10 p.m. In event of rain, event will be held on Sunday, July 2.

Jamie's Bar and Grille, 804 Plain St., Marshfield hosts **Clutch Grabwell** on Saturday, July 1. For more information call 781-834-7877 or visit www.jamiesgrill.com.

Independence Day weekend cruises aboard the Odyssey mega yacht, departing from 60 Rowes Wharf, Atlantic Ave., Boston. **Fireworks Dinner Cruise,** Saturday, July 1, 8 to 11 p.m., 7 p.m. boarding, $150. **Jazz Brunch,** Sunday, July 2, noon to 2 p.m., 11 a.m. boarding, $61.44 adults, $12.80 children. **Sunset Dinner Cruise,** Sunday, July 2, 6 to 9 p.m., 5 p.m. boarding, $99.84. **Starlight Dinner Cruise,** Monday, July 3, 8 to 10 p.m., 7 p.m. boarding, $64. **Constitution Turnaround Lunch Cruise,** Tuesday, July 4, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 10:30 a.m. boarding. $50 adults, $12.80 children. For reservations call 888-741-0281 or visit www.Odyssey.com.

Sunday, July 2

Nantasket Beach Summer Band Concerts through July, August and Labor Day weekend, at the Bernie King Pavilion, Nantasket Ave., Hull, beginning Sunday, July 2, from 2 to 4 p.m., **Neil Perry Band.** Sponsored by town of Hull and Nantasket Beach Merchants Association. Call 781-925-3379, 781-925-2000 or 781-925-9066.

Clearly Cast, glass artists exhibit at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, July 2 to Aug. 27, Sundays through Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Cast glass exhibit features a wide variety of cast glass sculpture by Boston area artists, including full-sized glass and fabric divan. Opening Reception Sunday, July 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 781-934-6634 ext 12 or email laura@artcomplex.org.

Basket (R)evolution Exhibit on view through September 10 at Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. This exhibition features baskets by 43 leaders in the field of basket making. The museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For information, visit www.fullercraft.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, July 2. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, July 2, **Wicked Trivia Night** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, July 3

Annual Free Twilight Concert at the Historic Winslow House, Webster St., Marshfield. Local acts Three of Cups, Seven and Bob Norton will perform. Bring a picnic supper and lawn chair. Reservations requested. Call 781-837-5753 or email: mark.Schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Old Fashioned band concert at the Gazebo in Hingham Harbor featuring the Satuit Band on Monday, July 3 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Kilroy's Mini Golf at the U.S. Naval Shipbuilding Museum, 739 Washington St., Quincy. An 18-hole miniature golf course named after James Kilroy, a former rivet inspector at the Fore River Shipyard. At each hole, visitors can learn a bit of history. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Admission for 18 holes of mini-golf is $5 or golf can be combined with admission to the USS Salem for $8. Kilroy's and the USS Salem are available for birthdays, fundraisers and special events. For more information, visit www.uss-salem.org; email: Kilroy@uss-salem.org or call 617-479-7900.

Tuesday, July 4

48th Annual July 4th Road Race. Tuesday, July 4. Race begins at 7 a.m. at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. A 4.6 mile race down historic Main St. For more information call 781-741-1464 or visit www.hinghamrec.com.

26th annual Independence Day Parade in Plymouth, Tuesday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Cordage Park Marketplace, continuing south on Court Street to Main Street where it will turn left on Water Street at the bottom of Main Street Extension.

Nantasket Beach Summer Band Concert at the Bernie King Pavilion, Nantasket Ave., Hull, Tuesday, July 4, 2 to 4 p.m., **Four Men in Tuxes Band.** For information call 781-925-3379, 781-925-2000 or 781-925-9066.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Tuesday, July 4, 7 p.m., with **Parade and Legion Bud Band Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Tickets now on sale for South Shore Natural Science Center 25th Annual garden tour "Through the Garden Gate." Advance tickets $20, $18 members, $25 day of tour. Box lunch can be ordered in advance for $10. Purchase at the Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, during normal business hours, by credit card at 781-659-2559 or by mail to SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. Scheduled for Wednesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the tour features Norwell, Scituate and Marshfield gardens. Proceeds benefit educational programs at the Science Center.

"Sun in My Eyes" by Ken Auster

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South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset will hold an opening reception for " Fresh Perspectives "Thursday, June 29 from 6-8 p.m in the Bancroft Gallery featuring Visiting Artists Ken Auster, Susan Fisher, Randy Frost, Jane Goldman, Peter Madden, Antonia Ramis Miguel, and Peter Schroth. In the Dillon Gallery - SSAC Faculty: Ruthe Sholler, Sarah Roche, Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Michael McNabb, Ann Conte, Becky Haletky, Patrica McCarthy, Lisa Marder, Patricia Gray, Mary Callahan, Valerie Forte Vitali, Stephen Boczanowski, Donna Rossetti-Bailley, Sue Charles, Bev Carreiro, Esther Maschio, Anne Heywood, and Marion Carlson are on display. The art center is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2787.

"Momento Mori" by Peter Madden

Wednesday, July 5

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month exhibit featuring by June Caley at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, through July 31. For information call 781-337-8134 or 781-335-4675.

South Shore Natural Science Center Second Annual Juried Art Show in the Vine Hall Gallery, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, July 5 through Sept. 2. Free opening reception, Thursday, July 13, 6 to 8 p.m. For information call 781-659-2559.

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

GARFIELD: A TALE OF TWO KITTIES (B-)

Two cats are better than one in "Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties," which brings Jim Davis' fat cat back to the big screen in a reasonable riff on "The Prince and The Pauper." This time, the action is in London, and Garfield (voiced again by Bill Murray) is recruited to take the place of Prince (voiced by Tim Curry), the king of England's ancient Carlyle Castle, after he's targeted by the greedy, ignored nephew Lord Dargis (Billy Connolly), who can't wait for the cat's death to assume control of the ancient castle and turn it into a high-rise development. (Rated PG) *-Stephen Schaefer*

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT (B)

This third installment of the popular franchise takes its car chases and souped-up engines to the Far East. High school troublemaker Sean (Lucas Black) is shipped to Tokyo to avoid jail time and live with his strict, military officer dad (Brian Goodman). Once there, Sean befriends Twinkie (Bow Wow), an army brat with a pimped-out car, and is soon trying a new set of wheels and getting on the bad side of mafia-affiliated DK (Brian Tee) and falling for his girl, Neela (Nathalie Kelley). Sure, it's not the wittiest, smartest or most memorable piece of cinema. But "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" delivers everything it promised: loud music, loud cars and a whole lot of glitz. (Rated PG-13) *-Chelsea Bain*

THE HEART OF THE GAME (A)

Ward Serrill's emotionally-charged "The Heart of the Game" is a documentary that took seven years to find its ending. Filmed with a grainy, hand-held camera, it chronicles the rise of the Roosevelt Roughriders, a Seattle high school girls' basketball team, and its star player, Darnellia Russell. Narrated by Ludacris, "The Heart of the Game" is a surprising little film that inspires, educates and makes us all the happier for having seen it. High school girls' basketball will seem like the greatest game ever played. (Rated PG-13) *-Chelsea Bain*

Garfield (voice of Bill Murray) puts a royal dog in his place in "Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties."

THE KING (B)

Elvis (Gael Garcia Bernal) arrives in Corpus Christi, Texas, in search of Pastor David Sandow (William Hurt), a revered figure in the community. Elvis claims to be the pastor's son, and the religious leader recalls a former life when a Mexican prostitute kept him company. Not surprisingly, he shuns his son. Stubborn and quietly full of sin, Elvis takes a room at a local motel and seduces the pastor's daughter — and his half-sister — Malerie (Pell James). "The King" is so eerie it's hard to decipher the bizarre from the masterfully planned. The film, however flawed, keeps us on our toes. That certainly counts for something. (Not rated) *-Chelsea Bain*

Ongoing

THE BREAK-UP (C+)

Oversized, overaged frat boy Gary (Vince Vaughn) and his art dealer girlfriend Brooke (Jennifer Aniston) break up but continue to share a condo. In this anti-romantic comedy, tabloid-linked stars Vaughn and Aniston have nowhere to display their chemistry, except in anger. Between the hijinks that ensue as Gary and Brooke try their best to hurt one another, you end up sitting back and checking off the product placements or trying to figure out how many endings the director shot. (Rated PG-13)

BRICK (D)

In this oddball teen noir about a high school drug ring, Brendan Frye (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is determined to oust head drug pusher, The Pin (Lukas Haas), from his throne after Brandan discovers the body of his ex-girlfriend Emily (Emilie de Ravin) in a gully. Intriguing as the mystery may be, this film leaves something to be desired. "Brick's" cryptic content, jargon-filled speech and visually bland ambience will leave viewers with a sinking feeling. (Rated R) *-Tenley Woodman*

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

THE DA VINCI CODE (C+)

"The Da Vinci Code," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. The key elements of Dan Brown's fabulously fun novel are all here: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) investigating a 2,000-year-old conspiracy concerning Jesus' true nature; a murder plot involving a psychopathic, albino monk (Paul Bettany); and clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces. But director Ron Howard's film is too long and too stuffed with scholarly pedantry. "The Da Vinci Code" comes off as a book, rather than a movie, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book, at that. (Rated PG-13)

DEEP SEA 3D (C+)

Giant squid, sand sharks and moon jellyfish frolic in 3-D in this escapade narrated by Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet. During the hour, viewers traverse coral reefs, shipwrecks and kelp forests to glimpse the day-to-day life of creatures we normally see on dinner plates laced with bread crumbs, lemon and butter. The film's message — preserve these submerged communities — is important, if a little bland to watch. (Not rated) *-Tenley Woodman*

DISTRICT B13 (B+)

In this French action flick, street vigilante Leito (David Belle) reluctantly teams up with cop Damien (Cyril Raffaelli) to save Leito's younger sister Lola (Dany Verissimo) from tres bad guy Taha (Bibi Naceri), a drug dealer who has kidnapped Lola and plans to bomb the blighted District 13 neighborhood. Set to an incendiary French hip-hop soundtrack, "District 13" features fight scenes with furiously flying fists, dizzying acrobatics and bizarrely colorful criminal bystanders. This film makes most other American action films look even dumber and less hip than they already did. (Not Rated.)

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BEST BET

During the Renaissance, Wunderkammern or Cabinets of Curiosity were popular ways to see rare and exciting art and artifacts. Today, artist Randal Thurston is creating his own spin on this precursor to the modern museum with his installation Wunderkammern, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum July 1 – October 22, 2006. Wunderkammern is a meditation on creation, science and subjectivity using cut paper silhouettes to create a two-dimensional installation of nature and chaos. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For more information please visit www.fullercraft.org.

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Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while sharing your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Transformation Place Bible Study, meets every Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Au Bon Pain restaurant, Route 139, Pembroke. An outreach ministry of The New England Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Wednesday, July 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, July 6

Book Release Launch Party for Cohasset resident **David Hosp,** author of **"Betrayed,"** Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m., Buttonwood books & toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Free admission, reservations appreciated. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com to register or purchase a signed book.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

BEST BET

The Bridgway Inn presents Union Jack playing British and American Rock 'N Roll and blues Saturday, July 1. The show begins at 9 p.m. with dinner service at 7 p.m. There is no cover charge. The Bridgway is located tat 1265 Ferry Street in Marshfield. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Friday, July 7

Hootie and the Blowfish in concert at The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, Friday, July 7, 8 p.m. Tickets online at www.themusiccircus.org., by phone at 617-931-2787, or box office, noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday or all Ticketmaster outlets. Group sales and gift certificates available.

North River Arts Society presents 'Outdoor Still Life: A Colorist Approach in Oils' class taught by Margaret McWethy, through Aug. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cover the basic principles of color in nature. Paint simple still lifes outdoors. Held at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. For information call 781-837-8091.

Ongoing events

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or email: peg.merzbacher.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Feed the Animals – Saturdays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. Tales from the Wild – Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. Sunday Walks – 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Human Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in May, June, July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehassociation.org of call 781-878-4343Cost $100

BEST BET

The Friends of Scituate Recreation presents the Scituate Harbor Summer Music Series with a free concert of live music featuring the Gathering and Matt Chase Trio Saturday, July 1 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Scituate Harbor Bandstand on Cole Parkway. Some seating is available and beach chairs are welcome for the performance.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. Email: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Reunions

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 will hold their 20th reunion on Saturday Aug. 26 at The East Bay Grille in Plymouth. Evening will include a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, DJ and dancing. Reservations and pre-payment are required. Cost is $50 per person. To secure your reservation, send payment, name of graduate, spouse/guest name/address/phone number to: MHS Class of 1986, P.O. Box 213, North Marshfield, MA 02059. For information, contact Becky Pesko or Cheryl Schofield at 781 801-5400 or email:mhsclass86@comcast.net.

THE USS WORCESTER CL 144 ASSOCIATION is seeking former Ship's Company, Marine Detachment, Flag Members and Aviation Personnel for the 17th annual reunion at Deerfield Beach, Fla. The reunion will be held from Sept. 15-17. For information contact Phil Harter, Secretary, USS Worcester Association, 24 Jansen Road, New Platz, NY 12561. Phone: 845-255-2603 or by email: PhilHarter@aol.com.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, formerly on West Newton St. in Boston, which closed in 1974, is having a reunion on Saturday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Boston. Luncheon price is $18. For more information contact Anna Likely at **617-244-7389.**

ST. ANN SCHOOL IN QUINCY will celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 22. The celebration will include a special Mass, an open house at the school, and a reception at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy. For more information email: saintannfifty@yahoo.com.

WEST ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20TH REUNION. Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Elks in West Roxbury. For more information or to update contact information, call or email Donna Roche Deveney at 508-339-1512; Rochle0217@yahoo.com or Vikki Moses Castellano at 617-323-3411 or VHCaste@aol.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH CLASS OF 1976 30TH REUNION, Friday, Nov. 24 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Baystate Drive in Braintree. For information visit www.braintreehigh.com/1976.

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DESTINATIONS

I spy a grizzly

Ecotourists in British Columbia hunt for bear, very carefully

By LAUREN KRAMER
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- I'm crouched in the long grass, just 75 yards from a large grizzly bear, trying desperately to follow instructions and not move a hair. The 400-pound predator, oblivious to the presence of its three human onlookers, is feeding quietly on grass-like sedge nearby, enjoying the sunshine that reflects off her chocolate-brown back.

"Now. Stand! Quickly!" says my guide, Fred Seiler, urging me upright while the grizzly's head is turned away. "No sudden movements," he warns. With shaking hands, I raise the camera to my eyes. That's when the bear notices us for the first time, and with ears alert and nose turned to the wind, she stands on her hind legs and raises her body to its full height -- a position that reflects her immense stature and power.

Meanwhile, my heart is palpitating and my pupils are wide. I'm all too aware of this massive animal's abilities -- the fact that it can outrun and outswim me, kill me with a single swipe of its powerful paws and cover the distance between us before I can make it back to our boat, sitting in the estuary a few steps away.

"I think I'm ready to go back to the boat now," I say, trying to hide the tremor in my voice. Responding to my fear, Seiler moves our group steadily backward, his eyes never leaving the bear, which has returned to feeding and is ignoring us once again. In his 20 years of photographing and watching bears, Seiler knows precisely when a situation can get dangerous, and in this case he assures me we're perfectly safe. Still, I'm shaken.

Watching a grizzly in the wild will do that to you.

In grizzly country in northern British Columbia, you're surrounded by pristine, isolated and magnificent tracts of mountain, river and ocean. Since launching the motorboat in the town of Kitimat an hour earlier, we had not seen a soul.

With the confidence bred from years of familiarity with this land, Seiler steers the boat through the channels that wend their way through this nearly 4-million-acre rain forest, home to one of the largest grizzly bear populations in North America. Of the 150,000 grizzly bears worldwide, approximately 13,000 are to be found in British Columbia.

The British Columbia scenery

Heavily forested mountains surround us, some still wearing their winter-white snowcaps. Steep granite rock faces form the banks of the channel, with trees growing from every crevice, covering the landscape in a lush, thick carpet of green. Around our small boat the head of a curious seal glints in the light, while a bald eagle scans the water in search of lunch.

Soon we reach the estuaries that comprise prime grizzly bear-watching. A large stretch of waterfront field is covered with green sedge, shaking gently in the breeze. Its high protein content makes this the food of choice for grizzly bears in May and June as they patiently await the arrival of spawning salmon in late July.

PHOTOS BY FRED SEILER

Grizzly sniffs the air

We motor into one of the estuary's shallow channels, turning off the noisy, 300-horsepower motor and using a quiet electric-powered motor instead to cover the last distance. Out goal is to not disturb the grizzly bears.

"We have to leave as light a footprint on this land as possible, because these bears are not habituated to humans and we want to keep it that way," Seiler said.

Intent on adhering to strict ecotourism, Seiler has all his guests sign a waiver before he guides them, a document in which they promise never to disclose the whereabouts of the grizzly tour, and never to return unless accompanied by a guide from his company, Silvertip EcoTours.

"We put a lot of trust in the people we take, so we screen them first and never take more than four out at a time," he explained. "This is what we have to do to ensure we're engaging in sustainable ecotourism. I couldn't sleep at night knowing I was screwing up the bears."

As it is, they face enough challenges, he said. The old-growth rain forest that has been their home since time immemorial is under constant threat of logging and, with each passing year, the grizzly habitat shrinks more. Seiler and his business partner, Greg Knox, have found themselves the sole advocates for the bears' rights in this area, defending their privacy and territory with passion.

When a segment of the rain forest was logged recently, the two were up in arms. They hired a biologist to prove the area was rife with grizzly tracks, scat and hair, and protested that further terrain in the vicinity should be protected from logging and preserved for the bears. This battle, they won.

But the next battle promises to be even more formidable -- Alberta-based Enbridge Gateway Pipelines is pursuing plans to build an underground crude oil pipeline from Alberta to northern British Columbia, and Seiler hasn't a hope of stopping them. Instead, he's resigned himself to be involved in the implementation process, to try to ensure its impact on grizzly habitat is as minimal as possible.

On this sunny springtime day, though, the world still looked bright and beautiful in northern B.C., and the grizzly bears were out to play. From the boat, we watched a sow and cub swim gracefully across the estuary, marveling at the sound of their heavy breath on the water. On another nearby embankment, a different sow carefully watched her three new cubs cavort on a fallen log, later lumbering reluctantly into the forest behind them.

With his palm outstretched, Seiler invited me to taste the starchy grains of the Indian rice bulb coveted by the bears. I sample fresh mint and wild Indian celery too before Seiler pointed out an innocuous-looking plant. "This is water hemlock," he said. "One drop of this plant and you'd be dead in 30 seconds."

The bears, of course, know instinctively what plants to avoid. They've been walking these parts for generations, preying on berries, moose and other animals that come their way, and watching complacently as the sedge turns from green to a blond-white in the fall.

This is the allure of the province's wilderness, a place where nature coexists in a perfectly seamless balance.

IF YOU GO...

BEAR TOURS: Silvertip EcoTours takes small groups of guests on grizzly-viewing tours which can last a day or extend over two nights. The tours depart from Terrace, B.C. For more information go to www.grizzlyviewing.com or call 250-635-9326.

GETTING THERE: Terrace is a two-hour flight from Vancouver, a route traveled three times a day by Air Canada (www.aircanada.com; 888-247-2262).

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P-Lot plight

Town seeks ways to ease the crunch

By Samantha Brown
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The Village Revitalization project is winding down, and while there is still some work to be done in the downtown area regarding the new Greenbush rail line, the town is working with contractors to make the remaining construction period as easy as possible on local merchants and businesses.

"We feel for them. We've been involved with small businesses before, but we're in the home stretch," said Mark Brennan on behalf of himself and fellow Greenbush liaison, Tom Gruber.

With the big machines gone from South Main Street, Brennan said parking on the street is back, which will make it much easier for patrons to visit their favorite Village shops. However, the municipal parking lot will close temporarily in sections while it too receives a makeover.

Brennan said as early as this

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Chernobyl children visit Cohasset Pediatrics

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Makhail Nadtochei, 12, looks at an MRI taken of his head while waiting with Kseniya Mitkova, 8 and Marylynne Dacey of Norwell at Cohasset Pediatrics. The practice donated its time to give physicals to 18 children between 7 and 15 years old who participate in the Chernobyl Children Project. Both children are staying with the Daceys during their four-week visit.

Doctors donate myriad services

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset Pediatrics was abuzz with excitement last week when it opened its office doors to some very special patients.

Thanks to the Chernobyl Children Project — the largest organization in the United States to provide medical treatment and respite care for children from Chernobyl-affected areas — 18 children ages seven through 14 traveled all the way from the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia to receive medical care from doctors throughout Massachusetts.

The children arrived in the United States June 21, and made their way to Cohasset June 27. Clair Wankum, a staff nurse at Cohasset Pediatrics, who doubles as the volunteer medical coordinator for the Chernobyl Children Project, said while this is the first time the children have come to Cohasset Pediatrics for medical care, it is not the first time its doctors have seen Chernobyl patients.

"Last year, our doctors went off site to South Shore Hospital" to treat the children, said Wankum, donating ctheir ser-

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BATHING BEAUTY

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Genevieve Littlejohn enjoys the kiddie pool at the Cohasset Swim Center on Monday.

Fire service changes over time

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset's life-saving capabilities have come a long way in the past 45 years. Despite its advancement, there have been many challenges to face along the way as the town's population has increased, but the number of fire stations and staff members have not kept up with the times.

In the upcoming months, the town will be taking a closer look at whether the services currently being provided by the fire department are adequate, in terms of what is being spent. In the wake of a failed override, money is tight and town officials are scrutinizing every line item. Some have suggested money being spent on fire services should be redirected to the schools.

To get to the bottom of the fire budget, Town Manager Bill Griffin has proposed forming a Fire Services Task Force to investigate every aspect of the fire department's budget and whether the department should continue being run the way it is. In order to take a look at the current situation, it is important to remember how the fire department used to be.

In 1961, there were three fire stations with headquarters located at the Cove at the current site of Veteran's Memorial Park, the Beechwood Fire Station and a third station on Hull Street in

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WETLANDS WORK

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Landscaper Joe Camara, left, of M.O.N. Landscaping carries four of the 300-400 plants that were being installed in the wetlands by JJ's on Route 3A as part of Greenbush project wetlands replication. Maple trees, swamp oaks and blueberries were planted.

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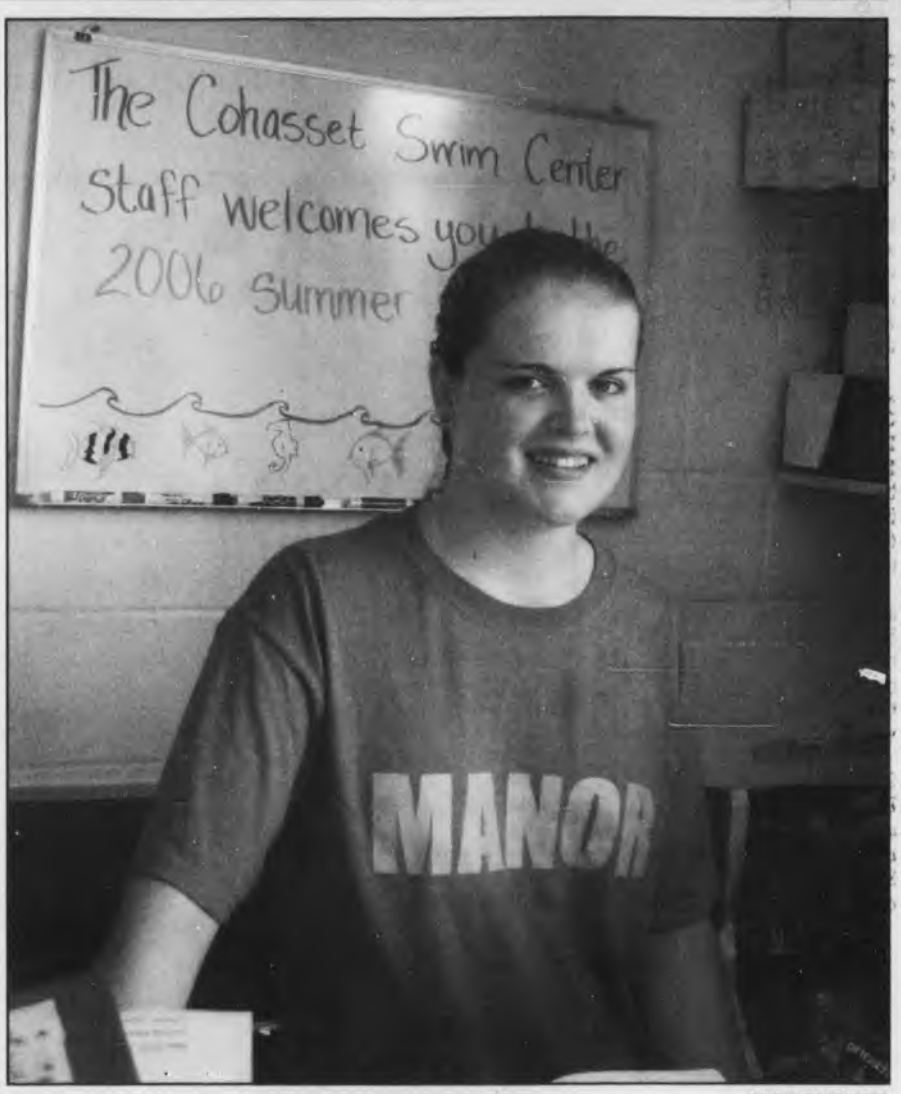

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The Mariner caught up with Claire McCarthy at the Cohasset Swim Center on Monday.

Name: Claire McCarthy

Occupation: Front desk attendant at Cohasset Swim Center.

Best day of your life: In the words of Frank Sinatra, "The best is yet to come..."

Worst vacation: I went with my family to a farm in New Hampshire where the farm's idea of fun was living without electricity.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Halloween.

Favorite junk food: Dunkin' donuts iced coffee.

Best book: "The Florence King Reader," by Florence King.

Best movie: "The Bourne Identity" and "The Bourne Supremacy."

Best TV show: "The Office."

Pet peeves: Hypochondriacs, disgruntled soccer moms.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: I put a roll of paper towels in the microwave and they caught on fire, along with my hand when I carried it outside. I had a blister the size of a small country on my finger.

Goal: To take part in a conspiracy.

Person I'd most like to meet: Albus Dumbledore.

Biggest worry: Global warming.

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Route 3A car crashes continue to add up

By Mary Ford
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"We are going to compare the amount of accidents along 3A in Scituate and Hingham with those in Cohasset and see if there is a difference."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Although none of the recent car accidents have been serious — meaning no one has been severely injured — Police Chief James Hussey thinks there are far too many mishaps along the Cohasset stretch of Route 3A.

His best guess for the cause are the number of curb cuts and the amount of commercial development along the highway, as compared with 3A in Scituate and the Hingham section of 3A south of the Rotary.

Again this week there was a spate of accidents on 3A in Cohasset, including two near Leo's Exxon at the corner of Beechwood and 3A – which has been one of the most treacherous intersections in town, with a fatality at the light there about nine years ago.

"We are going to compare the amount of accidents along 3A in Scituate and Hingham with those in Cohasset and see if there is a difference," Hussey said. "I think Cohasset could be double if not worse."

On Tuesday (June 26) at about 2:30 p.m., a vehicle exited Leo's Exxon and tried to make a left across two lanes of oncoming traffic to head south toward Scituate. What police said occurred is a vehicle travelling north in the right-hand lane, stopped to let the 1999 Chevy Ventura out. But then the Chevy Ventura hit a 1989 Olds Cutlass traveling north in the inside lane.

Hussey said the Cutlass was not speeding and the operator apparently did not see the Chevy pull out.

Neither car was towed and there were no injuries. The driver of the third vehicle (the one that stopped to let the Chevy pull out) did not stick around following the accident, he said.

At about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday (June 27), a southbound,1993 Buick Century that was trying to turn left into Leo's Exxon collided in the northbound, right-hand lane with a 2004 Nissan Sentra. The operator of the Buick was cited for failure to use care when turning. Further investigation revealed the operator of the Buick was driving an uninsured motor vehicle, and the registration had been revoked; plates not belonging to the vehicle had also been attached. Police have summonsed the driver to court on those criminal charges, Hussey said.

At about 2:50 p.m. Wednesday (June 27), there was an accident at 3A and Lower King Street. A 1988 Honda Accord pulled onto 3A from Lower King hitting a 1999 Ford pickup that was traveling south on 3A. The driver of the Honda was cited for failure to use care when entering an intersection.

Also on Wednesday (June 27) but at about 6:10 p.m., a 1994 Ford Ranger hit the rear of a 1995 Chevy Corsica at the intersection of 3A and Lower King Street. Both cars were traveling southbound on 3A (toward Scituate); the Corsica was waiting to turn left onto Lower King Street when it was hit by the Ranger that was going straight ahead. The driver of the Ranger, who told police he did not see the directional, was cited for following too close, Hussey said. Both cars had to be towed following that accident. The operator of the Corsica was also transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries.

On Sunday (July 1) at just past noon, there was a three-car, chain reaction, rear-end accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Cohasset Plaza. Hussey said no cars were towed and no one was sent to the hospital. One of the drivers was cited for following too close.

Motorcycle stop

Police not only cited a 19-year-old Cohasset man for not wearing a helmet while operating a motorcycle and for operating a motorcycle without a license – but they are also going to cite the owner of the motorcycle.

Chief James Hussey said the person who loaned the motorcycle would be cited for allowing someone to use the vehicle improperly.

Hussey said motorcycle helmets are required by state law. Also, anyone operating a motorcycle has to have a license to do so. A regular driver's license is not valid for operating a motorcycle.

The motorcycle stop occurred Saturday (July 1) at about 1:15 p.m. near Forest Avenue and N. Main Street.

COURTESY PHOTO

Cub Scout Quentin Hill gets his bike safety inspected by John Wilkie of Cohasset Cycle Sports. For more photos see page 20.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Reception following movie screenings

Reception, on Fri., July 7 and Sat. July 8; Fri., July 14 and Sat. July 15 at the Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. after the 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday screenings of the new film, "An Inconvenient Truth," at the Loring Hall Theatre, Hingham. This important film, on the global climate crisis, is 1 hour and 40 minutes. The reception at the the Parish Hall, a short walk from the Theatre, is co-sponsored by Sustainable South Shore and the Unitarian Universalist Old Ship Church Green Sanctuary Team. All are welcome. Refreshments, group discussion. 781-383-9024. For more on the film, see page 12.

Brush, paint disposal last Saturday of month

Brush Chipping – Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area on the last Saturday of every month through October, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No trees over 3 inches. No contractors.

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Planning board hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

To schedule an appointment with Town Planner Liz Harrington, email her at lizh@townofcohasset.org. She will contact you promptly to arrange a Monday appointment.

Learn to swim program offered this summer

An American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program will be offered at Cohasset Swim Center this summer. More detailed information can be found in the Cohasset Swim Center brochure, which has been mailed town-wide. Additional brochures can be found at Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Library.

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Scaled-back Smith Place project to move ahead

Reduced scope freed up more parking

By Samantha Brown
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The landscape will soon be changing on Smith Place. While it has taken roughly one year, the Zoning Board of Appeals has finally given the go-ahead to raze the small building currently located at 2 Smith Place and replace it with a 7,500-square-foot structure.

While the Planning Board approved plans for the site in August of 2005 — which included building a 9,600-square-foot structure with 19 parking spaces — issues with the Zoning Board had kept the project from moving forward. However, with Brown's concession to reduce the project and increase parking spaces, the board granted its approval.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Brown said he was not sure when construction will begin. "Who knows, maybe right away, but maybe not for a month," he said. However, the project as approved is not what Brown had originally envisioned building.

When first presented, Brown's plan was to build an eight-bay structure with the intent of renting the bays to local business owners who spend most of their days working on job sites — such as plumbers or electricians — but who need a home base to keep their supplies. He said he did not envision much traffic throughout the day, as a retail shop might generate, as the workers would typically arrive in the morning, pick up what they needed for the day, maybe return during lunch, then return at the end of the day before heading home.

Due to its location in the Village and its proximity to a residential neighborhood, Brown's proposal received stiff opposition from abutters. With the train on its way, the Ripley Road entrance to Smith Place will close, meaning the only way to access the property is by way of Pleasant Street to Cushing Street. During Planning Board public hearings, many residents turned up to voice concerns regarding the potential for increased traffic in their neighborhoods. One of those residents was Juliana Tiryaki, the daughter of ZBA chairman Woody Chittick. Chittick recused himself as a board member during ZBA hearings on the Smith proposal but participated as a citizen at the hearings by asking questions of the board.

In its decision, the ZBA states the first application was denied because the project would not have provided adequate off-street parking and that it would have generated a volume of traffic which the board deemed detrimental to public safety.

Brown subsequently filed another application for a special permit, this time with the size of the building reduced by more than 2,000 square feet. The board said the reduction in scope would free up space for more parking spaces and generate less traffic. In addition, since the denial, a new parking lot was constructed (a result of the Greenbush project) on Pleasant Street which will be used as a public parking area and could be used for those coming to Brown's building.

"This significantly increases the likelihood that a second vehicular entrance and exit to and from the subject property can be established and that traffic moving to and from the property will, therefore, not have to pass through the surrounding residential neighborhood," the ZBA decision states.

The new building will be 150 feet in length and 50 feet in depth and will be broken into six equal units each measuring 50 by 25 feet. Each bay will have a large door for vehicular access and a small door for pedestrian access on its 25-foot front. By shortening the building, there is room for five additional parking spaces and the number of businesses for which parking would have needed to have been provided has decreased by 25 percent. Instead of 16 spaces for eight businesses, there will be 21 spaces for six.

FILE PHOTO

The new building off Smith Place replacing this structure will be 150 feet in length and 50 feet in depth and will be broken into six equal units each measuring 50 by 25 feet.

Town hopes to avoid a 'lot' of headaches

FROM PLIGHT, PAGE 1

week, crews from Cashman Balfour Beatty, which is constructing the Greenbush line, could begin drainage work on the portion of the parking lot located closest to the Olympic Citgo station and James Brook Walkway to the rear of the South Main Street shops.

"Significant drainage work needs to be done," said Brennan, adding the area will be closed off with jersey barriers, which will result in a loss of some parking spaces temporarily. However, 26 additional spaces have recently been paved and painted on Pleasant Street — across from Henry's Root Beer Stand and next to the James Brook Crossing shops — which will help recoup some of that loss.

Once phase one of the project is complete, it is still unclear as to when phase two, which will include grading and leveling of the parking lot, will begin. The town is currently in the midst of a dispute resolution process with the MBTA over the number of parking spaces to be created in the municipal lot. Brennan said the town agreed to plans which have 182 public parking spaces and the MBTA has agreed to construct 161. "They're 21 short," he said. Until the two sides can come to a resolution, paving work in the lot will not begin.

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Brennan said the town has been working cooperatively with CBB to resolve the parking lot issue and will continue to do so. However, if an agreement cannot be made, the town has the option of taking legal action.

When parking lot construction takes place, the town has been told it will take between 10 and 15 weeks. Brennan said the town has been brainstorming for ways to help move the process along more quickly, and one idea, although not final, is to take one full day and close the entire parking lot to enable the grading and leveling to take place all at once, then complete the paving and painting in sections. The entire project was slated to take place one-third of the lot at a time, but that will keep construction going longer, Brennan said.

At this point, the town is thinking of closing the lot and completing the grading and leveling on a Monday, but said it will all depend on how the town and its merchants feel about the proposal. "The Board of Selectmen and the town are working with the merchants to minimize disruption," Brennan said. "It has to be done, so we're trying to have the least amount of disruption and the best final product."

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A portion of the municipal parking lot has been cordoned off with jersey barriers, to enable workers to complete necessary drainage work prior to grading and paving of the lot.

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Band concert set for July 11

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. Each June, the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission for concert funding, hence, certainty of concerts are not absolute until mid-June each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, New York City.

It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2006 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., on the Town Common.

The performance will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band, under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts take place on the Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellant is a good item to have available.

Call the Recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts if there is doubt about weather conditions.

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When it was no longer housing fire equipment, the Beechwood Fire Station took on a new life as a barn on Clapp Road in Scituate. Here the building gets prepared to move to its new location.

Changes in Cohasset fire service over the years

FROM FIRE, PAGE 1

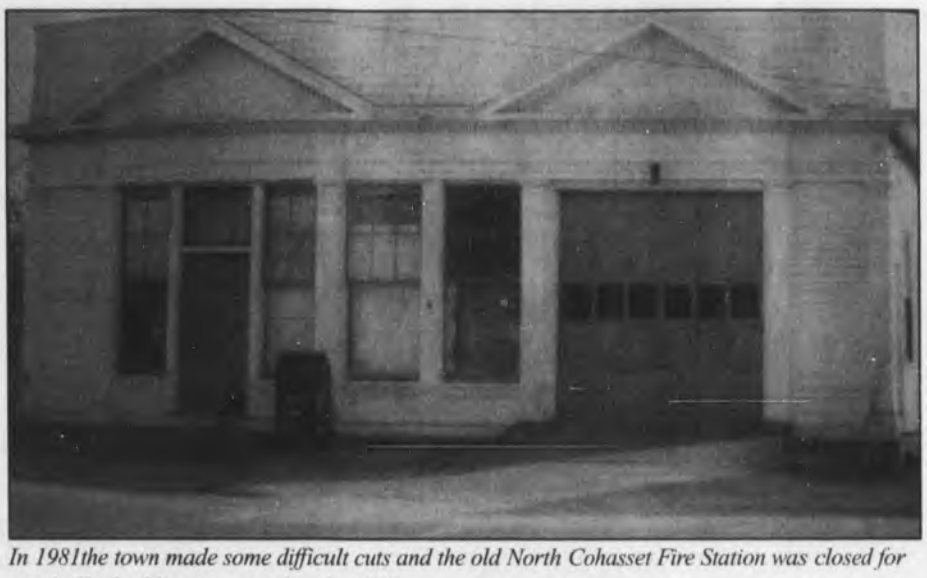
North Cohasset. At that time, the fire department was only responsible for fighting fires, as the police department ran the ambulance service. There were 17 full-time firefighters including the chief and deputy chief, and a number of call firefighters.

When a resident needed medical attention, one of the police department's officers, stationed at police headquarters in the Independence Building on Elm Street (inhabited most recently by Wild Plums) would go across the street to the "police garage," to retrieve the ambulance and drive to the residence in need of help. The garage was an old wooden barn located next to the site of the current Teen Garage. If there was a car accident, when the police showed up on the scene they would have to assess the situation and decide whether the ambulance was needed. If so, someone would have to leave the scene to retrieve it from the garage.

In the 1960s, call firefighters were the backbone of the fire department, as there were as many as 60 volunteers ready to drop everything at a moment's notice to fight a fire. They had regular training drills and were able to man and operate every piece of equipment the department had. They were organized into companies with officers assigned to each station and truck.

Each of the town's three stations had a horn that would be sounded with a box number (none of the street boxes remain in town today) and the call force would hear the alarm and go directly to the scene of the incident. The permanent members of the department would drive the trucks to the scene and when they arrived, many times call fire fighters would already be on the scene.

Today, there is only one combined police and fire station on Elm Street which shares a dispatch center. There are 24 full-time firefighters, nine of which are paramedics. The town is also down to four call firefighters. The fire department responds to fire and medical calls, runs its own ambulance service and provides Advanced Life Support to patients. Recently, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln reported he has seen the department grow from responding to 315 incidents per year in 1969 to 1,784 in 2005.



In 1981the town made some difficult cuts and the old North Cohasset Fire Station was closed for good. The building was razed in the 1990s.

In the end, the company reported there was probably only $400,000 to be saved by regionalizing and the towns decided not to change a thing.

The call force

While call fire fighters played a huge role in the town's fire fighting past, just as the North Cohasset and Beechwood Stations closed in the 1980s, the call fire fighting force is slowly dwindling away.

In April 1992, then Chief John Nadeau pushed for more call firefighters, and said he would need 21 call firefighters to aid his full-time force. At that time, the department was operating with 24 full-time members and 14 call firefighters, seven of which were outfitted properly. The department was also answering roughly 1,000 calls per year, which equals roughly three per day. Nadeau said the way the department was staffed back then, it could respond to a fire or ambulance call, but not to both.

In October 1992, feeling the pressure that volunteer fire fighters may steal their jobs away, the full-time firefighters were scolded by selectmen when several refused to train the call force. Their actions forced Nadeau to seek outside training from the Plymouth County Fire and Rescue Association. However, reacting from pressure from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts — which included a threat to disrupt the training activities — Plymouth County Training refused to conduct the training. The course would have provided 64 hours of basic training and prepare a call firefighter to work under the direct supervision of a full-time firefighter.

The town began looking at regionalization of the department in 1992, which also could have affected department members' jobs. Fire chiefs and town administrators from Cohasset, Scituate, Hull, Norwell and Hingham were involved in the discussion, which included looking into ways the towns could share the responsibilities of providing services to all five towns together. Discussion included ways to boost communication should all five towns conjoin, which equipment to use and where the equipment should be located. Cohasset selectmen endorsed a grant proposal seeking $50,000 for consultant services to determine the legal frameworks needed to set up a regional fire service.

However, the discussion was disconcerting for some fire fighters. The union asked the town administrators and fire chiefs to sign a joint statement of purpose and administration which it drafted, and both groups refused to sign. The conflict drew television news attention when members of the union held a demonstration in front of Norwell Town Hall while the fire district study committee, charged with studying every aspect of regionalization, met inside with its consultant, Managment Development Institute, Inc., of Lake Oswego, Ore. In the end, the company reported there was probably only $400,000 to be saved by regionalizing and the towns decided not to change a thing.

But cost savings in other ways could not be ruled out and as Nadeau stepped down from his position and the town began looking at hiring a new chief, the selectmen began to consider sharing a chief position with the town of Scituate, which also did not go over well with members of the department. Scituate's then Town Administrator Richard Agnew informally broached the idea of sharing the position with Cohasset at the time the town hired Nadeau. The town decided not to regionalize the position and hired Cohasset resident Roger Lincoln, who had been on the department since 1969, to be its new chief. Lincoln was the first chief in a decade to hail from Cohasset, and he still holds the position today.

Information for this article was provided by Glenn Pratt, the Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III and the Mariner archives.

Anyone interested in serving on the Fire Services Task Force or anyone who has served on a Fire Services committee in the past and has information to share should contact Town Manager Bill Griffin at (781) 383-4105, or send a letter to Griffin via e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org or to Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

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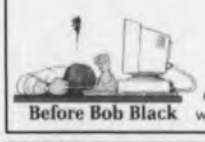

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Hello Cohasset. This past week was wonderful and I hope that everyone had a great 4th of July. Welcome back to the group that returned from the Appalachia Service Project(ASP), a super job was done by all. As I was at the Hingham 4th of July parade, one thing that is so evident when we attend this event is the amount of town pride. Families and friends gather in small(or large) groups to celebrate the 4th and the pride of being together in the town they love. Any thoughts or ideas out there on things we can do here in town?

NEW ARRIVAL

Erica Mahoney and Shaun Carvelli of Forest Avenue are the proud parents of **Isabella Maxx Mahoney**, who arrived precisely at 4:07 p.m., June 10, 2006 at South Shore Hospital. Isabella tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 20 ins. at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are **Edward and Janet Mahoney**, also of Cohasset.

Congratulations all!

ASSUMPTION HONORS

Congratulations go out to **Carling I. Sturino**, who is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Otello R. Sturino** of Cohasset. Carling was named to the dean's list at Assumption College for the spring 2006 semester. Super news.

ARC GOLF WAS A HIT

The Arc of the South Shore recently hosted its 19th Annual Arc of the South Shore Lou Bailey Tournament on Monday, June 19th, at the Pembroke Country Club. The tournament raised more than $27,000, with more than $18,000 in proceeds. The proceeds from the tournament will support The Arc of the South Shore and its programs for the children, adults and the families of those with developmental disabilities.

"We are very grateful to the generous sponsors and community members who contributed to today's event," said **David Calhoun**, former Executive Director of The Arc of the South Shore. "In addition, we would like to thank our loyal corporate sponsors: The Frye Agency; South Shore Savings Bank; Fallon Ambulance Service; and the South Shore Co-operative Bank. Your continued support helped make our 19th Annual Lou Bailey Golf Tournament a success!"

"Children and adults with developmental disabilities are an inspiration to us all," said **Claudia Cuscianna**, Development Coordinator at The Arc of the South Shore. "The money raised at the tournament will go directly to them, enhancing The Arc of the South Shore's programming and development."

BOWDOIN GRAD

Hats off to **Charles Lindsay Anderson** of Cohasset who was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Bowdoin College on May 27. Congratulations!

STONEHILL NEWS

Local student **Brian F. Lewis** of Cohasset recently graduated with a bachelor's degree from Stonehill College. Congratulations, Brian!

Earning dean's list status at Stonehill for the spring semester is **Michael W. Devine** of Cohasset, who is a member of the Class of 2008. Michael had to maintain an GPA of 3.5 or higher to earn this distinction.

FRAMINGHAM STATE

Molly R. Liddell and **Lindsey L. Gardner**, both of Cohasset, were named to the dean's list and president's list for the spring semester at Framingham State. To be selected for the dean's list, a student must earn a Quality Point Average of 3.25 or higher. To be selected for the president's list, a student must have been named to the dean's list for three consecutive semesters.

Molly, who is a member of the Class of 2009, is majoring in communication arts. Lindsey, who is a member of the Class of 2006, majored in English.

Lindsey was also awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Framingham State on May 28.

Well done!

PHILLIPS EXETER

Jared H. Dick, son of **Linda Hewitt Dick and Michael Dick** of Cohasset, earned honors for the spring term at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. Jared is an 11th grader at Exeter.

Good work, Jared!

RIT HONORS

Conor Buick, a second-year student at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Conor, who is studying mathematics, is the son of **David and Paula Buick** of Highland Avenue. He is a 2004 Cohasset High School graduate.

Congratulations, Conor!

Peter Plante of Cohasset joins Miss Massachusetts, Tiffany Kelly of Braintree for a picture. Miss Kelly was on hand as the auctioneer for the Arc of the South Shore Lou Bailey Tournament. For more about the benefit tournament, read this week's Around Town.

BRYANT DEAN'S LIST

Hats off to Cohasset's **Kristen A. Watts**, a junior management major, on making the dean's list at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

TABOR NEWS

Two Cohasset students have earned honors at Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass. **Isabelle Bertolami**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. John Bertolami**, earned honors by compiling an overall average of 85 or above. **Gina Giuggio**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Giuggio**, earned commendation by achieving an overall average of 80 or above, with no grade below 75 and no more than one grade between 75 and 80.

Isabelle is a member of the Class of 2006 and Gina is a member of the Class of 2008 at Tabor.

20TH REUNION

The Cohasset High School Class of 86 is having their 20th class reunion on July 22nd at the Cohasset Golf Club. They are still looking for addresses for the following classmates. If you have any information, please email **Ginni Froio** at Ginnifro@cox.net or call **Collette (Ford) McElhinney** at (781) 383-1383. **Wendi Blakes, Anthony Bogarty, Linda Calabro, James Conley, James Creed, Laura Doherty, Kristen Eisenstadt, Kathleen McGuire, Gail Fasciano, Scott Patrolia, Cheryl Price, Christopher Ridge, Damian Wolfe, Andrew Glasfield, AnnMarie Goggin, Bill Gorvine, Michael Greiner, Floyd Hardwick, Darrell Horton, Jennifer Hynes, John Kuntz, Brian Leary, Teresa Lloyd, Wayne Lyle, Raymond Maguire, Robin McAllister, Suzanne McMahon, Kymberly Wright** and **Kellie Riley.**

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Join friends from town for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' at the Annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party on Saturday July 8th from 5pm-11pm. All Parents and Adult Members of the CSC are invited to a New England style Lobster Bake and Silent/Live Auction to benefit the Club. The Party is BYOB and will be held at the Cohasset Sailing Club rain or shine. Tickets are $40pp payable to Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by phone from **Barbara Golz** at 383-1597 or mail your check to 25 Wood Way. Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- if you have anything you would like, Donations for auction items are welcome (and needed)- if you have anything you would like, contact Erik Golz 383-1597 or egolz@comcast.net

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to send in your news, photos and event information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

For more information, call the Paul Pratt Library at 781-383-1348 or visit the Web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Magic Show — Magic by Scott Jameson will be performed on Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This is a free program open to all families.

"What's Buzzin at your Library" is funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Aug. 31. Meet the artist at an after-hours reception on Friday July 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Wednesdays.

Independent Film Series – The library will show the independent film "Day Break" on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Knitting Group – Join the Knitting Group on Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the library's Historical Room. This is a fun group for all who love to knit or just have an interest in knitting. Bring a knitting project and join like-minded friends at the library. For more information, call Mary Coughlin at 781-383-1348.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Marilynne Robinson's "Housekeeping" on Thursday, July 27, 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, grow up haphazardly, first under the care of their competent grandmother, then of two comically bumbling great-aunts, and finally, Sylvie, the eccentric and remote sister of their dead mother. Ruth and Lucille's struggle toward adulthood illuminates the price of loss and survival, and the undertow of transience. For more information, call Gayle Walsh 781-383-1348.

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Shiver me timbers!

Patrick McManus loves being a pirate during the Pirate Party at Buttonwood Books in Shaw's Plaza last week.

Jared Seebeck listens intently to a story about pirates at Buttonwood.

Buttonwood Books owner Betsey Detwiler reads the book "How to Become a Pirate" to the children at the Pirate Party

Pirates invade at Buttonwood Books

Enthusiastic young pirates invade Buttonwood Books in Shaw's Plaza to hear stories and create costumes.

Matthew Fitzpatrick studies a word jumble to figure out pirate-related works like map and "aargh."

Jared Stevens finishes coloring his parrot which will complete the pirate costume that the children created during the Pirate Party.

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Chernobyl children visit Cohasset Pediatrics

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vices as every doctor who participates in the project does. This year, the office was happy to greet the children with face paint, snacks and balloons, followed by a routine physical.

On April 26, 1986 the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Pripyat, Ukraine became the site of the worst nuclear accident in history. An explosion at the plant led to the release of 190 tons of highly radioactive material, which scientists estimate released enough radionucleides to equal 20 nuclear bombs.

Although 20 years have passed, the effects of the explosion are still being felt in the region. Wankum said some of the typical ailments affecting children who come to receive treatment in the United States are renal problems including chronic kidney infections, scoliosis and vision problems. "Some have heart problems as infants and we follow up on those," said Wankum, while others develop forms of cancer that require chemotherapy.

While most of the children only come to the states for treatment once, the condition of some patients requires coming back for more. One little boy, Serghey Kravchenko, was diagnosed with cancer when he was 3 years old and had one of his eyes removed in his homeland, but a prosthetic eye was never implanted. He has come back to the states more than once for appointments, readying the socket for the new eye he will receive.

Wankum said there have also been cases where children will receive treatment for cancer and will go into remission, only to have it return, requiring more treatment. "We always wish they could come back, but at the same time hope they don't," said Wankum.

Before coming to the states, the children are chosen to participate in the program from the doctors in their native country. They are examined to ensure they are well enough to travel, and in the spring before their summer arrival, a team of nurses from the United States, which has included Wankum for a number of years, makes the trip over to the Chernobyl area to look the children over once more and assess their needs.

Those children who are in need of more extensive care are sent to the Boston Floating Hospital for treatment. Children in more stable condition are sent for screening in local community doctor's offices. Depending on their condition, they may be sent for exams at the Caritas Norwood Hospital, Saints Memorial Medical Center, Saint Joseph's Hospital or South Shore Medical Center, which also see Chernobyl children free of charge. There are eye and dental exams to be given free of charge as well.

But their time in Massachusetts is not filled solely with doctor's appointments. There are dances, harbor cruises and trips to see New England Revolution soccer games. Children are also greeted with gift certificates to see movies at the local theater or to the mall to go shopping, all of which are donated by local families, churches and businesses. "It is truly an entire volunteer community effort," said Wankum, adding because the children come to Massachusetts from very impoverished communities with very little or nothing in their possession, being able to go shopping and experience a different lifestyle is really fun.

The children and their families are not responsible for paying any of the costs incurred during their stay. Wankum said the individual communities which host the children foot the bill through fund-raisers and donations. She said the town of Scituate, which has been a host-town for Chernobyl children for many years, estimates it costs $1,500 to cover all the expenses for one child's four-week stay and raises as much money as it can to accommodate as many children as possible. This year, there are 12 children staying in Scituate, two staying in Pembroke, two in Norwell and two in Lakeville.

Wankum said when the children are here, "You feel the buzz," as everyone eagerly anticipates their arrival. She said the children love to see their pictures in the local papers and everyone in all the South Shore communities welcomes them with open arms. She said the communities have been very generous and continue to be generous with their donations as two of the children participating in this year's trip have been very successful in collecting donations for new children to travel to the United States next summer.

For more information or to make a donation to the Chernobyl Children Project, please visit its Web site at www.ccpusa.org.

STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Dr. Kevin Corbett of Cohasset Pediatrics takes a peek at Dmitry Maksimyuk's tonsils while giving him a physical last Tuesday. Dmitry is one of 18 children visiting the United States from the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia through the Chernobyl Children Project, which provides children growing up in the area surrounding the nuclear power plant which exploded in 1986, the opportunity to receive medical care in the states. The Kupchella family of Scituate is hosting Dmitry.

Alana O'Brien, a nurse at Cohasset Pediatrics, jots down Maxim Shirokov's weight during a routine physical at Cohasset Pediatrics. Maxim traveled with 18 other children from the Chernobyl nuclear accident affected areas of the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia, to receive medical treatment free of charge in the United States

Kathy Maguire, practice administrator at Cohasset Pediatrics, untangles balloons as she awaits the arrival of the 18 children traveling with the Chernobyl Children Project. While all 18 children received free physicals, they were also greeted with face painting and snacks.

Dmitry Maksimyuk, 8, listens to translator Dr. Oleg Gordeyev in the examination room at Cohasset Pediatrics before his physical last Tuesday. Dmitry was one of 18 children to receive free physical exams from the practice, which donated its time through the Chernobyl Children Project

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Swimmers cautioned about sea stinger

By Samantha Brown
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As temperatures begin to climb outside, local beaches will be packed with swimmers eager to take a dip. This week, the Board of Health is sending out an alert for residents to be cautious as they venture out into the ocean as many Portuguese man-of-wars have been spotted in Buzzards Bay and as far north as the Upper Cape Cod and Boston areas.

"We haven't seen any yet," said Tara Tradd of the Board of Health office, but added the state Department of Public Health has asked local health boards in Massachusetts to disperse information about the creatures, which are similar to a jellyfish but have a much more powerful sting. Tradd said Cohasset has never received an alert like this one before, as man-of-wars are usually found in much warmer waters.

Tradd said lifeguards and beach managers have been alerted to keep an eye out for man-of-wars and to order swimmers out of the water immediately if any are seen. It is possible to see a man-of-war from shore as they have a gas-filled "sail" on top which helps carry them along with the currents. The sails are usually clear with a purple or pink tinge, but below the surface of the water, stinging tentacles can hang down as far as 30 to 40 feet. The sting delivers a neurotoxin which can be extremely painful, but is rarely deadly.

If a resident is stung, the Board of Health recommends calling either poison control or a local emergency number. Have the patient's age, weight and condition available as well as the time of the sting. The emergency call operator will be able to instruct as to whether the patient should be taken to the hospital, as well as any appropriate first-aid.

The Board of Health recommends washing the sting with salt water, followed by soaking the area with a solution of half vinegar and half water for about 30 minutes to remove any remaining tentacles. Rinse the area then resoak with more half-strength vinegar. To remove remaining tentacles, it may also be necessary to use flour or shaving cream and scrape the affected area with a dull instrument such as a credit card, followed by applying a cream containing a pain killer, an antihistamine and a corticosteroid.

Tradd said if any residents spot a Portuguese man-of-war, they should call the Board of Health office, which can then set up surveillance of the beaches. "Residents need to know they are not supposed to touch it," said Tradd of Portuguese man-of-wars that are seen either in the water or dead on the shore, as even those which have washed up dead can still pack a powerful sting.

To contact the Board of Health office, please call (781) 383-4116. More information can also be obtained by contacting the Center for Environmental Health at (617) 624-5757.

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South Shore residents should be on the lookout for Portuguese man-of-wars this summer. While they look like jellyfish, they have a much more powerful sting and can even secrete venom when dead and washed up on the beach. Portuguese man-of-wars have been spotted in Buzzards Bay as well as the Upper Cape Cod and Boston areas. Residents should never touch a man-of-war and should call the Board of Health if any are spotted in Cohasset's waters.

Portuguese man-of-war facts

- The Portuguese man-of-war is named for its air bladder, which resembles a man of war navy vessel.
- While it may look like a jellyfish, a Portuguese man-of-war is not. It is actually a Siphonophore, or a colony of four different organisms.
- Portuguese man-of-wars are an important source of food for sea turtles, which are immune to its venom.
- Portuguese man-of-war can be found on the coast of Africa, North America, Europe and Australia as well as in other areas of the world.
- Detached tentacles from a Portuguese man-of-war that wash up on shore can still sting a human.

* *Information found on www.wikipedia.org*

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. To register or for information call 781-383-9112.

Volunteers — Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for kitchen assistants this summer to help serve meals to elders on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Center.

Also needed are volunteer van drivers to take seniors on scheduled morning shopping trips, to the Center for congregate meals, medical trips and programs. Town van provided.

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs volunteer Coordinator, Martha Horsefield, at 718-383-9112 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior water aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday, July 11 to Aug 17, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., Cohasset Swim Center, $3. Call 781-383-9463.

St. Stephen's Bells – Free concert, Sundays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Antique wedding gowns – Wednesday, July 12, 1 to 2 p.m., Cohasset Historical Society, Pratt Building. A guided tour of 30 wedding gowns from the turn of the century will be on display. Call CEA to register.

Farmer's market – Cohasset Common, Thursdays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October.

Cruise and dine evening – Wednesday, Aug. 16, 3:15 p.m., leave St. Anthony's parking lot. Back by popular demand. Boat through Boston Harbor arriving at the Chart House for dinner. Great fun, nice discount for Cohasset seniors. Call CEA for information.

Celebrating cancer survivors, TBA in August – at the Farmers' Market on the Cohasset Common. Welcome 13-year-old, Sir Stephanie the Strong, from Bronx, N.Y., a young knight from the Magical Moon Army battling cancer, who will bring awareness and contributions to help others with cancer. Donna Green's Magical Moon Painted Cow will be at Christopher Columbus Park in Boston through Sept 10. After lunch, seniors will make ribbons to sell at the event. Visit www.boston.cowparade.com.

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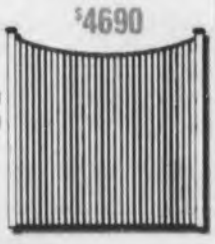

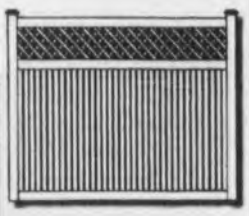

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Spirit of 1776

When you ask a child what the Fourth of July means, the answer may surprise you.

Perhaps the response we most anticipate from a child is that Independence Day is the day delegates of the 13 original colonies boldly signed the Declaration of Independence.

The older the child, the more we'd expect to hear about the history of the American Revolution, the Constitutional Convention, and our Founding Fathers, that group of exceptional people who are the symbolic fathers of all who live by the American creed that all men are created equal, endowed by our Creator with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

There is just so much to say.

A child in the upper grades might talk about equality. Obviously we are not all the same. People are born richer or poorer, with all levels of intelligence; we are made up of a rainbow of colors, of many ethnic origins, of different faiths.

So how are we all equal? In a democracy, all people are born with equal rights, equal in the eyes of the law, with the same right to pursue the opportunities we choose.

You might expect a child to say the Fourth of July is about fireworks, carnivals, and cookouts.

When we asked a 13-year-old, a 10-year-old, and an 8-year-old what the Fourth means to them, we didn't get any of the above answers.

Children have a more immediate sense of what the fight for independence means.

To the teenager, it is the war in Iraq.

To the 10-year-old, the Fourth is about "freedom and stuff."

To our children, July 4 is not history.

The fight for our freedom is just as compelling today as it was on July 4, 1776.

That day was not a dividing line in history. It didn't mean that once we crossed it, we had secured our liberty forever.

We are fighting just as valiantly now as we did then, and the stakes remain as high.

July 4 is not history between the covers of a textbook.

July 4 is the history we are living today.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 25, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, July 20, 7 p.m.

Council of Elder Affairs, July 17, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Economic Development Committee, July 12, 7:15 p.m.

Library Trustees, July 12, 6:30 p.m. at the library.

School Committee with Mass. Assoc. of School Committees, July 11, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, July 10, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, July 31, 6 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Pease, 3 Sankey Road, remodel kitchen, add bay, mud room and powder room, $40,000; Lightkeepers Association, 15 Lighthouse Lane, tent installation, $908; Cohasset Yacht Club, 99 Howard Gleason, tent installation; Masotta, 3 Linden Drive, re-roof seven cedar squares, $3,500;

White, 190 Jerusalem Road, re-roof 20 squares, $8,000; Nelson, 84 Linden Drive, re-roof 27 squares, $13,500; Bielewicz/Nakashima, 1 Highland Ave., re-roof 25 squares, asphalt, $15,800; South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, three large pole tents from June 13 to June 19, $5,000; Pike, 63 Elm St., replace existing deck, $4,650; Wyatt, 11 Spindrift Lane, re-roof 20 squares, $7,400;

White, 228 Jerusalem Road, construct barn/house, $150,000; Fever, 364 Jerusalem Road, add and remodel, $300,000; Lennon, 164 CJC, re-roof 16 squares, $16,000; Blackington, 116 Jerusalem Road, remodel kitchen, $50,000; Broderick, 209 No. Main St., sunroom, $18,000; Chapman, 22 Wood Way, shed installed, $5,838; Palmieri, 4 Rustic Drive, replace six windows, $2,000; Horrigan, 64 Linden Drive, kitchen addition/remodel, $16,000; Collins, 66 Summer St., sill repair, $3,000; Herzfelder, 133 Beach St., remove deck, $2,000; Baressi, 60 Brewster Road, 18 replacement windows, $17,753.

Summer Institute kicks off eighth consecutive year

Bassing's all set for now, but we do need you for the mudflats and storm drain analysis

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No money no sidewalks

TO THE EDITOR:

I am responding to comments made by Ms. Rosanne McMorris in this paper and elsewhere in which she criticizes the Village Revitalization project that is nearing completion downtown.

I am a lifelong resident of the Town and the Village is looking better than it ever has in my lifetime. The cross walks, pocket park and new trees have enhanced the look of the Village while the street paving, curbs and sidewalks have created a neat appearance while maintaining the original Village character.

This was done with the very limited dollars left in the State PWED grant after the previous Board of Selectmen, Ms. McMorris and previous Town Manager Mark Haddad, had wasted almost $300,000 on Village Streetscape designs by the Waterfield Group.

I believe the Town has a right to ask Ms. McMorris for an account of her management of the PWED grant and why she insisted on altering the character of the Village by substituting her preference for poured concrete sidewalks at a Town Meeting when the townspeople had rejected poured concrete and overwhelming chosen pavers for the sidewalks. So Ms. McMorris , let's get an accounting of were 26 percent of the grant went! The state allows 10 percent on design ($150,000), and the past board of selectman spent $400,000. If we had the extra $250,000, we could have had any sidewalks we wanted, even brick! If you live in a glass house Ms. Mcmorris, throwing stones is a bad idea.

Roger Q. Hill
19A Highland Ave.

'Second' school financial report needed

COMMENTARY

TERRY MCCARTHY

Kudos to the Cohasset Superintendent of Schools on her "Restoring faith in the budget process" article. I found her explanations and descriptions of process very informative. Her comments on non-resident tuition, regionalization, and fiscal responsibilities are helpful to an understanding of the situation we all find ourselves in. I found it especially useful to see how the state impacts the decision-making of the School Department and the School Committee "as outlined in the Educational Reform Law."

One paragraph in the Superintendent's article stood out as a starting point for a better understanding of how we might come to a mutually accepted view of reporting financial data. It states:

"A line-item budget is developed annually. The format for school budget development is not the same as other town departments. The required school format is in the same function code model that is used for reporting end of year expenditures to the Department of Education, Department of revenue and the audit report."

This statement is the crux of my concerns about the communications gap that exists between the School Department and the citizens of Cohasset. Why? Because the decision-making process must precede what decisions are made and then reported. Thus, it is important to understand how decision-making, or power, works in the process and then we can assess the best way to report these decisions and to whom they are reported.

So how does power flow through Cohasset's educational structure? I think everyone would agree that any power the School Department and School Committee have originates from the voters of Cohasset. The people elect the School Committee to represent *all* the people of Cohasset. The School Committee is empowered (with responsibility and appropriate authority) to manage the School Department. Given the complexities of the School Department's mandate, so aptly described in the Superintendent's article, the School Committee selects a Superintendent who in turn selects the administration and teaching staff that is key to a successful educational outcome.

The Commonwealth recognized that the authority given to the School Department must be commensurate to the responsibility the state places on the educational establishment. Hence it insulates the School Department with the "rules of the road" stated by the Superintendent. Thus, the School Department has a set of rules mandated by the state which gives it specific authority and responsibilities upon which the town government cannot infringe. One example is that the School Department has near total control over its financial operations. The School Department and School Committee have the right to make up budgets and to move money within line items and between line items with impunity. Some citizens don't like this or perhaps don't understand it. My view is that this structural issue causes much of the disagreement that has come out in the past few years. In reality, coming full circle, the only power the people have to alter the School Department's actions and decisions is provided by the Commonwealth under Prop. 2-1/2 . In fact, if the people don't agree with what the School Department/School Committee wants to do (that is, spend more than Prop. 2-1/2 allows) the only power they have is to vote NO. Which brings us up to the present.

Let's look at the Superintendent's role as she has described it in her article. She has articulated very well what the state requires her to do in terms of financial reporting. However, the state's interests and the voters of Cohasset's interests are not accorded equal weight. If the goal is to only meet the state's system designed to allow the Department of Education to be able to compare apples and oranges among all school departments in the Commonwealth then the Cohasset School Department has complied. However, if the Cohasset public's stated concern is they don't understand the School Department's financial reporting then maybe the School Department and School Committee ought to consider meeting this obligation as well. As I've stated in an earlier commentary I think Committeeman Fusco recognizes this shortcoming and is attempting to solve it. I also acknowledge the School Department has said it will respond to Mr. Fusco by August. So there's progress.

Lawyers can also help in this kind of process. In my former life I was a consultant to the owner of the Auburn Mall (Auburn, Mass.). The Mall owner wanted to expand and redesign the Mall. The design plan and funding had to be approved by the Town of Auburn. Auburn had a representative town government of many, many representatives (think 30-40 selectmen). These people had to understand the plan and approve it. The owner's lawyers (a top Boston firm) created a document similar to Cohasset's warrant. As a consultant I predicted a total defeat at town meeting. My firm was able to convince the lawyers to allow us to "translate" the legal language to a simpler "This is what this means" script alongside the legal language (like some of those illicit Latin texts

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'Crisper and neater' village look

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Well, by now you can pretty much see how the downtown Village will look when the project is completed. The new trees are in place, the brick accents are mostly in place. There are "fine tuning" aspects that need to be completed. By and large, things look a lot crisper and neater. We have added 13 new trees which include, Chanticleer pear (at the Red Lion, East side of S. Main St. and at Cohasset Liquors), Hornbeams (near Richard Henderson's Law office), Zelcovas (at the Community Center), and Lilac trees (at the corner of S. Main Street and Elm Street). You will notice how different trees have been selected for different locations. This avoids the problem you sometimes see of everything looking the same. The MIA/POW square has daylilies and low-growing juniper. These new plantings will give this memorial to those who served our country valiantly a new look during each season of the year.

The Lilac trees are a tree form of the familiar lilac bush. They have white blossoms which bloom in late spring. We visited the nursery in early June just as they were finishing their blooming period and were able to see their splendor. These lilacs will certainly add a nice touch to this street corner, especially when the brick accent around them is complete. Note: the automatic watering bag at the base of the tree. These bags, you will see around Town, need only be periodically filled with water. They will slowly release water to the trees to help them flourish in their new setting.

There are a number of decorative pear trees that have traditionally used in streetscapes. The most preferred form seems to be the Chanticleer pear which has a strong vase shape. This pear variety does not have the shallow branching habit that makes them susceptible to breaking under winter snow loading like so many of the decorative pears. These trees will also add to the Town's Spring display with their white flowers.

The Hornbeam trees are truly magnificent trees. They start out in life as a columnar tree similar to a Poplar. Later, as they age they will spread out a bit. As you can see in the accompanying photo of our trees taken prior to planting, the root balls of our trees are large, with some greater than 4 feet in diameter. These are now in place across from the Red Lion complex.

New lilac tree (Elm & Main streets).

Stop by the Village and see our "New Look."

Heather Drive

We have heard, over the years, lots of discussion in Town about the condition of Forest Avenue. What most do not know, is that the Heather Drive project plays an important role in the Forest Avenue situation. Norfolk County will not let us pave Forest Avenue until this drainage project and one other near the Forest Avenue entrance to Wheelwright Park are complete. Only then, can Forest Avenue be done. After a number of years of promises, the Heather Drive Drainage project is finally underway, soon to be finished. So, now, one down — one to go!

Chanticleer pear trees on Main Street.

Three new Hornbeam trees ready to be unloaded from the truck.

Greenbush update

North Main Street crossing should be open by the end of this week or early next week, weather permitting. Spring Street across from the Historical Society will closed in mid July while utilities are replaced under the rail bed. When this work is completed it will be opened temporarily while the Spring / Pond intersection / crossing is finished. Later, this section of Spring Street will be closed permanently. Shortly after the 4th of July holiday, Smith Place will close forever at Ripley Road. Also, the MBTA is scheduled to begin work on the Town Parking Lot after the 4th of July. A portion of the lot behind the Main Street shops will be closed to all parking first to redo the drainage.

We've mentioned a number of times that the Town is very unhappy that the MBTA has not lived up to the Mitigation Agreement to supply 182 Public Parking spaces in the reconfigured Town Parking Lot. And, they have cut their project short at Pleasant Street so that it no longer meets our Village Revitalization project. Consequently we are following the procedures for "Informal Dispute Resolution" as defined by our Mitigation Agreement. The first phase culminated in a meeting on Wednesday, June 21st to attempt to resolve our differences. We were under the impression that "Dispute Resolution" involves a bit of "give and take" on each side. The MBTA offered nothing new and no compromise whatsoever. So, the meeting was over very quickly.

The second phase will be with the General Manager of the MBTA, or his designee who must be a senior manager of the MBTA, as well as a senior official of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction and no less than a majority of the Board of Selectmen. It is interesting to note that since a majority of the Board of Selectmen must be present, the Town must follow the Open Meeting Laws. This means that this second round of Informal Dispute Resolution must be a public meeting and so posted. We are tentatively looking at Wednesday July 12th.

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Yes, there is a war on

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I can recall a time when, if you asked the waitress in a restaurant for an extra pat of butter, she'd answer you in a voice dripping with scorn, "Don't you know there's a war on?" and you'd slink away figuratively in shame.

Ask almost anyone today, "Don't you know there's a war on?" and there's a good chance the answer would be "No."

Gasoline rationing was felt by the ordinary civilian most of all. They were graded A, B and C according to importance.

That's the big problem with the war in Iraq. Except for the guys and gals who are doing the fighting and dying and those closest to them back home, no one else is personally involved. There's a pat of butter for everyone.

Sixty-odd years ago, when World War II was at its height, a pound of butter may have been cheap compared the today's prices but it also cost you 16 red points and a half pound, when you could get it, wiped out your red points for the week.

A pound of oleomargarine was only four red points but it came in unappetizing white blocks that looked like lard and you had to mix it with button of yellow coloring to make it palatable, thanks to a law promoted by the Wisconsin butter people.

Points was the method employed by the U.S. Office of Price Administration (OPA) to control the distribution of food through War Ration Books containing red stamps for meat and dairy products and blue stamps for groceries.

At one time during the war, a pound of steak was worth 12 red points, a pound of hamburger seven red points, a 16 ounce can of peaches 18 blue points, a 16-ounce can of carrots six blue points and a 4 fi ounce jar of baby food one blue point.

Housewives, the ones who were not working in defense plants, at least, had to keep a close eye on the local newspaper just in case something like this was to appear among the war news.

"March 31 — Last day to use A, B and C coupons for processed food in War Ration Book No. 2."

Gasoline rationing was felt by the ordinary civilian most of all. They were graded A, B and C according to importance. A "C" sticker on your windshield might mean you were a doctor; a "B" sticker a war worker; and an "A' just a guy who got in the way..

"A" coupons were worth three gallons of gas a week. Figuring the average car got 16 miles to the gallon, that would take you from Braintree to Plymouth and back one Sunday afternoon a week. You knew there was a war on.

Is it any wonder that the goal of a driver with an "A" sticker would be a "B" sticker and a driver with a "B" sticker would seek a "C" sticker and everyone would shoot for the "T" sticker that truckers had and were willing to sell at outrageous prices.

Posters everywhere reminded us that there was a war on. "Buy bonds!" one urged. "Save Waste Paper," said another. "Loose Lips Sink Ships," said the sailor in the poster as he put his fingers to his lips.

And my favorite, the one that urged the collection of bacon grease to make into glycerin for explosives — "take your fat cans to the butcher shop!"

HEALTH NOTES

Loss of shoreline due to global warming

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week we commented on the effects of the now acknowledged effect of global warming on Cohasset and the eastern seaboard. Many observers, including the State Office of Environmental Affairs and the EPA have already established programs for lessening the weather-related effects of climate changes associated with the phenomenon.

For example, a great variety of emergency preparations have been planned and many initiated which have reached the community level in Towns such as Cohasset. But, more important, if one looks at the overall thrust of government preparation, some necessary steps have already been taken to lessen the effects of physical changes in our environment which have long been going on and which, though not directly connected with global warming, certainly will tend to have a negative impact on coastal communities.

Some of the major effects of global warming concern coastal erosion and loss of shorefront. One of the best examples of loss of shorefront is Houston, Texas. In Nassau Bay, a suburb on the outskirts of Houston, before the recent hurricanes, one could go to Nassau Bay and see four bedroom houses sitting in 3 feet of water 400 feet from shore at low tide. Galveston Bay is one of hundreds of such examples; the reason Galveston was selected is that they have a volunteer assessment program which gives hard scientific data on the conditions of shoreline loss. As weather conditions deteriorate from global warming we can expect storm systems like those Cohasset has encountered this spring and summer.

In the gabions behind the Cohasset Delicatessen, from left, standing is Shalea Daly; crouching down with back to the camera, receiving the sample from the students is Jack Buckley; in the brook itself are Josh Dupre, Zach Troupe, and Ryan Daly. Standing in the background are, from left, Marilyn McCrory from CZM, Sara Grady, NSRWA; and student Ryan McLellan.

Several parts of Cohasset have conditions which are affecting the shape of our shorefront. One such site is at Bailey's Creek where a succession of northeast storms has blown sufficient sand from Bassing Beach to narrow that channel to the estuary. Another area is Jacobs meadow where a small change in tidal rise and fall has changed the flushing characteristics of the meadow and changed a saltmarsh to fresh or brackish water with a substantial change of vegetation and habitat. Sandy Beach, Sandy Cove, and Bow Street, Richardson's Brook and Cat Dam in Little Harbor all have received oversight of one form or another from Federal and State agencies interested in the problem.

Last week we reported that Cohasset student Summer Institute (a part of the Center for Student Coastal Research) volunteers were involved in another part of the effort: a study which gives Cohasset assessment data from which the Town can plan the next steps to combat flooding in the Towns stormwater drainage system.

The program consisted of taking data successively from 14 key sites in central downtown area which are indicators of the major sources of flooding. The data taken were water flow, velocity and volume; water quality, bacteria and entrococci; temperature salinity, and solids content.

In order to obtain the data student volunteers had to go out at the beginning of a storm and collect samples from the 14 culverts streams, manholes, catchbasins and gabions. They were required to sample in a particular order, and they had to collect samples at two different times. All told the sample collection required about 9 hours for sample collection and fifteen to 18 hours of analysis and record keeping. The following students from the Cohasset School system participated in this program or others like it this year:

Evan Deutsch, Zach Troupe, Rob Brady, Shalea Daly, Rob St. John, Ryan Daly, Derek St. Peter, Emily Nash, John Choi, May McCarthy, Robin Earle, Mike Kusek, Ellie Baumgarten, and Aisling Guinee.

Students were out in the worst weather and stayed with the job until it was done. Town owes them a debt of gratitude at a particularly difficult time; graduation, a peak of student activities and preparation for trips; some like Appalachia were another volunteer effort. They demonstrated qualities of which their parents should be inordinately proud, and the Board of Health can only thank them for an unusual job well done and assure them of the gratitude of those whose responsibility it is to make our town systems function properly.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

POLITICAL NOTES

Mulvey announces Senate campaign

Matt Mulvey of Weymouth has announced he is running for the state Senate in the Plymouth/Norfolk District, which serves Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. A campaign kick off event took place on June 27 at the Jackson Square Restaurant and Tavern in Weymouth. State Rep. James Murphy of the 4th Norfolk District, Norfolk County Commissioner John M. Gillis, and Michael Traft, chairman of the Hingham DTC were in attendance and spoke in support of Mulvey.

The state Senate seat is currently held by Robert L. Hedlund, a Republican.

Matt Mulvey

Mulvey, a Democrat, is a small business owner and Massachusetts Certified Building Commissioner, a Massachusetts Certified Title 5 Inspector, a builder licensed by the commonwealth of Massachusetts and the cities of Boston and Cambridge. He is also s a certified engineering technician and author of building codes and zoning and land use bylaws. He currently serves as president of the New England Building Code Association.

Formerly, he worked for the city of Boston, supervising the rehabilitation of depressed neighborhoods, managing a $15 million budget and staff of 23. He is also a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Mulvey has volunteered for many causes, including the Walk for Hunger, Father Bill's Place, American Heart Association, WUMB Public Radio at UMass-Boston and the Talking Information Center.

Mulvey has been endorsed by Murphy, who spoke at the kick off event saying that he "looked forward to working with Matt Mulvey. It's important for all of us to get behind Matt." Traft urged the crowd to "get out the word." Mulvey spoke on energy conservation, health care and education. "We need a change. I'm willing to work until the job is done. Let's all get on board a train heading to a place called new ideas."

The family and friends of Mulvey are hosting a fundraiser on Tuesday, July 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the West Roxbury Pub and Restaurant, 1885 Centre St., West Roxbury.

For more information, visit www.mattmulvey.com.

Tune-in to Village talk

Our Town discussion continues about Cohasset's Downtown Revitalization Project.

Former Selectman Ronnie McMorris joins co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to raise questions on whether the project has followed the original plans voted in by the town.

Political activist Nancy Garrison takes the position that the project is in line with the town's wishes and provides her understanding of the goals and outcomes of the current project.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Responsibility to question and challenge

COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

Since Cohasset schools are the only public schools in town, it is our duty to be vigilant for the welfare of our students and our responsibility to question and challenge the elected officials and/or the administration. They aren't infallible.

In her recent column, Supt. Walsh attempted "to clarify misinformation, separate fact from fiction". Unfortunately she has left me with more questions than answers.

Non-resident tuition — Regarding the non-resident tuition/School Choice issue my recollections differ from the superintendent's account beginning with the number of non-resident students. In a matter of a few weeks I heard 3 different numbers (65, 22 and 11) used by Supt. Walsh discussing the number of non-resident students. In her Mariner commentary she included another number: 25. Is there any doubt where the confusion starts?

The misleading information provided by Supt. Walsh at the May 25 meeting was what ultimately caused the school committee to unanimously vote against School Choice. She reported that Cohasset would be liable for $35,000 for each SPED student accepted under School Choice before Circuit Breaker funds kicked in, thus making the program financially unfeasible for Cohasset. But according to MGL - *School choice special education pupils' tuitions are designed to reflect the actual costs of specific services for each pupil.* This means that Cohasset would receive $5,000 for each SPED student accepted plus 100 percent of any additional amounts above that for any SPED services incurred.

Yes, the $5,000/pupil reimbursement rate is far less than what is currently expended on average each year, but the METCO program that the Superintendent wishes to expand brings to Cohasset approx. $1,300/student. Additionally, METCO does not offer any reimbursement for specific services a student may require.

For FY'06, the average single family home contributed $5,242 in real estate taxes to education, much less than the cost of educating one child. In families with more than one student in our schools, the amount received in taxes is substantially less than what one child in School Choice brings to the school.

Yes, school districts of "Choice" cannot select or discriminate against who is enrolled, but it does not preclude the children of staff participating in the program. It is done on a first come basis, with priority given to siblings if desired. We also cannot 'select' who is enrolled in the METCO program. But in all programs the superintendent has the final say in the number of openings.

Fiscal Management — I don't concur with Supt. Walsh's statement. *"For the second year in a row, due to sound fiscal management, the school department will close at the end of the fiscal year without an operational deficit."*

In the last two years, we were told that due to override failures students have been deprived of electives, textbooks and supplies. Instead new administrative positions were added with some hefty salary increases, a very lucrative teachers contract was finalized and there have been surpluses.

For FY'05, Supt. Walsh reported a $222,083 utility budget deficit to the Advisory Committee six weeks before she 'discovered' a $190,652 salary budget surplus. The result of this creative bookkeeping was an unbudgeted $81,652 windfall from town Reserve Funds to the school coffers for FY'06. Remember Town Meeting never voted or approved the money be used for that purpose.

I've been informed that surplus money (outside of the Pothole Grant) was available in FY'06 budget and used to prepay textbooks for FY'07. If true, it is unconscionable since we've been consistently told that our students lacked textbooks and supplies in the classroom.

After receiving the $205,000 Chap 70 'Pothole' supplemental education funding grant in Oct '06, it should have been used for critical classroom needs — electives, textbooks and supplies — instead of hoarded. Our children only have one chance at each grade level. It's apparent our officials and administrators don't know where their top priority for educational spending should be.

My opinion of 'sound fiscal management' includes transparency that clearly indicates line item disclosures plus revenue outside the budget, budget adjustments when transfers are made between line items, actual up to date reports, linking the school budget to the town CFO's computer, and most importantly, accountability.

Leonora "Lee" C. Jenkins lives on Jerusalem Road

Global warming crisis and us

COMMENTARY

KEN READ-BROWN

A small group from Sustainable South Shore and Old Ship Church in Hingham organized receptions to follow the 7:30 showings at the Loring Theater of "An Inconvenient Truth" this past Friday and Saturday. This is the film created by former vice-president Al Gore concerning, as the subtitle of his book by the same name puts it, "the planetary emergency of global warming and what we can do about it."

The Loring holds more than 200 and it was close to full on both nights. Even so, on the first night we expected only 20 or 30 people at the reception. After all, we reasoned, wouldn't people prefer to be headed for home and bed at 9:30 in the evening rather than to a gathering to discuss global warming? It turned out the answer for over half the audience was "no." A steady stream of people headed up the street to the Old Ship Parish House, and by the time everyone was there, about 120 folks from many South Shore towns were sipping lemonade, quickly finishing all the home-made cookies, and ready to talk and listen and learn. Next night – another almost full theater, another 120 people gathering afterwards. (This time we were ready with more chairs, more lemonade, and more cookies.)

It was inspiring and heartening.

The crisis of global warming transcends political or religious affiliation, transcends national boundaries, indeed transcends most if not all other issues we face on the planet today. Temperatures are rising. Human activity is responsible for much if not most of the increase. And the results will likely be disastrous if we do nothing: increasingly devastating storms and heat waves, increasing rates of extinctions, melting ice caps, rising sea levels flooding coastal communities, … the stakes are about as high as they can be. So it was indeed inspiring and heartening to see that so many people were interested enough to stay late into the evening and share their feelings and their ideas.

And there is no shortage of ideas. Everyone wants to know what they can do to help, and — good news — there is plenty to do: We can drive more fuel efficient vehicles… and drive less — walk, bicycle, ride public transportation, or sometimes just stay put; recycle and reuse and conserve more… and consume less; replace light bulbs with energy saving compact florescent bulbs; get an energy audit for our homes and businesses; set our thermostats lower in the cold months, higher in the hot months… try living without air-conditioning.

All of this is good. All of this will help. Still… all of this, even taken together, will not be enough. We also need to be politically active – demanding of elected officials and candidates of all parties (remember, this transcends partisan politics) that they effectively address global warming by, to give just two examples, supporting alternative sources of energy (including wind farms, the fastest growing source of energy on the planet) and setting much higher fuel standards for new vehicles.

Close to home, here in we can support our towns as they work to create a town-wide energy plan. We can urge them to be radical in their dreaming of a greener place. The South Shore is already green when it comes to our beautiful parks and conservation land; but our towns can become greener when it comes to local responses to global warming: Windmills in Hull – how about in other towns?

If you haven't seen "An Inconvenient Truth," go and see it. It is not a perfect film, but it is an essential film. If you've already seen it, tell a friend, tell 10 friends, to see it.

In the end, though our responses must be personal, political, and technological, global warming is, as Al Gore affirms in the film, a moral issue. Let us act because we each share responsibility for the health of the planet on which we live. Let us act because we love the children in our lives and everywhere who will inherit this world from us. Let us act because we love the beautiful web of life of which we are a part. Let us act.

Ken Read-Brown is minister, First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship Church) Unitarian Universalist.

For more information about Sustainable South Shore go to www.sustainablesss.org; many national environmental organizations have resources about global warming, including Sierra Club, Union of Concerned Scientists, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Environmental Defense, all easily accessible on the worldwide web.

'Second' school financial report needed

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some of us used to have). Once done and presented in advance of town meeting the project was approved. My compliments to those lawyers and, by extension, to town manager Bill Griffin for his simplification and improvements on the Cohasset Warrant and Town Report.

So, perhaps if the School Committee and the Superintendent think it might improve communications they could think outside the box and create a second financial report along the lines Mr. Fusco has suggested. I know it's more work but I think it would improve the public's understanding and would reduce the friction that has emerged.

Terry McCarthy lives on Old Pasture Road.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of June 26-30.

$25.7 BILLION FISCAL 2007 STATE BUDGET (H 5000)

House 148-3 and 150-0, Senate 38-0 and 37-0, approved and sent to Gov. Mitt Romney the conference committee version of a $25.7 billion fiscal 2007 state budget. The package includes an increase of $158 million in Lottery Aid and $216.5 million in Chapter 70 Education Aid. The budget was released only a few hours prior to the vote and some legislators complained that it is unfair to give legislators only a few hours to review all the fine print in a 254-page package prior to voting on it. Supporters said that the budget is a fiscally responsible one that funds necessary programs and new initiatives without raising taxes. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against the budget).

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS (H 4758)

House 156-0, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill creating the Personal Care Attendant Quality Home Care Workforce Council to ensure the quality of long-term personal care services provided to seniors and persons with disabilities under MassHealth (Medicaid) in their homes by personal care attendants. The council's duties would include recruitment and training and establishment of a directory of personal care attendants. Supporters said that the council would help address the shortage of quality personal care attendants. They noted that these attendants help people continue to live in their homes rather than going into a nursing home or other institution. Some argued that this type of home care costs approximately $40 per day while a nursing home costs $140 per day. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE (H 4781)

House 154-0, approved a bill hiking the minimum wage from $6.75 per hour to $8 per hour over three years. Senate 38-0, approved a bill hiking the wage to $8 per hour over two years. A conference committee of three representatives and three senators was appointed to resolve the differences. Supporters said that this pro-worker bill would ensure economic justice and help thousands of families that are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argued that a minimum wage hike is in fact one of the best anti-poverty programs available. The vote was unanimous but business groups including the Retailers Association of Massachusetts lobbied against it. They argued that the hike is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and energy costs and the nations' highest unemployment insurance premiums. They noted that it would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices. (A "Yes" vote is for the minimum wage hike. The House vote is on the hike to $8 over three years. The Senate vote is on the hike to $8 over two years).

RESTRICT SALE OF MERCURY PRODUCTS (S 2464)

House 156-0, approved a House-Senate conference committee version of a bill banning the sale in Massachusetts of many products containing mercury including thermometers, thermostats, switches, barometers and new motor vehicles with mercury-added switches. The measure also prohibits any mercury-added products from being disposed of in the trash and requires manufacturers to establish a collection system for their environmentally safe disposal. Supporters said that the bill would help remove this dangerous toxin from the state's waste stream and vastly improve the health of the state's citizens. They noted that mercury is a dangerous neurotoxin that enters the air and water, contaminates fish and causes birth defects in children and disease in adults. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

MASSAGE THERAPISTS (S 2258)

House 134-22, overrode Gov. Mitt Romney's veto of a bill creating a new state board to regulate the state's estimated 5,000 massage therapists and require that they meet certain educational or experience requirements in order to be licensed to practice. Current law leaves this process up to local boards of health. The bill also prohibits the granting of a license to anyone who has been convicted of a sexually-related crime or crime involving moral turpitude in the last ten years. Supporters of the bill said that transferring this authority to the state would create uniform standards and regulations to protect the public and ensure that only qualified people are licensed to be massage therapists. They argued that the current piecemeal approach by local boards of health is inconsistent and does not protect the consumer. Opponents of the bill said that they support the concept of state licensing of massage therapists but argued that the creation of a new and costly state bureaucracy is unnecessary when the duties could be handled by the existing Board of Registration of Allied Health Professionals that currently licenses and regulates occupational therapists, athletic trainers and physical therapists. They argued that the bill should include a lifetime license ban on anyone who has ever been convicted of a sex crime and noted that a ten-year ban is insufficient and irresponsible. Supporters of the bill argued that the ten-year restriction is reasonable and noted that sex offenders who committed their crime more than ten years ago could be denied a license by the board under a section of the bill that allows the board to deny a license to any applicant that it determines is not of good moral character. The Senate several days ago overrode the veto and the bill will become law in three months. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL.

CIGARETTE FIRES (S 2403)- The House gave final approval to a Senate-approved bill requiring that cigarettes sold in Massachusetts be designed to self-extinguish if left unattended. Supporters said that the bill would save lives by preventing fires from unattended or carelessly discarded cigarettes. Only a final Senate okay is needed prior to the measure going to Gov. Romney.

LICENSE GENETIC COUNSELORS AND NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS- The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Romney a measure (H 4326) creating a state board to license and regulate genetic counselors who work with individuals and families on the risk of passing on a genetic predisposition for birth defects and disorders to future generations. The House also approved a bill (H 4250) creating a state board to license and regulate naturopathic doctors. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians defines naturopathic doctors as "primary care and specialty doctors who address the underlying cause of disease through effective, individualized natural therapies that integrate the healing powers of body, mind and spirit." Supporters said that these increasing popular practices should be regulated and licensed by the state in order to ensure that these professionals are qualified and to protect against fraud.

PENSION FOR FORMER REP. MICHAEL RUANE (H 5063)- Gov. Romney proposed an amendment to a bill providing the late former Rep. Michael Ruane with a $44,000 annual state pension and health insurance benefits that would be collected by his wife despite the fact that Ruane never paid into the state's retirement system. The amendment would require Romney, Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey and all the members of the Legislature to privately fund the pension through payments to the state's pension fund of one-half of one percent of their base salary. Romney's amendment would replace the part of the bill that funds the pension through the sale of Ruane's house when his wife and children who are living in the house die. Ruane was denied the right to enter the retirement system from 1975 to 1994 because he was already in the city of Salem's system. He did not take advantage of a special bill passed into law in 1994 that allowed him to join the state's pension system. Romney estimates that the annual payment would be approximately $675 from him, $600 from Healey and $275 from each legislator. Supporters of the original bill said that the Legislature should do the right thing and help this former legislator, his sick wife and their children. In a written statement, Romney said, "The bill would play favorites by creating a special benefit for the family of one former legislative colleague that is not available to other similarly situated persons. Through my amendment, the elected officials responsible for this legislation will be able to demonstrate compassion and at the same time bear all the costs associated with the bill."

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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How does Cohasset measure up?

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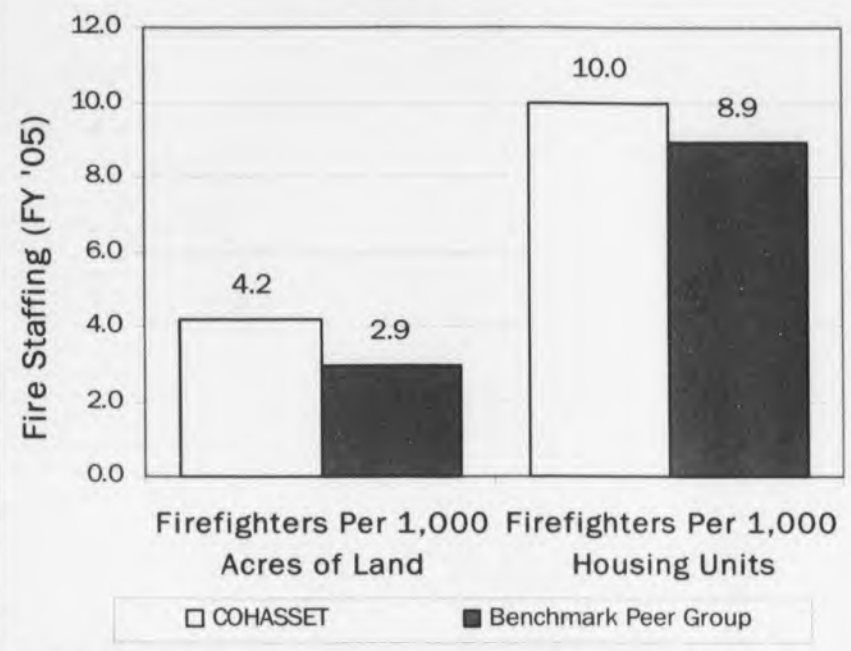

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). A value of zero indicates that the staffing data was not available.

This chart examines the number of firefighters in Cohasset on the basis of the total geographic area and number of housing units that the fire department must cover. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. Please note that communities can have full time or call/volunteer firefighters, or some combination. This chart includes all firefighters.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

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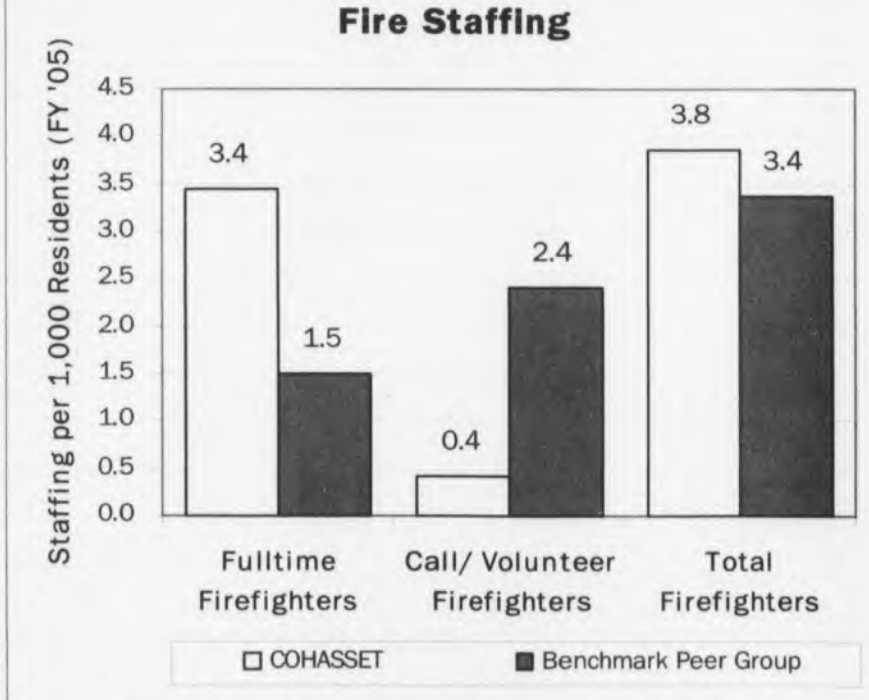

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This chart shows the number of firefighters by type Cohasset had working in its fire department per 1,000 residents. Communities staff their fire departments with full time or call/volunteer firefighters, or some combination. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

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A convoy of tanks on patrol in Iraq. Steve Pink takes up a camera.

The War Tapes give National Guardsmen a voice

COMMENTARY

ROBIN CHAN

The War Tapes is a tale of three men and of war. It is a documentary that is told by the soldiers themselves providing them an opportunity to tell their story as honestly as possible.

The film centers on three New Hampshire National Guardsmen and their loved ones during their service in Iraq. Stephen Pink, a Kingston native, is one of those soldiers. They were asked to film their experience and the resulting product is an important body of work because it is a story that is generally not told to the public. Our armed forces are a surprisingly silent population. Now with the War Tapes, they have a voice.

To stay sane, the troops try to break up the long and tedious days by telling witty one-liners and by teasing their comrades. This helps make watching the film surprisingly pleasant, since the film could have easily caused the viewer to reach for the nearest bottle of Prozac to deal with serious issues that arise from war. The film can be offensive for some viewers so discretion is advised.

The troops find themselves in a situation quite different from their training. The army is taught to invade and to kill the enemy; however, they are now forced to suppress that instinct in an occupational war. The problem of roadside bombs, which are often planted in certain neighborhoods, is an example of this. Instead of dealing with the problem by expelling the locals living in the neighborhood and securing the area, they are forced to be like civilian cops and wait until they are attacked before dealing with the situation then and there, often repeating the dance two or three days afterwards.

This internal conflict is apparent in the War Tapes, and it offers insight into how incidents such as the one in Haditha, where U.S. troops are accused of murdering 24 Iraqi civilians, could arise. Incidents like the one in Haditha may be an extremely isolated case; unfortunately, it only takes one incident to stir the emotions of a people. One need only look to the Boston Massacre, which further inflamed the colonists' hatred of what they viewed as an occupying force.

One noticeable point of the movie for me, and one emphasized by the director through editing, is their aversion to protecting convoys from KBR/ Halliburton that were transporting goods such as certain luxury food items from place to place. They were risking their lives for cheesecake. The role of money and the blatant profiting by a number of corporations makes this conflict different from past ones. This can disillusion the troops who are risking their lives for drivers who may make $80,000 or more a year from KBR instead of actively fighting the enemy.

Not only do some soldiers pay the ultimate price and are killed in battle, but countless more will face the hidden enemy of memory that will haunt them until their dying day. Oftentimes, the soldier will face this battle alone with their memory because they may feel their loved ones will not understand or that it would not be "manly" to openly discuss their challenges after returning to a society largely removed from war. The memory of a scarring incident involving a Humvee and an Iraqi girl was triggered by the seemingly innocuous scream by Spc. Mike Moriarty's wife to a spider triggered a heated argument that could have caused additional strain to their relationship. This may be the most challenging enemy as they can't escape their mind and must live with these images.

Steve Pink of Kingston is shown riding in a humvee.

Even if they are not scarred by the images of war, they have lost a long year spending time with their loved ones, watching the Red Sox win their first World Series in 86 years (in the case of these three National Guardsman who served in 2004), or enjoying what life has to offer as the fear of the unknown grips them and their families daily.

This past week, we celebrated Independence Day, which was won by the sweat and tears of our nation's servicemen and women. Sadly, their continued sacrifices are often not appreciated. I was able to go kayaking, watch a documentary on the War in Iraq, and have good food and company during the weekend of the Fourth because of the sacrifices they have made.

Free from foreign influences, our forefathers set forth to lay down the foundation, albeit an imperfect one, of a democracy that would allow those freedoms to be enjoyed. What we have, but the Iraqis do not, is ownership of our own destiny, which is why I fear that democracy will never take root there.

The U.S. government would not allow a full-fledged civil war, which would legitimize the Iraqi's ownership of their country, with an uncertain outcome. Civil war would affect the health of the U.S. economy and the world economy since both are dependent on a consistent supply of oil. The price of oil is at a particularly precarious point as the Gulf States are producing at capacity levels, reserves are at an all time low, and demand is exceeding supply as a result of the growing economies of America, China, and India. Given this situation, it is difficult to see a happy ending where Iraqi children can live without fear and violence since the U.S. government will rightly do what it thinks best for their own citizens at the potential cost of a budding democracy and of a people.

It is important that we are mindful of the sacrifices made by soldiers and by their families so that our children can be free to be children. One way to honor our troops is to thank serviceman when you see them. A more important way to honor them is to never take life for granted.

The War Tapes is an important film to watch because it drives home the sacrifices that are being made for our freedoms, ones that are often taken for granted and ones that are being eroded by legislation. It shows how the soldiers and their families are affected by the conflict. Celebrate the soldiers' lives by appreciating what you have. Their sacrifice is too great not to honor them.

Robin Chan is a staff photographer for Community Newspaper Co. The War Tapes is currently being shown at the Kendall Landmark Theatres in Cambridge. For showtimes, check listings or the website:

http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/Boston/Boston_Frames et.htm

Steve Pink's girlfriend, Lindsay Coletti, reads one of this letters.

Deborah Scranton, director of The War Tapes.

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At the end of another day at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, stage manager Tim Berry, standing, meets with production manager Dave Wentling to get his paycheck.

A day at the big top

COMMENTARY

MATT DUNNING

(Editor's note: this is the second of a two-part series detailing what goes on behind the scenes at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, in preparation, specifically, for the Doobie Brothers' show Saturday, June 17. Part one appeared in last week's Journal.)

7 p.m., The invasion:

Parking cars was always my least favorite part of working at the Music Circus. Once all of the gear is set up, the empty cases are stored out of sight and the venue is tidied up a bit, the local crew, donning orange safety vests, heads out to direct cars into the parking lot.

Because space is limited, the cars are packed into the lots bumper-to-bumper, which makes some patrons, to put it delicately, a bit ornery. To placate those who don't wish got get blocked in, the Circus offers additional parking at the Cohasset Swim Center. Most though, having experienced parking nightmares at the Tweeter Center and Gillette Stadium, are happy enough not to have to pay for on-site parking or walk a mile and a half to the venue. With the parking operation, the goal is to maintain some semblance of order in the lot while trying not to get run over.

8 p.m., The hors d'oeuvre:

Finally, it's show time.

I headed in from the parking lot and made my way toward the lighting booth. The opening act for the night — the hors d'oeuvre, as our production manager Dave Wentling is given to calling them — was a local comedian whose name escapes me.

Comedians, from a lighting standpoint, are a cinch, and doubly so when they're confined to a small portion of the stage. The lighting rig at the Circus is such that it doesn't lend itself well to acts that like to roam the stage, mostly because the truss above the stage is only slightly wider than the stage itself. However, this gentleman was confined by the Doobie Brothers' gear to about four feet in any direction, which meant keeping him evenly lit would not be difficult. The other enjoyable aspect of lighting comedians at the Music Circus is that the scene (that is, the mix of colors on the stage) doesn't change during the performance, which gave me time to go over the cue sheets the Doobies' tour manager had left on my chair earlier in the day.

9 p.m., The main event:

Here's where my day usually gets good.

Every year, there are a handful of acts that roll into the Circus without a designated lighting personality. In these cases, the local lighting director (LD) is responsible for lighting the show. The inherent challenge is that the local lighting director has rarely, if ever, seen the show itself, and in lighting, timing is everything. Scene changes are typically plotted to coincide with specific points in the show, namely big crescendos, rhythm changes, etc. Not knowing when exactly those moments will come adds a rather large degree of difficulty to the task of putting together a light show that truly accents the music. Fortunately the Doobies' tour manager had the foresight to put together a cue packet. For each song, he noted the tempo and general mood of the song to give me a better idea of what kind of look he wanted. He also on occasion noted specific effects he was looking for, going as far to request "Rock Lightning" for one song.

Before 2005, lighting at the Music Circus was a relatively simple thing. The addition of eight robotic moving lights last summer, however, brought with it a whole new dimension of visual effects to go along with the music. Instead of merely changing colors to a rhythm, an LD at the Music Circus can produce a larger realm of light, beyond the stage, by lighting the audience, the truss and the inner walls of the tent, making the show itself seem that much larger and bringing the audience that much closer to the action.

As for the rest of the techs, during the show they keep busy in the production office, doing odd repair jobs or lining up the empty cases for easier access during load out. The techs are also responsible for providing security for the talent as they come bounding down the Star Aisle toward the stage.

10:30 p.m., Load out:

Load out at virtually any other venue is almost always easier than load in, if for no other reason than it's generally easier to take something apart than it is to put it together. However, at the Music Circus, loading a show out at the end of the night is, quite literally, an uphill battle. The bowl-like shape of the venue and the natural contours of the grounds dictate that every case has to make an uphill journey to the truck waiting in the parking lot. Having already been on the clock for close to 10 hours, pushing case after case, some weighing in excess of 500 pounds, up an incline in the muggy evening air is, to say the least, a daunting charge for even the most stalwart of stagehands. Nonetheless, piece-by-piece, all the gear makes its way back to the trailer from whence it came. As during the load-in, the local crew is divided into smaller cells, a few working on the band gear, a few with the monitor engineer and a few at front-of-house. Once the whole pack is returned to the loading area, it's lined up in the reverse order that it came out in. Most of the crew lines up to shove the cases up the steel ramp into the back of the truck, while a few remain inside the trailer to help stack the cases on top of one another to conserve space. All told, it took us grunts about two hours to tear down the entire setup for the Doobie Brothers, box it up, and pack it into the truck. Not bad for a bunch of kids just looking to make a little money during the summer.

12:30 p.m., Last call:

After the tour crew shoves off into the night, and most of the local crew has gone home, the few of us left over head to one of the local bars for an adult beverage or two. Typically, we end up at the Sea Note in Hull, where Dave has a considerable amount of clout, but at that hour, any bar will do. It's as a good a reward for a hard day's work as we could ask for, beyond a paycheck.

We'll sit around, talk about the trials and triumphs (and a few catastrophes) we've encountered in our years at the 'Circus. Dave will usually regale us with a story or two from his days on the road with the Everly Brothers, Dr. John, or Alice Cooper (if memory serves, he was Cooper's snake keeper for a stretch of time). When the "last call" bell rings, we head home, knowing full well that in just a few short hours, we'll do it all over again.

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Bay State Games kick off July 10

As of July 1, the following Cohasset residents were scheduled to participate in the upcoming Bay State Games:

Meg Anderson - Tennis
Brent Daly - Track & Field
Corinna Durham - Track & Field
Hope Kissick - Swimming
Sally Meehan - Tennis
Sam Roth - Soccer
Christopher Roy - Wrestling
Kyle Roy - Wrestling

This list was provided by the Bay State Games, which begin July 10 and run through Sunday, July 23. For a complete schedule of events, go to www.baystategames.org.

Don't see your name in this report? Have a story and/or photo from the Games you'd like to share? E-mail sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com.

4 CHS alumni named college captains for '07

In a remarkable testimonial to the leadership qualities of Cohasset lacrosse players, four recent CHS grads have been selected to captain their college squads for the 2007 season.

Curt Kahn, Tom Anderson and Nick Spirito, all members of the Class of 2003, and Nick Murphy, a 2004 graduate, will respectively lead Trinity College, Connecticut College, Western Connecticut State and Wentworth Institute of Technology for next year's spring campaigns.

Kahn, one of Trinity's four co-captains, finished the 2006 season as the fourth-ranked scorer in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), averaging two goals and 3.38 points a game, and scoring four game-winning goals. The leading scorer for Trinity in both 2005 and 2006, Kahn now has 88 career points and is on target to break the century mark early in 2007.

Anderson, a Connecticut College co-captain who has been a three-year starter on defense, finished his '06 campaign with 11 ground balls, a season which saw Connecticut advance to the league playoffs.

"Anderson has been a pivotal member of the defense as a starter," notes the Connecticut College website, "and has one of the best sticks on the team."

Spirito will co-captain Western Connecticut for the second year in a row after being named a captain a year ago before he'd ever played a single game for the team. A transfer from Nazareth College after his freshman year, Spirito finished the '06 season with 30 ground balls and three forced turnovers as a starting close defenseman, despite an injury that kept him out of several early-season contests.

Finally, Murphy will lead Wentworth as a junior co-captain after a season where he played in goal in nine of the team's 13 games, posting a 4-3 record with a 7.95 goals against average and a .675 save percentage. After sharing the position with a senior in '06, Murphy is expected to lead the defense in 2007.

Tough luck for Post 118

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Tom Chase rounds third en route to scoring a run during Cohasset's win over Weymouth earlier this season. Post 118 is 5-6-2 entering the home stretch of the Legion season.

Rash of injuries throw wrench in playoff plans

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

What a difference a week can make.

A week ago, the Cohasset American Legion baseball team was battling to take over second place in Zone 6 East with a 5-2-2 record after winning three straight games and things were looking promising for Post 118 to land a spot in the district playoffs.

Hard times have hit Post 118, however, in the form of injuries to members of the pitching staff, and that has contributed to four straight losses which dropped Cohasset to 5-6-2 with five games remaining on the schedule. The playoffs are still within reach as Post 118 entered this week tied for the final playoff spot, but it needs to turn things around in the stretch run of this season.

"We've lost three starting pitchers for the season with injuries in the last week, and we're basically down to nine players now," noted Post 118 coach Fred Caffrey. "This has been a tough stretch for us with these injuries that have pretty much decimated us. Right now, we just need a win. The kids are still playing hard, but things aren't going very well for us right now."

Post 118's troubles began with a visit from perennial power Braintree last Wednesday night. Cohasset had tied Post 86 in an earlier meeting at Braintree, and had a 3-0 lead after three innings Wednesday night at Scituate High School with hard-throwing righthander Greg Malley getting the better of one of the zone's best-hitting teams during those first three innings.

But Malley left the game during the fourth inning with an arm injury and Braintree scored the game's next 12 runs and held on for a 12-7 victory which

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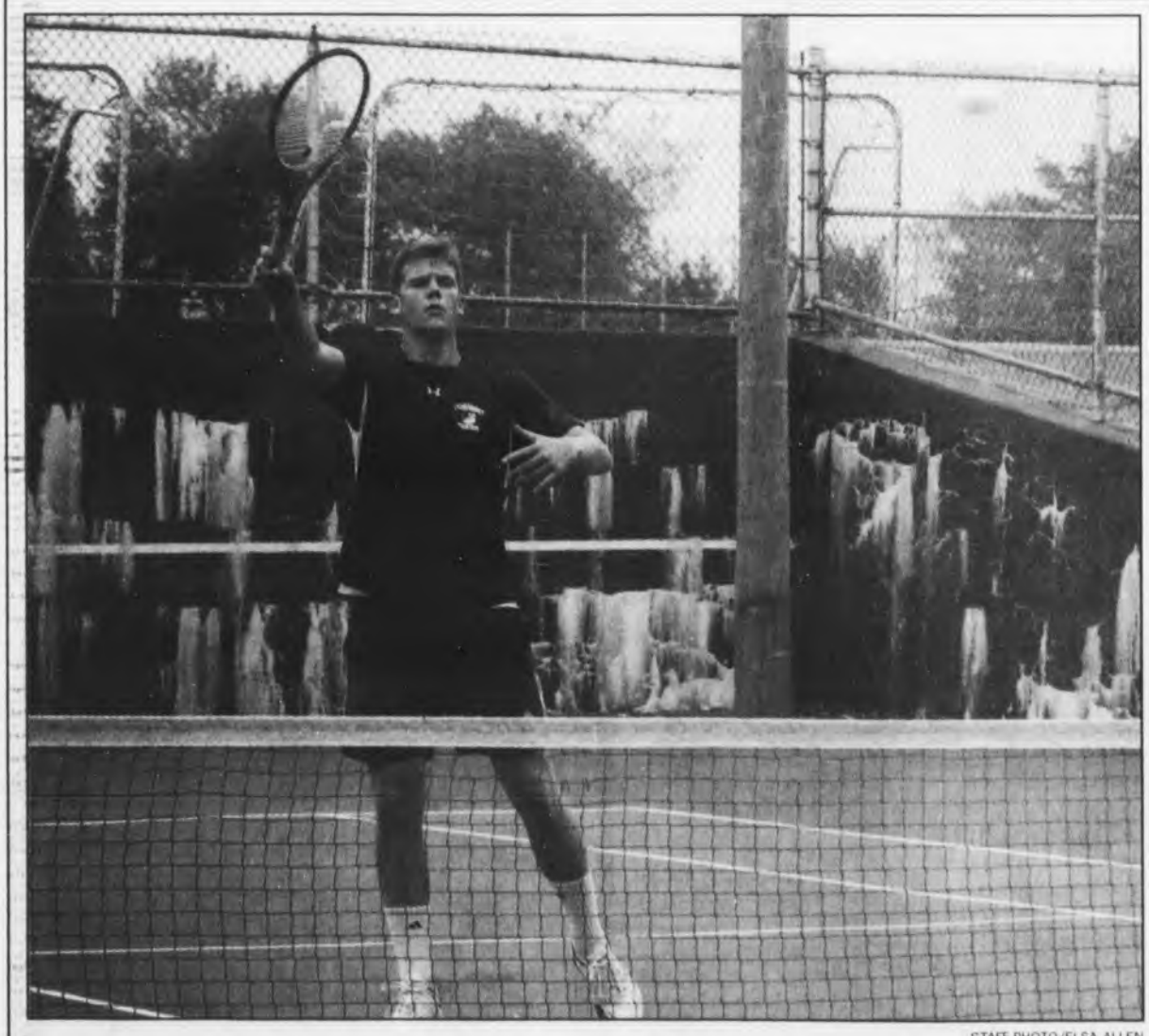

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Cohasset's Nils Sceery hits a winner after approaching the net during a state tournament match; next week, the Mariner will publish its All-Scholastic boys tennis team. For the girls tennis team, see page 18.

Strange bedfellows: France and me

WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN

I'll admit it, I was rooting for the French against Brazil on Saturday.

This wasn't necessarily the case at the beginning of the game. Four days prior, France had just eliminated Spain (my second country, according to those who know me best), and expectations were vast that the Brazilians would finally wake up and play like, well, Brazilians.

By halftime, however, my allegiance had switched to *Les Bleus*.

The French came into this tournament with the reputation of being a group of wonderfully talented individuals that played as just that: individuals. Their two most prominent players, Zinedine Zidane and Thierry Henry, had never figured out how to play with one another and could often be seen shouting at each other during matches.

In the group stage of this World Cup, it was more "France being France." They battled to two disappointing draws with Switzerland and South Korea, and in a game against Togo they needed to win, were tied 0-0 at the half.

But when Patrick Vieira scored in the 55th minute against the Togolese on a splendid turn-and-strike in the penalty area, it was almost as if to say, "Enough is enough."

France are a world power and now we will play like one - so said the message that was apparent in all of the players' body language after Vieira's goal. And that is precisely what they have done.

Mostly everyone who has followed this Cup, myself included, figured the French would be mere fodder for Spain en route to a quarterfinal against Brazil. The Spaniards played some of the best football of the group stage, and surely their young, energetic legs would run circles around the old, stolid Frenchmen.

The second half, which began 1-1, was all France. Players young (Franck Ribery, Florent Malouda) and old (Zidane, Vieira) attacked with gusto, while the back line - including some of the "old guard" in Lilian Thuram and William Gallas - repressed Spain's vaunted attack. The full time score line: France 3, Spain 1.

Several managers, including Brazil's Carlos Alberto Parreira, have been criticized in this tournament for doggedly sticking with older players at the expense of younger, more pacey athletes who have thrived throughout most of the competition.

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All-Scholastic girls tennis team

3 Skippers named among area's elite

Editor's Note: The Mariner's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: boys tennis.

FILE PHOTO/SUSAN PARK

Cohasset's Susan Curry is one of three Skippers on the Honorable Mention list, joining doubles players Charlotte and Elizabeth Landon.

Singles

Chelsea Grossman - Senior (Capt.) - First singles - Cohasset

Earns her second *Marinerland* All-Scholastic nod after making it as a doubles player in 2004…An athletic, durable player who won some tough matches for the South Shore League co-champions this year…Among those was a three-set win April 26 against Hingham; also won in three sets May 22 in Duxbury to clinch a 3-2 victory for her team…Grossman earned Cohasset's only team point in its tournament loss to eventual state finalist Scituate, defeating fellow All-Scholastic Lindsay Horne 3-6, 6-4, 6-4…Was seeded seventh in the MIAA individual tournament South sectional, and won two matches in that competition to advance to the Round of 16…Also played basketball for CHS, where she was a starter on this year's Division 4 South semifinal team

Maddie Ward - Junior - First singles - Hingham

Stepping into the shoes of departed four-year starter Meaghan Doyle wasn't easy, but Ward made it look that way…Just a junior, Ward compiled a record of 10-2 this spring, notching several big wins along the way…Recorded a pair of three-set wins over Duxbury and Notre Dame, helping the Harborwomen reign 3-2 in those matches…The Patriot League All-star's game has developed greatly since her freshman year, according to coach Jamie Kenney…"She was a big part of our early season success"…Hingham went 12-5 overall and qualified for play in the Div. 1 South Sectional team tourney…In the individual tourney, Ward reached the quarterfinals…The Harborwomen were the runners-up in the Patriot League at 11-2, the only losses coming against Scituate, a state finalist this season…Just a junior, Ward will return to the HHS courts next spring.

Terri Duffy - Senior (Capt.) - First singles - Marshfield

With three years experience at the No. 1 singles spot, Duffy was a proven leader this spring…The two-year captain racked up a 13-6 record this season, helping to guide the Lady Rams to a 15-2 record overall and 4-2 mark in the Old Colony League…A three-year OCL All-star, Duffy's greatest assets on the court were her confidence and strength, according to coach Roberta Daniele…"Her game really clicked this year and she really went after points. Her net play was really strong, which is rare in high school tennis"…Duffy's only two league losses came against Barnstable, a Div. 1 powerhouse…She won big matches in the Div. 1 South team tourney, topping opponents from Sharon and Wellesley to help Marshfield reach the quarterfinals…In the individual tourney, Duffy upset her seeded opponent before falling to Scituate's Lindsay Horne in the quarterfinals…Duffy also played basketball at Marshfield High and plans to continue playing both sports at Colby-Sawyer next year.

Kyra Holmquest - Sophomore - Second singles - Marshfield

What a difference a year makes…A strong player as a freshman at second singles last spring, Holmquest really came into her own this season…The sophomore racked up a record of 15-5, two of those losses coming against Barnstable…A smart player on the court, Holmquest gained a wealth of experience this spring…"Last year, she was young and inexperienced. This year she really matured as a player and that was the No. 1 difference," coach Roberta Daniele said…Holmquest's consistency at her position helped the Lady Rams finish as the runners-up to Barnstable in the Old Colony League (4-2) and earn the No. 5 seed in the Div. 1 South tourney…There, Holmquest won two matches to help the MHS girls reach the quarterfinals…Holmquest plans to further develop her tennis skills this summer playing in tournaments…Holmquest also runs cross country and indoor track at Marshfield High and she will return to all three teams next year.

Susan Bitetti - Sophomore - First singles - Norwell

About as talented a player there is in the local high school ranks, and opponents will still see her for another two years…Advanced to the championship match of the MIAA individual tournament before losing to St. Peter-Marian's Pam Jeppson; earlier that day, Bitetti dispatched Newton South's Lauren Hollender, 6-0, 6-1 in the semifinal…Did not lose a single game through the first four rounds of the tournament, in the process impressing fans from other towns with her poise on the court…Dropped the first three games of the South final against Bishop Feehan's Darcy Demers before coming back for a 6-3, 7-5 win for her second straight South crown…Was undefeated in team match play for the Clippers, routinely winning by 6-0, 6-0 scores…Earned Norwell's only team point in the Division 2 South quarterfinal loss to Duxbury…One of the highest ranked 16-and-under USTA New England players

Lindsay Horne - Senior (Capt.) - First singles - Scituate

Closed out her sterling SHS career in style with an excellent senior campaign…This marks Horne's fourth appearance on this team, the same number of times she was named a Patriot League All-Star…The leader of a singles group, featuring fellow All-Scholastics Samantha Santorella and Katie Pritchard, that dominated throughout the season and state tournament…Part of a singles sweep in sectional semifinals against Duxbury and sectional final against Ursuline…Picked up a big win over Bishop Feehan's Darcy Demers on May 22, 6-3, 7-5…Dependable in the clutch, as evidenced by her three-set victory on April 10 over Hingham's Maddie Ward (also an All-Scholastic); that win decided a 3-2 result in favor of the Lady Sailors…Advanced to the quarterfinals of the MIAA individual tournament South sectionals, a feat she also accomplished as a junior…Also was the starting goalie for the SHS girls soccer team

Katie Pritchard - Sophomore - Second singles - Scituate

Talk about a breakout season…Pritchard was very good as a freshman, earning *Marinerland* Honorable Mention status, but was even better this season…The highlight may have been advancing to the semifinals of the MIAA individual tournament South sectionals, winning five matches (including one against the number-3 seed) in that competition before being ousted by Norwell's Susan Bitetti, eventual state finalist and fellow All-Scholastic…Able to step up when it mattered most; with the Division 2 state semifinal match between Scituate and Lynnfield tied at 2-2, it was Pritchard who won a dramatic three-set affair to propel the Sailors to the state championship match…Along with teammates and All-Scholastics Lindsay Horne and Samantha Santorella, Pritchard was part of singles sweeps against Duxbury and Ursuline in the sectional semifinal and final, respectively…Will likely move up to the top singles spot in Scituate's lineup next season, and there is no reason to believe she won't thrive there, either

Samantha Santorella - Senior - Third singles - Scituate

Scituate's run to the state final was made possible largely by the return of Santorella, who at third singles redefined 'automatic point'…Would be a second singles player on any other team, and probably the top player in most other programs…A *Marinerland* All-Scholastic in 2004, when she went undefeated at first singles and led her team to the Division 1 South title match…Played through a broken left wrist this season, an injury that took away her incredible backhand; still, she had more than enough to dominate any opponent that came her way…Perhaps her most impressive win came in the state tournament match against Cohasset's Meg Anderson, a very good player who played to Santorella's backhand and took an early lead; the Sailors senior made the necessary adjustments and walked away with a 6-3, 6-1 win…Santorella earned the team's lone point in the state championship loss to Notre Dame of Worcester

Melissa Dempsey - Sophomore - First Singles - Weymouth

Teaming up with her twin sister Megan, Melissa Dempsey led the way for a young Weymouth team that fell just one win shy of a tournament berth in the final match of this season.

Playing first singles in the ultra-competitive Bay State Conference against such powerhouses as Newton North and Wellesley Dempsey more than held her own against some of the top high school players in the state. Her season highlights include a 6-0 6-0 win over her first singles counterpart from Braintree, and a huge win over Walpole that helped keep the teams tournament hopes alive at 5-7. After winning against Walpole she followed that up with a win over Norwood, and another dominating effort against Braintree. She even picked up a singles win in the season finale despite her team falling. Her success was an integral part in keeping the team alive for the tournament. She was rewarded for her efforts this season by being named a Bay State League first team all-star.

Only a sophomore, she'll be back next year along with most of the Wildcats team to make more headway in a very difficult conference.

Doubles

Meg Anderson/Sally Meehan - Doubles - Cohasset

Although they didn't play together often this season, it wasn't hard to choose this sophomore duo after they advanced to the quarterfinals of the MIAA individual tournament South sectional…Were the number-2 seed in that competition after making it to the sectional semifinals as freshmen in 2005…With teammates Charlotte and Elizabeth Landon, Anderson and Meehan formed one of the most formidable groups of doubles players in the area…Both can run the ball down on the baseline, play at the net, and hit powerful serves and volleys to befuddle opponents…Meehan also played field hockey for CHS, while Anderson has played soccer and basketball…Both played a little singles this year as well, with Anderson picking up a big win at third singles on April 28 in the Skippers' 4-1 victory over Norwell…With the program graduating most of its singles players, Anderson and Meehan could figure in the singles picture for the Skippers next year

Krista Vreeland (Capt.)/Kaylene O'Brien - First doubles - Hingham

Was one of the most dominating doubles teams in Marinerland this season, finishing with an overall record of 14-3…Recognized by their coach for being extremely hard workers, Vreeland and O'Brien played every single match and attended every practice this spring, according to Jamie Kenney… "They are leaders on and off the court. They have excellent doubles knowledge and give a great effort until the end. Their commitment was amazing"…The duo picked up big wins against Duxbury (twice), Scituate (twice), and Notre Dame (once) during the regular season, helping the Harborwomen compile an overall record of 12-5 and 11-2 mark in the Patriot League, the only two losses coming against state finalist, Scituate…Both just juniors, Vreeland and O'Brien will return to captain the squad next season…Vreeland will be a two-year captain.

Kasey Talbot/Caroline Bagby - First doubles - Marshfield

After playing together for two seasons, Talbot and Bagby were tough to beat this season…A two-year captain, Talbot is a four-year veteran on the doubles front…The junior Bagby has three years experience at the position…The pair compiled a record of 15-4 and were a major reason why the Lady Rams had the season they did…MHS went 15-2 in the regular season, finished second in the Old Colony League and reached the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South team tourney…"Caroline is a bit more aggressive, which was good for Kasey. Kasey makes very few mistakes and is very consistent. Both of them set each other up well for points and they know where to be on the court," coach Roberta Daniele said…Talbot was also captained the swim team at MHS and plans to continue that sport at the US Coast Guard Academy next year…Bagby will return to the Marshfield courts next spring.

Honorable Mention:

Singles

Stephanie Rust - Sr. (Capt.) - First singles - Abington

Susan Curry - Sr. (Capt.) - Second singles - Cohasset

Samantha Amate - First singles - Hanover

Sam Zildjian - Sr. (Capt.) - Second singles - Hingham

Taylor Cleaves - Sr. (Capt.) - Second singles - Norwell

Sarah Dickman - Jr. (Capt.) - First singles - Pembroke

Melissa Kimball - Fr. - Third singles - Weymouth

Doubles

Charlotte Landon - Jr./Elizabeth Landon - Jr. - Doubles - Cohasset

Kelly Collins - Soph./Erica Lindberg - Sr. (Capt.) - Second doubles - Hingham

Jenna Madill - Sr. (Capt.)/Ally Niemann - Soph. - Second doubles - Marshfield

Marissa Dalferro - Jr./Rachel Thomas - Jr. - First doubles - Norwell

Shane Kelly - Sr. (Capt.)/Alex McCourt - Sr./Emily Werner - Jr. - Doubles - Scituate

Emily Warnock - Soph./Andrea Clawson -Jr. - First Doubles - Silver Lake

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Tough luck for Post 118

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began the four-game skid for Post 118.

Cohasset also had a three-run lead in its next game last Friday night against West Roxbury, as it was in front, 6-3, in the sixth inning of the game played at Catholic Memorial High School. But another pitcher went down for the season with an arm injury, this time Scituate High graduated senior righthander Greg Ouellette, and when he went out in that inning with the lead, West Roxbury rallied for an 8-6 win.

Post 118's troubles continued over the weekend as it lost to Canton, 10-3 on Saturday and was held to two hits by Morrisette lefty Matt Haskins on Sunday in an 8-1 loss at Cohasset High School.

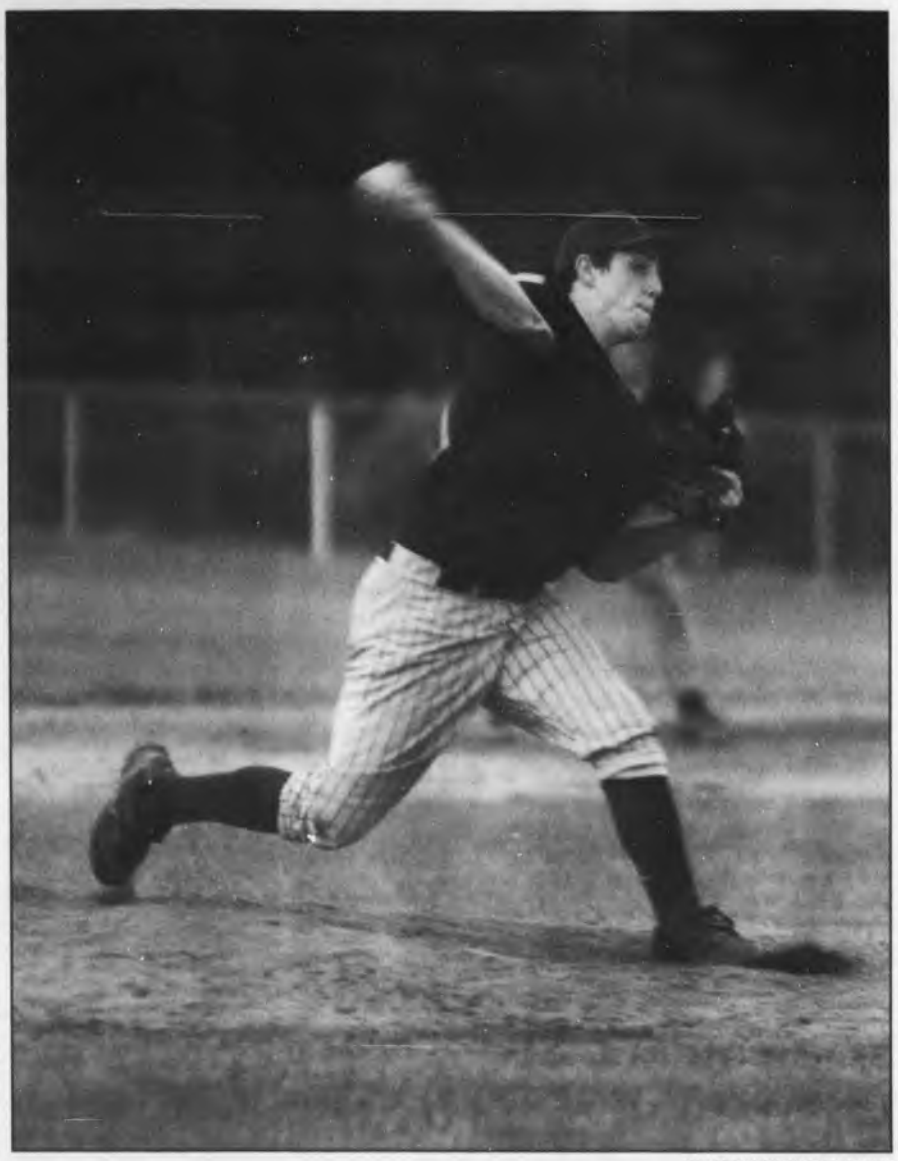
"We had to throw three kids against Morrisette who hadn't pitched in a couple of years, and under the circumstances, they pitched pretty well," said Caffrey.

The Braintree game started promisingly enough for Cohasset as Malley and winning pitcher Dan Newman matched zeroes until the bottom of the third when Post 118 jumped on Newman for three runs and looked on its way to another win in a big game.

Chris Ofsthun got the inning going with a leadoff single, Tom Chase singled with one out and both runners moved up on a throwing error. Ofsthun scored on a single to left by Shane Caffrey and Chase also scored on another Braintree throwing error on the play.

Chris Bryan walked and Kyle Pinkus was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Caffrey scored the third run of the inning on a ground out by Tim McGrath, and Post 118 had a 3-0 lead after three innings.

But the wheels come off from there as Malley had to leave the game with Cohasset still up, 3-2, in the fourth inning, and Braintree then scored three more runs in the fifth to take the lead, and add two more in the sixth and five in the seventh.



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Cohasset's Chris Bryan delivers a pitch during the third inning of a recent Legion game against Weymouth.

Post 118 responded with four of its own in the bottom of the seventh as Cody Morgan led off with a single, Chase followed with a double and both came in to score on wild pitches. Michael Signorelli walked and McGrath finished the scoring with a two-run home run.

In the game at West Roxbury, Caffrey, Pinkus, Marcus Joyce and Kevin Signorelli had two hits each as Post 118 built their three-run lead. In the loss at Canton, Chase and Caffrey had two hits each, and a Chase double was the only highlight of the home loss to third-place Morrisette.

Post 118 returns to action tonight at Holbrook at 5:45, and will stay on the road to take on unbeaten Milton next Monday night, and then host Canton next Tuesday in a makeup game to end the regular season. The zone playoffs begin next Friday with the top five teams in Zone 6 East matched up against the top five teams in Zone 6 West.

Strange bedfellows: France and me

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At long last, it caught up with Brazil on Saturday, when fullbacks Cafu and Roberto Carlos were made to look like fools by the French forwards. Of course, Lucio and Juan didn't exactly acquit themselves well, either, but it was Roberto Carlos who got lost on Henry's goal in the second half.

By that time, I had already made my mind up that I wanted France to win. After sitting through 120 minutes of Portuguese and English impotence earlier in the day, I just wanted to see some decent football.

The Brazilians did not appear particularly interested in providing it. Ronaldinho was continuing his stunningly indifferent play, Kaka was nowhere to be found, and Parreira forgot Robinho was on his team until it was too late. Of Brazil's starters, only Ze Roberto and Ronaldo, of all people, can legitimately say they did anything useful when it mattered in this Cup.

France, meanwhile, was playing the beautiful game the way it was meant to be played, with imagination, speed and creativity. The most impressive performance of the day came from Zidane, who looked like the Zizou of 1998: devious dribbling, tricky juggling and cutting passes, all making the Brazilian defense lost and dizzy.

As fitting as it was that Zidane assisted and scored the final two goals against Spain, it was even more so that he created Henry's goal with another marvelous free kick. One of the best players in history of the game - and on this day, the best player on the pitch - finishing off another supposed favorite with a vintage performance.

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A collection of unrelated thoughts

England's World Cup ended rather appropriately, didn't it?

Strong defending combined with little in the way of offense; more misery from David Beckham; the tempestuous Golden Boy, Wayne Rooney, gets a red card; Frank Lampard flubbing an amazing scoring opportunity beyond belief; and, ultimately, a loss in penalty kicks.

On the subject of Becks, is there another manager in the world beside Sven Goran-Eriksson that would have continued to start him over Aaron Lennon? When Lennon took the pitch in place of Beckham on Saturday, it took him two minutes to show more than Beckham did in his 55 minutes.

And then there is the omnipresent story of Becks and his desire to play in MLS within the next few years. Personally, I can't wait for it to happen, and all the subsequent hype that will lead to nothing in terms of results. Put Beckham on the Revolution, and he is their third-best player behind Clint Dempsey and Taylor Twellman. Shalrie Joseph might have a say in the matter, as well.

Ridiculing Beckham seems like a perfect segue to ridicule Marcelo Balboa.

The ESPN color man has been astoundingly hideous during the World Cup, but he was truly on top of his game for the England-Portugal match.

My favorite Marcelo-ism came in the second half when, after Beckham had been taken off, England were lining up for a free kick. In attempt to size up the English options for who would take it, Balboa waxed poetically, "Well, you have Steven Gerrard, you have um...umm...uhh...umm...Cole, who can kick it with his left foot, so you have that option. You have Gerrard..."

During Balboa's analysis, the cameras showed Lampard standing over the ball the entire time.

It won't be long before an African side reaches the semi-finals of a World Cup.

It could very well happen in 2010 in South Africa. The geography will help, sure, but how Ghana and Ivory Coast performed in this tournament showed that Africa is not that far off the world pace.

Against Brazil, Ghana played the far better, more attractive football between the two sides, but were doomed by questionable finishing and a couple mistakes in defense. The Ivorians played right to the end against Argentina and Holland, and may have already set their tone for 2010 with their come-from-behind victory over Serbia and Montenegro.

With traditional African powers Cameroon, Senegal and Nigeria already gearing up for it, the 2010 Cup could be Africa's coming-out party to the world.

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SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Recreation offers sports clinics

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer the following clinics. For more information or to register, call the Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., at 781-383-4109.

South Shore Basketball School – The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with South Shore Basketball School, is accepting applications for a summer basketball clinic, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two sessions will be available during the week of Monday. July 10, through Friday, July 14, at Cohasset High School gymnasium. Session I is for boys and girls, ages 7 through 11, and will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session II is for boys and girls, ages 12 through 15, and will be noon to 3 p.m. The fee for the five-day program is $125. This year's sessions will be led by Dorian Bryant, current coach at Cohasset High School.

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cohasset Town Hall in the Recreation Department office.

South Shore Soccer Camp and Squirts Camp – Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second. child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office to register. Space is limited – early registration is advised.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades three through six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. Brothers Jamie and Ronan Buick will direct the program.

The clinic will take place the week of July 17 to 21, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field. Sessions take place rain or shine – in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it includes a helmet, including mouthpiece, gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the lacrosse clinic is $85. Call the Recreation Department to register.

Basketball Camp

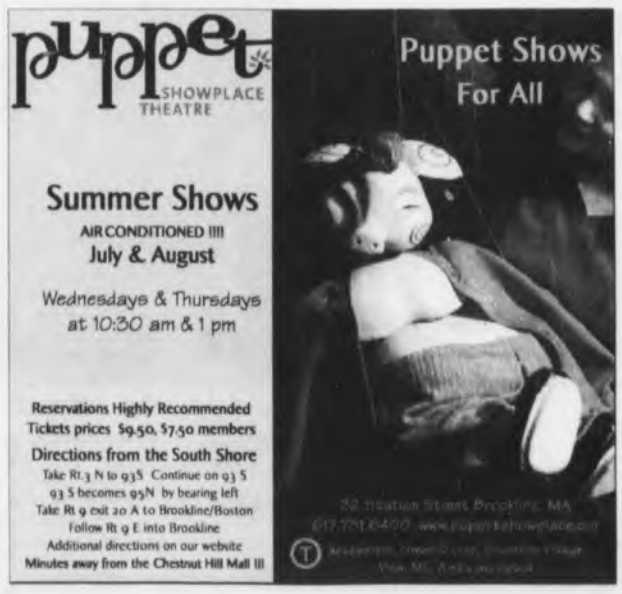
The Whitman-Hanson Boys basketball program will be playing host to an elite players camp this summer for boys in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 (all grades as of this Fall) at the brand new multi-court facility at Whitman-Hanson High School.

The camp will be held from July 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Players may register as individuals or with their current travel team. Included in this camp will be player seminars on SAQ (Speed, Agility and Quickness) training designed to teach players the most modern techniques in improving in these pivotal areas.

Other seminars will focus on mental training as players will be given lessons in positve mental imagry which is essential as players get more advanced in their careers. Campers will be playing several games a day against the top competition in the area as well as taking part in 3-on-3 and 1-on-1 tournaments.

The cost per camper is only $150 if registering with a team of 8 or more before July 10th. The cost per camper is only $175 if registering as an individual before July 10th or $200 after that date. There is a lunch program available as well.

For more information please email Panthercamp@aol.com . Space is limited and will be filled in the order in which we receive the registration forms.



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Cub Scouts hold Bike Rodeo

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John Wilkie of Cohasset Cycle Sports stands with Cohasset Police Officer Pat Kenney and Cub Scouts Pack 38 Cub Master Jeff Forsdick during the Cub Scouts Summer Pack Event, a "Bike Rodeo," held at Deer Hill June 21.

John Wilkie of Cohasset Cycle Sports checks out Cub Scout Nick Rosen's bike to be sure it meets the safety test during the pack's "Bike Rodeo" held June 21 at Deer Hill School

Above, Adam Benson has his brakes tested by John Wilkie of Cohasset Cycle Sports during a safety inspection at the Cub Scouts Pack 38 "Bike Rodeo," June 21. Levente Haber and Quentin Hill await their turn.

Left, Cub Scout Pack 38 member Richard Kinscherf lines up for the "Straight and Narrow Run," during the bicycle obstacle course at the pack's "Bike Rodeo." The obstacle course was prepared with the help of Andy Krueger, Jeff Forsdick, Jane Long, Becky Bates-McArthur and Pack 38 Chairman Linda Farrag. Boy Scout Alec Hurd assisted with the stations.

Officer Pat Kenney of the Cohasset Police Department speaks to the members of Cub Scouts Pack 38 and their families about bike safety during the pack's "Bike Rodeo," held June 21.

Cub Scout Quentin Hill gets his bike safety inspected by John Wilkie of Cohasset Cycle Sports while Lucy Clay awaits her turn. The children were gathered at the Deer Hill School for the Cub Scouts Pack 38 "Bike Rodeo," Wednesday, June 21

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Twins Madeline and Vivian Littlejohn, 7, enjoy an ice cream break at the Cohasset Swim Center on Monday afternoon.

(Left) Swimmers line up poolside during a swimming lesson at the Cohasset Swim Center off Sohier Street. Call 781-383-9463 for pool hours and information.

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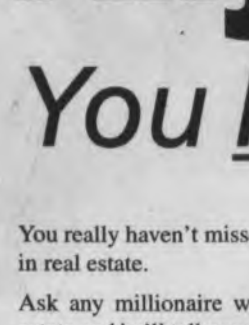

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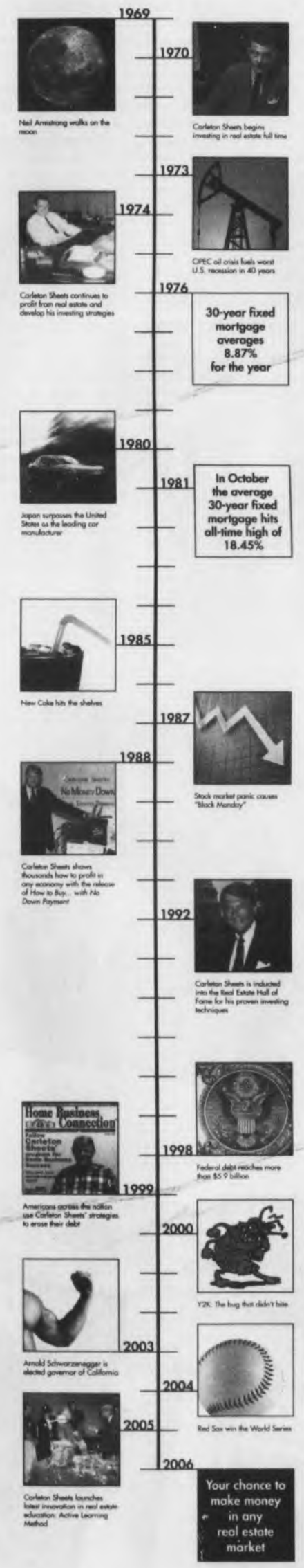

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White water Rafting in Maine

Don't bring your cell phone; there's no coverage in The Forks

By TANIA MEJER

THE FORKS, Maine -- "Dig in," our whitewater rafting guide shouted as five other rafters and I paddled harder and faster, trying to stay in unison as we propelled ourselves toward the next set of rapids on the Dead River. A swirl of water beckoned below, creating a menacing-looking hole that grew deeper and deeper until -- BAM! -- a huge wave swallowed our raft and nearly took out one of my fellow rafters.

Now this is the sort of adventure I was looking for when I drove up here with a pal for a weekend whitewater rafting trip.

It's becoming less of a secret that this is where the action is -- no less than Playboy recently named The Forks, the meeting place of the Dead and Kennebec rivers, among its Top 10 Under-Appreciated Outdoor Spots (and showed a photo of folks in a Northern Outdoors raft).

A friend and I spent two days rafting with Northern Outdoors, the company that pioneered whitewater rafting here in 1976 -- the folks at this company actually named most of the rapids on the Kennebec, Dead and Penobscot rivers.

The staff at the rafting operation and low-key resort is amazingly hospitable and knowledgeable. And they brew their own beer on premises at The Forks Resort Center's Kennebec River Brewery.

Playboy, Maine hospitality, beer -- what's not to love?

We timed our visit so we could raft both the Kennebec and the Dead rivers. The Dead is usually, well, too dead to raft, so you have to plan your visit around scheduled dam releases (remaining dates this season are Aug. 13, Sept. 3, Sept. 17 and Oct. 7). But when the water's flowing, you can expect 15 miles of continuous and consistent Class III, IV and V whitewater at anywhere from 3,500 cubic feet per second to over 7,000 cubic feet per second -- and we certainly couldn't resist that.

The other options for those with a faster-and-wilder-is-better mentality is to schedule a trip for a turbine-test day on the Kennebec River, when it's flowing at nearly double its normal volume (remaining dates this season are July 10, Sept. 9, Sept. 23). Or schedule a double run through the Class V rapids on the Penobscot River (anytime through Sept. 10).

As a rafting novice but experienced thrill seeker, it was an adrenaline rush I was looking for. But the first heart-pounding experience of the first morning (we drove up the night before so we wouldn't be late for the crack-of-dawn starting time) wasn't on the river but instead came from the aerobics of trying to squeeze myself in a wet suit (mandatory before June 1 and after Oct. 1, but available to rent all summer). Once past that time-consuming ordeal, we were soon on the Kennebec. Northern Outdoors takes up to 124 guests on this river each day (and you're likely to see other rafters with other companies out on the water).

We beat the rush (only 26 rafters were here with Northern Outdoors on our late May trip), but we did not beat the vicious bites of black flies everywhere our wetsuits didn't cover.

About half the people in my raft had never been whitewater rafting before, and the Kennebec was a good river to start with, with alternating sections of whitewater and calm spots, and of course experienced guides (our guide for both days also happened to be one of the company's beer brewers).

For the most thrilling ride on the raft, take the lead in rowing and sit in the front. You'll get the first and liveliest taste of all the roller-coaster waves, though you'll be the most likely to get knocked off into the river. No one fell out of our raft on either river, though we did see another group get thrown in for a swim on the Dead.

I took the middle position for the first day, and soon after practicing our paddling commands we found ourselves well into Taster -- rapids our guide told us would give us a taste of what's to come. We plunged into Goodbye Hole and Whitewasher and made a big splash at Magic Falls.

There's some Class II rapids that you can swim in, which we couldn't pass up. When our guide gave us the nod, everyone on my raft went over the edge and swam with all our might against the current. At the sound of his whistle, we flipped on our backs and let the rapids splash up over us and carry us downstream. It was a blast!

Shortly after Swimmers Rapid, we made a stop at Dead Stream Falls. Along with my fellow rafters, I climbed right up onto a rock and let the forceful, pounding waterfall hit my back. Our trusty, accompanying video kayaker was sure to capture all of us goofing around here (Northern Outdoors has videographers and still photographers who travel ahead of the rafts. After the trip, you can see the photos and video of your day on the river and purchase a copy to take home).

Since it was still early in the season, a snack served on the shore of the river included hot chocolate -- most of the time they do lunch here.

After this halfway point stop, most of the rest of the river is a leisurely float to the takeout spot -- so our guides rolled out inflatable kayaks during the break, and we took turns using them and sitting on the raft as we finished the trip (if it had been warmer we would have swam some more for the last leg of the river).

The next day, the Dead was more what I had been hoping for -- major excitement and adrenaline. And with clear blue skies above, it was perfect weather to get wet.

On this river, my friend and I took a ride in a Diablo sport raft, which provided a wilder ride. I took the front for the last part of the river, through Little Poplar Falls and Big Poplar Falls. It was harder to paddle in the front, but what a rush when the waves came right up over me -- surely this is the best spot! At one point on the Dead, another one of the Northern Outdoors rafts got stuck in a hole, and we had to throw a rope out to them to help pull them out.

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Rafting down the Kennebec River with Northern Outdoors

Since the Dead is faster and more intense, we didn't have as much time to sit back and enjoy the scenery, but both the Dead and the Kennebec have beautiful views. Come in the spring for wilder rapids, summer for the great weather, and in the fall you can get in some leaf-peeping.

Nearby is hiking nirvana, but be aware: Rafting is physically draining. We hiked to Moxie Falls (of Moxie soda fame) after the first day, but despite the beckoning of the nearby Appalachian Trail, we had no energy to hike the second afternoon.

Instead, we napped in our "cozy cabin," a log cabin that proved to be just that. It's one of several accommodations offered at The Forks Resort Center.

We could have cooked our own dinner in the cabin's full kitchen but opted instead for the restaurant at the property's timbered main lodge, where the beer-battered onion rings were truly addictive. We followed dinner with drinks at the Kennebec River Brewery, and then a long soak in the hot tub -- a perfect way to end our adventure.

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If you go ...

GETTING THERE: Google Maps can't find The Forks, and there's no cell phone service once you get up there, so don't forget the directions before you leave. The Forks is a 4 1/2-hour to 6-hour drive from Boston, depending on traffic leaving the city. Take I-95 north to Route 201 (exit 133). The Forks Resort Center is about 18 miles north of Bingham. (Trips on the Kennebec and Dead rivers depart from The Forks Resort Center, while the Penobscot Outdoor Center is the departure point for trips on the Penobscot River. It's about a 2 1/2-hour drive from one center to the other.)

ON THE RIVER: Rafting trips start at $69 per person, which includes lunch and use of the facilities at The Forks Resort Center/Penobscot Outdoor Center. Diablo rafts cost $20 extra per person. Discounts are available for two-day, two-river trips.

STAYING THERE: Northern Outdoors has camping areas and lodge rooms as well as apartments, houses, and cabins with full kitchens. Prices start at $10 per night for camp sites and $32 per person for lodge rooms (based on double occupancy). The "cozy cabins" we stayed in run $64 per person weekdays, $75 on weekends (also based on double occupancy). Add a meal plan (two breakfasts and one dinner) for $37.84 per person.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

July at First Parish — Summer Sunday lay-led services will be held beginning July 30 at 9 AM in the Meeting House. These more informal and briefer services are for all generations. Refreshments will follow each.

There will be no services on Sunday, July 9, 16, and 23.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is available at the church (781-383-1100) and during her vacation, by cell phone (number available through the church phone directory).

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common,* or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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• Saturday, July 8: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m. Letter of Peter.

• Sunday, July 9, Lemonade for Backpacks. After the 9:30 service the Outreach Committee will sponsor a Lemonade Stand to raise enough funds to supply backpacks for a whole class at the new Episcopal Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, Mass. Carillon Concert at 6 p.m.

• Monday, July 10: Vestry Meeting at 7:30 p.m.. Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 11: Profile Committee at 7 p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for the fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Ezekiel receives his prophetic commission. Paul's letter speaks of the strength gained through weakness. In the Gospel Jesus returns to his hometown to find suspicion and lack of faith. Preacher: Ms. Wheatley-Dyson.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 9: "Sacrament"
July 16: "Life"
July 23: "Truth"
July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfonl@cnc.com

Amy Johansen to perform on Cohasset bells

The 82nd season of summer Carillon recitals on the 57-bell carillon of St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, will continue on Sunday, July 9, at 6 p.m., with a performance by Amy Johansen from the University of Sydney, Australia. Johansen is an organ recitalist, having given many recitals throughout the United States. In 2004, she made her American carillon debut as a featured artist at the Springfield, Ill., Carillon Festival. This is her first appearance as a carillonneur in the New England area. Her program on Sunday will include original carillon compositions by Hamilton Harty, Emilien Allard, Frank Della Penna, Terry Vaughan, Jef Rottiers, Ronald Barnes and Albert de Klerk, and arrangements of works by J. S. Bach and Dieudonné Rayck.

The hour-long recital is free of charge and will take place rain or shine. In case of rain, listen from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and descriptive brochures will be available in a stand beside the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension, and will also be distributed on Cohasset Common. Listeners are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnics to the courtyard or the Common.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, weekdays between 9 a.m. noon, or St. Stephen's carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner, at 978-475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, at 781-383-9599.

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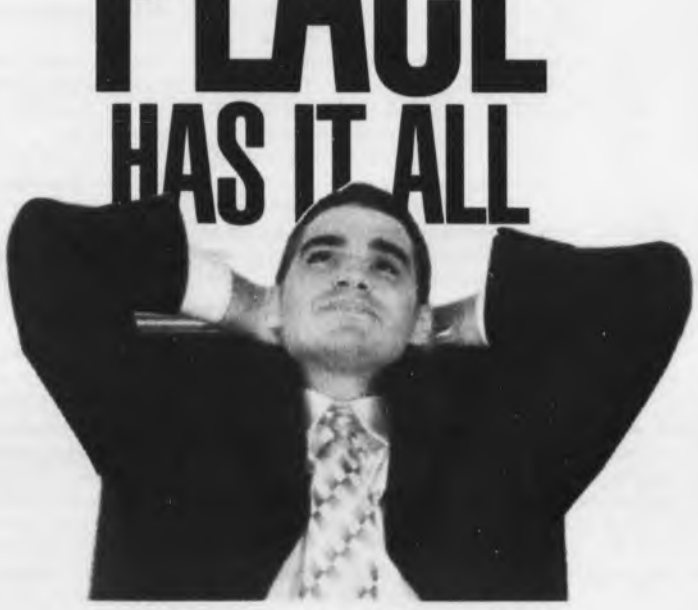

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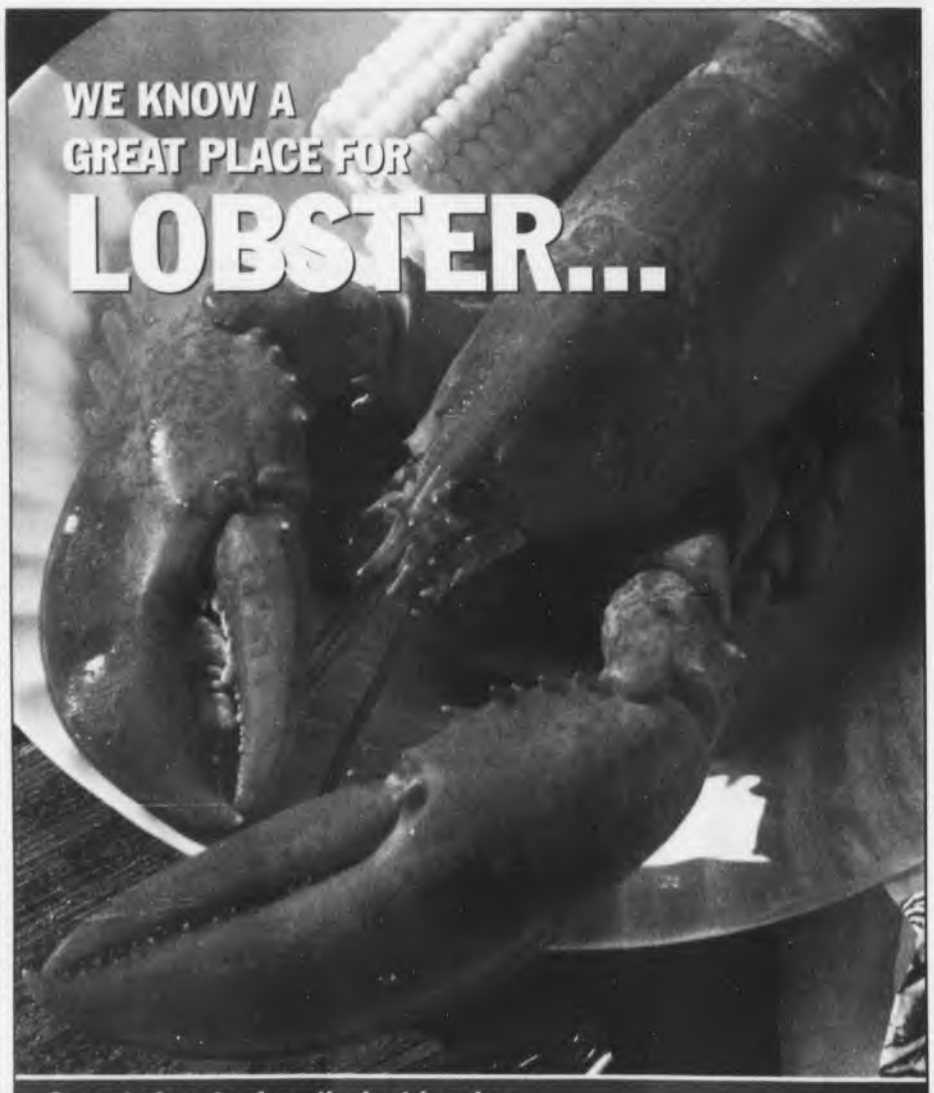

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

8:28 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:58 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised someone threw a light bulb out the window of their vehicle - it broke in caller's driveway. No damage was done to residence. Unknown type of vehicle. Officer advised other residence were hit on Cushing Street.

10:06 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

10:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller advised vehicle came from Hingham.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

12:15 a.m. **Country Way**, medical aid, mutual aid to Scituate. 17 year-old male with abdominal pain. R3 cancelled by Scituate.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

12:51 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint. Caller states there is a "huge tanker truck with the engine running, waking up the neighborhood. This is the 2nd time in a week this has happened." Homeowner has just put in a pool. Truck is filling it up. The engine will be shut off.

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:11 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports a motor vehicle alarm going off near the Common. Horn was going off. 882 has silenced the horn.

4:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS, cell caller states he is in a white Toyota pick up truck and he is having a reaction to a pancreatic condition.

5:09 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, the beach is open.

5:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:24 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 78. Wind: Light.

8:08 a.m. **Summer St.**, parking complaint.

9:20 a.m. **Haystack Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:03 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller says he is having chest pain.

2:11 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:10 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, dispersed gathering.

3:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations, caller reports motor vehicle all over the road. Motor vehicle is now into Scituate. 883 is out with motor vehicle.

5:08 p.m. **Doane St., Scituate** reports an assault and battery in progress, 3 males are chasing another male into the woods with a baseball bat from this location. Scituate reports the 3 males are in a silver Impreza. Officer is bringing in the victim to give a written statement. Transporting party to Conway's to meet Scituate cruiser.

5:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer is out with vehicle reported in an assault.

6:02 p.m. **Summer St.**, domestic, investigated/report taken.

6:15 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, walk in party reports she lost her phone biking from Rocky Beach to Blackhorse Lane.

6:20 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, stomach pain.

6:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, employee reports drive off of gas, ran plates, found the resident and left a message to call the station. The accused said she ran her ATM card through and it might not have gone through on the other end, she will go down and pay in cash.

8:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller reports there are kids in the back of the Deer Hill School being loud and tearing up the lawn. Officer reports there is minor damage, it is going to be fixed to avoid further police action.

9:31 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, suspicious activity, harbor master reports there are kids with backpack headed down the sailing club, for a supposed party at Bassing's Beach.

10:09 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, caller reports someone keeps ringing her doorbell but there's nobody there. She's home by herself and would like an officer to check it out. Officer reports no body in area.

10:48 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

12:24 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, officer out at above address - juveniles in the area. Officer advised new damage to light pole at the church.

12:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:54 a.m. **Smith Pl.**, caller advised her daughter is late coming home. Mother called back daughter just returned home.

1:07 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:38 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Temp: 72. Wind: Light.

9:30 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:48 a.m. **Elm St.**, residents are reporting phone service is out in some areas of the town. Phone company notified.

10:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:38 a.m. **Summer St.**, caller would like to see an officer.

10:39 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, well being check.

10:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:13 a.m. **Juniper Rise**, animal complaint, caller reports a cat in residence.

12:04 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, difficulty breathing.

12:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon is in his back yard.

12:17 p.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance.

1:01 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint.

1:31 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers.

4:49 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

5:46 p.m. **Norwell**, mutual aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:36 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person, caller reports an older male who's been sitting there for about 2 hours making people feel uncomfortable, he's driving a blue Audi. Caller reports he's leaving the beach and took a left out of the exit. Officer reports the man says he was looking at the water, he's away from the beach now.

8:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller is house sitting at this location and the dog ran off with the leash on the collar. Caller reports he's very skittish because he was abused. He's a small brown Border Collie with white feet and a gray collar with the leash line attached. It answers to the name of Tootsie. Control gave it out to all units. Officer spoke with the house sitter who also called the owner. The dog will come back on it's own. The woman is going to stay there and call the PD if the dog comes back.

11:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, gate secured.

11:24 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

1:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there is a light pole down. Officer advised the pole has been down for a while.

1:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:43 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports her daughter has not returned home from work. Officer advised female has been located.

3 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, office advised checked school.

3 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

3:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, officer advised the phone box door was open. Notified phone company.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer advised gates are open.

6:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:45 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:33 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, larceny, stolen tennis racquet out of school.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports they found a yellow golf cart type buggy crashed in the woods this morning. No reports of anything like that missing Scituate has nothing either. Officer reports item belongs to Joseph's Hardware.

10:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:40 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she noticed one of her old neighbors houses, the above location, looked like someone had thrown a rock through a bedroom window. She said it in the front of the house on the left hand side above the front door. The residents are not home.

11:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement.

11:52 a.m. **Schenectady, NY**, assist other Police Department, message received from this location over leaps for a hit confirmation.

12:19 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

1 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, officer reports a new group moved from the bridge.

1:42 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers.

2:03 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

3:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, (misc.), blown transformer. National Grid notified.

3:12 p.m. **Cedar Lane**, carbon monoxide detector sounding. Alarm has been reset.

3:12 p.m. **Stanton Rd.**, carbon monoxide detector. Officer reports smoke from the outlet box struck. Notifying National Grid.

3:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, large tree limb clocking the road. Officer pushing it off to side of the road, notifying DPW.

3:25 p.m. **Margin St.**, caller reports power lines are smoking.

3:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, power lines down at this location.

4:28 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, walk in reports pole struck by lightening.

4:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer reports power lines down in this area, officer standing by until fire arrives. Fire Captain reports pole #6 on North Main Street is leaning and the wires are in the trees. Notified National Grid, they will need a pole crew. National Grid is at 306 North Main from an existing call and will be to this location shortly.

5:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports she saw a silver car either hit or pull onto the sidewalk and no one has come out of the car. Officer reports the car is half on the sidewalk, half on the street.

7:52 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

9:09 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:18 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports youths in his back yard.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

12:22 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, caller advised there is a house party - 1st house on the right. Kids are all over the yard. There is a vehicle stuck on a rock at this address. Contacted owner of vehicle, he will remove the vehicle in the morning.

12:59 a.m. **Summer St.**, officer advised 3 in custody. Arrest: Tyler J. Kennedy, 17, 5 Norman Todd Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor, possession of Class D drug. Arrest: Nicholas M. Zappolo, 17, 42 Elm St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor, possession of Class D drug. Arrest: Daniel Trendowicz, 17, 118 Beach St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor, possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

3:07 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, animal complaint, caller advised a raccoon entered into the residence through the kitchen screen. Caller stated it was sick.

6:34 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:30 a.m. **Joy Pl.**, parking complaint.

8:33 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, walk in reports her mailbox was knocked destroyed last night.

9:06 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, caller reports her sewer alarm is going off and it reports a system failure. Water Dept. told her to call PD.

9:51 a.m. **Kingston PD.**, bolo announcement, just occurred at a Weymouth bank, 83 Summer St., jeep Cherokee, red maroon color. 1 male occupant, mustache and sunglasses. No weapon shown, but threat of weapon. Unknown amount taken. Left the scene, headed North on 3A towards Route 3. Requesting stop and hold.

10:52 a.m. **Kingston PD.**, bolo announcement, updated info on bank robbery - Weymouth bank, 83 Summer St. Suspect described as white male, 5'11", thin build, scruffy facial hair, wearing green jacket, black T-shirt, blue jeans, sneakers, white latex gloves. He was alone in a 1989 jeep Cherokee, color red (maroon). No weapon shown, however, he stated he had a gun. Last seen headed Northbound on 3A towards Route 3.

11:02 a.m. **South Main St.**, employee reports they are having trouble getting a woman to leave a room.

1:20 p.m. Investigation.

1:34 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, see officers report.

2:06 p.m. **Summer St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports people speeding in this area, especially the hill by the legion, she's concerned for her kids and herself.

3:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Sheldon Rd.**, Verizon crew requests cruiser to stand by for 5 minutes.

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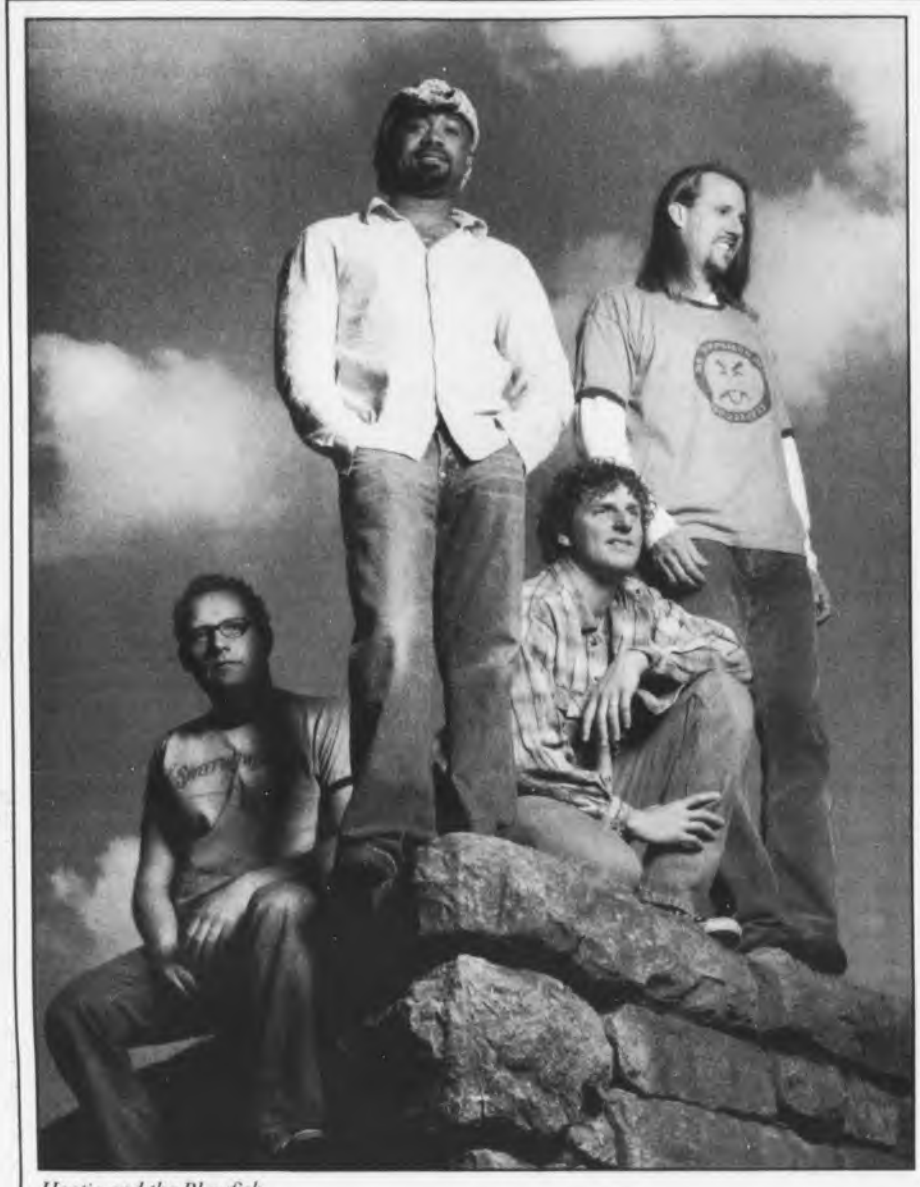

Hootie and the Blowfish

New album, new beginning for Hootie and the Blowfish

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

After spending most of last year touring in support of the album "The Best of Hootie and the Blowfish: 1993-2003," Darius Rucker and his Blowfish bandmates — Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, and Jim Sonefeld — were ready for something new. The group's latest release and fifth studio album, "Looking for Lucky," on the Sneaky Long Records label — its first since the multi-platinum quartet parted ways with Atlantic Records — gave them just that.

"I think its the best album we've ever recorded with the best batch of songs we have ever done," explained lead singer Rucker last week by telephone. "That came from being in Nashville and working with some great writers while always keeping an open mind about what we wanted to do."

That meant a first try at collaborating with an outside songwriter for the pop-rockers, who play the South Shore Music Circus on Friday.

"Before this, it was the four of us writing all of the songs. It was really cool, as a singer, to have a song like 'Get Out of My Mind' (written with Nick Brophy) to come in already written and I get to interpret somebody else's lyrics."

Collaborators on "Looking for Lucky" include songwriter Matraca Berg ("Strawberry Wine," "Wild Angels"), Keith Burns (from Trick Pony), Radney Foster ("Just Call Me Lonesome"), Hank Futch (from South Carolina's roots rock band Blue Dogs), Derek George, Walter Salas Humara, Paul Sanchez (from Cowboy Mouth) and old recording friend Nick Brophy, who also added drum loops and guitar effects that helped shape the album's overall sound. The disc was recorded at Emerald Studios in Nashville and reunited the band with its longtime producer Don Gehman, who was behind their biggest hits including "Only Wanna Be with You," and the Grammy Award-winning "Let Her Cry."

"We've been together 20 years. We were done with Atlantic and they were done with us, but we definitely weren't done as a band. In fact, we're a much better band than we were 10 years ago. We've settled in to giving our all and expecting no less," says Rucker, who helped form the group at the University of South Carolina in the late 1980s, taking its name from the nicknames of two of their classmates. With Rucker on lead vocals, Bryan on guitar, Felber on bass, and drummer Sonefeld, the band began playing frat parties and dive bars while steadily earning regional buzz. Signed by Atlantic without having ever put out an album, the band's first release, "Cracked Rear View," in summer 1994 produced the top ten single "Hold My Hand."

Cutting the record in Nashville cut down on a lot of unnecessary distractions, according to Rucker.

"Los Angeles and New York are such huge cities. There is so much going on that you can lose focus very easily. What I love about Nashville is that it is really a small town, but with great people and incredible musicians. Being in the studio hadn't felt this good in a very long time and that came entirely from being in Nashville."

Rucker, 40, doesn't only like to work down South, he likes to live there, too.

"I've tried living elsewhere, but nowhere makes me as happy as Charleston, S.C. That's where it's at for me," says Rucker, who is married and the father of three young children, 11- and five-year-old daughters and an 18-month-old son.

"It is very hard to leave my family to go on the road, but it is my job and I love it as much today as I ever have."

("Hootie and the Blowfish" will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, on July 7 at 8 PM. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, July 6

Book Release Launch Party for Cohasset resident **David Hosp,** author of **"Betrayed,"** on Thursday, July 6, 7 p.m., Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Free admission, reservations appreciated. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com to register or purchase a signed book.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meet-ings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings also held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

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LUXURY KITCHEN TOUR OF COHASSET, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. six custom kitchens created by award-winning design firm Kitchen Concepts and Roomscapes. Included in the admission is a slide presentation by Cameron Snyder, CKD showcasing all the 2005 National Kitchen Design Award Winners and illustrating how the national design trends impact the South Shore. Snyder is currently a certified instructor at the Boston Architectural Center and former President of the National Kitchen and Bath Association. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Art Center, Cohasset. Admission is $25. For information contact Kitchen Concepts 781-871-2400 *www.RoomscapesInc.com\KitchenTour.*

SECOND ANNUAL BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA, Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. (rain or shine) at the Georges Island/Boston Harbor Islands national park area. Hosted by The Island Alliance, this sailboat pursuit race will be fully visible from Georges Island. Spectators will have a view of the race and can participate in family activities, including: wildlife walks, fishing lessons, kite flying, tours of historic Fort Warren, and the post-race cookout. Proceeds support the Island Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and use of the Harbor Islands. Ferry transportation is available to Georges Island from Long Wharf, Boston; Fore River Shipyard, Quincy; and Pemberton Point, Hull. Ferries depart every half hour from Long Wharf. Cookout and awards ceremony will be held on Georges Island at 3 p.m.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HEAVY ATHLETIC COMPETITION, Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old South Weymouth Naval Airbase on Route 18, Weymouth. Heavy athletic competition is similar to a strong man competition except the athletes wear kilts and use authentic tools such as stones, logs, Scottish hammers. All proceeds benefit St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Hospital. There will be a moonwalk, kids games, and Celtic vendors. For information visit www.stjudehighlandgames.com.

2006 TANGLEWOOD JAZZ FESTIVAL, Sept. 1-3. Lineup includes **Dizzy Gillespie All Star Big Band** under the direction of **Slide Hampton**; **Wynton Marsalis** with special guests to be announced; and the **Dave Brubeck Quartet**. Tickets are available by calling SymphonyCharge at 888-266-1200 or online at www.tanglewood.org. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Tanglewood Box Office in Lenox. For information, call the Boston Symphony Orchestra at 617-266-1492.

Movie review

The smug and ruthless Miranda (Meryl Streep) enjoys shocking her new charge Andy (Anne Hathaway).

Wicked good 'Devil'

"The Devil Wears Prada" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In "The Devil Wears Prada," the season's hottest fashion accessory is a jewel-encrusted knife in the back. Based on Lauren Weisberger's dishy 2003 chick-lit best-seller and directed by "Sex and the City"' and "Entourage"-seasoned David Frankel, the film is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot.

A clever blend of "Cinderella' and "Faust," "The Devil Wears Prada" features a simply divine Meryl Streep as its witchy Mephistopheles Miranda Priestly and Anne Hathaway as Andy Sachs, a dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist in New York City.

Andy, who lives with devoted, aspiring chef Nate (Adrian Grenier) and has a tight circle of friends, is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and fashion high-priestess Miranda, a dragonlady with a tongue like a carving knife known to go through assistants like the French go through foie gras.

Andy's catty Brit coworker Emily (Emily Blunt) practically hisses when she speaks to her and ridicules Andy's thrift-shop-wallflower wardrobe. Andy's only ally in her struggle to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, including somehow getting her hands on a copy of the new "Harry Potter" novel before its official publication for Miranda's bratty twin girls, is Nigel (a terrific Stanley Tucci).

Nigel is Miranda's swishy and celebrated art director at the fabled, extremely influential "Runway" magazine. Using the magazine's own "closet" of samples, Nigel even plays Henry Higgins and transforms Andy into a New Age Eliza Doolittle, and the newly made-over Hathaway gives Audrey Hepburn, the screen's most legendary fashion-makeover icon, a run for her money.

"The Devil Wears Prada," which was shot on location in New York City, captures the pulsating excitement of that metropolis and is set in a cutthroat world where the Houses of Valentino, Givenchy and Chanel are second only to the House of Machiavelli in power and status. Streep reportedly modelled her performance in part on Vogue editor Anna Wintour. But I'm not sure anyone reading this gives a fig about Anna Wintour. More importantly, Streep triumphs in the role. Speaking with the bored nonchalance of monarchs, she skewers everyone within hearing distance with low-voiced barbs and hilariously heart-stopping putdowns.

Miranda is happiest, we are told, when everyone around her is "panicked, nauseous and suicidal," and Streep, who has probably met a fair share of Mirandas in her life, takes her measure with precision. A montage in which she dumps her (different) coat and purse on Andy's desk every day, while making a nasty remark or impossible demand is priceless.

Looking like the love child of Paul Schaffer and an ostrich, Tucci is also ablaze as the secretly decent Nigel. And, yes, that is Valentino himself greeting Miranda at his Paris show.

But the film's biggest surprise is the beautiful Hathaway, best known for those subpar "Princes Diaries" comedies, although she stepped out impressively in "Brokeback Mountain." To be sure, she is more convincing as "Glamazon" Andy than as down-home Andy. But when Hathaway slips into that couture, you understand why such clothing is designed in the first place. It's modern-day goddess worship (my apologies to the Vatican).

Rated PG-13. "The Devil Wears Prada" contains profanities.

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Among the gardens on the South Shore Natural Science Center's tour is this Norwell garden that features a waterfall that spills over 3 levels and into a koi pond at the base.

The South Shore Natural Science Center will host its annual "Through the Garden Gate Tour, Wednesday, July 12 from 10 am to 7 pm. The science center will present "Through the Garden Gate" The tour features two Norwell gardens, three Scituate gardens and a Marshfield garden. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the educational programs at the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $20 ($18 members). A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $10. Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. To order tickets, please send a self-addressed business sized stamped envelope to the South Shore Natural Science Center, P.O.Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. Tickets may also be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours, or by calling the Center at (781) 659-2559. Visit their website at www.ssnsc.org.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 6, **Brian Stratton Band,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer..com.

Friday, July 7

North River Arts Society presents 'Outdoor Still Life: A Colorist Approach in Oils class, taught by Margaret McWethy, at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Aug. 2. Basic principles of color in nature to create simple outdoor still life paintings. For information call 781-837-8091.

"Time-travelers" workshops for children presented by Duxbury Rural and Historical Society on the grounds of the **King Caesar House,** 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Three workshops on life in the Federal period for children ages 7-12, Fridays, from 1-3 p.m. July 7 – Arts and Crafts; July 21 – Chores and Play; Aug. 4 – Sheep to Shawl. Activities include churning butter, cake making, using herbs, calligraphy, ropes and knots, sewing, sheep shearing, spinning and knitting. Cost $10, $25 for all three workshops. To register or for more information call 781-934-6106.

Hootie and the Blowfish at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, Friday, July 7, 8 p.m. Tickets online at www.themusiccircus.org, by phone at 617-931-2787, or box office, noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday or all Ticketmaster outlets. Group sales and gift certificates available.

New England Singles Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Friday, July 7, 8 p.m. to midnight. 60s, 70s, and 80s music, DJ. 35+. $10 admission. For information call 617-325-4900.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, July 7, **3rd Left,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, July 8

Plymouth Antiquarian Society's 73rd Annual Pilgrim Breakfast, Saturday, July 8, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Chiltonville Church, 6 River St., Plymouth. Traditional New England breakfast of cod cakes, baked beans, scrambled eggs and muffins, with entertainment and spinning demonstration. Proceeds benefit restoration of the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House. For information or directions call 508-746-0012.

Blue Hills Reservation Kids Fun and Games Hike, Saturday, July 8, 1 p.m. A 1 1/2-hour fun nature hike for ages 6 and up. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

"Snails, Bugs, and Slugs," Boston Harbor Islands invertebrates exploration program for children and families, Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9. Free Family Fun Day event. Participants walk island trails with guides, explore park's ecosystem, and create a dip net to take home. Musical performances by the Toe Jam Puppet Band and the Stand Up Chameleon. Ferries depart Long Wharf, Boston and Fore River Shipyard, Quincy. Ferry fares $12 adults, $9 seniors, $7 children. For more details visit www.Bostonislands.com.

Feast Your Eyes: the Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens, a Smithsonian Institution Exhibit at the Plimoth Plantation, Exit 4, Route 3 South, Plymouth, Saturday, July 8 through September 2. For more information visit www.plimoth.org.

South Shore Brain Aneurysm Support Group of Norwell VNA, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell, Saturday, July 8, 1 to 3 p.m., "Overcoming Life's Challenges." Brain aneurysm specialist Dr. Diane Stoler-Roberts will discuss bio-neuro feedback and the differences between clinical psychology and neuro-psychology when assessing and treating brain aneurysms. Hosted box lunch from noon to 1 p.m. For reservations call 781-659-2342.

Evenings Under the Stars at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, Saturday, July 8, 7 p.m., **"A Tribute to Peggy Lee and Benny Goodman** with **Amanda Carr and the Everett Longstreth Orchestra,** Advance tickets, $22 pavilion, $14 lawn, $25 and $17 at the door. Pre-concert reception, 5:30 p.m., $20, $25 at the door. For information call 781-749-5550 ext 14 or visit www.southshore-conservatory.org.

Down East Dancers Country Dance, Saturday, July 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Couples and line dancing, with DJ. Dance lesson with instructor Donna Shea at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, raffles, cash bar. $5. For more information call 508-995-9496, 781-749-3748 or visit www.downeastdancers.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, July 8, **John Frattasio and Friends** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Amanda Carr recaptures the elegance and romance of the big band era, July 8, 7 pm, in the opening concert of South Shore Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars.

Evenings Under the Stars kicks off at the Jane Carr Amphitheater at the South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham on July 8, at 7 pm when performer Amanda Carr and the Everett Longstreth Orchestra present A Tribute to Peggy Lee and Benny Goodman. Tickets are $22 pavilion, $14 lawn ($25 and $17 at the door). There will be a pre-concert reception at 5:30 pm, tickets are $20 ($25 at door). 781-749-5550 ext. 14, www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Sunday, July 9

Opera by the Bay presents "Little Red Riding Hood," a children's opera in one act, at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, Sunday, July 9, 10 a.m. Continental breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. Advance tickets $17, $22 at the door, includes breakfast. Call 781-749-5550 ext 14 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Clearly Cast, glass artists exhibit at the Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, through Aug. 26. Cast glasswork by contemporary artists with a whimsical humor. Opening reception Sunday, July 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for directions and information call 781-934-6634.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club 4-mile walk, Sunday, July 9, 1 p.m. Moderate walk around Ponkapoag Pond on the green dot trail with some hills. Meet at Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot, Route 138 Canton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society Summer Lecture Series, Sunday, July 9, 1 p.m., at the King Caesar Barn, 120 King Caesar Road. 'The Process of Restoring Fine Art. Lecture' by local painting conservator, Liz Crosby, who will also provide individual consultations. Admission is $5. To schedule a painting for evaluation call DRHS at 781-934-6106.

"ABBA the Music" celebration at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, Sunday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. Tickets online at www.themusiccircus.org, by phone at 617-931-2787, or box office, noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday or all Ticketmaster outlets. Group sales and gift certificates available.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, July 9. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, July 9. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, July 10

Summer watercolor course at Curry College, Plymouth, 20 North Park Avenue, Plymouth. Introductory painting class capturing the beauty of Plymouth's gardens, parks and waterfront. Register by July 13. Call Curry College at 508-747-2424 or visit www.curry.edu.

4-H Summer Programs at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, for ages 8-13, July 10-14. **Dog Obedience,** evenings. How to train your dog through basic commands and proper pet care. **Nature Craft**, mornings, in the Agricultural Building. Using natural and recycled materials to create art, which can be entered in the Marshfield Fair for prizes. Programs directed by experienced 4-H instructors. Fee of $110 includes t-shirts, materials, prizes and refreshments.

Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Humane Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in May, June, July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehasociation.org of call 781-878-4343Cost $100.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, July 10, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, July 11

Northeastern University professor and author **William Fowler** will discuss **"Empires at War"** and the role of George Washington in the French and Indian War, at the historic **Winslow House,** Webster, St., Marshfield, Tuesday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m.

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Vacation activities

BOSTON CELTICS AND BASKETBALL CITY SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS, presented by Reebok. A weeklong basketball camp is for ages of 8–16.Two sessions hosted at BasketBall City, Boston, and a third weeklong session at the Celtics practice facility at the Sports Authority Training Center, Waltham. Dates are July 17-21 and Aug. 7-11, Waltham camp is July 24-28. Drills and scrimmages emphasizing fundamental basketball skills, all culminating in championship games for each age bracket to be held on Friday afternoon. Celtics players and guests will visit the campers for lectures on topics sportsmanship, competition, nutrition and strength and conditioning. For information or to register, visit www.celtics.com.

SOUTH SHORE BASEBALL CLUB CAMPS. Campers are grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each will play a minimum of one game per day. Individual attention will be emphasized. Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured. Hingham Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players 5 to 15, is scheduled July 10-Aug. 4 at Hingham HS and is not restricted to Hingham residents. Braintree camp is Aug. 7-11 at Watson Field, for campers 5-15. Sessions are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Half-day sessions available for 5-7 year olds from 8:30-11:30 a.m. For information call 800-GO4-HITS/ 781- 749-6466 or visit www.ssbc.com.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EASTON MINI-CAMPS. For ages 3-18, a hands-on exploration and individualized attention with a low teacher-to-camper ratio. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays-Wednesdays for two-week sessions. Cost is $135 for Museum members and $150 for non-members. "The Sounds of Science" begins July 17. An interactive musical camp combines music with science. Children will learn the scientific principles that produce the world of sound. "Animal Antics" begins July 31 and is designed for all animal lovers. Children will study habitats around the world and examine the creatures that inhabit them. "Surf's Up" starts on Aug. 14 and explores life under the sea. Children will learn about the ocean's wildlife and travel to the beach without leaving the Museum. For information or to enroll call 781-934-9092.

For your information

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COUNSELING REFERRALS: The Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

PARENTING SUPPORT: Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious, or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experiences and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call toll free, 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

CRISIS COUNSELING. Wellspring maintains on-site counseling services for people facing a critical problem requiring immediate attention. People request help for problems that involve issues surrounding housing to homelessness, violence in the family and difficult family relationships. If unable to provide the needed service, Wellspring refers clients to other appropriate sources of help. For more information call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org.

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"Small Homage DeChirico," by Mark Ferguson

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A full sized glass and fabric divan is one of the unusual works of art to be exhibited at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury in Clearly Cast, Glass Artists from July 2 to August 27. The substantial collection of cast glass in the museum's collection inspired the exhibit, which promises a look at contemporary glass artists who use various casting methods. In addition, some examples of cast glass from the museum's collection will be on view in the Phoenix Gallery. An opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For mor information call 781-934-6634 ext. 12.

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"Adventures in Time" Summer History Camps, at the **Alden House Historic Site Museum,** Duxbury, Tuesdays through Saturdays, July 11-15, and July 25-29, for students having completed 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Campers experience life in the 17th and 18th century by performing typical chores, wearing period clothing, and playing the favorite games of the Alden children. Participants will engage in an Old Colony Militia military drill, an archaeological dig and treasure hunt. To enroll or for more information call 781-934-9092.

Weymouth Cluster of Voice of the Faithful July meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m., in St. Albert the Great Parish Hall, 1130 Washington St., E. Weymouth. Guest speaker Dorothy Kennedy, president of the Board of Boston Area Voice of the Faithful, will speak on "The Direction of the Boston Area Voice of the Faithful." Open to all. Refreshments served. For information email haleygirl328@aol.com.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

Wednesday, July 12

10th Annual Charitable Golf Classic, Wednesday, July 12, at Pine Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. Proceeds benefit the South Shore YMCA Strong Kids program for children in need. Open to single, pair or foursome players. Event includes lunch, golf shirt compliments of Talbot's in Hingham, 18 holes of golf, dinner, and live and silent auction. Call Jill Donovan, 617-479-8500 ext 146 to register or donate items.

Sunset Cruise to Little Brewster Island, Wednesday, July 12. Boat departs Rowes Wharf, Boston, returning at 9 p.m. Narrated cruise and history of Boston Light. Cash only tickets on sale at 5 p.m. $22 adults, $20 seniors, $18 Friends of Boston harbor Island members, $15 children 3-12. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

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BEST BET

The annual Pilgrim Breakfast will be held at the Chiltonville Church in Plymouth, Saturday, July 8 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The breakfast will feature homemade cod cakes, baked beans, scrambled eggs, baked beans, muffins, coffee, tea and juice. The event also includes costumed children selling "tussy-mussys" – tiny herb-and-blossom corsages – while a musical group performs songs of the Pilgrims, as well as demonstrations of spinning and other activities.Cost of this tradition New England breakfast is a donation of $8.50 per adult, $5.50 for children under 12 and $25 for a family of four (two adults and two children). Proceeds benefit efforts to restore the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House. The Chiltonville Church is located at 6 River Street. For more information or directions, call 508-746-0012.

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

A Mazda RX7 spins out of control in "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift."

New Releases

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT (B)

This third installment of the popular franchise takes its car chases and souped-up engines to the Far East. High school troublemaker Sean (Lucas Black) is shipped to Tokyo to avoid jail time and live with his strict, military officer dad (Brian Goodman). Once there, Sean befriends Twinkie (Bow Wow), an army brat with a pimped-out car, and is soon driving a new set of wheels and getting on the bad side of mafia-affiliated DK (Brian Tee) and falling for his girl, Neela (Nathalie Kelley). Sure, it's not the wittiest, smartest or most memorable piece of cinema. But "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" delivers everything it promised: loud music, loud cars and a whole lot of glitz. (Rated PG-13) -*Chelsea Bain*

GARFIELD: A TALE OF TWO KITTIES (B-)

Two cats are better than one in "Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties," which brings Jim Davis' fat cat back to the big screen in a reasonable riff on "The Prince and The Pauper." This time, the action is in London, and Garfield (voiced again by Bill Murray) is recruited to take the place of Prince (voiced by Tim Curry), the king of England's ancient Carlyle Castle, after he's targeted by the greedy, ignored nephew Lord Dargis (Billy Connolly), who can't wait for the cat's death to assume control of the ancient castle and turn it into a high-rise development. (Rated PG) -*Stephen Schaefer*

THE HEART OF THE GAME (A)

Ward Serrill's emotionally-charged "The Heart of the Game" is a documentary that took seven years to find its ending. Filmed with a grainy, handheld camera, it chronicles the rise of the Roosevelt Roughriders, a Seattle high school girls' basketball team, and its star player, Darnellia Russell. Narrated by Ludacris, "The Heart of the Game" is a surprising little film that inspires, educates and makes us all the happier for having seen it. High school girls' basketball will seem like the greatest game ever played. (Rated PG-13) -*Chelsea Bain*

THE KING (B)

Elvis (Gael Garcia Bernal) arrives in Corpus Christi, Texas, in search of Pastor David Sandow (William Hurt), a revered figure in the community. Elvis claims to be the pastor's son, and the religious leader recalls a former life when a Mexican prostitute kept him company. Not surprisingly, he shuns his son. Stubborn and quietly full of sin, Elvis takes a room at a local motel and seduces the pastor's daughter — and his half-sister — Malerie (Pell James). "The King" is so eerie it's hard to decipher the bizarre from the masterfully planned. The film, however flawed, keeps us on our toes. That certainly counts for something. (Not rated) -*Chelsea Bain*

Ongoing

THE BREAK-UP (C+)

Oversized, overaged frat boy Gary (Vince Vaughn) and his art dealer girlfriend Brooke (Jennifer Aniston) break up but continue to share a condo. In this anti-romantic comedy, tabloid-linked stars Vaughn and Aniston have nowhere to display their chemistry, except in anger. Between the hijinks that ensue as Gary and Brooke try their best to hurt one another, you end up sitting back and checking off the product placements or trying to figure out how many endings the director shot. (Rated PG-13)

BRICK (D)

In this oddball teen noir about a high school drug ring, Brendan Frye (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is determined to oust head drug pusher, The Pin (Lukas Haas), from his throne after Brandan discovers the body of his ex-girlfriend Emily (Emilie de Ravin) in a gully. Intriguing as the mystery may be, this film leaves something to be desired. "Brick's" cryptic content, jargon-filled speech and visually bland ambience will leave viewers with a sinking feeling. (Rated R) -*Tenley Woodman*

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

THE DA VINCI CODE (C+)

"The Da Vinci Code," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. The key elements of Dan Brown's fabulously fun novel are all here: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) investigating a 2,000-year-old conspiracy concerning Jesus' true nature; a murder plot involving a psychopathic, albino monk (Paul Bettany); and clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces. But director Ron Howard's film is too long and too stuffed with scholarly pedantry. "The Da Vinci Code" comes off as a book, rather than a movie, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book, at that. (Rated PG-13)

DEEP SEA 3D (C+)

Giant squid, sand sharks and moon jellyfish frolic in 3-D in this escapade narrated by Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet. During the hour, viewers traverse coral reefs, shipwrecks and kelp forests to glimpse the day-to-day life of creatures we normally see on dinner plates laced with bread crumbs, lemon and butter. The film's message — preserve these submerged communities — is important, if a little bland to watch. (Not rated) -*Tenley Woodman*

DISTRICT B13 (B+)

In this French action flick, street vigilante Leito (David Belle) reluctantly teams up with cop Damien (Cyril Raffaelli) to save Leito's younger sister Lola (Dany Verissimo) from tres bad guy Taha (Bibi Naceri), a drug dealer who has kidnapped Lola and plans to bomb the blighted District 13 neighborhood. Set to an incendiary French hip-hop soundtrack, "District 13" features fight scenes with furiously flying fists, dizzying acrobatics and bizarrely colorful criminal bystanders. This film makes most other American action films look even dumber and less hip than they already did. (Not Rated.)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

KEEPING UP WITH THE STEINS (C+)

It's the battle of the bar mitzvahs in "Keeping Up with the Steins," as the Fielder family wages war to outdo their rivals, the Stein family, and throw a more lavish party for their son. Filled with mawkish sentimentality, antediluvian Borscht Belt jokes, and a cast of TV actors, "Keeping Up with the Steins" often feels like a lame, big-screen sitcom. (Rated PG-13)

LADY VENGEANCE (A-)

"Lady Vengeance" is the third installment in the acclaimed "Vengeance" trilogy by Korean auteur and master of gory lyricism, Park Chan-wook. The film's heroine, Lee Geum-ja (Lee Young-ae), is released from prison after serving time for a crime she didn't commit. She hatches a complex plot for revenge against Mr. Baek (Choi Min-sik), the true culprit and the person who caused her to lose her infant daughter. Toting a primitive double-barreled pistol, she wades into her task with determination and guts, leaving a trail of brains and dead assassins. But the mystery at the heart of "Lady Vengeance" is Geum-ja herself. Is she an angel or a devil? Mary Poppins or Lizzie Borden? (In Korean with subtitles. (Rated R)

MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT (A-)

Mrs. Palfrey (Joan Plowright) moves to London to be near her 26-year-old grandson, who, oddly, doesn't show up. Instead, Mrs. Palfrey persuades aspiring young writer Ludovic Meyer (Rupert Friend) to impersonate her grandson to deflect the attention of busybody hotel residents. A rare friendship develops between the lonely widow and young artist. Brimming with warmth and intelligence, "Mrs. Palfrey" is small film, yet completely delightful. (Not rated)

THE OMEN (C+)

Power-couple Robert (Liev Schreiber) and Katherine Thorn's (Julia Stiles) infant child dies soon after his birth in a Rome hospital. A grief-stricken Robert, at the behest of a priest, agrees to switch the dead child with a newborn whose mother has died. But we soon know the "switched" son is strange because his parents name him Damien and people start getting knocked off in the most gruesome ways imaginable. This remake of the terrific 1976 B-movie has its moments. But it mostly takes everything that was ambiguous and subtle in the original and makes it so obvious that it's often unintentionally funny. (Rated R)

OVER THE HEDGE (B+)

Mischevious raccoon RJ (Bruce Willis) accidentally ruins Vincent the bear's (Nick Nolte) cache of junk food and is given one week to replace it. Buoyed by a group of guileless forest animals, RJ goes "over the hedge" on his quest, and enters the horrific human world of exterminators and McMansions. The often laugh-out-loud action and "Shrek"-like pop culture references make this CGI comedy fun for both kiddies and adults. Rated PG.

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (B+)

An instant cult film, the charming if surprisingly toothless "A Prairie Home Companion" takes Garrison Keillor's enduringly popular Minnesota-based National Public Radio program and transforms it into a Robert Altman film. Keillor plays himself, a singer/host/master of ceremonies on an old-timey radio program. He's joined on stage — and for the most part upstaged — by Altman's cast, including Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly and Lindsay Lohan. Altman's artistic vision is perfectly suited to this backstage comic fable about quirky showbiz characters. But the film is uninspired and conceptually flawed, which is too bad given its genuinely moving valedictory tone. (Rated PG-13)

THE PROPOSITION (B-)

Set in the late 19th century, this Aussie western sets up an epic struggle between civilization, represented by police officer Capt. Morris Stanley (Ray Winstone), and the forces of barbarism, represented by Irish immigrants Arthur Burns (Danny Huston) and brothers Charlie (Guy Pearce) and Mike (Richard Wilson). Though plodding, slow as molasses and ultraviolent, "The Proposition" also boasts magnificent alien-landscape-like photography where heat waves — and the stench — virtually pour off the screen. (Rated R)

THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (A-)

"Thank You For Smoking" is a terrific black comedy about the pitfalls of being the chief spokesman for the tobacco industry. As Nick Naylor, Aaron Eckhart turns in a great performance as an American Everyman subpoenaed to testify before a congressional committee, pursued by a reporter (Katie Holmes) trying to get him to come clean about the industry, and urged by tobacco head honchos (J.K. Simmons and Robert Duvall) to find a solution to smoking's bad image. (Rated R)

WATER (B+)

Important and visually lush, if not great, Deepa Mehta's "Water" tackles a controversial subject: The virtual imprisonment of widows required by fundamentalist Hinduism. Set in 1938 during Gandhi's struggle to loosen the bonds of British imperialism, the film focuses on Chuyia (Sarala), a widowed 8-year-old who is left to live in poverty and wondering, "For how long?" In Hindi with English subtitles. (Rated PG-13)

X-MEN: THE LAST STAND (B-)

Lust, angst and antagonism — as well as Halle Berry, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman and company — return in this lackluster third installment of the "X-Men" series. Shoddy-looking and unfocused dramatic scenes sit between big, expensive, action and special-effects sequences. The film will satisfy die-hard fans. But it should have been so much more. (Rated PG-13)

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The artwork of William "Bill" Sinton will be on display in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from July 1 through August 3. The public is invited to an artist's reception for Bill Sinton on Monday, July 10 from 6 to 8 PM. Light refreshments will be available. The Clemens Gallery is open during regular library hours. The Hingham Public Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405

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"Through the Garden Gate" tour of gardens in Norwell, Scituate and Marshfield, Wednesday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., to benefit South Shore Natural Science Center educational programs. Advance tickets $20, $18 members, or $25 day of tour. Send SASE to SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061 and in the Center at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, or call 781-659-2559. Box lunch may be ordered in advance for $10. For more information visit www.ssnsc.org.

Bat Night at Buttonwood, with Brian Lies, author of "Bats at the Beach," story time and activity for young children, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. Participants bring beach towels, view the "BATSmobile," and create 'bug-mallows' treats. Free admission. Reservations appreciated. Call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com. A portion of book sales will be donated to Bat Conservation International.

"Between the Lines" Writing Group at the River Bay Club, 99 Brackett St., Quincy, Wednesdays, July 12 through Aug. 23. $55 for five sessions. Registration required. Call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506. For complete schedule email facilitator Karen Flood, journalguru@yahoo.com

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell. Light refreshments served. Free. For information call 781-659-2342.

Twilight Tales at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell Center, for children ages 3-6, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., July 12, 19, and 26. Children wear their pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. Free. To register call 781-659-7100.

South Shore Support Group meeting on "Pharmacology," Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, July 12. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, July 13

'Folktales from the Forest' with storyteller Andrea Lovett, in the gazebo at Island Grove Park, Abington, Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m. Free admission. Open to the public. For more information call 781-871-5892.

Summer Garden Tour and Business After Hours Gathering, Thursday, July 13, 3 to 8 p.m. Trolley tour departs Embers restaurant, Route 139, Marshfield at 3 p.m., returning at 6 p.m. for social and appetizers. Cost $20, Garden Tour, $15, After Hours social. Call 781-749-8883 or email info@sswbn.org.

A Visit with Paul Revere at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Thursday, July 13, 1 to 4 p.m. Free with admission of $3, adults, $2.50 seniors and college students, $1 children 5-17. For information call 617-523-2338 or visit www.paulreverehouse.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Brockton Mayor's Free Summer Concert at Heights Crossing, 35 Christy Place, Brockton, featuring **The Olde Kids on the Block,** Thursday, July 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

11th Annual Swim Across America 22-mile Olympian relay swim of Boston Harbor and Nantasket Beach, July 13-15, to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Opening party and auction, Thursday, July 13, 6 to 10 p.m., at the Sports Club/LA Observation Deck, Boston. Harbor swim, Friday, July 14, Nantasket Beach swim, Saturday, July 15. To join the swim, reserve party tickets, or for more information email Kitty Tetreault at kitty@swimacrossamerica.org or visit www.swimacrossamerica.org.

Comedy Night at Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy, Thursday, July 13, 8 p.m., featuring **Mark Riley** of Braintree. Dinner and appetizers available. Advance reservations call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 13, **Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, July 14

"Missy and Dolly's Tea Party," children's program at the historic **Winslow House,** Webster St., Marshfield, Friday, July 14, 10 a.m. Doll historian and collector Jan Norman will present her collection at a children's tea party. Guests bring along their favorite doll. Cost $5.

New England Singles Dance at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Friday, July 14, 8 p.m. to midnight. 60s, 70s, and 80s music, DJ. 35+. $10 admission. For information call 617-325-4900.

Jim Breuer at The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, Friday, July 14, 8 p.m. Tickets online at www.themusiccircus.org, by phone at 617-931-2787, or box office, noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday or all Ticketmaster outlets. Group sales and gift certificates available.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, July 14, **Darwin's Children** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Ongoing events

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while sharing your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or email: peg.merzbacher.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

BEST BET

Shiba Nemat-Nasser and Karen Vincent in South Shore Conservatory's production of Little Red Riding Hood, July 9, 10 am, Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham.

The South Shore Conservatory in Hingham presents Little Red Riding Hood, a children's opera in one act presented by Opera by the Bay Sunday, July 9, at 10 am. The performance will be preceded by continental breakfast at 9:30 am. Tickets (including breakfast)are $17 ($22 at the door). For more information call 781-749-5550 ext. 14, www.southshoreconservatory.org.

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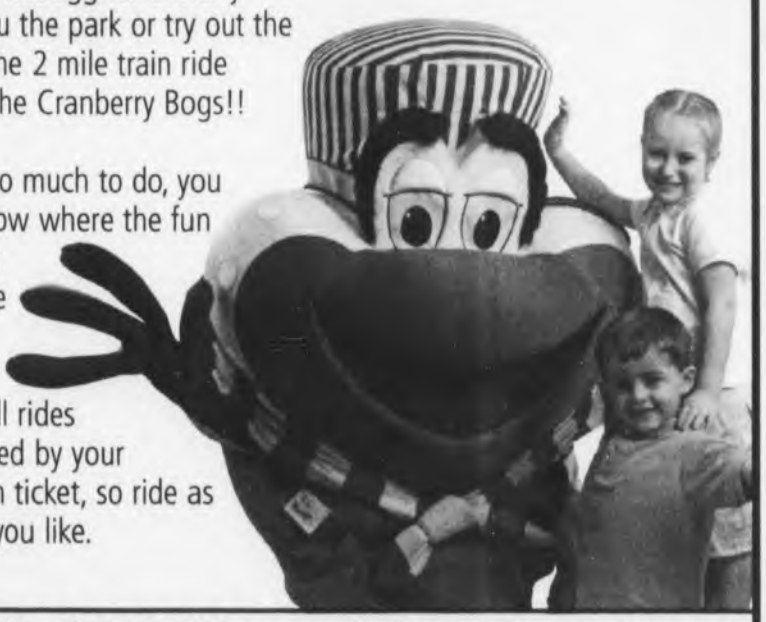

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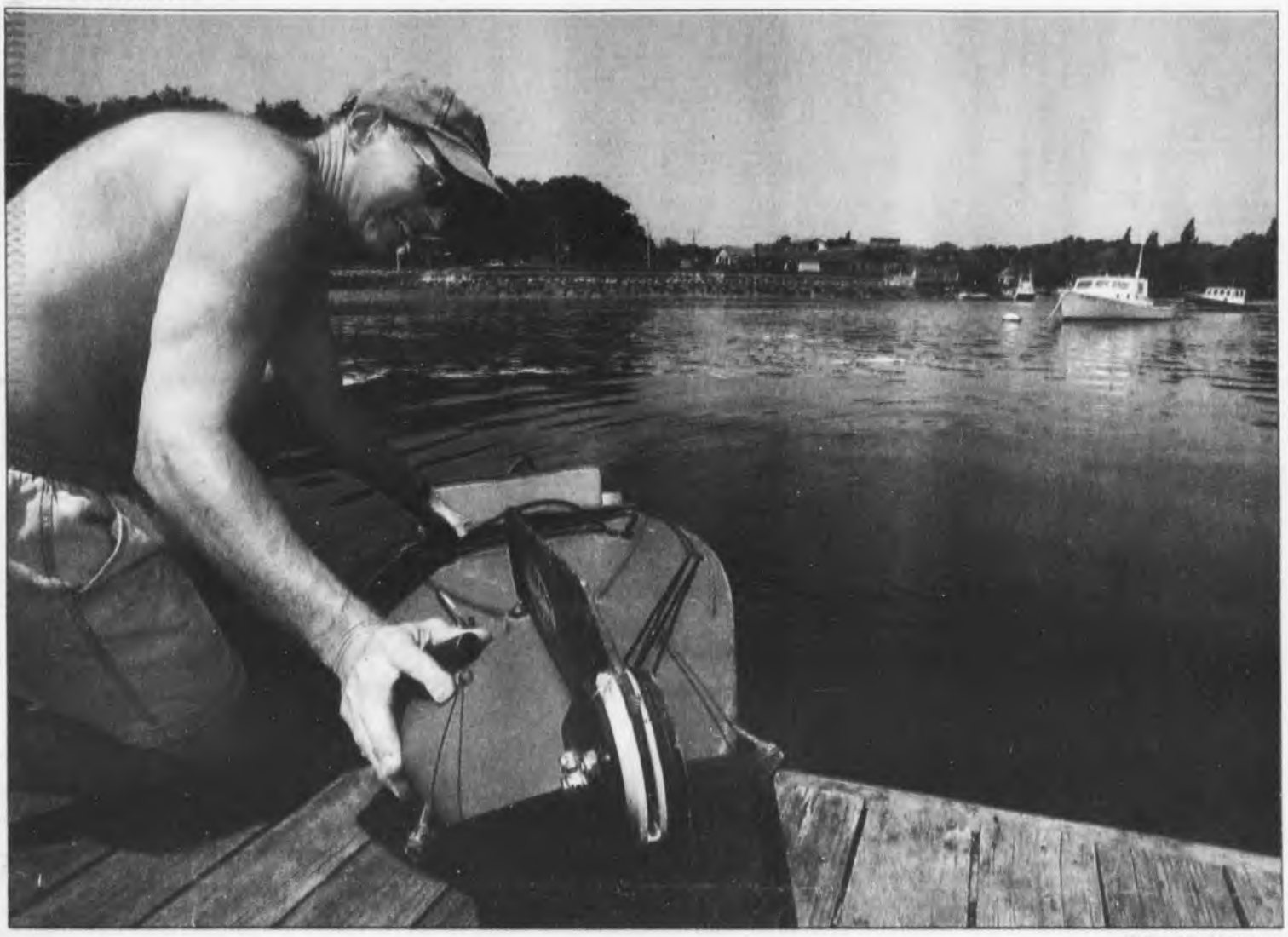

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John Dane of Cohasset puts his two-man kayak into the harbor on a beautiful Saturday morning before enjoying the day with his wife, Gay.

Fire chief to end career

Lincoln plans to retire in fall

By Samantha Brown
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After almost four decades on the Cohasset Fire Department, Chief Roger Lincoln has announced he will be retiring, effective Oct. 29. The Board of Selectmen made the announcement at its Monday meeting and said Lincoln will be greatly missed.

"I found Roger Lincoln to be the consummate professional. His knowledge and experience in fire and emergency medical services is unsurpassed. But, what was especially impressive about Roger was his love for and dedication to the Town of Cohasset itself," said Town Manager Bill Griffin in an interview Wednesday. "More than any other fire chief I have ever worked with, Roger has always been willing come in to man the station during an

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Town land could be a drain

Selectmen hold off on restriction

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen would like to wait before it imposes a permanent conservation restriction on town property located adjacent to the Cook Estate. While it said it does not favor building on the town's property, it does not want to rule out the possibility of allowing the land to become part of a drainage system for a developer looking to build affordable housing on the Cook property.

But for those residents, who voted in favor of imposing the restriction during the December 2005 Special Town Meeting, the time to preserve the land is now, as the sooner the better when it comes to protecting the town's drinking water. The town's nine-acre parcel of land abuts Peppermint Brook, which runs to Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.

At the board's Monday meeting, residents Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, and Jim Shipsky, 58 Doane St., both proponents of the article, came before the board asking it to carry out the wishes of the people. While the vote in the affirmative cannot mandate the board place a conservation

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SUN WORSHIPPER

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John Matchett of Norwell soaks up the sun on a recent Saturday afternoon at Sandy Beach.

Jack and company are back

During the Summer of 1986, literally thousands of spectators flocked to Cohasset to watch the filming of The Witches of Eastwick in the hope of getting a glimpse of one the stars, Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon or Michelle Pfeiffer.

As you will see in this week's special edition of the Eastwick Word that is included with this copy of your Cohasset Mariner, people were not disappointed. In addition to seeing movie stars, dozens of lucky South Shore residents of all ages also appeared as "extras" in the movie; they were selected out of more than 4,000 who answered the casting call.

If you were living in Cohasset that summer, we hope you will enjoy this 20-year "Eastwick" anniversary walk down memory lane. If you are new to the area, you should find this slice of local history entertaining.

In addition to Cohasset, scenes were also filmed near Damon's Point in Marshfield, Hingham's Old Ship Church Parish House, and at the Quarterdeck in Scituate Harbor.

By the way, the Eastwick Word was the local paper at which Sukie Ridgemont (Michelle Pfeiffer) was the local columnist.

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Jack Nicholson stands on Elm Street in Cohasset during a break in the filming of "The Witches of Eastwick" in August, 1986.

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The Mariner caught up with "box office angels," Kaitlin Jackson, Bridgette Kelly and Kaitlyn Bellenoit, at the South Shore Music Circus.

Names: Kaitlin Jackson, Bridgette Kelly and Kaitlyn Bellenoit.

Occupation: Box office manager (Kaitlin). Box office tellers (Bridgette and Kaitlyn).

Best day of your life: July 13 (Kaitlin). June 30, 2006 (Bridgette). Acceptance to Syracuse (Kaitlyn).

Worst vacation: Montreal (Kaitlin). 14-hour trip to N.C. to find only KFC for breakfast (Bridgette). Senior trip to the Bahamas (Kaitlyn).

Favorite season: Fall (Kaitlin and Kaitlyn). Summer (Bridgette).

Favorite holiday: My birthday (Kaitlin). Thanksgiving (Bridgette). New Year's (Kaitlyn).

Favorite junk food: Twizzlers (Kaitlin). Kit Kats (Bridgette). Cheese Doodles (Kaitlyn).

Best book: "Da Vinci Code" (Kaitlin). "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (Bridgette). "Burned Alive" (Kaitlyn).

Best movie: "Old School" (Kaitlin). "The 40-year-old Virgin" (Bridgette). "Wedding Crashers" (Kaitlyn).

Best TV show: "Smallville" (Kaitlin). "American Idol" and "Grey's Anatomy" (Bridgette). "Nip/Tuck" (Kaitlyn).

Pet peeve: Irresponsibility (Kaitlin). Ignorance (Bridgette). Popped collars (Kaitlyn).

Most memorable moment: Seeing my brother Keith graduate from Navy boot camp (Kaitlin). The day I graduated from Stonehill College (Bridgette). September 11th (Kaitlyn).

Goal: To make sure the music never dies (Kaitlin). To fly an airplane (Bridgette). To be a road manager (Kaitlyn).

Person I'd most like to meet: Already met Dane Cook, so I'm all set (Kaitlin). Elliott Yamin (Bridgette). Angelina Jolie (Kaitlyn).

Biggest worry: Identity theft (Kaitlin). That I won't be teaching my own class next year (Bridgette). Failure (Kaitlyn).

Best part of Cohasset: The Music Circus and by proxy the Melody Tent (Kaitlin). South Shore Music Circus! (Bridgette). JJ's (Kaitlyn).

School budget meeting Monday

The school budget sub-committee will meet Monday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the community meeting room at the high school. The meeting will discuss the fiscal 2007 budget process. All are welcome to attend.

Planning board office hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

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Minors have their drinks on the rocks

By Samantha Brown
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The warm weather of summer seems to have increased the amount of underage drinking taking place in town. During the week of the Fourth of July, there were seven minors caught in possession of alcohol, some of whom were arrested.

On Wednesday, July 5, an officer on patrol with the department's motorcycle came across youths drinking on the rocks on Lighthouse Lane on Government Island. All three were underage and in possession of alcohol. "They all had identification on them, and we seized the alcohol," said Police Chief James Hussey, adding all three were summonsed on charges of being minors in possession of alcohol.

Hussey said while the three were not arrested, whenever minors are found with alcohol, some kind of enforcement action is taken. "Sometimes we call the parents, sometimes they are summonsed, and in some cases we make arrests, especially if there are motor vehicles involved," said Hussey.

Friday July 7, youths were found drinking at the South Shore Music Circus. Three Marshfield minors were arrested for being in possession of alcohol. Hussey said because there were motor vehicles were involved, the minors were arrested. "In a situation like that, we will usually make an arrest" to be sure no one gets back into the car and drives off, he said.

A fourth youth was also found drunk at the Music Circus. She was found throwing up between two cars in the parking lot, and due to the fact that she was not in possession of alcohol, but was obviously drunk, she could not be arrested, but was taken into protective custody. "We do it for her own protection," said Hussey, adding she was later released to a responsible adult.

Fireworks in the Village

On Tuesday, July 4, a Cohasset police officer observed a person shooting fireworks in front of Tedeschi's Food Shops in the Village, as well as other portions of South Main Street. The person got into his car and drove off, and the officer followed him and pulled him over.

"The officer recovered fireworks from the car and discovered the person driving had a suspended license," said Police Chief James Hussey, adding the driver was then arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, attempt to commit a crime with the destruction of property (as some of the fireworks were shot at the front door of Tedeschi's), disorderly conduct, and unlawful possession of fireworks.

Upon further investigation, the officer found the underage passenger in the car had been drinking. She was taken into protective custody and the driver was then also charged with furnishing liquor to a minor.

Shoplifting

A shoplifting case was reported at Stop & Shop Thursday, July 6. An 82-year-old man from Scituate was seen loading a large plant from outside the store into his black Mercedes. The man then went into the store to shop and managers kept an eye on him to see if he would pay for the plant at the checkout. The store had previously had issues with the man.

Police Chief James Hussey said the man did purchase some items, but not the plant. Managers at the store called the police who responded to the scene before the man made it to his car. Not only was the plant stolen, the man had stolen items in his pockets, police said.

Due to the prior experience with the man, Stop & Shop decided to press charges and he was arrested. As his car was being towed, stolen items from Shaw's supermarket up the road were also found. "He ended up with two counts of shoplifting," said Hussey.

Hussey said the shoplifting was not due to a lack of funds. "He had plenty of money in his pocket to pay for it," as the man was carrying more than $100.

The man has already been to court, which issued a stay-away order for both supermarkets. The order is stronger than a no trespassing order the police department can issue, which can cause an arrest for coming onto the property. The man was also required to pay for the court costs and pay restitution to the supermarkets.

Stolen car

At roughly 2 a.m. Friday July 7, a Cohasset police officer on patrol near Bayside Boatworks on Route 3A near the Scituate border, saw a group of youths in a vehicle. Police Chief James Hussey said the situation seemed suspicious and the officer turned around and approached the vehicle. All four youths took off on foot, abandoning the car.

The owner of the truck was contacted and he replied he had not given permission for anyone to take his truck. "At that point, I don't think he realized it had been taken," said Hussey. The state police were called and it used its K-9 unit to sniff out the youths in the woods.

Two of the four were found in the woods and the police were able to obtain the names of the other two youths involved. The two youths found in the woods were arrested on charges of larceny of a motor vehicle and the two others were summonsed on the same charges. Hussey said the owner of the truck is the grandfather of one of the youths involved, which means there is a good chance the charges will be lessened to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Truck hits wires

A large tree removal truck was traveling south on Route 3A Monday, July 3 when it hit a low-hanging wire with one of its pieces of machinery. Police Chief James Hussey said the wire was a telephone wire and was pulled completely off the pole. Verizon was called on to the scene and "they repaired it fairly quickly."

Slap in the face

Two Cohasset adult males got into an altercation at Tedeschi's Food Shops on South Main Street in the Village Tuesday, July 4. Police Chief James Hussey said the two men knew each other and were arguing about money being owed. The Tedeschi's employee called the police, reporting the altercation as well as the fact he had been threatened. The police, fire trucks and ambulance responded to the call, but no one was treated.

"The person who was slapped didn't want to press charges. It actually ended in a handshake," said Hussey.

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The Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church and Father John Mulvehill of St. Anthony's offer prayers at the Blessing of the Fleet at the Cohasset Sailing Club. For more photos, see pages 20 & 21.

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Municipal Parking Lot construction update

The drainage project currently taking place in the municipal parking lot behind the South Main Street shops will be going on for roughly the next four to six weeks. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he was told by Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan that all water runoff in the parking lot will drain into the James Brook culvert and a venturi is in the process of being installed. A venturi is a device which is similar to a funnel. As water flows down the venturi, the swirling action helps separate the water from the sediment, decreasing the amount of solids flowing into the brook.

Dormitzer said the town has also proposed grinding down the parking lot to prepare it for paving in one day, beginning early in the morning and finishing up at night. He said he was not sure what the paving schedule would be, but completing the grading phase of the project in one day would cut down on construction time, which would benefit the Village merchants. Dormitzer said the town had sent a letter to the construction company asking that Village construction stop until the fall, but was told there would be an additional cost to the town for delaying the project.

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Learning to be a team focus of special meeting

Association official provides coaching

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"Do you want, as a group, to be the leaders? If not, the selectmen will step up and do it."
— Jim Hardy, Mass. Assoc. of School Committees

While there is an "I" in committee, this week the school board was counseled in the importance of acting like a team and showing united leadership.

Feeling as if they needed some guidance on their role and responsibilities, members of the School Committee asked Jim Hardy of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to hold a workshop Tuesday, July 11. Discussion focused not only on the role of the board, but its duties in conjunction with dealing with those of the superintendent and the Board of Selectmen.

"There are many pressures. They're coming at us from all angles and we're trying to solve the problems of the schools while keeping focused on what we've been elected to do," said School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy. She said having a clear understanding of what its charge should be would help it interact with other boards positively.

Member Rick Flynn said currently, part of the frustration being felt by the board is an "intimidation from the Board of Selectmen that we should be doing things differently." He said the selectmen continually ask questions of the School Committee and when given the answers, the selectmen tend to want to "impart their wisdom on it."

Hardy said part of the problem could be — judging from the body language of School Committee members — they do not seem to be operating as one cohesive unit of leaders with a firm charge. He said naturally, people gravitate toward leadership and if the School Committee cannot demonstrate it, there are others who will step up to do it for them, whether it be the Board of Selectmen or residents who feel they could get the job done better. "Do you want, as a group, to be the leaders? If not, the selectmen will step up and do it," he said.

"That's what they want to do," said MacCarthy.

Hardy also reminded the board what people see on television and at the meetings and how the committee acts becomes their impression of the entire school system. "If you're functioning as a board, it's OK to disagree, just don't be disagreeable," he said, adding the level of respect between members should be increased.

Having served both as a selectmen and as a member of a school committee, Hardy sympathized with the board's feelings to a certain extent.

"You have a charge and you are the governmental agency which governs the education of students in Cohasset. The selectmen have their own responsibilities, but they are under a different set of statutes. As much as they might want to, they cannot run the schools or infringe upon your authority," he said, adding the School Committee has a big role to play in town. "You are in charge of the schools. The superintendent works for you," he said.

With that being said, Flynn pointed out while they may be the "boss" of the superintendent, he tends to wonder why the board should not defer some matters to members of the school administration as they are the experts, rather than give orders. "I never took education classes and we have a superintendent and principals with doctorates. Where do you draw the line? Where do you give latitude? Collectively should we adopt a position to be micromanagers or have faith in the people employed by us?" he asked.

Once the committee decides on its priorities, Hardy said the superintendent can then take over and bring the school district where it needs to be in the best way she sees fit.

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz said one of the major priorities of the board would be to get Cohasset schools up to the status of being among the best in the state. "There's no reason why you shouldn't strive to be at the top," he said, adding it is the job of the committee to proactively seek ways to bring the district forward.

Committee member Steve Fusco pointed out the board needs to build trust back up in the community because like it or not, "We do have a problem with the public," he said, adding people are not getting the messages the committee is sending out.

With the differing opinions, MacCarthy said the entire board hasn't been supportive of what has taken place at the schools. "It's hard to advocate if you don't fully believe in what the district is doing," she said, adding the entire School Committee needs to get behind the superintendent.

Jamie Williams said the committee needs to step up its efforts to get the good news about the schools into the community and celebrate its accomplishments. "Our marketing strategy for selling overrides has failed two years in a row," she said, adding it is time for a different approach. She said if the town sees all the schools have been able to accomplish with very limited funding, they may be inclined to give more money in the future to see what other great things can be accomplished.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said all the School Committee meetings are televised, the budget is on the Web site and there should be no reason people feel they are not informed.

But Fusco said sometimes the board overestimates the number of people who read the local news or watch the meetings on television, and it is the committee's responsibility to step up its personal efforts. "They don't have it. The message isn't getting there," he said, adding there are good things going on at the schools, which people are not hearing about, and the School Committee needs to do a better job of sharing that information.

Using the example of full-day kindergarten, Slanetz said if people were aware of the statistics of how many students are reaching certain levels of proficiency, they would be less likely to think of it as a day-care service and more of an academic benefit.

Walsh said every Osgood parent knows how successful the full-day kindergarten program is and that a good majority of students were writing paragraphs at the end of the year and reading well. Williams, Slanetz and Fusco all said they have children at Osgood and were not aware of the program's success to that extent. They agreed messages like that need to be brought to the attention of the public.

Walsh said in putting that message out, "We don't want it to sound like we don't need the money."

But, Fusco pointed out, "If we take a defensive posture, they'll think we have something to hide."

No budget link this fiscal year

Members of the School Committee asked MASC member Jim Hardy whether it is common practice for schools and towns to have their budgets linked via software. The Advisory Committee had asked the schools and town to allow their budgets to be networked together but the School Committee feels the request has come due to a lack of confidence.

"It all goes back to mistrust."
— School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy.

Hardy said it is not common to have the two budgets linked, adding until the law changes, "All they (the town) get is the bottom line." However, he did say that for larger cities with different forms of local government, such as those with mayors, the budgeting process is different and both sides would be linked as the mayor oversees both. In Cohasset, it makes sense for both the town and schools "to have total fiscal autonomy," he said, and added he doesn't see why they should be linked or why anyone would want that.

"No one's saying why, they just want to see it," said School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro.

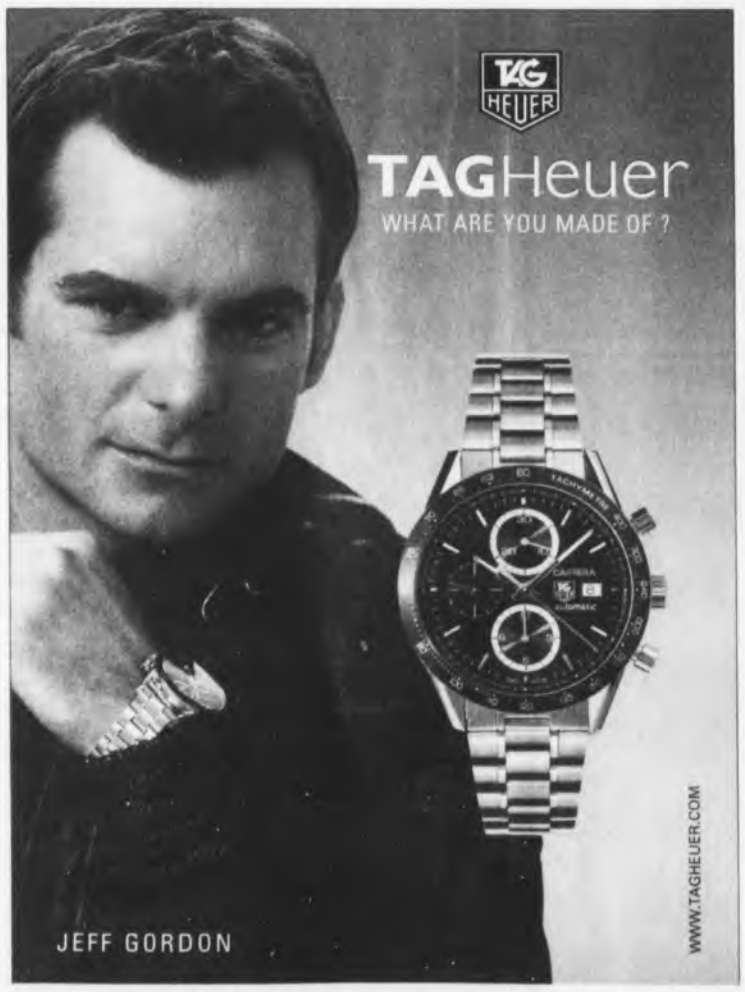
"It all goes back to mistrust," said Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy.

However, in an interview Wednesday, Director of Finance Michael Buckley said he has been working in Cohasset for the past 15 years and for the first 10 he was here, the school and town budgets were linked. He said when Guido Risi was the School Business Manager, the town had access to the school's budget numbers and things ran smoothly. However, Risi left his position in 2001 and Ivan Klimko, hired by then Superintendent Edward Malvey, created a separate charter of accounts, which Buckley could not duplicate on his end. "It's been the same ever since," he said.

Buckley said currently, twice per week the schools and town have a diskette transfer, to make it possible to do the payroll. He said the school department manually enters information into the Pond Street database and then a diskette and six pieces of paper are brought to Town Hall and Buckley then uploads the information to his computer and completes the transaction. He said the same thing happens whenever the town has to pay a bill related to the schools. "I've learned to live with it, but the Advisory Committee asked us to recombine," he said.

Buckley said while in the past the schools have not had access to the town's budget numbers, this time around he asked for software that would allow the schools to have a read-only view of the town's budget. He said if at any point members of the school department would like to look into how much is being spent on light, electricity, salaries, or anything else in the budget, it would all be available at their fingertips.

Buckley said the window of opportunity to merge the two databases has passed for this year. He said the only time a town can switch over its database is at the close of the fiscal year, and now that the new fiscal year has begun, changing anything over will have to wait.



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School Committe wants more information on fiscal 2006 budget

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Fiscal 2006 came to a close June 30, but some, including members of the School Committee, still have questions regarding what was spent.

While the School Committee voted 4-1 to approve the district's second to last Warrant, or school financial report, of the fiscal year at its Tuesday July 11 meeting, Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said when the Warrant is presented for the last time — detailing end-of-the year figures — he would like to see specifically where the school district has surplus funds and where the deficits are.

Slanetz also said he would like to see a list of what has been pre-paid for fiscal 2007 using left over fiscal 2006 funds. "Where did the money to pre-pay come from?" he asked, as there is roughly $61,000, which was left over and has already been spent. School districts are allowed to pre-pay two things using left-over funds: special education tuition and supplies and materials. Supplies and materials must be ordered and delivered to the school by June 30.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh explained in the fiscal 2006 budget, there was money left over in the regular transportation line item and grant funding from the METCO program paid for a portion of salaries, which freed up money in the salary line item.

"Don't we have to approve that?" asked member Jamie Williams of using money from transportation to pre-purchase materials for the next year. Walsh replied because the board did not adopt a policy, which says the superintendent needs School Committee approval to make the transfer, it does not. At one point the board had discussed adopting such a policy, but it was never adopted. Therefore the superintendent can move money between line items as she sees fit.

Williams noted the board never took a vote to approve pre-paying using the left-over funds. However, Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the board gave the consensus it wanted to use leftover funds to purchase supplies for the following year. [Member of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Jim Hardy hosted a workshop for the School Committee after its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday and advised the board begin taking votes rather than getting a consensus].

Williams said she had thought the board would use money from the foundation reserve grant it was awarded by the state to make its purchases. "In the 2-1/2 years I've been on this board, I've never been able to get my hands around the budget as it moves forward," she said, adding she would like to be kept up-to-date on expenditures to ensure she has all the necessary information when budget discussions heat up in October.

Slanetz added if there are surpluses in certain line items, he would like to know how much and which items they are because they may have been over-budgeted from the start and could be reduced in the fiscal 2007 budget. "Tell us where the money is coming from," he said.

In a related note, School Committee member Steve Fusco has refused to sign the Warrant since late May, stating he feels the information being provided by the school department is not adequate and he does not feel comfortable approving it. He said he would like to see an accounting for each line item, stating what that item's total budget is, how much has been spent to date, and how much is left to spend.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said he has been working with someone to install a new software package which would allow for a new format for the Warrant, and that could be in place as early as mid-August.

By the numbers

Fiscal 2004 budget **$11,418,419**
•Includes $350,000 override passed April 2003.

Fiscal 2005 budget **$11,943,800**
• Includes $400,000 override passed April 2004.
• Does not include $160,500 added at December 2004 Town Meeting.
• Does not include $200,000 added at April 2005 Town Meeting.
• Does not include $205,000 state Foundation Reserve grant.
• In September 2005, the school department agrees to turn back $109,000.

Fiscal 2006 budget **$12,344,382**
• Town went for a $400,000 override in April 2005 and lost.

Fiscal 2007 budget **$12,714,714**
• Town went for $725,000 and $1.495 million overrides and both lost.

Fiscal 2006 budget timeline

• In April 2004, the town passed a $400,000 override for fiscal 2005. That July, Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh came on board in Cohasset. In the fall, Walsh announced the fiscal 2005 budget had been underbudgeted by roughly $500,000, and the schools would need extra funds on top of the override funds to make ends meet.

• At the December 2004 Special Town Meeting, $160,500 ($93,500 for utilities and $67,000 for unemployment) was put into the reserve fund to cover costs associated with fiscal 2005.

• At the April 2005 Annual Town Meeting, $100,000 was transferred into the school budget, and an additional $100,000 was transferred into the reserve fund for any additional costs that might occur. The school department also went for another $400,000 override for fiscal 2006, but this time it did not pass muster with voters.

• A few months into fiscal 2006 (September of calendar year 2005), Walsh announced the school department had $190,652 left over from fiscal 2005, of which it used roughly $80,000 to pre-pay special education tuitions for fiscal 2006.

• In October 2005, the school department received a state Foundation Reserve Award in the amount of $205,000. The money was awarded as a result of significant reductions in state aid. This money was added to the $21,000 it already had from the previous year.

• The school department turned back $109,000 at the December 2005 Special Town Meeting, which was put back into the reserve fund. At that same meeting, $285,000 was taken out of the fiscal 2006 school budget, due to the failed override at the April Town Meeting (That year the town voted to pass the budget with the override figure included in the budget. When the override failed at the ballot box, it required the budget go back for another Town Meeting vote after cuts were made to balance the figures).

• At the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting the school department went for an override again for the fiscal 2007 budget, this time with two choices: $725,000 or $1.495 million. Both figures failed at the ballot box.

• Currently the school department is reporting it has $61,000 left over from fiscal 2006, which it used to pre-pay special education tuition as well as some supplies and materials for fiscal 2007. The schools are also asking for $109,000 from the town's reserve fund to help pay a special education tuition bill from fiscal 2006, which has been incurred due to the schools' losing an appeal.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. To register or for information call 781-383-9112.

Volunteers — Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for kitchen assistants this summer to help serve meals to elders on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Center.

Also needed are volunteer van drivers to take seniors on scheduled morning shopping trips, to the Center for congregate meals, medical trips and programs. Town van provided.

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs volunteer Coordinator, Martha Horsefield, at 718-383-9112 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior water aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday, through Aug 17, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., Cohasset Swim Center, $3. Call 781-383-9463.

St. Stephen's Bells – Free concert, Sundays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Farmer's market – Cohasset Common, Thursdays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October.

Cruise and dine evening – Wednesday, Aug. 16, 3:15 p.m., leave St. Anthony's parking lot. Back by popular demand. Boat through Boston Harbor arriving at the Chart House for dinner. Great fun, nice discount for Cohasset seniors. Call CEA for information.

Celebrating cancer survivors, TBA in August – at the Farmers' Market on the Cohasset Common. Welcome 13-year-old Sir Stephanie the Strong, from Bronx, N.Y., a young knight from the Magical Moon Army battling cancer, who will bring awareness and contributions to help others with cancer. Donna Green's Magical Moon Painted Cow will be at Christopher Columbus Park in Boston through Sept 10. After lunch, seniors will make ribbons to sell at the event. Visit www.boston.cowparade.com.

ONGOING ACTIVITES

Fitness and dance – line dancing – Starting in Sept. 9 to 10 a.m., $3 Instructor: Nancy Kramer. Need six to start. Call 383-9112.

Senior dance – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., $3, in CEA's Pink Room. Instructor Karen Kirkendall offers back-to-basics dance aerobics. Call CEA.

Arthritis exercise class – Fridays, 9:30 a.m., $3. Guided exercise with occupational therapist Paula Luoma, for people with moderate problems affecting movement.

CLASSES AND HOBBIES

Second Friday Book Club – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Senior Center. Lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie. Call Addie McGrath at 781-383-0952 for information and to register.

Bridge lessons – Mondays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. Improve your game. Call 508-746-8715.

ACBL Bridge – Mondays, 12:15 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play against peers. Refreshments start at 11:15 a.m. Open to all. Call instructor Bill Wennerberg at 508-746-8715.

Drop-in Bridge – Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Held at the Senior Center. Open to the public. Registration not required.

Anna's Gourmet Club – first and third Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to make a delightful meal. Basic fee $20, plus $5 per class. Limited enrollment. Call CEA to register.

Men's Chanticleers – Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m., breakfast club for men only. Meet at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. No dues or charges, just the cost of food. Other events include day trips, evening dining and overnights for the cost of room and meals. Transportation available. To sign up call Lloyd Prescott at 781-544-3626.

Computer training – Starting Sept 12: Tuesdays, 2:30 to 3 p.m. Individual instruction with Austin Breslow, no fee. Call CEA to schedule an appointment.

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COOL TIMES

Hello Cohasset, is everyone having a fantastic but really quick summer? I cannot believe we are in the middle of July already. Anyways, enjoy each day as it happens and make sure to have fun with all the little things that take place as well. It all adds up to some really cool times.

Thursday afternoons we have the Farmers Market to enjoy, the first weekend of August is the Cinderella show being put on by the Cohasset Dramatic Club Summer Theater program and the week of Aug. 7 has The Music Lady here in town (call 781-383-2211 for information) giving classes and a fun-filled Family Concert for all to enjoy. It is all looking great.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Kyle Burke** and a belated one to Kyle's brother **David**. Kyle is turning 8 this week and David recently turned 6. Happy Birthday to both of you on your very special days.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Congratulations go out to Lawrence Academy junior **Christopher Roy**, who was named to the academic honor roll for the spring trimester. Christopher is the son of **Peter Roy** of Cohasset and **Susan Roy-Reposa** of Hingham. Super news, Christopher.

BENEFIT RAFFLE

Here is a wonderful way to make a donation and have a chance of winning something really nice. For $5 a ticket, you can take a chance on winning the gift basket with products donated by Rooms in Bloom valued at $500. The raffle basket includes a set of Simon Pearce candlesticks, a silver custom Children's Hospital bracelet, a Reed and Barton vase, a Lunt serving tray, a Vietri pesce dish, and a Cohasset by the Sea sign. The raffle basket items are displayed in the front window and chances can be purchased at Rooms in Bloom in Cohasset Village until closing on Friday, July 21. All proceeds will go directly to Children's Hospital and the drawing will take place at the Tournament Reception party on July 21 at the Lightkeepers. (You do not have to be present to win!) Whether you buy one or one hundred, all donations will be appreciated! Thanks for helping out.

ROTARY PRESIDENT

New Cohasset Rotary president, David Farrag, center, was installed in June. At left is outgoing president Brad Goodwin and assistant district governor, Dave Storlazzi, past president of the Braintree Rotary Club, is at right.

Hat's off to Christopher Roy on earning academic honors at Lawrence Academy.

HIGH HONORS

Cameron Cunningham attended The Master's School in West Simsbury, Conn. for his sophomore year. He made the High Honor Roll list for 4th Quarter and Semester 2.

He made Honors for the entire year. Cameron's mom **Sue** and dad, **Bob** are very proud of this Cam, super work.

Elisa Ninde Jerome, daughter of **Jane P. Ninde** has recently been named to the Spring Semester dean's list at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia where she is majoring in finance and international business with a concentration in Spanish. At the end of the month Elisa will be traveling with fellow students to El Salvador with the Christians for Peace in El Salvador organization of Boston.

The trip will focus on the current economic situation of El Salvador and how students at Jesuit universities can help. Elisa and her classmates are trying to gather sports uniforms, small toys and books to bring with them and would appreciate your donations. She is interested in talking to anyone who is interested in her trip or would like her to bring anything to El Salvador for them. You can email her at:

Elisa.NindeJerome@sju.edu.

KEITH AND THE POPS

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and conductor **Keith Lockhart** will return to the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday, July 29th in a concert to benefit the exhibition and education programs of the South Shore Art Center. There is nothing like hearing Boston's "nation's orchestra" in the intimacy of the Music Circus! This year, the Pops will be joined by the awesome a cappella of Rockapella, who performed at the Esplanade on July 4th to the delight of all, in a concert of 70s music. In addition to movie and TV themes (including Star Wars and Rocky!), there will be a Paul Simon medley and a 70s sing-along with songs such as Celebrate and American Pie.

Tickets are available at The Music Circus Box Office and special concert packages including premium seating and a reception with Keith Lockhart are available through the Art Center. Don't miss out on one of the best night's of the summer!

IN THE ARMY

Army Spec. **Josue P. Ruelas** graduated from the Multiple Launch Rocket System Operations/Fire Direction Specialist Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The course is designed to train the service member to record and transmit firing data using fire direction systems and voice radio; operate fire direction system, platoon leaders digital message device, and multiple rocket launch system communications equipment; participate in gathering of operations and intelligence data; plot by using capability charts, friendly and enemy situation maps; and record ammunition expenditure, equipment serviceability, situation, firing point, target and mission reports.

Josue is the son of **Victor M. and Silvia Ruelas** of King Street, Cohasset.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Douglas Huntington Pearce, son of **Peter and Ansley Pearce** of Cohasset, has been named to the president's list for the spring 2006 semester at Elon University in Elon, N.C. To earn this honor, Douglas could have no grade lower than an A-. Great work!

BU GRAD

Hats off to **Malcolm J. Stansell** of Cohasset on being named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring term.

JEN IS 40!

Lordy, lordy — look who's 40! Our very own Mariner Around Town columnist Jen Piepenbrink's big day is Monday (July 17). Her husband, Bob, her children Daniel, Callie and Cody, and all of her friends love her a whole lot! So do we here at the Mariner. All the best, Jen!

SKIDMORE HONORS

Taylor O'Brien, Class of 2007 at Skidmore, earned highest honors for the spring semester; Taylor is the daughter of **Emmett and Susan O'Brien** of Jerusalem Road. Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more out of a possible 4.0. Well done!

That is it for this week. Send in all of your news no llater than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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SHARING GREEK FOOD AND FESTIVITIES

By Samantha Brown
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Greece is more than 4,000 miles away from Cohasset, but it won't feel like it during the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006.

With Greek food and pastries, live music, dancing, boutiques and children's activities, during the Taverna —which will take place July 14, 15 and 16 — traveling down the road to the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham will seem like traveling to another country.

"The Panagia community is very fortunate that the brothers of the Glastonbury Abbey have graciously allowed us to use their beautiful facilities since the church is under construction and also lacks the space and parking facilities to accommodate large groups," said Ed Lofgren, president of the Board of Stewards. "We could not undertake an event of this magnitude without their generosity and we are very thankful to them."

The community of the Panagia Church is small and includes roughly 250 people. One of the Taverna's coordinators Marlena Alex said to undertake a Taverna of this size and duration takes the whole community, especially when the church does not yet have a community center of its own, as it is still under construction.

"The ladies have been baking for weeks, and Harry (Athas, executive chef for the Taverna) has single-handedly made all the pastitsio and moussaka," she said.

In addition to the cooking, Athas, a Hull resident, will provide traditional Greek dancing music as he plays with his band, Asteria. Additional music will be provided my Zach and Dan Zotos of Scituate, who will be accompanied by Anthony Pappas of Marshfield.

Just as was done during the "A Taste of Greece" festival, during which the church partnered with the Our World museum to provide Greek food and fun for the South Shore, the menu will include a wide variety of dishes including: filet and shrimp kabobs, moussaka (baked eggplant and beef casserole topped with a cheese béchamel sauce), pastitsio (baked macaroni and seasoned ground beef casserole topped with a cheese béchamel sauce), roasted lamb, dolmathes (grape leaves stuffed with meat and rice), spanakopita (spinach and feta pie baked in filo), loucanico (sausage seasoned with orange peel), and the ever-popular gyro (blend of seasoned lamb and beef, stuffed into a pita and topped with diced tomatoes, onions, and a cucumber and garlic sauce).

Desserts will include baklava, koulourakia (crispy cookies that are wonderful with a cup of coffee), kourambiethes (shortbread cookies topped with confectioner's sugar), melomakarona (semi-soft honey-dipped cookies sprinkled with walnuts), galactoboureko (custard baked in filo and topped with a honey syrup), mille feuille (layers of puff pastry laid on top of each other with a sweet patissiere cream filling and dusted with powdered sugar), and loukoumades (deep-fried fritter puffs topped with a honey syrup and sprinkled with cinnamon). Finally, baklava sundaes (chopped baklava topped with vanilla ice cream) will be a sure to cure the summer heat.

To add to the festival atmosphere, there will be a moonwalk and other activities for the children.

Taverna 2006 will take place at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham Friday July 14 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday July 15 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday July 16 from noon until 8 p.m. The event will feature traditional Greek food and pastries, live music, dancing, children's activities, boutiques, Greek folk dancing and more. Admission and parking are free, and seniors will receive a 10% discount on food.

STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Nicholas Belezos, 14, helps cut pieces of seasoned meat for gyros (sandwiches) during the Taste of Greece held in May at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. A Greek Taverna is being held July 14-16 at Glastonbury Abbey.

Ginny Alex, 7, of Cohasset looks longingly at a tray full of baklava while waiting for her dessert, loukoumathes, during "A Taste of Greece" at the Taste of Greece held at Our World. There should be pleny of baklava at Taverna all weekend.

TAVERNA 2006

What: A celebration of Greek food and culture
Where: The Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, located at 16 Hull Street.
When: Friday July 14 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday July 15 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday July 16 from noon until 8 p.m.
How much: Admission is free and senior citizens receive a 10 percent discount on all food.
Sponsored by: The Panagia Greek Orthodox Church of Cohasset.

MAKE YOUR OWN MOUSSAKA

1 (1 lb) eggplant
2 large cloves garlic
2 lb. ground lamb
1 tsp. oregano
1 (16 oz) can whole tomatoes, drained
1 tsp. allspice
fi cup dry red wine
1/3 cup parmesan cheese
fi cup tomato paste
4 Tbs. olive oil
3 eggs
/cup parsley
1 cup chopped onion
salt and pepper to taste

Bechamel Sauce:
4 Tbs. Butter
fi tsp. salt
1 onion, chopped
dash of pepper
8 Tbs. Flour
3 fi cups milk

Melt butter; add flour and slowly add milk. Stir constantly, cooking over a low flame until thickened. When thick and smooth, add onion, salt and pepper and remove from the heat.

Peel and cut eggplant crosswise into /-inch thick slices. Sprinkle with salt and let bleed for 1 hour. Brown the meat in 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Remove and drain. Saute (in 2 tablespoons of olive oil) the onion for 5 minutes. Add the meat, tomatoes, wine, tomato paste, and all the seasonings. Let it summer for 15 to 20 minutes or until thickened. Cool and stir in one cup béchamel sauce and/cup parsley.

Dry the eggplant slices with a paper towel. Brush with oil and broil, 4 inches from the heat for 3 minutes. Cover the bottom of the pan with a layer of the slices. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese, and top with fi of the meat mixture. Repeat, layering as above. Cover with a final layer of eggplant. Beat the eggs into the remaining béchamel sauce. Pour over the eggplant and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake 45 to 50 minutes until golden brown.

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Selectmen won't restrict Cook-adjacent town parcel

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restriction on the property, it authorized the board to do so. Both said it is very important to protect the town's drinking water supply and much money has been spent to date to acquire land in the watershed for water protection purposes. It therefore makes sense to place the restriction on the property, which the town already owns, they said.

But the board was hesitant to place the restriction on the property, not knowing the fate of the Cook property, located adjacent to the town land on Sohier Street. The town had worked with the heirs of the Jane Bancroft Cook Estate for roughly three years to build affordable senior housing on the combined Cook and town parcels of land. However, wastewater issues first forced a reduction of scope for the project, and then forced the project to fall through. The town would still like to see affordable housing built on the property by a private developer, if possible, and if using a portion of the town-owned land can provide a wastewater solution, the town would be willing to help, selectmen said.

"I'd very much like to protect the land, but I'd like to keep that ace up my sleeve," said Selectman Gary Vanderweil. He said he has heard there are a few developers who have shown interest in building on the Cook property and "If they needed to do something over the property line, I'd like to allow it," he said, reiterating that does not mean he wants to see the town's property developed.

Selectman Rob Spofford agreed and said it would be a shame to lose out on the possibility of gaining some affordable housing for the town if a developer needs 30,15, or even 10 feet to make it happen. "I do support open space, but I think we have to tread lightly," he said.

Vanderweil added, "Maybe it would be a rain garden going in up there to help get rid of the nitrogen," in the water which flows into Peppermint Brook. With a conservation restriction, the land must remain open space in perpetuity.

However, Shipsky pointed out, when private developers come before the planning board looking for a special permit, they are asked to provide adequate drainage on their property for their project. "Abutters don't help out. Why would we help an unknown developer with an unknown project?" he asked.

Quigley added she has spoken informally with a couple of developers who told her they would be able to build a project using only the Cook property. "Why does the town need to subsidize a private developer?" she asked, adding, "Every other developer has to deal with the property on their own."

"This could set a bizarre precedent," said Shipsky.

Selectman Fred Koed said he believed the board would only agree to help out a project if it would benefit the common good, such as providing affordable housing, which the town desperately needs. "We wouldn't do this for a regular subdivision," he said, adding if the town could gain five more units of affordable housing for a few feet of its land, the deal would be worth it.

But Quigley said while she supports affordable housing and it is important, "I don't think it's more important than protecting the town's water supply." She added she had letters from the Water Commission, Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, and Water Resources Protection Committee which all support placing the conservation restriction on the land.

While the board said it was not ready to take a vote that night, Dormtizer assured Quigley before the end of his term in 2007, he would bring the issue to a vote. "You're going to get this at some point or another, but we need to have a common agreement," he said, adding perhaps Town Counsel can get involved and draft a restriction that would somehow incorporate a portion of the land now, followed by the rest of the land at another point if it is not needed by a developer. In the future, depending on whether developers come forward to build on the land or not, placing the restriction on the land could be a much easier decision.

Town property summary

Location: The town's nine acres are located north of Route 3A and southeast of Deer Hill and the Cook Estate. The Stop and Shop plaza on Route 3A is located southwest of the town's parcel.

Water: A perennial stream (locally known as Peppermint Brook) drains the site. The stream is a tributary of Lily Pond, which serves as the town's drinking water supply.

Vegetation: A mature deciduous forest consisting primarily of red oak, red maple, black birch and white ash covers more than half the site. Wetlands (deciduous wooded swamp) and a potential vernal pool occur on the southern half of the site. Vernal pools serve as critical breeding habitat for certain wildlife species such as wood frogs, spotted salamanders and some invertebrate species. A portion of the northeast section of the parcel is brushy due to past disturbance from test pitting. The remaining sections of the site consist of undisturbed native vegetation.

Wildlife: The site provides cover, feeding and breeding habitat for local resident wildlife. In addition, naturally vegetated habitat, such as that existing on the site, provides important resting and "refueling" areas for migrant birds passing through the area, en route to breeding grounds elsewhere in the region. The National Environmental Health Surveillance Program has identified the property as a Priority Rare Special Habitat, due to known occurrences of rare species listed by the state as endangered, threatened or species of special concern.

Surroundings: The site adjoins additional town-owned land located north and northeast of the site (south of the Deer Hill and Osgood elementary schools). The town-owned land is forested and complements the naturally vegetated land occurring on the site. The Trustees of Reservations' 824-acre Whitney-Thayer Woods Reservation and the recently acquired 100-acre "Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area" are located a little more than 1,000 feet southwest of the site.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Aug. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesdays.

Independent Film Series – The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will show the independent film "Day Break" on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Knitting Group – Come join the knitting group on Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the library's Historical Room. This is a fun group for all who love to knit or just have an interest in knitting. Bring a knitting project and join like-minded friends at the library.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Marilynne Robinson's "Housekeeping" on Thursday, July 27, 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, who grow up haphazardly, first under the care of their competent grandmother, then of two comically bumbling great-aunts, and finally of Sylvie, the eccentric and remote sister of their dead mother. Ruth and Lucille's struggle toward adulthood illuminates the price of loss and survival, and the dangerous and deep undertow of transience.

FOR CHILDREN

Music with MamaSteph – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., from July 17 through Aug. 7. Music with MamaSteph is open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club Once – Marjorie Murphy will once again host Puzzle Club. Puzzle Club is for students going into grades three and up, and is a drop-in program. The library has all new jigsaw puzzles, from 100-piece puzzles to challenging 500-piece puzzles. Bring a team of puzzle makers or come alone and join a team. Puzzle Club meets in the Story Hour Room from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Prompt pick up is required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Marionette Show – Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. The Drawbridge Puppet Theater will perform, "The Chinese Nightingale." This show is most appropriate for ages 6 and older. The Drawbridge Puppet Theater has been performing at the PPML for the last five years. Space is limited, so come early to insure a good seat. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Reading Lists – The summer reading lists for grades six through 12 can be found on the library Web site. Go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Young Adult and then click on Cohasset Public Schools' Summer Reading List. Don't wait until the last minute to do summer reading; popular books are going fast. To check on the availability of a suggested book, go to the Web site and check the catalog. Remember, patrons can place a hold on a specific book, renew books and check accounts, all from the comfort of their home.

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Fire Chief Roger Lincoln discusses strategy with firefighter Randy Rosano during a two-alarm fire at 100 Pond Street in April, 2004. Lincoln announced his plans to retire this week.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln to retire in October

FROM FIRE CHIEF, PAGE 1

emergency, or to drive the truck, or to even go to a neighboring community and provide direct services during a mutual aid situation. I will miss him and the community will miss him."

As a member of the fire department for 37 years, Lincoln has served in the rank of firefighter, captain, and for the past 13 years as chief of the department. "He always discharged his responsibilities with the interest of the town of Cohasset and its residents in mind. He will be sorely missed," said Griffin.

In a letter to the board, Lincoln explained while serving the citizens of Cohasset has been a "most rewarding experience, the time has arrived to move on." He added, "I want you to know what a pleasure it has been working with you and I look forward to working with you through the transition period."

Lincoln is a graduate of the Cohasset High School Class of 1965, and holds an associate's degree in fire science from Massasoit Community College. Today, he is a Brewster Road resident, who became the town's first local chief in a decade when he took over at the post in 1993. Not since former Chief Charles Piepenbrink served the town had the fire chief been from Cohasset.

When Piepenbrink retired in 1982, Lincoln served a 10-month stint as acting fire chief, and actually applied for and was offered the position. However, he declined the offer due to the fact that at that point, the chief's position had just been taken out of civil service. At that time, Lincoln's two sons were about to enter high school and he didn't think a 3-year contract provided enough security. He therefore chose to return to his civil service rank of captain and Martin Dooley was hired. Following Dooley came Daniel Brock and John Nadeau, and all three were either from out-of-town or out-of-state.

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—Town Manager Bill Griffin

When Nadeau departed in the summer of 1992, Lincoln once again stepped up to serve as acting chief. Once again he applied for the position and this time was offered the position and accepted. For lack of a better word, Lincoln said it was a better "gamble" to take the position at that time, due to the fact that his children were grown. He had also served as a captain since 1976 and felt it was time to make the move.

When Lincoln was hired as chief, members of the fire chief search subcommittee, which consisted of then selectmen Merle Brown and Jane Goedecke, narrowed the field from 35 applicants down to five. They said none of the other finalists were of the same caliber as Lincoln, who was unanimously appointed by selectmen.

"No other candidates were close enough to the winning candidate to make it worth the selectmen's time and the candidates' time," Goedecke said at the time. "The subcommittee felt it was an easy decision and recommended the board interview just one."

Griffin said Lincoln's departure is a major development for the fire department as the town is currently in the process of forming a fire services task force, charged with scrutinizing every aspect of the fire department budget. With the failed override this year, every budget will be broken down line by line to ensure the town is getting the services it expects for the money being spent. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the amount of data Lincoln has collected over the years has been invaluable to the board and will continue to be extremely helpful. "His reports are wonderfully detailed," he said, and will surely be an asset during the budget review process. "He will be missed."

The Board of Selectmen will begin discussing the selection process for a new chief at an upcoming meeting. Under the Town Manager Act, Town Manager Bill Griffin will be responsible for appointing a new chief.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

New cable advisory committee members

At its Monday meeting the Board of Selectmen appointed Paul Carlson, 18 Old Coach Road and Pam Fredericks, 18 Pleasant St., to the Cable Advisory Committee. Carlson has lived in town 33 years and said he was one of the first cable customers in town. As a financial analyst, he said he has had the opportunity to analyze cable stocks in the past, and hopes to put that experience to good use in the committee. He said he looks forward to working with other members of the committee to get the best possible cable service for the town.

Fredericks has lived in town eight years and said her background is in technology and computer security. She said with so much new technology coming down the pipeline, such as the conversion of television and the Internet, there will be many security and privacy issues for the town to face, which is where her expertise will come in handy.

Carlson and Fredericks will join Pat Martin, 169 Linden Drive, and Stephen Oronte, 2 Bound Brook Lane, on the committee. Martin is the co-host of "Our Town," the town's local cable access show, and has been working with both Comcast and the town's local Comcast Access Coordinator, Evelyn Burke since May 2005. She is currently one of six people in Cohasset "certified" by Comcast to use their equipment and film events on its behalf. For the past eight years, Oronte has run organizations and worked with technologies that are at the center of IP convergence, and he is completely familiar with the business models of the telephone, cable and Internet providers. He also works with and understands the implications of Municipal Wi-Fi and various Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, ubiquitous and pervasive network technologies.

Gardeners sought to plant median island

MBTA train crossing work is complete on North Main Street and the road is once again open to the public. The Board of Selectmen is now looking for volunteers to adopt the median island at the crossing, as its center is full of loam and is ready for plantings.

Anyone interested in adopting the island should contact Town Manager Bill Griffin at (781) 383-4105 or any member of the Board of Selectmen.

Buttonwood Books hosts program for writers

Buttonwood Books & Toys and Grub Street, a Boston independent writing center, will present Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a program for writers. The next seminar will take place Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The topic is Flash Writing and the instructor is Linda Button.

Looking for a spark to get writing again? This workshop focuses on tricks and tactics to get pen to paper and let it flow. Participants can walk away with good starter material to build on later. The program is for new writers and experienced writers who want a little refresher jolt.

This is a free event. Reservations are appreciated. Call Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, at 781-383-2665 for reservations or more information.

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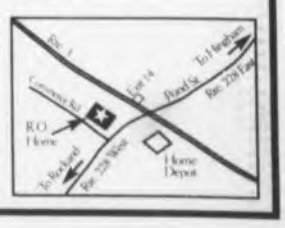


OPINION

EDITORIAL

Drive defensively

As long as we have been covering Cohasset, we still have trouble writing the words "state highway."

Somehow that term seems incongruous with this small seaside town full of idyllic streets, a lovely Village, and spectacular ocean vistas.

However, the truth is Route 3A runs right through town and it is getting more traffic clogged and dangerous all the time.

On the up side with the "3A corridor", those who are passing through on their way either north or south are not likely to take side streets to reach their destination.

However, on the down side the traffic is outgrowing the capacity for 3A to handle it. The roadway is a single lane in each direction for most of its stretch through Cohasset. When it opens up by Shaw's into four lanes, it becomes more like the Indianapolis Speedway with cars passing in both the inside and outside lanes when the speed limit in that location is only 35 m.p.h.

While the most dangerous stretch in Cohasset in terms of "rear-end" collisions is King Street (between Stop & Shop and Lower King Street) – the entire corridor can be hazardous.

The light at Beechwood still doesn't register unless you are right at the stop line. We've stopped there hundreds of times to make a left and have yet to have the benefit of an arrow although the lights are equipped with them.

The Pond Street light provides a "choke point" in the morning commute with cars backing up to Beechwood.

At Leo's Exxon where there is also a Dunkin Donuts, some motorists try to pull out onto 3A and turn left across two lanes of traffic to head south. Motorists on 3A heading south often put on their directional and make a left into Leo's – it's a left that can surprise a motorist with a lead foot who has just made the light.

Have you ever tried to make a left out of Tedeschi Plaza or Brewster Road (heading toward Scituate)? The move is not for the faint of heart.

"Near misses" with those trying to "gun it" and make a left out of Sohier Street onto 3A are hair raising for those motorists traveling north who have a clear view of the "close call" with the vehicle heading south and the Sohier Street "suicide driver."

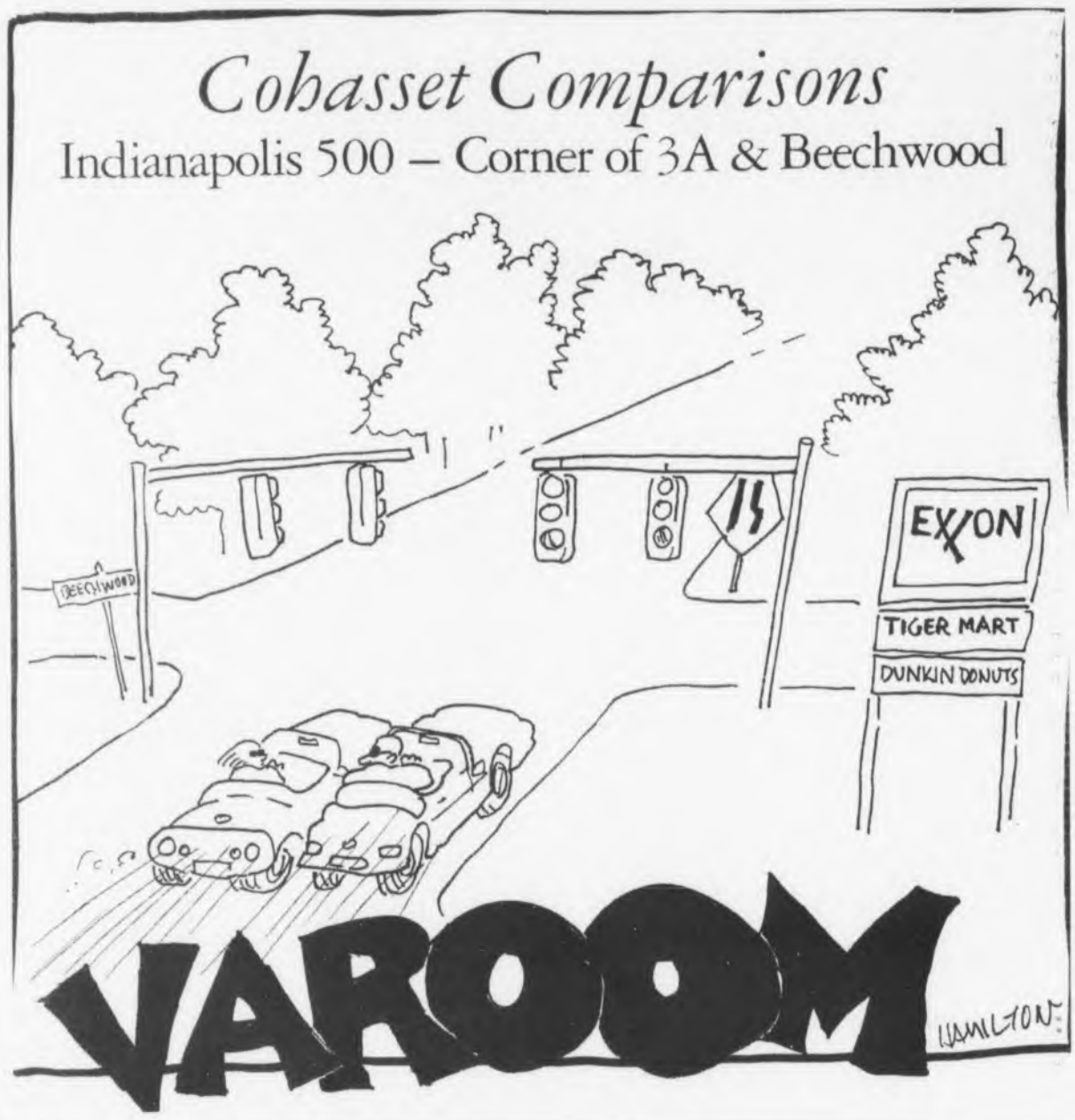
On Tuesday, we bought our coffee at Dunkin Donuts by Acapulco's at about 7 a.m. – right in the middle of rush hour. We pulled up to the exit to turn right and waited for several minutes before there was enough of a lull in the traffic to safely make the turn.

While waiting there we observed what seemed like 100 cars pass. At least half the drivers were on the cell phone and clearly distracted during the stretch of 3A where there are the most curb cuts. Nearly everyone was "following too close," so if one had to make a sudden stop – there would certainly have been a chain reaction, rear-end collision.

We fully support the efforts of the Cohasset Police Department, which has launched a study of the highway and will also compare notes with Scituate and Hingham that share the state road.

With Avalon on the horizon, Cedarmere being built and the train coming – traffic conditions on 3A could only get worse. In addition, the town hopes to grow commercial development along the corridor through changes in parking regulations to increase its commercial tax base and generate more, badly needed tax revenue.

So now is the time to get a handle on the traffic issues and try to take corrective action. Otherwise, motorists in a hurry will turn to our side streets. North and South Main streets, as well as upper King Street, could become mini-speedways of their own as commuters rush to either the North Scituate, Cohasset or Nantasket Junction train stations.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selectmen ignore TM vote on land restriction

TO THE EDITOR:

When Article 14 came up for vote at the Dec. 5, 2005 Special Town Meeting, two arguments were presented: proponents argued in favor of placing a conservation restriction on the town-owned land in order to protect the town's drinking water supply; opponents, led by a majority of the then Board of Selectmen, argued the town's options for disposition be preserved until the Cook development was concluded. The voters passed Article 14 by a two-thirds majority; voters clearly view protection of our drinking water as more important than development.

The town's participation in land development is thankfully at an end – or is it?

This past Monday, I went before the Board of Selectmen to request they act upon the Town Meeting vote. Déjà vu! The losing argument on the floor of Town Meeting was raised again. It seems if the majority of the Board of Selectmen lose on the floor of Town Meeting, they can ultimately win by choosing to ignore the voters.

Their rationale: a private developer may need a portion of this land to successfully develop the Cook Estate; and the town may be able to negotiate a moderately priced development. Since when does the financial success of a private developer take precedence over the protection of our drinking water supply? The town's last involvement in developing affordable housing went really well, didn't it?

They want a compromise. A compromise was agreed upon prior to Town Meeting, but on the floor of Town Meeting the majority of the then Board of Selectmen changed it. This revised compromise stated any land the developer didn't need would be protected, and the land the developer did need could be used for structures. What developer do you know who's going to need less land? So you see, aside from the issue of why the town is subsidizing a private developer, past experience leads me to be less than willing to trust such a compromise today.

Despite representations by some Selectmen, the Water Commission has publicly supported this effort from the very beginning – and is not alone. Monday night, the Selectmen had in front of them letters of support from: the Water Commission, Water Resource Protection Committee, Planning Board, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and Open Space Committee. It's not just the voters they choose to ignore.

Do I believe moderately priced housing is a priority? Yes, I do. Do I believe this can be achieved by private development? Yes, I do; a smart developer will recognize this is the only housing market not glutted in Cohasset and their best chance for success. Do I believe it's more important than protecting our drinking water. No, I do not.

Fred Koed gets it. Ralph Dormitzer does too. Since Ted Carr is away on vacation, I don't know if he gets it. Ralph has promised me a vote on this issue during his tenure as Chair. I believe him. If Ralph says he will do something, he will, but this vote won't take place until a developer has been offered our land.

I got involved in town politics because I was outraged at the arrogance of our prior Town Manager and some on the Board of Selectmen. Their view was we are smart enough to elect them, but not smart enough for them to listen to us on issues. Some things never change.

Karen Quigley
27 Clay Spring Road

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, July 28, 8:30 a.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 25, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Aug. 3, & 17, 7 p.m.
Council of Elder Affairs, July 17, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
School Committee Budget & Finance Subcommittee, July 17, 6:30 p.m. at the high school
Selectmen, July 24, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, July 31, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

POLITICAL NOTES

Dem. Caucus to watch film on global warming

On Tuesday, July 18, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. the South Shore Democratic Party Caucus will be gathering for a showing of the environmental documentary on global climate change titled "An Inconvenient Truth" sponsored by the South Shore Democratic Party Caucus at Loring Hall Cinema in Hingham, 65 Main St.

The event starting time is 6:45 p.m. featuring video presentations of the speeches of all three democratic candidates for governor from this year's convention. The movie starts at about 7:30 p.m.

Information about environmental issues, all three democratic gubernatorial candidates and our local democratic town committees will be available and distributed. All Democratic party candidates, party members, independents and interested citizens are invited and welcome. All net proceeds go back to South Shore Democratic town committees.

Tickets are $15 and includes a soda and popcorn.

RTC to host cookout

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee announces its annual cookout on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St., Cohasset.

Special guest speaker will be Reed Hillman, candidate for lieutenant governor.

As superintendent of the State Police, Hillman was responsible for 2,600 law enforcement and support personnel and an annual budget of more than $200 million.

Invited guests will include: Kenneth G. Chase and Kevin P. Scott, candidates for U.S. Senate; Jeff Beatty, candidate for U.S. Congress, 10th District; state Sen. Robert Hedlund; Peter Forman, former representative and sheriff; Mary-Jeanette Murray, former representative; district attorneys Mike Sullivan and Tim Cruz; Sheriff Joseph McDonald; elected town officials and other candidates for office.

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North Main Street opens to traffic

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Smith Place has been closed to traffic from Ripley Road.

Greenbush – Late last Friday, the North Main Street railroad crossing opened to traffic at the Cohasset Golf Club. We finally have another way out of Town to the North that is in "finished" condition, at least as far as street traffic is concerned. It's amazing how smooth this crossing really is. Although both Sohier and Lower King Streets have been open to traffic for some time, the street these crossings are not complete.

In the case of Sohier Street, construction was suspended during the Music Circus season and will resume in the fall. We have no reliable information concerning when work will resume on the lower King Street crossing. This crossing, in particular, has been a bit problematic, since CBB has not been "Johnny on the Spot" in keeping the temporary roadway in reasonably good condition. We have commented to CBB that partially completing crossings and then leaving them for an indeterminate length of time does not leave a favorable impression with the residents. CBB is well aware of our comments both at the local liaison and senior project management levels, but we have received no comment or action from them.

Smith Place — This week we reach an historic milestone. Smith Place has closed for good (or at least "for good" as far as most of us is concerned). Ever since Pleasant Street was closed, cars have gotten very used to the Smith Place detour. Now even though Pleasant Street has reopened, some cars still use Smith Place to get to the hillside area and beyond. No more!

We have observed quite a few cars whipping around the corner from Ripley Road at the Carousel Antique Shop into Smith Place without a lot of regard to what's coming at them on Smith Place. If this continues, we expect to see cars impaled on the newly erected jersey barriers. So, please be careful wherever you drive, especially in the Village area.

Town Parking Lot — Construction has begun on the Town Parking lot. This construction is being done by the MBTA as a part of Cohasset's Greenbush Mitigation Package. The first phase of this work involves placing large drainage structures below the ground behind the village shops. That's why this area in now off limits to cars. The drains they are placing are designed to gather water from the surface of the parking lot and separate the dirt and particulate matter from the water and then release the clean water into the underground James Brook culvert. The collected dirt and solid matter is retained in a catch basin that can be cleaned out periodically. These are expensive underground structures but are effective in our quest to clean up the storm water that ultimately finds its way to Jacobs Meadow and our harbor. The drainage phase of the parking lot project is expected to take about five to six weeks.

Heather Drive – The new drainage project at Heather Drive is about complete. The really good news is that about 300 feet of Forest Avenue near Heather Drive will be repaved shortly. Now, all we need is a small drainage project at the Forest Avenue entrance to Wheelwright Park to be completed and Norfolk County will let us pave Forest Avenue. (We can hear the cheers from here.) The paperwork to begin the Wheelwright Park drainage is in process. If we are really, really lucky and the stars align for us, we'll be able to do this new drainage project this fall. Otherwise, it will be done next spring. Then and only then can we think about paving Forest Avenue.

Revitalization – Revitalization is winding down. The "punch list" items are mostly completed. Some new temporary drainage has been added at the Brook and South Main corner to solve water problems until such time as we can do Brook and Elm streets properly. Three stone planters, which were damaged in shipping, are on backorder. These are scheduled to be placed in the brick areas. A fourth will be placed on the sidewalk between Tedeschi's and French Memories. The crosswalk at the end of Depot Court was redone this week because the pavers had settled more than an acceptable amount. We were worried that our snowplows would wreak havoc on them.

Our request to the Commonwealth for sufficient additional funds to allow us to complete Brook and Elm streets is still under consideration by the Department of Transportation. We are sitting here with our fingers crossed that it will be looked upon favorably by the powers to be. (We know crossing our fingers probably doesn't help much, but at least we feel like we are doing something to help the project along.) Seriously, we are in regular contact with the Executive Office of Transportation to make sure our request is current and active. We will let you know as soon as we hear from them.

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US 'athletes' lose another

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I regret to report that "athletes" representing our United States of America have once again failed in their efforts to bring back yet another championship to our homeland, and I'm not just talking about our World Cup soccer team in Germany.

I'm talking about the competition that took place on, of all times, the Fourth of July, and at, of all places, the original Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Stand on the Boardwalk at Coney Island.

If that ain't in your face, I don't know what is!

Takeru Kobayashi, 22, the little 5-foot-7, 160-pound, eating machine from Japan, won the annual hot dog eating contest for the sixth straight time by putting away 53-3/4 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes, a new world record.

What intrigues me further is a report by the Associated Press that the free contest on the Boardwalk drew "thousands of raucous spectators," which means that next year or a couple of years down the road, they'll be in Yankee Stadium charging for tickets.

After that will come a semi-final round on ESPN with the finals on the Food Channel hosted by Emeril Lagasse, now that Julia Childs is unavailable.

But I digress . . .

One bright spot for the good old USA in the 2006 contest was the fact that one of ours, Joey Chestnut, who weighs 220 pounds and is described wondrously as a "professional eater," came in a close second to Takeru by downing 52 franks in 12 minutes.

Joey apparently warmed up for the task by scarfing down record numbers of ribs, waffles, and chicken wings, or at least that's what his resume says.

Incidentally, history's loudest belch was gotten off in 2004 by one Paul Hunn of England and measured at 104.9 decibels, louder than a pile driver at 100 feet.

Pardon the digression, but somehow it seemed to fit right in there.

Third behind Takeru was a woman, Sonya Thomas, who is known as "the Black Widow" for reasons I hate to contemplate, whose score was not given but who qualified by putting away 65 hard boiled eggs in six and a half minutes.

When we last heard from Sonya, who weighs in at 105 pounds and hails from Alexandria, Va., she was on the road in Kennebunkport, Maine, winning (what else?) a lobster-eating contest.

She ate her way through 38 lobsters, or 9.76 pounds of meat, in 12 minutes, beating the runner up, Jason "Crazy Legs" Conti of Boston, who could only down an ignominious 7.65 pounds.

That lobster contest in Maine was no walkover, however.

The fourth place finisher was Ed "Cookie" Jarvis of New York, who claimed the world's record for eating corned beef and cabbage.

Sonya got a $500 prize and a championship belt known as "The Claw" for winning the Lobster Bowl, but Takeru didn't do so well the other day on the Boardwalk.

All he got was a year's supply of Nathan's hot dogs to practice on for July 4, 2007.

When carpenters make you feel antsy

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

They're actually much nicer to work with than my last general contractor.

I thought I'd get everyone up to speed on the Lengyel Family summer plans. We go away on one or two trips this time of year like most families in town, although ours aren't as expensive, and I know how disappointing it is when you invite all your neighbors to a backyard barbecue and no one shows up. I wouldn't like our vacation to spoil anyone's barbecue, particularly when we're so keen to socialize.

The first thing we're doing is abandoning our house to the carpenter ants for a few weeks. I feel awful, because I kept stomping and poisoning them until I realized they were trying to finish up our family room, which needs baseboard and crown molding. They're actually much nicer to work with than my last general contractor. For one thing they show up on time every day. We leave out a few open bags of Cheez-Its at night and by 8 a.m. we've got a full crew. Not even untraceable cash payments were enough to entice our last carpenters to work as hard as these little guys do. And as you know, once you get two or more humans in a room with hammers, your modest basement project becomes a daytime drama to rival any soap opera. Here is an actual excerpt from my journal, written late in our recent 20-month kitchen remodel:

"....Then there's Danny, the Canadian, who insists that every modern construction technique and material originated in Canada. The new American national electrical code? Allegedly copied verbatim from the Canadian codebook. Airtight drywall? Invented in Canada. Dupont's Tyvek? You guessed it: Ottawa. Roofs? Floors? Windows? I don't bring them up. Peter and Danny despise one another, each using identical language to describe the other: impossible to work with, egomaniacal, inflexible, insane. It's best that they don't work in the same quadrant simultaneously. Tony can't stand Danny either, but Danny is convinced Tony hates Peter. The work goes very slowly. I fear that very soon the entertainment value of our crew won't offset their lack of progress..."

So aside from their tendency to raid the pantry I'm quite satisfied with these ants. I'm not the only fan out there either, because apparently America just can't get enough star-studded, computer-animated films about anthropomorphic ants. I saw "The Ant Bully" advertised ahead of "Cars" in a theater recently, along with a trailer for "How To Eat Fried Worms" that nearly made me yorp. Here is a PG-rated movie that makes "Salo" look positively appetizing. Rest assured the Lengyels won't miss any neighborhood hoedowns on account of that film.

However, we will be out of circulation the first few weeks of August, when a Japanese exchange student is staying with us. The head of the program that arranged her trip said our family was ideally suited to hosting foreigners, because we already speak English slowly and a little extra loudly — even by American standards. The girl's name is Naoko, but if you meet her you can call her "Noki". I haven't run that by her yet but I'm sure she won't mind. Noki is such a cute name, and still sounds Asian.

We've racked our brains trying to think of something exciting to do with her in Cohasset. In the end we decided to focus on out-of-town trips, although I refuse to take her to Plymouth Rock. Obviously it's historical as a primitive example of a tourist attraction, but once you've stared down into its concrete pen for a few minutes and had a waffle cone, what else is there? Now the Irish — they know how to spice up a rock. To experience the Blarney Stone you have to kiss it while being held upside down by the ankles. Wouldn't it be cool if we all told out-of-staters it's considered good luck to have your picture taken on Plymouth Rock without wearing pants? I'm telling you we'd have every odd Canadian down here pounding waffle cones before a month was out. This idea might even work as a fund-raising scheme for Cohasset, if only we had a rock.

Bottom line: once the ants are done with the family room and Noki heads home our schedule should open up for sleepovers, pool parties, yachting -- we're pretty flexible. We're good at spotting things as we drive around, but it's more convenient for us to get an official invitation, so we can give you ample warning about our food allergies. Thanks, and see you soon!

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset with four thousand members of Camponotus pennsylvanicus. Since their arrival his rotting sills have finally got some attention, although he has been unable to locate his cat.

HEALTH NOTES

Safe water from private wells

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

About 2.3 million people (about 20 percent of the total population) in New England obtain water from their own private well. Recent studies in New England identified contamination of some private wells from methyl-tertiary-butyl ether (MtBE), radon and arsenic, but many homeowners are not aware of this risk to their drinking water.

If you have a private well, regular water quality testing is important. Many contaminants cannot be identified by taste or odor, making it difficult for homeowners to know if the water quality of their well has changed. EPA and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection do not regulate private wells Cohasset does require sampling of private wells after they are initially installed and whenever the property is sold. However, it is the responsibility of all homeowners to periodically test their well for contamination.

In Cohasset the testing requirements include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which consist of many of the most common — and potentially dangerous — groundwater contaminants, such as industrial solvents and gasoline. The standard well test only includes bacteria and a few inorganic chemicals like nitrate and sodium. If your well was installed without the Board of Health's knowledge, it was probably not tested for VOCs. If you're not sure if your well was tested call the Board of Health for more information. Most of these chemicals are tasteless and odorless in drinking water. Unless you test your well for VOCs, you won't know whether you have a VOC problem. VOCs have been found in many private wells in pristine settings in Massachusetts. In developed and urbanized communities like those that make up the MWRA and Cohasset service area, the chance of having VOCs in the groundwater is much greater. All private wells in these areas should be tested for VOCs before being used for drinking water.

The Board of Health will soon hold a hearing on the permitting of private wells as well as requiring a health inspection of all private wells to determine safety and whether a cross connection to the Town water supply exists.

Cross connections — If a residence is connected to both a private well and public water supply, the piping carrying the private well and public water cannot be connected anywhere. Otherwise an illegal "cross connection" is created, through which private well water in the building's pipes may be siphoned into the public water mains. Therefore, residences served by private wells must either be physically disconnected from the public water system, or the pipes carrying private well and public water must be kept completely separate.

Testing — Although, private well contamination is often identified through detection of an unpleasant or unnatural taste or odor, remember that harmful concentrations of several contaminants do not impart a noticeable taste or odor to the water. It is prudent to have the well water sampled periodically and tested by a certified laboratory. The following sampling scheme is suggested:

- For newly constructed wells. Be sure the well driller submits a copy of the drilling log to the Board of Health. This will trigger the testing requirements already established. Results should be given to the Board of Health and the water not used until the results are reviewed.
- For existing wells: When buying a home with a private well be sure to get a copy of the test results which were reviewed by the Board of Health prior to purchase. Then, each year, preferably in the spring, all private wells should have their water analyzed for coliform or enterococcus bacteria.

Every three years, homeowners with wells located proximal to land uses and/or intensive residential developments that are potentially impacting groundwater quality should have their water analyzed using the standard well test.

If you intend to install a private well, you must contact the Board of Health. If you presently receive public water, you must also contact your local water supplier.

Links to Information The EPA/Massachusetts Private Well brochure can be obtained from the Board of Health or on the web at:

http://www.epa.gov/region01/eco/drinkwater/pdfs/maspwell2.pdf (2 p, 30 KB).

Links to other sources are at:

http://www.epa.gov/safewater/privatewells/index2.html

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

'Small Actors' on 'Our Town'

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, members of the Cohasset Middle School Drama Workshop will perform their award winning one-act play "Small Actors." Members of the cast and their director, Middle School Teacher Stephanie Noble, will also share their feelings about recently taking the gold medal at the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild.

Tune in to enjoy this delightful performance and see some of Cohasset's most talented middle schoolers! Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

What is your reaction to the Big Dig tunnel failure?

BOSTON HERALD PHOTO/MARK GARFINKEL

Crews continue to investigate at the scene of Monday's fatal ceiling collapse in the Mass. Pike Extension tunnel in South Boston.

"From what I have heard I think it was a dreadful tragedy and my prayers are certainly with the victim's family and loved ones.

"However, I am very concerned about what this might say about the value we place on the profit incentive vs. safety. There's an old saying 'That's good enough for Government Work.' This is a tragic consequence of that as a modus operandi.

"We have seen it more than once where a contractor will cut corners to meet a deadline — save on materials — earn an early completion or under budget bonus.

"This is a huge project that thousands of people use on a daily basis. I'm afraid that a thorough inch-by-inch inspection is the only option. That is if we can get the inspectors to agree to GPS technology that might actually allow their employers to know where they are."

— David Bigley

PS. Who signs off that the work currently being done on the Greenbush Line is safe and properly done?

"Preliminary indications are that the same design flaw &/or engineering mistake was made in at least 17 other locations. The ceiling collapse, leaking, cement failing specification *et al.* amount to criminal negligence. Too often, the white-collar criminal walks away with a slap on the wrist. This time, they should identify those responsible at the highest levels and throw away the key."

— Joe McElroy

"Our fears are now reality. Cause of death was blunt trauma not drowning. When we were children, we held our breath as we passed through tunnels. We will be doing it again. Something more than a woman's life was lost in the Big Dig on Monday night, it was the remaining shred of trust in our public institutions to put people before profit. We may have to hold our breath for a very long time."

— John Seel

"$16 billion death trap, expertly built... we must learn the lesson that we cannot blindly yield responsibility to 'experts'."

— Louis S. Harvey

"From a structural standpoint, the construction of the tunnel is under suspicion, and nothing should be said about its safety until qualified structural engineers have inspected the entire overhead support system.

"Meanwhile, it would be foolhardy to permit access to any part of the tunnel structure having similar design and construction characteristics before it has been inspected by competent third-party personnel. By this time, any reasonably competent manager should have requested and obtained a plan for such a survey and given it to the spokesperson responsible for providing information on the status of the situation. It's almost impossible to believe that anyone responsible for management of the tunnel system would emit such nonsensical blather as we've been hearing."

—Steve Bobo

"Although I wasn't shocked that the big dig collapsed, I was extremely disappointed in the people who organized and overlooked the construction of the tunnel. I never imagined that it would kill someone, even though looking back on it — it was evident that an accident would occur. I'm sure many people share the same feelings as I do."

— Emily Toomey

"Projects are either designed correctly with safety in mind or not. Projects are either built to design specifications or not. Inspections of projects as built should confirm that designs have been met and that they have been built to design specifications, without shoddy workmanship. It is truly unfortunate that the Big Dig has now cost the life of an innocent traveler.

"Designers, contractors and inspectors all have critical roles to perform. Now is the time to put politics aside and assure safety first of the entire Big Dig project. Once that has been accomplished the investigation should proceed to where the breakdown occurred.

"The failure of the panels in the Ted Williams Tunnel is a failure in the basic system of how we oversee public projects. This is a complicated problem, but the public deserves answers and to know who was responsible. I hope the finding is not that safety has been compromised in order to keep the budget down. Cutting corners and putting lives at risk is unacceptable."

— Fred Koed

"I am saddened that what appears to be unbelievable incompetence at all levels of this Big Dig fiasco has resulted in the death of an innocent woman traveling to Logan to pick up relatives. I travel a great deal and use that tunnel all the time. It could have happened to me, to my husband, my kids, my friends, to anyone. I am frightened to drive through any of the Big Dig tunnels and I have *no confidence* in Matt Amorello or any of our state officials who say the tunnel will be safe any time soon. Not until we have an independent committee look at every inch of every tunnel and every word of every document will I feel confident again."

— Jane Lanzillotti

"Perhaps we are a little like Rome before the big fall — projects just too big and perhaps we are just too arrogant and perhaps we feel like we are just invincible. We truly need to examine ourselves and 'keep it simple.' We are getting to the point where there is no end to $$ so we believe we can do anything. I deeply feel for this family—what a loss. What a tragedy, wrong place wrong time."

— Georgie Gladdys

"Who does Turnpike Chairman Matt Amorello think he's fooling wearing a work shirt and an orange safety vest to the press conference? I hope the next time we see him in orange it is a nice prison jumpsuit."

— Lance Norris

"The contracts for the Big Dig were awarded to companies that had and continue to have many, many contracts around the world — the biggest names, etc. What I find most discouraging about the series of failures, of which Monday evening's is only the most recent, is that hardly anyone wants to discuss how it can be that these companies are allowed to continue to operate with apparent impunity. What has happened to pride of workmanship?

"It's beyond comprehension that Bechtel Parsons Brinkerhoff and all the subcontractors weren't determined to do the best possible job, just for their own reputation! How can we expect bureaucrats, politicians, and local temporary hired hands to oversee what should be highly technical and very well thought out work? We need to take a hard look at the quality of work, commitment to excellence, and honesty of everyone working on public facilities with our tax dollars. Once inspections have determined that the tunnels are safe, I will continue to use them. Planners have left us little choice."

— Chartis Tebbetts

"The cause soon will be revealed. Until then, I think any comment on the specific incident is of little value. Considering the size and complexity of the project, it is amazing how little has gone wrong."

— R. Murray Campbell

"Since the first inspection completed Wednesday of the Eastbound tunnel revealed more than 60 possible faulty supports in the concrete ceiling panels, my first reaction was — Why haven't inspections of these supports been completed before a fatal accident occurred?

"My second comment is aimed at what may be poor engineering — Why were steel plates not installed in the forms when the ceiling was poured to support the steel cables and beams, rather than drilling holes and using epoxy grout to anchor the threaded rods, knowing that vibration from the traffic and pollutants from the exhaust fumes could cause substantial deterioration of the support system?

"Finally, perhaps they should have had safety supports on the individual panels — as they do with light fixtures above suspended ceilings, to prevent them from crashing down.

"The outcome of this single accident, will be months of redesign and new construction to place the proper supports and lighter weight panels in place, and the expense of millions of more taxpayer dollars, along with the untold hours of political wrangling between the Governor, Attorney General and Mr. Chairman of the MTA.

"We all know that the tunnels will require continual inspection and maintenance for their entire life, and we will be forever working in them. I thought they should have installed a 'zipper lane' like the HOV lanes, so that they could be divided at any time, and allow traffic to flow in either direction, so that when the inevitable work needs to be done, the driving public can still safely get through to their destination, with the least expense and inconvenience to everyone."

— Wayne Sawchuk

"I was disappointed and sorry that someone's negligence or malfeasance actually killed someone."

— Patience Towle

"This is outrageous, but what do you expect for only $15 billion?" (I'm being sarcastic).

— Peter Guild

"An absolute tragedy, my heart goes out to the victim's family. The state needs to do everything in its power to mitigate any further risk. I think they should interview the workers, not just project managers, to find out where they feel other potential risks may exist. I hope am wrong, but I feel the Turnpike Authority was caught up in financial and project targets instead of public safety."

— Steve Fusco

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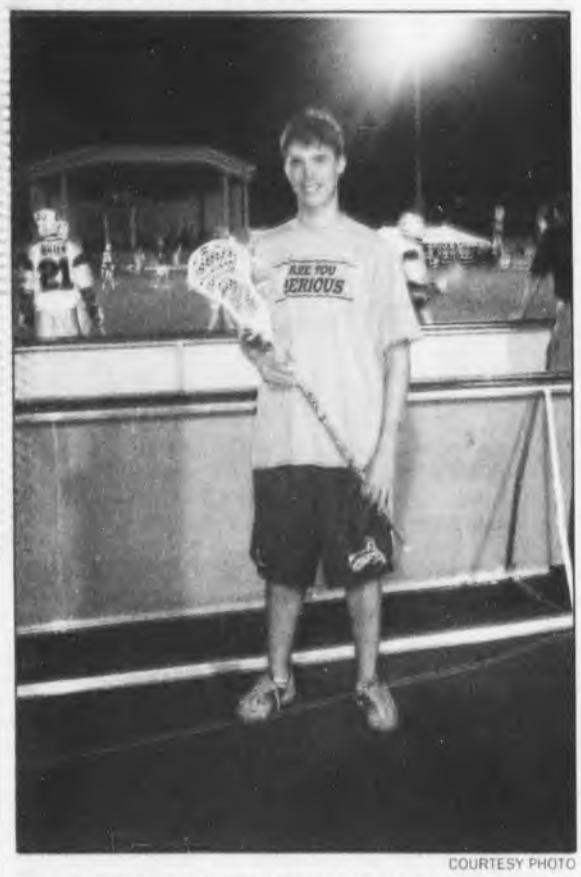

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Cohasset's Aidan Buick was honored with the New Balance Sportsman of the Game award, presented by the Sportsman Alliance of Massachusetts, at the Major League Lacrosse All-Star Game on July 6 in Boston. The award is presented to "an athlete who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship in their conduct both on and off the field."
A recent graduate of Cohasset High School, Buick was co-captain and leading scorer for the Skippers' state champion lacrosse team.

Boys lacrosse team to visit Statehouse

The Cohasset High School Division 3 state champion boys lacrosse team has been invited to the Massachusetts Statehouse by State Representative Garrett Bradley on Wednesday, July 19 for a luncheon in their honor.

Representative Bradley will provide a pizza luncheon and present the players and coaching staff with citations of achievement. The afternoon will also include a tour of the Statehouse.

CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford asks players to contact him at (781)383-6103 and let him know whether they are able to attend.

Injuries catch up to Post 118

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

The run to try and land a spot in the Zone 6 playoffs was fun while it lasted for the Cohasset American Legion baseball team.

But in the end, injuries took their toll as Post 118 finished the season with just nine healthy players, so after a promising 5-2-2 start over the first half of the season, Cohasset went 1-8 the rest of the way to finish in seventh place with a 6-10-2 record.

"The kids gave it their best and they kept fighting to the end," said Post 118 head coach Fred Caffrey. "We just had too many injuries. We lost three pitchers, including our two best pitchers, Greg Malley and Greg Ouellette, and we lost both of our catchers, Michael Signorelli and Kyle Pinkus. Signorelli only caught one game this year. I thought our kids did a great job under the circumstances."

Milton, Braintree, Weymouth and Morrisette (of Quincy) had landed the first four playoff spots at press time, while Canton and West Roxbury were still fighting it out for the fifth spot on the final night of the season Wednesday as they both moved ahead of Post 118 in the final week of the season.

Cohasset picked up its final win of the season last week when it defeated Stoughton, 5-0, behind the brilliant one-hit pitching performance of Ryan Ferriter. That win lifted Post 118 to the .500 mark for the last time this season as Cohasset improved to 6-6-2 with that victory.

Post 118 backed Ferriter with a balanced offensive attack, as Kevin Signorelli, Michael Signorelli, Chris Bryan, Tim McGrath and Rob Dongara produced two hits apiece to provide Ferriter with more than enough support to give Cohasset the win.

It was all downhill from there, however, as Post 118 lost its final four games. Cohasset ran into Canton ace lefthander Greg

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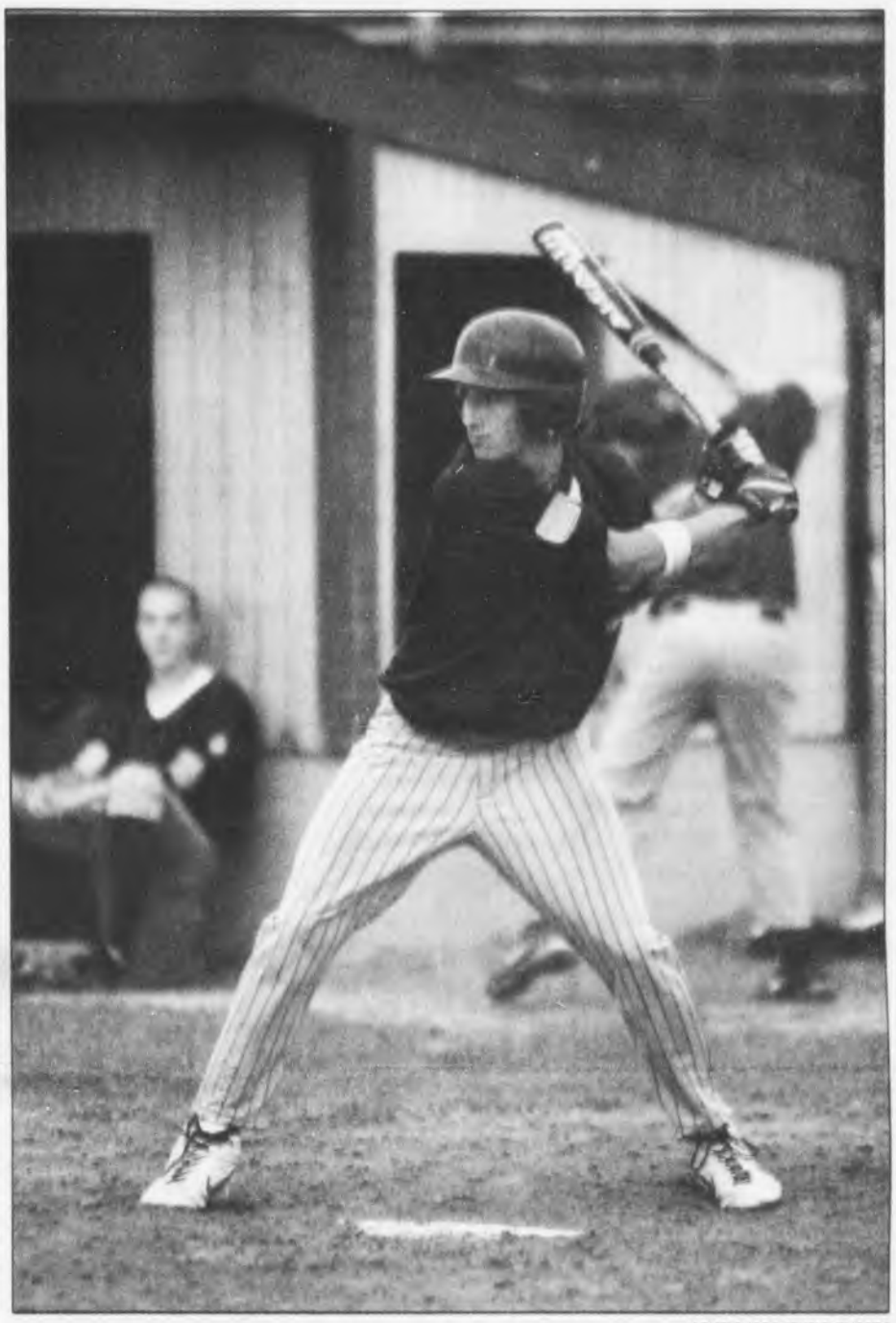

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Rob Dongara had two hits in Post 118's 5-0 win over Stoughton last week.

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WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN

BOSTON - It wasn't the most engrossing of matches or convincing of victories, but try telling that to the thousands that turned Hanover Street into a sea of blue shirts and Italian flags late Sunday afternoon.

There was much in the way of revelry and fireworks, jumping and dancing, and a weird techno remix of Queen's "We Are The Champions" blaring from the speakers outside Caffe Graffiti, which served as the epicenter for the endless throng of giddy fans.

During the match itself, the atmosphere failed to live up to that of the semifinal against Germany. On July 4, there were many fans in black, red and yellow chanting "Deutschland! Deutschland!" – making for some amusing interplay with the Italian fans.

Very few, if any, French supporters turned out to the North End on Sunday. All the better for them, as it turned out, as Les Bleus dropped a somewhat tepid affair.

The match started entertainingly enough with Thierry Henry getting to know the grass on the pitch within the first minute (and he apparently didn't fake it this time, either!), followed just minutes later by an absurdly effective penalty from Zinedine Zidane. Regardless of what anyone says now about Zizou, credit has to be given to anyone with the stones to take a penalty like that in a World Cup final.

The Italians stormed back with their very un-Italian attacking style, and equalized in the 19th on a laser off the head of Marco Materazzi. It was created by the wondrous Andrea Pirlo, the best set-piece creator Marcelo Balboa has never heard of, and aided by a helpless Fabian Barthez, looking as lost as ever in net for France.

Quite frankly, nothing happened over the next 70 minutes, save for an Italy goal disallowed for offsides in the second half.

Overtime began with a man standing in front of me as we stood outside Bricco restaurant, professing repeatedly, "If this goes to penalties, it's over. We will lose." His lack of faith was no doubt instilled by Italy's penalty kick losses in the 1990, 1994 and 1998 Cups, the '94 loss coming to Brazil in the final.

He then went on to compare being an Italy fan to supporting his other favorite team, the Red Sox. I wished to inform him there is a difference between Italy's 24-year drought and the 86 years of Red Sox misery, but I declined.

In overtime, Zidane nearly pulled it out in magical fashion in the 104th minute, his header from a Franck Ribery cross surely headed toward goal. The world's best keeper, Gianluigi Buffon, had other ideas, making

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All-Scholastic boys tennis team

Nils Sceery named among area's elite

Editor's Note: The Mariner's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: softball.

Singles

Nils Sceery – Senior (Capt.)
First singles – Cohasset

Rounded out a noteworthy high school tennis career in good form, going 16-3 and leading the Skippers to a share of the South Shore League championship…Cohasset earned that distinction by handing Norwell its first league loss in over a decade on April 27…In that match, Sceery topped fellow All-Scholastic Rob Ankner in straight sets to help give Cohasset a 4-1 victory…Also scored a key victory in team's first match against Cape Cod Academy, a squad that wound up going to the Division 2 South final…South Shore League All-Star this season…The salutatorian of his graduating class, Sceery also played soccer at CHS

Alex Chin – Freshman
First singles – Hingham

Just a freshman, this talented player has already solidified himself as the future of Hingham boys tennis…Chin started the year at second singles, but made the jump to the No. 1 spot midway through the spring…He was one third of a very strong singles lineup that helped the Harbormen record a 15-1 regular season record this spring…Chin went 13-1 at first and second singles, helping Hingham capture a share of the Patriot League crown at 11-1…His strong backhand is among his greatest assets on the court and it often helped him outlast his competition in long matches…One such court appearance found Chin win a three-hour, two-tie break marathon match with fellow All-Scholastic Nils Sceery of Cohasset and was the deciding factor in a 3-2 victory…Also won a pair of big matches against Duxbury, with whom Hingham split matches with and shared the PL crown…Won key matches in the Div. 1 South Sectional team tourney, helping Hingham reach the semifinals and also won two matches in the South Individual tourney…Expect to hear more from Chin as he continues his tennis career at HHS.

Brandon Luttinger – Senior (Capt.)
Second singles – Hingham

Had a stellar senior season making the Patriot League All-star team for the third year…The three-year captain went 13-3 on the spring, while going 10-2 in the PL…His consistent play at first and second singles helped the Harbormen capture a share of the League title at 11-1…The team split matches with Duxbury, topping the first time since the Green Dragons joined the PL four years ago…At 15-1 overall, Luttinger helped the Harbormen reach the semifinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, where he went 2-1 beating opponents from BC High and rival Duxbury…Also a talented fullback on the soccer field, Luttinger helped lead Hingham to a Div. 2 South title last fall…He also played basketball at HHS…He's been praised by his coach Ron Bartles as being a highly coachable player…"Brandon has been a fantastic player and like a coach for us on the court. He has won the sportsmanship award in the PL for the last two years. He has great ethics"…Luttinger plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan in the fall where he will continue both his soccer and tennis careers.

Ryan Sweeney – Junior
First singles – Norwell

One of the biggest reasons for the Clippers' run to the Division 2 state semifinals…In the South sectional, Sweeney routinely dominated opponents, rarely dropping more than a couple games…That was the story for most of the season, during which his only loss came against Winchester in the state semifinal…Advanced to the South quarterfinals of the MIAA individual tournament, including an upset over the competition's number-3 seed…Also made it to the individual quarterfinals last year, a season that saw Sweeney go undefeated…The aspiring sportswriter possesses the intelligence and court sense to match his talent…A South Shore League All-Star this season

Rob Ankner – Sophomore
Second singles – Norwell

About as good a second singles player as there is in the area, Ankner really turned up his game down the stretch to help Norwell win the Division 2 South crown…Perhaps his biggest win came in the second round against top-seed Dover-Sherborn; Ankner clinched the Clippers' 3-2 victory with a tough three-set win…Earned his team's only point in 4-1 loss to Winchester in the state semifinals, winning that match in straight sets…His 6-0, 6-0 win against Cohasset in the teams' second match helped Norwell earn a share of its 13th consecutive South Shore League championship…Filled in admirably for teammate and fellow All-Scholastic Ryan Sweeney at first singles in the middle of the season

Andrew Williams – Senior (Capt.)
First singles - Silver Lake

One of the more underrated players in the area, Williams was often overlooked because of the lack of wins for his team. Always playing first singles against the very best the opponents had to offer, Williams managed a very respectable 10-9 record this year. The ultimate respect for his abilities came from the coaches of the Patriot league who voted him a league all-star this season…In his four years of varsity tennis at Silver Lake he always improved, after starting as a doubles player his first two seasons, he moved up to second singles last year, and wound up as the team's No. 1 at the start of this year. He is an avid tennis player, but also competed on the Silver Lake golf team the past two years during the fall season…He has been an honor roll student enrolled in AP courses throughout high school, including a 4.3 GPA in his senior year…He will not be continuing his tennis career in college, but will be attending Georgia Tech in the fall to study engineering.

Doubles

Walt O'Donnell/Dan Kenyan –
First Doubles – Hingham

After playing his sophomore and junior years with his brother Tom, Walt started fresh with fellow senior Kenyan and the transition was almost seamless…A three-time All-Scholastic, O'Donnell and Kenyan—who played at second doubles as a junior—brought experience and excellent leadership to the court day in and day out, according to coach Ron Bartles… "Walt has played four years in the program and he is premium doubles player. He has extremely good soft hands for volleying. Dan Kenyon is another perfect player to coach. He gives advice when needed and worked out great as one of our captains"…Both captains, the pair picked up several big wins en route to a Patriot League title for Hingham, sharing the honors with rival Duxbury (both 11-1)…The duo rallied from a first set loss to capture a hard-fought win over the Green Dragons' pair in the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, sending the Harbormen to the semis, avenging a regular season loss…O'Donnell and Kenyan's consistency on the court helped Hingham rack up a 15-1 regular season record.

Brett Cleaves/Scott Kitchen
First doubles – Norwell

Yet another reason for Norwell's postseason success was the play of their two senior veterans at first doubles…Kitchen had played the middle portion of the season in singles, but when he and Cleaves got back together at doubles, it didn't take long for them to return to form…Earned the clinching point in 4-1 victory over Cape Cod Academy in Division 2 South final in a strong straight set win…With a little help from teammate Andy Bogaty, who filled in for Cleaves in the second round win over Dover-Sherborn, Norwell did not lose a match at first doubles during the South title run…Also teammates on Norwell's successful soccer program, Cleaves and Kitchen were South Shore League All-Stars this spring

Craig Parker/Ian Thomson
First doubles – Scituate

This Patriot League All-Star tandem experienced consistent success for a Sailors team that fell one win shy of state tournament qualification…May have saved their best tennis for the end of the season, when they beat Hingham's first doubles team and lost a tough 10-8, pro set decision to fellow All-Scholastics Scott Kitchen and Brett Cleaves from Norwell…Also earned a win over Cohasset in the last week of the season that kept Scituate's playoff hopes alive…Together, Parker and Thomson finished the season with a 7-4 record, a mark skewed in part by two three-set losses against Duxbury in the last week of the season…With both players back as seniors next season, the Sailors will have two reliable, experienced players to count on.

Honorable Mention:

Singles

Rich Durham – Jr. – First singles - Braintree

Dan Sullivan – Sr. (Capt.) – Second singles - Cohasset

Charlie Edlund –Jr. - Second singles – Hanover

Matt Chin – Jr. – Third singles – Hingham

TJ Blinn – Jr. – Third singles – Marshfield

Matthew Lee – Soph. –First singles – Pembroke

Phil Lewis – Jr. (Capt.) – Third singles – Pembroke

Dave Nelson – Sr. – Singles – Scituate

Mike Parker – Fr. – Third singles - Scituate

Doubles

Chris Pescatore – Sr. (Capt.)/Chris Donze – Sr. – First doubles - Cohasset

Jamie Fitzgerald – Jr./Derek Quinzani – Jr. – First doubles - Hanover

Trevor Marsden – Jr./John Ripple – Fr. – Second doubles - Hingham

John Keneally – Sr./Robbie Leedham – Sr. – First doubles - Marshfield

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A Hanover Street resident provides a refreshing shower for the revelers below after Italy's win on Sunday.

A party like no other in the North End

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one of the saves of the tournament to push it over the bar. Italy hadn't appeared very interested in scoring since their offsides-negated goal, and a score here almost certainly would have clinched French victory.

And then, the Zidane story went from near fairytale to horror show.

It was hard to believe what was being seen. Did Zidane, one of the best players of his generation, the man who carried France to the final with three immaculate performances, really just do that?

When the replays were shown, the loud sound of "Ohhhhhhh!!" could be heard throughout Boston. Out comes the red card, and with it wild cheers from the Italian supporters.

Still, it was France who looked the fresher side in those final 10 minutes, coming far closer to scoring than the Italians had. Yet, it was on to penalty kicks, a terrific way to determine a competition of such magnitude.

Italy fans seemed doubtful, a curious feeling given the gulf between the quality of the two keepers involved. Buffon vs. the French Clown, Barthez? Overwhelming advantage: Italy.

A penalty kick shootout hasn't really started until someone misses – unless, of course, England is involved, in which case it's over before it starts. On this night, Juventus striker David Trezeguet became the poor sap destined for ignominy when he rocketed one off the crossbar, an effort likely hailed by the Swiss as heroic, but not good enough here.

That would be the only miss of the shootout. When Fabio Grosso's shot hit the back of the net, Hanover Street exploded. If you told me the party was still going on, I wouldn't be surprised.

A collection of final-related thoughts

It will take time before we come to know exactly how Zidane's legacy will be affected by Sunday's events.

Let us hope it does not tarnish an overall wonderful career, culminating in wins over Spain, Brazil and Portugal that may well have been the best three-game stretch Zizou ever played.

I don't think it will. No one will forget his bizarre attack on Materazzi, to be sure, but there are way too many moments of greatness to be consumed by one regrettable act.

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France allowing just two goals (one on a penalty) in the knockout stages is a testament to the wonderful defensive work of Lilian Thuram, William Gallas and Claude Makelele, because they sure weren't getting any help from behind them.

Barthez proved himself a terrific volleyball player with that "bump" that any other Portuguese player beside Luis Figo would have scored on. Barthez then followed that up with a virtuoso performance against Italy, time and again getting completely lost on corner kicks, another two of which easily could have gone in the net.

The ESPN commentators, meanwhile, continuously touted his "great seasons" with Manchester United. Of course they would.

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Had the Golden Ball voting taken place after Zidane's red card, the award no doubt would have gone to Fabio Cannavaro.

The veteran and team captain was remarkable throughout the tournament, leading a defense that allowed just two goals (an own goal and a penalty) in seven matches. Assuming Juventus gets the heave-ho from Serie A as a result of the match-fixing scandal, Cannavaro could be the defensive catch of the transfer season.

Pirlo, Buffon, Gennaro Gattuso (which is Italian for "Claude Lemieux") and Gianluca Zambrotta joined Cannavaro as the best of the best.

Next week: A recap of a month's worth of madness.

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Injuries catch up to Post 118

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Lyons, who struck out nine batters in six innings and didn't allow a Post 118 baserunner to reach third base in an easy 11-0 victory last Thursday.

It looked like Cohasset might pull off a win at Holbrook last Friday night over a team it had tied earlier in the season when Post 118 had a 3-2 lead with the bases loaded in the fourth and a chance to add to its lead. But a double play ended that threat and Holbrook rallied for its third straight win, 8-5, a damaging loss for Post 118 to a team which won just four games all season but gained a win and a tie against Post 118 this season.

Control problems didn't help Cohasset on the mound as the Post 118 pitchers combined to issue eight walks while limiting Holbrook to just five hits. McGrath led the Cohasset attack with a pair of run-scoring doubles, and Kevin Signorelli scored two of the runs for Post 118.

Things only got rougher for Post 118, who had to finish its season with a pair of games against a Milton team which has lost just once all season (to Braintree at home last week), and who breezed to its third straight Zone 6 East title this season.

Milton showed why it is considered a prime threat to win its first-ever state championship in the postseason after finishing third at the state tournament a year ago, rolling to a 15-0 win on Monday and following it up with an 11-2 win on Tuesday.

"I thought we gave it as good a shot as we could," said Caffrey. I'm very proud of the kids that we had in there. They battled hard and they deserve a lot of credit for their efforts."

Caffrey is hopeful of having a team that can contend for a playoff spot next season.

"We lose about half of the players off our roster this season," said Caffrey. "We have a core of young players returning that should give us a chance to be in the hunt next season."

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Greg Malley makes a catch during a game earlier this season against Weymouth. An injury to Malley was one of several that derailed Post 118's playoff hopes this season.

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Equipment Handout on Aug. 5

Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming 2006 Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on Saturday, Aug. 5 at:

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Each player must report during their designated time. Official practice starts for all players at 5:30 pm on Monday, Aug. 14. All players must have their equipment by the start of practice; it will not be handed out starting Aug. 14.

A $300 refundable deposit (made out to SYF) is required at the time of equipment pickup. All equipment will be handed out at the equipment shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to **www.scicohfootball.com** or call the hotlines with any questions: football (781-556-0215) or cheerleading (781-556-0216).

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SPORTS NOTES

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Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second. child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

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There will be no services on Sunday July 16, and 23.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is available at the church (781-383-1100) and during her vacation, by cell phone (number available through the church phone directory).

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common,* or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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• Saturday, July 15: Bible Fellowship 7:00 AM. Letter of Peter

• Sunday, July 16, Theme: Sneaker Sunday! Get ready to be sent into the world like the disciples. Lemonade for Backpacks. After the 9:30 service the Outreach Committee will sponsor a Lemonade Stand to raise enough funds to supply backpacks for a whole class at the new Episcopal Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, MA. Carillon Concert at 6 p.m..

Monday, July 17: Christian Meditation 7:30 p.m. Profile Committee at 7 p.m..

Wednesday, July 5 Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Labyrinth Meditation walk

In the Scripture lessons for the sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Amos is given a vision of a plumb line. Paul's letter praises God for the glorious inheritance. In the Gospel Jesus sends the disciples. Preacher: Mr. Stan Hardy

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 16: "Life"
July 23: "Truth"
July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

OBITUARIES

Helen T. Cody

Registered nurse

Helen T. Cody, 80, of Cohasset, died July 10, 2006, after a long illness.

Mrs. Cody was born in Brighton and raised in Allston. She was a graduate of Brighton High School and a graduate of Cambridge City Hospital School of Nursing.

Following graduation, she worked at the Watertown Arsenal prior to her marriage in 1952. In 1971, she returned to work for South Shore Medical Center until the late 1980s.

Mrs. Cody volunteered for the Cohasset Senior Citizens Center and was one of the founding members of the Penguin Ski Club in Lincoln, N.H.

She leaves her husband, James J. Cody; her children, James J. Cody III and his wife, Lila, of Cohasset, and Patricia A. Cody of Worcester; her sisters, M. Patricia Tierney of Brookline and Dorothy A. Workman of Deep River, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late John J. Tierney Jr. and George A. Tierney.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on July 14, at 11 a.m., at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment private. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to ALS Foundation, Massachusetts Chapter, 275 Turnpike St., Canton, MA 02021.

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OBITUARIES

Louis F. O'Malley

Columnist and community activist

Louis F. O'Malley, 65, of Wisconsin, a Cohasset native, died June 17, 2006, after a two-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Born and raised in Cohasset, he earned degrees from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., and Harvard University in Cambridge, and served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marines.

Mr. O'Malley was an opinion columnist for the Green Bay Press-Gazette, in Green Bay, Wis. According to executive editor John Dye, O'Malley's column became "a must read for thousands of readers." "Whether it was a column about his family, local issues or major national developments of the day, Lou's perspective always was unique and compelling."

Mike Blecha, former opinion editor for the Press-Gazette, said Mr. O'Malley was not only "one of the most intelligent people I've ever met," but he was also "a person with a passion for the underdog."

Mr. O'Malley was well known in Green Bay and Brown County. A lawyer who specialized in mediation, he and his wife of 43 years, Karina, founded and operated the Crossroads Homeless Shelter and Justice Center in Green Bay, from 1990 to 2002. Paul Jardin, president of the Chamber of Commerce and former Green Bay mayor described Mr. O'Malley as "bold and honest," and said he could always be spotted at community or neighborhood events.

In his last column published on April 16, he wrote, "Just want everyone to know I have had the best possible life. I have loved and I have been loved, and if I die tomorrow, I die happy."

He was the father of seven, the grandfather of 18, and the great-grandfather of three.

A memorial Mass officiated by the Rev. Guy Blair was held in St. John the Evangelist Church, Green Bay.

Dutch carillonneur to play Cohasset bells

Marcel Siebers, carillonneur of Venlo and Cuijk, The Netherlands, will present the fourth concert in the current summer series of carillon recitals at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on Sunday, July 16, at 6 p.m. His program will include three of his own carillon compositions, transcriptions of pieces by Mozart, Bohm and Joplin, and arrangements of two Queen hits by Freddie Mercury.

The hour-long recital is free of charge and will take place rain or shine

The hour-long recital is free of charge and will take place rain or shine. In case of rain, listen from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and descriptive brochures will be available in a stand beside the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension, and will also be distributed on Cohasset Common. Listeners are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnics to the courtyard or the Common.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083, weekdays between 9 a.m. noon, or St. Stephen's carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner, at 978-475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, at 781-383-9599.

Old Ship birthday picnic

Since Hingham" Old Ship Meeting House on Main Street in Hingham soon will launch a celebration of its 325th anniversary, it is only fitting that this National Historic site was part of Hingham's Fourth of July Parade.

Thus, a float bearing a replica of the familiar gothic structure will herald the beginning of the celebration – a picnic on July 29, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on the lawn of the church. Included will be a timber-raising, samples of period food and children's games, tours of Old Ship and the Hingham Cemetery, a tribute by the Hingham Militia and a few brief speeches.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

Vacation Bible School at House of Prayer

Those who are looking for an action-packed summer, can make tracks to House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham for a train-load of adventures aboard the Gospel Express. This vacation Bible School is for everyone between the ages of 4 and 12. The fun will begin Monday, July 17, and continue through Friday, July 21. Sessions will take place from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

At Gospel Express, participants will hear stories about Jesus, make crafts, learn train tunes, play games, perform some skits and make new friends. Each day offers a new Bible story to explore through fun activities.

For more information or to register for VBS, call the church office at 781-749-5533.

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Second Congregational Church Pastor Gary Ritts, Commodore Jim Porter and Father Mulvehill of St. Anthony's Church stand beside the new fleet of nine Capri 14.2 sailing boats purchased for the Cohasset Sailing Club's children's sailing program. The three gathered at the club Saturday, July 8 for the Blessing of the Fleet, held annually at the club's Summer Launch Party.

Paul and Kim Canney and Maria Kennedy enjoy each other's company during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party. All parents and adult members of the club were invited to a New England style lobster bake and silent auction to raise funds for the club.

Launch party get-together

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Kathy and Paul Guinee and Joyce and Brian Driscoll enjoy a perfect summer evening on the harbor during the Cohasset Sailing Club's annual Launch Party.

A sumptuous New England lobster bake feast awaited members of the Cohasset Sailing Club who attended the Blessing of the Fleet and Summer Launch Party.

Paul and Trish Berube enjoy a beautiful evening at the Cohasset Sailing Club's annual Summer Launch Party.

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Friends Laura and David Coletta, Paul and Deirdre Prescott, Suzanne Jackisch and Tracy and Kevin Thomas, gather at the harbor for the Cohasset Sailing Club's annual Blessing of the Fleet and Summer Launch Party, held July 8.

Merle Malone is ready to dig into her lobster dinner with all of the trimmings, during the Cohasset Sailing Club's annual Blessing of the Fleet and Summer Launch Party. Members of the club also participated in a silent and live auction to raise funds for the club.

Cohasset Sailing Club hosts clambake benefit

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Rick and Wendy Erler, who recently moved to Cohasset from Chicago, enjoy the crowd at the Cohasset Sailing Club's summer kickoff launch party, held on Cohasset harbor.

Cohasset Sailing Club founder Admiral Thomas E. Burke and his wife, M. Rita Burke, proudly stand by the Cohasset Sailing Club and the harbor, during the club's annual Summer Launch Party.

The Cohasset Sailing Club had many volunteers organizing this year's Summer Launch party behind the scenes: front row, Sandy Crough, Emily Malone, Anne Rowland, Barbara Golz; back row Jim Porter, Susan Jaffe, Erik Golz and Sarah Porter.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

3:20 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), parking ticket issued, caller reports construction trailer parked in roadway. Officer aware of situation, will tag trailer and place cone to the rear of trailer. Resident of address advised to remove trailer from there within 72 hours.

8:14 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller advised there are vehicles parked all over. Officer advised there are no parking violations.

8:42 p.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, operator summoned on charges: Uninsured motor vehicle, No inspection sticker.

8:59 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there is a vehicle speeding up and down her driveway.

10:31 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, suspicious activity.

10:47 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

11:26 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools.

1:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, check of the school.

1:28 a.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, parked at the yacht club.

1:47 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door. Rear door was open. Officer checked the business and secured the door.

5:03 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, gate to beach has been opened.

6:42 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

9:02 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports a raccoon in the entry way to his house acting ver aggressive.

9:20 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports his house is under construction and had some items stolen from the house last night sometime.

11:36 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:03 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, suspicious activity, investigated/report taken.

1:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cusing Highway**, assist citizen.

3:26 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, suspicious activity, walk in party advised there are trailers parked in parking lot for at least a week.

3:26 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, (traffic), Sgt. advises that construction trailer is blocking the sidewalk and part of roadway. Trailer has been there for more than 3 days. Safety hazard. Trailer will be tagged and towed.

4:51 p.m. **Diab Lane**, 209A service.

5:58 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:28 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

8:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked above address.

10:40 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer advised locked gates.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

12:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, security checks of Deer Hill and Osgood schools.

12:18 a.m. **Pond St.**, check of the school.

5:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medial aid, motor vehicle accident at Scituate Tennis Club.

7:24 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

8:22 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, medical aid, severe migraine, transported SSH/ALS.

8:28 a.m. **North Main St.**, breaking and entering, walk-in party reports someone has kicked in the doors overnight.

10:30 a.m. **Lower King Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:29 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:11 p.m. **Clapp Road**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire request R3 for patient with chest pain.

6:11 p.m. **Border St.**, officer reports cleared Border Street.

7:21 p.m. **CJC Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requests R3 to Scituate PD for a medical aid, female in cellblock.

8:29 p.m. **Border St.**, caller reports there is a speeding problem at this location and also at Otis Avenue. She was very upset, she reports a kid driving a red Mustang that went down Indian Trail. Officer to check out area.

9:05 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer checked school for security reasons.

9:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer checked schools for security.

9:26 p.m. **Country Way**, Scituate has a working structure fire; Scituate PD requests officer for traffic; Cohasset Fire Chief reports they will be tied up there for a while.

10:56 p.m. **Little Harbor Road**, Fire Station reports a call for an odor of something burning in the house; Fire Captain reports investigating an odor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

12:49 a.m. **King St.**, officer advised the gate was open - property checked, everything appears fine.

1:01 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised, checked school.

1:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised, checked schools.

1:07 a.m. **Ripley Road**, officer advised looks like door open.

2:40 a.m. **Mill Lane**, medical aid, difficulty breathing, transported to SSH/ALS.

5:18 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, beach is open.

7:56 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, medical aid.

8:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Several callers report a motor vehicle crash at this location. Unknown injuries. Officers requesting one two truck to this location.

12:31 p.m. **James Lane and Cushing Road**, animal complaint. Caller reports a black Suburban parked on the side of the road with a couple of dogs sitting in it. No air conditioning on and the temperature is currently 87. This is ongoing, and the ACO has once again been notified and will respond. ACO reports the dogs have been removed from the car.

1:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS. Caller requests ambulance for a patient with low blood pressure.

1:28 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports she has locked herself out of the house.

2 p.m. **Border St.**, officer at the bridge dispersing a group.

2:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports she has lost her cell phone.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Several callers reporting motor vehicle crash with injuries at this location.

3:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, sergeant reports while on scene at another call there is another situation at the gas station of a verbal disturbance in progress.

3:51 p.m. Border St., bridge jumpers. Officer reports moving a group off the bridge.

4:44 p.m. **All schools**, building checks.

4:44 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

5:56 p.m. **King St.**, erratic operation/motor vehicle.

7:37 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports they are concerned for the kids at the beach. Woman is sitting on the wall and yelling at all the kids that come near her. Officer reports the kids are bothering her. She's not bothering them.

9:04 p.m. **Hull St.**, missing person, woman with Alzheimer's. Officer reports female has been found at Dinero's. Her daughter's boyfriend found her and is going to bring her back to the house.

9:25 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports there is someone walking around in the yard of the above address and that location is vacant.

9:45 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports her neighbor put up another blinding flood light to bother her.

11:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, gate secured.

11:33 p.m. **So. Main St.**, walk-in party found a set of keys in front of his house in the street and turned them in.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

12:20 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer advised gates are open.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:17 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Caller advised male subject burned in the face. Officer advised male burned by stove.

10:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Officer reports minor accident at this location. Operator of vehicle – two – has revoked plates and attaching plates. A 24-year-old man summonsed on charges. Charges: license suspended, operating motor vehicle with uninsured motor vehicle registration suspended; operating motor vehicle with number plate violation to conceal ID; fail to use care turning.

10:27 a.m. **Wompatuck Ave.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS. Scituate Fire request R3 for difficulty breathing and chest pain.

10:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Bow St.**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation/warning.

11:34 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, walk-in party reports unauthorized use of her Sovereign Bank Visa Check Card.

1 p.m. **Border St.**, two residents report they have no power. National Grid notified.

1:44 p.m. **Cedar St.**, caller reports it appears a deer has been struck and is still on the side of the road.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, several callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. Unknown injuries.

7:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer reports a DMV. This vehicle has been there all day.

10:12 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation/warning.

11:58 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:58 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

12:19 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, medical aid. Transported to SSH/ALS.

12:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window. Officer advised out in the rear of school. Officer advised everything appears OK. Secured door.

1:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:46 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation/warning.

9:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, employee from this location reports they are about to confront a shoplifter.

10:21 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS. Walk-in medical.

11:15 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS. Officer reports he has a child down – conscious and breathing, but can't move. Fire reports 15-year-old boy fell off his bike, has face lacerations. Being evaluated. Parents have been notified.

12:21 p.m. **Rust Way and Jerusalem Road**, parking complaint. Caller reports there are cars parked in this location and one caller complains it's hard to get by. Officer reports workers have moved off the road.

12:58 p.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports that his window was broken. Wants to see officer. Officer reports no crime.

4:53 p.m. **Country Way**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a female with difficulty breathing.

5:14 p.m. **Hill St.**, walk-in party reports she would like to speak to an officer regarding a situation.

9:27 p.m. **Margin St. and Howard Gleason Road**, Harbor Master reports minor accident at this location. No need for fire. No injuries.

9:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS. Caller reports there is a crisis. Be advised there was a large language barrier from the caller. Wife is having a very hard time breathing.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

1:03 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

4:30 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road**, transformer fire. Notified National Grid.

6:44 a.m. **National Grid.** National Grid advised of power outage at Forest Ave., Linden Drive, Surry Drive, Lamberts Lane, Rustic Drive, Cedar Archers Lane, Old Coach Road, Fox St.

6:47 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

9:49 a.m. **Cushing Road**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. An 80-year-old male fell down stairs.

10:12 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. A 72-year-old female with difficulty breathing.

11:07 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS. Caller reports he has student who has had recent heart surgery and is not feeling well. A 42-year-old male.

12:06 p.m. **Border St.** bridge jumpers. Officer reports removed a group from the bridge.

1:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports they found a knife in a car they rented and Enterprise didn't want it. Officer to file report.

2:37 p.m. **Border St.**, removed a group of jumpers.

4:32 p.m. **Border St.**, bridge jumpers. Officer removed subjects from bridge.

4:38 p.m. **So. Main St.**, walk-in party advised someone backed into his vehicle.

5:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8 p.m. **Elm Court and Elm St.**, walk-in party advised there is a fight. Family from NH fighting over directions. Officer advised, everything is fine.

9: 47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. An 80-year-old male, resp. distress.

10:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, assault and battery in progress. A 45-year-old West Wareham man summonsed on charge.

10:50 a.m. **Summer St.**, caller advised vehicle all over the road. Officers advised he was elderly and everything is fine.

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SATURDAY, JULY 1

6:30 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

6:31 a.m. **Pond St.,** High School, building checks secure.

7:01 a.m. **Lamberts Lane,** traffic enforcement assignment.

7:24 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** noise complaint. Caller states her neighbor is mowing his grass. Officer spoke to the neighbor.

8:11 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Resident has fallen and has a head injury.

9:11 a.m. **Lamberts Lane,** traffic enforcement assignment.

9:40 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** officer reports odor of gas in the area.

12:06 p.m. **Elm St.,** Fire Department received direct call of a vehicle in the parking lot leaking gasoline.

12:19 p.m. **Elm St.,** walk-in party reports her vehicle was broken into sometime last night.

12:31 p.m. **Border St.,** caller reports a large group of kids jumping off the bridge. Officer has spoken to the youth and their father, who was with them. They have been advised.

12:51 p.m. **Border St.,** officer removing a group from the bridge.

1:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** medical aid, abdominal pain, transported SSH/ALS.

1:18 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North St.,** officer reports he has pulled over motorcycle for erratic operation and no helmet. A 19-year-old Cohasset male summonsed on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and motorcycle equipment violation.

2:09 p.m. **Border St.,** bridge jumpers. Officer clearing a group from the bridge.

2:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** caller reports motorcycles parking on her lawn and the kids are jumping off the bridge.

4:28 p.m. **Border St.,** bridge jumpers. Officer advised removing subjects from the bridge. Officer will be standing by until they leave.

4:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** walk-in party advised loss of cell phone.

4:53 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

5:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:55 p.m. **Elm St.,** party in to recover property.

6:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:44 p.m. **Jerusalem and Nichols roads,** parking complaint, caller advised there is a vehicle parked. Officer advised there are two vehicles, and officer will remove them.

6:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop.

8:35 p.m. **Hull St.,** officer checking parking at location.

8:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller advised there is a power line that is arcing. National Grid advised. Engine 3 advised there is a tree limb on pole by National Grid.

8:56 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive,** traffic enforcement assignment.

9:16 p.m. **Border St.,** parking complaint.

9:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** parking complaint. Officer advised, tagging vehicles at address.

9:51 p.m. **No. Main St. and Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** caller advised her 52-year-old son has not returned home. Male subject home sleeping.

10:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** parking complaint, officer advised, tagging vehicles.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

12:22 a.m. **South Main St.,** noise complaint. Caller states "the music is too loud and it is supposed to be over at midnight." Spoke to the employees. It will be taken care of.

12:23 a.m. **Pond St.,** High School, building checks secure.

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:46 a.m. **King St.,** area and building check secure.

3:27 a.m. **Elm St.,** noise complaint. Clerk needs some assistance with guests.

7:12 a.m. **Lamberts Lane,** traffic enforcement assignment.

10:36 a.m. **Beach St.,** medical aid. Caller reports two bicyclists have collided and one has an injury. Patient treated on scene and released.

10:48 **Summer St.,** medical aid. 911 caller reports her friend has a concussion from a fall a couple of days ago and is now disoriented and vomiting. Transported to QMC/ALS.

10:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking enforcement.

10:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:05 a.m. **King St.,** walk-in party reports her house was broken into while she was away.

11:16 a.m. **Beach St.,** caller reports she is now following the vehicle from an earlier incident where the male operator was seen writing down the license plate number of her vehicle and following her. The victim is now following the suspect vehicle.

11:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** officer reports four vehicles tagged for no permits.

12:09 **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location with injuries. Police on scene and report two back injuries.

12:50 p.m. **Branch St.,** medical aid. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a party having a stroke. Transported SSH/ALS.

2:48 p.m. **Border St.,** officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

2:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and lower King St.,** motor vehicle crash/injuries.

3:04 p.m. **Border St.,** bridge jumpers. Officer clearing a group from the bridge.

3:08 p.m. **Border St.,** officer reports another large group at the bridge.

4:06 p.m. **Border St.,** cleared group from bridge.

6:52 p.m., **Fairoaks Lane,** medical aid, caller requests ambulance, refuses further information. Transported SSH/ALS.

8:43 p.m. **Church St.,** caller reports poss. fireworks.

9:12 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid, caller reports back pain. Transported SSH/BLS.

9:58 p.m. **Sohier St.,** check Swim Center.

11:32 p.m. **Cedar St.,** caller states female approached her, stated male pushed her out of auto. Judge has issued an emergency 209A. Transporting female party to Hull. Brockton PD have the male party under arrest. A 26-year-old Brockton male summonsed on charges of A&B.

11:50 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid, checking female victim.

MONDAY, JULY 3

12:11 a.m. **Sohier St.,** suspicious activity, off-duty officer reports three teenagers with a Stop & Shop carriage on the side of the road. Carriage is being returned.

12:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** caller states a motorist is changing a tire on the side of the road. Motor vehicle is located in a dark area and may be a hazard.

1:03 a.m. **Summer St.,** caller states there is a loud group of people leaving the building. They may be lighting fireworks. Group is leaving the area.

7:42 a.m. **Sohier St.,** caller states someone left a bike with a flat tire and took her son's bike. The missing bike is a small, red, STX Extreme, X Games Bike. Please notify if found.

7:58 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** medical aid, 14-year-old can not breathe well. Transported SSH/ALS.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **August 1st at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Inspector's letter dated May 17, 2006, pursuant to §12.2.3, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Almis and Danguole Kuolos**, seek to have the house at **150 North Main Street**, be used as a single family residence according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-06-16.

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What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 13-21 2006

Breuer unleashes his comedy on the South Shore

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Longtime "Saturday Night Live" viewers may best remember Jim Breuer for his "Goat Boy" character, but the comedian has his own favorite memory of his 1995-98 stint on the NBC-TV program.

"I was doing 'The Joe Pesci Show' sketch when, right in the middle of the sketch, Joe Pesci and Robert DeNiro walked on and beat me down. It was a total surprise to me and an amazing moment of live television that could only happen on SNL," recalled Breuer recently by telephone.

"My comedy is a lot like Bill Cosby's. I'm an animated storyteller. I find humor in my dealings with my wife, my elderly parents and my friends. It is the kind of clean comedy that nobody is doing anymore."
Jim Breuer

Breuer's skewered take on the half-man, half-goat "Goat Boy" character still earns the 39-year-old performer fan recognition.

"Not too long ago, I was in Shoprite, minding my own business, when an elderly couple approached me and asked me to do 'Goat Boy.' He's half-goat, half-man with Tourette's syndrome who instead of cursing bleats like a goat, but people still really love him."

Jim Breuer, the comedian formerly known as "Goat Boy" for the Saturday Night Live character he played, will perform at the South Shore Music Circus Friday night (July 14).

People may have loved his characters, but Breuer wasn't always so enamored of his days on the legendary show.

"'Saturday Night Live' was a really hard experience. Doing that show I realized that the world is just one big professional wrestling show. Everything that can go on, does go on. I learned everything that I needed to learn on that show. The executive producer, Lorne Michaels, knows that show so well that he taught me a great deal just by letting me be around him. Also, I was part of a great company that included Will Ferrell, Molly Shannon and Cheri Oteri for which I will always be grateful. That said, SNL is a very tough, very competive atmosphere to work in."

These days, Breuer - who plays the Music Circus on Friday - is calling upon his working-class Long Island roots for his show on Sirius Satellite Radio, "Breuer Unleashed."

"My radio show is an ensemble made up of two of my high school friends. It's three of us - the guy who made it and two who haven't done as well. All three of us are married with children, though, so we have that in common, too. We just hang out together and deal with everyday issues."

Similar themes enliven Breuer's stand-up gigs.

"My comedy is a lot like Bill Cosby's. I'm an animated storyteller. I find humor in my dealings with my wife, my elderly parents and my friends. It is the kind of clean comedy that nobody is doing anymore."

Jim Breuer will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, on July 14 at 8 PM. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

Movie review

'Pirates' booty richer in sequel

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Give that big bore in the red cape the old heave-ho and fall into the arms of Captain Jack Sparrow, the most amusing buccaneer to hoist the Jolly Roger and sail the Seven Seas.

The best, most spectacular summer blockbuster thus far, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," the second installment in Disney's "Pirates" trilogy, is more fun than a barrel of undead monkeys and an example of what a brilliant cast can do given half a chance and a director on top of his game.

The film is that rarest of summer behemoths: a sequel superior to its predecessor. Reuniting Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Jonathan Pryce and, happily, Jack Davenport as ruined, dissolute Commodore James Norrington, a character who is more appealing covered in pig poop, the film is funny, imaginative, witty and action-packed.

OK, it's overlong by at least 30 minutes, but Americans apparently like their summer movies super-sized, too.

The plot is a potpourri of piratical nonsense involving the arrest and escape of Will Turner (Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Knightley), that mysterious chest, a Monte Cristo-like escape by Jack, a cannibal tribe outsourced from "King Kong," a Kraken and, best of all, the legendary Davy Jones himself.

If you'd like to see what a great actor can accomplish with an octopus on his face, check out the sublime Bill Nighy as this film's blue-eyed, pirate king villain and his band of crusty, fishy and crustaceous sea men, including a hammerhead shark-headed first mate.

Nighy's Jones, captain of the accursed Flying Dutchman, is the film's most original creation. In addition to the obligatory peg leg, he sports a lobster claw for an arm, that cephalopod head and the ability to play an organ with his tentacles.

Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) finds himself in yet another tight spot involving swords.

Also new to the cast are such great talents as Swedish actor Stellan Skarsgard as Turner's rotting, watery, sea-phantom father, and Brits Tom Hollander (Knightley's castmate in "Pride & Prejudice") as Lord Beckett, the Ken Lay of the New World, and Naomie Harris ("Tristram Shandy") as a beguiling voodoo priestess (No sign of Keith Richards, yet).

In trademark dredlocks, plaited beard and gold teeth, Depp makes one of the year's best entrances and proceeds to mince and prance through his role on a quest to find the perfect tricorn hat (Do I see a Broadway musical coming our way?). The sight of Sparrow using a coffin as a lifeboat and rowing it with the leg bone of the coffin's inhabitant perfectly captures the flim's Gothic whimsy. Sparrow can now stand on deck beside such iconic screen pirates as Robert Newton's Long John Silver, Errol Flynn's Captain Blood and Charles Laughton's Captain Kidd.

Depp handles the film's action with equal aplomb and doesn't so much speak his lines as dangle them in our faces like verbal naughty bits. Bloom, Depp and Knightley have real chemistry, but that's probably not hard to generate when Knightley is involved.

I have no idea what has possessed director Gore Verbinski ("The Mexican"). But his recent undersung comedy "The Weather Man" was among the best American films of 2005, and he has ratcheted up his game again. While I got a big kick out of a parrot who pleads, "Don't eat me," I'm not sure what to make of the film's obsession with eyes: pecked-out eyeballs, false eyeballs, paint-on eyes, eyes adorned with tattooos, mascara and eye shadow, etc. But when a one-eyed man (Mackenzie Crook) stands up and shouts "Aye!" — I have to admit it's funny.

Featuring dazzling work by cinematographer Dariusz Wolski ("Dark City") and the most inventive CGI since "The Lord of the Rings" "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" is pirate movie worthy of its, uhhh, salt. Ahoy, mateys! Arrr.

(Rated PG-13."The Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" contains violence and gory imagery.)

Calendar of events

BEST BET **Studio at the Beach, Hull Open Studio Tour, July 15 and 16. Free to the public. Located across from MJM Bathhouse. For information call 781-925-1996 or visit www.hullartists.com.**

Thursday, July 13

Folktales from the Forest will take place Thursday, July 13, 10 a.m. at Island Grove Park, Park and Lake streets, Abington. Andrea Lovett will tell stories in the gazebo. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 781-871-5892.

11th Annual Swim Across America, 22-mile Olympian relay swim of Boston Harbor and Nantasket Beach, July 13-15, to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. **Opening party and auction, Thursday, July 13, 6 to 10 p.m.,** at the Sports Club/LA Observation Deck, Boston. Harbor swim, Friday, July 14, Nantasket Beach swim, Saturday, July 15. To join the swim, reserve party tickets, or for information email Kitty Tetreault at kitty@swimacrossamerica.org or visit www.swimacrossamerica.org

Summer Garden Tour and Business After Hours Gathering, Thursday, July 13, from 3 to 8 p.m. Trolley tour departs Embers restaurant, Route 139, Marshfield at 3 p.m., returning at 6 p.m. for social and appetizers. Cost $20, Garden Tour, $15, After Hours social. Call 781-749-8883 or email info@sswbn.org.

A Visit with Paul Revere at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Thursday, July 13, 1 to 4 p.m. Free with museum admission; $3 for adults, $2.50 seniors and college students, $1 children 5-17. For information call 617-523-2338 or visit www.paulreverehouse.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Olde Kids on the Block will perform in a free concert Thursday, July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Heights Crossing, 35 Christy Place, Brockton, opposite Westgate Mall. The group will perform as part of the Brockton Mayor's Summer Concert Series.

Comedy night at Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy. Thursday, July 13 at 8 p.m. Featuring Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Michael Acciola, Rob Brown, Jason Margaca and hosted by Matt McArthur. Admission is $10. Dinner and appetizers available. For reservations call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 13, **Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Greg MacAuliffe Acoustic Café,** Thursday, July 13 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Satch's Blues Jam with Billy Parsons,** Thursday, July 13 at 9:25 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, July 14

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents a concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado," Steven Karidoyanes, conductor, on Friday, July 14, at 7 p.m., at Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury. Preceded by a reception at 5:30 p.m. at Ellison Center for Arts, Duxbury. Cost is $20 per person; $25 at the door. Light refreshments served. Tickets are available online at www.southshoreconservatory.org; in person at the Conservatory office; or by calling 781-749-5550, ext. 14.

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Mark your calendar

STARCREATIONS THEATRE presents **Beauty and the Beast**, Aug. 24, 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets are $10; children (2-12) are $5. For more information and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email: info@starcreations.

CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE, at the Boston Common, Sunday, Aug. 6 form 4:30-9:30 p.m. Series of workshops leading up to an educational and entertaining evening celebration. People of all ages act, play, games and enjoy performances. For more information and updates visit www.wangcenter.org or call 617-532-1256.

SECOND ANNUAL BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA, Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. (rain or shine) at the Georges Island/Boston Harbor Islands national park area. Hosted by The Island Alliance, this sailboat pursuit race will be fully visible from Georges Island. Spectators will have a view of the race and can participate in family activities, including: wildlife walks, fishing lessons, kite flying, tours of historic Fort Warren, and the post-race cookout. Proceeds support the Island Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and use of the Harbor Islands. Ferry transportation is available to Georges Island from Long Wharf, Boston; Fore River Shipyard, Quincy; and Pemberton Point, Hull. Ferries depart every half hour from Long Wharf. Cookout and awards ceremony will be held on Georges Island at 3 p.m.

FIRST ANNUAL BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. at Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Lake of Isles, private course. $300 per person. Rooms are available at Two Trees Inn for $115/night. For information email Chairperson, Christine Buckley LeBlanc at: christineleblanc@bafound.org.

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Lemonade Days at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Grab your beach tote, put on your flip flops and make your way down to the library on four Friday mornings 9:30 a.m. to noon. (July 14, 21, 28 and Aug. 4.) Stop by the Ventress Cafe for a complimentary glass of lemonade, complete with straw. While sipping, browse through a stack of paperback and used books available to purchase for beach and poolside reading. All proceeds benefit the library. For information contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, e-mail: malib@ocln.org or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

"Missy and Dolly's Tea Party" Friday, July 14, at 10 a.m. at Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Jan Norman will bring her collection of dolls, and children are encouraged to bring their own to have a tea party, and read stories. Cost is $5 per child. For information, call 781-837-5753 or email markschmidt@winslowhouse.org.

North River Arts Society presents 'Outdoor Still Life: A Colorist Approach in Oils class, taught by Margaret McWethy, at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Aug. 2. Basic principles of color in nature to create simple outdoor still life paintings. For information call 781-837-8091.

New England Singles will host a dance on Friday, July 14, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. The dance, for ages 35 and older, will feature music of the '60s, '70s and '80s by a disc jockey. Cost is $10. For information, call 617-325-4900 or visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com.

Summer Wine Tasting will take place Friday, July 14, at Kingsbury Club & Spa, 186 Summer St., Kingston. Wines will be provided by Pioppi's Package Store. Appetizers and wine will be served from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and music by disc jockey Dave Becker will be played from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is $15 per person. For reservations, visit www.kingsburyclub.com.wine.

Jim Breuer at The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, Friday, July 14, 8 p.m. Tickets online at www.themusiccircus.org, by phone at 617-931-2787, or box office, noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday or all Ticketmaster outlets. Group sales and gift certificates available.

NSRWA Firefly Walk at Willow Brook Farm in Pembroke, Friday, July 14 at 8:30 p.m. Have you ever wondered about the small, blinking creatures that light up summer nights? Lightning bugs, also called fireflies, are not simply bugs and are not flies. They are beetles and part of a scientific family that contains the largest order of living things. Join Don Salvatore for a night walk in search of and to learn more about fireflies and other night creatures at Willow Brook Farm located on Route 14 in Pembroke. Pre-registration is required. This trip is limited to 20 people. Suggested donation is $10. For information call Paula 781-659-8168 or email: paula@nsrwa.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, July 14, **Darwin's Children** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Saturday, July 15

Summer Lovin' Daze. Road to Responsibility's all-you-can-eat ice cream event, Summer Lovin' Daze, will take place Saturday, July 15, from 3 to 6 p.m., at Ocean Village Bookstore and Ice Cream Café, Library Plaza offices, downtown Marshfield. Admission is $5 for children ages 12 and younger, $10 for adults. Eat all the ice cream, and freshly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs you can. Music, a half-price book sale, WATD-FM live broadcast, T-shirt coloring contest, music, auto show, white elephant sale, children's activities, sidewalk sale and more.

Dress-up Fancy Lawn Party, Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at Front Street Book Shop. Ages 4-8. "Fancy Nancy" author Jane O'Connor will be at the Front Street Book Shop to read her book. Parents and children, dress your fanciest (great use for those pink boas we talked you into last summer.) Refreshments. If it rains will move inside. For information call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

DCR Blue Hills Reservation TrailWatch Mountain Bike Ride, Saturday, July 15 at 9 a.m. Beginner/introductory, 4-6 miles. Pedal with DCR TrailWatch volunteers. You must bring bike, helmet and water. Eye protection, snacks, a spare tube, a pump and tools are recommended. To register or for information on meeting place, call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Boston Harbor Islands Family Fun Days on George's Island. Saturday, July 15 and 16 'Whispers from the Wind.' Thousands of years before Champlain sailed into Boston Harbor, Native American tribes utilized the Boston Harbor Islands. Learn about Nipmuc, Wampanoag and Massachusetts traditions and history. Native singers and dancers perform. Learn basket weaving; create a cornhusk doll and beaded jewelry to take home. Ferries depart from Boston at Long Wharf and Quincy at Fore River Shipyard. Visit BostonIslands.com for information. Ferry fares are $12 adult, $9 seniors, and $7 kids. Children under 3 are free.

Uncle Moe - Music for the whole family, July 15, at 6 p.m. at the Scituate Harbor Bandstand. Great family music with Uncle Moe, a fun and original rock and roll band. They'll get you dancing and singing and moving to the groove at this free outdoor concert for the whole family. For information visit www.uncle-moe.com. Uncle Moe is performing on behalf of the The Kid's Place Home Daycare located in Scituate.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, July 15, 1 p.m. Moderate walk, hilly terrain, 3+ miles. Loop around the base of Great Blue Hill. Meet at Trailside Museum north parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

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Evening Cruise to Cape Cod organized by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Saturday, July 15. Boat will depart Central Wharf, by the New England Aquarium in downtown Boston at 6 p.m. and return at 9 p.m. Bring supper or buy chowder, sandwiches, etc. from the snack bar. Tickets can be purchased the day of the cruise (cash only) at Central Wharf from 5 p.m. Cost is $50 adults; $48 seniors; $46 for FBHI; and $30 for children ages 3-12. For information, visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

'Feast Your Eyes: the Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens,' a Smithsonian Institution Exhibit at the Plimoth Plantation, Exit 4, Route 3 South, Plymouth. Through Sept. 2. For information visit www.plimoth.org.

Second Annual Wild Blue Night 'Rising from the Floods' fundraiser. James Montgomery Blues Band, July 15, 6-11 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Proceeds benefit the flood repairs at the Center. The lower level of the Center including the preschool, education offices, classroom and animal care room suffered extensive damage from the recent rains. Montgomery will be accompanied by 13 year old, native Bostonian and jazz saxophone phenom, Grace Kelly. Tickets are $75 per person. Available at: The Science Center, 53 South, Eastern Bank at Shaw's in Hanover and Eastern Bank, Norwell branch during regular business hours. Tickets may be purchased by credit card, cash or check. tickets. Catered by 53 South and Family Crest Catering. Cash bar and auction. Rain or shine. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, July 15, **Lazarus,** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Sunday, July 16

Great Esker Day, Sunday, July 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Great Esker Park, Elva Road, N. Weymouth by celebrating the beauty of the park based out of the George A. Clark Nature Center. Traditional activities offered include music by the Corvairs, Jim Ambroses Band and the Quintessential Brass, live animals, trolley and walking tours, canoeing/kayaking, tube rafting, children's crafts and story telling. Food and soft drinks will be available. For information call Weymouth Recreation at 781-682-6124.

Sunday Walks in July, Eel River Preserve, Plymouth on Sunday, July 16 at 10 a.m. All walks are free. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water and bug repellent. Discover the bogs, long quiet valley, and clear waters of the new Eel River Headwaters Preserve. This easy one to one-and-a-half hour walk leads to the spring, which is the source of the Eel River. Directions: Route 3 to Exit 5, south on Long Pond Road approx. 2 miles to right on Boot Pond Road. Parking area is immediately on the left.

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay "Little Red Riding Hood," a children's opera in one act, on Sunday, July 16, at 10 a.m., in the Jane Carr Amphitheater, 1 Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Concertgoers are invited to come early for a continental breakfast on the lawn at 9:30 a.m. Cost is $20 per person; $25 at the door Tickets are available online at www.southshoreconservatory.org; in person at the Conservatory office; or by calling 781-749-5550, ext. 14.

Seek and Find with GPS at DCR Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites, Sunday, July 16 at 10 a.m. Learn the basic functions and use of GPS (Global Positioning System.) After a brief discussion, put the skills to use in the Blue Hills. Come prepared for the heat and to do a little bushwhacking. Participants must bring their own GPS systems. Last two hours. To register and for the meeting place, call 617-698-1802. Space is limited.

Family Tea Ceremony, Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m., at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Tea master Glen Sorei Pereira will perform the ceremony, suitable for children in grade 2+, and adults. Other hands-on activities will include origami and scroll making. For information, call 781-934-6634, ext. 12.

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Classes

SAT CLASS Summit Educational Group, a local leader in test preparation, is pleased to announce that it is offering a 12-session SAT course to area juniors and seniors taking the SAT this fall. The course will be held at Marshfield High School beginning July 26th at 5:30pm. To view the full class schedule please visit www.mytutor.com.

CLASSES AT THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM Duxbury native Karina Ryan, once again, will return to teach special workshops for teens aged 12 years and above at The Art Complex Museum in four, one week sessions.The classes range from journaling, drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Individual exploration is encouraged in these classes by limiting enrollment.They are scheduled for July July 17 - 21; July 24 - 28; and July 31 - August 4 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.The cost is $125, per week. Pre- registration is required. The Art Complex Museum is now accepting registration for Summer Yoga with Instructor Kathleen Young who will lead participants in gentle, meditative movements in a positive, non-threatening environment. The one hour classes begin Wednesday, July 12, at 8 am and continue for five weeks through August 9. The cost is $45 Pre- registration is required. Further information is available at (781) 934-66634, extension 12.

TAI CHI CLASSES at Whiddens' School of Fitness, 822 Webster St., Marshfield. "Animal Frolic Qi Gong," classes will consist of core movement, stretching and strengthening while learning the primal patterns of the monkey, bear, bird, deer and tiger in a moderate cardiovascular format. The Animal Frolic Qi Gong may be the oldest health and spiritual practice known to humans. Classes are Sundays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., beginning July 9. Tuition is $ 60/one month, or $100 for July and August. Register now, by mailing your payment to WSFI 822 Webster St. Marshfield, MA. 02050. For more information, call 781-934-9161, email wsfi1@verizon.net, or visit www.whiddenschool.com.

HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT, Tuesday, July 18 at 8 p.m. Featuring Norwell chiropractor, John Hayes. Simple ways to lose and maintain a healthy weight. Held at Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Register by calling 781-925-1941 or email: szabofitness@gmail.com.

SUMMER BABYSITTING COURSE offered at Body To Soul Fitness, the all-female gym in Pembroke, beginning in July. Girls ages 11 to 16 can learn how to become the best babysitter in the neighborhood through four weeks of instruction plus an additional two-hour "internship" at Body To Soul's on-site nursery. For information call 781-829-2002.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset, offers Gymnastic/Sports Camp including bowling, face painting, water play and crafts. Cost is $95 members/$100 non-members. Session II – August 15, 16 and 17. Session III - August 22, 23 and 24. Camp held 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginner Gymnastic Classes for Girls Age 4-6, runs 8 weeks. Held on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26 through August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Cost is $88 members/$96 non-members. Beginner/Intermediate Gymnastic Classes for Girls Ages 7-12. Course runs 8 weeks. Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 13, 20, 27 through August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. $88 members/ $96 non-members. Call SSCC at 781-383-0088.

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Comedy Night at Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield on Saturday, July 16. Featuring Don Gavin, David Russo and Jessica Casciano. Cover is 20. For information call 781-834-6505.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, July 16. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, July 16. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Monday, July 17

4-H Dog Agility Week will take place July 17 through 21, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. All 4-H programs are open to youth ages 8-13 that reside in the Plymouth County area. Takes place during the evening hours at the 4H Barn and Show Ring, and allows youth and pets to train through agility by creating a bond between trainer and dog. Cost is $110, and will include T-shirt, materials, prizes and refreshments. For information and to register, call 781-293-3541 or email plyctyext@mindspring.com.

Kingston Police Association Golf Classic, Monday, July 17, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. Registration at 9 a.m., will be followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Entry fee is $125 per golfer, $500 per team. Entry fee includes golf, cart, food, gifts and prizes. Make checks payable to Kingston Police Association, c/o KPA Golf Classic, 244 Main St., Kingston, MA 02364. Call 781-585-0522 for more information.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Sunday, July 17 from 6-9 p.m., **Pete Collins' Jazz Band Ball**. Cover is $10. For information call 781-834-6505.

Clearly Cast, glass artists exhibit at the Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, through Aug. 26. Cast glasswork by contemporary artists with a whimsical humor. For directions and information call 781-934-6634.

Dog Training Programs sponsored by New England Humane Association. Five one-hour weekly sessions offered in July, and August. In Hingham, Quincy, Milton, Cohasset, and Abington. For information visit www.nehassociation.org or call 781-878-4343Cost $100.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, July 17, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, July 18

"Adventures in Time" Summer History Camps at the Alden House Historic Site Museum, Duxbury, Tuesdays through Saturdays, July 25-29, for students having completed 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Campers experience life in the 17th and 18th century by performing typical chores, wearing period clothing, and playing the favorite games of the Alden children. Participants will engage in an Old Colony Militia military drill, an archaeological dig and treasure hunt. To enroll or for more information call 781-934-9092.

Bavaria Slide Show, Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m., in the large meeting room at John Curtis Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. David Setterland will present this show on historic Bavaria. Free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 781-826-2972.

Free seminar on Healthy and Effective Weight Management at Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Tuesday, July 18 at 8 p.m., featuring Norwell Chiropractor John Hayes. Learn simple ways to lose weight and maintain a healthy weight. Call 781-925-1941 or email: szabofitness@gmail.com.

Old Ship Labyrinth is available for public use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Walking a labyrinth as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. Call the Old Ship Church parish assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown, 781-749-1679.

CALENDAR, see next page

BEST BET

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay "Little Red Riding Hood," a children's opera in one act, on Sunday, July 16, at 10 a.m., in the Jane Carr Amphitheater, 1 Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Concertgoers are invited to come early for a continental breakfast on the lawn at 9:30 a.m. Cost is $20 per person; $25 at the door Tickets are available online at www.southshoreconservatory.org; in person at the Conservatory office; or by calling 781-749-5550, ext. 14

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

Kate (Sandra Bullock) has a meaningful chat with her dog Jack in "The Lake House."

New Releases

OUR BRAND IS CRISIS (A)

The song and dance of American politics shuffles down to Bolivia in "Our Brand Is Crisis," a fascinating documentary about Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, the 72-year-old politician who hired the James Carville-helmed GCS consulting firm in 2002 to trump his fellow candidates and sweep his unpopularity under the rug. The film may take place in Bolivia, but it's also a cold, hard look at the way we market our own politicians. In the end, the truth is hard to shake. (Not Rated) -*Chelsea Bain*

Ongoing

ARMY OF SHADOWS (A)

Jean-Pierre Melville's 1969 French resistance thriller "Army of Shadows" ("L'Armee des ombres") arrives on these shores for the first time, and it's easy to see why it has been neglected. The story of resistance leader Philippe Gerbier (Lino Ventura) is all together too forthright about widespread French collaboration with the Nazis during the German occupation and the Nazi-puppet, Marshal Petain-headed Vichy government. "Army of Shadows" is a dark wartime epic for these war-torn times. Melville's fatalistic observations are universal and banal: War breeds heroism in some, evil in others and brings out the extraordinary in ordinary people. (Not Rated)

THE BREAK-UP (C+)

Oversized, overaged frat boy Gary (Vince Vaughn) and his art dealer girlfriend Brooke (Jennifer Aniston) break up but continue to share a condo. In this anti-romantic comedy, tabloid-linked stars Vaughn and Aniston have nowhere to display their chemistry, except in anger. Between the hijinks that ensue as Gary and Brooke try their best to hurt one another, you end up sitting back and checking off the product placements or trying to figure out how many endings the director shot. (Rated PG-13)

BRICK (D)

In this oddball teen noir about a high school drug ring, Brendan Frye (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is determined to oust head drug pusher, The Pin (Lukas Haas), from his throne after Brandan discovers the body of his ex-girlfriend Emily (Emilie de Ravin) in a gully. Intriguing as the mystery may be, this film leaves something to be desired. "Brick's" cryptic content, jargon-filled speech and visually bland ambience will leave viewers with a sinking feeling. (Rated R) -*Tenley Woodman*

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

CLICK (D)

With the help of a new remote control, architect Michael Newman (Adam Sandler) finds that he can mute people, freeze action and restart it at will, fast-forward past unpleasant things and rewind to past events. Much of the action in this uninspired, gratuitously gimmicky and derivative comedy is so mean-spirited that it suggests a movie made by people who killed college classmates in fraternity hazing incidents. I'd say fast-forward through "Click." But you'd be better served by just hitting the "Off" button. Click. (Rated PG-13)

THE DA VINCI CODE (C+)

"The Da Vinci Code," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. The key elements of Dan Brown's fabulously fun novel are all here: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) investigating a 2,000-year-old conspiracy concerning Jesus' true nature; a murder plot involving a psychopathic, albino monk (Paul Bettany); and clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces. But director Ron Howard's film is too long and too stuffed with scholarly pedantry. "The Da Vinci Code" comes off as a book, rather than a movie, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book, at that. (Rated PG-13)

DEEP SEA 3D (C+)

Giant squid, sand sharks and moon jellyfish frolic in 3-D in this escapade narrated by Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet. During the hour, viewers traverse coral reefs, shipwrecks and kelp forests to glimpse the day-to-day life of creatures we normally see on dinner plates laced with bread crumbs, lemon and butter. The film's message — preserve these submerged communities — is important, if a little bland to watch. (Not Rated) -*Tenley Woodman*

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (B+)

"The Devil Wears Prada" is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot. Dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) arrives in New York City and is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and Runway magazine editor Miranda (Meryl Streep), a dragon lady with a tongue like a knife. As she struggles to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, Andy is pitied by the magazine's art director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) and made over into a new age Eliza Doolittle. (Rated PG-13)

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT (B)

This third installment of the popular franchise takes its car chases and souped-up engines to the Far East. High school troublemaker Sean (Lucas Black) is shipped to Tokyo to avoid jail time and live with his strict, military officer dad (Brian Goodman). Once there, Sean befriends Twinkie (Bow Wow), an army brat with a pimped-out car, and is soon driving a new set of wheels and getting on the bad side of mafia-affiliated DK (Brian Tee) and falling for his girl, Neela (Nathalie Kelley). Sure, it's not the wittiest, smartest or most memorable piece of cinema. But "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" delivers everything it promised: loud music, loud cars and a whole lot of glitz. (Rated PG-13) -*Chelsea Bain*

GARFIELD: A TALE OF TWO KITTIES (B-)

Two cats are better than one in "Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties," which brings Jim Davis' fat cat back to the big screen in a reasonable riff on "The Prince and The Pauper." This time, the action is in London, and Garfield (voiced again by Bill Murray) is recruited to take the place of Prince (voiced by Tim Curry), the king of England's ancient Carlyle Castle, after he's targeted by the greedy, ignored nephew Lord Dargis (Billy Connolly), who can't wait for the cat's death to assume control of the ancient castle and turn it into a high-rise development. (Rated PG) -*Stephen Schaefer*

THE GREAT NEW WONDERFUL (C+)

"The Great New Wonderful" is neither great, new nor wonderful. More like a misconceived play than a movie, it charts the post-9/11 malaise of a group of New Yorkers (Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tony Shalhoub, Edie Falco, Judy Greer and Olympia Dukakis). "The Great New Wonderful" aspires to be a quirky, multi-character, mosaiclike indie in the "Crash"-"Magnolia" manner. But the film's unsubtle point is that the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks have left psychic scars, a pervasive sense of meaninglessness and deep-seated desire for payback. That such feelings are a virtual universal part of the human condition is not acknowledged. (Rated R)

THE HEART OF THE GAME (A)

Ward Serriil's emotionally-charged "The Heart of the Game" is a documentary that took seven years to find its ending. Filmed with a grainy, hand-held camera, it chronicles the rise of the Roosevelt Roughriders, a Seattle high school girls' basketball team, and its star player, Darnellia Russell. Narrated by Ludacris, "The Heart of the Game" is a surprising little film that inspires, educates and makes us all the happier for having seen it. High school girls' basketball will seem like the greatest game ever played. (Rated PG-13) -*Chelsea Bain*

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

THE LAKE HOUSE (B-)

Kate Forster (Sandra Bullock) is a lonely physician who, in 2006, moves out of a small, glass-box-like suburban house suspended over a picturesque lake. After leaving a note to have her mail forwarded, Kate discovers the responses she gets are coming from someone who lives in the house in 2004, a hunky, frustrated architect named Alex Wyler (Keanu Reeves). Over the course of their time-traveling correspondence, they fall somewhat convincingly in love. This romance by the numbers is complete nonsense. But the premise — that there's someone out there who is your true dream boy or girl — will make a lot of girlie-girls and girlie-men weep into their popcorn. (Rated PG)

MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT (A-)

Mrs. Palfrey (Joan Plowright) moves to London to be near her 26-year-old grandson, who, oddly, doesn't show up. Instead, Mrs. Palfrey persuades aspiring young writer Ludovic Meyer (Rupert Friend) to impersonate her grandson to deflect the attention of busybody hotel residents. A rare friendship develops between the lonely widow and young artist. Brimming with warmth and intelligence, "Mrs. Palfrey" is small film, yet completely delightful. (Not Rated)

Calendar

JULY 13-21 2006

BEST BET

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay, Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado," Steven Karidoyanes, conductor, on Saturday, July 15, at 7 p.m., at Jane Carr Amphitheater, 1 Conservatory Drive, Hingham. The concert will be preceded by a reception at 5:30 p.m. at Alan G. Carr Building, Hingham. Cost is $20, $25 at the door. Light refreshments served. Tickets are available online at www.southshoreconservatory.org; in person at the Conservatory office; or by calling 781-749-5550, ext. 14.

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Free Legal Clinic, sponsored by the Bar Association of Norfolk County, will take place Tuesday, July 18, 6 to 8 p.m. at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys, experienced in all areas of the law, will be available for free one-on-one confidential consultations. For more information, call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to its monthly meetings held in the Plymouth Public Library's History Room on the second floor, on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A list of books is available upon request. Visit www.bookbrowser.com or www.bookspot.com. Call 508-830-4250 for information.

Wednesday, July 19

"Between the Lines" Writing Group at the River Bay Club, 99 Brackett St., Quincy, Wednesdays through Aug. 23. Cost is $55 for five sessions. Registration required. Call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506. For complete schedule email facilitator Karen Flood at journalguru@yahoo.com.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher conductor, will perform in a free classical concert Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m., at the Hatch Shell at the Esplanade in Boston. Featured will be a Mozart celebration. All outdoor concerts will have rain locations. For information call 617-520-2202 or visit the Web site at www.landmarksorchestra.org.

Twilight Tales at the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell Center, for children ages 3-6, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., July 19, and 26. Children wear their pajamas and listen to bedtime stories. Free. To register call 781-659-7100.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, July 19. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, July 20

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., with **Johnny Souza Quintet**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The North River Arts Society new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield, featuring original paintings by **Susan F. Lynch Raffa**. Show runs through Aug. 18. Summer hours are Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Brian Regan, Thursday**, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 20, **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Greg MacAuliffe Acoustic Café**, Thursday, July 20 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Blues Jam with the HouseRockers,** Thursday, July 20 at 9:25 p.m.. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, July 21

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society 'Timetravelers' workshops for ages 7-12. Experience what life was life in the Federal period by learning such activities as churning butter, making a cake, learning about herbs and their uses. Programs are open to the public. 'Chores and play' July 21 from 1-3 p.m. on the grounds of the King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Cost is $10 per child. For information or registration call 781-934-6106 or visit www.duxburyhistory.org.

"Art on the Avenue" at 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull is featuring as one of its guest artists this summer. The whimsical acrylic paintings of longtime Pembroke resident Brooks Kelly are on display through July 30. His distinctive work, bold and impressionistic, has resulted in numerous local and regional awards. For information call 781-925-5619 or email **lenoreschneider@comcast.net.** Weekends and holidays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment thru Labor Day. Free admission and parking. Children are welcome.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher conductor, will perform in a free classical concert on Friday, July 21, 8 p.m., at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, featuring a Mozart celebration. For information, call 617-520-2202 or visit www.landmarksorchestra.org.

Bandstand Review featuring five musician-singers recreating the sounds of the '50s and '60s, will take place July 21 at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., West Bridgewater. Cost for dinner and the show is $40. Dinner at 7 p.m., will be followed by the show at 8:30 p.m. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 21 **Dave Foley Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Walk That Walk**, Friday, July 21 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Benefit for RESPOND featuring Acoustica CD release, Kimberly Chare, Infinite Frequency, Courtesy Tie.** 21+. Friday, July 21 at 9:25 p.m. Donation $10. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Ongoing events

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while sharing your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone your know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

BEST BET

Comedy night at Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy. Thursday, July 13 at 8 p.m. Featuring Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Michael Acciola, Rob Brown, Jason Margaca and hosted by Matt McArthur. Admission is $10. Dinner and appetizers available. For reservations call 617-773-2660 or 781-843-4833.

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or email: peg.merzbacher.org.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Feed the Animals – Saturdays at 10 a.m.;** Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. **Tales from the Wild** – Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. **Sunday Walks** – 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, email nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Just for kids

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is offering a summer program for older students. **The Young Masters Program** is an opportunity to explore a particular artistic discipline in-depth with an art professional. Each program runs for two weeks, Monday-Thursday (8 classes) from Aug. 17-17. Classes being offered are drawing, fashion design and basic sewing. Classes are held at G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Fee per class $140 members/$160 non-members. Call 781-837-8091 or stop by Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and noon to pick up a registration form.

SUMMER FUN AT KALEIDOSCOPE. For kids aged 8-13 years and runs from July 24 – Aug. 11 at Milton Academy. Students rotate through four, 75-minute classes daily in art, creative writing, improvisational theater and problem solving - followed by an hour-long swim. Sessions run Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tuition includes T-shirt, lunch and use of the pool. For information, call 617-898-2481 or visit www.milton.edu and link to summer programs.

2006 SUMMER ART CAMPS at The North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Artcamp II: Around the World in a Week from July 18-22; Artcamp III: Mermaids and Mythologicals from July 24-28 and Artcamp IV: All About Me from July 31- Aug. 4. Join for one week or more. Call NRAS for details at 781-837-8091 or stop by Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and noon and pick up a registration form.

FEED THE ANIMALS at South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. An on-going program, every Wednesday, 3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on duty feed the animals. For information call 781-659-2559, ext. 203 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

WINSLOW HOUSE In Marshfield presents Kid's Discover Archaeology, Friday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to noon: Join the Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project for an exploration of the fascinating world of archaeology. Explore hands-on activities such as making your own stratigraphy, identifying bones, participating in a sandbox excavation, casting a replica of a Native American arrow or spear head and many other activities designed for children ages 6–11 years old. Bring your arrowheads or artifacts down for us to identify as well. Fee: $10 per child. All events are open to the public but reservations are required. Call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or email Executive Director Mark Schmidt at mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org to insure your spot.

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DESTINATIONS

Gorgeous isolation

Sky, sand and surf is king at Mozambique island resort

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

MEDJUMBE, Moz-ambique - Bob Dylan introduced me to Mozambique. Back in 1975 on his "Desire" album, he sang memorably about this African country:

"I like to spend some time in Mozambique
The sunny sky is aqua blue . . .
It's very nice to stay a week or two . . ."

And as I jogged the length of this small island off the coast of northern Mozambique, the lyrics came to life before me.

The sky is, indeed, aqua blue. The sand is alabaster and the ocean is turquoise.

And then there's the olive green shore of the mainland -- shimmering miles away -- dense jungle, broken only by a few villages.

As I jogged, I sipped bottled water from Dubai and watched the sails in the distance from small dhows (boats) of local fishermen.

The island is only a little more than a half-mile long and a fifth of a mile wide at its widest point; part of my running trail was the airstrip, a path I shared with black, brown and white herons, egrets and a stunning, sacred ibis with its distinct crooked beak. I wasn't exactly in the middle of nowhere, but I could see nowhere from here.

But if you dream of being stranded on a desert island, this is the place. The sole "occupant" of Medjumbe is the luxurious Medjumbe Island Resort, where getting away from it all comes with gourmet buffet meals, whole lobsters used as happy hour appetizers, homemade chocolates left on your pillow at night, a pool, cable TV and Internet access. And each of the comfortable chalets has outdoor and indoor showers, a private deck and a hammock.

With all that, it's hard to realize you're off the coast of a desperately poor nation.

Indeed, the Dylan song reeks of irony. It was written just as Mozambique threw off the shackles of Portugal's colonial rule; shortly thereafter the country was plunged into a brutal civil war. The 1980s brought a prolonged drought that killed thousands, and between the forces of nature and war, the country's economy collapsed. After more than 1 million deaths, a cease-fire and peace accord halted the conflicts in 1992, and the country began the slow long road to recovery.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SCHOROW

Woman on Ibo

That recovery includes the growth of resorts and hotels along its magnificent coastline. The Saudi-owned Rani Resorts, for example, has built (and is expanding) a number of coastal properties, including the 13-room Medjumbe Island Resort and sister property, the 24-room Matemo Island Resort.

The area's biggest allure, besides isolation, is excellent diving and fishing (catch and release only); Medjumbe and Matemo are both situated within a marine national park. Advanced divers can tackle coral reef walls with names like "The Cliffs of Insanity" and "The Edge of Reason."

The tides around Medjumbe are spectacularly long, rivaling Canada's Bay of Fundy.

Most intriguing is a long spit of sand that reaches out from the resort like a finger into the ocean when the tide is down. Medjumbe manager Tony Vernon-Driscoll gave my companions and me a dune buggy ride to the end of the spit, something he seemed to enjoy almost more than his guests. We raced across the sand, plunging into a flock of terns, which becomes a cloud of terns that scattered and regrouped.

At night, Tony took us for another dune buggy ride into the darkness, as platter-size crabs skittered away in alarm. When we stopped and turned off the headlights, the starlight nearly crowded out the dark. The mainland was completely, eerily black, except for a couple of small moving lights, the lamps of people searching for crabs in the shoreline's mangrove forests.

Getting to Mozambique can be a long haul for Americans: The best route is flying South Africa Airways (www.flysaa.com) to Johannesburg, South Africa, and from there getting connections to Maputo, Mozambique's capital city, and from there to Pemba. From here you catch a small plane to the island resorts. A short hop for surf and sun, a la to the Caribbean, it's not.

The flights from Pemba to Matemo and Medjumbe cross over dense jungles and rugged coastline -- nothing can match Mozambique for the sense of sheer wilderness.

The culture shock can be equally bracing. One night at Matemo costs about $346, which is roughly equal to the average annual income in Mozambique. But we did burst out of the tourist bubble for a brief glimpse into Mozambique life.

The resort offers tours of Ibo Island, about an hour away by boat. Once a headquarters for the Portuguese colonial authorities, the island is now home to several thousand, mostly fishermen.

Braving heat and humidity, our party walked through forts built back in the 1790s and made a slow promenade around former government buildings in stately decay, some with families camped out in their marble halls. On the dirt pathways, women, draped in bright wraps, gracefully balanced loads on their head, or carried strings of small fish. Goats and chickens picked among the ruined courtyards and the jungle was busy reclaiming some once-fine colonial homes.

At a makeshift hospital, vividly illustrated posters warned about the spread of AIDS; about 12 percent to 13 percent of Mozambique's population is HIV- positive. A group of men tapped out souvenirs in the form of delicate silver necklaces and bracelets, made from melted Mozambique coins.

The distance between first and third world was also starkly underlined during a tour of the several villages on Matemo, an island far larger than Medjumbe.

Raucous hordes of giggling children greeted our vehicle as we drove through settlements of mud-and-stick huts, the air musky from wood fires and drying fish. The Matemo resort has built a mosque for villagers -- the population here is nearly all Muslim -- but otherwise there are no signs of the "modern" world.

According to local custom, some women (and a few children) cover their face with a white paste made from a local plant. Left on for several days, the paste is supposed to restore and nourish the skin. One young woman thus masked and skillfully balancing a bucket on her head seemed amused by our fascination and clicking cameras. For Americans, the sight of beautiful faces smeared with white paste is both disconcerting and exotic.

Dylan sings that "when it's time for leaving Mozambique/To say goodbye to sand and sea./You turn around to take a final peek . . ." When I said goodbye, it was with the hope Mozambique would continue its peaceful recovery.

Rates for Medjumbe and Matemo: $346 per person per night, double occupancy. Rate includes breakfast and dinner and nonmotorized water sports. Six-night minimum stay required during peak periods. Air transfers between Pemba and Matemo or Medjumbe run about $70 to $80. Go to www.raniresorts.com or call your travel agent.

Note: Mozambique is malaria country, and anti-malarial medications are recommended.

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Local teens like life on the farm

Learn about plants, animals

By Samantha Brown
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Waking up to the sound of a rooster letting out his best "cock-a-doodle-do" might not entice the average teenager. But for three Cohasset girls who are participating in the Young Farmer's Program at Holly Hill Farm, getting up early and enjoying nature in a farm setting is a summer activity they relish.

Tucked away on Jerusalem Road, Holly Hill Farm is a certified organic farm comprised of 140 acres of land, of which 7 acres are viable farmland. During the week of July 17 through the 21, Hannah Burgess, Melissa Campedelli and Tina D'Antonio, who will all be entering the ninth grade at Cohasset High School in the fall, arrived at the farm at 8:30 a.m. to harvest herbs and vegetables, feed the animals and tend to the farm stand until noon.

While the Young Farmer's Program is a camp, which parents pay for, those who participate are asked to complete chores that are more like a work experience. In turn, the girls are paid a stipend at the end of the week for their hard

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PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Young Farmers Tina D'Antonio, Melissa Campedelli and Hannah Burgess show off some of the vegetables available for purchase at the Holly Hill Farm, farm stand. The three girls are participating in a weeklong program at the farm, located on Jerusalem Road, that allows them to explore what it is like to work on an organic farm. One of their jobs is running the farm stand.

School surplus

Budget $430K in the black

By Samantha Brown
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The school department will close out fiscal 2006 very much in the black. The School Committee was informed Monday the district has a roughly $433,000 surplus, which will be used to cover under-budgeted items from fiscal 2006 as well pay for materials and supplies and some special education tuition for fiscal 2007.

The School Committee had been told of a $61,000 surplus in its special education tuition line item at its Tuesday, July 11 meeting, and that the district planned to use those funds to pre-pay special education costs for fiscal 2007. Due to the confusion expressed by some members of the board regarding how it had $61,000 left over and where the money would be used, the budget subcommittee scheduled a meeting to allow Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh and School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro ample time to present the figures.

Walsh explained the district had $432,603 in available funds as of June 30, the close

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Commuters finding smooth sailing

More taking boat since tunnel tragedy

By Mary Ford
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Some area Boston commuters are "discovering the boat" while others are finding out water is a great way to get to the airport.

Both options are easily accessible off Route 3A and neither involves tunnel travel.

Last week's Big Dig tunnel failure created an immediate spike in commuter boat riders from Hingham. And while those numbers have leveled off last summer's soaring gas prices created a rise in the daily boat commuters that hasn't subsided, officials say.

In short: it's not only cost-effective to take the boat, but could be safer if the drive involves any of the problematic tunnels Gov. Mitt Romney has identified as having suspect ceiling bolts. And, officials predict, until the safety problems in the Big Dig are resolved, water travel could also mean fewer headaches.

Eleanor Koplovsky of Hingham said taking her daughter to the airport Sunday was an "adventure" that she doesn't want to repeat.

"We left Hingham at 6 p.m. and just got her to her 7:45 p.m. flight," Koplovsky said. "We didn't make it home until 9 p.m., inching all the way until we actually got to South Boston."

Koplovsky said for an upcoming trip they are not going through that mess again.

"We are definitely taking the boat from Quincy no matter what time the boat leaves relative to our flight!"

Monica McKenney of Cohasset took the Harbor Express from Quincy last week to the airport.

"I arrived at the Midwest gate in 45 minutes – my husband's cab ride from Boston to Logan took well over an hour," she said.

Mike McGurl, one of the owners of the Harbor Express, said the numbers have tripled since the tunnel disaster.

"The phone has been ringing constantly 12 hours a day just about the airport service," said McGurl, adding Harbor

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Commuters arrive in Hingham from Boston aboard the Aurora, one of the catamarans operated by Boston Harbor Cruises. The trip to Boston on the catamaran takes 25 minutes.

Energized board

Seeks funding for position

By Samantha Brown
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The Alternative Energy Committee is making great strides when it comes to finding ways for the town to save money and be more "green" with its energy use. To that end, members would like to take their data gathering to a new level and asked the Advisory Committee Thursday, July 13 to approve a $10,000 Reserve Fund transfer, which would pay the cost to hire a point-person to take the lead on some of the committee's initiatives.

While the Advisory Committee said it supports the efforts of the energy committee, it did not approve the transfer and said it felt more comfortable bringing the matter before Town Meeting in the fall to let the voters decide if that is how they would like the money to be spent. Town Meeting voted to appoint the committee at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, and charged it with investigating ways for the town to conserve energy as well as generate renewable energy.

Each year, the town votes to appropriate a sum of money into the reserve fund, which is under the control of the Advisory Committee. In fiscal 2006, $125,000 was put into the Reserve Fund to be used for

"I have a problem with your coming to the Advisory Board at this time."
— Merle Brown, Advisory Committee

"unexpected and unforeseen expenses." Above and beyond that $125,000, another $109,000 was put into the account to be available for expenses relating to special education tuitions and/or other needs, as determined by the Advisory Committee. Every town has a reserve fund to allow it to handle unexpected and unforeseen expenses during the course of the fiscal year without having to call a special town meeting.

Members of the Advisory Committee said they saw no rush in handing over the funds to the energy committee, as waiting will not be extremely detrimental to the work being done. Members also said without the energy committee's having gone before the Board of Selectmen first for a recommendation, making a determination for spending the funds did not seem appropriate.

"How do we know the leadership of the town agrees with this? I know you're keeping them updated (on progress being

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PICTURE THIS/Marita Carpenter and Karen Fowler

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This week, the Mariner caught up with Cohasset Consignment Shop co-managers, Marita Carpenter and Karen Fowler.

Names: Marita Carpenter and Karen Fowler.

Occupation: Co-managers of the Cohasset Consignment Shop in Tedeschi Plaza.

Best day of your life: Everyday!

Best vacation: Ireland (Marita). Route 1 California (Karen).

Favorite season: Fall (Marita). Summer (Karen).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Twizzlers (Marita). White Cheddar Cheeze-Its (Karen).

Best book or magazine: Anything by Jodi Picoult (Marita). People (Karen).

Best movie: "Best in Show" (Marita). "Sea of Love" (Karen).

Best TV show: "Grey's Anatomy" (Marita). "24" (Karen).

Pet peeve: Not putting laundry away (Marita). People who kick the back of my seat on an airplane (Karen).

Most memorable moment: When I met my husband (Marita). The day I met my boyfriend (Karen).

Goal: To enjoy the success of our shop and contribute to the Social Service League (Marita). Looking forward to retiring (Karen).

Person I'd most like to meet: Tom Brady (Marita). Al Pacino (Karen).

Biggest worry: When my kids are out (Marita). Teenage driving (Karen).

Best part of Cohasset: Living here (Marita). The Cohasset Consignment Shop (Karen).

Storm water to be discussed July 25

The Water Commission and Board of Health will meet Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m., in the basement meeting room at Town Hall to discuss storm water issues in Cohasset.

"We will discuss the problems of flooding and pollution of surface water bodies from storm water runoff," said Water Commissioner John McNabb, who is coordinating the meeting. "Also on the agenda for discussion are ways to adopt preventive measures and to remediate existing flooding and storm water pollution."

Town boards that have been invited to send a representative to the meeting include the Board of Selectmen, Water Commissioners, Board of Health, Planning Board, Harbor Health Committee, Water Resources Protection Committee, Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee.

Also invited are representatives of local watershed groups concerned with the pollution of Little Harbor, Straits Pond, the Gulf River, Cohasset Harbor and other water bodies. Interested residents are invited to attend.

Planning board office hours

The Planning Board Office is open during the following hours: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that the office may occasionally be unattended during these hours due to site visits and staff meetings.

Town Web site up and running

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Teens take booze to the beach

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Two sets of youths were either arrested or summonsed to court on alcohol charges over the past 10 days.

At 10:35 p.m. on Tuesday (June 11) when a police officer was telling people to leave the parking lot and locking the gate at Sandy Beach, he came across two youths in a car with a quantity of alcohol and small amount of marijuana, Sgt. William Quigley said. The officer also recovered a toy gun from the vehicle that looked very similar to a 40-caliber pistol and was located on the floor of the driver's side. One of the teens also had a fake ID.

Sgt. Quigley explained when the officer was talking to the youths, he observed the handgun on the floor of the driver's side. "As a result of that, other items were observed including the alcohol and marijuana," he said.

Police arrested the 19-year-old Hingham teen for possession of a Class D substance (marijuana) and being a minor in possession of alcohol; the 19-year-old Cohasset teen was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

It is not illegal to have a fake gun unless it is flashed or found on school grounds, police said.

In an unrelated incident, a 19-year-old Scituate man and another 19-year-old Cohasset man are being summonsed to court on charges of being minors in possession of alcohol.

On Sunday (July 16) at about 12:33 a.m., an assistant harbormaster called police about a couple of kids with a cooler coming from Bassing Beach. When approached, the two teens tried to discard the cooler, police said. The cooler, which contained a quantity of alcohol, was recovered and both males were taken to the Cohasset teen's house and turned over to his parents.

Police Chief James Hussey has said police will try to turn youths with alcohol over to their parents in lieu of being arrested as long as there is no automobile involved.

Warrants service

Cohasset police in conjunction with METRO-LEC (Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council), of which Cohasset is a member agency, have been conducting a warrant sweep funded by grant money. The effort helps clear up old warrants and takes care of the backlog in District Court, Sgt. William Quigley explained.

During the sweep, police seek out people who did not show up to court as a result of Cohasset charges. Officer Ed Bagley has been coordinating the sweep on behalf of Cohasset police.

Police give the individuals the opportunity to turn themselves in first, if not they will go out and arrest them. There are four warrant arrests — two for Scituate residents, and one each for a Marshfield resident and a Hull resident — as a result of the sweep noted in this week's police log.

Thumb cut

On Wednesday (July 12) at 9:30 a.m., dispatch received a call about an industrial accident at Hingham Lumber. Cohasset police, fire and the Hingham ambulance arrived and found a 40-year-old male employee who had severed the tip of his thumb with a table saw. Cohasset fire was able to recover the small, thumb tip and the man was transported to the hospital by Hingham rescue. (The Cohasset ambulance was out of town on another call).

"OSHA was notified and they are going to follow up," Sgt. William Quigley said. (OSHA stands for Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

Suspended license

Police have stepped up enforcement along the King Street part of Route 3A due to the large number of accidents along that stretch of highway. While working a fixed traffic post on King Street at about 7:15 p.m. Thursday (July 13), a police officer observed a vehicle go by with an expired inspection sticker and missing side-view mirror. The officer stopped the car and after a computer check, discovered the operator was driving on a suspended license. The officer arrested the 23-year-old Scituate man on charges of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license (fourth offense); expired inspection sticker, and equipment violation (side-view mirror).

"After any vehicle stop, we check the license and this one came back that the operator was not supposed to be driving," Sgt. William Quigley said.

Police towed and impounded the vehicle. After a vehicle is impounded, the registered owner has to claim it or give someone permission to claim the vehicle. That person has to have a valid license and pay the towing fee. Cohasset police use two wrecker services, 3A Towing in Cohasset and McBrien's in North Scituate. The two companies alternate months and keep the impounded vehicles in a secure facility until police release them. Towing fees are $90 and are regulated by the state.

Unauthorized dip

Police suspect "pool hoppers" took an unauthorized dip in a pool at a house on Howard Gleason Road last Sunday night.

When the homeowners arrived home just before 10 p.m., they notified police after seeing their poolside was wet as though there had been kids swimming in the pool.

Police, who suspect youths scaled the fence to get to the pool, put on extra patrols in the area.

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Devin MacDougall, 13, of Braintree grabs a handful of sponges while participating in a "sponge war" with a group of children at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006. For more see page 25.

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School bus and parking fees announced

On June 15, the School Committee announced that it would implement bus and parking fees for students as follows:

Bus fees, in the amount of $180 per student with a family cap of $540, would be imposed on those students choosing to use the Cohasset transportation system who meet the following criteria:

- Elementary school students who live less than two miles to their assigned school.
- All students in grades seven through 12.
- Elementary students who live equal to or greater than the 2-mile benchmark will be transported at no fee.
- For those students choosing to drive their own cars and park at the Middle-High School, there is a $180 parking fee, with a $540 family cap.

Letters and applications regarding parking permits have been mailed to students who will be enrolled in grades 11 and 12 next year. Parking spaces will be allocated to those parents/students who return applications with payment in full by Aug. 7. Seniors who return their applications and payments will receive first consideration, and juniors will be allocated permits on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Letters and applications for bus transportation will be in the mail the week of July 24.

All of this information, as well as sample applications and "frequently asked questions," will be on the Web site, www.cohassetk12.org. More information can also be obtained by calling the business office at 781-383-6108.

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AdCom votes down school budget transfer

By Samantha Brown
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The Advisory Committee will not transfer $109,000 from the Reserve Fund to the school budget for the purposes of paying special education tuition bills from fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2006. While school department members pleaded their case before the board Thursday, July 13, ultimately the committee said it would not transfer the money without knowing how much of a surplus the school department anticipated before receiving the additional funds.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy and School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro attended Thursday's meeting with the Advisory Committee. While DeGennaro said the school department would close out fiscal 2006 in the black, he would not say how much of a surplus there would be.

However, by Monday's school budget sub-committee meeting DeGennaro was able to present an end-of-year surplus figure of $432,603. That number does not include the Foundation Reserve grant the school department has totaling $226,000.

The school department lost an appeal for a special education case, and is now responsible for paying the cost for an out-of-district special education tuition it was hopeful it would not have to pay. The school department had apprised the town of the case last year and said at some point, it could need help paying the bill. The schools had been given permission to use reserve fund money last year for a number of reasons, including utilities and unemployment costs, and it was left with a budget surplus. It used roughly $80,000 of that surplus to pre-pay special education tuitions for fiscal 2006 and then turned back the remaining $109,000. MacCarthy said the only reason the school department had a $61,000 surplus in its special education tuition line item this year is because it made the pre-payment last year.

During the appeals process for the special education case, the school department was not making tuition payments, and therefore now has $58,603 left to pay from fiscal 2005 as well as $118,365 in charges from fiscal 2006, for a total of $176,968. Thinking the reserve fund money was earmarked for its special education tuition, the school department asked to have the $109,000 back. By using the town's money to pay the bill, the schools would be able to use its surplus to pre-pay materials and supplies which were not able to be included in the fiscal 2007 budget, due to the failed override.

Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee pointed out the money in the Reserve Fund was never earmarked for the schools as it cannot be set aside for any specific use. The whole purpose of having a reserve fund is to have money available in an emergency situation. With DeGennaro informing the board there would be a surplus at the end of fiscal 2006, McGee said she hesitated handing over the money to the school department not knowing whether it would cause a major surplus.

Members of the Advisory Committee agreed and said if it looks as if the school department will have a surplus from fiscal 2006, it should pay the bills it has from fiscal 2006 with that money, not make pre-payments for fiscal 2007. "Every department has an obligation to pay its bills out of existing funds as they come due. I don't think you take surplus money and then turn a bill you have due over to the Advisory Committee so you can pay another bill," said Advisory Committee member Sam Wakeman.

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> — Sam Wakeman, Advisory Committee

But MacCarthy said when schools have left over funds, there are two allowable actions: it can pre-pay supplies and materials or it can pre-pay special education tuition for the following year. McGee corrected MacCarthy, and said there are actually three options for surplus funds, as it could also be returned to the town.

Advisory Committee member Pat Waters said he would prefer waiting to hear the final fiscal 2006 figures before handing over any Reserve Fund money. "I have no problem with where the money is being spent," he said, but added because the school department has freedom in its budget to move money between line items, there would be no harm done if it used fiscal 2006 money to pay its fiscal 2006 bills and came back later with a request to pre-pay fiscal 2007 special education tuition when the administration knew whether there were any surplus funds left.

When the school department used Reserve Fund money last year to pre-pay some out of district tuitions, members of the community were shocked, feeling as if the money belonged to the town and spending was approved for specific reasons, not as an insurance policy for the next year. Advisory Committee member Roger Hill said to regain that trust and a feeling of open budgeting in the community. "Procedurally, the question needs to be asked rather than the button just being pushed," adding the school department is currently tackling transparency issues and for lack of a better word, it should "ask for permission from the town."

Wakeman agreed and said he believed from a public relations standpoint, closing out fiscal 2006 with all the bills paid by the department's budget, then using all surplus funds to pre-pay the next year is the best course of action. "We need a whole budget, not pieces of it," he said, as the committee would need to have all fiscal 2006 information before approving a transfer.

The school department ended up with a surplus of $432,603 for fiscal 2006 and had also under-budgeted $136,600, which includes the $109,829 special education tuition. After paying for the under-budgeted fiscal 2006 costs, the school department will have roughly $296,000 in surplus funds. The schools have already spent $197,312 of that money on supplies and materials for fiscal 2007, as purchasing supplies from one fiscal year for the next requires they be delivered prior to June 30, the close of the fiscal year. This leaves $98,690 left to pre-pay special education tuition. Had the Advisory Committee approved the transfer, the schools would have had a roughly $207,690 surplus, in addition to the $226,000 it has in the Foundation Reserve account.

School department budget

Fiscal 2006 budget	$12,344,382
Amount of failed fiscal 2006 override	$400,000
End of year surplus	$432,603
Underbudgeted items	$136,600
(Including $109,000 SPED case)	
Remaining surplus	$296,003
Total of pre-purchased items	$197,312
Remaining funds	$98,690
(To be used to pre-pay SPED tuition)	
Foundation Reserve funds	$226,000
Total funds available for schools	$324,690

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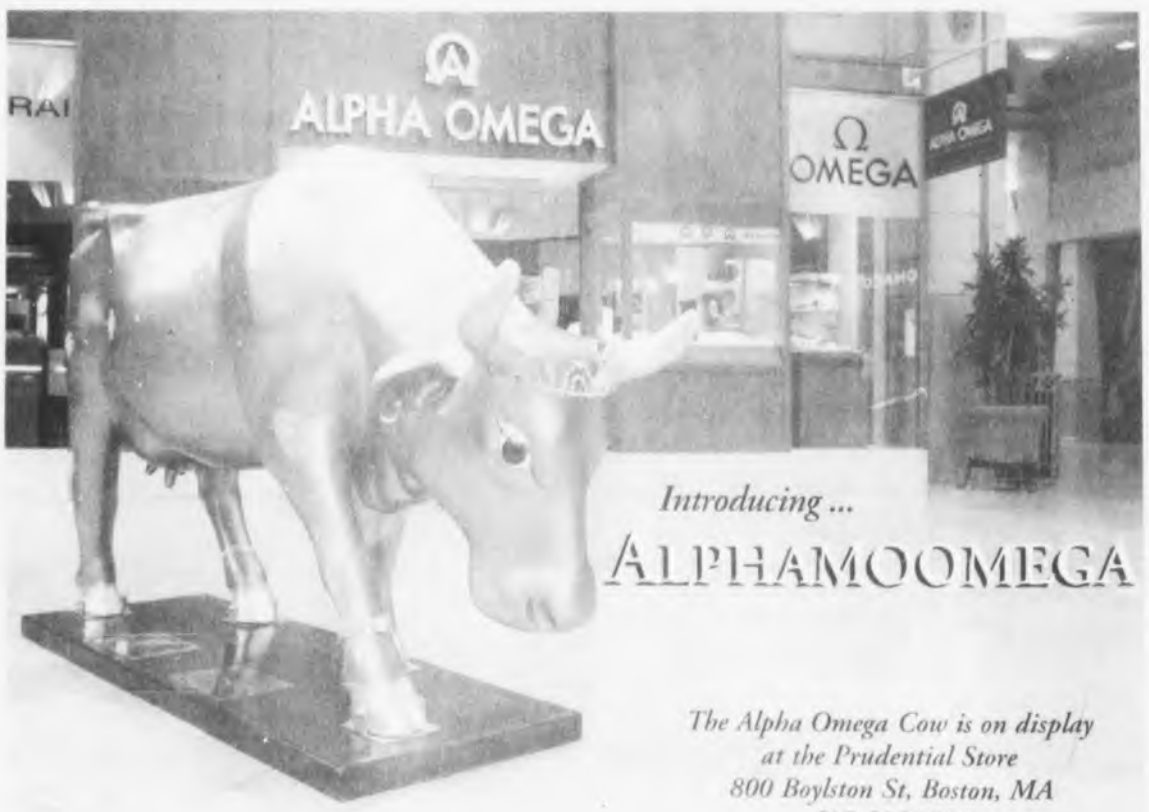

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Final fiscal 2006 school figures

Surplus funds

Transportation maintenance and supplies	$32,402
Medical therapeutic services (OT and PT)	$59,771
Special education tuition	$61,317
Professional development (teacher contract requirement)	$17,539
Teacher tuition reimbursement (teacher contract requirement)	$16,606
METCO grant (available to pay portion of teacher salaries)	$80,000
Special education 240 grant (available to pay portion of aides salaries)	$6,310
Professional reserve salaries (for unforeseen movement on teacher's scale)	$12,353
Custodial overtime salaries (no snow removal)	$4,850
Legal expense	$6,515
School Committee/ Supt. office supplies and contract service	$6,450
Custodial cleaning contract services (supplies)	$8,719
High school field trips	$8,094
Osgood utilities (heat, mild winter)	$24,517
Deer Hill utilities (heat, mild winter)	$2,389
Middle/High School utilities (heat, mild winter)	$84,771
TOTAL	**$432,603**

Underbudgeted accounts

The May Institute, special education tuition	$109,829
Special education transportation	$10,489
Business and finance, contract service	$16,283
TOTAL	**$136,601**
Surplus funds available for use	**$296,002**

Supplies pre-purchased with surplus funds

Osgood textbooks and materials	$55,485
Osgood other instructional supplies	$5,790
Deer Hill textbooks and materials	$37,849
Deer Hill other instructional supplies	$12,500
Middle School textbooks and materials	$10,725
Middle School other instructional supplies	$6,578
High School textbooks and materials	$32,100
High School other instructional supplies	$36,286
TOTAL	**$197,313**
Surplus funds remaining after pre-purchases	**$98,689**
(To be used to pre-pay special education tuition)	

Some items pre-purchased for fiscal 2007

Osgood School
- Reading Street readers program ($32,158)
- Reading Street readers, level readers for kindergarten ($4,000)
- Technology upgrade (switches for head end room, $11,602)
- Everyday Math materials (workbooks and texts, $11,003)

Deer Hill School
- Science texts fro grades 3,4,5 ($37,848)
- Social studies texts ($1,500)
- Copy machine supplies ($5,500)
- Student journals ($2,400)
- Agenda notebooks ($1,000)

Middle School
- Science supplies ($1,000)
- Music supplies ($2,500)
- Spanish texts ($2,000)
- Strategies for writers, grade 6 ($1,000)
- Social studies texts ($6,000)
- English supplies ($900)

High School
- Locks for lockers ($16,073)
- Copy machine supplies ($2,000)
- Library books ($3,500)
- Library, Facts on File software ($7,962)
- Music supplies ($2,500)
- Music chairs ($6,238)
- Science microscopes ($3,380)
- Physical education equipment ($10,000)
- Data bank, guidance and student records storage ($3,000)
- Art supplies ($3,975)
- Science equipment ($1,500)
- Social studies maps ($1,000)

School department has $430,000 surplus

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of fiscal 2006. However, the special education transportation line item had been under-budgeted by $10,489, and the business and finance contracted services line item was under-budgeted by $16,283. Paying both those bills brought the surplus down to $405,831.

There was also a $109,829 deficit in special education tuition to the May Institute. The school department had appealed a case and lost, and had not been making payments during the appeals process, meaning it owed tuition for a portion of fiscal 2005 and all of fiscal 2006. The total charge for both fiscal years was $176,968, of which the schools had anticipated a Reserve Fund transfer would cover $109,829. However, DeGennaro and School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy came before the Advisory Committee Thursday, July 13 asking it to approve the transfer and it did not *(see related story)*.

The major areas of surplus came from left over METCO grant funding ($80,000), left over special education tuition ($61,317), left over medical therapeutic services ($59,771) and middle-high school utilities ($84,771). There was also $17,540 left over from the professional development line item and $16,606 in the teacher tuition reimbursement line item, both of which troubled School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz. He worried teachers are not taking advantage of professional development opportunities and are not taking classes to better themselves. "Are they taking the classes and just haven't charged us yet?" he asked.

Walsh explained much of the professional development is done in-house with the district's own staff, which cuts down on the cost in the budget. However, Slanetz said the School Committee is always hearing about the importance of professional development and "They don't use it. It doesn't say much about teachers' motivation to improve themselves."

But ending this year on a positive note does not mean the same will be true next year. Walsh said already there are additional special education students pending for fiscal 2007 which have not yet been budgeted for, in the amount of $339,291. The paperwork has not yet been filed for the students, which is why they have not yet been included in the fiscal 2007 budget. Schools are only allowed to budget for the students they know they will be responsible for. The school department currently has $98,690 in its budget, which it will use to pre-pay the incoming fiscal 2007 charges, which will bring that deficit down to $240,601. However, Cohasset is slated to receive more than $250,000 Chapter 70 state funding, which the Board of Selectmen has said will all be turned over to the schools.

To clear things up in the future, members of the School Committee asked Walsh to provide an updated version of the budget, which spells out where the funding came from for every line item. They also said because many of the items which had been included in the fiscal 2007 budget were taken off when the overrides failed and have subsequently been purchased with left over funds, they would like an accounting of that as they are still being counted as items to purchase with the Reserve Foundation funds on some budget sheets.

College honors to crow about

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HELLO COHASSET.

First of all, thank you to all for the wonderful birthday message in last weeks paper. It was a wonderful surprise, someone or many someones got me! As I drove down to the water on Monday to reflect on the day, I was able to appreciate all that I have with my family and friends and to be so happy for all that I have in my life. It is all really cool.

THE BIG 4-0

Lordy, Lordy guess who else is turning 40? Miss **Peg Litchfield** on Monday, July 24th. Everyone wants you to have a special day Peg, Enjoy!

CURRY HONORS

Hats off to **Leigh-Anne Walsh** and **Helen Pitts**, both of Cohasset, on being named to the dean's list for the spring term at Curry College. To achieve this honor Leigh-Anne and Helen had to maintain a GPA of at least a 3.30 during the term. Awesome!

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Jefferson Barrett, a resident of Cohasset and member of the Class of 2008, has been named to the dean's list at Providence College for the Spring 2006 semester. To qualify for the dean's list at Providence, students much achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average.

Keep up the good work, Jefferson!

UVM STANDOUTS

Two more Cohasset residents are earning college honors. Congratulations to **Sylvie Manning** and **Brenna O'Donnell**, both of whom have been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2006 semester at the University of Vermont. Sylvie was a senior majoring in art education at the College of Education and Social Services and Brenna was a sophomore majoring in secondary education English at the College of Education and Social Services.

To earn dean's list status at UVM, Sylvie and Brenna maintained at GPA of at least a 3. 0 and have been ranked in the top 20 percent of their class within their respective college.

Congratulations!

AT DISNEY WORLD

Adam J. Haracz, son of **Christina and William Haracz**, recently began a three-month internship program with The Walt Disney Company in Orlando, Fla. Adam, a member of the Cohasset High School Class of 2005, has recently completed his freshman year at Purdue University, receiving academic honors by being named to the dean's list. Adam is a communications and criminal justice major.

While at Disney, Adam will receive valuable experience with RadioDisney as well as in the ABC and ESPN's radio and TV stations located in the Orlando area. After passing CPR and rescue classes, he will also be spending some time as a lifeguard at several of the resort hotels.

Don't forget the sun block, Adam!

SACRED HEART

Scared Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. has announced that **Siobhan Hart-Kelly** of Cohasset has earned dean's list honors for the spring semester. In order to achieve this honor, Siobhan must have achieved a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Well done!

ROGER WILLIAMS

Lucy Gardner, a sophomore majoring in historic preservation, was named to the dean's list at Roger Williams University for the spring 2006 semester. Lucy had to maintain a grade point average of a 3.40 or better for this honor.

Great work, Lucy!

MERRIMACK HONORS

Hats off to **Danielle Hinman** of Cohasset on being named to the dean's list at Merrimack College for the spring 2006 semester. Danielle had to achieve a minimum 3.25 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading system to be awarded dean's list status. Good work!

That is all for this week. Have a great weekend and send in all of your news (PLEASE, even on Summer Break) no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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Happy Hookers net largest catch!

By Judy Wainwright
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We are an all female crew and call ourselves the Happy Hookers. Catching this amazing striped bass was a grand way to celebrate our 10th anniversary of competing in the Cohasset Yacht Club tournament. We are often asked three questions when we get a sizeable fish:

"Where did you get it?" "What did you use?" And "who got it?"

My stock answer for "who caught it" is all of us.

Coleby reeled it in, I netted it, Coleby, Susie and I *carefully* lifted the bass on board literally falling all over ourselves. Not taking any chances, we left the bass hooked and in the net, Coleby and Susie stepped on it so it wouldn't jump out of the boat as I headed back to the harbor at full throttle.

We truly were three Happy Hookers screaming with joy and anticipation of the weigh in! Only 2-1/2 hours into the 6-1/2 hours of the tournament, we had to return to the club, our boat *The Tiny Miracle*, the smallest of the 25 competing boats at 17.5 feet left no room in the stern for us and this awesome fish.

The fishing has been very sparse lately. More than 100 contestants and there were only four striped bass caught of legal size to weigh in. It is rare to catch such a grand size striped bass in the Bay area on a tube and worm. Davie Marks, the Cohasset Yacht Club Steward, said this was the largest striped bass on record ever brought into the Club with or without a tournament! Will we go again next year? We can hardly wait!

The winning striped bass in Saturday's annual Cohasset Yacht Club fishing tournament weighed in at 40lbs. and measured 47.5 inches. Brought in by (from left): Judy Wainwright, Judy's daughter Coleby Mantz, and Susie Weisenfluh.

Mother-daughter piano recital

Olive Mullen and her youngest daughter Celia presented their first joint piano recital at the First Parish Church in Scituate, with students from Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, and Randolph. For Olive, it was her 48th recital and for Celia it was her first studio recital, after many years of performing in classical and jazz music ensembles. Some of you may remember her as the accompanist for the school choruses and theatre productions. Celia is also available for accompanying and playing at parties.

The program began with the musing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and continued with 18th and 19th century classical pieces, and popular music from ragtime to radio hits, including family duets (parents too!) and even a student's own arrangement. With a nod to history, the program included a Mozart sonata in celebration of the 250th anniversary of his birth, and ended with Olive and Celia playing a 2-piano Polka by Dmitri Shostakovich in honor of his 100th!

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Connolly-Irwin

Betsy and Ed Connolly of Cohasset and Hyannisport announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan, to Thomas Irwin, son of Thomas and Monica Irwin of Orchard Park, N.Y.

The bride-to-be graduated from Catholic University of America in Washington, and is a specialty sales representative for Shire Pharmaceuticals in Manhattan.

Her fiancé graduated from Fordham University, and is an associate director for UBS Wealth Management in New York.

An August wedding is planned.

Blessing of Animals is July 22

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" will be the hymn of the day on Saturday, July 22, as House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham hosts its annual Blessing of the Animals at 4:30 p.m.

This year, weather permitting, there will be an outdoor worship experience under a tent, where noise and the occasional accident are easily handled. In case of rain, the service will take place indoors. Remember, animals must be leashed or caged and under control.

Staff from the Animal Rescue League of Boston will feature displays and information on pet care and adoption. Treats for the pets and refreshments for their owners, will be provided.

For more information, call the church office at 781-749-5533.

Contest winner donates bike to needy child

Sarah Gruber of Cohasset with Dependable Cleaners president Christa Hagearty, and Erin Svare, director of Annual Giving and Stewardship for the West End House Boys & Girls Club of Allston-Brighton.

As a weekly winner in the 8th annual Read to Ride summer reading incentive sponsored by Dependable Cleaners, nine-year old Cohasset resident Sarah Gruber, recently received a shiny new bike. A student at Deer Hill Elementary School, Gruber's winning entry was for reading "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," by J. K. Rowling. However, instead of keeping it, Gruber decided to donate her coveted prize to a child in need through the West End House Boys & Girls Club of Allston-Brighton.

Gruber found out about the contest from Buttonwoods Books & Toys in Cohasset, which is distributing forms for Dependable Cleaners and providing gift certificates as runner-up prizes.

"Sarah loves to read everything, especially books that involve animals or fairies," her mother, Elizabeth, said. "Read to Ride is the perfect program for Sarah because she doesn't go anywhere without a book."

Read to Ride offers children, ages 6-15, the chance to win a bike and helmet with a retail value up to $275 for every book they complete during the program. Entry forms are available at all 17 Dependable Cleaners locations and participating bike shops, until July 21. Every Monday, three winners' names are drawn until July 24.

"The success of this program relies heavily on the cooperation of local libraries and YMCAs, as well as parents, by promoting regular reading habits over the summer months," said Dependable Cleaners president Christina Hagearty, herself a mother of three young children. "Many parents have reported that the program influenced their children to read a lot more than they normally would."

Read to Ride 2006 is sponsored by Dependable Cleaners in conjunction with: The Patriot Ledger; Radio Disney; WBZ News Radio 1030AM; Farina's Bicycle Center in Watertown; Anderson Bicycle in Quincy; Storybook Cove in Hanover; Buttonwood Books in Cohasset; The Braintree Book Rack; and Edaville USA. For more information or to print out an entry form visit www.DependableCleaners.com.

Audubon to access area big mouth

How much human history has the mouth of the North River seen since its opening during the Portland Gale of 1898, and how has wildlife adjusted to that change over time?

On Sunday, July 23, from 1 to 3 p.m., Mass Audubon educator and local historian John Galluzzo will lead an exploration of the mouth of the North River from all angles – Fourth Cliff, the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, the Scituate Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum, and Third Cliff – uncovering stories of shipwrecks and shipbuilding, Irish mossing, salt-haying and storms; and catching glimpses of wildlife in the region – now a state IBA or Important Bird Area. All Around the Mouth of the North River leaves from the North River Wildlife Sanctuary and costs $13, $10 for Mass Audubon members. For more information call John Galluzzo at 781-837-9400 or visit southshore@massaudubon.org.

Cohasset residents to ride in Pan-Mass Challenge

Eight Cohasset residents will ride in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, a bike-a-thon for charity, on Aug. 5 and 6. They will be among the more than 4,500 cyclists who will ride in the 27th annual event with the collective goal of raising $24 million for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund.

To become a volunteer, a virtual rider or make a financial contribution to a rider, visit www.pmc.org or call 800-WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, MA 02494.

To make a donation to a rider from Cohasset, visit the Web site at www.pmc.org and enter their egift identification.

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- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
- CWO2 Jeffery H. Brown, USN
- LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deployed to Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC;
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

Visit: www.cohassetveterans-memorial.com.

Sunday Concert schedule announced

Sunday Band Concerts will take place at the Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach in Hull, from 2 to 4 p.m. Bench seating is available, but those attending can bring lawn chairs. Line dancing and ballroom dancing will also be featured.

The concerts, which are free, are sponsored by the town of Hull, in conjunction with the Nantasket Beach Merchants Association, and will continue through Labor Day. For more information, call 781-925-3379.

Schedule:
July 23: Neil Perry.Band.
July 30: Swingers Band.
Aug. 6: The Continentals.
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

What lies beneath

Next to the Town Common, it is tough to find a more pristine site than Cohasset Harbor. Like the common, it is the epitome of New England charm especially when the lobster boats are at their moorings. No one could imagine Cohasset without its harbor – and luckily, we don't have to. There is no danger of the harbor disappearing anytime soon and while it is surrounded largely by commercial development – harbor views are still available to all, especially from Government Island and along parts of Border Street.

Yet below the surface there can lurk increased levels of bacteria, dubbed enterococci. Testing for enterococci started several years ago, after tests determined the bacteria group was a better indicator of health risks than fecal coliform.

The Board of Health samples the water for this microorganism and closes beaches when the results exceed certain thresholds.

That is why you might see a yellow flag flying below the American flag on the pole at Government Island.

Posting signs has not proved successful because the signs are stolen shortly after being installed.

So it is important to look for the yellow flag that means the beach or swimming area is closed. However, that does not necessarily mean people heed the warning and stop from taking a dip, especially on a hot summer's day.

However, the health effects of swimming in water contaminated with high levels of enterococci are not pleasant. Those effects could include ear infections, conjunctivitis and rashes. The most common ailment is gastro-intestinal disorders, stemming from swimmers swallowing water.

It is no surprise that Bassing Beach is currently closed to swimming. Historically, this area — which attracts boaters who pull their boats ashore there to swim and is popular with Cohasset and Scituate residents — yields higher levels of contaminants.

Weekly water samples for Bassing Beach are taken from the end of the Cohasset Sailing Club dock.

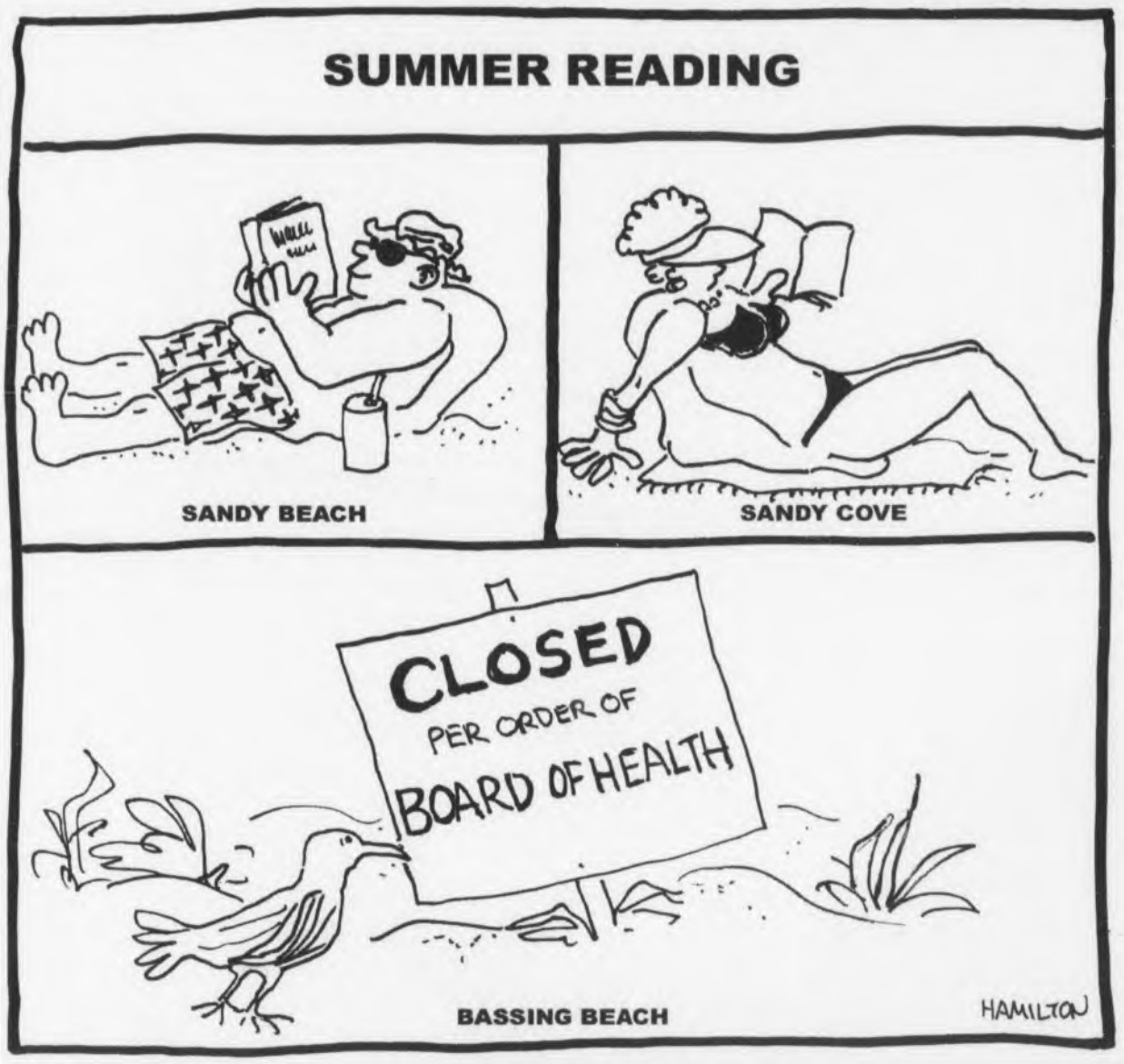
On Tuesday, Black Rock Beach was also closed when tests showed its waters exceeded safe limits. The Board of Health has been testing the beaches in town for the past six weeks and will continue to test all summer long.

Testing results that close beaches to swimming can occur in two ways. If tests reveal a one-time "spike" of more than 104 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters of water is one way. Also, if tests over a five-week period reveal a "mean" that is higher than 35 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters of water is another way.

Bassing Beach tests show a mean over five weeks of 53, meaning the conditions are consistently less than ideal. And Tuesday Black Rock tests showed a spike of 166, which exceeded the 104 maximum limit.

The Harbor Health Committee continues to study the harbor to determine causes and sources of pollution and what can be done to ensure our harbor is as beautiful on the surface as it is underwater.

In the meantime, if you are unsure about whether it is safe to go swimming, look for the yellow flag or call the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, July 28, 8:30 a.m.

Capital Budget Committee, July 25, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, July 25, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 3, & 17, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Planning Board, July 26, 7 p.m.

Harbor Heath Committee, July 25, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, July 31, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, July 25, 7 p.m. (storm water issues with Board of Health).

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Munro, 107 Hull St., asphalt, 18 squares, $7,100; Koswick, 25 Deep Run, pool deck, $20,000; Kelley, 6 Jerusalem Road, kitchen cabinets, windows, $20,000; Garvey, 3 Bayberry Lane, gazebo, $6,000; Almeida, 38 Surry Drive, rebuild deck, step on rear, $6,000; Cohasset Golf Club, 520 No. Main St., rehab. house interior, add first floor bath, $100,000; Ox Pasture Realty Trust, 17 Ox Pasture Lane, new residence, $600,000; Conroy, 96 Doane St., second-story addition, sitting room, renovate existing second floor bedroom, $100,000; Prescott, 150 Pond St., remodel kitchen, new window/door, $75,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to Advisory Committee

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the Cohasset Advisory Committee for convincing School Committee Chair, Adrienne MacCarthy that surplus school funds should be utilized before coming to request town Reserve Funds. Cohasset Reserve Funds are to be used during the fiscal year for emergency purposes that must be dealt with before a town meeting.

In brief, at the end of FY'05 the school department revealed a $190,652 surplus after receiving $222,083 of town Reserve Funds to pay reported deficits. They returned only $109,000 of the excess payment to the town. The remaining $81,000, which was basically free cash and not included in the school budget, was spent to prepay FY'06 SPED expenses.

Certain school officials and administrators believe the school should have received the $109,000 Reserve Funds no matter the circumstances. The intent of the $109,000 Reserve Funds was for FY'06 budget deficits if needed, not to be used to supplement a budget surplus.

At a school committee meeting on July 17, it was disclosed that the school department ended FY'06 with a surplus of $432,000 plus another $226,000 in a Foundation Reserve Account. These amounts total $658,000.

Most of the $432,603 has been used to prepay expenses for FY'07, namely $197,312 for supplies and materials. Some, $109,829, was used to settle a SPED case that Cohasset lost and $26,771 was put toward a deficit in the business office and SPED transportation. Of the $432,603, there is an additional $95,000+ unspent, that will be used to further prepay FY'07 SPED expenses.

The $226,000, which was awarded to the town through Chap 70 grants is still available

Those who have gone to the school website:www.cohassetk12.org to view the newest FY'07 budget information were misled, as the school committee members were when reviewing this document. A great many of the indicated "cuts" were actually paid in advance from the FY'06 surplus and thus not "cuts" at all. .

I was amazed at the unprofessionalism exhibited by the superintendent and the business manager when meeting with the school committee this week to discuss the current financial situation. They did not take the time to prepare an up to date, accurate budget and from my observations, the meeting proved to be confusing and time wasting.

Lee Jenkins
198 Jerusalem Road

Schools playing hide and seek

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again the School Committee, according to the July 14 Mariner, has shot itself in the foot by dismissing the request of the Advisory Committee for open communication with the town about expenditures. Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy cited a lack of trust between the town and the schools as her reason for not sharing information. School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said "No one's saying why, they just want to see it."

The issue is very simple: people want to see where the money is going because it is our money. The School Committee's strategic plan is predicated on taking more of our money through overrides. Since they want more and more of our money, they should not be playing hide and seek with the spending details. Stonewalling creates suspicion, not trust. According to quotes in an article on page 5, even School Committee members have trouble following the money through the maze of the schools' budget.

However, Committee Member Steve Fusco was right on when, as quoted in the Mariner on page 4, he said, "If we take a defensive posture, they'll think we have something to hide." Everybody understands this simple truth. The school leadership has driven their share of our taxes up to 62 percent with no end in sight. The townspeople are now demanding accountability. The town values education and has always been very generous to the schools. We spend more per student than benchmark school systems that have higher results on standardized tests. How about some reciprocity; how about opening up?

Paul Carlson
18 Old Coach Road

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Some harbor reflections of my youth

COHASSET MEMORIES

MARJORIE RITTER

As long as there is ebb and flow,
The harbor is the place to go.

My memories of growing up are in, on, and around the harbor. I was born at home on Higgins Court (now Margin Court) in 1927. My first dunk in the water was when my father tied an empty can on my back and lifted me over the side of the boat. I couldn't swim, but the empty can held enough air to keep me afloat. I really learned to swim at the Margin Street float. The ropes crisscrossed to hold the float. You could hang on until you found you didn't need them anymore. That was it. I was there morning to night.

I remember Barbara Ahearn walking up to catch the train. After work she'd put on her bathing suit and join me for a dip. She was a beautiful girl.

Sometimes during the day I would lie on the float and watch the flat silver fish darting in and out of the green feathery growth on the float. Little green crabs would scurry here and there.

Real early I'd see old Tony Figueiredo standing up rowing, pushing his oars backwards. He was going to haul his lobster traps.

We could tie our skiff to the first buoy by the breakwater and look down and see the flounder flip their tails in a flurry of sand. The water was so clear! My father used to tap an oar on the bottom of a certain place. The flounder would all come and he would feed them.

I must tell you I was quite something in my wool bathing suit, wearing a string of pearls. I have a picture to remind me.

In the afternoon we would go to Bassing Beach. Sometimes we would play with Frances Martin. She lived with her family in the house that still stands on the point. We would go clamming on the flats, nice white ones, razor clams and in the eel grass pools you could reach down, while floating on your stomach, and gather quahogs one after another.

When enough kids showed up, we played baseball when the tide was out beyond the breakwater. We had to be careful because the tide would come in behind us. We weren't very tall, so we had to get across. The older kids would wait and swim. Out beyond the flats the sand dollars grew. They were all fuzzy and purple color. They grew in a pretty wide row.

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Town Lot to close two days next week

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush FLASH! – The Town Parking Lot will be closed for about two days starting Monday, July 24th. CBB will be grinding the surface and re-grading the lot with reclaimed asphalt. Essentially, this means that the old asphalt will be removed and ground up into very small pieces. The contours of the lot will be re-graded and the old asphalt will be spread and compacted as a base for new asphalt surface. This is common practice and minimizes the waste from the project and the need for new petroleum-based asphalt. In addition, reclaimed asphalt, when compacted, forms an excellent sub base for paving. (This same practice was done for the recently completed Village Revitalization.) The parking lot will be reopened for use before the final paving is done. So, at some time in the future, it will be closed again for final paving and striping.

Greenbush Dispute Resolution – As we mentioned before, the Town is waiting for the MBTA and the Executive Office of Transportation to set a time and place for the second round of Dispute Resolution with our Board of Selectmen. For a while it almost looked like we needed a new Dispute Resolution to set a place for our Dispute Resolution meeting. Now, it appears that it may be in Cohasset during the week of the 24th of July, most either Wednesday July 26th or Thursday, July 27th. If you are interested in attending, since this is a public meeting, call the Board of Selectmen at 781-383-4105 to find the final time / date / place.

Rocky Lane – The CBB has notified us that they will be doing underground utility work in the track area on the present Rocky Lane access road. Originally, this was not to have been started until the new bridge was opened. However, as we have seen all along the project in Cohasset, the absolute project priority is the construction of the track area. If an area is not critical to the rail bed construction, they are pushing that work off into the future. That's why the road at Lower King Street lies partially completed. They did enough work to lay the rails and will finish the roadwork sometime in the future. At Rocky Lane CBB has guaranteed that open access will be maintained by doing construction in only half of the road at a time.

Spring Street – We've mentioned this before, but this is a reminder that Spring Street near the Ellms Meadow skating pond will be closing temporarily for underground utility work under the right of way. It will reopen when work starts at Spring and Pond streets. When Pond Street is finished, Spring Street at the skating pond will close for good. Originally the Pond Street work was to have been done first, but there is a utility pole that is causing big problems. As you drive down Pond Street you will notice a pole on the right side of the road near Spring Street. That's the culprit. There are guy wires fastened into the ledge that support this pole. This pole needs to be moved and the guy wires removed so that the ledge can be cut away. Until this pole at least has the guy wires removed, no further work can be done at Pond Street. That's why CBB is working on the Ellms Meadow section of Spring Street.

Beechwood Street — With all of the rain early this summer, we discovered that some of the street drainage is not working too well. Originally we had street drainage going down driveways because the MBTA had set them lower than the street. We all then found out that water does indeed go downhill. To prevent this, they constructed small berms at the driveway. These were designed to deflect the rainwater away from the driveway. However, after the berms were constructed we learned that the streets didn't quite drain the way they were supposed to. Instead, the storm water just pooled in the street at the berms. So, back to the drawing board. We'll see what the next solution will be. We're looking forward to a good solution that will properly drain the street and will keep the water from entering driveways.

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Requiem for the penny

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

There has been a penny lying in the street in front of my house for, oh, the past few weeks. People have seen it, I'm sure, yet no one has made a move to pick it up. That would require effort, and the minimum wage for just stooping over has long since passed the penny mark.

That's one of the reasons Representative Jim Kolbe of Arizona plans to file legislation to eliminate the penny since "it has no use as a medium of commerce." Like how often do you get pennies in change down at Dunkin' Donuts?

I got one the other day in my change and I felt like putting it away under glass like a relic from an age long past that had been discovered in Pharaoh's grave and saving it for future generations to get rich on its rarity.

Like many Americans, I, too, empty my pockets of loose change at the end of the day and put it in class jars to save for who knows what. I've noticed recently that even the quarter jar is filling faster than the penny jar, which certainly tells you something.

Like many Americans, I, too, empty my pockets of loose change at the end of the day and put it in class jars to save for who knows what.

I've heard of a recycling plant is Florida that finds $1,000 a week in pennies mixed in with the household trash, and Harvard Economics Professor N. Gregory Mankiw notes that people leaving stray pennies behind at the cash registers.

When I last looked, U. S. mints turned out 7.7 billion pennies in 2005 and had to hold some of them back for lack of demand.

As Shakespeare so deftly put it, there's the rub.

It's costing your old Uncle Sam more to produce the penny than the penny is worth. Every time he manufactures a one-cent piece it's costing him 1.23 cents, and you don't have to be a very sharp businessman to know what that means.

The present penny is made up of 2.5 per cent copper and 97.5 per cent zinc. Right now, the value of the metal is not much more than one cent, but sooner of later, it will reach a point where the metals in the coins will be worth enough to be melted down and sold separately.

Each side, of course, has its organized supporters.

The pro-penny group is the Americans for Common Sense, sponsored, not surprisingly, by the zinc industry; and the anti-penny group is the Coin Coalition, supported by the convenience store and the vending machine industries.

The Coin Coalition not too long ago was behind a bill filed in Congress, which would have required that most charges for goods and services be rounded off to the nearest nickel. It didn't make it.

Perhaps it will still make it if we make the change gradually by reviving the two cent piece.

We had one for nine years once, between 1864 and 1873, you know.

Or the three cent piece. We had one of those, too, from 1851 to 1889.

We had a half cent piece, too, from 1793 to 1857, and be sure to let me know if you see one from 1796 lying around on the street in front of your house. It is worth anywhere between $20,000 and $85,000.

HEALTH NOTES

Parkinson's and pesticide exposure

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Although the causes of Parkinson's are not well understood, it has long been suspected that environmental factors play a large role.

Parkinson's disease, first described in the early 1800s by British physician James Parkinson as "shaking palsy," is among the most prevalent neurological disorders. In a recent article in Scientific American, "According to the United Nations, at least four million people worldwide have it; in North America, estimates run from 500,000 to one million, with about 50,000 diagnosed every year. These figures are expected to double by 2040 as the world's elderly population grows; indeed, Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative illnesses common in the elderly (such as Alzheimer's and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) are on their way to overtaking cancer as a leading cause of death. But the disease is not entirely one of the aged: 50 percent of patients acquire it after age 60; the other half is affected before then. Furthermore, better diagnosis has made experts increasingly aware that the disorder can attack those younger than 40.

"As its 19th-century name suggests — and as many people know from the educational efforts of prominent Parkinson's sufferers such as Janet Reno, Muhammad Ali and Michael J. Fox — the disease is characterized by movement disorders. Tremor in the hands, arms and elsewhere, limb rigidity, slowness of movement, and impaired balance and coordination are among the disease's hallmarks. In addition, some patients have trouble walking, talking, sleeping, urinating and performing sexually."

A major cause may be pesticide exposure. According to research published in Annals of Neurology, people who have been exposed to pesticides are 70 percent more likely to develop Parkinson's disease than those who haven't. The results suggest that any pesticide exposure, whether occupationally related or not, will increase a person's risk of the disease. This means that using pesticides in the home or garden may have similarly harmful effects as working with the chemicals on a farm or as a pest controller.

The new study provides the strongest evidence to date of the link between pesticide exposure and Parkinson's. The work included over 143,000 men and women who completed extensive lifestyle questionnaires beginning in 1982, and follow-up surveys through 2001. All subjects were symptom-free at the beginning of the project, when they were asked about their occupation and exposure to potentially hazardous materials. Since then, 413 of them have developed confirmed cases of Parkinson's, with a greater incidence of the disease in those who spent time around pesticides. "Low- dose pesticide exposure was associated with a significant increase in risk for Parkinson's disease," says lead author Alberto Ascherio of the Harvard School for Public Health. "I think this is one reason to be careful about using pesticides in general."

Although the causes of Parkinson's are not well understood, it has long been suspected that environmental factors play a large role. Animal studies have shown that chemical compounds commonly used as pesticides can cause a degeneration of dopamine-producing neurons. In Parkinson's, a shortage of dopamine causes the disease's characteristic motor abnormalities, including muscle tremors and muscle rigidity. Previous small-scale human studies had suggested a link between pesticides and Parkinson's, but this new study is the first to establish a clear correlation in a large patient population.

The researchers also looked for links between Parkinson's and other environmental contaminants, including asbestos, coal dust, exhaust, formaldehyde and radioactive material. They found no correlation between the disease and any of the materials besides pesticides, however. Because of the design of the questionnaires, the study was not able to determine how the frequency, duration, or intensity of pesticide exposure affected the incidence of Parkinson's. The next step, according to Ascherio, is to figure out which class of chemicals is actually causing the disease, so that people can reduce their exposure. —Karen Schrock, Johns Hopkins University

So far researchers and clinicians have found no way to slow, stop or prevent Parkinson's. Although treatments do exist — including drugs and deep-brain stimulation — these therapies alleviate symptoms, not causes. In recent years, however, investigators have linked proteins to genetic underpinnings of the disease. Such findings are feeding optimism that fresh angles of attack can be identified.

Pesticides kill plants and insects; it takes no leap of faith to conclude that they might do something to humans.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Team Eagle: It's much like a business

SAILING FOR BEIJING

MARK LEWIS

If sailing were the only concern for Team Eagle, it wouldn't be a challenge. In fact, launching and running a sailing campaign is much like running a business. Teamwork, people management, marketing, and raising capital are just some of the parallels.

From the beginning I have approached this endeavor as a businessman. Sailing is second when it comes to a campaign; it's something you can always work on. You can't sail if you do not have the support.

When we first launched this campaign, I was concerned with creating an identity. I thought this would be important when we started to raise funds. Without an identity companies and individuals wouldn't know how to help and support us.

To market the Team Eagle identity, I've created several marketing materials. This includes a brochure, web site, business cards, and media exposure. To date, our story has been featured in several local newspapers, FOX25 Morning Show and CBS 4 Sports.

Our friends at DBMS are also working on a Team Eagle documentary for promotional and learning purposes. Hingham friends of Team Eagle will be holding an exciting fundraiser at the hottest nightclub in Boston, The Rack, on **Thursday, Aug. 10 from 6-9pm.** There will be food, pool, music, and of course plenty of adult beverages (cash bar), and if you are lucky, a celebrity or two. We will be raffling off various prizes and a fantastic door prize just for showing up. Tickets may be purchased online in advance for $20, using a credit card. Tickets will also be available at the door for $25. We also have a golf tournament fundraiser coming up on Sept. 25, sponsored by Stars and Eat Well Inc. For the last 18 years, Stars on Hingham Harbor has run a popular golf tournament. This year's Fall golf tournament will benefit Team Eagle. Breakfast at Stars, 18 holes of golf at the South Shore Country Club, and dinner at Tosca is an experience not to be missed by any golfing enthusiast. Individuals that are interested can sign up at Stars on Hingham Harbor for $125.

Mark Lewis, at the stern, and his teammate Maureen McKinnon-Tucker are thrilled with the performance of their new boat, the SKUD 18.

Please contact mark@teameagle.org for inquiries about corporate sponsorship, hole sponsorship, cart sponsorship and more. This is an exciting opportunity for you and your business to reach out to a select demographic.

Back to sailing. Maureen and I are heading down to Newport, R.I. this week for a Martin 16 regatta. This is the last time we will cross train in the Martin 16, since we have our new SKUD 18.

Lastly, the first SKUD 18 event will occur July 27-30 as part of the Lands End NOOD/Marblehead Race Week in Marblehead. We are excited this event is so close to home and look forward to getting on the starting line with other SKUD 18s.

Please support Team Eagle with a tax-deductible donation. Make checks payable to Duxbury Bay Maritime School. Specify Team Eagle in the memo section on your check and mail it to the address below. DBMS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

Team Eagle, c/o Duxbury Bay Maritime School, PO Box 263 A Duxbury, MA 02331

For more information, please visit us at www.teameagle.org.

Mark Lewis, who lives on North Street in Hingham, has been sailing his entire life. Mark, who was injured in a swimming accident in 2001, is quadriplegic. His teammate Maureen McKinnon-Tucker is paraplegic.

Mark's column will appear monthly so readers can keep pace with Team Eagle's quest for the gold at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Sailing for Beijing

- **Paralympics:** The term "Paralympics" was derived from the Greek word "para" and means next to or alongside the Olympic games.
- **Team Eagle**: Mark Lewis and Maureen McKinnon-Tucker.
- **Goal**: To represent the US in the two-person keelboat event at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.
- **Trials:** But first Team Eagle must win the Paralympics sailing trials in Newport, R.I. in October 2007.
- **Finances**: The team needs to raise an initial $100,000 for training and expenses.
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'Small Actors' on 'Our Town'

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, members of the Cohasset Middle School Drama Workshop will perform their award winning one-act play "Small Actors." Members of the cast and their director, Middle School Teacher Stephanie Noble, will also share their feelings about recently taking the gold medal at the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild.

Tune in to enjoy this delightful performance and see some of Cohasset's most talented middle schoolers! Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Jack look-alike at Marshfield Fair

TO THE EDITOR:

I so enjoyed the supplement contained in last week's paper. It brought back wonderful memories.

We had a cottage down in Green Harbor, and several friends visited one weekend during the filming. One of the visitors had a hobby of purchasing old stretch limos and restoring them. He brought one with him that weekend. We (the group) decided to attend the Marshfield Fair, which was conducted at the same time as the filming over in Cohasset, so we all piled into Paul's limo.

One of our guests, Bob Clark, is a dead ringer for Jack Nicholson and a real cut-up, so Bob assumed a position in the back of the limo and donned dark sunglasses and proceeded to wave to passersby. I am quite sure many people that day returned to their homes saying that Jack Nicholson waved to them.

When we approached the Marshfield Fair grounds, we found that all the parking was marked "Full", but never fear . . . as we approached the main gate to the fair grounds, we were waved into the Fair Grounds, and found we were assigned parking in the middle of the horse racing rink — all, thanks to our friend Bob Clark, who I am sure the powers-to-be at the Fair assumed they were welcoming Jack Nicholson himself. Many hours later, we left the fair and found it dark, so my friend Bob Clark simply put on the light in the back seat of the limo, assumed his "pose" and continued to wave to the people passing by.

Fond memories of a great time.

Nancy Spinney
Green Harbor

More bloviating on the Big Dig

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's Mariner quoted me, accurately, as saying "considering the size and complexity (of the Big Dig), it is amazing how little has gone wrong." I didn't mean to imply that what did go wrong was acceptable, or unavoidable.

When managing a huge project, with hundreds of engineers and a labor force of thousands, one has to assume that each and every moment some one of them is about to foul up, hence procedures have to be in place to forestall errors or detect and correct errors if they do occur. Quality is not achieved solely by inspection of the work; quality can only be achieved by putting in at the front end of the process, and all during the process of design through construction. Clear design objectives must be established, designs independently reviewed for conformance to objectives and for computational accuracy, all communications about design, manufacture, and installation recorded and receipt formally acknowledged. Specifications for materials, equipment and installation/construction procedures similarly

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Some harbor reflections of my youth

FROM REFLECTIONS, PAGE 10

Something bumped my leg one day while standing knee deep in the water. It was a sea turtle passing by. I had never seen one up close before.

At certain times of the year, the tinker mackerel would invade the harbor. The smelt would also have a run. We'd take a bucket and a line and go down to the float. We could cast a line and hook them one after another. We never used bait. What a thrill for us children!

When night came, we'd get in the mossing dory. It was a double-ended, high-sided, heavy boat. We would row around watching a myriad of liquid diamonds slide off the oars with each stroke. Masses of brown bubbles clung together in little islands as they came from the falls on an outgoing tide.

In those days the restaurant was as it is today. It's over the water on pilings. We would row under it and sing and sing. The era of the big bands had started and the porch above us held the orchestra. We had to be careful and watch the incoming tide because our boat had a high bow and stern. We had to have room to get out.

Once outside you might hear a mandolin playing. In those days all the large boats had captains. My father, Lloyd Higgins, was one. One of the crew played for his enjoyment. Some nights there wasn't much wind, but enough to hear the rigging on the sailboats slap the mast and tinkle like a bell.

Winter came. Ice covered the harbor out to the breakwater. We used to skate on it. There was a boat frozen in the harbor, so we would sit on the rail and rest. The older guys got an old Model T on the ice. They skidded around and had a great time.

Harry Silvia and I got off the school bus. I bet him a penny he couldn't cross the harbor on the ice cakes. Off he went. He went from one cake to another. Thank goodness he walked back around Border Street.

George Jednick used to call me the "white harbor duck." Most ducks were brown. He once sent me a picture of a white duck out front leading the brown ones in a line.

I was with my sister on the Margin Street float when we had the 1938 hurricane. I thought she would be blown off. Needless to say, we went home.

I grew up and married a Navy man. When he had a new boat built in Stonington, Maine, he brought it down over the water. Not being boating season, he came into the Yacht Club float so I could christen it. Just as I swung the bottle, Cliff Dickson shot off the cannon. What a surprise!

The stories are endless.

My husband later became Harbormaster for many years. I could be found singing at the organ bar at the Hugo's Restaurant, the one I used to sing under.

So lower the Cohasset flag for all the people I have mentioned by name. My husband and I don't live there right now. We're still sailing along; we just can't get in the boat. "I saw those Harbor Lights, they only told us we were parting," but we have made arrangements to come back to 143. Let's pray the Harbor does, too.

Marjorie Ritter lives in Sarasota, Fla.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 10-14, 2006

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on ten roll calls from the week of July 10-14.

SEND UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL TO COMMITTEE (S 4)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention voted 118-76 to send to a special committee a proposed constitutional amendment ensuring that universal health care is available to all Massachusetts residents. The proposal requires the Legislature and governor to approve laws to ensure that no Massachusetts resident lacks comprehensive, affordable and equitably financed health insurance coverage. Supporters of sending the proposal to committee said that the Legislature should delay action on this very broad and vague measure until the recent historic health care law approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Mitt Romney is given a reasonable opportunity to work. Opponents of sending the proposal to committee said that universal health care should be a permanent part of the state's constitution in order to ensure that the new law is implemented properly and is not watered down in the future. They argued that sending the proposal to committee essentially kills it. The proposal needed the votes of only 50 legislators in order to go on the 2006 ballot. Its future is now uncertain. (A "Yes" vote is for the sending the proposal to committee. A "No" vote is against sending it to committee).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

POWER OF LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE VOTER-APPROVED LAWS (S 7)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention voted 1-193 to reject a proposed constitutional amendment to change the portion of the constitution that allows the Legislature to unilaterally repeal or make changes to any law approved by voters on the ballot. The proposal would permit the Legislature to change a voter-approved law only with the approval of a majority of the voters on a statewide ballot or a majority of the ten original signers of the petition that created the law. Supporters said that it is unfair that the Legislature can unilaterally change laws approved by the voters and argued that the proposal would limit this arbitrary power. Opponents said that the proposal is misguided and would put too much power in the hands of ten citizens. They noted that circumstances change and that the Legislature, elected by the voters every two years, should have the flexibility to change these laws at will. (A "Yes" vote is for the proposal limiting the Legislature's power to unilaterally change a voter-approved law. A "No" vote is against the proposal and favors the Legislature's unilateral power to change voter-approved laws).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **N**

FILL VACANCIES IN STATEWIDE OFFICES (S 8)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention voted 33-161 to reject a proposed constitutional amendment that would require a special statewide election to be held within six months to fill vacancies in the offices of Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Auditor. The proposal would allow the Legislature to appoint a temporary successor until the election is held. Current law provides that the Legislature appoint a successor for the remainder of the official's term and does not allow a special election. Supporters said that the voters should have the power to fill these vacancies as soon as possible and argued that the Legislature is unwilling to give up this enormous power. Opponents said that the proposal is well-intentioned but is poorly drafted and conflicts with a current section of the constitution without eliminating that current section. (A "Yes" vote is for requiring a special election within six months. A "No" vote is against requiring it).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **N**

INCREASE LEGISLATORS' TERMS (S 11)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention voted 66-125 to reject a proposed constitutional amendment that would increase the terms of legislators from two to four years. Supporters said that the increase would allow legislators to focus on their work and their constituents and not be tied up with campaigning and fundraising every two years. Opponents said that the increase would make senators and representatives less accountable and give voters fewer opportunities to remove them. (A "Yes" vote is for four-year terms. A "No" vote is against four-year terms).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **N**

RECESS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 9

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention voted 100-91 to approve a motion to recess the convention until November 9— shortly after the state's general election. The convention recessed without acting on the controversial proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages by defining marriage as between a man and a woman. The proposal needs the votes of 50 legislators in this year's session and the 2007-2008 session in order to appear on the November 2008 ballot. Legislators had various motives for their vote on recessing. Many legislators who voted to recess are supporters of same-sex marriages. Some of those legislators would prefer that the ban never be allowed to come up for a vote. Other same-sex marriage supporters indicate that they would favor eventually allowing the vote but want more time to lobby same-sex marriage opponents in hopes of changing their minds. Some opponents of adjournment favor the ban on same-sex marriages and want a vote on it now because they feel that they have the 50 votes to move the ban to the next step. Other opponents of the recess actually oppose the ban but feel that the Legislature should be democratic and take a vote on it. (A "Yes" vote is for the recess until November 9. A "No" vote is against the recess).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **N**

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE (S 2632)

House 156-0, Senate 36-0, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill hiking the minimum wage from $6.75 per hour to $8 per hour over two years. Supporters said that this long overdue bill would help thousands of families that are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argued that a minimum wage hike is the best anti-poverty programs available. The vote was unanimous but many business groups lobbied against it and said that it would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices. They argued that this unnecessary hike is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and the nations' highest unemployment insurance premiums. (A "Yes" vote is for the minimum wage hike).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

JUDICIAL PAY RAISES (H 5093)

House 157-0, Senate 29-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a bill giving the state's judges a 15 percent pay raise retroactive to the beginning of this year. The bill includes an increase in salaries for trial court judges from $112,777 to $129,694 and a hike from $131,239 to $151,239 for the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. Supporters of the pay raises said that judges have not had a pay hike in eight years and argued that higher salaries are necessary to retain and attract qualified judges. Opponents said that the 15 percent retroactive hike is excessive and noted that they support Romney's proposal that would provide a more reasonable 4.1 percent hike. (A "Yes" vote is for the pay raises for judges. A "No" vote is against the pay raises).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

UNSIGNED CIRCULARS (H 126)

House 132-24, Senate 30-6, overrode Gov. Romney veto of a bill repealing the current state law that prohibits the distribution of unsigned circulars and posters supporting or opposing any candidates for public office. Supporters of repealing the law said that it violates the First Amendment and noted that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled it unconstitutional. In his veto message, Romney said that the current law should stay in effect because it requires persons or organizations to take responsibility for statements in circulars and posters that are designed to help or defeat a candidate and discourages them from making deliberate misstatements. (A "Yes" vote is for allowing unsigned circulars and posters. A "No" vote is against allowing them).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

GENETIC COUNSELORS (H 4326)

House 136-21, Senate 35-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a measure creating a state board to license and regulate genetic counselors who work with individuals and families on the risk of passing on a genetic predisposition for birth defects and disorders to future generations. Supporters said that this increasing popular practice should be regulated and licensed by the state in order to protect against fraud and to ensure that these counselors are qualified. In his veto message, Romney said that two national organizations already certify these counselors and argued that it is unnecessary to create another costly state bureaucracy. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill creating a state board to license and regulate genetic counselors. A "No" vote is against the bill).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

BIG DIG CRISIS (H 5187)

House 150-3, Senate 33-2, approved and Gov. Romney signed into law a bill giving the governor the authority to oversee the inspection of the failed ceiling system in the I-90 Connector tunnel. The measure also gives the Romney administration, rather the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the power to decide when to re-open the closed tunnel to traffic and provides $20 million to carry out a complete safety audit of the entire Big Dig. Supporters said that the recent ceiling collapse has shaken public confidence in the entire tunnel system. The measure was filed by Romney who said in a written statement that the Turnpike Authority has lost credibility and that it is important to get oversight of tunnel safety that is independent of the Authority. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

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How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). A value of zero indicates that the staffing data was not available or that the community did not have firefighters in that category. "Ranking Officers" includes captains, deputy chiefs and the chief.

This chart shows the breakdown of Cohasset's firefighters, lieutenants and ranking officers per 1,000 residents in 2005. Please note that communities can have full time firefighters, call/ volunteer firefighters, or some combination. This chart includes all firefighters. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing staffing by position with similar communities, one can get a sense for how Cohasset organizes its fire department and leadership.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. This is the fourth of six benchmarks about the fire department.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More bloviating on the Big Dig

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must be independently reviewed. And of course all material, equipment and fieldwork must be inspected for conformance to specifications. Even more importantly, the qualifications of the workmen and their supervisors must be established before significant work is done.

All this may seem obvious, but it is very costly and difficult to achieve, considering the usual flaws of organizations and those who people them. But is must be thoroughly done on projects that concern public safety, and as it has been done so successfully in our nuclear industry. (The Three Mile Island plant responded as it was designed to do in the event of equipment malfunction. The structure and hazard abatement equipment performed flawlessly so that the public was unharmed. Chernobyl, on the other hand, starkly displayed the results of incompetent engineering, project management, quality control and operational fecklessness).

The responsibility for ensuring that all the myriad actions, decisions, design objectives, corresponding designs, execution of designs in the factory and at the job site; all the communications, specifications, and instructions; all the selection and supervision of contractors, lay with Bechtel/Parsons/Brinkerhoff. In theory, that management consortium reported to the Owner's representative, Matt Amorello. But, in practice, the arrangement seems to have been structured so that the Owner's real control was limited. Instead of removing Amorello, the State officers who established the management concept, and failed to strengthen it, should be pilloried.

As to the fatal anchor bolt detail, good engineering management would have avoided designs that are too sensitive to improper installation and for which improper installation technique is not clearly evident in after-the-fact inspection. Better a simple bolted connection between two steel components, where it is clear that a bolt of the proper size and type is (or is not) in place.

The slurry walls are a brilliant and economical solution to a difficult problem, but rely on scrupulous and detailed care in doing the work, otherwise can create big trouble. Maybe scrupulous care was used in most of the slurry wall work, but it should have been exercised in a full 100 percent of the slurry wall work. The "minor" instances of inattention to quality have bequeathed major problems, probably not all yet revealed.

Good project management would have recognized the dependence of success of the slurry technique on 100 percent scrupulous care, and would have ensured that such care was exercised.

It is tragic that a project that successfully dealt with many difficult problems will be remembered for the problems (and much less difficult problems) that it flubbed.

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School board cancels joint budget meeting

Does not want sole spotlight

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee and School Committee have a lot to talk about. To that end, the three boards were scheduled to attend a joint budget meeting Monday, July 24, but that meeting was cancelled by the School Committee Tuesday.

Early Tuesday, School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy put out the word her committee would not be available to attend the meeting. In a prepared statement she said: "As Chair of the School Committee, I spoke with (Selectmen Chairman) Ralph Dormitzer this morning and explained to him that it was the consensus of the School Committee that we would be happy to attend an economic summit about the fiscal outlook of the town as we prepare for fiscal 2008 and how the schools fit into that picture. But at this time, we do not feel a summit meeting solely about the schools is necessary.

"We have made the necessary adjustments to our fiscal 2007 budget to live within our Town Meeting appropriation and are out of the gate running. As you heard last night, the school department will be closing fiscal 2006 in the black. In the meantime, the School Committee, through a sub-committee approach, will be hard at work revisiting and perhaps revising some of its policies, standards and goals for the Cohasset Public Schools and look forward to sharing these as we begin to build our fiscal 2008 budget."

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he was unhappy to hear the School Committee wanted to call the meeting off. "As far as I know, this was as much their idea as ours," he said, as one of the items on the agenda was the fact that state Chapter 70 funding figures were just released and the Board of Selectmen has agreed to give 100 percent to the school department.

Dormitzer added, currently the Board of Selectmen is going through each individual budget to determine whether the town is receiving the services it wants for the price it is paying. He said with all the boards being looked into, it makes sense to include the school department budget in the discussion.

"It seems as if the schools simply don't want to address the serious problem of why two overrides have not passed in a row," he said. "It is regrettable we can't talk about the schools alone."

When trying to finalize an agenda for the meeting, Dormitzer said he sent out an e-mail asking all participants of all three boards to come prepared with questions submitted in writing. He said he would take the questions anonymously if people chose to do so. He said any concerns at all could be brought up and everyone would have the opportunity to make themselves heard, as a first step in getting all three boards on the same page.

"It is important that the three boards get together, specifically with the schools, to help us sort out what it is we want to bring forward to the town next April. We need to decide, what are our goals and how do we reach them while satisfying the taxpayers?" he said.

Voters did not pass either a $725,000 or $1.495 million override this spring, which has left both the town and schools to balance their budgets without it. Moving the town forward without the funding will be a challenge and the meeting was supposed to be the first step in addressing concerns. Town Manager Bill Griffin attended the Advisory Committee's meeting last Thursday and said he had some concerns of his own he would like addressed.

Griffin said state funding amounts were recently released and the Board of Selectmen has already agreed to give the school department all of the Chapter 70 funding which came in, but having the discussion is still important. In addition, he said he and the board would like an update on where the school department stands in terms of having leftover money to pre-pay some special education tuition bills and supplies and materials. He also said the boards will need to talk about linking the town and school department budgets through the same database, as there has been some resistance from the school department in making that happen.

Town side balances budget from within

By Samantha Brown
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The Advisory Committee is frequently asked to approve fund transfers. More often than not, it is the committee that supplies the money from its Reserve Fund to supplement another budget.

However, at its July 13 meeting the committee was pleasantly surprised to hear the town ask for approval to transfer money not from the Reserve Fund, but within its own budget.

Fiscal 2006 ended June 30, and Town Manager Bill Griffin said he and Director of Finance Michael Buckley identified a roughly $104,000 deficit, spread throughout different departments. However, they were also able to find enough surplus monies to cover the areas of deficit.

The town's budget is different from the school budget in that the schools may move money between line items at any point during the course of the year while the town allocates specific money for every line item that is then locked in. However, the state allows towns to move money between line items once per year, provided the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee approve the action. Both boards gave the go-ahead for the transfer last week.

"These budget-to-budget transfers are in lieu of impacting the Advisory Committee's Reserve Fund," said Griffin to Selectmen July 10. "It appears that most or all of the Reserve Fund will be needed to address a shortfall in the school department's special education out-of-district tuition budget." However, the Advisory Committee did not approve transferring the $109,000 into the school budget July 13, and subsequently the school department has reported it ended the year with a $432,000 surplus. (*See relates stories*).

The town needs to transfer $104,390 into 12 different accounts which are currently experiencing shortfalls. The largest budget shortfall to be addressed is the snow and ice deficit of $46,773. Griffin said by making the transfer, "We will not have a snow and ice deficit that would have to be addressed when setting the fiscal 2007 tax rate."

The snow and ice budget is the only budget for which the state allows towns to have a temporary deficit. However, towns must find a way to pay for that deficit before setting the next year's tax rate, and in Cohasset that money usually comes from free cash. "The Commonwealth will allow us to provide for this at a later Town Meeting, but we should do it now," said Buckley.

The Town Manager clerical budget covers all secretarial and clerical help in town hall. This year, the town incurred a deficit of $2,519 due to the extended absences of two staff members. Buckley said the number could have been substantially larger, had it not been for the efforts of the remaining staff.

The selectmen's telephone budget, which is actually an appropriation for most telephone lines in town government (except the schools), has a deficit of $3,404. The budget includes landlines and cellular phones. The account has been historically under funded or over-expended. "We need to eliminate all services wherever possible and in the future, budget this cost by department," said Buckley.

As of June 30, the selectmen advertising budget is in deficit by $796. The town is required to advertise for non civil service job vacancies and competitively bid contracts. "This is another area where our history shows a need for a budget increase," he said.

Police overtime currently has a deficit of $23,573. The department has experienced two extended term sick leave vacancies this spring.

Recent construction activity has required the services of the plumbing and gas inspector on a greater scale than anticipated. Buckley estimates the town owes him $3,920 more than is available in the account, as the town has not yet received a final invoice. The wiring inspector account is also in deficit in the amount of $1,200, as the town was required to hire additional inspectors during the year.

The harbormaster vehicle and boat maintenance budget is in deficit by $1,126. The town spent a substantial amount on maintenance of the department's truck, which has since been taken off the road. In addition, outboards on both boats required extraordinary maintenance.

At the close of business June 30, the appropriation for public works motor fuels was $14,732 in the red. "This budget is for all town vehicles, with the exception of the school department, and should be apportioned in the future. This account will probably need a supplement next year as well because our bid price will increase Sept. 1," said Buckley.

Primarily due to increased construction and demolition disposal costs at the Bourne facility, the public works solid waste line item is in need of a transfer of $5,000.

Buckley's estimate for the unemployment transfer at the December Special Town Meeting was short by $1,275. "We are again this summer experiencing a large amount of claims by school department personnel," said Buckley.

Fortunately, there are surplus funds from other line items, which will be able to cover the deficits. The police department has been very diligent in restraining spending wherever possible, in anticipation of having high overtime costs. As a result, the police department expenses account has a $15,000 surplus to help offset other costs.

The town also refinanced sewer debt with the Water Pollution Abatement Trust, which freed up $25,758.

Health insurance enrollment was lower than anticipated and subsequently, there is $58,980 available. Buckley said that is primarily due to turnover and reductions at the police, fire and school departments. Turnover has also led to a surplus of $17,732 in the Medicare tax account.

The shift to self-insurance for police and fire medical expenses was successful this year, which has left the town with a $5,000 surplus.

Members of the Advisory Committee were impressed with the presentation given by Griffin. "Why are things so good?" asked member Pat Waters. Griffin replied the town is still facing many issues, but it was able to forecast accurately and spend according to where deficits were projected. He also said the town had a good year, bringing in more revenue than anticipated. "We had a recent rush on trash bags," he joked, as the price for pay-as-you-throw RTF bags has increased this fiscal year.

Estimated transfers needed

Town Manager	Clerical pool	$2,591
Selectmen	Telephone	$3,404
Selectmen	Advertising	$796
Police	Overtime	$23,573
Plumbing	Inspections	$3,920
Wiring inspector	Inspections	$1,200
Harbormaster	Vehicle & boat maint.	$1,126
Public works	Motor fuels	$14,732
Public works	Solid waste	$5,000
Public works	Snow & ice	$46,773
Unemployment	Assessments	$1,275
Total estimated transfers		**$104,390**

Sources of Funds

Political expenses	$15,000
Debt service principal	$27,678
Health insurance	$48,980
Medicare tax	$7,732
Property insurance	$5,000
Total available	**$104,390**

School bus and parking fees announced

On June 15, the School Committee announced that it would implement bus and parking fees for students as follows:

Bus fees, in the amount of $180 per student with a family cap of $540, would be imposed on those students choosing to use the Cohasset transportation system who meet the following criteria:

- Elementary school students who live less than two miles to their assigned school.
- All students in grades seven through 12.
- Elementary students who live equal to or greater than the 2-mile benchmark will be transported at no fee.
- For those students choosing to drive their own cars and park at the Middle-High School, there is a $180 parking fee, with a $540 family cap.

Letters and applications regarding parking permits have been mailed to students who will be enrolled in grades 11 and 12 next year. Parking spaces will be allocated to those parents/students who return applications with payment in full by Aug. 7. Seniors who return their applications and payments will receive first consideration, and juniors will be allocated permits on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Letters and applications for bus transportation will be in the mail the week of July 24.

All of this information, as well as sample applications and "frequently asked questions," will be on the Web site, www.cohassetk12.org. More information can also be obtained by calling the business office at 781-383-6108.

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Above, instructor Andrew Wise, 20, hits a forehand to his students during a session of the Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis camp last Thursday. Camps run through August and there are still spots available.

Nice Shot

Left, Madeline Littlejohn, 7, celebrates after putting herself in good position to win this round of "Jail" during last Thursday's camp.

For more photos from tennis camp, see pages 19 and 20.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Anderson strikes gold at Bay States

Wins 16-and-under singles tennis tourney; also earns silver at doubles

By Mark Goodman
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It took just over 24 hours for Meg Anderson to win two medals at this summer's Bay State Games.

After winning gold last Saturday at the courts of Harvard University in the 16-and-under singles division, Anderson teamed up the next day with regular doubles partner and fellow CHS junior-to-be Sally Meehan to earn silver medals in the doubles tournament.

After winning gold in last year's Games, the Anderson/Meehan duo teamed up for success again this year following another long run in the spring's MIAA individual tournament.

"We have a lot of experience together; we're real comfortable playing with one another," Anderson said Wednesday. "We've both had a lot of doubles training, and I think our games complement each other well. I'm very consistent and she hits a lot of power shots."

Anderson, who is also playing in several USTA tournaments this summer, played four one-set matches on Saturday, and two more with Meehan on Sunday.

Have a story and/or photo from the Games you'd like to share? E-mail sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com.

COURTESY PHOTO

Sally Meehan (left) talks it over with doubles partner Meg Anderson between points during Sunday's Bay State Games tennis competition. The Cohasset duo finished with the silver medal in the 16-and-under division. The previous day, Anderson won gold in the singles tournament.

World Cup leaves game with questions

WORLD CUP COMMENTARY

MARK GOODMAN

How best to encapsulate the 2006 World Cup?

Plenty of good, plenty of bad, with a dash of ugly mixed in.

To be sure, there were numerous moments and games that will long live in the memory of football fans around the world.

The competition started with a thrilling 4-2 victory for Germany, with the hosts and Costa Rica going at one another with some incredible goals. Long-distance strikes from Philipp Lahm and Torsten Frings were two of this Cup's best.

The top two, however, both go to Argentina. The "24 pass" goal during the 6-0 thrashing of Serbia and Montenegro was a lesson in how the sport should be played, and Maxi Rodriguez's volley to beat Mexico in overtime may be the best goal these eyes have seen.

Argentina and Germany played the most consistently proper football of the Cup, and it was unfortunate they had to meet one another in the quarterfinals – it was a final-worthy matchup. One gets the feeling that had this competition been played in any other country – or had manager Jose Pekerman not bungled his substitutions so badly against the Germans – Argentina could very

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All-Scholastic softball team

Christina Pinkus named among area's elite

Marinterland All-Scholastic teams consider public school athletes from our 13 towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: baseball.

Christina Pinkus – Junior Pitcher – Cohasset

Battled through an injury to the thumb of her pitching hand to have another impressive season for the Skippers…While the injury limited her pitching duties during the middle of the year, Pinkus kept things going at the plate, belting five home runs…One of those homers accounted for Cohasset's only run in its Division 3 South first round loss to Greater New Bedford Voc. Tech… Struck out nine GNB hitters in that game as well…Hit a home run May 21 in win over Avon that clinched a postseason berth for the Skippers…Two days earlier, knocked in four runs in 13-3 win over Holbrook…A South Shore League All-Star this season…Also plays soccer for CHS

Shelley Franey – Senior (Capt.) Utility – Abington

Though she spent the bulk of her senior season either on the pitching mound or behind the plate, Franey played all nine positions this spring for the Green Wave and played them all well…Started her AHS career as a second baseman/pitcher for Abington, before jumping to full-time hurler this spring…On the hill, Franey went 5-2, striking out 39 batters in 52 innings and posting a 1.75 ERA…She tossed a two-hitter in a 16-0 win over Carvert, which tied the SSL consecutive wins record with 62-straight…The Green Wave record ended at 67, but the they won their sixth-straight league crown…At the plate, Franey was once again among the leading hitters in the South Shore League with a .545 average…The three-time league All-star could hit just about anyone, nabbing a pair of singles against Duxbury ace Jamie Ducinski in a 5-2 loss…Also a talented soccer and basketball player at AHS, Franey plans to continue her softball career at the American International College where she will major in nursing.

Lauren Conway – Senior (Capt.) Centerfielder – Abington

The catalyst on the Green Wave team, Conway once again shined from the lead-off spot…Led the Abington squad in hitting and was second in the South Shore League with a .571 average…Was among her team's leaders in RBI's with 16, despite being the lead-off hitter…A very quick athlete and a great bunter, Conway was also a very solid defensive centerfielder, making almost a seamless switch from right field last season…A three-year starter and two-year SSL All-star terrorized opposing pitchers throughout the year, but shined in a four-game stretch in May in which she went 13-for-18 with seven runs scored and four RBI, leading Abington to four wins…Was a major part of the Abington program that broke the consecutive wins record in the SSL with 67, besting the previous mark of 62…Until a 6-3 loss to Carver on May 25, the Green Wave had not lost a league game since April 29, 2001…A standout soccer and basketball player at AHS, Conway plans to continue her soccer career at Bridgewater State College next fall.

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FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Christina Pinkus was a force at the plate and on the mound this season.

All-Scholastic softball team

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Courtney Foster – Senior
Pitcher – Abington

In the Abington system as a reserve player the last two seasons, Foster stepped into the spotlight this year and played like she'd been there all along…As one of the two aces of the Green Wave staff, Foster compiled a record of 9-2 for Abington, which snatched up its sixth-consecutive South Shore League title…A hard-throwing right hander, Foster struck out 95 batters and allowed only 13 earned runs in 62 innings pitched…Her ERA of 1.47 placed her tops among her teammates and the South Shore League…Foster was on the mound when the Green Wave broke the SSL consecutive wins record (63) in a 10-0 win over Cohasset…The streak ended at 67…Despite getting the loss, Foster pitched a gem against unbeaten Hanover, tossing six innings and surrendering only a trio of hits and striking out eight in a 3-1 defeat…At the plate, Foster was a solid contributor from the No. six spot in the order, going 23-for-57 for a .404 average and 16 RBI…An SSL All-star, Foster played summers with the Drifters and will continue her softball career at Bridgewater State College next year.

Liz DiMascio – Freshman
Pitcher – Braintree

Bay State Conference hitters can't be looking forward to the prospect of facing DiMascio for another three years after a sterling freshman campaign in 2006…Was at her best down the stretch and into the state tournament, highlighted by 12 innings of three-hit, 19-strikeout, shutout softball in Division 1 South first round upset of second-seeded Milton…Struck out eight and allowed just two unearned runs in quarterfinal loss to Durfee…Tossed five no-hit innings in preliminary round win over Quincy…Threw a complete game no-hitter with 18 K's on May 25 in 6-0 win over Framingham…Racked up another 14 strikeouts in win over Apponequet…Finished with a 16-4 record for the season, and picked up a couple saves along the way while pitching in relief early in the season

Merry MacDonald –
Senior (Capt.)
Third baseman – Braintree

Rebounded from early-season finger and facial injuries to have another strong season atop the Wamps' lineup…Scored the only run in tournament upset over Milton; after leading off the top of the 12th inning with a double, MacDonald eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by fellow All-Scholastic Kelsey Souza…Had two hits and a run scored in Division 1 South quarterfinals loss to Durfee…Knows how to get on base, can hit for power and brings a lot of speed to the basepaths…Also a defensive standout at the hot corner…MacDonald was also a *Marinerland* All-Scholastic this year for volleyball and basketball…A starter and second-leading scorer for the state champion basketball team… Will play softball and volleyball at Wheaton College

Kelsey Souza –
Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop – Braintree

Ended her athletic career at Braintree High in style with an impressive season at shortstop for the Wamps…Batted over .300 in the heart of Braintree's order, and was also rock solid in the field…Her sacrifice fly in the top of the 12th inning of the Division 1 South first round game with second-seeded Milton gave Braintree the win, knocking in fellow All-Scholastic Merry MacDonald…Also had an RBI in quarterfinal loss to Durfee…Racked up a season-best four hits in playoff win over Quincy…Souza also played soccer and ice hockey at BHS, and was a starting defender for the state champion soccer team last fall…Will continue her softball career at Rhode Island College

Ashley Messina –
Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher – Hanover

Voted the Boston Globe's Div. 2 Player of the Year and for good reason…Messina was virtually un-hittable this spring, registering a record of 22-1 and guiding her Lady Indians to their fourth-straight Patriot League title (14-0) and an appearance in the Div. 2 South semifinals…Messina's off-speed, finesse style kept several opposing batters off balance this season, resulting in an untouchable 0.35 ERA and 20-0 regular season record…A three-year PL All-star, Messina racked up 117 strikeouts while walking no batters…Her career numbers find her with a record of 52-6…Tossed a no-hitter in a 2-0 victory over Pembroke, which clinched the PL crown…Was brilliant in a 2-1 victory over rival Duxbury in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney, surrendering just three hits and one earned run in seven innings…Ten of her wins were shutouts and Messina only allowed more than one run in two regular season games…The Lady Indians finished the regular season unbeaten at 20-0…An honor roll student throughout her four years at HHS, Messina will continue her softball career at Bentley College next year and major in finance.

Kelly Downs –
Senior (Capt.)
Catcher – Hanover

To put it simply, Downs has been one of the staples for the Lady Indians over the last three seasons…The No. 3 hitter in the lineup, Downs was a force at the plate, hitting .478 this season, while driving in 31 runs…The two-time Patriot League All-star goes down as one of Hanover High's best ever hitters with a career .455 average with eight homeruns and a school record 104 RBI…Packed with power, Downs was also a very patient hitter…Came up huge in several games this season, notching a two-run double to give the Lady Indians a 3-1 win over rival Abington…The senior captain also got a rally going against Apponequet in the opening round of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney with a single…Hanover went onto win the game in extra innings, 4-3, and reach the semifinals, where they were edged by eventual state champs, Norton…Behind the plate, Downs worked closely with fellow All-Scholastic pitcher Ashley Messina in rendering battlers helpless en route to a 20-0 regular season and 14-0 PL title…Downs threw out 90 percent of base stealers, allowing only one this season…Also a talented field hockey player at HHS, Downs plans to play both sports at Bridgewater State College next year.

Angela Stearns –
Senior (Capt.)
Third baseman – Hanover

Was among the leading hitters in the Patriot League again this season, guiding the Lady Indians to their fourth-straight title…The No. 2 hitter, Stearns was known for her power-packed swing, garnering a .404 average with 23 hits in 57 at-bats…A two-time PL All-star and captain her senior season, Stearns was a solid extra-base hitter notching six doubles and smashing two homeruns this spring, while driving in 15…One of the highlights of the season came when Stearns broke a 6-6 tie with rival Abington via a seventh inning three-run homerun to right center, leading the Lady Indians to a 9-6 win…A three-year starter at third base, Stearns was a defensive stalwart, who rarely made mistakes in the field…Solidified a defense that shut out 10 opponents and allowed only two teams to score multiple runs this spring…Hanover finished the regular season with an unblemished 20-0 record while going 14-0 in the Patriot League…The squad knocked off Apponequet and rival Duxbury to reach the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where they fell to eventual state champ, Norton…Stearns was also a talented field hockey player at HHS…She plans to continue her softball career in college.

Lesley Guenard –
Sophomore
Shortstop – Hanover

Already playing well beyond her years…Guenard is a two-year starter, playing second base last year…Got the starting shortstop gig this season and made a near seamless transition, recording only a trio of errors at the highly active infield slot…The lead-off hitter for the Lady Indians, Guenard went 39-for-71 this season for a .549 average to lead the Hanover squad…Guenard's speed on the base paths was uncompromised, stealing 24 bases, and her patience at the plate resulted in only four strikeouts…Was a consistent hitter throughout the season, but also came up big when needed most…Notched a game-winning grand slam in a 5-1 win over Marshfield, breaking open a once very close 2-1 game, and laced a single to right field to drive in the game-winning run in a 2-1 victory over rival Duxbury in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney…Her consistent performance at the plate and in the field helped the Lady Indians record a 20-0 regular season and 14-0 Patriot League mark, winning their fourth-straight title…A PL All-star on the soccer field and the basketball court, Guenard still has two more years to dominate at HHS.

Jean McIntyre – Senior
Catcher – Marshfield

Though her numbers slipped a bit from last season, McIntyre was still one of the most consistent performers for the Marshfield squad…The senior leader from the catcher's position, McIntyre hit .322 from the lead-off spot in the Lady Rams' order…A terror on the bases, McIntyre scored 17 runs this spring, while driving in six others…McIntyre hit a triple and a homerun this season…Behind the plate, McIntyre was one of the most accurate catchers in the Old Colony League in terms of throwing out would-be base stealers…This season, the OCL All-star caught 14 base runners, including nabbing a pair at third base…Beyond her skills, coach Kathy O'Donnell said her leadership will be perhaps more difficult to replace…"Her ability, knowledge of the game and leadership, I honestly don't know how I'll replace it. I never had to worry about things when she was in the game. I was actually dreading the last game for that reason," said O'Donnell…McIntyre was a three-sport athlete at MHS, also playing volleyball and basketball…She plans to attend college in the fall.

Taryn Asta – Sophomore
Shortstop – Marshfield

Another player who performs like a veteran, Asta is making the All-Scholastic team because of her stellar defensive contribution to the Old Colony League Marshfield squad…Just a sophomore, the Lady Rams rarely had to worry when a ball was hit in Asta's direction as the first-year starter recorded only six errors at the high volume position…The OCL All-star's quickness and ability enabled her to record a triple play in a game this season, catching a line drive, stepping on second and throwing to first to catch a runner off the bag…Came up big defensively several times during the year, but shined in a 2-1 nine-inning loss against the hard-hitting Hanover team, recording eight putouts… Her slick defense kept the 6-14 Lady Rams in several games this season, with five losses settled by two or less runs…"Taryn is so graceful out there," said coach Kathy O'Donnell. "She never loses a step. She just goes out there and gets the job done. If she makes a mistake, she shakes it off and doesn't let it bother her. Her presence and demeanor on the field were incredible."…Hit over .300 for most of the season, scoring 12 runs and driving in six…Asta was also a starting guard on the MHS girls basketball team this past winter, which won the OCL title.

Chelsea Bracchi -
Senior (Capt.)
Third Base - Pembroke

Despite only being a program for just two short years the Pembroke softball team has made a name for itself as a consistent tournament contender, and Bracchi is a main reason why. Having served as team captain for both seasons she is a fine example of leadership being willing to play any position on the field before settling in at third base during the course of this season and excelling at the hot corner.

Bracchi was also one of the leading hitters on the team this season forming a formidable 3-4 combo with fellow all-scholastic Caitlin Flaherty. Her leadership qualities were also on display on other sports as she captained both the field hockey and basketball teams, while earning all-star recognition for field hockey.

Bracchi is an honor roll student who also enjoys movies, art and music in addition to sports.

Caitlin Flaherty -
Senior (Capt.)
Catcher – Pembroke

The most important position on the field for a young team with a young pitching staff is behind the plate, and Pembroke was blessed this season with an experienced senior catcher in Flaherty. This season she led the Titans in hitting while helping the team to its second straight postseason berth for the young program. She was also a helpful influence on the young pitching the Titans had and was named team MVP for the second straight year after being named rookie of the year as a sophomore at Silver Lake.

Flaherty is active in the community as she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as the New England Press Association. She has won awards for sports writing and news writing, and won the Will McDonought essay contest this past year.

She was also a member of the volleyball and girls basketball teams this year, and hopes to continue her softball career in college while focusing on her writing talents.

Kristina Borelli -
Senior (Capt.)
Second base – Silver Lake

Kara Burden - Senior
Catcher – Silver Lake

Katelyn O'Donnell -
Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop – Silver Lake

Katie Corey –
Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher – Weymouth

Honorable Mention:

Cathy Greenough – Jr. – Second base – Abington
Erin Foster – Sr. – Rightfielder – Abington
Maegan Cook – Sr. (Capt.) – Centerfielder - Braintree
Katie Jenkins – Sr. (Capt.) – Catcher – Braintree
Melissa Crowley-Buck – Sr. (Capt.) – Outfielder - Cohasset
Lindsay Mallett – Sr. – Rightfielder - Hanover
Joanna Riley – Sr. – Centerfielder – Hanover
Emily Bulman – Sr. (Capt.) – Catcher – Hingham
Kristina Prusik – Jr. (Capt.) – Catcher - Holbrook
Taylor Kerr – Jr. – Pitcher – Marshfield
Nichole McIntyre – Sr. – Second base - Marshfield
Katelyn Green – Sr. (Capt.) – Shortstop - Pembroke
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World Cup leaves game with questions

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well have won it all.

But they didn't, and the Italians were right there to take over. Marcello Lippi's side deserves credit for adapting its game to the situation that was calling for it. Whether it was going into a shell while playing with 10 men against Australia, or going all-out for the win against Germany to avoid penalties, Italy did everything it needed to do to bring home the trophy.

Looking back, it is astonishing to think that the United States' best performance (by far) came against the eventual champions. The boys in the red, white and blue showed a level of heart and attacking verve that was embarrassingly lacking against the Czech Republic and Ghana.

As was expected, Bruce Arena took the hit, and deciding on his successor will be one of the most important decisions the United States Soccer Federation has faced in its history. What is needed most is a coach with the tactical wherewithal to bring the best out of Landon Donovan, DaMarcus Beasley, Clint Dempsey, Bobby Convey and Eddie Johnson. All except Dempsey and occasionally Convey looked rather lost in Germany last month.

Seeing how Ghana performed against Brazil took a little of the sting off the Yanks' loss to the Africans in Nuremberg. Ghana vastly outplayed its South American counterparts only to go down in an unjust 3-0 defeat. With no one in its core of top players – including Michael Essien, Stephen Appiah, Sulley Muntari and Haminu Draman – older than 25, the Ghanaians figure to improve on their second round showing in 2010.

And who can forget the sublime play of Zinedine Zidane in the knockout stages, carrying the French to the final with wins over Spain, Brazil and Portugal? It was a one-man clinic, and a display for the ages.

Of course, no one will forget Zizou's red card in the final after headbutting Marco Materazzi, either – which leads us to the not-so-good side of the tournament.

The number of red and yellow cards brandished during this Cup shattered previous records for the competition. Some were just, others not, but more amazing still is the number of dastardly deeds that went unpunished.

If FIFA is to take one thing away from this tournament, it should be to take a more proactive stance to punish wrongdoings missed by the match referee. How is Luis Figo allowed to play against England after headbutting Holland's Mark van Bommel in the second round? How is Thierry Henry not admonished for his dive against Spain that led to the game-winning goal?

It is one thing when lesser players "cheat" in an attempt to gain an advantage. But there is no excuse for world class players like Henry and Cristiano Ronaldo to be diving and flopping like fish out of water.

Spanish defender Carles Puyol barely touched Henry (on the sternum, no less) on that play in the 82nd minute, yet the Frenchman grabbed his face and fell to the ground like he had been punched. It was an absolute disgrace, made more shameful by the fact that players of Henry's caliber should not have to resort to such fiendish activities.

One of the images I will always take from this World Cup was the sight of Portugal's Deco and Holland's Giovanni van Bronckhorst - both sent off with two yellow cards - sitting together and watching the end of their teams' second round match, both with bewildered and disappointed looks on their faces. Looking back on it, as much blame as referee Valentin Ivanov deserves for overseeing that circus of a match, the players were just as responsible – if not more so – because of their dishonest actions that made a mockery of the game.

If the sport is to progress, this phenomenon of diving must be stopped. It is nearly impossible for a referee to discern a dive from a legitimate foul during the run of play; any questionable tactics must be reviewed on tape after the match, with any guilty parties automatically suspended for a game.

There was much talk during the Cup about this very subject, which sufficiently distracted us from another major problem: a lack of goals.

The goals per game average was the second-lowest in World Cup history, thanks largely in part to extremely conservative coaches who were afraid to let their teams play the game.

It amazes me how many coaches went with a 4-5-1 formation despite overwhelming evidence that it simply doesn't work. It was the classic axiom of playing not to lose rather than to win, and it stands to cause significant damage to the game of coaches don't get their acts together.

The next major international tournaments come next year in Venezuela with the Copa America and with the Euro '08 competition in Austria and Switzerland. Hopefully, these matters will be resolved by then.

The Best 11

Keeper – Gianluigi Buffon (Italy)

Buffon allowed just one goal by an opposing player for the entire tournament. Yes, the defense in front of him had a lot to do with that, but Buffon came up with huge saves against Australia, Germany and France, with his stop on Zidane in the final's first overtime ranking as perhaps the tournament's best save.

Defenders – Fabio Grosso (Italy), Fabio Cannavaro (Italy), Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal), Gianluca Zambrotta (Italy)

It is hard to argue against the dominance of the Italian back four throughout the Cup. Cannavaro was a rock for all seven games, and Zambrotta switched from left to right back and was always a presence. Grosso gets the nod for his part in three of the Italians' most critical plays: drawing the penalty against Australia, scoring a fabulous game-winning goal in the 118th minute against Germany, and slotting home the final penalty kick in the win over France.

Carvalho was the sound presence amid the inanity that was Portugal's run to the semifinals. His play against a more talented Dutch side was perhaps the biggest reason for that monumental victory.

Midfielders – Bastian Schweinsteiger (Germany), Andrea Pirlo (Italy), Zidane (France), Appiah (Ghana)

Playing on the left flank, the 21-year old Schweinsteiger came to symbolize the younger, more ambitious approach to the game that coach Jurgen Klinsmann brought to the German side. Pirlo was as immaculate as ever in the middle of the park for Italy, his passes always finding their mark and his spot kicks always wreaking havoc on the opponents' defense.

Appiah barely gets the nod over teammate Essien. Who knows what may have happened against Brazil had the latter been able to play?

Strikers – Miroslav Klose (Germany), Fernando Torres (Spain)

The whispers of "overrated" were beginning to surround Torres heading into the World Cup, but "El Nino" put those to rest with a terrific display in Germany. He scored three goals in four games and was always a threat with his size and remarkable speed. Manchester United has come calling for his services, as sure a sign as any that Torres, just 22, is among the elite strikers in the world today.

Klose led the tournament with five goals, including a clutch equalizer against Argentina.

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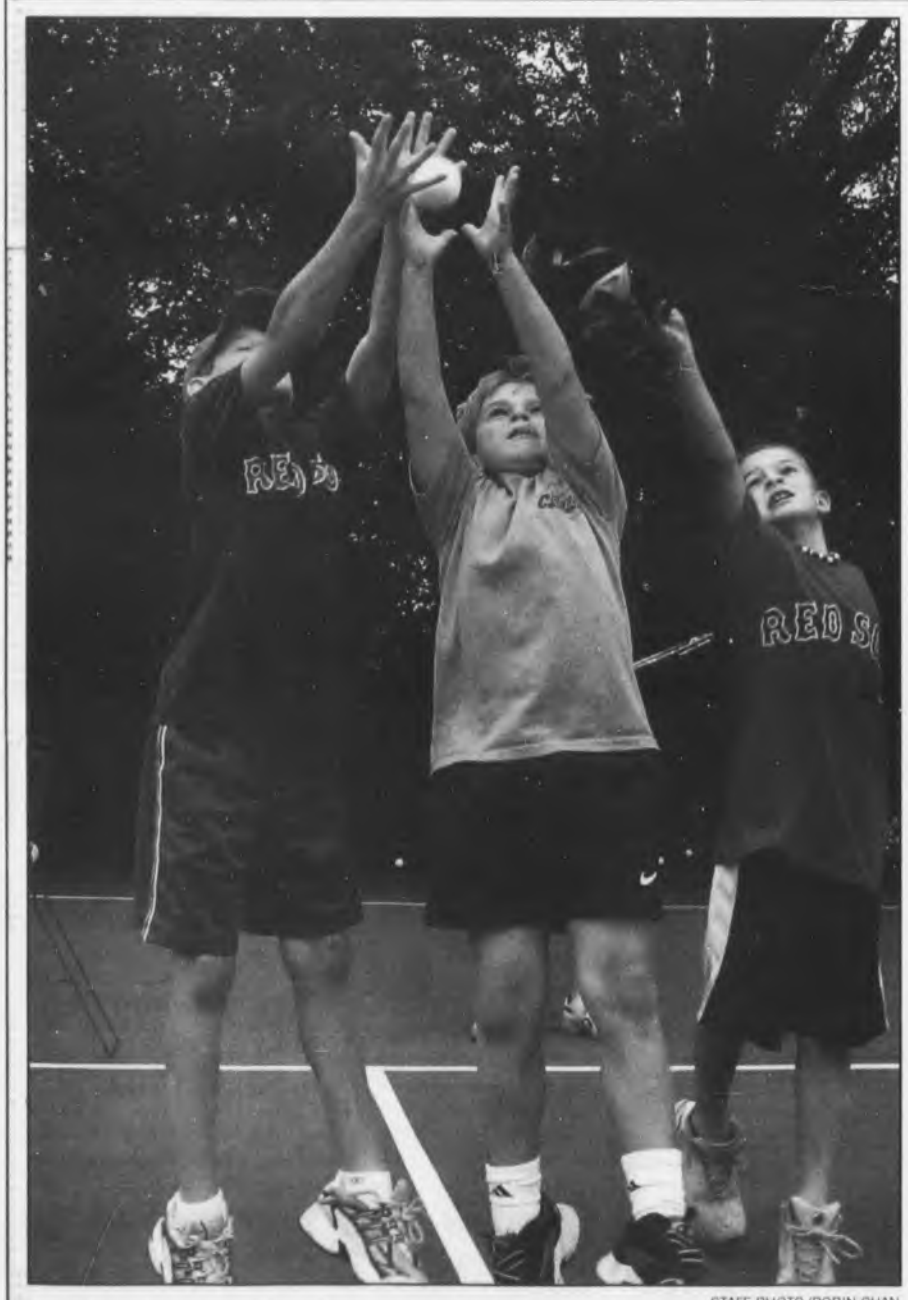

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Griffin Gildea (7, center) fights off Ian Kennedy (10, left) and Sean Mavilia (8, right) to catch the tennis ball and free himself during their game of "Jail" last Thursday at Cohasset Recreation Department tennis camp.

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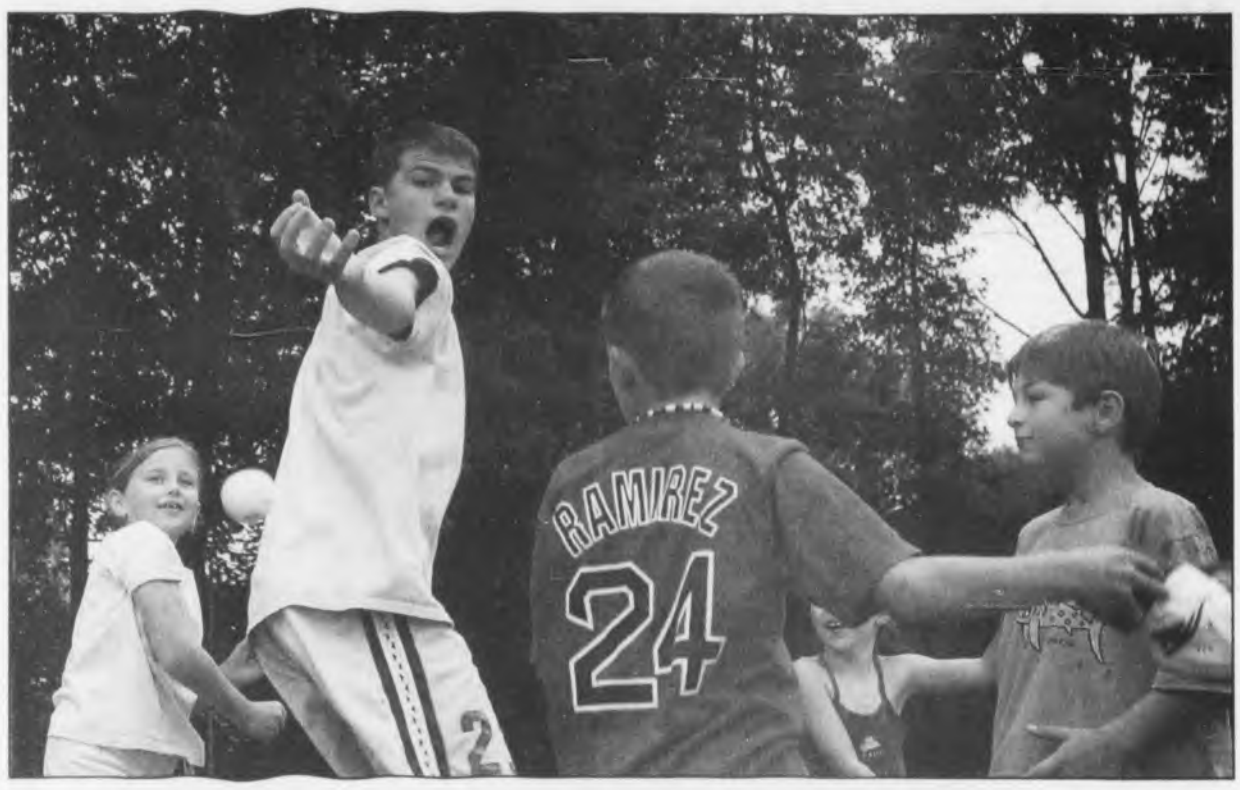

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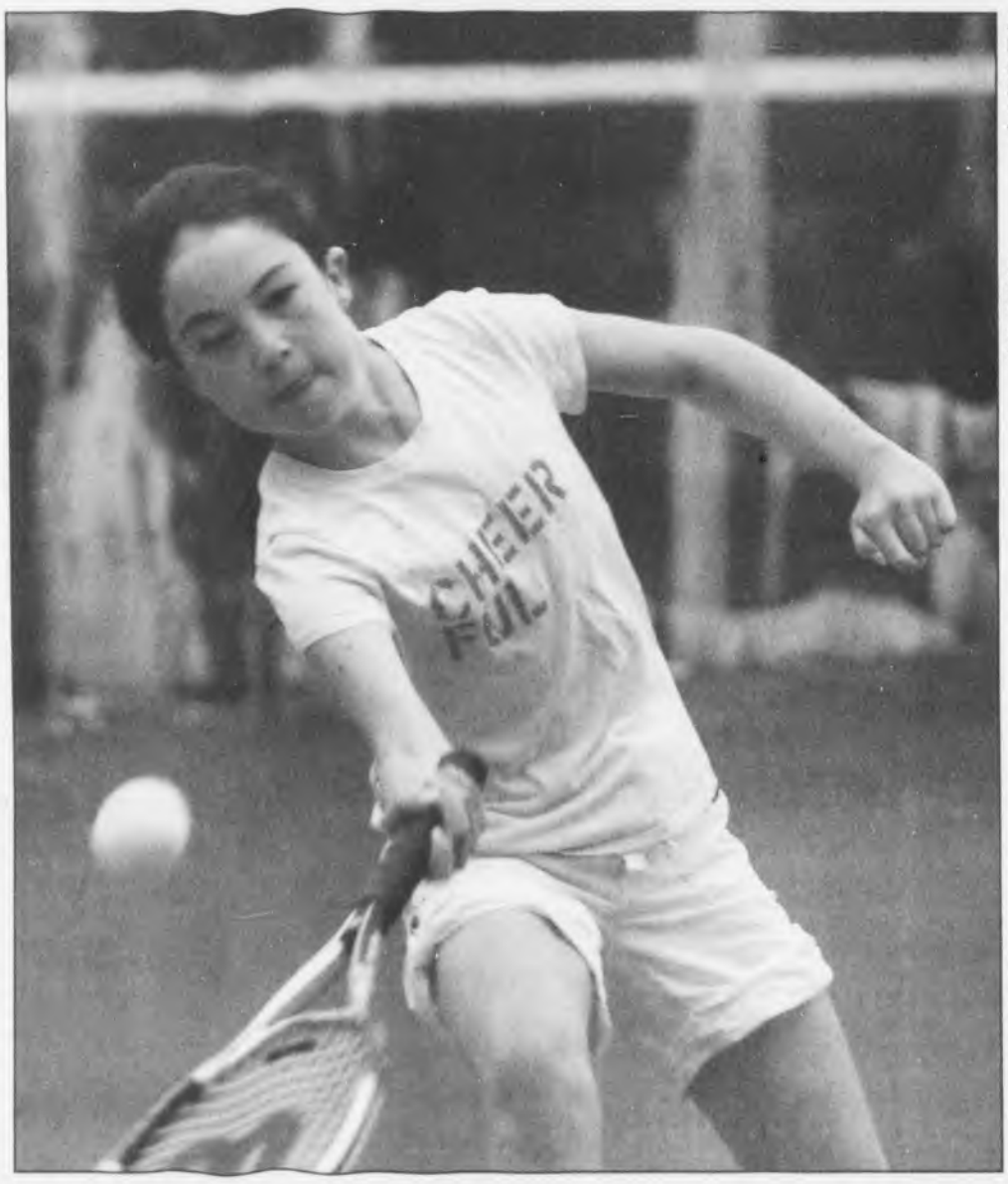
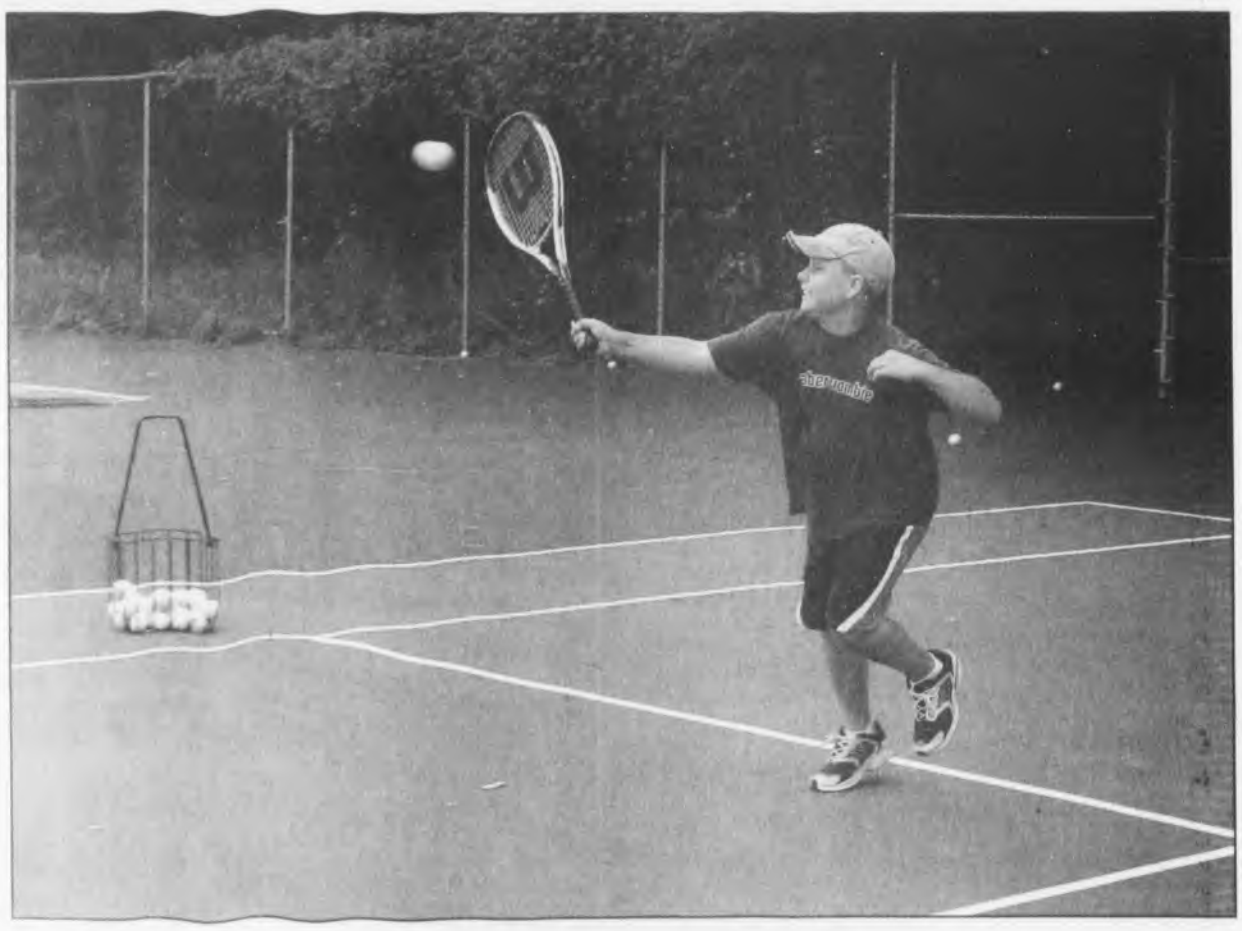


Above, instructor Ben Libby reacts to missing an opportunity to free himself during a game of "Jail" at tennis camp last Thursday.

Left, Meghan Kearney, 11, tries to make the save on a volley while playing "King/Queen of the Court."

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Below, Trevor Schramn, 11, hits a running fore-hand while defending his crown in a game of "King/Queen of the Court."



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SPORTS NOTES

South Shore Soccer Camp and Squirts Camp

Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office to register. Space is limited – early registration is advised.

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AAU tournaments begin after Labor Day. Contact Jack Wholey for more information at 781-956-7473 or ywholey@aol.com.

IT'S HAPPENING

Minnesota artist to play carillon

The fifth recital in the Summer Series of concerts from the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset will take place on Sunday, July 23, at 6 p.m., and will feature David Johnson, carillonneur of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn. Johnson earned his certification as a carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America on the Cohasset carillon in 1996, and Sunday's recital will mark his second appearance as recitalist on the regular Summer Series. His program will include original carillon compositions by John Knox and Stephen Paulus, transcriptions of works by F. G. Handel and Adger Williams, pieces based on Appalachian White Spirituals, a group of hymn tune arrangements, a medley of popular tunes, closing the program with "American, the Beautiful."

The hour-long recital is free of charge and will take place rain or shine. Listeners are invited to bring law chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to the Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. If it rains, listen to the bells from parked cars. Printed programs, schedules and brochures are available in a stand by the courtyard, and will also be distributed on the Common. Visitors are invited to meet the carillonneur after the recital, and there will be an Open Tower tour and carillon demonstration at that time for anyone interested in climbing the 45 steps to the playing level.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays, between 9 a.m. noon, or the carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Buttonwood Books hosts writing program

Buttonwood Books & Toys and Grub Street, a Boston independent writing center, will present Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a program for writers. The next seminar will take place Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The topic is Flash Writing and the instructor is Linda Button.

Looking for a spark to get writing again? This workshop focuses on tricks and tactics to get pen to paper and let it flow. Participants can walk away with good starter material to build on later. The program is for new writers and experienced writers who want a little refresher jolt.

Button's stories have appeared in several literary magazines, including Cimarron Review and Passages North, which nominated her fiction for a Pushcart Prize. Three of her plays have been performed in BU's annual Playwrights Marathon.

This is a free event. Reservations are appreciated. Call Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, at 781-383-2665 for reservations or more information.

Concert Band to perform July 25

A make up concert will take place Tuesday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m., for the concert that was postponed on July 11. Performing will be the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band, under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

The concert is free of charge and sponsored by the South Shore Playhouse Associates and the American Federation of Musicians. The performance will take place on Cohasset Common.

Attendees can bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Should weather concerns prevail, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109, after 1 p.m., on July 25, for the status of the concert.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

July at First Parish — Summer Sunday lay-led services will be held beginning July 30 at 9 AM in the Meeting House. These more informal and briefer services are for all generations. Refreshments will follow each.

There will be no services on Sunday July 23.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is available at the church (781-383-1100) and during her vacation, by cell phone (number available through the church phone directory).

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, *The Common*, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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- Saturday, July 22: Bible Fellowship 7 a.m. First Letter of Peter
- Sunday, July 23: 6 p.m. Carillon Recital
- Monday, July 24: 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation
- Wednesday, July 26: Midweek Morning Prayer with healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Labyrinth Meditation walk

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 23: "Truth"
July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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Energy committee to take request to Town Meeting

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made), but it concerns me you haven't talked to them about this," said Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee.

Advisory Committee member Pat Waters concurred. "I haven't really heard much about it," said Waters of the work being done by the energy committee. He added he was not sure what the money would be spent on, as it was unclear whether the person would be a town employee or a contracted consultant, how many hours that person would work and how long he or she would work for.

Members of the committee Mimi White, Mike Bliss and Andrew Willard said they envisioned having a person to work between 16 to 19 hours per week for six months, at which time their services would no longer be needed. They said having one person that can coordinate energy audits and carry out ideas that committee members could not as they are working during the day, would greatly benefit the town. However, there was no job description drafted, which the Advisory Committee said it would like to see.

Advisory Committee member Merle Brown said he has attended some of the Alternative Energy Committee's meetings and he thinks the work it is doing is a great asset to the town. Much research has been done regarding the use of wind turbines as well as partnering with National Grid to conduct regular energy audits. However, "I have a problem with your coming to the Advisory Board at this time," he said, adding the Reserve Fund is supposed to be spent on unforeseen or emergency matters and he doesn't see that this request completely qualifies. He said he doesn't see the harm in waiting until Town Meeting to ask the residents if they will support funding the position. "We don't know if there will be an emergency and the tow n might need it," Brown said of the funding.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said where the energy committee is so new, the territory is uncharted for everyone. "It's very complicated," he said of the issues which are being brought up at the meetings, adding it might make sense to have a professional on board who can help explain some of the issues. He added if everyone agrees to bring the request to a Town Meeting, he would be happy to write the article for the committee for the fall Special Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee member Roger Hill said he thought it was a great idea to bring the matter before Town Meeting, and that he would support approving the funds transfer in that venue. However, he added the energy committee would need to bring all the facts to the table to really explain why the position is needed and what the person would do in the role. "When people are confused, their first instinct is to vote it down," he said.

Advisory Committee member Sam Wakeman said he agreed with Hill. "I would support this as an article at Town Meeting, but not as a Reserve Fund transfer tonight."

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The town of Hull currently has two wind turbines generating electricity. Cohasset's Alternative Energy Committee has been conducting research into whether Cohasset could use a similar kind of alternate energy source. The committee came before the Advisory Committee last week, asking for a Reserve Fund transfer to hire a point-person to take the lead on some of its initiatives.

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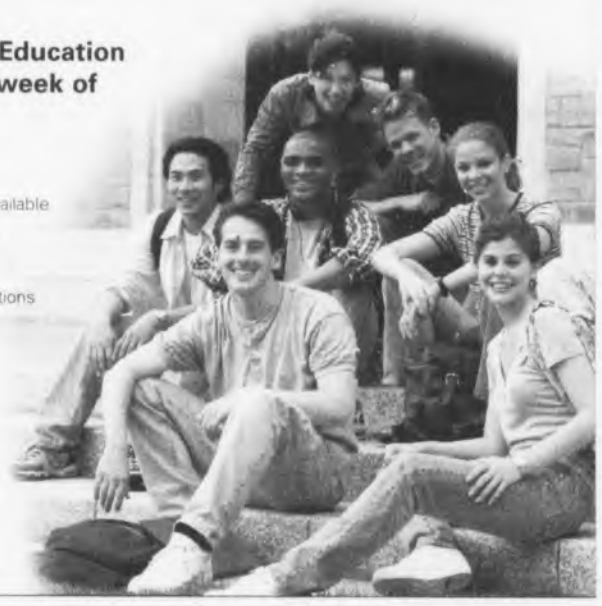

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Commuters finding smooth sailing

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Express has supplemented its service with additional vessels during peak times.

Two tunnels have been closed since Monday, July 10, when a ceiling section of the Interstate 90 connector came down, crushing a car and killing the female passenger who was traveling to the airport with her husband.

The MBTA, which is building the Greenbush Line that will restore commuter rail service to the area, contracts out the Quincy service to Harbor Express and the Hingham commuter boat to Boston Harbor Cruises.

McGurl explained commuters who work nearer Government Center, the North End and the Faneuil Hall Marketplace also use the Harbor Express service which docks behind the Marriott Long Wharf near Columbia Park to get to work and back. The Hingham commuter boat, which draws upwards of 3,000 daily commuters, docks at Rowes Wharf.

Alison Nolan, general manager at Boston Harbor Cruises, said the day following the tunnel failure, commuter boat ridership was up 13 percent.

"The day following that and through today, we are seeing a 2 to 3 percent increase," she said Tuesday.

Tom Maloney of Hingham, who has taken the boat to work for 11 years, said he could see the increase in riders.

"I take the 6 a.m. almost daily and it is usually quieter," Maloney said. "Now it is as crowded as the 7:45 a.m. boat which is always the busiest boat during the morning."

Several other commuters surveyed said they noticed a definite increase in riders while others said it was hard to tell, noting that ridership is usually up in the summer.

Nolan notes the boats are a wonderful way to commute in the summer because commuters can sit outside on the deck and enjoy Boston Harbor.

Both Nolan and McGurl said boat service is competitive in light of gasoline prices and parking fees.

The average commuter from Hingham pays $5.40 each way plus $1 to park. The trip takes 35 minutes on the ferry and 25 minutes on the catamaran.

The Harbor Express trip on the catamaran from Quincy to the airport is $12 each way. The Massport shuttle bus that takes travelers to their plane terminals and back to the dock is free.

Martha Bewick of Harbor Consultancy International, a consultant in ferryboat systems, said what happened this past week illustrates the need for more ferry service in Massachusetts.

"On 9-11, when the Hudson River transit system was closed down, New York Waterway ferries increased ridership from 30,000 that day to 200,000," she said.

"When transit strikes are threatened in New York City, a call goes out to ferries throughout New England and along the East Coast to position themselves for backup to carry Manhattan commuters.

"When San Francisco transportation planners realized how popular the ferries became as an alternative to the Bay Bridge, which had collapsed in the earthquake, they moved on to make the new routes permanent," Bewick said.

"I hope Governor Romney and his team will eventually come to understand how our underutilized harbor and bay rights of way can be made a more integral part of a redundant transit system, critical links in keeping us going in times of need," she said.

McGurl, who praised the MBTA for working with Harbor Express to expand the service over the past week, said the boat is a great transportation alternative. "It's a great way to start and end your day or your trip," he said.

Cohasset's Barbara Canney could not agree more.

"We don't go often, but the Quincy boat to the airport is the only way to go," she said. "We love it. It's nice to come home to a relaxing transition on the boat."

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Boston commuters disembark from the Aurora at Hewitt's Cove in Hingham on Tuesday evening. Most commuters surveyed through the Cohasset Mariner and Hingham Journal Readers Advisory Networks have seen an increase in ridership on the commuter boat since the Big Dig tunnel failure last week.

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Local teens like life on the farm

FROM FARM, PAGE 1

work. They are also asked to prepare a meal for family and friends using the produce and herbs they harvested at the farm themselves.

"You learn a lot about planting and how to take care of the farm and its animals," said Tina, as Holly Hill farmers not only tend to more than 100 different varieties of plants, they take care of many animals including hens, roosters, goats, a bunny, dogs and a Welsh pony named Pumpkin. In addition, through a partnership with the Weir River Farm in Hingham, the students are able to travel to that farm for one day and take care of its extensive livestock lineup, as it has everything from cows, to horses, to pigs, to llamas.

Both Tina and Hannah participated in Holly Hill's Young Farmer's program last summer, and this year enlisted Melissa to join the fun. All three participated in a school field trip to the farm in the sixth grade and said they had such a good time, they were excited to come back. This week, they harvested a large amount of garlic, helped build a shelter for the goats and sowed lettuce seeds. They have also been weeding the herb garden and feeding the animals.

The girls have taken a special liking to the hens, and each has her favorite. "They're really cute," said Tina, adding she has named her favorite reddish-brown hen, "Chico." Hannah's favorite is a white and black hen named "Oreo" and Melissa's favorite is also a reddish-brown hen named "Alessandro."

The farm was awarded its organic certification in 2000 for following the guidelines provided by the National Organic Program of the USDA. This means it promises not to use any synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, and guarantees the farm to be free of genetically modified organisms. The Young Farmers' Program teaches those who participate about the importance of not using chemicals when growing produce and the effects of chemicals on the environment.

Young Farmers help add to the compost pile at the farm, which is used as a natural fertilizer for the farm's plants. "It has very good nutrients," said Hannah, without adversely affecting the environment. The girls have also learned about the importance of crop rotation, which has farmers planting in different areas each year to ensure the soil does not have all its nutrients stripped from it and it can provide the food growing plants need.

At the end of the program, the girls will make a meal using the produce they have tended to and harvested over the course of the week. Last year, Tina and Hannah said they made pizza with pesto, and this year all three girls plan to make garlic bread and may even try to bake some zucchini bread as well. Of course, salad is a must with all the fresh greens, carrots, tomatoes and herbs for making dressing.

The program is for children entering grades seven through nine, which means this will be the last year for all three girls to participate. However, they said they would recommend the program to anyone with an interest in farming because it teaches important lessons, but is also a lot of fun.

Holly Hill Farm is a working, for-profit farm with a non-profit educational branch, and the two work together to educate the community on the benefits of local and organic farming. There is one session left of the Young Farmer's Program, which runs the week of July 24 through the 28. For more information on the farm or any of its programs, please contact either Educational Director Jon Belber or farmers Ben Wolbach or Hannah Hobbs at (781) 383-1455 or visit the farm's Web site at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

PHOTOS/SAMANTHA BROWN

Tina D'Antonio, Melissa Campedelli and Hannah Burgess hold their favorite hens at the Holly Hill farm, "Chico," "Alessandro" and "Oreo." All three girls are participating in the farm's Young Farmer's program, which has given them the opportunity to become familiar with taking care of all kinds of farm animals.

Hannah Burgess, Melissa Campedelli and Tina D'Antonio feed Pumpkin, a Welsh pony who lives at the Holly Hill Farm.

Produce at the Holly Hill Farm Stand

Arugula	Scallions
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The Holly Hill Farm Stand, located at 230 Jerusalem Road, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Produce and fresh cut wildflowers are also available at the Farmers' Market on Cohasset Common Thursdays from now until October.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Aug. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesdays.

Knitting Group – Come join the knitting group on Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the library's Historical Room. This is a fun group for all who love to knit or just have an interest in knitting. Bring a knitting project and join like-minded friends at the library.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Marilynne Robinson's "Housekeeping" on Thursday, July 27, 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. The book is about Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, who grow up haphazardly, first under the care of their competent grandmother, then of two comically bumbling great-aunts, and finally of Sylvie, the eccentric and remote sister of their dead mother. Ruth and Lucille's struggle toward adulthood illuminates the price of loss and survival, and the dangerous and deep undertow of transience.

Library via email – Sign up to receive the new library newsletter via email. Learn of programs for children or adults. Receive up-to-date information about library news by visiting the Web site, www.cohassetlibrary.org, and click E-Mail List Registration. **Music with MamaSteph** – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., through Aug. 7. Music with MamaSteph is open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Puzzle Club – Marjorie Murphy will once again host Puzzle Club, which is for is for students going into grades three and older. It is a drop-in program. The library has all new jigsaw puzzles, from 100-piece puzzles to challenging 500-piece puzzles. Bring a team of puzzle makers or come alone and join a team. Puzzle Club meets in the Story Hour Room from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Prompt pick up is required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Animal Adventures – On Tuesday, July 25, at 5 and 7 p.m., Animal Adventures will feature a hands-on approach to learning about backyard and exotic animals. Animal Adventures vision is dedicated to making the world a better place for all living things. Join the adventure as it begins at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Space is limited, so adhere to the time and age requirements. The 5 p.m. show is for ages 6 and younger; the 7 p.m. show is for age 7 and older.

Reading Lists – The summer reading lists for grades six through 12 can be found on the library Web site. Go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Young Adult and then click on Cohasset Public Schools' Summer Reading List. Don't wait until the last minute to do summer reading; popular books are going fast. To check on the availability of a suggested book, go to the Web site and check the catalog. Remember, patrons can place a hold on a specific book, renew books and check accounts, all from the comfort of their home.

Old Ship birthday picnic

Since Hingham Old Ship Meeting House soon will launch a celebration of its 325th anniversary, it is only fitting that this National Historic site was part of Hingham's Fourth of July Parade.

Thus, a float bearing a replica of the familiar gothic structure will herald the beginning of the celebration – a town-wide picnic on July 29, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on the lawn of the church. Included will be a timber-raising, samples of period food and children's games, tours of Old Ship and the Hingham Cemetery, a tribute by the Hingham Militia and a few brief speeches.

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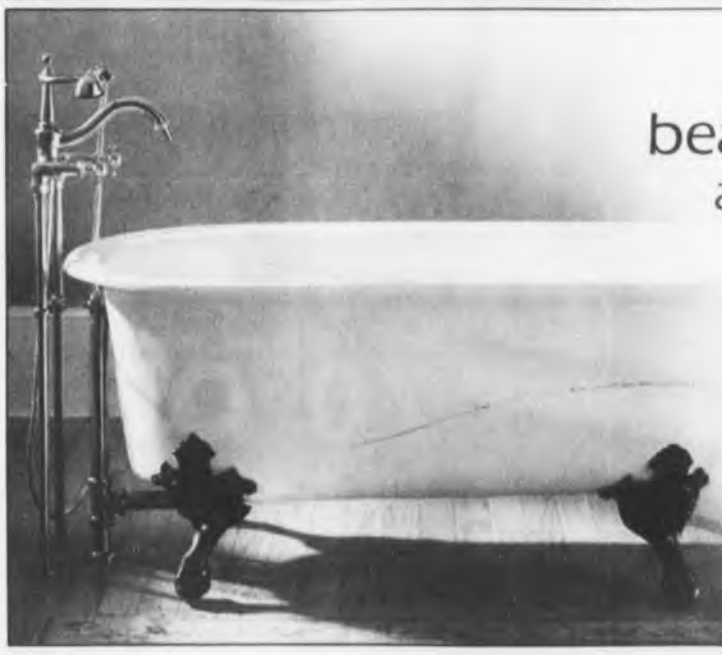

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DESTINATIONS

Queen of the Atlantic

Ocean liner makes passengers feel like royalty

By Fran Golden

ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY 2 — My relatives came over in steerage generations ago, but for my first trans-Atlantic voyage, I packed my fanciest clothes and headed to London and then south to Southampton, U.K., to cross the Atlantic on this hugely fabulous Cunard Line ship to New York. I felt downright royal.

There is something about a Crossing: a tradition to uphold, conquering the Atlantic. And it just has to be on every experienced traveler's must-do list.

Yet I boarded the Queen Mary 2 with some trepidation. Would I be bored with six days at sea? Would I get seasick? Would we encounter icebergs or rogue waves?

Still, Uma Thurman had recently upheld the celebrity/rich and famous-end of the tradition of going a Crossing, in her case after finding an invite for a freebie in her Oscars goodie bag. I, too, would go for it.

The Queen Mary 2, as befits her ocean liner status, is not your typical cruise ship.

For one, the $800 million vessel, owned by Carnival Corp., is really, really big, one of the largest ships in the world at 151,400 gross tons and nearly four football fields in length and with a passenger capacity that tops 3,000. She has a hard hull to deal with the sometimes-rough Atlantic (of which she is the only cruise ship to cross on a regular schedule) and more activities offerings than anyone could possibly imagine doing in six days — including lectures hosted by Oxford University, acting classes with graduates of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and shows in the ship's planetarium.

But the biggest difference is her old-fashioned ocean liner class system. Guests are assigned dining rooms based on their cabin status.

My friend Kim and I were in a Princess Suite, which meant a nice-sized cabin with private balcony and chilled champagne awaiting our arrival. And, that we dined in the Princess Grill, a nice restaurant where the wait staff was perfectly versed in pampering (including finishing some dishes like excellent steaks and lamb chops tableside).

In fact, our entire experience on the Queen Mary 2 involved fine service and pampering.

Above us were Queens Suites, with Queens guests dining in the Queens Grill, similar to our Princess venue but with the added advantage of hot and cold running luxuries, including caviar.

Below us were the normal passengers, dining in Britannia, a perfectly nice, large, two-story dining room with a Titanic ambience.

We decided it was worth it to upgrade to Princess if you can if for no other reason than to feel a tad superior to the masses.

Given the sense of history that a Crossing inspires, Kim and I were a little surprised to hear a Caribbean band playing "Hot, Hot, Hot" at sailaway. And that the crowd, the vast majority British and American (the Brits outnumbering Americans by a few hundred) was, well, a little cruise ship-y.

We wanted Elizabeth Taylor dressed in a little black dress and pearls, holding a white poodle (there is such a photo on display on the ship), not people in shorts and jeans doing a conga line. We did spy one person at the sailaway in a cocktail dress; we weren't, however, sure whether it was a man or woman.

Soul-searching on the Promenade Deck

It did in fact turn out that the overall atmosphere on the Queen Mary 2 was not as formal as we had anticipated. And this was something some passengers complained about and others seemed to rejoice in (like the folks in the pub who showed up in casual attire even on the three formal nights).

The reality is you could find fancy if you wanted it, especially in the Queen's Room, the ship's ballroom, where ballgowns and tuxes were on full display — and man, could these people dance. The ship's big band playing, we even observed a pair of kids, the young man in a white tux, his tiny partner in a long black dress with black gloves, impressively waltzing across the dance floor.

At the captain's cocktail party for Princess and Queens guests, one well-dressed couple (from England but transplanted to the United States) complained to Kim and me that the shipboard ambience was not as luxurious as they anticipated. Sipping on free champagne, they then went on to complain how Americans are butchering the English language. OK, whatever.

Kim and I quickly established our favorite shipboard spots from the long list of lounges and bars and entertainment venues.

Topping the list was the Canyon Ranch SpaClub, where (for a fee) guests can soak in the warm bubbling waters of the Thalassotherapy Pool. So relaxing was the experience, I was practically hallucinating (or maybe it was all the Dramamine I took as protection against slightly rocky seas; although for all but one day of the trip the Atlantic was pretty darn smooth).

The spa also has a whirlpool, fantastic aroma steamroom and herbal sauna. And in between visits to these, you can scoop ice from a fountain and — if you are like me — when no one else is looking, pretend to be Kim Basinger in "Nine 1/2 Weeks."

Another favorite spot was the Golden Lion pub, where you can chow down on excellent fish and chips washed down with beer on tap while you watch sporting events on the TV screens or passengers playing darts. We happened to be onboard during the World Cup and moaned and groaned with a sizeable crowd when England lost its final match — one man sat at the bar, tears rolling down his cheeks.

The pub is also the ship's nighttime karaoke venue, where Ken from the U.K. did a decent "Summertime Blues" with a strong British accent, and one girl butchered Roberta Flack so badly she was "killing us softly" with her voice.

The G32 disco, where one "Graham Cracker" was the not-very-exciting DJ, attracted the vessel's small late-night party crowd. The casino — with its Monte Carlo-ish card room and Carnival Cruise-ish slots area — also had attendees in the wee hours.

Boston's contribution to the Queen Mary 2 is Todd English's eponymous restaurant, Moroccan-inspired in decor and serving such Todd treats as "potato love letters" (creamy potato and truffle-filled ravioli: scrumptious) and a warm, melting chocolate cake. ($30 extra charge for dining here at dinner, $20 at lunch).

Rather than stay inside and do the machines in the well-equipped gym, I decided to walk off calories on the Promenade Deck, where one lap around the ship equals a third of a mile. On several days I braved winds and ocean spray, but I set my goal at 2.2 miles a day and stuck to it (on the one day when rain and winds closed the deck, I devised a route inside the ship).

On one of my walks, I kept passing a man with binoculars looking out to sea and finally asked what he was looking at. "Anything," he replied. And then he pointed to a cargo ship in the distance. We had not seen land for five days. And we were somewhere off the coast of Newfoundland. It was not until later that I realized our conversation took place near the site of the Titantic.

About those icebergs, I chatted with Commodore Ronald Warwick, who is retiring this month as Master of the Queen Mary 2 (he was onboard our cruise as a guest) and he said he couldn't remember ever seeing one during his 36 years at sea.

"As far as ice is concerned it has always been my policy to plot a course around 20 to 25 miles south of any known ice — we get the ice forecasts from the International Ice Patrol and several weather stations," he said.

He did, however, encounter a 90-foot rogue wave once, as captain of the Queen Elizabeth 2.

"But the ship was built very strongly, so there was only superficial damage to the vessel and no one was injured. And most people slept through it as it occurred at 2 in the morning," Warwick said.

The last day of our trans-Atlantic cruise was truly memorable. Folks got up at 4:15 a.m. (or just stayed up all night) to see the ship enter the waters of New York. At about 4:30 a.m., the ship sailed under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, so close that those on top felt they could practically jump up and touch it. And then Manhattan came into view. And then there she was: Lady Liberty standing proudly before us just as the sun began to rise.

My grandparents or their parents saw this view. I felt lucky to be seeing it while wearing a plush bathrobe provided by this luxury liner, on which I was treated like a princess.

The Queen Mary 2 makes six-day trans-Atlantic crossings to and from New York from May to November. Rates are from $1,419 to $4,459 for Britannia cabins, $4,999 to $7,309 for Princess Suites and $7,379 to $37,159 for Queen's Suites. The ship also sails in Europe, the Caribbean, Canada/New England and South America, and will make her first World Cruise in 2007.

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Jim Vradelis of Hingham makes a gyro during the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006, held at the Glastonbury Abbey Saturday, July 15.

Harry Bourikas of Quincy marinates a 41-pound lamb as it roasts on a spit during the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006 Saturday, July 15. It takes approximately 4-1/2 hours to cook a large lamb.

GREEK FOOD AND DANCING GALORE

Taverna is fun for all ages

Jesse Simmons, 19, of Scituate holds a delicious gyro while enjoying Greek food with his mother at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006.

James Alex of Boston studies Eleftherios Asaridi's fingers while learning how to play the bouzouki before the Greek band Asteria took the stage at Taverna 2006. James is a fourth generation Greek who is playing the bouzouki for the first time.

Susan Maheras of Scituate dances with her granddaughter Kassiani Austin, 18 months, also of Scituate, to Greek music, during the Taverna held by the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church at the Glastonbury Abbey

Metaxia Pappas, left, of Marshfield, teaches Georgia Bourikas, center, of Quincy and Gabrielle Rodman, 14, of Cohasset, how to Greek dance, during the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006, held at the Glastonbury Abbey.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Keyboardist Mimi Segis of the Greek band Asteria practices before the start of the performance at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006 celebration Saturday, July 15.

Rebecca Smith, 13, of Hanover, does a backward flip in the moonwalk while Georgia Bourikas, 11, of Hull watches her. The girls had a ton of fun at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church's Taverna 2006, which featured Greek dancing, food and activities for the whole family.

Michelle Nelson, 10, of Braintree tries to avoid getting soaked by her younger sister Caroline, 8, during a sponge fight at Taverna 2006, hosted by the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church.

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MONDAY, JULY 3

8:34 a.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, hazard, several callers reporting a large moving van in the middle of the street blocking traffic. Officer on the scene reports the truck has bottomed out. Officer requests saw horses to this location to block off both ends. Officer reports notify Blue Hills Towing, the truck needs to be moved, it is a safety hazard.

9:12 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, walk in party reports she has some type of animal bite on her leg.

9:17 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire down at this location.

10:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, brush fire, caller reports large brush fire. Language barrier from the 911 caller. Units report nothing showing.

10:40 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Pond St.**, hazard, caller reports he had a verbal argument with a landscaping company parked directly on the corner, causing traffic hazard. Officer spoke to the victim and situation has been resolved.

12:07 p.m. **XYZ St., Hull**, animal complaint, ACO responding, mutual aid for a skunk rolling around in the middle of the road.

12:10 p.m. **Gannett Rd., Scituate**, well being check, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a young child that has been left in a motor vehicle for over a half hour with the windows up.

12:48 p.m. **Clapp Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a 60-year-old female thrown from a horse.

2:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, several callers reporting a truck has been involved in an accident. Units on scene report this is not an accident, a truck has taken some wires off a pole.

2:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

2:58 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

3:15 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, harbormaster reports large group of youths at the bridge again.

4:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a skunk walking around the parking lot near the Blockbuster. Officer reports the animal has gone behind the dumpster back into the woods at this time, but will more than likely come back out.

6:15 p.m. **Locust Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, blurred vision and dizziness.

7:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, caller reports there is no water at this location.

8:06 p.m. **Hull St.**, missing child.

9:26 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:39 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller reports her neighbors are having a loud party and she is trying to rest. Officer reports he has driven by the residence and cannot hear any noise.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

12:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, multiple wires down in the parking lot, appear to be cable and telephone, not a traffic hazard, notification can be made later in the a.m.

12:47 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, "at about 10:18 p.m. this date the Tedeschi Food Shop on 179 South Street was robbed."

12:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:16 a.m. **Border St.**, possibly drunk a caller stated he needed assistance. He stated he lost one of his friends. He was "near the Cohasset Bridge on the way to Minot." Scituate notified. Scituate Police out with 2 parties Otis Ave., at Border St.

6:34 a.m. **HQ.**, public service, advised R3 that there is a road race in Hingham. Normal route to SSH may be blocked off.

9 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:03 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree branch down in the road, also says cars can't pass it.

11:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:27 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:26 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports he has new carbon monoxide detectors that are sounding, he's going outside with his dog.

1:10 p.m. **Beach St.**, B&E (past/report).

3:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, downed power line, cruiser reports that these are Verizon lines. No fire service necessary.

7:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, assault and battery, cell phone caller reports a man slapped another man inside the store and also made threats to the clerk behind the counter. No description given.

7:58 p.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:38 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports someone keeps ringing her doorbell, but there's no one there. Officer talked to kids in the neighborhood and they'll let us know if they see anyone ringing door bells.

10:09 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, officer reports someone lighting off fireworks in this area. One in custody. Female also in custody. Arrest: Michael P. Doherty, 33, 25 Allen Pl., Apt. #2, Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, w/m destruction of property and attempting to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, possession of unlawful fireworks, furnishing liquor to a minor.

10:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:51 p.m. **Pond St.**, disturbance, caller reports there are firecrackers going off in her driveway.

11:20 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, medical aid, officer reports injuries at this location, 16-year-old male with head injuries, fell. Scituate Rescue responding.

11:30 p.m. **Manomet Rd., Hull**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a dog at Sandy Beach with no collar and no tags. Dog is a female, looks older and is a Jack Russell, it's white with a dark head and brown around the mouth.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

12:35 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

8:23 a.m., **CJC Hwy.**, downed power lines.

8:47 a.m., **Pond St.**, building check, high school.

9:08 a.m., **Sohier Street**, building check.

12:30 p.m., **Border St.**, caller reports kids are blocking traffic so they can run and jump off the bridge.

1:47 p.m., **Beechwood St. & CJC Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:52 p.m., **Lower King St.**, MVA crash, no injury. Caller reports he was backed into by a truck.

2:03 p.m., CJC Hwy, traffic enforcement.

3:35 p.m., **King St.**, caller reports larceny just occurred in the gym. Officer on scene reports two white males on mountain bikes fled the scene with employees' pocketbooks.

4:54 p.m. **Ocean Drive, Scituate**, male party in custody for a domestic abuse that occurred in Cohasset. Arrest: Joseph P. Joyce, 23, 39 Ocean Ave., Scituate. Charges: A&B.

6:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint.

8:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:53 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, suspicious activity. Harbormaster called reporting a group of youths that are drinking on the rocks.

9:59 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of kids throwing something at vehicles that drive by.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

8:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, store manager reports possible shoplifting. Arrest: Lawrence Sindone, 82, 31 Hatherly Rd., Scituate. Charges: Shoplifting by aspiration.

9:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, warrant services, Scituate PD picked up a party from Cohasset on a warrant. Juvenile arrest. Age: 15.

12:07 p.m. **First Parish Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:22 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint.

4 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance.

4:48 p.m., **Old Pasture Road**, medical aid, fell off scooter.

5:26 p.m., **CJC Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:28 p.m., **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid. Child locked in vehicle.

5:41 p.m., **CJC Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:48 p.m., **Hill & Ash sts.**, caller advised there is a black land rover speeding up and down the road.

6:51 p.m., **Pleasant St.,** caller advised a snapping turtle is causing a problem.

8:38 p.m., **Clay Spring Road,** caller advised someone sprayed something on her fence and trees.

9:05 p.m., **Deer Hill School**, open door.

9:31 p.m., **High School,** checked building.

9:38 p.m., **Sohier St.**, checked buildings.

10:04 p.m., **N. Main and Ripley Road**, caller advised kids are shooting off fireworks.

10:29 p.m., **N. Main St.**, caller advised juveniles are throwing water balloons at vehicles.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

12:06 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, caller states she can smell smoke somewhere outside. Smoke smell is from a BBQ 1 block over.

1:05 a.m. **HQ.**, protective custody, 18-year-old Cohasset male.

2:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle. 2:45 a.m. 4 parties left the motor vehicle and ran off. 2:52 a.m. Owner notified. Owner states motor vehicle has been stolen. 12:58 a.m. State Police notified for a K9 unit. Juvenile arrest. Age: 15. Charges: receiving stolen motor vehicle. Juvenile arrest. Age: 15. Charges: Receiving stolen motor vehicle.

3:15 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states an older model, small, dark motor vehicle followed her home from the medical building on CJC Highway. When her husband pulled in the driveway behind her, the motor vehicle left the area. She believes the motor vehicle parked on the roadway further up the street. Checked the area, nothing showing.

4:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, R3 to check one of the prisoners. Patient checked, just surface scratches.

9:27 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, walk in party reports he lost about a dozen keys on a Laynard.

9:46 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, larceny, homeowner reports that two rings have been stolen from her house.

11:52 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Rust Way**, parking complaint, Sgt. reports 3 vehicles tagged at this location.

12:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:25 p.m. **Hill St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports a landscaping company parked blocking his walkway and refused to move when asked. Truck has been moved.

12:50 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:14 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

1:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:07 p.m. **Marion Way**, caller advised would like property checked.

6:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller found a loose dog - small dog, no collar.

8:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, officer advised he received a report of under age drinking at above address. Officer advised gone on arrival.

8:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, public drinking.

8:19 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised he found a yellow Lab mix.

8:23 p.m. **Cedar Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:21 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, officer advised 3 vehicles tagged at above address.

9:24 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

9:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, barking dog, caller advised there is a barking dog in the area.

9:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

10:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, disturbance - drunks, officer advised X3 in custody. Arrest: Timothy Joseph Nicotera, 18, 125 Fairways Edge Drive, Marshfield. Charges: Town by-law, public drinking, person under 21 in possession of liquor and one taken into custody. Arrest: Ian M. McMahon, 18, 676 South River St., Marshfield. Charges: Town by-law, public drinking, person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Hailey M. Catarius, 18, 30 Virginia St., Marshfield. Charges: Town by-law, public drinking, person under 21 in possession of liquor.

10:26 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, protective custody. 18-year-old taken into protective custody.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window, open, gym door in the back of the building. Building checks secure.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:32 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle.

2:28 a.m. **Brook St.**, vandalism report, broken window.

2:28 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, noise complaint, caller states there is a loud group either at the end of Parker Ave or on Bassins Beach. All quiet on Parker Ave. Group on Border Street leaving the area.

6:42 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Neal Gate, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, hazard, caller reports a pothole in the middle of the road.

12:23 p.m. **Hull St.**, runaway, walk in party reports her juvenile daughter has run away.

1:56 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

5:28 p.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, caller would like an officer to check the hole left by a construction company today. It is marked by cones, but she believes it is a hazard. Officer reports there is an area that needs attention.

6:01 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, officer reports group removed from the bridge.

6:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist motorist, caller reports there is a disabled motor vehicle in the middle of the road.

6:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, detail officer requests cones to assist with the parking situation.

6:56 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports there are deer in the road. Deer are not injured, just confused.

6:56 p.m. Investigation, officer reports the youth is home. Juvenile probation called, they will follow up on Monday.

6:57 p.m. **Hearthside Ct.**, medical aid, mutual aid to Scituate.

9:51 p.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, caller reports her husband fell.

10:20 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer wanted, suspicious activity.

10:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, party dropped off wallet found in street. Message left at owner's home. Wallet returned to owner.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

12:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

6:38 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

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8:53 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick coyote laying down in the middle of the grass by the driving range.

10:20 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:37 a.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:37 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers. Officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

4:22 p.m., **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:25 p.m., building checks all schools.

5:40 p.m., **Bancroft Road**, medical aid., transported to SSH.

6:21 p.m., **Atlantic Ave.,** keep the peace.

8:53 p.m., **Elm St.,** Scituate, mutual aid, ambulance.

10:51 p.m., **Wheelwright Park**, caller reports large group of kids in and out of the park.

11:11 p.m., **Atlantic Ave.**, on private beach, there are kids partying and keeping the neighborhood awake.

11:26 p.m., **S. Main St.,** two walk in parties report a 20-year-old male who kept driving by them and yelling things at them. They wanted it recorded in case it happens again and said they know the person who is harassing them.

11:43 p.m., high school, building check.

11:44 p.m., **Sohier st.,** both elementary schools check secure.

MONDAY, JULY 10

12:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

6:41 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

6:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:51 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:57 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:31 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

9:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building checks ok all secure.

12:21 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Caller reports he had his hand stuck in a running fan and has removed it but bleeding severely.

1:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports a truck is blocking the parking spots.

2:58 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are several juveniles hanging out at above address.

12:33 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:11 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, assist citizen, unable to understand call-language barrier.

9:27 a.m. **Black Rock Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, caller reports there is a small water main cover in the middle of the street at this location.

10:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, party reports she was on a walk and heard what sounded like an animal in distress.

10:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building check, caller reports he has his hand stuck in a running fan and has removed it but bleeding severely.

1:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports a truck is blocking the parking spots.

2:58 p.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are several juveniles hanging out at above address.

12:33 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

2:11 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, assist citizen, unable to understand call-language barrier.

9:27 a.m. **Black Rock Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, caller reports there is a small water main cover in the middle of the street at this location.

10:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, party reports she was on a walk and heard what sounded like an animal in distress.

10:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

11:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, party states cars parking on the sidewalk.

12:02 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Caller states needs ambulance for transport.

1:41 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

1:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Caller states ambulance is needed fro a 92-year-old female for shortness of breath.

2:05 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:14 p.m. **Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, civil matter, party in HQ., requesting to talk to an officer.

6:30 p.m. **North Main St.**, calling party is requesting to see an officer regarding a past B&E.

6:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, an employee is requesting the fire department to respond and shut off the fire alarm. E3 is requesting the fire chief to the scene. Acting fire captain states that the fire chief has advised that he has ordered a fire watch until Starbucks connects their alarm system to a central monitoring station. Business will remain closed until alarm situation has been resolved.

7:17 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, suspicious activity, resident reports youths taking beer from a motor vehicle and putting same in a boat and going to the beach. 884 responding with the harbor master.

7:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, resident is requesting to talk with the ACO about a bird in his back yard.

9:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, party in HQ., to talk to an officer. Party is requesting extra patrols in the area.

10:14 p.m. **Kendall Village**, investigation.

10:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a motor vehicle as he came up the driveway and left the area at a high rate of speed. 884 reports motor vehicle has left the area and has done some damage to the lawn.

10:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance. 884 is requesting back up at Sandy Beach. Arrest: Colin J. Flaherty, 19, 6 Bishops Lane, Hingham. Charges: Possession of Class D drug, person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Samuel F. Steele, 19, 9 Black Horse Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

11:03 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she was going up Forest Ave from N. Main St. and her motor vehicle was struck by water balloons.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

12:34 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, noise complaint, 2 car load of subject playing loud music. Vehicles are on their way.

5:30 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical, transported SSH/ALS.

8:18 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, officer reports in front of this location there is a landscaping truck blocking some traffic, truck has been tagged.

8:45 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, possible heart attack.

9:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports a male who cut his thumb on a table saw.

9:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, industrial accident, male employee cut off part of thumb.

11:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, motorist is reporting an operator slumped over the wheel of a motor vehicle. 884 reports operator was using a cell phone.

11:37 a.m. **Wheeler Park, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, elderly female nausea and vomiting.

11:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports she pulled into Shaw's and a man in a small dark colored 4 door Sedan pulled up next to her and asked her if her kids like McDonald's. She said no and continued into the store. He continued to follow her and tell her he just wanted to give them a picture of McDonald's and she said he pretended to shop and left. She didn't get a plate and did not call until he had been gone for a while. She reports this was about 20 minutes ago.

12:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party lost her pocketbook somewhere. Thinks it might be in the area. She was advised to contact Scituate as well as her credit card companies.

1:01 p.m. **Hingham Ave., and Beach St.**, caller reports a small water main cover is off in the street.

1:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, threats.

2:10 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:40 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there has been a truck on the island for 2-3 days now and he hasn't seen anyone around.

2:46 p.m. **3A**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:25 p.m. **Smith Pl., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:26 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, officer advised written warning – speeding.

4:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:28 p.m. Ripley Rd., disturbance.

5:47 p.m. **Marshfield**, warrant services, officer advised XI in custody – enroute to HQ. Arrest: Albert G. Tobin, Jr., 48, 32 Bradford St., Marshfield. Charges: Failure/delay service of warrant (2 counts).

6:12 p.m. **Hull St.**, abandoned motor vehicle, caller advised truck has been parked for 2-3 days.

7:05 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, power outage, caller advised she has no electricity. Caller heard a pop – no fire or smoke showing. Several people have called from above address with no electricity. Officer advised the street is out – nothing showing. Fire Dept. advised branch on primary line. National Grid on scene.

8:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:34 p.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, warrant services, officer advised XI male in custody. Arrest: Michael A. Cabozzi, 34, 95 Turner Rd., Scituate. Charges: Failure/delay service of warrant.

8:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party – child safety seat installed.

9:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:05 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, warrant services, officer advised XI in custody. Arrest: Louis T. Miraglia, 49, 778 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: Failure/delay service of warrant (2 counts).

10:12 p.m. **Margin St.**, fire, investigation, caller advised wires are sparking and arching.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

8:59 a.m. **Wheeler Park, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, rescue team to this location for mutual aid. Elderly woman confused.

10:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint, officer states vehicles blocking road.

11:28 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transporting SSH/ALS, low blood pressure and history of cardiac issues.

2:21 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller states she has a squirrel trapped into her bathroom.

5:51 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, water dept. advised they are flushing hydrants at above location and Forest Ave all streets of Forest Ave.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Nikolas D. Pratt, 22, 49 Surfside Rd., Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license (4th offense), expired inspection sticker, miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

8:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller advised hydrant is shooting water out; water dept. is flushing hydrants.

8:36 p.m. **Border St.**, caller advised there are juveniles jumping off bridge.

9:30 p.m. **Pond St.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is loud music in the area.

9:48 p.m. **Mendel Rd.**, disturbance, live band - mother is on scene – birthday party several juveniles – no drinking.

10:33 p.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports a suspicious male walking in the road.

11:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** suspicious activity, caller advised several juveniles playing baseball and making lots of noise. Juveniles are going to stop playing baseball.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

3:37 a.m. **King St.**, assist citizen.

7:02 a.m. **HQ.**, medical aid, female party being checked by R3.

7:20 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious vehicle.

8:46 a.m. **King St.**, transport citizen.

8:49 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:37 a.m. **Highland Ct.**, vandalism report, caller states there were rocks thrown through her windows. Spoke to resident, stated she just wanted incident logged and did not want to see an officer.

10:02 a.m. **Elm St., and South Main St.**, parking violation, caller reports motor vehicle parked on cross walk, two dogs inside windows are not down. No dogs in the car upon arrival. Car tagged for parking violation.

11:48 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, caller states entrance and exit signs were stolen. Exit sign was returned to the DPW.

12:56 p.m. **Sandy Beach and Atlantic Ave.**, officer reports 6 vehicles tagged for permit violations.

1:03 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

1:51 p.m. **Elm St.**, mutual aid to Hull. Dog locked in hot car.

2:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, larceny.

2:46 p.m. **Border St.**, harbormaster called stating they were receiving complaints about kids on the bridge.

2:53 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, warning for speeding.

3:36 p.m. **Border St.**, parking violation, 7 cars tagged for parking violations.

4:01 p.m. **South Main St.**, caller reports dog in car. 83 reports window open, dog appears in no distress.

5:02 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:36 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

8:04 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disturbance, passing motorist report person on roof of library. Checked area, unfounded.

9:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports elderly male public drinking in motor vehicle. Elderly male drinking bottled water, call unfounded.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen.

8:24 a.m. **N. Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller stated to fire dept., there was a problem with the flammable liquids by the train tracks. Fire Dept., advised storage container would be moved away from the residence.

1:38 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer states some open windows on second floor.

2:51 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

3:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports just a flat tire, no injuries, no accident.

3:11 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

3:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

3:49 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

4:19 **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted.

4:23 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

5:12 p.m. **Hillside Drive and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:03 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:24 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of kids hanging at the gate to the park. Officer reports no kids around just one vehicle.

6:45 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

6:46 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint.

10:18 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:45 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:50 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, noise complaint, caller reports kids in the Town Hall parking lot. Officer reports no one in the area.

10:51 p.m. **Beach St.**, noise complaint. Neighbor reports loud music next door. Officer reports she spoke with the homeowner and they have agreed to turn it down.

11:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, annoying phone calls, employee from this location reports kids outside in a car keep calling the restaurant.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO — **B**e **O**n the **L**ook **O**ut

BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

C20 — Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

Capt. — Fire Captain (supervisor)

CID — Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

CPAC — State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office

D1 — Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)

D2 — Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)

D/K — Drunk

E1 - E4 — Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA— Gone on Arrival

HQ — Headquarters

Juvenile —Person under the age of 17

L1 — Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC — Police Computer System (National)

ME — Medical Examiner

M/V — Motor Vehicle

OIC — Officer in Charge

OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)

PI — Personal Injury

Principle Party —Person who called

PT — Patient

QMC — Quincy Medical Center

R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO — Restraining Order

RP — Reporting Party

S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P — Suspicious Person

SSH — South Shore Hospital

WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882 -888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

886 or 888 — Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

Legal Notices

ZBA/150 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **August 1st at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Inspector's letter dated May 17, 2006, pursuant to §12.2.3, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Almis and Danguole Kuolos**, seek to have the house at **150 North Main Street**, be used as a single family residence according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-06-16.

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Cohasset Mariner 7/14, 7/21/06

MANNING ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P1659EP

In the Estate of LUKE E. MANNING

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 9, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MAUREEN C. O'BRIEN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 23, 2006.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, July 7, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11098592
Cohasset Mariner 7/21/06

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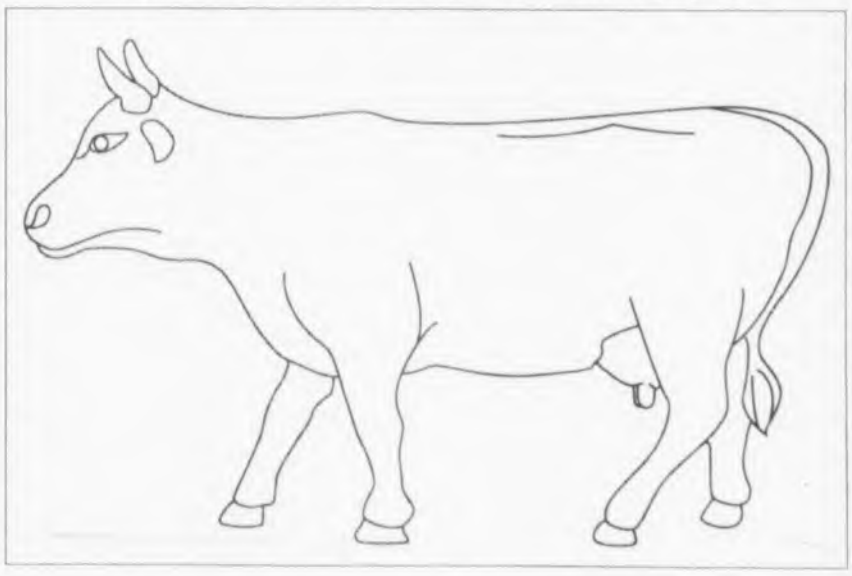

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What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 20-28, 2006

Calendar of events

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"Art on the Avenue" at 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull is featuring as one of its guest artists this summer. The whimsical acrylic paintings of longtime Pembroke resident Brooks Kelly are on display through July 30. His distinctive work, bold and impressionistic, has resulted in numerous local and regional awards. For information call 781-925-5619 or e-mail lenoreschneider@comcast.net. Weekends and holidays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment thru Labor Day. Free admission and parking. Children are welcome.

Thursday, July 20

The North River Arts Society new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Square, Marshfield, featuring original paintings by **Susan F. Lynch Raffa**. Show runs through Aug. 18. Summer hours are Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call NRAS at 781-837-8091 or e-mail: northriverarts@rcn.com.

A Visit with Paul Revere, living history program, at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Thursday, July 20, 1 to 4 p.m., featuring actor David Connor, who played Paul Revere in the Arts & Entertainment Channel's "Biography" series. Free with museum admission: $3 adults, $2.50 seniors and college students, $1 children ages 5-17.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., with **Johnny Souza Quintet**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, July 20, **"Pitch Black,"** classic rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Brian Regan, Thursday**, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 20, **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Greg MacAuliffe Acoustic Café**, Thursday, July 20 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Blues Jam with the HouseRockers,** Thursday, July 20 at 9:25 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Friday, July 21

Boston Children's Theatre 'Plays in the Park' on Georges Island, Friday, July 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m. 'Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" Seaside summer performances at Fort Warren on Georges Island, Boston Harbor. For more details, call 617-424-6634 or visit www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org . Admission is free. Ferry fares to the island are: $12 adult, $9 seniors, $7 kids, children under 3 are free.

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Mark your calendar

PLYMOUTH ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY'S 57TH ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn of the Hedge House Museum, 126 Water St., overlooking Plymouth Harbor. Shop for attic treasures and collectibles, second-hand books, gifts, crafts, jewelry, plants and garden produce. All fair proceeds benefit the Plymouth Antiquarian Society, a non-profit educational organization that maintains three historic properties in Plymouth and offers seasonal programs and events. For information call 508-746-0012.

REGINALD A. FESSENDEN CELEBRATION, a three-day Turn of The Century celebration honoring the professor, the "Father of Bookkeeping." Aug. 4-6. Fessenden made his mark in history with his inventions and the first voice trans-Atlantic broadcast from a tower at Brant Rock in 1906. **Friday, Aug. 4** at the Historic Winslow House – demonstrations of ham radio operators, tours of the Blacksmith Shop and Schoolhouse. On Friday evening, there will be a free concert. **Saturday, Aug. 5** at the Daniel Webster Estate – live remote broadcast by WATD, featuring old time radio personalities and tours of the mansion. From 6 to 10 p.m. there will be a cocktail party and celebration dinner. Tickets are $75 per person. **Sunday, Aug. 6** at the Daniel Webster Estate – a chowderfest presented by Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, a vintage car exhibit and the Marshfield Historical Society sporting period costumes. For more information call 781-834-0548 or visit www.DanielWebsterEstate.org.

THE SANDHILLETTES 57TH BIRTHDAY PARTY, Thursday, Aug. 3 at The Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate. Presenting the Millie Farrell production of "Here We Go Again." Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $38 per person. For tickets call Anne Diamond, 781-545-4483 or Maryellen Harrington, 781-544-1254. There will be a raffle held and a non-perishable donation to the Scituate Food Pantry can be exchanged for a raffle ticket.

STARCREATIONS THEATRE presents **Beauty and the Beast**, Aug. 24, 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets are $10; children (2-12) are $5. For more information and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email: info@starcreations.

FIRST ANNUAL BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. at Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Lake of Isles, private course. $300 per person. Rooms are available at Two Trees Inn for $115/night. For information email Chairperson, Christine Buckley LeBlanc at: christineleblanc@bafound.org.

Social Lubrication jazzes up Jamie's brunch

CD release party set for July 30

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A one-man musical industry - that's how Braintree drummer Brian Kelley has been described more than once in by local music critics.

It's not off the mark, as the versatile musician currently splits his time recording and/or club-gigging with three regular bands, namely Social Lubrication (jazz), The Part Time Lovers (blues, R&B) and his own Brian Kelley Group (formerly Majic — pop, Top 40, commercial).

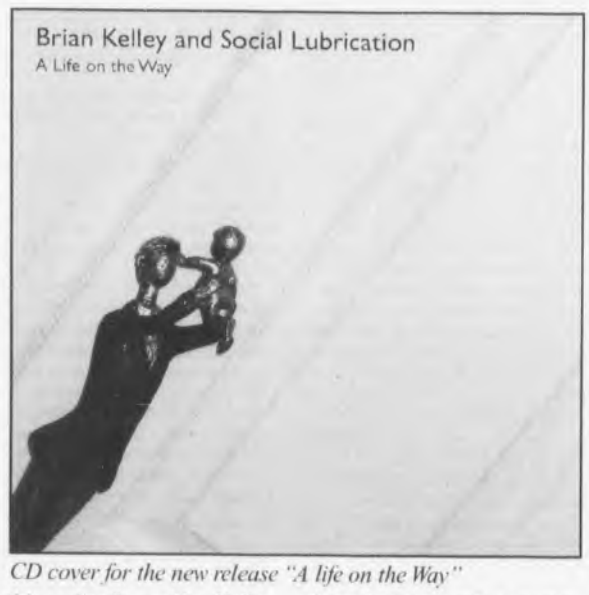
Kelley also is or has been a freelance musician, producer, educator/clinician and owner of his self-founded LSK Records and Brian Kelley Music, from which he has produced three full-length Social Lubrication CDs via his home studios in Braintree — including 2001's "Ketchup & Rivets," "Get Enjoyed" in 2004 and the new release "A Life on the Way."

These discs — the most recent two performed in a spare, traditional acoustic jazz trio format including Kelley (drums) and bandmates Ken Cook (piano) and (on the latest) Kendall Eddy (bass) — suggest that despite his diversity, Kelley is really a jazzman at heart. Social Lubrication will hold its official CD release party for the band's new disc Sunday (July 30) with a return to the Jazz Brunch at Jamie's Pub in Marshfield from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The new disc is aptly named as the 32-year-old musician and his wife are expecting their first child in September.

"The knowledge that my wife and I have our first child coming in September, I think, somehow brought out a new kind of excitement in our playing as a trio in the studio for this disc," said Kelley. "Especially in my own drumming. I felt there was a certain energy there that was even more than usual."

Brian Kelley



CD cover for the new release "A life on the Way"

The new disc offers a fine blend of originals and covers over its 35 minutes. The covers include obscure nuggets by Miles Davis ("Nardis") and John Coltrane ("Lonnie's Lament") plus Steely Dan's ballad "Home at Last," all adapted nicely for the acoustic jazz piano, bass and drums settings. And the band's two originals, "Maplewood" and "Splinter," find compatibility with the disc's overall bebop/cool-jazz style.

Lubrication also functions as a true band unit over the five tunes, as all three players trade off equally in the lead instrument and solo spot roles.

"These songs sort of typify the kind of music we've been playing on our most recent club dates. We believe these particular songs lend themselves to the way we've been playing as a trio lately, which we think is much more open and with much more freedom to take the songs wherever we want them to go. The band has really developed at this point and our playing on this disc is indicative of the way we function as a trio unit," Kelley said.

The band is currently using the new disc for promotional purposes only and thus the album is not for sale through the usual source at www.briankelleymusic.com, said Kelley. But the band will have a special offer available for those who come out for Sunday's disc release party — any attendees who purchase copies of either of Social Lubrication's previous two discs will receive a free copy of "A Life on the Way."

Along with the CD release party, comes news that the band will enjoy national promo representation through Bose sponsorship. The high-tech audio gear company recently contacted Kelley to offer and request licensing of one Social Lubrication track for use in a promo campaign —"to demonstrate superior sound quality," as Kelley put it — at the company's headphone listening kiosks in music and audio retail outlets nationwide.

Kelley licensed the company with "Oakland Stroke," a track which he describes as "a funk jam in the vein of Tower of Power and Herbie Hancock's Headhunters," from Ketchup & Rivets. The instrumental piece will represent jazz at the Bose listening posts alongside genre representative tunes by the Dave Matthews Band, Alison Krauss and other artists.

Social Lubrication's CD Release Party will be held Sunday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jamie's Grille, Route 139 in Marhfield. For more information on the band or Brian Kelley visit the site www.briankelleymusic.com.

Movie review

The newlyweds crasher

"You, Me and Dupree" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In the unoriginal "You, Me and Dupree," Owen Wilson of "The Wedding Crashers" is now crashing newlyweds.

He's Randy Dupree, a New Age free spirit too spiritual to work for a living. After attending the fabulously expensive Hawaiian wedding of lifelong pal Carl Peterson (Matt Dillon) and Molly Thompson (Kate Hudson), Dupree loses his job, gets evicted and moves in with the newlyweds in their jewel-like, Los Angeles arts and crafts cottage on a strictly "temporary" basis.

Before long, Dupree is changing their answering machine greeting, upgrading their cable, sleepily mooning his hosts and teaching the neighborhood kids the meaning of dude-ness.

Dupree, you see, is a kind of homespun self-help philosopher, poet and motivational guru spouting the sort of jibberish only Hollywood screenwriters could manufacture.

Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, whose anarchic previous effort "Welcome to Collinwood" is an undiscovered gem, and written by newcomer Michael LeSieur, "You, Me and Dupree" addresses such issues as the "domestication" of young married "bucks" by their long-suffering wives, and the finding of your true inner spirit — or, as Dupree would put it, your "ness."

All of this is, of course, complete nonsense.

Carl is supposed to be a designer, while Molly teaches at an inner-city school. But they might as well be lumberjacks for all the interest in designing or teaching this insincere film has.

The film's real purpose is to milk laughs, at times successfully, out of two clogged toilets, a "starched" sock, a porn collection and Dupree's supposed deflowering of an unseen Mormon librarian. The film also means to entertain the men in the audience with the admittedly attractive sight of buff, tawny-limbed Hudson in a variety of skivvies and — in a sexy dream sequence featuring Lance Armstrong — a skimpy bathing suit.

Pesky houseguest Dupree (Owen Wilson) tries to smooth things out by serving breakfast to his hosts (Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson).

In addition to dealing with Molly's escalating anger and desire to get the freeloader out of her new home, Carl must contend with jealous father of the bride Mr. Thompson (Michael Douglas in Gordon Gekko mode). He is not only Carl's new father-in-law but also his boss at Thompson Land Development.

Now, many ambitious young men would find marrying the boss's daughter the perfect means of moving up in the world, and indeed Carl is given a plumb assignment that will make him rich. But Carl is terribly unhappy about all of this because it stifles his eco-friendly self-expression. Right.

Dillon, who is ready-made for that live-action Samurai Jack movie I've been clamoring for and whose work in "Crash" was justly acclaimed, and Hudson play straight to Wilson in the eternal-boy/man/moppet role. As Carl's hen-pecked friend, Seth Rogen ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") is amusing if underused.

As many will note, "You, Me and Dupree" is in many ways an uncredited reproduction of Paul Mazursky's 1986 hit "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" (with Nick Nolte in a Dupree-like role), itself an update of Jean Renoir's "Boudu Saved From Drowning," a 1932 French farce about a tramp (the great Michel Simon) saved from a suicidal plunge in the Seine by a bourgeois couple.

Instead of paying homage to that classic, "You, Me and Dupree" inadvisably shows us the famous scene in William Wyler's "Roman Holiday," in which Gregory Peck, in a role intended for Cary Grant, frightens Audrey Hepburn's princess by putting his hand into the stone "Mouth of Truth."

These images had the predictable effect of making me wish I were watching Wyler's glorious film instead.

Rated PG-13. "You, Me and Dupree" contains profanity and sexual references.

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Evenings under the Stars presents a Midsummer Pops concert Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m., Jane Carr Amphitheater, South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Music by Shostakovich, Berlioz, Copland and Sibelius, and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto performed by Eden MacAdam-Somer. Tickets $22 pavilion, $14 lawn; $25 and $17 at the door. Pre-concert reception at 5:30 p.m. Tickets $20, $25 at the door. For reservations call 781-749-5550 ext 14 or visit www.southshore conservatory.org.

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Duxbury Rural and Historical Society 'Timetravelers' workshops for ages 7-12. Experience what life was life in the Federal period by learning such activities as churning butter, making a cake, learning about herbs and their uses. Programs are open to the public. 'Chores and play' July 21 from 1-3 p.m. on the grounds of the King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Cost is $10 per child. For information or registration call 781-934-6106 or visit www.duxburyhistory.org.

2006 Nationwide Professional Paintball Tour at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, July 21 through 23, features 200 teams, with 18 professional teams competing on six fields, and over 50 paintball vendors and sponsors. Free admission. $5 parking. Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22, divisional playoffs; Sunday, July 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Finals on Center Court. For information visit www.nppl.tv.

"Cinderella After the Ball," 25th Anniversary production at the Priscilla Beach Theatre, 796 Rocky Hill Road, Manomet, Friday, July 21, Saturday, July 22, Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are $12. For reservations call PBT at 508-224-4888. For more information visit www.thinkTheatre .org.

North River Arts Society is currently accepting registration for an early morning **plein air workshop**. Join oil painting instructor, Sue Charles on July 21 and 28 from 5 to 8 a.m. Rain dates are Aug. 4 and 11. Fee is $75 and workshop is limited to 12 participants. To register or for more information call 781-837-8091.

The Attleboro Arts Museum will be exhibiting "8 Visions" from July 21–Aug. 25. **Opening reception: Friday, July 21**, 6-8 p.m. "8 Visions" brings together the work of eight unique artists. Scituate resident, Nancy Cusack, will be participating in this juried exhibit. Other artists are: Elizabeth Arseneau, Anna Comella, Ian Gaudreau, Richard Harrington, Stephen Metcalf, James Moran and Betsy Ritz. Museum is located at 86 Park St., Attleboro. Gallery Summer hours: Tuesday to Saturday from10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information/directions visit www.attleboroartsmuseum.org or call 508-222-2644.

South Shore Art Center's Annual Blue Ribbon Members' Show opens Friday, July 21 from 6-8 p.m. The Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Visit www.ssac.org.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher conductor, will perform in a free classical concert on Friday, July 21, 8 p.m., at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, featuring a Mozart celebration. For information, call 617-520-2202 or visit www.landmarksorchestra.org.

Bandstand Review featuring five musician-singers recreating the sounds of the '50s and '60s, Friday, July 21, at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., West Bridgewater. Cost for dinner and the show is $40. Dinner at 7 p.m., will be followed by the show at 8:30 p.m. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

Owl Prowl and Family Camp Out, hosted by South Shore Natural Science Center, Friday, July 21. Karen Kurkoski, naturalist, will lead this program for families and children ages 5 and older. Participants will prowl through Jacobs Woods, enjoy evening snacks, breakfast followed by a morning hike. Tent set up will be from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday. Visit the Web site at www.ssnsc.org for price information. Pre-registration and prepayment are required.

Comedy Night, Friday, July 21, 9 p.m., at Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners. Admission is $15. Dinner and appetizers will be available. Comedian Paul D'Angelo will perform. Advanced reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 781-848-0300.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **George Carlin,** Friday, July 21 at 8 p.m. Adult content. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

Boogie on Low Beach Fundraiser, Friday, July 21, 6:15 p.m. to midnight, at 40 Low Beach Road, Siasconset. The fundraiser will pay tribute to four Nantucket residents who are heroes in the fight against cancer. Natalie Jacobson will be master of ceremonies. Featured will be an auction, southern cuisine and music. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call Celeste Crosse at 508-257-9886, Sarah Curtis at 617-632-5091, or visit wwwdanafarbernantucket.com.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, July 21, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, 60s, 70s and 80s music. DJ. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, July 21, **"Stone Crazy,"** R&B, blues, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol .com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, July 21 **Dave Foley Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Walk That Walk,** Friday, July 21 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington**. Benefit for RESPOND featuring Acoustica CD release, Kimberly Chare, Infinite Frequency, Courtesy Tie.** 21+. Friday, July 21 at 9:25 p.m. Donation $10. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Saturday, July 22

Houghton's Pond fish Festival, Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Houghton's Pond west side, picnic site #5. Free clinic. Rangers and instructors from MassWildlife teach basics of fishing. Event includes crafts, cards, and games. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

"Faces of Africa," a photo and video exhibit of animals in their natural environment at Franklin Park Zoo, on view July 22 through Aug. 22. Presented by writer and photographer Mindy Pollack-Fusi, the exhibit is free with zoo entry. Tickets are: $9:50 adults; $5.50 children ages 2 through 12; under age 2 admitted free. Zoo hours: weekdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekends and major holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibit will be in the Meeting Barn at the zoo, 1 Franklin Park Road, Boston. For information call 617-541-LION or visit www.franklinpark.org.

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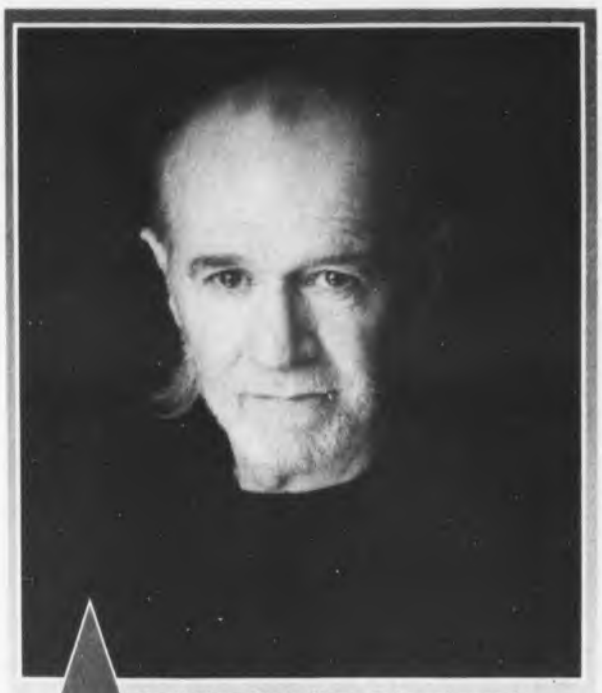

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Sunday, July 23

Wildlands Trust two-hour walk on Sunday, July 23, 10 a.m. Explore the ecosystems of Burrage Pond Wildlife Management area and Rymut Preserve in Halifax and Hanson. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather, and bring binoculars, a camera, water and bug spray. Call 781-934-9018 to register.

"All Around the Mouth of the North River," an exploration of the North River from all angles with Mass Audubon educator and local historian John Galluzzo, Sunday, July 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. The trip will leave from North River Wildlife Sanctuary. Cost is $13, or $10 members. For more information, call Galluzzo at 781-837-9400 or e-mail southshore@massaudubon.org.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, July 23, 1 p.m. Easy to moderate 3-mile walk around Houghton's Pond and Tucker Hill. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St. in Milton. For information call617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

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The Olde Kids On The Block, at the Hanover Bandstand, Route 139, Hanover, Sunday, July 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Abington Summer Concert starring "The Infractions," with the Happenin' Horns, Sunday, July 23, 6 p.m., at the Joseph and Catherine Nisby Bandstand in the Millennium Memorial Comples, Route 18, Abington. Free admission.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, July 23. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Dave Foley Solo**, Sunday, July 23 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, July 23. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, July 24

South Shore host families needed by American Field Service. The non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange is seeking families for international students who want to experience the 2006-07 school year in an American high school. Students from Germany, Norway, China, Thailand and Brazil are spending the year at Norwell and Cohasset high schools. For more information visit www.afsmassbay.org or e-mail: peg.merzbacher.org.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, July 24, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

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For your health

SOUTH SHORE ELDER SERVICES FREE CAREGIVING 101 SEMINAR, Aug. 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at their offices at 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Q&A session will follow the seminar and attendees will have an opportunity to meet with other caregivers. Caregiving 101 is intended for those who are providing daily care to elders 60+ and for caregivers who are 60 years of age or older and who provide care for adult children with disabilities or who are legally responsible for the care of grandchildren. Session provides specific information about resources, support services and programs available throughout the southeastern region. Participants will receive the Caregiver 101 manual, a resource and care-planning booklet, in addition to knowledge about successful strategies for managing elder care planning and family decision-making. To register for this free seminar or for information call Donna Ciappina at 781-848-3910 ext. 335. Visit their website at www.sselder.org.

NEW STUDY ON DRIVING AND DEMENTIA. Do you have a family member with dementia who is driving? Researchers at Boston University Medical Center are looking for residents living in Duxbury or surrounding areas who are interested in participating in a new study on driving and dementia.The study could help caregivers of people with dementia address the difficult topic of when their loved ones should limit or stop driving. Researchers will evaluate new educational information and educational group sessions developed to give caregivers effective strategies to make decisions regarding their family member's driving. Individuals may be eligible to participate if they are a caregiver of a person with mild cognitive impairment, dementia or Alzheimer's disease. A limited number of spaces available. For information, call Stacy Carruth at 617- 414-1187. All study inquiries and participation will be kept strictly confidential.

JORDAN HOSPITAL NEW PHYSICIAN REFERAL NUMBER and Community Education Telephone Number. The physician referral and community education information telephone number is now 800-2-JORDAN. The new number is easy to access and is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.The free telephone service provides physician referrals and information about health education classes, health screenings and support services. Call 800-2-JORDAN to learn more about what Jordan Hospital has to offer.

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The Wildlands Trust, a local nonprofit organization protecting over 4,600 acres of land in Southeastern Massachusetts, invites you to join an easy two-hour walk exploring the diverse ecosystems of Burrage Pond and the nearby Rymut Preserve in Halifax and Hanson, Sunday, July 23 at 10 a.m. This is one of the outstanding birding sites in the region. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, water, and bug spray if desired. Please RSVP prior to the walk by calling the Wildlands Trust office at 781 934-9018.

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Comedy Night, Friday, July 21, 9 p.m., at Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree S Corners. Admission is $15. Dinner and appetizers will be available. Comedian Paul D'Angelo will perform. Advanced reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 781-848-0300.

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South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Feed the Animals** – Saturdays at 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Monday holidays at 10 a.m. Naturalists feed the different animals at the center. Free with admission, members free. **Tales from the Wild** – Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., except holidays and vacation weeks. Tales about animals and nature especially designed to capture the imagination of children ages 5 and under accompanied by a parent. Free with admission. Call to register 781-659-2559. **Sunday Walks** – 10 a.m. to noon, with Debbie Hill, naturalist. Explore some of the lesser-known open spaces on the South Shore, each with its own unique story. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Detailed directions of each walk will be provided. Cost $5 per person per walk, $3 members.

"Art on the Avenue" at 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull is featuring as one of its guest artists this summer. The whimsical acrylic paintings of longtime Pembroke resident Brooks Kelly are on display through July 30. His distinctive work, bold and impressionistic, has resulted in numerous local and regional awards. For information call 781-925-5619 or e-mail lenoreschneider@comcast.net. Weekends and holidays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment thru Labor Day. Free admission and parking. Children are welcome.

Tuesday, July 25

"Eloquence and Civic Life: The Oratory of Daniel Webster," presentation by UNH professor James Farrell, at the historic Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. Admission $7. Call 781-837-5953 or e-mail markschmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Boston University Medical Center study on the roles that genes and other family-related factors might play in exceptional longevity among family members. Seeking families with at least two living members aged 90 or older and their children who live in Mass., N.H., Maine, Conn. or R.I. Interested parties should call 888-333-6327 or visit www.bumc.bu.edu/centenarian.

CALENDAR, see next page

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, July 21 Dave Foley Band from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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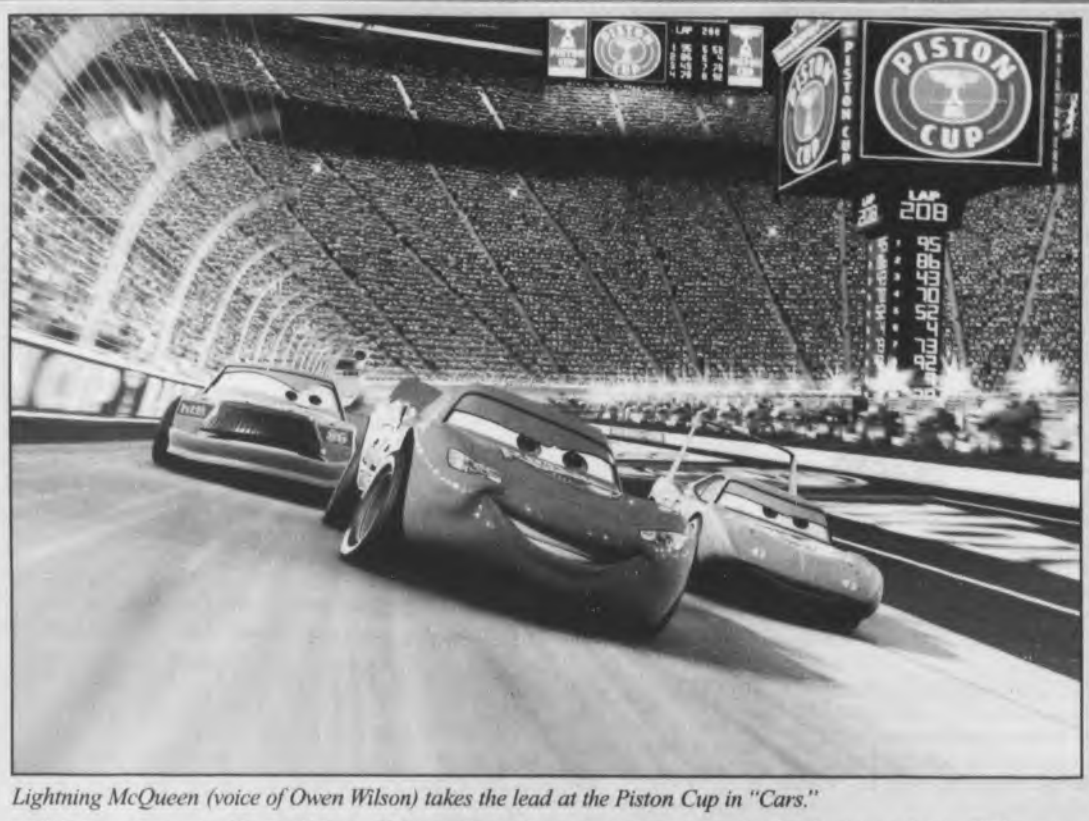
Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted



Lightning McQueen (voice of Owen Wilson) takes the lead at the Piston Cup in "Cars."

New Releases

THE HIDDEN BLADE (A)

"The Hidden Blade" is not a violent gorefest, but an occasionally comic, surprisingly tender love story. Brooding, psychologically scarred Munezo Katagiri (Masatoshi Nagase) is a lower-caste samurai in a backwater town. With the woman he secretly loves is being starved to death, Munezo is required by his shogun to learn the basics of Western artillery and rifle fire, and he's been ordered to divulge the names of anyone on familiar terms with fellow samurai and ex-friend Hazama (Yukiyoshi Ozawa), a convicted traitor to the shogun. All Munezo can do is follow the path of the samurai and his heart, however difficult or perilous that path might be. In Japanese with English subtitles. (Rated R)

LEONARD COHEN: I'M YOUR MAN (B-)

"Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man" is an amiable documentary about the poet laureate of folk-rock singer-songwriters. It's a Cohen lovefest, featuring a concert that took place in Sydney, Australia, in January 2005. Comprising home movies, archival footage, still photos and Cohen tunes covered by such artists as Rufus Wainwright, Nick Cave, Linda Thompson, Kate and Anna McGarrigle and Bono, the film is a by-the-numbers blueprint for a tribute DVD. (Rated PG-13)

LITTLE MAN (B)

Harmless and silly, "Little Man" is the simple story of Calvin (Marlon Wayans), a pint-size ex-con who uses his skimpy stature to break the law. Dressed in diapers, Calvin plants himself on a couple's doorstep and makes the phrase "goo-goo-ga-ga" his motto. He soon finds his newfound caregivers make him a little misty-eyed for his parentless past. "Little Man" may reach below the belt for its laughs but knows how to soften the blow with good performances and funny horseplay. (Rated PG-13.) -Chelsea Bain

Ongoing

THE BREAK-UP (C+)

Oversized, overaged frat boy Gary (Vince Vaughn) and his art dealer girlfriend Brooke (Jennifer Aniston) break up but continue to share a condo. In this anti-romantic comedy, tabloid-linked stars Vaughn and Aniston have nowhere to display their chemistry, except in anger. Between the hijinks that ensue as Gary and Brooke try their best to hurt one another, you end up sitting back and checking off the product placements or trying to figure out how many endings the director shot. (Rated PG-13)

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

CLICK (D)

With the help of a new remote control, architect Michael Newman (Adam Sandler) finds that he can mute people, freeze action and restart it at will, fast-forward past unpleasant things and rewind to past events. Much of the action in this uninspired, gratuitously gimmicky and derivative comedy is so mean-spirited that it suggests a movie made by people who killed college classmates in fraternity hazing incidents. I'd say fast-forward through "Click." But you'd be better served by just hitting the "Off" button. Click. (Rated PG-13)

THE DA VINCI CODE (C+)

"The Da Vinci Code," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. The key elements of Dan Brown's fabulously fun novel are all here: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) investigating a 2,000-year-old conspiracy concerning Jesus' true nature; a murder plot involving a psychopathic, albino monk (Paul Bettany); and clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces. But director Ron Howard's film is too long and too stuffed with scholarly pedantry. "The Da Vinci Code" comes off as a book, rather than a movie, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book, at that. (Rated PG-13)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (B+)

"The Devil Wears Prada" is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot. Dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) arrives in New York City and is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and Runway magazine editor Miranda (Meryl Streep), a dragon lady with a tongue like a knife. As she struggles to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, Andy is pitied by the magazine's art director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) and made over into a new age Eliza Doolittle. (Rated PG-13)

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT (B)

This third installment of the popular franchise takes its car chases and souped-up engines to the Far East. High school troublemaker Sean (Lucas Black) is shipped to Tokyo to avoid jail time and live with his strict, military officer dad (Brian Goodman). Once there, Sean befriends Twinkie (Bow Wow), an army brat with a pimped-out car, and is soon driving a new set of wheels and getting on the bad side of mafia-affiliated DK (Brian Tee) and falling for his girl, Neela (Nathalie Kelley). Sure, it's not the wittiest, smartest or most memorable piece of cinema. But "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" delivers everything it promised: loud music, loud cars and a whole lot of glitz. (Rated PG-13) - Chelsea Bain

GARFIELD: A TALE OF TWO KITTIES (B-)

Two cats are better than one in "Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties," which brings Jim Davis' fat cat back to the big screen in a reasonable riff on "The Prince and The Pauper." This time, the action is in London, and Garfield (voiced again by Bill Murray) is recruited to take the place of Prince (voiced by Tim Curry), the king of England's ancient Carlyle Castle, after he's targeted by the greedy, ignored nephew Lord Dargis (Billy Connolly), who can't wait for the cat's death to assume control of the ancient castle and turn it into a high-rise development. (Rated PG) -Stephen Schaefer

THE GREAT NEW WONDERFUL (C+)

"The Great New Wonderful" is neither great, new nor wonderful. More like a misconceived play than a movie, it charts the post-9/11 malaise of a group of New Yorkers (Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tony Shalhoub, Edie Falco, Judy Greer and Olympia Dukakis). "The Great New Wonderful" aspires to be a quirky, multi-character, mosaiclike indie in the "Crash"-"Magnolia" manner. But the film's unsubtle point is that the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks have left psychic scars, a pervasive sense of meaninglessness and deep-seated desire for payback. That such feelings are a virtual universal part of the human condition is not acknowledged. (Rated R)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

THE LAKE HOUSE (B-)

Kate Forster (Sandra Bullock) is a lonely physician who, in 2006, moves out of a small, glass-box-like suburban house suspended over a picturesque lake. After leaving a note to have her mail forwarded, Kate discovers the responses she gets are coming from someone who lives in the house in 2004, a hunky, frustrated architect named Alex Wyler (Keanu Reeves). Over the course of their time-traveling correspondence, they fall somewhat convincingly in love. This romance by the numbers is complete nonsense. But the premise — that there's someone out there who is your true dream boy or girl — will make a lot of girlie-girls and girlie-men weep into their popcorn. (Rated PG)

MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT (A-)

Mrs. Palfrey (Joan Plowright) moves to London to be near her 26-year-old grandson, who, oddly, doesn't show up. Instead, Mrs. Palfrey persuades aspiring young writer Ludovic Meyer (Rupert Friend) to impersonate her grandson to deflect the attention of busybody hotel residents. A rare friendship develops between the lonely widow and young artist. Brimming with warmth and intelligence, "Mrs. Palfrey" is small film, yet completely delightful. (Not Rated)

NACHO LIBRE (B+)

Behold Nacho Libre, the summer's most winning superhero. Nacho springs from the wacky netherworld of Lucha Libre (masked Mexican professional wrestling). An orphan who grew up in a monastery, Nacho, also known as Ignacio (Jack Black), is now the orphanage's cook and caretaker, and yearns to get fresher ingredients for the children's food. Hoping to win the big Battle Jam and use the money to help the orphans, Nacho trades in his monk's robes for "stretchy pants" and the trademark, lace-up mask of the Mexican luchador (wrestler). (Rated PG)

THE OMEN (C+)

Power-couple Robert (Liev Schreiber) and Katherine Thorn's (Julia Stiles) infant child dies soon after his birth in a Rome hospital. A grief-stricken Robert, at the behest of a priest, agrees to switch the dead child with a newborn whose mother has died. But we soon know the "switched" son is strange because his parents name him Damien and people start getting knocked off in the most gruesome ways imaginable. This remake of the terrific 1976 B-movie has its moments. But it mostly takes everything that was ambiguous and subtle in the original and makes it so obvious that it's often unintentionally funny. (Rated R)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (A-)

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," the second installment in Disney's "Pirates" trilogy, is the best and most spectacular summer blockbuster thus far. The plot is a potpourri of piratical nonsense involving the arrest and escape of Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley), that mysterious chest, a Monte Cristo-like escape by Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), a cannibal tribe, a Kraken and, best of all, the legendary Davy Jones himself. This funny, imaginative, witty and action-packed film is overlong by at least 30 minutes. But overall it's that rarest of summer behemoths: a sequel superior to its predecessor. (Rated PG-13)

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (B+)

An instant cult film, the charming if surprisingly toothless "A Prairie Home Companion" takes Garrison Keillor's enduringly popular Minnesota-based National Public Radio program and transforms it into a Robert Altman film. Keillor plays himself, a singer/host/master of ceremonies on an old-timey radio program. He's joined on stage — and for the most part upstaged — by Altman's cast, including Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, John C. Reilly and Lindsay Lohan. Altman's artistic vision is perfectly suited to this backstage comic fable about quirky showbiz characters. But the film is uninspired and conceptually flawed, which is too bad given its genuinely moving valedictory tone. (Rated PG-13)

A SCANNER DARKLY (C+)

Set in near-future Orange County, Calif., this film is a dystopian vision of an Orwellian future in which virtually every American is hooked on a drug known as Substance D (D as in despair, desertion and death), and everyone else is a narc trying to root out the suppliers. Director Richard Linklater rotoscopes his actors (including Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder and Robert Downey Jr.), turning them into crudely animated versions of themselves. The results have a deadening effect. You know what they say about hanging with people who are stoned when you're not. Many viewers of this listless, unpleasant-looking "Scanner" will wish they were on Substance D, too. (Rated R)

STRANGERS WITH CANDY (C-)

In this prequel to the Comedy Central cult TV series, Jerri Blank (Amy Sedaris), a freakishly grimacing, polymorphously perverse 46-year-old ex-junkie, resolves to make up for her "32 years of depravity." She goes back to high school to begin again, and is ostracized by the cool kids and bonds with the losers. At times while watching this, I felt I had been transported to the Epicenter of Unfunny. At others, I was merely bemused by the sound of one person (not me) laughing. (Rated R)

SUPERMAN RETURNS (B-)

Not a bird nor a plane, "Superman Returns" is a misguided missile — a $200 million-plus tribute to a mediocre movie. The film covers much of the same ground as its 1978 predecessor, as Superman (Brandon Routh) attempts to thwart his nemesis, Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey), from killing Superman and submerging the United States under water. The film is kitsch with nostalgic cameos and the biggest stiff in the superhero catalogue. "Superman" has no heart and soul, and the film's best moments are in the trailers everyone has already seen. (Rated PG-13)

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Dickey Betts

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Dickey Betts, one of the most influential guitar players of all time, will perform at the Music Circus on July 25 at 7:30 p.m. Known as one of his most influential guitar players of all time, Betts has mastered a seamless style of lyrical melody and rhythm - marrying country, jazz, blues, and rock into one unparalleled sound. In addition to his virtuoso axe playing, Betts has written such memorable songs as "Revival" and the instrumental tour de force "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed." He also wrote and sang the Allman Brothers' biggest hit, "Ramblin Man." Dickey Betts & Great Southern will perform at the Music Circus along with Kenny Wayne Shepherd. For tickets and information call 617-931-2787, visit the Music Circus box office or www.themusiccircus.org.

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Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Wednesday, July 26

Wild Edible Plant Walk on Thompson Island, Wednesday, July 26, led by environmentalist and wild foods specialist Russ Cohen. Departs EDIC Pier #10, Summer St., Boston, at noon, returning at 4:30 p.m. Boat transportation provided by Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center. For information and to register visit www.bostonislands.com, click programs, search for Incredible Edibles.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth Applicant Information Session, Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., The Beal House, Kingston. Mandatory orientation for residents of Plymouth, Carver, Kingston, Lakeville, Middleboro and Plympton who wish to apply for a new home to be built in Plymouth. Applicants must have a minimum income of $24,500; maximum dependent on family size. HUD guidelines apply. An Equal Housing Opportunity. For more information call the Habitat Office at 508-866-4188 or visit www.hfhplymouth.org.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents its **Free Summer Concert Series** every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water Street near Brewster Gardens. July 26, **Ecstatic** with **Jupiter Ray.**

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, July 26. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, July 27

"What's Stopping Your Success," presentation by sales seminar professional Carl Harvey at the South Shore Women's Business Network Breakfast, Thursday, July 27, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Radisson Hotel, Rockland. $40 in advance, $25 members; $45 at the door, $30 members. To register e-mail SSWBN at info@sswbn.org or call 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org.

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society King Caesar Summer Lecture Series presents **"Preservation of Antique Furniture,"** with Jon Brandon, owner of East coast Conservation Studio in Maine, Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m., King Caesar Barn, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Refreshments served at 10 a.m. For information visit www.duxburyhistory.org. or call 781-934-5730.

Quincy Bay Race Week, for children ages 8 through 16, will take place on the following dates and places: July 27, at 10 a.m., the Inside Line Race (Turnabouts, Optis, 420s and Widgens) will meet at Quincy Yacht Club. July 28, at 10 a.m., the Inside Line Race continues at Wessagusset Yacht Club in Weymouth. July 29, at 1 p.m., Outside Line Race (Thunderbirds, Hustlers, 210s and Rhodes 19) will meet at Wessagusset Yacht Club. July 30, the Outside Line Race continues at 1 p.m. at Squantum Yacht Club in Quincy. For more information about the Inside Line Race, e-mail Kevin Madden at KJM45@aol.com. For information about the Outside Line Race, call Don McGilvary at 617-328-5730. On July 30, 1 p.m., there will be a Big Marine Parade around the Quincy shoreline, starting at Town River Yacht Club.

A Visit with Paul Revere living history program at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Thursday, July 27, 1 to 4 p.m., featuring actor David Connor, who played Paul Revere in the Arts & Entertainment Channel's "Biography" series. Free with museum admission: $3 adults, $2.50 seniors and college students, $1 children ages 5-17.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, July 27, **"Totem,"** rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 27, **Earthbound Misfits** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Blues Jam with Madeleine Hall and Stovall Brown,** Thursday, July 27 at 9:25 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Greg MacAuliffe Acoustic Café,** Thursday, July 27 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Friday, July 28

Discover Archaeology children's program at the historic Winslow House, Webster St., Marshfield, Friday, July 28, 10 a.m. Hands-on activities include making an individual stratigraphy, identifying bones, and a sandbox excavation. Participants bring arrowheads and spearheads for identification. Cost $10 per child. Call 781-837-5953 or e-mail markschmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Boston Children's Theatre 'Plays in the Park' on Georges Island, Friday, July 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. 'The Honorable Urashima Taro" Seaside summer performances at Fort Warren on Georges Island, Boston Harbor. For more details, call 617-424-6634 or visit www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org. Admission is free. Ferry fares to the island are: $12 adult, $9 seniors, $7 kids, children under 3 are free.

"Seussical the Musical" will be performed at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be purchased at the door. For reservations or more information, call 781-826-8550. Tickets are $12 adults, $10 students and seniors.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Michael Feinstein and Linda Eder,** Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, July 28, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, 60s, 70s and 80s music. DJ. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

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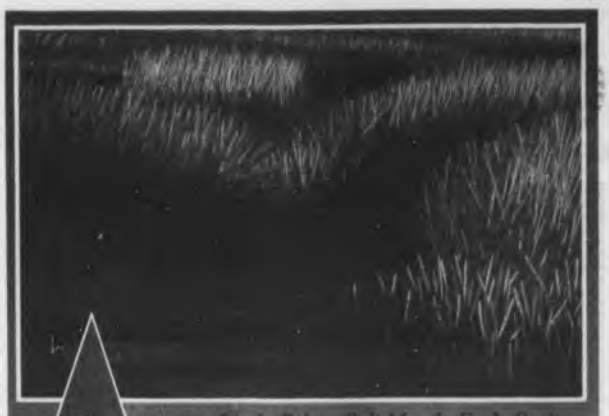

Linda Behar, Salt Marsh, Early Spring

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Massachusetts artist Linda Behar has gained national renown by recreating photographic images in delicately detailed embroidered works. In her solo exhibition, *The Elemental Stitch: Photorealism in Thread*, Behar reassembles work of the last thirteen years and revisits themes of landscapes, travel and still life with new work. More than twenty of these masterful works in miniature, both new pieces and earlier works lent from private collections, are included in the exhibition on display at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton through Oct. 22. The Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street. For more information call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

Linda Behar, Autumn Leaves

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Liz Lannon Band,** Friday, July 28 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Ongoing events

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Power Wheelchairs available. Miracle on Wheels makes electric power wheelchairs available to non-ambulatory senior citizens and the permanently disabled, if they quality. Qualifications include those who are unable to walk and cannot operate a manual wheelchair safely, must be able to operate a joystick and need a doctor's approval and recommendation. For information call 800-749-8778 or visit www.jaspanmedical.com.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone you know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Volunteers

CRANBERRY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. The next volunteer training session will begin on Sept. 18 and last for nine sessions (weekly on Mondays) at Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, from 6:30-9 p.m. Hospice volunteers provide companionship, support and understanding to patients with life-limiting illness and their families. In addition, volunteers offer assistance with day-to-day activities like errands and local transportation. Other opportunities include assistance with clerical tasks in the hospice office and support of fundraising activities. Interested candidates should contact Karen Foster, volunteer coordinator, at 508-830-2762.

VOLUNTEER AT THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Volunteers needed to work at the front desk for the first Wednesday and the third and fourth Saturdays of each month from 1-4 p.m. For more information, call Dottie Collins at 781-934-0601.

BECOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER. Volunteer and share some time with a great kid. Ride a bike, play a video game or catch a movie. Call 888-412-BIGS or visit www.bigbrotherbigsisters.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - TWO HOURS A WEEK. Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to play with children living in domestic violence, teen parent, family homeless shelters in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth Counties. Just two hours of your time can make a lifetime of difference for the children in these shelters. A commitment of six months and attendance at one of our trainings are required. Next training in Brockton, Aug. 7 and 8 from 6-9 p.m. Contact Nicole Schwartz at 508-999-9454 or email: nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org for information and application, or fill one out online at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

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Parking Dispute

MBTA, town at odds over spaces

By Mary Ford
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Town officials had hoped to meet with the MBTA Wednesday afternoon to talk about municipal parking and take a walk around the town parking lot so all involved could visualize the situation.

But the MBTA sent word — and followed up with a letter — that it would not participate, preferring to have the issue discussed in executive session because it could involve future litigation.

What is at stake is the future of 21 parking spaces, which the town says the MBTA agreed to build in its Greenbush mitigation agreement with the town.

The mitigation agreement provides for 182 spaces and the MBTA is installing 161, including about 30 in the former "Roy lot," a parcel of land across Pleasant Street.

The MBTA, which is building the Greenbush Line through town, says a 2003 letter from then Town Manager Mark Haddad is binding. The letter stated parking along the former ABB Optical building could be used to make up the spaces.

Haddad's letter was apparently sent without the selectmen's knowledge or approval, and has put the town in both an embarrassing and difficult position.

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Fire Lt. Bob Protulis carries the pinky schooner up the ladder of the fire truck to where it will be installed as part of the new weathervane for the Cohasset Historical Society, which is housed in the Pratt building on South Main Street. Capt. Bob Silvia, at the top of the ladder, secures the base.

Weathervane raising

The Cohasset Fire Department installed the new weathervane on the Cohasset Historical Society's Pratt Library building on Saturday morning.

The vane replaces the old mackerel weathervane, which is atop the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road.

The new Cohasset Historical Society weathervane depicts a pinky schooner, the Lady Washington, a 52-ton vessel built in Cohasset in 1817 by Levi Tower. The schooner was one of the first of Cohasset's mackerel fleet, which at one point landed 17,000 barrels of mackerel making the town the fourth fishing port in Massachusetts, next only to Boston, Gloucester, and Wellfleet.

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Onlookers applaud, including Hamilton Tewksbury, far left, as the final touches are put on the new weathervane at the top of the historical society's Pratt building.

Flood of stormwater issues

By Mary Ford
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"I would like to see the town think of new ways of dispersing stormwater and get it out of our larger bodies of water."
— Karen Quigley, Harbor Health Committee

Water Commissioner John McNabb organized a summit Tuesday evening that tried to get its arms around the issue of what to do about stormwater and the pollution it often carries along with it.

To that end, joining McNabb at the table were representatives from the Harbor Health Committee, Planning Board, and Water Resources Protection Committee, and Board of Health, along with a consultant to the Water Commission.

In the audience were concerned citizens, including some Hull residents, and environmental officials from Coastal Zone Management, a state agency.

What came out of the meeting was the need to establish a Stormwater Management Committee and a sense of urgency that the different boards, along with state agencies, needed to look more "globally" at the issue.

Jim Kinch of the Water Resources Protection Committee noted while each committee had a piece of the issue, it was critical that the big picture be in focus. He said the common thread resonating in the community is the concern about maintaining the town's character without destroying its natural resources in light of increasing development.

The "Mothers Day Flood", along with the wet spring and early summer did little to boost confidence that flood control measures and drainage systems in town are doing their job, the officials said.

An Elm Street woman in the audience described the recent overflow of the sewer treatment plant and subsequent pollution of Jacobs Meadow. She said the health department found alarming levels of fecal coliform and enterococci in her backyard, where her kids run and play.

"My kids splashed in those puddles," she said. "It's scary."

She also questioned how more homes, such as the Little Harbor neighborhood, could safely be connected to the town's sewer system that can overflow during a heavy rain event.

Karen Quigley of the Harbor Health Committee struck a chord with other members of the panel when she talked about looking at new ways to handle stormwater runoff. Traditionally stormwater is funneled through drains into the harbor and ocean, carrying its pollution problems along with it. Pollution can range from animal waste, to oil and gasoline washed from paved roads.

"I would like to see the town think of new ways of dispersing stormwater and get it out of our larger bodies of water," she explained.

The term "subsurface infiltration" sounds complicated but essentially means allowing stormwater to be absorbed back into the ground which filters it before recharging the ground water, and subsequently the watershed.

"We would not have a problem if we weren't bringing all the stormwater into Jacobs Meadow," Quigley said.

Mark Brennan, who is a town liaison to the Greenbush and village projects, said the town also needs to maintain its catchbasins, which can play an important role in controlling pollution.

In Cohasset, which is rocky and does not have good soil conditions in many areas, much of the drainage is directed to Jacobs Meadow, which flows to the harbor. Tide gates control the flow

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Slushy stand savvy

9-year-old runs business

By Austin Breslow
CORRESPONDENT

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Christian Cunnie, 9, has made a name for himself selling frosties at the Cohasset Farmers Market.

When life handed 9-year-old Christian Cunnie lemons, he made lemonade. When life handed him a slushy-making machine, he made a business. Yes, Christian Cunnie enjoys responsibility and commitment and, to him, "work" is practically "play."

His father, Michael Cunnie, remembers, "As strange as it sounds, Christian has always liked to 'work'. As a small child, Christian liked to pretend he was a carpenter or a policeman, and he always asked his [mother and I] to 'work with him'."

Needless to say, Christian demonstrates a drive that is unique for his age group. At three, he began to fervently offer to help around the house. He would assist with cooking, cleaning, and doing laundry. Just a few summers ago, while most of his friends were spending their vacations at the beach or at camp, Christian asked for his parents' permission to start selling lemonade in their front yard. Christian explains, "When

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PICTURE THIS/Ryan White and Martha Henderson

PHOTO/MARY FORD

This week, the Mariner caught up with Ryan White and Martha Henderson at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Names: Ryan White and Martha Henderson.

Occupation: Senior sailing instructor (Ryan). Head instructor, Cohasset Sailing Club (Martha).

Best day of your life: Graduating from high school (Ryan). The day I left for college (Martha).

Best vacation: Going to Chicago to see the Sox play the Cubs (Ryan). Backpacking solo through Europe (Martha).

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Ryan). Fourth of July (Martha).

Favorite meal : Steak tips (Ryan). DiNero's chicken and tortellini pesto (Martha).

Best book: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (Ryan). "Catcher in the Rye" (Martha).

Best movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean" (Ryan). "Wedding Crashers" (Martha).

Best TV show: "House" (Ryan). "Friends" (Martha).

Pet peeve: Litter (Ryan). Unmotivated people (Martha).

Most memorable moment: Winning my first regatta (Ryan). Stepping foot in the Mediterranean for the first time (Martha).

Goal: To become an engineer (Ryan). To be a daily newspaper reporter (Martha).

Person I'd most like to meet: George Washington (Ryan). Manny Ramirez (Martha).

Biggest worry: Not fulfilling my potential (Ryan). Unemployment after my college graduation in May (Martha).

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor (Ryan). The harbor and waterfront (Martha).

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Fri. 28	1:52	9.3	2:24	8.5	8:04	0.4	8:15	1.1
Sunrise: 5:32 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:07 p.m.*			
Sat. 29	2:32	9.0	3:01	8.5	8:41	0.6	8:57	1.1
Sunrise: 5:33a.m.					*Sunset: 8:06p.m.*			
Sun. 30	3:14	8.7	3:40	8.5	9:20	0.8	9:41	1.2
Sunrise: 5:34 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:05 p.m.*			
Mon. 31	3:57	8.4	4:21	8.5	10:00	1.1	10:27	1.3
Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:04 p.m.*			
Tues. 1	4:42	8.0	5:04	8.5	10:34	1.4	11:16	1.4
Sunrise: 5:36 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:02 p.m.*			
Wed. 2	5:31	7.7	5:51	8.5	11:29	1.6	—	—
Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:01 p.m.*			
Thurs. 3	6:24	7.5	6:41	8.6	12:08	1.4	12:19	1.8
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Two more 3A accidents on Monday morning

By Mary Ford
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Police responded to two accidents on Route 3A Tuesday morning — the second crash occurring shortly after the first one.

At 8:04 a.m. Tuesday (July 25), the dispatch center received multiple calls about a head-on accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Crocker Lane.

The elderly driver of a 1990 Dodge Caravan was traveling northbound when he attempted to make a left into the doctor's office at 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

Witnesses said, and police investigation confirmed, he failed to yield to southbound traffic and was hit head-on by a Jeep that was traveling at 45 m.p.h., police said.

Both drivers, the 79-year-old Cohasset man driving the Caravan, and the driver of the Jeep which was out of Hull were transported by Cohasset ambulance to South Shore Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The Cohasset man was issued a citation for failure to yield to the right of way on a state highway; failure to use caution when turning on a state highway; and seatbelt violation.

Police said the Cohasset man had injuries including facial lacerations consistent with not wearing a seatbelt.

Both vehicles appeared to be totaled.

The accident was not age-related, police said, but had more to do with careless driving.

The crash caused complete gridlock on Route 3A for about 50 minutes. Police directed traffic around the accident scene. They also had to wait for MassHighway to clean up an oil spill that was the result of the accident.

"We chose not to detour 3A traffic and kept it moving as best we could," Sgt. William Quigley said.

At about 9 that same morning, a second accident — a chain reaction, rear-end collision — occurred in front of Sunrise Assisted Living. Dispatch received multiple calls about the three-car accident, Sgt. William Quigley said.

Cohasset police, fire and the Hull ambulance responded; the Cohasset ambulance was out of town with the victims of the earlier crash.

Traffic was still slowed due to the first accident when a Lexus SUV stopped in the northbound lane due to the congestion. The next car behind the Lexus, a 2005 Honda Pilot SUV slowed to stop when it was hit by a 2001 GMC SUV that pushed the Honda into the Lexus.

The driver of the GMC, a 43-year-old Norwell woman was transported to the hospital with back and neck injuries. Both the Honda and the GMC were towed from the scene.

The Norwell woman was cited for following too close on a state highway.

Multiple incidents of vandalism reported

During the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 26, vandals slashed the tires on approximately 15 motor vehicles from all over town. Three of these vehicles were student transport vans owned by the Town of Cohasset School Department.

Owners of vehicles from Cedar Street, North Main Street, King Street and Beechwood Street reported that when they awoke they found that an unknown person(s) had entered their driveways and flattened their tires. Some vehicles had damage to one tire and others had damage to two tires.

The student transport vans, which are owned by the Cohasset School Department, were parked at the town DPW facility on Cedar Street when the damage occurred.

In addition to the slashed tires, a Jerusalem Road resident reported that her mailbox was maliciously set on fire during the night. Two other mailboxes in town were smashed.

These incidents are under investigation by the Cohasset Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Any person with information regarding these criminal acts is urged to call the Cohasset Police Department's anonymous tip line at 781-383-1055, ext. 1050, or send an anonymous email to info@cohassetpolice.com.

Go-cart heist

At 9:50 p.m., Wednesday (July 26) a passing motorist called the station about seeing two youths attempting to steal a go-kart from Joseph's Hardware on Route 3A . Police said there have been a couple of prior go-kart thefts from Joseph's; the vehicles were later found in the woods.

When police arrived at the scene Wednesday night, two boys were seen running into the woods between Joseph's and Majestic Auto.

K-9 units from Hull and Weymouth were called in to assist but lost the trail in the woods due to heavy brush and thorns, police said.

The police officer, who got a good look at the youths, described as being in their mid-teens, will work with the detectives to try and identify the suspects.

Overzealous PI

A private investigator dressed in camouflage, who fled from the scene, caused a stir on Woodland Drive last Wednesday (July 19), police said.

The subject, who was working for a Private Investigation firm and was dressed in full camouflage, parked his vehicle on Woodland Drive and went into the woods between houses to video a person working in the area.

When people saw him, he apparently became concerned and ran from the scene with his backpack, leaving his car behind. A 9-1-1 caller alerted police about the suspicious activity.

Police responded and checked the vehicle, which was registered out of East Longmeadow. Not knowing if the car was stolen or what the subject had been involved in, police then requested the State Police K-9 unit for assistance.

But within a half hour and before the K-9 unit arrived, the private investigator returned to his car with his boss, whom he had telephoned and was also working in the vicinity.

The officers at the scene, including the detective sergeant, interviewed the private investigators and determined they were legit, The K-9 unit was cancelled.

"Private investigators usually check in with us first and that was not the case here," Sgt. William Quigley said. "They were brought up to speed about how they should conduct their business in Cohasset."

Dog incident

A man walking in Wompatuck State Park by the Doane Street gate on Saturday morning (July 22) called police after he was menaced by a woman's dogs that were off the leash.

The man, who had had recent surgery on his leg, was nervous when the dogs charge toward him, so he kicked one of the dogs.

The dog's owner became angry and threatened him, he told police.

The responding officers spoke to the man and the Environmental Police who have jurisdiction in the State Park. The woman later called police and complained about the man who kicked her dog.

According to the Environmental Police, dogs in that part of Wompatuck are required to be leashed.

Cohasset police turned the matter over to the Environmental Police and notified the Animal Control Officer.

The dog was not seriously hurt and the man was not bitten. There was no deliberate animal cruelty, Sgt. William Quigley said. "The man was just trying to protect himself."

Snake in the kitchen

A garter snake caused a stir at JJ's Dairy Hut last Friday evening. Police got a call about 7:15 p.m. about a snake in the

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The late Harry A. Trask of Cohasset, then a news photographer for the Boston Traveler, won the Pulitzer Prize for the series of photos he took of the sinking of the Andrea Doria. For more, see pages 26 & 27.

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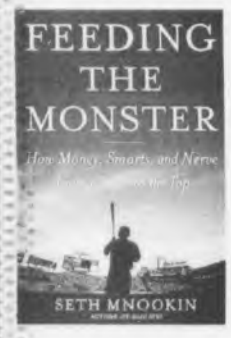

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COURTSEY PHOTO

FF/Paramedic John Dockray assists an elderly Cohasset man following a head-on crash Monday on Route 3A near Crocker Lane.

Two more 3A accidents on Monday morning

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kitchen of the popular ice cream shop. Police who dispatched to the scene could not find the snake that had apparently gone into hiding. However, descriptions were consistent with the creature being a garter snake. Another call from JJ's came in about 30 minutes later saying the snake had reappeared. JJ's was told to call an exterminator or a wildlife removal service.

Erratic driver

Police said a walk-in at the station told police he had followed an erratic driver from Weymouth to a house on Border Street. Police went to the house but were unable to contact the driver.

"Motorists who see an erratic driver should call 9-1-1 on their cell phones which will be routed to the nearest police station," Sgt. William Quigley said. "That way police can catch the person while the incident is happening."

Seasonal officers

Cohasset police hire five summer special officers who work from May 1 to Sept. 15. The summer program has been in place since 1995 and frees up the regular officers from having to deal with all the parking complaints during the summer months.

The special officers patrol Parker Avenue, Government Island, Sandy Beach and the village for parking violations; they also patrol the Mill and Cunningham bridges for jumpers. They are paid $14 an hour and usually work Friday through Sunday.

The special police officers are certified to carry a firearm, receive 200 hours of training through the Reserve Intermittent Police Academy, and are first responders in first aid and CPR trained.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. To register or for information call 781-383-9112.

Volunteers — Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for kitchen assistants this summer to help serve meals to elders on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Center.

Also needed are volunteer van drivers to take seniors on scheduled morning shopping trips, to the Center for congregate meals, medical trips and programs. Town van provided.

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs volunteer Coordinator, Martha Horsefield, at 718-383-9112 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior water aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday, through Aug 17, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., Cohasset Swim Center, $3. Call 781-383-9463.

St. Stephen's Bells – Free concert, Sundays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Farmer's market – Cohasset Common, Thursdays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., through October.

Cruise and dine evening – Wednesday, Aug. 16, 3:15 p.m., leave St. Anthony's parking lot. Back by popular demand. Boat through Boston Harbor arriving at the Chart House for dinner. Great fun, nice discount for Cohasset seniors. Call CEA for information.

Celebrating cancer survivors, TBA in August – at the Farmers' Market on the Cohasset Common. Welcome 13-year-old Sir Stephanie the Strong, from Bronx, N.Y., a young knight from the Magical Moon Army battling cancer, who will bring awareness and contributions to help others with cancer. Donna Green's Magical Moon Painted Cow will be at Christopher Columbus Park in Boston through Sept 10. After lunch, seniors will make ribbons to sell at the event. Visit www.boston.cowparade.com.

ONGOING ACTIVITES

Fitness and dance – line dancing – Starting in Sept. 9 to 10 a.m., $3 Instructor: Nancy Kramer. Need six to start. Call 383-9112.

Senior dance – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., $3, in CEA's Pink Room. Instructor Karen Kirkendall offers back-to-basics dance aerobics. Call CEA.

Arthritis exercise class – Fridays, 9:30 a.m., $3. Guided exercise with occupational therapist Paula Luoma, for people with moderate problems affecting movement.

CLASSES AND HOBBIES

Second Friday Book Club – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Senior Center. Lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie. Call Addie McGrath at 781-383-0952 for information and to register.

Bridge lessons – Mondays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. Improve your game. Call 508-746-8715.

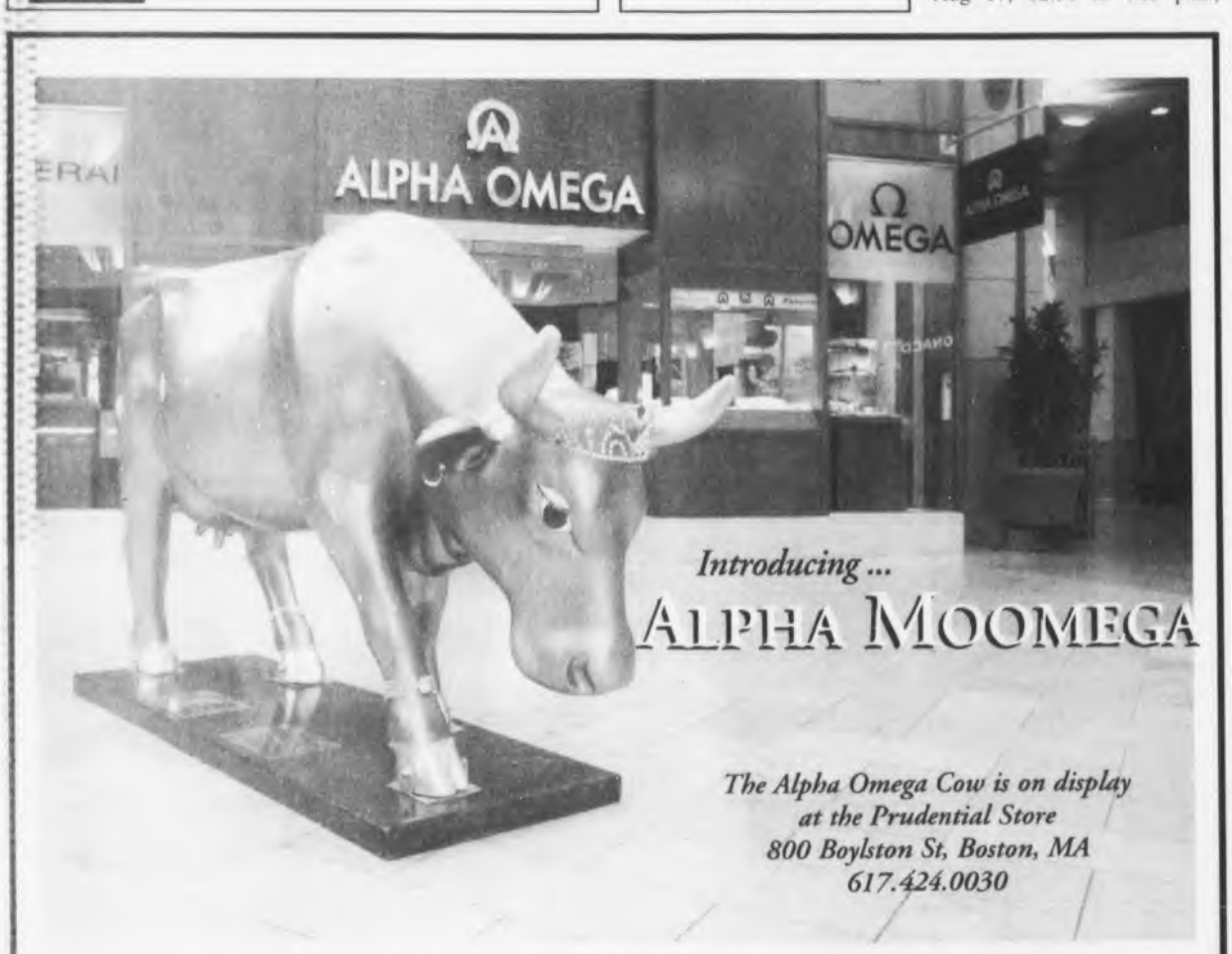
ACBL Bridge – Mondays, 12:15 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play against peers. Refreshments start at 11:15 a.m. Open to all. Call instructor Bill Wennerberg at 508-746-8715.

Drop-in Bridge – Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Held at the Senior Center. Open to the public. Registration not required.

Anna's Gourmet Club – first and third Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to make a delightful meal. Basic fee $20, plus $5 per class. Limited enrollment. Call CEA to register.

Men's Chanticleers – Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m., breakfast club for men only. Meet at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. No dues or charges, just the cost of food. Other events include day trips, evening dining and overnights for the cost of room and meals. Transportation available. To sign up call Lloyd Prescott at 781-544-3626.

Computer training – Starting Sept 12: Tuesdays, 2:30 to 3 p.m. Individual instruction with Austin Breslow, no fee. Call CEA to schedule an appointment.



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Hike in state aid earmarked for schools

By Mary Ford
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Selectmen and Town Manager Bill Griffin support increasing the school budget by about $207,000, which is the *net* increase in "state aid" the town will receive in fiscal 2007.

Of the $401,466 total increase in state aid over fiscal 2006 — of which $332,000 is in Chapter 70 funds — increases in state assessments will eat up $194,423 of that, leaving $207,043, officials say.

Chapter 70, lottery and the other state aid accounts are considered general receipts of the town and are not specifically targeted to any one department.

However, Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said the Legislature was quite specific that when it added to Chapter 70 funds the money should go to the schools.

"Although the town is not obligated to give the money to the schools, we would be remiss if we did not," said Dormitzer. He noted part of the formula determining the amount of Chapter 70 aid is based on school population.

An affirmative vote at the fall Special Town Meeting would be needed to increase the school budget.

The news is good for the schools in light of last spring's failed Prop. 2-1/2 overrides.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the money would be used to replace retiring teachers.

"The School Committee has already instructed the Superintendent to move forward with the replacement of retirees' positions rather than cut these positions as part of the $1.2 million in reductions," MacCarthy said, explaining the cuts were needed to bring the school budget into balance with the Town Meeting appropriation.

"Therefore, the additional Chapter 70 state aid will need to be utilized toward salaries for fiscal 2007," she said adding the School Committee appreciates the support shown by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Bill Griffin.

According to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who represents Cohasset and seven other towns, the old formula for Chapter 70 funds was unfair to towns like Cohasset that saw explosive growth in property values after the Education Reform Act was passed some 13 years ago.

The Legislature has now "tweaked" the formula, benefiting Cohasset and other communities where property valuations disproportionately exceed income levels, he said.

"This formula is designed to correct the historic inequities that have disadvantaged certain communities for many years," Hedlund said.

Under the plan, the amount of state Chapter 70 assistance delivered to each district would assign equal weight to aggregate income and aggregate property wealth.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who represents Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and one precinct in North Scituate, said while he is happy local aid figures are going up, he will continue to advocate for a bigger overhaul of the Chapter 70 funding formula so it is more equitable.

While the Chapter 70 news was good, on the other side of the equation are assessments, which are also on the rise, and are subtracted from the town's total local aid number.

For example, the state pays 90 percent of retired teachers' health insurance premiums that are then billed back to the town as "assessments" and deducted from the town's local aid figure. In other words, the town reimburses the state for the cost of providing a life and health insurance plan for retired municipal teachers. The retired teachers' co-payment is 10 percent, which is subtracted from his or her pension payment.

Because of a large number of newly retired teachers in Cohasset, the assessment for retired teachers' health insurance premiums is going up 34.24 percent from $544,229 in fiscal 2006 to $730,560 in fiscal 2007. That means $730,560 — or $186,331 more than last year — will be deducted from Cohasset's total local aid.

When adding in other offsets and assessments, Cohasset's net local aid increase will be $207,043.

In addition to retired teachers' health insurance premiums, other assessments include: MBTA ($144,030 up almost $5,000); Mosquito Control Project ($30,158 up $293) and Registry of Motor Vehicles non-renewal surcharge ($6240 up $840).

Cohasset will receive a total of $1,552,631 in Chapter 70 funding in fiscal 2007.

** Retired teachers health insurance is provided through the state's Group Insurance Commission, while retired town employees stay on the town's health insurance plan until they reach 65. The difference is while retired town employees continue to have 69 percent of the premium for a family plan paid by the Town until age 65, the retired teachers have 90 percent of the premium paid by the state (and then charged to the town). That is because the state through the Group Insurance Commission pays 90 percent of the premium for other state employees.*

About Chapter 70

- The Chapter 70 program is the major program of state aid to public elementary and secondary schools. In addition to providing state aid to support school operations, it also establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.
- Cohasset will receive a total of $1,552,627 in fiscal 2007 Chapter 70 aid, a 27.7 percent increase or $332,000 over fiscal 2006.
- The town will receive a total increase of $401,466 in state aid, including Chapter 70 funds. But state assessments are going up by $194,423 – leaving a net increase of $207,043.

Town Hall offices swap their staff

By Samantha Brown
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Some employees at Town Hall must feel as if they are in a big game of musical chairs. With the loss of the override this past spring, money has been tight for the town and some staff members are doubling up their duties, covering the offices for more than one department at a time.

Currently the new administrative assistant for the Planning Board is also putting in hours in the Building Department office. Soon the administrative assistant to the Sewer Commission will also be putting in hours in the Building Department. The assistant in the Board of Health office currently doubles as the assistant to the Sewer Commission, but that will soon change.

In the meantime the town is managing without a Town Planner. Liz Harrington, who worked part-time, resigned in May to accept a position in another town.

Town Manager Bill Griffin explained without the override, only $10,000 is available to fund the position.

"We have $10,000 in the budget for it, which doesn't even get us a full day," he said, adding the override would have added $10,000 more for the position. Voters rejected both a $725,000 and a $1.495 million Proposition 2-1/2 override last spring.

"Losing that vote really affected us," he said. "If I had $20,000, things would be different."

Moving forward, not having a planner is an issue Griffin said must be addressed. Recently, Griffin said Planning Board member Peter Pratt and Selectman Fred Koed were approached by a member of the Hull Planning Board at a meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to see if the town would be willing to share a Town Planner. Hull is currently in the process of interviewing and selecting a new town planner.

"They're getting closer to making a selection," said Griffin, adding once Hull has made its decision, Cohasset would have the opportunity to meet with the new hire and, subject to review of qualifications, decide whether the person would be interested in working for Cohasset on a part-time basis.

"We are keeping that $10,000 budget money and are trying to find someone to provide town planner services on a contractual basis to the town," Griffin said.

But for now, Griffin said Town Hall is making due.

The Planning Board's administrative assistant, Jo-Ann Pilczak is working 27 hours for the planning board and eight in the building department. Sandra Murray, who had run the building commissioner's office for 23 years, recently retired.

"This way, we're not closing the doors as often" without anyone to run the offices, Griffin said.

Murray, who worked 21 hours a week, served the building department office and processed Zoning Board of Appeals applications.

Eight of those hours have been shifted to Pilczak; four will be added to the new sewer department administrative assistant to help Pilczak deal with the two offices (planning and building).

The responsibility for ZBA administration has been shifted to Jennifer Oram in the Selectmen's office.

Tara Tradd is being split between her duties in the Board of Health office and the Sewer Commission office, but not for long. Griffin said the demands are so great for the Board of Health that the town is hiring a new Sewer Commission administrative assistant. The money for the 15 hours for Sewer Commission administrative assistant position is included in the sewer budget and comes out of the sewer enterprise fund, not taxation. Whoever fills the sewer position will also spend four hours in the building office, as mentioned earlier.

"It's like a chess game," said Griffin, adding the problem of not having enough staff "is an issue we will need to address in the future."

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AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

GOOD NEWS!

Hey Cohasset. How is everyone doing this week? There are a lot of proud people to write about in the column between school announcements and a new baby girl, etc. Keep sending in news and information, it is all wonderful to read and hear about.

BABY GIRL

Congratulations are in order for **Daniel and Sheryl (Saef) Stone** of Mashpee (Sheryl was formerly a Cohasset resident and a 1994 CHS grad) as they welcomed **Abigail Patricia Stone** to their family. Abigail was born on April 14, 2006 at South Shore Hospital. She arrived at 11:04 a.m. weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 18 inches long. Abigail has a big brother named and her grandparents are **George and Patricia Saef** of Hull and **Thomas and Kathleen Stone** of Scituate. Welcome to the world little one!

'CINDERELLA' ON STAGE

Don't miss your chance to be swept away by the enchanting story of "Cinderella" presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club and the Cohasset Recreation Department's Summer Drama Workshop from Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 6. The cast of 34 consists entirely of young people, ages 7 to 18, and hailing from Cohasset, Scituate and Hanover. Everyone is particularly excited about this production as it brings to life Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's original story and musical score, and in which Julie Andrews originated the role of Cinderella onstage. The ensemble has been rehearsing 3-4 evenings a week since mid-June, while also participating in educational drama workshops on vocal training, how to prepare to audition for a show, staging and stage direction, improvisation and sound and lighting effects. The show takes place at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Show times are Friday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, and are available at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Front Street Books, Scituate, or by calling 617-697-2115.

OUT OF BEIRUT

There's one happy and relieved grandmother in Cohasset. **Katherine Stanton's** granddaughter **Andrea Stanton** made it safely out of Beirut by taxi to Damascus,,Syria on Saturday the 14th. She told of her exploits on Time's World Website on Sunday the 23rd. Andrea is a doctoral candidate of Columbia University, studying Modern Middle East History and has spent 3 years in the region. Andrea is the daughter of **Jerry and Darlene Stanton** of Waukee, Iowa. Welcome Home, Andrea, everyone is so happy that you are safe and sound!

MASSASOIT

Massasoit announced the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester and **Alexander D. Barnes** of Cohasset was on that list. Good job.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Congratulations to **Leslie Thornton** who received a bachelor of arts in international studies with a focus on international peace and conflict resolution, and Spanish and Latin American studies from American University's School of International Service in May 2006. Leslie is the daughter of **Helene and Gregory Thornton** and is a 2001 graduate of the South Shore Charter School.

NEW GRADUATE

Michael McMillen recently graduated from the New England Institute of Art with an associate in science degree in audio production.

UVM DEGREES

University of Vermont recently awarded degrees to local students: **Connor R. Avery**, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences. **Whitney T. Cook**, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental studies in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Sylvie A. Manning** received a bachelor of sciences in art education in the College of Education and Social Services. **Matthew J. Pescatore** received a Bachelor of Science degree in community and international development in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Great work to all!

EARNED BA

Daniel Steele of Cohasset was among those awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in sport management during Saint Leo University's commencement in May.

BC GRADUATES

Boston College graduates include: **Caroline Carter** with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and math/computer science; **Gregory Donovan** with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; **Cara Foley** with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication; **Alexander Johnston** with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing; **Daniel Littauer** with a Bachelor of Arts degree *cum laude* in theology and philosophy; **Robinson Murphy** with a Bachelor of Science degree *magna cum laude* in English and philosophy; and **Kelly Stone** with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

OFF TO UT

David Silvia, son of **Don and Jennifer Silvia** of Cohasset, graduated recently from Bridgton Academy, in Bridgton, Maine. David, who is a member of the academy's golf team, also served as an admission ambassador. He earned high honors during the first semester, and honors during the second semester. David will attend the University of Tennessee.

GOLF MARATHON

Tyler Smith of the Cohasset Golf Club will play in the Ouimet Fund's Golf Marathon XIV at Stow Acres Country Club on Aug. 9. Fundraisers and players have begun fundraising campaigns for the Marathon in support of the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, which is considered, "The Golf Charity of Massachusetts." The Marathon is a fund-raising event in which golfers, clubs and organizations in Massachusetts play a minimum of 100 holes of golf or more in one day at Stow Acres. Players and fundraisers solicit pledges contributions in support of their efforts on behalf of The Fund. The event is America's Largest Golf Marathon and has held that title for the past 13 years. In 2005, 48 golf clubs, individuals and organizations raised over $300,000 for The Fund. Contact the Ouimet Fund at 774-430-9090 for further information.

DEAN'S LIST

Hats off to **Laura Marks**, daughter of **Dave and Kathy Marks** for being named to the dean's list at Emmanuel College for the spring 2006 semester with a 3.75 GPA. Congratulations Laura!

Christopher Clark, a junior next fall at Emmanuel College in Boston was named on the Spring 2006 dean's List for a GPA of 3.6. Chris is a Global Studies major and plans to spend a semester next year in Prague. Chris also plays soccer for the Emmanuel Saints and is looking forward to the fall season. Chris' very proud parents are **Melissa and Douglas Clark**. Great job Chris.

That is it for this week. Make sure to send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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ENGAGEMENT

Jennifer Doyle and Christopher Grant

Doyle – Grant

Jennifer Doyle, the daughter of Justin and Jeanne Doyle of Hull, and Christopher Grant, the son of Terry and Donna Grant of Plymouth, have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hull High School, and is employed as office manager for the Cohasset Police Department.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth North High School, and is employed as assistant supervisor of emergency 9-1-1 dispatch for the Cohasset Police and Fire Departments.

A May 2007 wedding is planned.

'Fancy Nancy Soiree'

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, will host a Fancy Nancy Soiree on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Buttonwood. This is an author-less event celebrating the book "Fancy Nancy" by Jane O'Connor, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser.

"Fancy Nancy" is a book about a little girl who loves to be fancy. She loves fancy clothes, fancy words ("everything in French sounds fancy") and fancy accessories. Why dress in yellows and blues when you can wear fuchsia and magenta? Nancy's perfect accessoire is a boa draped around her shoulders, sparkly shoes and lots of glitter. Her room is adrift in a sea of fluff and flounce. Unfortunately, her mère, père and soeur are not fancy. Nancy decides they need a fancy night out and Betsey has agreed to help.

Come to Buttonwood in boas and tiaras, and fancy schmancy clothes, and help Nancy show her family what glitz is all about. There will be a reading of the tome, (a fancy word for book), learn to speak French (bonjour and merci), some fancy activities and the pièce de résistance, parfaits (that is French for ice cream sundaes).

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Cinderella is coming to Cohasset

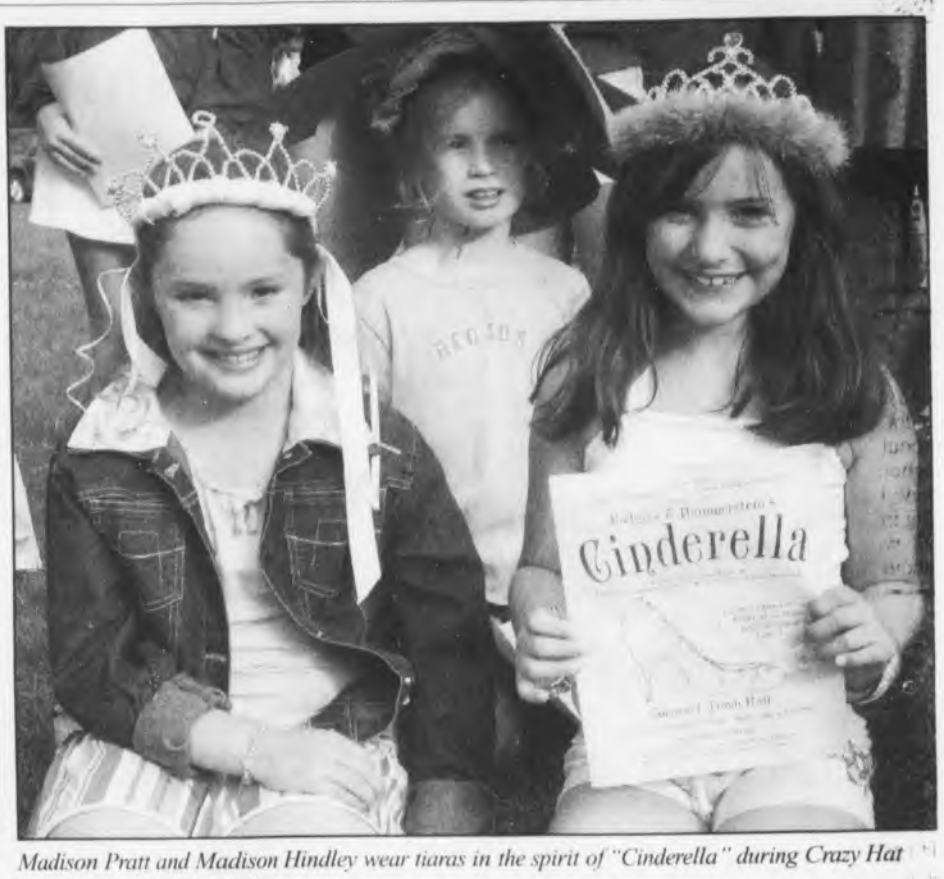
Members of the cast of the Cohasset Dramatic Club and Cohasset Recreation Department's Summer Drama Workshop take a break from their rehearsal schedule for their annual "Crazy Hat Day," or more aptly to suit this year's performance, "Crazy Crown Day!"

You see, this summer's production, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 4 through Sunday, Aug. 6 is the enchanting Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," in which Julie Andrews originated the title role onstage as a teenager herself. The cast is made up of kids ages 7 to 18 hailing from Cohasset, Scituate and Hanover.

They have been rehearsing three to four evenings a week since mid-June, while also participating in educational drama workshops on vocal training, how to prepare to audition for a show, staging and stage direction, improvisation and sound and lighting effects. It has been a fun-filled learning experience for all, and the result is a wonderful production with full costumes, music and the traditional story suitable for families of all ages. The show takes place at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium on Friday (Aug. 4) at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday (Aug. 5) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday (Aug. 6) at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, and are available at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Front Street Books, Scituate, or by calling (617) 697-2115.

Staff photos by Elsa Allen

Emily Badger and Chris Barba, as Cinderella and Prince Charming, head out with the rest of the cast to publicize the upcoming production.



Madison Pratt and Madison Hindley wear tiaras in the spirit of "Cinderella" during Crazy Hat Day at the Farmer's Market.

The "Cinderella" cast performs songs from the show at the Cohasset Farmers Market.

Taylor Fredrick, 9, sports her crazy, beach-themed hat as she passes out flyers for the upcoming "Cinderella" production by the Summer Drama Workshop.

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MBTA parking dispute is a 'lot' of headaches

FROM PARKING, PAGE 1

The problem is the ABB site — now James Brook Crossing, a group of shops — is privately owned and its parking area is not available for additional municipal parking, selectmen say,

The parking space dispute is close to reaching a stalemate with selectmen saying they are unwilling to budge and will hold the MBTA to its promise of providing a total of 182 spaces, the number the MBTA agreed to in the mitigation agreement.

Selectmen say the mitigation agreement should carry more legal weight than Haddad's letter and that a reduction of 15 percent in parking spaces qualifies as a "material change."

Adequate parking is seen as a critical component to the continued vitality of Cohasset Village, where a new "streetscape" is in place.

In order to provide the additional parking in the town lot, the MBTA would have to blast some ledge on a town-owned acre of land behind the Red Lion Inn. The project could cost as much as $220,000.

Money, selectmen believe, is the crux of the issue.

However, selectmen stressed Wednesday that either way the MBTA would have to spend the money. The only way to get the additional parking from the former ABB site would be through a "land taking." The Haddad letter and accompanying map also showed a road between Pleasant Street to Smith Place that the MBTA would install. Selectmen estimate the land-taking and road construction could cost as much as the ledge removal for the additional parking in the town lot.

"This is an issue that is very important to the town."
— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

But with its July 26 letter postponing the powwow with Cohasset officials, the MBTA threw the ball back in the town's court.

Selectmen' Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, who made it clear he preferred the meeting be held in open session, said the board needed to find out from Town Counsel if an executive session would qualify under the state Open Meeting Law. The Open Meeting Law allows several narrow exemptions that include discussing strategy regarding pending litigation.

"This is an issue that is very important to the town," Dormitzer said. "I don't think we can presuppose litigation — it is not about litigation, it is about resolution."

But Selectman Gary Vanderweil said all efforts should go toward meeting with the MBTA as soon as possible. He said if an executive session is legal, then the town should agree to meet with the MBTA in closed session.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would ask Town Counsel to look into the legality of conducting the meeting in executive session.

In any case, there was a consensus among the board that if the MBTA had legal counsel at the meeting — which is dubbed "Second Stage Formal Dispute Resolution" — then the town should also have its lawyer present.

Al Bangert from Scituate was on hand Wednesday to share some "Scituate stories" about that town's dealings with the MBTA including issues in North Scituate. Although he phrased his words cautiously, he summed it up by saying "if I am painting a picture of the MBTA as uncooperative — then I'm using the right colors."

Selectmen will first determine if the meeting with the MBTA can be held in executive session. They also said they would prefer to have the MBTA come to Cohasset to meet where officials could conduct a site visit.

If the second stage dispute resolution fails, the town could go to court, a process that could take years. The downtown merchants also have the right to enter into arbitration with the MBTA over the parking issue.

The dispute of the parking spaces is unlikely to hold up the train, which is expected to start service in late 2007.

Flood of storm-water issues

FROM FLOOD, PAGE 1

into the harbor. If there is an extreme rain coupled with a high tide, then there is no place for the water to go and Jacobs Meadow fills up, literally backing up into people's yards and through storm drains into parts of the village and other areas.

There was also concern expressed at the meeting about whether the MBTA, which is governed by state environmental regulations, is doing enough to control and direct drainage related to the Greenbush project. Greenbush liaisons Brennan and Tom Gruber said they are continuing to look at the facts relating to the train.

Another area of concern raised by several Hull residents in attendance was Straits Pond and Cohasset housing developments that add to the runoff there, polluting that water body.

Peter Pratt of the Planning Board said his board needs zoning tools in the form of town bylaws so the Planning Board can require certain stormwater control practices at the subdivision or even single-home level.

John Beck of the Sewer Commission said "I & I" (inflow and infiltration) in older sewer pipes and connections is an expensive and serious concern. He said reducing I& I would help prevent sewer plant overflows. There is also the question of illegal sump pump connections to the system.

The Sewer Commission will discuss overflow issues at the Treatment Plant at its meeting at 6 p.m., Monday (July 31).

What's next:

Monday's panel will request that the Selectmen appoint a temporary eight-member, Stormwater Management Committee composed of representatives from the following: Selectmen, Water Commission, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Harbor Health Committee, Water Resources Protection Committee, DPW, and Planning Board

The charge of the committee over the next 12 months would be to survey the situation and make recommendations to the Selectmen and Town Meeting on:

- measures such as installing raingardens to alleviate existing stormwater problems;
- adoption of bylaws to prevent additional stormwater issues, such as the Model Stormwater Bylaw (used in some other towns);
- creation of a permanent Stormwater Management Committee or Commission to have jurisdiction over stormwater issues.

IT'S HAPPENING

'Idol' contestant prefers 'the Pops'

"Being on American Idol and seen before 35 million people was wonderful, but singing with Keith Lockhart and the Pops at the Esplanade was the highlight of my singing life," notes 18-year old Ayla Brown, of Wrentham. Last August, Brown, who will be attending Boston College in the fall on a full basketball scholarship, competed against 125,000 other people from throughout the country and was selected to perform as one of the 24 finalists on the number one-rated Fox TV program, "American Idol." Brown was eventually eliminated in 13th position.

Known for her hard work, grace and poise, Brown has made public and private appearances over the past year, and has done a large amount of charity work. The talented young singer has also been writing songs and lyrics, and will be in the recording studio on Aug. 24 to complete her first CD.

Daughter of State Senator Scott Brown and WCVB TV-5 reporter Gail Huff-Brown, the Massachusetts native will be singing the National Anthem with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops at South Shore Music Circus July 29.

The following packages are available through the South Shore Art Center by calling 781-383-2787:

Premium Concert Package – $450 per person, $300 is tax deductible.

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- Preferred concert seating
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- Round-trip trolley shuttle between the Art Center and Music Circus

'Sound of Music' tryouts Aug. 6 and 7

Tryouts for the Hingham Civic Music Theatre's fall production of "The Sound of Music" will be held Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 8, at 7 p.m., in Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium. Monday's audition is for ages 8 to 16, and Tuesday's will begin casting roles for those older than age 16. Call-backs for both groups will be on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7p.m. in the Sanborn Auditorium. For auditions, singers should prepare 16 bars of a song that shows their range, and bring their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic will be directed by Bill Boyer, with music direction by Mark Bono and choreography by Liz Tronni, with six performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-22 and Oct. 27-29.

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. in the Sanborn Auditorium, HCMT singers will join with Hingham's South Shore Men of Harmony barbershop group for "Summer Showcase." Open to all for a $20 per ticket donation. For tickets e-mail Pat Sherman at stagemomma@adelphia.net, or call 781-837-1499.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Aug. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesdays.

Independent Film Series – The independent film "Familia," will be shown in the Meeting Room on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

New Titles – Patrons are invited to browse through these new business related books when visiting the library: "True to Yourself: Leading a Values Based business," by Mark Albion; "The Performance Appraisal Handbook: Legal and Practical Rules for Managers," by Amy DelPo; and "Effective Fundraising for Nonprofits: Real World Strategies that Work," by Ilona Bray.

Museum Passes – Check out a museum pass from the library and enjoy a free visit to the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum, or Boston's Museum of Science. Call to reserve one of the many museum passes offered to Cohasset residents. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Music with MamaSteph – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., through Aug. 7. Music with MamaSteph is open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Puzzle Club – Marjorie Murphy will once again host Puzzle Club in the Story Hour Room from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Puzzle Club is a drop-in program for students going into grades three and older. It. The library has all new jigsaw puzzles, from 100-piece puzzles to challenging 500-piece puzzles. Bring a team of puzzle makers or come alone and join a team. Prompt pick up is required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

"The Day the Library Went Wild" – Jay Mankita will perform "The Day the Library Went Wild," on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room. An accomplished musician and storyteller, Mankita will explore wild things through song and story.

Dragonfly Contest – An opportunity to create a unique dragonfly by decorating a template of the "What's buzzin' at your library" dragonfly. Participants can use markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, and things found in nature to make a totally new dragonfly that reflects their personality. Templates are available on Mrs. Moody's desk. Contestants must fill out information requested on the back of the form. Contest ends Aug. 11. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the last show of the summer season. Winners do not need to be present to collect their prize.

Reading Lists – The summer reading lists for grades six through 12 can be found on the library Web site. Go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Young Adult and then click on Cohasset Public Schools' Summer Reading List. Complete summer reading lists for public and independent schools for grades K-5 are on display in binders in the Children's Room, and the Young Adult Room for grades 6-12. Don't wait until the last minute to do summer reading; popular books are going fast. To check on the availability of a suggested book, go to the Web site and check the catalog. Patrons may also place a hold on a specific book, renew books and check accounts, from home.

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Visit: www.cohassetveterans-memorial.com.

Cohasset Community Blood Drive Aug. 18

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Wellesley student juggles her dreams

By Danielle Ameden
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Life isn't a cakewalk, but Molly Nanabah Heavilin knows how to juggle reality and dreams better than most people her age.

The 24-year-old waddled across Wellesley College's graduation stage to accept her bachelor's degree diploma in June, just three days before the birth of her daughter, demonstrating she can balance marriage and motherhood with full-time higher education.

And her goals keep climbing.

After five years of "going, going, going," the mother of 7-week-old Elise and 4-year-old Myles now has the summer to relax with her children and husband, Randall, in South Natick before continuing on the next leg of her education, returning to the college in the fall to complete Wellesley's "fifth year" teacher certification program.

"I've had a lot of (life) experience, just having the responsibility of being a mother and having to show everyone in some way that I can do this," she said. "I can finish, I can pay rent, I can juggle all these different things and still do what I want to do."

The Kayenta, Ariz., native's eventual goal is to weave together her interests in anthropology, education and medicine, and return to her home on the Navajo Nation reservation in Arizona where she knows she can make a difference.

And a difference is needed, she says.

Heavilin, who has dreamed of being a doctor since she was in seventh grade, wants to use the "traditional values and traditional methods of medicine, the way that they used to," to practice medical anthropology on the reservation. "I'd like to be a bridge between traditional ways and modern medicine on the Navajo Nation," she said.

She said the current state of medicine there is flawed because the medical professionals arrive sporadically, stay for a short time and aren't able to appreciate or work with natives' medicinal and cultural values.

"(There's) a lot of conflict for patients who are Navajo and have a completely different belief system," Heavilin said. "You have a lot of non-Navajo doctors coming in and staying for a year or two. There's such a high rate of turnover. When I was growing up, I never had the same doctor twice."

Heavilin wants to pursue her medical degree at an Ivy League school on the East Coast or a local university in Arizona. In the meantime, she plans to get her teaching certificate at Wellesley while her 27-year-old husband finishes his last year at Berklee College of Music studying cello and music business.

Balancing education and family life is a commitment that Heavilin and her husband have vowed to stick to, despite the logistical challenges.

"Two students and two parents going to school full time, it was very difficult," she said. "My husband and I just knew we were going to get there soon if we just stick together and keep going."

Heavilin enrolled as a traditional student at Wellesley College in the fall of 2001, and completed two semesters before taking a year off to marry, and give birth to son, Myles, who was born in July 2002.

From the summer of 2002 to the summer 2003, the young family returned to Navajo Nation, an area that is spread out across Utah, Arizona and New Mexico and covers 27,000 square miles, where both have family, and Heavilin and her husband attended the University of Arizona in Tucson full time, taking Navajo language classes in their Native American program.

With her college dean's advice of "we can make it work," Heavilin decided she wanted to return to Wellesley to finish her bachelor's degree, so the family came back to Massachusetts three years ago, working to juggle everything from thesis papers to family time.

"Once you're in it, there's no other way around it," she said. "It was pretty difficult seeing my peers and my classmates who didn't have to go home and make dinner and take (their) son to the park."

She enrolled in Wellesley College's Davis Scholars program for non-traditional students, and with one year of classes already under her belt, completed the program in three years.

According to Heavilin, a good college financial aid package with grants, loans and scholarships, including a full-tuition Indian Health Service scholarship from Navajo Nation, helped her afford her education.

And she said it took the support of friends and professors, stamina and creativity to make the whole situation work, testing her and her husband. "We alternated sleeping-in days, and we worked our way through it," Heavilin said. "Once my son was (sleeping), we'd pick up our books and study," she added.

Heavilin said attending classes while pregnant wasn't difficult.

"Things didn't really change, except for my mood swings and food cravings," she said. "Professors were great; they were really supportive of me. I was finishing my education the way I chose to."

And, her quest for knowledge won't end.

After taking the summer off, Heavilin plans to obtain certification through the one-year education program at the college and begin teaching next spring at Sprague School in Wellesley. The medical degree will come later, and fit with her husband's equally ambitious plans, which include pursuit of an MBA.

Heavilin has three siblings who have ambitions as big as hers to come home to the Navajo Nation and make a difference. Her older brother is in law school at the University of New Mexico and dreams of practicing environmental law. Her younger sister wants a career in education, and she thinks her youngest brother, who is in high school, will return to Navajo Nation, too.

She said it was Wellesley College's "empowering" and fostering community that drew her to eastern Massachusetts. Besides courses, the commuter student says she connects to campus by attending lectures, and bringing her children to cheer on friends at plays and soccer games.

Heavilin also worked with two other students to revitalize the campus' Native American Student Organization, NASO, which involved penning a constitution, selling T-shirts and traditional fry bread at fund-raisers, and doing lots of planning. The group is orchestrating cultural events for the fall like pow wows and traditional Native American musical and dance performances on campus.

Being involved in NASO was one more thing added to her schedule, but Heavilin said it helped keep her connected to her heritage while being 2,400 miles away from her family and home.

"It makes me feel good that I'm doing something in a very small way, and being connected somehow," she said.

She stays in touch with reservation news by listening to KTNN, the nation's AM radio station, and reading their online newspaper.

Heavilin says she misses the food, the culture and the people of the reservation, but believes the education she and her husband are getting is invaluable even though the distance from home is hard. "The ways we can impact the Navajo Nation when we return will be huge, so this is well worth our time," she said.

Heavilin is close to fluent in the Navajo language, after being exposed to it all her life, including in her elementary education reading and writing curriculum. She further studied Navajo language skills, writing, history and culture for one year after high school at Navajo Nation's Dine College in Tsaile, Ariz., after graduating from high school in Kayenta, a small town 250 miles north of Phoenix.

She said she embraced the opportunity to learn more about her heritage and culture for anthropology class assignments at Wellesley. She did ethnographic research on her nation, and interviewed her grandmother, mother and aunts for an oral history project during the spring semester.

"It was really fascinating hearing the life stories of these women that have always been in my life, and who are deep rooted in Navajo culture," she said. "I learned a lot about my culture."

The Navajo Nation, she said, is the largest reservation in the United States and home to 200,000, comprising a unique landscape of people.

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Wellesley College student Molly Nanabah Heavilin holds her infant daughter Elise on the college campus. Heavilin, who hails from the Navajo Nation in Arizona, is mixing motherhood with higher education.

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Nine-year-old familiar face at Farmer's Market

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I started out, my parents were really supportive and even let me use their lawn. They saw how much I enjoyed it and I would sell drinks five or six times a season."

Chores and lemonade still failed to satiate Christian's burning desire to fulfill his ultimate dream: to create his own business. After a visit to a local home furnishing and appliance store, Christian was drawn to a machine that made flavored ice drinks, and he knew it was time to take his innate passion and his knack for selling refreshments to the next level.

Now, every Thursday, Christian sets up shop at the Cohasset Farmer's Market and sells an average of 60 homemade "slushy" drinks every week.

"He is our youngest vendor and what he's been able to accomplish at this age is amazing to all of us."

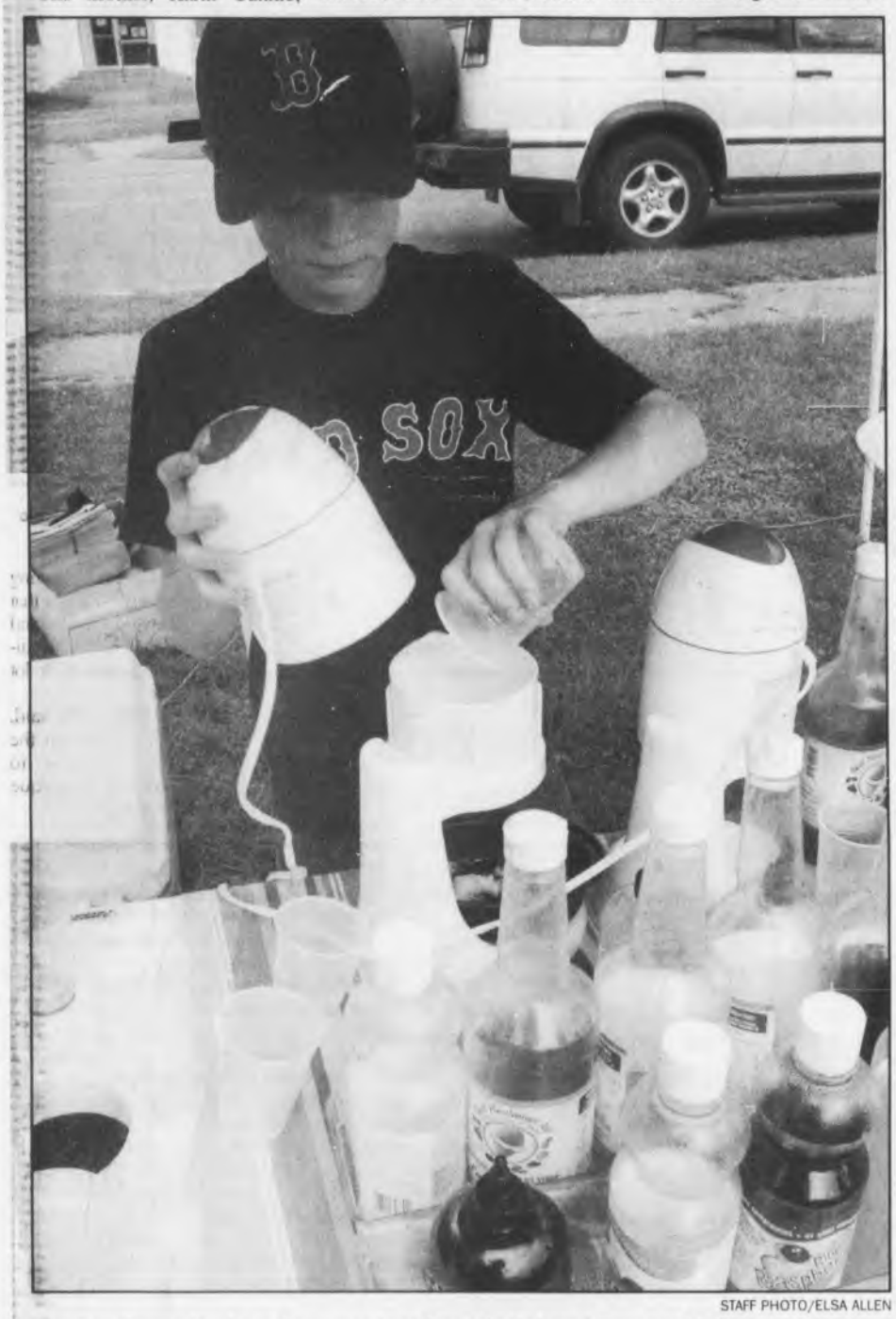
— Anna Abbruzzese, Farmer's Market

His mother, Karin Cunnie, recalls, "It all started when a friend of mine told Christian that the Market allows vendors to rent a table on the Common for different intervals of time. Christian absolutely loved the idea so we decided to reserve a space for the entire season."

After experiencing the initial excitement of coming closer to pursing his dream, Christian knew it was time to get to work. First, he traded in his starter slushy machine for a newer, more functional version. He then ordered flavored syrups on the Internet, such as lemon, cotton candy, mango, orange, and the ever-popular Tiger's Blood (a mixture of strawberry and watermelon). Christian was finally ready to begin.

From the start, the slushy stand was a success and proved to be one of the busiest snack stands at the Farmer's Market. Customers enjoyed the simplicity of Christian's product: the machine shaves the ice into slush and Christian adds flavored syrup.

In order to maximize profit and to serve more customers, Christian enlisted the help of some of his eager classmates.



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Christian Cunnie, 9, who is the youngest vendor at the Cohasset Farmer's Market, mixes up a variety of fruit-flavored frosties.

"My friends saw me on the Common and thought what I was doing was really cool. A lot of times, when I'm really busy, I ask them to come around and help, " he says.

Mrs. Cunnie notes that her son's natural sociability and his willingness to undertake any challenge are qualities that have made his stand so popular.

"There is no question that he's industrious," she adds. "Christian is an extremely hard worker and people see that at the Market. That's why he's become such a success."

Tony Roy, a fellow vendor at the Farmer's Market, who sells handmade wood products, expresses his admiration for Christian.

"I have never seen a kid so driven in my life," Roy says. "The Market is all about good people who enjoy each other's company, but there is something so special and different about Christian."

Roy also notes that, even though they supervise him, Christian's parents do not interfere with their son's operation of the stand. "He's such a go-getter and is running around at 100 miles an hour each week." Roy so trusts Christian's business acumen, honesty, and reliability that he sought the young entrepreneur's feedback on a "do-it-yourself" birdhouse kit for children that he recently created.

Anna Abbruzzese, a co-founder of the Farmer's Market, concurs with Roy's impressions of Christian. She explains, even though the Market normally only allows organic farmers to sell their vegetable and fruit products, they were so taken with Christian's proposition that they could not turn him away. "We knew he would be such a success," she says. "He is our youngest vendor and what he's been able to accomplish at this age is amazing to all of us."

Christian is proud of his accomplishments but is certainly not complacent. At the end of each week, Christian immediately puts half of his earnings back into the business and replenishes his supplies. He splits the remaining money with his friends and puts his earnings into the bank. "I definitely want to continue this," he says. "I want to go to different venues in different towns and I want to make the business even bigger."

Michael and Karin Cunnie are proud of their son's tremendous work ethic.

"I will never have to worry about him making a living when he grows up. He is driven and will be successful in whatever field he chooses," Michael Cunnie says.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Ground zero for EEE

We are entering the second year of high alert for the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus. The state's first cases of EEE this summer has been detected in mosquitoes in Carver, home to vast acres of woodlands and cranberry bogs, and Raynham. The state Department of Public Health confirmed the presence of EEE on July 17. Last year, and undoubtedly this year, Plymouth County and nearby areas will be ground zero for mosquito borne illnesses.

Public health officials say the species of mosquito found so far prefers to bite birds, and is not usually interested in humans or horses. That's good news, certainly, as this is the time of year when everyone is outdoors enjoying the warm weather.

Still, public health officials warn that area residents should remain on alert for EEE, and also the mosquito borne West Nile virus, which has been detected in eastern Massachusetts this summer. West Nile virus was found in a mosquito in Needham on June 27. Last year, an 80-year-old Fall River woman died of West Nile virus.

Last year, area communities were reeling under the threat of EEE, closing outdoor recreation areas from dusk to dawn as soon as the first serious EEE cases were reported at the end of August. The restrictions on outdoor activities remained in effect in some communities until the first frost in October — the time when mosquitoes cease to be a threat as temperatures drop.

In 2005, all four human cases of the EEE virus were in Plymouth County. The virus claimed the lives of a 5-year-old girl from Halifax and an 83-year-old Kingston man. A Plymouth baby also fell ill.

Obviously, mosquito borne illnesses pose a serious threat, and one that is not going away easily. The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Board – which serves Cohasset — has been at the forefront in the efforts to combat the problem, spraying woodsy areas that are deemed at highest risk and where mosquitoes like to breed. The state has been working to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas. Last summer when the EEE threat reached a high point, spraying was extended to include schoolyards and public recreation spots.

In the end, what is most practical is for residents to remain aware of the problem and take steps on their own to protect themselves and their families from exposure to mosquitoes. That includes eliminating standing water from yards, wearing mosquito repellent, and staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active. Health experts are saying that the wet weather in June, followed by hot and humid weather in July, are good breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

It's too bad we have to worry about dangerous insects of all things during our beautiful New England summers, but that is the reality with EEE and West Nile virus posing ever greater risks to public safety. Let's hope that with increased public awareness, the summer of 2006 is not nearly as deadly as the summer of 2005.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, Aug. 2, at 3:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 3, & 17, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Harbor Heath Committee, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, July 31, 6 p.m. (The Sewer Commission plans to discuss overflow issues at the Treatment Plant)

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Story headline misleading

TO THE EDITOR:

The title of an article in last week's Mariner, "AdCom votes down school budget transfer" was misleading and to the contrary. Although the title grabs ones interest, it is factually untrue.

Our School Business Manager Dave DeGennero and I did meet with the Advisory Committee to seek a transfer of funds to help pay a special education tuition. There was healthy discussion around special education and its budget. While discussing our FY06 Special Ed budget, we also entered into discussion around our potential projected special education tuition deficit which, as of that meeting, ranged from $131,000 to $460,000. We also explain that any funds left over from FY06 will be used to prepay Special Ed tuition for FY07, which will help reduce this projected deficit.

After our discussions, the Advisory Committee offered to defer their decision on the transfer until the school department had reconciled all of FY06. At that point, acting as the Chair of the School Committee, I withdrew our Request for Transfer of the $109,000. So, no vote was needed or taken! I assured the Advisory Committee that we would be able to pay this bill and still prepay an unspecified amount to our FY07 Special Education Tuition's which, at the end of the day, will help offset the projected deficits we are facing.

All in all, in my opinion, the meeting was a productive meeting of the minds.

Adrienne MacCarthy
85 Doane St.

Post-prom party supporters thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset High School Class of 2006 is leaving behind many great memories and a newly renovated space for Cohasset teens to enjoy for years to come. Thanks to the generosity of many donors and the work of volunteers, the space formerly known as the "Garage" was transformed into a hip party place "Midnight Blue" for the very successful Senior Prom Post Prom Party.

We would like to thank the following supporters for making the Post Prom Party a success and for making the "Midnight Blue" renovations possible. They are: The Clark Chatterton Fund, Second Congregational Church, Adrian Morris Hair Salon, Cohasset Collision, McKenna & Co., Steve Pinkus Electric, JFS Construction, St. John Masonry, Evans Home Improvement, Graham Waste, Strecker Eye Center, Red Lion, Pilgrim Cooperative, Dineros, South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset PSO, Goodwin Graphics, All the Best, Atlantic Bagel, Rooms in Bloom, Anderson Fuel, Lehr & Barnes Insurance Agency, The Good Sport, South Shore Community Center, Social Service League, Fion's Exxon, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Pat's Hair Styling, Feng Shui, Acapulcos and a very special thanks to Jack Worley and Brian Adams.

Also, we appreciate the presence of Cohasset Police Officer Patrick Kenney during the evening. Officer Kenney donated his time during the event to assure the event to assure the evening is problem free.

Stop by sometime to see the fresh coat of paint and the new look and name for "Midnight Blue." Many thanks to our supporters and to the many parents that contributed time and money to make this a safe and fun evening for all the prom-goers.

The Class of 2006 Post Prom Committee
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Parking problems around town

SAFETY COUNTS

POLICE CHIEF JAMES HUSSEY

During the summer months the Cohasset Police Department sees an increase in parking problems in town. We also receive complaints from residents regarding parking in town. The problems include vehicles blocking the road, the sidewalk or a driveway.

With the average traffic lane in Cohasset measuring about 14-feet in width, and the average car measuring 8- feet across, you can quickly do the math and see where problems arise: Cohasset's narrow streets provide little room to maneuver and very little room for error. That being said, traffic and pedestrian safety become a major concern for the police department.

Some areas in town are posted with "no parking" signs, while many others are not. For example, even though Jerusalem Road, from North Main Street to Atlantic Avenue, is not posted "no parking," you cannot park a vehicle on the street without blocking the travel lane. By blocking the travel lane you cause vehicles traveling in that lane to move across the road into an oncoming traffic lane. This obviously causes a hazard for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. A vehicle blocking a travel lane is subject to a $25 parking ticket. If the hazard is deemed substantial, the vehicle may be towed away.

The best way to avoid a parking ticket or a tow fee is to take a careful look at where you are parking.

North Main Street, from Jerusalem Road to Red Gate Lane, also poses a challenge. During baseball season and through the summer, people sometimes park their vehicles on North Main Street, even though it is posted "No Parking Either Side" on this stretch of North Main Street. Others park vehicles, blocking the sidewalk. There is a reason why the "No Parking" signs were put there. With many youth using the ball fields and the swim center, vehicles parked here will make it difficult for children to be seen by motorists. Blocking a sidewalk may cause children to walk in the street. Please take the time to find a legal parking space in the area. It might be a little walk, but it will help keep everyone safe.

In Cohasset Village, we look to assist the businesses by enforcing the time limits for parking on South Main Street. It is important to our business community here that cus-

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Parking spaces, sidewalk are in dispute

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

MBTA Dispute Resolution — To recap, the Town is in "Informal Dispute Resolution" with the MBTA over two issues we consider to be very important. First, in the Mitigation Agreement, the MBTA is obligated to provide 182 Public Parking Spaces for the Town as they reconstruct the Town Parking Lot. The actual design is approximately 21 spaces short. Anyone who uses the Town Parking Lot knows that the lot fills up quite often and we can't afford to lose any spaces at all.

The second item is that the MBTA originally said they would meet the edge of the Revitalization Project with the Pleasant Street/Town Parking Lot project. Now, they have cut their construction zone short so that the pedestrian sidewalks on Pleasant Street will not connect to the Village downtown area. Another Mitigation Agreement that has been bypassed is the MBTA must construct a roadway between Pleasant Street and Smith Place.

A meeting was set between the Executive Office of Transportation, Senior MBTA management and the Board of Selectmen for this past Wednesday, July 26th at 5 p.m. at Town Hall. Very suddenly, Tuesday, the MBTA called the Town Manager and cancelled the meeting. They said they would be forwarding a written statement of the reasons. But, as we go to press on Wednesday we haven't received anything from them. We suspect that their reason is that they are very uncomfortable with a public meeting format. We believe a public meeting format is required because the MBTA, who wrote the dispute protocol, required a majority of the Board of Selectmen be present. Open public meetings are required whenever the majority of a board meets, with very few exceptions. When we receive their written position, it may be an issue for Town Counsel to resolve. We wonder why they are so concerned about the public knowing what is being said. So, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Town Parking Lot Reconstruction — As we printed last week, the Town Parking Lot was to have been closed this past Monday and Tuesday for reclamation, re-grading and the installation of a temporary surface. CBB's subcontractor responsible for grinding the old surface was to have started work first thing Monday morning. But, they actually arrived about 1 p.m. – six hours late. Then they promptly hit some granite with their wheel, blowing out a tire and bending a rim and then blew out an air hose. Clearly, this was not a good start. By the time the grinding machine was ready to work it was 4 p.m. CBB wanted to continue working into the night, but that's just too late to operate noisy equipment in the center of the village. So, they loaded the grinding machine on a truck and disappeared off into the sunset. Now, the plan is to close the parking lot next Monday and do the grinding and resurfacing in one day.

Smith Place – Sohier Street area construction — Those of you who live near this area know that CBB has been working vigorously in the right of way. Since they encountered shallow ledge where their drainage pipes will be placed, the residents have been treated to nearly constant pounding for the past several weeks, including last Saturday. Since one of us lives in this area we have firsthand experience in the pleasures of rock fracturing. Sometimes a root canal almost might be more pleasurable than the thump, thump, thump!

The good news is that the superintendent of this section of construction tells us that CBB has completed the ledge removal and that the "pounding machine" is being removed. Hallelujah! Let's hope they don't find any more ledge as they move further in this section of construction.

CBB will be replacing the drainage pipes that drain the swale next to the Post Office into James Brook. The reason is that the existing pipe is a 30-inch lightweight plastic pipe that will not withstand the constant pounding of the trains passing over it 24 times each day. Another very old 30-inch cast-iron pipe in the same area will be replaced with new pipe that will have a straighter path for better flow.

Revitalization — We are still waiting to hear from the Department of Transportation whether our Revitalization PWED Grant will be extended with more financing. If this happens, we will be completing Brook and Elm streets surface restoration (street, curbs and sidewalk) this fall. Keep your fingers crossed!

Recently, we heard from a local citizen who took a straw poll of 48 residents about the results of the Revitalization. Forty-four of the 48 thought the project looked nice and was a good addition to the village.

We've received several calls about the condition of the sidewalk in front of the Red Lion Inn. We agree it is a genuine safety hazard and that's why it is currently blocked off. First a bit of background… As a condition of the Red Lion's occupancy permit, the Red Lion agreed to reconstruct the sidewalk in front of the Inn to match with the Village Revitalization. We all know it has taken years for Revitalization to come to fruition. In April of 2005 we had a meeting with the Red Lion reminding them of this commitment. Their response was that they would do what was necessary. Multiple meetings have been held since then. Now revitalization in this area is complete and not a single shovel has been put into the ground at the Red Lion. The Town is still expecting that construction will be completed by the contractor hired by the Red Lion Inn in the very near future. So, that's the story for now.

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State's other tunnel project

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It was the most magnificent of tunnel projects, one that introduced new concepts into the craft. Everybody said so.

It took years to complete, but it was worth it, they said. The costs overran wildly, but if you want the best, you have to pay for it, they said.

The Big Dig? Wrong! They called it "the Big Bore," and although there were no Chairman Matt or Governor Mitt or Bechtel to answer for it, the project bore a startling resemblance to what is going on now and has been for nearly 20 years in Boston.

The 4.7-mile tunnel that was blasted through Hoosac Mountain in the northwest corner of the state to connect the two ends of what was then the Troy & Greenfield Railroad took 21 years (1854-1875) and $20 million in state money to build.

The scandal that followed is described best in "Leading the Way," the history of the Massachusetts State Legislature, by Connie Dalton, the chief political writer of the old Boston Herald Traveler.

"The 'Agony of the Great Bore' had begun. Massachusetts' 1854 investment ($2 million) was to prove tremendously costly. Work on the tunnel dragged, and in 1861, the company's funds ran out.

"The company's failure forced the state to foreclose its mortgage on the partially completed tunnel. In an unprecedented move, the state determined it would protect its investment by completing the project itself.

"The expensive drain on the taxpayers' money had just begun. New, insistent demands were placed on the state treasury, and reports of public graft were rampant. Contractors came and departed.

"Not until 1875 was the tunnel completed so that a train could pass through it. By that date, the work had cost Massachusetts citizens somewhere between $10,000,000 and $20,000,000, and interest on the state's investment had become an onerous burden.

"A report of 1883 claimed that nearly one-half of the state's annual tax income was exhausted for such interest payments."

The cost of the Hoosac Tunnel, of course, did not approach the $14.5 billion that can be charged to the Big Dig and, to my knowledge, the roof has never fallen on anyone, but $20 million was big money in 1875 and nearly 200 workers died in the digging.

A gazetteer of the day effused that "the prospective benefit (of the tunnel) is above computation and the engineering skill and energy of the Brothers Shanly . . . are as worthy of admiration as the liberal policy of the state in furnishing the capital."

Where have we heard that before?

The tunnel is memorialized at Western Heritage Gateway State Park in downtown North Adams as "one of the 19th century America's greatest engineering feats," and it is recognized in the industry because of its pioneer effort in the use of nitroglycerine as an explosive.

Where have we heard that before?

The state park also features a replica of the tunnel with an audiovisual presentation that "takes visitors back in time with the sounds of dripping water, picks striking stone, nitroglycerine explosions, and political debate about the merits of the project."

And where have we heard that before?

HEALTH NOTES

Beware of Portuguese Man of War

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Infamous for their very painful, powerful sting, the Portuguese Man-of-War has reportedly been sighted at several marine beaches in Massachusetts from Westport to the Upper Cape and the Boston area.

Although "men of war" are generally found in the tropical and subtropical regions of the Pacific and Indian oceans, and the northern Atlantic Gulf Stream, similar jellyfish are common in the waters of Massachusetts but are seldom of a type that possess a venomous sting. The principal difference between native jelly fish and Portuguese Man of War are that the latter have an air sac called a sail which looks like a fragile blue bubble and consists of a gas-filled, bladder-like float (a polyp, called the pneumatophore) — a translucent structure, tinted pink, blue, or violet — which may be 3 to 12 inches long and may extend as much as 6 inches above the water. Some of the tentacles of the Portuguese Man-Of-War bear stinging nematocystic (coiled thread-like) structures used to paralyze small fish and other prey.

Beneath the float are clusters of polyps, from which hang tentacles of up to 30 feet in length. The "animal" moves by means of its sail, which causes them to be visible on the surface of the water.

Portugese Men of War in warm water can grow tentacles as long as 165 feet, however there is some evidence that those found in northern latitudes are much smaller. When washed ashore, swimmers and bathers should stay away because dead Portuguese men-of-war can still sting. Moreover, they are not always obvious in the water. Tentacles may break away in the surf and inflict stings just as potent as those from attached animals. Even dead specimens stranded on the beach can still cause stings. They can be handled using latex or rubber gloves and a trash bag, carefully avoiding all direct skin contact. The sting of the Portuguese Man-Of-War is very painful to man and can cause serious effects, including fever, shock, and interference with heart and lung action.

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Cohasset residents should be on the lookout for Portuguese man-of-wars this summer. While they look like jellyfish, they have a much more powerful sting and can even secrete venom when dead and washed up on the beach.

Symptoms — The most common result of contact with the Portuguese Man-Of-War are the painful whip-like, red wavy, stringy welts on the skin from contact with the blue tentacles. The resulting lesions can last for minutes to hours. Other symptoms can include numbness in extremities or sometimes chest pain, difficulty swallowing, weakness, muscle pain, spasms, sweating, runny nose, watery eyes, red raised areas where stung, abdominal pain, nausea, alteration in pulse rate, headache.

Treatment — Pick off any visible tentacles using protective gloves. Rinse with fresh or salt water. Apply ice for pain. Protect affected area if possible. To remove remaining tentacles, use flour or shaving cream and scrape with a dull instrument such as a credit card.) Apply a cream containing a pain killer, an antihistamine, and a corticosteroid. Irrigate exposed eyes with copious amounts of room temperature tap water for at least 15 minutes. If vision blurs, or the eyes continue to tear, hurt, swell, or are light sensitive after irrigating, See a doctor.

For persistent itching or skin rash, try 1 percent hydrocortisone ointment four times a day, and one or two 25 milligram diphenhydramine (Benadryl) tablets every 6 hours. These drugs are sold without prescription. Diphenhydramine may cause drowsiness. Don't drive, swim or surf after taking this medication.

The toxin secreted from the tentacles of the Portuguese Man-Of-War is about 75 percent as powerful as cobra venom. Accordingly for those with weakened resistance, immediate medical attention may be required, as stinging may bring about shock.

Although formerly considered effective, vinegar, heat, even urine, are no longer recommended for Portuguese man-of-war stings. Meat tenderizer, baking soda, papain (Carica papaya, Vegetable pepsin, meat tenderizer), or commercial sprays (containing aluminum sulfate and detergents) on nematocyst stings have yielded mixed results. It's possible these substances cause further damage. In one U.S. Portuguese man-of-war fatality, lifeguards sprayed papain solution immediately on the victim's sting. Within minutes, the woman was comatose, and later died.

Most Portuguese man-of-war stings disappear by themselves, sometimes within 15 or 20 minutes. Accordingly, even harmful therapies often appear to work. A key concept in the first aid of any injury is: Do no harm. Therefore, avoid applying unproven, possibly harmful substances on stings.

Sources: Material taken from NIH and Key Biscayne Internet & News Company.

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Concern over parking lot configuration

COMMENTARY

NEIL J. MURPHY

In early June, while visiting my sister on Pleasant Street, I noticed that some of the proposed curbing had been placed along the southerly side of Pleasant Street at the north end of the Cohasset Center municipal parking lot. It appeared as if there would be two openings into the parking lot. The two openings were very close to the actual railroad crossing. The openings are also directly opposite a loading-unloading area already constructed for the Arts Center along the northerly side at Pleasant Street.

I went to visit the Town-MBTA railroad coordinators at Town Hall. Mark Brennan graciously forwarded me a copy of the design plans, which I received on June 12th. I had talked with Tom Gruber on June 9th. He had told me that it was too late to change the design.

After receiving the plans, I concluded that there were enough deficiencies in the design to warrant further action. I forwarded a letter to Mark on the 12th stating that the number of conflicts along the short section of Pleasant Street should be reduced. I met with Mark in my office to discuss the deficiencies further, to no avail.

On June 26, I prepared a second letter to the Town manager. I called him that morning and he agreed to meet me in his office. He explained that he would confer with his coordinators again and take the matter up with his board as well.

To date, I have not received answers to my two letters. I have had verbal communication, however, all indicating that "it is too late!"

I contacted an old friend, Mr. Gilbert Nelson of Hingham. Gill was once the head of the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Baltimore County, Md. He was also a traffic consultant employed by Fay Spofford and Thorndike Inc. of Boston, now of Lexington. Presently he is considered an expert in the field of accident reconstruction. I discussed the issues with him and he is in agreement that there are a number of hazardous conditions proposed by design in the area along Pleasant Street between the intersection at Depot Court, Ripley Road, and Pleasant Street and the railroad crossing.

I met with selectman Ralph Dormitzer at my office on July 7. He suggested I use "my contacts" and arrange a meeting with the engineers for the MBTA.

Gil and I met with Cashman engineers at their office in Weymouth. They were sympathetic but stated their hands are tied. Design decisions can only be made by the MBTA and the Town.

Finally, one last call to Mr. Gruber on Friday, July 15th. His statement: "It's too late. It's going to be built. The MBTA engineers said it would be alright."

I have been persistent because I truly believe that hazardous conditions are being created by the design as presented by STV dated Nov. 23, 2005, coupled with the lack of design within the intersection of Depot Court, Ripley Road and Pleasant Street, for which the Town is responsible. Please consider the following, visit the site, and determine for yourself the validity of my concerns:

The MBTA through STV Inc. proposes a 24-foot wide drive opening 26 feet north of the crossing gate arm on the southerly curb line of Pleasant Street and a second 28-foot wide opening 22 feet northerly of the first opening. There is nothing shown to determine whether these drives are one-way or two-way, and if one-way, which drive is which. We suggested that a single 24-foot wide opening be provided as far from the crossing as possible. Directly opposite the two openings there is a loading-unloading area for the Arts Center, 90 degrees to the curbing at the apex of the curb in the west side of Pleasant Street, that has already been provided for and constructed by the MBTA.

There are four parking spaces on private property owned by Pat's Barber Shop, also directly opposite the northernmost drive at the parking area. The alignment of Ripley Road for vehicles traveling toward the parking lot drives, or southerly into Pleasant Street, is a sharp right-hand turn around the last parked car, at the Arts Center landing dock, with no available sight distance on a curve.

The intersection itself is too expansive. There is too much pavement for uncontrolled movement with no place for control signage. In fact, it is nearly impossible to determine where one street begins and another ends. Where will street signs if any be placed? The alignment of all three streets, Ripley Road, Depot Court and Pleasant Street, should be redefined.

The parking lot, in its planned configuration, is designed for two-way traffic. The specs are 90 degrees, 20 feet deep, and 9-1/2 feet wide. The aisle width between spaces is 24 feet, all accommodating two-way traffic. People will continue to use the lot as if it is all two-way traffic unless the spaces are changed, providing diagonal parking.

There are pedestrian generators in the area, which compound the creation of hazardous conditions all along the sharp curves of Pleasant Street.

Neil Murphy is a Registered Professional Engineer as well as a Registered Land Surveyor.

School surplus talk on 'Our Town'

Tune in next week for a new edition of "Our Town."

Starting Monday (July 31), Our Town co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo interview Linda Elworthy, the new director of the Council on Elder Affairs and introduce Linda to the community.

The second half of the program features Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh and School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy, who will provide clarity on the fiscal year 2006 school budget surplus.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parents should be outraged

TO THE EDITOR:

Despite a $400,000 override being defeated for FY06 (school year just completed), the School District closed the year with $432,000 unspent as well as a $226,000 grant that they are sitting on.

The School Committee has rushed to increase a variety of existing fees while levying new ones. The School Administration has been efficient — it promptly mailed out billings. How much does the School Committee estimate that all these increased fees will raise? Why isn't there a similar sense of urgency to explore cost containment measures and exploit regionalization, distance learning and other measures to give our students added options? Why do the School Committee and Superintendent refuse to share financial data with the Town's Director of Finance or other town board's especially before meetings? Clearly, they fear that their ineptness will be on display.

Parents, why aren't you demanding answers? You are paying a broad spectrum of new and costly fees while the School District enters FY07 (the new school year) with about a $865K "in found money" ($432K+$226K+ $207K, the latter being the State's Ch70 increase) despite the defeat of both override ballot questions.

The combination of revenues generated by new fees and the "found money" should result in new hirings and other benefits for your students. Where are they? What did the Teachers' Contract really cost? As parents you have the worst of all worlds: a defiant teachers' union, a School Administration that is locked into "throwing money" at every problem, a School Committee lacking leadership and management skills, declining performance indicators and the distrust of the Community.

Perhaps you should sponsor a "Recall" By-Law that could lead to the "retirement" of School Committee members who have served two+ years and haven't learned how to demand understandable budgets. If any School Committee member and the Superintendent refuse to do transparent budgeting, they should be given "the boot (I believe Superintendent Walsh's contract is up for renewal next year)."

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Will continue to ask questions

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading about the school department's disclosure of its large budget surplus, I got to thinking about how I would respond if I were in various positions affected by the news.

If I were a....

... Teacher in Cohasset — I would be discouraged about time and opportunity lost when I was told by my superiors last year that the programs, enrichment, and ancillary services I need to practice my profession were unavailable due to lack of funds. My students, classroom, and career suffered.

...Parent of a current student — I would feel duped, discouraged, and angered that my children were denied the services required to keep their education, my primary concern, abreast of their peers in similar communities. I also would feel used because I devoted countless hours supporting what we now know to be the unfounded posture of the school administration. They simply chose not to even address the questions asked of them by a majority of the voting community.

...Student — I'd be angry and disappointed that people "in charge" told me that the deterioration of my school's strengths, the decline of meaningful programs and activities were due to selfish, uninformed people in my town who didn't care about me or our schools. I realize now that nothing could be farther from the truth.

...Superintendent and business manager of our schools — I would understand that I should have responded to the questions and concerns of the public whom I/we serve rather than summarily dismiss them. I/we should have worked toward the goal of establishing premier education in our community, not turf lines.

... School Committee member — I would do what I was elected to do by my constituents: oversee the school department and *advocate for our children* not an administrative bureaucracy.

As a voter in Cohasset, I realize I must continue to ask questions and require answers we all can understand. Each resident, not just a select few, is entitled to live here. Cohasset is the home for all of us.

Tana Carlson
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School budget process needs more sunlight

TO THE EDITOR:

There appears to be some fuzzy math going on in the Cohasset school business office. After a new full time business manager came on board Aug. 15, 2005, we were still making payments to a second, interim business manager, a former associate of Superintendent Walsh, through February 2006.

We also saw a budgeted $80,000 annual business manager salary ballooned to $85,000 for someone who started on Cohasset's payroll several weeks into FY'06. This $85,000 amount if paid for the entire year translates to an approx annual salary of $96,000, which appears to be an overpayment for services.

These facts brought to mind the following question

- Even though the business manager's budgeted salary has been increased from an FY'06 annual salary of $80,000 to $90,000 annually in FY'07 why has his biweekly check been decreased $234 as of FY'07?
- Who authorized these payroll irregularities?
- Why did the superintendent maintain the services of a second business manager for FY'06 who received payments October 2005 through February 2006 of $8,700?
- From which accounts did the funds come to pay the second business manager and the excess salary of the primary business manager?

It is astonishing that no one, especially the seasoned board members, have thought to question these peculiarities in this transparent, bottom up budget and the monthly financial statements.

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Parking problems around town

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tomers have access to convenient parking throughout the day. Hopefully, people working in the village will park their own vehicles in the town parking lot. It's always tempting to block the driveway(s) to "George's Citgo" after George has closed for the evening. Let's hope that it's not on a night when Citgo has scheduled a gas delivery for the station. If it is, we may have no choice but to tag and tow your vehicle, to provide a way in for the large tractor-trailer trucks delivering fuel.

In closing, the best way to avoid a parking ticket or a tow fee is to take a careful look at where you are parking. Just because the person in front of you parked there, doesn't mean it's legal. If it seems like you're encroaching on a sidewalk (a person should be able to get a baby stroller down the sidewalk), partially blocking a driveway or blocking a traffic lane in such a way that a fire engine or other emergency vehicle may have a problem getting by your parked car, pick a better (legal) place to park. Remember, you can be parked illegally even if there is no signage. Please be considerate toward your neighbors, fellow motorists and pedestrians. Let common sense guide you, and share the road responsibly.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 17-21

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on eight roll calls from the week of July 17-21.

$500,000 FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT (H 5000)

House 146-9, Senate 36-1, overrode Gov. Mitt Romney's $500,000 veto reduction (from $9.4 million to $8.9 million) in funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC). The MLAC provides legal representation for indigent and disadvantaged residents. Supporters of the $500,000 said that these services ensure equal access to the justice system for thousands of below-poverty level Massachusetts residents including accused criminals, senior citizens, battered women, tenants and Medicaid recipients. They argued that the MLAC actually saves the state money because it helps many people secure various federal benefits. Opponents of the $500,000 said that the MLAC often wastes money by representing people who bring frivolous lawsuits against the state. They argued that the state should not fund this account while more important programs could use additional funding. (A "Yes" vote is for the $500,000 A "No" vote is against the $500,000).

$133,954 FOR VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE BOARD (H 5000)

House 153-0, Senate 34-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $133,954 veto reduction (from $596,776 to $462,822) in funding for the operation of the Victim and Witness Assistance Board. Supporters of the $133,954 said that the funding is important for the operation of this board that works to coordinate assistance and services to crime victims and their families and witnesses during their difficult involvement in the state's criminal justice system. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $133,954. A "No" vote is against the $133,954).

$25 MILLION FOR SEWER RATE RELIEF (H 5000)

House 144-9, Senate 35-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $25 million in funding for sewer rate relief for customers in the communities in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) district, the South Essex Sewerage District and several other communities across the state. Supporters of the $25 million said that these funds would help more than 100 communities reduce skyrocketing sewer rates for their overburdened citizens. Opponents of the $25 million said that it is unfair to help only residents of a few communities and argued that there are other residents across the state that could use rate relief. (A "Yes" vote is for the $25 million. A "No" vote is against the $25 million).

$8 MILLION FROM LOTTERY ADVERTISING BUDGET (H 5000)

House 143-10, Senate 36-1, overrode Gov. Romney's $8 million veto reduction (from $10 million to $2 million) in funding for the advertising of Lottery games. Supporters of the $8 million said that it would increase sales and raise additional Lottery revenue that is distributed to cities and towns as local aid. They argued that the Legislature should not micromanage the Lottery and its advertising. Opponents of the $8 million said that the Lottery's ad campaigns are misleading and are aimed at enticing low-income workers and senior citizens to spend their scarce, hard-earned money on gambling. They argued that this unfair advertising promotes a very regressive mechanism of raising revenue. (A "Yes" vote is for the $8 million. A "No" vote is against the $8 million).

$6.3 MILLION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (H 5000)

House 143-11, Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $6.3 million veto reduction (from $9.6 million to $3.3 million) in funding for workforce development grants. The governor also vetoed some of the earmarking of the grants for specific programs. These funds come from the Workforce Training Fund that was established in 1998 and is financed by Massachusetts employers. Supporters of the $6.3 million said that it is important to fund these grants that provide resources to Massachusetts businesses to train employees and improve their skills. Opponents of the $6.3 million said that the funding is excessive and argued that the earmarking of the funds is unfair because it favors employers in specific areas across the state. (A "Yes" vote is for the $6.3 million. A "No" vote is against the $1 MILLION FOR YMCA (H 5000)

House 132-21, Senate 36-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $1 million for the Greater Boston YMCA. Supporters of the $1 million said the funds are essential to help these facilities that provide important programs for many at-risk youths. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because the program was not recommended. (A "Yes" vote is for the $1 million A "No" vote is against the $1 million).

$158,000 FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY (H 5000)

House 133-21, Senate 36-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $158,000 in funding for intervention services and crisis housing for sexual violence in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. The governor also vetoed language that would ensure that some of the $3.7 million in the state budget for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and treatment programs be spent on the statewide Spanish language hotline for sexual abuse and a suicide and violence prevention outreach program for gay and lesbian youth. Supporters of the $158,000 said that it is used to fund the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project (GMDVP) that raises awareness and education of same-sex domestic violence and manages a 24-hour crisis hotline that provides support, counseling, referrals and emergency shelter. They also argued that it is important to ensure that some funds are earmarked for Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence and for gay and lesbian youth. In his veto message, Romney said that he eliminated language for programs that were not recommended. (A "Yes" vote is for the $158,000 and for earmarking money for the Spanish language hotline and gay and lesbian youth. A "No" vote is against the $158,000 and against the earmarking).

CREATE NEW COMMISSION ON GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH (H 5000)

House 99-52, first sustained and then 104-44, gained the two-thirds margin necessary to override Gov. Romney's veto of the creation of a new Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. The Senate overrode the veto on a 36-1 vote. The existing commission was established by executive order in 1992 by former Gov. William Weld. Supporters of the new commission said that it is important to establish a state law creating a new commission out of the reach of Romney who as governor has the power to unilaterally abolish the current commission that was established by executive order. They noted that the governor recently considered abolishing the existing commission. They argued that the commission works to combat the rising suicide rate among and incidents of violence and discrimination against gay and lesbian youth and helps promote school and community-based programs to work on these problems. Opponents of the new commission said that it is unnecessary and duplicative because a commission already exists. (A "Yes" vote is for creation of a new Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. A "No" vote is against it).

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote
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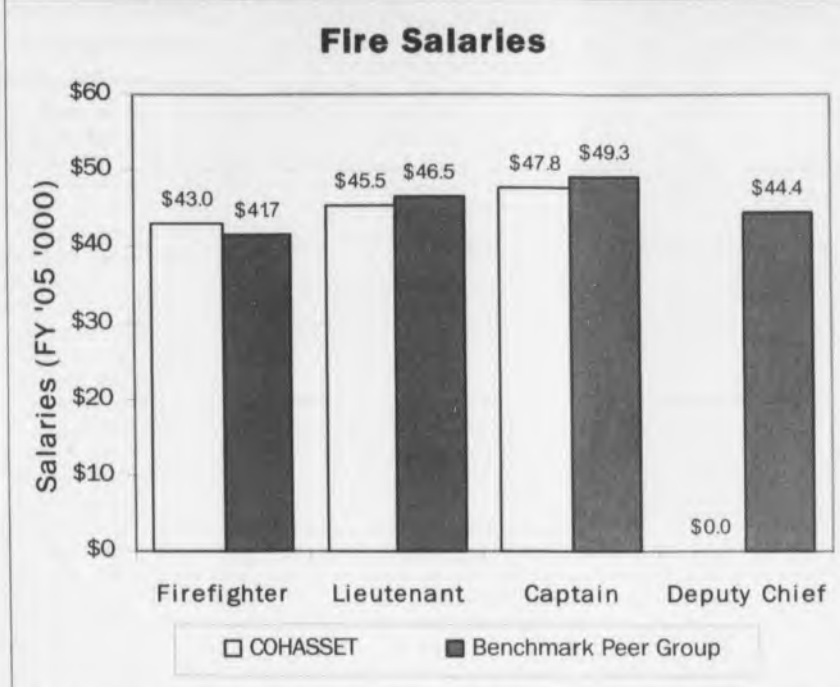

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). A value of zero indicates either that the salary data was not available or that the community did not have that position. Note that salaries reflect the average of the minimum and maximum base salary and do not cover items such as education bonuses, clothing allowance and the like.

This chart shows the 2005 average base salaries for four different positions within Cohasset's fire department. In most communities, these base salaries are augmented by bonuses for certain skills (such as being an EMT), clothing allowances and overtime. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. While they don't tell the entire story, by comparing base salaries, one can get a sense for well Cohasset pays its firefighters relative to other similar communities.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

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Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. This is the fifth of six benchmarks about the fire department.

POLITICAL NOTES

Reed Hillman guest at GOP cookout

Reed Hillman, candidate for lieutenant governor.

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee announces its annual cookout on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St., Cohasset.

Special guest speaker will be Reed Hillman, candidate for lieutenant governor.

As superintendent of the State Police, Hillman was responsible for 2,600 law enforcement and support personnel and an annual budget of more than $200 million.

Invited guests will include: Kenneth G. Chase and Kevin P. Scott, candidates for U.S. Senate; Jeff Beatty, candidate for U.S. Congress, 10th District; state Sen. Robert Hedlund; Peter Forman, former representative and sheriff; Mary-Jeanette Murray, former representative; district attorneys Mike Sullivan and Tim Cruz; Sheriff Joseph McDonald; elected town officials and other candidates for office.

Democrats sponsoring Hingham rally

The Massachusetts Victory 06 Campaign, a coordinated campaign sponsored by the Massachusetts Democratic Party, is sponsoring a rally in Hingham on July 30, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the home of Phil and Debbie Edmundson, 55 Cottage St.

Speaking at the event will be U.S. Rep. William Delahunt of Quincy, who is the representative from the Massachusetts 10th Congressional District, which includes Quincy, the South Shore, Cape Cod and the Islands. Also expected at the event are State Treasurer Tim Cahill, Hingham state Rep. Garrett Bradley, Weymouth state Rep. James Murphy, candidate for state Senate, Matt Mulvey, as well as other Democratic candidates and office holders from around the South Shore. Victory 06 leaders including Joseph Kennedy and Matt Kennedy will also be in attendance.

The Victory 06 Campaign supports all Democratic candidates for public office and is engaged in voter information and recruitment campaigns for the 2006 election season. The focus of the campaign is to develop a statewide infrastructure of volunteers committed to electing Democrats. More information about the Victory 06 campaign is available at www.massvictory06.org. The event is open to anyone interested in supporting the Victory 06 campaign. The suggested donation for the event is $20.

For more information, call Philip Edmundson at 617-646-0229, days.

Young detectives solve puzzle mysteries on Monday nights

PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Members of the Puzzle Club get together at the library Monday evening. At this table are Sara Wilton, Alex Norton, Carly Norton and Margaret St. Sauveur.

Library program draws a crowd

By Mary Ford
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Murphy keeps an eye on all the goings-on while encouraging the groups to make new friends and work together.

Something really cool for kids takes place on warm, summer Monday nights in the children's room at the library.

That is where no less than two dozen young detectives are using their reading and problem-solving skills to assemble jigsaw puzzles and uncover the clues so they can solve a mystery.

At tables scattered around the stacks and the "nooks and crannies" of the children's department at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the young sleuths put their heads together as they pore over puzzle pieces of all shapes and colors.

Traveling from table to table is Marjorie Murphy, retired Deer Hill librarian, but very "unretired" summer Puzzle Club leader.

Murphy keeps an eye on all the goings-on while encouraging the groups to make new friends and work together.

Robbie Hillman, 11, who is going into the sixth grade in September, aptly described the activity as a "mind-boggling experience."

Robbie's table first read the story, as suggested, and then went on to tackle the puzzle.

"It requires teamwork," Robbie explained. "One person would have a hard time doing this alone."

Murphy encourages all the participants to start with the frame or perimeter of the puzzle, which makes the task less overwhelming.

Once the book is read and puzzle is put together revealing the clues, a team member opens the last page of book in front of a mirror to read the last few paragraphs (which appear in mirror writing) to solve the mystery.

Emily Zimmermann, 10, and her sister Kara, 8, are visiting their grandparents for the summer. They live in Hong Kong.

Emily said her favorite part of the Puzzle Club was spending time with her friends. Her table was trying to find out "Who is Kitty?" Soon the puzzle pieces started to reveal the clues: a collar, pet dish, and more.

"I think Kitty is the cat," Brigette Berube, 9, exclaimed.

The Puzzle Club, which is for is for students going into grades three and older., is a drop-in program. The library has all new jigsaw puzzles, from 100-piece puzzles to challenging 500-piece puzzles. Bring a team of puzzle makers or come alone and join a team. Puzzle Club meets in the Story Hour Room from 7 to 8:45 p.m., Mondays. Prompt pick up is required. The program is funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Evan Canney, 8, brings in the 250-piece Spider Tales puzzle to the table. Behind Evan is Marjorie Murphy, who has conducted the Puzzle Club at the library for many years.

Michelle Berube, 12, and Claire Pozniak, 13, work on a glow-in-the-dark puzzle, dubbed "Thunder," during Monday's Puzzle Club session at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The club is for kids in grade three and up.

Evan Canney 8, moves a puzzle piece into position.

Michelle Berube, 12, enjoys the teamwork and challenge of putting together a jigsaw puzzle.

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Green hopes message will stick

Running grassroots campaign against Rep. Garrett Bradley

By Mary Ford
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Hingham native Robert R. "Bob" Green, a Republican, is planning a run against state Rep. Garrett Bradley this fall.

But before Green can challenge the Hingham Democrat, he has to get his name on the Nov. 7 State Election ballot.

To that end, Green is taking a page from Bradley's book by knocking on doors throughout the Third Plymouth District that consists of Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and one precinct in North Scituate.

Green, who is 50 and a 1975 Hingham High School graduate, says he is listening to voters' concerns while trying to educate them on how to put a sticker on the Sept. 19 Republican Primary ballot so his name can appear on the ballot for Nov. 7 State Election.

"While I like Garrett and worked on his 1998 campaign, I think the district needs a fresh voice," says Green, who has worked in security at Logan Airport for the past four years.

Green had hoped to back William "Bill" Ramsey of Hingham, an Army veteran and assistant Plymouth County District Attorney. But when Ramsey decided not to run, Green stepped in.

Green, who reenrolled as a Republican in January after being unenrolled for several years, has also been a Democrat, albeit briefly. However, he stresses the GOP is where he feels the most at home.

"I have changed parties a couple of times, but always went back to being a Republican," Green says. "The Republican philosophy suits me." A fiscal conservative, Green says he is particularly concerned about rising property taxes.

"Too many people are telling me they can no longer afford to live here," he says.

Green says if elected, he hopes one of his first accomplishments would be to establish a real estate commission to look at soaring home assessments with an eye to possible regulation.

He also wants to find ways to help prospective first-time homeowners, who have been priced out of the district. Other issues of concern, he explains, include rising homeowners' insurance premiums in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the MCAS graduation requirement, which he would like to see abolished.

These issues, he says, he has not seen Bradley doing anything about.

Green explains he has to run the sticker campaign because – even though he submitted enough signatures to get on the ballot – the names were not separated by town, as required, and all appeared on the same sheets. By that time, it was too late to start over.

"It was a mistake and I blame myself," he says about the way the names were submitted.

Green needs 150 voters to put his sticker on the Primary ballot in order that his name can appear along with Bradley's on the State Election ballot.

He is optimistic he will get enough support. Then his run against Bradley, who is known for his ability to raise money in a campaign, begins in earnest.

"I'm going on the premise that I cannot try to match Garrett on raising money," Green says. "But all the signs and money in the world means nothing if people can't identify with you."

If elected, Green, who is single, says he would resign from his job and be a full-time legislator.

Bradley says he wishes Green well.

"I've known Bob for a long time and he is a well meaning fellow," Bradley said. "If he makes the ballot, I look forward to hearing where he stands on the issues."

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Bob Green, a candidate for state representative, is running a sticker campaign to get his name on the ballot.

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Legion looks ahead to '07

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

The season for the Cohasset American Legion baseball team can best be described as a tale of two halves.

The first one was a good one that put Post 118 into position to grab one of Zone 6 East's five spots in the district playoffs. Post 118 was 5-2-2 at the halfway mark with a key win over third-place finisher Weymouth along with a 12-12 tie on the road with second-place finisher Braintree.

The second half, however, was quite a different story, as injuries took their toll and Post 118 managed just one more victory the rest of the way, a 5-0 blanking of Stoughton with Ryan Ferriter producing the pitching performance of the season with a one-hitter.

"We started out like gangbusters, but we fell into some injuries that contributed to our demise in the second half."
Post 118 coach Fred Caffrey

Michael Signorelli was expected to be the number one catcher, but fouled a ball off his knee at the start of the season and missed a month. Backup Kyle Pinkus, who filled in admirably, also injured a knee late in the season. Pitchers Greg Malley, Greg Ouellette and Chris Bryan all battled arm problems.

The 1-8 second half dropped Post 118 to 6-10-2 for the season, good for a seventh-place finish in the final standings, and Cohasset came up short of that playoff berth.

"We started out like gangbusters, but we fell into some injuries that contributed to our demise in the second half," said Post 118 coach Fred Caffrey. "We ended up missing the playoffs by three or four points, and the injuries certainly played a part. We also lost a couple of games we should have won, especially the game at Morrisette where we were up going into the bottom of the seventh and then allowed them to score three runs [to win the game]."

The Cohasset pitching was solid in the first half of the season. Malley, Ouellette, Bryan, Ferriter and Shane Caffrey all produced quality efforts as Post 118 finished the first half with three straight wins.

The 7-4 win over Weymouth avenged an earlier loss to Post 79 at Weymouth. That loss to Weymouth was one of only two setbacks for Post 118 in the first half of the season. The other was the gut-wrenching 6-5 loss to Morrisette at Quincy's Adams Field that saw Post 118 rally from a 3-2 deficit to take a 5-3 lead with three runs in the top of the seventh, only to see Morrisette answer with three runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the win.

Post 118 also recorded a pair of wins over Quincy in the first half, along with a victory over Stoughton behind a Ouelette three-hitter on the road, and a forfeit win over West Roxbury in the season opener.

The two ties came on back-to-back nights by identical 12-12 scores. The one at Braintree on a steamy Sunday night surely felt a lot better than the one a night later at home against Holbrook.

Post 118 did squander leads of 3-0 and 10-5 to Braintree, but scored two runs in the top of the seventh to salvage a tie against a program which has had 45 straight winning seasons and has won more than 20 Zone 6 championships.

The next night, Cohasset squandered a 9-2 lead to tie Holbrook and give Post 118 a strange 2-2-2 record after six games. Three wins followed and the second half seemed to start well with Cohasset taking an early 3-0 lead in the home rematch with Braintree at Scituate High School.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cole Kissick is en route to a first place finish in the 25-yard butterfly (with a time of 17.75 seconds) during the Cohasset swim team's victory over Scituate Knights of Columbus last Friday.

All-Scholastic baseball team

Chris Bryan named among area's elite

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Chris Bryan – Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Third base – Cohasset

Chris Bryan

South Shore League All-Star did a little bit of everything for the Skippers: pitch, play the infield, and hit in the middle of the lineup…Led Cohasset with a .365 batting average, and knocked in 20 runs in just 18 games…Finished the season with a staff-best 4-2 record; included in that was a four-hit shutout against Carver that helped spark Cohasset's strong start to the season…Won the season-opener against Sacred Heart, striking out seven in six innings…Usually played third base when he wasn't pitching, but also played some shortstop when teammate Nick Zappolo went down with an injury…Also a solid contributor to Cohasset's South Shore League championship golf team last fall…Bryan will attend Lynn University in Florida, and intends to play baseball there…Cohasset coach Al Gallotta: "If we had a team MVP award, it would a no-brainer to give it to Chris. He did just about everything for us."

Tony Giannini – Junior
Right field - Abington

Just a sophomore, Giannini played well beyond his years this season, leading the Green Wave and the South Shore League in hitting this spring with a .538 average and 22 RBI from the No. 2 spot in the order…Also hit a grand slam this season…Speed was among one of this talented outfielder's greatest strengths as he was often able to stretch ground balls into a hit…Giannini wasn't slated to start at the beginning of the season, but got the bid when another player went down…Eased into his starting role in right field and helped solidify the outfield, recording only one error all spring…His consistent performance helped the Green Wave capture a share of the SSL title, splitting the honors with Carver with identical 9-3 records…The AHS boys went 13-7 this regular season and reached the semifinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional, where they fell to SSL rival and eventual state champ, Harwich…With two years still remaining, Giannini still has plenty of playing to do at AHS.

Steve Golbranson – Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher – Abington

After bursting onto the scene in a sophomore season in which he guided the Green Wave to the finals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, Golbranson has been one of the most consistent performers on the hill for Abington…Proved that season he was a big-game pitcher and he did the same this spring…In the opening round of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, Golbranson tossed a complete game, 11 strikeout 3-2 victory, not allowing an earned run…"Steve should have had a shutout. He was just phenomenal," coach Steve Perakslis said of the victory…Had to pitch in all the tough games and more than held his own, shining much brighter than his .500 record would suggest for the 13-7 Green Wave…His consistency on the hill helped guide Abington to a share of the South Shore League title with Carver with a 9-3 mark…A four-year

Steve Golbranson

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Winners of the A Finals doubles match Tracy Thomas and Gabriel Gomez (left) and runners-up Donna Shea and Bryan Provenzano at the annual Children's Hospital Tennis Tournament organized by the Cohasset Benefit Committee. For more photos from Sunday's events, see page 25. For photos from last Friday night's tournament reception and auction, see page 33.

Laxers honored at Statehouse

On Wednesday, July 19, the Cohasset High state champion boys lacrosse team and coaches Stew Curran and Ronan Buick were honored at the Massachusetts Statehouse.

Athletic Director Ron Ford, Principal Joel Antolini and Assistant Principal Mike Gill and a few proud parents also attended. The team was escorted through the halls of the state house to the Members Only lounge, where they were hosted by Rep. Garret Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund and their staff. A Cohasset High School alum, Rob Butman, who is Senator Hedlund's aide, organized what the players thought was a "great pizza" lunch.

Bradley and Hedlund each addressed the team, congratulating them on their outstanding achievement of a Division 3 state championship. Bradley acknowledged the team's wonderful achievement and how they'll always remember it and always be remembered as state champions.

The representative then took the group on a personal "inside tour" of the Statehouse. Bradley told numerous stories about the people who have served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives over the years. Team captain Ben Libby took the gavel at the podium.

Then it was on to the Senate and the Room of Flags and a special visit out on the balcony overlooking the public garden with a lively and very colorful history about the equestrian statue and General Joseph Hooker.

The team headed back to the House which was then in session and the Speaker of the House surprised the group pausing the proceedings to proclaim "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts on this day acknowledges the achievement of the Cohasset High School lacrosse team in winning a state championship." The Speaker banged the gavel and the team's championship was duly recorded as part of the official history of the Commonwealth. The representatives in session stood and clapped.

Everyone on the team was presented with personal proclamations from both the Senate and the House of Representatives. The boys traveled back to Cohasset with warm memories of this special event.

The Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters and the team would like to thank Bradley, Hedlund and their office staffs for the invitation and arrangements.

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Cohasset's Chris Ofsthun, shown above in action against Archbishop Williams in April, was a South Shore League All-Star this season and is an Honorable Mention on the Mariner's All-Scholastic team.

All-Scholastic baseball team

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player on the football squad, Golbranson started at fullback and was an essential performer in the Green Wave's run to a Div. 3 Super Bowl title victory last fall…The recently graduated senior hopes to continue his baseball career in college.

Tim Wells – Junior (Capt.)
Catcher - Abington

Opposing pitchers might have cringed when Wells came up to hit as the Green Wave slugger was rarely off the bases…Was among the leading hitters on the AHS team from his No. 3 spot in the order, hitting .464 with 26 RBI, one homer…Demonstrated extreme patience at the plate, leading the Green Wave in walks and recording a .606 on-base percentage…Behind the plate, Wells was about as solid as it gets, allowing only one runner to steal a base…He threw out 10 would-be base stealers…His performance both offensively and defensively led the Green Wave to a share of the South Shore League title (9-3) and guided the Abington squad to a 13-7 regular season mark and berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…There, AHS knocked off Seekonk and Marian to reach the semifinals…Also a talented quarterback/receiver at Abington High, Wells guided the Green Wave to a Div. 3 Super Bowl title last fall…Wells also plays basketball at AHS…He will play all three sports in his senior season and he hopes to continue his football career in college.

Chris Dominguez – Junior
Shortstop – Braintree

Performed beyond expectations with the bat this spring for the Wamps to earn a second team Bay State Conference All-Star nod…Batting leadoff, Dominguez hit .357 (second on the Wamps behind fellow All-Scholastic Brendan Wheeler) and led the league in hits with 30…Also played the strong defense that was expected of him at arguably the game's most important position…Had one of his best days at the plate in April 25 win over Needham, going 3-for-5 with two RBI…Hit a home run to spark season-opening upset of then-defending Division 2 state champion Lincoln-Sudbury…Dominguez is a talented three-sport athlete, as he is also a key figure on the BHS football and basketball teams…Braintree coach Bill O'Connell: "Chris was a big surprise with the bat this year. We knew he was a pretty good player, especially defensively, but his presence at the top of our lineup was a huge plus for us."

Tom Huddleston – Senior (Capt.) Centerfielder – Braintree

This is Huddleston's second appearance on a *Marinerland* All-Scholastic team this year after being named to the football team last fall…Bay State Conference first team All-Star got it done at the plate, hitting second for the Wamps, but it was his defense that drew raves more than anything else…Had four outfield assists (in just 21 games), and made several spectacular catches in center field throughout the season…Says playing defense is his favorite part of the game…Hit .324 with 10 RBI and a team-best 10 stolen bases…Had four hits in May 8 extra-inning win at Norwood…Hit a home run in state tournament loss to Catholic Memorial in what proved to be his final high school at-bat…Also caught game-winning touchdown in overtime on Thanksgiving Day against Milton, a play that set a new school record for TD receptions in a year with 11…Will attend Worcester State College, where he plans to study criminal justice…Braintree coach Bill O'Connell: "Tommy was the best center fielder in the Bay State Conference, by far, and he was a sparkplug offensively. He always got on base and he was always stealing bases."

Brendan Wheeler – Junior (Capt.) Catcher – Braintree

Brendan Wheeler

A first team Bay State Conference All-Star, Wheeler provided the pop in the middle of Braintree's versatile lineup…Led the team in batting average (.367), home runs (two) and RBI (16)…Has also developed into a top-notch catcher; Wheeler is adept at blocking balls in the dirt and threw out over half of the baserunners attempting to steal on him this season…Says his most memorable moments this spring were a walk-off double May 1 against Milton and a game-tying grand slam May 17 against Newton North; counts a 17-inning win against Walpole on May 26 as the team's most memorable victory…Has played football the last two falls for the Wamps, but is going out for the golf team in September…Lists golf, fishing, cars and watching movies as his favorite hobbies…Plans to play baseball in college, where he is interested in studying business or sports management…Braintree coach Bill O'Connell: "Brendan is a team leader and will be one of the best players in the league next year. He had many key hits and a couple big home runs for us this year."

John Leonard – Junior Pitcher – Hanover

John Leonard

One of the most feared pitchers in the Patriot League and for good reason…Leonard was nearly un-hittable this season, posting a 0.40 ERA while going a perfect 8-0 this spring…A three-year starter, Leonard gave up only three earned runs in eight starts…The PL All-star walked only nine batters and surrendered only 24 hits…Leonard struck out 66 batters in 53 innings pitched this regular season, helping to guide the Indians to a Patriot League Fisher Div. title (13-1)…Was an essential part of a Hanover team that went 16-4 in the regular season, shutting out five opponents and qualifying for play in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where it fell to eventual state champs, Somerset… Tossed a one-hitter in a 3-0 victory over Silver Lake this season, striking out 15 batters along the way…At the plate, Leonard was a consistent performer, boasting a .321 average with 17 RBI and 14 runs scored…When he wasn't pitching, Leonard started at second base…Leonard spent the summer playing for the Hanover American Legion squad and already has hopes of continuing his career in college.

John Granahan – Junior Third base - Hanover

One of the leading hitters on the Indians' squad, Granahan was a force at the plate for the Patriot League Fisher Div. champs…Granahan hit over .400 for most of this season for Hanover, who won the PL title with a record of 13-1…The PL All-star came up big in several games this spring for the Indians, including a 3-2 victory over Keenan champs and rival Duxbury…There, he singled and scored the tying run and laid down a sacrifice bunt to get the winning run to third…Granahan went 2-for-4 with three RBI in an 11-1 victory over Pembroke, which clinched the Indians' first league crown in five years…At third base, he was an essential part of an infield that rarely made mistakes and helped the team record a 16-4 regular season mark and qualify for play in the postseason tournament…Went 2-for-4 in a 13-1 win over Randolph during a stretch in which the Indians won 11-straight games and 12 of their last 13…Just a junior, Granahan will return to the Hanover baseball field next season.

J.P. Craven – Senior Catcher - Hingham

This talented senior was an extra-base hit machine for the Harbormen, despite dealing with a nagging knee injury sustained in the off-season…Craven hit .396 for Hingham, registering five doubles, one triple, and a homer, good for a slugging percentage of .604…The senior

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All-Scholastic baseball team

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drove in 17 and scored 10 runs himself…A patient hitter, Craven also drew 15 walks for a very solid on-base percentage of .547…The team's starting catcher missed almost the entire first month of the season, sitting out until after April vacation…Craven's consistent play helped guide the Harbormen to a second place finish in the Patriot League's Keenan Div. (4-4) and qualifying for postseason play in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…There, the Hingham boys were edged in a 5-4 decision to Foxboro…Spent this summer catching for the Hingham American Legion Post 120 team, which reached the playoffs…Also a hockey player at AHS, Craven plans to continue his baseball career at Davidson College in North Carolina where he will major in chemistry.

Ian Sumner -Senior
Catcher- Holbrook

It had been a longtime since a boys sports team had reached the state tournament at Holbrook high school, but this spring the Bulldogs broke through with a 10 win season, doubling their win total from a year ago before falling to Ashland in the opening round.

Sumner was a big reason for the team's resurgence this year. At the plate he batted over .400 this year and came through with some clutch hits. He also went the entire season without striking out, a feat that spanned 84 at-bats. Behind the plate Sumner anchored a pitching staff that became very solid as the year went on. A three-year starter for the Bulldogs his presence will be missed.

Sumner also played legion baseball for Post 137 in Holbrook this season helping lift the young program into the right direction. He has already embarked on his future plans, having shipped off to basic training with the Marine Corps. earlier this month.

C.J. Haddad –
Senior (Capt.)
Catcher - Marshfield

The No. 2 hitter on the Rams squad was among the most consistent performers on the team…Had a very solid spring for Marshfield until a pulled hamstring forced him to end his season much earlier than expected…In a 5-2 victory over Falmouth in May, Haddad brought his team back from a 2-1 deficit with a bases-clearing double, but injured himself running on the base paths…To his credit, Haddad remained behind the plate to catch, but was lost for the season, ending the Rams' hopes for a playoff push (9-11)…He was hitting over .400 at the time of the injury…Played a key role in Marshfield's fifth-straight title win at the Hull Tourney, drawing a walk and scoring the first run in a 5-0 win over Hingham, then driving in a run in the championship game against Hull in a 4-0 win…Combined with teammate Zach Chipman to go 7-for-7 in with four runs scored, three RBI and two walks in a game that got away from the Rams against Falmouth…Haddad plans to attend college in the fall.

Andrew Aizenstadt – Junior
Pitcher – Norwell

Andrew Aizenstadt

Performed well as the Clippers' new ace, earning a nod on the South Shore League All-Star team…Says his best pitching performance came in the season-opener against Hanover, where he lost a 3-1 duel to fellow All-Scholastic John Leonard…In that game, Aizenstadt went the distance, allowing only four hits while striking out seven Indians batters…Tossed a complete game five-hit shutout April 10 against Abington, striking out seven…Was also one of Norwell's best hitters; says a game toward the end of the season at Mashpee was one of his best offensive performances… Had three hits and two RBI in an April 21 win over Westwood, while also earning the save on the mound in that game…Also plays golf for NHS…Enjoys playing volleyball, foosball and pool in his spare time…Has spent part of his summer playing Legion baseball and in various AAU tournaments, traveling to Connecticut, Virginia and Georgia…Aspires to play college baseball

Paul Chiampa - Junior
Pitcher/Catcher- Pembroke

Paul Chiampa

Pembroke, in just it's second year as a program earned a state tournament berth this season behind a pair of aces. Chiampa was one of those aces, along with teammate Jeff Llanes. Poor run support often plagued Chiampa and his record, but a 2.38 ERA and 44 strikeouts in 44 innings his season gave proof of his dominance in the Patriot League. His best game was a two-hitter he tossed in a complete game shutout win over Hingham, as well as a pair of 2-0 losses to Hanover and Duxbury. When not pitching he was a stalwart behind the plate for the Titans. He plays legion baseball for Kingston Post 387.

Chiampa is also a standout football player for Pembroke, and will serve as a team captain in the fall. He's an honor roll student, and National Honor Society member, who hopes to play baseball in college.

Jeff Llanes - Senior
Pitcher - Pembroke

Jeff Llanes

Youth and inexperience is common in Pembroke athletics as it continues to distance itself from Silver Lake, the baseball team was fortunate to have a couple seniors contribute, none more important than Llanes. Serving as the senior ace on the staff that coach Bob Flynn could turn to in a big game, he did not disappoint as he helped lift the Titans to a 12-10 season and a tournament berth. This season Llanes was at his best in a pair of wins of rival Silver Lake. In the first game he allowed one hit while striking out 13 in a 2-0 win. In the second win he struck out nine allowing three hits and going 2-4 at the plate. He also started the first tournament game in school history, a loss to Hopkinton. For his efforts he was voted team MVP this year for a second straight season while also earning Patriot League all-star honors. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and ping-pong.

Pat Martin – Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher – Rockland

One of the better pitchers in the Patriot League throughout his career, Martin had another solid season for the Bulldogs…The two-time PL All-star went 5-4 with a 1.52 ERA for a Rockland team that lacked consistency at the plate…Martin tossed 65 innings this spring and struck out 64 batters…All four of Martin's losses were suffered in very close decisions, two coming by 1-0 decisions, and another in a 2-0 final…In both 1-0 EB losses, Martin surrendered only four hits while going the distance…A two-year starter, Martin finished his Rockland career with a record of 14-8…Was also an offensive threat for the Bulldogs, leading the team with a .307 average and 12 RBI for 8-12 Rockland…Also the quarterback on the RHS football squad for the past two seasons, Martin plans to continue his baseball career at Wheaton College, which was a finalist in the Div. 3 College World Series this past spring.

Mark Rennie –
Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher – Scituate

Mark Rennie

Finished a superlative high school career with another Patriot League All-Star season… The three-time *Mariner-land* All-Scholastic lefty saved his best for last this spring; with his team needing a win in its season finale to qualify for the state tournament, Rennie tossed a one-hitter against Randolph for a 3-0 triumph…Also knocked in a run that afternoon…Shook off a couple rough outings early in the season to lead the Sailors down the stretch…Rennie played first base when he wasn't pitching, and hit over .300 this season…Went 2-for-2 with two RBI and two runs scored in a critical late-season win over Silver Lake…A league All-Star in track this winter, where he was one of the best high jumpers in the area…Will be attending Eckerd College in Florida

Eric Pitts – Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Second base – Silver Lake

Proved key to getting this young Lakers team through a difficult rebuilding season with his quiet leadership, classy style-of-play, not to mention his well-rounded on field contributions… was the pitching ace on a team that struggled mightily at the plate…despite posting a very solid 2.91 ERA with 68 strikeouts in 74 innings of work, Pitts finished with a record of 3-4…also a tireless horse, who pitched five complete games this season, including one shutout...finished second on the team in batting (.296), and led the team in RBI (15) and extra base hits (6 doubles, 2 triples, 1 home run)…a unanimous selection by Patriot League coaches to the all-star team…three year varsity team member, and two year starter…also played some third base and shortstop during his high school career…will attend Roger Williams College in Rhode Island this fall, where he hopes to play baseball… has played baseball the last few Summers for the Kingston Legion baseball team… also a standout hockey player, playing varsity each of the past two winters at SL.

Eric Pitts

Steve Doyle - Junior
Third base – Weymouth

At first glance a .362 batting average doesn't look so gaudy compared to the numbers of some of the other players on this page, but when you factor in that Doyle put those numbers up using wood bats for nearly every game it jumps out. This season the junior third baseman finished second in the Bay State League in hitting while helping lead a resurgence in Weymouth baseball that saw the Wildcats fall just short of the state tournament after a two win season a year ago. He was a first team BSL all-star and finished the year with 12 RBIs while proving to be one of the toughest outs in the league. Doyle is also a member of Weymouth's Post 79 Legion team that reached the Zone 6 playoffs this year. Next season he will be among the best players on the South Shore, and will be counted on to anchor the Wildcats offensively as well as on the mound as the staff ace.

James Page - Senior
Pitcher – Weymouth

Pitching a defense has long been the name of the game, and Page's pitching helped lead a turnaround in the Wildcats baseball program. While not overpowering his 0.63 ERA in 71 innings were a good indication of just how dominant Page was. He compiled a 4-4 record, but was often plagued with little run support. Also finished the year with 43 strikeouts and just 13 walks.

Page was voted team MVP this season as well as a second team bay State all-star for his efforts. Among his best games this year was a 1-0 loss in the season opener against defending EMass champion Walpole. He allowed only one u8nearend run in the first inning but still took the hard luck loss. Also played legion baseball for Weymouth's Post 79 club. This winter he served as a captain for the basketball team and is also an honor roll student. Next year he will continue his baseball career at Curry College.

Weymouth Coach Jim Dolan… He mixes his pitches up, you know what's coming and still can't beat him. If there is a better pitcher on the South Shore I'd like to meet him. When he's out there the team has more confidence and that all stems from him"

Honorable Mention:

Matt Jones – Sr. (Capt.) – Third base – Abington
Dan Gaughan – Jr. – Pitcher – Braintree
Chris Ofsthun – Sr. (Capt.) – Centerfield - Cohasset
Rico DeLuca – Jr. – Outfield/DH – Hanover
Mike Perkins – Sr. – Shortstop – Hingham
Pat McCarron –Sr. – Outfield – Holbrook
Ryan Warsofsky – Sr. – First base – Marshfield
Josh Scott – Sr. (Capt.) – First base - Norwell
Dan Messier – Sr. – Pitcher/Infield – Rockland
Ryan Little – Soph. – Infield - Scituate
Tony Luciani –Sr. –Shortstop — Weymouth

Legion looks ahead to '07

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But Braintree then scored 12 unanswered runs as Malley had to leave the game in the fourth inning with an arm injury that would keep him off the mound for the rest of the season, and a late Cohasset comeback fell short.

It was a similar scene two nights later at Catholic Memorial High School as Cohasset took a 6-3 lead over West Roxbury into the bottom of the sixth inning, only to have Ouelette have to leave that game and WR scored five runs for an 8-6 victory.

It was all downhill from there for Post 118, with Ferriter's brilliant one-hit shutout of Stoughton the only highlight the rest of the way.

Top hitters for Post 118 were first baseman-pitcher Shane Caffrey, second baseman Tom Chase and Bryan, who played third base and served as the DH when he wasn't pitching. All of them hit over .300.

Other solid performers all season were center fielder Cody Morgan, shortstop Tim McGrath and infielder Kevin Signorelli. Ben Murphy also drew praise from Caffrey for his versatility as he did some catching after the injuries to Michael Signorelli and Pinkus.

Malley, Ouelette, Caffrey, Kevin Signorelli and Murphy finished their careers this year, and Caffrey feels the team that is returning can make a run at the playoffs in a tough zone next season.

"We're losing a few good players, but we have quite a few good young players returning, most of them for at least two more years," said coach Caffrey. "If we can develop a little more pitching depth next season, we should be pretty good. Overall, I'd say this was a good year. The kids were great and gave it their best."

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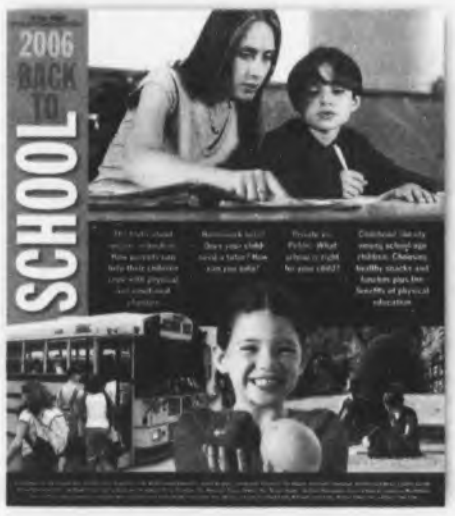

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Right, a group of young athletes listen intently during basketball camp held at Cohasset High School.

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Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming 2006 Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on Saturday, Aug. 5 at:

7:30 to 8:15 a.m. (third grade – "C: Stingrays); 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. (fourth grade – "C" Sharks); 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (fifth grade – "B" Stingrays); 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (eighth grade – "A" Sharks); 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (seventh grade – "A" Stingrays); 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (sixth grade – "B" Sharks).

Each player must report during their designated time. Official practice starts for all players at 5:30 pm on Monday, Aug. 14. All players must have their equipment by the start of practice; it will not be handed out starting Aug. 14.

A $300 refundable deposit (made out to SYF) is required at the time of equipment pick-up. All equipment will be handed out at the equipment shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to **www.scicohfootball.com** or call the hotlines with any questions: football (781-556-0215) or cheerleading (781-556-0216).

Volunteers: If you have not already signed up, there will also be an opportunity for parents to sign up as volunteers for the upcoming season. SYF will be looking for parents to be game day volunteers, assist with our fundraising activities, as well as be a team parent for the season.

It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to ensure a successful season. Please consider this and volunteer to help.

South Shore Soccer Camp and Squirts Camp

Cohasset Recreation Department has announced that registrations are being accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's summer clinics, which take place for one week only, Monday, July 31. through Friday, Aug. 4. Jon Anderson will direct the camp again this year at Milliken Field, Cohasset.

There are two camps offered this summer for two different age groups. For boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the SSSC will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boys and girls camps are operated separately. The one-week session is $255 per participant, with a $20 discount for a second child. The fee includes a shirt and a ball for each participant, available the first day of camp. For boys and girls ages 4 to 6, the Soccer Squirts Camp will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., each day. The price is $90 per Squirt, with no discount for a second child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office to register. Space is limited – early registration is advised.

Soccer goaltending course being offered

Mass Premier Soccer will host a NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) Goalkeeping Coaching Course Friday, Aug. 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the MPS Rockland Arena.

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For further information please contact Bob Nutting Mpremiersoccer@aol

Coaches! Email your writeups to mgoodman @cnc.com

Have an idea for a story? Photo? Let us know.

The Cohasset Mariner prides itself on its involvement with the community, in both realms of news and sports.

The Mariner sports page always welcomes contributions from the community, particularly in youth sports.

If there is a team or athlete that you feel deserves coverage, contact sports editor Mark Goodman at 781-837-4577.

You may also reach our sports department via email, at mgoodman@cnc.com.

Submissions from the community, both articles and photos, are also welcomed and encouraged.

It is the combination of high school and youth sports coverage that separates the Cohasset Mariner sports page from others in the area.

We look forward to continuing to work with the community to help make our sports page the best in the area, and we thank those who have already contributed so much in the past.

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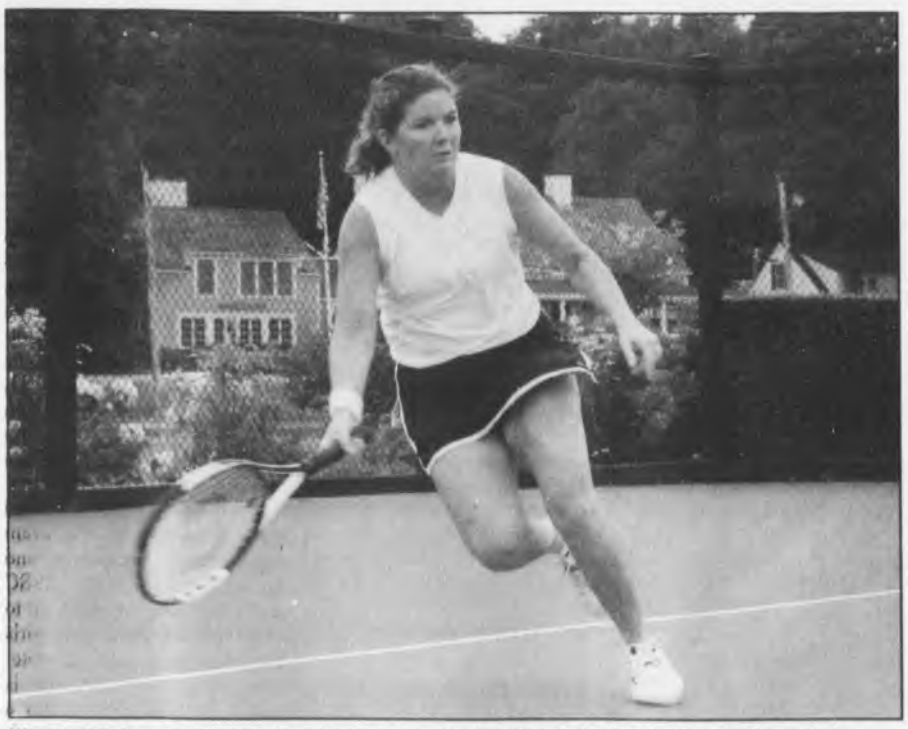
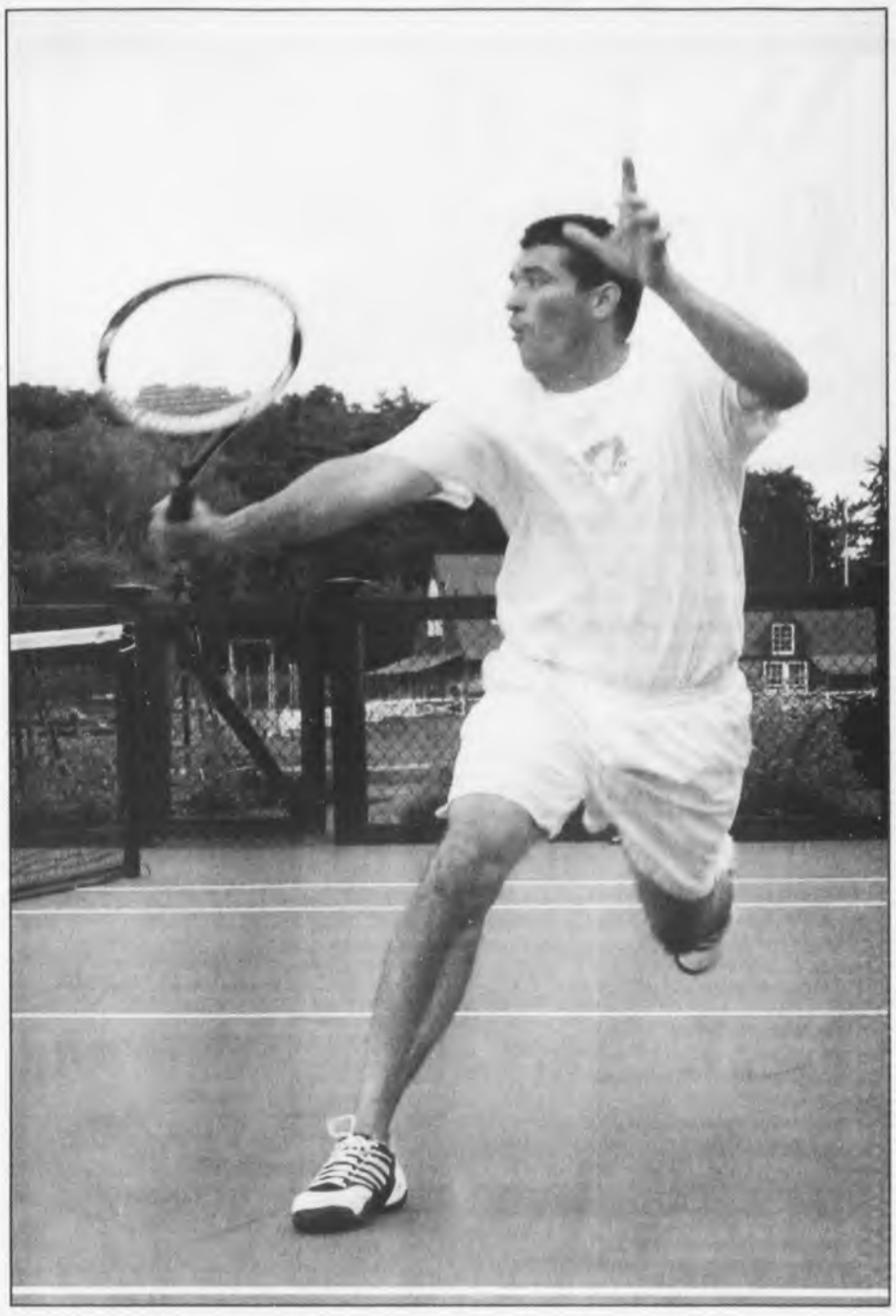


Weymouth's Donna Shea runs down the ball along the baseline during the A Finals doubles match.

Maureen McCarthy checks out the standings during the annual Children's Hospital Tennis Tournament.



Gabriel Gomez of Cohasset strikes a backhand volley during a doubles match on Sunday.

Photos
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Laura Sinclair

(Left to right) Taylor Golz, Sport Sease and Mary Sease watch the action.

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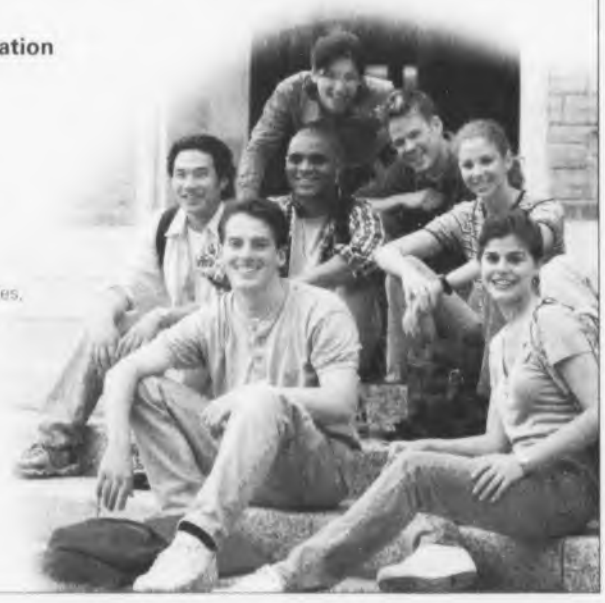

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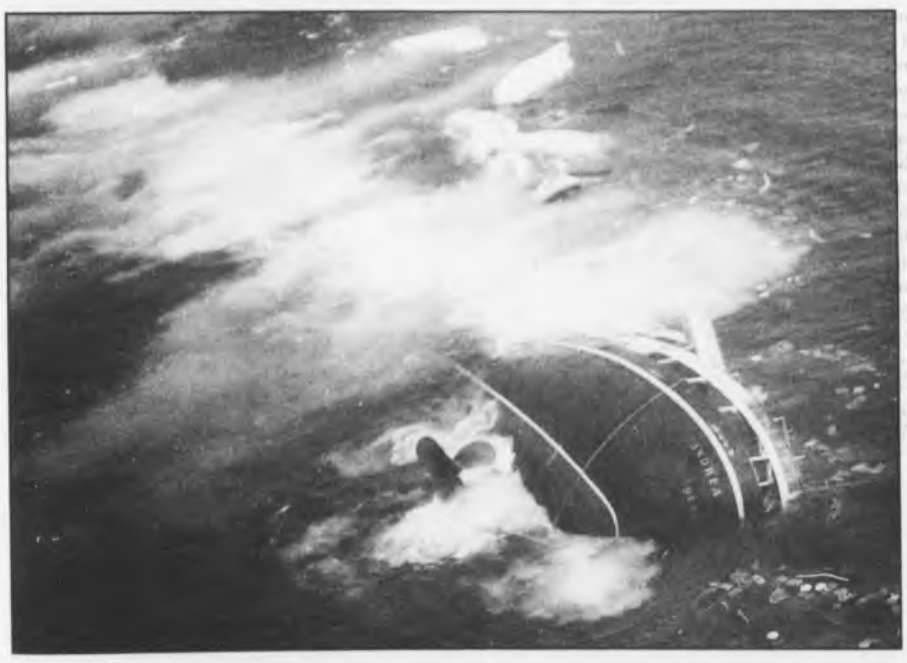
Cohasset resident records the Andrea Doria's last moments

The following photos of the sinking of the Andrea Doria earned Harry A. Trask of Cohasset, the Pulitzer Prize in 1957. The Boston Traveler photos were provided courtesy of Joan Trask.



The death of a Sea Queen

By Harry A. Trask

The first thing I knew, my wife was calling me to the phone at 2:30 in the morning to talk to Bob Kierstead from the office. Thinking sleepy but fierce things about a city editor who'd call a tired photographer at such an ungodly hour, I crawled out of bed to hear:

"Harry, there's been a crash out to sea, and I want you to get in here as soon as possible."

Just then bed seemed a lot more inviting than trying for pictures in the 2:30 a.m. darkness – especially out over the ocean somewhere. But I managed a yawning, "Is it big, Bob?"

"Two ships have collided south of Nantucket Island. More than 1,600 people involved," came the tense reply.

Suddenly wide awake, I said I'd do what I could, hung up, and began throwing on clothes. What information I had I passed on to my wife, adding, "I have no idea when I'll get home; this story may take a couple of days to clean up. I'll keep in touch as well as I can."

The drive from my home in Cohasset to the Boston Traveler building usually takes about 50 minutes; that night I was at the office in a half hour.

There, Kierstead filled me in on the details of the crash. All he knew was that the inbound Italian luxury liner, Andrea Doria, had been rammed by the ice-cutting prow of the Swedish ship, Stockholm, outbound from New York. Both ships were still afloat, but a great many lives were in dangerous balance.

Bob had contacted John Dowd, a reporter who had shared the midnight-to-dawn beat with me when I first became a staff photographer for the Traveler. John and I were to go to Revere Airport, where the owner, Julie Goldman, had a Piper Tri-Pacer and a twin Cessna for hire. The twin had been taken by a rival paper, so we got the single-engine Tri-Pacer – which was unsafe for flying over the ocean. Julie said this would take us to Nantucket where another plane would fly us over the wrecked ships.

We took to the still-dark skies at 4:30 a.m. and landed at Nantucket in an hour. Meanwhile, our rival in the twin Cessna had not been given landing clearance on the island so flew right out to the wreck scene. With him went our hopes for a better plane. Our pilot flatly refused our request to fly us over the scene. He said he couldn't risk it.

The Nantucket Airport was a crawling confusion of planes and newsmen who had chartered them. A look around revealed not a plane left untaken. So, while John buzzed here and there getting story material, I started anxiously trying to hitch a ride for us. Each inquiry brought a refusal. They were carrying extra gas and had no space left; someone else had been promised a ride; the helicopters needed room for possible survivor rescues, etc., etc. A little more desperate now, I even approached the Coast Guard and Army pilots, but they couldn't take civilian passengers.

All I could do was grab a few pictures of survivors being flown in as I watched rival papers, including Boston friends, take off for the picture of the crippled ships. It didn't help any to hear the comments as they returned exclaiming about the "terrible sight out there."

By 8:30 word had come back that the Stockholm would be able to limp back to New York, but was standing by to pick up passengers from the badly listing Andrea Doria. It became clear that pictures of rescue operations and the battered ships would have to be gotten soon or the action would be all over. And there Dowd and I were, probably the only two newsmen on the island who hadn't been out to see what was going on.

I felt bad enough standing around with no plane and no pictures at that hour, but it was worse to think of returning to the Traveler with none at all. I knew our wire service coverage would provide something, yet I dreaded the shame of going back empty-handed.

That's why I was ready to hug Dowd with joy when he came up with an idea that brightened the picture from black to – well, medium. gray, anyway. He thought of calling the Traveler for a list of airports and pilots on the eastern seaboard in hopes that one pair of wings somewhere could come to our rescue. The Traveler came through. The aviation editor gave John a complete list, but, as more edition minutes ticked by, he called number after number in vain. Toward the end of the list was the name, Bob Walker, from Martha's Vineyard. Thank God, he agreed to be our angel.

My first look at Bob's small, single-engine Bonanza lowered my hopes a few thousand feet. I would have liked to have seen a larger, more capable-looking angel. I rattled off questions – about gas, about performance, about her condition – trying to calm my jitters. Despite all the confidence and reassurance in Bob Walker's answers, I was still nervous as I put on a Mae West. It occurred to me that I'd be putting it to full use if anything should happen to the plane's one engine. When, about 9:30, it finally came time to take off, I was glad enough to get going, but couldn't choke down a glum, "Let's get it over with."

We flew south through hazy skies; visibility below was lousy. I was relieved when, after about 20 minutes, Bob said he thought he could make out the Doria dead ahead. Dowd and I peered and soon saw not the Doria but the upright white hull of the Stockholm. Then, to the left, suddenly we saw the terrible sight. It did to me what no horror movie had ever succeeded in doing. I sweated and blanched as we came upon the Andrea Doria, the $30 million Sea Queen wallowing on her starboard side. Even from the sky she looked huge – like a big, graceful animal, wounded and rolled over in pain.

Walker broke the spell by asking for instructions. I suggested circling the Stockholm for a few shots and then taking our time with the Doria. It was then almost ten o'clock.

I was feverish and cold, soaked with sweat. Aching knots in my stomach pulled tighter as I recorded the death drama just 75 feet below.

The plane was so cramped that, sitting up front with Bob, I had to have him lean forward each time I made a picture so that I could shoot through his window. I was crowded too close to mine. At the same time he made the plane roll practically on its side to get the wing out of the way.

We had just tried these sickening maneuvers a couple of times when my heart, instead of my stomach, came up to the back of my throat. I had noticed the Doria's smokestack closer to the water than when we first saw her. She was tipped further onto her side.

"Bob, circle the Doria as fast and as close as possible. I want a lot of pictures. She's sinking."

I was feverish and cold, soaked with sweat. Aching knots in my stomach pulled tighter as I recorded the death drama just 75 feet below. It hurt to see the big ship giving up the struggle – letting the ocean win. Each time we dove and passed there was less and less of her. Finally, I focused on a ring of violent bubbles, and then there was no more need for pictures. It was 10:09 a.m.

Altogether we had circled the ship nine times in nine minutes. I had made nine pictures. Somewhere in the dizzy seconds between reloading my camera and trying to keep my balance, I had noticed that no other still photographer was in the sky over the Andrea Doria just then. That meant that if my pictures were any good, I might have earned for the Traveler one of those magic things – an exclusive. I began to feel excited and was anxious to get back to develop my film.

Bob Walker sped us directly to Logan International Airport, a 20-minute taxi ride from the Traveler. On the return trip, Bob confessed that even he, an ex-GI jet jockey, had felt nauseated, overwhelmed more by what he had seen than by the plane's gyrations.

I guess John Dowd's lead story in that day's Boston Traveler expressed the personal sadness we all felt. He wrote that what he remembered most vividly of the Doria, was a brilliant mosaic seahorse in one of her swimming pools that looked as if it was "diving to the bottom."

Back at the office, I was happy to learn that most of the ship's passengers had been rescued, and all were out of danger. And I was no less happy to learn that the pictures I had made were good. All the discomforts of the day faded when the Traveler replate hit the streets with the exclusive photos of "The Death of a Sea Queen."

Funny thing, the newspaper business. In such break-neck competition it isn't always being first that counts. Sometimes it pays to be the very last.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOAN TRASK

Pultizer-prize winning photographer, Harry A. Trask with his camera.

Trask wins Pulitzer Prize in photography

This week marks the anniversary of the sinking of the Andrea Doria off the coast of Nantucket on July 26, 1956.

The following year Harry A. Trask, a Cohasset resident and photographer for the Boston Traveler — which was part of the Herald-Traveler Company — won the Pulitzer Prize in news photography for his dramatic series of pictures of that fateful event.

Then 28, Trask had only been a staff photographer at the Boston Traveler for two years.

According to the Spring-Summer 1996 issue of the Voyager, Trask "arrived just nine minutes before the Andrea Doria sank, and despite airsickness, took a series of photographs that won him journalism's highest honor."

Trask, who started with the Herald in 1944, left in 1972 to pursue a master's degree. He started his teaching career in 1973 first as a social studies teacher, and then teaching photography at the Jeremiah Burke School where he wrote the curriculum and set up the photography department. He retired in 1990 and worked at his son Mark's tackle shop for years. He passed away in 2002.

Harry's wife Joan still lives in their Bancroft Road home where the couple raised seven children.

Joan said the couple used the $1,000 Pulitzer Prize award to buy their home.

Here in Harry's own words, written just two weeks after the event, is the story of the Andrea Doria's last moments. His handwritten account along with his camera, and copies of his photographs, are in the Newseum in Arlington, Va.

About the Pulitzer Prize

Pulitzer Prizes are annual awards for achievements in American journalism, letters, drama and music. The prizes have been awarded by Columbia University in New York City since 1917, on the recommendation of a Pulitzer Prize Board. Fourteen prizes are given in journalism. The award is named after Joseph Pulitzer, American newspaper publisher, who endowed the journalism school and the awards.

Source: edweb.sdsu.edu

Harry A. Trask of Boston Traveler was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1957 for his dramatic and outstanding photographic sequence of the sinking of the liner Andrea Doria, the pictures being taken from an airplane flying at a height of 75 feet only nine minutes before the ship plunged to the bottom. (The second picture in the sequence is cited as the key photograph.)

Source: answers.com

About the Andrea Doria

Builder: Ansaldo Yard, Genoa
Tonnage: 29,083
Length: 700 feet
Speed: 23 knots
Passenger capacity: 1,221
Maiden voyage: Jan. 14, 1953

The Andrea Doria was one of the most luxurious and prestigious vessels to emerge during the period following WWII.

Source: "Out of the Fog," by Algot Mattsson.

On July 25, 1956 off the coast of Nantucket, the SS Stockholm collided with the Andrea Doria in what was to become one of history's most famous maritime disasters.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JULY 16

12:33 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, liquor law violations, harbormaster requested a car. Has a couple kids with a cooler. 3 Parties taken home. A 19-year-old and a 20-year-old to be summoned on charges of minor possession of alcohol.

1:25 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the secondary schools.

1:41 a.m. **Pond St.**, noise complaint, loud party. Group dispersed, sent on way.

6:28 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement. No violations.

7:43 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

7:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, gas drive off of $4. Officer out at owner of vehicle residence. Owner of vehicle going back to gas station to pay for gas. Situation resolved.

11:57 a.m. **Margin St.**, caller advised there is a water main leak.

12:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged 2 vehicles.

12:46 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, officer advised there is a tree limb blocking sidewalk.

12:53 p.m. **Oak St.**, caller stated there were subject and vehicles at the empty house, just wanted it logged.

1:08 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged 3 vehicles.

1:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and 228 in Hingham**, assist other Police Dept., caller advised minor accident – subject waiting on the side of the road.

1:19 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, 89-year-old female possible stroke.

1:43 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged 2 vehicles.

1:45 p.m. **Border St.**, officer removed subject from bridge.

2:30 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., Hull**, bolo announcement, bolo from an elderly female left of foot from above address. Hull advised female has been located.

2:37 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller advised her washer and dryer have been disconnected. Possibly by her kids.

2:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller advised there are 2 motorcycles parked on property. Officer advised there are motor vehicles parked, but they are on town property.

3:03 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

3:24 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

3:30 p.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid.

3:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

3:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged vehicles.

3:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement, officer reports 7 vehicles tagged.

4:24 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

4:28 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, warrant services. Arrest: Frank Loring, 61, 79 Glades Rd., Scituate. Charges: WMS warrant (3).

5:13 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports a motor vehicle accident at this location, she also reports there has been no personal injury.

5:23 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

6:08 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint.

6:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:49 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, fire, caller reports her power lines are smoking and she has a possible electrical fire in the basement. Mutual aid engine coming in from Scituate. E3 reports the fire is out at this time, investigating the basement, contact wiring inspector and National Grid.

7:30 p.m. **King St.**, caller reports a speeding vehicle went by twice.

7:48 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, multiple callers report a German Shepard running around the common, he's known to the area, but on one knows exactly where he belongs and both callers have said he's a pretty aggressive dog.

8:26 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, caller complains of people parking in this area where its parking stickers only, and only one of these cars have stickers. Officer reports there is no problem and no motor vehicles are blocking anything.

9:50 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, caller reports him and his wife just got home and his yard and poolside are wet like there were kids swimming in his pool.

MONDAY, JULY 17

1:05 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, officer advised the resident is vacant – someone put a candle on the for sale sign.

2 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

2 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

6 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

6:47 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, fire.

6:55 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller advised there is a truck parked in front of his residence. Officer advised the truck is landscaper waiting for his crew.

8:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:11 a.m. **Oak St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:29 a.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:46 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:09 a.m. **King St.**, fire, caller reports a transformer is sparking.

11:47 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:57 a.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, cleared a group from the bridge.

12:08 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:18 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:25 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:43 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:48 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed from the bridge.

1:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a big black truck operating erratically on 3A headed North Bound.

2:18 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:27 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:42 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

2:49 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

3:02 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:18 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, removing a group from the bridge.

4:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

5:02 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, larceny, walk in party reports his bike was stolen from the Cohasset Sailing Club.

5:41 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, suspicious motor vehicle, caller reports suspicious vehicle in front of his house.

5:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller complains that there are cars in this area parked in "No Parking" zones. Officer reports 2 vehicles have moved and two have been tagged.

7:49 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports you can barely get by when your turning onto this street. Officer reports road is passable.

8:13 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, domestic.

9:10 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller wants to report there were 8-10 that came over from the rocks near the cottages going through peoples stuff on the beach.

9:21 p.m. **King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham reports an erratic motor vehicle, a black 4 door Ford pick up last seen at the rotary headed south towards Cohasset, not sure which direction of travel the vehicle went.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

12:46 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are several motorcycles going up and down road. This is an ongoing problem.

3:32 a.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised someone is ringing the doorbell. Caller is home alone. Officer advised nothing showing.

6:40 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, fire.

7:38 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller advised there are large tree trucks that may be causing a traffic hazard. They are moving tree trucks at this time. The trucks are going to be parked at Sandy Beach.

10:02 a.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:25 a.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:32 a.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts' Lane**, motor vehicle stop. Man summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, speeding in violation of special regulation.

10:42 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid.

1:28 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group cleared from the bridge.

1:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, caller complains of the noise from the blasting. Reported this to the Fire Captain, they are going to investigate.

2:27 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:34 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:39 p.m. **The New Driftway, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:46 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:08 p.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:39 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed from the bridge.

4:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller advised between Exxon Station and Stop & Shop, there is an injured seagull in the middle of the road. Officer advised unable to locate.

4:11 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised out at above address.

4:59 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, officer advised large group on the bridge. There is a flat bed truck – blocking road – vehicle has been removed and group has been removed from bridge.

5:05 p.m. **Lightship Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:46 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removing group from the bridge.

6:42 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed group from bridge.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Beach St.**, disabled motor vehicle.

7:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, owner operator advised needs 3A towing.

9:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller advised they locked out of above residence.

9:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised she heard noise – she is home alone. Office advised elderly female is fine. Caller advised it was her health care worker.

10:45 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are juveniles setting off firecrackers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:40 a.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, fire, caller reports a transformer fire in the vicinity of the Yacht Club.

5:47 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a tree limb on the roadway.

7:38 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, water dept. is replacing the hydrant.

10:31 a.m. **King St.**, larceny, caller reports a drive off with gas without paying in the amount of $44. Officer has contacted the operator of the motor vehicle and they are going back to pay, there was a problem with the credit card.

11:10 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:19 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, suspicious activity, 911 caller reports a male party in the area driving very slow up and down the street, then stopped and was seen stealing stuff from a landscaping truck. The suspect then left the vehicle he was in and fled on foot, unsure at this time if vehicle is stolen. Male party is believed to be attempting to steal other vehicles. Sgt. Requesting a K9 at this time. All units in the area checking for the suspect, unsure at this time if vehicle is stolen or homes were possibly broken into. Detail officer off questioning possible suspect. Units are looking for a white male, approximately 20 years old, black hair, wearing camouflage clothing, carrying a black duffle bag. Sgt. Reports cancel the K9, units have the male party in question.

12:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:02 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, Det./Sgt. Reports he just cleared a group of very young children from the bridge.

3:03 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, noise complaint, caller advised there are 2 motorcycles making lots of noise going up and down the road.

6:53 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a chocolate lab on her front yard.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

12:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, caller needs assistance giving her health care worker directions.

6:39 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, fire.

8:28 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:07 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop. Officer on motor vehicle stop request tow truck for vehicle suspended license. Male summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, crosswalk violation.

10:41 a.m. **Spring St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:47 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she just arrived home and found a back pack behind her house, unsure what it contains.

12:22 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, traffic complaint, officer at this location for traffic enforcement from the kids' show at the circus.

1:26 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:37 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, officer request back up cruiser to this location. Male summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulation.

2:32 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:42 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking complaint, Fire Captain reports Highland Ave congested due to Farmers Market.

7:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller states his babysitter is late and it has never happened before. Just requesting a well being check.

9:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity.

9:29 p.m. **Border St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, walk in caller states drunk male was in his lane of traffic driving erratically. Stated to officer this happened in Weymouth. Walk in party followed male to house on Border Street.

10:27 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, domestic.

11:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of the Swim Center.

11:19 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports unoccupied bus with door open.

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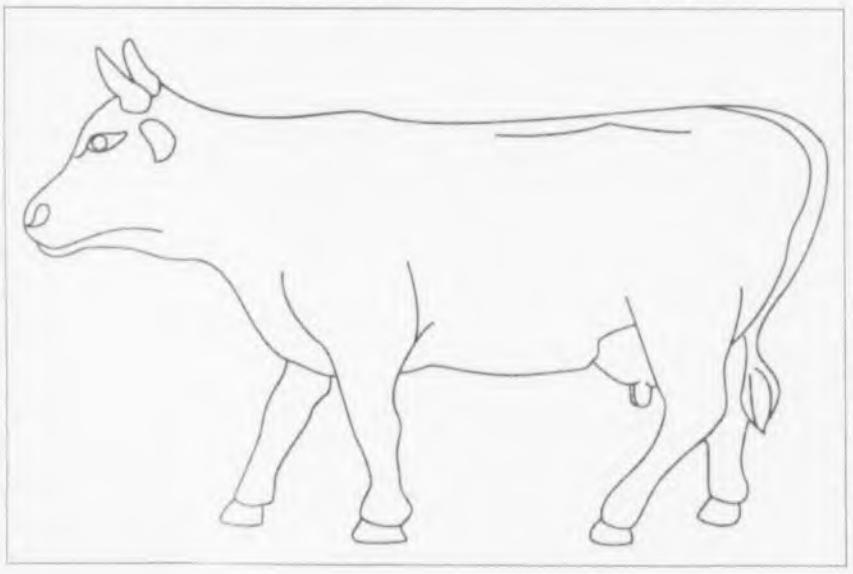

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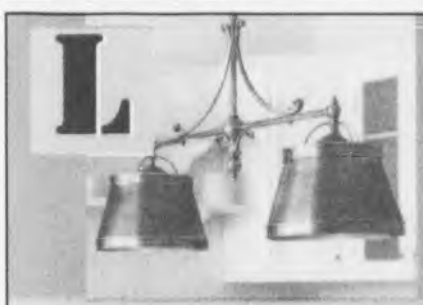

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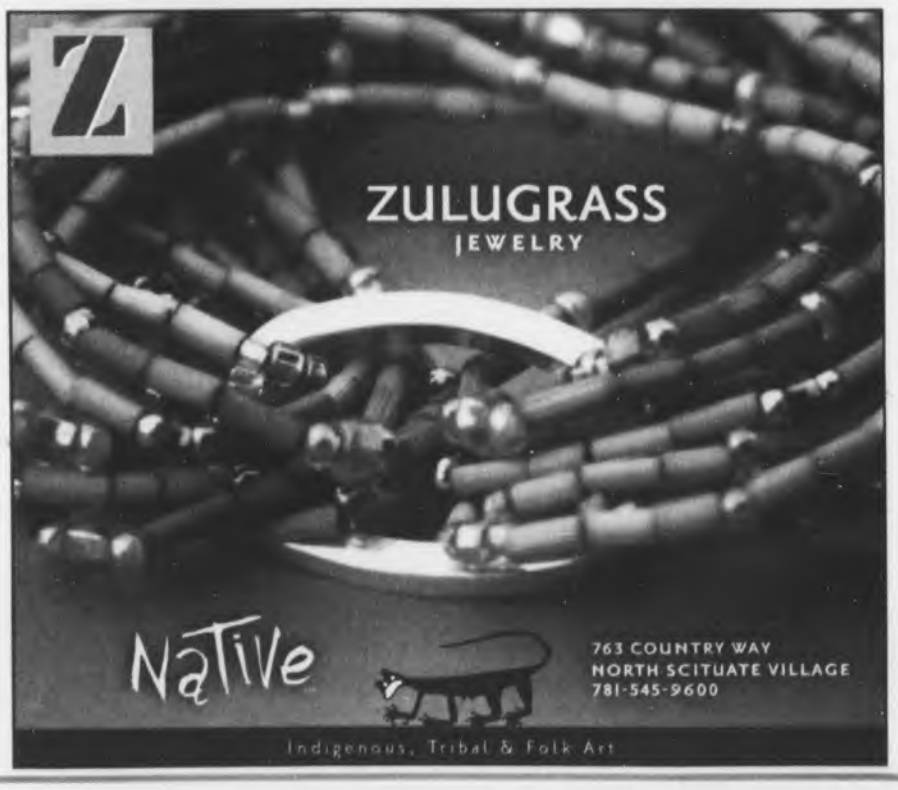

Get-together for a good cause

Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital

Leslie Malerbi and her dad, Paul Carroll, attend the Children's Hospital Tennis Tournament and Reception. This was Paul's 17th year participating at the top level in the tennis tournament.

Maryann Englander looks over the items in the silent auction at Lightkeepers Residence.

Carolyn Coffey buys a raffle ticket from volunteer Bridget O'Brien during the Children's Hospital Tennis Tournament Reception at the Lightkeepers Residence.

John and Adrienne MacCarthy enjoy the Children's Hospitals Tennis Tournament Reception.

Lisa Evans and Linda Glavin chat at last Friday's reception and auction to benefit Children's Hospital.

Chris Lund, Chris DeMurias, Paul Sullivan and Chris Tedeschi get together for a photo at the benefit reception.

In the front row from left are Lorraine Tarpey, Carole Meers, Patti Livingstone, and Darilyn Evans. In the back row are Bridget O'Brien, Sandy Crough, Sue Sookiasian, Corey Axelson and Barbara O'Neill. All were at the benefit reception and auction last Friday for Children's Hospital the preceded Saturday's tennis tournament.

Old friends have a chance to chat at the reception and auction. For coverage of the tennis tournament, see sports.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House) 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Summer Sundays at First Parish Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, July 30. Worship at 9 a.m. in the Meeting House. A Summer SAND Service led by the WomenSpirits Group.

Children are welcome. Light refreshments will follow the service.

The "WomenSpirits" group was founded approximately four years ago by women with varying personal connections to First Parish. We are a loosely structured group allowing spontaneity and encouraging free, self-expression in a relaxed, joyful atmosphere. Our gatherings are playful, artistic, adventurous and always spiritual.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull is available at the church (781-383-1100) and during her vacation, by cellphone (number available through the church phone directory).

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service. The week of July 30 through Aug. 6.

〈 Sunday, July 30: 6:00 p.m. Carillon Recital

〈 Monday, July 31: 7:00 p.m. Profile Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

〈 Tuesday, Aug. 1: 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker from the organization Alternatives For Simple Living will offer a workshop and discussion. Free and open to the public, bring your own lunch.

〈 Wednesday, August 2: Midweek morning prayer with healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Labyrinth Meditation walk.

〈 Saturday, August 5: Bible Fellowship, First Letter of Peter

• Sunday, August 6: Carillon Recital

In the Scripture lessons for the ninth Sunday after Pentecost, we read about Moses receiving the 10 Commandments on top of Mount Sinai, and in the Epistle reading from 2 Peter, Peter writes that we are eyewitnesses to Christ' glory. In Luke's Gospel story, we hear of the transfiguration of Jesus. The Reverend Stan Hardy of Marshfield is preaching.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

IT'S HAPPENING

Trinity College carillonneur

Daniel Kerry Kehoe, carillonneur of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., will play the sixth recital in the 82nd annual series of Summer Carillon Recitals on St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's 57-bell carillon on Sunday, July 30. Featured will be original music for carillon, transcriptions of classics, a group of hymn arrangements, popular songs and other familiar selections.

The hour-long recital is free of charge and will take place rain or shine. In case of rain, listen from parked cars. Printed programs will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. After the recital there will be an open tower demonstration for all who wish to climb the 45 steps to the carillon keyboard.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays, between 9 a.m. noon, or the carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Old Ship birthday picnic

Since Hingham's Old Ship Meeting House on Main Street in Hingham soon will launch a celebration of its 325th anniversary, it is only fitting that this National Historic site was part of Hingham's Fourth of July Parade.

Thus, a float bearing a replica of the familiar gothic structure will herald the beginning of the celebration – a picnic on July 29, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on the lawn of the church. Included will be a timber-raising, samples of period food and children's games, tours of Old Ship and the Hingham Cemetery, a tribute by the Hingham Militia and a few brief speeches.

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OBITUARIES

Ethel Crowley Remillard

Member League of Catholic Women

Ethel Crowley Remillard, 88, of Cohasset, died July 20, 2006, at Kindred Hospital in Brighton.

Born and raised in Brookline, Mrs. Remillard was a former Brighton resident. In 1932, she was chosen to participate in the U.S. Olympic swimming competitions in Los Angeles.

A member of the Proparvelos Club of Boston, Mrs. Remillard later served as a director of Rockport Lodge and was a member of the League of Catholic Women.

Wife of the late Vernon A. Remillard, she leaves her stepchildren, Kenneth Remillard and his wife, Susan, of Arizona and Joseph Remillard; her sister, Barbara Elliott of Cohasset; and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Cornelius J. Crowley, Eileen C. Fitzgerald, Judge Henry P. Crowley and Ruth C. Geddis.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Brookline. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Frances Phillips

Former IRS employee

Frances Phillips, 91, of Cohasset, died July 20, 2006, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a lengthy illness.

Born in Tamsworth, N.H., and raised in Dorchester, Ms. Phillips lived in Milton for many years before moving to Cohasset two years ago.

She had formerly been employed in personnel for the IRS in Boston.

Ms. Phillips enjoyed needlepoint, cooking and gardening. She had been a volunteer at Carney Hospital in Dorchester.

She leaves her sister, Mary Wattendorf of Scituate; her brother, Joseph "Bud" Phillips of Milton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand- and great-nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Edward Phillips, Martin Phillips, Thomas Phillips and Robert Phillips.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Arrangements were handled by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Norwell VNA, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061 or Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

Cicely P. Marks

Librarian and semi-professional singer

Cicely P. Marks, 59, of Silver Spring, Md., formerly of Cohasset, died July 18, 2006, at her home, of complications from breast cancer.

Raised in Marblehead, Oyster Harbour, and Cohasset, she graduated from Cohasset High School Class of 1965 as valedictorian, and received a Rotary Club Scholarship. She graduated from Trinity College in Washington, D.C., Class of 1969.

After graduating from the University of Maryland Graduate School of Library Science in 1970, she worked 15 years with the U.S. Veterans Administration Central Office Library Division, followed by 15 years with American Overseas Book Company. Ms. Marks retired in 2004, due to her illness, while working at the Customs and Border Protection Library under contract with PTFS Inc. For most of her career, she belonged to the Media Library Association, Special Libraries Association, and the American Library Association.

Ms. Mark's interest in music began in elementary school and continued at Cohasset High School, where she was active in the Glee Club. Through auditions, she participated in the annual Southeastern Massachusetts Bank Masters Association concerts. She later sang with Trinity College's glee club, various groups based at Catholic University, and later with the Oratorio Society of Washington. For 30 years she volunteered as a cantor, choir member, and eventually choir director at Christ the King Church in Silver Spring, MD. Joining St. John the Evangelist Church in 2001, she continued as a cantor and choir member.

Previously married to Franklin Davie Marks, with whom she had two children, she met her second husband, Charles L. Garris in 1980. Together they supported many charities, church bazaars, and fundraisers for the marching band at Richard Montgomery High School. Both were also active in the Americana Finmark Condominiums Association, and organizing many social activities.

She leaves her husband, Charlie Garris; two children, Cindy Marks, and David Marks, both of Silver Spring, Md.; her sisters and brothers, Barbara Cutler, Walter Phippen, Roberta Collier, Susan Buxbaum, and David Phippen; an aunt, Polly Logan; and niece and nephew, Malcolm Logan, and Martha Logan.

A Memorial service was held at St. John the Evangelist in Silver Spring, Md.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church Music Program Development Fund, 10103 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

Susan E. Basteri

Worked at New England Village

Susan E. (Pape) Basteri, 59, of Pembroke, died July 25, 2006, at her home.

Born in Weymouth, she was the daughter of the late Charles F. and Rosie (Laugelle) Pape. Mrs. Basteri was raised in Cohasset, educated in the Cohasset schools and graduated from Cohasset High School in 1965. She was a former Kingston resident.

She attended hairdressing school, and then went on to further her education, specializing in developmental skills.

Mrs. Basteri was employed at the New England Village in Pembroke, helping adults with developmental disabilities.

She leaves her former husband, Stephen M. Basteri; her children, Gina Beth Basteri of Pembroke and Maria Basteri of Hanson; her grandchildren, Zachery Farren of Hanson and Kali Dexter of Pembroke; and her aunts, Ruth Hussey of Abington and Pauline Litchfield of Scituate.

A graveside service will be held Monday, July 31, at 1 p.m., at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Visiting hours will be Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m., at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset. Relatives and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

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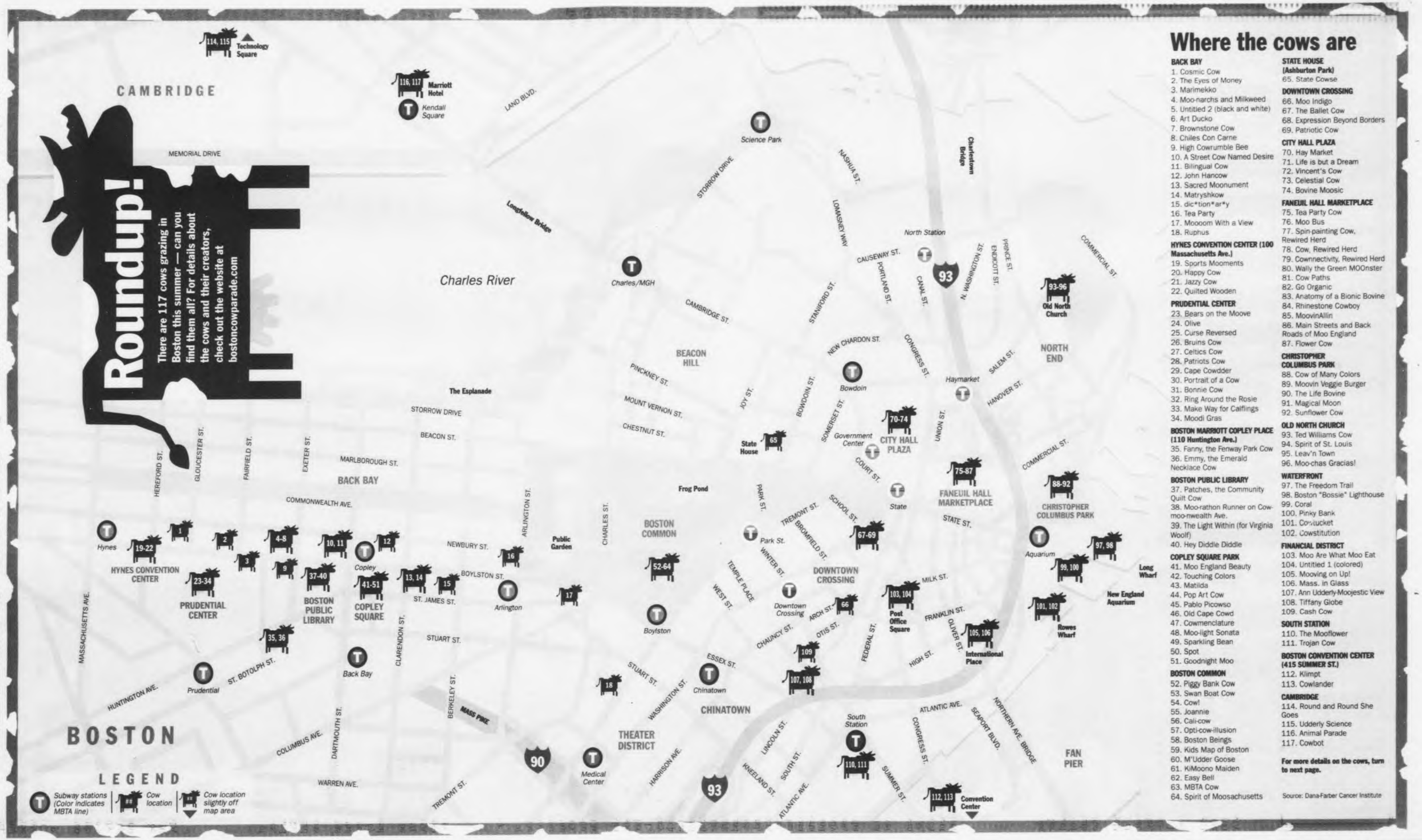

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 27 - AUGUST 4 2006

Michael Hammond of Holbrook as Will Rogers ropes some of his favorite Zeigfeld Girls

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, launches its summer musical blockbuster on Friday, July 28 with the Tony Award-winning musical The Will Rogers Follies. Performances will continue through Sunday, Aug. 20.Directed by Jordie Saucerman and Zoe Bradford, with musical direction by Michael Joseph, The Will Rogers Follies has outrageous vaudeville, the Wild West, an old-fashioned wedding, animal tricks, gorgeous costumes and dazzling production numbers. And at the center is the gentle, All-American Will Rogers. Tickets for The Will Rogers Follies are priced at $27-$29, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, MA. Tickets can also be purchased by phone at 781-871=2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Thursday, July 27

"What's Stopping Your Success," presentation by sales seminar professional Carl Harvey at the South Shore Women's Business Network Breakfast, Thursday, July 27, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Radisson Hotel, Rockland. Non-members are $40 in advance, $25 members; $45 at the door, $30 members at the door. To register e-mail SSWBN at info@sswbn.org or call 781-749-8883. For information visit www.sswbn.org.

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society King Caesar Summer Lecture Series presents **"Preservation of Antique Furniture,"** with Jon Brandon, owner of East coast Conservation Studio in Maine, Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m., King Caesar Barn, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Refreshments served at 10 a.m. For information visit www.duxburyhistory.org. or call 781-934-5730.

Quincy Bay Race Week, for children ages 8 through 16, will take place on the following dates and places: July 27, at 10 a.m., the Inside Line Race (Turnabouts, Optis, 420s and Widgens) will meet at Quincy Yacht Club. July 28, at 10 a.m., the Inside Line Race continues at Wessagusset Yacht Club in Weymouth. July 29, at 1 p.m., Outside Line Race (Thunderbirds, Hustlers, 210s and Rhodes 19) will meet at Wessagusset Yacht Club. July 30, the Outside Line Race continues at 1 p.m. at Squantum Yacht Club in Quincy. For more information about the Inside Line Race, e-mail Kevin Madden at KJM45@aol.com. For information about the Outside Line Race, call Don McGilvary at 617-328-5730. On July 30, 1 p.m., there will be a Big Marine Parade around the Quincy shoreline, starting at Town River Yacht Club.

A Visit with Paul Revere living history program at the Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, Thursday, July 27, 1 to 4 p.m., featuring actor David Connor, who played Paul Revere in the Arts & Entertainment Channel's "Biography" series. Free with museum admission: $3 adults, $2.50 seniors and college students, $1 children ages 5-17.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, July 27, **"Totem,"** rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, July 27, **Earthbound Misfits** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Blues Jam with Madeleine Hall and Stovall Brown,** Thursday, July 27 at 9:25 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-871-7175 or visit www.purpleeggplantcafe.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Greg MacAuliffe Acoustic Café**, Thursday, July 27 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

Friday, July 28

Discover Archaeology children's program at the historic Winslow House, Webster St., Marshfield, Friday, July 28, 10 a.m. Hands-on activities include making an individual stratigraphy, identifying bones, and a sandbox excavation. Participants bring arrowheads and spearheads for identification. Cost $10 per child. Call 781-837-5953 or e-mail markschmidt@winslow-house.org.

"Cinderella After the Ball" will be performed at the Priscilla Beach Theatre, 796 Rocky Hill Road, Manomet, on Friday, July 28, at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. All tickets are $12. For reservations or more information, call PBT at 508-224-4888 or visit the Web site at www.thinkTheatre.org.

Boston Children's Theatre 'Plays in the Park' on Georges Island, Friday, July 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. "The Honorable Urashima Taro" Seaside summer performances at Fort Warren on Georges Island, Boston Harbor. For more details, call 617-424-6634 or visit www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org. Admission is free. Ferry fares to the island are: $12 adult, $9 seniors, $7 kids, children under 3 are free.

"Seussical the Musical" will be performed at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be purchased at the door. For reservations or more information, call 781-826-8550. Tickets are $12 adults, $10 students and seniors.

Michael Feinstein

Linda Eder

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The Chernobyl Children Project USA, Inc. will be hosting a **Wine Tasting** on Friday, July 28 from 7-11 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford. An evening of good wine, appetizers and music which will feature a silent auction, an opportunity to play base with the band and a discount on hotel rooms. For information about the Wine Tasting and to order tickets, which are $40, contact Charlotte Ott at 978-256-3438 or charlotteott@comcast.net.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, July 28, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, 60s, 70s and 80s music. DJ. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

South Shore Singles Dance, Friday, July 28, 8 p.m. to midnight with **DJ Dave Joubert**, at the Braintree Disabled American Veterans Hall, 778 Liberty ST., Braintree. Ages 45+. Snacks and cash bar. July and August admission of $7 for all. Proper dress. Call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, July 28, **"Incredible Casuals,"** rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

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Mark your calendar

THE 2ND ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER WATERFRONT FESTIVAL sponsored by the Hull-Nantasket Beach Chamber of Commerce, Sept 16, from noon – 6 p.m. at Nantasket Beach, Hull, Free Admission. Open air sound stages, food vendors, local retailers, artists, and craftsmen plus special events and contests all day will extend our summer into September. Sprinkled with sandcastle building, hot dog eating, waiter and waitress races, and pet look-a-like contests, the air will be filled with the rhythms of local bands, from reggae and Celtic, to rockabilly and classic rock. Local restaurants will present offerings from fried clams to spring rolls. Artists will be displaying their finest canvases and local shops offering boutique clothing, nautical gifts, kites, and much more. The entire festival will take place on the boulevard between Wharf Street and Park Avenue. Plenty of free parking, restrooms, handicap access and boat access. For information please contact info@hull-nantasketchamber.com.

THIRD ANNUAL NORTH SHORE TRIATHLON/ BAC TRI-CHALLENGE, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Lynch Park. An Olympic-distance event with individual and team competitors. Course consists of a .93 mile open harbor swim, around the Hannah Glover party boat, 24.8 mile challenging bike course around Beverly and Wenham. Triathletes then run 6.2 miles out and back on Route 127 along the coast. A new sponsor, the Beverly Athletic Club, will offer free weekly coached workouts to help prepare participants for this challenging triathlon. Workouts take place at the Beverly Athletic Club, 7 Reservoir Road, Beverly. For information on the free workouts, sports marketing and advertising opportunities or to volunteer, contact Harry and Frances Pratt at 978-578-0634, email: info@ultramarketing.biz or visit www.northshoretriathlon.org.

AGAINST THE TIDE: SWIM, WALK, KAYAK FUNDRAISING EVENT, Saturday, Aug. 19 at Nickerson State Park, Brewster. Join the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition Against The Tide annual morning Swim, Kayak, or Walk to help prevent Breast Cancer. To register or pledge, go to www.mbcc.org/swim; call Cheryl Osimo at 800 649-6222 or email: cherylosimo@comcast.net

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE is coming to the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St., in Boston's Theatre District. Tickets to this Tony Award-winning musical comedy, and Broadway smash hit are on sale July 30 and performances begin Sept. 26. Performances are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Friday at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are $25 - $75 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and Ticketmaster.com.

Movie review

No splash in 'Water'

"Lady in the Water" (D+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

I see a dead movie. "Lady in the Water," M. Night Shyamalan's embattled seventh film, is a cautionary reminder of the fine line between the childlike — a virtue cherished by such filmmakers as Walt Disney, Steven Spielberg and Shyamalan — and the moronic, and between showmen and charlatans.

In "Lady," Paul Giamatti plays Cleveland Heep (a distant relation to Uriah?), the stuttering (argh) superintendant of a Philadelphia apartment complex built around a swimming pool.

One night, Cleveland, who has a tragic secret, catches someone in the pool after hours, a beautiful young woman named Story (a pale, thin and weepy Bryce Dallas Howard, whose father Ron Howard, weirdly enough, directed "Splash"). She ends up in his bedroom wearing nothing but one of his dress shirts.

Cleveland oddly does not stutter in the mysterious young woman's presence, and instead of assuming she is on a kind of Anne Heche-like, drug-induced walkabout, he comes to believe, altogether too credulously, that Story is a "narf," a sea nymph out of Eastern myth.

Cleveland pumps resident Young-Soon (a winning Cindy Cheung), whose mother knows the myth, for more information and learns that a wolflike creature he has seen is a "scrunt," a beast sworn to kill the narf before it can fulfill its purpose.

The mysterious Story (Bryce Dallas Howard) watches while Cleveland (Paul Giamatti) tries to protect her from danger.

That purpose is to find the chosen one (a writer played by Shyamalan) and inspire him to change the world.

"Do you feel an awakening?" Story asks Cleveland when they first meet. I, for my part, was feeling an a-sleepening.

The film is a stilted allegory about the art of writing, complete with a villainous critic (Bob Balaban). Story, who resembles a pre-Raphaelite mermaid, comes to the chosen one from the "Blue World" of nymphs and presumably fairies, elves and ogres and all sorts of child-book creatures.

Among the apartments' other residents are a young father (Jeffrey Wright), who "adores words" and is adept at crossword puzzles, and his son, a prodigy who discerns plots in cereal boxes. Also in residence in the unnamed complex are five male roommates who chain-smoke, talk and spin yarns. Less coherently, the film features a young Hispanic man (Freddy Rodriguez) who unfathomably works out only the right side of his body.

While nicely shot by Christopher Doyle and often funny, "Lady in the Water" is half-baked. Characters spend too much time explaining the increasingly risible plot to one another.

Shyamalan, of course, is a prodigy who exploded on the film scene with his 1999 smash "The Sixth Sense," a film that has become part of American pop culture. Since then, his films — "Unbreakable," "Signs," "The Village" — have not been as impressive, although they have made a lot of money.

"Lady in the Water" is in many ways a vindication of Nina Jacobson, the Disney executive who told Shyamalan she "did not get" his "Lady" screenplay, an opinion that sent him sullenly to Warner Bros. to make the film and to Sports Illustrated writer Michael Bamberger to document his studio travails in the sycophantic nonfiction book "The Man Who Heard Voices: Or, How M. Night Shyamalan Risked His Career on a Fairy Tale." (Perhaps as a reward for her straight talking, Jacobson has just been fired by Disney.)

Giamatti, who plays the lead in this mainstream summer popcorn movie, is not bad. He's just hobbled by the script like everyone else in the film. To say "Lady in the Water" is self-aggrandizing nonsense is to state the obvious.

Step away from the mirror, Night.

Rated PG-13. "Lady in the Water" contains frightening images and loud, startling noises.

Calendar

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Artist John Lanza's works are currently on display in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library. The library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For hours and information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, July 28 **John Truscelli Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Saturday, July 29

Edaville USA in Carver will host the KISS 108FM Summer Games on Saturday, July 29. Park is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. KISS 108 music, personalities, street team, and KISS Summer of Fun competitions and summer-style games, with prizes. $16 admission fee includes all-day unlimited access to all rides and attractions, including live stage shows. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Peter Rabbit Story Time for parents and children ages 4 and up, with naturalist Dot MacFarlane, at The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Saturday, July 29, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost $7, $6 members. Explore the world of Peter Rabbit with craft, activities, and a walk. Pre-registration and payment required. Visit www.ssnsc.org.

Art & Soul Festival with Candita Mamet, host of WATD radio's "Healthy Living," Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Boyden Quad, Bridgewater State College. Artisans and holistic practitioners, a variety of natural foods and beverages, blues and Zyedeco music, drumming, chanting, singing. Admission $10, $5 children ages 12-17, under age 11 admitted free.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, July 29, 1 p.m. Moderate walk, some hills, 4 miles. Old Route 128 to Beech Hollow and Doe Hollow, returning via the green dot trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St. in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Yankee Jack Memorial benefit for the American Lung Association, Saturday, July 29 at the Weymouth Elks Hall, Route 53, Weymouth. For over 40 years, Jack traveled and entertained all over the country. He passed away recently and this will be a chance for family and friends to celebrate his life while the proceeds go to the American Lung Association. Tickets may be purchased online at www.yankeejack.com.

First Time Homebuyer Workshop sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore, at Citizens Bank, 1200 Hancock St., Quincy, Monday, July 24, 6 to 8 p.m. Home buying certificates awarded. Refreshments and free gifts. Cost $15. Call 617-770-2227 ext 31 or visit www.neighborhoodhousing.org.

Epiphany Designs Mid-Summer Reception, Saturday, July 29, from 4 to 7 p.m., at 518 Nantasket Ave., Hull. On view will be an exhibit, "Beaches, Boats, Barns, Baubles: Everything Summer." For more information call 781-925-4344.

Ye Olde Tavern Night at the Winslow House, Webster and Careswell sts., Marshfield, Saturday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. Features a variety of pub fare, colonial games of chance, entertainment by **Three of Cups** revelers. For reservations or information call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.Schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Keith Lockhart and The Boston Pops will perform a benefit concert at the South Shore Music Circus, 103 Sohier St., Cohasset on Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m. The concert will benefit South Shore Art Center and will feature 70s themed music from film classics such as themes from 'The Godfather,' 'Star Wars,' and 'A Clockwork Orange.' They will also will perform hit songs from 70s Broadway debuts. Joining the Pops in concert will be Rockapella, a cappella group and American Idol's Ayla Brown. Tickets are $75.25 and can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Premium packages, which include preferred seating and a post-concert reception with Lockhart, are available by calling the Art Center at 781-383-2787. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

The Brant Rock Family Festival will be held Saturday, July 29 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Union Chapel (old stone church) at 327 Ocean Street. The event will feature live musical performances by Yankee Echo, Jill James and The Infractions, a craft fair and vendors selling clothing, jewelry, paintings and more and children's games and activities.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, July 29, **Urban Renewal Band** funk and soul, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $8. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, July 29, **Five to the Face** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Sunday, July 30

Rub Out Cancer Fundraiser will be held Sunday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Ocean Place, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Message therapists, reflexologists and reiki masters will offer their services for a donation of $1 per minute. Demonstrations, refreshments, samples and more will also be featured. Proceeds benefit the Leonard Zakim Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more information or an appointment, call 781-925-4004.

Center Hill Pond and Beach Walk, sponsored by the Wildlands Trust, Sunday, July 30, at 10 a.m. The Plymouth coastal property includes woodlands, a large pond and more than half a mile of ocean beach. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, bug spray and water. For more information, call the Wildlands Trust office at 781-934-9018.

Mountain Bike the Upper Charles River Greenway, Sunday, July 30, 1 p.m. Intermediate mountain bike covers 10 miles over 2 1/2 hours through scenic parks and open spaces. Space is limited. Call 617-698-1802 for registration and meeting place.

Japanese Tea Ceremonies in the Shofan Wind-in-the Pines tea hut at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sunday, July 30 and Aug. 27, 2 p.m. Ceremonies conducted by Aiko Rogers of the Uransenke School of Tea. Free admission. Limited seating. For information call 781-934-6634

Massachusetts Special Olympics will host a competition with team games on Sunday, July 30, at **Edaville USA** in Carver. Event to raise funds for the Olympians. $16 admission fee includes all-day unlimited access to all rides and attractions, including live stage shows. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Body Worlds 2: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston. Gunther von Hagens' internationally renowned exhibition opens Sunday, July 30. Admission $15 adults, $12 children ages 3-11, $13 seniors ages 60 and older. For information visit www.mos.org.

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Ayla Brown

World Wrestling Entertainment matches under the Tent at the South shore Music Circus, Sunday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. WWE Title Match, Bay State native John Cena vs. Edge with Lita, Intercontinental Title match, World Tag Team Title match, Playboy Cover Girl Match with Torrie Wilson vs. Candice Michelle, and much more. Tickets $43.75 and $30.75 available at the Music Circus Box Office daily from noon to 6 p.m., online at www.themusiccircus.org, and Ticketmaster, 617-931-2787.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, July 30. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Dave Foley Solo**, Sunday, July 30 at 9:15 p.m. No cover. For information call 781-337-9796.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, July 30. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, July 31

4-H Down on the Farm Animal Week at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, July 31 through Aug. 4. Program will introduce children to a variety of animals by experienced 4-H leaders. Cost $30 per day or $130 for the week. For more information and to register call Plymouth County Extension at 781-293-3451 or e-mail plyctyext@mindspring.com.

Norwell VNA 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, raffle and silent auction, Monday, July 31, at the Cohasset Golf Club. Registration is at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. All proceeds benefit Norwell VNA. Tickets are $175 per person and include lunch, unlimited use of practice range and putting area, and sit-down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef. Dinner only is $40 per person. Business and individual sponsorships available. Call 781-659-2342 ext 550.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, July 31, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

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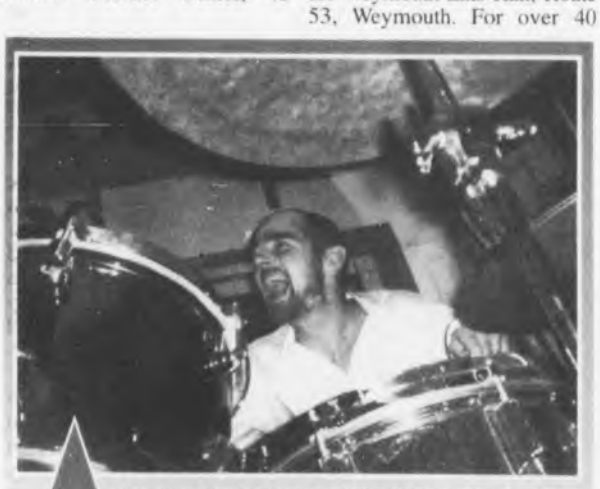

BEST BET

Social Lubrication featuring Brian Kelley will host a CD Release Party will be held Sunday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jamie's restaurant, Route 139 in Marhfield. For more information on the band or Brian Kelley visit the site www.briankelleymusic.com.

Call for entries

MASSACHUSETTS ARTISTS FOURTH ANNUAL VORTEX 2006: A juried exhibition hosted by Blue Man Group at the Charles Playhouse. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 2. Exhibit challenges Massachusetts' artists to submit original and inspirational work that explores the role that 'interconnectivity' plays in art. Blue Man Group will accept artwork in two age divisions: 12 - 17 years old and 18 + years old. In the 18+ division, four selected artists' work will be on exhibit in The Charles Playhouse lobby for up to one year. In addition, the selected artists in the 18 + division will receive cash prizes ($2500 Grand Prize, $1000 Second, $500 each for Third and Fourth). In the 12 - 17 years old division, the Grand Prize recipient will receive up to $500 tuition reimbursement to art classes of their choice. Each selected artist in the 12–17 years old division will receive up to $100 worth of art supplies for their school and have their artwork displayed at the Boston Children's Museum. For guidelines, and downloadable entry form go to www.blueman.com/vortex. For questions, call 617-542-6700 x12.

PLYMOUTH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL SEEKS CRAFTERS. Festival will be Aug. 26 and 27 throughout Plymouth's historic downtown and waterfront. For crafters and artisans who wish to showcase their works at a community oriented event. The PACC requires all works be original and handmade, no mass-produced or manufactured items will be accepted. Crafter spaces are now available and crafter reservation deadline is July 31. Contact the PACC at 508-830-1620 or visit www.PlymouthWaterfrontFestival.com to request an Exhibitor Reservation Form.

15TH ANNUAL MOOSE FEST PHOTO CONTEST. Entries for the contest are now being accepted. Registration deadline is Aug. 17. The Moose Festival is sponsored by the North Country Chamber of Commerce and will be held Aug. 26-28 in the towns of Colebrook, Columbia and Pittsburg, as well as Canaan, Vt. One photograph per person per category is allowed, with no restrictions as to size. Entries must be matted, framed and ready to hang with wire hanger and will not be accepted otherwise. Entries must be dropped off at the Canaan Community Park by 8 a.m. on Aug. 26, and picked up by 3 p.m. on that date. Categories are wildflowers, birds, wildlife, landscapes, buildings, people, still life and garden flowers, pets or farm animals, sunsets or sunrises and black and white photographs. For entry forms visit www.moosefestival.com or call the Chamber office at 603-237-8939. Return the completed form to the North Country Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1, Colebrook, N.H. 03576.

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Everyone's favorite herpetologist, Michael K. Raibovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows is back for a return visit with his menagerie of reptiles, including lizards, turtles, really BIG snakes and an American alligator. Raibovsky will present Reptile Rock Show on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 from 1:30-2:30pm. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Show is recommended for children ages 3 and up. Tickets must be purchase in advance and cost: $8 members/ $10nonmembers. To purchase tickets visit the South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, or call the Science Center at (781) 659-2559.

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South Shore Women's Business Network's luncheon will be held at Bon Caldo Restaurant in Norwood, Monday, July 31 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meet and network with local business people from Norwood. Seating is limited. For information call 781-749-8883. Cost for pre-registered members is $25, non-members is $40. At the door, members are $30, non-members are $45. Visit www.sswbn.org.

Author Seth Mnookin with discuss his new book on the Boston Red Sox, **Feeding the Monster: How Money, Smarts and Nerve Took a Team to the Top,** on Monday, July 31 at 7 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library. Copies will be available for purchase and singing.

Tuesday, Aug. 1

Artist Bob Alonge of Rockland's New Song Arts Center will exhibit his work at the W. Roxbury Public Library, 1961 Centre St., W. Roxbury, from Aug. 1 through 31. Opening reception and book signing, Monday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. For information call 781-413-7604.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra Concerts for Children presents **Lifting the Curse: A Story of the Red Sox,** with conductor Julian Wachner, narrated by National Public Radio commentator Bill Littlefield, Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m., at the Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park at Franklin Park, Dorchester. For information call 617-520-2202 or visit www.LandmarksOrchestra.org.

Adoption and Foster Care School Awareness Project will meet Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss The Adoption Forum planned for Nov. 19, in the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and communities of the special needs of children and families formed through adoption and foster care. Cake will be served. For more information, visit www.aboutmebooks.biz/asap.

12th Annual Father Bill's Place Food Fest and Auction, Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 6–10 p.m. at WaterWorks, Marina Bay in Quincy. In its 12th year, event features more than 40 of the finest local restaurants, bakeries, and wine distributors sampling their wares. Proceeds will benefit the programs and services for the homeless at Father Bill's Place. Tickets are $100 each and can be purchased on line at www.fatherbillsplace.org or by calling the agency's Development Office at 617-376-2255.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 308 Kingstown Way, Duxbury, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Open to all family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims. Call Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser, 781-585-2397.

Chronic Pain Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg Road, Weymouth. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m., in the private dining room of the hospital. Group is open to anyone with chronic pain, whether it is lower back pain, pain from fibromyalgia, RSD, cancer treatment or arthritis pain. Speakers present different ways of coping with pain. For information call 781-340-8352.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

South Shore Natural Science Center Reptiles Rock Show, Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows will have a menagerie of reptiles, such as lizards, turtles, snakes and an American alligator. The show is recommended for children age 3 and up. Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost $8 for members/$10 non-members. To purchase tickets call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, will host a "Fancy Nancy" Soiree on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m. There will be reading from the book "Fancy Nancy," an opportunity to learn to speak some French and enjoy ice cream sundaes. Cost is $3 per person. The event is suitable for children ages 4 and older. Reservations are required. Call 781-383-2665 for information and to register.

Diabetes Support Group at South Shore Hospital, Fogg St., Weymouth. First Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. People currently living with diabetes facilitate the group. Learn while sharing your concerns. The group offers emotional and social support. Call 781-340-4166 for information about the Diabetes Center or the support group.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Aug. 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, Aug. 3

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet at The John Curtis Free Library, Thursday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. The group plans to meet the first Thursday of every month in the small meeting room on the lower floor. Contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781-659-2691 for further information. There is free parking The Library is located at 534 Hanover St., Hanover.

Patriotic Pops Concert, featuring the Plymouth Philharmonic Cabaret Orchestra, to benefit the Wareham Boys and Girls Club. will perform Thursday, Aug. 3, and Swing It, featuring the Symphony Swing Band, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 17 at Tihonet Pond in Wareham. Tickets are $12 for adults; children younger than 12 admitted free. Children's programming at 6 p.m., will be followed by the musical performance from 7 to 9 p.m. Food and beverages available for sale. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. For tickets and more information, call WBGC at 508-295-5400.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra with conductor Charles Ansbacher presents **Romantics in the Park**, featuring works by Dvorak, Thursday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m., at the Beale Estate, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy. Visit www.landmarksorchestra.org.

Veterans Disability Benefits Commission will hold a regional town hall meeting, open to the public, on Thursday, Aug. 3, at 26 North St., Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston. Schedule: 7 to 7:30 p.m., briefing from the commission; 7:30 to 9 p.m., open discussion for public comment. For information, visit www.vetscommission.org.

Spectacular Summer Wine Tasting and Sale will take place Thursday, Aug. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Blanchard's, 700 Plain St., Marshfield. All wines at the event will be discounted by 20 percent, and that price will be honored for 10 days following the tasting. More than 100 wines from around the world will be featured.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood,** Thursday, Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

Friday, Aug. 4

Summer Art Exhibit, featuring the work of Bettina Lesieur, begins Friday, Aug. 4, with an opening reception from 6-10 p.m. The exhibit will take place at 301 Saint George St., Duxbury, in the barn behind the second house. It will feature oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of the South Shore area, Cape Cod and the Islands, New Mexico, Key West and Provence. Exhibit will continue Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6, and Friday, Aug. 11 through Sunday, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. For more information, call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

Time Travelers Workshop, presented by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, Friday, Aug. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m., on the grounds of King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road. Cost $10 per child. Featured program will be "Sheep to Shawl." Shepherd Fred DePaul will introduce participants to live sheep, and present a sheering demonstration. Students will learn fleece spinning, carding, felt making and weaving with wool. To register or for more information call 781-934-6106.

Stan Jr.'s Country Superstar Legends will perform at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., W. Bridgewater, Friday, Aug. 4 at 8:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Appearing with Stan Jr. will be Liz Burke. Cost is $40. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations and more information.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Johnny Mathis and his Orchestra,** Friday, Aug. 4 at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 4, **"Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish** blues, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ . Admission is $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 4, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Ongoing events

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

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Epiphany Designs Art - Designer Jewelry will host a mid-summer reception for our current exhibit "Beaches, Boats, Barns, Baubles: Everything Summer" on Saturday, July 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. Epiphany Designs is located at 518 Nantasket Ave in Hull. For more information call 781-925-4344

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. E-mail: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts needs your unwanted vehicles. Consider donating an old or unused car to help support their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. Some restrictions apply. Call 800-720-6233.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, e-mail nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Yo Ho Ho Tavern Night at the Winslow House, Webster and Careswell sts., Marshfield, Saturday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. Features a variety of pub fare, colonial games of chance, entertainment by Three of Cups revelers. For reservations or information call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.Schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum (left) and Cleveland skyline

Hall of Fame will rock you like a hurricane

By ARTHUR POLLOCK

CLEVELAND -- Since 1995, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum has been attracting music aficionados to this city to see the world's largest single collection of rock 'n' roll memorabilia.

Does this museum have it all? You bet. Where else can you find Jim Morrison's (The Doors) Cub Scout shirt and baby book, complete with hand- and footprints.

The museum is a guitar lover's paradise, with every vintage Gibson, Fender and Les Paul you could possibly want to see, from Kurt Cobain's (Nirvana) baby blue Fender Custom Mustang to Howlin' Wolf's battered '52 Kay.

There are great film clips tracing the birth of rock 'n' roll. The anti-rock forces are given their due as well -- you can watch old newsreels of record-smashing parties and hear quotes from the likes of FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover: In 1968, he said "rock and roll is repulsive to right-thinking people."

Outlandish clothes are here, too, from Jimi Hendrix's day-glo outfit to Madonna's infamous conical bra get-up.

One of my favorite interactive exhibits is a listening post where you can select the area of the country you grew up in, scroll through previous decades and listen to tapes of your favorite disc jockeys. In just a few seconds, I was transported back to the '60s and '70s by the voices of WMEX-AM's Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg and WBCN-FM's Charles Laquidara.

A new, temporary exhibit on Bob Dylan, Hibbing, Minn.'s most famous son (through Sept. 7), offers a close-up look at the early years of the iconic singer-songwriter. Before Dylan, Hibbing was most known for its iron ore mines, and 1,500 pounds of the stuff is mounted on a museum wall, staring you in the face as you enter the exhibit. Four films take you through the different parts of Dylan's storied career, including interviews with the artist himself. Though Dylan hated being labeled a "protest singer," rare performance footage proves otherwise. We see him singing earnestly at a '63 voter registration rally in Mississippi and at the '63 March on Washington, D.C.

Listening booths let you hear six of Dylan's most famous albums in their entirety.

You can listen to Al Kooper (current Somerville resident) narrate a film on Dylan's seminal appearance at the '65 Newport Folk Festival where he "went electric," much to the dismay of the folk purists in the crowd. There also is a hilarious outtake from "Eat the Document," the unreleased documentary of his '66 European tour.

You can eye a number of Dylan compositions written in longhand -- it might not be the Holy Grail, but to a Dylan fan, seeing the handwritten lyrics to "Blowin' In the Wind" (with chord references) is still pretty special.

Note: The museum strictly enforces a no-photos policy. You can preserve your memories by visiting the well-stocked gift shop which sells plenty of tchotchkes as well as rare novelty items, concert ticket stubs and programs.

For more information go to www.rockhall.com or call 216-781-ROCK.

Fasten your seatbelts: Duct Tape Festival is one wild ride

By ARTHUR POLLOCK

AVON, Ohio -- We Americans love our regional eccentricities. It seems as if every state in the union boasts of at least one offbeat attraction or festival these days. You can enter a watermelon seed-spitting contest in Wisconsin, partake in the World Grits Festival in South Carolina or visit the Spam Museum in Minnesota.

Add to this curious list the annual Duct Tape Festival, which just celebrated its third year in this small town outside Cleveland.

Avon bills itself as the "Duct Tape Capital of the World." It is home to Henkel Consumer Adhesives Inc., marketer of Duck brand duct tape since 1996.

In a savvy public relations move, the festival was created and now attracts up to 40,000 people each year.

The sticky stuff has been a near obsession for many since its invention during World War II. The military needed a strong yet flexible tape to help waterproof its ammo cases. They called it "duck tape" since it was as impervious to water as a duck's feathers. The name stuck and after the war, handy homeowners found a million and one uses for it, from patching up ductwork to sealing up shotgun wounds.

Today, enough linear miles of tape is sold each year to make it to the moon and back.

The festival is always held Father's Day Weekend, and this year's three-day bash featured the usual assortment of carnival rides and live bands. But the main attractions were, of course, focused on duct tape.

Duct tape fashion

There were duct tape sculptures (a favorite was a hulking gorilla) made by students at the Cleveland Institute of Art, and a fashion show, displaying the latest in duct tape couture, courtesy of the Virginia Marti College of Art and Design. It was amazing to see what one can create with a little imagination and a lot of tape.

It helps that the humble tape comes in 19 colors now, including funky flamingo, fluorescent pink and atomic yellow. In the crafts tent, kids were busy making duct tape wallets, flowers and jewelry and trying out their new "quackers" (duck whistles). A comedy team called the Duct Tape Guys (authors of seven books on the sticky stuff)kept the crowd amused with duct tape jokes and their clever uses for the product. Favorite use of duct tape by wives? Taping down the toilet seat!

The highlight of the festival was the big parade, which this year featured 70 groups and 35 floats. There were duct tape dragons, American flags and even a motorized duct tape-covered couch which scurried back and forth across the street.

Leading the parade in regal fashion was the Duct Tape Dad of the Year, complete with duct-taped crown, scepter and robe.

The festival draws mostly locals but is gaining a foothold on the tourist trade as well.

"Our neighbors thought we were insane," said Aimee Virnig, of Portland, Ore., who flew out with her family to attend this year's event as a 13th birthday present for her son, a duct tape fanatic. They enjoyed it immensely, and Virnig called the parade "fantastic."

In an increasingly homogenized country there is satisfaction in discovering some unique piece of Americana. Why go to Disneyland when you can sojurn to a place where you can see a 5-foot grinning gorilla, created out of 60 rolls of duct tape?

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Keith Lockhart conducts the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra while Ayla Brown, a finalist on American Idol, sings the "Star Spangled Banner" at the start of Saturday's concert at the Music Circus that benefited the South Shore Art Center. For more photos, see page 23.

Old pipes water seepage culprit

Big rain event is problematic

By Samantha Brown
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Jacob's Meadow has become a holding tank for floodwaters during high rain events. Both excess rainwater and sometimes overflow from the wastewater treatment plant have pooled in the marsh and backed up into residents' yards. When tested, the water shows unusually high levels of bacteria, which are a health hazard.

There are many contributing factors when it comes to the flooding. For one, there are tide gates, which regulate the flow of water out of the marsh; during high tide, the gates do not open. If a heavy rain event takes place during a high tide, there is no way for the water to escape into the harbor. Couple that with a wastewater treatment plant that is taking in excess water through the cracks in the town's pipes, and the water becomes more than the town's drainage system can handle.

"You would have to have 100 dinosaurs pooping on Main Street to get those levels."
— Jim Drysdale, Cedar Acres Lane

The Sewer Commission met Monday and placed Jacob's Meadow flooding as a special item on its agenda. Sewer Commissioner John Beck said on the part of the commission, there are two initiatives it is currently looking into — lowering infiltration and inflow (I&I), or water seeping into the town's clay pipes from the outside in, and mitigating the effects of overflow events at the wastewater treatment plant.

"We do have a procedure in

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At the top of Our World

Museum to split director's post

By Samantha Brown
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As the director for the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, education is first and foremost in the mind of Michele Bolduc. In fact, her passion is one she is truly taking to heart, as she will be leaving her role at the museum at the end of the summer to continue her educational career and earn a master's degree from Tufts University.

In late summer of 2003 Bolduc came on board as the first programming coordinator for the Our World Museum. Under her watch the museum has been given an identity, new exhibits have been unveiled, and a strong following of regular visitors has been established.

"While I've had my official last day I'm still traveling down once per week to help through the transition until school starts and I am going to remain on the Board of Directors," said Bolduc, meaning even though she might not be there every day, she will still have her hand in the events going on at the museum.

Bolduc said she has always wanted to go back to school to earn her master's degree, but until she began working at the museum, could not pin down the subject area she would like to pursue or what she would write her thesis on. However, when the museum's exhibit, Biodiversity 911, opened last October, she slowly began to realize education and the environment were her two major passions.

Our World purchased the Biodiversity 911 exhibit — which used to travel around the country but is now permanently featured in Cohasset — from the World Wildlife Fund. Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth, and through the exhibit, children are able to take a closer look at ways they can help the earth's wildlife and natural resources through six kiosks, or learning stations, each focusing on a different environmental issue. Guided by friendly cartoon characters, children learn ways they can proactively help the environment of the world they live in.

Taking a cue from the lessons taught through the exhibit, Bolduc decided to enroll in a two-year program which will end with her receiving her master's

SEE OUR WORLD, PAGE 8

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Michele Bolduc speaks with a colleague on her last day of work at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. Bolduc has served as the Director for the museum since 2003 and is leaving to pursue a master's degree at Tufts University, but will remain a member of the Board of Directors.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jean DiGiacomandrea will soon be stepping down as president of the Cohasset Dramatic Club. CDC Board member Lisa Pratt says of Jean: "She breathed new life into the CDC with love and humor and acceptance of everyone."

Leading role, a labor of love

'Jean D.' finishes run as CDC president

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

"There is such a spirit of family here."
— Jean DiGiacomandrea, Cohasset Dramatic Club

Regardless of the official title, she has held, Jean DiGiacomandrea, affectionately known as "Jean D." plays the parts of backbone, heart and soul of the Cohasset Dramatic Club. From "set painter" to "prop master" to "president", she has embraced her roles in each production.

According to a message composed by DiGiacomandrea herself which appeared in the Spring 2006 program of the CDC performance of "Seussical," - "Of all the titles I've held at CDC there is one that gives me the most pride: friend."

DiGiacomandrea, a Scituate resident, has belonged to CDC for 10 years. "I had done some modeling, but really didn't have any background in theatre," she says. "It's really quite a simple story; I auditioned to see if I liked it and my first role was in 'Dracula.'

"The rest is history!"

What ensued was DiGiacomandrea's growing involvement in the Dramatic Club. As an institution in Cohasset, the CDC had been through many phases of growth throughout the years. Lisa Pratt, CDC Board member, says DiGiacomandrea's loyalty and dedication to the Club is a bond that helps the CDC to evolve, grow and be such a valuable part of the community. "Jean D. breathed new life into the CDC with love and humor and acceptance of everyone," Pratt says. "She is a joy to know and work with."

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Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

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Pet peeve: Confusion.

Most embarrassing moment: When I jumped over the tennis net, fell, and got stuck on the net — all in a tennis match.

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Flossie Clougherty is working in the Recreation Department office at Town Hall this summer.

Most memorable moment: Getting all-star in track.

Goal: To get into art school.

Person I'd most like to meet: Hanson (pop group).

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Fri. 4	7:20	7.4	7:34	8.7	1:04	1.4	1:13	1.9
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Sat. 5	8:18	7.5	8:30	9.1	2:01	1.1	2:09	1.7
	Sunrise: 5:40a.m.				*Sunset: 7:58p.m.*			
Sun. 6	9:15	7.7	9:25	9.5	2:57	0.7	3:05	1.4
	Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:56 p.m.*			
Mon. 7	10:10	8.1	10:19	9.9	3:52	0.3	4:00	1.0
	Sunrise: 5:42 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:55 p.m.*			
Tues. 8	11:03	8.6	11:13	10.4	4:44	-0.3	4:53	0.5
	Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:54 p.m.*			
Wed. 9	11:53	9.1	—	—	5:34	-0.7	5:45	0.0
	Sunrise: 5:44 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:52 p.m.*			
Thurs. 10	12:05	10.7	12:42	9.6	6:23	-1.1	6:37	-0.4
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Selectmen to hold open meeting with MBTA

The Board of Selectmen and officials from the MBTA and Executive Office of Transportation and Construction will soon meet in open session to discuss a dispute the two sides have regarding the number of parking spaces the municipal parking lot will have once construction is complete. The three parties were scheduled to meet July 26 for a second-stage dispute resolution meeting, but that meeting did not happen.

On the day of the meeting, attorney for the MBTA William Mitchell sent a letter to the town asking the meeting be held in executive session at a later date, and that the meeting be held at 10 Park Plaza, the MBTA's Greenbush Project office in East Weymouth or on site at the Town Parking Lot.

In a letter sent by Town Manager Bill Griffin to Mitchell, he states the mitigation agreement requires a quorum of the Board of Selectmen be present at the second stage dispute resolution meeting. As a result of Mitchell's request, the Board of Selectmen asked Town Counsel Paul DeRensis if the meeting could legally be held in executive session under the Open Meeting Law. DeRensis advised the board there are no exceptions in the Open Meeting Law that would allow the dispute resolution meeting to be held in executive session, and therefore the board is required to hold the meeting in open session. "As it would be a meeting open to the public, the board again requests that the parties first meet at the Town Parking Lot to review the issues in dispute, then return to Town Hall for the more formal dispute resolution meeting.

Griffin then asked the MBTA to get back to the town with a number of workable dates.

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Driver falls asleep, hits guardrail

By Mary Ford
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Chief James Hussey says it is *not* OK to drive when you are tired. He explained that driving when overly tired could be just as big an impairment as drunk driving. He said police want people to be safe and if a motorist is too tired to drive, police will find a secure place for the car and help the individual get home safely.

Last Thursday (July 27) at about 7:30 p.m., a motorist told police he fell asleep at the wheel and hit the guardrail near Rose Hill Lane and King Street (Route 3A). Luckily, no one was hurt in the incident; the car had to be towed.

"Motor vehicles weigh a couple of thousand pounds," Hussey said. "People should not take risks when driving because they put themselves and others in jeopardy.

"A sleepy driver should pull the car safely over to the side of the road," he said. "Police will help him get home another way."

Speed bumps

Cohasset police got a complaint about speed bumps on Parker Avenue. The caller said the bumps are causing the hydraulic brakes in his vehicle to burn out when he tows his boat. But police said the speed bumps are there to slow traffic down.

"If operators drive slowly over the speed bumps there are no problems," Chief James Hussey said.

Hefty fines

Car owners who lend their motor vehicle to a driver who is not properly licensed could face a $500 fine.

Police stopped a car for speeding on Lamberts Lane last Friday (July 28) and are summonsing the driver to court for not having a current, Massachusetts license, as required when someone is in the state over a certain amount of time.

Chief James Hussey said the operator was driving on a foreign license and the people who owned the vehicle will be fined $500.

Police are also summonsing another motorist to court for being improperly licensed. That motorist's car was disabled on Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue at about 5:30 a.m., Sunday (July 31).

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, if you have recently moved to Massachusetts, you must obtain a valid Massachusetts license upon becoming a resident.

Erratic driver

Police caught up with an "erratic" motorist in Scituate. As it turned out, the operator was not operating under the influence of alcohol – which is often the case with erratic driving – but had been looking for something in the glove compartment, causing the car to swerve.

The operator was given a verbal warning, Chief James Hussey said.

"We are all guilty of this at one time or another," Hussey said about being distracted while driving. "But just taking our eyes off the road for one or two seconds to look in a glove compartment, change the dial on the radio, or dial a cell phone can be very dangerous.

"Remember a motor vehicle weighs a couple of thousand pounds."

Spate of vandalism

Chief James Hussey said police are still investigating incidents of vandalism that occurred last week and included slashing tires on 15 motor vehicles, including three school vans, and the destruction of three mailboxes.

Hussey said anyone with information should call the 781-383-1055 ext. 1050 or send an email to info@cohassetpolice.com.

Bridge jumpers

Chief James Hussey said the police continue to grapple with the problem of bridge jumpers.

"Like other South Shore towns, we continuously check the bridge(s) and remove all people found there," he said. "These people are mostly youths between 16-19 years, some younger and some older. We have brought some people to their parents who we know we have warned prior. We have arrested others if alcohol was found part of the mix.

"We continue to warn the jumpers of the potential hazard they cause for themselves and others (ie; boaters)," he said. "Many of the people are from out of town who have heard about the bridge by word of mouth. Someone mentioned to me that it is on a website. We will continue with this vigilance."

Chain reaction

A three-car, chain-reaction crash on South Main Street last week was the result of a motorist following the car in front too closely, police said.

On Tuesday (July 25) at 12:20 p.m., three vehicles were traveling on South Main Street toward Scituate. The first vehicle, a 2000 blue Jeep Cherokee slowed to take a right-hand turn onto Beechwood Street; the second vehicle, a black 2000 Dodge Dakota stopped; the third vehicle, a 1993 Toyota Corolla, hit the rear of the Dodge pushing it into the Jeep.

The operator of the Toyota was cited for failure to stop and following too close, Chief James Hussey said. No one was treated at the scene, but later one of the people involved did seek medical attention for a shoulder injury.

Car into woods

At about 1:40 a.m., Wednesday (July 26) a motorist, who had just made a right turn onto Route 3A from Sohier Street had to swerve into the southbound lane to avoid a vehicle traveling on the wrong side of the road. To avoid being hit head-on, the motorist swerved, drove off the road and into the woods, police said.

Larceny from boat

Police are investigating reports of gas cans, an anchor, paddle, and lawn chairs being taken from a local boat. The victim came into the station to report the thefts at about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday (July 26). The man said some items were stolen two weeks ago and some the night before. Police urge all residents to report a theft right away.

Teens out late

Police answered two calls last Thursday (July 27) at 12:25 a.m. and 12:28 a.m. The first call was about a bunch of kids trying to get into the north gate at Sandy Beach. The second caller said a group of kids from the beach smashed his garage and took off. Police stopped one car and interviewed the occupants but the car did not fit the description of the vehicle that hit the garage. The incident is still under investigation.

Missing child

A little girl was not "missing" after all from the Summer Playground, a day camp sponsored by the Recreation Department. Last Thursday at about 11:30 a.m., police received a report about a missing six-year-old girl. According to Chief James Hussey, as it turned out, one rec group was heading to the pool and the other was heading back to Deer Hill School. The little girl spotted her sibling in the other group, left her group, and walked back with the kids in the other group. The leader of the first group was one short, but the matter was soon resolved when the girl turned up at the school, Hussey said.

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A handful of "Cinderella" cast members play "Indian Chief" during Monday's dress rehearsal. For story and photo, see page 21

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This sign depicts active senior living at Cedarmere, which is being built on the 41-acre former Hayes Estate, accessed off Route 3A and Beechwood Street. Building Commissioner Bob Egan said construction has seemingly stopped on the site, as he hasn't seen any activity since the beginning of June.

Cedarmere stalled for months, not years

By Samantha Brown
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For a project which was in the headlines for at least a year and a half during permitting, the construction phase of the Cedarmere development has been quiet. In fact, some would say it has been too quiet.

Many are speculating the market just wasn't there for $1 million luxury condominiums for the 55 and older set and therefore, construction has stopped.

However, representatives from Leggat McCall say the project is only temporarily on hold. Executive Vice President of Development Mahmood Malihi said the company continues to be committed to the project, but due to the condition of the residential housing market, the company has decided to pause construction and wait for the market to improve.

The wastewater for the site will be handled by an on-site septic system and Malihi said there needs to be a critical mass of housing built to ensure the system has enough flow to work properly. With a small amount of residents signed on to purchase housing, building the full septic system would not be cost-effective. "We intend to improve the project while we pause," he said, with the intent of picking construction back up on the not too distant future. "We're looking at months, rather than years," he said.

Due to the rumors floating around town, the Planning Board has asked developers from Leggat McCall to attend its Aug. 16 meeting to provide an update and clear up the rumors. Developers also agreed to meet with Planning Board Chairman Al Moore prior to that meeting, and Moore hosted an entourage of development team members Thursday morning at his business office.

Moore said at the meeting, developers indicated there has been a turn in the housing market and while many people expressed interest in purchasing units at Cedarmere, they are worried they will not be able to sell their family homes to be able to purchase a unit. Moore said in real estate, timing is everything, and developers felt pausing construction might give potential buyers more time to sell their homes.

In addition, Moore said developers were concerned about the language in the condominium documents for the first round of units built. There will need to be a septic system in place for the first round of nine homes built to enable occupancy, but they will not generate enough flow to power the entire on-site system planned for the development. Therefore, a temporary system might have to be built specifically for those initial units, and language in the contract will have to account for that. "The septic, coupled with the slow market led them to take a temporary step back," said Moore. "They said they are still committed to the project," and the delay will be months, not years, he said.

When Leggat McCall purchased the project, it became owner of the property, permits and the lawsuit with the Sewer Commission, which developers from King Taylor, LLC launched against the town in an effort to gain a town sewer connection. Moore said the suit is one more wrinkle to be ironed out as the project progresses.

"They were going to build in groups of eight and the first round was also going to have a model."
— Robert Egan, building inspector

Moore said from the town's standpoint, there are still some issues to be discussed regarding its Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, which the project filed under. He said his board has discussed the language before and developers agree it is a little "tight." Moore said the areas of the bylaw which deal with children are very restrictive, as someone wishing to have their grandchild stay with them for a few weeks or a month in the summer would be in violation, which could deter potential buyers. "We've got to make some changes because I think the languages goes beyond what was intended," said Moore. Changing the bylaw might require going back to Town Meeting with a revision.

While Moore said the rumors are "ripe" in town when it comes to Cedarmere, he feels the developers are genuine in their statements and look forward to bringing the project to fruition. "They seemed very forthcoming and they're also a very well organized and deep-pocketed organization," he said, adding he fully expects the project will be built out the way the company says it will.

Building Commissioner Bob Egan said it was early June the last time he saw any activity on the site.

"When projects like this get going, usually they're like an ant farm," said Egan, as the 41-acre site with entrances off Beechwood Street and Route 3A was slated to have a total 105 units senior housing, including 27 affordable units. "I never saw a whole lot of activity going on up there," he said, although the developers are permitted to build nine homes.

"They were going to build in groups of eight and the first round was also going to have a model," Egan said. To date, two houses have been built on the site. But even if the houses were built they have no sewer or water connections which means they are not livable, he said.

Plans for the site currently include building 105 total units, of which 60 will be luxury town homes selling in the $1 million range. There will be 14 market-rate ownership condominiums in the Manor House, which will sell for slightly less. Cedarmere was filed under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, which requires an affordable component. Therefore plans also include building 27 units of affordable housing in a building dubbed the Westerly House.

The SMROD bylaw has since been sunsetted by Town Meeting and no longer exists.

The Planning Board will have developers from Leggat McCall on its Aug. 16 agenda. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the basement meeting room at Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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Old pipes water seepage culprit

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place to control and disinfect overflow" at the treatment plant, should that ever happen again, he said. However, chlorine is used to disinfect overflow waters, which can be very detrimental to marine life.

Beck added while there were high levels of fecal coliform bacteria (found in human and animal feces) found in the flood waters at residents' homes after the Mother's Day Storm, he is not convinced that is due to the water which overflowed from the treatment plant.

"Don't get me wrong, I'm very upset any time it overflows, but you can't say that was directly attributed to the plant," he said, adding during a storm all the waste in the path of the water is carried downstream with it.

However, resident Jim Drysdale said, as an environmental biologist, he is very familiar with bacterial testing and said he has gone into Jacob's Meadow on more than one occasion to take water quality samples. He said he has found fecal matter floating in the meadow, which is much more than can be attributed to animal waste from yards being flushed out with the rain.

"You would have to have 100 dinosaurs pooping on Main Street to get those levels," he said. Drysdale said recent measurements taken after the storm in Jacob's Meadow were 200 times the level the state deems safe. The state's highest levels would cause 2 percent of the people who came in contact with the water to become ill, Drysdale said.

In addition, without the water's being able to flow out of the marsh in a timely fashion, Drysdale said the conditions are perfect for breeding more bacteria. "We need to get rid of the gate and find something more appropriate," he said.

Due to the flooding, some residents said they did not understand how the town could be planning to add 400 homes from the Little Harbor area to the current wastewater treatment system when it has already overflowed more than once.

Engineer Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Engineering Services said simply put, when the membranes, which look like long perforated straws that filter the water in large holding tanks at the plant, are upgraded — the water will be able to flow through at a quicker pace, meaning it spends less time in the tank per unit. In addition, he said the new pipes which will be installed are not made of clay and do not have the same problems with I&I as the town's current pipes do. "It's a tight system and a lot less susceptible to I&I," he said.

Members of the Sewer Commission said they felt comfortable hooking up the Little Harbor area to town sewer, but reminded those in the audience for two years they all defended the commission's stance not to allow new development to tie in to town sewer.

"We battled some members of the Board of Selectmen and even the Planning Board for a little while, but I think we did the right thing," said commissioner Ray Kasperowicz.

CEA to keep volunteer coordinator position

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With the failed override this May, the Council on Elder Affairs has had to come up with some creative solutions to keep things running as usual with limited funding. With total fiscal resources that total less than one-half of one percent of a $30 million budget, making ends meet is no easy task.

But for new Director of Elder Affairs Linda Elworthy, the challenge has been met and the volunteer coordinator position, which was on the chopping block, will be saved.

Upon reviewing the fiscal 2007 budget with former director Kathy Bryanton, Elworthy realized there were some unspent personnel monies, which could be used to partially fund the position. In addition, she would like to use money from the Coblentz Fund to cover the cost of the position until the Friends of the Senior Center are reestablished and raising funds, or she is able to secure grant money.

Martha Horsefield has been employed as the Coordinator of Volunteer Services at the CEA since 2003. In a memo to Town Manager Bill Griffin, Elworthy said, "Her position is vital to the continued functioning of senior programs and services. In fiscal 2005, under Martha's guidance, 140 volunteers provided 6,641 hours of service at an estimated value of $105,539. Through the Coordinator of Volunteer Services, each prospective volunteer is interviewed, completes education and orientation specific to his or her assignment."

"The Coordinator of Volunteer Services ensures there are ongoing educational workshops for all volunteers," including safe driving practices, safe handling of food and office procedures, she said. The range of services provided by volunteers include: van drivers, food servers, escort food shoppers, friendly visitors, CEA board members, office assistants, instructors for exercise, computer training and crafts. "The volunteer program is an integral part of Cohasset Elder Affairs and we could not function without their support," she said.

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Cohasset father/son tennis team is a hit at family classic

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

KEEP COOL

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone is having a chance to cool off after this very hot week. Even me, who does not care for air conditioning very much, looked for some cool relief for a day or two. I have seen and talked with so many people out and about in town over the last few weeks that have family and friends visiting from all over the country. It is so nice to see people kicking back a bit and enjoying the people who mean the most. Continue to enjoy the month of August.

BABY GIRL

Well, we have not one but two new residents of Cohasset to welcome.

First, but certainly not least, **Davenport Crocker Jr.**, mom **Kendra** and big sister **Addison**, who is 21 months old, are thrilled to welcome and announce the newest Crocker family addition, **Molly Francesca Crocker.** Molly was born at Massachusetts General Hospital on July 25th at 10:42 a.m., she weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches in length. Everyone is doing terrific and little Molly is adapting to sleeping and eating like a champ! Molly's grandmother is **Jane Crocker** is from Cohasset as well. Thank heavens for little girls, congratulations to your wonderful family

OH BOY

Our second new resident here in town to welcome is sweet baby **James August Donohue**! Little James was born on July 19 to **Kim and Jim Donohue** (son of **James and Grace Donohue** from Cohasset). Big sister **Caroline** (who just turned 3) is doing a great job taking care of her new baby brother! Oh the joys of children, your family is so lucky. Congratulations from all.

NUMBER ONE!

Congratulations to **Nicholas Silvia**, the son of **Donald and Jennifer Silvia.** Nick attends South Shore Vo-Tech, and recently received four awards of excellence in English, math, science and his related major, computer information technology. Nick finished his first year at SSVT with a 3.8130 GPA, ranking him #1 in the freshman class of 169. What a great accomplishment, Nicks family and friends couldn't be prouder.

FOOTBALL FUN

Calling all former football players and fans of Cohasset Football! Time to reminisce!

Dig out your old football related photos! The Cohasset Gridiron Club is now accepting ads for their 2006 Football Program. The Club is hoping for ads with photos of former football/powder puff players and cheerleaders. In addition, any ads may be called in to **Derry** at 781-383-2529. The Football Program is the major fundraiser for the Gridiron Club. The funds raised provide scholarships and support for the Cohasset High School football program. During the season, current football players will deliver the programs door to door.

UNCERTAINTY

I would like to make a correction to a piece that was in last week's column about **Katherine Stanton's** granddaughter **Andrea**. Unfortunately, it is not certain at this time whether Andrea will make it out of Damascus on August 14th. She is there with several friends and some are reporters from the Washington Post and Time. We all hope to hear soon of when she will be home.

MUSIC LADY

Calling all Music Lady (aka **Beth Green**) Fans! Beth will be here in town for One Musical Week starting on Monday, Aug. 7 giving classes, family concerts and more for fans both old and new! For more information or to register, go to www.onecreativeplace.net.

TENNIS DUO

On July 30th, **William Marsden** and his son **William** played tennis in New Haven, Conn., at the Yale University Bowl, in the Father/Son (11 & under) 2006 Pilot Pen Tennis Family Classic. They competed against 64 other teams from Conn., Mass., R.I. after qualifying earlier this year at the Weymouth Tennis Club regionals. William and Bill won the first two matches before losing in the Quarterfinals; it was quite an accomplishment for young William in the early stages of his promising tennis career! To have made it that far is awesome! Dad was right, this was a great feat for William and the bond between dad and son is so wonderful. Congrats to you both.

DEAN'S LIST

Super job to **Jari R. Martin** who made the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

And congratulations are in order to **William MacArthur III** as he was named to the deans list for the Spring semester University of Maine at Farmington

SWIM/DIVE TEAM

The Cohasset High School Swim and Dive Team will be having a Lobster Fest and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 8 at Atlantica from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. This team, which was re-established last year and is a joint team with Scituate High school — is not yet included in the Cohasset athletic budget and the Cohasset side of the team is privately funded.

Last year this team came in second in the Patriot League with 18 swimmers qualifying for Sectionals and 10 swimmers qualifying for, and competing, in the State Competition. The Lobster Fest dinner includes clam chowder, lobster, mussels, barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, caesar salad, rolls and watermelon. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are currently on sale at a cost of $35 for the lobster and $25 for "chicken only" and can be obtained by contacting **Mandy Mahoney** (383-9812) or **Brenda Regan** (383-0454). Gather a group of friends to celebrate the arrival of fall and support this team while enjoying a fabulous feast at Atlantica!! Very tasty for all who attend and supports a fantastic cause.

BC HIGH AWARDS

The President of Boston College High School is pleased to announce that the following Cohasset students recently received special awards at an assembly to honor BC High undergraduates. **Alexander G. Hunt** '07 won an Excellence award in Algebra II; **Thomas J. Chase** '08 won an Excellence award in Spanish II; **Kyle T. Desisto** '09 won a Maxima Cum Laude Silver Medal for his high score in the National Latin Exam; and **Eric P. Vanderpool** '09 won an Excellence award for two subjects: Intro to Art and Christian Thought. Fantastic efforts!

PAN-MASS CHALLENGE

A local husband and dad is getting ready to ride this weekend in the 197-mile Pan-Massachusetts Challenge. **Peter Vitello**, husband to **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** and dad to **Amanda**, age 7 and **Peter**, age 2 will be setting off in Sturbridge on Saturday at 6 a.m. He will ride 112 miles to the Mass. Maritime Academy in Bourne where he will be cheered and welcomed by hundreds of cancer survivors, family members, and volunteers. Among those who will be meeting him will be his mom, **Mae**, who is a two-time cancer survivor herself.

The next morning, he will take off for the 85-mile journey to Provincetown where he will receive a much needed and well-deserved rest after this wonderful achievement. The Pan-Mass Challenge is here to help raise funds for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund and your help with a pledge would be so much appreciated and put to good use. Peter has a personal fundraising goal of $3300 which will bring his seven-year cancer fundraising total to over $18,500. Team Vitello, which includes his brothers **Paul** and **Shaun** along with his sister, **Claire** has a combined goal of $13,000. To make a donation, call 781-383-2668. Good luck Peter, the town of Cohasset will be thinking of you and all are so very proud!!!

SAILING CLUB THANKS

The Cohasset Sailing Club kicked off the 2006 Season in style with a New England Lobster Bake! The Club extends a sincere thanks to all who attended, volunteered and supported the annual fundraiser! The Night was a great success… partygoers were treated to a terrific lobster feast furnished by Cohasset's own **Lewis**-family — **Kev's** Backyard Catering Plus!

Thanks to the crew of families who donated time and talents especially: **Canney, Crough, Collins, Erler, Hillier, Leighton, Littlejohn, Livingstone, Mack, McCarthy, Morse, Miller, Porter** and **Toomey** families. Special thanks to **Susan Jaffe** and her decorating wizardry, and **Fr. Mulvehill** and **Pastor Gary Ritts** for the Blessing of the Fleet!

Without the support and generosity of local merchants and artisans this event would not have been a success. Our sincere thanks also to local businesses and families for their generous donations including:

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William Marsden and his son, William, made it to the semifinals at the Pilot Pen Family Classic, Yale University.

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'CINDERELLA'

Don't miss your chance to be swept away by the enchanting story of "Cinderella" presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club and the Cohasset Recreation Department's Summer Drama Workshop from tonight through Sunday, Aug. 6. The cast of 34 consists entirely of young people, ages 7 to 18, and hailing from Cohasset, Scituate and Hanover. Everyone is particularly excited about this production as it brings to life Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's original story and musical score, and in which Julie Andrews originated the role of Cinderella onstage. The ensemble has been rehearsing 3-4 evenings a week since mid-June, while also participating in educational drama workshops on vocal training, how to prepare to audition for a show, staging and stage direction, improvisation and sound and lighting effects. The show takes place at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Show times are Friday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, and are available at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Front Street Books, Scituate, or by calling 617-697-2115.

That is it for now. Send in all of your news and information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00.

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YOUNG FAN

Jenna Neer of Cohasset meets Keith Lockhart of the Boston Pops and Ayla Brown of American Idol backstage before Saturday's concert at the Music Circus. For photos of the concert and "after-party" at the South Shore Art Center, see page 23.

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Welcome back to Eastwick

Wonderful 'witches' party raises money for charity

A "Witches of Eastwick" T-shirt is a reminder of the fabulous summer when Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon and Michelle Pfeiffer came to Cohasset.

Scituate resident and retired Cohasset schoolteacher, Faith Bowker Maloney, worked as an extra for 11 days during the filming of the "Witches of Eastwick" in the summer of 1986.

Staff photos by Elsa Allen

Party organizer Adrian Morris of Adrian Morris Salon and Nancy Garrison, who co-hosted the party with Mary Ford, greet the guests at the breast cancer benefit event. Garrison was an extra in the movie that was filmed in Cohasset during the summer of 1986.

Special guests "Jack Nicholson" and "Cher" visit with, from left, Sine Pounder, Judy Wainwright, Nancy Garrison and Faith Bowker Maloney. Pounder and Wainwright, who both worked in the village in 1986, spent the summer watching "Witches of Eastwick" being filmed. Garrison and Maloney were both extras in the film.

"Jack Nicholson" and "Cher," two of the stars in "Witches of Eastwick," which was filmed in Cohasset in 1986, make their entrance at a party Friday night at 55 N. Main St. Adrian Morris, left of Adrian Morris Salon, and his staff orchestrated the event. Proceeds benefited The Live, Live and Learn Breast Cancer Outreach Organization.

"Witches of Eastwick" fans celebrate the 20th anniversary of the filming of the movie in Cohasset around the Larsons' pool Friday night. Proceeds from the event benefited the Live, Love, and Learn Breast Cancer Outreach Organization.

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Our World director to educate herself

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degree in urban and environmental policy and planning. She said after she earns her degree, she plans to take the knowledge she has gained and pass it on to children. She said with the positive experience she has had in Cohasset, she wouldn't rule out coming back to the museum in some capacity, should the opportunity present itself.

But for now the search is on to find someone new to run the museum. Bolduc said the Board of Directors has actually decided to hire two part-time people to carry out her duties. There will be a development director and a programming coordinator making sure new programs are constantly in the works and Bolduc's hard work laying the foundation of the museum is continued. "We're still interviewing for the programming coordinator position, and we're going to roll it all out as one big announcement" when both positions are filled, she said.

Bolduc said her leaving would be the only change at the museum. Hours will stay the same, as will activities. In fact, new programs will be added this fall. "If anything, things will only continue to get better," she said.

The fall program schedule will be available in September, but Bolduc said South Shore residents can expect to see a new "Local Motion" class for toddlers which explores music and motion as well as hopefully a new instrument based music and motion class with local music teacher Jim Armstrong.

While the museum had scheduled a community picnic at the playground for Aug. 13, it has been rescheduled to a date to be announced in either September or October when the weather cools down. "This will be a free event sort of like a tailgate where everyone brings their own food and beverages. We will play games and have water balloons and of course the museum will be open," she said, adding, "It is a nice way for the community to get together."

With the last full month of summer gearing up, Bolduc said the museum's craft series would be exploring creatures from the ocean. Children can create and ocean scene, a jellyfish or a starfish necklace over the next few weeks.

In addition, the 50/50 raffle is back and residents may purchase tickets for $20 each or six tickets for $100. The more tickets sold, the bigger the prize as the winner receives half of what is brought in. Last year, the winner took home close to $2,000, but donated some of that money back to the museum to become a "founding member." The drawing this year will take place at the second annual Cocktails Around the World party on Nov. 4. Progress for the raffle can be monitored on the museum Web site.

While Bolduc said the last couple of months have been really emotional, as it is very hard to say goodbye, she said she is grateful to the museum for helping give her the knowledge necessary to pursue her dream. "It's been incomparable to anything else. It was an amazingly great opportunity. The South Shore as a whole is a wonderful community. It was very fulfilling and enriching for me, and I hope for the lives of everyone the museum has touched."

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is open Wednesday through Friday through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 per person, or free for members. The museum is located at 100 Sohier Street, just behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and next door to the Music Circus. Visit the museum's Web site at www.ourworldcgdm.org.

Cohasset border collies need homes

Seven Border Collies previously owned by the Mia and John Dean of Meadow Lane are currently in foster care at New England Border Collie Rescue, Inc. The organization is looking for capable homes in which to place the dogs, which have now had their vaccinations updated, have been heartworm/lyme tested and have been spayed or neutered.

The dogs have spent time (a minimum of two weeks for some, longer for others) in experienced foster homes, learning better social skills and being assessed for their potential in future homes. NEBCR, Inc., believes with positive reinforcement training, all of the dogs will be able to be successfully re-homed.

The dogs are infamous in town, as they have either bitten or threatened four residents. As a result, an extensive dog hearing was held which led the town to require all nine dogs to undergo a behavioral analysis. The family was told in April it could keep five of the dogs, as long as they were in turn neutered or spayed and restrained at all times, either on a leash or in an enclosure on the family's property. At no time were the dogs allowed to leave the property.

However, on Memorial Day, all nine of the dogs were seized downtown. According to police reports, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy was called to Pleasant Street on Memorial Day when the dogs escaped from Cohasset Greenery, owned by Alida Dean, daughter of Mia and John Dean. The dogs allegedly began coming after people and "tearing things up." It took police officers and Murphy five hours to corral the dogs, which were then brought to the Marshfield Animal Shelter.

A press release sent by the NEBCR, states border collies are "definitely 'not your average dog.' Proven to be the smartest dog on earth, they are very capable of outwitting the average pet owner. Their exercise requirements are often not met and when a lack of exercise combines with a lack of mental stimulation and improper or no training, the results can be disastrous. One of the most common reasons border collies are 'turned in' is the complaint of 'child herding.' Yes, these bright dogs were bred to herd livestock and when kept cooped up while families work, they find their own herding 'work' to do — as the residents of Cohasset have seen."

Anyone interested in opening their home to a border collie, either as a "foster parent" or for permanent adoption should contact the New England Border Collie Rescue, Inc., through its Web site at www.nebcr.org. The Cohasset dogs, because of certain behavioral issues, will only be placed in experienced border collie homes. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the organization, please send a check to New England Border Collie Rescue, Inc., c/o Kathy Chittenden, Treasurer, 760 East Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

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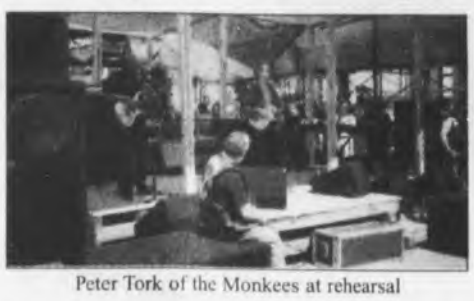
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Local ophthalmologist with a vision

To donate services in Guatemala

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Of all five senses, many would say eyesight is the most important. Just ask Cohasset resident Dr. Gerri Goodman, an ophthalmologist whose life is dedicated to helping people see, and she will attest to the fact that her patients report the world is a different place without proper vision.

Gerri Goodman will travel with a team of doctors to the Hospital de la Familia in Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala on Aug. 24.

In countries, which are not as fortunate as the United States, people are going blind from treatable conditions, which Goodman said no one should have to experience. To that end, she is gearing up to take a trip to Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala where she will spend nine days volunteering her medical services to the people of that region.

"I can't imagine what it must be like to be blind," said Goodman, adding she expects the majority of the work she will be doing while in Guatemala will be cataract surgery to correct vision loss. A cataract is a clouding of the lens, which is the part of the eye responsible for focusing light and producing clear, sharp images. The lens is contained in a sealed bag or capsule, and as old cells die, they become trapped in the capsule. Over time, the cells accumulate, causing the lens to cloud, making images look blurred.

Goodman is a doctor for the Nielsen Eye Center, which has offices in Quincy as well as Derby Street in Hingham. She was one of the first ophthalmologists to perform refractive eye surgery (more commonly known as LASIK surgery) in the United States and was involved in the studies which gained the surgery approval from the Food and Drug Administration. She is a relatively recent resident of the South Shore as she and her family, which includes husband Dan Counihan and their son Brian, 9, moved to Jerusalem Road from Baltimore, Md. in 2005.

While she had always thought she would like to travel to foreign countries to give medical aid, the timing was never right, as she wanted to wait until her son was a little bit older before taking that kind of a trip. Her husband also travels a lot for his job at Gensyme in Cambridge, which caused scheduling conflicts. But the timing is now right and Goodman will travel with a team of doctors to the Hospital de la Familia in Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala on Aug. 24, where she will stay until Sept. 3.

Goodman said her husband and son have backed her decision to go 100 percent. "They are excited for me because they know it's a passion of mine. Sure they'll be sad I'm gone, but they've been very supportive," she said. While she said her mother has also been very supportive, she is still a little apprehensive about Goodman's going on the trip. "My mother is still a mother no matter how old I get," she said.

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Dr. Gerri Goodman stands next to an Allegretto Excimer laser, which she uses during LASIK eye surgery to correct poor vision in her patients. Goodman will be traveling to Guatemala Aug. 24 to volunteer her time and services to treat patients who might otherwise lose their eyesight.

During her stay, she will donate her time and services to patients, some of which make their appointments more than one year in advance. The hospital relies on the generosity of surgical teams from the United States and Canada that provide highly skilled treatment and perform more than 1,500 surgeries every year. Only recently have ophthalmology teams been included on this mission, and a great backload of patients are awaiting their expertise.

"Everyone says once you do it once, you get hooked," said Goodman of practicing traveling medicine. In fact, she said when gathering information about traveling medicine, she consulted Dr. Jim Mitterando of Cohasset Family Practice. Mitterando has volunteered his medical services in Africa, Indian and Aboriginal Australia. "He helped me figure out what I'd need for Guatemala," said Goodman, adding his positive experience has left her feeling like a little kid in anticipation of her trip. "I hope we can make a big difference," she said.

Four large surgical teams of more than 35 members travel to Nuevo Progreso each year. These teams consist of plastic and reconstructive surgeons, general surgeons, doctors of obstetrics and gynecology, ear, nose and throat specialists and ophthalmologists. Goodman said there are slated to be three ophthalmologists on her trip.

Nuevo Progreso is in the state of San Marcos in southwestern Guatemala. From the United States, it takes 7 hours to fly to Guatemala City, followed by an 8-hour bus ride to get to the small hilltop village, which lies 50 miles from the Mexican border. About 2,500 people live in Nuevo Progreso with roughly 25,000 more in the surrounding villages. Unemployment is around 50 percent with some finding work on the coffee plantations and the rest marginally self-supporting, living on the land.

Hospital de la Familia originated in 1972, when an American by the name of Jack Younger was exploring Mexico and Central America in his light plane and came across the town of Nuevo Progresa. Younger met the Cayetano Bertoldo, a priest dedicated to improving the welfare of poor Mayan Indian families, and a lasting friendship ensued.

Younger was an experienced builder from the San Francisco bay area and was also a member of a men's club named "The Family." With his friends in the club, Younger raised the necessary $100,000 to begin construction of a new hospital. His vision came to fruition Feb. 8, 1976 when Hospital de la Familia was formally dedicated to the medical and surgical treatment of native Guatemalans. Today, the hospital has a full-time staff, which cares for an average of 15,000 patients per year.

Goodman said everyone she has spoken to about traveling medicine says the same thing: it is a life-altering experience. 'We lose such perspective in America and we take things for granted," she said. "I am so excited to see how another part of the world is and get a deeper appreciation for what we have."

For more information on the Hospital de la Familia, please visit its Web site at www.hospitaldelafamilia.com.

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Flags fly high at Gold Star memorial

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It is the job of a mother to support her child. Over the course of our nation's history, many mothers have had to put on a brave face and say goodbye to their sons and daughters who have left home to serve their country, never to return.

"We feel it also pays respect to their families, who know best the high price of freedom."
— Glenn Pratt, Veterans Memorial Committee

Cohasset's 22 Gold Star Mothers, who have lost sons in World War I, World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, will forever be remembered through a monument at the Woodside Cemetery, located on North Main Street. On the anniversaries of the deaths of their sons, flags fly high to remind the town of the sacrifice of both.

"We wanted to make the memorial a living tribute to their memories," said Chairman of the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt, adding it has been five years since the Gold Star Mother's memorial was dedicated and the flags have been flown since the beginning. He said the flags are flown on the anniversary of the soldier's death for 24 hours, and are lit up at night. "We feel it also pays respect to their families, who know best the high price of freedom," he said.

Herbert Gleason bows his head during the November 2001 dedication of the Gold Star Mothers memorial at Woodside Cemetery. Herbert's brother, Howard Gleason, was killed in World War II. One of the monuments at the memorial is dedicated to the brothers' mother, Emily.

The portion of the cemetery which includes the Gold Star Mother's memorial is the "new" section. The original portion of the cemetery was built in 1906. At that time, there were roughly 2,400 graves on the plan. By the late 1980s, the town began running out of burial plots and was unable to sell graves on a pre-needed basis. Some families were unfortunately forced to carry out interment in neighboring towns.

To aid the situation, a Cemetery Study Committee was formed in 1986 to develop a strategy for long-term relief. Over the next 16 years, several options for a new site were proposed before the town voted in the spring of 2001 to expand Woodside. The expansion provided 1,800 additional burial locations, and for the first time, the town was able to offer crypts for inurnment of cremated remains.

When Cohasset embarked upon its expansion project, "We felt we needed a focal point and a central theme," said Pratt. With the clearing of trees and planting of grass, there wasn't much appeal at the site, as it was relatively bare, until the memorial was erected.

Pratt said Cohasset is fairly unique in its paying tribute to Gold Star Mothers. He said he knows the town of Hull has a memorial at one of its cemeteries, but has not heard of any others in neighboring towns. While he said over the years he has been asked why such a tribute is not paid to fathers, traditionally only the mothers have been given recognition.

Today, Gold Star Mothers June Simeone and Elizabeth Maree are the town's only two living Gold Star Mothers. Simeone's son Craig served the country in Vietnam, paying the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day, May 30, 1969. Simeone was a 1966 graduate of Cohasset High School and received much commendation for his service including the Bronze Star Medal with V for valor, with the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of his second award, the Purple Heart Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Parachutists Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and numerous other campaign and unit awards.

Maree's son Edward was in the Navy and served two tours in Vietnam — shore duty in My Tho and in the Gulf of Tonkin aboard the USS John King. He was a graduate of Cohasset High School and shipped out with the Navy on September 16, 1965.

Days the flags fly at the Gold Star Mother's Memorial

Date	Veteran	War	Mother
August 7	Norman M. Todd	World War II	Gertrude
August 17	John W. Sidney	World War I	Josephine
August 18	William C. Laidlaw	Vietnam	Shirley
August 26	William B. Long, Jr.	World War II	Harriet
October 6	Joseph A. Gonsalves	World War I	Clara
October 14	Herman E. Daley	World War I	Ellen
October 19	Allen F. Keating	Vietnam	Margaret
November 28	Everett F. Studley	World War II	Lydia
November 29	Dennis J. Reardon	Vietnam	Mary
January 7	Robert E. Jason	World War II	Helen
February 1	David H. Parker	World War II	Rosalia
February 6	C. David Strout, Jr.	Korean	Maude
February 7	Peter J. Albiani Jr.	Vietnam	Maxine
February 25	Perry H. Johnson	World War II	Katharine
February 25	Peter Cogill	Vietnam	Flossie
March 27	Howard R. Gleason	World War II	Emily
April 9	Allen A. Buffum	World War II	Annie
April 18	John P. Lyon	Vietnam	Laurentine
May 30	Craig M. Simeone	Vietnam	June
July 11	Edward R. Maree	Vietnam	Elizabeth
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Parking matters

It can be difficult to get excited about parking or the lack there of – until you are trying to find a space.

There is nothing more frustrating than to plan to go shopping, eat at a restaurant, or get to a doctor's appointment and not be able to park.

The truth is lack of adequate parking can translate into significant loss of business for local merchants.

We have seen this in Hingham Square – where the Cohasset Mariner office is located. The Greenbush tunnel project has caused huge disruption to the parking and road circulation for nearly two years. Some merchants are toughing it out, but we know firsthand from people who try to stop by our office, that if it can be handled by email or phone, they keep on going if no parking spaces can be found.

It is critical that Cohasset, and the downtown merchants, put pressure on the MBTA to honor the mitigation agreement and provide the total of 182 spaces as promised.

In order to do that the MBTA has to blast some ledge behind the Teen Center. That is going to cost the T some money.

If the Village and downtown area are to remain viable and grow, then parking is critical and the loss of some 21 spaces as the MBTA's current plans dictate is just not acceptable and could translate into a serious parking deficit downtown.

With its spruced-up streetscape, the Village has not looked this good since Witches of Eastwick was filmed here 20 years ago.

Walking along South Main Street or driving through town – you cannot help but feel good about how the village looks. There's a whole new feeling downtown; there's a spring in people's step. The village looks vibrant and inviting.

However, we do not want the good feeling to go away because of a lack of parking. We want people to come to the village and support our merchants and businesses – but if there is not adequate parking, they could go elsewhere.

Here at the Mariner, we will keep you posted on when the MBTA and selectmen schedule a site visit and powwow. Selectmen need your support in playing "hard ball" with the MBTA. The merchants also need to make sure their voices are heard.

I & I issue

We would not want to live on the Jacobs Meadow side of Elm Street when there is a "major rain event" coupled with high tide.

What can occur is a nasty situation if stormwater has no place to go and the sewer treatment plant cannot cope with all the "I & I" (*translation: seepage through cracks and joints*) into pipes taking wastewater into the sewer system.

One mother found out her backyard had high levels of fecal coliform and enterococci following the spring flood. She described the situation as "scary" because her kids had been splashing around in the puddles.

We appreciate the assurances from the sewer commissioners and their engineer that the issue is under control and the upgraded plant will be able to accept more tie-ins when Little Harbor comes on line.

But we think the issue of stormwater and its health effects is very serious. Plans are afoot to establish a storm water management committee to survey the situation and make recommendations to Town Meeting and selectmen.

This is an important step and while it means yet another committee – Cohasset is lucky enough to have an abundance of caring citizens willing to serve.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Conservation Commission, Aug. 17, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Harbor Heath Committee, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee Budget and Finance Subcommittee, Aug. 9, 7 p.m. at the high school.

School Committee, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, Aug. 7, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Aug. 9, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.

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Shipyard ferry facilities a blank

COMMENTARY

MARTHA A. R. BEWICK

Last week was Water Transportation Awareness Week and this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Hingham Commuter Boat, and the 43rd Anniversary of Hull's Commuter Boat in the modern era. Hull's service actually goes back even farther than that, but Bill Spence of Mass. Bay Lines purchased the Wilson Lines business in 1963, and began to run the Pemberton and Nantasket ferries at that time. But that's another story.

While press events are providing a brief focus for the ferries, South Shore residents should be aware of the absence of public sector focus on the ferry facilities at the Hingham Shipyard while all the peripheral private sector development is underway. This will affect commuters, airport travelers, and visitors to the Boston Harbor Islands, as well as future visitors to the enterprises and restaurants of the Hingham Shipyard who come by ferry from Boston.

A recent ferry expedition aboard Mass. Bay Lines "Freedom" brought the Water Transportation Advisory Group past the Shipyard waterfront, while the approved development plans were examined by both state agency and private sector water transit planners. This group has met for a number of years, and provides an informational forum to public and private agencies and companies about water transportation programs in the Commonwealth.

What was evident to all participants was that the heart of the Hingham Shipyard, the ferry facilities, bus turnaround, automobile, pedestrian and bicycle access, and intermodal connections, are portrayed on the "approved plans" as large vacant areas. The only area with any delineation seems to be a strip of property between the ferry terminal and the MBTA parking lot, which was transferred to SeaChain in a legislative land swap. This parking area is apparently where higher priced parking and state employee parking will be inserted, pushing the regular commuters back from the terminal.

One participant in the session observed with concern "there is a direct conflict between the private interests and public transportation needs." He issued a call to the Department of Natural Resources and the transportation agencies to get a transportation planner to scrutinize the private developments now underway and to protect the public interest.

Reviewing the Hingham Shipyard plans were Bill Spence, President of Massachusetts Bay Lines; Corinne Young of Congressman William Delahunt's office; Mo Freedman, Co-Chairman of the Water Transportation Advisory Group; Charles Norris, of Norris and Norris; and Alice Boelter of Boelter Associates. Freedman, Norris and Boelter were among the ferry consultants, architects and planners attending the Water Transportation Advisory Group meeting aboard the "Freedom."

Other transportation planners immediately saw problems and conflicts with parking, with road access to the terminal and with pickup and drop-off facilities.

One participant urged "fresh thinking" in order to create a true intermodal center at the Shipyard before it's too late. Others warned that the ferry terminal "needs an artery corridor without friction." Presently, one proposed access road to the ferry terminal is a limited roadway lined by retail stores and parking lanes, with a speed limit of 15 mph, traffic calming devices, and "a waterfront park that overflows into the streetscape." This is not compatible with traffic requirements for a major ferry terminal.

Members of the Water Transportation Advisory Group also saw problems and conflicts with the limited public access along the waterfront to the Eastern side of the development, and pointed out that both the new residents along the waterfront and those members of the public using the waterfront would feel constricted by the limited space.

One participant noted that there is a major trend where towns allow developers to be their own urban designers. The drawback is that the developer's planners can't advocate for the public trust and public interest. "There has to be another force, a sort of public response to keep public entities honest. You need a separate entity advocating the public need."

The Hingham Ferry Terminal facilities are designated as one of the nation's 60 national intermodal ferry connectors. Other facilities with this designation include the Washington State Ferry terminals, the Steamship Authority, and ferries in New York City, San Francisco, Alaska and North Carolina. That designation makes the facilities eligible for federal highway funds. Congressman

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Parking and sidewalk, not Pleasant subject

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Revitalization — A Cohasset citizen took "before" photos of the Village. We've been asked to provide "after" photos for comparison.
At left, South Main Street "before." At right, South Main Street, "after."

Over the past several weeks we've spoken quite a bit about the Informal Dispute Resolution, which is an ongoing saga with the MBTA. But, lest we give the wrong impression, we do have good everyday relations with the MBTA Project Staff. We talk or email to them multiple times a day and generally have good constructive open dialogs. But, occasionally the relationship with the Greenbush Project Management seems to come apart at the seams. The Informal Dispute Resolution is one of those instances. All that the Town wants is to have the MBTA provide the items they have agreed to provide in the Mitigation Agreement as approved by both the Cohasset Board of Selectmen and the Secretary of Transportation.

Public parking and Pleasant Street sidewalk – The MBTA agreed to supply "a minimum of 182 Public Parking Spaces" when they redesign and rebuild the Town Parking Lot. Even though they took land on Pleasant Street to add 26 new spaces, they are still 21 spaces short of the required 182. Their options are either to take enough land somewhere else to make up the difference or to use the Town-owned land behind the Teen Center, which will require blasting. Either of these options will make up the difference. So the difference is the cost of taking land vs. blasting. It's up to the MBTA.

The second issue is that MBTA decided to cut the scope of their construction short at Pleasant Street. Thus, until they agree to meet the edge of the Village Revitalization Project, we will have no sidewalk connection to Town from Pleasant Street.

The Informal Dispute Resolution procedure, written by the MBTA, is spelled out very carefully in the Cohasset Mitigation Agreement. In fact, the MBTA insisted on this procedure and would not accept any changes to it. Now here's the rub — The MBTA insisted that no less than a majority of the Board of Selectmen be present for the Informal Dispute Resolution meeting. But, according to Cohasset's Town Counsel, under the laws of the Commonwealth, this requires that the meeting be an open, public meeting. Well, the MBTA doesn't like the idea of an open public meeting. That's why they canceled out last week at the last minute, which was sort of odd, since they wrote the rules. The Town has sent a formal request for the MBTA to reschedule this important meeting. Once we hear from them, we'll let you know about the arrangements.

Pedestrian crossing at Lower King Street – There have been other instances where we don't understand why the MBTA does what it does. Last January we were in a meeting in the MBTA General Manager's office in Boston where a high-placed person from the MBTA Right-of-Way Department told us that the MBTA is providing pedestrian crossings at all train/street crossings. But, the MBTA is making the Town pay for such a crossing at Lower King Street to the tune of between $20,000-$25,000. When we approached Greenbush project executives, who were not present at the Boston meeting, about this disparity, we were told that we must have misheard what was said. We know what we heard. No mistake about that. We could accept that fact that the MBTA Right of Way person may have misspoken, but don't tell us that we didn't hear what was said. One still has to ask the question; why will this be the only pedestrian crossing *not* paid by the MBTA on this project?

Station & Route 3A traffic light – In the Mitigation Agreement, the MBTA is to provide a traffic light at the station entrance on Route 3A if approved by the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD). Initially MHD did not approve the light. Instantly, the MBTA zapped the money for the light from their budget. Subsequently, MHD approved the traffic light. But, alas, the MBTA claims they have no money. Note — the Cohasset Mitigation Agreement does not put any other conditions or time frames on the MHD approval. So, now we have the MHD approval but the MBTA says they have no money. What good is the Mitigation Agreement if the MBTA can't fulfill their commitments? More to come on this subject since this traffic signal is critical to the safety of Cohasset residents.

As we said at the beginning, some aspects of this project just don't make sense.

A bit more on the Town Parking Lot – We have just found out that the MBTA might be closing the Town Parking Lot again this coming Monday and Tuesday (Aug. 7 & 8) for more work. The final decision will be made after we go to press for this week. So be advised.

And, Rocky Lane — We understand that the Rocky Lane bridge has fallen behind the original schedule we were last given. As a result of delays in procuring supplies, the bridge won't be available for traffic until sometime in September. Meanwhile, CBB has begun installing underground drainage and utilities under the present Rocky Lane that will ultimately be closed to traffic. Their commitment was that they would only close half of the road at a time so that traffic would not be hindered. On Tuesday of this week, they overstepped their bounds and narrowed the roadway to the point where large trucks could not get through to conduct their business. And, the Fire Department called the police because their trucks could not get through. Fortunately, CBB was very accommodating and had a crew come in after normal working hours to rectify the situation. The Town really appreciates their cooperation.

We are continuing to work with the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for the Town to receive the additional funds to complete Brook and Elm streets. Progress is being made and we should know something in the next week or so. If we receive the necessary funding, the plan is to build these streets, curbs and sidewalks this fall. Please stay tuned.

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Elastic loaves replace 'pizza'

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TOM HENSHAW

I see where President Mahmoud Ahmado . . . oops, let's start that again . . . President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran is purging Farsi, his national language, of decadent Western influences, starting with, among others, the word "pizza."

He has decreed that henceforth all publications use the term "elastic loaves" to describe the pastry wheels topped with cheese and tomato (hold the anchovies, please) and directed the Farhangestan Zaban e Farsi to see to it that the linguistic order is carried out.

The Farhangestan Zaban e Farsi, or the Persian Academy, I suspect is a lot like the Taliban, which used to see to it that Afghan women wore burkas and fought back the urge to show a well-turned ear or a scantily clad nose to strangers.

The word "chat" becomes a "short talk," which is something the Iranian president has never been accused of.

I haven't heard what the International Pizza Association, or whatever they call it, in Naples has to say about it, but I haven't heard that they've changed their name to the International Elastic Loaves Association so I guess it's all right with the Italians.

Pizza is only one of more than 2,000 words that have been contaminated by being Western in origin and therefore must be rusticated from the Farsi language.

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Who knows, if this works out, the process of pruning a language of politically incorrect words may become known as "doing an Ahmadinejad," much as another president was involved in coining the term "doing a Lewinsky?"

Actually, the replacement of a word that has fallen into political disfavor began right here in the good old US of A.

Remember when the French turned down our offer to let them join us in Iraq and, in a fit of pique, patriotic Americans began calling French fries "freedom" fries and French toast "freedom" toast? It didn't last long.

The last time I ordered freedom fries at Burger King, the kid, who was only 12 when we went to war in Iraq, didn't know what I was talking about, and I dare not order freedom toast for breakfast at Jimmy's because I have a reputation to maintain.

I don't know about Farsi, but words in English sometimes have short lifespans.

When was the last time someone accused you of being "mawmsey" or drunk to the point of stupidity; or told you the weather was "swullocking," or sultry; or described the state of a dog as "pulicosity," or full of fleas?

But English also is full of words adopted from other languages.

Words like "gung ho," from the Chinese; "en route," from the French; "kindergarten," from the German; "charisma," from the Greek; "incognito," from the Italian; "ego," from the Latin; "macho," from the Spanish; and "klutz" from the Yiddish.

But nothing from Farsi.

Except maybe "doing an Ahmadinejad."

HEALTH NOTES

Staying healthy in hot weather

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It wouldn't be the end of the world if, during these hot days, we follow the lead of those in warmer climates who have lifestyles more accommodating to the temperature.

With the continuing heat wave in the Midwest, and the expectation of a similar situation here, one is prompted to think in terms of climate changes rather than a mere heat wave. There is evidence of increased long droughts in the Midwest, and longer fire seasons in places like Colorado, New Mexico and California. Perhaps it's appropriate to take a page out of the book of some areas where climate differs. Of course, we should heed the conventional warnings about overheating and taking fluids, etc., but it might be instructive to observe how people live in climates considered nominally warmer, like Spain and parts of North Africa.

In Madrid, it's difficult to find a restaurant open for dinner at 6 p.m. – and difficult to find a table at 9:30. In Jeddah, city life doesn't really begin until 11:30 p.m. And yet, it's difficult to find anyone at all between 2 and 5 p.m. in both cities. The pace of life in warmer climates makes use of the cool that we generally find between late night and early morning, and there is a tendency to sleep following a meal in the afternoon. The structure of life in many places has been modified to reflect the reality of a pervasive climatic reality. It wouldn't be the end of the world if, during these hot days, we follow the lead of those in warmer climates who have lifestyles more accommodating to the temperature.

But, there is the reality that we live with our air conditioned mobility; our cool (sometimes chilly) workplaces stores and restaurants; our heated schedules in an artificially cool environment.

Nevertheless, we go outside — and we get hot. Normally, the body cools itself by sweating. But if temperatures and humidity are extremely high, sweating becomes ineffective in maintaining normal temperature; blood chemistry can change and internal organs — including the brain and kidneys —can be damaged. It usually takes several days for the body to adjust to heat. The most common heat-related afflictions are heatstroke, heat exhaustion, and less serious, heat cramps, sunburn and heat rash.

Heatstroke can result from overexposure to direct sunlight, with or without physical activity, or to very high indoor temperatures. When the sweating mechanism fails, the body becomes unable to control its temperature, which may rise rapidly to 106 degrees F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes causing death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. Symptoms include an extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees F, orally); red, hot and dry skin; rapid pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; and unconsciousness. If symptoms of heatstroke are suspected, find a cool place, preferably an air-conditioned indoor setting. Outside, find a spot in the shade. Put the person in a semi-sitting position. Loosen his or her clothing and bathe the head and body with cold water. Seek medical attention immediately.

Heat exhaustion can result when too much time is spent in a very warm environment, resulting in excessive sweating without adequate fluid and electrolyte (salt and minerals) replacement. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea, abdominal cramps, shallow breathing, cool and clammy skin, muscle tremors and heavy perspiration. A person suffering from heat exhaustion should be moved into a cool environment. Encourage consumption of cool, non-alcoholic, decaffeinated beverages. Keep the person quiet. If left untreated, heat exhaustion may progress to heatstroke.

Fans alone will not effectively cool an overheated person when air temperatures are above 100 degrees F.

What is "plenty of fluids"? — Several years ago, "Plenty of fluids" meant at least 1-1/2 to 2 quarts of fluids daily. It's now considered prudent to know more about a person's liquids consumption before administering large amounts of liquids. Administer a glass or two of cold water and observe the result. Then be sensible about liquids consumption or find qualified medical assistance. Since aging can cause a decreased thirst sensation, elderly persons generally should drink liquids at regular intervals during the day, even if they do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic beverages and those containing caffeine. Salt tablets are not substitutes for fluids.

Never leave children, the elderly or pets in a parked car, not even for just a few minutes. — More than 300 children have died in overheated cars in the last eight years.

In conclusion, I would encourage you to read this column, have lunch and take a nap.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Israel's response to Hezbollah attacks

COMMENTARY

SHIRA H. JOSEPH & STEVEN WEISS

As clergy of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom and citizens of this great nation, we feel we must respond to the devastation that is occurring in Northern Israel as she continues to be under the attack of Hezbollah, a terrorist organization financed by Syria and Iran. Only five months ago, members of our synagogue community traveled together on a Congregational trip to Israel. We thoroughly enjoyed the sites, sounds and smells of Israel. We spent several days up North, enjoying a jeep tour of Safed, Rosh HaNikra, Rosh Pina and so many more places. We have pictures of Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon...literally just a few miles from where we were standing. So much has changed in just a few short months. Israel must now do what every other democratic country would do, defend herself.

We express heartfelt concern for the safety of innocent people, Israeli, Palestinian and Lebanese, who have been hurt by the brutality of Hamas and Hezbollah who have brought on the violence in the area. We are committed to the belief that peace and stability can only be achieved when terrorism by Israel's enemies ends once and for all. We call upon terrorist organizations and the regimes that support them to put an end to the terror.

It is important for our community to understand the sequence of events. In May 2000, Israel pulled out of Lebanon. The withdrawal adhered to the international border and was certified by the United Nations pursuant to resolution 425. The US and Britain have declared Hezbollah a terrorist organization. Hezbollah representatives serve in both the Lebanese parliament and cabinet. Lebanon's inactions tacitly support a terrorist organization.

The current violence reignited when on July 12, Hezbollah launched an unprovoked attack that killed eight Israeli soldiers, and two others were kidnapped. Since that time, Hezbollah launched scores of rockets at Israeli cities and towns, including Boston's sister-city Haifa, resulting in civilian injuries and deaths.

Israel's response is a measured response born out of the terrorist attacks. She is acting in self-defense to protect her citizens. Her objective is to bring home the hostages and restore calm to the northern Israeli communities. Unlike Hezbollah, Israel tries to safeguard civilians and regrets the loss of innocent life. But the terrorists make it difficult by often using women and children as human shields and embedding themselves and their operations amid civilians.

We commend the Bush administration for its immediate condemnation of these attacks, and we urge the international community to condemn them as well, strongly and unequivocally. As always, we urge Israel to carry out her military activities with maximum sensitivity to humanitarian concerns and to the welfare of civilians, and to do everything possible to assure that basic civilian needs are met.

We hope and pray that this conflict will come to an end at the earliest appropriate point and in a manner that roots out the forces of terror, ensures that the elected leadership of the Palestinian and Lebanese people are responsible and accountable, and moves the parties to this conflict forward towards diplomacy and peace.

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School surplus talk on 'Our Town'

Tune in next week for a new edition of "Our Town."

Starting Monday (July 31), Our Town co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo interview Linda Elworthy, the new director of the Council on Elder Affairs and introduce Linda to the community.

The second half of the program features Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh and School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy, who will provide clarity on the fiscal year 2006 school budget surplus.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Shipyard ferry facilities a blank

FROM SHIPYARD, PAGE 12

William Delahunt recently obtained $7.5 million for improvements to the intermodal ferry facilities in the most recent federal transportation bill under a transit category. In spite of the availability of these federal monies, there is still an absence of planning.

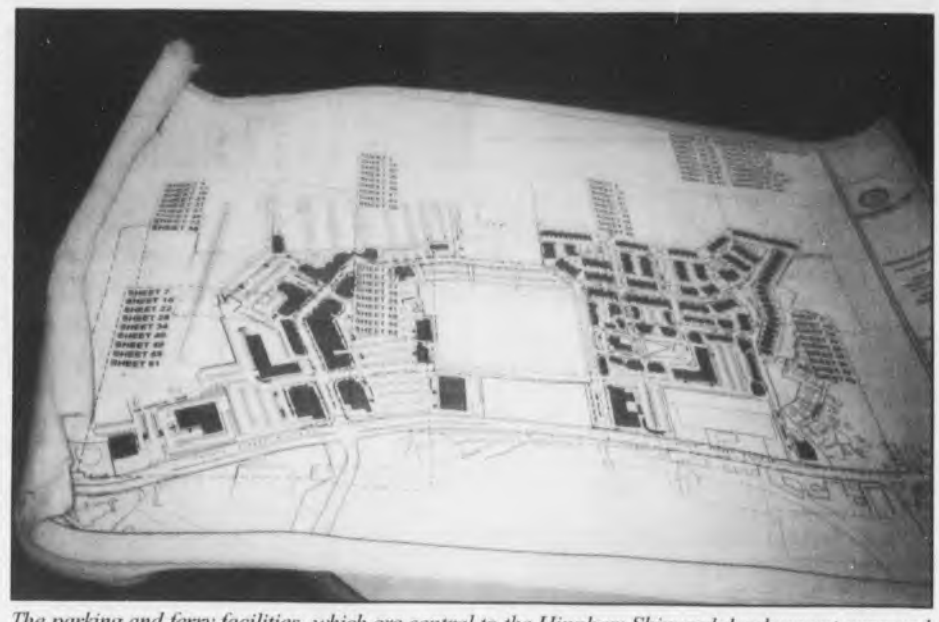
Also aboard for the water transportation group program, Corinne Young, Congressman Delahunt's staff coordinator for the ferry initiatives, congratulated the representative from the Executive Office of Transportation, Todd Fontanella, for the new state ferry projects. These include the new Salem ferry, and initiatives in Winthrop, Boston Harbor Islands, UMass/Boston, Provincetown, Quincy and Boston . She mentioned the Congressman's vision for a Massachusetts-wide set of ferry routes, and looked forward with building partnerships with cities, towns, the state and the federal government.

Ms. Young saw an opportunity for the Hingham Shipyard Ferry Terminal to be a case study, and the site to become a national model for coordination of transit facilities with surrounding development. She noted that the federal funds were "crafted to allow flexibility" in their spending. She offered the services of the Congressman's office to assist in the planning for the ferry terminal facilities.

Others expressed concern that the agencies which are involved with the Shipyard, including the MBTA, Department of Natural Resources, Town of Hingham, and Executive Office of Transportation, are not sitting down to ensure that all of the transportation elements were being properly designed. MBTA Planning Chief Dennis DiZoglio who was unable to attend, offered to have the T's head of terminal design review available plans to determine whether they met appropriate transit facility guidelines. He indicated the Town was expected to guide the planning effort. Maurice Freedman of Pressley Associates and Chair of the Water Transportation Group, asked how issues of communications networks and integration with private buses, T buses, other ferries, harbor islands services were being coordinated at the Hingham ferry facility. He wondered whether the homeland security issues are being built in to the planning. It was his recommendation that the ferry facility planners should step ba ck and think comprehensively.

Charles Norris, an architect and water transportation planner, pointed out that there was a ferry study undertaken at the state level two years ago, which looked at the entire Quincy/Hingham ferry and potential rail corridor, and examined a real intermodal set of facilities, including recommendations for integrated fare structures. (NOTE: This study was never officially published.)

One of the keys to smart growth is "an environmentally friendly transportation system that is coordinated with the surrounding development". In the current approved plans for the Hingham Shipyard it is clear that there is no coordination of the development with the proposed intermodal transportation system. The Water Transportation Advisory Group members are willing to meet with members of the Town, State and Federal government agencies, to share their concerns and recommendations to ensure that the intermodal facilities and private developments are truly integrated and complementary.



The parking and ferry facilities, which are central to the Hingham Shipyard development approved plans, are portrayed as blank spaces.

Martha A. R. Bewick helped start the Hingham Commuter Boat 30 years ago, and is a ferry systems consultant and resource.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 24-28

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QUESTIONS

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NOTE TO BHRC SUBSCRIBERS: There are several roll call votes in this week's report. We did not include "ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL" in this week's report so that we could include more roll call votes. This week's report follows:

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on eight roll calls and local senators' votes on six roll calls from the week of July 24-28.

RETROACTIVE PAY RAISES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS (H 5056)

House 133-22, Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Mitt Romney's veto of a provision making the 4.1 percent pay raises for the state's constitutional officers retroactive to July 1, 2005. The hikes include a $5,535 raise for the governor, $5,023 for the attorney general and $4,920 for the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor. Supporters of making the hikes retroactive said that the raises are reasonable and long overdue. In his veto message, Romney said that he is opposed to legislative mandated retroactive pay raises. (A "Yes" vote is for making the pay raises retroactive to July 1, 2005. A "No" vote is against making the raises retroactive).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

PENSION FOR FORMER REP. MICHAEL RUANE (H 5063)

House 121-35, Senate 29-10, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a bill providing the late former Rep. Michael Ruane with health insurance and a $44,000 annual state pension that would be collected by his wife despite the fact that Ruane has never paid into the state's retirement system. The measure provides that a lien be attached to Ruane's home to allow the state to eventually collect the balance owed to the system. Ruane was denied the right to enter the retirement system from 1975 to 1994 because he was already in the city of Salem's system. He did not take advantage of a special bill passed into law in 1994 that allowed him to join the state's pension system. Supporters of the pension said that the Legislature should do the right thing and help this former legislator, his sick wife and their children. They noted that the state would recoup the pension payments upon the sale of the house. Opponents of the pension expressed sympathy for Ruane and his family but said that the Legislature should not approve this unique and narrow bill for a former legislator. They noted that the Legislature annually ignores or defeats many similar proposals for other public employees who are in difficult situations. The Legislature a few weeks ago had rejected Romney's amendment that the governor, lieutenant governor and all the members of the Legislature privately fund the pension. (A "Yes" vote is for giving Ruane the $44,000 pension. A "No" vote is against the pension).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS' TREATMENT (H 5000)

House 134-21, Senate 34-4, overrode Gov. Romney's $345,058 veto reduction (from $1 million to $654,942) in funding for a compulsive gamblers' treatment program. The program is funded by money from unclaimed Lottery prizes. Supporters of the $345,058 said that this program is important and argued that the state should take responsibility for the damage caused by state-sponsored legalized gambling. Opponents of the $345,058 questioned how many people are actually served and helped by these treatment programs and noted that the anonymous component of these programs makes it difficult to determine if they are effective or are even being used by a lot of people. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $345,058. A "No" vote is against the $345,058).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

$1 MILLION FOR METCO (H 5000)

House 142-13, Senate 33-4, overrode Gov. Romney's $1 million veto reduction (from $19.6 million to $18.6 million) in funding for METCO. The METCO program allows urban students to attend suburban schools. It was created in the 1960s to provide better educational opportunities for urban minority students and to help integrate suburban school districts. Supporters of the $1 million said that the METCO program is a very successful one that promotes racial integration and educational opportunities for more than 3000 Boston and Springfield school students and also benefits the students in the suburban school districts that receive these students. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $1 million. A "No" vote is against the $1 million).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

$464,892 FOR CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (H 4004)

House 153-2 Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $464,892 veto reduction (from $1,382,307 to $917,415) in funding for the administration of the Children's Trust Fund (CTF). The CTF is a public-private partnership that was created by the state in 1988 with a mission to establish community-based educational and service programs designed to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. Supporters of the $464,892 said that the funding is necessary for the CTF to properly administer its many programs that help children and families across the state. Opponents of the $464,892 said the CTF is a public-private partnership that is allowed to raise money privately and argued that the additional $464,892 in state funding is unnecessary. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $464,892. A "No" vote is against the $464,892).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN 2006 (H 5200)

House 150-4, Senate 34-2, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under $2500 on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13 without paying the state's five percent sales tax. Supporters said that the holiday would be a boon to retailers and consumers and noted that similar tax-free holidays in 2004 and 2005 saved shoppers millions of dollars and resulted in a substantial increase in retail sales for the two days. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax generated by shoppers. Some opponents said that the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that the Legislature should not vote for tax cuts when the money could be better spent on bridge repairs, local aid, education and human service programs. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against the tax-free holiday).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 5200)

House 22-133, rejected an amendment establishing an annual one-day permanent sales tax holiday on the second Saturday in August. Amendment supporters said this is the third year that the Legislature has approved a tax-free holiday and argued that it is time to make it permanent. They noted that a permanent holiday would give consumers the opportunity to plan big purchases in advance and not have to sit around and see if the Legislature approves the holiday each year. Amendment opponents said that it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a permanent holiday. They argued that the Legislature should reserve the option to look at the state's finances each year and then decide whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. (A "Yes" vote is for establishing an annual one-day permanent sales tax holiday on the second Saturday in August. A "No" vote is against establishing it).

Senator Hedlund: **N** — Representative Bradley: **N**

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE (S 2632)

House 154-0, approved a bill hiking the minimum wage from $6.75 per hour to $8 per hour over two years. The Senate okayed the measure on a voice vote and sent it to Gov. Romney. The governor vetoed the hike and sent it back to the Legislature for action. Romney supports a 25-cent increase to $7 per hour – a proposal that the Legislature has already rejected. Supporters of the hike to $8 said that this pro-worker measure would help thousands of families that are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. (A "Yes" vote is for the hike to $8).

Senator Hedlund: **Y** — Representative Bradley: **Y**

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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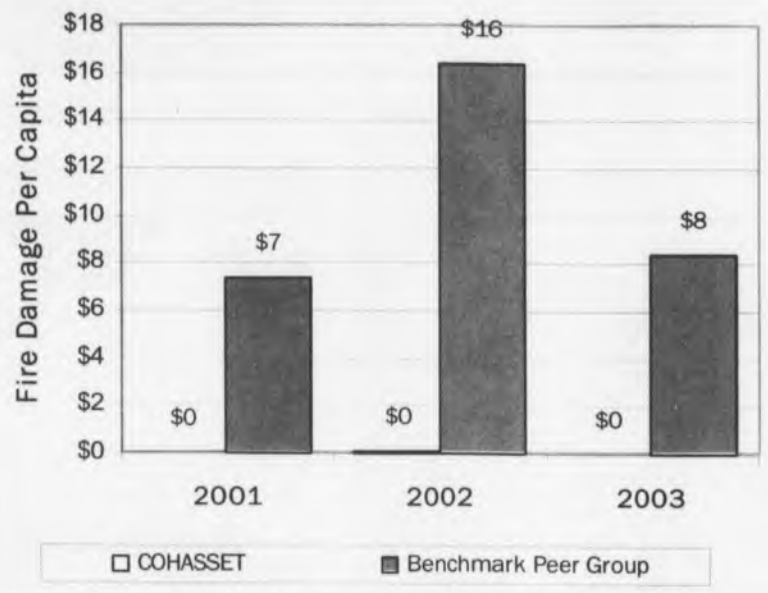
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Under Massachusetts law every community is required to report each fire that causes damage or injury. However, some communities choose to also report fires that did not cause damage or injury.

This chart shows the amount of damage done by fires per capita in 2001, 2002 and 2003. One can use these two approaches to gauge the effect of fires in Cohasset. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. This is the last of six benchmarks about the fire department.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Art exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Aug. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesdays.

Independent film series – The independent film "Familia," will be shown in the Meeting Room on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Library book group – The Thursday morning library book group will be on vacation during August. Next meeting is scheduled for September. Look for more details in upcoming Library Corner columns.

FOR CHILDREN

Final summer performance with MamaSteph – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Monday, Aug. 7, at 10:30 a.m. Music with MamaSteph is open to all ages and communities. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Last week for Puzzle Club – The last night of the summer season's Puzzle Club with Marjorie Murphy will be Monday, Aug. 7, from 7 to 8:45 p.m., in the Story Hour Room. Puzzle Club is a drop-in program for students going into grades three and older. The library has all new jigsaw puzzles, from 100-piece puzzles to challenging 500-piece puzzles. Bring a team of puzzle makers or come alone and join a team. Prompt pick up required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

John Porcino storyteller and musician – Accomplished musician and storyteller, John Porcino, will perform on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Porcino has been described as "a combination of Robin Williams, Pete Seeger, and Captain Kangaroo." Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Dragonfly Contest – An opportunity to create a unique dragonfly by decorating a template of the "What's buzzin' at your library" dragonfly. Participants can use markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, and things found in nature to make a totally new dragonfly that reflects their personality. Templates are available on Mrs. Moody's desk. Contestants must fill out information requested on the back of the form. Contest ends Aug. 11. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the last show of the summer season. Winners do not need to be present to collect their prize.

Activity sheets – "What's buzzin' @your library?" activity sheets are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Crossword puzzles, word searches, counting games and riddles are among the offerings. New sheets are added each week.

Reading Lists – The summer reading lists for grades six through 12 are on the library Web site. Visit cohassetlibrary.org, click on Young Adult and then click on Cohasset Public Schools' Summer Reading List. Complete summer reading lists for public and independent schools grades K-5 are on display in binders in the Children's Room, and in the Young Adult Room, for grades 6-12. Don't wait until the last minute to do summer reading; popular books are going fast. To determine availability of a suggested book, visit the Web site and check the catalog. Patrons may also place a hold on a specific book, renew books and check accounts from home.

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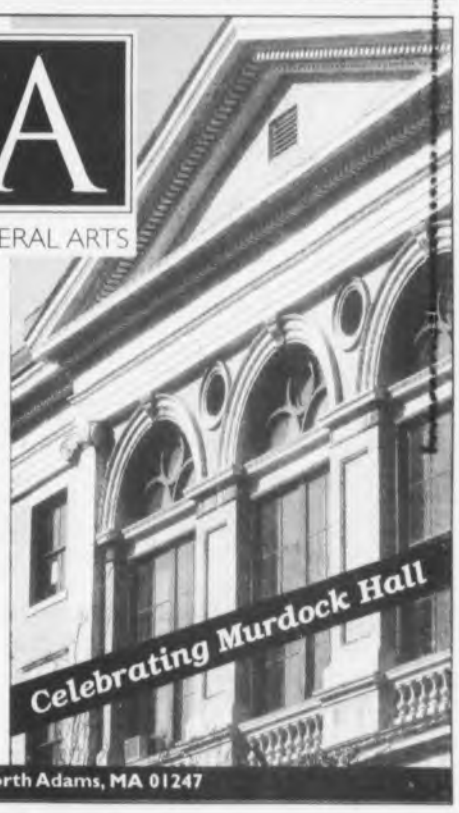

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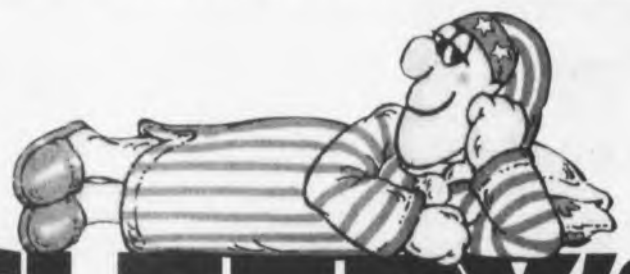

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An international sporting star

Cohasset's Emily Zimmermann excels at FOBISSEA Games in Thailand

By Mark Goodman
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What is one of the most important things a 10-year old living in Hong Kong can learn?

How to order Chicken McNuggets in Chinese, of course.

Cohasset native Emily Zimmermann has that down pat, but there is plenty more to her than that. This is particularly evident in athletics, as Emily won all six of her swimming events during June's FOBISSEA (Federation of British International Schools in Southeast Asia) Games in Bangkok, Thailand.

Emily is entering the fifth grade at Hong Kong's Kellett

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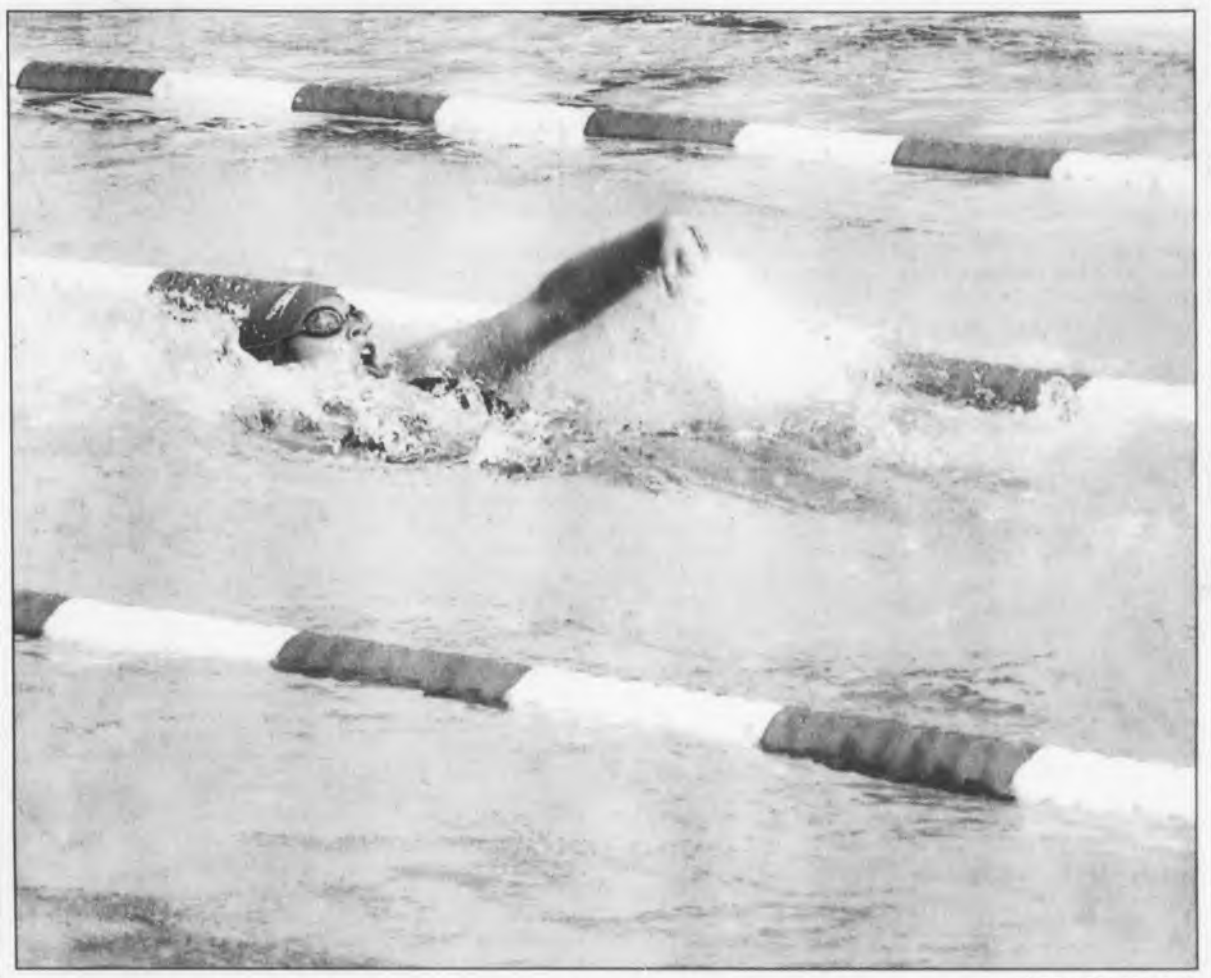
COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset's Emily Zimmermann (right) with classmate Jessica Radford at June's FOBISSEA (Federation of British International Schools in Southeast Asia) Games in Bangkok, Thailand. Zimmermann, a 10-year old going into fifth grade, spends her summers in Cohasset but attends Kellett School in Hong Kong.



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Cohasset's Meaghan Mahoney rears back in the 14-and-under backstroke race during a recent meet against Scituate Knights of Columbus. Next week, the Mariner takes a look at the swim team's successful season to date.

Kissick stands out at Bay State Games

Hope Kissick has had a busy summer.

The 12-year old Cohasset resident earned four medals at last month's Bay State Games in swimming, and followed that up by placing in six events in last week's 12-and-under New England Championship at Harvard University.

At the Bay State Games, Hope earned gold in the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke events. She rounded out her standout performance by winning a silver medal in the 400-meter freestyle relay and a bronze in the 200-meter freestyle.

At the New England Championship, Hope was joined by four other Cohasset athletes: Sam Rice, Connor Green, Vincent Kennedy and Aniko Haber. All five swim for the Weymouth Waves swim team.

At this competition, Hope won the 50-meter breaststroke. She competed in two other breaststroke events, taking fourth in the 100-meter and seventh in the 200-meter.

She earned two third place finishes in the 200-meter medley and 200-meter relay. In the 400-meter relay, Hope took fifth place.

- Mark Goodman

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Cohasset's Lindsay Durkin (left, 5) accepts congratulations after a goal during the Skippers' playoff win over Nantucket; Lisa Spirito (right) goes on the attack during an April game against Scituate. Both are on the Mariner's All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team; see pages 19 and 20.

COURTESY PHOTO

Emily Zimmermann gets ready for the kickoff during a soccer match at the FOBISSEA Games in Thailand. Twenty-four British international schools from 12 countries throughout Asia participated in the Games, held June 14-18.

An international sporting star

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School, one of 24 institutions from 12 countries throughout Asia to participate in the FOBISSEA Games. The other nations represented included Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Phillippines, Japan, Nepal, South Korea, Taiwan, Brunei, Singapore and Vietnam.

Emily took first place in four 50-meter swimming events (backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and butterfly), as well as the 100-meter individual medley and 200-meter relay. She also earned four top-three finishes in track and field (60-meter, high jump, 4x100 and shuttle run), and played for the fourth place soccer team in her age group, as well as the winning tee-ball team.

Back home in Cohasset for the summer, Emily said Wednesday her athletic inclination comes from her parents, Jill and Dave Zimmermann.

"My mom and dad played sports, and it inspired me a lot," Emily said. "They've kept teaching me different sports; I've played pretty much everything."

Growing up in Cohasset, Jill Zimmermann swam and played basketball, soccer and softball, and still swims competitively today.

"We like to keep them active and expose them to different sports," Jill said of her two daughters, Emily and 8-year old Kara. "I think there's a lot to be learned from playing different sports; there's plenty of time to specialize [in one sport] later on."

Emily, who says swimming and soccer are her two favorite sports, competes for Cohasset's summer swim team, and also sails three times per week. She has also participated in week-long lacrosse and basketball camps.

The Zimmermanns moved to Hong Kong four years ago when Dave was sent there on a business assignment for the shipping company he works for. Jill says the family didn't have a car during its first year there, providing a challenge for her and the kids to travel about a city that she described as "very hilly, much like San Francisco."

When the family first arrived in Hong Kong and looked for a school, they looked at international schools from Germany, Switzerland, France and the United States as well as Great Britain. Jill says the British school system stood out because of its emphasis on public speaking and the arts.

The latter has also become a major part of Emily's life, as during a school trip to Beijing last year, she played the good witch in a Chinese-language production of The Wizard of Oz.

"This has been a great experience," Jill said. "It's good for the kids to see that not everyone speaks English and that there is a whole different world of cultures out there."

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Cohasset's Jeff Brown (left) challenges a Nantucket attacker during the teams' state tournament game. Next week, the Mariner will publish its All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team.

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Equipment Handout

Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming 2006 Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on Saturday, Aug. 5 at:

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Each player must report during their designated time. Official practice starts for all players at 5:30 pm on Monday, Aug. 14. All players must have their equipment by the start of practice; it will not be handed out starting Aug. 14.

A $300 refundable deposit (made out to SYF) is required at the time of equipment pick-up. All equipment will be handed out at the equipment shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to **www.scicohfootball.com** or call the hotlines with any questions: football (781-556-0215) or cheerleading (781-556-0216).

Volunteers: If you have not already signed up, there will also be an opportunity for parents to sign up as volunteers for the upcoming season. SYF will be looking for parents to be game day volunteers, assist with fundraising activities, as well as be a team parent for the season.

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Contact Jack Wholey for more information at 781-925-0188 or email at ywholey@aol.com

Annual SIDS Road Race slated for Sept. 17

On Sunday, Sept. 17, the 25th annual SIDS Road Race will be taking place in Hingham to raise funds for the Massachusetts Center for SIDS. All funds raised go towards research, family support, and education. With the generous support of sponsors, runners, and friends the Road Race Committee has been able to donate more than $250, 000 over the last 24 years.

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The 10K Walk-a-thon, which follows the same course as the run, attracts both dedicated walkers as well as those participants who wish to gather pledges and support the event. The two-mile Fun Run is an event for all ages, where everyone is a winner. The course is flat and easy and welcomes runners and walkers from the youngest to the oldest. It is a true family event.

Pre-registration is $15 for all races. Post-registration is $20 for all races. Registration opens at 8 a.m. on Sept. 17, with race times starting at 9:30 a.m. (10K Walk-a-thon and two-mile Fun Run) and 10:30 a.m. (10K Road Race).

For more information, please contact Jack and Mardie Orshak (co-directors) at (781) 837-7210 or e-mail SIDSroadrace@msn.com

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Cohasset's Gabriella Flibotte scored a team-best 62 goals this spring.

All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

3 Skippers named among area's elite

Editor's Note: The Mariner's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Next week: boys lacrosse.

Lindsay Durkin – Junior
Attack – Cohasset

After a solid sophomore season, Durkin stepped up in a major way to help lead Cohasset to its best season in years…Tied for the team lead in points with 78 (61 goals, 17 assists) despite missing two games and most of a third due to injury…Pilgrim Conference All-Star ays her best games came against Scituate and Hingham; she scored seven goals each in those games, both big wins for the Skippers over big rivals…Also scored the game-winner on May 8 against Notre Dame, and had a season-best 10 points (six goals, four assists) in first round playoff win over Nantucket…Plays for the MassELITE program, and also coaches youth lacrosse…Plays soccer for CHS…Plans to play lacrosse in college, where she will likely study physical therapy or sports medicine…Cohasset coach Chuck Jaffe: "Lindsay played hurt all year, and still tied for the team lead in points. She's about as tough as it gets."

Gabriella Flibotte – Freshman
Midfield – Cohasset

Gabriella Flibotte

The Cohasset youth program's all-time leading scorer, Flibotte lived up to the hype with a sensational freshman campaign…Voted as the Skippers' MVP by her teammates after scoring 62 goals and dishing out 16 assists…Also led the team with an incredible 120 ground balls from her center position…Scored a game-high five goals in Cohasset's playoff loss to Walpole…Also had four goals each in Skippers' big wins over Scituate and Hingham…A Pilgrim Conference All-Star this season, Flibotte possesses a vast array of tricks around the net to score…A Marinerland All-Scholastic for basketball in the winter, Flibotte also plays soccer and enjoys surfing and snowboarding…Aspires to a career as a lawyer…Will attend Groton School next year…Cohasset coach Chuck Jaffe: "Gabby is the best player on the South Shore in my opinion, regardless of class. She became more and more dominant toward the end of the season."

Lisa Spirito – Senior (Capt.)
Attack – Cohasset

A first-time Pilgrim Conference All-Star this season, Spirito made opponents pay for focusing on teammates and fellow All-Scholastics Lindsay Durkin and Gabriella Flibotte…Finished the season with 38 goals, ranking third on the team despite missing three games at the end of the season…Her best game of the year may have come in a 13-8 win over Falmouth, in which Spirito finished with six goals and two assists…Also scored twice in regular season loss to Duxbury…Her scoring touch and ability to run plays from behind the net were certainly missed in the postseason…One of the top gymnasts on the Cohasset-Norwell co-op program…Will attend the University of Connecticut this fall…Cohasset coach Chuck Jaffe: "Lisa kind of flew under the radar at times, but she was definitely an unsung, key offensive player for us."

Colleen Mulligan – Sophomore
Attack – Hanover

Just a three-year program, the Hanover lacrosse team started turning some heads this season, and Mulligan was one of the reasons why…This talented sophomore was the leading scorer on the Lady Indians squad, racking up 79 points on 54 goals, 25 assists…Tallied four goals in a 16-8 victory over Oliver Ames this season, the program's first win in its brief history…The speedy Mulligan caught the Hingham defense by surprise, netting four quick goals in the second half of an eventual 19-10 loss…In all, Mulligan had two seven-goal games and one six goal game…Hanover (2-10) tallied 124 total goals in 12 games this season, with Mulligan accounting for nearly half of them…According to coach Martha Christian, what makes Colleen so successful on the field are her "stick skills, ability to read the field, patience, bursts of speed, and overall athletic ability. I so enjoy coaching her."…Mulligan has been elected to captain the lax team next year as a junior…She will also captain the field hockey squad in the fall.

Emmalee Willis – Junior (Capt.)
Attack – Hingham

Willis is at the center of a young offense that has limitless potential next season…From her third home/center position, Willis led the Harborwomen in scoring this spring with 75 points on 58 goals, 17 assists…Speed was one of her greatest assets, as several of her goals came on fast breaks…Willis had several big games for Hingham this season, but her five-goal efforts in a wins over Sandwich and Bourne, four-goal/one assist performance in a slim loss to Cohasset, and three goal contribution in a win over Waltham are among the standouts…Willis' steady play on the frontline helped the Harborwomen rack up a 10-7 record and berth in the postseason tourney…There, Willis scored a pair of goals in a 10-8 overtime win over Martha's Vineyard…A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Willis was voted by her teammates as their MVP…Willis will return as team captain again next season.

Kerri Doherty – Junior
Midfield – Hingham

Another offensive stalwart for the Harborwomen, Doherty's versatility on the field makes her invaluable…The attack wing was not far behind Willis in scoring, contributing several big goals along the way…But the junior was also among the team's defensive standouts at defensive wing…According to coach Cory Ford, Doherty brings "exceptional speed and tenacity to the field. She is one of the best leaders who sets a great example for her teammates through her tremendous work ethic and hustle."…Doherty tallied a goal in a game against Duxbury that brought the Harborwomen to within one (6-5) at halftime in an eventual loss…Her consistent play on both ends of the field helped Hingham finish 10-7 overall and earn a spot in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…There, the Harborwomen knocked off Martha's Vineyard in an OT 10-8 win, advancing to the quarters to meet eventual finalist, Duxbury…Just a junior, Doherty will be one of the top returning players on the Hingham squad.

Erin Fitzgibbons – Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Norwell

Erin Fitzgibbons

The leader of a defense that surrendered just 24 goals during Norwell's five-game postseason run to its second straight state championship…One of the Clippers' best in controlling ground balls, Fitzgibbons' hustle on defense often led to goals going the other way…Almost always in the proper position to ward off opposing attacks and create turnovers…One of five Pilgrim Conference All-Stars on Norwell's roster this season…Displayed considerable stick skills and frequently carried the ball downfield to set up goal-scoring opportunities…Scored a goal in Norwell's Division 2 South semifinal win over Walpole, and notched two goals in regular season game against Cohasset… A Marinerland All-Scholastic honorable mention last season, Fitzgibbons will attend the University of Connecticut and plans to major in elementary education

Michelle Granara – Senior (Capt.)
Goalie – Norwell

Michelle Granara

Ask just about any coach who the best goalie in the state was this year, and they will say Granara without hesitation…A two-time Marinerland All-Scholastic and Pilgrim Conference All-Star…Turned in some of her best performances of the season during the state tournament, including 12 saves in the Division 2 state championship game, a 9-6 win over Winchester…Made 10 stops in the sectional final against Duxbury, and came within five minutes of a shutout in the Clippers' semifinal win over Walpole…One of the things that set Granara apart from the rest was her ability to stop direct shots; just ask Cohasset, who saw nine of 11 such attempts saved during the teams' regular season meeting…Has taken an interest in journalism, writing for the NHS school newspaper and the Norwell Mariner…Will play lacrosse at Division 1 Holy Cross

Kathleen Kramer – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Norwell

Kathleen Kramer

The leading scorer for the state champion Clippers, Kramer finished the season with 102 points (85 goals, 17 assists) Scored 27 of those goals in the state tournament, including four in the 9-6 championship win over Winchester Kramer found the back of the net seven times in Division 2 South first round win over Canton, and followed that up with six-goal performances against Medfield and Walpole…Notched a career-high eight goals in April 29 win over Bourne…Took the majority of the draws from her center position, and played solid defense when it was needed…Pilgrim Conference All-Star making her second straight appearance on this team…Also ran cross-country and played basketball at Norwell High…Kramer will attend Colby College, where she will continue to play lacrosse

Margot Littlehale – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Norwell

A two-time Marinerland All-Scholastic this season (she was on the field hockey team last fall), Littlehale ended her high school career in style by helping lead Norwell to its second consecutive state title…Saved her

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All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

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Margot Littlehale

best for last by scoring four of her team's nine goals in championship win over Winchester Notched two goals in Division 2 South win in Duxbury, and in general played her best lacrosse of the season during the state tournament…A talented athlete, Littlehale was all over the field from her defensive midfield position…Earned her first Pilgrim Conference All-Star nod this spring; also a league all-star for field hockey…Plans to play lacrosse at Connecticut College, where she will team up with former NHS standout Colby Tallman

Taylor Murphy – Senior (Capt.) Attack – Norwell

Taylor Murphy

Norwell's second leading scorer this season (60 goals), Murphy earns her second straight nod to the *Mariner-land* All-Scholastic team…Notched 14 goals during the Clippers' post-season run, including four in first round against Canton and hat tricks against Medfield, Walpole and Duxbury…Scored the first goal in Norwell's state title win over Winchester…Pilgrim Conference All-Star tallied four goals in regular season win over Duxbury…Possesses a superlative finishing touch around the net…Battled through an ankle injury early in the season to still put up big numbers…Also played basketball, soccer, field hockey and ran cross country during her high school athletic career…Murphy plans to continue her lacrosse career at Boston University

Kerrin Kasianowicz – Sophomore Attack – Scituate

Kerrin Kasianowicz

One of the best pure goal-scorers in the area, Kasianowicz followed a strong freshman season by leading the Sailors with 53 goals this season…Was just about automatic when she got the ball near the net…Consistently scored five or six goals in several games this season…Plays for the Revolution Lacrosse club team, and has participated in summer tournaments in Long Island and New Jersey…Also a member of the silver-medal winning team at this summer's Bay State Games…Kasianowicz skis and plays field hockey at SHS, and plans to continue playing lacrosse in college

Jackie Moscardelli –Sophomore Attack - Weymouth

The Wildcats were faced with a rebuilding year this season under first year head coach Melanie Curtin, but despite struggling with injuries in the toughest lacrosse league in the state the Wildcats did find a huge building block for the future in Moscardelli.

Only a sophomore the young forward lit up the scoreboard at an alarming rate this season to the tune of 41 goals, while also adding nine assists. This season she recorded six goals in a game three times, against Walpole, Braintree, and Natick. She also tallied five goals in a loss to Framingham, who went undefeated and won the Division 1 state title. It was no surprise she was named a Bay State League all-star this season for her accomplishments.

Moscardelli also plays soccer and basketball for the Wildcats.

Next year she'll be counted on to carry the scoring load again, and Curtin is looking forward to it.

"She has a great attitude and has earned great respect from everyone as a sophomore. I'm excited to see where the next two years takes Jackie—her talent and potential could take her far if she so chooses."

Kaley Hewitt – Senior (Capt.) Attack - Braintree

Honorable Mention:

Katie Lynch – Jr. – Midfield – Braintree
Marissa Evans – Sr. (Capt.) – Defense – Cohasset
Mia Lieb-Lappen – Sr. (Capt.) – Midfield - Cohasset
Nicole Isaac – Sr. (Capt.) – Center – Hanover
MaryKate Gorman – Fr. – Center – Hingham
Ryan Gorman – Jr. – Midfield – Marshfield
Jill Cammett – Soph. – Midfield – Norwell
Meg O'Hara – Sr. (Capt.) – Defense - Norwell
Liz Williams – Jr. – Defense - Norwell
Kathleen Garland – Sr. (Capt.) – Attack - Scituate
Jenn Noonan – Sr. (Capt.) – Defense - Scituate

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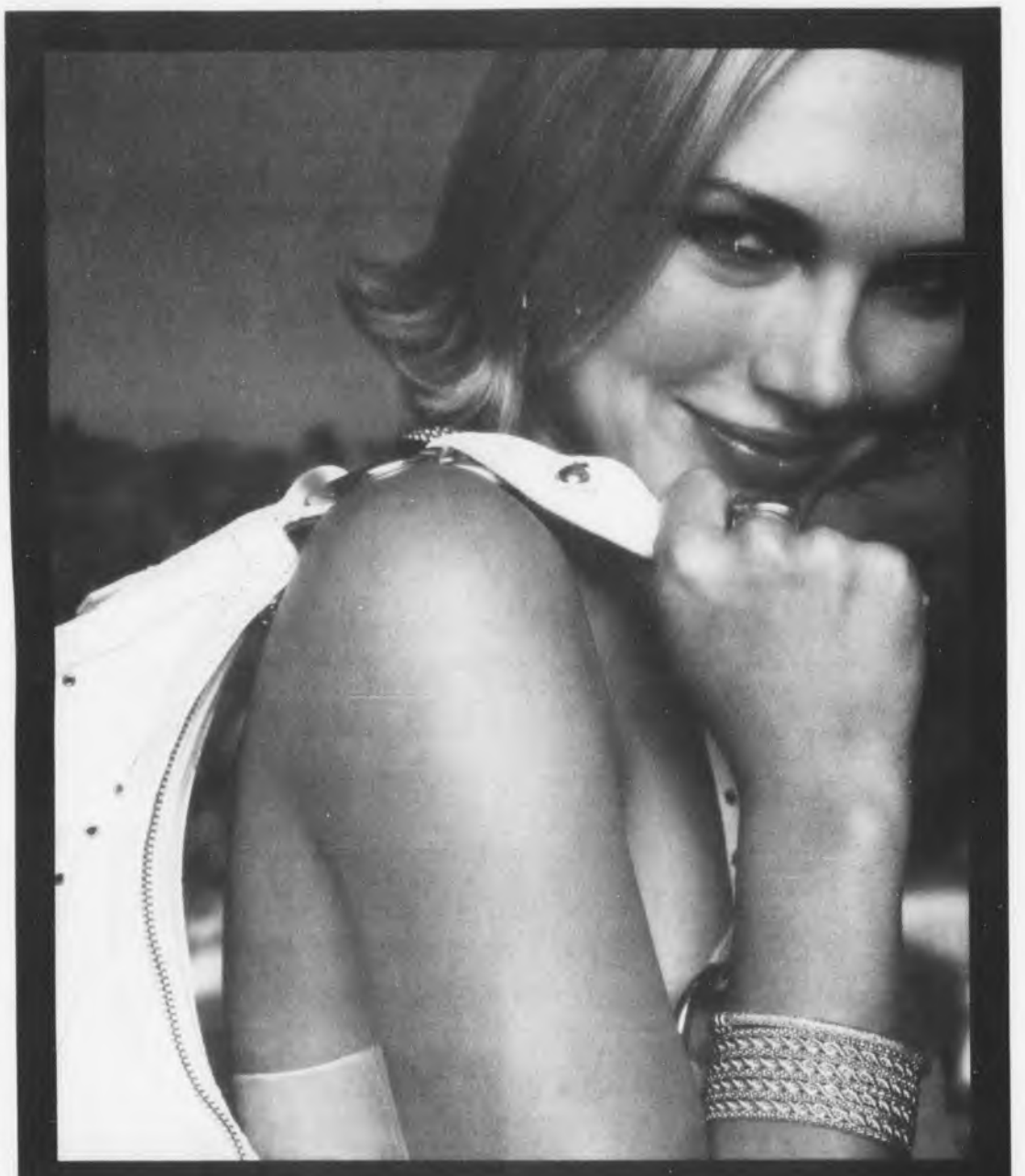
Marissa Evans (16) is one of two All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions from Cohasset, joining Mia Lieb-Lappen.



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'Cinderella' is where dreams come true

Musical on stage this weekend

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Transformed into a moonlit garden, a humble country cottage or a royal palace, the stage at Cohasset Town Hall is the setting for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" as presented by members of the Cohasset Dramatic Club and the Recreation Department's Summer Drama Workshop, Aug. 4-6. Earlier this week, the auditorium was alive with excitement and anticipation as the dress rehearsals were held.

Despite the midsummer heat, members of the cast donned their costumes and posed for last minute fittings and adjustments. They appeared thrilled to be transported to a make believe world where, in the guiding words of director, Lisa Pratt, they would "step out of (them) selves and be the character (they) were playing every moment on the stage."

The cast of 37 ranges in age from 7 to 18 and comes from several South Shore towns. Whether portraying a townsperson, a princess or a mouse everyone knew there was magic in the air!

Veronica Galvin and Olivia Sanderson are two members of the company who are privileged to play multiple parts in the production. Between the two young ladies the roles of townspeople, fairies, chorus member and princess/maidens are depicted. A very special duty pivotal to the plot that Veronica and Olivia handle is that of presenting Cinderella's glass slippers and tiara. "It makes me feel happy to be on the stage, especially when we are at the ball," said Veronica. Olivia nodded in agreement. "It sort of makes you really believe you are there," she added.

A 10-year veteran of drama but first-time performer with the Cohasset Dramatic Club is Austin Crumpton, 18, who portrays the King. Though not playing a large role in this version of the story, he is well aware of its significance. "This King is a true fairy tale king," he said. "It is so different from other roles I have played. In this case, it's important to me to seem real for the little kids. I want to live up to their expectations so they will believe in make believe."

His lady in the performance, Mimi Mahoney plays the Queen. Adorned in her regal "everyday" clothes, she described her costume changes. "The King and Queen have two costumes; one for 'everyday' and one for 'the ball.'" she explained. Of course, both she and her King wear brilliantly jeweled crowns! Describing her happiness when securing the part of the Queen, Mimi said, "I watched the movie again *right* away! It had been awhile since I had seen the show!"

An intent and enthusiastic John Demick, 10, of Cohasset shared his thoughts about being in the production. "It's fun to be in the show; a good time," he said. As a member of the ensemble and a "guard", he too has multiple responsibilities in the play. As "guard", he has a solo singing/speaking part in "The Prince Is Giving a Ball," one of the liveliest and most robust numbers in the production.

Another cast member with multiple roles, Danielle Frederick 12, spoke of the challenges of playing many parts. She is a townsperson, footman and goes to the ball. "There are three costume changes so you have to be fast and there is lots to learn with all the songs. We have a lot of fun," she said.

Seen on and off the stage during the rehearsal were Cinderella's "stepsisters" and "stepmother" who insert light and witty moments into the romantic story. Their sound checks revealed singing voices that were anything but "ugly and mean!"

Not to be forgotten, a Godmother flitted about with costume and sound checks and a voice that will bring enchantment to the very upbeat and inspirational song, "Impossible." Doubtlessly, her magical powers will dazzle the audience.

Musical director, John Ferguson described the imagination and skill involved in presenting a show like Cinderella which has so many musical possibilities. Ferguson has been with the Cohasset Dramatic Club for several performances. A senior at Stonehill College, he explained that this was a fun change for him. His role in the production is managing "the pit." He will assist with the actors' musical cues and provide the show's music by playing the piano. "We have a lot of kids with really nice voices," he said. "Some came to us that way and others had talent and we worked with them to develop them more."

Ingénue, Emily Badger, 17 of Scituate plays the coveted role of Cinderella. Knowing she has very big acts to follow with Julie Andrews, Leslie Ann Warren and Brandy all playing the beautiful princess on stage or screen before her, she is overjoyed but undaunted. The Scituate High School junior said upon learning the part was hers, she, "Was thrilled! It's every little girl's dream! I watched it over and over and over growing up." She said being on stage felt, "*So* unreal; just like a dream. Once you are in the costumes it's really like stepping inside a fairy tale."

Chris Barba, 15 also of Scituate, plays the Prince. He said jokingly, "In this version, I don't even have a name; not even "Charming." I'm just "the Prince." The SHS sophmore has been involved in drama for sometime and was surprised that this was not as much like a fairy tale as he had expected. "For me, this is really more like a love story. It's been quite easy in that way. I've played parts similar with love duets and things. I like the Cohasset Dramatic Club and it's great to work with Emily as my romantic leading lady. I've learned a lot from Lisa as a director, too. She is very patient and has taught me a lot about showing emotions and different acting techniques. It's really been fun to be part of this."

The regal festivities begin today (Friday) when the CDC and Recreation Department's Summer Drama Workshop present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" to the public. The show will run through Sunday Aug. 6. May all "townspeople" and those from the "neighboring villages" come to be swept away by this midsummer enchantment and captivating musical score. Shows are scheduled to allow all to return home safely before midnight.

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Kevin Crawford (as a guard), Miranda Rich (as the herald), and Nicholas Schubert (as a guard) rehearse for this weekend's production of "Cinderella" which is on stage at Town Hall

Leading role, a labor of love

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continuity and community are some of what keeps everyone coming back to the CDC.

"There is such a spirit of family here," she says. "Our shows are family oriented so they appeal to audiences of parents, kids, brothers and sisters; really everybody."

Though stepping down from her role as president of CDC in September, when the Board of Directors begins its new year and elects a new slate, DiGiacomandrea recalls her tenure with joy and wonderful memories. Slightly hesitating, as though so many thoughts whirled through her mind making it difficult to choose just one to describe, she says, "I enjoyed every moment I spend with my 'family' at the Dramatic Club. But it is hard to say anything can replace the children. The kids are so pure and open and amazing when they begin with us. They are sometimes so shy and it is wonderful to watch what they will blossom into as they learn and grow. It is a gift to have a small role in molding a child."

"The kids love Jean D.!" Pratt says. "They love to be around her and they love to surprise her. Where ever she is they know there is going to be fun."

"Fun" appears to be DiGiacomandrea's middle name (which it may very well be!) but many of her jobs at CDC were anything but! Basement organizer, painter, ticket taker, popcorn maker, money counter, printer and poster deliverer were some of her less glamorous parts. "I loved them all, though!" she laughs. "They added to my theatrical resume!"

The residents of Cohasset also benefit from DiGiacomandrea's selflessness in other ways. Using quite different skills from those of the theatre, she is a Disaster Relief Worker for the Town of Cohasset. Studying and planning with the appropriate workers, she is learning and developing the state of preparedness in the town in the event of a disaster.

On a lighter note, DiGiacomandrea revels in her annual participation in the First Night Boston Celebration. She is a House Manager each year at the same gala, a church that hosts musical events for children.

Midsummer evenings for DiGiacomandrea and the CDC have been lively and dynamic as lately, they have rehearsed for the current performance of "Cinderella." This delightfully enchanting musical by Rodgers & Hammerstein, which is being directed by Lisa Pratt and produced by DiGiacomandrea possesses a cast of 34 children ages 7-18. The show will play Aug. 4-6 at Cohasset Town Hall. The Cohasset Recreation Department joins CDC in presenting the performances.

Pratt described DiGiacomandrea's motivation and humor. "We were rehearsing, it was hot, I was exhausted and there was Jean D.... Hardworking, going strong, committed. I learn *so* much from her! Right then I thought, 'Be like Jean. Just let the rough stuff roll right off your back.'"

DiGiacomandrea attempts to control her excitement about the Cinderella story, but it is obvious in the twinkle in her eyes. She encourages everyone to see the play, but, in true "show biz" style, won't give away any secrets or special effects that may be planned.

She will say, "You will be *so* glad you came. It's going to be beautiful....It's going to be captivating and magical!"

It is fitting that DiGiacomandrea speaks of the show in terms of "magic." As her years at the CDC have evolved, it is evident through her sentiments as well as those of others that she exudes a type of magic as well. As she continues as a vital member of the organization, she will bring her delightful ways and talents with her. She said it best in her own words, "I am proud of our spirit, integrity and dedication to theatre and each other. Most of all, I am proud to be part of this community."

Shows at Cohasset Town Hall: Aug. 4th 10 a.m. and 7:30 pm. Aug. 5th 7:30 pm. August 6th 2pm.

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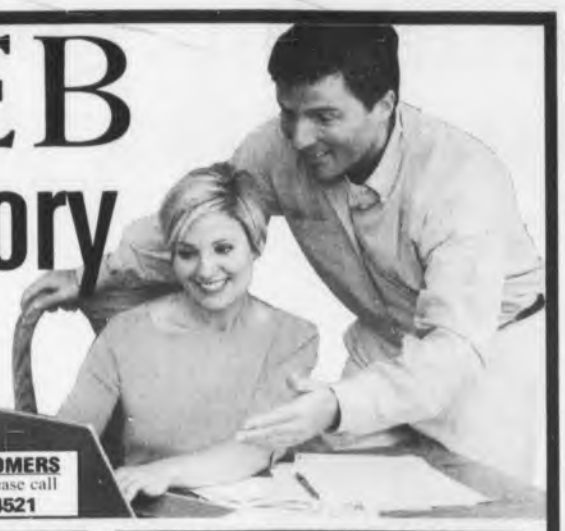

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JULY 21

12:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

6:44 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement. No violations.

6:52 a.m. **Chief justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:30 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, fire.

8:12 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, units to Police HQ., for a lock that has broken in the door. Units tied up attempting to gain access.

8:52 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:38 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being checks.

11:12 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:57 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

1:07 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there is a swim meet and there are vehicles parked all over the place and it would be impossible for emergency vehicles to make it through.

2 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

2:34 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:36 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed group from the bridge.

4:36 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:58 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

5:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:26 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

5:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:07 p.m. **Blackrock Beach**, animal complaint, caller complains of two dogs running around on the beach. Officer reports the dogs are on a blanket with the owner and there's no one else on the beach.

7:08 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, manager reports her employees saw a snake in the kitchen. Officer reports no one can locate the snake at this time, as it is described it seems like a garden snake.

7:30 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement, officer reports he will be on portable tagging cars at West Corner.

7:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, officer on detail at this location reports a woman fell and would like to be checked out.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, employees called about the snake again, ACO has been contacted.

8:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a tree on the wires across from this location. E3 reports tree branch laying across telephone and cable wires also.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

12:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:18 a.m. **Deer Hill St., and Sohier St.**, open door in the back.

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

12:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal – speeding.

8:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, downed tree, multiple calls about tree in the road. Tree branch moved to the side of the road.

8:44 a.m. **Beach St.**, assist citizen, caller states "there is something bubblying in the street." Run off from the residence at the end of the road.

9:04 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, suspicious activity.

9:33 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, assist other Police Dept.

9:36 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:04 a.m. **Ledge Way**, assist citizen.

10:12 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, assist other Police Dept.

10:41 a.m. **Doane St.**, caller stated a "woman threatened him." It is an ACO matter. Left message for ACO.

10:47 a.m. **Doane St.**, assist citizen, caller states "a man threatened her and kicked her dog."

11:32 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller requests Sgt. On duty be aware of this incident.

11:36 a.m. **Beach St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller was "looking for the repair service." Confirmed accidental.

11:46 a.m. **North Main St.**, downed power lines, caller states there are branches on wires. ETA for National Grid, 1 hour. E3 standing by 10-15 minutes, while the branch is being cut.

12:37 p.m. **South Main St.** assist citizen.

12:53 p.m. **Mill Lane**, assist citizen.

1:15 p.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police Dept.

1:17 p.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

1:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service.

3:16 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:24 p.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen.

3:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, caller states he has cut 2 of his fingers.

3:45 p.m. **King St.**, assist citizen, caller states 3 paving trucks on the side of the road obstructing traffic. 884 states the paving trucks have been there all day. Trucks have been moved and will be leaving in 20 minutes.

4:43 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:48 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

8:12 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she heard 6 loud "shots," she said she's not sure if they are fireworks or not, she said they sounded like thy may have come from the other side of Mealy Pond. Officer reports everything is quiet from South Main to 3A, and there's no one on the railroad tracks.

8:44 p.m. **Hammond Ave, and Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller reports someone is lighting off fireworks and his dogs are going crazy, he'd like it to stop.

8:53 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is partying going on at this location and then hung up. Officer reports there is no problem at this time.

9:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, erratic motor vehicle operation, caller reports erratic operation. Officers report the driver is an elderly female and she said the caller was tailgating her and making her nervous.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

2:10 a.m. **Diab Lane**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a large party at above address. Officer advised small group outside sitting. They were advised to lower voices. They will take it inside.

5:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

6:30 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party found backpack while out walking. Contacted owner of backpack, officer will drop it off at his residence.

7:17 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report.

8:08 a.m. **Summer St., and Border St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports there is a man at this location with a disabled motor vehicle.

11:14 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:49 a.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:07 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:39 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:49 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:07 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, drive off of gas $71.01. 884 stopped the vehicle. It was a mistake, he went back to pay the owed amount.

1:50 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid.

2 p.m. **King St., and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement, 886 on fixed traffic post-King Street near Pond Street.

2:40 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:21 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

3:22 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:59 p.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen, cleared the bridge.

8:04 p.m. **Summer St.**, officer wanted, wants to speak with an officer about his son. Spoke to father, matter settled.

9:18 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

MONDAY, JULY 24

12:27 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:25 a.m. **Hingham PD.**, bolo announcement, Hingham PD advised white female, 5'2, 112 lbs., blue eyes, missing for 3 weeks – sometimes she goes to Sandy Beach, vehicle found in Hull.

6:39 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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6:39 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS, multiple callers report a motor vehicle accident in front of this location.

9 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS, multiple calls report a 3 car accident.

10:23 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire inspections, inspection of a company detector.

10:58 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire inspections, company detector inspection.

12:44 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

3:35 p.m. **Gannett Rd.**, fire investigation, automatic aid to Scituate, Jaimes Pub for an odor of smoke.

STATUS REPORTS

Eight arrests made in June

June was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were eight arrests, three for Minor in Possession of Liquor; two for Protective Custody; one for Assault and Battery; one for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor; and one for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of June, the Police Department investigated 22 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 97 Motor Vehicle Citations issued, totaling $1,680 in fines. Additionally, there were 63 parking tickets issued, totaling $1,400 in fines.

Also in the month of June, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,045 calls for police services, and of those 195 were Emergency 911 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of June, there were two reports of Breaking and Entering, one involving a motor vehicle and the other involving a town building. Also in June, there were six Criminal Complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

Fire Department responses for June

A summary of Fire Department responses during the month of June is as follows: build fires, four; brush fires, one; motor vehicle crashes, 14; medical emergencies, 74; inspections, 28; investigations, eight; assistance calls, 13; and miscellaneous responses, 59.

Forty-six emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 35 medical emergencies, six motor vehicle crashes and fire five calls, Chief Roger Lincoln said.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 48 patients to South Shore Hospital, and two patients to Quincy Medical Center. Mutual aid ambulances transported nine patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Quincy Medical Center. One motor vehicle crash required that a patient be transported to South Shore Hospital.

Fire alarm system activation responses totaled 34 during June. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for 11 responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 23 responses. Fire alarm activation reported one actual fire. The four responses classed as building fires caused by: chimney fire, 1; lighting strike/electrical, one; and oil burner malfunction, two.

Keith Lockhart looks on as Rockapella's infectious energy thrills the sold-out crowd at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday

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Keith Lockhart poses with the co-chairs of the post concert reception, Lisa Westcott, Emily Brown and Kelley Verrochi.

Keith, Ayla and Rockapella rock Cohasset

Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops back for third summer

Ayla Brown, 18, of Wrentham, a finalist on American Idol, sings at the post-concert party at the art center. Ayla sang the National Anthem with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops at the Music Circus concert.

It was standing room only at the "after-party" at the South Shore Art Center on Saturday. Here the crowd applauds as Keith Lockhart talks about how much he enjoys coming to Cohasset every summer.

Paul Verrochi, Mary Kakas and Keith Lockhart are all smiles at the "after-party" following the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra concert Saturday.

Rockapella gives an impromptu concert at the post concert party reception at the art center.

Concert chairman and president-elect of the South Shore Art Center Frank Neer, left, visits with Keith Lockhart and Chris Oddleifson, president of Rockland Trust that sponsored the post-concert party at the art center.

Rockapella thrills the audience by performing in the aisle at the Music Circus during Saturday night's concert that benefits the South Shore Art Center.

Hingham residents Paul and Margaret Taylor enjoy the post concert party at the art center.

DESTINATIONS

The Magic of Seville

Meet colorful locals, ghost of Columbus in Seville

By FRAN GOLDEN

SEVILLE, Spain -- The magic of this beautiful city took hold rather immediately when we bumped into Maria.

Jan, my cousin and traveling companion, had been talking about a shop she had visited many years ago. At the time she and the shopkeeper, Maria, had got to talking. They were very simpatico. They had dinner and then lost touch.

As we wandered the streets of the Old Town, I spotted a store that looked cool and suggested we go in. Jan was looking at the handmade cloth handbags and she asked the shopkeeper who made them. "I did," said the woman. They looked into each other's eyes and, sure enough, it was Jan's Maria (different shop). Much hugging and kissing followed.

Seville is a place where birds seem to constantly sing, the sun nearly always shines and bitter oranges ripen on the trees. And the city has some of the warmest, most charming people I've encountered anywhere in my travels.

We vowed to meet Maria later and found ourselves at a tapas bar called Bar Giralda around 8:30 p.m. (the earliest a respectable Spaniard will dine) with Maria joined by a friend of hers, Miquita. They ordered various little dishes for us to try -- tapas dining is about sampling a variety -- including one we could only translate as "important potatoes." Delicious. And cheap (dinner for four came in under $50 including sherry and beer).

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Barrio Santa Cruz, Seville's Old Town

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Maria spoke virtually no English; Miquita more than she admitted. My Spanish is weak. Jan's is OK. But a major lesson of travel is: If you have the opportunity to interact with locals, do it. Sign language works if all else fails; and if like me you declare that the jabon (soap) is muy bueno when you mean jamon (ham), so be it.

After dinner, Maria and Miquita led us to a former coal factory, La Carboneria, that's been turned into a gallery/music hall. The featured artist, leather jacket resting on his shoulders and cigarette dangling, greeted us in English and showed us his odd paintings. We chatted with some college students from the Netherlands (the University of Seville attracts a lot of international students, including Americans). Around 11:30 p.m. performers hit the stage -- a guitarist and singer, both young guys with flowing hair, accompanying a flamenco dancer in a bright blue dress, her movements both seductive and determined. We were mesmerized.

The next day Maria and Miquita decided to introduce us to, well, everyone they knew in Seville, and so we found ourselves meeting various friends and relatives as we hit several cafes and tapas bars and landed at Miquita's apartment. An older fellow, an opera-loving sheep farmer named Pepe, stopped by. He scored points by telling us he had a friend who was friends with Picasso. Of course he did. This is Spain.

Seville is the country's fourth-largest city with a population of 700,000, yet it feels like a small town, especially if you stick around the older sections, such as Barrio de Santa Cruz, where the maze of narrow streets and tiled courtyards are exceptionally fun to explore. You'll get lost, but that's all part of the adventure.

The nearby Guadalquivir is the only navigable river in Spain and runs 56 miles to the Atlantic; it's the reason Seville for 200 years had a monopoly as a port to the Americas.

Christopher Columbus planned three of his four trips to America at the Alcazar palace here, where King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sometimes resided. Magellan planned his trip around the world here, too.

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The Cathedral in Seville

Must-view sights include the ornately decorated palace, built in the 12th century by Moors (Seville was once a place where Arabs, Jews and Christians lived peacefully) and rebuilt beginning in the 14th century by Christian kings. After Ferdinand and Isabella took over in 1492 they expelled the Jews and Moors and forced those who remained to convert. Inside the Alcazar are elaborately tiled rooms and courtyards. Outside is a spectacular garden.

We also visited the city's landmark cathedral, the third largest in the world after St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London. It took 120 years to build in the 15th and 16th centuries. Here, the marvels are the 44 chapels, the biggest main altar in Europe and the tomb of one Christopher Columbus.

The joke told here is that Columbus traveled more in death than in life. While he died near Madrid, one of his sons was governor of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic and had the body buried there. The body was later transferred to Cuba, and in 1898 brought back here. University of Granada researchers are currently looking at the DNA of the body in the tomb to see if Seville has the true remains (they are comparing it to the DNA of one of his sons, buried in the cathedral).

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Guitarist in Seville

Attached to the cathedral is the Giralda minaret, all that remains of an old mosque on the site and today the most recognized symbol of the city.

Nearby at the Archivos de Indias, we were fascinated by copies of documents and maps that are on display, including papers signed by King Ferdinand for Columbus' voyages and the coat of arms of L.A., circa 1538, which interestingly depicts a castle that looks very much like Cinderella's palace at Disneyland.

Downtown shops include several selling flamboyant flamenco costumes. Tapas bars seem to be on every corner.

One day, Jan and I followed the crowd to Casa Roman, deep in Barrio de Santa Cruz, where we stood chatting at the bar, standing under hanging hams, with a bunch of men (their wives and children were seated at nearby tables). Much to their amusement, we asked in our broken Spanish what to order and were advised to go with a plate of ham, a delicious bean dish and fried cod. One fellow introduced us to his godchild.

We felt right at home, in magical Seville.

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Harry St. Onge, Chairman of the Relay for Life, thanks Pilgrim Bank vice president and Relay Team captain Donna Murphy for her team's success raising funds for the fight against cancer. The Pilgrim Difference Team raised $11,941.50 this year, earning it a Gold Award from the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life team raises almost $12,000 for Cancer Society

Harry St. Onge, chairman of the Relay for Life, stopped by Pilgrim Bank to thank Relay Team captain Donna Murphy for her team's success raising funds for the fight against cancer. The Pilgrim Difference Team raised $11,941.50 this year, earning it a Gold Award from the American Cancer Society.

"Pilgrim Bank has been a long-time sponsor of the Relay for Life, and their team members play an important part in our Relay's success," said St. Onge. "It's wonderful to see local businesses like Pilgrim and their employees coming out to support what is truly a community event."

"We were thrilled to be able to exceed our own fundraising goal for this worthwhile cause," added Murphy. "We could not have done it without the support of all of our customers, families and friends."

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Carillon concert

The 7th Summer Series concert on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon of St. Stephen's Church will be presented Sunday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 7 p.m., by Margaret Angelini, advisor to the Wellesley College Guild of Carillonneurs and a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. Angelini has performed as an organ recitalist in the New England area, and served as Dean of the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the past two years. Marking her debut as a carillon recitalist, Angelini will play a varied program of compositions for carillon, arrangements and transcriptions. Admission is free. A tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon will follow.

Programs, brochures and schedules will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to the Common or church courtyard. For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or carillonneur Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or assistant carillonneur Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

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Digging the beach

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Perrin Mirise, 22 months, helps dig the channel for the moat of a sandcastle he helped build at Sandy Beach.

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Sara Green, 6, of Hingham jumps over a gap in the seawall at Sandy Beach.

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Twins Emma and Joseph Carroll, 6, entertain themselves with a giant blue bucket at Sandy Beach.

Is great way to beat the heat

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Caitlin Mavilia laughs as her friends Gabrielle Rioux, Sarah Fredey and Emma Smith work on turning her into a "sand mermaid" at Sandy Beach.

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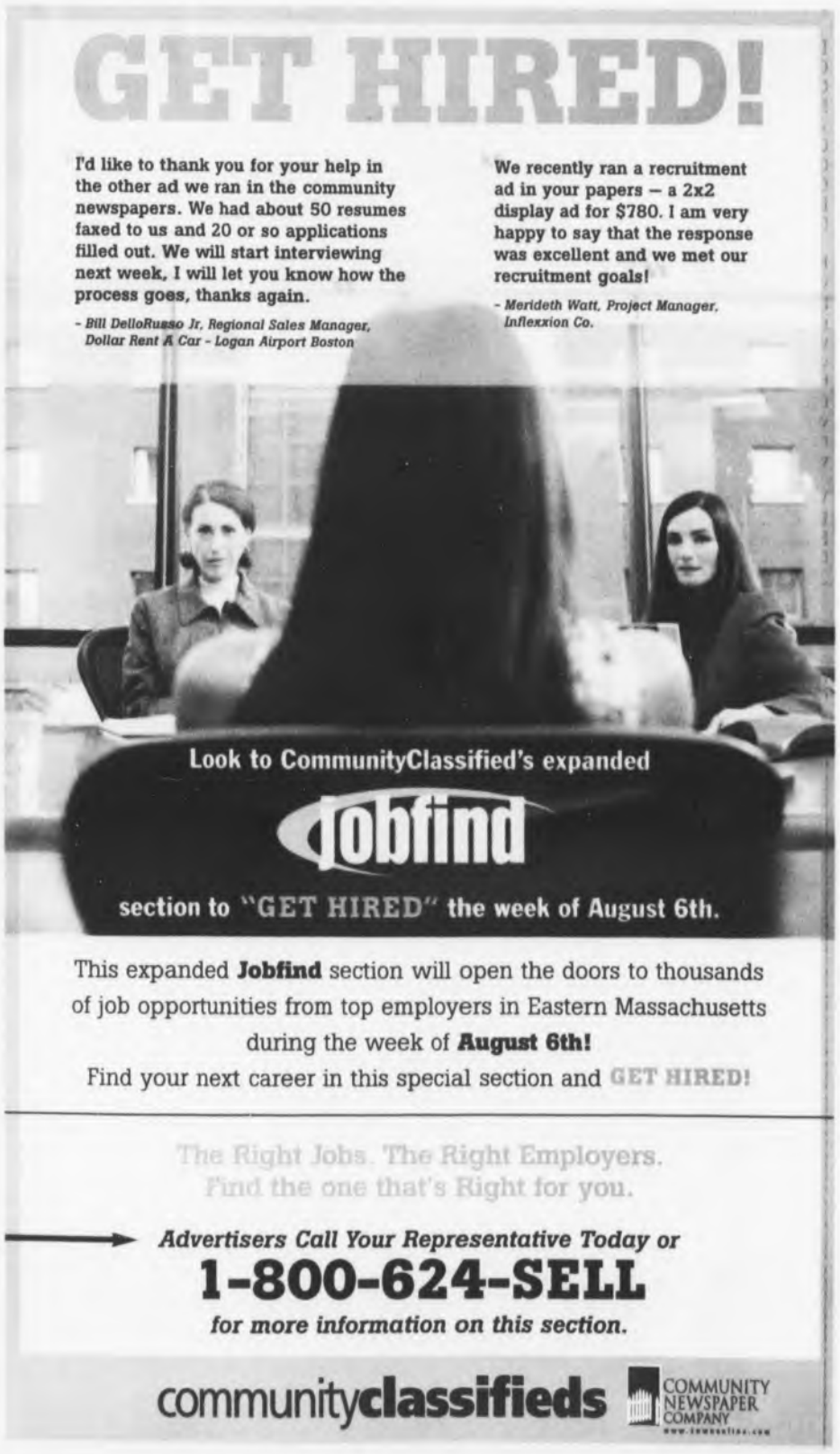
Sandy Beach-goer Luke Norton, 8, estimates this hole, which took him 10 minutes to dig, is four or five inches deep, and he plans to dig much deeper.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Summer Sundays at First Parish Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, Aug. 6 — Worship at 9 a.m. in the Meeting House A service on "Impermanence" led by Edwin Henneken

Children are welcome. Light refreshments will follow the service.

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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- Sunday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer; 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer/Family Service; 6 p.m., Carillon Recital
- Monday, Aug 7, 7:30 p.m., Christian Meditation
- Wednesday, Aug. 9, 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10:30 a.m. Labyrinth Meditation Walk
- Saturday, Aug 12, 7 a.m., Bible Fellowship – First Letter of Peter.
- Sunday, Aug 13, 6 p.m. Carillon Recital

In our Bible readings for August 13th we read from Ephesians that we are to have a love like the love of Christ. The Gospel of John reminds us that Jesus is the true bread of life and all who have faith in him will have eternal life. Rev. Wheatley-Dyson is the preacher.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan. Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Legal Notices

SIGNORELLI ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P1743EP

In the Estate of ANNE SIGNORELLI

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 17, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM S. SIGNORELLI of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, July 17, 2006.

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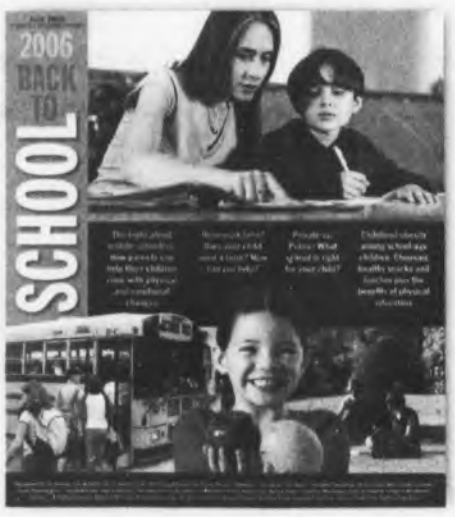

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Friday, August 4

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Saturday, August 5

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 3-11, 2006

'Highway to Hell' leads to Plymouth

Back in Black rocks Memorial Hall

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

BACK IN BLACK: The Ultimate AC/DC Tribute Rocks Plymouth Memorial Hall; August 5

It's a long way to the top if you wanna rock and roll. And it seems even longer to find any public signs of Australian metal-rock icons AC/DC these days. It's been six years since the band's last studio album, 2000's Stiff Upper Lip, and there are no current plans for any national or worldwide tours.

Plymouth Memorial Hall has the next best thing, however, as the theatre hosts Back In Black: The Ultimate Tribute to AC/DC, on Saturday (August 5) at 8 p.m. Hailing from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Back In Black, as the show billing suggests, is recognized as the U.S.'s premier tribute band to AC/DC and come Saturday will be ready to take you down the highway to hell, or just shake you all night long.

"We're looking forward to coming up to play in the Boston area, because we know there's always been a big AC/DC following in the Northeast, plus we've never toured in that part of the country," said lead guitarist and band spokesman Mike Mroz, who faithfully fills the role of AC/DC guitar slinger Angus Young, even if, at 6 feet tall, he's hardly a ringer for the diminutive real-life axeman, who's only 5'3".

Everything else about Mroz's tribute part, however, is honed right to the letter, from Angus's thunder-striking riffs and solos to his sweat-packed schoolboy uniform and even the occasional enactment of the guitarist's legendarily notorious onstage antics that are unmentionable here.

"Any time I've gone to see AC/DC live, or watched and studied their films and videos, I've noticed that the guitars always look so big strapped around Angus (Young), and on his brother, Malcolm, too for that matter, who's just about the same size," said Mroz, a Chicago native.

"But to me, Angus is simply one of the most amazing rock guitarists ever. His riffs and overall style are the sort that you can always spot them right away. It's all essentially blues-based, but there aren't too many players I know of who can play so great like that and at the same time runaround onstage and play with that kind of energy," Mroz said.

Back in Black's popularity and drawing power has at times rivaled even that of AC/DC themselves.

Back in Black is self-described as dedicated to capturing the power and excitement of AC/DC, including all of the best material from eras of lead vocalists, the late Bon Scott and now longtime front man Brian Johnson. Back in Black was formed in Los Angeles in late 2001 by former bandmates Mroz and vocalist Darren Caperna, who worked the LA club scene at such venues as the Whisky A-Go-Go and the Roxy playing mostly original rock but, as Mroz said, "we always closed out with an AC/DC tune."

Other band members, Jay Benzi (drums), and Mike Wagner (guitar) were found via an ad in the Dallas Observer, and Taylor Smith (bass) was recently added.

Back in Black's popularity and drawing power has at times rivaled even that of AC/DC themselves. The band has performed sold out shows in Sarasota to Toronto, and also played to over 36,000 people at the Bone Bash held on September 11, 2004 in Ft Worth.

The band was also recruited by 20th Century Fox, who chose Back in Black over all other tribute bands to record AC/DC's classics "TNT" and "A Long Way to the Top" for two of their movies, Napoleon Dynamite and Garage Days. Although for the first-named movie, Mroz said, BIB was eventually bumped off when MTV bought the distribution rights and retooled the soundtrack, the band nonetheless enjoyed exposure on the 20th Century Fox website for a time.

Back In Black have shared bills with Cheap Trick, Foghat, Bad Company, Blue Oyster Cult, Grand Funk Railroad, and Vince Neil of Motley Crue among others. But the band's favorite live date was when Brenda Johnson, wife of Brian Johnson, saw the show in Sarasota in October, '04 and said (vocalist) Caperna "Looked, sounded, and moved just like her husband, and I thought the band was incredible!"

Back in Black plays Plymouth Memorial Hall, Saturday, Aug. 5. at 8 p.m. All tickets for Back In Black are $20 and at General Admission. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, by phone at 508-747-1340, and online at www.plymouthhall.com. Tickets can also be purchased at all Strawberries outlets. This show is presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 3

Open Auditions for "Best Friends: A Play About Bugs," Thursday, Aug. 3 at 4 p.m., at the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. Children age 4 and older are eligible to try out. Play will be presented, as staged reading so young actors are not required to memorize lines. Also openings for set designers and wardrobe. Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays, Aug. 10, 17, and 24, from 4 to 5 p.m. An entertaining story about the wonder of insect metamorphosis will be performed for family and friends on the evening of Aug. 29. For information visit the Children's Room Desk or call 781-826-2971 ext 4.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover, on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. The group plans to meet the first Thursday of every month in the small meeting on the lower floor. Call Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781-659-2691 for further information. Free parking.

Plymouth Philharmonic Cabaret Orchestra Patriotic Pops Concert Thursday, Aug. 3, to benefit the Wareham Boys and Girls Club. The Symphony Swing Band, presents Swing It Thursday, Aug. 17, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. Outdoor concerts are at Tihonet Pond in Wareham. Tickets are $12 for adults; children under age 12 admitted free. Children's programming at 6 p.m., will be followed by performances from 7 to 9 p.m. Food and beverages available for sale. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. For tickets and more information, call WBGC at 508-295-5400.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra with conductor Charles Ansbacher presents **Romantics in the Park**, featuring works by Dvorak. Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., at the Beale Estate, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy. Visit www.landmarksorchestra.org.

CALENDAR, see next page

Just for kids

MARINE SCIENCE ACADEMY at the Coastal Ocean Science Academy. Space still available if you are interested in marine science and are a student entering grade 9 or 10 in the fall. Sign up for the Marine Science Center two- week summer marine science academy. For information visit the Web site at www.marinescience.neu.edu/outreach or call 781-581-7370 x321.

MASS AUDUBON CAMP for kids entering third and fourth grades this fall. Learn about nature and the great outdoors, join Mass Audubon counselors and staff for a summer camp experience you'll never forget. Take a close look at plant and animal life found in a variety of wetland habitats. You'll create wetland animal puppets and your own puppet show, and will present it to younger campers to help them learn about nature. There will be field trips to Duxbury Bay, the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary and Fourth Cliff in Scituate. A few openings are still available. All programs begin and end at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Pre-registration is required. For prices, directions or information, contact Ellyn Einhorn at 781-837-9400.

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY summer program for older students. The Young Masters Program is an opportunity to explore a particular artistic discipline in-depth with an art professional. Each program runs for two weeks, Monday-Thursday (8 classes) from Aug. 17-17. Classes being offered are drawing, fashion design and basic sewing. Classes are held at G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Fee per class $140 members/$160 non-members. Call 781-837-8091 or stop by Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and noon to pick up a registration form.

Movie review

Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith) refer to their little black book while loitering.

Check out 'Clerks'

"Clerks 2" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

According to Thomas Wolfe, you can't go home again. This is especially true if you burn your home down in the opening scene, as Kevin Smith does to the shabby, suburban New Jersey Quick Mart he made famous in "Clerks," a 1994 film one of my colleagues described as his favorite $27,000 movie.

Dante Hicks (Brian O'Halloran) and Randal Graves (Jeff Anderson), the Butch and Sundance of no-budget, New Jersey-set indie films, instead take jobs at nearby Mooby's, a fast-food restaurant with a Western steer motif. Mooby's is the home of the Cow Tipper burger and Udderly Delicious Skinny Shake.

Dante is about to leave New Jersey forever for a new home and a new life in Florida, where he plans to marry the sweet and smitten Emma (Jennifer Schwalbach, Smith's wife) and work for his father-in-law, a carwash magnate. "Star Wars" buff Randal, meanwhile, can't tell the difference between Helen Keller and Anne Frank and is taking out his frustration at losing his best friend on "Lord of the Rings" fanboy Elias (an inspired Trevor Fehrman). Elias, for his part, is hugely excited at the prospect of the live-action "Transformers" movie.

Elias, Randal and Dante engage in ridiculously lewd, pop-culture and profanity-laden conversations and debates familiar to anyone who's seen "Clerks." That Dante and Randal are no longer 20-something slackers and are now 33-year-old men puts a different complexion entirely upon their lives and interests.

I don't know how much Rosario Dawson was paid to play Becky, the manager of Mooby's. But it was not enough. Dawson's Becky brings such warmth and joy to the film it's astonishing.

A self-professed cynic when it comes to love, Becky is pregnant with Dante's child, the result of a mad after-hours encounter on the Mooby's prep table. What will Dante do?

Arguably, "Clerks II" is the third (at least) installment in the "Clerks" saga after the underwhelming 2001 effort "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back." It lacks the indie-film credibility of the no-budget original, although it boasts celebrity cameos from Jason Lee and Ben Affleck. In the roles of Jay and Silent Bob, Jason Mewes and Smith, sporting what looks like a double-wide overcoat, return, and they're still hanging out front selling "the chronic." Whatever his personal demons, Mewes is a unique comic presence, and his impersonation of Jame Gumb from "The Silence of the Lambs" is spot-on hilarious.

His Jay is also a recovering junkie and Christian convert the Christians might want to throw to the lions themselves. As Bob, Smith continues to channel the late John Belushi.

Homophobic, racially insensitive geeks with a fondness for bestiality humor and a tendency to hurl extreme insults at one and all, Dante, Randal and company are losers. But they're also recognizably human, and losers deserve their movies, too.

With his "Clerks" films, Smith has been mining a John Waters-like vein of provincial-slacker filmmaking. What he does is extremely limited and not to everyone's taste. But no one does it as well, or in the case of "Clerks II," as surprisingly poignantly. "Clerks II" also boasts a "Star Wars" vs. "The Lord of the Rings" smackdown scene that is guaranteed to incite an Internet war. To hell with Luke. Frodo lives!

Rated R. "Clerks II" contains explicit, sexually graphic language and situations.

Calendar

AUGUST 3-11, 2006

BEST BET

Blues guitarist Jonny Lang will performing along with his band at the South Shore Music Circus on Thursday, August 10 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information call the Music Circus at 781-383-9850 or visit the box office.

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Country Ballroom and Line Dancing will take place Thursday, Aug. 3 from 7 to 11:30 a.m., at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. DJ Paul DeMaria will provide music for partner and line dancing. Dance class begins at 7 p.m. Cost is $12. Refreshments and cash bar. Call 781-326-3075 for more information.

First Thursday Lecture Series at the Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Norma Jane Langford will discuss "China Beach," the discovery of pottery shards found on local beaches that date back to the early 1800s to present day. Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. Admission is $5, $3 members. For information call Victoria Stevens, 781-925-5433.

Veterans Disability Benefits Commission will hold a regional town hall meeting open to the public, on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 26 North St., Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston. Schedule: 7 to 7:30 p.m., briefing from the commission; 7:30 to 9 p.m., open discussion for public comment. For information visit www.vetscommission.org.

Spectacular Summer Wine Tasting and Sale will take place Thursday, Aug. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m., at Blanchard's, 700 Plain St., Marshfield. Over 100 wines from around the world will be discounted by 20 percent, valid for 10 days following the tasting. More than 100 wines from around the world will be featured.

Pet Show, Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., at Manomet Branch Library, 12 Strand Ave. On display will be cats, dogs, fish, turtles and stuffed pets. Free admission. Parent or legal guardian must sign a permission slip before 5 p.m. on the day of the show. Permission slips are available at the library. For more information, call 508-830-4185, 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood,** Thursday, Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

Friday, Aug. 4

7th Annual Heritage Day classic golf Tournament sponsored by Scituate Knights of Columbus, Friday, Aug. 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the Widows Walk Golf Course. Florida Style scramble tournament includes prime rib luncheon, auction and prizes. For information call Edward Sullivan at 781-545-0435.

1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will host the beginning of the Fessenden Festival on Friday, Aug. 4. Schedule: tours of the historic home, Daniel Webster Law Office and Concord Coach, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; amateur radio operator demonstrations; working blacksmith shop and 1857 school house open from 3 to 5 p.m.; face painting from 3 to 5 p.m.; free concert starting at 5:30 p.m.; food sold on site. Bring blanket or lawn chair. For information visit www.radiosfirstvoice.org or call 781-837-5753.

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society will host a Time Travelers workshop for children ages 7 through 12, on the grounds of the King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road. On Friday, Aug. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m., the topic will be "Sheep to Shawl." Cost of the program is $10. To register or for information, call 781-934-6106.

World's End by Water kayak tour of World's End in Hingham, Saturday, Aug. 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Led by EMS kayak guides. Trustees of Reservations members will discuss area history while participants paddle the coastline and enjoy the sunset. Adults only. $50 for non-members, $40 members, includes admission inside the property, kayak rental, and personal flotation device. Space is limited. Call 781-740-4796 to pre-register.

Summer Art Exhibit, featuring the work of Bettina Lesieur, at 301 Saint George St., Duxbury, in the barn behind the second house, begins Friday, Aug. 4, with an opening reception from 6-10 p.m. Exhibit hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 11-13. On display will be oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of the South Shore area, Cape Cod and the Islands, New Mexico, Key West and Provence. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

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Comedy show at All Seasons Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., (Route 106) Halifax. Friday, Aug. 4 at 9 p.m. Featuring Dan Smith with Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Rob Brown and hosted by Jerry Thornton. Dinner and appetizers are available. Call 781-293-4135 or visit www.annettepollack.com. Admission is $15.

Boston Midsummer Opera debut performance of "The Marriages of Mozart," with conductor Philip Lauriat, founder of Granite State Opera, at the Tsai Performance Center at Boston University. Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Three performances only, Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 4 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 6 at 3 p.m. Tickets $20-$50, plus $5 handling fee, available by calling 617-227-0442 or visiting www.boston-midsummeropera.org.

Stan Jr.'s Country Superstar Legends will perform at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., W. Bridgewater, Friday, Aug. 4 at 8:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Appearing with Stan Jr. will be Liz Burke. Cost is $40. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations and more information.

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The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 4, **"Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish** blues, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 4, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Scottish Highland Heavy Athletic Event, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Shea Memorial Field, Route 18, Weymouth, on the old Weymouth Naval Airbase. Free admission. Family event will feature heavy athletic competition, face painting chair massages, food, craft tables, pony rides, moonwalk, raffles and more. Bring lawn chairs. Visit www.stjudehighlandgames.com for more information.

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Scituate Heritage Days Festival summer concert, Saturday, Aug. 5, 11:20 a.m. with **"HowieHowie,"** performing with **Mountain**, featuring Leslie West and Corky Laing. **Leon Russell** opens the show. For more information, visit www.scituatechamber.org/events_heritage.

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Bettina Lesieur's 3rd Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge beginning Saturday, August 5th at 301 Saint George Street, Duxbury. The Gala Reception celebrating the opening of the exhibit is Friday, August 4th from 6-10 p.m. Exhibit hours: Saturday and Sunday, August 5th and 6th, and Friday, August 11th through Sunday, August 13th, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily. The exhibit is also open by appointment. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. Directions: From Route 3, take exit 11, right on Route 14 East through the lights at the intersection of Route 3A. The gallery is in the barn behind the second house on the right. For more information call (781) 934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

11th Annual Arts Affair on the Boardwalk at Marina Bay, Quincy, 500 Victory Road, Saturday, Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 300 pieces of art on display by professional and amateur artists from several South Shore art associations. For more information call 617-479-6181.

Hingham Farmers Market at the bathing beach parking lot bathhouse, Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flower bouquets, eggs, honey, and garden-related crafts will be for sale.

Soule Homestead Concert Series presents Jumpin' Juba on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m., 46 Soule St., Middleboro. Original and classic blues, folk, boogie-woogie and rock 'n roll, in a family-friendly outdoor show. Admission $6; $4 seniors and children under age 6. For more information call 508-947-6744 or visit www.soulehomestead.org.

Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury, will host its capital campaign fundraiser, "Some Enchanted Evening," on Saturday, Aug. 5. Event features gourmet dining, live and silent auctions, music and dancing. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Miramar Retreat Center at 781-585-2482.

Weymouth South High School Class of 1976 Reunion will take place Saturday, Aug. 5, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Surf Ballroom at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach. Cost is $50 per person. For reservations mail check payable to WSHS Class of 1976 Reunion, P.O. Box 2208, Abington, MA 02351.

Campfire Storytelling. Andrea Lovett relates "Folktales from the Forest," at the Island Grove Park, Park and Lake streets, Abington on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. Campfires by the pond are free and open to the public. Bring some marshmallows. For information call 781-871-5892.

Scituate Heritage Days Festival annual K of C Pig Roast, Saturday, Aug. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus feast will include roast pork, ribs, burgers and dogs, beans, cole slaw, salmon and corn. Jim Sylvia, featured entertainer. Full size K of C Swimming Pool will be open for the evening. Admission $12, $5 children under age 12, maximum $30 per family. For information call Edward Sullivan, 781-545-0435.

Boston Harbor Island's Camp Out, Saturday, Aug. 5 and Sunday, Aug. 6. Camping for family and friends at Harbor Islands' campsite. Participants learn to pitch a tent, cook on a camp stove, and paddle a kayak, as well as the seven Leave No Trace principles from a National Park Service Ranger; and do some fishing with Fishing Academy members. Advance reservations and camping permits required. Visit www.ReserveAmerica.com.

Blue Hills Reservation Wild Edibles Wander, Saturday, Aug. 5, 1 p.m. A 1.5-mile walk for picking berries and other Blue Hills delectables in the woods and fields of the reservation. Led by DCR ranger. Snacks provided. Call 617-698-1802 for registration and meeting place.

Back In Black: The Ultimate AC/DC Tribute, at Plymouth Memorial Hall, Saturday, Aug. 5, 8 p.m. The AC/DC tribute band has toured throughout the U.S. Tickets are $20 for all seats, and available at Plymouth Memorial Hall Box Office, 50 Court St., Plymouth, by calling 508-747-1340, or visit www.plymouth-hall.com. Also at all Strawberries outlets.

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MASS AUDUBON PANCAKES, PILGRIMS, AND PLOVERS, Sunday, Aug. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Mass Audubon educator John Galluzzo and guest South Shore sanctuaries Director Sue MacCallum visit the Major John Bradford House, Kingston on the Jones River for Sunday brunch and the homestead site of Myles Standish on Kingston Bay, before taking a hike up Captain's Hill to see the birds. Lastly, look at the migrating shorebirds out on Duxbury Beach. For information, contact: Mass Audubon, 781-837-9400. Pre-registration is required. Fee is $17 for Mass Audubon members, $20 for nonmembers, and seating is limited. Bring binoculars and your appetite. For information, contact Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

POWER OF COACHING WORKSHOP with Joan Vasconcellos, CPCC at the Lane Center, 45 Pond St., Norwell. Call the Lane Center at 781-982-1616 or Joan at 781-826-2554 to register. Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. Sept. 12-Nov. 14. Cost is $220. Certified Professional Coach Joan Vasconcellos will lead this 8-week workshop. Experience the power of coaching and turn your good intentions into real achievements. Reduce stress and a get a healthier work/life balance; stop procrastinating by taking action on priorities and find a deeper vocational direction for life purpose. Email: joan@whatspossiblecoaching.com.

THE NORTH AND SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION 16th ANNUAL GREAT RIVER RACE, Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. Participants 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Categories are best decorated boat or boater, family canoe and a senior citizen's division. Spectators are encourage d to cheer the racers on at the starting line, Union St. Bridge and at the finish line at the old Washington St. Bridge. There will be an awards celebration at 1 p.m. at McGreal's Tavern on West St., Norwell Center. Pre-registration is recommended, a donation is per craft and include a t-shirt, $25 for NSRWA members and $30 for non-members. On race day the cost is $30 per craft. For registration contact NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or by emailing: paula@nsrwa.org.

139TH ANNUAL MARSHFIELD FAIR–AUG 18-27. Fair hours are: Mon.-Fri. from noon to 10 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Presented by the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society, a Massachusetts non-profit Agricultural Society. Over 20 individual shows and 10 exhibits. Admission is $8. Children 6 and under are free. Fairgrounds parking is $5. Fair is located on Route 3A (Main St. to South River St.) For information call 781-834-6629 or 800-324-7783 or visit www.Marshfield.org.

NORTH RIVER BLUES FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, AUG. 20 AND GREEN HARBOR RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, AUG. 27. Both shows begin at noon as part of the Marshfield Fair. North River Blues Festival with headliner Marcia Ball and Tab Benoit as well as Toni Lynn Washington, The Howl, Basic Black and J. Place Band. The Green Harbor Rhythm and Blues Festival features Paul Cebar and The Milwaukeeans, Northeastern Zydeco, Li'l Anne & Hot Cayenne and Clutch Grabwell Rampage Trio and Lonesome Jukebox. Tickets are $8 and includes admission to the fairgrounds.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, Aug. 5, **The Gobshites** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Sunday, Aug. 6

Sunday Walk, with naturalist Debbie Hill from South Shore Natural Science Center, at Two Mile Farm in Marshfield on Sunday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the parking lot on Union Street. Fee is $5, $3 members. Call the Science Center at 659-2559 for more information and directions.

Stony Brook Canine Strolls, Sunday morning exercise for people and their dogs through Stony Brook Reservation. Sunday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. All dogs must be on a leash not to exceed 7 feet. Meet at Stony Brook Reservation in Hyde Park. Call 617-333-7404 for meeting location and directions.

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Free Sunday Band Concert by The Continentals Band, Sunday, Aug. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Bernie King Pavilion, Nantasket Beach in Hull. Bench seating available or bring lawn chairs. Line and couples dancing featured. For more information call 781-925-3379.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, Aug. 1 p.m. Moderate walk, hilly terrain 3.5+ miles. Border path to Hancock Hill Path, returning via Wolcott Path. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Wang Center for the Performing Arts presents Celebrate Shakespeare Day on the Boston Common, Sunday, Aug. 6, 4 p.m. Features interactive games; workshops on acting, stage combat, poetry readings, and writing; Q&A sessions; strolling performers; and backstage tours. Event will be followed by 7 p.m. performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" with American Sign Language translation. For information visit www.wangcenter.org or call 617-532-1256.

Dixieland Jazz concert at the Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Humarock, Sunday, Aug. 6, 5 to 8 p.m., **featuring Jeff Hughes and the Humarock Jazz Ensemble**. Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m. Dancing. Call 781-834-6505.

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"Pops by the Sea," Boston Pops Orchestra performance at Hyannis Village Green, Hyannis, Sunday, Aug. 6, 5 to 7 p.m. Free potato chips provided by Cape Cod Potato Chips of Hyannis. Factory tours available. Call 508-775-3358 or visit www.capecod-chips.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Aug. 6. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

LEMMING (C)

"Lemming" is an eerie and strange thriller that's more puzzling than ghoulishly good. Set in a picturesque town in the south of France, "Lemming" takes us into the lives of Alain (Laurent Lucas) and his wife Benedicte (Charlotte Gainsbourg), a young, dreamy couple whose lives are interrupted when a supernatural spirit threatens to ruin Alain's life. At first intense and gripping, the film is all pandemonium and little payoff. (Not Rated.) *-Chelsea Bain*

MONSTER HOUSE (B+)

Who could have guessed trick-or-treating could be this much fun in July? This Halloween-set animated film is a haunted-house movie about puberty. DJ (Mitchel Musso) believes he is responsible for the death of his mean, scraggly toothed neighbor, Nebbercracker (Steve Buscemi), who lived in an old, run-down wood-frame house. Soon, Nebbercracker's house itself is calling DJ on the phone, making evil noises and trying to swallow him and his friends. To figure out how to "kill" the house, the boys enlist legendary gamer Skull (Jon Heder), master of "Thou Art Dead." (Rated PG)

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN (C+)

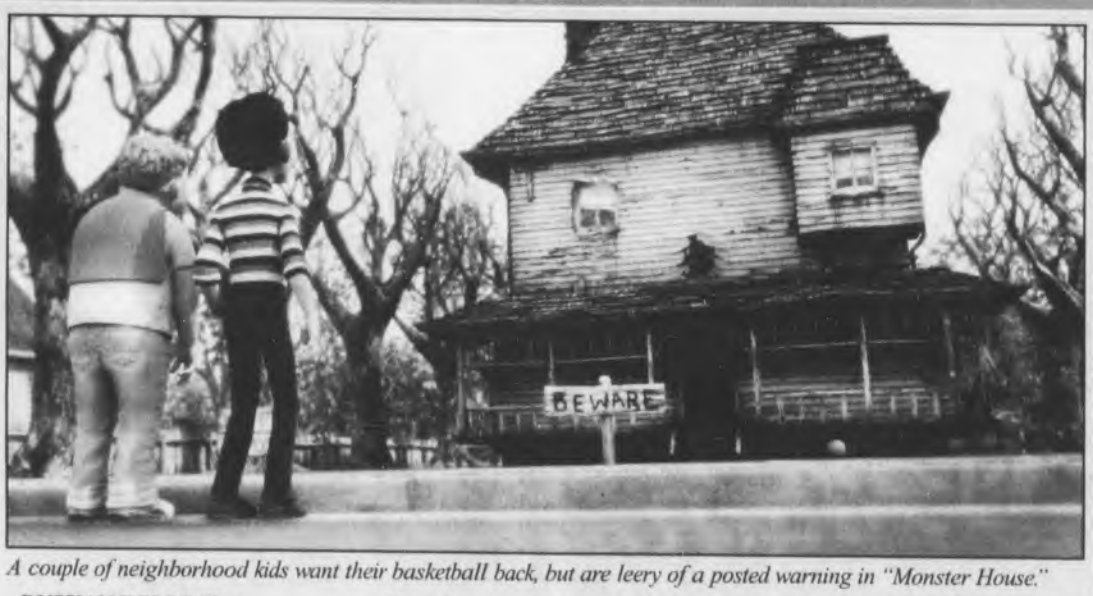
A romantic gay comedy about a serious subject — the reluctance of Ethan Green (Daniel Letterle) to commit to a relationship — "Mostly Unfabulous" is filled with smart quips, fast pacing, attractive actors and bright colors. Unfortunately, it's also a film that never gets its tone right, and its climax, which mirrors "The Graduate," is all too predictable. *-Stephen Schaefer*

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (C+)

Hell hath no fury like a superwoman scorned. Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson are the title's girlfriend and boyfriend. He's Matt Saunders, a prosperous designer on the prowl. She's Jenny Johnson, a shy and seemingly withdrawn assistant art gallery curator — and G-Girl, a superheroine in the Superman mold, and a neurotic, jealous and needy girlfriend. The film is a by-the-numbers variation on the "Bewitched" theme with a superhero twist. Most of the jokes are in the revenge of the superwoman theme. And yes, all the good stuff is in the trailers. (Rated PG-13)

ONCE IN A LIFETIME (A)

Today, people might fancy the likes of David Ortiz and Coco Crisp, but 30 years ago, Pele and Giorgio Chinaglia were idolized. The sport they played was soccer, a game that never quite hit the bull's-eye in the States but had a brief moment in the sun here. Paul Crowder and John Dower's "Once in a Lifetime: The Extraordinary Story of the New York Cosmos" is a trippy flashback to a time when a unique team packed Giants Stadium and a black-and-white orb was the ball of choice. (Rated PG-13) *-Chelsea Bain*



A couple of neighborhood kids want their basketball back, but are leery of a posted warning in "Monster House."

RUSSIAN DOLLS (B+)

Xavier (Romain Duris) is a 30-year-old writer who thinks someone better is just over the horizon. When he is hired to write the biography of a jet-setting Paris model, he cannot resist falling for her. "Russian Dolls" takes its name from those painted Matryoshka figurines nesting inside each other, totems of infinity. The image is an apt metaphor for some people's endless romantic quest for Mr. or Ms. Right. In French with English subtitles. (Not Rated)

Ongoing

THE BREAK-UP (C+)

Oversized, overaged frat boy Gary (Vince Vaughn) and his art dealer girlfriend Brooke (Jennifer Aniston) break up but continue to share a condo. In this anti-romantic comedy, tabloid-linked stars Vaughn and Aniston have nowhere to display their chemistry, except in anger. Between the hijinks that ensue as Gary and Brooke try their best to hurt one another, you end up sitting back and checking off the product placements or trying to figure out how many endings the director shot. (Rated PG-13)

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

CLICK (D)

With the help of a new remote control, architect Michael Newman (Adam Sandler) finds that he can mute people, freeze action and restart it at will, fast-forward past unpleasant things and rewind to past events. Much of the action in this uninspired, gratuitously gimmicky and derivative comedy is so mean-spirited that it suggests a movie made by people who killed college classmates in fraternity hazing incidents. I'd say fast-forward through "Click." But you'd be better served by just hitting the "Off" button. Click. (Rated PG-13)

THE DA VINCI CODE (C+)

"The Da Vinci Code," is not so much blasphemy as big, plodding bore. The key elements of Dan Brown's fabulously fun novel are all here: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and police officer Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) investigating a 2,000-year-old conspiracy concerning Jesus' true nature; a murder plot involving a psychopathic, albino monk (Paul Bettany); and clues to the mystery concealed within Leonardo Da Vinci masterpieces. But director Ron Howard's film is too long and too stuffed with scholarly pedantry. "The Da Vinci Code" comes off as a book, rather than a movie, and a pretentious "Hardy Boys" book, at that. (Rated PG-13)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (B+)

"The Devil Wears Prada" is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot. Dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) arrives in New York City and is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and Runway magazine editor Miranda (Meryl Streep), a dragon lady with a tongue like a knife. As she struggles to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, Andy is pitied by the magazine's art director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) and made over into a new age Eliza Doolittle. (Rated PG-13)

THE GREAT NEW WONDERFUL (C+)

"The Great New Wonderful" is neither great, new nor wonderful. More like a misconceived play than a movie, it charts the post-9/11 malaise of a group of New Yorkers (Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tony Shalhoub, Edie Falco, Judy Greer and Olympia Dukakis). "The Great New Wonderful" aspires to be a quirky, multi-character, mosaiclike indie in the "Crash"-"Magnolia" manner. But the film's unsubtle point is that the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks have left psychic scars, a pervasive sense of meaninglessness and deep-seated desire for payback. That such feelings are a virtual universal part of the human condition is not acknowledged. (Rated R)

THE HIDDEN BLADE (A)

"The Hidden Blade" is not a violent gorefest, but an occasionally comic, surprisingly tender love story. Brooding, psychologically scarred Munezo Katagiri (Masatoshi Nagase) is a lower-caste samurai in a backwater town. With the woman he secretly loves is being starved to death, Munezo is required by his shogun to learn the basics of Western artillery and rifle fire, and he's been ordered to divulge the names of anyone on familiar terms with fellow samurai and ex-friend Hazama (Yukiyoshi Ozawa), a convicted traitor to the shogun. All Munezo can do is follow the path of the samurai and his heart, however difficult or perilous that path might be. In Japanese with English subtitles. (Rated R)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

LEONARD COHEN: I'M YOUR MAN (B-)

"Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man" is an amiable documentary about the poet laureate of folk-rock singer-songwriters. It's a Cohen lovefest, featuring a concert that took place in Sydney, Australia, in January 2005. Comprising home movies, archival footage, still photos and Cohen tunes covered by such artists as Rufus Wainwright, Nick Cave, Linda Thompson, Kate and Anna McGarrigle and Bono, the film is a by-the-numbers blueprint for a tribute DVD. (Rated PG-13)

LITTLE MAN (B)

Harmless and silly, "Little Man" is the simple story of Calvin (Marlon Wayans), a pint-size ex-con who uses his skimpy stature to break the law. Dressed in diapers, Calvin plants himself on a couple's doorstep and makes the phrase "goo-goo-ga-ga" his motto. He soon finds his newfound caregivers make him a little misty-eyed for his parentless past. "Little Man" may reach below the belt for its laughs but knows how to soften the blow with good performances and funny horseplay. (Rated PG-13.) *-Chelsea Bain*

MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT (A-)

Mrs. Palfrey (Joan Plowright) moves to London to be near her 26-year-old grandson, who, oddly, doesn't show up. Instead, Mrs. Palfrey persuades aspiring young writer Ludovic Meyer (Rupert Friend) to impersonate her grandson to deflect the attention of busybody hotel residents. A rare friendship develops between the lonely widow and young artist. Brimming with warmth and intelligence, "Mrs. Palfrey" is small film, yet completely delightful. (Not Rated)

NACHO LIBRE (B+)

Behold Nacho Libre, the summer's most winning superhero. Nacho springs from the wacky netherworld of Lucha Libre (masked Mexican professional wrestling). An orphan who grew up in a monastery, Nacho, also known as Ignacio (Jack Black), is now the orphanage's cook and caretaker, and yearns to get fresher ingredients for the children's food. Hoping to win the big Battle Jam and use the money to help the orphans, Nacho trades in his monk's robes for "stretchy pants" and the trademark, lace-up mask of the Mexican luchador (wrestler). (Rated PG)

PEACEFUL WARRIOR (C)

This assaultive adaptation of the inspirational 1980 book "Way of the Peaceful Warrior" by athlete turned new age author Dan Millman, follows the spiritual journey of Dan (Scott Mechlowicz), an injured gymnast. With the help of "Socrates" (Nick Nolte), Dan weans himself off his abusive diet of beer, fast-food, cheap sex and cheaper sex partners in hopes of qualify for the Olympic tryouts. "Peaceful Warrior" shamelessly attempts to persuade viewers that they're experiencing something sublime. But the film's spiritual themes reminded me of Bill Murray's greenskeeper in "Caddyshack" encouraging himself to "be the ball." (Rated PG-13)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (A-)

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," the second installment in Disney's "Pirates" trilogy, is the best and most spectacular summer blockbuster thus far. The plot is a potpourri of piratical nonsense involving the arrest and escape of Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley), that mysterious chest, a Monte Cristo-like escape by Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), a cannibal tribe, a Kraken and, best of all, the legendary Davy Jones himself. This funny, imaginative, witty and action-packed film is overlong by at least 30 minutes. But overall it's that rarest of summer behemoths: a sequel superior to its predecessor. (Rated PG-13)

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Boston Landmarks Orchestra with conductor Charles Ansbacher presents **Landmark Firsts**, featuring the first symphonies of Prokofiev, "Classical Symphony, Op. 25"; Beethoven's "Symphony No. 1"; "Dance Suite for Orchestra," a first concerto by 14-year old Jeremiah Klarman of Chestnut Hill; and the orchestral debut of Russian-born classical guitarist Grigory Goryachev, of Dorchester, performing Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez." Sunday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m., at Piers Park, E. Boston; Monday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m., at Boston Common Parade Ground, Commonwealth Shakespeare stage; and Sunday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. at Dorchester park in Dorchester. Visit www.landmarksorchestra.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Aug. 6. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Monday, Aug. 7

North River Arts Society original paintings by Susan F. Lynch Raffa on exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield through Aug. 18. Summer gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091, or e-mail northriverarts@rcn.com.

North River Arts Society will host a **Young Artist Master Program** from Aug. 7 through 17 at the GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Eight classes meet Monday through Thursday and include: drawing with Marcia Ballou, from 10 a.m. to noon; fashion design with Brooke Stanton, from 10 a.m. to noon; basic sewing with Brooke Stanton, from 1 to 3 p.m. Fee per class is $160, $140 members. For more information call NRAS at 781-837-8091.

Science Explorers, for children entering grades three through six, hosted by South Shore Natural Science Center, on Monday, Aug. 6, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Naturalist Dot MacFarlane will present "Our Restless Earth." Bring water, dress for hands-on activities and wear sunscreen and insect repellant. Cost $20, $16 members. To register call SSNSC 781-659-2559.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, **Aug. 7 - Our Restless Earth.** Even though it is over 4 billion years old, our planet is still a work in progress and is changing all the time. New land is born when volcanoes erupt and earthquakes can cause tsunamis, floods and mudslides. Learn how these natural disasters occur and build models to demonstrate how they affect our planet. For information call 781-659-2559. The Center offers ongoing programs and events for adults, children and families; for more information check the Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre will hold tryouts for "The Sound of Music" at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 8, at 7 p.m. Monday auditions will focus on ages 8 to 16; Tuesday, ages 16 and older. Callbacks will be Wednesday, Aug. 9. Singers should prepare 16 bars of a song that shows their range and bring sheet music. Accompanist is provided. Performance dates are Oct. 20 and 22 and Oct. 27-29.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, Aug. 7, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Winslow House Coffee Hour Lecture Series, presents **Sarah Messer,** author of the **"Red House,"** Tuesday, Aug. 8, 10:30 a.m., at the Historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Messer will bring tales of "New England's Oldest Continuously Lived-In House" built in 1647 by Walter Hatch. $7. For reservations call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.Schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Lee Shoemaker, will exhibit paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, through Aug. 31. For information call 781-337-8134 or 781-335-4675.

Pembroke Community Blood Drive, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will take place Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 3 to 8 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 139, Pembroke. For an appointment call 781-826-8781.

WeatherWise, a new state-of-the-art exhibit at the Museum of Science, Science park Boston, co-directed by CBS4 meteorologist, Mish Michaels. Introduces visitors to 'nowcasting,' which helps predict weather for specific areas within an abbreviated timeframe. Interactive exhibit includes storm tracking and observation of real-time weather images. Admission included with regular Exhibit Hall Admission: $15 adults, $13 seniors age 60+, $12 children ages 3-11. For more information call 617-723-2500 or visit www.mos.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Outdoor Story Hour at the Weir River Farm, in Hingham, Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m., every Wednesday through August. Barnyard stories come to life when children get to meet the main characters. $3 per person, members admitted free.

Brain Aneurysm Support Group Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., meets at Norwell VNA headquarters, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell. The program is free and open to the public. Meeting topic will be "Getting What You Need – Being an Effective Advocate," presented by Lee Rachel Jurman, disability advocate from Personal Disability Consulting Inc. For more information call 781-659-2342 or visit www.bafound.org.

South Shore Elder Services free Caregiving 101 Seminar, Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. For more information call 781-848-3910 or visit www.sselder.org.

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 10:45 a.m. to noon, at Scituate Council on Aging, 27 Brook St., Scituate. Free admission. Light refreshments. For more information call 781-659-2342 or 781-545-8722.

Children's Talent Show will take place Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m., at Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St. Registration is ongoing. Call the library at 508-830-4250 or visit www.plymouthpublic.org for more information.

Satuit Flotilla (INR-12-8) USCG Auxiliary invites volunteers. Non-military, non-law enforcement volunteer group meets every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gerry E. Studds-Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate. Must be U.S. citizen, male or female, and over 17. Boating experience helpful but not mandatory. Members will be trained using Coast Guard materials. In addition to water-related operations, members receive training as instructors, inspectors, radio operators or clerical workers. E-mail: mbreen1206@aol.com or visit www.CGAUX.org/~0121208.

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Peddocks Island Sunset Cruise, narrated cruise hosted by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, will take place Wednesday, Aug. 9. Boat leaves at 6 p.m. from Rowes Wharf in Boston, returning at 9 p.m. Cost is $22 adults, $20 seniors, $18 Friends members, $15 children ages 3 through 12; babies travel for free. Bring a picnic. Snack service available. For more information call 781-740-4290 or visit www.fbhi.org.

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Thursday, Aug. 10

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Overeaters Anonymous, 12-step program for those recovering from overeating, anorexia and bulimia. Meetings are held in Scituate at St. Mary's Hall, Edward Foster Road and Front St., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meetings also held in most surrounding towns. For meeting locations call 781-641-2303.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, Aug. 10, TBA, rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 10, **Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Aug. 11

A Teddy Bear Picnic will take place Friday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Participants make their own teddy bears and take them home. Cost $10 per child. For reservations and more information call 781-837-5753 or visit www.winslowhouse.org.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **The Beach Boys,** Friday, Aug. 11, at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or www.themusiccircus.org.

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Comedy show at Jimbo's Steak and Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree. Friday, Aug. 11 at 9 p.m. Featuring Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Barry Kneller, P.J. Abruzzese, Mike Bobek, Pat MacCloud and hosted by Jim Celeste. Dinner and appetizers are available. Call 781-848-0300 or visit www.annettepollack.com. Admission is $15.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+. Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 11, **Mission of Blues,** blues, R&B, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Aug. 11 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Lazarus,** at 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Reunions

HYDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 1956, 50TH REUNION, Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. For information call Joe Bellanti at 781-381-0271.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 - 20TH REUNION, Saturday Aug. 26, at The East Bay Grille in Plymouth. Evening will include a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, DJ and dancing. Reservations and pre-payment are required. Cost is $50 per person - secure your reservation by sending payment, name of graduate, spouse/guest name/address/phone # to: MHS Class of 1986, P.O. Box 213, North Marshfield, MA 02059. For information, contact Becky Pesko or Cheryl Schofield at 781 801-5400 or email: hsclass86@comcast.net

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 REUNION, Friday, Nov. 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Cost is $35 per person, $45 after Nov. 1. Casual attire. Finger foods and desserts will be available. Entertainment by DJ Steve Albert. Make your check payable to BHS Class of 1976 and send to: c/o Mark Frano, 817 Washington St., Braintree, MA 02184. For information call Kevin McGrath at 781-760-0198 or by email: kmcgrath@together.net; Bill Crockan at 781-985-4151 or email: crockanconstruction@beld.net. Visit www.braintreehigh.com/1976.html.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL REUNION LUNCHEON, Saturday, Oct. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Boston. Tickets are $18. For information contact: Anna Likely at 617-244-7389.

ST. ANN SCHOOL IN QUINCY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY on Oct. 22. The celebration will include a special Mass, an open house at the school, and a reception at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy. For more information email: saintannfifty@yahoo.com.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966, 40th Reunion, Saturday, Oct. 7 at Four Points Sheraton, Hyannis. Food and entertainment by Java Jive. For Reservations call 1-800-368-7764. Tickets are $71 per person, $66 if purchased before Sept.1. For Tickets send checks to: WHS Alumni '66 c/o Gayle Dalrymple, 235 Westminster Road, Weymouth, MA 02189. For i nformation, call John Rinella at 508-866-5154.

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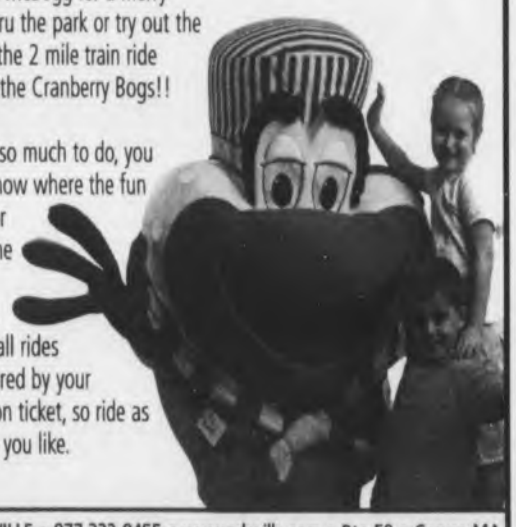

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Maine's Coastal Beauty: Wed. 9/20, Cost $285 ppdo, Departs 7am, (3 days & 2 nights). *Trip includes:* Camden/Rockport Country Inn, Rte 1, North Rockport, MA. For more details please call.

Kancamagus Highway: Thur. 10/12, Cost $64, departs 7:30 am (Day Trip). *Trip includes:* Kancamagus Highway (Scenic White Mountains National Forest), Foliage Tour. Lunch included.

Old Mill Restaurant/Quabbin Reservoir Foliage Tour: Thur. 10/26, Cost $48, Departs 9:30 am (Day Trip). *Trip includes:* Lunch at Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, MA.

Bread & Jam Tour: Thur. 11/16, Cost $51, Departs 8:15 am (Day Trip). *Trip Includes:* Visit "When Pigs Fly Bakery", York, ME, Buffet Lunch at "Dunstan School Restaurant" & more.

Conway Christmas Party: Mon. 12/18, Cost $57, Departs TBA (Day Trip). *Trip Includes:* Lunch at Venus DeMilo & more.

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Bus fees back on the table

School Committee could change mind

By Samantha Brown
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Numbers have been painted in the parking spaces at the high school — step one for implementing parking fees for students. However, at Wednesday night's School Budget and Finance subcommittee meeting, fees for parking and riding the bus were put back on the table.

Members of the School Committee admitted they were surprised when Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh informed the board at its July 17 meeting the district had a roughly $430,000 surplus at the close of fiscal 2006. Not knowing there would be such a surplus, which would be used to pay ahead for fiscal 2007, the board had voted to implement a number of fees for fiscal 2007, including bus and parking fees, implementing junior varsity sports fees and raising varsity sports fees.

"Had I known what the surplus would have been, I'm not sure I would have voted the same way," said School Committee member Steve Fusco.

In addition to their own concern, members of the School Committee said they have been receiving many phone calls from residents who were also shocked to hear of the surplus. In light of the recent events, member Jamie Williams made a motion for the board to reconsider its vote to implement and increase in fees for this year, and the motion passed unanimously.

The discussion was part of a larger subcommittee meeting, at which all five School Committee members attended, that tackled issues such as the inadequacies of the current budget reporting systems and process, and the School Committee's receiving more timely information. At the meeting, the School Committee also discussed adding "cost centers" and tracking line item transfers. Before the end of the night, the board voted in favor of drafting a policy, which would require School Committee approval for budget transfers. The board also went into executive session to discuss "contracts for non-union personnel." Due to time constraints, the meeting will be more fully reported in next week's Mariner.

Before taking a vote, Walsh asked to provide the board with

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HAVING A BALL

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Ryan Gentile chases Jack Fitzpatrick around the basketball court during the Cohasset Recreation Department Summer Playground cookout last Thursday. For more photos, see pages 22 & 23.

PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Linda Elworthy, new director of the Council on Elder Affairs, just completed her first month on the job.

Elworthy's enthusiasm is contagious

Takes over helm of CEA

By Samantha Brown
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Heading up services for the town's seniors is no easy job. But new director for the Council on Elder Affairs Linda Elworthy, who has just finished up her first month in town, is already proving she is up to the task.

Elworthy comes to Cohasset with many years of elder affairs, health care and nursing experience. She spent the last eight years as Director of Elder Affairs for the city of Salem, Mass., but is looking forward to working on the South Shore and becoming part of the community.

"This is a wonderful community," said Elworthy, adding she is currently living in a temporary apartment in Hull, but is looking to find a place in Cohasset. She said it is always her preference to live and work in the same community, and she is looking forward to becoming a resident of the town.

"Driving back to Hull each evening, I almost go off the road. It's just spectacular view after spectacular view," she said. "The ocean is extremely healing for me and always has been. Being this close is a dream come true."

But while she might feel as if her new home is a vacation spot, that doesn't mean she has had a moment to relax since her arrival. Elworthy has remained very busy ensuring all the programs started by former director Kathy Bryanton are kept running smoothly, and new programs which the community would like to see are begun. "We'll make changes, but we'll go slow," said

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MBTA stalls parking powow

Wants no public or media scrutiny

By Samantha Brown
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The MBTA is pushing back against the Board of Selectmen, which says it will only have dispute resolution discussions in open session. Currently the town and the authority, which is building the new Greenbush commuter rail line, are butting heads about the number of parking spaces to be constructed in the municipal parking lot behind the shops on South Main Street, and have entered into a phase two dispute resolution process.

Both parties, as well as members of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction were scheduled to meet July 26, but on the day of the meeting, attorney for the MBTA William Mitchell sent a letter to the town asking the meeting be held in executive session at a later date. The Board of Selectmen then asked Town Counsel Paul DeRensis if the meeting could legally be held in executive session under the Open Meeting Law. He replied there are no exceptions under the law to allow the meeting to be held behind closed doors, and the town informed the MBTA it would hold all future meetings in public.

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BRIDAL BEACH PARTY

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Wedding photographer James Tringale of Scituate arranges the wedding party for a picture on Sandy Beach on a recent Saturday morning. The bride-to-be was Erin Worrall.

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Worst vacation: St. Louis (Steve). Ski trip with the flu (Ashley).

Favorite season: Summer!

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal : Sea scallops (Steve). Sirloin steak (Ashley).

Best book: Lifeguard and CPR manuals (Steve). "Lifeguarding Skills Manual" (Ashley).

Best actor: Sarah Michelle Gellar (Steve). David Hasselhoff (Ashley).

Best TV show: "Baywatch" (Steve). "The Sopranos." (Ashley).

Pet peeve: Repeat rock-climbing offenders (Steve). Boogie boarders with attitude (Ashley).

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Steve O'Connor and Ashley Faber are lifeguards at Sandy Beach this summer.

Most memorable moment: Getting accepted to Roger Williams University (Steve). Moving into my dorm at Connecticut College (Ashley).

Goal: Make Sandy Beach the base for a reality show! (Steve). To beat the Cohasset Swim Center lifeguards in a skills competition (Ashley).

Person I'd most like to meet: Mitch Bucannon (Steve). One of my ancestors (Ashley).

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Some stickers stuck in wrong spot

By Mary Ford
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Have you put your all-facilities sticker in the wrong spot? If so, you may have found out the hard way. Police have been ticketing motor vehicles that have not displayed the sticker in the lower left of the windshield (on the driver's side).

"What we tried to do this year, is to get people to conform to put the sticker in the same location," said Police Chief James Hussey.

To that end the police provided a notice that was available when residents purchased their stickers at Town Hall. The notice explains where the sticker should be placed and states if the sticker is in another location, the vehicle could be tagged.

"But it appears that some people did not read it and have put the sticker in a different location," Hussey said. "Some people have been ticketed who, in reality, did have a sticker."

Hussey said having uniform sticker placement makes the process more efficient in terms of policing vehicles that are parked at Sandy Beach that should not be. Having stickers at various locations on a vehicle — including on tinted windows — makes the job more difficult when the officer has to search for the sticker.

"It makes it easier for us to identify the people who are not supposed to be there." Hussey said about uniform sticker placement.

Hussey said seasonal officers are focusing on parking enforcement on Sandy Beach, the village and Government Island on weekends.

Hussey said residents can move the sticker to the lower left, front corner of the windshield. If that is not possible, a new sticker can be issued at Town Hall for $2.

According to the Town Clerk's office, the sticker placement is nothing new. The town went to an "all-facilities sticker" in 2003 (rather than issuing separate beach and RTF stickers). The all-facilities sticker is supposed to be placed on the lower left front of the windshield. Before the summer of 2003, beach stickers were placed on the rear passenger side window. The Town Clerk's office also provides information about sticker placement when the stickers are purchased.

The Town Manager serves as Parking Clerk and the application for an appeal is obtained and turned in at his office. The fine for parking at Sandy Beach without a sticker is $50.

"I would say most of the appeals are from those who purchased the sticker but placed it in the wrong location," Town Manager Bill Griffin said.

There are other fines for other offenses. Most are $25 for such things as obstructing a driveway, restricted parking, or within 20 feet of an intersection. All those fines go into the general fund. The fine for handicapped parking is $100, and those funds go into a special fund for handicapped accessibility needs.

"This is only my second summer here, so I can only compare this year to last year in terms of the number of appeals. There seem to be more, but most relate to the location of the sticker itself," Griffin said.

He said this summer he is forgiving the parking fine for misplacement of the sticker. "We will work on a better system for next year that will hopefully take care of this once and for all," Griffin said.

Youths clash

A group of teenagers ranging in age from 15 to 18 from Cohasset and Hingham had an altercation last Friday on Milliken Field that resulted in fisticuffs between two of the youths. According to Chief James Hussey, a Cohasset teenager punched a Hingham teen in the face breaking his nose.

Hussey said the dispute was over money; some Hingham teens arrived to find out who took the money.

The victim was transported to South Shore Hospital. Hussey said police are seeking a complaint of assault and battery against the Cohasset youth.

Hussey said it was fortunate the incident did not escalate further. He explained the boy's nose was bleeding so badly, it may have scared the other teens.

MVs entered

Police are investigating two incidents of motor vehicles being entered last week. In both cases the cars were unlocked and wallets that included some cash and other items were stolen.

The incidents on Bayberry Lane and Woodland Drive were reported at 11:12 a.m. and 12:42 p.m., respectively, on Thursday (Aug. 3). Police believe the thefts occurred over night.

Water balloon

A motor vehicle was hit with a water balloon at Forest Avenue and North Main Street last Wednesday (Aug. 2). Police received the call at about 1:30 p.m. but the perpetrator or perpetrators, likely kids, could not be found.

"Whether it's a water balloon or a snowball – when it hits, it distracts the driver and can cause them to take their eyes off the road, potentially causing an accident," Chief James Hussey said.

Sleepy driver

For the second time in two weeks, a motorist has driven off the road after falling asleep. At 12:17 a.m. on Friday (Aug. 4), a motorist fell asleep at the wheel in the vicinity of 164 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Chief James Hussey said the car, which was traveling southbound, crossed over into the northbound lane hitting at sign at 164 CJC Hwy. and a fence.

The operator was cited for crossing the double yellow line, and failure to use care, and is responsible for the property damage.

Last week, another motorist fell asleep and hit a guardrail on Route 3A near Rose Hill Lane.

Car crashes

Police said a bottle that rolled onto the floor of a 1996 Mazda caused a two-car accident last week on N. Main Street.

Chief James Hussey said a 2003 Volkswagen was turning right into Wheelwright Park at about 4:15 p.m., Wednesday (Aug. 2) when the Mazda hit it in the rear.

Hussey said the operator of the Mazda said a bottle rolled onto the floor and got lodged behind the brake pedal so the car couldn't stop. No one was transported to the hospital following the accident. Police did not cite the driver of the Mazda but the accident report explains the operator of the Volkswagen was not at fault and the operator of the Mazda was deemed responsible for the accident.

A chain-reaction accident occurred last Thursday (Aug. 3) at 11:58 a.m. on Sohier Street near Fairoaks Lane. Hussey said traffic was heavy following a children's program at the Music Circus. He explained a 2001 Nissan Pathfinder stopped in traffic, as did a 2006 Toyota Highlander that was behind the Nissan. But the third car, a 2005 Buick Century, did not stop; it hit the Toyota pushing it into the Nissan.

The operator of the Buick was cited for following too close. "People have to remember to leave two to three car lengths in slow traffic," Hussey said. "That allows a motorist time to react."

Water rescue

On Monday (July 31) at 2:30 p.m., fire responded to a call about a woman in the water off Aaron River Road.

Here is what happened. A woman, who had been walking in Wompatuck State Park in Norwell with her dog, followed her dog into the river. She tried to get out on the Scituate side but the rocks were too slippery and she was worried she might hurt herself.

She stayed in the water and called for help; someone heard her on the Aaron River Road side. Cohasset fire responded and with the help of the Scituate Fire Department launched the boat and went out and picked her up.

"The dog did not want anything to do with us," Fire Capt. Robert Silvia said. "So the Scituate dog officer went in from the Scituate side and got the dog."

"It was not a life-threatening situation," Silvia said. "Except that the woman found herself in a precarious situation. She was in the water and could not get back out."

Words exchanged

Police said young boaters seeking to dock at the Cohasset Yacht Club at 5:23 p.m. last Wed. (Aug. 2) were turned away and words were exchanged. Investigation later revealed that some of the occupants of the boat were under the influence of alcohol, but the driver was not. There was no alcohol on the boat. "There was no arrestable offense," Chief James Hussey said. "But if those at the yacht club feel there were threats made, we will seek a complaint."

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Jim Coggins is president of the Down East Dancers, Inc. To learn more about the group, see pages. 24 & 25.

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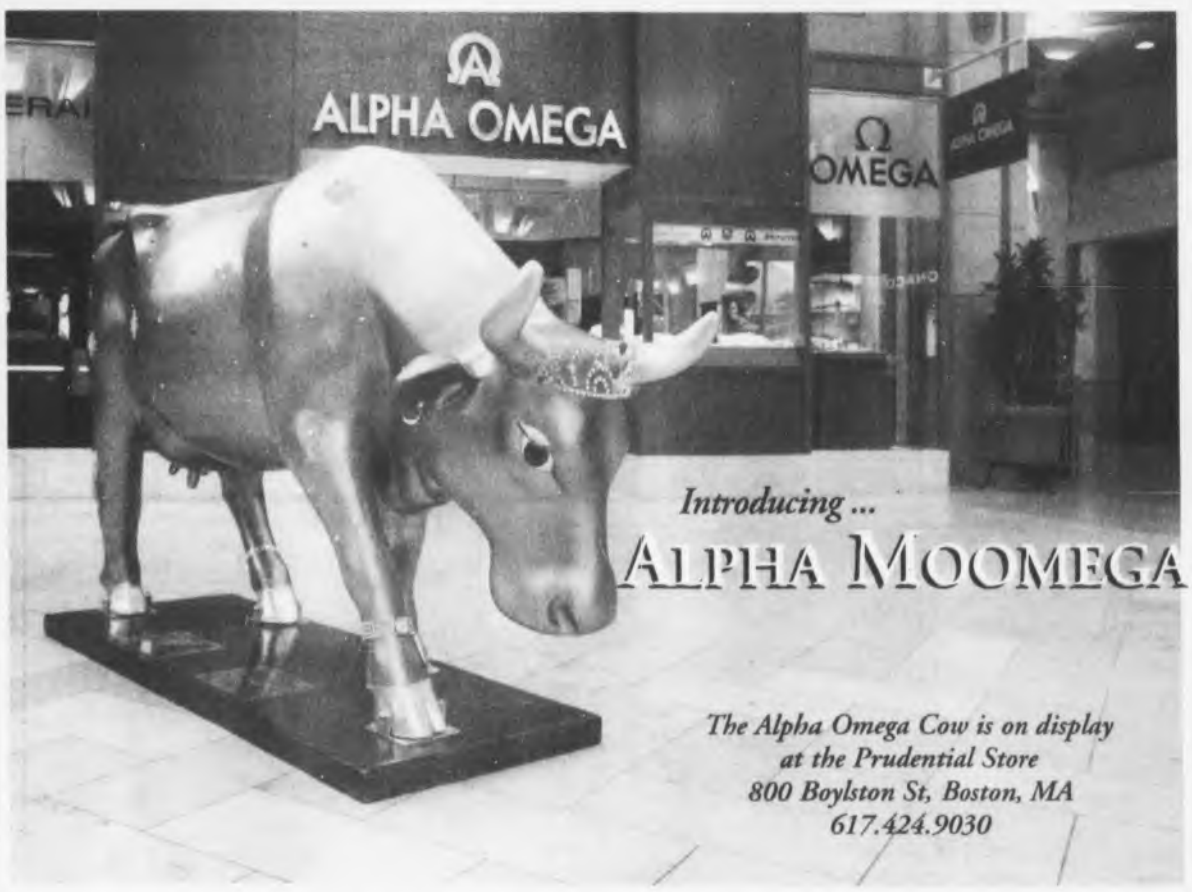

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School bus fees could be reconsidered

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some more information. She said in her opinion, the fiscal 2006 and 2007 budgets were being confused. She said there was a surplus in the fiscal 2006 budget, but that doesn't mean the fees aren't needed for the fiscal 2007 budget. The override was supposed to be put into the fiscal 2007 budget, which meant when it failed, the school department needed to bring its budget down by roughly $1.2 million. The leftover funds from fiscal 2006 were used to help close that budgetary gap between what the school department said it needed and what it got. She said the board decided to increase and implement new fees to help close the gap as well. With four more special education tuitions added to the fiscal 2007 budget, totaling close to $300,000, having additional money from fees would be beneficial.

However, Alfred Slanetz said the fiscal 2007 budget is based on the fiscal 2006 figures, and in some cases, line items which showed a surplus this year are budgeted even higher for next year. He said the budget needs to be thoroughly vetted to ensure next year at this time, the schools aren't in a situation where they have close to $600,000 left over.

Fusco agreed and said there may be areas where the numbers were overestimated for fiscal 2007. "I don't want to charge these fees and find out next year we didn't have to," he said.

Williams then made a motion to rescind the vote taken to implement fees for transportation and student parking. She felt the other fees dealing with sports were more complicated issues and decided not to discuss them at this time.

Williams said the School Committee attended many budget discussions to talk about the necessity of passing an override. "We repeatedly said we need between $500,000 and $700,000 every year just to open the doors. Without it ($400,000 from failed 2006 override), how could we then find $430,000? We've had $1 million washing in and out of this budget," she said. "We repeatedly told people we were in a crisis situation."

"I don't want to charge these fees and find out next year we didn't have to."
— Steve Fusco, School Committee

Slanetz said when making decisions, it is prudent to have the best information available at the time. "We were given a slightly different operational picture at the time we took the vote" to implement fees, he said. "When you raise fees, it has to be for good reasons. Ours were raised because we thought we'd lose five teachers who were retiring. To raise fees when you're potentially running a surplus or profit, just having fees for fees' sake, that's what we're questioning," he said.

Slanetz said the level of information coming in to the School Committee needs to increase. "We were pre-purchasing in May and June and we didn't know until July," he said.

Walsh noted when pre-purchasing materials and supplies, the orders need to arrive at the school prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, which is why the purchases were made when they were.

"It still warranted discussion," said Fusco.

Williams brought her motion up for a vote and while members agreed the fees need to be looked at more carefully, none felt comfortable taking them off the table until the fiscal 2007 budget is thoroughly gone over. The motion was defeated 4-1.

Forest Avenue work continues

Greenbush liaison Mark Brennan recently sent a letter to Carlos Sanchez, county engineer for Norfolk County, asking for additional drainage work on Forest Avenue near Wheelwright Park.

In the letter he states, "As you know, the Heather Drive drainage project is nearing completion. Based on the many reviews of the Forest Avenue roadway situation, the town of Cohasset recognized not only the need for this project (as it appears to be working!) but also the need for additional drainage to be constructed near Wheelwright Park on Forest Avenue, as we discussed. Please take this correspondence as the town's official request to commence design of drainage plans so that this project may be designed and built as soon as possible.

"As you know, the long-range plan is to completely resurface Forest Avenue including a complete sidewalk on the west side of the road. This cannot be done until the drainage adjacent to the road is properly constructed, so we need this part of the puzzle done first," he said. "Once the plans are complete, please notify this office so we can commence the plan review, permitting and the bid process."

Brennan also sent a letter to Joseph McNichols, county surveyor, asking the road be properly surveyed prior to any drainage work being done. "The town of Cohasset is requesting that the road be surveyed to accurately layout the center line in preparation for this road to be reconstructed in the near future...We expect to undertake this project in the spring of 2007, so the survey should probably be done this fall so preliminary plans could be accurately updated."

Should sidewalk curb be curbed?

Selectman Rob Spofford said he has received a number of phone calls regarding the sidewalk near St. Stephen's church in the Village. While the sidewalk is technically "rolled" and does not have a hard edge, which would damage tires, it is still high and not easily driven up on, which makes that section of South Main Street really tight. He said the combination of the sidewalk and the angled parking spaces, which often have vehicles backing up into both lanes of traffic, are causing congestion. "I don't know what the action is, it's just a concern," he said.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said regular sidewalks are 6 inches high while the sidewalks near St. Stephen's are 4 inches with a 2-inch radius. "It will take a little something to go over it, but it shouldn't hurt your tires," he said.

Selectman Fred Koed said the board should verify the sidewalks were built in accordance with the plans. Spofford said he would speak with Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, who worked with the construction company throughout the project, and report back to the board.

Dormitzer said the easiest way to remedy the situation would be to re-paint the parking space lines to have a 30-degree angle rather than 45 degrees, but that would mean losing a space or two downtown. He said the town could also choose to impose car size limitations for the spaces at that end of the Village.

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Looking at increasing Cohasset tax base and savings

By Samantha Brown
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The Economic Development Committee has made huge strides in bringing new ideas for increasing the town's commercial tax base to fruition. Still riding the wave of success from the April Town Meeting, which saw the passage of two new zoning articles, the committee isn't sitting still. Their ideas for increasing revenue continue to flow.

Members of the committee came before the Board of Selectmen Monday, to give an update on the initiatives they are working on. Chairman Peter Brown said the passage of the Transit Oriented District bylaw (which will allow construction of mixed-use housing near the new Greenbush train station) and the parking ratio reduction bylaw (which brought the number of parking spaces down from 10 to 5 per 1000 square feet of space on Route 3A) will both help increase commercial development, and in turn tax revenue, for the town. Passing the articles has also helped pave the way for new initiatives.

With fewer parking spaces on Route 3A, greater density development can be constructed. The EDC has plans to follow-up with land holders of under- or undeveloped properties along 3A and find ways to encourage them to create new commercial development.

The committee is also currently working on evaluating the disposition of "parcel two" a piece of town-owned land located at the south end of the municipal parking lot near the Red Lion Inn. "We believe this property should be surplused as soon as possible, a feasibility study completed to determine the highest and best uses, and a bid package developed and put out to bid," said Brown. He added because the town does not have the resources to complete a feasibility study, money would be needed to complete one.

"It will be important to incorporate part of the property to expand existing municipal parking. Also key to the final disposition is evaluating the relocation of the Teen Garage, which should be part of the bid package. We see this as either a long-term lease or an outright sale of a portion of the property.

"Also, since it is our goal to change the Village bylaw to encourage additional multiuse development, this parking will be needed to accommodate this growth," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said while he appreciates the effort, the town is currently in a second stage dispute resolution process with the MBTA over the municipal parking lot, and plans for the site cannot be set until both sides come to an agreement. The town and MBTA have different views when it comes to how many parking spaces the municipal lot should have. "At this point, we can't endorse or not endorse your effort," he said.

Selectman Rob Spofford agreed. "It's great to have it on your agenda, but we can't touch it," he said.

The EDC would like to change the Village Business District Bylaw or develop a new overlay district that supports multi-use development downtown. The current bylaw prohibits adding multi-family dwellings in the downtown business district on lots less than 40,000 square feet, which Brown said he feels is too restrictive and discourages any multi-use development. "In addition to generating new tax revenue, this bylaw change is needed to create greater business activity in the downtown village district to better support the businesses there.

Continued momentum for EDC

"The EDC is very mindful that any such bylaw change must be fair to all village property owners affected, include extensive dialogue with all parties concerned to create a vision that all stakeholders agree to and one that includes the study of building facades that require protection and one that maintains Cohasset's very special character," Brown said.

Spofford cautioned that at one point in time, whoever wrote the bylaws for the downtown area thought having a 40,000-square-foot minimum was a good idea, and the EDC should go back into the town's history and find out why. "But, you're putting it on the table, and that's what we asked you to do," he said.

In addition to generating more tax revenue for the town, the EDC focuses on ways to save money. Therefore, it is in full support of the work being done by the Alternative Energy Committee, especially its initiative to bring wind power to Cohasset. "We need to explore ways to cut energy costs in town, especially for the large users, such as the schools. We believe wind power is a logical, appropriate way to accomplish this goal and fully support the AEC's efforts to do so," said Brown.

EDC member Peter Richardsson added while the AEC is looking at wind power from turbines, there is also the possibility of looking into smaller "egg beaters" which are essentially turbines that can be erected on private property, unlike the larger variety which requires using town-owned land. He said they could potentially be put up at the schools and at the wastewater treatment plant, and the building at which they are built can use the power generated.

Brown said one of the major obstacles in increasing commercial development in town is the lack of clarity regarding sewer capacity in town. "We have heard from the Sewer Commission that the Village Sewer District only has 13-15 EDUs (equivalent domestic units) available. Assuming this is true, no real development can occur unless and until additional sewer capacity is developed or we make a deal with Hull to rearrange sewer capacity," he said.

Dormtizer said the sewer problems brought up by the EDC are ones his board has grappled with many times before. "This is one of the largest Pandora's Box," he said, adding it is an issue that will certainly be revisited in the future, after the expansion of the Little Harbor sewer district takes place.

Two new committee appointments

Two Cohasset boards gained a member Monday night. The Board of Selectmen appointed Mark Rattenbury of Pleasant Street to the Harbor Committee and Michael Milanoski of South Main Street to the Economic Development Committee.

Rattenbury is a lifelong, third generation resident of the town with many years of experience on the harbor. He took sailing lessons at the Cohasset Sailing Club in elementary school, worked on the lobster boat "Prime Ribs" as a teenager, and spent six years in the US Navy Submarine Service.

Rattenbury said he feels the harbor needs an infusion of new energy and ideas and he looks forward to working with the committee.

Milanoski has been in town roughly one month and is eager to participate on the Economic Development Committee. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the City of Attleboro's Redevelopment Authority and is also nationally certified as an economic developer by the International Economic Development Council. He has his master's degree in regional planning focused on economic development. "I am here to offer my services and provide any assistance I can and learn more about the town," he said.

Chairman of the Economic Development Committee Peter Brown said the committee has met Milanoski and gives its complete support to his appointment. "He is going to be invaluable to our future success," Brown said.

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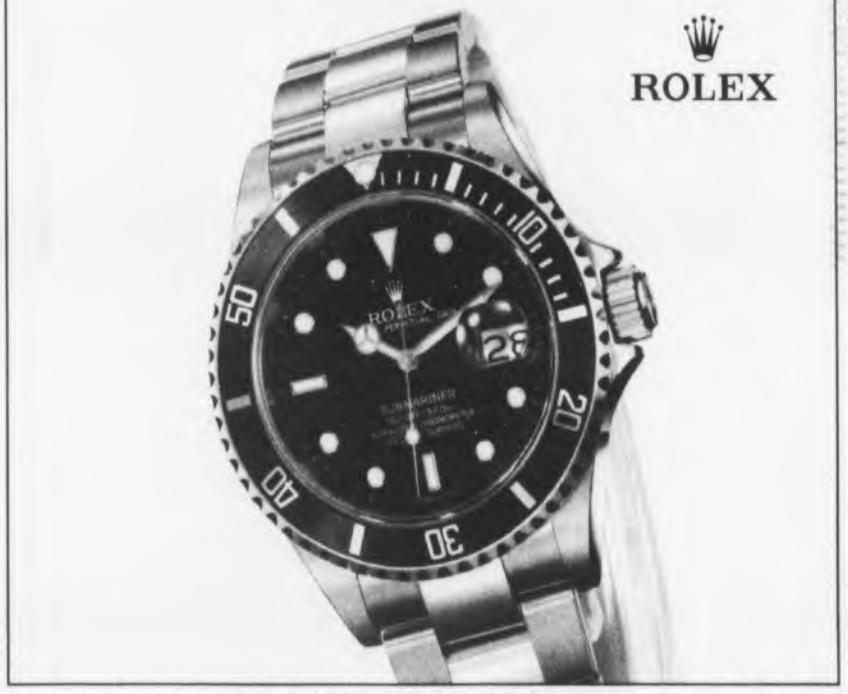

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Lily McCarthy wins a new bike!

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Lily McCarthy, 9, of Cohasset, shown here outside the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, won a new bike through Dependable Cleaners' annual Read to Ride program. For story, be sure to read Around Town.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Hey Cohasset. I think that August vacations are in full swing as the news around town is pretty scarce. I will say that last weekend, the Cohasset Dramatic Club put on its performance of Cinderella and it was so magical. It is so amazing to see children from several towns come together and put together a terrific rendition of a well-known show. I was so proud of each child and the adults who were involved across the board. With rehearsals happening many times opposite the Farmers Market or on Sundays ending right before the carillon concert on the common, it is just so nice to see community events happening. We need to have more in my opinion and I would love to see some put together however it can happen. I have some ideas as do many others who came forward after my last request in the column. Anyone else have ideas or requests? "It takes a village" has a lot of meaning when people come together for the right reasons.

SUPPORT CHS SWIMMERS

The Cohasset High School Swim and Dive Team will have a Lobster Fest and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 8 at Atlantica from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. This Team — which was re-established last year and is a joint team with Scituate High School— is not yet included in the Cohasset athletic budget and therefore, the Cohasset side of the team is privately funded. Last year this team came in second in the Patriot League with 18 swimmers qualifying for Sectionals and 10 swimmers qualifying for, and competing, in the State Competition. The Lobster Fest dinner includes clam chowder, lobster, mussels, barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, Caesar salad, rolls and watermelon. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are currently on sale at a cost of $35 for the lobster and $25 for "chicken only" and can be obtained by contacting **Mandy Mahoney** (383-9812) or **Brenda Regan** (383-0454). Gather a group of friends to celebrate the arrival of fall and support this team while enjoying a fabulous feast at Atlantica! Very tasty for all who attend and supports a fantastic cause.

MUSIC LADY

Beth Green, The Music Lady is offering a free Family Music Concert tomorrow (Saturday) at 11 am at the St. Luke's Church in Scituate.(corner of Rt. 3A and First Parish Road) For more information, call 781-545-1123.

TRAVEL TEAM

Congratulations to Cohasset's 9B Travel Baseball Team for making it to the District 8 semi-finals. Team members include **Bryce Avila, Gerrit Church, Matt Froio, Tim Giuggio, Conor Hayden, Steven Iantosca, Jake Johnson, Christian Kennedy, Ian Kennedy, Michael Lund, Harrison Martin, Sam Murphy, Harry Seraikas** and **Cameron Steele**. Great Job, Guys!

BIKE WINNER

Cohasset resident **Lily McCarthy** was recently named a weekly winner in the 8th Annual Read to Ride reading incentive program sponsored by Dependable Cleaners. Lily, 9, is a student at Deer Hill Elementary School, where she learned about the Read to Ride program. Her winning entry form was for reading "Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy," by Marc Brown, and one of more than 4,300 entries received.

"I can't believe how many books Lily has read since she found out that she could win a new bike," said Lily's mother, **Hortense**. "She constantly asks me if we can go back to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library so she can choose some more books. The program has been a great incentive to keep her reading this summer."

Read to Ride offered children, ages 6-15, the chance to win a bike and helmet with a retail value up to $275 for every book they complete during the program.

"The success of this program relies heavily on the cooperation of local libraries and YMCAs, as well as parents, by promoting regular reading habits over the summer months," said Dependable Cleaners president **Christina Hagearty**, herself a mother of three young children. "Many parents have reported that the program influenced their children to read a lot more than they normally would."

GREAT GAMES!

Mr. **Kevin Dykas**, our well-known Osgood School gym teacher is running a fun-filled "Great Games" sports program Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 14-16th at the Deer Hill School through the Town of Cohasset/One Creative Place. The program runs from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for different ages from 4-10. For more information or to register, call 781-383-2211 or go to www.onecreativeplace.net

GRIDIRON CLUB

Dig out your old football related photos! The Cohasset Gridiron Club is now accepting ads for their 2006 Football Program. The Club is hoping for ads with photos of former football/powder puff players and cheerleaders. In addition, any ads may be called in to **Derry** at 781-383-2529. The Football Program is the major fundraiser for the Gridiron Club. The funds raised provide scholarships and support for the Cohasset High School football program. During the season, current football players will deliver the programs door to door.

That is it for this week. Call or email me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Art exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Aug. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesdays.

Independent film series – The independent film "Familia," will be shown in the Meeting Room on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information call 781-383-1348 or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Library book group – The Thursday morning library book group will be on vacation during August. Next meeting is scheduled for September. Look for more details in upcoming Library Corner columns.

New titles – Looking for something to read? Try these great new titles just in: "The Messenger," by Daniel Silva; "The Foreigner's Gift," by Fouad Ajami; "The Keep," by Jennifer Egan; and "What Colleges Don't Tell You," by Elizabeth Wissner-Gross.

FOR CHILDREN

Last show – Alicia Quintano will perform "Buggy Ride: An Animal Caravan of Tales and Tunes," on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Well known for her original humorous songs, and her Koala puppet, "Pierre," Quintano has appeared nationally to rave reviews.. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

End of "What's Buzzin" – Starting Monday, Aug. 14, students who have met or exceeded their summer reading goal may bring their reading logs to Mrs. Moody to receive their "What's buzzin' @ your library?" t-shirts, generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Dragonfly Contest – The Dragonfly contest ends today. Drop off entries by 5 p.m. Winners will be chosen in all age groups and announced on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the last show of the summer season. Winners do not need to be present to collect their prize.

Activity sheets – "What's buzzin' @your library?" activity sheets are on Mrs. Moody's desk. Crossword puzzles, word searches, counting games and riddles are among the offerings. New sheets are added each week.

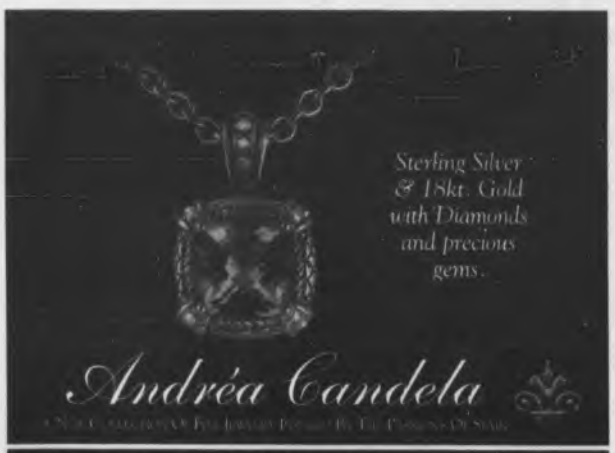
Reading Lists – The summer reading lists for grades six through 12 are on the library Web site. Visit cohassetlibrary.org, click on Young Adult and then click on Cohasset Public Schools' Summer Reading List. Complete summer reading lists for public and independent schools grades K-5 are on display in binders in the Children's Room, and in the Young Adult Room, for grades 6-12. Don't wait until the last minute to do summer reading; popular books are going fast. To determine availability of a suggested book, visit the Web site and check the catalog. Patrons may also place a hold on a specific book, renew books and check accounts from home.

'Witches' movie extras sought

The 20-year anniversary of the filming of "The Witches of Eastwick" is this year.

Cohasset Elder Affairs is planning a party on Thursday, Sept 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Cohasset Sailing Club, to honor Cohasset residents who participated in the film.

Anyone who was in the movie or knows others who were, call Anna Abbruzzese, Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.



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Kate Bosworth has a super role

CHS graduate plays Lois Lane

By Peter Herman
CORRESPONDENT

Kate Bosworth, 23, daughter of Hal and Patti Bosworth of Cohasset, is soaring to new heights, playing "Lois Lane" in "Superman Returns" currently playing in theaters throughout the area (and the world).

Bosworth's Lois Lane is different from the one played some years ago by Margot Kidder. "She's five years older," noted Bosworth. "She feels like she's on top of the world." For Lane has just won a Pulitzer Prize for writing a piece saying that the world doesn't need Superman, who had vanished half a decade earlier without saying, "good-bye" to Lane. In addition Lane is now a single mother.

Therefore Bosworth doesn't feel there should be comparisons made between her Lois Lane, and Kidder's, believing that if the character had been written identically, "It would have been ridiculous to me. You learn and you change. In that five years she's gone through a lot of intensity in her life." This includes the departure of Superman, whom she loved. "It's a wound she can never heal from," Bosworth said. "Margot Kidder was fun and silly, she can't be the same person, that would have been ridiculous."

In comparison to other parts she has played in her now eight-year-long career, she "felt like the stakes were higher." While the movie is derived from the comic book, she stated that Lois Lane is, "not a comic book character, she has depth." Bosworth added, "It is an iconic film."

"Superman Returns" is certainly the biggest production Bosworth has appeared in. But she said, "Despite that I still felt like I was doing an intimate film." For this she gives credit to its director Bryan Singer.

Unlike many in the movie business Bosworth has not always sought the spotlight. For example she keeps personal matters personal. Ask her about any rumored relationship, she states in a kind but firm voice, "I don't discuss my private life." Now playing "Lois Lane," the question arises whether the trade off in playing such a high profile role could make it harder for her to shun the limelight. "One danger of getting more involved in the industry is that one can get lost. I don't ever want to be sucked into that," she said. "It's not interesting to me. I love the creative side."

"Right now I don't feel any different. I'm kind of in the eye of the tornado. I really don't think about it. I have a lot of friends in Los Angeles, writers, and fashion designers. They all bring something to the table. That's much more interesting to me than the Hollywood side."

Kate Bosworth

In comparison to other parts she has played in her now eight-year-long career, she "felt like the stakes were higher."

Filming on "Superman Returns" took place in Australia over a number of months. But Christmastime found her in Cohasset. Here she enjoyed the beauty of the town in the holiday season and its winter scenery. She was also able to see family and friends, in addition to shopping at local merchants.

One of her Cohasset friends recently moved to Los Angeles, and Bosworth is thrilled to have a longtime friend nearby.

"Interview" magazine is one publication, which features Bosworth on the cover for July. This is the second time "Interview" has featured her on the cover. The other was exactly four years ago, July 2002. In that issue Bosworth was interviewed by fellow cast member Michelle Rodriguez. The question thus arose whether she would like to interview someone she is appearing with, now or in the future? "Yes, I would love to do it. Now that I'm playing a journalist. I'm dying to do it!"

Bosworth, 2001 Cohasset High graduate, was recently scheduled to be in Japan. She said she would be attending the Fuji Festival its for environmental awareness, and promoting the movie.

Bosworth's next project is a smaller one called "Seasons of Dust" which takes place in Depression era Oklahoma.

OUR WORLD

Aug. 13 community picnic is postponed

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is open Wednesday through Friday through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 per person or free for members. The museum is located at 100 Sohier St., just behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and next door to the Music Circus. For more information visit www.ourworldcgdm.org or call 781-383-3198.

Community picnic – The Community Picnic at the Playground originally scheduled for Aug. 13, has been postponed to the fall when cooler weather is upon us. Stay tuned for details.

Summer craft series – As summer begins to wind down, we are exploring creatures from the ocean in our craft series. Stop by during regular museum hours over the next two weeks and create an ocean scene, a jellyfish or starfish necklace.

50/50 raffle – Due to its success of last year, the 50/50 raffle is back. Tickets are available at the museum for $20 per ticket or six tickets for $100. Winner gets 50 percent of the ticket sales, so the more tickets sold, the bigger the prize. To track progress of ticket sales visit www.ourworldcgdm.org starting at the end of August. Drawing will be held at the 2nd Annual Cocktails Around the World party on Nov. 4.

Fall programs – The fall program schedule will be available in September. Until then, visit our website for program and event news and updates.

As summer begins to wind down, we are exploring creatures from the ocean in our craft series.

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Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training program with instructor Betsy Callanan, who will run an interval calisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all levels of ability.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet on Cohasset Common at Town Hall, from 6 to 7 a.m., on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19. The session concludes Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, with a race in Hingham.

While running and-or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping-running knees, and sit-ups. Callanan has designed the program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength.

Fee is $100, checks payable to: Town of Cohasset. To register, call the Recreation Department, 781-383-4109.

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- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
- CWO2 Jeffery H. Brown, USN
- LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deployed to Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;

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- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Pfc. Justin Maitland, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Ben Littauer, US State Dept. (stationed in Afghanistan);
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

Visit: www.cohassetveterans-memorial.com.

Cohasset Community Blood Drive Aug. 18

Help save a life today and sign up now for the Community Blood Drive to be held on Friday, Aug. 18, from noon to 5 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 800-448-3543. Positive ID is required. Movie tickets and raffle tickets for King Richard's Faire go to all donors.

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Elworthy's enthusiasm is contagious

FROM ELWORTHY, PAGE 1

Elworthy.

To help ensure new programs meet the needs of the community in Cohasset, she has formed suggestion boxes and will send out a survey to gain feedback. "I can have a vision, but it has no value if it doesn't meet the needs of the town's seniors," she said.

During the past month, Elworthy has come to find in Cohasset, the senior population has two prongs. There are the older seniors who make up the majority of the senior community the CEA supports, and there are the younger seniors who are coming up. The number of younger seniors will continue to be on the rise as the Baby Boomers continue to age, she said. "The CEA needs to make sure we are offering activities for the older seniors and make sure the younger seniors know there are activities for them as well," she said. Younger seniors can benefit from educational courses such as those dealing with Medicare insurance and nutritional seminars to stay healthy as they age.

"The senior population is growing and we're above the national average," said Elworthy of Cohasset, as 25 percent of its population, or 1,950 residents, are seniors. She said while in Salem, she oversaw programming for roughly 7,300 seniors, and that number was 18 percent of its population.

When it comes to providing senior services, Elworthy said she feels the general population has misconceptions about what senior centers provide. "People think of BINGO," but that couldn't be farther from the truth. "It is about services as well as programs," and for many seniors who are on fixed incomes or are living alone, the CEA is vital.

"The senior population is growing and we're above the national average."

— Linda Elworthy, CEA director

When families are dealing with an aging parent, Elworthy said the local senior center should be their first phone call. She said there are programs in place to provide respite care, to allow the full time caregiver a chance to go out and do the food shopping, other errands, or just take time for themselves and refresh.

For those seniors who are still living independently, but perhaps do not feel as comfortable driving to the store, or just need help lugging in the groceries, there are escort shopping programs which pick up the senior at their home, bring them to the supermarket, and will help bring in and put away the items purchased.

There are also lunches throughout the week and many other programs that cater to the social needs of seniors, such as bridge clubs, cooking clubs and walking clubs. "The things we are doing are critical," said Elworthy, and could not be accomplished without the help of the town's many volunteers. Cohasset is very lucky to have 150 current volunteers of all ages. "It absolutely thrills me," she said.

Since her arrival, Elworthy has been making the rounds, meeting with the various boards and organizations in town. She appeared before the Board of Selectmen and even appeared on Cohasset's own cable television show, "Our Town." She said back in Salem, she had her own television program, which ran at around 7 p.m., to enable both seniors and their caregivers the opportunity to watch, and she would love to have her own program here. She said every television show must have its own crew, which is able to produce the show, and she would love to have a group of seniors who can learn to run the equipment and work behind the scenes.

In addition, the same night she was on "Our Town," so was Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh. "I'd love us to do more with the schools," said Elworthy. In Salem, her senior citizens loved ballroom dancing and just before prom time, they held a class where the seniors citizens taught the high school students various steps for the big dance. "Of course, it all depends on the interest," she said, but added she is always trying to come up with ideas, which will spark new intergenerational activities.

Also in the works for the future, Elworthy would like to be able to offer more holistic health programs. "We have Reiki and we have yoga and they've had an herbalist come, but I'd love to have people experience a holistic chair massage," she said. By offering the programs through the CEA, seniors will be able to get a massage at a reasonable rate of charge, which they might otherwise not be able to afford. She said in Salem, massage was a huge hit with the seniors, and even one 96-year-old member of the community regularly showed up for hers.

Elworthy said behind all her efforts, the reality is, it takes

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FROM ELWORTHY, PAGE 10

money to make it happen. But she's not letting a lack of funding stifle her creativity. She said she would be reinstating the Friends of the Senior Center to help raise funds to keep things moving in a positive direction. "There is a limited amount of money in town and everyone wants a piece of the pie," she said. "The less I have to ask of the town, the more we'll be able to grow."

Programs and classes at the CEA

Upcoming events – sign up today!

- Cruise and Dine Evening: On Aug. 16, hop a boat to Boston Harbor, arriving at the Chart House for dinner. Discount for those over 60. The van leaves from St. Anthony's at 3:15 p.m.
- Water aerobics; At the Cohasset Swim Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. through Aug. 17, $3 per person.
- Day of beauty, second week in September, South Shore VoTech, nails, facials and hair.
- Nantasket Beach line dancing: Sundays until Labor Day from 2-4 p.m. on Nantasket Beach in Hull.
- Line dancing starting in September, 9-10 a.m., $3.
- Three part health seminar in October, 5:30 to 7 p.m., $3 per session. Long term care and Mass-health eligibility (Oct. 4), Memory loss (Oct. 18), Preparing healthy meals (Oct. 25.
- Skinner Antique Appraisal Fundraiser, Saturday Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ongoing programs

- Walking club: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-4 p.m. Meet at the high school track, for men and women.
- Senior dance, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., $3.
- Arthritis exercise class, Friday 9:30 a.m., $3.
- Second Friday book club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Bridge lessons, Mondays at 9 a.m.
- ACBL bridge, Mondays at 12:15 p.m.
- Drop in bridge, Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
- Anna's Gourmet Club, first and third Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Men's Chanticleers, Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.
- Computer training, beginning Sept. 12, Tuesdays 2:30 to 3 p.m.
- Keep well clinic, Thursday Aug. 24 from 1-3 p.m.
- Stroke club, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Footcare, second Thursdays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information on any of the programs or classes going on at the CEA please call the office at (781) 383-9112.

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SANDY SHOOT

Marie Callahan, 14, left of Scituate, holds hands with her cousin Grace Callahan, 4, while the groomsmen run toward the wedding photographer for a photo at Sandy Beach. Sandy Beach is just one of several locations in Cohasset that brides choose for photo shoots.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stick it to the tax man

There's Christmas in July, and for the past two years in Massachusetts, Christmas in August.

For a while it looked like lawmakers might not get around to giving their stamp of approval to the third year of a sales tax holiday in August, what retailers describe as the dog days for selling big ticket items. Everyone goes on vacation in August.

But finally, just before adjourning for the next several months, thus ending the current legislative session, Beacon Hill approved lifting the 5 percent sales tax for the weekend of Aug. 12 and 13.

So, lace up your running shoes and shop 'til you drop this coming Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will no doubt give a shot in the arm to the economy, as consumers flock to shopping centers to take advantage of the tax break. That means more people in the malls and shopping plazas opening their wallets at restaurants and other businesses. And while they're there, maybe going to the movies?

As everyone knows, the Massachusetts economy has been in a bit of a slump. Last year retailers hauled in $500 million during the tax-free weekend with many businesses reporting a 20 percent hike in sales. That's no small change.

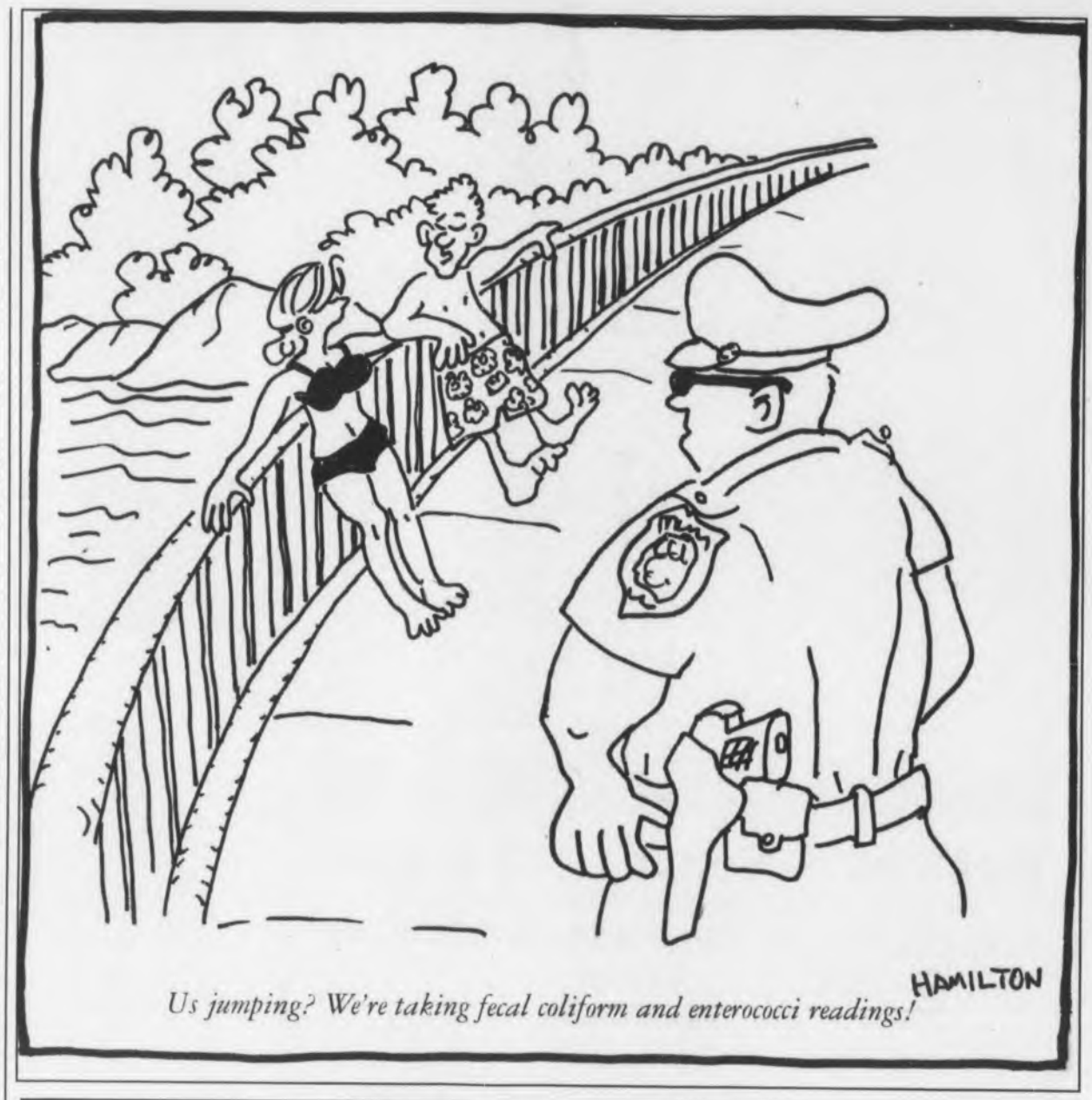
Critics of the sales tax holiday say it really doesn't give that much of a boost to retailers, as people don't buy more stuff, they just spend in August instead of November. Opponents say the sales tax reprieve deprives the state of much needed revenue.

Whatever, if you're in the market for a new computer for that college student of yours heading back to school, this is the right time to buy. For families outfitting an entire brood for back to school, the weekend can offer considerable savings. Then again, how about doing your Christmas shopping early, avoiding the last minute rush in December? Buy a new watch, couch or refrigerator, whatever strikes your fancy.

Many retailers will be offering additional savings to lure shoppers into the stores. Consumers will not be charged the sales tax on most purchases under $2,500. But in case you're looking to buy a yacht or a Hummer, remember exemptions include motorboats, vehicles, tobacco, meals and utilities. That's right, don't buy that computer sales tax free, and then stop for lunch and expect not to pay a meals tax. After all, the state of Massachusetts has only so much largesse.

Some legislators have voiced concern that institutionalizing the sales tax holiday deprives the state of much needed revenue. Thankfully, those voices were overruled by lawmakers who saw a chance to give the average consumer a much-needed break. Every little bit helps.

The sales tax holiday looks like it's become a Massachusetts tradition, and a popular one at that. Taxachusetts takes a holiday this weekend. It's about time.



Us jumping? We're taking fecal coliform and enterococci readings!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Assessors, Aug. 15, 3:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
Harbor Heath Committee, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
School Committee, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.
South Shore Recycling Cooperative, Aug. 17, 1 p.m., Marshfield Town Hall
Water Commission, Sept.. 9, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor parking habits

TO THE EDITOR:

I cannot see what all the fuss is about concerning parking spaces! It should be quite evident to anyone who drives in Cohasset that the average Cohasset driver pays no attention to parking spaces or to any of the white lines! This seems to be particularly true of the drivers of the big, gas guzzling SUVs.

Peter Tolman
28 Black Horse Lane

Bus fees poorly thought out

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to a recent bill my family and I received from the School Committee for bus fees, I thought it was important to alert all parents about a certain exception written into the Department of Education's Transportation Guide Policy (http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/transport/guide_1.html). Under the topic of "Eligibility", it states: "All children in grades kindergarten through six who reside more than two miles from the school they are entitled to attend and the nearest school bus stop is more than one mile from their residence and all children residing in regional school districts in grades kindergarten through twelve. /Exceptions to this policy may be made when road conditions do not provide for the physical safety of the children and when the health of students make this service essential./"

In essence, because the town of Cohasset has failed to provide adequate road conditions in many areas throughout the town (i.e. sidewalks), and there has been no written documentation or discussion (that I'm aware of) outlining the hiring of additional crossing guards for those children now deemed "walkers" (especially those who need to cross a State Highway — 3A), am I not correct to assume the Cohasset Public Schools (and all towns enacting these fees, for that matter) be 100 percent legally and financially responsible for providing a safe and adequate transportation service for those children who fall under this "physical safety exception", like they have done so in the past?

Now that this new policy has been promptly voted on and bills have been mailed, is the town of Cohasset now accountable for providing new sidewalks throughout the town where there are none, particularly along the path where children are expected to walk to school? Where is the plan to hire additional crossing guards or police details for the 3A/ Sohier Street intersection? Where is the proposal to deal with the influx of extra cars on the road due to all the people/ families not partaking in this program? And what about the already congested and poorly designed school parking lots (Osgood), which are inadequate during drop off and pick up times, especially during inclement weather? What about hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide emissions? As one example, 20 additional motor vehicles would result in *six times* more hydrocarbons and *four times* more carbon monoxide emissions. Who is going to step up to the plate and assume the liability if, God forbid, a child is killed or a family is involved in a bad accident en route to school? Where is the financial benefit and cost savings if the town has to hire crossing guards and build new sidewalks? After all, buses will still be operating to pick up those children beyond the 2 mile radius (passing by those within the radius!) and drivers are still being paid. This policy makes no sense from all perspectives— safety, environmental, or economic.

Please Cohasset, state mandated transportation for our children to school is a vital service to this town and this decision ultimately effects everyone. Please band together on this issue and force the school committee, business manager, and Superintendent to conduct studies and re-assess the areas upon which they are implementing these fees. The physical safety of our kids is at stake here.

Caroline Wilson
250 Beechwood St.

Help for exotic pets

TO THE EDITOR:

I forget that when you have a pet, eventually, they die. We have had a hamster named Buffy for almost two years. She was mischievous, energetic, sweet and gave us many hours of enjoyment. Then, she got sick. I started calling vets only to find out that she needed to be seen by an exotic vet.

Asking around, it was suggested that I call an animal hospital in Weymouth. They gave me the number of a vet. I called and left 3 messages. Finally, late in the evening, I got a call back and was told to try Angel Memorial in Bridgewater and then, the vet remembered that colleagues had just started practicing here in Cohasset.

Unfortunately, Buffy died a few hours later. However, the next morning, I received a call back from Crazy Paws, here in town. Later in the day, I met my cousin at the Windsor Tea House and guess whose business is right next door? Crazy Paws. A friend was walking in to pick up his dog and gave Crazy Paws high reviews! If I had known that there was an exotic vet in town three days earlier, I am sure Buffy would be on her way to recovery. Please spread the word to your friends with exotic pets that there is a new vet in town!

Linda Snowdale
50 Mill Lane

Volunteers sought for budget committee

The Board of Selectmen is asking for volunteers to serve on a Long Term Budget Committee. The committee will develop a spreadsheet-based model of the town's financial operations. The model shall include income statement, balance sheet and cash flow modules. The income statement shall include the town's payroll list and the different components of fringe benefits, all suitably classified by department, job level, etc., so the Town Manager can test potential wage, salary and benefit scenarios. It shall also include line items of revenue and expense corresponding to the Town Manager's annual budget breakdown, at the level of detail needed to test different scenarios such as the effect of a rise in fuel prices. Level of detail shall be as recommended by the Town Manager. The goal is to have the model tested and ready for use by Sept. 1, 2007, so it may be applied for the 2009 budget and upcoming union negotiations.

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Updates on range of issues this week

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Dispute Resolution – To keep you informed, there is absolutely no change in the status of Informal Dispute Resolution. The MBTA still does not want to have an open public meeting to discuss their areas of dispute with the Town. This is so odd, since they wrote the rules we must abide by.

Town Parking Lot – This week the main part of the Town Parking Lot has received its final grading and initial layer of asphalt. They told us that they would be working on this for two days, but as of this Wednesday they are still working. We have asked them to open up at least part of the lot so that the businesses and their customers have a place to park.

Rocky Lane — The utilities work continues under the Present Rocky Lane at the tracks. The project did agree to cover what would have been an open ditch alongside of the tracks at Rocky Lane when the street is closed. The Town has an agreement with CBB that Rocky Lane will be kept open at all times so that residents and businesses can traverse the construction area. Twice, that agreement has been violated. The most recent time was this past week. We actually went out and shut down their work until the superintendent arrived. We don't think they will block the road again.

Self-Regulating Tide Gate — Somehow, we manage to get ourselves into a lot of different projects around our Town. One of these projects is our Self Regulating Tide Gate (SRT), which is mounted on the sea wall between Veteran's Park and the Cohasset Harbor Resort. If you look at the sea wall from the harbor (It can best be seen from Border Street.), the SRT looks like a "Rube Goldberg" contraption. Its function is very interesting. It is designed to allow an adjustable amount of saltwater to flow back up into Jacobs Meadow, on an incoming tide, in an attempt to restore the salt marsh. When the tide reverses, it allows meadow water to flow back out in the harbor. The adjustment of the SRT is very critical to achieve a balance between marsh restoration and flooding the surrounding homes. Its adjustment is also regulated by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Recently, we had the SRT inspected and found that it had several failed welds. With out repair it would have probably disintegrated. We were able to get the manufacturer to come from the factory California to repair the gate this past week. We were fortunate to have repaired the device at no cost to the Town, even after the SRT had been in service for three years

One of our citizens took "before" photos of the Village. We've been asked to provide "after" photos for comparison.

Here are before and after photos of the corner of South Main and Elm streets across from Cohasset Hardware.

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Sewer treatment plant targeted unfairly

COMMENTARY

JOHN BECK

I must take exception to the impression left in the article on the front page of the Aug. 4 Cohasset Mariner. The allegation by Mr. Drysdale that the high levels of fecal coliform found in the outfalls into Jacob's Meadow are solely attributable to the overflow event at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is quite simply preposterous.

There have been repeated, very high levels of fecal coliform and enterococci bacteria found in the Town Center stormwater drainage system from measurements taken over the past few months at many locations in Cohasset. Almost all of these measurements have been nowhere near the treatment plant or Jacob's Meadow. The article failed to mention Mr. Drysdale's repeated silence when asked to establish any connection between these measurements and the treatment plant, and instead printed his colorful comment about dinosaurs pooping on Main Street. Maybe it makes for a catchy headline, but the problem of contaminated stormwater is too serious to focus on such misleading sound bites.

The facts speak for themselves. We, like many other communities, have seriously contaminated stormwater runoff. A significant step was taken last week in forming a committee to recommend policy and a strategic plan for stormwater management in Cohasset. Hopefully the result of this effort will be an authoritative ability to more effectively deal with this issue.

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There was a concern expressed at the Sewer Commission meeting about the ability of the treatment plant to handle the flows resulting from the addition of the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue expansion. Wouldn't those additional flows worsen the plant overflow problems during extended periods of high rainfall? It was explained that the changes in the treatment plant membranes (which are microscopic filters) will give us the ability to not only treat the planned additional flows, but will have a "peak flow" capability substantially greater than we now have. It is this peak flow capability that is needed to handle the large increases over normal flow during extended periods of high rainfall. When the plant is modified we will be able to handle higher peak flows for longer periods of time than we can now, *over and above the increase in normal flows from the expansion.*

Does this mean that we will not ever have another plant overflow event? Unfortunately there can be no such guarantee; that is up to Mother Nature, but we will have more margin to deal with those flows than we have today. We are also embarking on an intensive campaign over the next two years to identify and correct many situations that allow stormwater to leak into our collection system and contribute to the high flows during storms. These steps will definitely reduce the amount of excess stormwater entering the plant, and hopefully reduce the likelihood of future overflow events.

We are also developing some carefully engineered solutions to better handle peak flows at the plant. Our current focus before we upgrade the treatment plant is on controlling any future overflows, disinfecting it and neutralizing it before it escapes from the plant boundary. These anticipated changes will allow us to have a wastewater treatment plant that even under overflow conditions will have negligible effects on the environment. This strategy will serve all segments of our community and we welcome any questions. Our next scheduled meeting is Aug. 28th.

John Beck is vice chairman of the Cohasset Sewer Commission.

Border collies' infamy grossly exaggerated

COMMENTARY

JOHN AND MIA DEAN

In reference to the article in the Aug. 4 issue of the Cohasset Mariner: "Border collies need homes," we would like to make the following comments. The Mariner has informed us the source for this article was part press release and part police report. We must clarify for the record that some of the facts and representations referred to in this article are not consistent with the facts of record as reported in the Incident Report released by the Cohasset Police Department. In regard to the Memorial Day incident, the Incident Report refers to a report of a "pack of dogs running wild" however when police arrived they "encountered four dogs running around the yard". No complaints were filed or injuries reported.

The article states, "it took Police Officers and Murphy five hours to corral the dogs". On the contrary, the timeline on the Incident Report records the initial call at 11:35 a.m. until the dogs were transferred to the Marshfield Animal Shelter at 12:51 p.m. The report states, "the dogs were monitored for a short while until the owner arrived. The dogs were recovered by the owner and family and placed in a secure setting."

Nonetheless, all the dogs even those, who were not necessarily in violation of the restraining order, were seized by ACO Paul Murphy, who did not arrive on the scene until after order was restored. Seven dogs were immediately placed in animal shelters in the area and two were relinquished to NEBCR. Subsequently of the seven, two were placed with a friend in a North Shore home, and another two were relinquished to NEBCR accounting for all but three, which the Deans were to retain including the mother, father and one son.

...the misrepresentation of facts and erroneous allegations cited in the article, vilify all nine dogs individually and the breed collectively.

Following the expiration of the Court ordered time allowed to comply with the Town Orders, we received a letter dated July 11, 2006 from the Attorneys representing the town stating that "because all nine dogs were running loose through town and we have failed to comply with the Order in any aspect and stand in complete violation of the order the town will retain your Border Collies permanently." As a matter of fact, by this time, all but three dogs were permanently outplaced. Of the three, the family wanted to retain one that had been neutered in accordance with the Order, and the family was trying to find temporary foster homes for the other two parents outside of Cohasset.

We feel there is a clear discredit to our good faith in trying to work with ACO Murphy to find placements in the best interest of the displaced dogs. But more to the point, the misrepresentation of facts and erroneous allegations cited in the article, vilify all nine dogs individually and the breed collectively. We also feel these misrepresentations have injured our reputation and defamed our good will to comply with the Town Orders.

While some of the dogs may have been involved in this incident, not all seven dogs currently in foster care are guilty of the alleged offenses. We contend that the infamy of these dogs has been grossly over exaggerated and blown out of proportion by the Town and counters the appeal of the NEBCR attempting to solicit individuals to open their homes for placement. While we wholeheartedly support the work of the New England Border Collie Rescue (NEBCR) we feel that by lending credence to the allegations without having all the facts works counter to the purpose of the article.

Finally, we wish to express our deep gratitude to Kathy Chittenden of the NEBCR for her tireless and diligent effort on behalf of these wonderful dogs and the breed in general.

John and Mia Dean are Cohasset residents.

An iceless martini

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, you could get a pretty good martini for under a dollar.

I know because I put away a lot of them, and the buck always had enough change left over to tip the waitress.

"A pretty good martini," according to my definition, is six parts gin to one part dry vermouth that has been stirred gently, not shaken, in company with one or two ice cubes that are removed before it is served straight up with an olive.

Now, I learn, they are charging you an extra dollar just for taking out the ice.

Bill Dowd, the associate editor of the Albany, N.Y., Times-Union, first noticed it when he got two martinis at the Water's Edge Lighthouse in Glenville and found an extra $2 tacked onto his bill. His waitress explained.

"You mean," he said, "you're charging me an extra dollar for not putting ice in my drink — a drink that doesn't have ice in it anyway?"

Exactly, she said.

"It's not done to be deceptive," says Steven Odom, whose Suite 225 in Lantana, Fla., also adds a dollar for taking a drink off the rocks. "There's more liquor in straight up drinks. A martini glass needs to be full."

I gave up drinking martinis several years ago when I finally figured out it was the grain and the grape, not the potato chips that were mounting so swiftly to my head, so I don't really have a personal interest in the evils that have befallen the martini.

In a way, Prohibition was responsible for the popularity of the martini and other mixed drinks since the speakeasys found they had to mix in exotic beverages to kill the taste of whatever rot-gut they were serving at the time.

Did you know that FDR himself is said to have mixed the first martini after Prohibition was repealed?

Those who tried them during the daily cocktail hours at the White House pronounced them notoriously bad. Too much vermouth, they said.

FDR tried one on Joe Stalin during the Big Three meeting in Teheran in 1943, and the Soviet leader acknowledged that it was "cold on my stomach" as he hurried to warm himself with a chaser of vodka.

The search for the perfect martini was still on during the 1950s when some bars employed a "vermouth atomizer" to blow a fine mist of vermouth into a glass of gin for those aficionados who sought cocktail stronger than 6 to 1.

Remember the "martini stones," marbles that were soaked in vermouth and dropped into the gin glass?

The martini started downhill about that time, too, first when someone replaced the olive with a twist of lemon, then a baby onion, and called it a "Gibson." Then came vodka in place of the gin and after that, the deluge.

The last I saw, the Martini Ranch in Chicago was serving no less than 40 different kinds of "martinis," including the Chocolate Chip Martini, which features blue curacao, peppermint schnapps and . . . I can't go on!

That's one martini I'd pay a dollar not to drink.

Train talk on 'Our Town'

Tune in next week for a new edition of "Our Town."

Starting Monday (Aug. 14), Our Town co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo interview Tom Gruber, town liaison to the Greenbush MBTA project.

Tom, who is making his annual visit, will share with viewers what has been happening with Greenbush over the past 12 months, including timetable and current issues.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

MBTA pushes closed meeting over parking

FROM MBTA, PAGE 1

Mitchell replied in a letter dated Aug. 4, "I was disappointed that the Selectmen rejected our offer to meet in executive session. In particular, it was the MBTA's feeling that an executive session negotiation would be much more productive. The MBTA's principal concern is to make the second stage of dispute resolution as effective as possible. For this reason, we would ask that you reconsider having the second stage negotiation in executive session of the Board of Selectmen," which it believes Mass General Laws permit.

The mitigation agreement requires all five members of the board of selectmen be present during all second stage dispute resolution meetings. The MBTA said if the board does not agree to meet in executive session, the parties could waive that requirement. "The Selectmen could designate one or two members to attend the negotiation. This would allow flexibility in scheduling and location without the pressure of constituents and press driving the issues. Again, our goal is to make sure that we have an environment that would be conducive to productive negotiations on these issues," the letter stated.

"Should the board reject these suggestions, the parties could also declare an impasse at the second stage and proceed to the next stage under the mitigation agreement," it states. The next phase would be for the town to take legal action against the MBTA.

Members of the board had differing opinions about how to handle the situation.

"Let's just get it resolved. We've already wasted a month," said Selectman Gary Vanderweil who was not opposed to holding meetings in executive session. He said if the board agreed to designate one or two members to attend the negotiation session behind closed doors, he would volunteer to go.

However, Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said the mitigation agreement specifically states all five members attend second stage dispute resolution discussions and if the board starts waiving portions of the agreement, "When do you stop? This is a simple issue."

But Vanderweil said at the rate things are going, the board and the MBTA are going to keep sending letters back and forth and not get anything accomplished.

Selectman Fred Koed said it is his feeling the MBTA doesn't want to "get slammed on cable TV," and said if it helps move the process along, he would not be against having discussion in executive session as well. But Selectman Rob Spofford said while he understands both points, "They agreed to the process. They signed the contract and we did too." He said the meetings should be held the way the mitigation agreement states they will.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said if the board wants to meet in executive session, the mitigation agreement with the MBTA would have to be amended to allow for a different negotiations process.

Dormitzer said he does not favor changing the mitigation agreement as it could lead to more trouble, but suggested having an exploratory meeting outside the mitigation agreement with one or two members of the board and representatives with the MBTA to discuss how to come to an agreement about their disagreement with the dispute resolution process.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Library Trust

At the 2005 Special Town Meeting, residents authorized the filing of special legislation to establish the Cohasset Library Trust. The non-profit branch of the library is intended to raise and manage the funds in the library's endowment. The legislation has been filed by state Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund and is now House Bill 4840.

However, since being filed it has been discovered some of the wording of the bill needs to be changed. In the Town Meeting vote, it states any constructive changes to the text may be made with Board of Selectmen approval. The board gave the go-ahead for the amendments at its Monday meeting.

The changes to the language make it clear the town will not appropriate any public funds for the trust and the trust shall have no role in the governance of the library. Library Trustee Sheila Evans said the wording "is exactly what we've wanted all along. It doesn't change anything."

With selectmen approval, the bill will go back to the Senate for a third reading. "This has been a lesson in civics for us," quipped Evans.

Water Commission makes land purchase

Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt came before the Board of Selectmen Monday asking for the necessary signatures to carry out a purchase of land off Route 3A to protect the town's water drinking supply. The 2006 Annual Town Meeting approved the purchase, which includes obtaining approximately 7.92 acres of land.

The total negotiated purchase price for the two parcels (5.93 and 1.99 acres respectively) of land, owned by Elinor and James Campbell, is $170,000. The Water Commission is using $50,000 of its funds as well as $120,000 in CPC (Community Preservation Committee) funds to purchase the land.

Kudos to St. Pierre

Assistant Town Clerk Carol St. Pierre was given kudos this week in a letter included in the selectmen's correspondence. St. Pierre assisted Thomas Bingham, a resident of Honolulu, Hawaii, in obtaining the birth record of one of his ancestors.

"A scholarship my son applied for requires Portuguese ancestry. Only one week before the deadline the selection committee asked us to provide documentation supporting the Portuguese relationship. Ms. St. Pierre was very helpful and more than courteous. Because the scholarship deadline was only days away, she graciously agreed to locate and mail the birth record right away. This willingness to be helpful may be the norm in Cohasset, but I can assure you it is unusual in city and state office workers around the country. What could have been a negative experience for a 'stressed-out' parent (the Web site states it takes two weeks to get a birth record) instead was most positive," Bingham said in a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin.

"We won't know for several weeks if we will be awarded the scholarship, but I take away from this experience a very warm and positive feeling about the town and people of Cohasset," Bingham said.

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on nine roll calls from legislative sessions during the period of July 24-August 4.

$2.3 MILLION FOR PRIVATE COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS (H 5000)

House 144-9, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Mitt Romney's $2.3 million veto reduction (from $119.7 million to $117.4 million) in funding for private attorneys who handle criminal and civil cases for indigents. Supporters of the $2.3 million said that the funding is necessary to provide these services that ensure equal access to the justice system for thousands of below-poverty level Massachusetts residents. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $2.3 million. A "No" vote is against the $2.3 million).

$5 MILLION FOR UMASS (H 5000)

House 146-11, Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's $5 million veto reduction (from $443.8 million to $438.8 million) in funding for the University of Massachusetts. Supporters of the $5 million said that the funds are necessary to ensure that UMass continues to excel as an outstanding public university that has gained a national reputation. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $5 million. A "No" vote is against the $5 million).

$122.9 MILLION FOR STATE WORKERS' HEALTH INSURANCE (H 5000)

House 152-5, Senate 38-0, overrode Governor Romney's $122.9 million veto reduction (from $976 million to $853.1 million) in funding for health insurance for state employees. The governor also removed language providing that state employees hired after June 30, 2003 pay 20 percent of their premiums with the state paying 80 percent and that all other state workers pay 15 percent of their premium with the state paying 85 percent. Supporters of the $122.9 million said that this unfair reduction would result in reduced benefits or a premium hike for thousands of hardworking current state employees at a time when their families' budgets are already being stretched. Opponents of the $122.9 million said that they support a plan that would require state employees to pay 25 percent of their premiums with the state picking up only 75 percent. They noted many private sector employees are required to pay 25 percent of their premiums. (A "Yes" vote is for the $122.9 million. A "No" vote is against the $122.9 million).

$3 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE (H 5000)

House 141-16, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $3 million veto reduction (from $12 million to $9 million) in funding for the state's emergency food assistance program. Supporters of the $3 million said that hunger is on the rise in Massachusetts and argued that the $3 million is essential to fund food banks across the state. They noted that without food banks, many poor residents face the choice of buying food or paying for rent, heat or medical assistance. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $3 million. A "No" vote is against the $3 million).

$224,588 MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES (H 5000)

House 136-21, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's $224,588 veto reduction (from $299,588 to $75,000) in funding for the Affirmative Market Program (AMP). Supporters of the $224,588 said that AMP promotes equality by ensuring that minority and women-owned businesses participate in and receive state contracts in many areas including construction and the delivery of goods and services. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $224,588. A "No" vote is against the $224,588).

$58,927 FOR TOXIC USE REDUCTION (H 5000)

House 132-18, Senate 34-4, overrode Gov. Romney's $58,927 veto reduction (from $1.323 million to $1.265 million) in funding for the University of Massachusetts' Toxic Use Reduction Institute (TURI). The group's website states that TURI "helps Massachusetts companies and communities find innovative, cost effective ways to reduce toxic chemical use at the source, rather than treat wastes once produced." Supporters of the $58,927 said that TURI recently concluded an important study of alternatives for toxic or hazardous substances including lead, formaldehyde and dioxins and how the use of alternatives would affect the finances of the companies and the state's environmental health. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $58,927. A "No" vote is against the $58,927).

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE FROM $6.75 to $8.00 (S 2632)

House 154-0, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a bill hiking the minimum wage from $6.75 per hour to $8 per hour over two years. Supporters of the hike to $8 said that this important measure is long overdue and would help thousands of workers and families that are living near the poverty level. In his veto message, Romney said that he supports a modest 25-cent increase to $7 per hour. (A "Yes" vote is for the hike to $8).

$150,000 FOR WINTER MOTH WORM STUDY (H 5056)

House 147-7, Senate 35-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $150,000 for the University of Massachusetts' ongoing study of the winter moth worm and methods to minimize or eliminate its damage. Supporters of the $150,000 said that this ongoing study is an important one that has been in the forefront of the battle against more than one trillion of these pests that attack and eventually destroy maple, oak and fruit trees. Some opponents of the $150,000 said that the study is an example of wasteful spending. Others said that UMass should fund the study out of its regular budget. (A "Yes" vote is for the $150,000. A "No" vote is against the $150,000).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL.

Gov. Romney signed into law several bills including allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under $2500 on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13 without paying the state's five percent sales tax (H 5200); giving seniors who are eligible for long-term care more options to receive the care in their own home as an alternative to a nursing home (S 2273); making major changes aimed at streamlining the permitting process for developers who build on commercial land in priority development sites designated by a city or town (H 4968) and banning the sale of many products containing mercury including thermometers, thermostats, switches, barometers and new motor vehicles with mercury-added switches (S 2464).

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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Consumer Reports critical of Cohasset Knoll nursing home

But facility says study doesn't show whole picture

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Families often trust nursing care facilities to provide loved ones with the services they need when they do not have the resources to provide adequate care on their own. While facilities do the best they can to meet those needs, Consumer Reports recently reported on nursing homes around the South Shore and found the Cohasset Knoll Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility isn't measuring up.

Consumer Reports is a magazine published by Consumers Union, a non-profit organization that informs consumers about changes and news within the marketplace. Every year it compiles its Nursing Home Quality Monitor report (formerly known as the Watch List), which identifies nursing homes which are likely to provide better quality care and those likely to provide poorer quality care. This year, Cohasset Knoll, located at 1 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, scored in the bottom 10 percent in the state, and ended up on the list of facilities to avoid.

Consumer Reports looked at three dimensions of quality: deficiencies cited in each nursing home's three most recent state inspection surveys, staffing levels and quality indicators. Due to the fact that it is not uncommon for a facility to improve and then lose ground, the evaluations were based on more than one state survey. To land a spot on the "avoid" list, a nursing home had to be in the lowest 10 percent on at least two of the three dimensions.

Cohasset Knoll met 119 out of the 132 key requirements in all five categories in its last three state surveys. The five categories are administration, nursing, resident rights, food services and environment. The facility met 34 of 39 requirements in administration, 32 of 33 in nursing, 24 of 27 in resident rights, 10 of 12 in food services, and 19 out of 21 in environment. Two deficiencies were not met as a result of complaint investigations in environment and administration, which led to a score of 114 after adjustment for scope and severity. Eleven percent of all facilities had a score of 114 or lower. The statewide average facility score was 123.

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> — George Elkins, Cohasset Knoll

Cohasset Knoll Administrator George Elkins said the staff at the nursing home has not reviewed the research methodology used in the Quality Monitor yet. "What we do know is that simply using survey and enforcement data as a way to measure quality does not show the whole picture and it leaves out one of the most important criteria in determining facility quality — the voice of the consumer who has an actual experience with long-term care," he said in a prepared statement.

"Consumers should remember that Consumer Reports is only one tool. We would suggest consumers look to a variety of quality measurements like customer satisfaction surveys or data from quality initiatives like the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) to get a more comprehensive, useful, and accurate picture.

"Many nursing homes nationwide provide the type of high quality, compassionate care that patients, residents and their families want and deserve. Our team continually strives to meet our customers' needs and high standards of excellence and care quality," he said.

Elkins said the recommendations Consumer Reports list about how to choose a nursing home are helpful, and said similar information is provided on the Cohasset Knoll Web site. He said when choosing a long-term care facility, it is also very important to understand the care needs of the individual. "Getting the appropriate care in the appropriate setting is critical," he said, and suggested visiting www.LongTermCareLiving.com for more information.

"Having access to reliable, accurate information when choosing a nursing home is important. Choosing a nursing home is a difficult decision. We recommend that consumers consider many factors when choosing a nursing home, and a personal on-site visit and interview with the staff is one of the best ways to decide if a nursing home will meet your needs. We have the privilege of providing care and services to our community. This is a responsibility we take seriously. Our team works hard to make a positive difference in the lives of our residents and their families," he said.

For more information on the Consumer Report's Quality Monitor report, please visit www.ConsumerReports.org/nursinghomes. State inspection reports no nursing homes can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/qtool/qthome.htm.

How does Cohasset Knoll measure up?

Quality Measures	Percentage for Cohasset Knoll	Average in Massachusetts	National Average
Percent of residents whose need for help with daily activity has increased	24	17	17
Percent of residents who have moderate to severe pain	1	3	5
Percent of high risk residents who have pressure sores	13	13	13
Percent of residents who are more depressed or anxious	34	16	15
Percent of residents who spend most of their time in a bed or a chair	8	2	4
Percent of residents whose ability to move about in and around their room got worse	25	16	14
Percent of residents who lose too much weight	11	8	9
Percent of short-stay residents who had moderate to severe pain	15	21	22
Percent of short-stay residents with pressure sores	36	19	18

Information taken from the Consumer Reports Nursing Home Quality Monitor report.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

76 So. Main St. Trust, 76 So. Main St., roof five squares, sidewall, enclose three cellar windows, $18,000; Brian Noonan, 26 Ash St., remove porch/build new porch, $18,000; Dockray, 26 Norfolk Road, addition to rear of building, $202,000;

Alex, 221 So. Main St., second floor addition, $100,000; Dunn, 715 Jerusalem Road, convert existing bedroom to laundry, hall; add bedroom, $94,000; Town of Cohasset, 208 Sohier St./Deer Hill School, replace cellar door, $10,000;

Burnett, 11 Linden Drive, 35 squares asphalt, $10,500; Hale, 469 Beechwood St., six squares asphalt, $2,000; Cohasset Historical, 4, 6 Elm St., rebuild three chimneys, $4,685; Sardina, 271 So. Main St., 500 square foot addition, carport, deck above, $120,000; Vanderpool, 68 Pont St., 28 squares asphalt, $9,400; Pile, 65 Elm St., 10 squares asphalt, $4,295; Palmer, 9 Little Harbor Road, new entry and portico, $18,000.

Smith, 21 Fisher Rd., 10 x 10 shed, $2,400; 2 Smith Pl, Realty, 2 Smith Place, demolish/remove existing garage/office, $2,000; Auger, 17 Lantern Lane, replace section of roofing, trim, siding, threshold, $3,500; Gaumer, 86 Pond St., remodel one-half bath, 12'19.9 deck, swing door to deck, $18,000; Pascarelli, 828 CJC Highway, emergency exit at rear or shop, $600;

Gildea, 31 Highland Ave., enlarge back entry, $2,500; Kehoe, 41 Arrowwood St., relocate house-new foundation, add breezeway, garage, $60,000; Milzneski, 171 South Main St., general repair/renovation, $10,000; Wenmark, 14 Cedar Ledge Lane, 3-72 x 60 patio doors, 8 replacement windows, $12,275; South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, tent install 7/28/06 – 7/31/06, $700; Sterns, 379 Atlantic Ave., tent install 8/04/06-8/07/06, $1,286;

Leighton, 11 Ledgewood Way, 8 square white cedar clapboard, $1,000; Durant, 61 Surrey Drive, install garden shed, $2,970; Kasdon, 88 Beach St., tent install 8/04/06-8/07/06, $630; and St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer St., install a/c system, $100,000.

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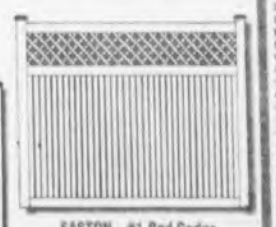
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Lili Gahagan (Wianno Yacht Club, sail #8832) navigates past Cohasset's Alex Everett (14617) and Hingham's Melissa Bonn during Monday's Junior Regatta in Scituate Harbor.

Land Sharks snag silver

South Shore AAU lacrosse team does NE proud in trip to Jr. Olympics finals

By Julie Ann Nevero
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During the spring lacrosse season, they're enemies. But for a few months this summer, they were teammates.

The South Shore Land Sharks AAU lacrosse team drew players from across the area last summer with the hopes of forming a team that would be capable of reaching the Junior Olympics.

The 22-man squad — which included Cohasset's Charlie Czerkawski, Chris Mills, Jonny Wade, Andersen Lynner and Mark Flibotte — won four New England tournaments and was selected to compete in the first-ever Junior Olympic lacrosse tourney in Virginia, July 29 to Aug. 2.

There, the Land Sharks picked up a silver medal, going 5-2 and reaching the title game.

"This was the first time they'd ever had lacrosse at the Junior Olympics, so to win a silver medal was a great thing for the kids," said Land Sharks coach Rick Peterson, the director of the Marshfield Youth Lacrosse program. "It was a great four days and a nice experience for the kids."

The kids on the team were selected during a tryout process held last year. More than 150 ninth and tenth grade athletes tried out, but only 22 were chosen.

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Black Jacks laxers leave their mark

From July 29 to August 1, the Black Jacks of 21 Lacrosse took part in the "Battle of the Hot Beds" at the University of Delaware.

This tournament attracts 30 of the best lacrosse clubs in the nation to compete for the championship in this grueling four-day event.

The Black Jacks of 21 Lacrosse are a hand picked team by coach Rick Bagby. When asked what were his criteria he said, "We are looking for team players. '21' is all about team. '21' is a tribute to Paul Trendowicz, who was the most selfless player I ever coached. I am looking for players who, like 'Trendo,' put the team before themselves. Our success at this tournament is a direct result of that mindset."

Each team plays 11 games in three days in hopes of qualifying for the championship round. The Black Jacks' chances to make it to the championship round hinged on its final game. Both the Black Jacks and the Long Island Sting had identical 8-2 records when they faced each other in the final game of the regular session.

The Sting jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead. At halftime the field director informed the two teams that the winner would go to the championship round. At this point the Black Jacks took over the game and proceeded to outscore the Sting 6-1 for a final score of 6-3.

The Championship round included two undefeated teams at 11-0 each, Minnesota and the Long Island Express, as well as the North Shore (Long Island) Rage at 10-1 and the Black Jacks at 9-2. Minnesota, winners of 25 games in a row at Hot Beds and the defending champion, slipped by the Black Jacks with a late second half goal, 6-5.

In the consolation game the Black Jacks avenged one of its first round losses to the Long Island Express, 5-4. The Express' back-to-back losses to the Rage and the Black Jacks were their first losses in four years.

The Black Jacks team was

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Seadog 11s capture bronze in Florida

The Seadogs 11-and-under baseball team recently captured a bronze medal at the National AAU Championships at Disneyland in Orlando, Fla.

Catcher Connor Goetz of Cohasset was one of three Seadog players named to the All-Tournament Team, which also featured Cohasset's Colin Gideon-Murphy.

The Seadogs posted an impressive 31-7 record this season, including a 7-3 mark at the Nationals, where the local club defeated Team Wilson (4-2), Virginia Lightning (2-0 and 7-6), GBC Wizards (5-3), Tampa Hitmaster Heat (15-8), North Carolina Cleveland Indians (8-5), and Florida Xtreme (2-1) in the bronze medal game.

"The kids really believed they could do it," first-year head coach Bob Biagini said. "They deserve a lot of credit for their accomplishments and it was very hot there, too. The further they got, the more confident they got. I went down there believing we had a great team. If we were challenged, I believed we could handle it, and we did."

Prior to playing in the Nationals, the Seadogs glided through the New England Championships, winning all six games, four by the slaughter rule. After jumping out to a 21-1 overall record, the local nine went through a three-week period of rainouts, Little League tournament commitments, and time away from each other.

They got back together, won the opening game of a series in Ashland, and then lost three in a row. The team's first game at The Nationals resulted in a 9-5 loss, extending its losing steak to four in a row. The resourceful Seadogs, however, came back strong to capture a bronze medal by winning seven of its next nine in the championship series.

"I was happy after our first game at Disney because we played well," Biagini remarked. "We went into a not-playing-together funk for a few weeks, but these kids worked so hard, and I believed that they were better prepared than anybody else around here. I reminded everyone that we were there for com-

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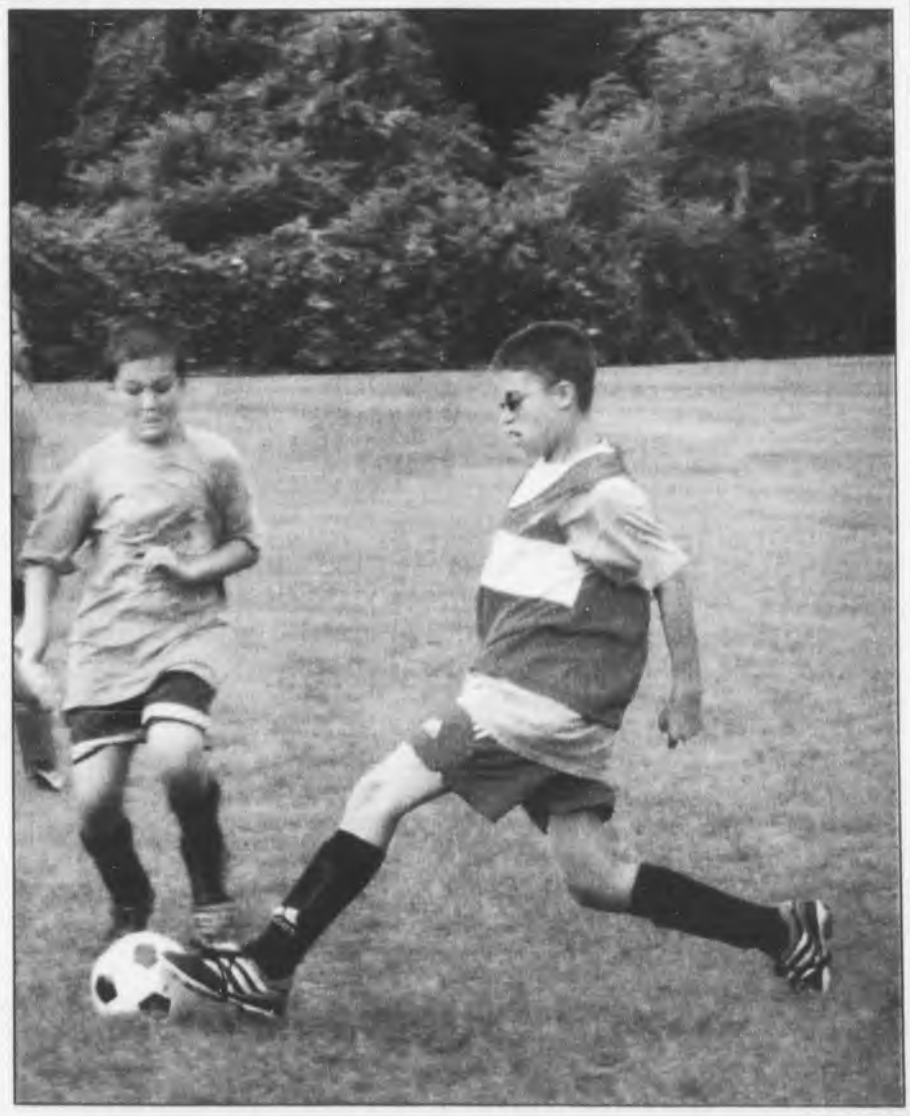
Above, Kelsey Greene, 13, jumps ahead of the pack to chase down the ball during last Friday's session of the Cohasset Recreation Department's soccer summer camp.



Right, Keaton Trevena stays cool to control this 50-50 ball.

Just for kicks

Staff photos by Elsa Allen

Mariner All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

4 Skippers named among area's elite

Editor's Note: The Mariner's All-Scholastic teams take into consideration town public school athletes from the 13 towns covered by the Community Newspaper Company's South Shore office. Those towns are: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston (Silver Lake HS), Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Trevor Brady – Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Cohasset

Trevor Brady

Contributions from this Pilgrim Conference All-Star go well beyond the numbers... Fast, intelligent athlete served as arguably the best two-way player on the Division 3 state champions...Brady was a constant presence in Cohasset's man-down situations...Scored a goal in the state championship game against Dover-Sherborn...Rarely committed turnovers and almost always found the target with his passes...Says the Division 3 state semifinal win over archrival Scituate was the most memorable game of his high school career...A three-sport captain this season, having also served in that role for the soccer and basketball teams...Was a *Marinerland* All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for soccer last fall...Brady will attend Keene State in New Hampshire, where he will continue playing lacrosse...Cohasset coach Stew Curran: "Trevor was extraordinary on defense, and may have been the fastest middy in the league. He didn't score a lot of goals, but he just about always got the ball to the right guy to start our offense in motion."

Jeff Brown – Junior Defense – Cohasset

Jeff Brown

Few in his position can impact games like Brown did this year... Earned a nod to the Pilgrim Conference All-Star team... The formula was often quite simple; if Brown was defending you, you weren't scoring many goals...A strong, fast athlete that controlled just about every ground ball that came his way...Also an adept stick-handler that often forayed into the offensive zone and scored some goals...This summer, Brown has attended camps at Brown University and in Delaware, and has also taught kids the game with the MaxLax program...Has played football and basketball as well for CHS, and plans to play hoops again in the winter...Counts boating, kneeboarding and fishing among his favorite hobbies...A captain-elect for next spring, Brown has drawn interest from Division 1 and Division 3 programs...Cohasset coach Stew Curran: "At the end of the year, he was playing as well as any defensive player in the state. Those last three or four weeks of the season, he was just a monster out there."

Aidan Buick – Senior (Capt.) Attack – Cohasset

Aidan Buick

Finished his standout high school career as the program's all-time leading scorer with 303 points... Finished with 98 points this season despite missing three games; that total tied him for the team lead with fellow All-Scholastic Mark Flibotte...Pilgrim Conference All-Star saved his best for last, scoring seven goals with two assists in Division 3 semifinal win over Scituate, then earned four of his team's eight goals in state title win over Dover-Sherborn...Could finish in traffic and from a wide variety of angles...The youngest of five brothers, all notable athletes at CHS...A two-time *Marinerland* All-Scholastic in lacrosse and soccer, Buick will play both sports at prep school Northfield Mount Hermon this upcoming year...Cohasset coach Stew Curran: "Aidan was, in big games, our really key offensive player. He was a great captain. He's unassuming, works hard; he was the first guy to practice and the last guy to leave."

Mark Flibotte – Sophomore Attack – Cohasset

Mark Flibotte

Pilgrim Conference All-Star finished a superlative sophomore season with 98 points, tying him for the team lead with fellow All-Scholastic Aidan Buick...Scored 15 goals in four state tournament games...A major testament to his goal-scoring prowess came in Skippers' 14-6 loss to Division 1 state champion Duxbury, in which Flibotte scored a hat trick, a rare feat against the Green Dragons...Moves extremely well without the ball and has a quick release on his shot...With classmates Mike Grimm and Mike Bunstein, the Cohasset attack is in good hands for the next two years...Cohasset coach Stew Curran: "He might break [Aidan] Buick's school scoring record before it's all said and done. Come his senior year, there is no telling what he can do."

John Nolan – Junior Midfield – Hanover

A standout player on the up and coming Hanover squad, Nolan drew a lot of attention from opposing defenses this spring...Nolan was the leading scorer on the Indians' squad and helped guide the still building program to an 8-10 record...Though they just missed qualifying for the post-season, Hanover had plenty to be proud of, topping Div. 1 programs like BC High, Marshfield, and Braintree, while also knocking off Norwell and Canton...Nolan and company stuck with a very strong Cohasset team in an eventual 12-9 loss and dropped a pair of slim OT decisions to Sandwich and Arlington...Just a junior, Nolan will be one of the top returning players on the Indians' squad next spring.

Chris Ryan – Senior Defense – Hingham

Was about as solid as it gets on defense for the Harbormen...Ryan is a two-time All-American defender and three-time Pilgrim Conference All-star at HHS...With the success the Harbormen have had over the years, they are forced to play one of the most difficult schedules in the area and Ryan did much to keep tough opponents in check...Was a huge part of a defense that topped state champs Cohasset (5-2) during the regular season forced a very talented Wellesley team into OT in an eventual 8-7 loss in the Div. 2 East tourney...Also came up huge in one-goal victories over Norwell (9-8), St. John's Prep (8-7), and Lexington (6-5 in 2OT) as the Harbormen finished the regular season at 10-8...In addition to his defensive prowess, Ryan also contributed offensively, scoring a goal and eight assists...Racked up a goal and an assist as a junior...Ryan will continue his lacrosse career at Bowdoin College next year.

Charlie Hovespian – Senior Midfield – Hingham

Was one of those players who could do it all for the Harbormen...Contributed both offensively and defensively to Hingham's cause from his midfield position...Great speed and size made him one of the most productive players on the Harbormen squad...Scored a pair of goals in a 9-2 victory over Hopkinton in the second round of the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. Tourney...Had arguably a bigger game against Wellesley in the next round, registering a pair of big assists as the Harbormen erased a one-time 7-3 deficit to tie the game 7-7 and force overtime...Hovespian assisted on Jay Dupras' game-tying goal with just under two minutes in regulation...During the regular season, Hovespian had stellar games against Hanover (11-5) and Lincoln-Sudbury (a tough 13-8 loss)...A first-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Hovespian is perhaps better known for his play on the football field...There, Hovespian was a standout receiver for the Patriot League runners-up...A three-sport athlete at HHS, Hovespian also played basketball...He will continue his football and lacrosse careers at Union College in New York next fall.

Ty McDonald – Senior Attack – Hingham

A standout attacker over the last two seasons, McDonald was one of the most reliable go-to men on the Harbormen squad...Scored a pair of goals en route to a 7-3 first-round victory over Catholic Memorial in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. tourney...Added two more in a solid 9-2 win over Hopkinton, a team that scored 25 goals in its first round win...McDonald's great speed and skills helped the Harbormen compile a solid 10-8 record in what was a very difficult schedule...Big wins for McDonald and company came against St. John's Prep (8-7), who were unbeaten at the time, Lexington (6-5 in 2OT), Norwell (9-8)...McDonald also had a solid performance in a 5-2 win over Cohasset, which went onto win a Div. 3 state title...A three-year player and two-year Pilgrim Conference All-star, McDonald hopes to continue playing lacrosse in college.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Mark Flibotte was a standout in Cohasset's attack last spring and finished the season with 98 points.

Chris Bellucci – Senior (Capt.) Defense – Marshfield

As the lone returning starter from a season ago, Bellucci was looked toward to be a leader and he answered the call...Bellucci helped guide the Marshfield squad through a difficult Pilgrim League schedule, which pit it against heavyweights like Duxbury, Scituate, and Cohasset...Bellucci was the anchor of a defense that kept the Rams in every game this season...Of the squad's 10 losses, five were by three or fewer goals... Some of Bellucci's strongest games of the season came in overtime wins over Plymouth South (7-6) and Falmouth (8-7)...In perhaps the best defensive showing of the year, Bellucci was brilliant in a slim 4-3 loss to Cohasset, which went onto win a Div. 3 State Championship..."To hold a team like Cohasset to four goals, I think that's a real statement for our defense," coach Nate Balboni commented...The Pilgrim League All-star plans to attend college in the Fall.

Kyle Laffin – Senior (Capt.) Defense – Norwell

Kyle Laffin

Pilgrim Conference All-Star makes his second straight appearance on this team... Strong defender was lauded by coaches throughout the season for his play on the field and his leadership on and off of it...Was consistently assigned to defend the opposing team's best player...Says 9-8 loss to powerhouse Hingham was one of the most memorable games of the season, calling it "huge for the program"; also says early season win over Catholic Memorial was a notable one...Has played indoor lacrosse for the last several years, and has participated in the Bay State Games for three years...Also a key contributor to the 8-3 Clippers football team last fall as a linebacker...Will attend St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, where he will play lacrosse and major in international business...Norwell coach Jay Williams: "Kyle is probably the most solid defenseman we've had in the program the last several years."

Gary Crowley – Junior (Capt.) Midfield – Scituate

Gifted all-around athlete established himself as the Sailors' go-to player this season...Crowley finished the year with a team-best 78 points (54 goals, 24 assists)...Pilgrim Conference All-Star scored a career-high six goals in May 5 win over Barnstable...Scored four goals in state tournament win over Arlington Catholic...Could run the offense from the top of the zone and possesses a deft finishing touch around the net...Not afraid to mix it up and play physical...Also plays football for SHS, starting at both quarterback and wide receiver last fall...Scituate coach Rick Bagby: "When Sam Brigham went down against Hingham, Gary had to carry the load in our midfield, and he did that. He is definitely a Division 1 college middy."

Jake Gray – Sophomore Goaltender – Scituate

After a solid freshman season, Gray emerged as a star in between the pipes for Scituate this spring and was a major reason the Sailors reached the Division 3 semifinals...Allowed just one goal in the team's first two playoff games, then made 10 saves in semifinal loss to Cohasset...Gave up one goal and made 16 saves in back-to-back wins over Austin Prep at the end of the regular season...Pilgrim Conference All-Star made 12 stops in 6-5 overtime win over Hingham...On top of his goaltending skills, Gray has developed into a good passer from the defensive zone...Will serve as the backbone of the Sailors' defense for another two years... Scituate coach Rick Bagby: "He basically was the difference for us this season. Without Jake, we would probably be a .500 team this year."

Colby Hawkins - Senior (Capt.) Midfield – Scituate

The heart and soul of a successful Sailors team, Hawkins was a Pilgrim Conference All-Star this year, and with good reason...Was second on the team in scoring, but may have contributed the most in the face-off circle, where he remarkably won over 70 percent of the face-offs this season...An excellent passer, "Hawk" had a career-best six assists in Scituate's 17-16 win over Barnstable on May 5...Had a great postseason, highlighted by a four-goal, three-assist effort against Arlington Catholic and a two-goal, three-assist performance against Cohasset...A *Marinerland* All-Scholastic for football in 2004; was the SHS

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A common sight throughout the season: defenseman Jeff Brown laying a monster hit on an opponent. In this case, it was Dover-Sherborn's Jamie Sharpless during the Skippers' 8-3 win in the Division 3 state championship game.

4 Skippers named among area's elite

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gridders' leading rusher his junior and senior seasons…Will play both sports at Endicott College in Beverly…Scituate coach Rick Bagby: "He was a senior leader for us. He did a tremendous job in that role; he's a hard working, very determined kid."

Nick Stella – Junior Attack – Scituate

Emerged as one of the most dangerous attacking players in the area this season, and was rewarded with a spot on the Pilgrim Conference All-Star team…Can pass as well as finish, as evidenced by his final season totals of 34 goals and 26 assists…One of his most memorable goals was the game-winner in overtime against Hingham, giving his team a 6-5 victory that set the tone for the rest of the Sailors' season…Had four goals and two assists in April 25 win over Norwell…Scored three goals in Division 3 semifinal against Cohasset…Will be counted to help lead the Scituate attack next year…Scituate coach Rick Bagby: "Nick came into the season in great shape and had a real good year for us. He started the year scoring a ton of goals, and was able to adjust to being more of an assist guy."

Eric Walsh -Senior (Capt.) Goaltender - Weymouth

Walsh was a three-year starter for Weymouth... A Bay State League All-Star ...He was voted a captain in his senior year...One of the keys for the Wildcats return to the tournament after a year's absence…Posted his first career shutout against Brookline... His top game was against Hingham, where he had 19 saves in a 3-2 win over the Harbormen....Voted the top senior class athlete... Was voted captain for both the football and wrestling teams.... He was a starting defensive back for the Weymouth football... Walsh won 50 matches in wrestling and finished with over 100 for his career and was selected as a league all-star... He finished second in the Div. 1 south sectional at 152 pounds... He finished third in the Div. 1 state tournament and fifth in the All-State Tournament and qualified for the New Englands.... He will attend Lasall College in Newton, where he will play lacrosse.

Ross O'Toole – Junior Attack –Weymouth

As a junior attackman O'Toole made a name for himself as one of the leading scorers for the Wildcats this season...He became a starter on attack during his sophomore year...He relies on his exceptional speed for his effectiveness...His best game was against Winchester as he scored three goals and added two assists. Also had a three-goal game against Framingham, and scored in the state tournament loss to Malden Catholic…An outstanding athlete as he is a captain-elect in both football and wrestling... A starting safety and wide receiver in football... He had seven pass interceptions, caught two touchdown passes and was third on the team in tackles... In Wrestling he is one of the fastest to win over 100 matches in his career at Weymouth...Won the Div. 1 south sectional as a freshman (103) and sophomore (112) and was second as a junior at 135 pounds...

Honorable Mention:

Steve Lydon – Jr. (Capt.) – Midfield - Braintree
Mike Bunstein – Jr. – Attack – Cohasset
Dan Trendowicz – Jr. – Midfield - Cohasset
Bill Jackson – Jr. – Attack – Hanover
Jay Dupras – Jr. – Attack – Hingham
Pat Shea – Sr. (Capt.) – Attack – Marshfield
Cody Cavicchi – Soph. – Attack – Norwell
Doug Farinick – Jr. – Goalie – Norwell
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Land Sharks snag silver

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"We evaluated their skills, overall athletic ability, speed, and personality during the selection process," said Peterson. "This group really gelled nicely right off the bat."

This group is comprised of players who had just finished a spring season competing against each other. Players from the state champion Duxbury and Cohasset teams joined kids from Hanover, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate, Hanson and Braintree.

"We started practicing last November and the kids played indoors all winter," said Peterson. "They couldn't play during the spring high school season because it's not permitted. But once the state championships were wrapped up, we started right back up again.

"It was pretty neat to see the variety of different schools we had represented on the team because they were all competing towns in the spring season."

Over the last two months, the Land Sharks competed against other AAU lax teams every weekend, while also sandwiching in tournaments. The group competed in the Greenfield Tourney, UMass Tourney, and Thayer Tourney, just to name a few.

After winning four New England-level tournaments this season, the AAU selected the Land Sharks to represent them at the Junior Olympics in Virginia. The squad played seven games in four days, powering off to a 4-0 start before recording their first loss. After locking up another win, the Land Sharks reached the finals, where they played a team from Virginia, comprised of mostly seniors.

"They were a real tough team and we played well," said Peterson.

The weekend in Virginia wasn't all work and no play, however, for the Land Sharks. The 22-man team spent the weekend staying on Virginia Beach, enjoying the sun and sand. They were also able to venture off to watch other Junior Olympic events.

"We had a great time and we're already looking forward to next year," said Peterson.

The members of the South Shore Land Sharks are: Jeffrey MacCune (Braintree, Thayer Academy); Charlie Czerkawski, Chris Mills, Jonny Wade, Andersen Lynner, and Mark Flibotte (Cohasset, Cohasset HS); Jake Harvey, Quinn Cully, and Matt Zaverucha (all from Duxbury, Duxbury HS); Steven Kahler (Hanover, BC High); Andy Garcia (Hanson, BC High); Matt Bak, Andrew Brown, Brendan Powers (BC High), Cody Knight, and Zack Triner (all of Marshfield, Marshfield HS); Brian Magner (Thayer), Sean Moriarty (BC High) (both from Norwell); Alex Cuomo, Jack Walker (Phillips Exeter Academy), Alex Ciessau, and Chris Yuknis (Scituate, Scituate HS).

Seadog 11s capture bronze in Florida

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petition; to be a good team, we had to beat good teams. The rest of the way we got good pitching and solid defense.

"This was my first time, so I can't compare it to anything else, but this was a huge, huge team effort. My assistant coach, Paul Eastman, and me got together after every game and went over everything. These 13 kids learned how to win against good competition. It wasn't just one kid that kept doing it; it was a different kid each game that came through for us."

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country.

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The 11-and-under Seadogs. Front row: Connor Goetz, Evan Morris, Tommy Landry, Kevin Murphy, Brian Biagini, Joey Guarino. Middle row: Colin Gideon-Murphy, Nick Kangos, Todd MacDonald, Stephan White, Cory Stevens, Danny Dougherty, Johnny Adams. Back row: Coach Paul Eastman, Scorekeeper Stephan White Sr., Coach Bob Biagini.

CHS SPORTS NOTES

Even though summer has just started it is time to start thinking about the Fall Sports season. Here are some important dates that Cohasset High School Student-Athletes in grades 9-12 need to be aware of (with contact information):

Boys soccer: Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Milliken Field; Rob Leary (781)771-9610

Girls soccer: Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Milliken Field; Deb Beal (781)724-8851

Cheerleading: Aug. 24, 3:30 p.m., Cohasset HS Gym

Cheerleading coaching vacancy

Cohasset High School is searching for a head cheerleading coach for the upcoming school year. All interested parties should contact Athletic Director Ron Ford, either via mail (143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025), phone: (781) 383-6103, or email: rford@cohassetk12.org.

First Practices

Football: Aug. 21, 4 p.m., Lillard Field (behind CHS); Pete Afanasiw (781)834-7131 and Bob Silvia (781)383-9776

Field hockey: Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Deer Hill School; Deb Bostwick (781)826-5165

Golf: Aug. 24, 10 a.m., Cohasset HS (Room 276); Torin Sweeney (781)383-2213

Fall Preseason Sports Information Night

Monday, Aug. 28 in the High School Gymnasium at 6:45 pm.

This is a mandatory meeting for all Fall sports student-athletes. We ask that students bring their $250 user fee and at least one parent/guardian to the meeting. There are a number of changes in our athletic policies that will be presented.

Also our principal, Mr. Joel Antolini, will be on hand to address our teams. Parents and students will then have an opportunity to meet with the coaching staff to discuss team rules and expectations for the Fall 2006 season.

Third Annual Freshman Athletic Summit

The athletic directors and principals of the South Shore League are excited about this program designed to promote sportsmanship in sports our schools. This is a mandatory event for all ninth grade athletes intending to play any sport during the 2006-07 school year.

This event will be hosted by Norwell High School on Monday, Sept. 25 at 3:30 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided from CHS at 3 p.m. A barbeque dinner and t-shirt will be provided for all participants. More information about this event will be distributed during the first week of school.

Physical Exams

Also remember that all student-athletes need an up-to-date physical exam performed by a physician within the past 13 months prior to the start of the season in order to participate in a high school sport.

No student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practices or games without a current physical exam on file at the Cohasset High School nurse's office. Dr. Steven Golden, the school physician, will provide free physical exams for student athletes on Aug. 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cohasset High School Nurse's office.

Black Jacks laxers leave their mark

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made up of 22 players from Hingham High School, Cohasset High School, Scituate High School, Boston College High School, Hanover High School, Tabor Academy and Thayer Academy. Despite never having the whole team together for any one of their five practices, the team gelled phenomenally well.

"Everyone contributed," said Bagby. "I'd hate not to mention everyone on such a special team, but a few efforts have to be noted. Dan Trendowicz was a warrior as a defensive middie, and in my opinion, the best defensive mid in the camp."

Bagby went on to say, "Jeff Brown was the best player on the field in every game we played. He simply changes the way the other team plays." Bagby noted that he had nine players who scored 10 or more points (Dan Trendowicz, Gary Crowley, Brendan Dickinson, Sam Brigham, Zack Gray, Mike Grimm, Nick Stella, Kyle Crowley, and Mike Bunstein).

The long poles and goalies were exceptional as they held the opponents to 3.2 goals a game, including five games in which the opponents scored two points or less. Only two teams managed six goals against this stellar group. They included, on defense, Jeff Brown, Ryan Kucinski, Ryan Woodford, Tim Wood, Alex Cuomo and Kevin Hannigan. The goalies, who were outstanding, were Max Vaickus and Roly St. Clair-Barrie.

According to Bagby, the unsung heroes and the backbone of any team are the middies that tirelessly transition the ball, set up the offense and play tenacious defense. This group included Austin Driscoll, Zach Clayton, Graham George, Jack Dings and Kyle Ewanouski. Bagby also noted the outstanding play of face-off specialists Austin Driscoll and Crowley.

Bagby concluded by saying, "This was a special group of young men who didn't know the meaning of quit. They personify what '21' and Trendo are all about. Simply put, they are winners … and hey, we had a lot of fun."

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/ South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.

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The South Shore Art Center on Ripley Road is mounting an exhibition of photographic work chosen by renowned photographer, author and instructor Henry Horenstein. *Photography Now* opens at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Sept. 8 with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition continues through Oct. 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 12-4 p.m., 119 Ripley Road.

Midnight Blue Dance

There will be a dance for all sixth, seventh and eighth graders, at the Midnight Blue teen center, on Aug. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. Door charge is $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

Program for writers offered at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys and Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, will present Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a program for writers. The workshop will take place Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. The topic will be characterization, and the instructor is Shellie Leger.

Vivid characters are often what readers recall first about their favorite books. Regardless of plot, setting, voice and the like, if characters don't compel, seduce, astonish or even repulse readers, they likely are not going along for the ride. In this seminar, students will receive an overview of creating characters through the use of detail. They will learn about both direct and indirect methods of characterization, and have an opportunity to practice using both. Writing samples of characterization will be provided as well.

Leger teaches writing at the Germaine Lawrence School in Arlington. She is currently completing a collection of short stories, and revising a novel. She has recently heard from Quick Fiction, a journal that publishes short-shorts, that her story "The Green Swing" is being considered for their August issue.

This is a free event, but reservations are necessary. Call Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, at 781-383-2665 to register.

GOP cookout Sunday

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee announces its annual cookout on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St., Cohasset.

Special guest speaker will be Reed Hillman, candidate for lieutenant governor.

As superintendent of the State Police, Hillman was responsible for 2,600 law enforcement and support personnel and an annual budget of more than $200 million.

Invited guests will include: Kenneth G. Chase and Kevin P. Scott, candidates for U.S. Senate; Jeff Beatty, candidate for U.S. Congress, 10th District; state Sen. Robert Hedlund; Peter Forman, former representative and sheriff; Mary-Jeanette Murray, former representative; district attorneys Mike Sullivan and Tim Cruz; Sheriff Joseph McDonald; elected town officials and other candidates for office.

Kayak race Saturday

The North & South River's Watershed Association (NSRWA) will host its 16th annual Great River Race **Saturday, Aug. 12.**

All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks and rowboats participate in the race piloted by people of all ages. Participants 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Some of the categories included are best decorated boat or boater, family canoe, men's and woman's double and single canoe, senior citizens divisions, single men's and women's kayak, and dories of all kinds. The race is fun, challenging and a great way as an individual, or with friends and family, to enjoy the rivers and support the NSRWA. Races will begin at 11:30 a.m. Spectators are encouraged to cheer the racers on at the starting line at the Union Street Bridge, and at the finish line at the old Washington Street Bridge.

After the races, an awards celebration will start at 1 p.m. at McGreal's Tavern on West Street in Norwell Center. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the top three winners of the many categories.

Donation is per craft, which includes one T-shirt (additional T-shirts are available at $10 each), is $25 per craft for NSRWA members; and $30 per craft for non-members.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration on race day will be $30, regardless of membership status. Non-registered boaters must arrive by 10:30 a.m. to ensure participation in the race.

For registration forms, call North & South Rivers Watershed Association at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org. For more information, visit the NSRWA Web site at www.nsrwa.org, where forms can be downloaded.

Fine Arts Chorale seeks singers

Weekly rehearsals for the Fine Arts Chorale's fall concert season will begin Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. The first two rehearsals will be open to singers interested in joining the group. Sopranos and tenors are especially needed, but all voice parts are welcome.

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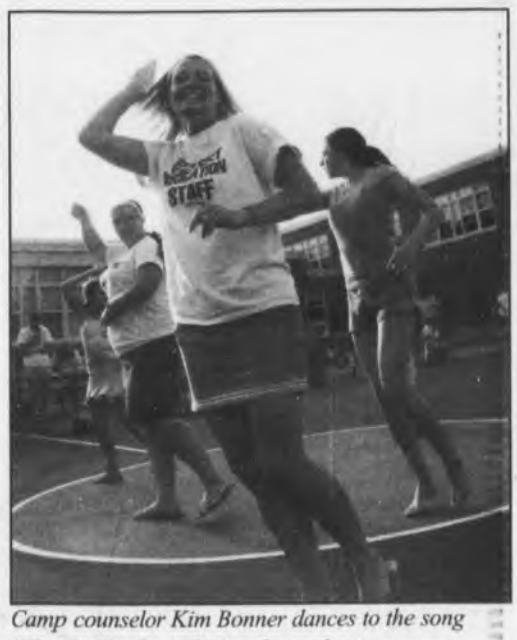
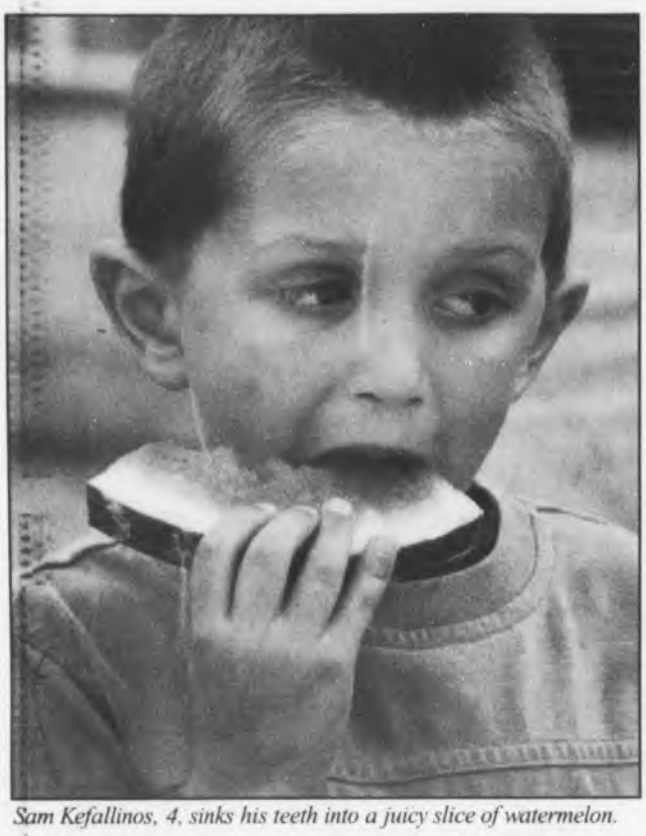


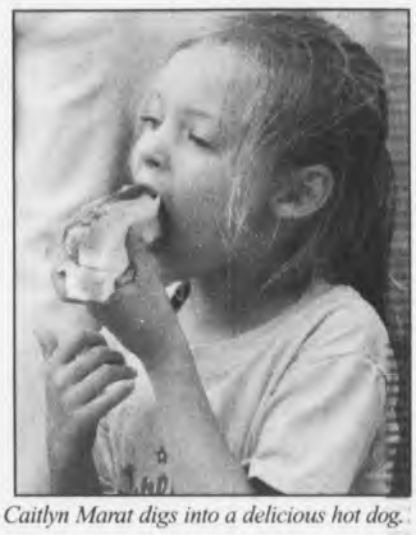
Camp counselor Kim Bonner dances to the song "Cotton Eye Joe" during the cookout.

Rec campers' cookout is tons of fun



Sam Kefallinos, 4, sinks his teeth into a juicy slice of watermelon.

Alexis Vergobbe, Lilly Patsos, Ashley Woods, Julianna Gong, Julianne Webber and Lili Astino finish up a dance routine they performed during the Summer Playground barbecue last week.



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The 2006 Summer Playground Recreation Department staff gathers for a photograph.

Above, Brendon Morrissey, Julianne Webber, Lindsey McGinnis and Megan Fitzgerald play a game of "four square" during last week's cookout.

Right, Christopher Gong works the ball up field while being challenged by John Mills during a pick-up soccer game during last week's cookout.

Summer Playground wraps up for the season

Photos by Laura Sinclair

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jim Coggins of Hingham is president of Down East Dancers, Inc., founded in 1990. Housed in a hall at the Taunton Elks Club, the group specializes in Country dancing — a style that encompasses couples dancing, line dancing, and square dancing.

Country Western dancing comes 'Down East'

Popular group looks to expand

By Austin Breslow
CORRESPONDENT

To many, he might seem like a character out of the Wild West: he line dances, wears leather boots, organizes pot-luck dinners, and calls upon instructors like "Wild Willy" to DJ his events. No, Jim Coggins is not a cowboy. He is, however, a longtime Hingham resident and serves as the president of Taunton's renowned Down East Dancers, Inc.

Founded in 1990, and referred to by Coggins as "one of the best facilities of its kind around", this non-profit organization brings joy via country music to hundreds of people every month. Housed in a hall at the Taunton Elks Club, the group specializes in Country dancing — a style that encompasses couples dancing, line dancing, and square dancing.

"I hadn't heard much about this type of dance when I got started," Coggins recalls. "I was out on injury from work and heard from a friend that Country dancing would be a great source of exercise."

After testing the waters with other local dance groups, Coggins settled with the Down East Dancers as it stood out in his mind as an exemplary organization.

Past President Ernie Lavoie of Hull shares a similar story of his initial involvement: "I joined because my teacher from another Country dancing group was a founding member of Down East Dancers. I liked that it was founded by a group of dancers and instructors who wanted to expand this particular form of entertainment by working together and exchanging dance routines."

Lavoie took on more responsibilities with the group as the years passed; he desired to welcome new members to the dance community as a way of reciprocating the enjoyment he himself had experienced. Lavoie points out Down East Dancers, Inc. has always worked first and foremost as a community service, providing an inexpensive source of activity for people of all ages.

For just $5 at the door, anyone is welcome to participate in the monthly dances, and, after paying basic expenses to rent the hall and DJ — the group donates a portion of its proceeds to charity. In fact, Coggins and his colleagues awarded the Brockton Veterans Hospital with $5,000 in January.

Undoubtedly, what makes Down East Dancers, Inc. so successful is its devoted officers.

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Bringing Country Western dancing 'Down East'

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Publicity director Nancy Kramer explains, "We are always working hard to update the club and make it more modern." While Down East Dancer's Inc. was originally comprised of older members, it now regularly opens its doors to teenage participants as well. With a younger crowd, she explains, the club is well maintained and advertised by word-of-mouth. Many dancers who frequent the club are attracted by a membership opportunity that entitles them to a copy of "The Navigator" (the club's bimonthly newsletter), free admission to regular monthly dances, and advance notice of Down East sponsored workshops — all benefits that no other local Country dancing groups offer. Coggins says that, at one point, he was dancing up to seven nights a week, and that he took advantage of the membership so as to keep up to date with all of the organization's events.

Hull resident, Mimi Leary, a director of Down East Dancers Inc., has been dancing since the age of three and joined the club in 1999. Leary was enticed by what she read in the newsletters and eventually started teaching line dances at some of the monthly events. She describes the dancers at Down East as social and enthusiastic — the round-table setup, potluck dinners, and "country" attitude makes for a warm and hospitable environment.

"Everyone is extremely welcoming to new members and whenever someone sees a new person, they try to help them."

— Mimi Leary, Down East Dancers, Inc.

"Everyone is extremely welcoming to new members," she says, "and whenever someone sees a new person, they try to help them." Observing that inexperienced dancers often seem confused and self-conscious, Down East Dancers Inc. does its best to provide them with workshops and classes. Once they take a step sheet and practice on their own, Leary promises that, "it's easy! They'll be doing the grape vine and the shuffle in no time."

The group plans to pursue the possibility of opening new branches of Down East Dancers Inc. on the South Shore to reach out to prospective Country dancers who are unable to travel to Taunton. Until Labor Day, some members of club will offer free line dancing classes from 2-4p.m. on Sundays at Nantasket Beach in Hull. Coggins feels that the decision to expand the organization would permit people of all ages to share in the excitement of Country dancing.

Until then, Coggins says, "You won't hear many of us talking about dancing because we'll all be too busy actually doing it!"

To find out more about Down East Dancers Inc., visit their website at www.downeast-dancers.com or email Nancy Kramer at downeastdancers@yahoo.com. The group meets at the Taunton Elks Club at 119 High Street in Taunton, MA and usually holds its main dances on the second Saturday of every month.

Guzasky directs music school in Hingham

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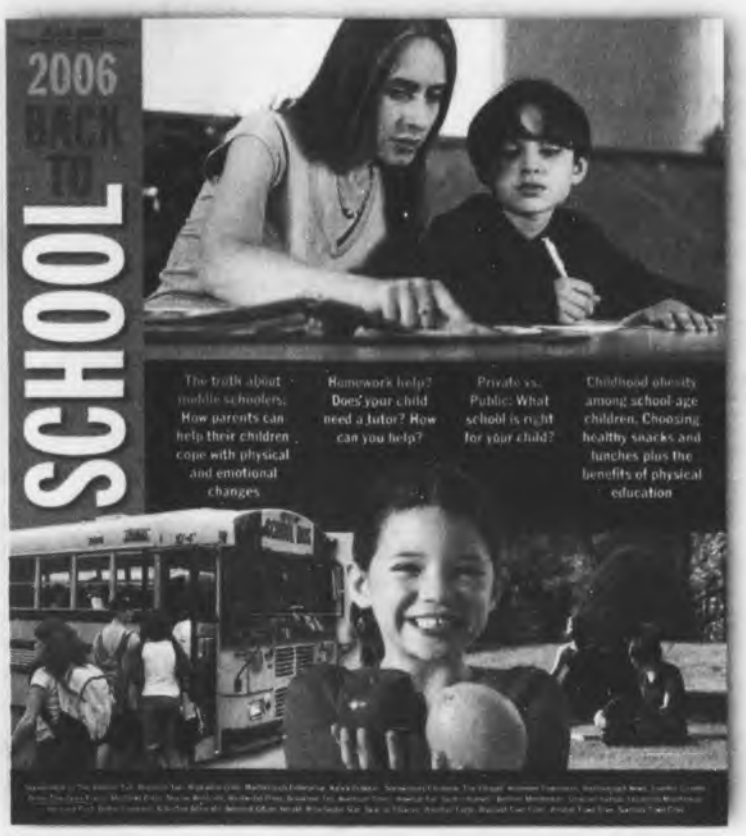

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Arc completes expansion project

Acting executive director of the Arc of the South Shore, Anne Holton, announced the agency recently completed its $700,000 expansion and renovation project of its headquarters located at 371 River St., No. Weymouth. The agency, located in picturesque Weymouth Harbor since the 1970s, now boasts a 1200-square-foot addition that will allow for growth and expansion of the non-profit organization and its services. Arc of the South Shore serves over 1500 individuals and families each year throughout the South Shore, greater Boston and Cape Cod.

Former executive director David Calhoun oversaw the renovation that not only equips the facility to become handicap accessible, but also represents a major step forward for the organization. "The new building provides ample office space for agency administration and will offer additional space to enhance programming," Calhoun said. "We hope to expand our Day Rehabilitation program from 40 to 60 individuals." Some other features include a beautifully designed entrance way and a courtyard to greet visitors and clients.

"The renovation has already enhanced our organization," Calhoun said. "It's boosted the morale of our members and staff, re-energizing our mission to provide the highest quality services and advocacy for children and adults with developmental disabilities."

The non-profit organization relies on support from state and local community. The cost of construction was raised through private funding, various donors, grants and foundations. Arc of the South Shore raised over $1.5 million for the project. Fundraising programs, such as its annual golf tournament, dinner dance and annual campaign, allow the Arc of the South Shore to provide supplemental funding to enhance its programming.

"We greatly appreciate all of the hard work and gracious support of our board members," Calhoun concluded. "We are especially appreciative of the consummate dedication of Richard Frye of Braintree and James Lawson of Norwell, as they were the influential architects of the capital campaign."

The Arc of the South Shore has provided advocacy, support, training and services to South Shore children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1951. The organization provides vocational support and employment opportunities at its Harbor Industries site; early intervention services for eligible children from birth to three-years-old; day habilitation to improve independence levels and functional abilities; residential supports to provide housing options; recreation and family support; and personal care attendant services. Programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Retardation, Medicare, Mass. Health, Social Security, HUD and other agencies. Most services are entitlement programs for individuals who qualify.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR Aug. 13-20

- Sunday : 8: a.m. Worship Service; 9:30 a.m., Family Service; 6 p.m. Carillon Recital – Sally Slade Warner
- Monday: 7:30 p.m., Christian Meditation, 7:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting
- Tuesday: 7 p.m., Profile Committee Meeting
- Wednesday , 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing; 10:30 a.m., Labyrinth Meditation Walk
- Friday, 6:30 p.m., Wedding Rehearsal
- Saturday, 7 a.m., Bible Fellowship – Genesis; 6 p.m., Wedding.

Our first reading is from Proverbs, in which we read of "Wisdom's Feast" and the invitation to walk in the way of insight. The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in which he encourages the community of faith to seek wisdom so that we might know the will of God. And in the Gospel of John, Jesus says that true life is found in him and that those who eat of his bread will have eternal life. Colette Wood will offer the homily.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

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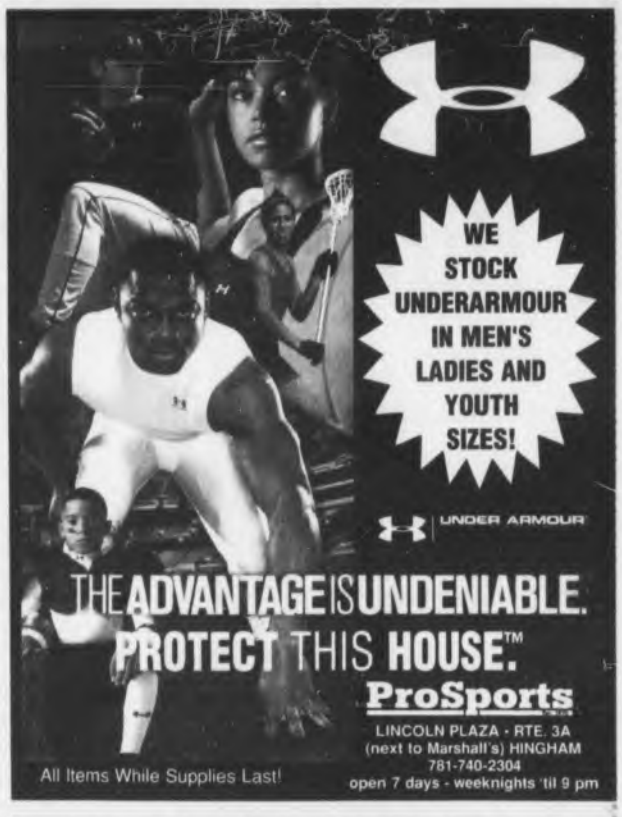
Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

St. Stephen's Carillonneur to perform Sunday

The eighth and final concert in the 82nd Summer Series of carillon recitals from the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Churchwill take place from 6 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13. Sally Slade Warner, carillonneur of St. Stephen's Church, will perform original carillon pieces by contemporary Flemish composers Raymond Schroyens and Jos Lerinckx; transcriptions from the works of Carlos de Seixas, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert; arrangements of hymns and folksongs; and a suite of seven songs from Sesame Street and The Muppet Show including "The Rainbow Connection" from The Muppet Movie. Admission is free.

Programs, brochures and schedules will be distributed on Cohasset Common and will also be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard. Following the concert, listeners may climb the 45 steps of the tower to meet the carillonneur, who will demonstrate the playing technique required to perform on the carillon keyboard. Visitors may also try playing the carillon. For more information call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon or carillonneur Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599 or assistant carillonneur Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.



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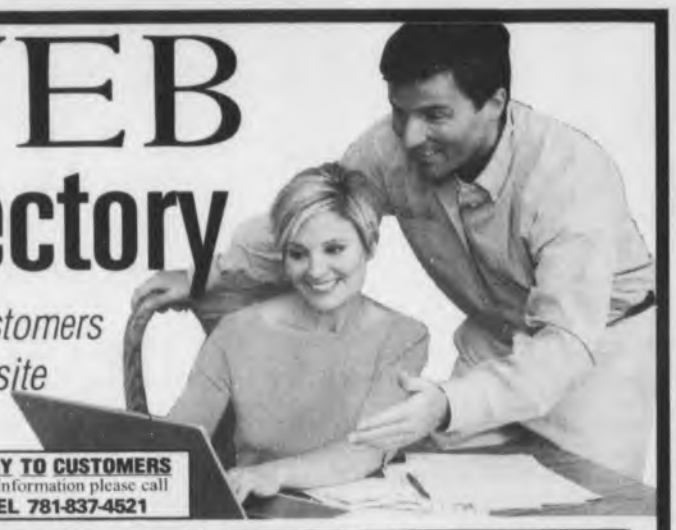

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 24

4:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, property (lost), walk in party advised lost cell phone.

4:20 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed group from bridge.

4:50 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed group from bridge.

6:20 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed group from bridge.

6:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller advised there is a bad odor of garbage in back of store. Officer advised smell is rotten milk from dumpster.

7:01 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, fire, fire advised public assist.

8:30 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller advised 8 motorcycles are cutting vehicles off. Area search negative.

8:39 p.m. **Gas Pumps**, notification, officer advised gas pumps are not working.

9:03 p.m. **Grace Drive**, parking complaint, caller advised there is a vehicle parked half on sidewalk and half in the road. Officer located owner of vehicle – she is moving it at this time.

10:04 p.m. **Aberdeen Drive, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:35 p.m. **Hull PD.**, bolo announcement, Hull PD advised hit and run.

10:59 p.m. **Red Gate Lane and North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are several juveniles in the middle of the road – they are stopping traffic. Officer advised group has been removed.

11:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

11:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller advised juveniles are at the ball field. Juveniles are making lots of noise. Sent on their way.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:07 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, suspicious person, group has been moved along.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:38 a.m. **Square**, suspicious activity.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:43 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:46 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:58 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller states she is watching her neighbor's house and the sewer alarm was going off.

7:20 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:36 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported other/ALS.

8:51 a.m. **Rust Way**, parking complaint, caller reports work trucks parking in the road causing traffic problems.

9:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports equipment stolen from the construction site at this location.

9:34 a.m. **Elm St.**, larceny.

9:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:59 a.m. **South Main St., and Cedar Lane**, disabled motor vehicle, detail officer reports a vehicle has become disabled.

12:15 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, civil matter, caller wants a log note regarding the speed bumps on Parker Ave. He states that the bumps are causing the hydraulic brakes in his vehicle to burn out, when he tows his boat over the humps. This has happened on three occasions. Advised to contact Town Hall.

12:19 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:20 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

12:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:54 p.m. **Sohier St.**, notification, workmen in the roadway blocking traffic, all items have been removed.

1:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, walk in party reports injuries from past accident.

1:18 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

1:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller on 2-way emergency line reports vehicle driving extremely erratically. Officer has caught up to the vehicle on 3A in Scituate. Scituate PD granted permission to stop and will be responding.

2:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, traffic complaint.

3:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, walk in female very upset that someone has parked in her spot. Vehicle has been ticketed at this time.

5:34 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed group from bridge.

6:21 p.m. **Smith Pl., and Ripley Rd.**, suspicious activity, officer checked storm drain for a suspicious item.

6:24 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:46 p.m. **North Main St.**, warrant services, officers went to the above location regarding wanted person. Parent of wanted subject told officers subject resides in the town of Braintree. BPD advised.

7:47 p.m. **Border St.**, caller advised there are vehicles parked where it is for resident parking only. Officer advised 3 vehicles were tagged.

9:36 p.m. **Border St.**, property (lost), walk in party advised her son's bike was taken from residence at above address. Bike was taken by reporting party's mother. It is at his residence.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

12:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

2:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

4:02 a.m. **Summer St.**, assist citizen, caller stated her smoke detectors were "going off."

4:12 a.m. **Summer St.**, fire investigation, caller states her smoke detectors are "going off."

6:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:45 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:50 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:25 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, vandalism to motor vehicles

7:32 a.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism report, resident states a motor vehicle on his property has had 2 front tires slashed.

7:41 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report.

8:06 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, caller reports another school bus vandalized.

8:40 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports her neighbor's mailbox has been blown up and is still smoking.

9:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, caller reports tires have been slashed on her vehicle.

9:38 a.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism report, caller reports tires have been slashed.

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9:52 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, caller reports tires have been slashed.

10:05 a.m. **King St.**, vandalism report.

10:07 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports tires slashed.

10:18 a.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, caller reports tires have been slashed on vehicle.

11:25 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, property (lost), female party reports losing a camera.

1:57 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:51 p.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (street/sidewalk/building), Sgt. reports a landscaping company taking one whole lane up with equipment, they have been advised to move off the road.

3:03 p.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, caller reports her mailbox has been vandalized.

3:17 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, transported SSH/BLS.

3:35 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, caller reports vandalism in her yard from last night. Officer reports looks like no damage to the mailbox.

3:42 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:17 p.m. **Columbian Square, Weymouth**, motor vehicle crash/injuries.

5:34 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, officer reports he has one in custody on a warrant. Arrest: Alexandra Hayes Coffey, 19, 165 Nantasket Ave., #8, Hull. Charges: WMS warrant.

6:54 p.m. **King St.**, warrant services, subject wanted no longer works at business, clear negative results.

8:13 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, larceny, walk in party reports things from his boat were stolen last night and also two weeks ago.

8:20 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, transport prisoner.

9:13 p.m. **Stanton Rd., and South Main St.**, assist citizen, caller reports there is a woman in this area and a dog laying in the street. Offices found dog's owner, dog ran back into the woods, probably making his way home owner is aware.

9:24 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fire alarm activation, caller reports her fire alarms are going off, but there's no smoke or fire, she also stated that they were just watching TV when this happened. There was an apparent power outage for a moment at this location. System has been reset.

9:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports kids hanging around the store. Officers report kids ran behind Majestic Cars, looked like they were trying to break into the hardware store. Officers got a description of one with blue pants and blue shirt. Officer requests Hull K9 Unit. Sgt. requests Weymouth K9 also for a sweep. Scituate given description of 2 teenagers. Officer reports 2 white males in their teens, both with brown hair, one has a white shirt and the other has a blue shirt, both around 5'11" to 6 ft.

10:57 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports kids at the bridge, concerned because its dark and late.

11:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

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12:25 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, noise complaint, 911 caller states " a bunch of kids are trying to get into the North Gate at the beach."

12:28 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "the group of kids from the beach just smashed into his garage and took off."

12:35 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

1:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:41 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks, area checks secure.

5:31 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks.

6:39 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen, caller has further information about an incident that occurred earlier in the a.m.

6:45 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted.

7:11 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted, Hull Police report a walk in party stated "there has been a motor vehicle with a car carrier on top parked at Wadleigh Park for 3 days." 883 reports no motor vehicle parked there now.

7:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller states "a young man parked in a late model Volvo" is parked in the lot. Caller states the "young man was loitering and made her feel uncomfortable." Male party is a little early for his job.

8:42 a.m. **King St.**, abandoned motor vehicle, walk in party reports she was having work done in her driveway and the workers have left the job and abandoned their trailer and tar roller.

10:41 a.m. **Margin St.**, suspicious activity.

11:25 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller requests to speak to an officer.

11:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, missing child, detail officer reports a missing 6-year-old female from the camp. Only description at this time is the child is wearing a blue T-shirt and carrying a black bag. Missing juvenile has been located.

12:43 p.m. **Deep Run**, medical aid.

1:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports damage to equipment.

1:22 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, confused person, caller called 911 asking for a Taxi. He's an elderly man and hard of hearing, sending an officer to help him out.

2:14 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

5:27 p.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, caller reports she thinks her flat tire was part of the vandalism around town.

6:25 p.m. **Rose Hill Lane and King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports one vehicle, driver fell asleep and hit the guard rail.

8:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, officer reports that vehicle parked at hardware has lights on and door open, both secured.

10:31 p.m. **Margin St.**, noise complaint, caller reports there is someone lighting off fireworks on Margin Street Dock and is concerned it might catch fire to a boat.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

12:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, one of the flowerpots was smashed in the street.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:04 a.m. **East St., Hingham**, suspicious vehicle, 882 reports a motor vehicle with its lights on on the tracks. Motor vehicle belongs to a worker for cashman, Manning the pumps.

1:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, suspicious person, 883 out with a party walking down the street. 883 to meet a Scituate Unit for a transport.

1:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

2:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks secure.

3 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, bicycle on the edge of the road. No one in area.

6:30 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

9:07 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, keep the peace.

10:14 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:22 a.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:16 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller lost control of his steering and veered off to the side of the road.

1:37 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

2:13 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

3:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, drive off of gas. Scituate Police notified, going to have resident go back to Exxon.

4:24 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:57 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Beach Boys still having fun, fun, fun

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

What's a lawsuit between longtime friends, or cousins for that matter?

Nothing personal when it comes to The Beach Boys, at least according to Mike Love, who filed a November 2005 lawsuit against cousin Brian Wilson, a fellow founding member of the seminal 1960s California rock band. Love's lawsuit contends that Brian Wilson and the *Mail on Sunday* newspaper misused the Beach Boys' name and Love's image on a promotional CD that was given with the paper to promote the 2004 release of Wilson's album *Smile*, resulting in lost revenue for the band. For Love - who will be front and center on lead vocals when The Beach Boys play the Music Circus in Cohasset on Friday - it is just the latest in a long string of lawsuits involving him and the legendary Wilson. In the 1990s, Love was granted $13 million of a $25 million settlement won by Wilson concerning copyrights on the group's song catalogue.

The Beach Boys will play the South Shore Music Circus August 11.

"Once again the people around Brian, my cousin and collaborator on many hits ("Good Vibrations," "Help Me, Rhonda," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and "Surfin' USA," among others), whom I love and care about, have used him for their own financial gain without regard to his rights, or my rights, or even the rights of the estates of his deceased brothers, Carl and Dennis, and their children. Unfortunately, history repeats itself. Because of Brian's well-documented mental issues he has always been vulnerable to manipulation. I simply want to stop the infringers and stop the deception."

What Love, 65, does not want to stop, however, is the music which keeps him and longtime Beach Boy Bruce Johnston, along with a seasoned group of musicians, on the road for some 175 concerts each year. Love stepped off the road briefly, however, in June when Capitol Records celebrated the 40th anniversary of the release of the landmark *Pet Sounds* album and the success of 2003's *Sounds of Summer* compilation. The event, held atop the historic Capitol Records building in Los Angeles, brought together the surviving founding members of the Beach Boys - Love, Wilson and Al Jardine - as well as guitarist David Marks, who played on the group's first five albums.

"When I look out and see people enjoying our music along with their children it just thrills me."
Mike Love

"Al Jardine and I still have our issues, but they have nothing to do with Brian. My one-to-one relationship with Brian has never been bad," Love explained by telephone from his home outside Las Vegas last week. "I have complete respect for Brian's musical abilities. The Capitol Records reunion was recognition of all of our success. That's why it was so great to have David there, too."

While Love is credited with the sequencing of *The Sounds of Summer*, and may have the same role on the upcoming release The Warmth of the Sun, Love says he prefers a concert stage to a recording studio.

"I'm very lucky that I still love performing live. The studio is a necessary tool, of course, but concerts are where it has always been at for me. We do about a two-hour show that is designed to satisfy a lot of tastes. We try to appeal to everyone from our hardcore fans to first-timers. We play now to many multi-generational families. When I look out and see people enjoying our music along with their children it just thrills me."

Love even has fans in his own family.

"My 10-year-old daughter, Ambha, came home not too long ago and told me that her fourth grade class had chosen 'Wouldn't It Be Nice' as their favorite song because they just loved the words," says the proud father and lyricist. "That was a song we first released 40 years ago and it's still popular today. My daughter loves Usher and many other hip hop artists, but she likes us, too."

The Beach Boys will perform at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, Friday, Aug. 11. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 10

Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery hosts **"New England Essence,"** an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Hingham artist Christina H. Eckerson, through Aug. 31. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, Aug. 10, TBA, rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset presents **Jonny Lang,** Thursday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 10, **Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Aug. 11

A Teddy Bear Picnic will take place Friday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Participants make their own teddy bears and take them home. Cost $10 per child. For reservations and more information call 781-837-5753 or visit www.winslowhouse.org.

Storytelling at the new Marshfield Farmers Market Pembroke storytellers Jordan and Sidney Paul join storyteller Andrea Lovett on Friday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m., at the new Marshfield Farmers Market in the Marshfield Fairgrounds open from 2 to 4 p.m. The storytellers are members of The South Shore Tales Spinners troupe.

Comedy show at Jimbo's Steak and Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree. Friday, Aug. 11 at 9 p.m. Featuring Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Barry Kneller, P.J. Abruzzese, Mike Bobek, Pat MacCloud and hosted by Jim Celeste. Dinner and appetizers are available. Call 781-848-0300 or visit www.annettepollack.com. Admission $15.

South Shore Singles ages 45+ August Dance, Friday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. to midnight, Braintree disabled American Veterans Hall, 778 Liberty St., Braintree. Snacks and cash bar. Special $7 price for all. Proper dress. For information call 781-331-0021 of visit www.southshoresingles.org.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+. Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 11, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Raffael's, 1601 Main St., Route 1A, Walpole. Music by award-winning DJ, complimentary buffet, free door prizes and "Match Game" prizes, $100 cash raffle. Cost $15, $10 before 9 p.m. Singles and couples ages 30+. Business dress. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

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139TH ANNUAL MARSHFIELD FAIR - AUG. 18-27 Fair hours are Monday through Friday, from noon to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Presented by the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society, a Massachusetts non-profit agricultural society. More than 20 individual shows and 10 exhibits will be featured. Admission is $8. Children 6 and younger admitted free. Fairgrounds parking is $5. Fair is on Route 3A (Main Street to South River Street). For information, call 781-834-6629, 800-324-7783 or visit wwwMarshfield.org.

NORTH RIVER BLUES FESTIVAL - AND GREEN HARBOR RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, AUG. 27. Both shows begin at noon as part of the Marshfield Fair. North River Blues Festival with headliner Marcia Ball and Tab Benoit, as well as Toni Lynn Washington, The Howl, Basic Black and J. Place Band. The Green Harbor Rhythm and Blues Festival features Paul Cebar and The Milwaukeeans, Northeastern Zydeco, Li'l Anne & Hot Cayenne, Clutch Grabwell Rampage Trio and Lonesome Jukebox. Tickets are $8 and include admission to the fairgrounds.

POWER OF COACHING WORKSHOP with Joan Vasconcellos, CPCC, will be at the Lane Center, 45 Pond St., Norwell. Call the center at 781-982-1616 or Vasconcellos at 781-826-2554 to register. Tuesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 12 through Nov. 14. Cost is $220. Vasconcellos, a certified professional coach, will lead this eight-week workshop. Experience the power of coaching and turn good intentions into real achievements. Reduce stress and get a healthier work/life balance; stop procrastinating by taking action on priorities and find a deeper vocational direction for life purpose. For information email joan@whatspossiblecoaching.com.

"ALL SHOOK UP," the Broadway musical fueled by the songs of Elvis Presley, will be performed Sept. 26 through Oct. 8, at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Tickets, which are currently on sale, cost $27.50 to $87.50, and can be purchased at Ticketmaster by calling 617-931-2787; all Ticketmaster outlets; by visiting BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com; or at the Opera House Box Office. Performances will be Tuesday through Sunday, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

JOHN RIZZO GOLF CLASSIC will take place at Pine Hills in Plymouth on Tuesday, Oct. 10. A dinner, live auction and silent auction will follow the day of golf. Volunteers, auction items, donations and golfers are all needed. Call Larry Cunningham at 617-921-3040 or Bill Wilkinson at 617-653-2862 to help out.

Movie review

"World Trade Center" becomes an inspirational story of brave men facing extraordinary circumstances.

'World' finds triumph in tragedy

"World Trade Center" (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Is the world ready for an Oliver Stone movie in which Jesus makes an appearance? Terrifyingly real and ultimately uplifting, Stone's "World Trade Center" takes the tragedy of the 9/11 attacks and transforms it into a solemn tribute.

The film will be criticized by those who were hoping for the "JFK" of 9/11 movies for being not provocative enough and by others just for having been made by Stone.

But the truth is "World Trade Center" is a gut-wrenching ode to American grit and bravery, an inspirational choral about ordinary people whose duty is to ride into the jaws of death.

Based on the true stories of John (Nicolas Cage) and Donna McLoughlin (Maria Bello) and Will (Michael Pena) and Allison Jimeno (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and others, the film begins like "United 93" with the start of an ordinary workday.

It's dawn over the Hudson River, and Port Authority Police Sgt. McLoughlin is handing out tours of duty to officers Will Jimeno, Dom Pazzulo (Jay Hernandez of "Hostel") and others.

News of the attacks prompts McLoughlin's officers to head to Ground Zero, where, standing within that nightmarish whirlwind of smoke and paper, he asks for volunteers to go into a tower. In the concourse between the buildings, the men are caught in the collapse. John, Will and Dom survive, but two of them are trapped beneath crushing debris and the third cannot free the others alone. Selfless rescuer Scott Strauss (an impressive Stephen Dorff) describes the shifting mountain of debris as "a pile of pick-up sticks."

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Weaving the narrative with great skill, Stone and screenwriter Andrea Berloff counterpoint the men's hellish ordeal with the plights of their loved ones at home.

Allison, who is five months pregnant, is almost convinced Will is dead. Donna refuses to consider the possibility John is gone. One of their young sons demands they drive to the plume of smoke to pick up dad.

The injured, immobilized and hallucinating men are in a living hell. Flaming, molten debris hurtles past them. An officer's handgun goes off, spraying bullets. Flames lick closer. Crushed stone pours into their eyes and mouths.

As it gets dark, an outraged Marine (Michael Shannon) risks his life to comb the wreckage, and a recovering alcoholic paramedic (Stone regular Frank Whaley) seeking redemption leaps into the fray.

Featuring an anguished score by Craig Armstrong, "World Trade Center" recalls Stone's "Platoon" (1986), another semi-mystical parable about the bonds made under duress, and that's really the point. "World Trade Center" is a war movie, a film about uniformed men and women risking their lives for the sake of others. By making it, Stone, who was once described as a troublemaker and "the most dangerous man in America," has found a way to celebrate one of the darkest days in our history.

Rated PG-13. "World Trade Center" contains frightening scenes and bloody images.

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North and South River Watershed Association 16th Annual Great River Race, Saturday, Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. Race begins at the Union Street Bridge to the finish line at the old Washington St. Bridge. Awards celebration will take place at 1 p.m. at McGreal's Tavern, West Street, Norwell Center. Pre-registration $30 per craft, $25 NSRWA members. Race day registration $30, begins at 9:30 a.m. To register call 781-659-8168 or e-mail paula@nsrwa.org. To download a registration form visit www.nsrwa.org.

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South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **The Beach Boys,** Friday, Aug. 11, at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 11, **Mission of Blues,** blues, R&B, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Aug. 11 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Lazarus,** at 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, Aug. 12

Hingham Farmers Market at the bathing beach parking lot bathhouse, Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flower bouquets, eggs, honey, and garden-related crafts will be for sale.

American Cancer Society Book Sale, Saturday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 37 Center St., E. Weymouth, rain or shine. Items include hardcover, paperback, bestsellers, classics, children's cookbooks. All proceeds go to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Saturday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m. Moderate walk, hilly terrain 3.5+ miles. Wolcott Path to Breakneck Ledge to Chestnut Run and Border Path, returning via Wolcott Path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Rock Revival in Duxbury, hosted by Duxbury R&B band **Sons of Blues** cover band, Saturday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., at the Duxbury Bay Maritime Boat Shed. First Duxbury rock concert features nine local bands playing through until 10 p.m. Free admission. Food, beverages and t-shirts on sale. A portion of the profits will benefit the Duxbury Student Union. For more information call Sam Katz, 339-793-1480.

Family Fun Days on George's Island presents **"Patriots and Prisoners,"** Saturday, Aug. 12, and Sunday, Aug. 13. Free event includes tour of civil war fort, cannon firing demonstrations, living history encampment of Civil War artillery, military music by the 12th New Hampshire Volunteer Serenade Band, Escapes and Executions walking tour, and exhibit of Camp Meigs. Marching drills, flag making and Morse code activities for children. Ferries depart from Boston at Long Wharf and from Quincy at Fore River Shipyard. Fare: $12, adult, $9 seniors, $7 children, under age 3 admitted free.

Summer fun at Edaville Railroad, Carver, Friday, Aug. 12, and Saturday, Aug. 13, **Tommy from "The Rugrats," and Hello Kitty.** $16 admission includes access to all rides, attractions and live stage shows. Free parking. For more information visit www.Edaville.com/events or call 877-edaville.

Silver Ribbon – American Crafts & Art Gallery Open House to celebrate its 18th anniversary, Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pembroke Crossing, Route 53, Pembroke. Gift certificate drawing. For information call 781-826-1525.

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Beneath the Starry Sky Perseid Showers and Family Overnight Camp Out at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 to 9:30 p.m., program only. Overnighters tent set up from 7 to 8 p.m. Early arrivals bring picnic supper. Includes observation of shooting stars and meteors with the SSNSC telescope, campfire snacks and stories, and hearty breakfast followed by a morning hike. Program cost: $10 per person, $35 family of four, members $7 per person, $23 family of 4. Overnight including program $25 per person, $95 family of four; members $20 per person, $75 family of four. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call 781-659-2559.

The historic Winslow House "Shipwreck dinner" will host maritime archaeologists Deborah Marx and Matthew Lawrence, of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, who will discuss their work on locating shipwrecks in the North Atlantic over an elegant meal of salmon or panko-encrusted chicken, on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. Using historic images as well as underwater images and video of the sanctuary's historic shipwrecks, Marx and Lawrence will detail the their maritime heritage resource fieldwork investigations and findings of the past few years. The Winslow House is at Webster and Careswell Streets in Marshfield. For dinner reservations call 781-837-5753, or e-mail mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Styx,** Saturday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

Down East Dancers Country Dance Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m. to midnight, with DJ David "DRK" Kopcych and dance instructor, Mimi Leary, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, raffles, cash bar. $5. For more information call 508-680-6736, 781-925-1170, or visit www.downeastdancers.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, Aug. 12, **Ronnie Baker Brooks** Chicago-based National Act blues band, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $8. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, Aug. 12, **John Truscelli Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Sunday, Aug. 13

Stony Brook Kids Fest, Sunday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stony Brook Reservation, Hyde Park. Event includes crafts, games, races, live animals, public safety displays, food and refreshments, plus a Big Truck display. Parking at Olsen Pool. Turtle Pond Parkway. For information call 617-333-7404 or visit www,nass,giv/dcr.

Free Sunday Band Concert TBA, Sunday, Aug. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Bernie King Pavilion, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Bench seating available or bring lawn chairs. Line and couples dancing featured. For more information call 781-925-3379.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra with conductor Charles Ansbacher presents **Landmark Firsts**, featuring the first symphonies of Prokofiev, "Classical Symphony, Op. 25"; Beethoven's "Symphony No. 1"; "Dance Suite for Orchestra," a first concerto by 14-year old Jeremiah Klarman of Chestnut Hill; and the orchestral debut of Russian-born classical guitarist Grigory Goryachev, of Dorchester, performing Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez." Sunday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. at Dorchester park in Dorchester. Visit www.landmarksorchestra.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Aug. 13. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Aug. 13. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, Aug. 14

Marshfield "Summer of Democratic Action" Cookout with former Gov. Michael Dukakis, Monday, Aug. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., at 88 Winslow St., Marshfield. Statewide events to raise awareness and funds dedicated to electing a Democratic governor and others up and down the ticket this November.

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

Lucas is surrounded by ants in "The Ant Bully".

THE ANT BULLY (B+)

Undersized preteen Lucas (Zach Tyler) is known by the ants of the colony in his suburban front lawn as "The Destroyer" because of his tendency to lash out at them after he has been bullied by kids at school. But due to a spell cast by ant wizard Zoc (Nicolas Cage), Lucas is reduced to ant size and taught to be less human and more ant. Yes, it's another one of those character-building animated films. "The Ant Bully" aspires to be the "Lion King" version of "Microcosmos," the 1996 documentary with the bug's-eye point of view. (Rated PG)

THE DEATH OF MR. LAZARESCU (A-)

In the Kafkaesque "The Death of Mr. Lazarescu," Dante Remus Lazarescu (Ion Fiscuteanu) wakes up with a headache and a sore belly and can't keep anything down. He's taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital, where the staff has been swamped by the victims of a horrendous bus accident. What follows is a bleak, admittedly overlong, modern-day, picaresque tale of an ordinary man's last hours being shuttled from hospital to hospital until he succumbs. Clearly, this is not a feel-good film. But co-writer-director Cristi Puiu eerily captures the reality of the experience, and he has an ear for dialogue and black humor. In Romanian with subtitles. (Rated R)

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (D)

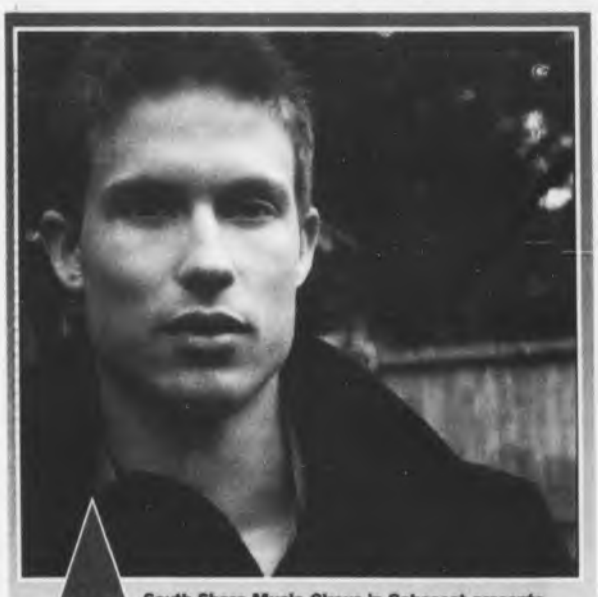
High school lothario John Tucker (Jesse Metcalfe) sweet-talks women and keeps them rotating at his command. After coming to terms with Tucker's two-timing, his victims Carrie (Arielle Kebbel), Heather (Ashanti) and Beth (Sophia Bush) recruit the new girl, Kate (Brittany Snow), to break his heart. She plays hard to get and eventually, Tucker feels what it's like on the flip side, bending over backward for his lady and donning lacy unmentionables at her request. What we have here is a film too lazy and stupid to create something new. Screwball teeny-bopper films must die. (Rated PG-13) - *Chelsea Bain*

MIAMI VICE (A-)

In this ultraviolent fever dream, Michael Mann's famous, MTV-bred TV cops Sonny Crockett (Colin Farrell) and Ricardo Tubbs (Jamie Foxx) travel from Miami to Havana, Haiti and South America as they plan to take down Jose Yero (John Ortiz), a drug dealer with a reputation for "killing everything," and the white supremacist thugs he uses to do his dirty work. This film version of the trend-setting 1980s series remains a rock-music-driven celebration of boys' toys. But it's intoxicatingly photographed and among the most ravishing crime thrillers I have seen. (Rated R)

SCOOP (A-)

If you can imagine Woody Allen's "Match Point" transformed into a screwball comedy with Hitchcockian flair, you can imagine the profound pleasures of "Scoop." Scarlett Johansson is Sondra Pransky, an American journalism student in London with a talent for getting into trouble. She's after a scoop for the ages: proving that Peter Lyman (Hugh Jackman), the financier son of Lord Lyman, is the notorious Tarot Card serial killer. "Scoop" is Allen's 41st film and proof that his artistry has not faded. While much of the humor will be familiar to his fans, Allen's command of language and timing remain remarkable and impeccable. (Rated PG-13)



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Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, Aug. 14, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Committee to Elect Matt Mulvey Democratic candidate for state senator in Plymouth Norfolk district, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Aisling Gallery, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham. Honorary hosts include congressman William D. Delahunt of the 10th congressional district and Phillip W. Johnson, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic State Party. For more information call 781-331-0043, e-mail info@mattmulvey.com or visit www.mattmulvey.com.

Free Legal Clinic sponsored by the Bar Association of Norfolk County, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6 to 8 p.m., Quincy District Court. Attorneys available for private consultation to discuss legal issues and concerns. No appointment necessary. First-come, first-serve basis. For more information call Adrienne Clarke, executive director, 617-471-9693.

Braintree Choral Society Rehearsals, every Tuesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Braintree High School. Season concert program includes Haydn's Missa Sancti Nicolai and Shubert's Magnificat along with shorter seasonal selections. New members welcome. For more information visit www.braintreesings.org.

Free Hormone Management Seminar for Men and Women at Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Norwell chiropractor John Hayes will discuss the way hormones affect men and women and how to minimize risks for breast and prostate cancer. For reservations call 781-925-1941 or e-mail szabofitness@gmail.com.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, e-mail nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Folktales from the Forest celebrates its 12th year of storytelling with Andrea Lovett, Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m., in the gazebo of island Grove Park, Park and Lake Streets, Abington. Free admission. Open to the public. For more information call 781-871-5892.

Catholic Charities South Open House for Certified Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide programs, Wednesday, Aug. 16, noon to 2 p.m., in the Mater Dei Building at St. Joseph's Manor, 250 Thatcher St., Brockton. For more information call 508-587-0815 ext 234, or visit www.ccab.org.

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Pilgrim Memorial Park free Summer Concert Series presents Commander Cody and the East Coast Airmen, with **Boston** Rockabilly, hosted by 95.9 WATD's Ed and George, Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Water and Lyden Streets near Brewster Gardens, Plymouth. For information call Project Arts of Plymouth, 508-747-7727 or visit www.project-arts.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Aug. 16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, Aug. 17

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, Aug. 17, TBA, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 17, **3rd Left** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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Storytelling at the new Marshfield Farmers Market Pembroke storytellers Jordan and Sidney Paul join storyteller Andrea Lovett on Friday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m., at the new Marshfield Farmers Market in the Marshfield Fairgrounds open from 2 to 4 p.m. The storytellers are members of The South Shore Tales Spinners troupe.

For your health

JORDAN HOSPITAL NEW PHYSICIAN REFERAL NUMBER and Community Education Telephone Number. The physician referral and community education information telephone number is now 800-2-JORDAN. The new number is easy to access and is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The free telephone service provides physician referrals and information about health education classes, health screenings and support services. Call 800-2-JORDAN to learn more about what Jordan Hospital has to offer.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP – third Thursday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at South Shore Hospital. Participants can share their experience and gain insight from others. The meetings are co-facilitated by a representative from South Shore Hospital's rehabilitation department and a recovering stroke patient. Registration is not necessary. Feel free to bring a friend or relative. Call the Friends of Stroke at 781-340-4170 for more information.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP meets Monday through Friday, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Maternity Solarium at South Shore Hospital. This group is for new mothers needing support and assistance in the early stages of breastfeeding. The group is facilitated by registered nurses certified in lactation counseling. Call 781-340-8332 for information.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP – This support group is for patients, families and friends. Meetings are at Jordan Hospital on the second Wednesday of each month in the Cardiac Rehab/Diabetes Education classroom on the third floor, from 6 to 7 p.m. Call Lois Hutton at 508-830-2446 for information and dates/times of meetings.

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The Best of Solid Gold Oldies, August 18 and 20 at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., W. Bridgewater. Rob Bezubka and his talented troupe of singer-dancer-comics select the very best from three sell out Solid Gold shows. Music from the '50s, '60s and '70s. Buffet dinner and show for $40. Friday, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. To reserve, call 781-843-5862.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 18, **Swinging Steaks** alternative country, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Aug. 18 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Johnny Vance Band,** at 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Ongoing events

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Dan Moore as Clem Rogers poses with four of his "daughters"

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The Company Theatre's production of WILL ROGERS FOLLIES, continues through Aug. 20. Tickets are available at the box office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone you know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

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Comedy show at Zimbo's Steak and Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree. Friday, Aug. 11 at 9 p.m. Featuring Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Barry Kneller, P.J. Abruzzese, Mike Bobek, Pat MacCloud and hosted by Jim Celeste. Dinner and appetizers are available. Call 781-848-0300 or visit www.annettepollack.com. Admission $15.

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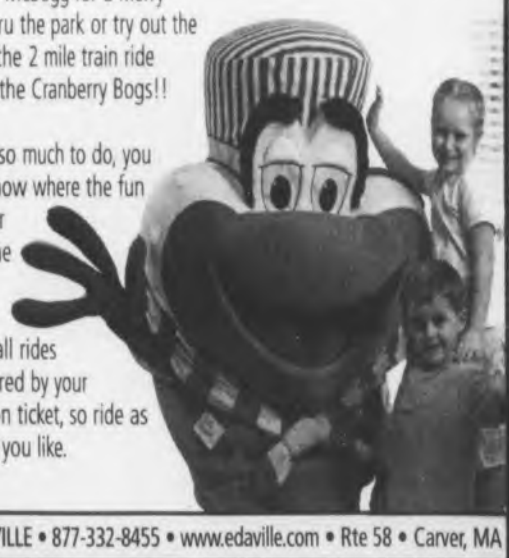

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From left, Cohasset resident Paul Tedeschi with business partner, Matt Britton, of New York, standing in front of the tour bus of music man Tommy Lee, formerly of the 1980s supergroup, Mötley Crüe. The bus was recently parked at the Cohasset Stop & Shop as part of a promotional endeavor for the show, Rock Star: Supernova.

They're just part of the Crüe

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset residents may have been shocked to see former Mötley Crüe drummer Tommy Lee's tour bus parked outside Stop and Shop a few weeks ago. In fact, from time to time residents may see unusual promotional vehicles such as the Victoria's Secret Pink humvee driving about town, thanks to Beach Street resident Paul Tedeschi.

Tedeschi is the Chief Executive Officer of Mr. Youth, a non-traditional promotional marketing company on Lincoln Street in Hingham. His business targets the younger audience, with a "sweet spot" for the 18-24 age bracket. Together with business partner Matt

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Upgrade wanted

School dept. says accounting systems are not up to par

By Samantha Brown
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Both the School Committee and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh say the accounting system currently being used by the school department isn't up to snuff. Both said it would benefit the school district to work with the town to potentially purchase a new software system which would have both budgets linked via computer and make reporting information easier.

During the Aug. 9 meeting of the school budget and finance subcommittee, members of the School Committee said finding out about a $430,000 surplus from fiscal 2006 after the close of the fiscal year and after the money was already used to prepay items for fiscal 2007 warrants taking another look at the district's financial reporting system.

"This is not a reflection of Dave (DeGennaro, business manager) at all. This may be a reflection of the tool kit he has available to him," said School Committee member Steve Fusco.

Walsh said when she came to Cohasset, she was very concerned about the reporting system in place at the schools. "It wasn't giving me the information I needed on a regular basis," she said. However, she said things have slowly been getting better through the work of the three business managers she has had on board during her tenure. At the end of August, the system should have some additional updating.

"I doubt it will give you what you're looking for," she said, as Fusco has specific qualifications he would like to see on a report and Walsh said the current system at the schools cannot produce a report like the one he wants due to software restrictions. Fusco has repeatedly said he would like to have a Warrant, or school financial report, display the total amount budgeted for every line item as well as how much has been spent to date and how much is left to spend. Fusco has not signed a Warrant since May.

Walsh said if the school department gets a new accounting system, the town will need a new system as well, which could be costly. However, School Committee member Rick Flynn said perhaps a better system would save the town money in the long run.

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz agreed with Flynn and said not only could an updated system potentially save money, it could help the School Committee receive more information.

"The system, over the last two years, has worked pretty well for you because we've had a surplus," he said. "However, we're not getting the same level of information because we were

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Selectmen want top 'T' official

Disagreements between town and state persist

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen have had enough of trying to negotiate with Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority representatives and are going straight to the top. Dispute resolution discussions are going nowhere, and Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said Tuesday the board is pushing to meet with MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas.

Up until now, "We've been relegated to the second tier," during dispute resolution negotiations, said Dormitzer, which has gotten the town nowhere. Dormitzer added he and the board are working with state Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund to see if they can help set up an introduction between Grabauskas and the town.

"This may be the only way we'll get this solved," said Dormitzer.

The MBTA is pushing back against the selectmen, and says it will only have dispute resolution discussions in open session. Currently, the town and the organization, which is building the new Greenbush commuter rail line, are butting heads about the number of parking spaces to be constructed in the municipal parking lot behind the shops on South Main Street, and have entered into a phase-two dispute resolution process.

Both parties, as well as members of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction were scheduled to meet July 26, but on the day of the meeting,

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Center of attention

Line item transfers come into question

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee voted at the Aug. 9 meeting of the school budget and finance subcommittee to draft a policy to establish "cost centers" to give the board the right to approve transactions between line items. However, not all members agreed the board doesn't already have that power.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said if the School Committee would like to give the final approval for the superintendent to transfer funds from one line item to another, the board must draft and adopt a policy. She said if the board establishes cost centers, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh would have to ask the board's permission before making transfers from one cost center to another, whereas currently she does not.

MacCarthy said the School Committee can either choose to give the superintendent "All the pot, or have a policy that divides the pot and has cost centers."

However, School Committee members Steve Fusco and Alfred Slanetz made their voices heard and said they think the exact opposite is true. Both said they believe the School Committee automatically has the jurisdiction to approve all transfers and noted it can choose to give up some of its power, up to a certain dollar amount, as designated by the committee.

"If you look in the MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees) guidelines, budget development and monitoring are our legal responsibility," said Fusco. "Legally, there can be no transfers without the School Committee being notified."

According to Massachusetts General Laws, it looks as if Fusco and Slanetz are right. M.G.L Ch. 71 section 34 states the power to transfer amounts between line items in the school

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Occupation: Ice cream server at JJ's Dairy Hut.

Best vacation: Shin Pond, Maine.

Favorite season: Fall

Favorite holiday: Halloween.

Favorite meal: Cheeseburgers.

Best magazines: "People" and "US."

Best movie: "The Wedding Singer."

Best TV show: "Laguna Beach."

Pet peeve: Messy people.

Most embarrassing moment: Falling into the trash at JJ's.

Goal: To not work at JJ's the rest of my life.

Person I'd most like to meet: Napoleon Dynamite.

Biggest worry: Not having a job when JJ's closes for the season.

Best part of Cohasset: JJ's Dairy Hut!

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Maureen Coyle is dishing out ice cream at JJ's Dairy Hut this summer.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

August	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 17	6:36	8.3	6:54	9.4	12:14	0.2	12:26	1.1
Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:41 p.m.*			
Fri. 18	7:42	8.0	7:57	9.2	1:19	0.5	1:28	1.4
Sunrise: 5:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:40 p.m.*			
Sat. 19	8:47	7.9	8:59	9.2	2:24	0.6	2:30	1.5
Sunrise: 5:55a.m.					*Sunset: 7:38p.m.*			
Sun. 20	9:47	7.9	9:56	9.2	3:25	0.6	3:28	1.4
Sunrise: 5:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:37 p.m.*			
Mon. 21	10:39	8.1	10:46	9.3	4:18	0.5	4:20	1.3
Sunrise: 5:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:35 p.m.*			
Tues. 22	11:24	8.2	11:30	9.3	5:04	0.5	5:06	1.1
Sunrise: 5:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:33 p.m.*			
Wed. 23	—	—	12:03	8.4	5:44	0.4	5:49	1.0
Sunrise: 5:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:32 p.m.*			
Thurs. 24	12:10	9.3	12:39	8.6	6:20	0.4	6:29	0.8
Sunrise: 6:00 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:30 p.m.*			

Register to vote

Wednesday, Aug. 30 will be the last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the Sept. 19 state primary. Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections. For more information, please call the Town Clerk's office at (781) 383-4100.

Spofford wants school discussion

At the Aug. 7 Board of Selectman's meeting, Selectman Rob Spofford said he would like to discuss why the School Committee cancelled on the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee concerning a joint meeting set for July 24. "How are we going to resolve this impasse and get the information we need?" without meeting, he asked. Spofford said he did not understand why the School Committee did not want to attend the meeting.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he believes the School Committee had a different view of what should be included on the agenda for the meeting.

Spofford said he believes the board should put the item on a future agenda for discussion. "We can't leave it out there. They didn't come and we need to respond back to that message."

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Never leave children unattended

By Samantha Brown
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Sometimes parents might think it's OK to leave a baby or toddler asleep in their car seat for a minute while they run in to do an errand. However, Police Chief James Hussey warns, it only takes a minute for the unthinkable to happen.

A concerned citizen called the police department Wednesday, Aug. 9 about a baby locked inside a car at the Cohasset Post Office on Ripley Road. The car was running and a 2-year-old little boy was asleep inside. Hussey said two officers arrived at the post office and saw the boy in the car and eventually found the caretaker, who is not a Cohasset resident. The officers determined the baby was left alone for a period of time they were very uncomfortable with and wrote a report to notify the Department of Social Services of the incident.

"Sometimes people think, 'My baby's asleep, I don't want to wake them up,' or that they're only going to be gone for a minute. But you never know what's going to happen. Suddenly a minute long trip turns into 10, 12, or 15 minutes and you don't know whether your air conditioning has shut off or if someone has stolen your car. There are all kinds of potential situations," said Hussey. "It's not a good idea ever to leave a baby who can't defend themselves unattended."

Missing person found

The Cohasset Police Department began investigating a missing persons case Saturday, Aug. 12. A Cohasset mother called the department to report her daughter had been missing since Thursday and was believed to be with a man wanted by the Cohasset Police Department. "As things played out, we discovered the man was in Burlington, VT," said Chief James Hussey.

Officer Ed Bagley did follow-up work with the police in Burlington and together, the two departments were able to track down the man and the Cohasset girl. Burlington police questioned the man, Michael Doherty of Scituate, about the reason he was in Vermont and what he was doing there with the girl. Police eventually arrested Doherty for providing false information to police and harboring a minor. Vermont authorities may take Doherty back to Massachusetts to face charges, as there were warrants for his arrest prior to the incident in Vermont. The juvenile was held in Vermont and her parents went to retrieve her and bring her home.

Dog gone wild

A Rottweiler was running loose on North Main Street Sunday, Aug. 13. The police department received a few calls that the dog was chasing joggers down the street and being aggressive. An officer was sent to check on the situation and found the dog sitting on the owner's front lawn. The officer knocked on the door and spoke to the owner who had been sleeping. The dog is licensed and is up-to-date with shots, but had gotten his collar off and escaped from the house.

Chief Jim Hussey said the owner is working with Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy to ensure the dog does not get loose again or intimidate any more residents in the future.

Hummer hits guardrail

A Cohasset resident driving north on Route 3A Wednesday, Aug. 9 drove his 2003 Hummer off the road and into a guardrail. While driving, he observed a group of people at the Mobil Mart at the bottom of Sohier Street and thought they were his friends. He took his eyes off the road for a minute and crashed into the guardrail. "Fortunately for him, he was not traveling very fast," said Chief James Hussey, adding both the guardrail and the Hummer were minimally damaged. The driver was cited with failure to stay in his lane.

Lock your doors

Tuesday, Aug. 8 a Margin Street resident came into the station to report someone had entered the unlocked vehicle parked in her driveway and stole a part of the car's radio system. The car has satellite radio and the stolen part had a value of $12.

A car left unlocked in the parking lot of the Pizza Zone on Route 3A was broken into Wednesday, Aug. 9. The incident happened around noon, and someone entered the car and stole $1,000 in cash. "This is a perfect reason why you should never leave your car unlocked," said Chief James Hussey. "This one will be a tough one to follow up on, but we're seeing if we can find anyone who saw anything. So far, we've had no luck yet."

Route 3A crashes

Route 3A continues to have a number of motor vehicle crashes every week. There was a crash on King Street Monday, Aug. 7. A 2005 Toyota Corolla was heading northbound when it hit a 2000 Dodge Durango, which had stopped at the lights at Stop and Shop. The driver of the Corolla said she hit the brakes and her car slid into the Durango. The driver of the Durango was transported to South Shore Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Chief James Hussey said the operator of the Toyota was cited for driving too close to the vehicle in front of her.

A second motor vehicle crash happened by the Shaw's Supermarket on Wednesday, Aug. 9. A 1998 Honda Civic was heading south on Route 3A when a 2002 Volkswagen Passat came out of the driveway at Shaw's and attempted to take a left to head north on 3A. The Passat cut in front of the Civic and the two collided. There were no injuries but both cars needed to be towed. The driver of the Passat was cited for failure to use caution while entering a roadway.

Speeder gets summonsed

A routine stop for speeding Tuesday, Aug. 8 on Route 3A led a juvenile to receive a court summons. An officer saw the car going fast on Route 3A and clocked the speed with a radar gun. The officer found the juvenile was traveling 65 mph in a 50 mph zone. The car was pulled over and it was found the driver did not have a current license. The police department therefore sought a criminal complaint against the operator of the vehicle for both speeding and driving unlicensed.

Credit card fraud

A Cohasset resident may have been the victim of credit card fraud. The police received a call Thursday, Aug. 10 from a resident who found someone had used their credit card at a location in Cohasset where they had not made any purchases. Hussey said Det. Garrett Hunt is investigating the case and it will take some time to get to the bottom of it. He said it will have to be determined whether the credit card number was called in to the business, or whether it was actually swiped. "We need to find out what exactly was the case," said Hussey.

Jumping jitters

Bridge jumpers are still a problem at the Border Street Bridge. During the week of Monday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 13, the police department dispersed groups of bridge jumpers 12 times. "I have instructed the officers to take a vigilant approach to bridge jumping," said Hussey, adding the main concern of the department is that no one gets hurt. "I know this has been going on a long time in Cohasset and other South Shore towns with similar situations. Children and adults tend to want to jump when the weather gets warm," but it is still not a safe situation, he said.

Hussey said if youths in the preteen age bracket are caught, parents will be notified of their activities so they may take appropriate action. If the police find repeat offenders, parents will be called as well, regardless of age. "We need to let youth and adults in the community know there is a potential for danger there. There could be kayakers below and there are rocks. Safety is our main concern," he said.

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Ballroom dance instructors Roger and Clair Vaka show onlookers how it's done during a recent session at the Hingham Community Center. See page 7.

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Car targeted

Thursday, Aug. 10 a caller reported vandalism to her son's car, which took place in their Pond Street driveway. Rocks were thrown at the front and rear passenger windows, which caused them to shatter. "With an incident like this one, we're trying to look for a specific motivation," said Hussey. "Sometimes you have a group of kids who, for whatever reason, choose to go on a damage spree," he said, but added this was an isolated case and is being treated differently.

Renter gets slapped

A man renting a house on Beechwood Street heard glass breaking in a wooden building on the property, similar to a barn, Friday, Aug. 11. He went out and started yelling to the youths who had gathered in the building to leave and they began to scatter and run in different directions. Hussey said when the man entered the building, he encountered one of the youths who had been there with his friends. "He attempted to stop the person from leaving, but they struck him and continued on their way," said Hussey.

Police officers followed up with the incident and were able to identify the youth who were there and the department has filed a criminal complaint of Assault and Battery against one of the youth. All individuals involved were minors in the 15 to 16-year-old range.

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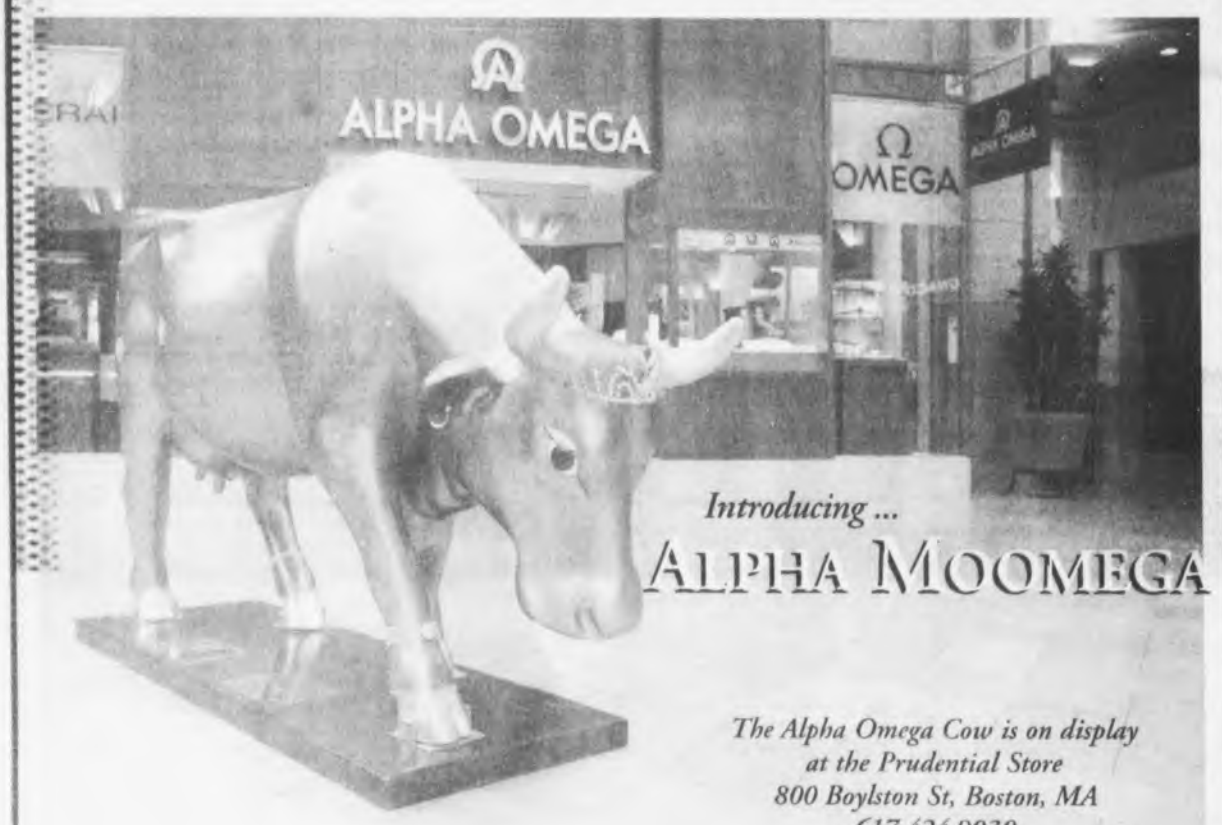

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Water plant is toast of town

Aquarion facility celebrates milestone

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Rain is looked upon favorably when it comes to replenishing the water supply, but Aquarion Water Company Vice President of Operations Larry Bingaman was pleased that there was lots of sunshine.

July 31 marked the 10th anniversary ceremony and rededication of the Hingham water treatment facility on Main Street that also serves North Cohasset.

"I arranged for this weather especially for this event," Bingaman quipped. "It's a wonderful summer day for such a celebration. Ten years after the first dedication we are here to rededicate this facility to its mission of providing quality water to all of our customers."

About 13 billion gallons of water have been treated and delivered to more than 12,000 homes and businesses in Hingham, Hull, and parts of Cohasset and Norwell since the plant was first dedicated on July 31, 1996.

Hingham resident James Connelly, lead Commissioner for water issues at the Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy (Aquarion's economic regulator), was at the ceremony and recalled attending the earlier dedication. "I'm still drinking the water!" he said with a laugh.

The rededication was a gala event, complete with a special toast using wine glasses engraved with the water company name and anniversary date filled with bottled water straight from Aquarion's community water supply.

"We're turning water into wine," quipped Bingaman. He offered the toast by quoting Henry David Thoreau: "Water is the only drink for a wise man," which amused the guests.

The bottle labels read: "Enjoy the cold, crisp, clean taste of Aquarion water right from the tap. Refill this bottle often as a handy way to get your eight glasses of water a day! Use water wisely."

The labels further stated the water "meets all state and federal drinking water quality standards." The George W. Johnstone Water Treatment [and filtration] Facility, named after the then-president of Massachusetts American Water Company, Aquarion's predecessor, was built to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Filtration not only protects against water-borne diseases but also removes undesirable elements such as iron and manganese.

"We have not only reached out to the towns we serve, but we have strived to become part of the fabric of their communities," Bingaman said. "Rotary Club, Chambers of Commerce, July Fourth parades, Earth Day scholarships, water supply committees, and customer advisory councils are just a few of the efforts we are part of in our service towns. And we are always on the lookout for other ways to serve and partner with our communities."

Bingaman introduced Roger Sullivan, chairman of the Hingham Water Supply Committee, which Bingaman noted is "working to preserve our valuable water resources and to ensure there is enough water at a reasonable cost."

"This is not just a rededication but also a celebration . . . of what was and remains a state-of-the-art water treatment facility," Sullivan said. "Before we had the plant, I recall the swampy smell of the water and stains in the sink. That is no longer a problem. The water quality and taste are unsurpassed, and the capacity is more than adequate to meet the current demand."

At the same time, Sullivan asked, "Where do we go from here? The population of Hingham and Hull is growing, requiring more police officers and firefighters and more water," he said. "While there's been more efficiency in the way we use water, how our future water needs are handled will determine whether we have another celebration 10 years from now."

During the ceremony, the facility was renamed the Hingham/Hull District Water Treatment Facility to reflect the towns most widely served by the plant. A plaque engraved with the new name was unveiled.

Prior to bringing the new plant on-line, there were many complaints about the quality of water and then about its subsequent cost, Bingaman said. "During my two years on the job, I've heard minimal complaints. This treatment facility is clearly doing its job."

> **"Before we had the plant, I recall the swampy smell of the water and stains in the sink. That is no longer a problem."**
> — Roger Sullivan, Water Supply Committee

Bingaman acknowledged the controversy over water rates. "Due to project delays and other factors, this facility cost almost $40 million to build, which resulted in a more than doubling of water rates," he said. "However, through the diligent efforts of Sen. Robert Hedlund and others at the time, funding from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust is allowing each of our customers to save about $1,000 on their water bills over 10 years."

Aquarion is looking into filing for another abatement to provide additional relief once the current abatement expires in 2008.

Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley were scheduled to speak at the ceremony but were called into legislative session at the last minute. Both the Senate and House of Representatives issued proclamations in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the treatment plant.

"We are appreciative of [Hedlund's and Bradley's] keen interest in water-related matters," Bingaman said.

The event, attended by Hingham Selectmen John Riley and Melissa Tully, Water Supply Committee representatives Roger Sullivan, William Schrader, and Carolyn Nielsen, and a number of other officials, also included a buffet lunch and a tour of the water treatment plant.

Hull Selectwoman Joan Meschino called the ceremony "very fitting" and thanked Aquarion and Bingaman for their "commitment to water quality, customer service, and the community of Hull and their willingness to work with our town. You have a good feel for what's important to individual residents and you listen to the town's perspective of what's good for our community," she said.

Open communication is important, Meschino noted, as Hull continues to look into desalinization possibilities. "Aquarion has shown it could be a willing participant," she said.

Bingaman noted that Aquarion has invested more than $3.2 million to upgrade and improve the quality of water delivered by the facility. In January, rates were reduced by about four percent by redeeming some debt.

Bingaman brought the ceremony to a close with a Rachel Carson quote: "In an age when man has forgotten his origins and is blind even to his most essential needs for survival, water along with other resources has become the victim of his indifference."

Bingaman went on to "publicly declare that Aquarion, through a relentless commitment to excellence, will never be indifferent in the provision of high-quality water or service."

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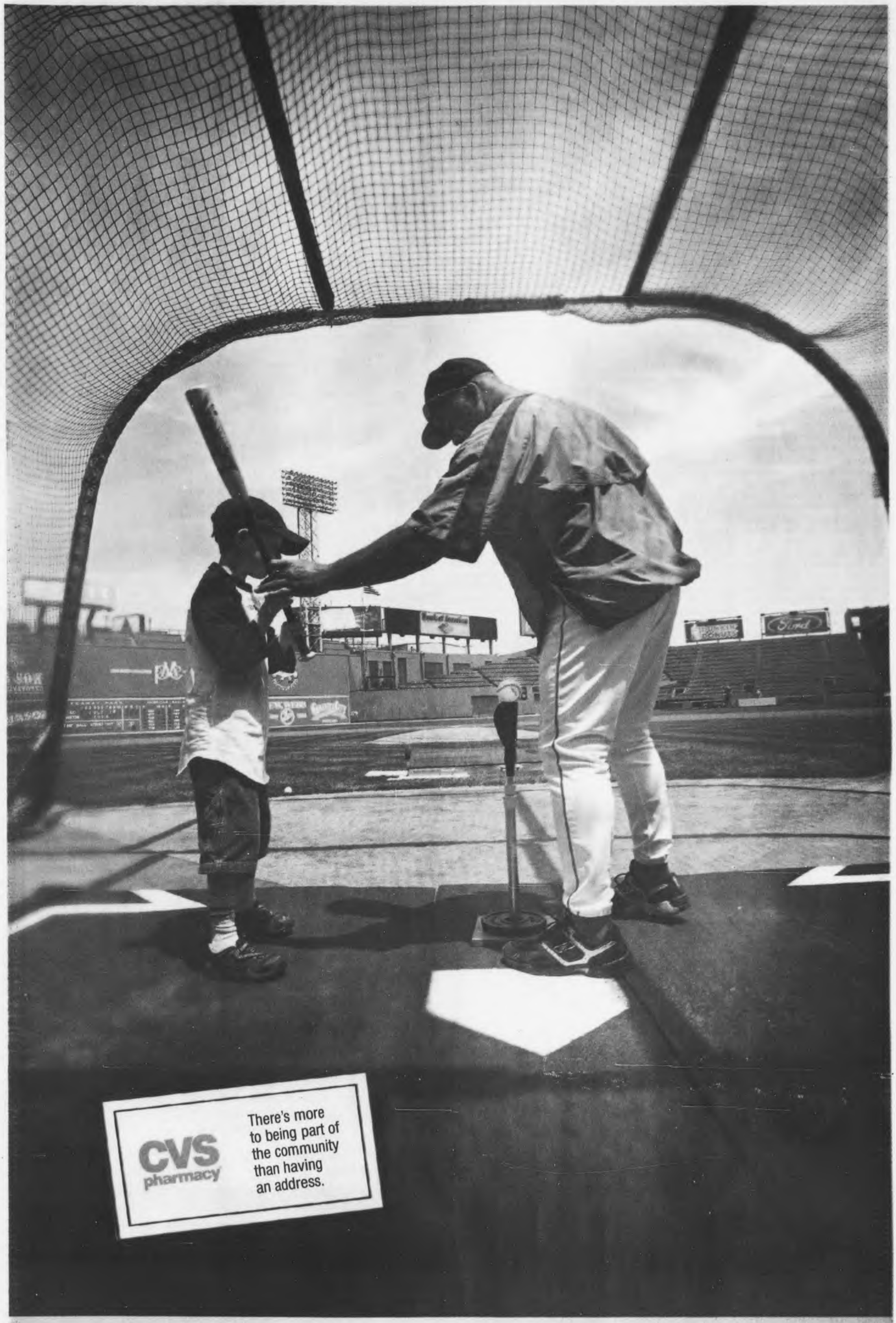

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Many thanks go out to the Friends of the Cohasset Library for their generous funding of the summer reading program and their continued commitment to children's programming. Thanks to the Friends, over 300 Cohasset children will be wearing a "What's buzzin' @ your library?" T- shirt. Great job to all. Everyone is very proud of the reading that was done, especially **Sharon Moody**, the Children's Librarian.

ST. MIKE'S GRAD

Cohasset's **Nancy Elizabeth Winters**, daughter of **Joanne M. Winters** and the late **John H. Winters**, earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Nancy also received a community service award, presented to students who distinguish themselves through dedication to worthwhile activities on and off campus. Class President Megan Blair and Vice President Ryan Woods presented the award during a graduation-week awards banquet. They praised Nancy for her involvement in a wide cross-section of campus life. Nancy was a leader in the Campus Ministry's LEAP spiritual retreat program, an elected member of the Student Association including election co-chair and member of the Oversight Committee. She also helped in the planning of a future gender studies major at Saint Michael's. Nancy was described as a go-getter who is organized, caring, hardworking and enthusiastic with a great sense of humor.

GRIDIRON CLUB

The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to ask all Cohasset Football Alumni to help support us in our efforts this year, to fund Junior Varsity Football. The Cohasset Gridiron Club awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to our outstanding student athletes who plan on attending college. However, this year, the Gridiron Club has been asked by the athletic department to fund Junior Varsity Football. In order for the Gridiron Club to maintain our scholarships, as well as to support the coaching staff in everything that they do, and now to fund Junior Varsity Football, we have dedicated a page in our Football Program Book that will be coming out in September of this year, to honor those former football players who would like to see their name once again in the spot light. So, for a $25.00 contribution to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, your name, the year that you graduated from Cohasset High School and the position that you played, will be showcased in our Gridiron Football Program. A thank you for your consideration in helping the Gridiron in their efforts to keep a winning tradition alive and well in Cohasset Football goes out to all who help. If you would like to help, please send a check for $25 made out to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, P.O. Box 223, Cohasset, MA 02025, along with your date of graduation and the position that you played. If you would like to call, please contact **Al Snowdale** at 781-383-9131. If anyone would like to advertise in our book this year please give us a call and we would gladly help you in getting an ad for your business or just an add to encourage our team made. Once again, thank you for your support.

In related news, dig out your old football related photos! The Cohasset Gridiron Club is now accepting ads for their 2006 Football Program. The Club is hoping for ads with photos of former football/powder puff players and cheerleaders. In addition, any ads may be called in to **Derry** at 781-383-2529. The Football Program is the major fundraiser for the Gridiron Club. The funds raised provide scholarships and support for the Cohasset High School football program. During the season, current football players will deliver the programs door to door.

SUPPORT CHS SWIMMERS

The Cohasset High School Swim and Dive Team will be having a Lobster Fest and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, September 8th at Atlantica from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This Team, which was re-established last year and is a joint team with Scituate High School, is not yet included in the Cohasset athletic budget and the Cohasset side of the Team is privately funded. Last year this team came in second in the Patriot League with 18 swimmers qualifying for Sectionals and 10 swimmers qualifying for, and competing in, the State Competition. The Lobster Fest dinner includes clam chowder, lobster, mussels, barbecue chicken, corn on the cob, Caesar salad, rolls and watermelon. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are currently on sale at a cost of $35 for the lobster and $25 for "chicken only" and can be obtained by contacting **Mandy Mahoney** (383-9812) or **Brenda Regan** (383-0454). Gather a group of friends to celebrate the arrival of fall and support this team while enjoying a fabulous feast at Atlantica!! Very tasty for all who attend and supports a fantastic cause.

That is all for this week. Send in all your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Two-year-old Kyle Set plays a lollipop drum at One Creative Place, during a recent musical playgroup session.

Photos chosen by renowned photographer

The South Shore Art Center on Ripley Road is mounting an exhibition of photographic work chosen by renowned photographer, author and instructor Henry Horenstein. Photography Now opens at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Sept. 8 with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition continues through Oct. 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 12-4 p.m., 119 Ripley Road.

Photo entries sought

National juried photography exhibit seeks entries South Shore Art Center is seeking entries for the national juried exhibition, Photography Now!, to be held Sept. 8 through Oct. 22 at the South Shore Art Center, with an Opening Reception on Friday, Sept. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Juror Henry Horenstein is the author of over 30 books including "Honky Tonk," "Humans," "Creatures," "Aquatics," "Canine," and "Racing Days." He lives in Boston where he works as a photographer exhibiting, publishing and teaching at Rhode Island School of Design. Over $1200 in prizes will be awarded. Entries are due by July 15. Entry forms are available on the website www.ssac.org.

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By Carol Britton Meyer
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Just because you have two left feet doesn't mean you can't learn ballroom dancing — the Waltz, Foxtrot, Rhumba, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Polka, or Cha Cha.

"In a case like that, we try to match the dancer up with one who has two right feet," quipped Roger Vaka, who has been teaching social ballroom dancing with his wife, Claire, since the 1970s. "Anyone can learn to dance."

They believe that learning to dance should be fun. "We try to make our students laugh so they feel comfortable," Claire said. "Roger has a gdancreat sense of humor. He's the comedian." He looked dapper dressed in a suit and a tie imprinted with footprints — a gift from one of his students.

About 90 men and women are enrolled in classes the Vakas offer throughout the South Shore, including about 40 students at Hingham Community Center, where the Vakas have taught for five years. While their students are mostly adults, two 17-year-old couples are taking the Hingham classes.

Roger and Claire gracefully demonstrate the Tango, Foxtrot, and other dances. The other couples follow in varying degrees of accomplishment, but they are all obviously having a good time and are making progress.

The Vakas taught classes at South Shore Community Center in Cohasset for a number of years and currently teach at the Dance Shop in Holbrook. They live in Marshfield and teach private and class lessons in Kingston, Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, and surrounding communities.

"This provides an opportunity for people to do something together as a couple — husband and wife or girlfriend and boyfriend," Roger said. "Partner dancing is new to some people, although the older generation has always enjoyed it."

Claire added that most people love, and want to dance to, music that has good rhythms. "They also like meeting others who enjoy dancing."

The Vakas are patient with their sometimes-apprehensive new students. "We take our time teaching them so that they have patience with themselves," Claire said.

One of the advantages of teaching as a couple is that Roger and Claire can swap off with other couples as dance partners, which helps their students get a feel for the right way to do it.

"The one doing the leading has to accept responsibility for all the mistakes," Roger said facetiously.

Susan and Andrew Willard of Cohasset are in their third dance session at the Hingham Community Center. "This gives us something to share that we both like to do, especially on these rainy Fridays we've been having. It's a lot of fun," Susan said. "Roger and Claire are very patient and good teachers. You watch them do the steps and hope that someday you can do the same thing."

Knowing how to ballroom dance comes in handy for weddings, anniversary celebrations, reunions, proms, dinner dances, cruises, and other social gatherings. "At these types of functions, people sometimes want to get up and dance but don't know how," Claire said. "It helps to take lessons."

Gina Rossano and Steve Patterson of Braintree recommended the Vakas' class to another couple, Nancy Patterson and Jim Ziegenmeyer of Marshfield, a while ago. They took the other couple's advice and are now in their second session at Hingham Community Center. Gina gave the lessons to Steve as a Christmas gift. "He likes to dance but didn't know how," she said. Thanks to the Vakas, that is starting to change. "They are always positive, so you never get frustrated. If you wait long enough, you might see us on television!" Steve quipped.

Nancy and Jim liked to dance anyway, but decided it would be nice to learn some dance techniques. "It's not intimidating, but a lot of fun, even for novices," Nancy said.

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Ballroom dance instructors Roger and Clair Vaka show onlookers how it's done during a recent session at the Hingham Community Center.

Soon-to-be brides and grooms often come to the Vakas for instruction so they will feel comfortable leading the dancing at their wedding. "We teach them dance steps that go with their own special wedding song," said Claire, "whatever fits with the song a couple falls in love with."

TV show

While ballroom dancing has been popular for many years, it made a comeback recently due in large part to the popular "Dancing with the Stars" television show, which debuted last summer, the Vakas note.

The program offered 10 couples the opportunity to perform either a ballroom or Latin American dance and to be judged by both professionals and home viewers. The show also featured professional dance demonstrations, performances by top musical acts, and behind-the-scenes footage. "Dancing with the Stars" averaged 16.8 million viewers weekly and is the American version of the international hit series, "Strictly Come Dancing."

The movie "Take the Lead" about a famous dance instructor, Pierre Dulane, who started a citywide high school dancing program for a bunch of troubled and at first reluctant kids in New York City, also peaked people's interest in ballroom dancing. By the end of the movie, the young dance students are actually enjoying themselves.

The Vakas recently participated in a 13-year-old's all-girl birthday party. "The kids figured out ahead of time which girl would partner with whom," Claire said. "They did swing and salsa dancing. Even the parents and grandmother joined in. The girls were all dressed up and adorable, and the dining room table was set up to the hilt."

The Vakas' dance experience spans decades. Roger started dancing when he was five and began teaching all styles of dancing in 1962 after graduating from high school. He attended the Boston Conservatory of Music, Dance and Drama from 1962 to 1966. Claire started dancing at age eight and began teaching ballroom dancing after meeting Roger in the early 1970s. The Vakas taught ballroom and line dancing on the South Shore for social and fraternal organizations from 1976-1979.

The couple took a break from a long stretch of teaching from 1980 to 2000 while performing throughout the world in three original musical production shows – "The Roger & Claire Vaka Show," "The Roger and Claire Las Vegas Revue," and ""Bon Voyage with the Vakas."

They went back to teaching social ballroom dancing fulltime in 2001.

Looking back, Roger recalls teaching ballroom dancing at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Utica, N.Y. and at the United States Air Force Officers Club while stationed in Germany with the Air Force from 1966 to 1970.

Roger was an active member of the Dance Teachers' Club of Boston and the Dance Masters of America for several years in the 1970s.

Claire and Roger met when he was her dance teacher at the Anna Garrity/Brad Erwin Dance Studio in Weymouth in 1973. They were married three years later.

"At first I didn't pay any attention to anything but her feet," Roger recalls with a smile. "I was 31 at the time and thought I was destined to be a bachelor. In fact, I was planning on it." At the suggestion of the owner of the dance studio, Roger groomed Claire to become his assistant.

Two years later, while preparing for a children's dance recital, Roger looked beyond her feet and his bachelorhood plans changed. "I went to look for Claire in the parking lot, and when I opened the door and caught a glimpse of her, I couldn't keep my eyes off of her. Cupid shot an arrow through my heart at that moment."

All levels

The Vakas now teach beginner and intermediate ballroom dancing at Hingham Community Center for all levels of dancers on Thursdays and Fridays.

They also offer in-home private instruction as well as lessons for various social groups. "We come to you," Roger said. "We haven't gotten traveling out of our system yet," quipped Claire.

The Vakas help new and more advanced dancers build their confidence levels and abilities while learning the necessary steps for social gatherings and help them improve their leading and following skills. They teach beginner, intermediate, and advanced social ballroom dancing throughout the South Shore area.

Some of the couples the Vakas teach attend local dances, where they can put their newly acquired skills to good use. For instance, Moseley's on the Charles in Dedham, which has a recently renovated ballroom with 1940s décor, offers dancing to live bands Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

"It was fun trying out what we've been learning and seeing if we could dance without Roger and Claire," Susan Willard said. "We did okay."

The Vakas own a fully restored 1930 Model A Ford Briggs body 170B Deluxe, once owned by Roger's grandmother and affectionately named "Chug," which they ride in during Hingham's traditional Fourth of July parade. In some of their free moments they go out for joy rides.

"Judy Volungis, [director of HCC] has made us and the other couples feel welcome," Claire said. "She even suggested we offer a Latin/salsa dancing class [held Thursday evenings] due to the high number of inquiries she received."

For further information about the dance programs the Vakas offer, visit www.hometown.aol.com/thevakas; call (781) 837-4943; or email TheVakas@aol.com. To register for fall ballroom dancing classes, which begin Sept. 14 and 15 at Hingham Community Center, call (781) 749-9786.

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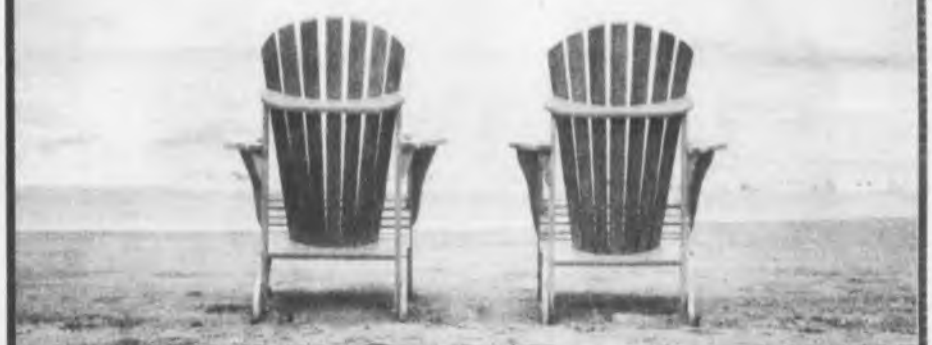

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FROM MR. YOUTH, PAGE 1

Britton, who runs the Manhattan office of Mr. Youth, the company is conquering a new kind of territory with its innovative promotional approach.

"Our philosophy is, if there is a crowd and you can stop them and energize them, you have a better shot at selling the product," said Tedeschi, adding the bigger the crowd, the easier it is to gain media coverage. Depending on the product, Mr. Youth has coordinated everything from trampoline acrobats to huge pajama parties to free concerts in the middle of a mall to drum up interest in a product.

What makes Mr. Youth so intriguing is the fleet of vehicles it has used as a promotional tool. Case in point, the Tommy Lee tour bus, which was used to help promote the CBS reality show Rock Star: Supernova. The show is narrowing down contestants eager to be the front man (or woman) of the group, which includes Lee, Metallica bassist Jason Newsted, and Guns'N'Roses guitarist Gilby Clarke.

Tedeschi said the bus was on the South Shore to help promote an event in Boston at the Paradise, and it even traveled as far south as the Cape. He said it draws a lot of attention, as it serves not only as a "home base" for on-the-road marketing, but also as a traveling billboard. "We'll sometimes use it for interviews. It has a crew that travels with it," said Tedsechi.

Many of the vehicles which come to the South Shore are stored behind Good Sport on Route 3A, as there is a locked parking lot behind the building. He said in 2004, just before the launch of the Victoria's Secret Pink line of clothing, the Pink humvee came to town, as the company got ready to launch its new line. Other companies have their own signature vehicles, such as "Blue Betty" the large air stream bus which promotes Jet Blue airlines, and the big yellow ambulance used for the Center for Disease Control's "VERB" campaign, which encourages youth ages 9-13 (tweens) to be physically active every day. "It is a very good cause. It gets kids off the couch and exercising," said Tedeschi.

The ambulance, which traveled to the promotion site, was painted bright yellow to complement the yellow dodge balls used as a marketing symbol for the campaign. With the lights and sirens, it brought a lot of attention to the cause and caused quite a crowd to gather.

Due to the fact that Mr. Youth is a small company, Tedeschi and Britton are able to have a real hands-on approach to their events. "When we do spring break or launch a tour, I'll go or Matt will go. Between the few senior staff we have, someone is always there," he said. In addition, Tedeschi is able to bring his family along, which includes wife Jill, daughter Brittany, 11, and son Trevor, 10. Tedeschi said Brittany loves the marketing world so much, someday she would like to begin her own business — Mrs. Youth.

While Tedeschi said he has a fun time doing his job, "It sounds glamorous, but there is a lot of hands on work." He has had to build the company with Britton from the ground up, which has depended on a lot of word-of-mouth advertising. In fact, seeing the success it has brought his company, he has implemented the same strategy for Mr. Youth, hiring individuals who contact the company who really believe in a product to work as members of his "street team" promoting the product at events or on college campuses.

Mr. Youth's innovative marketing campaigns have earned it some of the most prestigious awards in the promotions industry, including "Best use of event marketing in the world," at the 2004 GLOBES. The company has also been featured on the Daily Show with John Stewart.

But at the end of the day, despite his company's success, Tedeschi said he is happy to come home to Cohasset. "I love to do it, it's fun and there is always a new obstacle," and the icing on the cake is being able to work so close to home. While he travels all over the country doing promotions, having lived in Cohasset for the past 13 years, nothing is quite like it.

Selectmen want top 'T' official

FROM SELECTMEN, PAGE 1

attorney for the MBTA William Mitchell sent a letter to the town asking the meeting be held in executive session at a later date. Town Counsel ruled because the mitigation agreement requires all five members of the board to be present for dispute discussions, and there are no exceptions under the Open Meeting Law, the meetings would need to be held in open session.

The MBTA remains disappointed the selectmen will not meet in executive session, as it feels the discussion would be more productive without the public and the press present. It suggested the board declare an impasse at the second stage and proceed to the next stage, which would be for the town to take legal action against the MBTA.

"We want to avoid litigation," said Dormitzer as it is a very expensive route to take and will hardly expedite the process.

While at the board's Aug. 7 meeting it was suggested two members of the board participate in an exploratory meeting outside the mitigation agreement with the MBTA to discuss how to come to an agreement about their disagreement with the dispute resolution process, that meeting was called off. Dormitzer said a citizen came forward with concerns that having two members of the board would constitute a quorum of the board and the meeting could be considered a sub-committee meeting. Holding the meeting in executive session could have been a violation of the Open Meeting Law. While Dormitzer said he could have gone alone, he would prefer to have more than one member present during discussions.

Dormitzer said the bottom line is, while the town would like to come to a resolution, "We don't want to have these discussions in executive session. The public has a right to know. It's better to have it in the open."

At the time the Mariner went to press, the board had not yet scheduled a meeting with Grabauskas. Selectmen meet again Monday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.

Buttonwood Books keeps school shelves stocked

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Betsy Detwiler has always had her heart in education. A former teacher turned bookstore owner, she understands the importance of exposing children to reading at an early age, and uses her shop, Buttonwood Books and Toys, to partner with local schools to help spread the reading bug.

Recognizing the tough financial situation facing Cohasset's schools, Detwiler said she is happy to provide myriad events to help ensure new books are always in the hands of Cohasset's children. Her store has been instrumental in bringing events such as pro bono author and illustrator talks, book fairs and weekly book groups for students to the schools.

"Education has always been an important part of my life. I believe there's a lot of teaching, if you will, in running a bookstore," she said, adding she taught both middle school English at Thayer Academy in Braintree as well as classes for students with learning disabilities at Hingham High School for many years.

Having the hands-on teaching experience, Detwiler, a Norwell resident, has been able to cater to the needs of South Shore schools. In Cohasset, she has a very good relationship with the teachers and librarians and is therefore able to customize book fairs to what is appropriate for the community. "We also do a 20 percent discount for the books we contribute to the fairs for that week," she said.

There are always plenty of deals for teachers in the school system as well, to ensure when it comes to purchasing reading materials, students and teachers are able to have the latest trends in children's literature available in the classroom.

In a small community like Cohasset, Detweiler said not only is she able to get to know school staff, she is able to work directly with the parents and students in the community. She said her customers seem to prefer shopping in a small, independent neighborhood bookstore where the interaction is one-on-one. For her, "The fun of that is the personal aspect of getting to know our customers."

Even though the store might be independent, that doesn't stop it from bringing nationally and even internationally known authors to town. "Cirque de Freak" writer Darren Shaw, a British writer whose upper elementary to middle school age level children's horror stories have caught on immensely in the United Kingdom as well as the United States, has paid a visit to Buttonwood, as has children's picture book author and Caldecott Award winner Eric Rohmann. Jane Dyer, an author and illustrator who has created many picture books has come to Buttonwood as well. "Buttonwood funds the author/student talks through our connections with the publishers," said Detwiler, which works out very well for Cohasset schools.

When it comes to helping teach the curriculum, Buttonwood doesn't shy away. "When teachers in the Cohasset schools have projects involved with biographies or historical fiction, we gather together and supply the book resources. We also stock books for the schools' summer reading lists," said Detwiler. She added, the schools recently had a very successful Read-A-Thon at the Osgood, Deer Hill and middle schools, for which the class that read the most books was able to choose a new book for its school library. "The schools asked Buttonwood to donate the books, and with the overall success of the event, it will now be an annual thing," said Detwiler.

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Technical togetherness

Finance director says systems merge in everyone's best interest

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the School Committee recently decided looking into joining the town and school department's accounting systems might be in everyone's best interest. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she would set up a meeting with those in charge of software updates as well as representatives from the town, including Director of Finance Michael Buckley to discuss the matter.

At the Aug. 9 school budget and finance sub-committee meeting, members of the School Committee said they do not want any more budgetary surprises, and would like the school district's budget reporting system upgraded. The School Committee recently found out the department had a $432,000 surplus after much of the surplus funds had already been spent for the next fiscal year. With the upgrade, the school committee said the town's system should be upgraded as well, to enable everyone to be on the same page.

Buckley said Tuesday he had not been contacted about the meeting as of yet, but he was encouraged by the prospect of meeting to discuss the software. "I've been trying to get this done for five years," said Buckley of conjoining the two accounting systems. He added in the past, the two systems were connected, but that fell by the wayside under former Supt. Edward Malvey.

However, he said he likes the current software system the town and schools are both using and it has worked well for him over the past 12 years.

"It is one of the best ones out there for our needs," he said. Buckley said whenever there has been a problem or he has wanted to suggest improvements, "The firm has been more than helpful."

While the School Committee has been told it is difficult to generate the kind of report it is asking for with the current system, Buckley said he would be able to provide a report detailing money spent to date, the total budgeted amount and how much is left to be spent in a report for the selectmen. In fact, he said he was asked to provide such a report to the board and he did.

"I can either get the report from the system, or if I can generate a better report by exporting it into Excel for a more customized report, I'll do that," he said.

But by joining the systems, it would save the town time and money.

"The vendor would only have to support one application rather than two," which would help consolidate costs. Due to the fact that the current systems don't mesh, he and school business manager Dave DeGennaro have had to spend considerable time trying to communicate back and forth, rather than having the numbers right in front of them.

Currently, the town and schools do have the same accounting software, but there is a slight difference in the way the charters of accounts are broken down. The town has roughly 12 characters while the schools have 18 for account names, to allow the school's reports to be compliant with the Department of Education.

School dept. says accounting systems are not up to par

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pre-purchasing in April, May and June and we didn't know until July."

Walsh said school districts are allowed to pre-purchase materials and supplies for the next fiscal year when funds are left over and it is legal only if the pre-purchased materials arrive at the school by June 30, the end of the fiscal year from which the funds came.

"It still warranted discussion," said Fusco.

Walsh said if the school district changes its accounting system, it will have to see if the town is willing to look at other systems as well to ensure the two are compatible. Fusco said there would need to be some analysis done to find the kind of software that can provide the kind of report the School Committee is looking for.

Slanetz said there must be a major change in the way financial information is disseminated to the board right away, adding pre-purchasing of materials was taking place in the spring, "and we didn't know the full information until July."

"You're right," said Walsh.

Flynn said he thinks the entire School Committee was caught by surprise by the surplus because the number was so big. "Denise has done a wonderful job, but we need to know how big these numbers are going to be. We need to say, 'I want to know if we're going to be X amount over budget,' and nothing leaves the district until we know how much it is," he said.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the board needs to vote to adopt a policy, which will establish cost centers.

"If she wants to spend outside, she comes to us," she said. MacCarthy added that might mean the School Committee holds more meeting in May or June to approve the transfers, but it is something that will have to be done.

Flynn suggested the School Committee get together with the person who designs the accounting system as well as representatives from the town to get the ball rolling.

Line item transfers come into question

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operating budgets belongs exclusively to the School Committee and it cannot be delegated to any other municipal board or officer. This means the superintendent cannot move any amount of money from one line item in the budget to another without the consent of the School Committee.

Slanetz said taking the recent surplus funds and pre-paying for fiscal 2007 should have been something the School Committee was well aware of, and in the future, transfers should be brought to the committee's attention.

"Not that we wouldn't approve it — it's good to pre-pay — but we made decisions in a different philosophical context," he said, adding the School Committee did not know how much of a surplus there would be at the end of fiscal 2006 or what was purchased with the money and the board should have been told at one of its meetings.

"If you want, we could meet every day," quipped Walsh.

Slanetz said it is troubling that transfers were taking place in the late spring, perhaps as far back as April, which means Walsh had to have known about the surplus months before the School Committee was informed and went ahead and made the transfers. The School Committee could very well have been out campaigning for the override for fiscal 2007 at the same time Walsh was pre-paying for supplies for fiscal 2007 with fiscal 2006 funds.

School committee member Rick Flynn said the School Committee needs to draft a policy that will establish and track cost centers for money movement.

"We are tracking cost centers," currently, said Walsh.

"Then it was illegal," said Fusco of transferring the money. "I'd back away from saying you have cost centers. If you do, you're moving money illegally," said Fusco.

MacCarthy said she disagreed with Fusco and Slanetz.

"Call Jim Hardy tomorrow," she said, as Hardy works for the MASC and has held workshops for the School Committee before on its roles and responsibilities.

Absentee ballots are now available

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 19 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 18 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only: absence from the twon during the hours the pools are open; physical disability; religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of eth voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, which ballot is requested, Democrat or Republican, and the signature of the applicant. **If a voter is enrolled in a political designation they may not vote in any state or presidential primary.**

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may **apply** on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. **Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.** Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by **an immediate family member** to the Town Clerk's Office by Sept. 19 to be counted.

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A little bit of summer, a little bit of school

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Landmark bill protects elephants

Our senators on Beacon Hill deserve a standing ovation for passing a landmark bill to protect elephants from abuse from cruel devices such as bullhooks and chains.

Senate Bill 2457, sponsored by state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, passed the Senate with Hedlund at the helm.

The bill is supported by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) and a coalition of groups including the Animal Protection Institute (API), a national animal advocacy organization

The bullhook is a part of circus life that the public seldom sees when sitting out on the bleachers eating popcorn and enjoying the performance.

Used to train, punish, and control elephants, the bullhook is an implement with a sharp steel hook at one end that can puncture an elephant's skin

Videos exist showing elephants being stuck will bullhooks on the side, on the knees, and behind the ears, leaving long bleeding wounds.

The USDA currently has four open investigations into the treatment of elephants at the famed Ringling Brothers Circus, including documentation of an incident in which a Ringling elephant handler beat a chained elephant with a bullhook.

The elephant protection bill approved by the Senate prohibits the use of chains to restrain an elephant, unless for medical treatment

Conditions at circuses and some zoos are dramatically different from the elephant's natural habitat.

In the wild, these highly intelligent animals wander for hundreds of miles in well-structured social groups.

These magnificent creatures do not belong trapped in a circus, where all too often they are chained, forced to endure long hours in cramped quarters while being transported from show to show, and subjected to cruel physical punishments to coerce them to perform

Elephant mothers in their natural habitat keep their young by their sides for years. Forced separation of the baby from its mother can be one of the cruelties of circus life.

If elephants must be in circuses, let's do what we can to make their treatment more humane

Elephants cry real tears.

Hedlund introduced Senate Bill 2457 because "it is clear that the use of the bullhook and the practice of chaining elephants are cruel and unnecessary.

"Massachusetts cares about animal welfare and these are practices our society can no longer tolerate," Hedlund said.

We agree with Nicole Paquette, director of Legal and Government Affairs for API, when she stated: "S. 2457 addresses the most egregious training methods employed by elephant handlers.... We need a solution to this problem and Massachusetts has stepped up to the plate for these animals. It... is a great example for all states to follow."

Let's keep the legislative ball rolling.

We hope our state representatives will support this much-needed bill to protect elephants from abuse.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Elder Affairs, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. (note time change), 3 N. Main St.

Board of Library Trustees, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., 35 Ripley Road.

School Committee, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Sept. 9, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.

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HEALTH NOTES

Beware of contaminated water

In June, we discussed the sampling and assessments of the water to be found in our stormdrains during and after rain events. Measurements show high bacteria levels in most of our storm drains. However, during periods of heavy rain, this stormwater tends to overflow and reaches places where people may come in contact with it such as ponds in back yards, etc.; places heretofore considered clean and harmless. We concluded that dogs drinking or walking through, and children playing in seemingly harmless puddles may now be at risk. Just as we've become more suspicious and protective in our personal relationships, we have to become more vigilant in our hygiene.

Generally, the illnesses contacted from exposure to contaminated water are seldom severe because of the personal care and precautions we've been taught naturally; things like washing your hands, keeping eating surfaces clean and hygiene in the bathroom. Recently, because of the presence of more widespread contamination of our stormwater and its existence in many more locations, it is necessary to develop considerably more vigilance about where we apply good, healthy hygiene. Most standing water and much running water can now be considered suspect. Certainly pools in ones back yard may contain high bacteria counts. Swimming pools are generally tested and treated, however, if left to stand without treatment for more than a week, they can be considered suspect. Sprinkler runoff can eventually become contaminated. Damp and wet areas of lawn can also be suspect. We contact illnesses from contaminated water by drinking or getting it on the skin and in open cuts or rashes.

The possible diseases caused by exposure to contaminated water

The most commonly reported illness associated with oral exposure to contaminated water is generally called gastro-enteritis. Gastro-enteritis is an infection of the gastrointestinal tract. It can also result from aerosol exposure to contaminated water (breathing contaminated mist). Oral exposure can also cause hepatitis, an infection of the liver. Open cuts or rashes can also be infected by contact.

Gastro enteritis can affect different parts or the whole of the gastro-intestinal tract. Symptoms include vomiting, pain in the abdomen, and/or diarrhea. Sometimes accompanied by a fever, the illness can cause severe dehydration (loss of water and electrolytes) due to the vomiting and/or diarrhea. This condition is especially common in little children or persons already sick with other conditions.

Hepatitis can appear similar to gastro-enteritis. Severe cases cause skin to become yellow or jaundiced, because the liver is not able to clear out its own bile containing the liver's waste products.

Infected cuts or rashes appear swollen, red, and may contain pus. Pain at the site of the rash or cut and fever are not uncommon. Eyes and ears can also become infected.

Several studies of the effects of exposure to contaminated recreational water on human health have reported a dose-related increase of health risk in swimmers with an increase in the indicator bacteria counts in recreational water. In both marine and freshwater, the increased risk of gastrointestinal illness was associated with water quality values ranging from only a few indicator counts/100 ml to about 30-indicator counts/100 ml. "US EPA 1999 Progress Report: *Detecting and Characterizing Fecal Contamination and Its Sources in Ground and Surface Water* (Watersheds and Aquifers)." These values are low compared to water qualities frequently encountered in Cohasset stormdrains, but much higher than those encountered in the Cohasset Sewer outfall.

Preventing sickness from contaminated water

Maintain good hygiene and make sure that you drink safe water, even for teeth brushing.

Wash hands frequently and when handling food, use conventional food sanitation rules including those listed on the packaging.

The world over, people live in places in which the water supply is very little better than our stormwater. And each year between 20-50 percent of international travelers, an estimated 10 million persons, contact some symptoms from ingestion of contaminated water. It's prudent to use and teach good hygiene to your children.

We'll all feel better for it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deceptive Financials Create Questionable New Fees

TO THE EDITOR:

At last week's School Finance Sub Committee meeting the first item on the agenda concerned the lack of timely and accurate financial information.

This is very troubling news since there were two Municipal Finance bylaws passed at the April 2005 Annual Town Meeting requiring our elected officials receive accurate and timely monthly financial reports which are to be shared with the community.

For FY'06 there is no excuse of lack of personnel or inadequate salary in the school department to do the work. The business manager position was expanded to full time and he had a 'consultant' business manager working with him from the time he started in Cohasset in mid August '05 through February '06. The business manager also has a full time assistant.

School salaries for FY'06 had also received some significant increases. For those who remember, employees on the town side received no raises in FY'05 and with the dire financial situation, it was strongly suggested that the school employees followed suit for FY'06. When the override failed, one would presume that the top priority would be the students' need for textbooks, programs and critical teaching staff. Instead the Superintendent decided to take a generous $10,000 raise, increase the business manager's salary $15,000 above the budgeted amount, maintain a second 'consultant ' business manager, add a new $70,000/yr. administrator's position plus insure that the remainder of the administrators and employees receive raises.

Even with all of this money expended for professional salaries, it appears that we were unable to employ personnel capable of doing some simple math and truthfully answering questions. At a May school committee meeting Vice-Chair, Alfred Slanetz, questioned the surplus he noted in the utility budget. Instead of receiving an accurate answer, Dr. Slanetz was informed by the business manager that the utility company was behind in billing. If the school did not receive an actual bill, someone could read the meter and look at the long term contract to determine the year to date costs - it's not rocket science.

In early spring, textbooks and supplies were pre purchased for FY'07, without the school committee being informed. Instead

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No progress on Greenbush

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Dispute Resolution — There is still no real progress to get the MBTA to honor their procedure to meet with us. In summary the items in dispute are:

•182 Public Parking spaces in the Town Parking Lot

•Provide sidewalk to connect Pleasant St. to Depot Court

•Provide a traffic light at the Cohasset station on Route 3A

•Provide pedestrian crossing at Lower King St. (The MBTA said they were supplying the hardware at all crossings, yet we are being asked to pay for this hardware from our mitigation funds).

Town Parking Lot — The Town Parking Lot has been graded and has received its base coat of asphalt. CBB continues to do work around the perimeter of the lot. At some point in the future, it will be closed again for the final coat of asphalt. But, we don't know when that will be happening.

The Balance of the Project — CBB continues to work like busy beavers from the Hingham line to the Scituate line. The main emphasis is on getting track laid and operable. Grading, drainage, and wiring are all being done simultaneously.

In some areas as they dig trenches along side of the track for drainage or wiring conduits, CBB has encountered buried ledge. Much to their consternation, abutters have been subjected to a nearly constant pounding as this buried rock is removed. In some neighborhoods this has continued for several weeks. This has not been a fun time for these families. We empathize with them, since one of these areas was near our home. We have been asked if all of the rock at the bottom of Pond Street is to be removed. We asked CBB about this and they explained that some of Sunset Rock, as it is called, will be removed for the new road opening. It looks like about half of the rock will remain.

From time to time we get complaints from residents about CBB starting before 7:00 a.m. Under no circumstances is this permitted. If you hear work starting before 7:00 a.m., please tell us when they started and where you live. We'll make sure that it doesn't continue. CBB is generally working overtime. In some cases they have worked daily until 6:00 p.m. and weekends on Saturday. They have also done a little bit of work on Sunday, but have told us that Sundays are restricted to quieter work such as electrical. Also, please keep in mind that all work in Cohasset is not necessarily from the Greenbush project.

The Downtown Revitalization project has the Village looking much nicer than it used to. One of Cohasset's citizens took pictures of Cohasset Village in its "before" state, and the "Greenbush Guys" say they are very happy with the way it is now.

Cyber-surfing and new puppies

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

With the rapid proliferation of wireless home computer networks, today more people than ever are able to surf the Internet from their bathrooms. But many of these amateur network administrators don't realize they need to secure their wireless routers, otherwise any fool with a laptop computer within range of their house can join their network and violate their privacy.

This is where I come in. I just got my first wireless laptop! And like most people in a small town, what little I don't already know about my neighbors and friends is enough to drive me nuts. So come with me now as I drive slowly around town, ferreting out all the juicy tidbits you won't hear about at the Stanislawzyks' next cocktail party, which is apparently set for the 27th.

Let's all welcome Chris Coco Jr. back from college! He's home for good after only one year, but none of us knew why. Well, let's just say the private sale and possession of desoxyephedrine still isn't legal, even at a state school. To my knowledge no formal charges were filed, but Chris is now urgently looking for work at various family-owned businesses in the area. Good luck Chris! Just remember to spell-check your resume before you print out the next batch.

Here's something I didn't know. The Anderssens both work for the CIA! I always thought their fluency in Persian was a little odd, given their Icelandic roots. Are they really such big Bjork fans? Now I don't know what to think.

Note to self: stop bragging to Göran about distant relation to Castro.

Remember that cryptic entry in the police blotter a few months back? The one about a "disturbance of the peace" at 1:30am on Sandy Beach? Well, wonder no more about the source and nature of that disturbance. It was those two love birds Jackie Qualley and Doug Weiman! They're always getting into trouble with Jackie's husband Alex, and I guess that night some gunshots were fired.

No one was hurt, thank goodness! But judging by the prenuptial I found in Jackie's email in-box, come October she might wish her husband had better night vision.

Stay tuned!

The Lamberts Lane Kidmans have a new puppy! The reason they haven't told anyone is because it's supposedly some kind of fugitive. Honestly though, why anyone would keep a border collie puppy under wraps is beyond me. They're so cute!

Until this morning I had no idea there were connections between organized crime and certain Big Dig cement contracts. I'm telling you this laptop and I know things that would make your hair curl. Suffice it to say that shoplifting from Cohasset News would be a really, really bad idea.

Okay, could one of Adrianne DiCenso's friends please give her the following message: Girl, he's just not into you. Guys don't use the term "basket case" affectionately. And trust me, any boy you want to go out with does not list

The Jonas Brothers as one of his favorite power-pop bands. They're peppy-punk. Duh!

Hmmm. Looks like Ed Hodge's recent trip to Foxwoods didn't go as planned. How a retiree can afford to blow eight grand in Connecticut so soon after nearly losing his house to the override has to be a comeback story for the ages. I'll piece it together and get back to you.

Only one more item to report this week — I've just noticed that an embarrassing video of me dancing by a pool is missing from my laptop. If anyone on King Street, Lamberts Lane, Pond Street, South Main, or Red Gate Lane finds such a video on their home network, I hope they'll do the right thing and return it to me. Thank you.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, blissfully unaware that he is currently under investigation for wiretapping, public slander, and thwarting the CIA's recent attempt to assassinate Fidel Castro using radioactive Jelly Bellys.

Clearing things up

COMMENTARY

JIM DRYSDALE

Mr. Beck from the Sewer Commission misquotes me in saying that storm water runoff in James Brook was not a factor in the last sewer overflow. I did, however, say that my analyses of bacterial counts indicated it was not the major factor. I still think so.

Most folk know about runoff contamination. Mr. Beck's statement is the more remarkable because I have been studying this very problem in town waters, including James Brook, for the past two years. I have identified several "hot spots" and shared my information with the Board of Health and other town officials. Since these contaminations had nothing to do with the sewer plant, I did not discuss my findings with the Sewer Commission, hence, perhaps, Mr. Beck's lack of information and erroneous impressions.

We didn't need bacterial counts that day in May to know where most came from. I was sloshing around in Jacob's Meadow (thankfully in waders) and saw raw sewage flowing out of the door of the treatment plant. These pictures of the plant and a backyard give some idea of the mess. This glop was about 2 inches thick and formed a border about thirty feet wide along nearby yards. The noxious puree spewing from the plant door certainly did not come from animal or bird droppings in storm waters. With about 500 million c.f.u of fecal coliform per ounce (Delgado et al. Dig.Dis.Sc, 51,737, 2006), this raw human sewage was regrettably the clear winner in counts that day, hence my flip comment about dinosaur poop. More importantly, unlike storm water, it was retained in yards for many days and continued to pose serious medical risks. I sent this information and pictures to town officials, including Mr. Beck, but received no replies.

Our concerns now must be to ensure that this situation never arises again. It has been proposed that future overflows be dealt with by maceration and chlorination. Neither are good options. Maceration will only disperse the pathogens further. Chlorination of waste flowing out a door or through a pipe will be difficult to regulate and would be a potential biological disaster for the harbor.

It would be better to bypass the plant when its capacity is exceeded and let the sewage flow through the present outfall to the harbor. Although this is neither desirable nor presently legal, it is the lesser of two evils. We should therefore try to persuade the state to allow such a bypass until the situation is corrected. This will certainly require reducing the multiple effects from storm water and also identifying any sump pumps illegally connected to the sewer. It is good that both issues are now being vigorously pursued by the town.

Jim Drysdale is the former chairman of the Harbor Health Committee and the Cohasset representative on the South Shore Coastal Watershed Alliance.

PHOTO COURTESY JIM DRYSDALE

These photos were taken during the "Mother's Day Storm," which caused the town's wastewater treatment plant to overflow. Jacob's Meadow, right, has become an essential holding tank during rain events, and bacteria levels in the meadow have been extraordinarily high.

It's official! It's hoops!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I suppose you read last week, as did I, that we now have an even 50 official state do-dads and do-hickeys.

Gov. Mitt Romney visited Massachusetts long enough, doffed his orange vest and hardhat long enough, and paused for a photo op long enough to sign into law a bill making basketball the official sport of the Commonwealth.

He did this at the behest of Laura Mullen's third grade class at the Joseph P. Mulready School in Hudson.

I'm not sure what the connection is between Hudson and basketball, although Bob Pryor, one of the hoop stars at Braintree High in the '40s, did move there and became publisher of the daily paper.

Basketball apparently was chosen over baseball because it was invented in the Springfield YMCA in the winter of 1891-1892 by its physical director, a Dr. James Naismith, whose classes were becoming bored with just doing push-ups all day.

I hate to disillusion Mitt, but old Doc Naismith is not only dead but a Canadian, born in Waterloo, Ont., besides and thus a non-voter in 2008.

If the kids in Ms. Laura's class were looking for a home-grown sport invented by an American, they could have chosen volleyball, which sprang from the fertile mind of William Morgan in the YMCA of nearby Holyoke in 1895 as a rougher rival to that "sissy" game of basketball.

Ironically, basketball caught on right away, while volleyball had to wait until it moved to the beach and dressed the players in Speedos and bikinis to become popular with the masses.

Like I say, basketball is the 50th official state thing on a list that includes Henry St. Clair, better known as Taj Mahal, as the official state blues artist, duly crowned last Feb. 8, and an official state flower, the mayflower, the first official anything, adopted in 1918.

For a while there, I was sure that fluffernutter would be elevated to the status of the official state sandwich and thus become number fifty, but apparently its sponsor, Rep. Kathi-Ann Reinstein, did not have the clout of Ms. Laura's third graders.

But there will be other opportunities.

For instance, we do not yet have an official state fugitive. Who better than Whitey Bulger? Has anyone created more publicity for a state simply by not coming down for breakfast at the state Senate table?

Nor do we have an official state tunnel. (Hey, don't turn away now! Listen!) The state is as well-known for the Big Dig as Louisiana is for Hurricane Katrina or San Francisco is for that earthquake

For those of us who thought baseball was slighted in naming basketball the official state sport, there's still a chance to right that wrong.

We have six state songs. There's an official song, an official folk song, an official patriotic song, an official glee club song, an official polka song, and an official ode.

What's wrong with an official state outdoor sport?

LETTERS

Deceptive Financials Create Questionable New Fees

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they were misled by the Superintendent about the true financial picture. In my opinion this situation occurred because the school committee has ignored the report of the School Budget Investigation Committee of April '05. They still do not exercise sufficient oversight or involvement in the budget.

These omissions and distortions of information led the school committee to be unaware of a large $432,000 end of year surplus leading to uninformed decisions which in turn caused the parents of Cohasset to be the victims of increased fees.

Still with this surplus, School Committee Chair, Adrienne MacCarthy and the business manager went to the Advisory Committee on July 13 seeking an additional $109,000 in Town Reserve Funds to spend. When the business manager was questioned by the Advisory Committee as to the amount of their surplus, he was 'unable' to disclose the surplus. Guess he forgot the nearly $200,000 he already spent in prepurchases for FY'07.

The second item on last week's agenda dealt with the financial needs and goals of the committee going forward. Committee member, Steve Fusco recommended searching for a new software system for the schools and the town. He considers the current system antiquated and unable to give timely reports. Rather than expending tax dollars trying limp along and band aid the current system, he suggested looking to bite the bullet and buy a new system.

In response to Mr. Fusco's suggestion, I would respond that garbage entered into the system gives garbage information out. Any system is only as good as the data used in compiling reports.

It is apparent that we have a long way to go before we can say that Cohasset taxpayers are receiving transparent budgets and financials from our school department.

L.C. Jenkins
198 Jerusalem Road

Terror plot took over the news of the week

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

recap and analysis of the week in state government)

...It didn't used to be like this.

In the old days, August was rather sleepy, and in that somnolence, if the Senate President and House Speaker appeared on the verge of agreeing with the governor that there ought to be a special fall session, why, that would be the top of the news, however un-monumental it might seem from the perspective of Anywhere Outside The Building.

It was unnecessary for people at the State House to worry about the scenario in which the governor suddenly felt compelled to order the State Police detail at Logan Airport to strap on automatic weapons. Members of the general public didn't need to worry that, even if no part of the highway fell on them as they were trying to get to the airport, they would get so delayed by the detours necessitated by the falling highway, and the need to check whether their Aqua-Fresh was actually liquid explosive, that they would miss their flight. If it weren't cancelled.

These are not the old days. Nowadays, all those considerations can suddenly impinge on the flow of news, and the flow of business on a summer day.

Gov. Romney's reaction to the British terror plot — and no doubt some will accuse him of overreacting for political reasons, calling out the National Guard simply because Logan was a staging ground for 9/11 — took over the news of a week which, until last Thursday, had been dominated by a dawning realization that when the Legislature finished business, it left a lot of unfinished business.

Leadership had already been hearing the echoes of hallway confabs, that bills like the extension of the statute of limitations for sex offenses against children and defining new finance mechanisms for higher ed ought to have been dealt with, and still could be if members reconvened. Romney did a lot more than mutter — he had already all-out insisted that the House and Senate come back in to act on a $1 billion capital-spending plan, amplifying the suggestion already floating around the building. And the administration kept the pressure up last week. By last Thursday, the special-session idea had moved beyond the suggestion stage — it was the preferred course of action of the Senate president, who said in a statement: ""I am hopeful that

...and no doubt some will accuse him of overreacting for political reasons.

the Speaker of the House and I can agree upon a date when we can reconvene formally to address these important legislative issues." Discussions with the Speaker's office about a potential session intensified the next day.

The thread of the capital bond bill/special session story spun out in parallel with the quasi-permanent top issues on Beacon Hill: health care and the Big Dig:

This is getting way undercovered, but the board of the Connector, the authority writing the rules for Massachusetts' unique-in-the-nation health coverage system, was told it's proposing guidelines under which insurance will be priced out of reach of most of the target group. The comments came from health-care activists and provider groups in a public hearing. At a separate hearing, business leaders looked for flexibility on new health care surcharges and contributions and health care activists said another key revenue source seemed to be shrinking.

On the Big Dig, the state treasurer warned the Commonwealth is already liable for $133 million in extra Big Dig costs because of the I-90 tunnel disaster, and the cost of the project overall should be re-estimated. "Even with a cost of $14.625 billion there is a legitimate concern, considering additional repair costs, that the Turnpike Authority has not budgeted enough money to fully pay for the finished Central Artery Project," Cahill wrote. Administration and Finance Secretary Thomas Trimarco responded with what could only be termed a smackdown, writing icily, and publicly, to the treasurer: "I must confess that I am concerned that you raise these matters in a manner that suggests they are surprisingly novel to you," meaning Cahill either is more ignorant about the project's finances than he should be, or is for whatever reason deliberately ignoring what he knows and making suggestions unhelpful to the fiscal health of the project and the state. Meanwhile, the first sign of progress on the ground for the project's remediation: "Ramp A" from South Boston to I-90 reopened Wednesday at midnight.

So: the big news from Beacon Hill didn't go away. It just got smaller.

• *Johnston urges party faithful to align with Lamont* — Without question, the top political story of the week was the victory south of the border by Ned Lamont, who rode anti-war sentiment to a stunning victory over Democratic superstar Joe Lieberman in the Connecticut primary for US Senate (though it was no surprise by Primary Day). That Massachusetts Democratic Party Chairman Philip Johnston issued a pro-Lamont statement and said the result showed that voters this year want to go in a new direction. "That bodes well for Democrats in Massachusetts and around the country," Johnston said.

• *Appellate tax brouhaha winds down and Hopkins sworn in* — A nasty fight over the leadership of the Appellate Tax Board got nastier, yet less relevant; Donald Gorton, a member of the board that hears millions of dollars' worth of tax-assessment appeals from all over the state, got to plead the case for his job before a special meeting called by a single governor's councilor. The council confirms all ATB appointments. Gov. Romney passed Gorton over for reappointment earlier this year, enraging Councilor Marilyn Devaney, who set up the special hearing for Gorton. That session surfaced a new wrinkle: was he replaced because of his sexual orientation? A governor's spokesman denied the accusation, which has been raised in calls and emails to councilors by Gorton's supporters. In any event, the council clearly is moving on; Gorton's successor, Thomas Mulhern of Needham, was confirmed on a 5-2 vote. Another once-controversial nominee is now a Superior Court judge, after her swearing-in: Merita Hopkins, chief of staff to Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. Her nomination triggered some grumbling about political patronage, and spurred Menino to make the only appearance of his career before the Council.

• *Basketball now an official bay state icon* — To some it seemed a slam-dunk, to others an airball: Gov. Romney signed legislation making basketball the official sport of the Commonwealth. The game was invented in Springfield in 1891. The new law was celebrated by members of the Boston Celtics family, along with the Hudson school kids who successfully lobbied to include b-ball on the roster of the state's official talismans.

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Honoring those who serve

The following men and women from Cohasset are on active duty:

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• Cpl. Brenden Anti, USMC (deployed to Iraq);
• Lt. J.g. Michael Baird, USCG;
• Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
• Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
• Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
• CWO2 Jeffery H. Brown, USN
• LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
• Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
• Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deployed to Iraq);
• Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
• Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
• Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
• Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
• HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
• Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC;
• Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
• Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deployed Iraq);
• Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
• Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
• Spc. Justin Maitland, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
• Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
• CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
• Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
• RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
• Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

Visit: www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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August 11, 2006

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on five roll calls from legislative sessions during the period of July 24-August 4. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

$31 MILLION FOR ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY (H 5210)

House 132-21, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Mitt Romney's veto of $31 million to fund the Rose Kennedy Greenway. The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority's website describes the project as 30 acres of parks and green space that extend primarily in the path of the old elevated Central Artery from Chinatown through the Wharf District and North End to the Fleet Center. Supporters of the $31 million said that the money is an integral part of the funding to complete the greenway that will include open space, pedestrian walkways, museums and other community buildings. In his veto message, Romney said that it may be necessary to use these funds to make repairs to the Big Dig. He also noted that taxpayers across the state should not be forced to pay for a project that would be primarily enjoyed by residents of the city of Boston. (A "Yes" vote is for the $31 million. A "No" vote is against the $31 million).

Y Y

$3 MILLION FOR SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM (H 5210)

House 139-15, Senate 36-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $3 million for the School-to-Career program. The program is aimed at helping students gain experience and knowledge in future career fields through a variety of endeavors including internships and job shadowing. Supporters of the $3 million said that this program is a very successful one that connects schools, students and businesses to help prepare students for their future after high school. Opponents of the $3 million said that this program was originally funded at $4.1 million and noted that the Legislature a month ago already added $3 million to it. (A "Yes" vote is for the $3 million. A "No" vote is against the $3 million).

Y Y

$500,000 FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (H 5056)

House 144-9, Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $500,000 for grants to Junior Achievement organizations. The Junior Achievement website describes the organization as the leading in-school/after-school, learn-by-doing business education program in the world. Supporters of the $500,000 said that Junior Achievement is a very successful and worthwhile group that offers learning programs from kindergarten through high school and teaches students the basic concepts of business and economics. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the $500,000 because it is for a program that was not recommended. (A "Yes" vote is for the $500,000. A "No" vote is against the $500,000).

N Y

$200,000 FOR COUNCILS ON AGING AND $50,000 FOR GAY AND LESBIAN AGING (H 5000)

House 149-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $200,000 for grants to local councils on aging and $50,000 for the Lesbian and Gay Aging Project. The project's website states that the group works to ensure that gay and lesbian elders and their caregivers have equal access to the same benefits, protections, services and institutions that heterosexuals enjoy. Supporters of the $200,000 said that local councils on aging depend on this funding. They also argued that the $50,000 for the Gay Aging Project is crucial to help aging gay and lesbians deal with unique problems. They cited a recent survey in which a majority of service providers admitted that gays and lesbians would not be welcome at senior centers unless they hid their sexual orientation. In his veto message, Romney said that the funding for the Gay Aging Project was not recommended and that the $200,000 for the councils on aging is not necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $200,000 for grants to local councils on aging and $50,000 for the Lesbian and Gay Aging Project).

Y Y

USE $75 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FEE TO HELP VICTIMS (H 5000)

House 155-0, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a provision earmarking the $75 fee paid by convicted sex offenders when they register with the state's Sex Offender Registry. The money currently goes into the state's General Fund. The provision would require that the funds be used by the Sex Offender Registry Board to expand the victim services unit. Supporters of the earmarking said that the funds should be used to help the victims of sexual abuse including providing referrals and crisis intervention. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the provision because it was not consistent with his original budget proposal. (A "Yes" vote is for requiring that the funds be used to expand the victim services unit).

Y Y

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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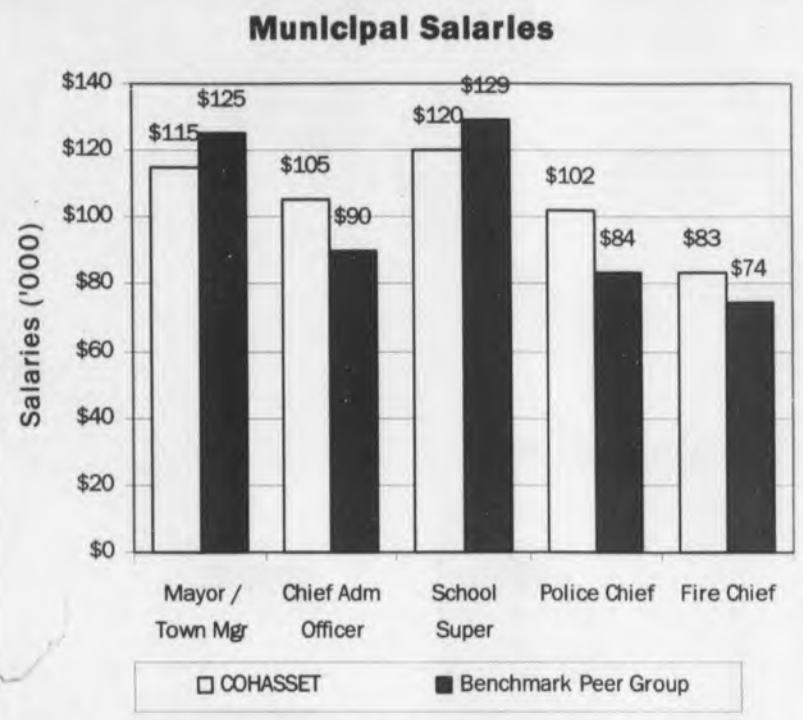
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (ww.municipalbenchmarking.com). A result of zero indicates that either the municipality did not have that position or that the data was not available. Salaries reflect the averag of the high and low salary for the position.

This chart shows the average salary by position for five of the more senior positions in Cohasset's government. Salaries for municipal officials can be related to the size and complexity of the government and the affluence of the community. This chart also show the same information for Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 1 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests und the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series. This is the last of six benchmarks about the fire department.

Program for writers offered at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys and Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, will present Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a program for writers. The workshop will take place Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. The topic will be characterization, and the instructor is Shellie Leger.

Vivid characters are often what readers recall first about their favorite books. Regardless of plot, setting, voice and the like, if characters don't compel, seduce, astonish or even repulse readers, they likely are not going along for the ride. In this seminar, students will receive an overview of creating characters through the use of detail. They will learn about both direct and indirect methods of characterization, and have an opportunity to practice using both. Writing samples of characterization will be provided as well.

Leger teaches writing at the Germaine Lawrence School in Arlington. She is currently completing a collection of short stories, and revising a novel. She has recently heard from Quick Fiction, a journal that publishes short-shorts, that her story "The Green Swing" is being considered for their August issue.

This is a free event, but reservations are necessary. Call Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, at 781-383-2665 to register.

Volunteers sought for budget committee

The Board of Selectmen is asking for volunteers to serve on a Long Term Budget Committee. The committee will develop a spreadsheet-based model of the town's financial operations. The model shall include income statement, balance sheet and cash flow modules. The income statement shall include the town's payroll list and the different components of fringe benefits, all suitably classified by department, job level, etc., so the Town Manager can test potential wage, salary and benefit scenarios. It shall also include line items of revenue and expense corresponding to the Town Manager's annual budget breakdown, at the level of detail needed to test different scenarios such as the effect of a rise in fuel prices. Level of detail shall be as recommended by the Town Manager. The goal is to have the model tested and ready for use by Sept. 1, 2007, so it may be applied for the 2009 budget and upcoming union negotiations.

Interested residents should send a letter of interest and résumé to the Selectmen's office, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., or via e-mail to Town Manager Bill Griffin at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org.

South Shore Elder Services offers dinner and discussion series

South Shore Elder Services, a nonprofit agency in Braintree providing resources and services to elders and caregivers throughout the South Shore area, will present their second series of dinners and discussions on topics important in understanding the aging process.

A "Grief and Loss" session take place Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. It will be presented by Pam Marino, coordinator of clinical development at South Shore Elder Services.

A "Depression and Abnormal Grief" session will be Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m., and presented by Deborah Colgan, regional family support coordinator at South Shore Elder Services.

"Mental Health Crises in Elders" session will be presented by Kara Fink, coordinator of clinical development at South Shore Elder Services, on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

This series will take place at South Shore Elder Services offices, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree, and is open to professionals, elders, community members and caregivers.

Each session includes a light supper, materials and CEUs for eligible professionals. The cost is $20.

To register for one or all sessions or to obtain more information, call Dana Polumbaum at 781-848-3910, ext. 351.

Since 1977, South Shore Elder Services Inc. has been providing seniors and caregivers with the resources and services that promote and maintain optimal levels of elder independence. As one of 27 Aging Services Access Points in Massachusetts, South Shore Elder Services coordinates and provides a wide range of services to elders and caregivers throughout Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth. The agency's mission is to promote and maintain an optimal level of elder independence through the coordination of resources, advocacy and caregiver support. For information visit the Web site at sselder.org.

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Burning up the competition on the national stage

Local hoops squad has strong showing at AAU nationals

By Nick French
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Adversity was a common theme for the South Shore Heat this season even before the annual AAU summer basketball season started this spring.

The Heat were originally part of the well-respected Coastal Pops program, but just before the season began they were without an affiliation.

"They were all caught off guard some were very angry," said Heat head coach Doug Kirby. "So before we left I asked the kids what they wanted to do. They told me that they wanted to have a team. They wanted to finish their AAU together as they started."

The team quickly regrouped and went 4-0 at the Boston Jamfest. Later in the spring they finished second at the New England regionals to qualify for the under-17 Division 2 nationals in Orlando.

The next bit of adversity that the Heat were forced to endure was much more real, as four days before the Nationals were to begin star center Ronny Dunn of Abington broke his foot in a summer league game for the Green Wave.

Dunn is a load in the middle, and losing a big man, is especially hard to endure when you're already undersized and undermanned.

With only eight players able to play the Heat barded a plane for Orlando and tried to make the best of things, while not using any excuses.

"When Ron got hurt I wasn't sure what to expect," said Kirby. "But I didn't want the kids to get down on themselves too much. We talked and the kids understood they had their work cut out for them. I told the kids that some may be out of position sometimes but we have to take on the task of rebounding and defending the middle as a group. We have to do it all together.

Dunn did make the trip with his team, and joined his father on the bench as an assistant coach under Kirby for the week and saw the game from a different viewpoint. One Kirby was sure he did not enjoy.

The tournament began rather inauspiciously as the Heat came out flat in the opener with the Columbus Destroyers, and lost

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BOSTON HERALD PHOTO/DAVID GOLDMAN

Runners leave the start line at Woods Hole during Sunday's Falmouth Road Race. Fourteen Cohasset residents competed in the event.

Cohasset invades Falmouth

14 locals run annual Road Race

J. Patrick Kennedy led a group of 14 runners who participated in Sunday's 34th annual Falmouth Road Race.

Kennedy, 41, completed the seven-mile course in 46:10, putting him in the top 300 out of nearly 8,000 runners.

Four other Cohasset competitors finished the race in under an hour: Rick Flynn (54:04), Michael Savage (56:34), Jennifer Gallagher (57:30) and Brian Riley (59:24).

Finishing in under 1:07 were Alice Cook (1:02:42), William Doyle (1:04:42), Sandra Cavanaro (1:06:26), Chris Haggerty (1:06:32) and William Cavanaro (1:06:33).

Cohasset featured two of the youngest competitors in Sunday's race. Devin Kennedy, 11, finished in 1:07, while 10-year old Timothy Cavanaro crossed the finish line in 1:14:31.

Rounding out the list of Cohasset residents to race were Ken Gritzan (1:08:43) and John Cavanaro (1:09:35).

Complete results can be found on the race's web site, www.falmouthroadrace.org.

- Mark Goodman

Interested in sports writing?

Are you a high school or college student in town with an interest in covering local sports for the hometown newspaper? The Mariner wants to hear from you.

We have opportunities this upcoming sports season to cover games and write stories about the high school teams, as well as youth and recreational sports in town. This is a great way for those interested in exploring a career in journalism to get some experience and clips, or for someone who just likes sports to take their interest to a different level.

Those interested should be prepared to write one story per week and be able to adhere to weekly deadlines. If you are interested, contact sports editor Mark Goodman at (781)837-4577, or via email at mgoodman@cnc.com.

Gridiron Club seeks support

The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to ask all Cohasset football alumni to help support us in our efforts this year to fund junior varsity football.

The Cohasset Gridiron Club awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to our outstanding student-athletes who plan on attending college. This year, however, the Gridiron Club has been asked by the athletic department to fund JV football.

In order for the Gridiron Club to maintain its scholarships and support the coaching staff in everything that they do, and now to fund JV football, it has dedicated a page in our Football Program Book that will be coming out in September of this year, to honor those former football players who would like to see their name once again in the spotlight.

And so, for a $25 contribution to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, your name, the year that you graduated from Cohasset High School and the position you played, will be showcased in our Gridiron Football Program.

Thank you for your consideration in helping the Gridiron in their efforts to keep a winning tradition alive and well in Cohasset football. If you would like to help, please send a check for $25, made out to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, P.O. Box 223, Cohasset, MA 02025, along with your date of graduation and the position that you played. If you would like to call, please contact Al Snowdale at (781)383-9131.

If anyone would like to advertise in the book this year, please call and the Club will gladly help you in getting an ad for your business or just an ad to encourage our team.

STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Nikki Federle (left) and Michael Lund (right) await the start of their event during a July meet against Scituate Knights of Columbus. The Cohasset swimmers won that meet as part of their 7-0 season.

Swimmers finish undefeated

The Cohasset swim team recently finished an undefeated season in the South Shore Swim League.

The team – consisting of boys and girls in five age divisions from 8-and-under to 17-and-under – won all seven of its meets, most of them in convincing fashion.

First-year head coach Sean Sullivan – who was assisted by Meredith Nelson and Casey Anderson – said a big reason for the team's success was the way it came together as the season went along.

"The kids were a tighter group by the end of the summer," Sullivan said. "It was good to see them figuring out drills and techniques in practice and then applying them in races."

The team is awaiting the results of the league's "virtual championship," in which league organizers take the best times compiled from every team in each event and determines an overall winner.

- Mark Goodman

Caitlin Mahoney comes up for air during the 200-yard medley event against Scituate.

STAFF PHOTOS/ELSA ALLEN

Cohasset's Shea Kearney (left) manages to get the ball away from opponent Katie Mohr during the Cohasset Youth Soccer Camp on Aug. 4.

(Left to right) Charles Richard, Luke Hyde and Matthew Pascini all race for the ball during soccer camp.

CHS SPORTS NOTES

Even though summer has just started it is time to start thinking about the Fall Sports season. Here are some important dates that Cohasset High School Student-Athletes in grades 9-12 need to be aware of (with contact information):

First Practices

Football: Aug. 21, 4 p.m., Lillard Field (behind CHS); Pete Afanasiw (781)834-7131 and Bob Silvia (781)383-9776

Field hockey: Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Deer Hill School; Deb Bostwick (781)826-5165

Golf: Aug. 24, 10 a.m. meeting, Cohasset HS (Room 276); practice 3 p.m., Cohasset Golf Club; Aug. 31 practice 3 p.m.; Torin Sweeney (781)383-2213

Boys soccer: Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Milliken Field; Rob Leary (781)771-9610

Girls soccer: Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Milliken Field; Deb Beal (781)724-8851

Cheerleading: Aug. 24, 3:30 p.m., Cohasset HS Gym

Fall Preseason Sports Information Night

Monday, Aug. 28 in the High School Gymnasium at 6:45 pm.

This is a mandatory meeting for all Fall sports student-athletes. We ask that students bring their $250 user fee and at least one parent/guardian to the meeting. There are a number of changes in our athletic policies that will be presented.

Also our principal, Mr. Joel Antolini, will be on hand to address our teams. Parents and students will then have an opportunity to meet with the coaching staff to discuss team rules and expectations for the Fall 2006 season.

Physical Exams

Also remember that all student-athletes need an up-to-date physical exam performed by a physician within the past 13 months prior to the start of the season in order to participate in a high school sport.

No student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practices or games without a current physical exam on file at the Cohasset High School nurse's office. Dr. Steven Golden, the school physician, will provide free physical exams for student athletes on Aug. 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cohasset High School Nurse's office.

Third Annual Freshman Athletic Summit

The athletic directors and principals of the South Shore League are excited about this program designed to promote sportsmanship in sports our schools. This is a mandatory event for all ninth grade athletes intending to play any sport during the 2006-07 school year.

This event will be hosted by Norwell High School on Monday, Sept. 25 at 3:30 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided from CHS at 3 p.m. A barbeque dinner and t-shirt will be provided for all participants. More information about this event will be distributed during the first week of school.

Cheerleading coaching vacancy

Cohasset High School is searching for a head cheerleading coach for the upcoming school year. All interested parties should contact Athletic Director Ron Ford, either via mail (143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025), phone: (781) 383-6103, or email: rford@cohassetk12.org.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the South Shore Heat pose for a photo with their medals after finishing 11th at the AAU Division 2 17-under nationals last month. Top row: head coach Doug Kirby, Dan Atkinson, Corey Donahue, Ron Dunn, Nick Schmiemann, Kyle Joyce. Bottom row: Mike Guerrera, Alex Danowski, Dave Patti, Mike Steele.

Burning up the competition on the national stage

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55-50. After the game Kirby and the team held a meeting to determine how they wanted their week to go. The team didn't want to be playing in the consolation bracket, so therefore the next two games were must wins.

"When we lost the first game the kids and I all knew we had played just awful," said Kirby. "I coached awful and they played like I coached. Most of this group has been together since the 6th grade, I don't have to tell them when they play bad, they already know. We really believed that we could win the next two games. We knew we played badly and now it was out of our system."

The bounce back was evident early in the second game against Lafayette, La. according to Kirby.

"This was the basketball team that I had coached all year. They showed up, ready to play, ready to defend and rebound."

The Heat led by as many as 12 before their opponents made a valiant comeback to get back into the game. But a pair of clutch free throws by Abington's David Patti allowed the Heat the breathing room it needed in a 71-66 win.

The win did not come without a price as Scituate's Mike Steele injured his shoulder early on forcing the team to play with only seven guys.

Steele recovered quickly though in time for the third game of pool play against the Tar River, N.C. Raptors. He drilled a pair of threes early on as the Heat raced out to a 12-1 lead. The Raptors fought back to cut the lead to one at halftime, and the third quarter was played to a stalemate.

"In between the third and forth quarter I told the kids that someone needed to step into the middle of their penetration and take a charge," said Kirby.

His troops heeded the charge as Dan Atkinson took a charge early in the quarter and Weymouth's Nick Schmiemann did the same to slow the Raptors momentum a bit.

Pembroke's high scoring guard Corey Donahue contributed with 11 points for the game, and was also great on the defensive end guarding the Raptors best player, as the Heat went on to win again by sinking clutch free throws down the stretch, 57-54.

The team needed a little bit of help as the Louisiana team needed to beat Ohio for the Heat to finish tied for first in the pool. They managed to get lucky and earned the top seed and a bye into the round of 16.

The next game was for the right to get into the final eight. The Heat were slated to play Lone Peak, Utah, in what would prove to be a stalemate much of the way.

"This game was so evenly matched we could have played all night," said Kirby.

Utah was led by a frontline all 6'6" and led the game most of the way by using their size advantage of the much smaller Heat.

Facing a size disadvantage Kirby needed to come up with something to disrupt Utah's guards in order to exploit his team's quickness.

"We had to turn up the heat because we were outmatched inside," he said. "We had to get the guards to throw the ball away. We had worked on the run and jump full court press before we went down to Florida. We had used it in the previous two games, but this game was special."

Kirby rotated five different guys with Steele, Patti, Alex Danowski, and Mike Guerrera of Scituate, and Hanover's Kyle Joyce.

The result was effective as the Heat kept it close, and trailed by seven heading into the fourth when the tables turned. Atkinson drilled three straight jumpers from the elbow, and Danowski and Donahue chipped in with a couple baskets to spark the offense.

The Heat led by four with a minute to go, but nearly blew it after allowing, a basket and a quick turnover with 45 seconds left.

Utah came out and scored to tie the game, but the scoring player knocked the ball out of bounds and was whistled for a delay of game technical foul.

Atkinson made one of two free throws, and then Patti was fouled on the ensuing possession and made both to stretch the lead to three. A game tying three was missed, and the Heat escaped with a 58-54 win.

It was at this point that the Heat's small roster and lack of size came back to haunt them. In the next round against a team from Indiana, the Heat was faced with a front line of 6'5", 6'7" and 6'8". Schiemann at 6'6" was the Heat's tallest player, and without Dunn the rest of the line only goes 6'3".

"We knew we had to hit the glass hard and take care of the ball in order to win this game.," said Kirby. "We did neither."

The result was a lopsided loss putting them into the losers bracket.

Height was again a factor against the Charlotte Aces. A win would have given them a chance to play for fifth place; a loss put them in the 11th place game.

The Heat led almost the whole game and led by eight with five minutes to go, but fatigue set in in a big way, and Charlotte turned it on running away with a 10 point win.

In the 11th place game, the Heat caught a break as the team from New Jersey had already gone home and forfeited.

"This was by far the best defense we played all week. We didn't even let them get a shot off," Kirby said with a chuckle.

In all the veteran coach was happy with his team's effort for the week, and was proud at the heart they showed despite all the adversity to team overcame throughout the week.

"These kids deserve all the credit. They never quit and they wanted to stay together. We did it on our own, We finished 11th in the country, division 2, no one can take this away from the kids."

Kirby also wanted to thank everyone involved that help make the trip happen, from donations, raffle tickets, and the car wash. He also wanted to thank the parents for their unwavering support. And lastly he was thankful for the coaches, some of which he's coached since the fourth grade.

"When the chips were down they stuck together like a true TEAM does, and finished 11th in their division. I love these kids like they are my own."

SPORTS NOTES

Punt, pass and kick competition

Millions of kids compete nationwide each year, but only 32 make it to the NFL Pepsi, Punt, Pass and Kick National Finals. Boys and Girls compete separately in four age divisions (8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15). All participants launch one punt, one pass and one kick, with scores based on distance and accuracy (in feet).

Pembroke Football and Cheerleading is hosting the local qualifier this year on August 27, 2006 from 12-3p.m. at the Pembroke Community Center Fields. The competition is open to all children in Pembroke and children in the OCL programs in other towns

International basketball tours

The New England Colonials International Basketball Club invites applications for its April 2007 tours to Europe. These tours are open to boys in the 8th - 10th grades who have had significant basketball experience.

The Colonials' '07 Ambassadors tour for 10th graders will include visits and games in Austria, the Czech Republic, and Germany. The '07 Rovers team for 8-9th graders will travel and play in Scotland and Ireland. As on all the team's tours, Colonials' players will be hosted by the families of their basketball peers at each stop on the tour. Several stipends are available for players with financial need.

Colonials' teams do not hold tryouts and rely on references and an assessment of the applicant's commitment to school, community, and basketball. Founded in 1980, the New England Colonials International Basketball Club is a non-profit program that has as its central purpose the support and encouragement of international friendship and understanding between New England student-athletes and their peers around the world.

For additional information, please contact the New England Colonials at (508) 668-1935 or by E-mail at necolonials@aol.com. Interested players may learn more about the program online at the team's website located at www.NewEnglandColonials.net.

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OBITUARIES

Bruno S. Andracchio

Work for Memorial Press Group

Bruno S. Andracchio of Scituate died Aug. 11, 2006, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston after a brief illness.

The son of Mary (Pagliaro) Andracchio of Cohasset and the late Frank Andracchio, he was raised in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High School, Class of 1959. After attending UMass-Amherst, Mr. Andracchio worked in the publishing business, most recently as the facilities and purchasing manager for Memorial Press Group/Enterprise News Media.

He was a member of Hatherly Country Club in Scituate.

He leaves his wife, Judith A. (Levin) Andracchio; his children, John S. McCarthy of Boston and Mark M. McCarthy of Belmont, Calif.; his mother; his sister, Frances Smith of Foxboro; his grandson, Owen McCarthy of California; and several nieces and nephews.

A service was held at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to New England Village Inc., 664 School St., Pembroke, MA 02359.

Jeffrey Richardson Power

Retired investment broker

Jeffrey Richardson Power, 82, of Cohasset, died Aug. 11, 2006, at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Power was born in Chicago, graduated from Wells High School in Maine in 1941, Bowdoin College in 1945 and Harvard Business School in 1953. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Forces during World War II, where he graduated from MIT's meteorology program.

He was employed as an investment broker in Boston until he retired as vice president of Detwiler, Mitchell, Fenton & Graves Inc. in 2005.

Mr. Power was a resident of Cohasset for 49 years. He was an avid golfer and an active member and past treasurer of Cohasset Golf Club. He was a devoted parishioner at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and served on the vestry for many years. For more than 20 years, he participated in the Good Friday Walk in Hingham, which addresses the needs of rural children, and in 2004 was honored as the single largest fundraiser in the history of the walk. In the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami disaster, he donated a community water purification and desalination system to the victims in India.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Barbara (Brown) Power; his daughters, Deborah Power of Carlisle and Pamela Power of New York City; a son, Jeffrey Power Jr. of Wilbraham; a sister, Penny Odiorne of Vero Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren, Jeffrey, Olivia, Kerry, Mae, Audrey and Nathaniel.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 26, at 2 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Marita Ott Railsback

Awarded Carnegie Medal for Heroism

Marita "Mitzi" Ott Railsback died Aug. 14, 2006, at her daughter's home in Marshfield.

Marita Ott Railsback

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Max and Marita Ott. Mrs. Railsback grew up in West Newton and attended Beaver Country Day School and Finch Junior College in New York. In 1942, she married Walter "Bud" Railsback at age 19. She moved from West Newton to Cohasset in 1952, where she enjoyed watching the tides and bird life from her sitting room overlooking Little Harbor for 54 years.

Her caring and generous nature kept her busy providing loving service to her family, friends and a long list of Cohassetites. Mrs. Railsback was awarded a Carnegie Medal of Heroism for her effort to save a drowning man in the "run" at Little Harbor in March 1963. Her modesty prevented anyone whom she met later in life from knowing this aspect of her life.

Mrs. Railsback was an active member of the Cohasset Garden Club and a trustee of the New England Hospital, where she contributed to patient care and hospital governance for many years. She also tended the historic granite trough at the intersection of Beach Street and Atlantic Avenue. She loved her family, her dogs, gardening, a boat ride anywhere at anytime, the month of October in Cohasset and the month of March in Great Exuma.

She leaves her husband, Walter "Bud" Railsback of Norwell; her daughter, Susie Railsback Fowler of Marshfield; her son, Rick Railsback of Hingham; her grandchildren, Piper Sheer, Mitzi Johnson, Spencer Jacobs and Peter Railsback; and three great-grandchildren, Sam, Jake and Max.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 18, at noon, at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North and South River Watershed Association, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100, www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Summer Sundays at First Parish Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, Aug.13 — Worship at 9 a.m. in the Meeting House A service on "Time of Wonder" led by The Alves Family

Children are welcome. Light refreshments will follow the service.

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR Aug. 13-20

• Sunday : 8: a.m. Worship Service; 9:30 a.m., Family Service; 6 p.m. Carillon Recital – Sally Slade Warner

• Monday: 7:30 p.m., Christian Meditation, 7:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting

• Tuesday: 7 p.m., Profile Committee Meeting

• Wednesday , 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing; 10:30 a.m., Labyrinth Meditation Walk

• Friday, 6:30 p.m., Wedding Rehearsal

• Saturday, 7 a.m., Bible Fellowship – Genesis; 6 p.m., Wedding.

Our first reading is from Proverbs, in which we read of "Wisdom's Feast" and the invitation to walk in the way of insight. The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in which he encourages the community of faith to seek wisdom so that we might know the will of God. And in the Gospel of John, Jesus says that true life is found in him and that those who eat of his bread will have eternal life. Colette Wood will offer the homily.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

July 30: "Love"

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Historic quilt exhibit at Old Ordinary

A new exhibit of historic quilts is on display through Sept. 2 at the Old Ordinary, Tuesday through Saturday, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. MassQuilts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the identification of historic quilts in Massachusetts, inspired the exhibit after visiting the Historical Society last fall and providing information about more than 40 quilts owned by the Society.

One of the most surprising facts revealed about the quilts was their age. Several of them are from the late 1700s and made with roller printed fabric, common at that time. Other attractions are fabrics from France and unusual quilting designs. One of the quilts on display is a Friendship quilt made for a bride from Newburyport before 1850. This quilt has individually designed squares made by many friends to give as a gift. Friendship quilts first appeared around 1840, when so many families migrated west, knowing they might never see home again.

An additional highlight of the collection is its connection not only to Hingham and its inhabitants, but also to events of national significance, demonstrated by the Abolitionist Quilt, made by Mary Lincoln Hersey of Hingham for an abolitionist fair in Boston in 1840.

. For further information call Julianne Mehegan, heritage educator, at 781-749-0013 or 781-749-3125.

'Boot Camp' fitness training

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training program with instructor Betsy Callanan, who will run an interval calisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all levels of ability.

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While running and-or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping-running knees, and sit-ups. Callanan has designed the program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength.

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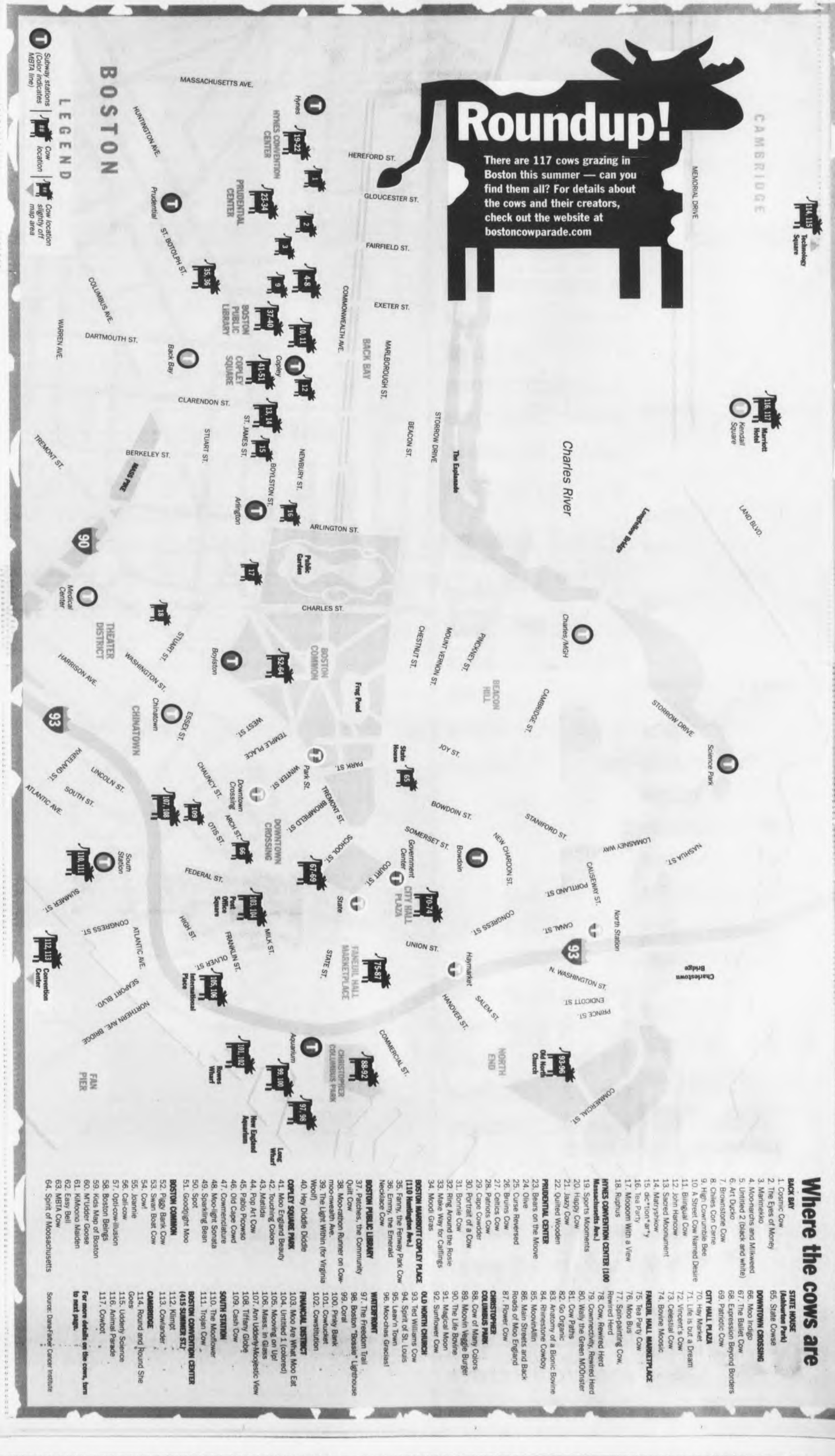

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

2:10 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, 911 caller states a patient is having a diabetic seizure.

2:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:12 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, public service, NE Adjustment Bureau is repossessing a motor vehicle.

3:16 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, public service.

5:01 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is open.

6:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

6:10 am. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement assignment.

8:53 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire, investigation.

9:19 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, officer investigating suspicious activity, requests backup. Officer clear, no suspicious activity at this time.

9:54 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, inspections.

9:58 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, inspections.

10:42 a.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:59 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop.

11:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location and one female involved is "flipping out" on the caller. Officer on scene requesting the rescue for minor injuries. Fire Dept. all ready enroute. Transporting victim to SSH.

11:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm hold up, alarm company reports hold up alarm at this location. Spoke to employee on call back, he states everything is ok he will meet officers out front. Officers report accidental, everything is in order.

2:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:25 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:33 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:48 p.m. **Forest St.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:52 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, 911 caller reports person has fallen inside the store. Fire Capt. reports this will be a transport.

3:02 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

3:21 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed group from the bridge.

3:23 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop.

3:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

3:55 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, animal complaint, caller states she is having a problem with raccoons in her yard.

7:17 p.m. **State Park Rd.**, medical aid, rescue three to this location for mutual aid. Hull states person is choking.

7:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, party states he feels like he is going to pass out.

10:16 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, officer wanted, walk in party states for the second time, people have been throwing things into the pool.

10:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, speeding.

11:25 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny. Wind: Light. Temp: 78.

8:57 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking.

9:19 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, alarm-residential, side door activation.

10:32 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Smith Pl.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:42 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, fire, inspections.

10:44 a.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, fire, inspections.

10:50 a.m. **Beach St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking, caller reports motor vehicle blocking the roadway.

10:53 a.m. **Bow St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller is requesting to see an officer regarding a motor vehicle blocking a driveway.

10:58 a.m. **Margin St.**, B&E (past/report), party in HQ., is reporting her residence was entered sometime last night.

10:59 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, property (recovered), party in with a set of keys they found on the roadway.

11:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, inspections.

11:56 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, caller reports a female has fallen.

1:02 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), party into HQ., reporting her passport missing.

2 p.m. **Capt. Pierce Rd.**, medical aid.

2:11 p.m. **Stanton Rd.**, fire, inspections.

2:12 p.m. **Deep Run**, fire, inspections.

2:14 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

2:55 p.m. **King St.**, larceny, party into report items were taken from his motor vehicle.

3:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a coyote in the back yard.

3:29 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

4:23 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:25 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, fire-public assist, cat in tree.

4:26 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

4:58 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm-hold up, alarm company reports a hold up alarm at this location. When the bank was called, employee stated it was accidental.

5:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm-hold up, alarm company reports second hold up alarm. Officer confirmed accidental. Alarm has been reset.

5:35 p.m. **Summer St.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports a fire alarm activation.

8:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, caller reports a lacrosse rebounder was stolen from outside of his home sometime during the day. It was there when he left for work this morning and when he came home it was gone. It is a 9 ft. metal tripod that rebounds lacrosse balls. Officer reports the resident is not sure whether it was "borrowed" or not, so if the resident calls back tomorrow he will have the officer make a report.

9:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports customers are giving an employee a hard time over a bottle of wine and would like to speak with an officer.

9:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – commercial/business, alarm company reports general burglar alarm.

10:32 p.m. **South Main St.**, barking dog, caller reports her neighbors have a new dog and it won't stop barking. Officer reports the area is quiet.

11:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate locked.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

12:27 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:46 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, youths riding through the square on bikes.

12:51 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, motor vehicle has its lights on. Left message for motor vehicle owner.

1:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:03 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

3:09 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 (home), abandoned 911 call. Ongoing problem. House is under construction and vacant.

4:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is open.

6:25 a.m. **HQ.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to the Sgt. regarding property.

6:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, 911 caller states a customer is having a seizure.

7:19 a.m. **Town Parking Lot**, fire (misc.), E2 to the parking lot to secure the hydrant.

7:39 a.m. **Beach St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:53 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, fire, inspections, E3 is out to this location for inspections.

10:09 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, Sgt. reports building checks secure.

10:25 a.m. **Holly Lane**, medical aid, 911 caller states that she has fallen out of bed and can't get up.

11:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

12:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 (home), hang up 911 call from this location.

1:42 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, investigation, caller reports a motor vehicle running in the parking lot and there is a baby in the motor vehicle.

4:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, (misc.), checking hydrant in the square.

4:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – commercial/business, alarm company reports burglar alarm coming from the front doors. Officers report someone will have to come up and secure the doors. Shop checks out ok.

5 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

6:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller from above location reports an elderly male has been walking around the parking lot "half naked" for about 45 minutes. Officer reports his family is shopping and he was walking around getting some air, they are leaving now.

6:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, (misc.), fire reports they are at this location for a smoke detector sounding. Food on stove, system has reset.

6:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, outside, walk in party reports one of the island in the Cohasset Plaza was smoking. Possible mulch fire. Officer on scene reports nothing showing at this time.

9:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, officer assisting disabled motor vehicle in front of this location in the north bound breakdown lane. Semi trailer. Officer requests a tow truck for a broken rear axle.

10:40 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, officer reports there is a hummer off the side of the road into the guard rail, he reports no fire needed at this time.

10:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Summons: Jose Brito, 37, 60 Greentree Lane, #11, Weymouth. Charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

12:23 a.m. **Haystack Lane**, suspicious activity, caller advised he heard a vehicle drive up his driveway. Officer advised nothing showing.

12:50 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is now open.

6 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement, officer out at above location.

6:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, officer advised out with vehicle.

6:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

6:51 a.m. **Pond St., and Spring St.**, fire.

6:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer advised out at the lights.

8:56 a.m. **Pond St.**, vandalism report, caller reports someone came up her driveway sometime last night and vandalized her son's car.

9:49 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, parking complaint, caller complains she can't get out of her street because of landscapers and neighbors who don't park in their driveway. Officer reports vehicle tagged.

11:30 a.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop.

11:46 a.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop.

12:23 p.m. **King St.**, credit card fraud.

1:25 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. To register or for information call 781-383-9112.

Volunteers — Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for kitchen assistants this summer to help serve meals to elders on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Center.

Also needed are volunteer van drivers to take seniors on scheduled morning shopping trips, to the Center for congregate meals, medical trips and programs. Town van provided.

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs volunteer Coordinator, Martha Horsefield, at 718-383-9112 for more information.

ONGOING ACTIVITES

Fitness and dance – line dancing – Starting in Sept. 9 to 10 a.m., $3 Instructor: Nancy Kramer. Need six to start. Call 383-9112.

Senior dance – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., $3, in CEA's Pink Room. Instructor Karen Kirkendall offers back-to-basics dance aerobics. Call CEA.

Arthritis exercise class – Fridays, 9:30 a.m., $3. Guided exercise with occupational therapist Paula Luoma, for people with moderate problems affecting movement.

CLASSES AND HOBBIES

Second Friday Book Club – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Senior Center. Lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie. Call Addie McGrath at 781-383-0952 for information and to register.

Bridge lessons – Mondays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. Improve your game. Call 508-746-8715.

ACBL Bridge – Mondays, 12:15 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play against peers. Refreshments start at 11:15 a.m. Open to all. Call instructor Bill Wennerberg at 508-746-8715.

Drop-in Bridge – Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Held at the Senior Center. Open to the public. Registration not required.

Anna's Gourmet Club – first and third Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to make a delightful meal. Basic fee $20, plus $5 per class. Limited enrollment. Call CEA to register.

Men's Chanticleers – Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m., breakfast club for men only. Meet at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. No dues or charges, just the cost of food. Other events include day trips, evening dining and overnights for the cost of room and meals. Transportation available. To sign up call Lloyd Prescott at 781-544-3626.

Computer training – Starting Sept 12: Tuesdays, 2:30 to 3 p.m. Individual instruction with Austin Breslow, no fee. Call CEA to schedule an appointment.

Walking Club – It's more fun to chat while exercising. One hour or less, three times a week. Couches, chairs and rest rooms available. Seniors have access to the high school track after 3 p.m. No fee. Call CEA for information.

HEALTH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Keep well clinics – Cohasset Board of Health Programs with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., PHN, and Jan Bennett, R.N., PHN. Open to all town residents. Thursday, July 16, 11:30 a.m., luncheon, at the Senior Center. Thursday, July 27, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Harborview Senior Housing on Elm Street behind the Police Department. Thursday, Aug 10, 11:30 a.m., luncheon at the Senior Center. Thursday, Aug. 24, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Harborview Senior Housing.

Stroke Club – Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Hingham Elder Affairs provides companionship, support and information for those who have suffered a stroke and to their caregivers. Call CEA.

Foot care – second Thursday of the month, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at 60 Elm St., with Jean Reardon, $27. Call CEA to schedule.

OUTREACH

Telephone reassurance –Would anyone like a daily call to ask if they are OK? Call CEA to sign up.

Friendly visitor and caregiver respite – offered to elders who would enjoy a short visit each week from a volunteer, and caregivers who need a respite to run errands. Call CEA for information.

Daily medication system – Set up a safe and easy medication administration system with our Outreach Worker. Pillboxes provided. Call CEA to arrange.

Legal Notices

TAX TAKING
LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Cohasset
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset, by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset, on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 9:00 A.M., for the nonpayment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Andrew Dalbo, Ellen M. Morrissey and Charles P. Tringale, Trustees of Mohawk Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset on Beach St., shown as Parcel 106 on Assessors' Map 27, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 16595, P. 542 and Norfolk Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title 162146, B. 811, P. 146, being unregistered Lots 3A and 3B on a plan recorded in Pl. B. 405, Pl. 273 and registered Lot 3 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 29801-B.
2005 tax (bal) $5,160.13

Andrew Dalbo, Ellen M. Morrissey and Charles P. Tringale, Trustees of Mohawk Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset on Beach St., shown as Parcel 110 on Assessors' Map 27, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 16595, P. 542 and Norfolk Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title 162146, B. 811, P. 146, being unregistered Lots 1A and 1B on a plan recorded in Pl. B. 405. Pl. 273 and registered Lot 1 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 29801-B.
2005 tax $3,608.38

David E. Walsh, Trustee of Beach Street Cohasset Trust. Land in said Cohasset at 51 Beach St., shown as Parcel 102 on Assessors' Map 27, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 15542, P. 393 and Norfolk Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title 160614, B. 804, P. 14, being unregistered Lots 2A and 2B on a plan recorded in Pl. B. 405, Pl. 273 and registered Lot 2 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 29801-B.
2005 tax (bal) $2,141.87

Everett Wheelwright, Frank. S. Wheelwright, Walter C. Wheelwright, Mary E. Handy and Jean W. Barriss. Land in said Cohasset on Beechwood St., shown as Parcel 19 on Assessors' Map 54, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 8642, P. 58.
2005 tax (bal) $316.37

LINDA M. LITCHFIELD
Collector of Taxes
the Town of Cohasset

AD#11118551
Cohasset Mariner 8/18/06

ZBA/48 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **September 5th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Mathew and Anna Smith, seek to construct a second floor addition at **48 Stockbridge Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-08-14.

AD#11120568
Cohasset Mariner 8/18, 8/25/06

GASTON GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P1215G1

In the Matter Of BETTIE R GASTON
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To BETTIE R GASTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said BETTIE R GASTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that JOHN MONTGOMERY GASTON III of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **SEPTEMBER 11, 2006.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
day, August 3, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11117070
Cohasset Mariner 8/18/06

ZBA/149 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **September 5th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §12.4 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Omnipoint Communciations, Inc., seeks to install and operate a wireless communications facility consisting of three wireless telecommunications antennas flush mounted to the existing Monopole, as well as installing cables and other equipment at the base of the existing Monopole, located at **149 King Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #06-07-24.

AD#11115809
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Voyager of the Seas

It's a shore thing cruising with the clan

By FELICITY LONG
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

POMPEII, Italy -- There is nothing like a dead body to capture the imagination of teens.

"You can tell he was a slave by the belt he is wearing," said Antonio, our guide, as we studied a well-preserved antique body crouching in perpetuity before us. Our brood, ages 13, 14 and 16, were visiting this ancient site with my husband and I as part of a Mediterranean cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's megaship Voyager of the Seas. And the kids were fascinated.

They'd cruised before in warm-weather climes, but when we booked the one-week round-trip cruise from Barcelona on this 3,114-passenger vessel, we wondered if our teens would find happiness on all-day sightseeing tours steeped in musty antiquity. The answer was yes.

But sure, there was some complaining.

For instance, to optimize sightseeing time, shore excursions at European ports start early. So your teen who likes to sleep in may get cranky by midweek after days of 6:30 wake-up calls.

That said, the shore excursions we experienced in Europe were both the challenge and the reward of our cruise. Operating on the assumption that less is more, we took pains to mix up our activities and build in as much free time in the ports as we could.

Voyager of the Seas

It also pays to choose the cruise ship wisely. We opted for the Voyager of the Seas, one of the largest cruise ships in the world, because of its kid-pleasing features -- an ice-skating rink, a rock-climbing wall, a well- established kids and teens program, a mini-golf course, a Johnny Rockets burger restaurant. We also liked the ship's interior Promenade feature -- much like a main street -- lined with stores, bars and cafes, and perfect for wandering (there is even street entertainment including clowns and jugglers).

Veterans of Caribbean cruises, we knew the kids would feel at home with the mainstream pleasures of an American ship, including the opportunity to partake on their own of the swimming pools, video arcade, teen program, self-serve ice cream machines and poolside pizza and burger buffets.

For accommodations, we booked two cabins, one with a balcony (for us), and the other less expensive but with ocean-view windows (for the kids).

We flew into Barcelona a day early so we could explore the city -- including checking out Antonio Gaudi's amazingly flamboyant Sagrada Familia church -- before boarding the ship.

At our first port of call, Marseilles, we decided to explore on our own, hopping the ship's bus ($50 each) to Aix-en-Provence, where we had a half-day in the charming and very manageable city. We took in a Cezanne exhibition at the Musee Granet and indulged in crepes au chocolates at a creperie.

The next day found us in Villefranche, France, where the majority of passengers disembarked from tenders straight onto buses to tour Nice, Cannes and Monaco. We opted instead to spend a leisurely morning in the tiny town of Villefranche itself. Surprisingly unspoiled for a cruise port, there's a swimming beach, seaside restaurants, tiny shops and an inexpensive tourist train that took us on an hour-long scenic ride.

Our next three ports -- Livorno (for Florence), Civitavecchia (for Rome) and Naples (for Pompeii) -- were more challenging. We chose the Taste of Florence excursion in Florence ($88 per person) to give the kids a sampling of the main sites, including the Duomo and the replica of Michelangelo's David, followed by lunch and shopping on our own.

The tour lasted nine hours, and the only sound you could hear on the hour-and-a-half bus ride back to the ship was snoring.

In Rome (two hours by bus from the port), we booked the Imperial Rome tour ($166 per person) that included the Forum, the Colosseum and St. Peter's Basilica, with a break for a surprisingly nice group lunch. The guide was first-rate, bringing the murder of Caesar, the horrors of the gladiator fights and the creation of the Pieta to life in a way that kept all three of our teens spellbound.

That said, the heat and the crowds on both excursions were unrelenting. We frequently were herded single file through pressing throngs of other tourists, straining to keep sight of our guide and -- more importantly -- our children (I wouldn't recommend this tour for those with younger kids).

On our three-hour tour of Pompeii, our middle child, Shane, drew alongside the guide and addressed him.

"He's probably asking him where he can buy a Coke," I whispered to my husband. To our surprise, the topic instead centered on whether we would be going by Caccilius' house. "I see it on the map," Shane said, "but it's not on our route." It turns out, he had been studying Pompeii in school and had learned a surprising amount of minutiae about this ancient Pompeiian bigwig.

With all the daytime touring, there was little time for things like the ship's spa, but our older son worked out at the fitness center every day while I did the early-morning stretch class in the gym in hopes of working off the gelato and crepes we consumed onshore.

Our together time in the evening was dinner in the dining room.

The dining experience on Voyager is all-American, which suited us just fine. Among our three teens we have a vegetarian, a meat-and-potato eater and a salad devotee, and all were happy with the ship's culinary offerings. The kids also managed to hit Johnny Rockets almost daily for onion rings and shakes, and they enjoyed late-night room service orders of milk and cookies.

After our family dinners, my husband and I sampled the ship's elaborate show productions and enjoyed late-night coffees, while the kids watched in-room movies, checked out the Promenade, hit the video arcade and used their laptops from the comfy chairs of the ship's Internet cafe/library.

Used to having to reel them in at night on Caribbean cruises, where there is much more party activity, we were surprised to find our teens rather laid-back on this cruise. Although they would never admit it, we suspect they were worn out by the daytime touring.

The last day was spent at sea without a port call, giving the kids a chance to sleep in and my husband and me time to enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the dining room and a stroll on deck as we glided between Sardinia and Corsica. The kids also checked out the teen club, the rock-climbing wall, hung out at the pool and took a few turns at the skating rink.

"What did you like best?" we asked them over breakfast. "Well," said daughter Chloe, "I liked Barcelona and Aix and everything, but what I really liked is Rome. It's so . . . in your face."

European family cruise: Mission accomplished.

Voyager of the Seas is based in Europe through Nov. 11, and then heads to the Caribbean for the winter season. Per person prices for one-week cruises from Barcelona are from $919 per person.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Romano's got the cruising blues

Fourth annual event sets sail Saturday

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

No this is not a reunion of the guitar/vocal legends from Led Zeppelin, but since 2002 it's built a steady reputation as something almost as good.

It's the Page n' Plant Rhythm and Blues Cruise, which embarks on its fourth annual musical journey this Saturday, Aug. 19 from 4-8 p.m. from the Hingham Shipyard on Route 3A. Produced by musician and promoter Bob 'Satch' Romano, of Braintree, this year's cruise jam features live dance music by Romano's own HouseRockers, plus well-traveled Boston-based blues diva Michelle 'Evil Gal" Willson and versatile horn-driven local club favorites The Soul Ambition Band.

Bob 'Satch' Romano

" I have a motto for most of the events that I produce, which is feed them and they will come."
Bob "Satch" Romano

The name of the annual cruise might cleverly play upon the famous names of Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, but it actually represents those of two popular bar/restaurant nightspots on the South Shore — The Next Page Café, of Weymouth, and The Purple Eggplant, of Abington —which each year complement the cruise's hot rhythm & blues with full courses of what the promoters call sumptuous hot/cold buffet. The rockin' R&B late afternoon trek around the bay will also feature games, prizes, and raffles.

"The Cruise is sponsored by The Next Page and The Purple Eggplant. And it's a chance for the restaurants to showcase to more customers what's on their respective menus. All of it, of course, served up with some great live music for the four-hour trip," said Romano.

"I like to make the Page n' Plant Cruise an overall experience, from the food to the music to the games and other features. I have a motto for most of the events that I produce, which is feed them and they will come," Romano said.

Romano, a fine blues harpist and occasional vocalist, also hosts The New Blue Revue weekly open mike blues jams with the HouseRockers at both the Page and the 'Plant. 'Satch' formed The HouseRockers with his lead guitarist and co-frontman 'Slick' Jim Murray, of Weymouth, in the Winter of 2001. Others from the rotating cast of HouseRocking members include such local, Boston and Rhode Island based players as sax men 'Uptown' Clay Brown and Bruce McGrath, bassist 'Chick' Deptula and drummers Joey Sullivan and Dave Baker.

The HouseRockers will rock the boat on Saturday at the the Page n' Plant Rhythm and Blues Cruise

Michelle Willson has recorded numerous independent-label albums as a blues/R&B vocalist since the early 1990s and performed internationally with the Evil Gal Orchestra. Just this past weekend, the singer was one of the highlights of the successful Blues On the Bay festival held at WaterWorks in Quincy's Marina Bay, as a guest vocalist with ex-Roomful of Blues saxophonist Greg Piccolo's band.

The Soul Ambition Band is a sure bet to have the cruise boast jumpin' throughout the upper and lower decks, delivering a horn-powered, high-energy blend ranging from blues, jazz, rock, reggae to funk, fusion, soul and R&B.

Romano added that, new for this year's event, his production crew will rig the overall sound system so that the music can be listenable at all levels of the three-decker cruise boat.

"This cruise event has had the highest sell-out rate of any event of its type over the last few years. And we're expecting this one to sell out as well," Romano said.

Tickets for the Page n' Plant Cruise are $30 per person including the buffet and are available at the Next Page Café in Weymouth and the Purple Eggplant in Abington. Boarding for the cruise will take place beginning at 3 p.m. at the Hingham Shipyard. For more information call 781-258-5232.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 17

J Place Duo – Drift Away, featuring South Shore singer and harmonicist J Place and jazz master Joe Micarelli at the piano, **Bob's Five Seasons Café,** 563 Ocean St., Marshfield, Thursday, Aug. 17, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Duo will play classic jazz and New Orleans R&B from the 40s through the 70s. For information call 781-834-8451 or e-mail j-place@adelphia.net.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band**. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Lyle Lovett and his band,** Thursday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, Aug. 17, TBA, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 17, **3rd Left** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Aug. 18

Summer fun at Edaville Railroad, Carver, Friday Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 18-20 and Aug. 25-27, **Jay Jay the Jet Plane.** "Wing Wigglin' Live" show with Tarrytown Airport's chief mechanic, Brenda Blue. Original sound and music from the award-winning television series. For more information visit www.Edaville.com/events.

Marion Antiques Show, at the Tabor Academy Exhibition Hall, Marion, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets $8. Gala Preview party will take place on Friday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Gala tickets include show admission on both days and are $45 per person in advance and $50 at the door. Available at the Marion Antique Shop, China Trader Antiques, the Bookstall, or by calling 508-748-1116.

The Best of Solid Gold Oldies, August 18 and 20 at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., W. Bridgewater. Rob Bezubka and his talented troupe of singer-dancer-comics select the very best from three sell out Solid Gold shows. Music from the '50s, '60s and '70s. Buffet dinner and show for $40. Friday, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. To reserve, call 781-843-5862.

Comedy Night at The Rock bar and restaurant, 86 VFW Parkway, Rockland, Friday, Aug. 18, 9 p.m., featuring the comedy of Paul Nardizzi, winner of the 2001 Boston Comedy Festival. Appetizers and dinner available. Cost $10. For information call 781-878-0834 or 781-843-4833.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 18, **Swinging Steaks** alternative country, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Aug. 18 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Johnny Vance Band,** at 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 18, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, $100 cash raffle. Singles and couples, 30+. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234.

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14TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, AUG. 26 AND SUNDAY, AUG. 27 sponsored by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Live entertainment, Motor Head's cruise, Duck races, Carnival rides, food and arts and crafts vendors, car shows. Featured events: **Parrot Beach,"** Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Saturday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Main Stage; **"America's Hometown Idol Competition Finals,"** judged by Idol finalist, Ayla Brown, Sunday, Aug. 27, 1 to 3 p.m., Main Stage. For information, parking and shuttle, visit www.plymouthwaterfrontfestival.com.

14TH ANNUAL KOMEN BOSTON RACE FOR THE CURE – SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 at the University of Massachusetts Boston Campus, So. Boston. Race begins at 9 a.m. and is a 5k (3.1 mile) Co-ed Run/Fitness Walk. Up to 75 percent of the net proceeds will be used for breast cancer education, screening, and treatment programs in Massachusetts. At least 25 percent will help fund the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Grant Program. More than 6,000 walkers and runners, including an estimated 500 breast cancer survivors, will participate.

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA, SATURDAY – SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 RAIN OR SHINE. Sailboat pursuit race of 150 sailboats at 10 a.m., from Georges Island. Family activities include wildlife walks, fishing lessons, kite flying, tours of historic Fort Warren, and post-race cookout at 3 p.m. Regatta proceeds support the Island Alliance, a non-profit organization promoting awareness and use of the Harbor Islands. Ferry transportation available from Long Wharf, Boston; Fore River Shipyard, Quincy and Pemberton Point, Hull.

Movie review

Faith (Eva Mendez) puts the moves on Tobey (Billy Crudup) in the amusing "Trust the Man."

'Trust'-worthy

"Trust the Man" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

In the uneven but frequently raucously funny "Trust the Man," writer-director Bart Freundlich makes a credible bid to be a new Woody Allen.

In the film, Julianne Moore (also known as Mrs. Freundlich) and David Duchovny play Rebecca and Tom. She's a — hmmm — movie star who also takes turns appearing on the New York stage. He's a Mr. Mom who reads Camus in bed and used to be in advertising. He's also smart and funny and loves their two children. The family, not unlike the Freundlichs, lives in unostentatious comfort in Manhattan's legendary West Village.

Rebecca and Tom's best friends are her younger brother Tobey (Billy Crudup), a writer of some sort and professional smart aleck, and Elaine (Maggie Gyllenhaal), an aspiring author of children's books. Tobey and Elaine have been together for seven years, and she wants to get married and start a family.

The action begins inauspiciously with a couple of fart jokes and involves the meltdown of Rebecca and Tom's marriage, caused in part by his out-of-control sexual urges and her unexplained sexual indifference. It also charts the slow breakup of Tobey and Elaine's relationship due to his obsession with mortality (a well-known Allen concern) and his — argh — refusal to commit.

Yes, it's nothing new in terms of romantic comedy plots. The comedy in "Trust the Man" springs as it should from dialogue, characters, situations and performances, and these things work often enough to keep you seated and laughing. As the horndog Tom, Duchovny especially rebounds from his 2004 semi-autobiographical catastrophe "House of D," and I can't help but wonder if he's the most interesting character in the film because he is its creator's obvious alter ego.

Some of the fun of watching "Trust the Man" comes from playing: Is it real or isn't it? Both male leads are men outshined professionally by the women in their lives.

Coincidentally or not, Moore's acting career has thrived, while Freundlich's work - "The Myth of Fingerprints," "World Traveler" - has been met with some scathing reviews, although granted he has bravely soldiered on in spite of them.

A large part of "Trust the Man" does not work, including the title and a contrived climax set at Lincoln Center. But scenes in which Tom meets with a sex-addict support group are amusingly raunchy, and Ellen Barkin is terrific in a bit part as a sexy publisher who makes a pass at Elaine. Also in the supporting cast, James LeGros and especially Glenn Fitzgerald are memorable. Notably, Freundlich's script hints that Tom's waywardness is a subconscious attempt to lash out against his more famous and successful wife. Are you listening, Julianne?

Rated R. "Trust the Man" contains raunchy dialogue and situations.

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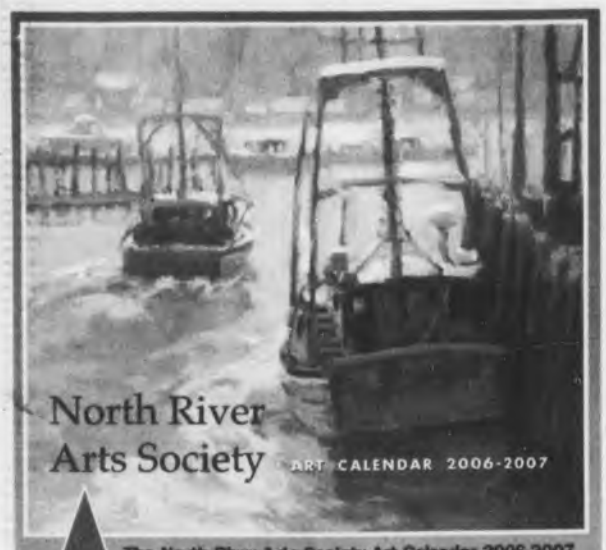

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Nobles Card Shop, Cohasset and Hingham
Queens Garden, Norwell
Sands End Café, Humarock
Ventress Library, Marshfield
Welch Company, Scituate
Whole Foods, Hingham

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New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Saturday, Aug. 19

Against The Tide: Swim, Walk, Kayak Fundraising Event Saturday, August 19, Nickerson State Park, Brewster. Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition Against The Tide annual morning swim, kayak, or walk to help prevent breast cancer. Register/pledge www.mbcc.org/swim, or e-mail Cheryl Osimo at cherylosimo@comcast.net or call 800 649-6222.

Family Fun Days on Boston Harbor Islands presents **"It's Easy Being Green,"** Saturday, Aug. 19 and Sunday, Aug. 20, tour of the park's sustainable energy projects. Free event includes a ride on a Segway, tour of photovoltaic panels on Spectacle Island, making a mini wind spinner to harness energy and a treasure hunt. Ferries depart from Boston at Long Wharf and from Quincy at Fore River shipyard. Fare: $12 adult, $9 seniors, $7 children, under age admitted free.

Meet Scout, the Search Dog Saturday, Aug. 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Brookwood Farm, 11 Blue Hill River Road, Canton. Blue Hills Reservation park ranger and young canine partner, "Scout" will show how to hike safe and smart. For information call 617-333-7404 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Page n' Plant Summer Rhythm & Blues Cruise, Saturday, Aug. 19, 4 to 8 p.m. Leaves Hewitts Cove, Route 3A, Hingham Marina. Boarding at 3 p.m. Rain or shine. Free Buffet and live music by The HouseRockers with Michelle "Evil Gal" Wilson and The Soul Ambition Band. $30. Advance tickets available at Next Page Blues Café and Purple Eggplant Café.

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, Aug. 19, **Darwin's Children** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Sunday, Aug. 20

Free Sunday Band Concert with **The Meltones**, Sunday, Aug. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Bernie King Pavilion, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Bench seating available or bring lawn chairs. Line and couples dancing featured. For more information call 781-925-3379.

Women in the Outdoors, an outreach program of the National Wild Turkey Federation, will offer a class on basic handgun safety and personal protection techniques at the Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club on Liberty St., Sunday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to shoot in an indoor shooting range to test newly acquired skills. Lunch will be provided. Cost is $35 prior to Aug. 5. To register or for more information call WITO regional coordinator Pat Thompson, 401-491-9047.

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Temple Beth Emunah Book Sale and Open House from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Aug. 20, at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St., Brockton. Books for sale include mystery, romance, sci fi, cookbooks, sports, novels, and non-fiction. All Book Sale proceeds benefit New Orleans Public Library and victims of Hurricane Katrina. Open House Spiritual leaders and Religious School staff will be on hand to highlight programs and answer questions. For information call 508-583-5810 or visit www.templebethemunah.org.

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Call for entries

10TH ANNUAL INLY ARTS FESTIVAL "Ancient Civilizations." Local artisans are invited to reserve a table at the Inly Arts Festival, a cultural celebration to take place Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 to 7:30 p.m., at the Inly School in Scituate. Pre-Festival Artisan market featuring edible art, wine and music; and Sunday, Oct 15, Arts Festival, noon to 5 p.m. Live performances by the Samurai Taiko Drummers and Chariot of the Sun, a Greek myth storytelling troupe. Family workshops in fencing, Isadora Duncan dance, and Taiko drumming. Vendors will be part of an "Artisan market" featuring high-quality hand-made items inside the spacious Meehan Family Artsbarn. Deadline for inclusion is Friday, Sept. 1. To reserve a table call Lisa Kivel, development assistant, 781-545-5544 ext 107 or e-mail lkivel@inlyschool.org.

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15TH ANNUAL MOOSE FEST PHOTO CONTEST. Entries for the contest are being accepted through Aug. 17. The Moose Festival is sponsored by the North Country Chamber of Commerce and will be held Aug. 26-28 in the towns of Colebrook, Columbia and Pittsburg, as well as Canaan, Vt. One photograph per person per category is allowed, with no restrictions as to size. Entries must be matted, framed and ready to hang with wire hanger and will not be accepted otherwise. Entries must be dropped off at the Canaan Community Park by 8 a.m. on Aug. 26, and picked up by 3 p.m. on that date. Categories are wildflowers, birds, wildlife, landscapes, buildings, people, still life and garden flowers, pets or farm animals, sunsets or sunrises and black and white photographs. For entry forms visit www.moosefestival.com or call the Chamber office at 603-237-8939. Return completed form to North Country Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1, Colebrook, N.H. 03576.

Quick Flix

All reviews by James Vermiere, unless otherwise noted

Nora (Jenna Dewan) wraps herself around Tyler (Channing Tatum) in a new dance move in "Step Up."

New Releases

BEOWULF & GRENDEL (B+)

Shot on location in vast, primordial Iceland, "Beowulf & Grendel" features British actor Gerard Butler as Beowulf, the legendary Scandinavian warrior immortalized in the oldest surviving English-language epic. At a time when Christianity is making inroads into pagan Nordic culture, Beowulf and his warrior band arrive at Danish King Hrothgar's Mead Hall to defend his people from a marauding monster, a troll known as Grendel (Ingvar Eggert). "Beowulf & Grendel" is a modest but successful - and even at times spectacular - attempt at retelling this classic tale. (Rated R)

LOWER CITY (A-)

What the majestic "City of God" was for the shantytowns of Rio de Janeiro, "Lower City" will be for the Salvador, Brazil. Young, naive prostitute Karinna (Alice Braga) is headed to Salvador, when she meets buddies Deco (Lazaro Ramos) and Naldinho (Wagner Moura). The two have grown up on the street together and think of each other as brothers. But what good would the film be if a woman couldn't ruin it all? As each man finds himself falling for Karinna, their relationship begins to implode. Adding to the problem, Karinna wants them both and expects them to decide who will win. (Rated R) *-Chelsea Bain*

QUINCEANERA (B+)

The title of this Sundance crowd-pleaser denotes a young Latina's coming of age at 15 years and the traditional, relatively lavish, prom-like party thrown for her by her family. Magdalena (Emily Rios) dreams of her own quinceanera. But after she discovers she's pregnant, Magdalena is thrown out of her house and exiled to live with her older, gay cousin Carlos (Jesse Garcia). This film about family ties, adolescent traumas, changing neighborhoods and loss proves that you don't need Hollywood to make a terrific coming-of-age tale. All you need is a good story, the means to tell it and a lot of heart. (Rated R)

STEP UP (B)

"Step Up" is a moderately appealing flick, considering we've seen it a thousand times before. Tyler (Channing Tatum), a delinquent teen, breaks into the Maryland School of the Arts and causes major property damage. Sentenced to community service, he starts mopping the floors of the crime scene and catches the attention of Nora (Jenna Dewan), a cute, ambitious senior in desperate need of a twinkle-toed partner. The decent, formulaic script continues with: Boy meets girl. Boy dances with girl. Boy refuses to wear tights. But the eye-popping dance sequences are hard to resist. (Rated PG-13) *-Chelsea Bain*

Ongoing

THE ANT BULLY (B+)

Undersized preteen Lucas (Zach Tyler) is known by the ants of the colony in his suburban front lawn as "The Destroyer" because of his tendency to lash out at them after he has been bullied by kids at school. But due to a spell cast by ant wizard Zoc (Nicolas Cage), Lucas is reduced to ant size and taught to be less human and more ant. Yes, it's another one of those character-building animated films. "The Ant Bully" aspires to be the "Lion King" version of "Microcosmos," the 1996 documentary with the bug's-eye point of view. (Rated PG)

BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (D)

The crudely animated, gender-confused and visually loud "Barnyard" takes place on a farm where animals walk upright, talk and refer to one another as "men" and "women." Otis (voice of Kevin James) is a young party animal whose father, Ben (Sam Elliott), wants him to shape up and guard the fence to protect the barnyard from a marauding band of evil coyotes. Otis would rather not. But after Ben is attacked by the coyotes and later dies, what's a party animal to do? Do you smell another generic, by-the-numbers, kiddie-movie script featuring that obligatory, insincere life lesson? (Rated PG)

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

CLERKS 2 (B+)

Dante (Brian O'Halloran) and Randal (Jeff Anderson), the original "Clerks" from Kevin Smith's 1994 film, are now 33-year-old men working at Mooby's, a fast-food restaurant with a Western steer motif. Dante is about to leave New Jersey for a new life in Florida, with his fiance Emma (Jennifer Schwalbach). But, unknown to Emma, he's also fathering a child with Mooby's manager Becky (Rosario Dawson). "Clerks 2" — and its homophobic, racially insensitive geeks with a fondness for bestiality humor — is not for everyone. What Smith does is extremely limited, but no one does it as well, or as surprisingly poignantly. (Rated R)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (B+)

"The Devil Wears Prada" is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot. Dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) arrives in New York City and is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and Runway magazine editor Miranda (Meryl Streep), a dragon lady with a tongue like a knife. As she struggles to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, Andy is pitied by the magazine's art director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) and made over into a new age Eliza Doolittle. (Rated PG-13)

HEADING SOUTH (B+)

Set in late-1970s Haiti, "Heading South" explores the relationships among the middle-aged women who come to a seaside resort each summer to have sex with Haitian beach boys. Wellesley professor Ellen (Charlotte Rampling) reigns as queen bee of this colony, until nervous, sweet Brenda (Karen Young) arrives. Both women are besotted with Legba (Menothy Cesar), one of the young Haitian men. In this place where love is never meant to complicate the arrangements, rivalry and tragedy ensues. In French, Creole and English with subtitles. (Not Rated) *-Stephen Schaeffer*

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Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. Moderate to difficult walk, some hills, 3+ miles. Bugbee Path to Buck Hill. Return by Doe Hollow and the Massachuseuk Trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Dixieland Jazz Concert at the Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Sunday, Aug. 20, 5 to 8 p.m., featuring **The Riverboat Stompers**. Admission $10. Dancing. Dinner optional beginning at 4 p.m. Call 781-834-6505.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Aug. 12. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Aug. 20. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, Aug. 21

Captain John Boats daily whale watch, with professional marine biologist on board; fishing trips; Provincetown cruise; and Plymouth Harbor tours, aboard the Pilgrim Belle. All boats equipped with complete galley of food and beverages. Departing from Plymouth Town Wharf, Route 44, Plymouth. For times and reservations call 800-242-2469 or visit www.captjohn.com.

The Olde Kids on the Block Concert and Dance, Monday, Aug. 21, 1 to 4 p.m., JCC, 455 Central St., Stoughton. $5 admission. For information call 781-341-2016.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, Aug. 21, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Winslow House coffee hour series "Teaching in China," Tuesday, Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m., at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Duxbury resident Susan Thanas will discuss her teaching experience in communist china, and insights into the world behind the "Bamboo Curtain." Cost $7. For reservations call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Author **Joseph G. Garver** will discuss his book, **"Surveying the Shore: Historic Maps of Coastal Massachusetts, 1600-1930,** on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Garver, the reference librarian of the Harvard University Map Collection at the Widener Library in Cambridge, Gardener presents 89 full-page maps each with a historical account.

Braintree Choral Society Rehearsals, every Tuesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Braintree High School. Season concert program includes Haydn's Missa Sancti Nicolai and Shubert's Magnificat along with shorter seasonal selections. New members welcome. For more information visit www.braintreesings.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, e-mail nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Pilgrim Memorial Park free Summer Concert Series presents Entrain, and TRAX Wednesday, Aug. 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Water and Lyden Streets near Brewster Gardens, Plymouth. For information call Project Arts of Plymouth, 508-747-7727 or visit www.projectarts.com.

Between the Lines Writing Workshop, Wednesdays, Aug. 23 through Sept. 20, 1 to 3 p.m., at River Bay Club, 99 Brackett St., Quincy. Facilitated by Karen Flood. Open to adults of all ages. No previous writing experience necessary. Advance registration required. Cost $55 for five sessions. To register or for information call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Aug. 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign to support early childhood education presents **readings of "The Little Engine That Could,"** on the "KidStage" at the Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress St., Boston, Thursday, Aug. 24, 1 to 4 p.m. Complimentary admission. Event to set a world record for number of children reading the same book with an adult in a single day. Fruit Frappuccinos and pastries provided by Starbucks. To help read for the record visit www.readfortherecord.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, Aug. 24, **Totem**, rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 24, **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Aug. 25

87th Annual Saint Anthony's Feast, Aug. 25, 26, and 27, and **85th Annual Santa Lucia Festival,** Aug. 28 in Boston's North End, daily from noon to 11 p.m. Weekend highlight is the 10-hour Grand Procession of Saint Anthony on Sunday. For more information and detailed schedule visit www.saintanthonysfeast.com, or call 617-723-8669.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 25, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, The Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 south, Foxboro, next to the End Zone Hotel. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, $100 cash raffle. Singles and couples, 30+. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234.

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Ongoing events

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Power Wheelchairs available. Miracle on Wheels makes electric power wheelchairs available to qualified non-ambulatory senior citizens and the permanently disabled. Qualifications include those who are unable to walk and cannot operate a manual wheelchair safely, must be able to operate a joystick and need a doctor's approval and recommendation. For information call 800-749-8778 or visit www.jaspanmedical.com.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers free services. If you or someone you know is the victim of a drunken driver, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

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Marion Antique Show, at the Tabor Academy Exhibition Hall, Marion, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets $8. Gala Preview party will take place on Friday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Gala tickets include show admission on both days and are $45 per person in advance and $50 at the door. Available at the Marion Antique Shop, China Trader Antiques, the Bookstall, or by calling 508-748-1116.

Parents Helping Parents. Feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 to find groups in the area.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

Classes

FENCING CLASSES. Fencing classes for all ages are offered by South Shore SaEF Fencing Clubs in Hingham and Plymouth. For Hingham call Judy at HCC 781-749-9786. For Plymouth call Harry at 508-747-5803. Offered are: Foil I for ages 11-adult; SabreK for ages 8-10; SabreM for mature adults exercise class. All durations 10 weeks In So. Plymouth Foil I classes are on Sunday 3 to 5 p.m. In Plymouth Center at the Community Center, classes are Monday afternoon and evening. In Hingham at the Community Center, classes are Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m. Courses in Plymouth begin Sept. 10 and 11. In Hingham Foil I begins Sept14.

GYMNASTIC AND SPORTS CAMP at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset in August. Gymnastic/Sports Camp includes bowling, face painting, water play and crafts. Cost $100, members $95. Session III Aug. 22, 23, 24. Camp held 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSCC. Call 781-383-0088.

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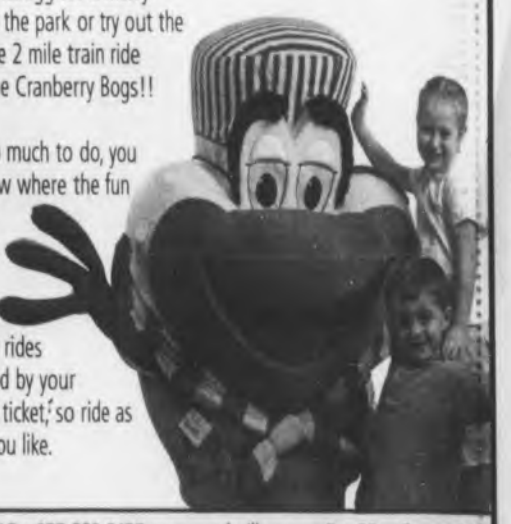
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SEASHORE SEARCH

Alexander deMurias, 5, of Cohasset looks in the nooks and crannies of Black Rock Beach for wildlife with his friend Bradley Albanese, 5, (not shown), on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon.

Students will pay to ride

School board keeps the fees

By Samantha Brown
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To date the schools have had 367 students sign up for fee transportation and $66,170 has been collected.

The School Committee has decided it will keep bus fees intact for the 2006-2007 school year. While a surplus in the amount of $430,000 for fiscal 2006 led some members of the committee to rethink implementing the fees for fiscal 2007, not having that revenue from the fees is a risk the committee is not willing to take.

At the Aug. 9 meeting of the Budget and Finance Sub-committee, School Committee member Jamie Williams made a motion to rescind an earlier vote taken by the School Committee to implement fees for transportation and student parking. Williams felt the committee had repeatedly told the community it was in a crisis situation and would barely be able to open its doors without passing an override. As it turned out even without the override, the school department was left with a $432,000 surplus.

Williams received support from the board to reconsider the fees, but was voted down 4-1 when it came to rescinding fees altogether that night. To that end, the board agreed to think it over and come back to a vote if necessary Wednesday.

At the board's Wednesday meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said two months into the fiscal year, the district is already facing a deficit of $170,176 in its fiscal 2007 special education budget for out-of-district placements. The district has placed a number of students in out-of-district placements, which it is required to pay for, to the tune of $1,088,502. On top of the students the district knows it must place, there are four addi-

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Cohasset bond rating threatened

Reserve account needs beefing up

By Samantha Brown
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Standard and Poor's is also concerned with the town's amount of debt service, but not as much as its lack of reserve funding.

For the past 5 years in a row, Cohasset has continually received a AA+ bond rating from Standard and Poor's, one of the two leading bond rating agencies. The designation puts the town within the top 10 percent of the state in terms of financial stability. However, while the town's bond rating remains consistent, it recently received what Town Manager Bill Griffin would describe as a "warning" from Standard and Poor's, as the town's financial outlook has been changed from "stable" to "negative."

Griffin came before the Advisory Committee Tuesday to explain what that change in designation means.

"We still have a very good bond rating. Anyone in the nation would be happy to have it," he said. However, he said the town should heed the company's warning, as it feels although Cohasset has a continued healthy property tax base growth and high wealth levels, its decline in reserve funds is a big concern and could affect its bond rating in the future.

A municipal bond is essentially a certificate of debt. In other words, it is a promise made by a town to pay back borrowed money. When towns need money, they cannot go to the bank and take out a loan, they instead issue bonds. That means a town issues an official statement to the bond market, which can be anyone interested in purchasing a bond, which lets people know the town wants to borrow a certain amount of money. Lenders then bid on the bond, letting the town know what they

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Senior lunches are just divine

Good food draws big hungry crowd

By Samantha Brown
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The Council on Elder Affairs is abuzz with excitement during lunchtime every Wednesday, thanks to the volunteers from the Angel Food Project. Every week, volunteers purchase, prepare and deliver meals to the Community Center, where seniors eagerly await their "heavenly" meals.

With dishes such as Mediterranean pizza, vegetable quiche, Napa Valley chicken salad and peach-blueberry cobbler, it's no wonder the number of seniors from around Cohasset who attend the luncheons weekly continues to grow. Diners jumped from nine or 10 per day to a full house of 32 including a waiting list, since the inception of the program.

"Our goal is to provide delicious, healthy, beautiful food to our seniors and still work within a stringent budget," said Patricia Johnson, project coordinator. She said looking at the numbers, it is obvious there was a need for the program, which she and her fellow volunteers were able to fulfill. "It's really a win-win for everybody."

The Angel Food Project started last May, when a group of women gathered together to find a way to make a meaningful contribution to the Cohasset community. That core group has continued reaching out to other women in the community, which has formed a diverse group of volunteers. Each week, Johnson chooses the menu and does the food shopping to get everything ready for volunteers who cook the meals at St. Anthony's Parish Center. The meals are then delivered to the Community Center at lunchtime.

"I'm thrilled when Wednesday comes, to see the looks on the seniors' faces when the food is served," said Director of the CEA Linda Elworthy.

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SNAP SHOTS

Eileen Sargent of Carver and George Mulhern of Los Altos, Calif., record their 65th high school reunion at the Cohasset Golf Club. Sargent and Mulhern are members of the CHS Class of 1941. For more photos see page 22.

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Names: James M. Hussey

Occupation: Cohasset Police Chief.

Best day of your life: The day my son was born.

Best vacation: Two-week adventure in Alaska with my wife and son.

Favorite season: Golf season!

Favorite holiday: New Year's Day because all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over.

Favorite meal : Grilled striped bass.

Best book: "Deception Point," by Dan Brown.

Best movie: "Caddy Shack."

Best TV show: "Boston Legal."

Pet peeve: People who are inattentive while driving.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: When I was a teenager I was using a razor blade to cut a pair of pants down to shorts on my mother's new black leather couch. When I cut through the pants, I also cut a big slice in the couch!

Goal: To lose weight and get back in shape.

Person I'd most like to meet: All of my grandparents. They passed away before I was born.

Biggest worry: That my 14-year-old son will continue to make good decisions.

Best part of Cohasset: The welcoming nature of the community.

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The Mariner caught up with Chief James Hussey at police headquarters this week.

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Medical problem causes erratic driving

By Mary Ford
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Police are grateful to two callers who reported a blue minivan being driven erratically around town last Wednesday (Aug. 16) at about 9:30 a.m. because they were able to help an older woman who had a medical problem, Chief James Hussey said.

Two calls came into dispatch at about 9:30 a.m. Minutes later police had located the car that had stopped on Highland Avenue and were able to call for an ambulance. The woman was transported to the hospital.

"A friend took custody of her car and drove it from the scene," Hussey said.

Hussey explained that in this case, it turned out the operator of the vehicle was in need of medical attention; often erratic driving is the result of operating under the influence of alcohol.

"The important thing is to get the driver off the road to keep the streets safe," Hussey said, adding police appreciate the public being their eyes and ears in these situations.

He cautioned however that motorists trying to call the police should pull over before using their cell phones.

False name given

Police arrested a Scituate man following a traffic violation on South Main Street at just past 4 p.m., last Wednesday (Aug. 16). An officer stopped the car after the operator failed to use a turn signal, Chief Hussey said. Stephen J. James, 23, of 16 Colonial Way, is facing charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, giving a false name to the police, and failure to signal before turning. Police said James initially gave police a false name (the name of his brother) but the officer became suspicious when James could not recall his Social Security number. Further investigation revealed James was driving on a suspended license.

B&E's in progress

Good alarm systems may have foiled attempted larcenies last Thursday (Aug. 17) at Good Sport and JJ's Dairy Hut, both on Route 3A. The alarm companies alerted police at 1:35 a.m. and 1:52 a.m. respectively. Police found doors had been kicked in and entry was gained at Good Sport, but nothing appeared to be missing. At Good Sport, the perpetrators had piled some items near the door, Chief Hussey said.

The incidents are under investigation. Anyone with information should contact the police.

Money stolen

The manager at Atlantica reported the theft of money from several persons' pocketbooks during a wedding reception last Sunday (Aug. 20). Chief Hussey said the money was taken sometime during the course of the evening. The thefts are under investigation and it is not clear if someone walked in off the street or if someone attending the event took the cash. A total of $540 was stolen, Hussey said.

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The common garter snake (Thamnophis sirtali) that usually measures 18-26 ins., could become the official state reptile. The snakes have been turning up in the Cohasset Police Log lately.

Man airlifted

At 11:30 a.m. last Thursday (Aug. 16), a worker fell off some staging at a home on South Main Street. Chief Hussey said the man's ankle was so badly broken and it was determined that he should be taken by Medflight to Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Street sweeper mishap

Last Monday (Aug. 14) at about 10:30 a.m., the driver of a street sweeper that was cleaning up in the vicinity of N. Main and Cedar streets reported he had driven into a ditch.

Police Chief Hussey said the sweeper got too close to the edge of the road and was in danger of tipping over into the ditch.

Police shut down the road and a tow truck was called to remove the sweeper. The driver hit his head on the windshield but was not seriously injured, Hussey said. The sweeper was cleaning up after Greenbush railroad construction in the area. A tree was damaged and had to be removed.

No trespassing

On Monday (Aug. 14) at about 8:30 p.m., a resident walked into the police station to complain about neighbors' kids loitering and throwing trash in his backyard. Chief Hussey said the resident had already talked to the kids' parents and asked police for extra patrols. Hussey explained that once people have been warned to stay off private property, they could be arrested or summonsed to court on trespassing charges if don't heed the warning.

MVA in parking lot

On Tuesday (Aug. 15) at about 6:30 p.m., a caller reported her car that was parked in Cohasset Plaza was hit. Chief Hussey said the driver of a 2005 Nissan Altima, who was trying to turn into a space, hit the passenger-side, rear quarter of a 2005 Toyota Sequoia with the side front bumper of her car.

Hussey said no alcohol was involved and no citations were issued. "The driver of the Nissan was at fault," he said. "She apparently misjudged the distance when she tried to park."

Stolen bicycle

A bicycle was stolen at about 7:20 p.m., Tuesday (Aug. 15) from the rear of Stop & Shop, police said. The bicycle was unlocked. When the owner returned, the bike was gone. "Whether bikes, cars or houses – it is always a good idea to err on the side of caution and secure your property," Chief Hussey said. The incident is under investigation.

Seagull unhooked

A seagull is back flying the skies thanks to a good Samaritan and local police. Last Wednesday (Aug. 16) at 11:43 a.m., dispatch received a call about a seagull with a fishhook in its mouth; the gull had also become entangled in fishing line.

Police with the assistance of the caller, who used gloves and wire cutters, were able to remove the hook and free the bird from the twine.

"The seagull ended up flying away," Chief Hussey said. He explained police contacted the Animal Rescue League but cancelled the call once the bird was freed.

Beer cans dumped

Police alerted the harbormaster via radio to a report about males in a Boston Whaler throwing beer cans off the boat near Cunningham Bridge at about 7 p.m. last Wednesday (Aug. 16). However, the harbormaster went out and could not locate the boat.

Vandalism

Police are investigating incidents of vandalism that occurred at about 12:15 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 19) on Parker Avenue. The caller said kids were pulling up flowers in a couple of locations and fled toward the Lightkeepers Residence. It was also thought the kids headed toward Bassing Beach in a boat.

The incident is under investigation.

State snake

At 11:54 a.m., Sunday (Aug. 19), a Jerusalem Road caller reported a seven-foot snake in her apartment. The animal control officer responded. It was a garter snake that was actually three-feet long, Chief Hussey said.

Earlier this week, the state House of Representatives passed a bill that would designate the garter snake as the official reptile of the Commonwealth, the State House News Service reported. The idea was proposed by Kingston fourth-graders. The bill still needs Senate approval and the governor's signature before the garter snake would be awarded the official designation.

Garter snakes are making the rounds in Cohasset. Two weeks ago, a garter snake revealed itself twice at JJ's Dairy Hut, causing a bit of a stir; employees there called police. Then Sunday, a garter snake turned up in a Jerusalem Road apartment.

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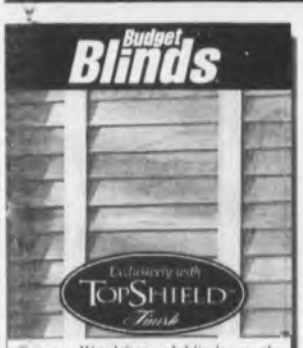

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Students will pay to ride

FROM STUDENTS, PAGE 1

tional pending special education placements. Cohasset is estimating those four additional cases could cost as much as $225,268, for a total potential deficit of $395,444.

With the uncertainty in the special education budget, having funds from bus and parking fees could provide a cushion to help soften the blow. To date the schools have had 367 students sign up for fee transportation and $66,170 has been collected. Seventy-seven parking spaces have also been reserved by students with cars, which has brought in an additional $13,860, for a total of $80,030 in fees collected to date.

"Somewhere, that's got to be paid," said School Committee member Rick Flynn of the pending special education costs. He added the district has collected a good amount of money from the fees. "It's a larger amount than I thought we'd get, with all the buzz out there," he said.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said he has received phone calls from parents who are holding off on paying their fees until the School Committee votes, which means more money could soon be coming in.

Flynn noted while there has been some talk around town from residents who think it is not fair for them to have to pay fees when there was a surplus last year, the two have nothing to do with each other. He said the deficit the school department is currently facing for fiscal 2007 would have been much worse had there not be available funds from fiscal 2006 to help make pre-payments.

However, School Committee member Steve Fusco said the department has a trend of coming up with surplus funds for two years in a row, which might lead some parents to believe paying fees is not necessary. Walsh cautioned Fusco, "two years is hardly a trend."

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz noted the fiscal 2007 budget is based on figures from fiscal 2006, and the line items, which experienced a surplus for fiscal 2006, could have an even bigger surplus for fiscal 2007. "We've budgeted a potential $240,000 surplus for next year," he said.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy asked the board whether knowing what it does now about the potential special education deficit, is it still thinking of rescinding its vote to implement transportation fees.

Flynn said with the school department currently in a deficit situation and more charges on the way, he does not want to put the board into a situation where it has to come back to the town in the spring and ask for more money. "That's not a good position to be in," he said. "I'd rather have a surplus and be able to go back on implementing the fees next year."

Fusco said he agreed with Flynn, but said he would like to continue monitoring the budget and perhaps take a look at the amount of the fees charged in the future.

Slanetz said until the district is more certain about its special education costs, if the board is comfortable keeping the fees, he is too. He said at this point, to take the fees out of the equation would only likely shortchange the children.

Flynn said he didn't understand why the department felt it had to defend having a surplus. "We're putting money back into the system. We bought books, paper and supplies with it," just as a company might do, he said.

Fusco said he doesn't believe anyone thinks having a surplus is necessarily a bad thing. "What is bad is not knowing you have one," he said.

MacCarthy noted, "We knew we had some, we just didn't know everything."

No action was necessary as the board decided to keep fees the way they are.

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Planning Board gets the dirt on Cedarmere construction

By Samantha Brown
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Cedarmere construction is temporarily paused, and the Planning Board wants to make sure when things pick back up again, plans continue on they way they were approved.

The board invited developers from Leggat McCall Properties, LLC to its Aug. 16 meeting to discuss the project and clear up the many rumors circulating around town. The company assured the board it remains committed to building 105 units of mixed-income senior housing on the 44-acre former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street and Route 3A as was permitted, and the construction pause is only temporary.

Due to marketing and technical issues, Leggat McCall said it has had to take a step back and think of another strategy for approaching its build out and sales campaign. Principal for Leggat McCall, Mahmood Malihi, said the housing market is much slower than anticipated; buyers feel restricted by the town's bylaw which dictates children may not stay for more than two weeks on the property; and getting enough units up and running to provide adequate flow for the on-site wastewater treatment plant when units aren't selling, are all challenges to overcome.

"No one has a bigger incentive to get it going than us. I think it's on the record what we paid. We just don't want to come out of the gate without all the answers," said Malihi.

"We have started construction and marketing" of the units, he said, adding close to 200 brokers and prospective buyers have come through the property to date. However, the housing market has taken a turn and if units aren't selling, money isn't coming in to support construction costs.

Malihi said one of the reasons many prospective buyers say they are hesitant to put down money on a unit is the language in the town's bylaw that does not allow a resident to have a child stay with him or her for more than two weeks at a time. Cedarmere was filed under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, which allows housing to be built more densely than the town's bylaws allow in exchange for developers building affordable housing. One of the stipulations in the bylaw, which was added to discourage families with children, which could tax the school system from moving to SMROD projects, only allows children to visit for two weeks at a time. "A good number of quality, prospective buyers were hesitant to go forward due to that language," he said, adding residents who might want to invite their grandchild to visit for a few weeks or a month in the summer would be in violation.

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— Mahmood Malihi, Leggat McCall

Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt said because Cohasset's bylaw was based on samples from other communities, Leggat McCall should have come in contact with similar bylaws before. "Is our language more restrictive?" he asked, and Malihi indicated it is.

Pratt said if the company could go through the language in the bylaw and find the actual details which are making it restrictive, the board might consider supporting a change, provided it doesn't hurt the overall goal of the bylaw. Member Stuart Ivimey agreed and said he thinks the intent of the bylaw was to keep the development from encouraging families to move to the area, which would place a burden on the school system. He said the bylaw is not intended to keep families from visiting over the summer, and he would support a language change provided it does not bring children into the school system.

Chairman Al Moore agreed, but reminded those in attendance changing the bylaw would take a Town Meeting vote, and there is no guarantee voters will give their consent to change the language. The date for the fall Special Town Meeting has not yet been set, but in an interview after the meeting, Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would be bringing it up with the Board of Selectmen at its Aug. 28 meeting.

Finding a wastewater solution for the site will also be a large obstacle to overcome. While the project is permitted for an on-site system, "We need a certain number of homes up and running (to run the treatment plant) and we don't have enough people signed on" to purchase units, to ensure there will be enough flow to run the plant, Malihi said. "We're trying to figure out how to operate the plant and we've had an engineer look at it," he said, but due to the fact that Cedarmere is a condominium project, the documents signed by the buyers must allow for an agreement for the disposal of wastewater. "They need assurance the plant is viable," he said, and it will take some time to first figure out how to solve the problem, then to draft language which will be agreeable to buyers.

Ivimey asked how many dwelling units it would take for the wastewater treatment plant to run efficiently.

"We're trying to figure that out," Malihi said, adding there are many factors which will come into play, including the seasonality of the residents. "If residents are gone for the winter, it will be a different story than those who are here year round," he said, adding another possibility the company is looking at are temporary septic tanks while the treatment plant waits for more volume.

Pratt reminded Malihi the special permit his board awarded for the Cedarmere project gives priority to the construction of affordable units, none of which have been built to date. He said the bylaw does not allow the development of the affordable units to be stalled until a majority of the 81 market rate units have been built and sold, and therefore, it would be in the company's best interest to begin building the affordable units as soon as possible. He asked whether it would be feasible for the company to move ahead with construction of those units first and get them occupied. "That one building may generate the flow you need" to operate the plant, he said.

However, Malihi said from a financial standpoint, it makes more sense to build the market rate units first. "We want to build the market rate units first to help underwrite the affordable units," he said.

Important project

Ivimey said it is important for developers to understand Cedarmere is the largest development ever planned for the town, which makes it a very important project. Couple that with its affordable component, which residents have deemed a priority, and it becomes even more important. "We'd like to see a great deal of emphasis placed on getting that building built and occupied," he said of the affordable building. "It needs to come to fruition as soon as possible."

Pratt then asked whether ING is still the company's financial partner in the deal, and Malihi said it is. "We remain fully committed," to the project, he said of both companies, adding Leggat McCall has a good reputation and is trying to make the best project it can for Cohasset.

Pratt said the board is willing to work with the developers to resolve the issues. He said Bill Gause, Malihi's business partner, is trustworthy and has roots in Cohasset, as his grandfather Daniel Cotton is well-known in town as he is a longtime former Planning Board member and resident. However, with that being said, Pratt noted none of the members of the board would want to live next to the Cedarmere site today as it currently stands, as the construction pause has left the grounds a mess. "You have a waiver to go into the buffer zones and you need to restore them for the benefit of the abutters," he said.

Malihi said the company intends to begin stabilization of the site in September. He said representatives have already been in front of the Conservation Commission regarding the wetland buffers. He said he would submit a plan to the board for the site prior to any stabilization work being done to be sure it approves and is comfortable with the measures being taken.

Moore cautioned time is of the essence and said he doesn't want the frost to start coming in and nothing completed in terms of stabilization of the site. He suggested developers come back before the board Sept. 13 to provide an update on progress being made.

Moore said while there are some issues to be worked out, the Planning Board remains supportive of the project. "As concerned as we are, we want to approach this in a helpful manner. We want this to work for you," he said.

Developers from Leggat McCall will be back before the Planning Board again Sept. 13. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at Town Hall. For more information, please call the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

Water Dept. wants $346K payment

By Samantha Brown
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The Water Commission is not happy with the lack of communication between it and developers building the Cedarmere project. Not only is it concerned the recent pause in construction might indicate changes for the site, which would affect plans for connection to the water system, but Leggat McCall Properties did not pay the necessary fee when it submitted its application for connection to the water system.

Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt came before the Planning Board Wednesday, Aug. 16 while members of the development team from Leggat McCall were present, in an effort to address why the commission has not received payment in the amount of $346,000. The Water Commission assesses fees based on the expected amount of units to be built, as stated in the plans approved by the Planning Board, and the size of the water mains needed to service the residents.

"They have not paid to date, and therefore, no connection to our system has been allowed," said Glenn Pratt in an interview after the meeting. He added based on the site plans, the water department has constructed mains on Sestito Lane and required the developer of Highland Estates (off Beechwood Street) to construct his water mains, to meet and tie into the approved Cedarmere pipes. "Now, we may have to require that anything developed on the Cedarmere property stay with the original approved plans," he said.

Principal for Leggat McCall Mahmood Malihi said his company never anticipated having to pay the full cost up front. "This has been somewhat of a shock," he said. However, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board Peter Pratt said billing for the entire project at the outset, "has been a practice in this town for one-quarter of a century."

Malihi said it is very expensive for a project of this size to pay for all the water connections before units have been sold. However, Peter Pratt reminded Malihi when the special permit was granted for the project, one of the conditions states the requirements of all other pertinent boards must be met, and that includes the Water Commission.

Glenn Pratt said the Water Commission is also concerned without water service, there are two houses built at Cedarmere which currently have very little fire protection. "Only one fire hydrant works out there," he said. Malihi noted there are no certificates of occupancy for the houses, which were built for marketing purposes. Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey said perhaps it is better to leave the concern in the hands of the fire department. "At the end of the day, if their houses burn down, their houses burn down," he said.

As an aside, Glenn Pratt said when the Wheelright Farm development was being built, developers encountered a similar situation and they too anticipated water for fire extinguishing purposes would not be necessary at the outset of construction. However, he said one night, vandals torched two school buses down the street to draw firefighters to that scene, then burnt down an entire block of newly built homes in the development.

Glenn Pratt said he has spoken with members of the department who say they would like to see fire protection available for Cedarmere, as well as lights on the premises, to ensure if their services are ever needed at night, they will be able to see well enough to do their job properly.

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Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone is having a great last few weeks of summer and to all the kids who are headed out to college, good luck in your ventures.

Send in all of your best wishes to your college students and to your kiddos who are all headed back to preschool-high school.

2001 CLASS REUNION

A call is going out to all class members of CHS Class of 2001! The CHS Class of 2001 reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 24th (day after Thanksgiving), 7:30-11:30 pm at the American Legion in downtown Cohasset. For more information, Please email **Kelly Devine** at classof2001chs@hotmail.com, or call 781-640-1542.

RILEY RUNNERS

Three generations of the Riley family of Jerusalem Road ran in the 34th annual Falmouth Road Race on Sunday, Aug. 13. **Bob Riley**, age 76; his son, **Mike**, age 29; and his grandson, **Cameron**, age 18, completed the seven-mile course along with more than 8,000 other runners. This was Bob Riley's 15th participation in the race that starts at Woods Hole, snakes along the Nantucket Sound coastline and finishes in Falmouth Heights.

NEW BABY GIRL

Early bird, **Darbi Mari Carmody** arrived Aug. 2, 2006 at precisely 2:03 a.m. She tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 14 oz. and measured a petite 19-1/4 ins. long.

Her big brother **Noah** and parents **Meka-Mari (Laugelle) and Orion J. Carmody** of Norfolk Road are tickled pink with her arrival! Possibly proudest of all is Darbi's maternal grandfather, **Rocco F. Laugelle**, also of Cohasset and paternal grandparents, **James S. and Barbra Carmody** of Scituate.

Congratulations all!

PHOTO/JERRY SWOPE

Nancy Winters, center, receives a Community Service Award during a graduation week banquet at Saint Michael's College. At left is senior class vice president Ryan Woods and at right is class president Meagan Blair.

PRETTY IN PINK

If you happen to seek **Mario and Gina Rosano** of Cohasset out and about shopping for little things in pink, be sure to congratulate them! The Rosanos are the proud, new grandparents of **Lidia Marie Girard**. Lidia arrived Aug. 13 at 6:28 p.m. She tipped the scales at 7 lbs., 12 oz. and measured a svelte 21 inches long at birth.

Lidia's parents are **Adam and Laura (Rosano) Girard** of Kingston. Her paternal grandparents, who are also available for extra hugs, are **Paul and Donna Girard** of Onset.

UMASS HONORS

A slew of Cohasset students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst have achieved dean's list status for the spring 2006 semester. In order to qualify, an undergraduate must receive a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale.

Hats off to the following top students: **Mary C. Fegreus, Sera A. Genovese, Mark M. Lehmann, Stephen P. Murray** and **Julia G. Scribner.**

UMASS DEGREES

Earning undergraduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst this spring were **Kristen Elizabeth Brandt, Mark M. Lehmann,** and **Timothy E. Straughn**, all of Cohasset. Congratulations and all the best for a bright future!

TOP STUDENT

Cohasset's **Nancy Elizabeth Winters**, daughter of **Joanne M. Winters** and the late **John H. Winters**, earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Nancy also received a community service award, presented to students who distinguish themselves through dedication to worthwhile activities on and off campus. Class President Megan Blair and Vice President Ryan Woods presented the award during a graduation-week awards banquet. They praised Nancy for her involvement in a wide cross-section of campus life. Nancy was a leader in the Campus Ministry's LEAP spiritual retreat program, an elected member of the Student Association including election co-chair and member of the Oversight Committee. She also helped in the planning of a future gender studies major at Saint Michael's. Nancy was described as a go-getter who is organized, caring, hardworking and enthusiastic with a great sense of humor.

THANK YOU

A huge note of appreciation goes out to **Marjie Murphy** from the Paul Pratt Library for once again hosting the summer Puzzle Club. A great time was had by all the children who participated.

LOBSTER FEST

The Cohasset High School Swim and Dive Team will be having a Lobster Fest and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 8 at Atlantica from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. This team, which was re-established last year and is a joint team with Scituate High school—is not yet included in the Cohasset Athletic budget and the Cohasset side of the Team is privately funded. Last year this team came in second in the Patriot League with 18 swimmers qualifying for Sectionals and 10 swimmers qualifying for, and competing, in the State Competition. The Lobster Fest dinner includes clam chowder, lobster, mussels, barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, Caesar salad, rolls and watermelon. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are currently on sale at a cost of $35 for the lobster and $25 for "chicken only" and can be obtained by contacting **Mandy Mahoney** (383-9812) or **Brenda Regan** (383-0454). Gather a group of friends to celebrate the arrival of fall and support this team while enjoying a fabulous feast at Atlantica!

That is all for this week. Have a great end of the summer and tell them they would.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present "Full Spectrum," a collection of recent oil paintings by local artist Judy St. Peter, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, through Aug. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays.

Library book group – The Thursday morning library book group will be on vacation during August. The next meeting is scheduled for September. Look for more details in upcoming Library Corner columns.

New library hours – Beginning Sept. 5, library hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

Independent film series – The independent film, "Familia," will be shown in the Meeting Room on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Congratulations – to the 330 students that participated in "What's Buzzin @ Your Library,?" the 2006 statewide summer reading program. It's time to pick up T-shirts for a job-well done. Bring summer reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. The Children's Room is proud of all the students that participated in the summer reading program, the Tuesday evening family performances, MamaSteph's toddler music, Story & Craft and the Puzzle Club. Thanks for making the summer special. Thanks also to the Friends of the Cohasset Library for funding all the programming requests. It is due to the Friend's generosity that so many children are wearing a, "What's Buzzin @ Your Library?" T-shirts.

Dragonfly Contest winners – The winner's of the 2006 summer create a dragonfly contests are as follows:

Quinn Humphrey, age 3; Lucy Winn, age 4; Maeve Humphrey and Jared Nash, age 5; Grace Alves and Thomas Guinee, age 6; Emma Humphrey, age 7; Bebe Davis, age 8; Christine Guinee, age 9; Melissa Alves, age 10; Allie Gerald, age 11; Zoe Whilton, age 12; and ToryGerald, age 13. The creations will be on display in the Children's Room. All the entries were spectacular.

Maritime Institute to host Blues by the Bay

The Cohasset Maritime Institute will host its Indian summer gala and fundraiser. Blues by the Bay on Friday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Light House Keepers residence. Three local jazz and blues groups will 'rock the boat' while guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dancing. CMI is hoping to replenish its reserves, which were depleted with the acquisition of two new sliding seat fours in this past spring.

The Institute runs a variety of adult and youth rowing programs from its Boathouse at 40 Parker Ave., Cohasset. Tickets for Blues by the Bay are $50 per person, $30 of which is tax deductible. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and by calling Susan Galligan, 781-383-0765 or Lisa Hewitt Dick, 781-383-0204. For more information visit www.rowcmi.com.

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Cohasset provides 'Fresh Air' for city kid

By Austin Breslow
CORRESPONDENT

Deshawn Wilson has a blast during an Arsenault family outing at Rye Beach in New Hampshire last month.

Leaving the stifling heat and the overcrowded sidewalks behind, eight-year-old Deshawn Wilson of New York City temporarily exchanges the chaos of urban life for tranquility when he vacations in Cohasset each summer.

Courtesy of the town's Asnault family, Deshawn has been treated to life along the New England coast for the past two years.

"I have always been interested in helping those who are less fortunate than my family and I are. A few years ago, a neighbor of mine had mentioned a New York-based program that sends underprivileged urban children to spend a few weeks away from home," Beverly Asnault explains. "I could not pass up the opportunity."

After some careful research and networking, Beverly zeroed in on the Fresh Air Fund. Working with more than 60 social service leagues in New York City, the organization aims to provide opportunities for city children to enjoy vacations in various "fresh air" communities across the country.

While the concept of hosting a child appeared to be the type of opportunity Beverly was searching for, it was the setup of the Fresh Air Fund that inspired her to follow through.

"What struck me about this organization was that I could actually donate my time and see immediately how my work was being put to use," she says. "In most charities, people can only give money and they never know where the funds are going to and they never see any progress being made."

Soon, Beverly, her husband Tom, and their three children committed to volunteering and invited a local area representative to interview them. Jenny Morganthau, the program's executive director, explains that the process "aims to find altruists with love in their hearts and room in their homes. There is no specific type of family that the Fresh Air Fund singles out."

Although Beverly was ecstatic when the Fund finally accepted her family's application, she experienced some initial anxiety.

"Naturally, we weren't quite sure how it would all work out," she says. "It took a little while to sort through the details, but once Deshawn arrived and we were able to start spending time with him, there was no doubt in our mind that it was a worth while experience for everyone involved."

Beverly recalls her first impressions of Deshawn as being somewhat contrary to what she expected. "He is not your typical eight-year-old," she says. "He is extremely funny and awfully high spirited. Up until the time that he moved in with us, he had been living in a tiny apartment in the city with his grandmother who adopted him and his three brothers, and it was quite a relief to see him be able to spread out."

At the beginning of his first stay, Deshawn seemed satisfied with watching a movie or spending time in the house, but Beverly felt it was important to introduce him to activities he had not previously participated in.

"We are part of such a fortunate and privileged community," Tom Asnault notes. "Hosting Deshawn was an eye-opening experience because I realized what I had taken for granted and was able to teach him about it all."

When Deshawn returned this summer for his second visit with the Asnault family, he learned to play baseball, throw a Frisbee, and swim. Tom's and Beverly's youngest son, Sam, continues to be impressed with the skills his new friend has acquired while in Cohasset. "It has been a good experience so far," he says. "I have enjoyed his time here because I am learning how other people live."

Elated with the success of Deshawn's first two visits to Cohasset, the Asnault family plans to continue to offer their home in the future. Beverly adds that, even though she never intended to get something out of the process for herself, her family has bonded and gained a newfound appreciation for their time spent together.

"The Fresh Air Fund is, of course, a great opportunity for city kids to go to the beach, but it also allows Cohasset kids like ours to appreciate what they have," Tom says. "Cohasset parents get to see life outside their town and it's an added, unexpected bonus."

Many families are often apprehensive to host a child because of their misconception of the process. Morganthau explains that vacation stays are flexible, with the average lasting only two weeks.

"We never ask hosts to go out of their way to spend money or book travel excursions," she says. "The family should do what they normally do and, for a New York City kid, that's enough."

More than 5,000 New York City children are hosted by Northeastern families each summer. To inquire about becoming a host family, or to donate money to help fund future vacation opportunities, visit the Fresh Air Fund's website at www.freshair.org or call (800) 367-0003.

RECREATION NOTES

Recreation Commission thanks sponsors — As the seven-week Cohasset Recreation Playground Program season concludes, the Recreation Commission extends its thanks to the following businesses and civic organizations for their financial support:

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Via sponsorship generosity, community interest and support, the Recreation Commission was able to enhance its ability to serve the community through the Playground Program for children ages 3 fi through 12.

Playground Program sponsors names/logos are printed on all the children's and staff's T-shirts; approximately 250 shirts total. Further, sponsors are listed in many of the year-round publications.

Sponsorships are available in March each year by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

'Boot Camp' fitness training — Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training program with instructor Betsy Callanan, who will run an interval calisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all levels of ability.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet on Cohasset Common at Town Hall, from 6 to 7 a.m., on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19. The session concludes Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, with a race in Hingham.

While running and-or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping-running knees, and sit-ups. Callanan has designed the program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength.

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Angel Food Project coordinator Patricia Johnson shares her cooking secrets with Cohasset residents who attended this week's luncheon at the Council on Elder Affairs.

Volunteer 'angels' provide heavenly meals for seniors

FROM ANGELS, PAGE 1

This Wednesday, seniors were treated to a roast beef wrap sandwich with lettuce and tomato as well as a pear slice and homemade brownies. There was a full house as usual, and everyone in attendance raved about the food, how healthy it was, and the variety experienced from week to week.

"It's wonderful, it really is," said Maria Peroncello, who looks forward to dining with her friends on a weekly basis. "There's something different every week and the presentation is pretty," she said. For instance, this week's pear slice was served on a lettuce leaf with a dollop of sour cream and shredded cheese and sprinkled with paprika.

Nancy Snowdale agreed with Peroncello and said while she did enjoy this week's wrap, one of her favorite meals was the chicken salad they had a few weeks back. "There are always lots of healthy choices and it's always nice and fresh," she said.

Johnson said the experience has been a positive one for the seniors and volunteers who participate in the program as well as the overall Council on Elder Affairs. She said with the amount of seniors showing up for the lunch, the CEA is able to provide other activities to get seniors involved, as there is an audience ready for activities already at the center for the afternoon. She said it has been wonderful getting to know the seniors who come to lunch weekly.

"They dress up and there's always excited chatter" as they arrive and get ready for lunch, Johnson said. She added most of the seniors who attend are the town's eldest residents, who really appreciate having a full, home-cooked meal prepared for them.

The Angel Food Project not only provides the food for seniors every Wednesday, it will be preparing food for the CEA's upcoming Skinner Antique Appraisal Fundraiser. On Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents may bring up to three items to be appraised by Skinner, Inc. Appraisers (please omit coins, jewelry, stamps and musical instruments). There will be a silent auction, raffles, children's entertainment day care and food, provided by the Angels.

The Angel Food Project has a number of volunteers including: Bernadette Crawford, Janeen Culhane, Courtney Culhane, Connie Darcy, Mary Grayken, Jean Jones, Marianne Lynner, Connie Noon, Joanne Pecca, Susan Reagan, Dolores Roy, Sue Thompson and Janice Todd. However, it is always looking for volunteers to help prepare meals. Johnson said the more volunteers helping prepare the meals, the more seniors will be able to attend, as currently they can only accommodate 32, and a waiting list has been started. With more hands in the kitchen, more food can be prepared, which means the CEA can accept more "lunch reservations." Johnson said volunteers are asked to donate two hours of their time for the food preparation, once per month. Volunteers cook the meal for the day at St. Anthony's Parish Center and deliver the meals, and CEA volunteers serve those who attend.

To donate your time to the Angel Food Project, please contact Patricia Johnson at (781) 383-8285. The CEA is always looking for volunteers to drive vans, work in the office, or help with escort shopping. Residents interested in donating their time at the CEA should contact the office at (781) 383-9112.

Council on Elder Affairs Director Linda Elworthy meets with seniors during this week's Angel Food Project luncheon at the CEA.

Maria Perroncello is a regular at the Council on Elder Affairs' Angel Food Project luncheon. Every week she says she looks forward to getting out and socializing with her friends over great food.

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CEA to host petrifying picnic with 'Eastwick' theme

By Samantha Brown
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The filming of "The Witches of Eastwick" in Cohasset 20 years ago this summer was a fun and exciting time for the town. To help bring those fond memories back, the Council on Elder Affairs has decided this year's fifth annual End of Summer Picnic will have a witches theme, with guests invited to dress up in their favorite spooky garb for the afternoon — and keep their eyes open for some "movie stars."

On Thursday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., locals may see some celebrity look-alikes, as those who attend the picnic are encouraged to dress up as the characters in the film, or in their own creative witch costumes. Perhaps there will be some Jack Nicholsons in attendance as those in town 20 years ago will remember seeing him working on several scenes in the village, as the devilish, yet charismatic, leading man Daryl Van Horne. Or maybe there will be some Susan Sarandon, Michelle Pfeiffer or Cher impersonators, as the three spent the summer of 1986 as the witches, who for a brief time turned Cohasset upside down.

To further add to the celebration, the CEA has been reaching out to members of the community who served as extras in the film, asking them to attend and share their memories of what it was like to have a taste of Hollywood in Cohasset.

"Even if you've never attended one of our events before, this is the perfect place to start," said CEA Director Linda Elworthy, adding the picnic is a success every year and she is looking forward to seeing many new faces as well as the "regulars."

Guests will have the option of dressing in costume for the occasion and will be treated to lunch at the Cohasset Sailing Club as well as a pontoon boat ride around Cohasset Harbor. Those who attend are asked to bring folding chairs, and a healthy appetite, as they will eat at picnic tables by the water. Elworthy said there will be plenty to eat and drink at this year's picnic, including hamburger sand "witches," frightening franks, creepy chowder, and to drink: witches brew. While last year's "Gilligan's Island" themed picnic attracted between 40 and 60 attendees, dressed in island attire for their "three hour tour," Elworthy said this year, "I'd love to see that number increase." She said just like the seniors who attend the picnic, every year the event gets better with age. "It's a really fun event. People so enjoy it, it just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

Guests will have to check their brooms with the harbormaster before boarding for this year's specialty cruise. Tying in with the "Witches" theme, the boat will sail by portions of Cohasset Harbor featured in the movie, including the house on Bassing Beach owned by Jane Spofford (Susan Sarandon), and the house owned by Alexandra Medford (Cher), located by the Border Street Bridge.

"A lot of the people who attend have never been out on Cohasset Harbor," said Chairman of the Elder Affairs Board Anna Abbruzzese, even though many have lived in town their entire lives. Thanks to Abbruzzese's grandson who captains the ship, many of Cohasset's longtime residents are able to see the town from a new perspective.

Those interested in attending the lunch and boat cruise should call the Council on Elder Affairs at (781) 383-9112. There is no charge for the lunch or cruise.

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

CEA staff members and volunteers are gearing up for the bewitching End of Summer Picnic scheduled for Sept. 7. From left, witches include Outreach Coordinator Carol Barrett, volunteer Jack Buckley, posing as Jack Nicholson, Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield as Cher, CEA Director Linda Elworthy and volunteer Patricia Johnson

Witches of Eastwick picnic

What: The fifth annual CEA End of Summer Picnic
Where: Cohasset Sailing Club – Government Island off Border Street
When: Thursday, Sept. 7
What time: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Who: Sponsored by the CEA and Coastal County Realty
What to wear: Spooky witch garb (optional)
Sign up: Call the CEA at (781) 383-9112 to attend.

SENIOR SCENE

The following activities and programs are being offered by the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St.. Call 781-383-9112 for more information.

Dance Aerobics: Tuesdays and Thursdays. 8-8:45 a.m., $3

Enjoy an invigorating workout to great music! Increase your cardiovascular and muscular strength with fun dance steps and hand-held weights. Requirements: comfortable workout clothes and shoes and a positive attitude. Have fun, and a good workout, with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St.

Arthritis Exercise Class: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., $3

Join us for guided exercise with physical therapist Paula Luoma for people with moderate problems affecting body movement.

Classes and Hobbies

• Second Friday Book Club: Second Friday of the month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come and share in our lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie too. Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St. Contact Addie McGrath at (781) 383-0952 with questions and to sign up!

• ACBL Bridge: Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. This is an ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Refreshments starting at 11:15 a.m. All welcome. Call Bill Wennerberg, instructor, with questions or to sign up at (508) 746-8715.

• Drop in Bridge: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

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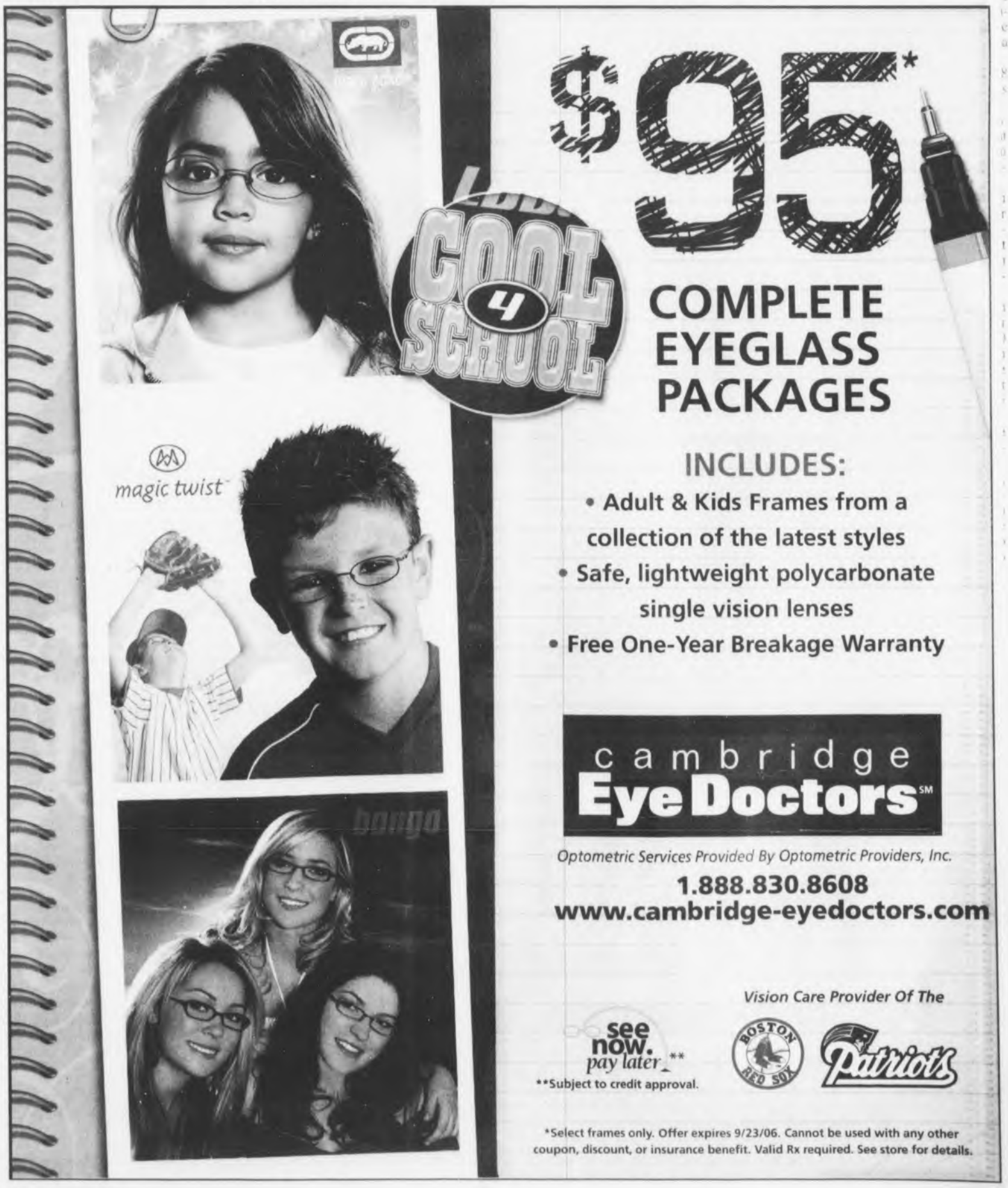

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Five years after 9/11

My roommate called me at about midnight that Tuesday night, telling me New York City had been bombed, and Washington D.C. had been attacked.

Shortly after planes were flown into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, into the Pentagon in the nation's capital and into a field in Pennsylvania, my roommate Eric learned about the 9/11 attacks while watching a TV screen in a barroom in China.

In the summer of 2001, both of us — Eric from Colorado, and myself from Weymouth — were teaching English in Shenyang, a city in China's northeast.

Our information, as you can see, was a little foggy at first.

In those first few hours after the attacks — while noon and then afternoon arrived here in the United States — we weren't quite sure, in China, what had happened.

Eric and I woke up the other American teachers we worked with at the Shutong Foreign Language Training Center, and we all got together in one apartment to learn more about what happened from the Internet, to contact our families and to talk about it.

It was a surreal and difficult experience.

We were confused, out of reach of most of our families and friends, and as the clock struck 2 a.m., 3 a.m. and then 4 a.m., Beijing time, we were literally in the dark, on the other side of the world.

The next day, I would learn that my cousin Paul Gill, a firefighter working with Engine 54 in Manhattan, did not come home Tuesday night.

He died that day while working to rescue survivors in a building near the World Trade Center.

He was 34.

Paul was an artist, he liked tattoos and he was a former high school wrestling star.

He was a son, a brother, a father of two, a friend to many and he was my cousin.

He's my family's hero.

It's been five years since 9/11, and five years since Paul was taken from us.

The FDNY t-shirts I purchased when I returned home from China in the summer of 2002 now have holes in them.

The shirts are worn thin.

The logos are wearing off.

It's been five years.

Can you believe it?

Writing about Paul's death, and the more I've learned about his life since he died, has been, I feel, a positive thing for me. It's allowed me to try to put into words how our national tragedy affected my family very personally.

Talking about what happened, writing about it and remembering Paul, has helped me, and I believe my family as well.

—Matthew Gill

Matthew Gill is editor of the Norwell and Hanover Mariners, two of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

In the Cohasset Mariner edition of Friday, Sept. 8 — our last before the fifth anniversary of 9/11— we would like to publish the thoughts and memories of you, our readers, about that tragic day.

Where were you on 9/11?

What did you do that day?

And how, in the five years that have gone by since, have the events of 9/11 changed your life, if at all?

Some of these memories and experiences may be too tender to share. And that's ok. It was a struggle to write the words above.

Having said that, we would like to provide the opportunity for readers to express themselves about what happened on 9/11, to themselves, their families and their country, if they so desire.

For more information, or to submit a story, call Mary Ford at (781) 741-2933 or email mford@cnc.com.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Cohasset Historical Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. (note time change), 3 N. Main St.
Board of Library Trustees, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., 35 Ripley Road.
Harbor Health Committee, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.
School Committee, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, Sept. 9, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Several school committee members question present cost tracking centers for money movement

And now ladies and gentlemen, under which cup is the transfer?

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Captain John Wilson House to open

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cohasset Historical Society, I would like to thank the residents of Cohasset and all the history buffs who have waited so patiently for the reopening of the Captain John Wilson House. Had it not been for Community Preservation funding, the restoration of this 1810 historic home would have been even more delayed and it would have suffered from far greater deterioration.

On Thursday, Aug. 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., we will have a reception and tour of the Wilson House. This will be a preview of next summer's official opening, with displays and information on why and how the building was restored and some of the objects that belonged to the Wilson family or typified domestic life in 19th century Cohasset. In September, the house will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Next year we will once again have both the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum open from June through September with updated facilities at both Elm Street museums. Please plan to join us on the 31st. We look forward to sharing this Cohasset treasure with you.

Kathleen L. O'Malley
President Cohasset Historical Society

Hurt at train grade crossing

TO THE EDITOR:

I had a biking accident this weekend in Cohasset while riding with my family up North Main Street on our way to the swimming pool. I was riding a cross bike with my 4-year-old son Samuel riding the pedal trailer attached to the back.

As I followed my daughter across the newly laid railroad tracks, the front tire of my bike slipped into the groove paralleling one of the rails and I was thrown over my handlebars. In those short seconds I thought about Sam getting hurt and then my head and face hit the pavement followed by my left shoulder and knee.

Thankfully we were both wearing helmets but my face, neck, shoulders and knee took a beating on impact. I have abrasions on the left side of my face and required stitches in my jaw. Considering the impact of my fall, I am lucky that I did not sustain facial, cervical or wrist breaks/fractures (Sam got abrasions but escaped other injury). Unlike the other rail crossings in town where the tracks are perpendicular to the road, the tracks on North Main Street cross the road at a 65-75 degree angle. My son and I landed directly in the middle of the traffic lane and were lucky the cars coming up behind us had sufficient time to stop.

This is a widely traveled road for both cars and bikers. I would like to have this printed in the Mariner to warn both bikers and drivers approaching bikers about the danger the tracks pose before someone else is hurt.

Susan S. Franklin
142 Lamberts Lane

HEALTH NOTES

Infectious microbes are bad bugs

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week, we talked about the localized changes in our environment, which affect the health aspects of water, for drinking, swimming and just sitting there. We concluded that new conditions require increased vigilance in personal hygiene.

This week, we'll start a series on infectious diseases; a topic the Feds (FDA, CDC, EPA, etc) calls *bad bugs.*[1] We're going to expand the scope of the discussion to cover almost anything which makes one sick, because that's what the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has as its primary mission: to protect the health of the U.S. population. It turns out that the CDC, one of the more efficient branches of our government has had a strategy for dealing with infectious diseases for years. It's been unusually effective in stopping or slowing their spread in this country and, because it's easier, quicker and less costly to attack diseases at the source, it's work has been of huge benefit to many countries all over the world.

In an age of expanding air travel and international trade, infectious microbes are transported across borders every day, carried by infected people, animals, and insects, and contained within commercial shipments of contaminated food. "Old" diseases such as malaria, measles, and foodborne illnesses are endemic in many parts of the globe, and new diseases such as AIDS — as well as new forms of old diseases such as multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) — can emerge in one region and spread throughout the world. A disease that emerges or reemerges anywhere in the world can spread far and wide. Accordingly, U.S. citizens and foreign governments alike have come to rely on the CDC for assistance and information.

Protecting the health of U.S. citizens at home and abroad — The United States participates by invitation in many parts of the world in addressing infectious disease problems associated with famines, pestilences or other disasters. Much of this work has been funded and coordinated in association with other governments and private organizations while the CDC's primary focus has remained on domestic health. Nevertheless, U.S. citizens — as well as foreign governments — have come to rely on CDC to provide outbreak assistance and public health information whenever a new or reemerging disease threat is detected anywhere on the globe.

The CDC's six tasks — Essentially the CDC has adopted a strategy to couple domestic disease protection and management with a global program of surveillance, assistance and support.

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Bikes and grade crossing don't mix

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

North Main Street crossing, a dangerous place for bicycles – Within the last week there have been two serious bicycle accidents at the new North Main Street rail crossing. This crossing has been constructed so that the tracks are at a narrow angle to North Main Street. Bike tires can catch in the tracks, turning the front wheel abruptly and stopping the bike very fast. This causes the bike to flip and throw the rider over the handlebars. The MBTA has placed large electronic bulletin boards on either side of the crossing as a warning. They are also working on a long-term solution. In the meantime, we caution bicycle riders to *Stop, Get off of Your Bikes, and Walk Across the Tracks.*

Greenbush dispute resolution – There have been reports in some publications that the Town of Cohasset is unwilling to meet with the MBTA. Nothing could be further from the truth. The rules that the MBTA set require a majority of the Board of Selectmen to meet with MBTA and Department of Transportation Senior Executives for the second stage of Informal Dispute Resolution. But, the laws of Massachusetts require that whenever a majority of the Board of Selectmen meets, they do it in a Public Meeting. This has been confirmed by Town Counsel. The MBTA is just not willing to meet in a public meeting. Imagine — they won't follow the rules they wrote. So, that's the real skinny.

This photo was taken this week at Sestito Lane, which is a private (single lane) grade crossing.

This photo shows how the rail bed is constructed on bare ground.

General stuff – Cashman, Balfour, Beatty (CBB), the MBTA's contractor, has been working feverishly to construct the rail bed. Working hours have been extended from 7 a.m. to about 6 p.m. and Saturdays are work days as well. Since most of this work is not visible to the casual observer, we thought we might take some time to give you a few of the hidden details via a brief photo tour.

Sestito Lane — The first photo was taken this week at Sestito Lane, which is a private (single lane) grade crossing. As you can imagine, the rails must be laid so that they are a precise distance apart. This photo shows two workers setting the distance between the rails. (In rail terminology; this is called the "gage" of the railroad.) Here, workers are using two special tools. The one on the right measures the distance between the rails. The tool on the left actually allows the workmen to make adjustments until the distance is correct.

Rails being adjusted – The next photo shows how the rail bed is constructed on bare ground. The ground has been prepared by smoothing and has been compacted by a large vibrating roller. Then a woven porous plastic fabric mat is laid on the ground. This keeps the ballast from mixing with the soil. (Ballast is another name for crushed stone manufactured to precise specifications to act as a base for the rails.) The mat also allows rainwater to permeate the ground rather than run off into the drainage system. A strong open plastic grid is laid on top of the mat. This grid serves to hold the structure of the rail bed together and provides stability. Then the ballast is laid on top of the grid and compacted. Cement ties and track rails are ultimately laid on top of the compacted ballast.

Rail bed construction – The rails themselves arrive at the MBTA job site in short pieces, approximately 60 feet long. They are then welded together to form sections about 1000 feet long. Then, rollers are laid along the track bed and the rails are moved on the rollers to their final destination. The last photo shows a stack of these rail rollers sitting near the Beechwood crossing awaiting use.

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A stack of rail rollers sitting near the Beechwood crossing awaiting use.

Campaign photographs

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It was 50 or more years ago when Sen. Joe McCarthy visited Boston, probably to snuff out a communist uprising at Harvard. Since he was hot stuff in those days, I was sent down to the hotel to cover his speech on the off chance he might let slip the names of some of the 200-odd communists he found in the State Department.

He didn't but he held a news conference after the speech and Eddy Martin of the Post and I hatched a plan. Eddy would engage him in conversation while I attempted to slip a copy of the Harvard Crimson into his hands. The Post's Frank Kelly would then snap his picture and we would have a photo of the Red hunter reading a "Red" paper.

Unfortunately for us plotters, the wily senator was more wily than we thought and he refused to grasp the paper and all I got out of it was a glare like I was the guy who promoted Peress. (Unless you reached puberty by the time Nixon was president, you may need your folks' help to understand that one.)

It all started, of course, during the 1988 presidential campaign when Mike Dukakis was pictured in the turret of a tank to demonstrate his commitment to the armed forces

I thought of Joe and Eddy and the Crimson the other day when I read that Kerry Healey, our lieutenant governor and candidate for the corner office, refused to let photographers accompany her on a campaign visit to a New Bedford seafood plant because for health reasons she had to wear a hair net.

Having made the acquaintance of a number of women, including one wife, who would sooner be photographed by Playboy or Penthouse than pictured in a hair net, I can understand Kerry's reluctance, particularly since she is still trying to live down the nickname of "Muffy" hung on her by a Herald columnist.

It all started, of course, during the 1988 presidential campaign when Mike Dukakis was pictured in the turret of a tank to demonstrate his commitment to the armed forces. Unfortunately, he was wearing a helmet that was too small for him and he had a grin on his face that made him look like he was having fun in Disneyland.

It was intended as a Democratic campaign ad but instead it was co-opted by Roger Ailes, the Republicans' executive dirty trickster, and probably played a role equal to that of Willy Horton and the pollution in Boston Harbor in George (41) Bush's election victory.

The gubernatorial plans of Evelyn Lincoln, our lieutenant governor under Dukakis, probably were scuttled in 1990 when the Herald sent a photographer down to her vacation spot in Florida and came back with pictures of her jogging. Suffice it to say, some women should never allow themselves to be photographed in shorts.

Contrast this to the role of the intrusive camera in the good old days of electioneering.

All the biographies of Calvin Coolidge, probably the most reticent of all our presidents, contain a photograph of Silent Cal in an Indian headdress with an uncomfortable look on his face that says, "If you have to do this to win an election, by God, I'm going to do it!"

Well, Cal, you don't have to do it any more. In fact, you're advised against it.

Animal shelter needs $150K to reach goal

COMMENTARY

VIRGINIA HAYES

In fact, the Animal Control Officers of the other four towns bring their stray dogs to the Scituate shelter, and none of the towns contribute any funds to help with the costs incurred.

Although the volunteers of the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter, located in Scituate, have worked tirelessly over the past year to raise funds for a new, expanded shelter, they still need another $150,000 in order to achieve their goal of $835,000. Currently located on the Driftway in Scituate, the no-kill facility has been serving the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell since its inception in 1993. Due to the continuing flow of stray and homeless pets, the shelter has outgrown its current location, and an ideal parcel of land has been offered to them at the site of what has been known as the 3A Farm, long owned by the Scarsilloni family

"One of the biggest obstacles we have faced this past year," explained Nancy Testa, Chairman of the board of the shelter, "is the perception that the shelter only serves the town of Scituate, leaving people in other towns to wonder why they should care or contribute. " In fact, the Animal Control Officers of the other four towns bring their stray dogs to the Scituate shelter, and none of the towns contribute any funds to help with the costs incurred. As it stands now, the towns are obligated to a $15 a day boarding fee for the first 10 days, but beyond that, all expenses are the responsibility of the shelter.

As more and more "insurance risk" breeds, such as Pit Bulls, are being carelessly dumped by their owners, they are finding their way in startling numbers to the shelter, often remaining there for six months or more, until a suitable home can be found for them. At the moment, shelter volunteers are fighting to save an emaciated Newfoundland who was brought in by the Hingham Animal Control Officer. At least 50 pounds underweight, he suffers from severe ear infections and loss of hair from a combination of malnutrition and flea infestation. Needless to say, his veterinary bills have already exceeded the $150 the shelter will receive in boarding fees, but regardless, he will be nursed back to health, given plenty of love and care, and will remain there as long as it takes to find him a good home.

Staffed almost exclusively by volunteers, save for one full time and one part time paid position, the shelter holds several fundraising events each year, such as a yard sale, golf tournament and show house, to raise its operating budget. Vet bills alone average $30,000 a year, and the shelter relies on donations of food, litter, bedding and other necessities. In addition to the yearly events, volunteers have hosted informational cocktail parties, a gala Bark and Howl Ball, and a massive mailing campaign to reach potential donors, but despite their devotion to the cause, fundraising does not come easily. As one volunteer laughingly admitted, "We're finding out that we're just a bunch of well meaning middle-aged folks who are a lot better at cleaning cat boxes than we are at asking for money in the middle of four of the most affluent towns on the South Shore."

For donations above a certain amount, naming privileges are available, but any size donation will be most gratefully received. Please open your hearts (and your wallets) and help the volunteers continue to find "forever homes" for our stray, abandoned and homeless pet population. To make a donation to the 3A Farm Fund, please send it to the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter, Box 823, Scituate, Ma 02066, or for more information, please call 781-545-8703.

Gini Hayes is a long-time volunteer at the shelter and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2003.

Trusting public officials to do the right thing

COMMENTARY

TERRY MCCARTHY

...doing "the right thing" is complex, difficult and requires a system of checks and balances.

In the run-up to last Spring's override vote, Selectman Spofford spoke passionately at the selectmen's meeting at which the warrant article for the school budget was discussed and approved. Mr. Spofford strongly supported the higher override and stated that he trusted the School Superintendent and the School Committee in their agreement that the $1.5 million override was essential. In the July 14 Mariner, School Committee Vice Chair Flynn was quoted as asking: "Collectively should we adopt a position to be micro managers or have faith in the people employed by us?" Thus, both gentlemen and others supporting the override indicated that they trusted that this override was absolutely necessary. In what I perceive to be a vote of no confidence, the town's voters essentially said they did not trust the School Committee nor the School Superintendent on this specific matter.

Since then the town and the School Committee have been "surprised" at the $430,000 surplus that has been reported by the School Department. I have to believe that Mr. Spofford and Mr. Flynn [as well as others] have been embarrassed by this result given their statements were made at a time when it appears the School Department knew there was a surplus.

The problem as I see it is that to say you trust a public official really is only half of what needs to be said. What we should all be saying is that we trust all our public officials to do *the right thing*. It is the second part of this statement where the problem arises. Why? Because we need to agree on what the right thing is. And the right thing is absolutely critical to sound management and good communication among decision makers. It is an error to just say "I trust you" in public policy matters without a mutual understanding of what the right thing is.

So, what is "the right thing" in the current dialog taking place within the Cohasset School system? I see two specific "right things" that would improve the situation: first, a general review of the roles of the School Committee vis a vis the School Department; and second, a specific action step to provide almost real-time monitoring of school finances.

1. Authority can be delegated, responsibility cannot.

Some members of the School Committee have recognized that confusion exists between the Committee and the Superintendent regarding who has the authority to do certain tasks in the movement of funds between "cost centers" or "line items." In any instance, the School Committee cannot delegate the responsibility for those actions but it can, by setting policy, clarify how the authority can be shared between the School Committee and the Superintendent. But the power for making those changes exist with the Committee and some members have quoted state education law as actually requiring that to be done. The School Committee can, however, split apart the authority by saying, for example, the Superintendent is empowered to make decisions to move funds across cost centers in an amount not to exceed $XYZ. Larger transfers must be approved by the School Committee or a subcommittee thereof. By setting such a policy the School Committee, which is responsible to the town's voters, has decided to ensure that the chances of a financial surprise — good or bad — is minimized. It also sets requirements for the School Committee to be much more aware of what is actually going on within the School Department budget. This is already being discussed and it appears to be moving toward resolution.

2. Trust, but verify!

Ronald Reagan used this phrase in discussing nuclear disarmament with the Russians. It applies as well to any situation where doing "the right thing" is complex, difficult and requires a system of checks and balances. Even in Cohasset this "trust, but verify" attitude can be useful. Physical verification is very important once the School Department's role and School Committee's role have been integrated. The principle of establishing clear roles for each entity can only be maintained by some mutually agreeable method of monitoring the execution of those roles.

Some may say that the Cohasset's schools don't require all this bother. I'd point to the recent amazing revelation that former town manager Haddad apparently gave away private land to the MBTA as his solution to the parking space problem downtown. The prior Board of Selectmen apparently didn't know anything about this action. But the T has claimed Mr. Haddad's letter binds the town. The selectmen trusted their town manager. Apparently the Board didn't clarify its role vis a vis the town manager nor did they have a mechanism to monitor Mr. Haddad's decisions on behalf of the Town.

The issue of trust in the supervisor/employee relationship is a classic conundrum in organizational development and management theory. The Cohasset School Committee should be commended for taking on these challenging management issues. I suspect solving these budgetary problems was not what motivated people to run for seats on the School Committee. I believe, however, that dealing with these issues successfully will go a long way toward meeting the goal of creating and maintaining the best schools possible for our children.

Terry McCarthy lives on Old Pasture Road

our town

Train talk on 'Our Town'

Tune in next week for a new edition of "Our Town."

Starting Monday (Aug. 14), Our Town co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo interview Tom Gruber, town liaison to the Greenbush MBTA project.

Tom, who is making his annual visit, will share with viewers what has been happening with Greenbush over the past 12 months, including timetable and current issues.

Be sure to tune in at OUR TOWN's new times of 9p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all on Comcast channel 10.

Crew from OUR TOWN recently filmed the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony at the South Shore Music Circus. To order a copy, please contact Pat Martin at pat@wellspringhull.org.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Team Eagle: Ranked 2nd on US Disabled Sailing Team

SAILING FOR BEIJING

MARK LEWIS

Team Eagle had a great time sailing in the Marblehead NOOD, which was the first event anywhere in the world for the SKUD 18. And no, we were not sailing nude; we're trying to make friends here, not enemies.

The overall victory went to Scott Whitman of New Jersey. The last day of races presented shifty winds and a dying breeze. An extreme shift to the left of the course left us without much wind on the right and sealed our fate for this race and the competition overall. The race committee was only able to get one start in for the SKUD 18 before the 2:30 p.m. deadline on Sunday.

Team Eagle placed second overall (only one point behind Whitman) in its first ever SKUD 18 regatta. We clinched three firsts during the regatta. Overall, the three days of racing were filled with adrenaline and excitement.

Team Eagle would like to thank all those that helped us and other SKUD 18 teams at the Marblehead NOOD. Without your support this event could not have happened. We would also like to thank the other teams for making the trek to Marblehead from faraway places such as Seattle and Miami.

Schedules have been very hectic, juggling boat repairs with practice. Owning one of the first boats off the production line is both a blessing and a curse; we are the select few who must pioneer the way through design flaws.

In the wake of the NOOD, we competed in the Thomas R. Clagett Regatta in Newport. The Clagett was the second event for the SKUD 18 and the top three placing US teams joined the US Disabled Sailing Team for 2006. Racing was held on Saturday and Sunday along with several training days before the weekend with US Disabled Sailing coach, Betsy Alison.

Mark Lewis and Maureen McKinnon-Tucker., pose at Clagett Regatta with Maureen's husband, Dan Tucker, who has been coaching Team Eagle.

The Clagett was by far the most competitive event we have sailed thus far. We practiced for five days leading up to the event and the hard work paid off. On Sunday, we finished in second place overall. Additionally, this earned us the second-place spot on the US Disabled Sailing Team.

The US Disabled Sailing Team is comprised of the three Paralympic classes: the 2.4 Metre for the single-person event, the SKUD 18 for the two-person event, and the Sonar for the three-person event. Several races a year are held to determine the team for the following year.

Now that the Clagett is behind us, we will begin to prepare for the Newport International Boat Show held between Sept. 14th and 17th. In addition to displaying our boat and promoting our team, we will be conducting an adaptive sailing seminar on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the show. Please come and join us.

Also, if you or your friends are golf enthusiasts, sign up for our golf tournament in September by going to Stars on Hingham Harbor or by downloading the registration form online at www.teameagle.org. This is a fantastic opportunity to help us out and see the boat before it heads south for the winter.

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Our next competition will, again, be in Newport, Rhode Island in October. This is the last regatta in the Northeast for 2006. We will continue to train and compete throughout the winter predominantly in St. Petersburg and Miami, Florida.

Please support Team Eagle with a tax-deductible donation. Make checks payable to Duxbury Bay Maritime School. Specify Team Eagle in the memo section on your check and mail it to the address below. DBMS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

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Mark Lewis, who lives on North Street in Hingham, has been sailing his entire life. Mark, who was injured in a swimming accident in 2001, is quadriplegic. His teammate Maureen McKinnon-Tucker is paraplegic.

Mark's column will appear monthly so readers can keep pace with Team Eagle's quest for the gold at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Sailing for Beijing

- **Paralympics:** The term "Paralympics" was derived from the Greek word "para" and means next to or alongside the Olympic games.
- **Team Eagle**: Mark Lewis and Maureen McKinnon-Tucker.
- **Goal**: To represent the US in the two-person keelboat event at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.
- **Trials:** But first Team Eagle must win the Paralympics sailing trials in Newport, R.I. in October 2007.
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HEALTH NOTES

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- The CDC provides the focus for Disease Surveillance and evaluation by supporting a worldwide communications network where doctors and health professionals communicate, exchange, assess and compare information on the latest disease outbreaks and threats.
- International outbreak assistance is an integral function of CDC, which requires diagnostic facilities, as well as a capacity for epidemiologic investigation overseas. In the future, CDC must be prepared, as a matter of routine, to offer follow-up assistance after each acute emergency response. Such follow-up will assist host-country health agencies maintain control of new pathogens when an outbreak is over.
- The CDC carries out Applied Research on Diseases of Global Importance including some that are uncommon in the United States. CDC's laboratorians, epidemiologists, and behavioral scientists maintain an active research program to develop tools to detect, diagnose, predict, and eliminate diseases of global importance. When a new disease threat appears, CDC's laboratorians and field investigators help answer questions about disease transmission, treatment, control and prevention.
- CDC uses proven public health policies, program management and health communications to support its applied research on disease control.
- CDC is collaborating on global initiatives to reduce the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in young people by 25 percent and reduce deaths from tuberculosis and malaria by 50% by 2010. CDC supports the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization to reduce infant mortality through enhanced delivery and use of new and underutilized vaccines against respiratory illnesses and other childhood diseases.
- CDC supports the establishment of International Emerging Infections Programs (IEIPs) in developing countries—which helps provide hands-on training in public health.

This work provides the domestic benefit of reducing the incidence of disease imported from other countries.

Prepared from "*Protecting the Nation's Health in an Era of Globalization: CDC's Global Infectious Disease Strategy.*"

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

[1] The "*Bad Bug Book*" http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/intro.html Actually, it doesn't cover just bugs, but other pathogens and toxins.

Absentee ballots for State Primary

Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person.

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 19 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 18 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only: absence from the twon during the hours the pools are open; physical disability; religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of eth voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, which ballot is requested, Democrat or Republican, and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is enrolled in a political designation they may not vote in any state or presidential primary.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate family member to the Town Clerk's Office by Sept. 19 to be counted.

The town will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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Lack of surplus funds threatens town's bond rating

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would charge the town in interest should the town choose to borrow their money. Once the town accepts the bid and sells the bond, the interest rates for payments are locked in.

A town's bond rating is important because it lets potential bond buyers know the risk they are taking in terms of the town's being able to pay back the borrowed money. Director of Finance Michael Buckley said virtually every time the town has issued a bond, it has first contacted either Standard and Poor's or Moody's to be rated. With Cohasset's AA+ rating, it is more likely to receive more bids and better interest rates — which can save the town money — than towns with lower ratings.

Griffin said the town has a policy to keep 5 percent of the general fund operating budget (which excludes the water and sewer budgets) in reserve. Currently, it has $1,228,318, or 4.31 percent in reserves. To have 5 percent set aside, it would need to put away an additional $196,380. "If we can have as good a year this year as last, we'll be in good shape," said Griffin.

Griffin said one of the things he is considering, which would make the town's financial situation look better, is moving $505,143 from a debt service fund, which includes money from the sale of the right-of-way to the MBTA, to the town's regular stabilization fund, which currently has only $42,781. To Standard and Poor's, it would be counted as having $547,924 in reserve funding, which could greatly help the town's rating.

Griffin said the town could also look into taking advantage of a new law that allows towns to have more than one stabilization fund, which each have money set aside for specific purposes. The town currently has a sewer betterment fund and a pension reserve fund, which could be put into their own stabilization funds, which would not change the way they are spent, but would be counted toward the town's reserves where they currently are not. "It might help," said Griffin, but the funding would then require a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting to be spent. "I think it would send a very good message," he said.

Standard and Poor's is also concerned with the town's amount of debt service, but not as much as its lack of reserve funding. The state in one way or another has subsidized most of the town's debt, which is good for the town.

Cohasset's has had a AA+ rating from Standard and Poor's since 2001. The town has also had three upgrades within the past 10 years from Moody's, as it was upgraded to A1 in 1996, to AA3 in 1998, and to AA2 in 2002.

How are bonds rated?

Standard and Poor's uses the following ratings for bonds:

AAA - An obligation rated AAA has the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA - differs from the highest-rated obligations only in small degree.

A - somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB - exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

BB - less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B - more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated BB, but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CCC - is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC - An obligation rated CC is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

C - is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The C rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action taken, but payments on this obligation are being continued.

D - is in payment default. The D rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The D rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

Plus (+) or minus (-) - Ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a + or – sign, to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Information provided by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Web site at www.dls.state.ma.us/mdmstuf/debt.htm.

What are the town's reserve funds?

The town has three areas of "surplus" funds in the budget: the reserve fund, the stabilization fund and free cash.

The reserve fund is a recurring budgetary item. Each year, Town Meeting votes to appropriate a sum of money ($125,000 in fiscal 2006) into the reserve fund, which is under the control of the Advisory Committee. Reserve funds are to be used for unexpected and unforeseen expenses during the course of the fiscal year, without having to call a special town meeting. That means if a department needs funding in the summer for something it did not expect, it can ask for a reserve fund transfer and get the money in June, rather than having to wait until the fall for Special Town Meeting approval. The money in the reserve fund gets closed out at the end of the year and turned over to surplus, and a new reserve fund amount is budgeted the following year.

The stabilization fund is an actual trust fund that has money in it and earns its own interest, rather than just a budgeted item. This means funds in the stabilization fund are available from year to year. Town Meeting authorization is required to transfer money from the stabilization fund for any lawful purpose. Usually funds spent from the reserve fund are for one-time expenses. Other than interest being earned, the only way the stabilization fund increases is if Town Meeting votes to put money into it.

Free cash is more complicated than the other two accounts, and is strictly a Massachusetts term. At the end of every fiscal year, the Director of Finance prepares the balance sheet as of June 30, the last day of the fiscal year, essentially taking a snapshot of the town's finances at that date. After the Department of Revenue reviews the balance sheet, it certifies the amount of free cash, or surplus, the town has. Those funds can then be transferred by Town Meeting for any lawful purpose. From year to year, free cash can vary greatly based on how much the town collected in revenue over and above what was predicted, how much money was turned back to surplus from budget appropriations and other Department of Revenue calculations. Free cash is somewhat of a misnomer as it is neither "free" nor "cash" and is essentially an accounting calculation, rather than an actual account with money.

Undesignated fund balance

Fiscal year	Undesignated fund balance (UFB)	General fund operating budget	UFB as % of operating budget
Fiscal 2001	$1,865,594	$20,790,518	8.97%
Fiscal 2002	$1,376,487	$22,919,360	6.01%
Fiscal 2003	$1,359,908	$25,195,869	5.40%
Fiscal 2004	$608,701	$25,807,550	2.36%
Fiscal 2005	$967,072	$26,827,800	3.60%
Fiscal 2006	$1,228,318	$28,493,950	4.31%

Improving local cell phone reception

The first week of August, Selectman Fred Koed sent a memo to his fellow board members, asking them to discuss the possibilities for increasing cell phone reception in town at some point in the near future. He said the issue should be looked at from a public safety perspective, as there are many homes along the water, which do not have adequate cell phone service. During an emergency when every second counts, having a cell phone readily accessible to call for help doesn't do any good if there isn't any service, he said.

Koed suggested the town look into all its options, including potentially installing a Distributed Antenna System, which a representative from National Grid explained to the board in June. DAS service provides towns with better coverage by allowing wireless carriers to locate their equipment at a "hub" which is essentially a small building similar to a shed. Cohasset would likely connect to a hub already in existence in Hull. The signals are then delivered over fiber to the radio cabinets, which are posted to a telephone pole with an antenna at the top. Cohasset could potentially have trouble installing such a system near the ocean, as there are no telephone poles along the waterfront on Jerusalem Road.

Koed said in his opinion, the town should get involved with investigating its options not only to improve public safety, but as a potential means of generating revenue. He said estimates range between $75,000 and $90,000 in possible revenue if the town were to lease its land to a cellular company to enable it to improve cell coverage in town. "Under these tight fiscal times, the sooner we can tap into additional income, the faster we can work to stabilize budget increases," he said. Koed added if the town does nothing, carriers in the wireless industry might seek private property to build out their systems in the future. "The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 can be used by these carriers to preempt our local bylaws, allowing cell site towers to be built anywhere in town," he said. The town's bylaws currently prohibit commercial communications towers from being built in any residential area, and allow them in the technology business and light industry zoning districts.

Koed said the board should put out a Request for Proposals to "test the market" and see what the interest is from cell phone providers to work with the town to better its cell phone connections. He suggested the town enlist the services of the Cable Advisory Committee for technical and financial input. He said many citizens in town would also likely have expertise to share. He said if an RFP could be drafted by the end of September, bids would be due the end of October, which would allow any zoning changes (re-zoning issues, long term leases, etc.) to be addressed at the Special Town Meeting in the fall.

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*Palmer et al. (August 2006) *Prenatal Diethylstilbestrol Exposure and Risk of Breast Cancer.* Cancer Epidemiology, Biomakers & Prevention. 15.8:1509-1513

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Breaking out

Cohasset's Zappolo looks to put injury behind him and put together a big senior year

By Mike Spellman
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PHOTO/CRAIG GODECKE
Nick Zappolo is eager to get back to playing football this fall.

We all know what a long, hot summer it's been. No one wants to hear you complain about it, though, least of all Nick Zappolo.

Imagine yourself trapped in a full leg cast for three-and-a-half months during the hottest time of the year. Now imagine you're a super-active 17-year old who wants nothing more than to get in the best shape of your life for your senior year of high school sports.

"Oh, I've been miserable," confessed Cohasset High athletic standout Nick Zappolo. "September just kept getting closer and it seemed like I was never going to get this cast off."

Well, the star football/basketball/baseball player finally got his reprieve three weeks ago, and it's taken a lot of reminders from his parents, coaches and doctors to keep him on the slow and conservative road to full recovery.

"Nick was out there doing some light running for the first time today," reported first year Skippers head football coach Pete Afanasiw on Tuesday. "You could see he's still got a ways to go, but it was good to

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PHOTOS/CRAIG GODECKE
Cohasset High football players go through a stretching session Wednesday afternoon during preseason practice. The gridders reported back for practice this week.

Dragon comes to Cohasset

Former Duxbury assistant will guide Skippers football program this fall

By Win Bates
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High School had plenty of football success under former coach Tony Rolfe, and there's no reason to expect anything different now that former Duxbury High assistant Pete Afanasiw has taken over the reins of the program.

The Green Dragons were regular postseason participants during Afanasiw's nine years as an assistant there and brought home a Div. 4 Super Bowl championship last year. Afanasiw hopes he can bring that same kind of success to the Skippers, who have had their share of postseason appearances as well as they have battled the other powerhouses like Norwell and defending champion Abington on fairly even terms and hope to continue to do so.

"It was a dream of mine to be a high school head coach for some time now," said Afanasiw after putting his team through its first two days of practice. "It's nice to be out there with the kids, who have been working hard and show a lot of promise. This is a program which has won its share of games for quite a while now, so we're hoping to keep it going and maybe even be a little better."

Afanasiw acknowledges that there will be some changes in the way the Skippers do some things but expects the players to be able to handle the changes.

"Our defense is actually going to be pretty much the same as they played here last year, but we will be running a different offense, but I think it's an offense that the kids that are here will be able to run effectively," said Afanasiw.

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Above, Skippers quarterback Anthony Dipaolo, a senior, looks to hand the ball off to a teammate during an offensive drill at preseason practice this week.

Right, Senior Robert Silva cools himself off with a squirt from his water bottle during a break from the action at football practice Wednesday.

Athletes back to gridiron

IN FULL SWING

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Thirteen-year-old Amy Costa eyes her backhand return while working on different aspects of her game during a tennis camp conducted in Cohasset this summer.

Are you picking the right Fantasy players? Find out.

TOSSING BATTING PRACTICE

NICK FRENCH

Now that September and October baseball won't be clouding your minds with delusions of grandeur, and preseason football action in full swing, it's time to start focusing on the positives. While the Patriots have looked good thus far, there is another team that has yet to discern itself as a pretender or a contender, your fantasy football team.

Almost everyone does it, though always "strictly for entertainment purposes" and the time spent preparing for your draft is generally time well spent.

There are variations on drafts in every league, whether it's a straight draft or an auction, or includes keepers, or the ever complicated restricted free agents.

After having already completed one draft, and in line to participate in at least two more, I offer up a few tips on the sleepers and other top-notch options for your team.

Running Backs

Unlike real football quarterbacks and defenses occasionally win games, but running backs win championships.

If you have a top three selection then you're in the clear, as you'll have a choice between Shaun Alexander, Ladanian Tomlinson, or Larry Johnson.

After that it's a bit of a crapshoot. Will Clinton Portis' shoulder hold up? Will Tiki Barber get enough goalline carries? Who is the next best back?

The best bets in my eyes are Steven Jackson, Lamont Jordan, Edgerrin James, and Rudi Johnson. Starting with one of those and getting a higher second tier back such as Willie Parker, Ronnie Brown, or Willis McGahee is a good basis for your team. Reggie Bush will also be highly sought after, but be careful because he may not get the goalline carries fantasy owners covet so much.

Who are the best sleepers in this position? I like Frank Gore from San Francisco, Chester Taylor in Minnesota, and possibly Ladell Betts, Portis' backup in Washington. If you're in a league without any Patriots fans, then grab Laurence Maroney late in the draft, but don't get him too early because it could be a wasted pick.

Wide Receivers

Everybody is going to want a Chad Johnson, Steve Smith, or Torry Holt, but receiver is the best place to find bargain guys that build the basis for a fantasy

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see him out there after all the good things I've heard about him. I hear he's got the best hands on the team hands down. The biggest thing now, though, is that he doesn't rush it."

The first year head coach says he'd be happy with a late September return. Not surprisingly, Zappola envisions a somewhat accelerated timetable.

"The doctor says I'm ahead of schedule," reports the well-rounded 5-foot-8, 160-pound athlete. "If things keep going like they are and I stick to my work schedule, I think I've got a good shot at getting back for the first game (of the regular season)."

Looks like those trying to hold Zappolo back are going to have their hands full.

Still, the high energy teen does acknowledge he's a long way from where he needs to be to reclaim his two-way starting role on the gridiron as a split end and defensive back

"I've lost a lot of strength in my legs and really whole body, and that'll probably take a while to get all the way back," conceded Zappolo, who has tried to expedite this process by working out several times a week with the CHS Athletic Trainor.

There is also the matter of protecting the bones he broke, the tibia and fibula. These slender bones that run from the knee to the ankle are notorious for being easy to re-break. Zappola is anxiously awaiting his fitting for a "running brace"

STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset shortstop Nick Zappolo gets taken out by an Archbishop Williams base runner during action this past spring. Zappolo broke his leg on the play, but is fully recovered and ready to start his senior season.

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Cohasset's Nick Zappolo charges past a would-be Scituate tackler en route to a 50-yard kick-off return during a football game played last fall. Zappolo is healthy and ready to get going in the South Shore League.

with padding in front that will allow him to resume contact sports.

"A few more weeks and I'll be set to start throwing myself around," noted Zappola with a gleam in his eye.

The coaches of the basketball and baseball teams can only hope Zappola makes it through to them relatively intact.

After taking his junior year off from the hardwood, Zappola plans to return this winter.

The spring season, though, is the one he really yearns for. Baseball is clearly Zappola's first sporting love. In fact, he has designs on continuing this career at the college level. He pulled off the remarkable feat as a sophomore of earning the Skippers' starting spot at shortstop, the busiest and arguably most important defensive position on the diamond, and appeared on the verge of bursting into stardom as a junior when he moved into the lead-off spot in the batting order.

That all ended, however, on April 25, the sixth game of the season, a home tilt versus Archbishop Williams, when a seemingly routine grounder back to the mound saw Zappola break hard toward second base looking to turn the double play. The throw from the pitcher sailed, forcing Zapollo to go high for the snare. His momentum carried his right leg just millimeters past the bag, leaving it completely vulnerable to the hard-sliding Archie's baserunner. Zappola's foot was pinned against the inner edge of the immovable bag when contact came above the ankle. The lower leg could bend only so far. Both bones snapped clean.

"I think everyone on the field heard it," recalled Zappolo. "It was a pretty bad moment. I knew right away it was something real serious. I think everyone did. It was really depressing learning that my season was over right there"

As tough a break (pun not intended) as this was for Zappolo, it was almost as tough for veteran head coach Al Gallotta and the entire CHS baseball program.

"I remember thinking how forward I was to seeing Nick just bust out and have a great junior year," said Gallotta, a former longtime head baseball coach at Archbishop Williams. "Losing him when we did was really a huge blow. He was the linchpin to our infield defense, and things just seemed to fall apart after his injury."

With Gallotta forced to juggle several players over the final two-thirds of the season, he saw his team go from averaging just over an error per game to well over three per contest. The team won just five games, falling well short of its goal to qualify for the state tourney.

As much as he hopes and prays for a healthy year from his senior leader-shortstop-lead off hitter, Gallotta is looking as forward as anyone to watching Zapollo on the gridiron this fall.

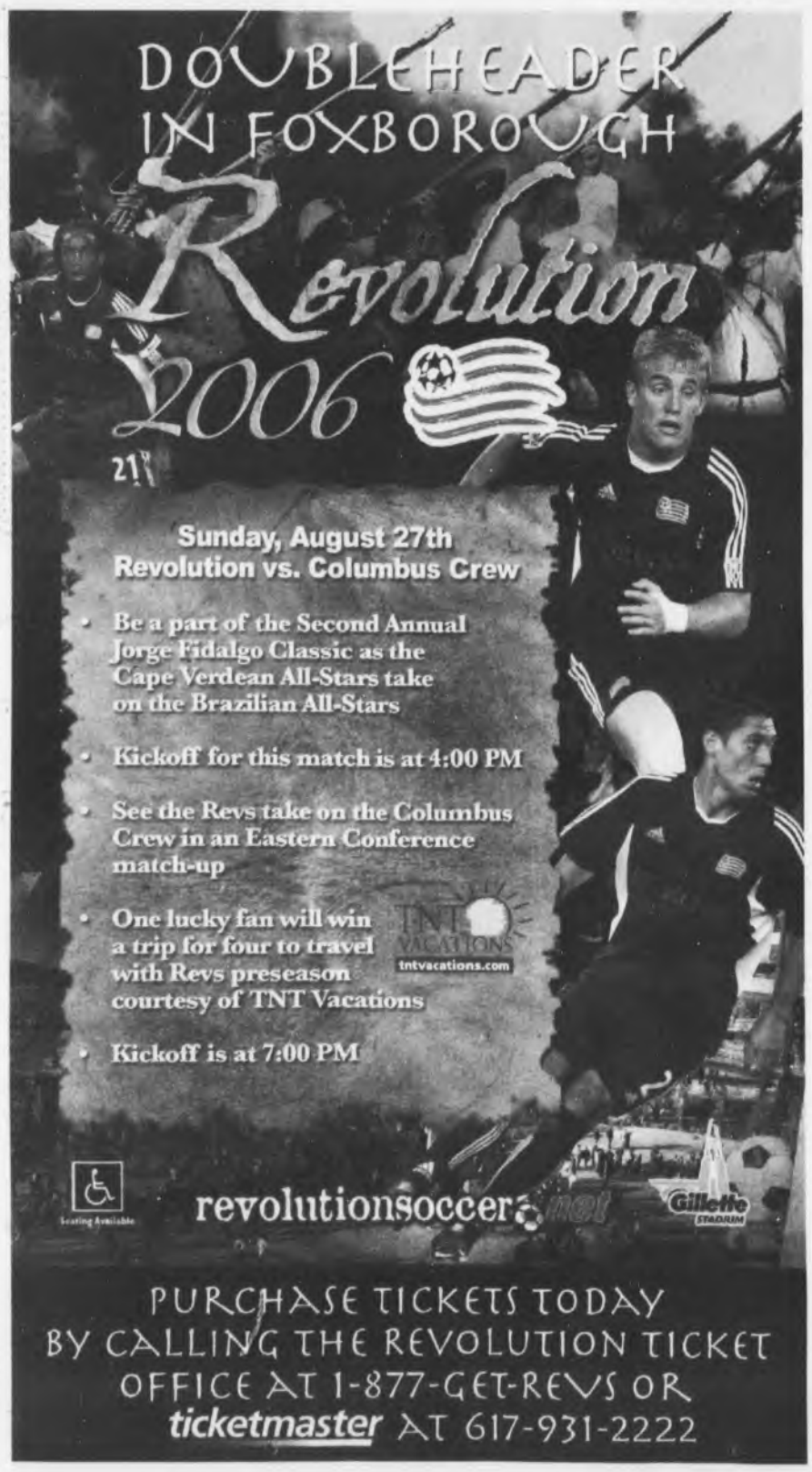
"Nick is a very fun player to watch," said Gallotta, a regular at every home game. "He's one of those tough little guys who loves to throw what weight he has around. He plays football with a real passion. You just love to watch those kinds of athletes."

Hopefully, the coach will have several chances to do that beyond the fall season.

Zappola lost his chance to show off for college baseball coaches not only in his junior season but also the summer Legion baseball season. He does not believe, though, that it's too late to make a strong impression, even though he'll likely have to choose his college before spring workouts get underway.

"I'm just really looking forward to getting back out there," said Zappola of the baseball diamond. "If I play the way I think I can, I'll just look to build on that."

One step at a time... quite literally.



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New Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw gives his players some instruction before starting a drill at pre-season practice Wednesday. Afanasiw joins the Skippers from Duxbury, where he served as an assistant coach for nearly a decade.

Dragon comes to Cohasset

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"We're not trying to reinvent the wheel here. We are just trying to keep a good thing going."

The returning players believe the new coaching staff can take them where they want to go, which is to wrest the South Shore League title away from Abington and perhaps do what the Green Wave did last year, which was to win the Div. 5 Super Bowl title.

"I think we're going to be more focused this season," said junior fullback-linebacker P.J. McCaw, who expects to see a lot of action on both sides of the ball. "I like the coaching staff because I think they're going to make sure we're as focused as we need to be. Abington won the Super Bowl championship, and that's what we want this year. We need to do a better job of holding on to the ball. That hurt us in a couple of big games last year."

The Skippers finished 5-3-2 last season and fell short of the South Shore League crown that went to Abington, who then went on to take the Div. 5 Super Bowl title with a come-from-behind one-point win over Archbishop Williams.

Afanasiw and his players know the Green Wave is again the team they must defeat since Abington returns many of its top players, and they're hard at work to get ready for the start of the season in two weeks.

"It looks like the league title goes through Abington again this season, but that's what we will be shooting for," said Afanasiw. "The goals of this program will be high. I think that was part of our success at Duxbury, that we set those kinds of goals, and I believe we will do the same thing here and hope to be successful."

Junior tailback-linebacker Kyle Pinkus is one of the players who says the Skippers will be gunning for Abington this season, and believes the new coaching staff will give it the needed boost to take a run at the Wave and the SSL title.

"I like the youth of this staff and the different techniques they're teaching us," said Pinkus. "We need to have good chemistry and be more of a family, and I think we're going to have that. We'll be looking for revenge against Abington. We will have to give it everything we've got and have more heart than them if we want to be successful."

Afanasiw thinks he had many multi-talented players on his team and believes that will be a strength for his team this year.

"There are a lot of good athletes here, kids who play two or three sports, and I think that is a good thing for us," said Afanasiw. "I believe it is a good thing for kids to play more than one sport. I've seen kids who just play one sport the year 'round, and after two or three years, they just get tired of the sport and are burned out.

"I always encourage kids to play as many sports as they can. We have quite a few kids here who play two or three sports and I like that. Athleticism will be one of our strengths."

Afanasiw is watching to see how quickly his team comes together as a unit.

"The kids here have the ability to be good, it's just a matter of how quickly they jell under a new coaching staff," said Afanasiw. "We've got 10 or 11 players returning who started on either offense or defense. We will try not to play too many kids on both sides of the ball, but a few probably will."

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championship.

Finding No. 1 receivers on teams is important; because somebody has to catch those passes, even if it's somebody you've never heard of.

If you have a late first round pick, and aren't enamored with any of your running back selections then go for one of the top receivers on the board. However, finding value at receiver in later rounds is the key to a winning season. Last year Steve Smith was not a first rounder and he led the league in receiving yards. Santana Moss had a huge year and likely wasn't drafted in most leagues.

Two of my favorite sleepers are Derrick Mason, and Terry Glenn. Mason is being reunited with Steve McNair in Baltimore, and has looked great in the preseason. Glenn, meanwhile isn't the No. 1 guy in Dallas anymore, but with Terrell Owens (whom I personally feel can poison a fantasy team in much the same way he can a real team) drawing extra attention, Glenn, coupled with his familiarity with Drew Bledsoe should blossom.

Another guy I like is Lee Evans from Buffalo, for the simple fact that I can't even name the other receivers in Buffalo yet. Also keep an eye on Ashley Lelie, who may be on the move from Denver, and heading somewhere like Philadelphia, or Minnesota to be the No. 1 guy. May be worth a late round pick if you have your draft before he goes on the move.

One last mid-round selection poised to have a big year is Plaxico Burress. With the natural maturation of Eli Manning taking place, Burress, is the one set to prosper the most from it. Especially since they established a bit of a rapport last season.

Tight Ends

I hate leagues with tight ends, because they are used so arbitrarily and so few are dominant impact players there is too large a disparity between the best and worst. But since they are common in most leagues my suggestion is this. If you can't get a top tier running back like the top three, or a good two back combo then you need to go after an Antonio Gates or Jeremy Shockey as early as you can reasonably afford to. This insulates you from getting stuck with some guy you've never heard of.

On the flip side however, if you do get a No. 1 back or solid combo, I would also suggest bypassing wide receiver help early and picking up one of those two players. You can afford it since you have a dominant running game, and those two are the closest thing to a sure thing you'll get with your receiving corps with the top wideouts off the board.

Quarterbacks

Generally I have always wanted a quarterback early on and worried about other things later, but this year in my first draft, the last spot on my roster I filled was for a signal caller. While it remains to be seen whether that turns out to be a tactical error, it is what it is.

This position this year is left with a great deal of question marks from Carson Palmer, to Daunte Culpepper all the way to Tom Brady. Getting Peyton Manning is certainly a boon for any team, given his obvious fantasy value but not being able to root for him honestly always makes me hesitant to pick him when other good players are also available.

Without Deion Brach who knows how Brady will fare this year as a fantasy option throwing mostly to tight ends and street free agents. Ditto that statement for Donovan McNabb too. Matt Hasslebeck has Alexander to score most of his team's touchdowns. Marc Bulger may or may not bounce back from an injury-riddled season and without passing "wizard" Mike Martz. There I just ticked off question marks for five of the top eight quarterbacks available.

My favorite, thus far is Eli Manning, who is coming into his own, has a running game to back him up and a solid corps of receivers to throw to.

If he's not available I also like Kurt Warner, because with the receivers he has to throw to he should rack up the points provided he can stay upright.

My sleeper pick though is Jake Delhomme. The Panthers are a run oriented team without any standout backs this year, and as a result with Steve Smith and Keyshawn Johnson split wide, could become a more pass first team.

Other potential sleepers include Steve McNair, Jon Kitna, and Jake Plummer, but first watch their body of work before considering a selection with one of these guys.

Kickers/Defense

Quite frankly these are ones you just get lucky with. Very few people drafted either the Bears, or Neil Rackers last year, and I'm sure whoever gets the top performers in this position will be nothing more than lottery winners.

So there you have it, a brief guide to this year's fantasy football season without spending $6.95 on a magazine that was printed in June, and already outdated.

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Cohasset Public School Bus Stops – 2006/2007

MS/HS Forest Ave morning stops

348 Forest Avenue / Forest Notch / Black Rock Road / 260 Forest Ave. / Surry Drive and Old Coach / Fox Run / 122-124 Forest Ave. / Heather Drive / Cedar Acres Drive / 1 Forest Ave. / N Main Street / Pratt Court.

MS/HS Forest Avenue afternoon stops

Ripley Road / Sohier Street / Pratt Court / N. Main Street / Red Gate Lane / Rocky Lane / 1 Forest Ave. / Cedar Acres Lane / Heather Drive / 122-124 Forest Ave. / Fox Run / Surry Drive and Old Coach / 260 Forest Ave. / Black Rock Road / Forest Notch / 348 Forest Ave.

MS/HS Bus 2 morning stops

18 Linden Dr. / 174 Linden Dr. / Rustic Drive / Linden Circle / 492 Jerusalem Road / Rust Way / Deep Run / Jerusalem Road Drive / 394 Atlantic Ave. / 355 Atlantic Ave. / 111 Nichols Road / 88 Nichols Road / 48 Nichols Road / 32 Nichols Road / 20 Nichols Road / 220 Jerusalem Road / 271 Jerusalem / Red Gate Lane / Community Center / 143 Pond St.

MS/HS Bus 2 afternoon stops

Spring Street and S. Main Street / Highland Avenue / Green Street and N. Main Street / 11 Jerusalem Road / Red Gate Lane / 6 Nichols Road / 32 Nichols Road / 48 Nichols Road / 85 Nichols Road / 111 Nichols Road / Sandy Beach Lane / 355 Atlantic Ave. / 380 Atlantic Ave. / Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road / Jerusalem Road Drive / Deep Run / Rust Way / Linden Drive.

MS/HS Bus 3 morning stops

275 Cedar St. / Hull Street and Cedar Street / 49 Hull St. / 81 Hull St. / 176 Lamberts Lane / 150 Lamberts Lane / 124-136 Lamberts Lane / 72 Lamberts Lane / 22 Lamberts Lane / 117 Hull St. / 151 Hull St. / 173 Hull St. / Grace Drive / 796 Jerusalem Road / 756 Jerusalem Road / 736 Jerusalem Road / 716 Jerusalem Road / Howe Road and Jerusalem Road / Windy Hill Road / 604 Jerusalem Road / Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road / 580 Jerusalem Road / Sanctuary Pond Road / Arrive Middle/High School.

MS/HS Bus 3 afternoon stops

400 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. / Sanctuary Pond Road / 54 Cedar St. / 81 Cedar Ledge Village / 275 Cedar St. / Hull Street and Cedar Street / 49 Hull St. / 81 Hull St. / 176 Lamberts Lane / 150 Lamberts Lane / 124-136 Lamberts Lane / 72 Lamberts Lane / 22 Lamberts Lane / 117 Hull St. / 151 Hull St. / 173 Hull St. / Grace Drive / 796 Jerusalem Road / 756 Jerusalem Road / 736 Jerusalem Road / 716 Jerusalem Road / Howe Road and Jerusalem Road / Windy Hill Road / 604 Jerusalem Road / Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road / 580 Jerusalem Road / Arrive Deer Hill School.

MS/HS Bus 4 morning stops

Fairoaks Lane and Sohier Street / 179 Sohier St. / 79 Sohier St. / Sohier Street and Ripley Road / 21 Beach St. / 29 Beach St. / 110 Atlantic Ave. / 81 Atlantic Ave. / 34-38 Atlantic Ave. / Howard Gleason Road / Stockbridge St. / Summer Street and Border Street / 31 Border St. / Otis Avenue / 130 Border St. / Border Street and Parker Avenue / 27 Summer St. / Arrive at Middle/High School.

MS/HS Bus 4 afternoon stops

27 Summer St. / Summer Street and Border Street / 31 Border St. / Parker Avenue / 130 Border St. / Otis Avenue / Elm Street and Margin Ct. / Stockbridge Street / Atlantic Avenue and Howard Gleason Road / 34 Atlantic Ave. / 81 Atlantic Ave. / 110 Atlantic Ave. / 145 Beach St. / 21 Beach St. / Sohier Street and Ripley Road / 79 Sohier St. / 179 Sohier St. / Arrive at Deer Hill School.

MS/HS Bus 5 morning stops

Red Foxx Lane / King Street and Whitney Woods Lane / 274 King St. / King Street and Lily Pond Lane / King Street and Schofield Road / 251 Beechwood St. / 276 Beechwood St. / 297 Beechwood St. / 321 Beechwood St. / Mill Lane / Riverview Drive / Hillside Drive / Beechwood Street and Doane Street / Aaron River Road and Flintlock Ridge Road / Carbone Lane / Bates Lane and Doane Street / 235 Beechwood St. / Kendall Village / Arrive at Middle/High School.

MS/HS Bus 5 afternoon stops

Red Foxx Lane / King Street and Whitney Woods Lane / 274 King St. / King Street and Lily Pond Lane / King Street and Schofield Road / 251 Beechwood St. / 276 Beechwood St. / 297 Beechwood St. / 321 Beechwood St. / Mill Lane / Riverview Drive / Hillside Drive / Beechwood Street and Doane Street / Aaron River Road and Flintlock Ridge Road / Carbone Lane / Bates Lane and Doane Street / 235 Beechwood St. / Kendall Village/ Arrive Deer Hill School.

MS/HS Bus 6 morning stops

Cedar Ledge Village / Rocky Lane and N. Main St. / Red Gate Lane and N. Main St. / 170 N. Main St. / Green Street / Joy Place / 5 Spring St. / 193 S. Main St. / Westgate Lane / Cedar Lane / 300 S. Main St. / Stanton Road / River Road / 411 S. Main St. / Talarico Lane / Norman Todd Lane / Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive / Arrive Middle/High School.

MS/HS Bus 6 afternoon stops

193 S. Main St. / Westgate Lane / 300 S. Main St. / 357 S. Main St. / 411 S. Main St. / Talarico Lane / Norman Todd Lane / 805 CJC Hwy. / Brewster Road and LedgeWay / Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive / Arrive Deer Hill School.

Deer Hill Bus 2 morning stops

Sanctuary Pond Road / 30 King St. / 1 Forest Ave. / Cedar Acres Drive / Heather Drive / Old Coach Road / 251 Forest Ave. / Forest Circle / Forest Notch / 492 Jerusalem Road / 18 Linden Drive / Stoneleigh Lane / Linden Circle / 174 Linden Drive / Rustic Drive / Rust Way / Deep Run / 381 Jerusalem Road / Jerusalem Road Drive and Jerusalem Road / 278 Jerusalem Road / 268 Jerusalem Road / 220 Jerusalem Road / 8 Nichols Road / 42 Nichols Road / 85 Nichols Road / 91 Nichols Road / 111 Nichols Road / Bow Street / Red Gate Lane / 45 Sohier St. / Sohier Street and Ripley Road / Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Deer Hill Bus 2 afternoon stops

Sanctuary Pond Road / 30 King St. / 1 Forest Ave. / Cedar Acres Drive / Heather Drive / Old Coach Road / 251 Forest Ave. / Forest Circle / Forest Notch / 492 Jerusalem Road / 18 Linden Drive / Stoneleigh Lane/ Linden Circle / 174 Linden Drive / Rustic Drive / Rust Way / Deep Run / 381 Jerusalem Road / Jerusalem Road Drive / 278 Jerusalem Road / 271 Jerusalem Road / 220 Jerusalem Road / Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road / 8 Nichols Road / 32 Nichols Road / 85 Nichols Road / 111 Nichols Road / Red Gate Lane / 6 Jerusalem Road / Arrive at Osgood School.

Deer Hill Bus 3 morning stops

Cedar Ledge Village / 17 Lamberts Lane / 72 Lamberts Lane / 165 Hull St. / Grace Drive / 796 Jerusalem Road / 756 Jerusalem Road / Howe Road / 660 Jerusalem Road / Windy Hill Road / Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road / 572 Jerusalem Road / Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue / 260 Forest Ave. / Surry Drive and Old Coach Road / 30 Forest Ave. / 502 N. Main St. / N. Main Street and Rocky Lane / 280 N. Main St. / 209 N. Main St. / Red Gate Lane / 170 N. Main St. / Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Deer Hill Bus 3 afternoon stops

Right out of 208 Sohier St. / 170 N. Main St. / Red Gate Lane / 209 N Main St. / 280 N. Main St. / Rocky Lane / N. Main Street and Forest Avenue / 502 N. Main St. / Cedar Ledge Village / 17 Lamberts Lane / 72 Lamberts Lane / 165 Hull St. / Grace Drive / 796 Jerusalem Road / 756 Jerusalem Road / Howe Road / 660 Jerusalem Road / Windy Hill Road / Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road / 572 Jerusalem Road / Black Rock Road and Forest Ave. / 260 Forest Ave. / Surry Drive and Old Coach Road / 30 Forest Ave. / Arrive at Osgood School.

Deer Hill Bus 4 morning stops

Buttonwood Lane / Holly Lane / Bancroft Road / Virginia Lane / 35 Pond St. / Lantern Lane / 27 Summer St. / Summer Street and Border Street / 126 Border St. / Otis Ave. / Parker Avenue / Margin Street and Howard Gleason Road / 17 Atlantic Ave. / 34 Atlantic Ave. / 81 Atlantic Ave. / 110 Atlantic Ave. / Sheldon Road / 145 Beach St. / 10 Beach St. / 51 Highland Ave. / Ripley Road and Pratt Ct. / Ripley Road and Tower Lane / 87 Sohier St. / 155 Sohier St. / 183 Sohier St. / Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Deer Hill Bus 4 afternoon stops

Pond and Clayspring Road / 142 Pond St. / Woodland Drive / Holly Lane / Bancroft Road and Pond Street / Virginia Lane / 35 Pond St. / Lantern Lane / 27 Summer St. / Summer Street and Border Street / 126 Border St. / Otis Avenue / Parker Avenue / Margin Street and Howard Gleason Road / 17 Atlantic Ave. / 34 Atlantic Ave. / 81 Atlantic Ave. / 110 Atlantic Ave. / Sheldon Road / 145 Beach St. / 10 Beach St. / 25 Highland Ave. / Ripley Road and Pratt Ct. / Ripley Road and Tower Lane / Arrive at Osgood School.

Deer Hill Bus 5 morning stops

King Street and Whitney Woods Lane / 288 King St. / Lily Pond Road / Schofield Road / 251 Beechwood St. / 289 Beechwod / Beechwood and Doane Street / 25 Church Street / Flintlock Ridge Road and Aaron River Road / Church Street and Carbone Lane / Doane Street and Bates Lane / Beechwood and Hillside Drive / 250 Beechwood St. / Ridge Top Road and Bailey Road / 235 Pond St. / Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Deer Hill Bus 5 afternoon stops

King Street and Whitney Woods Lane / 288 King St. / 235 Pond St. / Ridgetop Road and Bailey Road / King Street and Lily Pond Lane / King Street and Schofield Road / 251 Beechwood St. / 289 Beechwood / Hillside Drive / Beechwood and Doane Street / 25 Church St. / Flintlock Ridge Road and Aaron River Road / Church Street and Carbone Lane / Doane Street and Bates Lane / Arrive at Osgood School.

Deer Hill Bus 6 morning stops

142 Pond St. / Clay Spring Road and Pond Street / 82 Pleasant St. / 53 Pleasant St. / Norfolk Road and Cushing Road / Oak Street and Cushing Road / 13 Spring St. / Spring Street and S. Main Street / 186 S. Main St. / 134 S. Main St. / Westgate Lane / Stanton Road / 411 S. Main St. / Talarico Lane / Norman Todd Lane / 175 Beechwood St. / Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive / 40 Brewster Road / Arrive at Deer Hill School.

Deer Hill Bus 6 afternoon stops

183 Sohier St. / 155 Sohier St. / 87 Sohier St. / Sohier Street and Ripley Road / Ripley Road and Tower Lane / Ripley Road and Pratt Ct. / Pleasant Street and Cushing Road / Norfolk Road and Cushing Road / Oak Street and Cushing Road / 13 Spring St. / Spring Street and S. Main St. / 186 S. Main St. / 134 S. Main St. / Westgate Lane / 300 S. Main St. / Stanton Road / 411 S. Main St. / Talarico Lane / Norman Todd Lane / 175 Beechwood St. / 40 Brewster Road / Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive / Arrive Osgood School.

Osgood Bus 2 morning stops

Stevens Lane and Elm Street / Elm Street and Elm Ct. / Margin St. / Stockbridge Street / Howard Gleason Road / 31 Atlantic Ave. / 40 Atlantic Ave. / 94 Atlantic Ave. / Meadow Lane / Lothrop Lane / Sheldon Road / 135 Nichols Road / 109 Nichols Road / 60 Nichols Road / 218 Jerusalem Road / 271 Jerusalem Road / 278 Jerusalem Road / Jerusalem Road Drive / Deep Run / Rust Way / Stoneleigh and Jerusalem Road / 11 Linden Drive / Stoneleigh and Linden / 48 Linden Drive / 174 Linden Drive / 141 Linden Drive / Rustic Drive / 93 Linden Drive / 355 Jerusalem Road / Bow Street / Gammons Road / Red Gate Lane / 60 and 76 Jerusalem Road / 6 Jerusalem Road / 45 Sohier St. / Sohier Street and Ripley Road / Arrive 210 Sohier St.

Osgood Bus 2 afternoon stops

Sohier Street and Ripley Road / 45 Sohier St. / Stevens Lane and Elm Street / Elm Street and Elm Court / Margin Court / Stockbridge Street / 31 Atlantic Ave. / 40 Atlantic Ave. / 94 Atlantic Ave. / 120 Atlantic Ave. / Meadow Lane / Lothrop Lane / Sheldon Road / Nichols Road and Atlantic Ave. / Sandy L Beach Lane and Nichols Road / 135 Nichols Road / 109 Nichols Road / 60 Nichols Road / 6 Nichols Road / Bow Street / Gammons Road / Red Gate Lane / 60 and 76 Jerusalem Road / 6 Jerusalem Road / 218 Jerusalem Road / 271 Jer. Road / 279 Jerusalem Road / Jerusalem Road Drive / Deep Run / Rust Way / Stoneleigh and Jerusalem Road / 11 Linden Drive / Stoneleigh and Linden / 174 Linden Drive / 141 Linden Drive / 50 Linden Drive / Rustic Drive / 93 Linden Drive.

Osgood Bus 3 morning stops

1 Forest Ave. / 23 Cedar St. / 39 Cedar St. / 275 Cedar St. / 17 Lamberts Lane / 34 Lamberts Lane / 87 Lamberts Lane / 124 Lamberts Lane / 173 Hull St. / 191 Hull St. / 195 Hull St. / Grace Drive / 796 Jerusalem Road / 732 Jerusalem Road / Howe Road / 662 Jerusalem Road / Windy Hill / 572 Jerusalem Road / 336 Forest Ave. / 303 Forest Ave. / Forest Notch / Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue / Surry Drive and Old Coach / Fox Run / 124 Forest Ave. / Heather Drive / 78-80 Forest Ave. / 30 Forest Ave. / 23 Forest Ave. / 1 Forest Ave. / 11 King St. / 30 King St. / Arrive at Osgood School.

Osgood Bus 3 afternoon stops

30 King St. / 11 King St. / 1 Forest Ave. / 28 Cedar St. / 39 Cedar St. / 275 Cedar St. / 81 Hull St. / 17 Lamberts Lane / 34 Lamberts Lane / 48 Lamberts Lane / 80 Lamberts Lane / 124-136 Lamberts Lane / 173 Hull St. / 191 Hull St. / 195 Hull St. / Grace Drive / 796 Jerusalem Road / 732 Jerusalem Road / Howe Road / 662 Jerusalem Road / Windy Hill / 572 Jerusalem Road / 336 Forest Ave. / 303 Forest Ave. / Forest Notch / Black Rock Road and Forest Avenue / Forest Circle / Surry Drive and Old Coach / Fox Run / 120 Forest Ave. / Heather Drive / 78-80 Forest Ave.

Osgood Bus 4 morning stops

72 Ripley Road / Tower Lane / 7 Border St. / Otis Avenue / 126 Border St. / 7 Parker Ave. / 19 Parker Ave. / 80 Summer St. / 68 Summer St. / 27 Summer St. / 60 Lantern Lane / 35 Pond St. / Virginia Lane / Bancroft and Pond / 3 Woodland Drive / 22 Bancroft / 39 Bancroft / 45 Bancroft / Norfolk and Hill / 17 Hill St. / Hill Street and Oak / Ash and Short / Short and Norfolk / 21 Pleasant St. / 49 Pleasant / 55-68 Pleasant / 76-82 Pleasant / 101 Pleasant / 124 Pleasant / 52 Reservoir / 38 Reservoir / Juniper Rise / 14 Old Pasture / 25 Old Pasture / 75 Old Pasture / 41 Arrowood / Bottom Tupelo Road / 14 Bayberry Lane / 163 Pond St. / Arrive at Osgood School.

Osgood Bus 4 afternoon stops

183 Sohier St. / 167 Sohier St. / 72 Ripley Road / Ripley Road and Tower Lane / Ripley Road and Pratt Ct. / 7 Border St. / 7 Parker Ave. / 19 Parker Ave. / 126 Border St. / Otis Avenue / 80 Summer St. / 68 Summer St. / 27 Summer St. / 60 Lantern Lane / 35 Pond St. / Virginia Lane / Bancroft and Pond / 3 Woodland Drive / 22 Bancroft / 39 Bancroft / Norfolk and Hill / 17 Hill St. / Hill Street and Oak / Ash and Short / Short and Norfolk / 21 Pleasant St. / 49 Pleasant / 55-68 Pleasant / 76-82 Pleasant / 101 Pleasant / 124 Pleasant / 52 Reservoir / 38 Reservoir / Juniper Rise / 14 Old Pasture / 25 Old Pasture / 75 Old Pasture / 41 Arrowood / Bottom Tupelo Road / 14 Bayberry Lane.

Osgood Bus 5 morning stops

King Street and Whitney Woods Lane / 288 King St. / 289 Beechwood St. / 457 Beechwood St. / Riverview Drive / 471 Beechwood St. / Doane Street / Aaron River Road and Flintlock Ridge Road / Church Street and Carbone Lane / Doane Street and Bates Lane / Hillside Drive / 390 Beechwood St. / Ox Pasture / 250 Beechwood St. / Brewster Road and Ledge Way / Wood Way / Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive / 51 Red Foxx Lane / 515 CJC Hwy. / RidgeTop Road and Bailey Road / 9 Fairoaks Lane / 71 Fairoaks Lane / 155 Fairoaks Lane / 240 Fairoaks Lane / 288 Fairoaks Lane / Arrive Osgood School.

Osgood Bus 5 afternoon stops

9 Fairoaks Lane / 71 Fairoaks Lane / 155 Fairoaks Lane / 208 Fairoaks Lane / 288 Fairoaks Lane / 515 CJC Hwy. / Ridge Top Road and Bailey Road / 51 Red Fox Lane / King Street and Whitney Woods Lane / 288 King St. / 250 Beechwood St. / 289 Beechwood St. / Riverview Drive / Hillside Drive / 457 Beechwood St. / Beechwood Street and Doane Street / Flintlock Ridge Road and Aaron River Road / Church Street and Carbone Lane / Doane Street and Bates Lane / Brewster Road and Ledge Way / Wood Way / Brewster Road and Ledgewood Drive.

Osgood Bus 6 morning stops

Sanctuary Pond Road / 351 N. Main St. / Rocky Lane / 280 N. Main St. / 209 N. Main St. / Red Gate Lane / 143 N. Main St. / Joy Pl. / Beach Street and Highland Avenue / Cohasset Town Hall / 24 Highland Ave. / Spring Street and S. Main Street / 171 S. Main St. / 186 S. Main St. / 216 S. Main St. / Westgate Lane / 255 S. Main St. / 300 S. Main St. / 348 S. Main St. / Stanton Road / River Road / 419 S. Main St. / 11 Beechwood / 131 Beechwood / Hammand Avenue / Talarico Lane / Schofield Road and King Street / 245 Pond St.

Osgood morning Kindergarten Express drop off stops

10 Ridgetop Road / 167 Pond St. / 25 Tupelo Road / 2 Juniper Rise / 25 Old Pasture Road / 35 Riverview Drive / 57 Hillside Drive / 457 Beechwood St. / 125 Doane St. / 16 Bates Lane / 41 Aaron River Road.

Osgood afternoon Kindergarten Express pick up stops

81 Hull St. / 48 Lamberts Lane / 715 Jerusalem Road / 93 Black Rock Road / 64 Red Gate Lane / Bow St. / 15 Sheldon Road / 31 Atlantic Ave. / 126 Border St. / 255 S. Main St. / 348 S. Main St.

ALL BUSES WILL STOP AT ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS STARTING WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

IT'S HAPPENING

HSO presents Sunset at the Abbey

The Hingham Symphony Chamber Players celebrates summer with its annual outdoor concert on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 4:30 pm, on the broad lawn at Glastonbury Abbey.

The audience can bring beach chairs or blankets and picnic baskets, and enjoy music performed by HSO's young professional musicians. This year's concert features Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, for flute and violin soloists and violin, viola, cello, bass and harpsichord. In addition, the musicians will play solos and pieces for various combinations of these instruments, accompanied by piano. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common.

Flute soloist Jessica Lizak

Tickets cost $15 for adults; $10 for seniors; and youth through age 18 admitted free. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; Noble's, Hingham Square; Glastonbury Abbey Book Store or at the gate. For the complete HSO season, visit hinghamsymphony.org.

Art workshops

The South Shore Art Center is offering two separate three-day workshops with painters and Florence, Italy-trained artists Frank Strazzulla Jr. and James Daniel. Strazzulla will offer a landscape painting workshop Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 11 to 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop will focus on capturing the subtleties of atmosphere and light directly from nature. The class will be conducted outdoors. There will be a studio visit, a demonstration of pigment grinding and a discussion of gesso techniques. Strazzulla earned his master of fine arts degree from the Villa Schifanoia School of Fine Arts in Florence and trained at the Atelier Cecil/Graves. His work is featured in many galleries throughout the world. Strazzulla is a South Shore native and maintains a painting studio in Scituate.

Daniel's workshop also will meet Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 11 to 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first two days will be devoted to drawing the landscape with pen and ink, and pencil. The third day will include the figure model, developing quick studies with red chalk (conte) and working up finished drawings with charcoal and pencil.

Daniel currently resides in Asheville, N.C., where he teaches at the Fine Arts League. He has studied with artist Ben Long, master Romano Stefanelli in Florence, Italy, and attended the Savannah College of Art and Design. He has learned the art of fresco and recently completed a "Communion of the Saints" fresco at St. Eugene's Catholic Cost of Strazzulla's landscape class is $350. Daniel's landscape and figure class is $295. Registration closes on Sept. 1. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Kitchen Tour

A tour of six Cohasset luxury kitchens sponsored by Kitchen Concepts & Roomscapes in Norwell, will take place Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Arts Center in Cohasset. The event features a continental breakfast in the Art Center galleries followed by a design presentation by Cameron M. Snyder, CKD, kitchen design instructor at Boston Architectural Center. Following the presentation, maps will be distributed to participants of the self-driving tour. The national exhibit Photography Now, juried by renowned photographer, author and teacher Henry Horenstein, will be on display in the Bancroft Gallery.

Tickets are $25 and available at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, by calling 781-383-2787, or visiting www.ssac.org.

Dog training

Cohasset Recreation Center will host its final dog training classes of the season for Cohasset and area residents on Aug. 28. Dog training classes take place outdoors on the Common on Mondays, at 6 p.m.

The classes will teach "Beginners Obedience," and cover topics such as sit, stay, come, down, heel, quickly, slowly, wait, drop it, don't touch and watch me. The class also teaches how to stop problems such as annoying puppy jumping, mouthing and chewing.

For more information on any of these classes, call Cohasset Recreation Center at 781-383-4109. To talk with the class instructor, call 781-857-1239.

'Music Lady' strikes a chord

STAFF PHOTOS/ELSA ALLEN

Above, Ryan Swett, 5, falls back into a pile of brightly colored scarves during playtime at One Creative Place.

Above left, Emma Wall, 3-1/2, gets a kick out of sitting on "Music Lady" Beth Green's lap during the special program earlier this month.

Kids get rhythm at One Creative Place

Sean Wall, 17 months, gets some instruction from the group on how to play the lollipop drum at One Creative Place in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza.

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Advertising Deadline:
Thursday, September 14
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Week of October 4th

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Thursday, October 5
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PHOTO/MARY FO

One of the new crosswalk signs is installed on South Main Street near Depot Court.

Make way for pedestrians

By Mary Ford
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"I believe they do make it more obvious where motorists must give way to pedestrians."
— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

Considering "inattentive" driving is the pet peeve of the Cohasset police chief, then it should be no surprise that motorists do not necessarily yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Despite new crosswalks in the village, some motor vehicles are not stopping, specifically at the crosswalk nearest the Community Center, town officials say.

Therefore, the town has installed portable, reflective "crosswalk signs" in several of the new crosswalks.

After receiving complaints from Cohasset Elder Affairs, which is housed in the Community Center at 3 N. Main St., Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer proposed installing crosswalk signs there as well as the crossings near Pat's Barbershop and near Cohasset Hardware.

"There are similar signs in downtown Hingham and at the Derby Street Shoppes," Dormitzer said. "I believe they do make it more obvious where motorists must give way to pedestrians."

Dormitzer said the signs serve as reinforcement. "Cohasset Village has traditionally been a place where people are quite courteous to pedestrians."

The Department of Public Works is putting the signs out, he said.

This isn't the first time Cohasset tried crosswalk signs. In the early 1990s, the subject of crosswalk safety throughout town was a hot topic at Special Town Meeting. Portable signs were installed (they were larger than the ones currently in the village) around town.

However, they did not last long; some were hit by vehicles and damaged.

"I can't tell if they will or will not be hit but they are narrow and flexible, so hopefully they will last," Dormitzer said about the new signs.

BUSINESS NOTES

Pilgrim Bank promotes Ralph Ferrera

Pilgrim Bank recently promoted Ralph Ferrera to the position of senior vice president, senior loan officer. As a senior executive at Pilgrim Bank, Ferrera will continue to focus his efforts on product development and sales within commercial markets.

Ferrera's promotion reflects Pilgrim Bank's commitment to providing quality service to its commercial clients. As senior loan officer, Ferrera is the decision maker providing fast turnaround capability.

"I've been working with business owners and developers throughout the South Shore for over 20 years now," said Ferrera. "We understand the needs of our clients and we are able to nurture that into long term relationships. That's what we are all about."

Pilgrim Bank, a full-service community bank based in Cohasset, caters to residential and commercial customers throughout the South Shore.

Ralph Ferrera

Pilgrim Bank names new loan officer

Francis E. Campbell, president and CEO of Pilgrim Bank, recently announced that Sandra J. O'Connor has joined Pilgrim Bank's mortgage division as a loan officer. A resident of Norwell, O'Connor is a residential mortgage specialist with more than 10 years of lending experience.

"Sandra has worked hard to earn her excellent reputation within the industry," noted Campbell. "She has built a loyal client base because of her willingness to take the time to understand each customer's specific situation and customize the loan that is right for them."

O'Connor noted, "There are so many new lending products available today, it can be confusing. I take the time to get to know my clients, and I help them understand all of the different loan options available to them. That way we can work together to find the product that best meets their needs."

Sandra J. O'Connor

Based in Cohasset, Pilgrim Bank caters to residential and commercial customers on the South Shore, offering a complete range of deposit and lending products such as jumbo mortgages and commercial real estate loans.

"I am very pleased to be a part of Pilgrim Bank," added O'Connor. "We strive to remain a personalized financing and lending institution. It is wonderful to work in an environment where the first concern is for the customer and the community."

O'Connor is a member of the Scituate Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Women's Club. She is also an active volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

New library schedule announced

The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have announced that the library will be open to the public on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5. Due to budget constraints, the library has not added more hours to its operating schedule, but simply shifted hours from the daily schedule to accommodate a Wednesday opening. In 1981, to meet the reduction in the library's operating budget caused by Prop. 2-1/2, the library board decided to close on Wednesdays. Now, at the suggestion of library director Jackie Rafferty, the trustees have decided to rearrange the library's open hours to include being open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By opening at 10 a.m. during the week rather than 9 a.m., and closing at 8 p.m. rather than 9 p.m., seven hours could be allocated for a Wednesday opening. "The library is such a busy operation that reducing hours any day is a difficult decision, but after evaluating library usage statistics and patterns we determined that opening a little later and closing a little earlier represented the best use of resources by providing public access to the library on Wednesdays," said Rafferty. "Currently, a few staff work limited hours on Wednesday doing technical work. We always have to explain to the many people who arrive at the door hoping to use the library that it's closed. It is hard to turn people away. We think that it is especially important children be able to use the library after school," Rafferty said.

Trustee chairwoman Stacey Weaver said that both the board and director are grateful to the library staff for supporting the schedule changes to make a Wednesday opening possible. She said, "Since the new larger library opened, usage has doubled, and we want to do our best to meet the needs of all our patrons. More usage also means increased maintenance, and we hope that in the next fiscal year Cohasset's budget will permit the library to be adequately cleaned and maintained."

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, the library's hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed the Sundays of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Betsy Detwiler, owner of Buttonwood Books, showers children's books on Charlie Blackinton, 9, as she has the Cohasset Public Schools over the past 17 years.

Buttonwood keeps school shelves stocked

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Betsy Detwiler has always had her heart in education. A former teacher turned bookstore owner, she understands the importance of exposing children to reading at an early age, and uses her shop, Buttonwood Books and Toys, to partner with local schools to help spread the reading bug.

Recognizing the tough financial situation facing Cohasset's schools, Detwiler said she is happy to provide myriad events to help ensure new books are always in the hands of Cohasset's children. Her store has been instrumental in bringing events such as pro bono author and illustrator talks, book fairs and weekly book groups for students to the schools.

"Education has always been an important part of my life. I believe there's a lot of teaching, if you will, in running a bookstore," she said, adding she taught both middle school English at Thayer Academy in Braintree as well as classes for students with learning disabilities at Hingham High School for many years.

Having the hands-on teaching experience, Detwiler, a Norwell resident, has been able to cater to the needs of South Shore schools. In Cohasset, she has a very good relationship with the teachers and librarians and is therefore able to customize book fairs to what is appropriate for the community. "We also do a 20 percent discount for the books we contribute to the fairs for that week," she said.

There are always plenty of deals for teachers in the school system as well, to ensure when it comes to purchasing reading materials, students and teachers are able to have the latest trends in children's literature available in the classroom.

In a small community like Cohasset, Detwiler said not only is she able to get to know school staff, she is able to work directly with the parents and students in the community. She said her customers seem to prefer shopping in a small, independent neighborhood bookstore where the interaction is one-on-one. For her, "The fun of that is the personal aspect of getting to know our customers."

Even though the store might be independent, that doesn't stop it from bringing nationally and even internationally known authors to town. "Cirque de Freak" writer Darren Shaw, a British writer whose upper elementary to middle school age level children's horror stories have caught on immensely in the United Kingdom as well as the United States, has paid a visit to Buttonwood, as has children's picture book author and Caldecott Award winner Eric Rohmann. Jane Dyer, an author and illustrator who has created many picture books has come to Buttonwood as well. "Buttonwood funds the author/student talks through our connections with the publishers," said Detwiler, which works out very well for Cohasset schools.

When it comes to helping teach the curriculum, Buttonwood doesn't shy away. "When teachers in the Cohasset schools have projects involved with biographies or historical fiction, we gather together and supply the book resources. We also stock books for the schools' summer reading lists," said Detwiler. She added, the schools recently had a very successful Read-A-Thon at the Osgood, Deer Hill and middle schools, for which the class that read the most books was able to choose a new book for its school library. "The schools asked Buttonwood to donate the books, and with the overall success of the event, it will now be an annual thing," said Detwiler.

Program for writers offered at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys and Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, will present Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a program for writers. The workshop will take place Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. The topic will be characterization, and the instructor is Shellie Leger.

Vivid characters are often what readers recall first about their favorite books. Regardless of plot, setting, voice and the like, if characters don't compel, seduce, astonish or even repulse readers, they likely are not going along for the ride. In this seminar, students will receive an overview of creating characters through the use of detail. They will learn about both direct and indirect methods of characterization, and have an opportunity to practice using both. Writing samples of characterization will be provided as well.

Leger teaches writing at the Germaine Lawrence School in Arlington. She is currently completing a collection of short stories, and revising a novel. She has recently heard from Quick Fiction, a journal that publishes short-shorts, that her story "The Green Swing" is being considered for their August issue.

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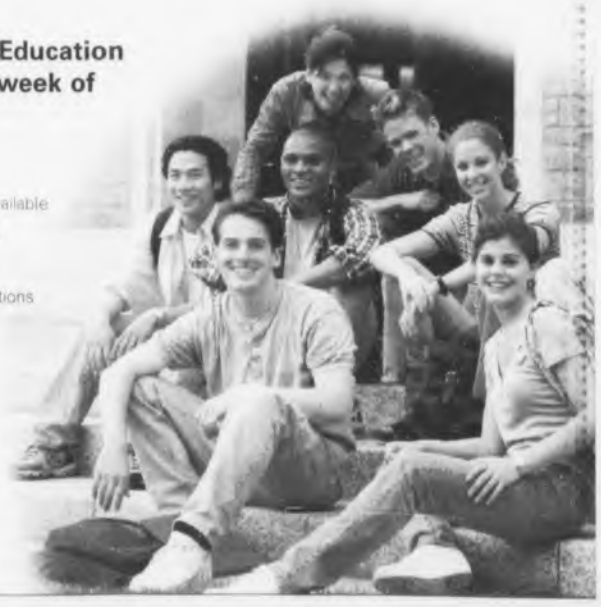

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Summer Sundays at First Parish Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, Aug. 27 - Worship at 9 a.m. in the Meeting House

"Water is smarter than you think!" - a service led by Diana (Pokey) Kornet on the work of Masaru Emoto of Japan and the extraordinary properties of water he has discovered and photographed

Children are welcome. Light refreshments will follow the service.

There will be no service on Sunday, Sept. 3. Services begin again at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10.

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

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- Saturday, Aug. 26: Bible Fellowship 7:00 AM. Genesis, Wedding 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service 2:00p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28: Christian Meditation 7:30 P.M. Profile Committee at 7:00P.M.
- Tuesday, Aug. 29. Outreach Committee to deliver backpacks to Cradles for Crayons in Quincy, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 30 Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Labyrinth Meditation walk. The Reve. Dr. Ian Douglas will present a forum on the Anglican Communion. The pubic is invited. This will be held in the Bartow Room at 7 p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Joshua calls the people to renew their covenant with the Lord. Paul's letter to the Ephesians urges the new Christians to show mutual submissiveness in reverence to the Lord. In the Gospel we hear of different responses to Jesus' claim that he is the heavenly bread, which gives life. is Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Summer Sundays at First Parish Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, Aug. 27 - Worship at 9 a.m. in the Meeting House

"Water is smarter than you think!" - a service led by Diana (Pokey) Kornet on the work of Masaru Emoto of Japan and the extraordinary properties of water he has discovered and photographed

Children are welcome. Light refreshments will follow the service.

There will be no service on Sunday, Sept. 3. Services begin again at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10.

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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- Saturday, Aug. 26: Bible Fellowship 7:00 AM. Genesis, Wedding 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service 2:00p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28: Christian Meditation 7:30 P.M. Profile Committee at 7:00P.M.
- Tuesday, Aug. 29. Outreach Committee to deliver backpacks to Cradles for Crayons in Quincy, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 30 Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing at 9:30 a.m. followed by Labyrinth Meditation walk. The Reve. Dr. Ian Douglas will present a forum on the Anglican Communion. The pubic is invited. This will be held in the Bartow Room at 7 p.m.

In the Scripture lessons for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Joshua calls the people to renew their covenant with the Lord. Paul's letter to the Ephesians urges the new Christians to show mutual submissiveness in reverence to the Lord. In the Gospel we hear of different responses to Jesus' claim that he is the heavenly bread, which gives life. is Preacher: The Rev. Beth Wheatley Dyson

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

1:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, caller is requesting R3 for a transport.

1:58 p.m. **Forest St.**, animal complaint, caller reports dog got out of her house, white dog, green collar.

2:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, abandoned/hang up 911 call (home).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

12:46 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer advised vehicle parked at above address – nobody around it.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window, officer advised out at the gym with open door. Officer advised – everything appears secure.

1:46 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller advised she has received 3 phone calls from a male subject – she wants office to check area.

4:14 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 call (business), abandoned 911 hang up call. On call back, there is static on the line.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer advised gates are open.

5 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

5:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

8:11 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports there were two little kids standing outside on the curb in their pajamas by themselves. Officer reports nothing in the area.

8:30 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, detail officer on duty, fire detail for blasting.

8:38 a.m. **Country Way and Gannett Rd.**, notification, Scituate Fire reports the T will be closing these roads down and there will be no access, so if something were to happen, they are going to call Cohasset.

9:23 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:35 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports a 5 gallon bucket of paint has been spilled all over the street. DPW has been notified, they will be down as soon as they can get there.

10:45 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, medical aid, harbormaster reports a lobster boat in coming in with a man who has a leg injury.

11:31 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, fire, inspections, fire reports notify gas company for a leak in the street at this location.

11:59 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports the pole in front of her house was sparking. Wiring inspector notified of this situation.

12:24 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

12:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint, motor vehicle blocking emergency entrance at swim center.

1:58 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

2:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, officer reports citizen flagged him down about a person trespassing on property.

2:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller complains motor vehicle blocking so cars can't get up the drive. Officer reports vehicle removed.

2:51 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, reporter found a purse outside a motor vehicle, item was place inside motor vehicle.

3:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement, officer reports 3 vehicles tagged.

3:11 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

3:33 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, trespassing, caller reports there were 3 14-year-old males in the empty building and when he went to see what was going on, one of them assaulted him and they took off.

4:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, larceny, walk in party advised larceny occurred in April.

4:11 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, inspection, caller advised there is a strong smell inside residence. Fire Dept. advised everything under control.

4:39 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, officer advised enroute to station with 2 male subjects to speak to officer.

4:46 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment, caller didn't want to speak to officer – she just wanted this logged in. Advised the Sgt. on duty of this traffic.

7:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller advised there is a light blue vehicle with CT plates passing several cars. Vehicle is in Scituate – notified Scituate PD.

7:59 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, caller advised second floor – 88-year-old female difficulty breathing.

8:10 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire alarm activation.

8:19 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, fire, auto, caller reports vehicle fire. Engine 3 advised they pulled a line.

8:51 p.m. **Revere PD.**, assist other PD, Revere PD advised they have subject in custody.

9:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire alarm activation.

11:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer advised gates are locked.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:25 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

12:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools checks secure.

12:50 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking violation, motor vehicle parked on the bridge.

2:20 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, officer wanted, caller states there is an alarm going off at the neighbor's house, open door, reports a faulty smoke detector, notify fire, house is secure.

2:47 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, walk in party requesting permission to park at the end of Sandy Beach to go fishing. Permission granted.

3:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

4:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – commercial/business. Atlas reports general burglar alarm. Building appears secure.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is open.

5:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, contact person requests an officer to the scene. Contact person is operating a silver Audi, eta – 5 minutes.

6:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – commercial/business, alarm company reports general burglar alarm. Building checks secure. Audible still sounding. Contact person will be responding. Atlas will be sending out a service person, as it appears there is a problem with the system.

7:01 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop.

7:10 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop.

7:47 a.m. **Elm St., and Margin St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog was just hit by a car and is really injured. Owner of dog on scene at this time.

9:29 a.m. **Hillside Drive, Lane**, larceny, walk in party states something was stolen out of her house.

10:40 a.m. **Elm St.**, missing person. Caller reports her daughter missing since Thursday and is believed to be with a man wanted by this department. Administrative message put out over teletype.

1:58 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

3:39 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer clearing a group from the bridge.

4:39 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there is a limo with subject inside that used foul language to caller. Officer advised vehicle gone on arrival.

5:02 p.m. **Diab Lane**, fire, investigation, Fire Dept. advised out at above address – no police is necessary.

5:25 p.m. **King St.**, abandoned/hang-up 911 (home), abandoned 911 call, on call back – the number is not in service. Confirmed accidental by front desk.

5:40 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed group from bridge.

6:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged vehicle at above address.

6:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

6:31 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

7:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller advised vehicles are parked on both sides of the road at above address. Officer advised 5 violations issued.

7:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, caller advised he found a dog, left message for ACO, owner of dog has been located and has dog back.

7:35 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller advised outside odor of gas at above location. Fire Dept. advised no odor found at above location.

7:47 p.m. **Forest Notch**, disturbance – not specified, caller advised he wanted brother removed from residence. Officer advised settled for now.

8:50 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, officer advised out with vehicle.

9:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, officer out with vehicle.

9:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, officer out with female subject.

9:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint, officer advised tagged vehicle. Vehicle parked on sidewalk near above address.

10:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Red Gate Lane**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a loud party in the area.

10:33 p.m. **Doane St.**, parking complaint, caller advised vehicles are parked in the area of his residence. Officer advised tagging 6 vehicles.

10:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, noise complaint, caller advised the music has been turned up. Music has been shut down for the night.

11:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer advised gates are secured.

11:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is loud music coming from the barn in the back of above address. Officer advised no violations. Officer advised he had a worker close everything.

11:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

11:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

12:05 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, 911 caller states a man has fallen.

12:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer wanted, caller states a male party in a motor vehicle is threatening the security guards.

1:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

1:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, buildings check secure.

3:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:11 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

4:57 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is open.

7:12 a.m. **Elm St.**, parking violation, parked in front of the museum in the travel lane of the roadway.

8:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a large bull mastiff dog chasing after joggers in the street trying to bite them. Several calls coming in about this dog, it is in fact a Rottweiler and is very aggressive. Sgt.'s have spoken to dog owner, report to follow.

9:29 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire alarm activation.

10:31 a.m. **School buildings**, building checks, Sgt. reports school buildings check ok, all secure.

1:43 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

3:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, party into HQ., to speak to an officer regarding vandalism that occurred at his residence. No report needed at this time.

3:52 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, clearing a group.

4:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation, check missing person, follow up.

5:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, follow up on missing girl. Mother reports phone message left from missing daughter. Message was accidentally erased.

5:32 p.m. **Glades Rd.**, medical aid, man with fish hook in hand.

6:18 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, lost property, came to station reporting the loss of her cell phone, a silver Verizon phone, last seen in Boston.

6:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, 2-year-old child injured finger in door. This will be a transport.

8:45 p.m. **Egypt Beach Rd.**, medical aid, woman has fallen.

9:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, check of the schools.

9:31 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services, investigation, warrant service subject does not reside at location any longer, subject lives in Pembroke.

10:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – bank/ATM, door alarm.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

12:32 a.m. **Carbone Lane**, animal complaint, caller states her black lab is missing. Please notify if found.

2:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

3:41 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, annoying phone calls, caller states she has received several annoying phone calls, in the past hour.

5:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:32 a.m. **East St., Hingham**, public service, out door fire pit smoking heavily. Hingham notified.

6:49 a.m. **Pond St., and Spring St.**, fire.

7:03 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement, all traffic within acceptable limits.

9:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:59 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:31 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle crash/injury, caller reports he has driven into a ditch and hit his head off the windshield. Officer reports the truck is in danger of tipping. Officers have the road shut down at this time. DPW notified to remove a tree. Road is closed in all directions because of hazard. Detective enroute for photos.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 24

A Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Forum with Chris Gabrieli, and Deval Patrick, with Tom Reilly not yet confirmed, will take place on Thursday, Aug. 24, in the Alumni Recreation Center at Curry College, 1071 Blue Hill Ave., Milton, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., with a Lunch Buffet at 11:15 a.m. The forum will focus on issues of concern to the South Shore, including growth and development. Moderator is Kenneth K. Quigley Jr., president, Curry College. Panelists are Peter Forman, president, South Shore Chamber of Commerce; Chazy Dowaliby, editor, The Patriot Ledger and Christine James, news director, WATD radio. For more information visit www.southshorechamber.org.

Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Ave., No. Easton, Petting Zoo, Thursday, Aug. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., hands-on petting zoo with Miss Candy and an assortment of friends from her menagerie; Garden Stones, Friday, Aug. 25, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Make a garden stepping stone with trinkets from a vacation, shells, stones, and other one-of-a-kind treasurers. Children's workshops free with admission. For information call 508-230-3789 or visit www.childrensmuseumineaston.org.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign to support early childhood education presents **readings of "The Little Engine That Could,"** on the "KidStage" at the Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress St., Boston, Thursday, Aug. 24, 1 to 4 p.m. Complimentary admission. Event to set a world record for number of children reading the same book with an adult in a single day. Fruit Frappuccinos and pastries provided by Starbucks. To help read for the record visit www.readforthere-cord.org.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, Aug. 24, **Totem,** rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 24, **Six Foot Sunday** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Aug. 25

Free Children's Story Hour at the 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Friday, Aug. 25, 10 to 11 a.m. Open to children ages 4-11 with parents. To reserve seating call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.Schmidt@winslow-house.org.

The Little Theatre of Stoughton presents **"Cinderella,"** Friday, Saturday, Aug. 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Stoughton Cinema Pub in Stoughton Square. Rickets $17, $10 students and seniors, available at Page's Bob's Market, Andy's, or visit www.littletheatreofstoughton.com.

87th Annual Saint Anthony's Feast, Aug. 25, 26, and 27, and **85th Annual Santa Lucia Festival,** Aug. 28 in Boston's North End, daily from noon to 11 p.m. Weekend highlight is the 10-hour Grand Procession of Saint Anthony on Sunday. For more information and detailed schedule visit www.saintanthonysfeast.com, or call 617-723-8669.

Jay Jay the Jet Plane and Brenda Blue will perform at Edaville USA, Carver, Friday, Aug. 25, Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Event features photo ops with characters, face painting and temporary tattoos. Admission includes 20-minute train ride and children's amusement rides. For information call 508-866-8190 or visit www.Edaville.com.

Priscilla Beach Theatre presents "The Jetsons," comedy directed by Andy Nielson, Friday, Saturday, Aug. 25, 26, 10:30 a.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, 2 p.m. Final summer stock season performance at 796 Rocky Hill Road, Manomet. Tickets $12. For reservations call 508-224-4888 or visit www.ThinkTheatre.org.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. to midnight, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Ages 35+, Music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

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Mark your calendar

HUNTINGTON THEATRE COMPANY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON OPENER – FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 pre-Broadway production of August Wilson's "Radio Golf," through Oct 8, at the Boston University Theatre. The culmination of Wilson's monumental 10 play epic cycle depicting the African-American experience in the 20th century. For ticket information or subscriptions visit huntingtontheatre.org/subscribe or call the Box Office at 617-266-0800.

18TH ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK – SUNDAY, SEPT. 17. Participants walk one of three routes that follow the Boston Marathon course: the full 26.2-mile marathon, the half marathon, or the three-mile Boston Walk, helping to raise more than $4.75 million for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. All walkers finish at the Copley Square finish line where they will be greeted with a victory party with entertainment and refreshments. To register or make financial contributions for the 18th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, visit www.jimmyfundwalk.org or call 866- JFW-HERO.

Third Annual North Shore Triathlon/BAC Tri-Challenge – Sept. 10, at Lynch Park at 10 a.m. The course consists of a .93 mile open harbor swim, out and around the Hannah Glover party boat, 24.8 mile challenging bike course around Beverly and Wenham. Triathletes then run 6.2 miles out and back on Route127 along the coast. The Beverly Athletic Club, 7 Reservoir Road, Beverly will offer free weekly coached workouts to prepare athletes for this challenging triathlon. For more information call 978- 578-0634 or visit www.northshoretriathlon.org.

Black sees red when it comes to White House

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Lewis Black doesn't have a stage persona. With the bombastic comedian, what you see is what you get. If a recent telephone interview is any indication, the audience for Black's September 1 show at the South Shore Music Circus is likely to hear Black go off on the Bush Administration, the Iraq War and anything else on the front page that day. Fox News devotees need not worry, though - Black's arrows aren't only aimed at their favorite political party.

"I don't find any solace in being a Democrat or a Republican," explains Black. "I've always said that if you need to belong to a team that badly then you should join a bowling league."

When the Republicans hear what he thinks about them, however, they may recommend that the stand-up comic, author and sometimes actor lace up his bowling shoes for the other side.

"The fact that this Administration continues to talk about how secure we are in airports is ridiculous. I'm in airports all the time and nothing has changed. Nothing is better now that it was before. They still have no real idea what to do to make airline travel safe. This White House has the most unbelievable ego in history. They like to puff out their chests and act like they're actually doing something when the truth is that they are not."

Black, 58, says he believes that the divide is clearer than what pundits label the Red and Blue states.

"The country is split. The Bush administration has worn us out. I still find it shocking, with all the talking we do about Iraq, that we went in there without a plan. And it wasn't just the Republicans. Neither party had any real plan. And now, the President has said we will stay in Iraq whether we want to or not. It is amazing. These times aren't just difficult, they are exhausting."

A graduate of the University of North Carolina with a Master's degree from the Yale Drama School and the author of more than 100 one-act plays, Black is thankful to the Bush Administration for one thing.

"I don't even have to write my own material for my act these days. The administration hands me punch lines faster than I can use them. Michael Brown goes from heading the Arabian Horse Association to running the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). What can I possibly add to that? It is already hysterical enough as it is."

Current events have always been featured in Black's comedy material, but in recent years they have begun to dominate it.

"The stories coming out of Washington fuel my live act these days. They used to account for maybe 20-30 percent of my material, but now it is up to 60-70 percent of my act. This has only happened under this president. This time in our history is even worse than the Nixon era. When John Dean comes right out and says that things are worse now than when Nixon was in the White House, people start to realize just how bad things have gotten."

Even if he see things getting better, Black plans to continue the ranting that has made him a regular on Comedy Central where he has his own show currently in development.

"I'm a comic and ultimately my beef is in being treated like an idiot. I look forward to a time when I can once again focus on the little stupid things that bother me and not just this administration."

(Lewis Black will appear at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, Friday, Sept. 1. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.)

Lewis Black

"I don't find any solace in being a Democrat or a Republican. I've always said that if you need to belong to a team that badly then you should join a bowling league."
Comedian Lewis Black

Movie review

Uninspired

"Invincible" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Move over, Rocky.

Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly Love, may not be big enough for two sports legends.

"Invincible" begs the question: Is it possible to make a "Rocky"-themed sports movie based on someone whose NFL career consisted of one big play?

If you're the makers of "Invincible," this year's Disney sports movie, you can try.

Directed by veteran cinematographer Ericson Core ("Daredevil") and written by newcomer Brad Gann, "Invincible," which has no connection to the 2001 Werner Herzog film of the same name, features Dorchester native Mark Wahlberg as real-life Philadelphia Eagles player Vince Papale, a legend on the mean streets of Philly.

Back in the bad-old recessionary 1970s, Vince was a substitute schoolteacher, bartender and backlot football player who responded to an open call for tryouts for the beleaguered Philadelphia Eagles in 1976 and — Holy Cheese Steak! — made the cut and played a few seasons.

Fledgling player Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg) is put in his place by the visiting team.

Wahlberg gives Vince genuine street cred, if not substitute teacher cred. He's a loser whose wife (Lola Glaudini) leaves him in opening scenes, taking everything. Vince's hard-pressed old man (Kevin Conway) is a blue-collar worker on strike. "I never liked her," he says when told of his daughter-in-law's departure. Vince's 30-something childhood friends have had their dreams crushed by real life and want to live through his.

His coach Dick Vermeil (Greg Kinnear) has his own problems, beginning with a wife (Paige Turco) who acts as his conscience and appears to have another part of his anatomy in a vise.

"Invincible" is one of those oddly featureless films that uses pop standards to bump up the emotion. But frankly I had hoped I had heard the last of Bachman Turner Overdrive, Grand Funk Railroad, Edgar Winter, Ted Nugent and Elvin Bishop.

The film blandly charts Vince's attempt to make the team, not get cut during grueling summer practice sessions and to be accepted by his fellow players, who consider him with some validity an amateur and a freakish sideshow act.

Between bone-crushing hits on the playing field and slo-mo scenes of other football action, a recurring element in the film is the castrating, farewell note his ex-wife left. Vince masochistically keeps the note under a towel in his locker and re-reads it to get his blood flowing before a practice or game.

At the same time, we see the coach, who stuck his neck out for Vince, try to save his job as the Eagles start the new season with a string of losses. If his canned locker room pep talks are any indication, the coach is in big trouble.

Elizabeth Banks, another Massachusetts native, is quite appealing as a fellow bartender who falls for Vince. But "Invincible" is so generic, it's hardly there. Somehow, I don't think, "Win one for the boys in the neighborhood" is going to replace "Win one for the Gipper" in movie history.

Rated PG. "Invincible" contains sports-related violence and profanity.

Calendar

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Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Aug. 25, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, The Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 south, Foxboro, next to the End Zone Hotel. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, $100 cash raffle. Singles and couples, 30+. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress. For information visit www.se-4u.com or call 781-446-0234.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Aug. 25, **Black and white** blues, R&B, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Aug. 25 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Dave Foley Band** at 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, Aug. 26

End of Summer Clambake at the Historic Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, 6 p.m. Lobsters, steamers, corn on the cob and traditional clambake 'fixins' For reservations call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.Schmidt@ winslow-house.org.Saturday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.

Ballroom and Latin Dance Open House by DanceSport Boston, Saturday, Aug. 26, Pilgrim Congregational Church, 24 Athens St., Weymouth, noon to 1:30 p.m. Free lesson. Open to the public. To register call 617-325-1562.

Evening Lighthouses Cruise to Cape Cod sponsored by Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Saturday, Aug. 26. Departs from Central Wharf, New England Aquarium at 6 p.m. to Long Point, Wood End and Race Point lighthouses. Returns at 9 p.m. via Bug, Gurnet, Scituate and Minot Ledge lights. Cost $50 adults, $48 seniors 65+, $46 members, $30 children ages 3-12. South shore passengers purchasing one-way fare on Harbor Express from Quincy Fore River Shipyard will be able to return to Quincy at no further cost. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **Trisha Yearwood with special guests Jon Randall and Jessi Alexander** Saturday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. Tickets $40-$75. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus .org.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Saturday, Aug. 26, **Jeff Lowe Band** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer. com.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Sunday, Aug. 27, 2 p.m. Final tea ceremony presentation of the season will take place in the Wind in the Pines Hut built in Kyoto, Japan. Experience the centuries-old tradition of Cha-do, the Way of Tea. Free admission. Limited seating. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Edward Rowe Snow celebration at the Snow Pavilion on Georges Island, Sunday, Aug. 27, noon. Featured speaker Sally Snowman, keeper at Boston Light, will share memories and stories about New England's noted chronicler of seacoast tales. Free admission and birthday cake. Boats to Georges Island leave from Long Wharf in downtown Boston and Quincy Fore River shipyard. Call Harbor Express at 617-222-6999.

Motor Head's Cruisin' classic and custom car and truck showcase at the 2006 Downtown Plymouth Waterfront Festival, Sunday, Aug. 27, 1 to 3 p.m., in the East Bay Grille parking lot. Prizes awarded for best classic and custom designs. All vehicles register by Aug. 23. Visit www.PlymouthWaterfrontFestival.com or call 508-830-1620.

Larry McInnis: Pictures from the War Years, will be on display at Epiphany Designs, 518 Nantasket Ave., Hull, with an artist's wine and cheese reception on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Disabled Gulf War veteran, McInnis found his voice in art during a long-time stay at a VA hospital. Drawings and paintings are from that period and the years following in which he struggled to recover. For information call 781-925-4344.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m., Ponkapoag Pond Ramble. Two-hour scenic ramble around Ponkapoag Pond and Woodlands. Meet at Ponkapoag golf Course, Route 138, Canton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass. gov/dcr.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Aug. 27. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Aug. 27. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer .com.

Monday, Aug. 28

A Photographer's View: From Marshfield to Far Away Lands and Sky, a new photography exhibit by well-known South Shore photographer Vin Horrigan at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, through Oct. 13. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday hours will resume in the fall. For more information call 781-837-8091 or e-mail: northriverarts@rcn .com.

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Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson**, Monday, Aug. 28, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Writers' Workshop at Grub Street South, buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A Cohasset, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. Writing teacher and short story novelist Shellie Leger will discuss the importance of "Characterization." Free event. Reservations required. Call 781-383-2665.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Pilgrim Memorial Park free Summer Concert Series presents the Reminiscents with Freddie and the Maybellines, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Water and Lyden Streets near Brewster Gardens, Plymouth. For information call Project Arts of Plymouth, 508-747-7727 or visit www.project-arts.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Aug. 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

"Morning run, Green Harbor Beach"

BEST BET

The North River Arts Society is pleased to present "A Photographer's View: From Marshfield to Far Away Lands and Sky," a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring photographs by Vin Horrigan. The show will run through Oct. 13. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday hours will resume in the fall.For more information, please call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

"Serengeti National Wildlife Preserve, Tanzania"

Thursday, Aug. 31

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, **Pemberton All Stars,** classic rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 31, **Earthbound Misfits** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer .com.

Friday, Sept. 1

9th Annual Rhythm and Roots Festival, Nimigret Park, 4813 Old Post Road route 1, Charlestown, R.I., Friday, Sept. 1, 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 2,3, noon to midnight. Main stage will feature a wide variety of musical styles including Zydeco, Cajun, blues, New Orleans R&B, swing, Americana, folk and roots. Over 20 bands, with performance by **Los** Lobos Saturday, and **Spanish Harlem** Orchestra, Sunday. Tickets $25-$150, children under age 12 admitted free. Senior discount at gate. For information call 888-855-6940.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **comedian Lewis Black** Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets $38-$51.For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Sept. 1, **Chris Fitz Blues Band** blues, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $6. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Ongoing events

CareerWorks, 34 School St., Brockton, across from City Hall offers training for laid-off employees through state grant funding. Special programs for former Filene's and Macy's employees. For information call 508-513-3430 or e-mail Pam Altieri at paltieri@careerworks.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, e-mail nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomeless-children.org.

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

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BEST BET

The Saint Anthony Society of Boston is pleased to welcome neighbors, friends and visitors to "experience the tradition" of the 87th Annual Saint Anthony's Feast on August 25, 26 & 27 and the 85th Annual Festival in honor of Santa Lucia on Monday, Aug. 28. Festivities are held daily from Noon – 11p.m. One of Boston's largest events of the summer, this authentic Italian festival offers colorful parades, strolling singers, a Culinary Pavilion for cooking demonstrations, Italian folk dancing, continuous live entertainment and religious and cultural services throughout the weekend. For more information and detailed schedule visit www.saintanthonysfeast.com or call 617.723.8669.

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BEST BET

Hingham Symphony Chamber Players celebrate summer with their annual outdoor concert Saturday, Aug 26 at 4:30 pm, on the broad lawn at Glastonbury Abbey. The audience brings beach chairs or blankets and picnic baskets, and enjoys delightful music performed by HSO's skilled young professional musicians. This year's concert features Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, for flute and violin soloists and violin, viola, cello, bass and harpsichord. In addition, the musicians will play solos and pieces for various combinations of these instruments, accompanied by piano. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Admission is $15 adults, $10 seniors, youth through age 18 free. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Noble's, Hingham Square, Glastonbury Abbey Book Store, or at the gate. For the complete HSO season, visit www.hinghamsymphony.org.

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The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Vemiere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

ACCEPTED (C+)

Hitting the books isn't easy, but the coeds in "Accepted" — a harmless and occasionally funny film — are totally stoked. They're a group of slackers and high school weirdos who, one way or another, kissed their futures goodbye. Denied acceptance elsewhere, they tidy up a mental institution and create South Harmon Institute of Technology, a university of their own. It's been years since the antics of "Animal House" brought cinematic justice to dorm life, and it's going to take more to do it again. Still, "Accepted," for all its faults, earns a passing grade. Rated PG-13 – *Chelsea Bain*

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (B)

Susan Seidelman's "Boynton Beach Club," or "Adventures in Geezer Sex," is a niche movie of a different stripe. If not a great film, it is a pioneering work aimed at the growing generation of active retirees. Featuring a veteran ensemble cast, the film takes viewers to Boynton Beach Bereavement Club and answers the question: Is there sex after the death of your spouse of 40 or 50 years? Happily for the pharmaceutical industry, the answer is yes. (Not rated)

HOUSE OF SAND (A-)

In Portuguese with subtitles

Rated R

Grade: A-

An epic depiction of a battle of wills, featuring "trading-places" performances by mother-daughter actors, the Brazilian effort "House of Sand" is unique. It's 1910 and Vasco de Sa (Ruy Guerra), forcibly moves his pregnant, much-younger wife, Aurea (Fernanda Torres), and her aged mother, Donna Maria (Fernanda Montenegro) to the middle of Brazil's northern desert. The film charts Aurea's lifelong struggle to leave the area and seek a better life somewhere, anywhere more settled. "House of Sand" is an example of magical-realism at its most minimalist, an at-times thin tale about the passage of time and the way we lay down roots almost involuntarily. In Portuguese with subtitles. (Rated R)

THE ILLUSIONIST (B)

Eisenheim (Edward Norton) is an early 20th century, Austro-Hungarian mesmerist and magician who seems capable of unbelievable feats of sorcery — including perhaps even raising the dead on a theater stage. While the empire is ablaze with talk about this mysterious magician, Eisenheim is also reunited, on stage, with his childhood love, Duchess Sophie (Jessica Biel), who is now engaged to be married. When Sophie and Eisenheim are discovered meeting illicitly, and Eisenheim is threatened by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti). Shot in sepia tones and beautiful to look at, "The Illusionist" is stylish, often riveting, and its cast is addictively watchable. But it has its flaws: How good is its final "twist" if we've lost interest in the film? (Rated PG-13)

TRUST THE MAN (B+)

In the uneven but frequently raucously funny "Trust the Man," writer-director Bart Freundlich makes a credible bid to be a new Woody Allen. The film follows two New York couples: Rebecca (Julianne Moore) and Tom's (David Duchovny) marriage melts down, caused in part by his out-of-control sexual urges and her unexplained sexual indifference; and Tobey (Billy Crudup) and Elaine's (Maggie Gyllenhaal) relationship suffers due to his obsession with mortality and his — argh — refusal to commit. It's nothing new in terms of romantic comedy plots. The comedy in "Trust the Man" springs as it should from dialogue, characters, situations and performances, and these things work often enough to keep you seated and laughing. (Rated R)

ZOOM (B+)

Rated PG

Similar to last year's "Sky High," "Zoom" unearths superheroes' secret lives. Here, kids grow up on the tales of "Captain Zoom," a comic book about the exploits of teenage superheroes. What they discover is that Zoom, known to mortals as Jack Shepard (Tim Allen), and his team were assembled by the United States government to fight evil. But after an attempt to accelerate the group's powers backfires, Jack's older brother Connor a.k.a Concussion (Kevin Zegers) turns to the dark side and annihilates everyone but Zoom. Now, 30 years later, Concussion embarks on a journey to kill Zoom who now has to train a squad of social outcasts to defeat Concussion. (Rated PG) – *Tenley Woodman*

Ongoing

THE ANT BULLY (B+)

Undersized preteen Lucas (Zach Tyler) is known by the ants of the colony in his suburban front lawn as "The Destroyer" because of his tendency to lash out at them after he has been bullied by kids at school. But due to a spell cast by ant wizard Zoc (Nicolas Cage), Lucas is reduced to ant size and taught to be less human and more ant. Yes, it's another one of those character-building animated films. "The Ant Bully" aspires to be the "Lion King" version of "Microcosmos," the 1996 documentary with the bug's-eye point of view. (Rated PG)

CARS (B+)

Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a Corvette-like rookie race car with a chance to win the coveted Piston Cup. But after getting lost on Route 66 and into trouble in the middle of Nowhere U.S.A., Lightning is assigned to perform community service in Radiator Springs, a semi-ghost town. The action in "Cars" is well-paced and fun to watch. But the plot's various moral lessons — don't be selfish; be loyal to friends; don't be greedy; stop and smell the roses — seem about as sincere as the ka-ching of a cineplex cash register. But overall, "Cars" is a ride worth taking. (Rated G)

Some of New York's finest stare skyward in disbelief on Sept. 11, 2001 in "World Trade Center."

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (B+)

"The Devil Wears Prada" is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot. Dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) arrives in New York City and is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and Runway magazine editor Miranda (Meryl Streep), a dragon lady with a tongue like a knife. As she struggles to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, Andy is pitied by the magazine's art director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) and made over into a new age Eliza Doolittle. (Rated PG-13)

HEADING SOUTH (B+)

Set in late-1970s Haiti, "Heading South" explores the relationships among the middle-aged women who come to a seaside resort each summer to have sex with Haitian beach boys. Wellesley professor Ellen (Charlotte Rampling) reigns as queen bee of this colony, until nervous, sweet Brenda (Karen Young) arrives. Both women are besotted with Legba (Menothy Cesar), one of the young Haitian men. In this place where love is never meant to complicate the arrangements, rivalry and tragedy ensues. In French, Creole and English with subtitles. (Not Rated) - *Stephen Schaeffer*

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (D)

High school lothario John Tucker (Jesse Metcalfe) sweet-talks women and keeps them rotating at his command. After coming to terms with Tucker's two-timing, his victims Carrie (Arielle Kebbel), Heather (Ashanti) and Beth (Sophia Bush) recruit the new girl, Kate (Brittany Snow), to break his heart. She plays hard to get and eventually, Tucker feels what it's like on the flip side, bending over backward for his lady and donning lacy unmentionables at her request. What we have here is a film too lazy and stupid to create something new. Screwball teeny-bopper films must die. (Rated PG-13) -*Chelsea Bain*

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (B)

"Little Miss Sunshine" is a dysfunctional-family road picture featuring the Hoovers (Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Greg Kinnear, Alan Arkin and Paul Dano), who trundle into a beat-up yellow VW Microbus for a trip to Los Angeles where preteen daughter Olive (Abigail Breslin) will compete in a Little Miss Sunshine Beauty pageant. Comic hijinks and quirkiness with a capital "Q" ensue. (Rated R)

MIAMI VICE (A-)

In this ultraviolent fever dream, Michael Mann's famous, MTV-bred TV cops Sonny Crockett (Colin Farrell) and Ricardo Tubbs (Jamie Foxx) travel from Miami to Havana, Haiti and South America as they plan to take down Jose Yero (John Ortiz), a drug dealer with a reputation for "killing everything," and the white supremacist thugs he uses to do his dirty work. This film version of the trend-setting 1980s series remains a rock-music-driven celebration of boys' toys. But it's intoxicatingly photographed and among the most ravishing crime thrillers I have seen. (Rated R)

MONSTER HOUSE (B+)

Who could have guessed trick-or-treating could be this much fun in July? This Halloween-set animated film is a haunted-house movie about puberty. DJ (Mitchel Musso) believes he is responsible for the death of his mean, scraggly toothed neighbor, Nebbercracker (Steve Buscemi), who lived in an old, run-down wood-frame house. Soon, Nebbercracker's house itself is calling DJ on the phone, making evil noises and trying to swallow him and his friends. To figure out how to "kill" the house, the boys enlist legendary gamer Skull (Jon Heder), master of "Thou Art Dead." (Rated PG)

NIGHT LISTENER (B)

Set in the 1990s, Gabriel Noone (Robin Williams) uses his life and everyone he knows or meets for his hour-long radio stories on his show "Noone at Night." After hearing from Pete (Rory Culkin), a dying boy with AIDS, Boone travels to Wisconsin to meet him. But once he gets there, Noone can only get as far as Donna (Toni Colette), a social worker who has adopted the lad. Noone soon suspects she impersonates the boy over the phone and has created this fantasy for attention and sympathy. The film is genuinely creepy, thought-provoking and resonant of the recent JT LeRoy and James Frey phony-memoir scandals. (Rated R) -*Stephen Schaeffer*

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'A Million Reasons' to fight for the disabled

Local author shares his story

By Samantha Brown
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Alan Labonte lives a good life. He has a nice home on Border Street, a loving wife, Lora, and a good job as a member of the faculty at Boston University.

But there was a time not too long ago when Labonte found it a struggle to keep a positive outlook on life. After relocating his family to Cohasset from the western part of the state to take on a new job at the law firm of Hutchins & Wheeler, doctors informed him he had contracted multiple sclerosis. He was fired from his job just six months later.

While it took years to come to a resolution, in the end Labonte, now a Scituate resident, says it was worth it, as his case set a new legal precedent, protecting the rights of Americans with disabilities. Today, he is happy to be able to share his story with others, through his newly released book, "A Million Reasons," published by Cohasset-based publishers Hot House Press.

Labonte is able to share his story with others for one reason: he turned down a $3 million settlement offered by Hutchins &

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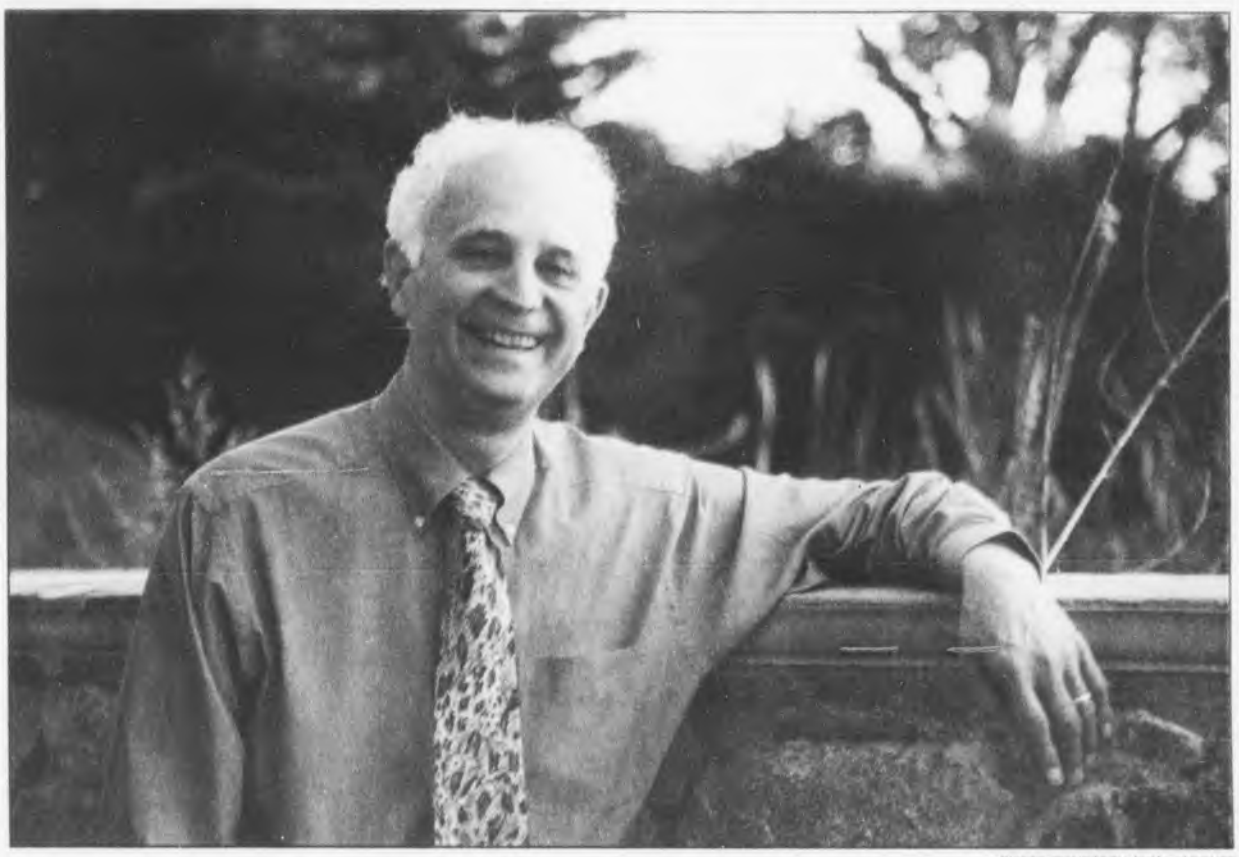

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Author Alan Labonte, shown here at his home on Border Street in Scituate, is celebrating the release of his new book, "A Million Reasons." Labonte was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1991 and subsequently fired from his job. His story tells of his struggles and the action he took that ultimately set legal precedent for Americans with disabilities.

Youth arrest

Teen charged in gun threat

By Mary Ford
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Police have arrested a 14-year-old boy in connection with a threat to bring a gun to school that occurred at the middle-high school last fall.

The incident was reported Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005 after a schoolteacher discovered a threatening note attached to the sign in front of the school. A teacher and students had met at the school that morning to carpool to Boston.

"Residents may not realize that we continue to investigate," Chief James Hussey said about the incident that occurred 10 months ago. "Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Det. Garrett Hunt did a great job in developing this case and bringing closure to this incident."

Hussey explained police received a tip a couple of weeks ago while investigating an unrelated vandalism incident.

"The detectives developed information received which led

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School bells ring Sept. 5

By Samantha Brown
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The lazy days of summer are coming to an end and students and staff at Cohasset's three schools are gearing up for their first day back. For students in grades one through 12, the first day back will be Tuesday, Sept. 5, and administrators say there are many exciting things to look forward to this year.

Osgood School — The start time at Osgood will change by five minutes this year and the day will begin at 9:10 a.m. Cohasset's youngest students, which includes kindergarten through grade two, will end their day at 3:10 p.m.

"All students need to do is bring a smile and a little enthusiasm and things should be good."
— Janet Sheehan, Osgood principal

Students new to kindergarten this year will come for orientation either Tuesday, Sept. 5 or Wednesday Sept. 6 with their parents. "They'll go into the classroom and see where their cubbies will be," said Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan, and the first day of school on their own will be Thursday, Sept. 7. All other students will have their first day Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Students may purchase lunch for $2.25. On the first day of school, chicken nuggets and a dinner roll or a turkey sub with corn and oven fries will be served along with apple slices. Wednesday, students may purchase pasta with meat sauce

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STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

Deer Hill teacher Meghan Coleman organizes bins filled with science experiments for her third-grade class. This year the science program includes Life Science, Earth Science, Space & Technology and Physical Science, she said.

STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

The new police radar trailer shows a car is traveling on Route 3A by Shaw's Plaza at 45 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone. Police purchased the device with grant money.

Radar trailer picks up speed

By Mary Ford
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Motorists who travel northbound on Route 3A this week by Shaw's Plaza have undoubtedly seen how fast they are going.

And if they were exceeding the posted 35 m.p.h. speed limit, they were reminded of that fact by the new state-of-the art, police radar trailer.

Police Chief James Hussey said the new, $8,500 radar trailer was purchased through grant money from two sources, the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, which rewarded the town for participating in various traffic safety initiatives such as the "Click it or Ticket" campaigns, and through a Community Policing grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety.

Hussey said not only does the display on the trailer tell drivers how fast they are going, but if they are speeding a blue light also flashes.

"The device will also record data – the number of cars and the speed they are going," Hussey said.

He explained the trailer would become a familiar sight along 3A and other critical areas of town. "The point is to reduce the number of accidents and citizen complaints about speeding," he said.

Hussey hopes the trailer will make motorists aware they are speeding and get them used to slowing down. He expects the trailer to stay in the same location for a week to 10 days.

The trailer was placed on Route 3A near its intersection with Beechwood Street because that stretch of highway is one of the most accident-prone areas in town. Route 3A at lower King Street is another problematic location, Hussey said. However, the chief said the unit would also be placed on residential streets where traffic issues, like speeding, are

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PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with firefighter/paramedics Rob Forde and Randy Belanger at the Cohasset Fire Department on Monday.

Names: Rob Forde and Randy P. Belanger

Occupation: Firefighter/paramedics.

Best day of your life: When the Red Sox won Game 7 vs. the Yankees, 2004 playoffs (Rob). The best days are yet to come (Randy).

Best vacation: Mykonos Island (Rob). Playa del Carmen, Mexico (Randy).

Favorite season: Fall (Rob). Spring (Randy).

Favorite holiday: Patriot's Day-Marathon Monday (Rob). St. Patrick's Day (Randy).

Favorite meal : McGriddle sandwiches (Rob). Any seafood (Randy).

Best book: "Deal With It" – the official Ninja book (Rob). "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (Randy).

Best movie: "Wedding Crashers" (Rob). "Swingers" (Randy).

Best TV show: "The Family Guy" (Rob). "Seinfeld" (Randy).

Pet peeve: When someone goes to shake your hand and they get all fingers (Rob). Close talkers (Randy).

Most memorable moment: Graduating from the fire academy (Rob). Scuba diving in Cozumel, Mexico. (Randy).

Goal: A long and prosperous career (Rob). To retire healthy and happy (Randy).

Person I'd most like to meet: Dean Martin (Rob). Frank Sinatra (Randy).

Biggest worry: No worries, just concerns. (Rob). Failing out of nursing school (Randy).

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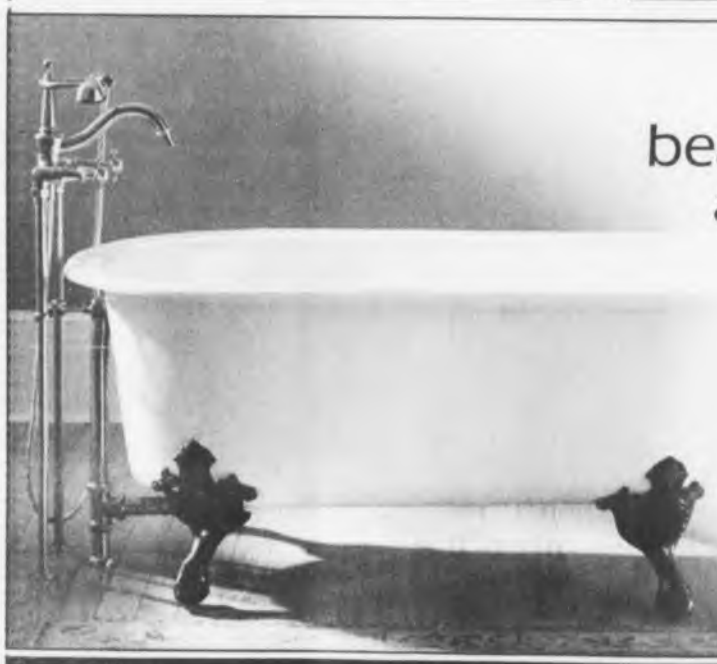

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Bikers beware of N. Main crossing

By Mary Ford
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Last Tuesday (Aug. 22) a woman riding her bike along N. Main Street at about 12:26 p.m. tried to ride across the new grade crossing when the front tire got caught in the tracks causing her to fall off and hit her head.

She was wearing a helmet but still suffered a head injury and was transported to the hospital, Chief James Hussey said.

He explained the new tracks are at an angle to the roadway making accidents like this possible.

The MBTA has installed a temporary, illuminated sign alerting bicyclists to the danger and telling them to get off their bikes and walk them across the tracks.

Hussey, who praised the MBTA for its responsiveness, said permanent signs on both sides of the tracks will need to be installed.

STAFF PHOTO/MARY FORD

The MBTA has installed a temporary sign on North Main Street telling bicyclists to walk their bikes across the tracks.

Credit card fraud

A Holly Lane woman reported receiving credit card bills with charges of upwards of $12,000. Not only did the woman not make the purchases, but she never applied for the credit cards that were used, police said.

Chief James Hussey said the matter is under investigation but he stressed that residents must be extremely careful when disposing of bills that contain personal information. People should also destroy unwanted credit cards that come in the mail.

Hussey said in this case, the woman received credit cards in her maiden name in the mail and did not apply for them. He said there could be as many as seven cards that were being used fraudulently in her name.

In order to prevent identity theft, he said it is also very important that people do not give out their social security numbers to anyone.

Hussey also explained that personal bills and documents should be shredded before they are put into recycling. "Paper no longer goes into the landfill," he noted. "There are lots of scam artists out there looking to create a false identity."

$100 bills stolen

Police responded to a call from a S. Main Street resident at 10:14 p.m. last Monday (Aug. 21) about a car being entered.

Chief James Hussey said the car was left unlocked at the end of the driveway. He said the victim reported two $100 bills were stolen from the glove box.

"Always keep your car locked," Hussey said. "Don't make it easy for someone. Many crimes are crimes of opportunity – if you lock your car, chances are you won't become a victim."

Potential scam

Police are investigating reports of a man — who presents a $50 bill for a purchase, and then claims he received incorrect change — trying to "scam" a local establishment.

Henry's Root Beer on Pleasant Street has reported that the same man comes by about every two weeks and argues about money.

Hussey said the suspect is about 5 ft. 7 ins. tall, has black hair that is balding in the middle. At the most recent incident that was reported last Wednesday (Aug. 23), the suspect was wearing a blue muscle shirt (tank top), and white shorts. He drives a white Ford pickup.

Hussey wants local businesses to be on the alert and report any such incidents to the police. He explained the way the alleged scam works is the suspect pays with the $50 bill and then claims his change is $20 short.

Apparently the same man has appeared at Henry's Root Beer at least twice before this recent incident.

Woods fire

Last Wednesday (Aug. 23) in the woods off Doane Street, priority was given to a fire that kids started so most of the youthful perpetrators were able to escape into the woods.

Police responded to the area at 9:29 p.m. after receiving a call about teens potentially drinking. At the scene police observed a campfire. The fire department was called to put out the fire.

One Rockland youth was apprehended and is being summonsed to court on charges of minor possession of alcohol and for an illegal fire.

Boat bumped

The driver of a vehicle pulling a trailer with a boat on top was cited for having expired trailer plates.

At 12:32 p.m. last Thursday (Aug. 24), several callers reported a boat had fallen off a trailer in the middle of Beach Street. There were no injuries.

Police had the trailer towed and cited the driver.

House egged

Police are not going to press charges against youths who egged a house on Heather Drive at around 10 p.m. last Thursday (Aug. 24). Initially the officers were going to summons one of the kids to court.

But after determining these youths had no prior police involvement, their (and their parents) willingness to pay for the clean up of the house and perform community service work under the guidance of the police department, led the victim and police to handle the matter without court involvement, Chief James Hussey said.

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South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

August-Sept.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 31	4:55	7.7	5:09	8.6	10:50	1.8	11:31	1.3
Sunrise: 6:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:19 p.m.*			
Fri. 1	5:49	7.4	6:02	8.6	11:42	1.9	—	—
Sunrise: 6:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:17 p.m.*			
Sat. 2	6:47	7.4	7:00	8.8	12:29	1.3	12:40	1.9
Sunrise: 6:09a.m.					*Sunset: 7:15p.m.*			
Sun. 3	7:47	7.5	8:01	9.1	1:29	1.0	1:40	1.7
Sunrise: 6:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:14 p.m.*			
Mon. 4	8:47	7.9	9:00	9.6	2:28	0.6	2:40	1.2
Sunrise: 6:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:12 p.m.*			
Tues. 5	9:43	8.5	9:57	10.0	3:25	0.1	3:37	0.6
Sunrise: 6:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:10 p.m.*			
Wed. 6	10:36	9.1	10:52	10:5	4:18	-0.4	4:33	0.0
Sunrise: 6:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:09 p.m.*			
Thurs. 7	11:27	9.7	11:45	10.8	5:08	-0.9	5:26	-0.6
Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:07 p.m.*			

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Dave Fassler, an educator from Animal Adventures, holds up Fiona, a fennec fox, during the organization's program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. For more photos, see page 25.

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Arrest made in school gun threat

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us to a potential suspect," he said. "I cannot say enough about the detectives' continued diligence on this case."

As it turned out the youth — whom police believe is responsible for the threat — was not involved in the recent incident of vandalism. However, police followed up on a tip and developed evidence that pointed to the teenager as a suspect in the gun threat.

"There are no other suspects and this closes that case," Hussey said.

The boy, whose name is not being released because of his age, faces charges of making a "bomb/hijack" threat causing serious public alarm; threatening to commit a crime; and disturbing the peace.

"We will not stand for that type of activity and will pursue every lead," he said. "Those involved will be prosecuted." Hussey added the charges facing the youth are serious.

"I cannot say enough about the detectives' continued diligence on this case."
— Chief James Hussey

Hussey declined to provide details of the evidence or investigation other than to say the note discovered last Oct. 16 contained language that included references about bringing a gun to school.

Hussey confirmed the boy was a student at the middle-high school.

He said arrests have been made in three of the four threatening incidents that occurred at the middle-high school in 2005. A different boy was responsible for two of the other incidents.

"Everyone worked together to help us solve three of these cases," said Hussey, who said he wanted to thank the public and the school administration for their help.

The incident involving the gun threat caused a big commotion, Hussey said. After that incident, Principal Joel Antolini said all backpacks, purses, and lunch bags would be subject to searches.

A 13-year-old student was arrested last fall in connection with bomb threats on Sept. 26, 2005 and Oct. 18, 2005.

The incident that still remains unsolved occurred May 11, 2005 when a member of the school faculty who was opening up the building for the day found a threatening note along with a bullet outside the middle-high school.

Radar trailer picks up speed

FROM RADAR, PAGE 1

a problem.

The unit is rechargeable and does not require a police officer to be present when it is in use.

"We are very excited about the new radar trailer," Hussey said. "From my own experience I have found these devices make me think that I might be going too fast.

"We think it will have a positive effect on people's driving behavior."

Special fall Town Meeting date set

The fall Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13. While selectmen had discussed moving the meeting to a weekend, in the end they agreed to keep the meeting on a Monday night. However, this year the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

On a related note, Selectman Rob Spofford asked Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, to draft two articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. One would change the town's bylaws to amend the date for the annual Town Election, to allow both the town election, any override elections or other elections which need Town Meeting approval, to be held on the same day. The second would change the start time of the Annual Town Meeting, always held on Saturday mornings, to begin at 9 a.m. rather than 10 a.m.

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'Puppies' found in dumpster

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Lovers Lane

Lighthouse Lane on Government Island could indeed be Cohasset's own version of Lovers Lane. Police answered a call at 1:06 a.m. last Saturday (Aug. 26) about a couple "fornicating" in the open. When the officer arrived, the officer observed a motor vehicle leaving the area but no one else was around.

Chief Hussey said it is illegal to have sex in public, which would be considered lewd and lascivious behavior, which is an arrestable offense.

Baby 'puppies'

At just after 8 a.m. last Saturday (Aug. 26), a caller reported what appeared to be puppies that were thrown in a dumpster off Diab Lane but were still alive.

The officer at the scene also reported the animals appeared to be young puppies. The Animal Rescue League and the MSPCA were notified.

However, all agencies were cancelled after Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy arrived and determined the puppies were baby raccoons. A plank was put into the dumpster so the little raccoons, who may have tumbled in looking for food, could make their own way out.

Dept. of corrections

A story in last week's Mariner should have listed Coastal Countryside Properties as the sponsor for the Council on Elder Affairs' End of Summer Picnic. The Mariner regrets the error.

Town Web site

Just a reminder, the town Web site is up and running and is being updated daily. The site can be accessed at www.townofcohasset.org. Meeting calendars, meeting minutes, important town forms and information on town boards can all be found at the site.

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Two new baby girls to brag about

AROUND TOWN

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HAPPY LABOR DAY

Hello Cohasset. Happy Labor Day Weekend to all. Make it a fun weekend, stay safe and get ready to send our kiddos back to school next week with great memories of the summer. I still cannot believe that it is over, I feel like it just began.

We have two new little princesses who have arrived and their families are beside themselves with joy. Congratulations to you all and enjoy these beautiful little girls.

LITTLE ANGEL

On April 11, 2006 a new little angel came into the world, **Shannon Grace MacLeod**. This beautiful little baby is the daughter of **Ross and Liz (Walker) MacLeod**, Phoenix, Ariz. Shannon's weight at birth was 7 lbs. 11 oz. Beaming grandparents standing ready to spoil little Shannon with lots and lots of love are **"Mac" and Ginny MacLeod**, Cohasset and **John and Betsy Walker**, Holliston. Ross, a Navy pilot, and recently promoted to Major, is a graduate of St. Paul's School, Boston College High School and Boston College. Liz, Ross, and Shannon will be moving back to New England, to Connecticut, in the fall, as Ross becomes a full-time civilian (he plans to stay in the Air Force Reserves). He will be flying for Southwest Airlines.

BABY GIRL

Julia Maeve Bianchi, was born on Monday, Aug. 7, 2006. She was born at 2:29pm. She was 7 lbs., 12 oz. and 20 inches. Her proud parents are **Kara and Scott Bianchi**. Both sets of excited grandparents live in Scituate: **Susan and Richard Pope** and **Jane and Steve Bianchi**.

Congratulations, all!

FALL BASEBALL

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) is pleased to introduce a 9-, 10-, & 1-year-old ***fall*** baseball league for interested players (birthdates between May 1, 1994 and April 30,, 1997). The league will be an in-town program with games being played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (Saturdays through the first several weeks of September; soccer travel on Saturday afternoons starts in late September, and the program will try and schedule around those games so players interested in both sports can play).

The league may also play a weeknight game as well. The league is still in the process of setting schedules so as to minimize conflicts with other sports during the week. The number of teams, games and exact start times will be determined once an accurate count of registered players is obtained. Registration forms are available at: CYBSA.net. Registrations *must* be received by Sept. 1st so the league can determine number of teams, order and receive uniforms and set the schedule. The cost of the program will be $75. If you are interested in coaching, please let the league know that as well. Any questions, please contact **Liam O'Connell** at (781) 383-9538 or via email at liam.oconnell@hklaw.com

CLASS REUNION

Calling all class members of CHS Class of 2001! The CHS Class of 2001 reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 24th (day after Thanksgiving), 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the American Legion in downtown Cohasset. For more information, Please email **Kelly Devine** at classof2001chs@hotmail.com, or call 781-640-1542.

HELPING SWIMMERS

The Cohasset High School Swim and Dive Team will be having a Lobster Fest and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 8th at Atlantica from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. This Team, which was re-established last year and is a joint team with Scituate High school-- is not yet included in the Cohasset Athletic budget and the Cohasset side of the Team is privately funded. Last year this team came in second in the Patriot League with 18 swimmers qualifying for Sectionals and 10 swimmers qualifying for, and competing, in the State Competition. The Lobster Fest dinner includes clam chowder, lobster, mussels, barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, Caesar salad, rolls and watermelon. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are currently on sale at a cost of $35 for the lobster and $25 for "chicken only" and can be obtained by contacting **Mandy Mahoney** (383-9812) or Brenda Regan (383-0454). Gather a group of friends to celebrate the arrival of fall and support this team while enjoying a fabulous feast at Atlantica!

JV FOOTBALL SUPPORT

The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to ask all Cohasset Football Alumni for their support to fund Junior Varsity Football. The Cohasset Gridiron Club awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to our outstanding student athletes who plan on attending college. However, this year, the Gridiron Club has been asked by the athletic department to fund Junior Varsity Football. In order for the Gridiron Club to maintain its scholarships, as well as to support the coaching staff in everything that they do, and now to fund Junior Varsity Football, the club has dedicated a page in its Football Program Book that will be coming out in September of this year, to honor those former football players who would like to see their name once again in the spot light.

So, for a $25 contribution to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, your name, the year that you graduated from Cohasset High School and the position that you played, will be showcased in our Gridiron Football Program. A thank you for your consideration in helping the Gridiron in their efforts to keep a winning tradition alive and well in Cohasset Football goes out to all who help. If you would like to help, please send a check for $25 made out to the Cohasset Gridiron Club, P.O. Box 223, Cohasset, MA 02025, along with your date of graduation and the position that you played. If you would like to call, please contact **Al Snowdale** at 781-383-9131. If anyone would like to advertise in the book this year please call.

AUDITIONS

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "The Women" – the group's fall production – on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Written by Claire Booth Luce, The Women -- with its entirely female cast -- is a modern classic with its immensely entertaining panoramas of life and love from the female perspective. With a cast of 39 women's roles ranging in stage age from 20 to 55 plus one younger girl, there are large and small roles alike. With so many roles available, the Dramatic Club is optimistic that many new actors will participate in this production. Auditioners are asked to come with a prepared with a 1-2 minute monologue or to be prepared to read from the script. Show dates are Nov. 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18. For more information please contact **Lisa Pratt** at lisa.pratt@comcast.net.

KITCHEN TOUR

A tour of six Cohasset luxury kitchens sponsored by Kitchen Concepts & Roomscapes in Norwell, will take place Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Arts Center in Cohasset. The event features a continental breakfast in the Art Center galleries followed by a design presentation by Cameron M. Snyder, CKD, kitchen design instructor at Boston Architectural Center. Following the presentation, maps will be distributed to participants of the self-driving tour. The national exhibit Photography Now, juried by renowned photographer, author and teacher **Henry Horenstein**, will be on display in the Bancroft Gallery.

Tickets are $25 and available at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road , by calling 781-383-2787, or visiting www.ssac.org.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your back-to-school news, events and more to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Whoriskey

Whoriskey – Conley

Megan C. Conley, the daughter of Christine Conley of Cohasset, and Martin and Jacquelyn Conley of Norwell, married Jay Whoriskey, the son of John and Christine Whoriskey of Cohasset, on Aug. 4, 2006, at Saint Anthony Church in Cohasset. The Rev. John Mulvehill officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Martin Conley. Maid of Honor was Alissa Conley of Cohasset, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katherine Whoriskey of Cohasset, Tammy Scarpaci of Marshfield, and Mary Reynolds of So. Boston.

Peter Whoriskey of Cohasset, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Ushers were Matthew Conley of Watertown, Ted Goff of Boston, and Bill Good Jr. of San Diego, Calif.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Cohasset High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree and an MAT from Regis College in Weston. She is employed at Abigail Adams Middle School in Weymouth.

Her husband is a 1999 graduate of Tabor Academy in Marion, and Saint Michael's College in Burlington, Vt. He is employed at BT Conferencing in Braintree.

A reception was held at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset. After a wedding trip to Kauai, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Hingham.

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'A Million Reasons' to fight for the disabled

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Wheeler. By accepting, he would have also been agreeing to a non-disclosure clause, which would have prevented him from telling his story. Instead, he chose to take a risk and follow his case through the legal system. "I'm sure they couldn't believe it," said Labonte about turning down the money.

Labonte's story begins in 1991. He was the Executive Director for Hutchins & Wheeler, with more than 100 employees under him. He would ride the commuter boat into the city from Hingham, and on his walk into work, he began to notice he would trip fairly often. "The streets in Boston are pretty hazardous, but I was tripping more than usual," he quipped, adding he began noticing he wasn't moving as fast as he previously had, and was always at the end of the pack when coming off the boat and walking up the street.

Labonte decided he should go to the doctor and asked a partner at the firm whom he would recommend. Labonte soon made an appointment with Dr. James Wepsic at New England Baptist Hospital. During testing, the doctor touched the bottom of Labonte's foot, but his toes did not clench. Instead, one went straight up, which is the first sign of a problem with the central nervous system.

Labonte was then sent to neurologist Dr. Edward Wolpow at Mount Auburn Hospital. After testing confirmed his suspicions, Wolpow gave the news to Labonte in July of 1991 — he did in fact have multiple sclerosis.

According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MS, as it is more commonly known, is thought to be an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system. The central nervous system consists of the brain, spinal cord and the optic nerves. Surrounding and protecting the nerve fibers of the central nervous system is a fatty tissue called myelin, which helps nerve fibers conduct electrical impulse. In MS, myelin is lost in multiple areas, leaving scar tissue called sclerosis. When myelin or the nerve fiber is destroyed or damaged, the ability of the nerves to conduct electrical impulses to and from the brain is disrupted, and this produces the various symptoms of MS.

"Ironically, they recommended I consult an attorney, so I did."
— Alan Labonte, author

Labonte didn't wait to tell the partners at the law firm about his condition. "I told them the best way to get the information was to talk to my doctor, and I gave Dr. Wolpow permission to answer any questions they had, so they would be advised about my ability to work," he said. After having the discussion with Wolpow, the partners seemed helpful and said they would support him in any way they could, even offering a flexible work schedule. "Those were beautiful words, but they never became a reality," he said.

In the midst of finding out about his illness, Labonte's father passed away in November of 1991. He took some time off work to travel down to Florida for the funeral, and other than that, had not asked to take any other time off nor had he put in for any special accommodations since finding out about his illness. In January of 1992, one random Monday morning, he was called down to one of the partners' offices and told his time at Hutchins & Wheeler had come to an end. He was fired "for cause."

"Ironically, they recommended I consult an attorney, so I did," which is when he met David Rapaport. He brought the severance agreement to Rapaport's office and after Rapaport questioned him about the circumstances surrounding his being fired, realized Labonte had been given no warning, either written or verbally, which meant they had a strong case against the company. "I was so devastated at the time, the last thing I wanted to get into was a legal battle, especially against a large firm of attorneys," said Labonte, but he decided the issue was too important to let go.

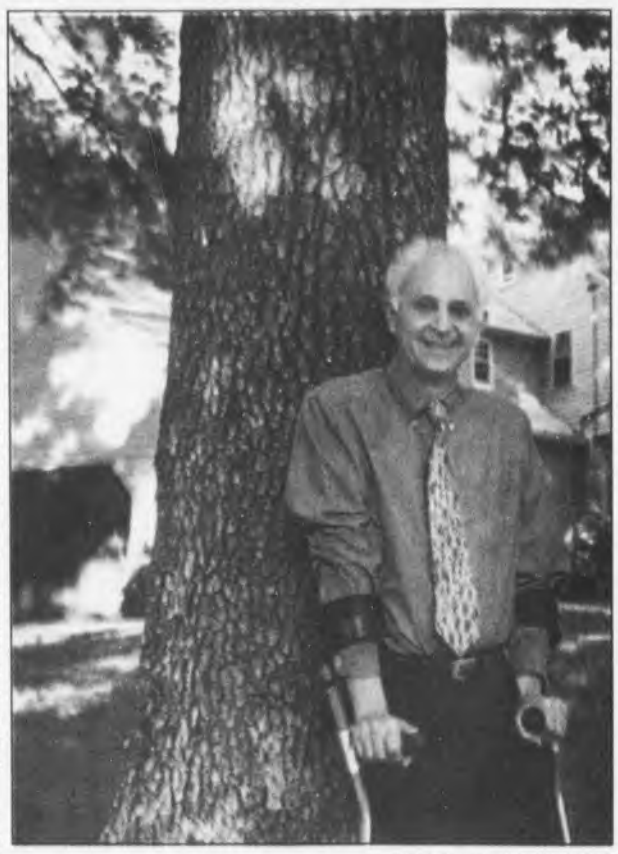
Labonte first filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. The representative he spoke with agreed he had a strong case, and Labonte decided he and Rapaport would take the case to Superior Court. They filed on Sept. 11, 1992, "a date that meant nothing to be until recently," he said.

Without a job and collecting disability, Labonte had limited means with which to pay Rapaport. However, the attorney felt strongly enough about the case that he agreed to work for the cost of services only, and receive one-third of the settlement, whatever that might be in the end. "It was a pretty big risk on his part," said Labonte.

The case went before a judge and Rapaport argued they had a right to a jury trial. While it had never been done before with a disability case, a major case came down just in time, which gave them the right. "We got our jury, but it took a year or two to get it scheduled."

The case was tried for the better part of two weeks at Suffolk Superior Court. There were 12 jurors assigned to the case and two alternates, both of which decided to stay on until the end, just to see how things turned out, even though they were not required. It took three days of deliberations, but the jury decided unanimously in his favor. He was awarded back pay and front pay, which was approximately the equivalent of five years pay plus 12 percent interest. He was also awarded funds for emotional distress and punitive damaged. All told, he was awarded roughly $3,250,000. "I think everyone was in shock. It was a tremendous moment," he said.

Hutchins & Wheeler appealed the decision to the Massachusetts Supreme Court and it took another couple of years, but it upheld the decision of the lower court. However, ultimately the case went back to Superior Court where it was decided Labonte should receive less than the $3 million he had first been awarded. In the end he still received a "substantial amount," but to Labonte, it was more about the principal of the matter than the money.



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"A Million Reasons" author Alan Labonte stands against a tree outside his Border Street home. After turning down a $3 million settlement from the Boston Law Firm of Hutchins & Wheeler, which fired him "for cause" six months after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, Labonte won a legal battle which set precedent for Americans with disabilities.

"A Million Reasons" both chronicles the journey of Labonte's legal battle as well as his personal struggles. While the initial shock of losing his health, his job, and his father hit hard, he turned those negative experiences into positives. He was offered a consulting job with South Shore Hospital, which was followed by his enrolling at Boston University in the school's doctoral program. That led to his being offered a position on the BU faculty. He also spent time traveling to Bosnia during wartime, delivering much-needed antibiotics, all while his legal battle was going on. "When I went over there, everything about my life paled in comparison," he said, which gave him a new perspective. "My problems became like nothing."

It took nine years, but with the help of Brock Bower, Labonte's co-author, "A Million Reasons" came to fruition. If nothing else, he hopes by sharing his story it will both serve as a warning to companies that there are consequences for discrimination, and as an inspiration for those who have been affected by discrimination. "With a pile of manure and a few seeds, you can grow a rose. I certainly was in a pile of manure," he said. But look at him now.

Alan Labonte, author of "A Million Reasons," will be holding book signings in and around the South Shore in the coming weeks. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m., he will be at the Scituate Town Library, where he will both give a talk and answer questions as well as sign books. The program is being held in conjunction with the Front Street Book Shop of Scituate. He will also be conducting book signings at dates to be announced at the Barnes and Noble at Derby Street in Hingham and Borders in Braintree. Signed copies of the book are also available at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset. For more information on Hot House Press, please visit its Web site at www.hothousepress.com.

Kitchen Tour is Saturday, Sept. 9

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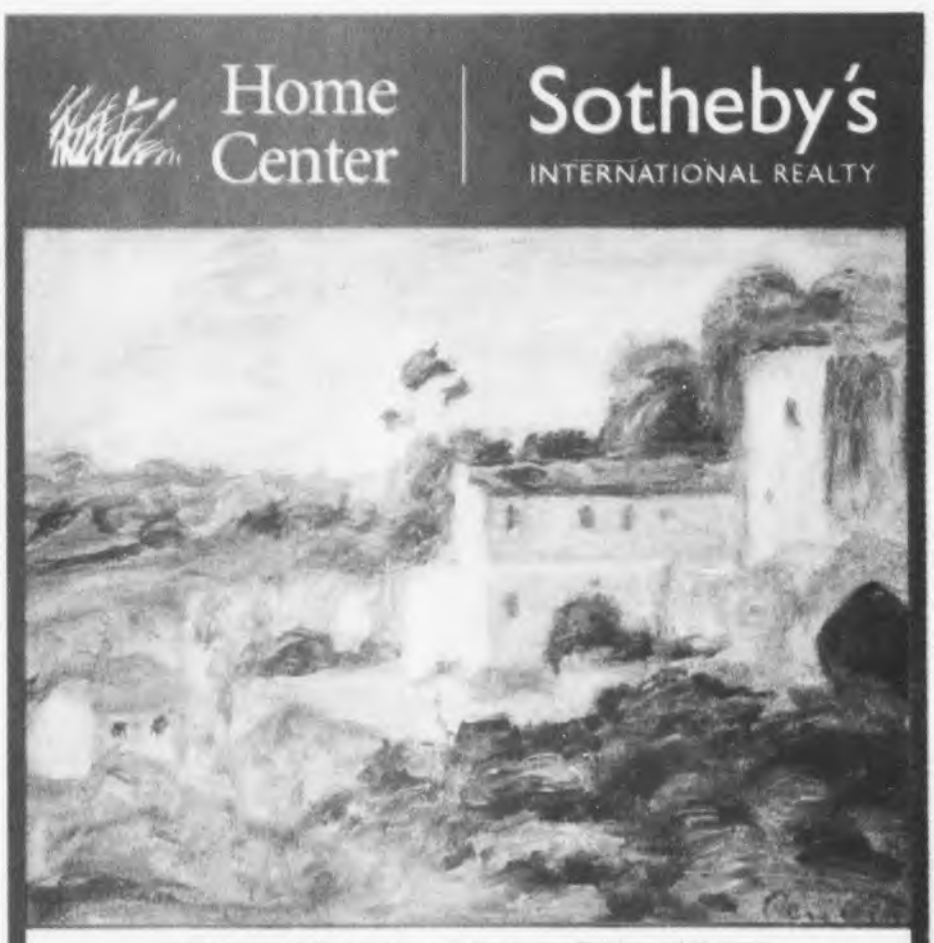

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- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF;
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF (deployed to Afghanistan);
- CWO2 Jeffery H. Brown, USN
- LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
- Spc. Grant Emde, USMC (deployed to Iraq);
- Airman Greg Figueiredo, USAF;
- Spc. 4 Michael Golden, US Army;
- Lt. Andrew Hamilton, USMC;
- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF (deployed);
- HM. 2 Keith Jackson, USN;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Kierce, USMC;
- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC (deployed Iraq);
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- Capt. Michael Mahoney, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Spc. Justin Maitland, US Army (deployed Afghanistan);
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army (deployed Iraq);
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;
- Civilian Randy Salvador, KBR Combat Civilian Marines (stationed in Iraq).

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

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World War II soldier loved Cohasset summers

Road by Common honors William B. Long

By Samantha Brown
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William B. Long always enjoyed spending his summers in Cohasset. An avid outdoorsman, leaving his "winter residence" on Marlboro Street in Boston to spend time at his 90 Beach St. home was a welcome respite in the country.

His sacrifice is remembered daily as residents drive up the road named in his honor by the Town Common.

But Long, just like many others of his generation, enlisted in the army at an early age and had his life cut short during World War II. At the age of 26, Long was killed in action on Aug. 26, 1944, which was 62 years ago last week.

William B. Long

William B. Long was one of four children born to William Long, who was President of the Boston Stock exchange, and his wife Harriet. Born in 1918, he attended Milton Academy and Harvard College. His brother Ed, a Nichols Road resident, remembers his older brother of two years being an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. In fact, he said one year during college, Long spent the summer in Montana tagging wild birds for one of the federal government's wildlife projects.

After graduation from Harvard in June of 1941, Long married Dorothy Storrer, whom he had met as a teenager, as she too summered in Cohasset. He worked for the Audubon Society for a time before enlisting in the Army. He became a member of the Headquarters Battalion, 28th Infantry, an element of General George S. Patton's command.

Long's battalion was moved to Brest in northwest France, on the western tip of the Brittany peninsula, where the Germans had a large submarine base. Long was killed in action in the town on Aug. 26, 1944, ironically the same day General Patton had jubilantly informed his superior officer, "Dear Ike: Today I spat in the Seine!"

Long was the fourth Cohasset man to have lost his life up to that point in the war. His sacrifice is remembered daily as residents drive up the road named in his honor by the Town Common.

Fallen servicemen honored around town

William B. Long is one of many veterans who have been honored by the town of Cohasset. The town lost seven other men during World War II, who have all been memorialized with squares, parks, and roads in town including:

- Everett F. Studley: intersection of Jerusalem Road and Hull Street.
- Allen A. Buffum: Square at Beechwood St. & So. Main Street
- Norman Todd: Road intersects with Beechwood St., and a memorial park is located at their intersection.
- Robert E. Jason: Road at the Common
- Howard R. Gleason: Road to Yacht Club from Margin St.
- Perry H. Johnson: Square at Beach St. & Atlantic Ave.
- David H. Parker: Square at King St. & Beechwood St.

The mothers of the eight servicemen that gave their lives are memorialized at the Gold Star Mothers Monument at Woodside Cemetery, including Long's mother, Harriet.

Roughly 498 men and women from Cohasset served during World War II from 1941 until the war was declared over in December 1946. Cohasset has memorialized all of its service men and women from the "Greatest Generation" by listing all of their names at Veterans Park at Cohasset Harbor. A book of Cohasset servicemen's names was presented to the National Monuments Commission at the dedication of the WWII Memorial, on May 29, 2004 in Washington, D.C.

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Harbor fee hike shouldn't create waves

But impact on lobstermen is a concern

By Samantha Brown
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The town is looking for ways to ensure it can cover the cost of services being provided. To that end, selectmen have been looking at raising fees in various areas and those using the harbor could be the next to see an increase.

"I'm sorry, but if you can afford a 60-foot sailboat, you can afford an extra $180."
— Selectman Rob Spofford

At Monday's meeting, board members agreed fees should be raised at the harbor to cover more of the department's operational costs, and felt an increase should be done all at once, rather than phased in. Selectmen said the next step is for the Harbor Committee to review the harbor's revenue sources and current fees, seek public input, and then make a recommendation.

Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons attended the meeting and said to date, harbor-related revenues for this calendar year total $78,488. However, the full cost of operating the department, including fringe benefits for employees and debt service for fiscal 2007, is $127,260. This means fees would need to be almost doubled to bring in the $50,000 necessary annually to make the department self-supporting.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said a resident with a 60-foot boat currently pays a $360 mooring fee. If mooring fees were upped by 50 percent to $9 per foot, that same resident would then pay a $540 mooring fee (an extra $180).

Selectman Rob Spofford said increasing fees might be a good idea.

"I'm sorry, but if you can afford a 60-foot sailboat, you can afford an extra $180," he said.

However, Spofford noted increasing fees might adversely affect lobstermen, which is something to think about. He questioned whether the fees could have two tiers: one for recreational boat use and another for commercial use.

There are roughly 30 active commercial fishermen out of the 225 boats in the harbor, Gibbons said.

Resident Peter Pratt noted raising fees for commercial fishermen might be something the board wants to think about, because without them, the town would not have received "one penny of federal funding" for its last dredging project, completed in 1999.

"The commercial fishing fleet is 100 percent responsible for getting us funding and we should support the ongoing thriving of those vessels," he said. Gibbons noted the town needs dredging in the harbor again.

Dormitzer said he agreed with Pratt. "People want to recover money to be able to cover the costs associated with running the operation, but we don't want to run the fishermen out," he said.

Gibbons said she has three boats, two of which have engines in the $20,000-$25,000 range, which need to be maintained, as well as the harbormaster's office which needs repairs and a new paint job. Selectman Gary Vanderweil said harbor fees should cover maintenance and repairs. "We should add it all up and take it to the Harbor Committee," he said.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said billing for moorings takes place in January, which means any increases in fees would hit this fiscal year.

Harbor-related expenses

Operating budget	$72,359
Fringe benefits	$24,964
Debt service	$29,937
Total (FY 2007)	$127,260

Harbor-related revenue

Mooring fees at $6 per foot	$35,108
User/skiff fee at town docks, $72 per boat	$6,768
User fees to use a mooring, $6 per foot	$5,375
User fee Cohasset Sailing Club, $72 per motorboat	$3,240
User fee Cohasset Yacht Club combo $6 per foot and skiff $72	$15,360
User fee Cohasset Harbor Marina, $6 per foot	$9,123
User Fee Olde Salt House Marine, $6 per foot	$624
Transient mooring fee $35 per night	$1,280
Waiting list late fees $25 each	$1,200
Waiting list sign up fees $10 each	$410
Total this calendar year	**$78,488**

Fees in neighboring towns

Town	Mooring fees	Skiff fees	Transient fees
Scituate	$6 per foot	12 feet $250 12-14 feet $300 14 feet and up $500	$2 per foot for slip No moorings
Hull	$5 per foot	$50 flat rate	None
Hingham	$2 per foot resident $4 per foot non-resident		
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Town to meet head of MBTA

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer told the Board of Selectmen Monday, the town will meet with MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas. Dormitzer, along with Town Manager Bill Griffin, and Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan will meet with Grabauskas at his office in Boston Wednesday, Sept. 6.

"We have Senator (Robert) Hedlund and Representative (Garrett) Bradley and to some degree Kerry Healy to thank for this meeting," said Dormitzer.

The town and the MBTA are in the midst of a dispute resolution process. Currently the town and the authority, which is building the new Greenbush commuter rail line, are butting heads about the number of parking spaces to be constructed in the municipal parking lot behind the shops on South Main Street, and have entered into a phase two dispute resolution process.

Both parties would like to work out an agreement, but the MBTA has said it would prefer to have meetings in executive session, which it feels would be more productive without the public and the press present. The Board of Selectmen has not agreed to meeting in executive session. The meeting on Sept. 6 will hopefully bring the town one step closer to coming to a resolution.

Dormitzer said he is not happy to be attending the meeting without other members of the board present, but said the meeting will be exploratory only and not a meeting under the mitigation agreement. He added he has heard that even at the highest level of the MBTA, officials think the town is asking for something it shouldn't have, and he hopes this meeting will help clear up any misconceptions. He said he hopes this meeting will lead to a full meeting with the entire board, as is required under the mitigation agreement. "We will still have to have a full meeting with the board to move anything forward," he said.

Search is on for new fire chief

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln will retire at the end of October and the search for his replacement is well under way. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he has received a total of 11 applications for the position, some of which were from current employees of the town.

"In reality, there are roughly six or seven (candidates) you'd really want to talk to," said Griffin.

Griffin is in charge of making the appointment, and said he plans on forming a team to assist him in the interviewing and evaluating of the candidates, just as he did when hiring the new harbormaster and director of elder affairs. He said he would like to have a fellow town manager/administrator and a fire chief from another community serve on the team, as well as Director of Finance Michael Buckley, whom he said he relies on for his historical perspective on the town. He said he would also welcome suggestions from the board.

"We are at a critical stage for the department," Griffin said, adding it will be under a lot of scrutiny in the coming months as every budget is going to be gone through line item by line item. The fire department is the first one on the agenda. He said every candidate that comes in for an interview will be given information from the town's benchmark report to get their view of the situation.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil asked Griffin to provide each member of the board with a copy of all 11 résumés to allow them to provide feedback. Selectman Ted Carr said someone with budgetary experience would be a huge benefit for the town.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Getting back in gear

While news never takes a hiatus — the quantity of news slows down somewhat over the summer months.

That should not be surprising given that town boards don't meet as often, schools are out, and lots of residents go away for a week or two. Other townspeople just like to kick back and relax and not think about "issues" or having to take the kids to dance lessons or hockey practice.

But with the start of school next week, that's all about to change.

The town budget season looms on the horizon, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meet, houses of worship resume their regular schedules, youth sports get into full swing along with myriad other activities for Cohasseters of all ages.

Here at the Mariner, we're pleased to be the vehicle through which our readers either "get the word out" or "find out about" everything from who's on the dean's list to what is the latest news about Greenbush.

But if you're on the delivery end of the news — in other words you want your club announcement or letter-to-the-editor in the paper — there are some simple "rules to follow."

We accept letters, news items and happenings by email, which is one of the most efficient ways to send your news. However, we receive dozens of emails everyday, so it's not a bad idea to follow your email up with a telephone call, just to make sure your message arrived safely and wasn't inadvertently deleted. Or better yet, just ask us to hit the reply button — so you'll get the message that we received your email on your computer. Attachments should be saved as word documents; photographs should be sent as jpg attachments.

We still accept news by fax and the old-fashioned way, through the US mail, or dropped off here at the Cohasset Mariner office, 73 South St., in Hingham Square above the Upper Crust. News items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street: just hand the envelope to whomever is behind the cash register and say it's for the Mariner.

News items should be as concise as possible and written in a narrative form. In other words, please write your news items in a "mini-story format" using complete sentences. Try not to send us flyers, which have to be completely reworded.

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FAX: 781-741-2931

In person: at the Cohasset Mariner office, 73 South St., Hingham Square, above the Upper Crust.

Mail: The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043

Sports news email: mgoodman@cnc.com

Try to have your news to the Mariner by Tuesday afternoon for that week's issue, however, earlier is always better. We accept obituaries and letters to the editor until noon, Wednesday. If letters and obituaries come by email we can stretch that deadline a few hours.

We have forms available for wedding and engagement announcements with complete instructions at the Mariner office.

We welcome news tips and story ideas anytime.

Call Mary Ford, editor, at 781-741-2933; or staff reporter Samantha Brown, at 781-741-2935.

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Historical Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 7 and Sept. 21, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. (note time change), 3 N. Main St.

Board of Library Trustees, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., 35 Ripley Road.

Harbor Health Committee, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Sept. 13, 7p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Sept. 9, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well thought out policy on busing needed

To the Editor:

Editor's note the following letter to School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy was also sent to the Mariner for publication.

Our neighborhood has about 20 children from 10 families that are subject to the new busing fee offered as an option to walking to school. With school starting next week, we have yet to hear of any enhanced steps the school and town are taking to keep children and drivers safe as pedestrian traffic increases. Rose Hill and other neighborhoods are located directly off Route 3A, which is a state highway that has been consistently vilified in the Mariner recently for being the most dangerous stretch of roadway in town. Yet, in order to follow pedestrian protocol, kids would have to cross the highway at least twice each day to walk facing traffic, all without sidewalks, crosswalks, or crossing guards. I shudder to think about the devastating impact on families and the town that will result from the first incident involving a child along that highway, never mind the liability the town and the state would face as a recent letter in the Cohasset Mariner articulated.

Financially, the option is available to pay for busing. Of course, for families along the Route 3A corridor, unlike for other neighborhoods within the 2-mile radius, it isn't really an option, but a necessary mandate in order to protect their children's safety. Low-income families can have the fee waived, and for some the fee isn't a problem. But for many, up to $540 in unanticipated and unbudgeted expenses is a significant burden, a circumstance I'm sure the School Committee and town can appreciate.

As an aside, I believe many fees are supposed to be capped at an amount not to exceed the cost of providing a service. Since much of the costs are fixed to provide mandated transportation on the same buses to those outside the 2-mile radius, the only true cost for calculating fees should be the marginal cost of additional stops (fuel) and perhaps some pro-rata share of maintenance costs based on the additional mileage. In addition, it doesn't make much sense to charge additional fees to parents of multiple children when the marginal cost for the second child is zero. I haven't seen the calculations supporting the $180/pupil fee, but I suspect the total cost to parents would be lower using this calculation.

I strongly encourage the School Committee, town safety officer, and state agencies to develop a well thought out policy that is good for the long term and is practically and economically sensible and fair. First and foremost, this means protecting the safety of our children, as well as drivers through and around town. In addition, it should include provisions for obvious problem areas such as the Route 3A corridor and recognize that under the current program, the fees are not truly optional, but a mandated necessity. As development planning continues, the town can also work with the state to encourage the addition of sidewalks and cross walks along 3A and other congested roads.

Conrad V. Langenhagen
24 Sanctuary Pond Road

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist Exhibit - The South Shore Art Center presents "From My Backyard and Beyond" a collection of botanical paintings by Kay Kopper on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. after Labor Day.

Library Book Group - Join us for coffee and discussion of Malika Oufkir's "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in A Desert Jail" on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room. This is a biographical account of an upper-class Moroccan family's 20 year imprisonment following a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II by the father. Call Gayle Walsh 383-1348 for further information.

New Library Hours - Beginning Sept. 5, the library hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. starting Sept. 10.

Independent Film Night - New Showtime: The Paul Pratt Library will show "A Peck on the Cheek" on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Homebound Program - Do you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability? A volunteer from the Friends of Cohasset Library will be pleased to visit you at your residence to take your requests for library materials. Requests may be made for specific books, including large print and audio, and magazines and DVDs, or, we are happy to make suggestions for you. Selections will be delivered to you on a regular schedule. For further information telephone the library at 781-383-1348 and ask to speak with the Reference/Adult Services Librarian.

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Vibration mats being installed

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Workers are in the process of installing vibration mats under the rail bed between Smith Place and Pleasant Street.

Important Notice: – Last week we talked about how the rails are welded into long sections and dragged along the right of way on rollers to their final resting place. Today, Friday (Sept. 1), the Beechwood railroad crossing will be closed for most of the day as the rails will be dragged to their final location north of Beechwood Street. During this time traffic will need to use Pond St. as a temporary detour. We have asked the contractor to post appropriate signage to redirect traffic while this work is underway.

Spring / Pond Streets – The crossing at Spring Street (near the Historical Society's Paul Pratt Building) will be reopened on a temporary basis shortly. Even though the tracks have been installed and there will be no permanent crossing here this crossing will be used on a temporary basis when work starts on Spring / Pond Street intersection. The contractor is building a temporary roadway at the crossing that will be used during this time. As we mentioned before, when the work at the end of Pond Street is complete this temporary crossing will be closed forever.

Vibration Mats – This week the contractor is installing vibration mats under the rail bed between Smith Place and Pleasant Street. They will also be installed at other places along the right of way. This week's photo shows this work in process. So what are vibration mats, you ask? That's a great question. To answer it we need to back up quite a bit in time. About 4 or 5 years ago, while the Greenbush line was in its early planning stages the MBTA and their contractor at the time, Sverdrup performed some very interesting tests. The MBTA actually did test borings every 300 feet along the rail line, from one end to the other. The purpose was to find out what type of soils existed under the ground all along the right of way. Some soil types are known to transmit vibration well; some soil types actually reduce vibration transmission. So knowing the soil type is a very important factor.

Once the MBTA knew the type of soil at each point, they could calculate the vibration impact that the train would cause to all abutting buildings. This calculation also includes factors, in addition to soil type, such as distance of each building to the tracks and the speed of the train at each location. Once the vibration impact is determined at each building, it was compared with vibration standards developed by the Federal Rail Administration. Any building with high level train caused vibrations was eligible to have a vibration mat installed under the tracks to attenuate those vibrations. This technology is quite new, but it is the only way to reduce the vibration impacts.

The vibration mats are installed over a layer of asphalt that is laid on the ground. In techno-speak, the idea of the mats is to decouple the train vibrations from the ground. The net result to the building owners, where the mats are applied should be less vibration at their building.

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Secrets of my academic success

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I disliked school so much as a kid that I'm hard pressed to explain why going back was so exciting every year. I think it's a little like getting caught up in the hype of a presidential election. The guy always turns out to be an idiot, so during the next campaign the prospect of replacing him with a different guy seems even more exciting, and so on into perpetuity.

For me the new school year brought with it that same deluded optimism. This year I would take lots of notes, and write neatly. I would buy a thick new lined notebook — the one with the colored dividers — to hold all my totally legible notes. Even a born slob like me, whose bedroom looked ransacked on its best day, would salivate every September over these little tabs you could write "Biology" or "Social Studies" on, and the new eraser that wasn't hard as an old cheese, and the gleaming, long pencils that hadn't yet been gnawed or sharpened down to the hilt. It was the clean slate effect. The new start. "This year I'll be smart," I would think. "And popular. Yes, and athletic. Behind my back people will call me 'cool', and 'funny', and everyone will have long forgotten about that incident with the band saw."

Of course by October everything would have gone to heck in a handbag — my notes would be smudgy and few, my reputation as a dweeb and my inane nickname ("LengSmell") would have carried over undisturbed from the previous year. But in spite of the irresistible pull of mediocrity, or perhaps because of it, I savored those cool, dry, crisp September mornings when the adrenaline rushed and all roads ahead looked passable.

There were two notable exceptions. For some reason I objected to first grade from the get-go. Maybe it was the long day. Maybe it was the severe lack of trucks and play-dough. Whatever it was prompted me to lock myself in the bathroom every morning for about the first three months. The only way my poor mother could get me out and onto the bus was to promise me a gerbil when I got home. You should have seen the rodent ecosystem I had going by December. I was eventually bought out by the Stone Zoo. It pains me to think of it now, because I can't imagine myself going to those lengths to placate my own child, but in the end Mom's light touch worked. I went semi-willingly the rest of that year and for the next six years, right up until the point where everyone went insane.

As we know, the vast majority of 13-year-old children are pure evil. Evil to each other. Evil to their teachers. There are marines returning from extended tours in Falluja who wouldn't last two weeks teaching Junior High School. Having been raised to love my neighbor, or at least to not stab him in the back and eat his liver, I was like a marshmallow at a Boy Scout jamboree. Only one thing got me through that ordeal, and that was Loves Baby Soft. To this day I can remember exactly how that perfume smelled, wafting out of all the pink sweaters and feathered hair. Intoxicated every morning by a hormone cocktail that would have put a dead elephant in heat, I can't honestly say what attracted me more, the girls or the fragrance. Had you sprayed Loves Baby Soft on a drinking fountain I probably would have considered asking it out. LBS was the only incentive I had to stay in school that year. To get me into BC High would have taken a thousand very good-smelling hamsters, I can tell you that.

As I write on this clear late summer morning there's a little chill in the air and a flutter in my heart. My doctor says it's the early stages of West Nile Disease, but I prefer to think it's due to back-to-school season, when a new lunch box, a purple velour shirt, and a blend of powdery florals, wood and animal scents are enough to send you off to a place you'd really rather not go to. God speed, young students. May all your notes stay organized, your protractors uncracked, and may your outlook always remain September fresh.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset with three future 13-year-olds. He will pay for calling them evil. Oh yes, he will pay dearly.

HEALTH NOTES

The facts about staph infections

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Staph is medical quick speak for *staphylococcus aureus* bacteria. This ancient bacterium is common (many people have some living on their skin all the time), but when it enters the human body, usually through an open cut or break in the skin, it can cause infection and trouble anywhere in the body. Staph infections tend to be pus-producing. Common minor (or relatively minor) skin infections caused by staph include:

- **Folliculitis** — Infections of hair follicles that cause itchy white pus-filled bumps on the skin (often where people shave or have irritations from skin rubbing against clothes)
- **Boils** — Infections deeper within hair follicles that leave large, frequently red inflammations (often on the face or neck)
- **Sties** — Infection of the follicle surrounding the eyelashes, causing a sore red bump in the eyelid
- **Impetigo** — The infection children often get around their mouths and noses that causes blisters and red scabby skin
- **Abscesses** — Infection characterized by pus and swelling that can occur in the skin and in any other organ.

Staph infection is a leading culprit behind cases of food poisoning, and can be to blame for larger life threatening conditions, such as Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS), pneumonia, bone infections (osteomyelitis), mastitis in nursing mothers, endocarditis (infection of the inside of the heart), and bacteremia (blood infection). People who are otherwise healthy typically do not usually become severely ill from staph infections, but those at special risk, who have weakened immune systems, include:

- persons with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, cancer, lung disease, kidney disease, or HIV/AIDS
- people with various skin conditions
- the elderly
- newborns
- people recovering from major surgery
- injection drug users (especially those who reuse needles)
- people whose immune systems are weakened due to steroid use, radiation therapy, cancer treatment, immunosuppressive medications
- women who are breastfeeding

Health care professionals can determine that staph (and not some other bacteria) is the cause of an infection by taking a culture (a swab from the infected site). Once staph has been diagnosed, the provider will prescribe antibiotics that are known to work on that specific strain of the bacteria. These antibiotics (usually either pills or creams applied to the infected body part) typically kill the bacteria and cure the infection within a week or two.

Hospitals are working to stamp out staph infections, in part because the majority of hospital patients fall into at least one "at-risk" category, but also because drug-resistant strains of staph (versions of the bacteria that aren't killed by one or more of the antibiotics that are commonly used to treat staph infections) are becoming an increasingly common threat. *Over the past 50 years, some staph bacteria have become resistant to antibiotics, including the commonly used penicillin-related antibiotics. These resistant bacteria are called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA;* resistant (i.e.) to methicillin and other common antibiotics such as oxacillin, penicillin and amoxicillin. Staph infections, including MRSA, occur most frequently among persons in hospitals and healthcare facilities (nursing homes and dialysis centers) who have weakened immune systems. When acquired by otherwise healthy persons who have not been recently hospitalized or had a medical procedure (dialysis, surgery, catheters), they are known as Community Associated-MRSA infections.

These drug-resistant strains of staph do not cause worse or different infections than non-resistant strains, but they can be *much* harder to treat because the most common (and easiest to use) antibiotics may not be effective. People with resistant staph infections may require hospitalization to receive antibiotics through an IV or by injection.

Because improper use of antibiotics can help produce resistance to drugs, making future infections much harder to treat, the American Medical Association recommends that patients:

- follow the directions for any prescription *exactly*
- take *all* of the medicine prescribed (even if one feels better after only a few days)
- never save old, leftover prescriptions for future use
- never take anyone else's prescription antibiotics

Other preventative measures are careful treatment of all skin conditions, including wound care after trauma or surgery, IV drug users taking precautions when injecting, and people with special risk factors being attentive to early symptoms of staph.

The chances are low of your contracting a staph infection from visiting the home of someone with a staph infection. You would need to make direct contact with the infected area via an area of broken skin of your own (wound, insect bite, injury, etc.). Staph is not an airborne disease.

Taken from The Columbia University Alice! Health Promotion Program.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Little League pitching arms

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Maybe it was a reaction to the distressing Yankee five game sweep of the Red Sox. Or maybe it was the failure of Cinemax to offer a Shannon Tweed marathon on cable. Whatever, I wound up last week doing something I vowed I would never do again — watching the Little League World Series on the tube.

I haven't watched the little fellas hit the ball, throw the ball and catch the ball for some time, not since that 14-year-old told everybody he was a 12-year-old and threw a no-hitter for his Bronx team before an investigatory safari penetrated the wilds of the Dominican Republic to find his real birth certificate.

I must admit I was a little doubtful about this year's series, too, particularly when the Saudi Arabian team showed up with a 13-year-old first baseman who was 6-foot-8. But the only time I saw him at the plate he struck out so I guess there was no hanky panky there, unless Al-Qaeda was setting us up.

The Japanese team roused my suspicion, too, when their relief pitcher, a youngster with the delightful name of Go Matsumoto, began throwing the ball at 77 miles an hour, which the announcers assured me would be the equivalent of 100 miles an hour in a Yankee-Red Sox game.

Matsumoto is the poster boy for the latest Little League controversy. It's not the fact that he can throw that hard, it's the fact that he does and does so frequently. What does throwing the equivalent of 100 miles an hour in the big leagues do to a 12-year-old arm?

Little League rules specify that the kid pitchers are limited to six innings a week in the regular season. In the post-season, however, they can throw 18 innings a week. But if they pitch four innings or more in a game, they have to take two days off and cannot pitch in consecutive games.

Last year, Nathan Lewis, 12, pitched six innings for the Vista, Calif., Little League team in the West Regionals when he felt a pop in his left arm. Despite the pain, he went on to pitch a game in the World Series before he was found to have broken and dislocated the growth plate in his left shoulder.

Nathan, now 13, was back playing baseball this summer but he experienced a sore arm after pitching two innings and his father, Jim, thought it necessary to take him to see a doctor. "If I had to do it over again, my kid would not have been a pitcher," said Jim Lewis.

The Lewis' story is told in a new book, "Little League, Big Dreams," by Charles Euchner.

"The statistics all point to the amount of pitches as the number one factor (in arm injuries)," said Glenn Fleisig of the American Sports Medicine Institute. "A lot of arm injuries are showing up in teenagers and 20-years-olds. We're seeing the number of overuses add up to injury down the road."

In the face of this controversy, Little League is experimenting with new rules starting next year under which pitchers will be limited to 85 pitches in one game and a pitcher who throws 61 pitches or more in a game cannot pitch again for at least four days.

Then let him throw 100 miles an hour!

Special program this fall

As the summer hiatus of OUR TOWN comes to a close, watch for the broadcasting of the Class of 2006 graduation ceremonies and special programming on the dangers of childhood vaccinations.

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Schools readying for opening day Tuesday

FROM SCHOOL BELLS, PAGE 1

and a dinner roll or a ham and cheese sub. Green beans and peaches will also be served. Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, cheese and tomato is on the menu for Thursday, as is a tuna sub. There will also be mixed vegetables and rice, and pineapples. Friday will of course be pizza day and students may purchase either cheese or pepperoni. There will also be bologna sandwiches available as well as a garden salad and fresh fruit. Each meal offers a choice of milk (whole, low fat white or chocolate) or 100 percent fruit juice.

For parents dropping students off for school, the same procedure will be followed with students being let out at the playground end of the building. Sheehan said there will be a team of staff there to welcome students, with another team ready to welcome those arriving by bus.

On the bus, there will be bus monitors in place, helping ensure everyone is pointed in the right direction. "It helps allay the fears of students and parents on that first day," said Sheehan.

While there are no new programs taking place at the Osgood School this year, Sheehan says they are very excited to be entering into year two of both the integrated preschool and full-day kindergarten programs. This year, there will be 138 children in kindergarten, in eight kindergarten classes. There will be six full-day classes with between 18 and 20 children in each class and two half-day classes with 12 children in each. "We're welcoming an additional 40 kindergarten students, which is our largest class yet," said Sheehan.

The school will also be entering year two of its "Discovering Justice" and "Reading Street" programs. Discovering Justice is for grades one and two and teaches important lessons about democracy and Reading Street teaches reading skills. "We look forward to seeing how the grade one teachers view last year's kindergarteners," in terms of reading skills, she said, as last year's were the first to have full-day kindergarten. "Their level of readiness will be interesting to see."

There will be new staff at Osgood as two retirements left open spaces for one second grade teacher and one speech and language teacher. With the increase in kindergarten students, there will be one additional kindergarten teacher, who will be paid for with the tuition paid by parents for the program. The school will also be hiring a new school nurse. While some positions still needed to be filled at the beginning of this week, "We'll be ready and rearing to go by day one," she said.

Sheehan said as always, she and the staff at Osgood are looking forward to the first day of school and expect things will go just as smoothly this year as they have in years' past. "All students need to do is bring a smile and a little enthusiasm and things should be good."

STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Peggy Jordan grabs Spanish II textbooks from the storage room for her classroom at Cohasset High School.

Deer Hill — The day for Deer Hill students will be the same this year as it was last year. Students may be dropped off between 8:20 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., with the school day beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dismissal will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be completed by 2:40 p.m.

Parents who drive their students to school may drop off children in the morning at the back door to Deer Hill (as always). "We are assigning additional staff to the drop off and pick up by car area since we figure more parents will be handling transportation this way, given the newly implemented bus fees," said Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley. "We will be providing parents with laminated papers on which their child's name will be printed. We ask that parents hold up this paper in the windshield or passenger's side window as they pick up their child, to expedite the dismissal of students and to prevent cars from backing up onto Sohier Street," he said.

As always, if cars begin backing up into the street, parents are allowed to park in the front parking lot and enter the school to pick up their child. "This will help keep both the parents and the children safe when there is excess traffic," he said. Gauley said it is important to note, if parents choose to pick up their children at the front of the building, they must park their cars in the lot and go into the building to get their child, as students will not be allowed to walk through the parking lot on their own.

Lunch for students at Deer Hill is $2.50. Tuesday's menu includes chicken nuggets and a dinner roll or a turkey sub with corn and oven fries will be served along with apple slices. Wednesday, students may purchase pasta with meat sauce and a dinner roll or a ham and cheese sub. Green beans and peaches will also be served. Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, cheese and tomato is on the menu for Thursday, as is a tuna sub. There will also be mixed vegetables and rice, and pineapples. Friday will be pizza day and students may purchase either cheese or pepperoni. There will also be bologna sandwiches available as well as a garden salad and fresh fruit. Each meal offers a choice of milk (whole, low fat white or chocolate) or 100 percent fruit juice.

Penelope Brindley, a math teacher at the high school, tries to untangle the computer cords while setting up her classroom. Brindley will be teaching trigonometry, pre-calculus, statistics and Algebra I this year.

There will be a lot to look forward to on the first day of school, as it will usher in the start of some new programming. "We are very excited about the expansion of our EMC^3 program during the school day," said Gauley, adding the program allows the school to integrate enrichment opportunities for students during school hours and gain instruction time in the core academic areas. EMC^3 programs include applied engineering, studio art, band, chorus, chamber music, Great Books (a discussion group of high quality literature), Renzulli (the software program designed to meet the learning styles and interests of individual students as these students complete a self-chosen project), math league (math competition), creative writing, reading lab and math lab (additional support for students who need such support in reading and math). Other EMC3 programs will also continue after school such as the school's drama club, possibly Destination Imagination and others, he said.

Middle-High School —The middle-high school will keep the same schedule this year, beginning its day at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. While in the past the newcomers in the sixth grade have come to school earlier than grades seven through 12 on the first day of school this year, High School Principal Joel Antolini said everyone will come to school at the same time.

While all three schools will be affected by the implementation of bus fees this year, students at the high school who are old enough to drive themselves to school must pay to park their vehicles. Antolini said on the first day of school, all students will be given a number for their designated parking spot and it will behoove everyone to make sure they park in that same space every day. "During the second week of school, if someone is parked in the wrong space, the vehicle will be towed," said Antolini. Students will be reminded the first row closest to the steps is reserved for teachers.

Antolini said parents who will be dropping students off should use the main driveway. "It will be crowded," he said, but added the schools have not asked for any help directing traffic from the police department just yet.

There will be 15 new staff members at the middle-high school this year, and at the beginning of this week, Antolini said there were still openings for high school French, middle school Spanish and French, middle school technology and engineering and middle school science teachers.

At the high school John Wands will be the new head of the English department, William Fish will teach English, and Peter Afanasiw and James Willis will teach social studies. At the middle school, Matthew Dunegan and Karen McInnis will teach English, Kate McAlarney will teach grade six math and Katherine McCarthy will teach social studies.

There will be some new school-wide staff as well as Theresa Conroy will come on board as the school's new librarian, Nicole Triolo will be the new school psychologist, Andrea Lampi will serve as the school's behaviorist and Michele Henderson will be the new school adjustment counselor/social worker.

While there will be no new programs at the middle-high school this year, Antolini said he is hopeful through parental support the school will be able to form a new technology and engineering lab. He said the school is also hopeful it will be able to expand its Advanced Placement program. While the school does not have the staff to expand the program, he said he has been looking into online courses.

Antolini said he and the staff at the middle-high school are looking forward to the first day of school. "There is always some nervous anticipation at the beginning of the school year, but it will be great to have the kids back in the building. It's kind of like spring training with the Red Sox, you're always full of high hopes and the excitement is very thick."

The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 5. More information on all the schools can be found on the district Web site at www.cohassetk12.org. Links to each individual school can be found on the district's main homepage.

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AP scores put Cohasset on top

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The scores are in and Cohasset High School juniors and seniors did very well on this year's Advanced Placement tests.

At the Aug. 23 School Committee meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh reported 23.2 percent of Cohasset's grade 11 students and 22.7 percent of its grade 12 students took AP exams this spring, and 89 percent of those who took the tests received a score of three or higher, which means they are eligible to receive college credit for the course taken.

"This is certainly something we're very pleased with," said Walsh.

Cohasset offers AP courses for juniors and seniors, which prepare them to take the AP tests. However, taking AP courses in school is not a prerequisite to taking the tests, as students also have the option to take an independent study prior to taking the tests. This year, of the 37 exams offered, Cohasset had students taking tests in eight categories.

AP tests are scored on a scale of one through five, with five being a perfect score. Walsh said she was extremely pleased with the scores received in U.S. History. Of the 16 students who took the test, 12 received perfect scores and four received a score of four, which gave Cohasset a 100 percent passing rate in that category. Scores for the biology exam stood out as well, as 10 of the 17 participants received a perfect score.

While the numbers are good, School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said the district should be aiming for more participation. He added the scores being received in Cohasset are comparable to Lexington and Weston — the two highest performing districts in the state — in terms of passing rates.

"Some districts have 90 percent participating," he said, adding he had been told roughly 40 percent of Cohasset's eligible students took the tests this May and he would like to see that number increase.

In order to offer more AP courses, Walsh said the district would need to add more teachers to its staff, not to teach the AP courses, but the courses that lead up to them.

Cohasset High School AP test scores

Test	Total Participants	5	4	3	2	1
Biology	17	10	4	2	1	0
Calculus AB	20	4	6	9	1	0
English Language and Composition	16	5	8	3	0	0
English Literature and Composition	18	4	5	6	3	0
French Language	20	4	4	7	4	1
Physics B	1	0	1	0	0	0
Spanish Language	6	1	1	2	2	0
U.S. History	16	12	4	0	0	0
Total students	**68**					
Total grades reported		**40**	**33**	**29**	**11**	**1**
Percentage of total		**35**	**29**	**25**	**10**	**1**

Information provided by College Board AP. The report was generated June 25, 2006. It is important to note some students took more than one AP exam. For more information, please visit the company's Web site at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jpf.

Town welcomes first-class officer

Finished top of academy class

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"This has been a dream of mine and I worked hard to get here. I will continue to work hard for the town of Cohasset."
— Officer Regan Steverman

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief James Hussey, Town Manager Bill Griffin has appointed Regan Steverman as the department's newest officer.

"This is a great opportunity for us to be able to hire such a good quality officer," said Hussey, who introduced Steverman to selectmen Monday.

Steverman was born and raised in Scituate and Hussey said her family goes back generations in the town. Hussey said he was impressed with Steverman's character from the start. "She put herself through the police academy in 2005 without a job waiting, and she ended up at the top of her class. We've got a real winner here," he said.

Steverman is a 1996 graduate of Scituate High School and a graduate of the University of Vermont, which she attended on a track scholarship. Hussey said she remains active on sports teams and continues to run, meaning she is in top shape for her role on the department.

Hussey said Steverman had previously served on Sciuate's police department as a part-time intermittent officer, then transferred over to Cohasset to become a permanent intermittent officer. She is now a full-time officer, taking the place of officer Rick Grassie, who recently retired.

Steverman thanked the board and the town for the opportunity. "This has been a dream of mine and I worked hard to get here," she said. "I will continue to work hard for the town of Cohasset."

Steverman said had a lot of motivation to become number one in her police academy class because she was the only one out of 52 who did not have a job waiting for her when she finished.

Hussey said is the first time the police department will be fully staffed in his two years as chief, which should reduce overtime.

Steverman and the town's other new officer, Chris Goodman, who came on board this May, will switch off working the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the 4 p.m. to midnight shifts for the first few months. Hussey said it is likely both will end up on one of those shifts permanently.

Library to be open on Wednesdays

The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have announced that the library will be open to the public on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5. Due to budget constraints, the library has not added more hours to its operating schedule, but simply shifted hours from the daily schedule to accommodate a Wednesday opening. In 1981, to meet the reduction in the library's operating budget caused by Prop. 2-1/2, the library board decided to close on Wednesdays. Now, at the suggestion of library director Jackie Rafferty, the trustees have decided to rearrange the library's open hours to include being open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By opening at 10 a.m. during the week rather than 9 a.m., and closing at 8 p.m. rather than 9 p.m., seven hours could be allocated for a Wednesday opening. "The library is such a busy operation that reducing hours any day is a difficult decision, but after evaluating library usage statistics and patterns we determined that opening a little later and closing a little earlier represented the best use of resources by providing public access to the library on Wednesdays," said Rafferty. "Currently, a few staff work limited hours on Wednesday doing technical work. We always have to explain to the many people who arrive at the door hoping to use the library that it's closed. It is hard to turn people away. We think that it is especially important children be able to use the library after school."

Trustee chairwoman Stacey Weaver said that both the board and director are grateful to the library staff for supporting the schedule changes to make a Wednesday opening possible. She said, "Since the new larger library opened, usage has doubled, and we want to do our best to meet the needs of all our patrons. More usage also means increased maintenance, and we hope that in the next fiscal year Cohasset's budget will permit the library to be adequately cleaned and maintained."

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, the library's hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed the Sundays of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

Lunch prices

The School Committee voted at its Wednesday, Aug. 23 meeting to increase the "Type A" lunch at the middle-high school by 25 cents, effective this school year. The increase is an effort to try to make the food services program more self-supporting. Type A lunches consist of meals, which have three of the five food groups, and currently cost $2.50. There will be no change in the cost of the lunches at Deer Hill or Osgood.

Donations accepted

The School Committee accepted $40,000 in donations at its Wednesday, Aug. 23 meeting. The largest donation was given by the PSO in the amount of $33,500. The School Committee thanked the many parents in the community that contributed to the PSO donation through participating in various fund-raisers. An anonymous donation in the amount of $5,000 was donated to the Osgood School with the request it be used for playground equipment. A second anonymous donation was given in the amount of $1,500 to the Deer Hill School.

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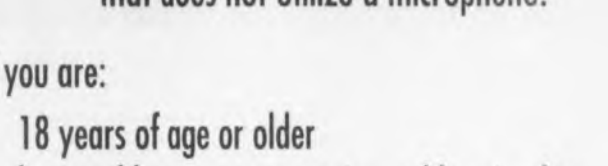

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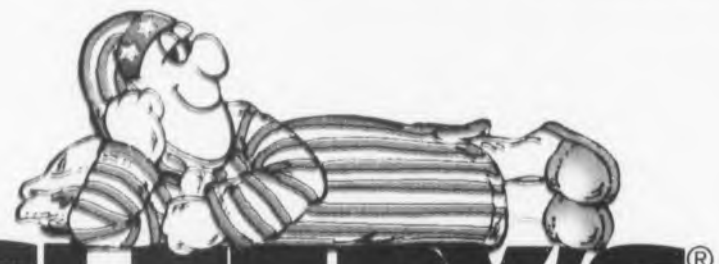

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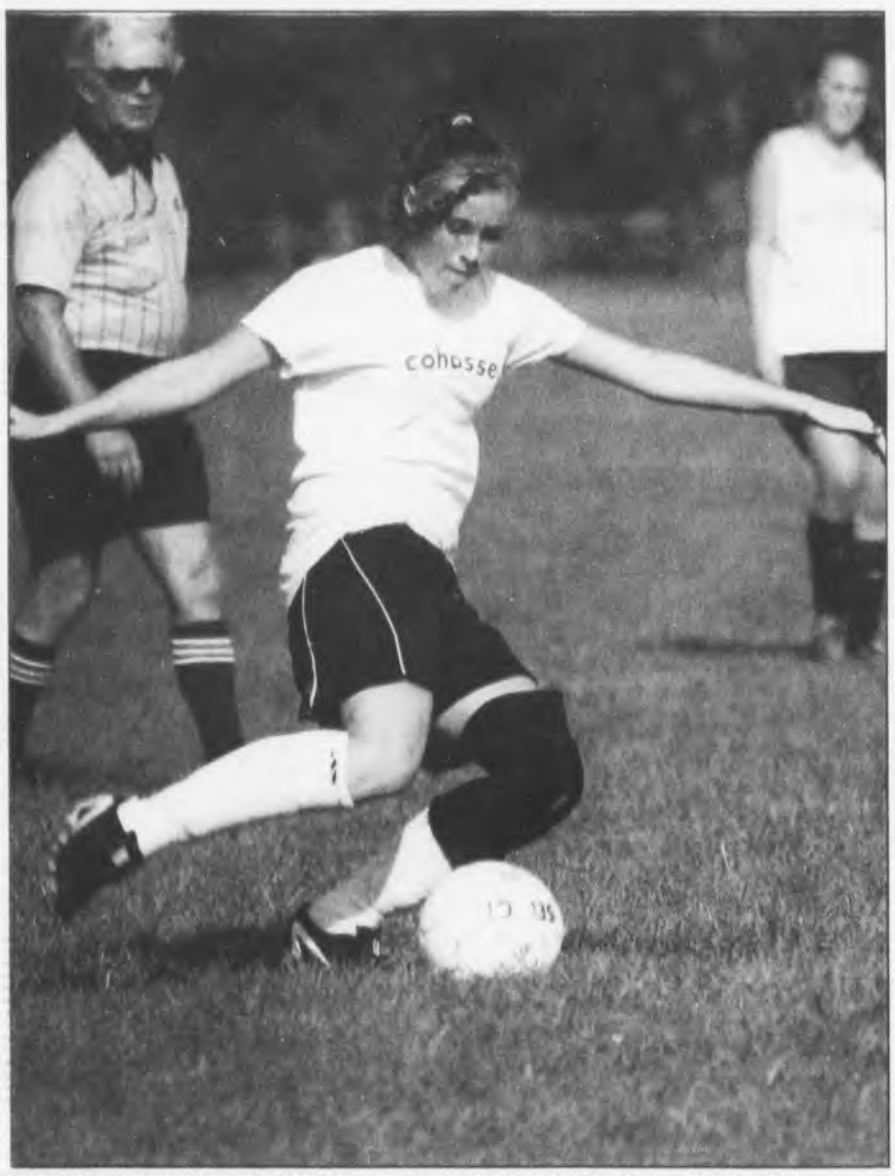
Cohasset keeper Johanna Brophy snuffs out a Hingham scoring chance during the teams' friendly on Wednesday.



Sarah Coggins looks to put the Skippers in scoring position against Hingham on this free kick.

Are you ready for some soccer?

The CHS girls soccer team scrimmaged Hingham on Wednesday and Rockland the day after to get ready for the upcoming season, which begins next Friday in Holbrook.

Coming off a season in which they were one goal away from qualifying for the state tournament, the Skippers return a majority of their key players and will be aiming to get back to the postseason. Next week, the Mariner will preview the upcoming season.

A first class ride

The Buick era at CHS ends with graduation of Aidan

By Mike Spellman
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When it comes to the auto industry, Buicks are hardly considered the crème of the crop.

When it comes to Cohasset High, however, it's a different matter entirely.

The 12-year long Buick era, which will be marked by excellence and class both on and off the various fields of athletic pursuits in the minds of virtually all with a longtime connection to Cohasset High, came to a close in grand fashion this past spring when Aidan - the youngest of David and Paula Buick's five sons - led the Skippers to a Division 3 state lacrosse championship.

"I had a tear in one eye that day because we won the championship, and a tear in the other because I knew I was watching the final game by a Buick at Cohasset High," noted Skippers head coach Stu Curran. "That's just a wonderful family. David and Paula are remarkable people, and the apples didn't fall far from the tree with their five boys."

Curran has coached only the younger two Buicks, Conor (Class of '04) and Aidan, but he observed the elder three - Jamie (Class of '98), Devin (Class of '99) and Ronan (Class of '01) - as a longtime referee in the sport.

"All of those kids did in the right way on the field, and they're carrying that on as adults," continued Curran. "They do whatever they can to help, just like their parents. David and Paula have done so many things behind the scenes for the soccer and lacrosse programs. David was out there lining the fields just about every weekend for so many years. They don't talk about it, though. They're all quite humble."

This familial humility, no doubt, is drawn at least somewhat from the modest beginnings of David and Paula. The couple emigrated from war-torn Belfast, Ireland to the mid-west U.S. in 1977. Paula, just 20 at the time, was a nurse; David a social worker.

The couple eventually found their way to Boston, both landing jobs at Mass General Hospital, then finally to Scituate to begin raising their family. David soon started his own carpentry business and Paula became a fulltime homemaker and part-time nurse (working weekends at MGH).

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STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Aidan, the youngest of the five Buick brothers, will play soccer this year at Northfield Mt. Hermon Prep School, with designs on playing Division 1 soccer in college.

New faces in new places

CHS boys soccer looking at roster overhaul in '06

By Mark Goodman
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Cohasset High boys soccer head coach Rob Leary said Wednesday there are five or six positions and roster spots set for sure on his team.

After that? It's still anyone's guess, including Leary's.

The Skippers don't begin their regular season until Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Rockland, so there is still time to sort it all out. And this was sure to be expected after the program graduated nine seniors from last year's Division 3 South semifinalist team.

"We're very inexperienced right now; we don't have many returners from last year," Leary said after his team scrimmaged with Hanover and Abington on Wednesday. "I lost nine of my starters, and even though I have some seniors this year, they're inexperienced at the varsity level. There's a lot of teaching to do."

Among the players that Leary knows he can count on this fall are his three captains, senior Chris Donze and juniors Mike Grimm and Sam Roth. Donze, a midfielder until this season, has excelled in the sweeper role during preseason friendlies and will start there this year.

Leary said Grimm, a central midfielder, has significantly improved his footwork. Roth, a forward, will be looked upon to score goals, as he did in Tuesday's 2-1 win over Division 1 side Milton. Senior Tristram Norman scored the other goal against the Wildcats, and is also very much in the picture up front for Cohasset.

Two returning starters from last year are sophomore Danny Brady and junior Evan Deutsch. Brady had a solid freshman campaign at right back last fall, and will be the starter there again this year, Leary said Deutsch, who played well at sweeper last season, will probably move up to the stopper position, although he could also play midfield when needed.

In net, Leary has two options in senior Ryan Kucinski and freshman Will Wise. Kucinski has played JV the last three years and will open the season as the starter. He has been nursing a minor injury during the preseason, though, and Wise has played well in his place. Against Hanover on Wednesday, Wise was aggressive on corner kicks and crosses, and made a couple nice diving saves in what finished as a 0-0 draw after 20 minutes.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The girls from the Cohasset 12-and-under softball team proved strong competition, finishing third out of 12 teams at a recent South Shore tournament in Duxbury. Team members include: Letra Kimla, Caitlin DeAngelis, Hayley Wheelwright, Kayla Orner, Robin Spofford, Christine Chase, Michaela Brophy, Jen Mullin, Michaela Rattenbury, and coaches Mike Mullin and Dusty Wheelwright.

11-year olds repeat as District 8 champs

On a beautiful Saturday night in August, the Cohasset 11-year olds once again rallied around each other and pulled out a 9-8 victory against Weymouth in front of a capacity crowd at Barnes Field to win the District 8 championship.

After winning Game 1 handily on Friday night, 13-5, behind strong pitching from Nick Tangherlini and Colin Gideon-Murphy, Cohasset was poised to finish the series on Saturday night with no plans to return to Weymouth for a Game 3 on Sunday.

After four innings, Cohasset found itself trailing 8-3. The bottom of the fourth began with Cohasset loading the bases and with some clutch hitting from Jamie Timothy and Christian Davis, along with some aggressive base running, Cohasset was able to tie up the game at 8-8 entering the fifth inning.

As he had done all year, Connor Goetz came in and blanked Weymouth for three innings until his teammates could muster a game winning rally in the bottom of the seventh. After the umpires announced that this would be our last at bat due to the impending darkness, Cohasset put together another patented rally.

Trevor Schramn led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk. Conor Dooley laid down a sacrifice bunt to move him to second base. With one out, Davis lined a single to left field but Schramn was held at third. Gideon-Murphy pinch ran for Schramn at third with one out and Davis on first. Davis then stole second uncontested and remained at second as Tangherlini drew a walk to load the bases for Goetz.

Once again, Goetz came through, lining a hit into the left center gap allowing Gideon-Murphy to score the winning run. Cohasset's 11-year olds were once again District 8 champs following their title as 9-year olds in 2004.

COURTESY PHOTO

From left to right:
Front row - Danny Barnes, Christian Davis, Michael O'Brien, Nick Tangherlini. Middle row - Colin Gideon-Murphy, Jamie Timothy, Connor O'Brien. Back row - Coach Pete Timothy, Coach Paul Davis, Trevor Schramn, Shane Haggerty, Conor Dooley, Kyle Healy, Connor Goetz and Coach Kevin Dooley. Missing from the photo is Jonah Atkins

Cohasset posted a 6-3-1 regular season record, finishing in second place behind Weymouth. All season long, Cohasset received solid pitching from the likes of Timothy, Shane Haggerty, Tangherlini, Gideon-Murphy, Michael O'Brien and Goetz.

Cohasset's "best defensive" player award went to Jonah Adkins in right field, where he had help from Davis, Connor O'Brien, Kyle Healy, Dooley, Danny Barnes and Michael O'Brien.

Cohasset's gold glove infield consisted of Tangherlini, Haggerty, Timothy, Gideon-Murphy, Michael O'Brien, Schramn, Healy and Goetz. The team was coached by Paul Dave, Kevin Dooley and Pete Timothy.

SPORTS NOTES

Youth baseball and softball signups

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CYBSA) is pleased to introduce a 9-, 10- and 11-year old fall baseball league for interested players (birthdates between May 1, 1994 and April 30, 1997).

The league will be an in-town program with games being played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (Saturdays through the first several weeks of September; soccer travel on Saturday afternoons starts in late September, and we will try and schedule around those games so players interested in both sports can play).

The league may also play a weeknight game as well. We are still in the process of setting schedules so as to minimize conflicts with other sports during the week. The number of teams, games and exact start times will be determined once we get an accurate count of registered players.

Registration forms are available on our website: CYBSA.net. Registrations must be received by Sept. 1 so that we can determine number of teams, order and receive uniforms and set the schedule. The cost of the program will be $75.

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Any questions, please contact Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or via email at liam.oconnell@hklaw.com.

Winter rec basketball

Signups for winter recreation basketball will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. Signups will be at Town Hall in Cohasset.

Flyers will be distributed at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are eligible to play in our recreation program.

If you have any questions, please call (781)383-9513 or email ellenmaher63@comcast.net.

New faces in new places

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Senior Hunter Sease, junior Ryan Crough and sophomores Lenny Brown, Chris Wilcox and Ryan Daley are gunning for playing time in the midfield, with senior Mike Corey doing the same in defense. Leary said Daley has the ability to play anywhere in the field, and could see time up front, along with fellow sophomore Ivan Sceery.

Senior Adam Smith and junior Matt Burgess have sat out with injuries so far this preseason, but both will also get their chance to contribute.

Leary said he has had more talented teams in his four years with the Skippers, but added this year's side is the hardest working one.

"The team chemistry is excellent," he said. "I've never had a team as good as this one chemistry-wise, and sometimes that can outweigh skill."

Leary is looking at Carver as the team to beat right now in the South Shore League. The Crusaders return most of their talent from last season, while other frontrunners Harwich, Norwell and Cohasset have all lost some big guns. The Skippers coach said Mashpee should also have a strong squad.

Cohasset as four non-league games this season: Sept. 6 at Rockland, Oct. 14 against Cardinal Spellman, Oct. 26 at Hanover and Nov. 1 against Scituate. Leary said he considers Hanover (the team that knocked Cohasset out of the tournament last year) favorites to repeat as sectional champions, and expects Scituate to be much improved from 2005.

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Everyone chasing the Wave

Defending Super Bowl champion Abington opens '06 as SSL favorite

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Ask opposing South Shore League coaches who the team to beat is, and the answer is usually the same: Abington.

And with good reason, too. The defending league and Division 3 Super Bowl champion return a lot of the talent that led them to glory in 2005. Abington will clearly be playing with the proverbial bull's eye on its back.

"Until they're beaten, they're the frontrunners," said Norwell head coach Jim Sullivan earlier this week. "They're starting off with a good group that really learned how to win last year in some tough games."

So how do the Green Wave and their league foes stack up this fall? Here's a look through the lens of the South Shore League's three *Marinerland* programs: Abington, Cohasset and Norwell.

Cohasset

The Skippers were the marked team last season, as they came in with two straight and three of the last four league championships.

Cohasset fell off a bit in 2005 to the tune of a 5-3-2 record, and will be under new leadership this season under first year head coach Pete Afanasiw, who comes to Cohasset after a successful stint at Duxbury, culminating in a Super Bowl title for the Green Dragons last December.

As is typically the case with the program, the Skippers do not have a lot of depth. There are 48 athletes in the program – 15 of them freshmen – and an injury to even one key player would be a serious blow to Cohasset's league title hopes.

But, if the Skippers can stay healthy, they have the look of a dangerous team, particularly on offense. Senior quarterback Anthony DiPaolo is very good athlete that can hurt opponents with his arm and his legs. DiPaolo has a number of good targets to throw to, including senior Fletcher Smalzel, juniors Pat Doonan and Sam DeGiacomo, and sophomore Andrew DiPaolo (Anthony's younger brother). Senior Nick Zappolo will also likely be in the receiver mix when he fully recovers from a broken leg sustained during baseball season.

Behind DiPaolo in the backfield will be a three-man rotation of junior running backs that will all get their carries: P.J. McCaw, Brian Hill and Kyle Pinkus. McCaw is a bruising runner in between the tackles, Hill will bring some speed around the edges, while Pinkus brings a little of both styles to the table.

The offensive line, a major strength last year, returns four starters. Senior Justin Alexander will make the move from left tackle to tight end, with sophomore Anderson Lynner moving in the left tackle spot. Junior Jake Cuneo, who drew raves from coaches last year, returns at right tackle. Rounding out the line are senior center Nick Cambi, senior left guard Paul St. Pierre and junior right guard Cliff Musto. Juniors Jordan Sargent and Schylur Anderson will also see time in the trenches.

Afanasiw has been looking closely at the line in the preseason, as their adjustment to a new offensive scheme is a major key to Coahsset's season.

"If they can pick up the blocking schemes and stay healthy, we can be a very competitive team," said the coach. "At the same time, if they get hurt or have mental blocks, we could be in trouble."

One area of concern is inexperience on defense. Only the linebacking crew of senior Colin Conway, McCaw and Pinkus has significant varsity experience. Musto, Anderson and junior Kenny Muir will rotate at defensive end, with seniors Robert Silvia, Steve Hurlburt and junior Tyler Kelly seeing time at defensive tackle.

Afanasiw says the most likely candidates to start in the secondary are DeGiacomo and sophomore Alec Livingston at cornerback, and juniors David Snowdale and Mark Flibotte at the safeties.

Senior Andrew Clark, a soccer player his first three years at CHS, will be the kicker.

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Abington

Everyone knows how the Green Wave's season ended last year, but according to coach Jim Kelliher, that season is in the past.

"Sure people are going to call us the defending champions, but to us, it's just another year," said Kelliher, who's team won South Shore League title (5-1, 8-3 overall) and the Div. 3 Super Bowl. "From the end of last season until the first day of practice this year, we were the defending champs. Now, everyone is in the same water."

Still, with several of this players returning from that Bowl team, it's hard not to get a little excited about the Green Wave's chances in the SSL this fall. Seniors Tim Wells (receiver) and John Creamer (quarterback) return, as do running back Joe Gabriele, linemen Matt MacLean and Ronnie Dunn. After seeing time last season, Matt Bruning will step into a full time role at linebacker and offensive guard.

It is this crop of returning players that Kelliher sees as the strength of the squad this season.

"Our game-time experience will be our strength," he said. "We have a lot of kids who've played a lot of minutes and have experience playing under pressure. Kids that when they make a mistake, don't panic and just go the other way."

If Abington has any weakness, Kelliher said, it's his defensive secondary. The loss of defensive back Dan Carroll and linebackers Steve Golbranson and Matt Jones leave voids to fill.

"That area, and I'm including linebackers in there, is going to be where we're going to need some kids to step up," he said. "We're going to focus on getting guys in there and hopefully, they'll develop from week to week."

Overall, Kelliher said he's anticipating another tough season in the SSL, particularly with the addition of East Bridgewater.

"It's going to be really tight again, this year," said Kelliher, who edged Norwell and Cohasset for top honors last season. "Norwell is a very good football team and East Bridgewater is very competitive. I think we ought to consider ourselves capable of being in the race for the title."

Kelliher sees his own team, Norwell, EB, and Mashpee as the possible heavyweights. Mashpee stunned the Green Wave the second to last game of the season, rallying for a 34-32 win to give Abington its only league loss.

"I think those teams are as good as any team out there," he said. "But for now, we're focused on game one and the other ten games will follow. We can't look ahead."

Abington will start its season on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. against Dover-Sherborn. The Green Wave's first league contest of the fall will be played on Sept. 30 against Carver.

Norwell

One point.

That's all that separated the Clippers from a win over Abington and a share of the South Shore League title last season. With that 15-14 loss in Abington, Norwell finished with a 3-2 league record and a solid 8-3 overall mark.

But that was last year, and this season will see its share of turnover as Norwell will break in a completely new backfield. Senior quarterback Ryan Kane, last year's backup, will be behind center to start the season, though he has been pushed during the preseason by junior Tom Finkenstaedt.

Sullivan says as many as six players will get carries this season, as the Clippers will again focus on the run to beat their opponents. Seniors Doug Farinick, Bill Dooley, Kenton Magown and Liam Feldstein join juniors Kevin Helm and Cam Evans in that group.

The offensive line appears to be a strength for Norwell, with four of the team's six starters returning from last year. Senior center Mike Rapa will be flanked by senior guard Andrew McClendon, junior tackle James Long and senior tight end Brian Donoghue. Five boys – seniors Adam Hoffman and Eric Phippen, and juniors Sean Good, Nick Scott and Eric Chaisson – are competing to fill the other two spots on the line.

Sullivan says this year's numbers are the highest he has had in his 18 years with the NHS program.

"In the past, depth hasn't always been one of our strengths. That's on the good side for us this year," Sullivan said. "At the same time, inexperience, particularly in our backfield, is something we need to work on before the season opener (Sept. 9 against Scituate)."

Defensively, Norwell returns six starters. Rapa, Long and Donoghue help lead what figures to be a strength at defensive line, with Magown and Farinick returning at linebacker and Finkenstaedt at safety. Sullivan is looking at senior Andrew Dawson to step into the starting defensive backfield, and expects the core of running backs to help fill out the rest of the starters on the other side of the ball.

2005 SSL standings

	League	Overall
Abington	4-1	8-3
Norwell	3-2	8-3
Mashpee	3-2	6-4
Cohasset	3-2	5-3-2
Hull	1-4	2-7-1
Carver	1-4	1-9

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Senior Justin Alexander, a three-year starter, will move from left tackle to tight end this season.

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12U softball tryouts

Cohasset youth softball, a girls fast-pitch organization, will be holding tryouts for their 12U team on Sunday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Freedom Diamond at the Barnes Complex in Cohasset. To be considered for the team, you must be 12 years of age on Jan. 1, 2007.

This is a new tournament team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2007 summer season. All positions are available, making for a great opportunity for players. The current plan is to play a minimum of four weekend tournaments in June and July after the CYBSA season has ended.

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The Buick era at CHS ends with graduation of Aidan

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The move to Cohasset came in 1987, and Aidan arrived in 1988, giving the couple five sons under the age of 10.

To this day, Scituate High soccer and lacrosse coaches commiserate over what could have been.

"Without a doubt, the Buicks are one of the greatest families I've ever been around," gushed Ron Ford, a teacher and coach at Cohasset high for 16 years, serving the last seven as the school's athletic director. "As gifted as they all were athletically, they were even better kids. I can't believe it's all over. I've been trying to talk David and Paula into adopting."

Not gonna happen. Of course, Paula claims she hasn't really given much thought to how she's going to be filling her afternoons this fall, the first in some 20 years she won't have to make almost daily trips to local football, soccer or lacrosse fields.

"I really don't know how much I'm going to miss it," said Paula, a hint of the old brogue still in evidence. "I live in the present. I probably won't know how I feel about it for another month or so."

Of course, the couple will still be making regular visits this fall to the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York and Northfield Mt. Hermon Prep School in Northfield, Mass. to watch Conor and Aidan play soccer at those respective institutions.

Both brothers were Mariner All-Scholastics in soccer and lacrosse. Conor, entering his junior year as a math major at RIT, is still playing intramural soccer. Aidan, arguably the top soccer player in the South Shore League last fall, could have made it as a walk-on for just about any Division 2 or 3 college soccer program, but hopes to drum up interest from some Division 1 coaches at Mt. Hermon, just as former CHS lacrosse teammate Crandon Leahy did last year. Leahy is now headed to Quinnipiac University to play Division 1 college lacrosse.

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The Buick brothers (left to right): Jamie, Ronan, Conor, Aidan and Devin.

"I hear there are a lot of college coaches coming to those games, so I'm hoping I can show a few what I can do in soccer," said Aidan.

Needless to say, few college scouts find their way to tiny Cohasset High, which competes in Division 3 in both soccer and lacrosse. Aidan might well have lined up a few top collegiate suitors if he'd stuck it out with the Cape Cod Crusaders, one of the elite club soccer programs in New England, but when spring rolled around he chose his CHS lacrosse teammates over the well-attended soccer showcase tourneys.

"And boy was I thankful for that," said Curran.

The CHS lax coach was also thrilled to hire on Ronan as his JV and assistant coach this past season, primarily to work with the attack—an easy call given that Ronan led the CHS laxmen in scoring in his junior and senior seasons, then went on to play Division 1 college lacrosse at Providence University.

Like his two younger brothers, Ronan was also a two-sport Mariner All-Scholastic: lacrosse, obviously, was his favorite, but football was his passion in the fall, and he made quite a name for himself in this sport as well. Ronan followed in Jamie's footsteps, football and lacrosse. Jamie would also play two years of lacrosse at Ohio-Wesleyan before a shoulder injury would short circuit that career.

David no doubt breathed a deep sigh of relief when number two son Devin stuck to the European brand of football.

In his role as mentor to the attack this spring, Ronan had the opportunity to work quite closely with Aidan, and helped him finish his career as CHS's all time leading scorer, his 303 career points moving him past another former teammate, Jake Previte.

This unique experience between the brothers was an overwhelmingly positive one, but it had its spirited moments.

"They argued at times like only brothers can in those car rides home," reported Curran between chuckles.

"It wasn't so bad," countered Aidan. "Ronan helped me out a lot. We had a lot of good talks about the team. It helped me to hear what he thought about things."

The brothers all remain close to this day. The sounds of their soccer games still carry from one end of Highland Ave. to the other on many a summer night. The Buicks are joined out on the street by neighbors Sam Ross, a junior striker for the CHS squad, and the Clark brothers, Chris, a former CHS star (Class of '04) now playing soccer at Emmanuel College, and Andrew, a senior at CHS. When darkness encroaches, the boys simply power up David's high powered contractor light and keep going, often times until Paula has to remind them people are trying to sleep.

Today, Jamie works with David in the carpentry business. Carrying on another family tradition, Jamie coaches in the Cohasset summer recreation lacrosse program.

Devin, the chatty one among the generally laconic Buick men, did his undergraduate work at Syracuse University and is now pursuing his PhD in Paleontology at the University of Cincinnati. He's been on expeditions to South Dakota and China, and is currently exploring changes in the waters off the coast of New Orleans.

Ronan graduated from Providence in 2005, spent the last year working with David, and hopes to pursue his master's degree in computer science or math.

Conor enters his junior year at RIT fresh off a Dean's List sophomore year. He recently purchased a computer and his own college books with money raised through refereeing Cohasset Youth Soccer. He did take five weeks away from that this summer, though, to attend the World Cup in Germany.

"Ah, they're all different, but they all hold their own in our house," noted Paula. "And you have to be pretty quick-witted around here or you won't get far. We're very fortunate. I'm proud of all of them."

In that, it appears, she is far from alone.

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Cancer ride service finds new home

Road to Recovery to relocate to Sons of Italy

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Road to Recovery coordinator Laurie Berlinquet, second from left, goes over the schedule with some of her volunteers at the Hersey House. The program that operated out of the Hersey House in Hingham has found a new home at the Sons of Italy Hall off Route 3A.

It has been a busy summer for Laurie Berlinguet, coordinator of the Road to Recovery, a service affiliated with the American Cancer Society known originally as the Hingham Cancer Hotline.

Berlinguet and a group of dedicated volunteers have been searching the community for a new locale in anticipation of the upcoming construction project at Hingham's Hersey House, where the present Hotline is situated. Needed for the Road to Recovery to perform its daily duties was space in a business, organization or building with an area large enough to accommodate a desk, small filing space and telephone from which a volunteer could conduct business arranging transportation to treatment appointments for area cancer patients.

This week plans were being made for state Rep. Garrett Bradley's assistant to meet with Berlinguet to give her the keys to his Hingham office located in the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A. According to Bradley, he learned of the Hotline's dilemma through friends and constituents and notified officials at the Sons of Italy Lodge where he rents space. Bradley said maintaining office space at the hall was a tradition practiced previously by former long-time state representative, Mary Jeanette Murray. When he assumed the office he thought it was a good idea to continue in order that he would have space available for local office hours and campaign meetings.

Officials at the Sons of Italy OK'ed the arrangement and Bradley informed Berlinguet the Road to Recovery had its new home.

"My space isn't used during the day," said Bradley. "It's really an ideal place for them. It's safe, accessible and has plenty of parking. I know the drivers and patients don't go there; it will be for the office volunteers, but there is still plenty of room."

Bradley said he had been touched by cancer in his own family and understood the tremendous strains and complications involved in driving someone to treatment who was feeling so ill on a daily basis.

"I was in school at BC and my grandfather had cancer," he recalled. "I can remember talking to my mother and how tired she sounded. I didn't know about the program then, but it would have helped my family. I started to help out my mother with the driving. I could jump on the road after classes and drive my grandfather to his treatments.

"I never minded, but when I think about it now and how hard it must have been for my mother, I realize what a great thing it is that these volunteers do. I am honored to help them out. And besides, it's a perfect match. It all started right here in Hingham," Bradley said.

There had been a well known need for many months to find a new location from which the volunteers could work safely. Berlinguet said the Road to Recovery was the only group still operating from Hersey House, now a rundown structure. (A new housing project is slated for the site). Their former neighbors in the building, "Meals on Wheels" had recently moved out having been offered other accommodations.

Berlinguet and her "desk" volunteers penned a letter to the community, which appeared in the Hingham Journal on July 27th explaining the dilemma. Berlinguet received several offers from other towns for which she expressed heartfelt gratitude.

"We are certainly appreciative that places in other communities we serve are willing to help," she said. But Road to Recovery wanted to exhaust every possibility of remaining in Hingham before making a decision out of necessity to move the program's office elsewhere, she said.

Service began in 1973

Breast cancer survivor, Lillian Valorz, established the Hingham Cancer Hotline in 1973 in her own home. With the assistance of Hingham's public health nurse, she recognized the growing need for an organized system for patients to receive help traveling to and from treatment appointments. These schedules often involved daily visits five times per week for six to eight weeks. Chemotherapy appointments were often fewer days per week but for longer periods, often spanning months.

The Road to Recovery serves 13 South Shore towns as 60 drivers, 27 of whom are from Hingham, attempt to fill the average 1200 requests for rides to appointments for cancer treatments that are made each year.

These calls are handled by 13 volunteers who manage the desk during the week for several hours each day. These are usually morning hours but the new schedule will be verified and published in the newspapers once details in the new location are confirmed.

In addition to taking requests for rides, volunteers offer words of hope and encouragement, kindness and compassion and sometimes merely a sympathetic ear to patients or loved ones who call for help. Once requests for rides are made, the scheduling, calling and arranging for drivers begins.

Rosemary Sugrue, a desk volunteer of seven years, spoke of calls she found very rewarding. "It's a wonderful feeling to hear people say they are feeling better and won't need treatment anymore. They are so grateful, so appreciative," Sugrue said.

Sugrue, who praised the volunteer drivers, encourages cancer patients and families that need assistance to call Road to Recovery.

"When they first hear 'cancer' they think they can do everything on their own, be strong, get through it," she said. "Some people think it's asking for charity....'my family will help me.' Well, you probably can do it and you are strong and people will help you. We are here to help a little more and make it a little easier."

Berlinguet realizes much remains to be done, but one hurdle is behind her.

"It is such a relief that the Road to Recovery which had its humble beginnings as the Cancer Hotline thanks to the selflessness and spirit of one Hingham woman 35 years ago will not have to close its doors to this great and crucial service," she said, "It is devastating when anyone is afflicted by this dreadful and overwhelming disease.

"It certainly would have been tragically ironic if this compassionate service which began in this town that prides itself on preserving its history had found it necessary to turn away a cancer stricken resident because there was no location available for our office. We are thrilled that for those who need us, we will be right back at our desk answering our phone in Rep. Bradley's office space in the Sons of Italy Hall."

Road to Recovery can be reached at 781-749-2535.

Cohasset Historical Society to hold benefit auction

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its benefit auction, A Backward Glance, on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset Golf Club. The admission price of $85 per person includes two beverages. The auctioneer for the evening is Stuart Whitehurst of Skinner, Inc.

Co-chairs for the event are Eleanor Bleakie, Nancy Garrison and Mary Hartshorne .

The auction will be preceded by a gourmet cocktail and buffet reception. It will benefit the Cohasset Historical Society, which operates three unique historic properties in Cohasset. The Society's mission is to preserve the history of Cohasset through acquisitions, research and program events.

A variety of family treasures have been donated to the auction. Items include Hitchcock chairs, an oriental rug, Japanese china, silverware, paintings, furniture, memorabilia and collectibles. Items will be on display at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., from Wednesday, Sept. 6 through Friday, Sept. 15. Items may be viewed on the society website, cohassethistoricalsociety.org. For further information, call 781-383-1434.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

11:43 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:59 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, B&E, caller states her house was broken into over the weekend while she was away.

1:20 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a suspicious male walking around the building acting very strange.

2:10 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports a group of kids getting ready to go in the woods and have a paintball game.

5:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports that as he was headed northbound on 3A at the Hingham/Cohasset line there was a man stumbling in the road headed south on the left hand side. He is wearing a blue shirt and Kaki pants. Officer reports at low King and 3A he will be transporting one male home.

5:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:04 p.m. **Church St.**, caller complains across the street there is a maroon GMC parked in front of the hydrant. Officer reports the vehicle is being moved.

7:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports there is a car parked on her lawn and the people from the car are jumping off the Cunningham Bridge.

8:01 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are kids coming through her yard to get to this location, there was even a vehicle that drove through her yard. Officer advised he spoke with the parties involved.

8:24 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, trespassing, walk in party reports he's had an ongoing problem with the neighbors kids in back of his house trespassing, loitering and throwing trash around in his yard. He complains he's spoken nicely with their parents and they have no control over their kids.

8:38 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:10 p.m. **Lily Pond Lane**, domestic.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:14 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

2:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:21 a.m. **HQ.**, missing person, Burlington, VT reports they have the missing female party and the male party in custody. Male party being held on false information and harboring a minor charges.

6:05 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. 911 caller states a woman has fallen and has leg pain.

6:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

7:55 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed power lines, caller states there is a downed power line in the middle of the road blocking traffic. Wire is a cable wire and will be moved to the side of the road.

9:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports building secure.

12:40 p.m. **Summer St.**, caller reports a tree across the roadway.

3:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:50 p.m. 3A, Scituate reports they have an erratic operator headed north on 3A from Scituate, it's a 2006 Toyota Tundra pick up, color gray. Scituate reports they have also gone through a red light. Scituate reports they have not located the vehicle yet and will check the parties home, he may have circled around. Officer reports nothing showing in the area. Scituate is out with vehicle at residence.

6:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports another car hit her in the Cohasset Plaza parking lot, and she thinks the other woman is intoxicated.

7:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), walk in party reports a bicycle stolen from Stop & Shop.

9:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Hull St.**, suspicious activity.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

12:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, detail officer on duty.

8:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, fire reports walk in party with crushed foot from construction on the tracks. R3 transporting.

8:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, 911 caller states that her mother needs an ambulance.

9:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, two callers state erratic operation of a blue minivan throughout the town. All units notified.

9:49 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, medical aid, officer states elderly female may need medical assistance and requests rescue. This is the same party that was operating her vehicle erratically throughout town.

11:04 a.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:43 a.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, 911 caller states that there is a seagull with a hook caught in its mouth. Animal rescue league notified. Rescue league cancelled animal freed.

1:53 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Beach St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:09 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:45 p.m. **South Main St.**, harassment report, party reports harassment.

2:47 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Hingham PD reports a minor motor vehicle accident at the Hingham/Cohasset line, on the Cohasset side. Officer reports nothing found, but on the Hingham side there was a minor fender bender.

4:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Stephen J. James, 23, 16 Colonial Way, Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, giving false name to police, failure to use signal.

6:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports several males on a white Boston Whaler coming under the Cunningham Bridge into Cohasset Harbor throwing beer cans off the boat. Call given to Cohasset Harbormaster. Harbormaster reports nothing showing.

8:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services, warrant service subject has an outstanding warrant from Quincy District Court.

8:51 p.m. **Joy Pl., and Gammons Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, fire captain reports there is a trailer at this location that made it hard for the fire to get by on a previous call.

9:40 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, walk in party reports there are girls jumping off the bridge.

9:45 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

9:47 p.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer reports the lights sat Stop & Shop, 3A and King Street are flashing. Notifying Mass Highway.

10:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, caller reports a side garage door is open, he didn't see or hear anyone.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

1:35 a.m. **King St.**, B&E (in progress), investigated.

1:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E (in progress), appears that back door was kicked in. Officer advised an attempt but subject didn't get in.

3:41 a.m. **Lower King St.**, suspicious person, officer advised out with subject on bike at above address.

4:04 a.m. **Hull St.**, investigation.

7:58 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, detail officer on duty.

8:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

9:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building secure.

9:29 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued, motor vehicle stop, heavy machinery with no plates.

9:35 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, threats.

11:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, industrial accident, caller reports his partner fell off the roof, med-flight notified. OSHA was notified.

12:42 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states that there is an elderly man in need of an ambulance.

12:58 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, civil matter, party in HQ., reporting items were removed.

2:01 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:23 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity, homeowner's daughter had concerns over visitor to home. Matter settled.

3:26 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, property (lost), walk in party reports his wallet was lost or stolen sometime the other day while at a golf tournament in Hudson.

4:24 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller advised kids are causing a traffic hazard – they will not get out of the road at above address. Officer advised removed subject from bridge.

4:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Hingham PD advised erratic operator of motor vehicle location at above address. Vehicle headed 3A sout. Officer advised unable to locate vehicle.

4:42 p.m. **Buttonwood Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:52 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer advised removed subject from building.

6:02 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, assist other police department. Scituate PD advised a vehicle squealing breaks and doing donuts at the church. Officer advised out with vehicle. Scituate PD enroute to officer location. Scituate officer out with Cohasset PD.

7:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate advised possible broken foot – field out back.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, gas drive off of $50. Contacted owner of vehicle- not home left message. Clerk called advised the subject that drove off is going back to pay.

10:55 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, investigation, officer advised there is an outside odor of gas near fire hydrant. Contacted gas company – there is a gas leak – estimated time of arrival – 20 to 25 minutes.

11:33 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are juveniles in the area being loud. No violation at above location – adult gathering.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

2:13 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

6:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement, all traffic within acceptable limits.

7:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:18 a.m. **King St.**, downed tree, caller states there is a tree branch blocking half the roadway. Caller now states "someone" has moved the branch to the side of the road.

8:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states that a patient is loosing consciousness and needs medical aid.

9:09 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, advised civil action.

9:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:25 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, 1 ticket issued, no permit.

11:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, party in to see ACO regarding ongoing dog complaint. ACO to handle.

12:26 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:05 p.m. **Parking Way**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle violations, caller would like to talk to an officer about a motor vehicle operator. Written warning for improper turn.

1:12 p.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, well being check.

2:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports a female inside the store has collapsed, she fell straight backwards and hit her head on the floor as well and is unconscious.

2:23 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group off the bridge.

2:24 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parking on both sides of the street making it difficult to pass. Officer reports problem has been taken care of.

2:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, keep the peace, 911 caller reports the ambulance crew is having a difficult time with the resident, they are requesting an officer.

3:03 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer clearing a group from the bridge.

4:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing**

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Medical emergencies top the list

A summary of Cohasset Fire Department responses during July is as follows: building fires, two; motor vehicle crashes, nine; medical emergencies 88, inspections 32, investigations 17, assistance calls, six and miscellaneous responses 43. Fifty-eight emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 45 medical emergencies, two motor vehicle crashes and 11 fire calls, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln stated in his monthly status report to selectmen.

The fire department ambulance transported 56 patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Quincy Medical Center. Mutual aid ambulances transported six patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Massachusetts General Hospital. One motor vehicle crash required that two patients be transported to South Shore Hospital.

Fire alarm activation responses totaled 21 during July. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for seven responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 14 responses. The two responses classes as building fires were caused by an electrical malfunction and on oven fire, Lincoln said.

Two Firefighter/Paramedics were hired during July to fill existing vacancies. Robert R. Martin II began his employment on July 3 and Daniel J. Cunningham started on July 24, Lincoln said

POLICE/FIRE LOG

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Highway, suspicious person, transported SSH/BLS, caller advised there is a elderly male subject, scruffy looking with a rope. Elderly male is requesting rescue.

4:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny caller advised gas drive off of $26.66.

5:24 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed group from bridge.

5:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a black dog wondering around.

5:55 p.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen.

6:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller advised his vehicle is missing from the parking lot, he works above location. 2001 blue Pontiac. Caller advised his girlfriend has vehicle.

6:30 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, assist citizen. Caller advised her father just arrived from Florida – someone went into his suitcase and took his birth certificate. They are leaving to go out of the country in the a.m.

8:04 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised he heard firecrackers going off.

10:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity.

10:34 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks officer advised checked school.

10:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

10:42 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious activity, caller heard a door shut downstairs, caller is upstairs. Officer advised everything is fine at above address.

10:58 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a loud party going on.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

12:16 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, vandalism report, caller states 4 kids have been "pulling up gardens" on the street. The kids are now in the lot at Light House Keepers. Reports the kids are on the Gangway on Parker Ave. Reports the kids are in a boat headed toward Bassin Beach.

12:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window.

2 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

2:25 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:15 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, hazard, caller reports heavy equipment in the roadway doing work at the tracks with a worker directing traffic.

12:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, received a Section 12 in hand for a male party that escaped from Arbour Mental Hospital this morning. This male is known to frequent Cohasset, he is in serious danger to himself and others. Received a tip that the male is around town.

1:54 p.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, operator has suspended license.

4 p.m. **Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

5:59 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint.

6:33 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

10 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states that a silver Extera and dark colored pick up are driving erratic in this vicinity. All units notified.

10:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:53 p.m. **King St.**, parking complaint.

11:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint, cleared the area and spoke with hotel manager.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

12:10 a.m. **Border St.**, larceny, manager states money has been taken from several pocketbooks.

1:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

3:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller states she is having chest pain after taking medication.

7:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

11:54 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a seven foot snake in her apartment.

1:27 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports that her husband just hit the dog with his car by accident and the dog is not doing well. Officer reports the dog has expired and is being taken away by the ACO.

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By Jennifer Lord
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"We need to take advantage of the influx of young, bright people who come here to attend our colleges," said Blenda Wilson, president of the Nellie Mae Educational Foundation. "We need to make them want to stay here for their careers."

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Blenda Wilson, president of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, says the state must take advantage of the bright, young people brought here by top colleges.

Over the next three decades, the number of young workers with a bachelor's degree in Massachusetts is expected to decline from 43 percent to 40 percent as college graduates move out of state and are replaced by a less-educated immigrant population, the report states.

At a recent panel discussion with MetroWest Daily News editors, local education and business leaders suggested that more effort be put into making schools' science programs interesting and relevant to students.

And, with the state's minority population on the increase – by 2020, 28 percent of the state's workers will be minorities, up from 15 percent in the 2000 census – more effort should be made to make college accessible to these students through financial aid and mentoring.

"There are still serious problems with achievement gaps," said Andre Mayer, a senior vice president of the group Associated Industries of Massachusetts.

Part of that problem is cultural: Mayer said Latino students are more likely to leave school early because they feel they need a job. While the job may solve their short-term financial concerns, they are unable to further advance.

"Just about the dumbest thing you can do in Massachusetts is drop out of school before college," Mayer said. "You're screwed if you do that."

Jim Stanton of the Metro Southwest Regional Employment Board predicted that the shortage of science, technology, engineering and math fields would be felt as early as 2010 as baby boomers retire. Without college graduates in these fields, large companies like EMC and Raytheon will find it difficult to hire qualified employees.

It's a problem that is being addressed in one form at the community college level, said Matthew O'Connor, dean of Community and Corporate Education at Massachusetts Bay Community College. His college frequently works with companies to develop adult programs for their employees and provide them with skills that will allow them to continue their education.

"The community college can adapt," O'Connor said. "We can meet the need. We just need to do it more."

A High degree Of hard work

Perseverance, patience pay off for this unique woman

By Danielle Ameden
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

For Doris Sosa, college has been worth the wait.

Acting out the kind of family values and camaraderie that her Puerto Rican heritage prizes, Sosa knew where her responsibility lay after graduating high school in 1989.

She shelved her dreams of college and went to work to help support her four younger siblings in a single-parent household.

"It was part of just being the eldest in the house – college took second place," Sosa, 34, said. "For financial reasons, we had to work together to keep everything going."

Sosa, who has long dreamed of becoming a teacher, graduated with an associate's degree in liberal arts from Mass. Bay Community College on May 31, and is finally on her way to achieving her goal.

In a few days, she'll begin the Teacher Certification program at Framingham State College, majoring in Modern Languages and minoring in Secondary Education, which will prepare her for the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

Getting this far has been quite the ride, says Sosa, and it's only the beginning.

Born in the Puerto Rican city of Caguas, Sosa first moved to New Jersey as an infant but spent her early years being bounced back and forth between her native land and the Boston area.

After attending first grade in Puerto Rico, the family settled in Jamaica Plain, where 5-year-old Sosa was enrolled as a second-grader at Agassiz Elementary School.

Despite "somehow (getting) in," Sosa said there was a bigger difference between her and her peers than the age gap.

Growing up, Sosa shouldered more responsibility than her classmates.

"Most of the other kids were playing around, goofing off, where I couldn't," said Sosa, who worked part-time after school. She helped raise her siblings and cared for their ailing maternal grandmother, who had arrived from Puerto Rico to join the household.

Sosa said her mother, who struggles with English, was forced to work double shifts at minimum-wage jobs. Still, there wasn't enough income to support the family of seven and send Doris to college.

Sosa remembers learning thriftiness early on, helping her family save money by budgeting and clipping coupons from the Sunday paper.

"It helped," she said.

Sosa, who never knew her biological father, said observing her single mother's dogged determination to give her children a better life was the inspiration that drove her pursuit of higher education.

"My mother brought me here (to America) to basically give me opportunities, but she didn't realize how tough it was going to be to get us where we needed to go," she said.

For Sosa, a college education was always in the cards. It was just a question of time, money and courage.

"A lot of that gap (before going to MBCC) was me knowing I wanted to go back but being afraid to do it," she said.

After graduating from East Boston's Umana Technical High School in 1989 at age 16, Sosa juggled double shifts in retail, working "day and night" everywhere, from Cambridge Dry Goods to CVS, to bring money home.

For eight years, Sosa worked at Bakers Shoe Store in Dedham, ultimately as a manager, and also completed a certification program at New England School of Photography in 1992, which led her to work in a studio.

PHOTO BY ANDY FIRESTONE

A native of Puerto Rico, Doris Sosa earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from Massachusetts Bay Community College in May. This fall, she'll attend Framingham State College where she'll work toward a teaching degree.

While she enjoyed her work as a family portrait photographer, Sosa knew her future wasn't there or in stocking shoes.

Sosa wants to be a role model.

"They're very impressionable," she said of high school-aged students.

"That's the age where if you can't find a support system within the household, you find it somewhere else," Sosa said. "I think it's important to have very strong educators within the school system to help these kids become better members of society."

Her eventual goal is to get her master's or Ph.D in psychology or biology, and then teach high school or college-aged kids.

"I'm shooting long term and trying to take it in baby steps so I'm not overwhelmed," Sosa said.

While completing her education, Sosa works as a student loan specialist at Education Resource Center in Boston, working with college students trying to afford their own educations.

"I can totally relate with their (financial) frustrations," said Sosa, who is paying for her tuition through payment plans and private loans.

At her MBCC commencement ceremony, Sosa, a Phi Beta Kappa honor society inductee who graduated with a 3.5/4 grade point average, gave the graduate address, talking about her experience as a native Spanish speaker and first-generation college student who has triumphed over her fair share of obstacles.

"I felt it was very important to let other people know, it doesn't really matter how old or how young you are," said Sosa, recapping the advice from her speech.

"Don't let fear hinder your ability to move forward," she added. "It's never too late to make your dreams come true."

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Animal attraction

Kids and critters at the library

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Doby, a kinkajou, snacks on a banana during the Animal Adventures program for children 6 years old and under at the Paul Pratt library. Funding for the program was provided by the Friends of the Library, which provided programming for children on Tuesdays throughout the course of the summer.

Bradley Albanese, 5, pets "Tiny," an African pixie bullfrog, during the Animal Adventures program held at the library earlier this summer.

Thomas Guinee, 6, practices his "silent screams" as he gets ready for the unveiling of a skunk.

Mia Verrochi, 3, shows a little trepidation while reaching out to pet a red tail boa constrictor during the Animal Adventures program at the library.

Amanda Kahn, 2, a summer resident, waves goodbye to Grumpy, an American alligator she took a liking to during the Animal Adventures program at the library. During the evening program, at one point she even gave her thick-skinned friend a hug.

Conor Borek, 5,left, and his brother Sam, 5, of Scituate, both reach up to pet Fiona, a fennec fox, during the Animal Adventures program at the library. The fennec fox is the smallest member of the fox family.

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First Parish welcomes Moore as director of religious education

Nan Moore is the new Director of Religious Education of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset as of this past July.

Moore brings to First Parish nine years as Director of Religious Education in New England Unitarian Universalist churches, as well ample leadership experience in the denomination. For the Youth Office of the Unitarian Universalist Association, based in Boston, she serves as Basic Advisor and Advanced Advisor Trainer and continues to be active as a continental Youth/Adult Leadership Trainer and as a Spiritual Development Trainer. Beyond her denominational work, Moore has served as Youth Program Consultant for the Town of Mashpee. A resident of Marstons Mills, Moore is married and the mother of three children.

At First Parish, Moore will work with a core group of lay leaders and the minister, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, to design for children and youth a religious education program that affirms diverse learning styles and to shape more opportunities for intergenerational community. "In many communities," she explains, "there is a lack of intergenerational connections. Churches are one of the only places remaining in our American culture where intergenerational community can be realized. It is a cultural call to responsibility and devotion that we honor children, families and extended families as we begin our community connection at First Parish in Cohasset."

Plans are taking shape as First Parish begins its new season on Sept. 10. "In the coming year," reports Moore, "we will explore intergenerational worship services once a month, visit Holly Hill Farm as an intergenerational community experience, participate in a community intergenerational letter writing project, worship together, eat together and be together in beloved community."

Nan Moore, new Director of Religious Education of First Parish

Registration for the religious education program for toddlers, children, and youth begins Sunday morning, Sept. 10, with an all-parish pancake breakfast from 8-9:30 a.m., followed by intergenerational worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. The invitation is open. Says Moore, "Please come and join us for Sunday morning worship and a way cool Sunday School program!"

To learn more, drop by the Parish House at 23 Main Street for a September newsletter, The Common, phone Nan directly at 781-383-1100, or simply come to church on Sept. 10.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

There will be no service on Sunday, Sept. 3. Services begin again at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10.

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthony-cohasset.org.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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Beginning next week, Sept. 10, we resume regular services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our church school "Godly Play" program will have sign-ups beginning on Sept. 10 and will start classes Sept. 17. Services for middle school and high school students also begin on Sept. 17th. Contact Rev. Wheatley-Dyson for details.

Monday, Sept. 4th: Office closed for holiday; 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation Wednesday, Sept. 6th: Healing Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bible Study featuring Women in the Hebrew Bible and the Book of Ester. Thursday, Sept. 7th: Prayer and Healing meeting. Friday, Sept. 8th: Soup and Sandwich, noon. Saturday, Sept. 9th: Bible Fellowship, 7 a.m. "Genesis" Sunday, Sept. 10th: Services at 8 and 10 a.m.. The 10 a.m. service is an intergenerational service honoring the ministries of each member of the congregation.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

OBITUARIES

James J. Cody, Esq.

World War II Navy Veteran; Attorney

James J. Cody, Esq. of Cohasset, 85, died on August 25, 2006 at home.

Born in Boston and raised in Dorchester, he attended Boston Latin School and Boston College until he was called from his studies to serve his country in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Upon his return, he graduated from Boston College and Boston College Law School. After a few years in the private sector of law, Mr. Cody served from 1952-1953 as Administrative Assistant to John W. McCormack, who was the Majority Leader, Congress of the U.S. From 1958-1974, Mr. Cody was the Attorney and General Counsel for the Labor Relations Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and from 1974-1988 he was the Director of Employee Relations in the Department of Mental Health. He had over thirty years experience as an attorney in General Practice, specializing in Labor Relations and Immigration Law.

Mr. Cody was Commander of the V.F.W. Post Cross-Capishon in Dorchester. He was a member of the Cohasset Sailing Club and the Stage Harbor Yacht Club in Chatham. He was also a Charter member of the Penguin Ski-Club in Lincoln, N.H.

Beloved husband of the late Helen T. (Tierney). He leaves a son, James J. Cody, III and his wife, Lila of Cohasset and Patricia A. Cody of Worcester. He was brother of the late Virginia Civita.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Donations in Mr. Cody's memory may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

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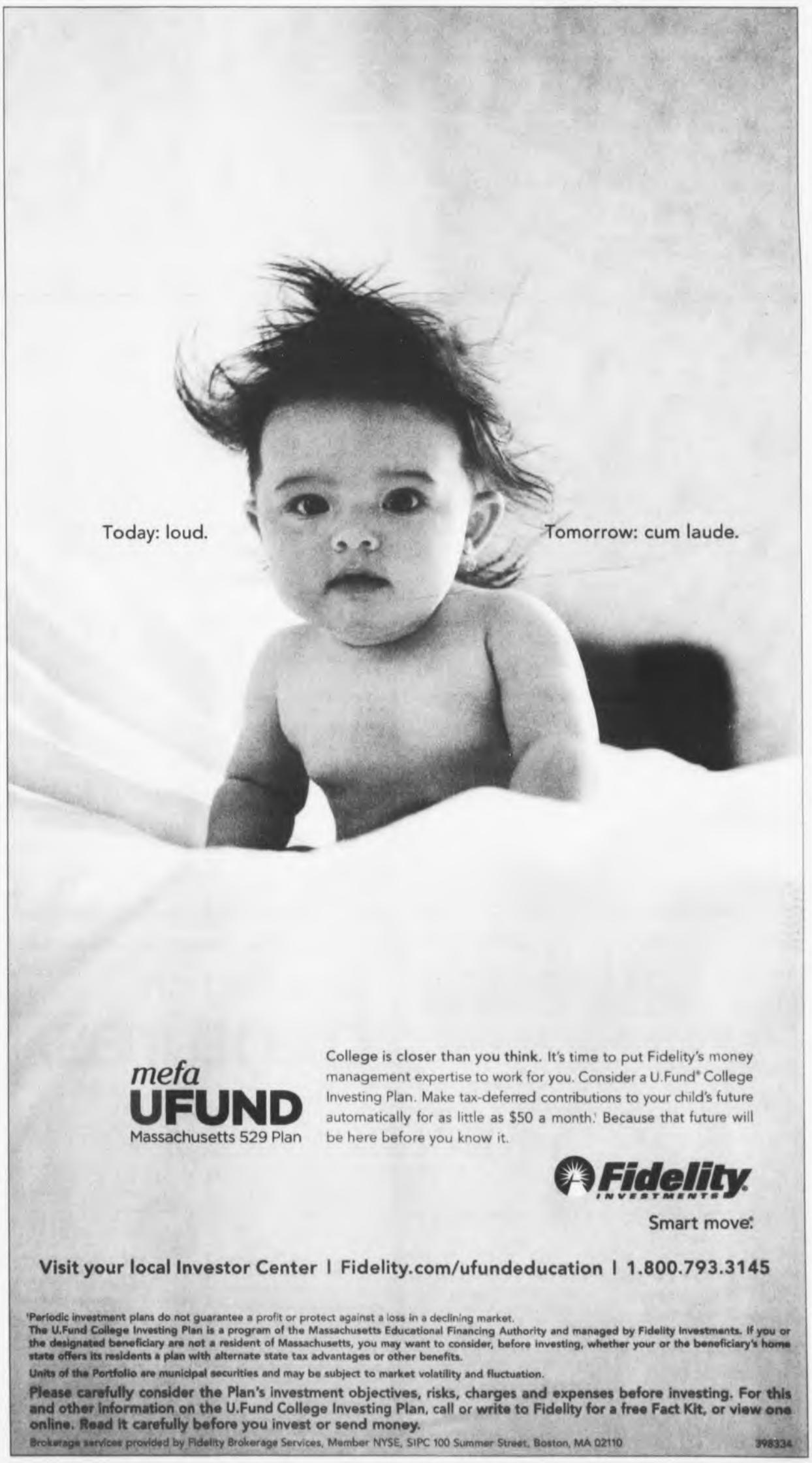

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Natural history tour

The town of Cohasset believes in the importance its local history. That fact is evidenced by both the strength and activity of the Cohasset Historical Society and the community's continuing support of books written about the town and its people and places.

The first of three Cohasset histories was written in 1898 by E. Victor Bigelow, the standard work off which all others are now based. The Rev. Bigelow traced the history of the community back to its roots – literally – and its rocky foundation – literally, too. Join Mass Audubon educator John Galluzzo on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m., for a trip through the natural history of Cohasset as seen through the eyes of E. Victor Bigelow, in a special "Van with a View" tour of Cohasset, partially sponsored by the Cohasset Cultural Council.

Pre-registration for the "Van with a View" tour is required, and costs $8 for Mass Audubon members, and $11 for non-members. All are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring binoculars.

For directions or more information, call 781-837-9400 or contact southshore@massaudubon.org.

Piano lessons resume

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while other play just for pleasure.

Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

For more information, call 383-1487.

CMI's Fall Youth Rowing Program begins

The season for CMI's Fall Youth Rowing Program for the middle/high school students in grades 7 to 12 begins Thursday, Sept. 7 and ends Saturday, Nov. 11. Practice days and times are Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Given sufficient interest among athletes currently playing a fall sport, special Saturday morning practices will be held in order to accommodate youth rowers who wish to continue (or begin) rowing with CMI.

The fee is $75 for continuing summer rowers and $125 for non-members.

Competitive events:

Saturday, Sept. 23, Duxbury Invitational- scrimmage with Duxbury Bay Maritime School rowers in their boats. Mixed and Matched races. (Time, TBA)

Sunday, Oct. 8, Head of the Gulf- 1 p.m. Gulf River sprints for any and all human-powered craft with a glorious finish near the Border Street bridge; a very spectator-friendly event

Saturday, Oct. 21 Head of the Weir- noontime prestigious 5 mile open water race from the Weir River Estuary (at West Corner "headwaters" of the Weir River) across Hull Bay to the Hull Museum Boathouse at Hull Gut.

Saturday, Nov. 11 Cohasset Harbor Sprints- 1 p.m. final race of the season to anoint the Gods and Goddesses of open water rowing in Cohasset.

Coaches for this season are Jack Buckley, John Liffmann, and George Baumgarten. An experienced female coach is need, if interested contact Jack Buckley.

Three easy ways to sign up (choose one or more):

1. Call Jack Buckley at 781 383 8261 (call before 5 p.m.)
2. Email jbuckley@cohassetk12.org
3. Speak directly to Mr. Buckley on the first day of school, if you're a CMHS student.

Download the required Release of Liability form at www.rowcmi.org (click on Summer 2006 registration and release of liability link). Send completed form and payment to CMI, c/o 40 Parker Ave, Cohasset, Ma 02025. Signed waiver and payments must be completed before practice on Thursday, Sept 7.

CDC auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "The Women," the group's fall production on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall.

Written by Claire Booth Luce, "The Women" with its entirely female cast is a modern classic with its immensely entertaining panoramas of life and love from the female perspective.

With a cast of 39 women's roles ranging in stage age from 20 to 55 plus one younger girl, there are large and small roles alike. With so many roles available, the dramatic club is optimistic that many new actors will participate in this production. Auditioners are asked to come with a prepared with a 1-2 minute monologue or to be prepared to read from the script.

Show dates are Nov. 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18.

For information, contact Lisa Pratt, at lisa.pratt@comcast.net.

Boot camp fitness

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training program with instructor Betsy Callanan, who will run an interval calisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all levels of ability.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet on Cohasset Common at Town Hall, from 6 to 7 a.m., on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19. The session concludes Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, with a race in Hingham.

While running and-or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardio-vascular training format, inclusive will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping-running knees, and sit-ups. Callanan has designed the program to improve cardio-vascular endurance and strength.

Fee is $100, checks payable to: Town of Cohasset. To register, call the Recreation Department, 781-383-4109.

Fax news of your event to (781) 741-2931

Legal Notices

WASTEWATER SYSTEM PHASE IV
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Central Cohasset Wastewater System Phase IV – Collection System Expansion & WWTP Expansion
LOCATION: Cohasset, Massachusetts
PROPONENT: Town of Cohasset Board of Sewer Commissioners

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before August 31, 2006. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62 62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC
62 Montvale Avenue, Suite I,
Stoneham, MA 02180-3637
(781) 832-1002.

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Sewer Commission office, Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Conservation Commission and Planning Board of the Town of Cohasset where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By : Town of Cohasset Board of Sewer Commissioners

AD#11127640
Cohasset Mariner 9/1/06

RIIHIMAKI ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2074EP

In the Estate of THOMAS A. RIIHIMAKI

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 23, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JULIA KYUNG SOON RIIHIMAKI of COHASSET, in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 4, 2006**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, August 23, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11128747
Cohasset Mariner 9/1/06

O'CALLAGHAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2008EP

In the Estate of JEROME F. O'CALLAGHAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 3, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CLAIRE C. O'CALLAGHAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **SEPTEMBER 27, 2006.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, August 21, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

Emmy loss par for the course for 'D-List' Griffin

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Kathy Griffin may have lost the Emmy for Outstanding Reality Program, for her work as star and executive producer on the Bravo cable series "My Life on the D-List," to ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," but just being at Sunday's ceremony, her first as a guest, was a victory for the tart-tongued comedienne. Last year, Griffin was fired from her job as an E! Channel red-carpet commentator after joking that child actress Dakota Fanning had checked into drug rehab. Steven Spielberg, who directed Fanning in "The War of the Worlds," said that Griffin owed Fanning an apology. When Griffin refused, the cable channel promptly showed her the door.

At the Emmy telecast, Griffin - whose comedy consists of verbal pot shots at everyone from Tom Cruise and Celine Dion to Star Jones Reynolds and Lindsay Lohan - was likely to rub elbows with more than a few of the Hollywood stars who are fodder for her stand-up act which she brings to the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday. On the telephone from her home in Los Angeles last week, Griffin made it clear she was ready to settle some scores.

"I'm going to my first prime-time Emmy Awards as a guest. I'm going to be drunk with power. Arrivals start at 3 PM, but I'm planning on being there at 2:30. I'm talking to 'Good Morning Israel.' I'm talking to everybody on the red carpet. The best moment, however, will be blowing right by Ryan Seacrest and everyone from E! I can't stand Ryan anyway so I'm really going to enjoy that."

Griffin may have been looking forward to ignoring Seacrest, but she wasn't sure how she would handle other likely encounters.

"I'm nervous, because I will probably run into half the people in my act. Jessica Simpson - whom I make vicious fun of - told me she thinks I'm hilarious, but I'm not sure everyone else feels the same way. I don't think the really big stars even know who I am. It's all their publicists and how concerned they are with what's being said about their clients."

"I'm super-excited about the Haley Joel Osment drunk-driving arrest and, of course, all of Mel Gibson's troubles. How could I not be happy about that?"
Comedienne Kathy Griffin

Her former "Suddenly Susan" co-star Brooke Shields was Griffin's maid-of-honor at her 2001 wedding to computer programmer Matt Moline, which ended in divorce earlier this year, but Griffin had no plans to use Sunday's event to make new show business friends.

"My thing is that I really don't like to hang out with celebrities, because then I don't feel I can really do my work. I'm an observer. I like to see what they're wearing, who they are with and who is drunk."

With her choice of escort for the evening, however, Griffin just may earn her own share of looks from fellow attendees.

"U.S. Army Major Todd Breasseale is going to be the killer ideal Emmy date," explained Griffin who included footage of her 2005 visit to an American military base in Iraq on her reality show. "He's a war hero who just got back from Iraq. I'm going with a hot Army officer, because I don't want to be there with some Hollywood guy who ditches me to get near someone more famous."

Although her current reality show has brought her closer to center stage than ever before, the 44-year-old Chicago-born performer isn't sure that more fame wouldn't actually mean less work.

"I complain all the time about Bravo, but I'm playing the Kennedy Center fall and Carnegie Hall in January. That never would have happened to me before. There are more employment opportunities for me on the D-List, however, than if I were more popular. The same week I'm at the Emmy Awards, I'm also doing a jewelry convention in Phoenix. It's the best of both worlds. I get to have a fancy house, but I don't have people going through my garbage. I like it this way."

The red-haired entertainer also likes it when stars misbehave.

"When I make fun of celebrities, I make fun of behavior not just the way they look. With the nature of the topics I cover, things just fall into my lap. I'm super-excited about the Haley Joel Osment drunk-driving arrest and, of course, all of Mel Gibson's troubles. How could I not be happy about that?"

(Kathy Griffin will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, Saturday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, Aug. 31

2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Thursday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m., with **Don Besegai's Big Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Thursday, **Pemberton All Stars,** classic rock, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $5. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Aug. 31, **Earthbound Misfits** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 1

Hurricane Katrina photography exhibit of Scituate Arts Association artist, Ivy Frances, at the Front Street Art Gallery, Scituate Harbor, through Sept. 24. **Opening Reception,** Friday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.

CALENDAR, see next page

Just for kids

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is now accepting registrations for children's fall classes. All materials are included. Fun Autumn Art Stuff with Deborah Comeau, ages 6-8, Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., Sept. 27-Oct. 18, $80, $60 members; Draw and Paint with Susan F. Lynch Raffa, ages 8-12, Thursdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Sept. 28-Dec. 7, $170, $150 members; Paper Mache Halloween Pumpkin or Ghost Sculpture Classes ages 6-10, Saturdays 9 to 10:30 a.m., Oct. 7-28, $85, $65 members; New Year Chinese Lion Mask Nov. 4-Dec. 9, $95, $75 members. To register or for more information call NRAS, 781-837-8091, e-mail northriverarts@rcn.com of visit www.northriverarts.org.

NEW ENGLAND YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL at Gillette Stadium on March 23-25, 2007. The first-of-its-kind event will feature a unique format of sports activities and skills training for youths ages 6 to 18 as well as educational workshops and clinics for parents, administrators and officials involved in youth sports. The three-day event will also feature a sports expo with exhibits from youth sports-related organizations and vendors ranging from sports camps to product manufacturers. Potentials participants or exhibitors interested in learning more about the New England Youth Sports Festival should contact BEWI Productions at 781-890-3234 or info@bewisports.com.

TINY TOT TUNES MUSIC CLASS in Norwell. A music and movement class designed for young children ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver. The James Library & Center for the Arts in Norwell Center is offering this class beginning in late September. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required. Call The James Library at 781-659-7100 for information and registration information. Boston-based music education teacher Melissa Williams teaches the class. During the 45-minute class, children and their caregivers sing, dance and play instruments in a fun, non-performance environment. There will be three Saturday morning classes offered in Norwell this fall: Sept. 30, Oct. 21 and Nov. 11. Classes begin at 10 a.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. Parents may sign up for one class or all three classes. Each class is $10 per child and pre-payment is required. Call the James Library at 781-659-7100.

Movie review

Paul Giamatti and Edward Norton in a scene from "The Illusionist"

Magic and murder

"The Illusionist" (B)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

"The Illusionist" has a rabbit in its hat and a David Mamet filmmaking guide up its sleeve. Based on a short story by Steven Millhauser and featuring one of those hypno-syncopated scores by composer Philip Glass, the film is elaborately plotted, ominously atmospheric and strangely inconsequential.

It does, however, benefit hugely from Edward Norton's physical magnetism in the lead role. Meet Eisenheim (Norton), an early 20th century, Austro-Hungarian mesmerist and magician who seems capable of unbelievable feats of sorcery, including perhaps even raising the dead on a theater stage.

Before he was known as Eisenheim, this son of a humble cabinetmaker was thwarted in an adolescent attempt to court the equally smitten Duchess Sophie (Jessica Biel, in a role someone probably imagined being played by Scarlett Johansson).

Years later, he is reunited with his beloved on a Vienna stage when Sophie is sent by her fiance, Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell), who is rumored to be a sexual sadist, as a volunteer in one of Eisenheim's magic tricks, although she, rather incredibly, does not recognize him. Eisenheim gets his audience's attention right away. Making his entrance, he removes his gloves, throws them over the heads of the people in the front rows and seemingly transforms them into ravens.

Later, Sophie and Eisenheim are discovered meeting illicitly, and Eisenheim is threatened by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti, whose pronunciation of the word "streudel" suggests a "Young Frankenstein" remake may be in the offing).

Shot in sepia tones, beautiful to look at and featuring old-timey wipes and other early filmmaking techniques, "The Illusionist" entertainingly explores the borderline between reality and the supernatural and, by association, film and life.

The entire empire is ablaze with talk about this mysterious magician. Huge, excitable crowds pack the theater to see him cause diaphanous spirits of the dead appear onstage to take questions. One young man "materializes" only from the waist up from the top of a table, suggesting a television image without the cabinet. Another ghost may hold the key in a shocking murder mystery. Eisenheim is seen to experiment with lenses. But such tricks were impossible in this era. Were they not?

An art-nouveau curio, "The Illusionist" is stylish, often riveting, and its cast is addictively watchable. But it's also ponderous. Biel is not quite up to the emotional demands of her role, and Giamatti's part is bizarrely insignificant.

Director Neil Burger's 2002 debut film, "Interview with the Assassin," had the same problems. A faux documentary telling the "true" story of a Marine who claims to have been a second JFK gunman in Dallas, "Interview" was more concept than movie. "The Illusionist" doesn't play by the rules either.

And how good is its final "twist" if we've lost interest?

Rated PG-13. "The Illusionist" contains sexual situations.

Calendar

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

BEST BET

The "Studio at the Beach" will hold its annual Labor Day Weekend sale this weekend. More than 30 artists will discount their fine art work. This includes paintings, photography, jewelry, cards, various specialty items and pottery. The sale begins on Friday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. and will end Monday, Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. The hours on Friday are 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., while on Saturday Sunday and Labor Day Monday the hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m For information during open studio hours call 781-925-5619 and 781-925-5619 during off hours or visit www.hullartists.com

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Bill Mallia and his Gulf Stream Band at the First Friday Coffeehouse, First Baptist Church, Rockland, Friday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. Contemporary Christian-themed Caribbean style music. For information visit www.BillMallia.com.

9th Annual Rhythm and Roots Festival, Ninigret Park, 4813 Old Post Road route 1, Charlestown, R.I., Friday, Sept. 1, 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3, noon to midnight. Main stage will feature a wide variety of musical styles including Zydeco, Cajun, blues, New Orleans R&B, swing, Americana, folk and roots. Over 20 bands, with performance by Los Lobos Saturday, and Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Sunday. Tickets $25-$150, children under age 12 admitted free. Senior discount at gate. For information call 888-855-6940.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **comedian Lewis Black** Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets $38-$51.For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Sept. 1, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sheraton Braintree, Route 128/I-93, Exit 6, Braintree. Ages 35+, DJ. Visit www.singles-dances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, Sept. 1 at Raffael's, 1601 Main St., Rte. 1A, Walpole. Call 508-668-8071 or visit www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary buffet and free door prizes. Age 30+. Business casual dress. Cost $15, $10 before 9 p.m.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Sept. 1, **Chris Fitz Blues Band** blues, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $6. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Sept. 1, **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Lazarus** from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, Sept. 2

10th Annual Powwow of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3, rain or shine, at Redway Plain, Route 44, Rehoboth. Gates open at 10 a.m. Performances by Nettukkusq Native American women singers; flute playing and story telling by Catfish Jim; stories by Words in the Wind; and Native American renewal of vows wedding ceremony. A variety of Indian crafts and foods and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchased. Admission $3, children under age 16 admitted free. For more information call Ed Lincoln, 401-728-1563 or Gentle Rain, 401-728-9020.

Island Treks on Boston Harbor's Bumpkin Island, Saturday, Sept. 2, 11:15 a.m., and Sunday, Sept. 3 ar 3:45 p.m. Boston Park Ranger guided tour exploring island's history and natural beauty. For ferry and inter-island shuttle information call 617-223-8666 or visit www.BostonIslands.com.

Boston Light Tours on Little Brewster Island, Saturday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A 3-1/2 hour tour of the oldest lighthouse site in the U.S. Tours leave from Fan Pier, Boston. For reservations call 617-223-8666 or visit www.BostonIslands.com.

Up Up and Away Kite Festival and Fort Warren Tours on Georges Island, Saturday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 3. Call 617-223-8666 for tour information and schedule.

Jamaican Joyride Harbor Cruise aboard the "Nolan," featuring **Danny Tucker and the Vibe Tribe,** Saturday, Sept. 2, 8 to 11 p.m. Large variety of complimentary chicken wings courtesy of Rogies Bar & Grill. Ages 21+, casual dress. Departs Long Wharf, Boston, with boarding at 7:15 p.m. Tickets $30 at the gate. For information visit www.dtvibetribe.com or call 978-502-5527.

Comedy Night at the Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Saturday, Sept. 2, 8 p.m., featuring Chrissy Kelleher, Dave McDonough and James Duffy, with host Tommy Dunham. Tickets are $10 per person. Dinner optional beginning at 6 p.m. For information call 781-834-6505.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents **comedian Kathy Griffin,** Saturday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets $35-$48. For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, Sept. 2, **The Love Dogs** jump blues, R&B 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Sept. 1, **John Frattasio and Friends** from 9 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club, Sunday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m., Sunset of Summer Hike. A 1 1/2 hour hike to the summit of Great Blue Hill to watch the sunset. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. For information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Swing Dixie Jazz Quartet on Spectacle Island, Sunday, Sept. 3, noon to 4 p.m. Picnic lunch suggested. For information call 617-223-8666 or visit www.BostonIslands.com.

Free Band Concerts at the Bernie King Pavilion, Nantasket Beach, Hull, 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 3 ***Neil Perry and Friends*** *Band; Monday, Sept. 4* ***Four Men in Tuxes.*** Lawn chairs suggested. Event includes Line and Ballroom dancing. Sponsored by the Town of Hull with the Nantasket Beach Merchants Association. Call 781-925-3379.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Sept. 3. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Sunday, Sept. 3, **Basic Black** R&B, blues 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $6. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Sept. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m., **Johnny Vance Band** from 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, Sept. 4

A Photographer's View: From Marshfield to Far Away Lands and Sky, a new photography exhibit by well-known South Shore photographer Vin Horrigan at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, through Oct. 13. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday hours will resume in the fall. For more information call 781-837-8091 or e-mail: northriverarts@rcn.com.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Alice Donahue** exhibit on display at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth through Sept. 30. For information call 781-337-8134 or 781-335-4675.

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2006 Summer Concert Series at Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Monday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m., with **Legion Bud Band.** Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 508-746-4568.

Late Night at the BBC, featuring **Ian Richardson,** Monday, Sept. 4, British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1776.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

One-of-a-kind art jewelry exhibit by Plymouth artisan Susan Saccardo on sale at the Silver Ribbon American crafts and art gallery, 15 Columbia road, Pembroke, Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Saturday, Oct. 7. For information call 781-826-1525.

Free Musikgarten demonstration class at Weymouth Family Music, for children ages birth to 7 years and their families. Program includes singing, moving, dancing, playing and percussion instruments. Classes meet at First Church in Weymouth, 17 Church St., Weymouth. Age birth to 3: Thursday, Sept. 7 and Friday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. Age 3 1/2 to 5 : Tuesday, Sept. 5 and Friday, Sept. 8 at 1 a.m. Age 5 to 7 : Thursday, Sept. 7 and Monday, Sept. 11, 4 p.m. For information call Jean Prior, director, 781-3331-5336.

Free Medicare seminars during September, at South Shore Elder Services, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5; Wednesday, Sept. 13; Tuesday, Sept. 19; and Thursday, Sept. 28.To register, or for homebound assistance and a worksheet, call 781-843-3910.

Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, "To the Limit" giant-screen film, opens Sept. 5 through Jan. 7, 2007. Amazing workings of the human body through the use of endoscopic photography. For information call 617-589-0250.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Pilgrim Memorial Park Free Summer Concert Series presents The Bermuda Strollers, TRAX, the Voodoo Doctors, Tex, Mad Dog and the Cat. Monday, Sept. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Water and Lyden Streets near Brewster Gardens, Plymouth. For information call Project Arts of Plymouth, 508-747-7727 or visit www.project-arts.com.

American Red Cross courses at the South Area Office, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy, Wednesday, Sept. 6, **CPR for the Professional Rescuer Review,** 6 to 10:30 p.m., $60 fee; Thursday, Sept. 7, **Adult CPR-AED,** 6 to 10:30 p.m., $55 fee. Pre-registration required. Call 617-770-2600 for more information.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Sept. 6. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

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9th Annual Rhythm and Roots Festival, Ninigret Park, 4813 Old Post Road route 1, Charlestown, R.I., Friday, Sept. 1, 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3, noon to midnight. Main stage will feature a wide variety of musical styles including Zydeco, Cajun, blues, New Orleans R&B, swing, Americana, folk and roots. Over 20 bands, with performance by Los Lobos Saturday, and Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Sunday. Tickets $25-$150, children under age 12 admitted free. Senior discount at gate. For information call 888-855-6940.

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COHASSET LUXURY KITCHEN TOUR, Saturday Sept. 9. To benefit the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Enjoy the ocean side beauty of Cohasset as you tour six designer kitchens during the Cohasset Luxury Kitchen Tour sponsored by Kitchen Concepts & Roomscapes in Norwell. All proceeds will benefit the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center. Ticket holders will enjoy a continental breakfast in the Art Center galleries followed by a design presentation by Cameron M. Snyder, CKD, a kitchen design instructor at the Boston Architectural Center. Following the presentation, maps will be distributed and participants will leave on a self-driving tour.

18TH ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK, Sunday, Sept. 17. Presented by Hyundai Motor America, participants will walk one of three routes that follow the Boston Marathon course: the full 26.2-mile marathon, the half marathon, or the 3-mile Boston Walk, money for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. All walkers on the Hopkinton (26.2 miles) and Wellesley (13.1 miles) routes must raise a minimum of $200 in contributions; for the 3-mile Boston Walk, the requirement is $200 for walkers age 13 and older and $100 for walkers 12 and younger. Participants are encouraged to raise more than $750 to receive membership in the Pacesetter Club. All walkers finish at the Copley Square finish line where they will be greeted with a victory party complete with entertainment and refreshments. To register or make financial contributions for the 18th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, visit www.jimmyfundwalk.org or call (866) JFW-HERO.

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA, Saturday, Sept. 30, rain or shine. Sailboat pursuit race of 150 sailboats at 10 a.m., from Georges Island. Family activities include wildlife walks, fishing lessons, kite flying, tours of historic Fort Warren, and post-race cookout at 3 p.m. Regatta proceeds support the Island Alliance, a non-profit organization promoting awareness and use of the Harbor Islands. Ferry transportation available from Long Wharf, Boston; Fore River Shipyard, Quincy and Pemberton Point, Hull.

5TH ANNUAL JONATHAN RIZZO GOLF CLASSIC, Tuesday, Oct. 10 at The Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. The major fundraising event for the Jonathan Rizzo Memorial Foundation. The Foundation has helped such charities as Crossroads for Kids, Christmas in the City, Foundation for Autism, Plymouth Salvation Army, Kingston Youth Sports and many more. Golf registration forms are available locally or downloaded from www.jonathanrizzofoundation.org. Donations are needed for the live/silent auction. For information contact Larry Cunningham at 617-921-3040 or mail your donation to: Jonathan Rizzo Memorial Foundation, P.O. 412, Kingston, MA 02364.

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The South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset presents comedian Lewis Black Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets $38-$51.For information call 781-383-9850 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

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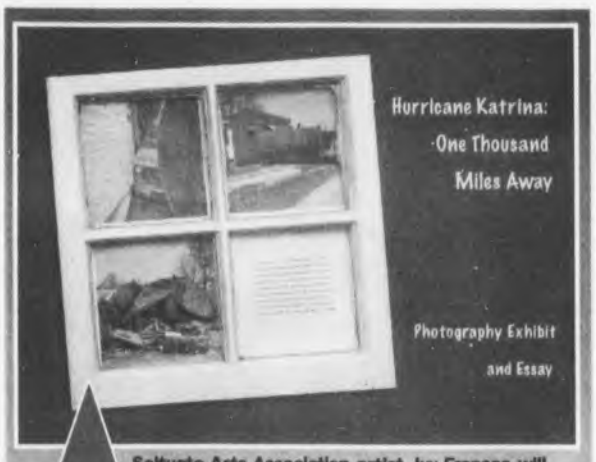

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Scituate Arts Association artist, Ivy Frances will exhibit her photographs documenting her experience of the Hurricane Katrina aftermath beginning August 29 at the Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate. The photographs are displayed within the discarded window frames Ms. Frances has been collecting over the last few years. Ms. Frances was part of the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) recovery team deployed to New Orleans directly after Hurricane Katrina hit. While controversy loudly raged on, the team quietly set up the operation in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and surrounding area evacuation sites. When the assignments were complete they quietly came home and reflected on the experience. This exhibit is a window into the reflection process of Ms. Frances. Ms. Frances will be on-hand at the Reception on Friday, September 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. to speak about her work. The exhibit will continue through Sept. 24, An accompanying Hurricane Preparedness exhibit will also be on display.

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Thursday, Sept. 7

Alzheimer's Care Partners Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 7, John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. For information call 781-826-2972.

Workshops for Life Open House, 2048 Washington St., Hanover, Thursday, Sept. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Learn more about fall opportunities. Call Linda at 781-871-6084 or e-mail lindatrum@verizon.net.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, featuring fast-talking Harrison Stebbins. Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m. Admission $12. Dinner and appetizers available. Free parking. For information call 781-848-0300.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Sept. 7 **Brian Stratton Band** at 9 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 8

7th Annual Paul J. Ahearn Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston, Friday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m., with host Pete Sheppard of WEEI Sports Radio, and local comedian Tommy Dunham. Best ball scramble style. Entry fee $125. Hole sponsorships $100. Raffle prizes and donations welcome. For more information visit www.pauljahearn.com or call attorney Bob Ahearn, 781-834-1005.

Randolph Women's Club Annual Rummage Sale, Friday, Sept. 8, and Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Randolph Women's Club, 360 North Main St., Randolph.

"Recent Monotypes" of Plymouth artist, **Michele Meister,** on exhibit Sept. 8-Oct.4 at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Opening reception, Friday, Sept. 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

"Photography Now" opening reception, Friday, Sept. 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Exhibit of renowned photographer Henry Horenstein runs through Oct. 22. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Acoustic guitarist Charlie Farren at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. Admission $15, $13 members. Sponsored by South Shore Folk Music club. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Special Comedy Night with Southie's own Paul O'Donnell, at Raffael's restaurant and dinner theatre in Hull, Friday, Sept. 8. $50 dinner and show, $30 show only. For tickets call JM Productions, 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

Tony Award-winning musical, "1776" at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston, 140 Clarendon St., Boston, Sept. 8-Oct. 14. Tickets $25 to $50. Call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

Cirque du Soleil's "Corteo" festival parade at the Grand Chapiteau at Suffolk Downs, Boston. Limited engagement begins Friday, Sept. 8. Performances Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., with Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 and 5 p.m. matinees. Tickets $31.50-$80. Call 800-678-5440 or visit www.cirquedusoleil.com.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Sept. 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight, VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Ages 35+, DJ. $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Sept. 8, **Memphis Rockabilly,** rockabilly, blues 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $6. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Comedy Night at All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., Route 106, Halifax, featuring comedian Paul Nardizzi, winner of the 2001 Boston comedy Festival, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 p.m. Admission $15. For reservations and information call 781-293-4135 or 781-843-4833.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Sept. 8 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **3rd Left** from 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Ongoing events

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

CareerWorks, 34 School St., Brockton, across from City Hall offers training for laid-off employees through state grant funding. Special programs for former Filene's and Macy's employees. For information call 508-513-3430 or e-mail Pam Altieri at paltieri@careerworks.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, e-mail nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

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Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers free services. If you or someone you know is the victim of a drunken driver, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parents Helping Parents. Feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 to find groups in the area.

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Native American dancing.

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The Tenth Annual Powwow of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe will feature a number of special entertainments on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3, at Redway Plain, Route 44, Rehoboth, MA. These include the singing of Nettukkusq ("Sisters"), a group of Native American women singers, the flute playing and story telling of Catfish Jim, stories by Words in the Wind. and a special renewal of vows wedding ceremony, Native American style. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a Grand Entry at noon led by Chief George "Silver Wolf" Jennings. Also featured will be native dancing, singing and drumming. There will be special dances and games for children, as well as storytelling and instruction in native crafts. A variety of Indian crafts and foods will be available for purchase, as well as chowder, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cold drinks. No alcohol will be sold or permitted, and the Powwow will be conducted rain or shine. Admission is $3 for adults, with children under 16 admitted free. For additional information contact the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, 412 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, or call Ed Lincoln at 401-728-1563 or Gentle Rain at 401-728-9020.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 REUNION, Friday, Nov. 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Cost is $35 per person, $45 after Nov. 1. Casual attire. Finger foods and desserts will be available. Entertainment by DJ Steve Albert. Make your check payable to BHS Class of 1976 and send to: c/o Mark Frano, 817 Washington St., Braintree, MA 02184. For information call Kevin McGrath at 781-760-0198 or by email: kmcgrath@together.net; Bill Crockan at 781-985-4151 or email: crockanconstruction@beld.net.Visit www.braintreehigh.com/1976.html.

ST. ANN SCHOOL IN QUINCY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY on Oct. 22. The celebration will include a special Mass, an open house at the school, and a reception at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy. For more information email: saintannfifty@yahoo.com.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966, 40th Reunion, Saturday, Oct. 7 at Four Points Sheraton, Hyannis. Food and entertainment by Java Jive. For Reservations call 1-800-368-7764. Tickets are $71 per person, $66 if purchased before Sept.1. For Tickets send checks to: WHS Alumni '66 c/o Gayle Dalrymple, 235 Westminster Road, Weymouth, MA 02189. For i nformation, call John Rinella at 508-866-5154.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1956, 50th Reunion, Saturday, Oct. 14 at Best Western Adams Inn, 29 Hancock St., North Quincy. Cocktail reception at 6 p.m., sit down dinner at 7:30 p.m., cash bar, music and dancing. On Friday evening there will be a clambake also at the Adams Inn from 6-8 p.m. For information, contact Jack Crowley at 781-545-9537 or jackcrowley@verizon.net.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2001 - 5-year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m., upstairs at Hennessy's of Boston in Faneuil Hall. No registration/reservation is required. The upstairs is reserved exclusively for the Class of 2001 from 8-10 p.m., and there will be no cover charge for those who arrive before 9 p.m. For more information, email www.classof2001.mhs@gmail.com

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1981 - 25TH REUNION. Nov. 11, from 6:30 pm - 12:30 am at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. For further information and to RSVP, email: scituate81@yahoo.com.

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The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents "The Love Dogs," Saturday, Sept. 2 performing jump blues, R&B. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $10. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

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EEE scare

Outdoor school activities restricted

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Residents are being asked to take extra precautions when it comes to protecting themselves against mosquitoes. The Board of Health has announced a mosquito trapped in the western part of town near Hingham and Hull tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, or EEE, a disease that can be deadly.

Fortunately, the infected mosquitoes found in Cohasset were of the species *Culiseta Melanura*, which typically do not bite humans, said Tara Tradd of the Board of Health office. However, they can spread the disease to birds which can become infected and pass it on to another mosquito which does bite humans.

The town is not taking the information lightly and a ban has been placed on all outdoor activities on school property between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. (peak mosquito hours) until further notice. In a Connect-ED telephone message sent to the home of every student last Friday, parents were told there are still risks associated with being outdoors during hours not covered by the ban, including those hours children might be outside for recess or physical education classes. Parents may request their children stay indoors at all times.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Health, EEE is a disease caused by a virus. The virus infects birds that live in freshwater

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BACK TO SCHOOL

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Third-grader Ethan Avouins, 8, gets ready to jump into a new school year as he waves to the bus greeters at Deer Hill School on opening day Tuesday.

Greenbush footpaths

Rails With Trails project backed

By Samantha Brown
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Biking and walking could soon become a regular part of the day for Cohasset residents commuting into Boston. While the Greenbush commuter rail train will provide transportation to the city, the Board of Selectmen backed an initiative last week that would make it possible for residents to easily get to the station on bike or on foot.

The project, dubbed Rails With Trails, is part of a national initiative, for which federal grant money could be available. It constructs biking and walking paths parallel to train right-of-ways, providing safe access to public transportation. Not only does the program endorse physical activity for a healthy lifestyle, it would help cut down on pollution and encourage connectivity of communities.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt, who is also the town's representative on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's South Shore Coalition, and longtime Health Board member Steve Bobo, presented information on the initiative and explain what was found in a feasibility study for the project at selectmen's Aug. 28 meeting.

The town voted to allocate $25,000 in Community

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Town buildings need some TLC

Money, staff are not enough

By Samantha Brown
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Maintaining the town's buildings is no easy job. Between the three schools, Town Hall, the library, the police and fire station and the DPW garage, Facilities Manager Brian Adams has his hands full.

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, Adams came before the board last week to discuss his department, its range of responsibilities and its needs. Adams prepared a summary of each facility he is responsible for, including how custodial services are provided, the backlog of maintenance work needed, and the major facility needs for each site.

Adams has been the Facilities Manager for two years. He said while there is limited funding and not enough staff, and town is currently operating at a level of cleanliness far below what it should be — it has made great strides over the past two years, and even within the past few months.

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Auction to help Pratt building

'Backward Glance' is Sept. 16

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Historical Society has dedicated itself to preserving the town's history in many ways. Part of its mission is keeping the historic building it calls home in top condition, which calls for some fund-raising events throughout the year.

On Saturday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m., residents are invited to attend "A Backward Glance," a gala auction and cocktail buffet to be held at the Cohasset Golf Club. Skinner, Inc., will auction off an exceptional collection of family treasures, including everything from furniture to rugs and paintings, china, glass, silver and collectibles. Tickets for the event are $85 per person and include two complimentary drinks per person.

All 41 items to be auctioned off have been donated, and will be on display at Historical Society headquarters until Sept. 15, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items can also be viewed online at the society's new Web page at www.cohassethistoricalsociety.org. All proceeds from the auction will go directly to the Society, which plans to use the money to continue its ongoing maintenance plan and help adapt the building, which formerly served as the town library, into a Historical Society building with the ability to properly preserve the town's collection.

The driving force behind the event is a group of three Society members and friends who have worked together on fund-raising events before. Since roughly Christmastime of last year, Eleanor Bleakie, Nancy Garrison and Mary Hartshorne

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TRAFFIC JAM

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Students crowd around Deer Hill School Principal Keith Gauley to ask him where their new classrooms are on the first day of the 2006-2007 school year Tuesday.

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PICTURE THIS/Regen Steverman

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Favorite season: Summer/fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas or St. Patty's Day…it's a toss up.

Favorite meal: My mom's homecooking.

Best book: Any James Patterson novel.

Best movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

Best TV show: "24" or "House,"

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Goal: I would eventually like to work on missing persons cases.

Person I'd most like to meet: Bill Gates…I just want a tour of his house.

Biggest worry: Losing the people I love.

Best part of Cohasset: The community's town pride.

The Mariner caught up with new police officer Regen Steverman at police headquarters this week.

Author Bloomfield to speak at Rotary meeting

The Rotary Club will meet Monday, Sept. 11 at the Lightkeepers' Residence. The speaker for the meeting will be author Lincoln Palmer Bloomfield, who will discuss his book, "Accidental Encounters With History." Autographed copies of the books will be available for purchase.

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Arrest following alleged drug deal

By Mary Ford
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A Cohasset man is facing drug charges for allegedly selling a large quantity of marijuana to two other men in the parking lot of a local shopping plaza last Saturday afternoon.

Police arrested Kevin Dinsmore, 19, of 60 Hillside Dr., near Tedeschi Plaza following an alleged drug sale that police believe garnered more than $600. In addition to the $612 found on Dinsmore's person, Dinsmore was also found to have more than $7,255 in a backpack that allegedly contained raw marijuana.

According to papers on file at Quincy District Court, at about 1:50 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 2), Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon, who was on patrol in an unmarked police car, became suspicious about a gold Ford Windstar van with faded plates that was parked at the far end of the parking lot at Shaw's Plaza. There were two males in their early 20s in the van. Lennon had the registration checked through the dispatch center and the van came back as registered to a Needham woman.

About five minutes later, Lennon followed the van as it exited Shaw's Plaza and headed to Tedeschi Plaza where he observed the van park to the left of an Oldsmobile Bravada and saw the Oldsmobile's male passenger (who was later determined to be Dinsmore) who was carrying a backpack, climb into the van through its sliding door. Lennon, who is a trained drug officer, made several observations about the actions of the men in the van, court papers stated. Meanwhile another male returned to the Oldsmobile from the shopping plaza and sat in the driver's seat. Lennon also observed Dinsmore, who was still clutching the backpack, return to the Oldsmobile after having spent about a minute in the van.

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Loaded gun found following arrest

By Mary Ford
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Following a 9-1-1 call from a Cedar Street resident that one of the house windows was smashed with a rock — police, who responded to the call, stopped a 2000 Plymouth Neon and placed five males under arrest.

The call came in last Thursday (Aug. 31) at about 2:15 a.m. Hingham and Milton police departments are investigating similar incidents in their towns that had occurred a little earlier that night.

After stopping the Neon, further investigation revealed several fist-sized rocks on the front passenger floor and a loaded, 9 mm handgun with the serial number obliterated in the trunk of the car.

Cohasset police said it was too early to speculate whether the rock incidents were random attacks but will be working with Hingham and Milton police to determine the motive.

Arrested were the driver of the Neon, Derrick Allen Jr., 20, of Dorchester. Allen is charged with possession of a large capacity firearm, possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number, possession of ammunition, vandalism, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, defective equipment (broken license plate light), and giving a false name to a police officer.

The other four men, Miguel A. Diaz, 18, Jose M. Diaz, Jr., 18, and Jeffrey A. Cirino, 23, all of Dorchester, and Edivict Pimentel, 19, of Jamaica Plain, were all charged with vandalism.

There was another vehicle involved in the incidents but police have not been able to identify the car or the other people, Chief James Hussey said.

Hussey said Officer Ed Bagley, who stopped the Neon, maintained his composure and controlled a serious situation, which not only led to the arrest of five suspects, but also took a high powered, illegal firearm off the street.

"This investigation continues and further crimes may be solved because of this excellent arrest," Hussey said.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sept.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 7	11:27	9.7	11:45	10.8	5:08	-0.9	5:26	-0.6
Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:07 p.m.*			
Fri. 8	—	—	12:15	10.3	5:57	-1.2	6:18	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:05 p.m.*			
Sat. 9	12:37	10.8	1:03	10.7	6:45	-1.3	7:09	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:17a.m.					*Sunset: 7:03p.m.*			
Sun. 10	1:29	10.6	1:52	10.8	7:33	-1.1	8:02	-1.3
Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:02 p.m.*			
Mon. 11	2:21	10.2	2:41	10.7	8:22	-0.7	8:55	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:00 p.m.*			
Tues. 12	3:15	9.7	3:33	10.4	9:12	-0.2	9:50	-0.6
Sunrise: 6:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:58 p.m.*			
Wed. 13	4:12	9.1	4:29	9.9	10:05	0.5	10:49	0.1
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:56 p.m.*			
Thurs. 14	5:12	8.5	5:28	9.5	11:03	1.0	11:51	0.4
Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:55 p.m.*			

FILE PHOTO

A Cohasset firefighter holds the American flag as citizens gather on the Town Common to observe the first anniversary of 9/11. For 9/11 remembrances and news about Monday's observance see pages 12 & 13.

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Arrest following alleged drug deal

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The Windstar left the parking lot and headed northbound. Lennon radioed Officer Greg Hartnett who had been at Shaw's Plaza issuing parking violations, to stop the van for a license plate violation. Lennon followed the Oldsmobile as it tried to exit Tedeschi Plaza by going the wrong way through the parking lot at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, court papers state. Lennon activated the blue lights in the unmarked police car and the Oldsmobile stopped.

When Lennon unzipped the backpack he detected a strong odor of raw marijuana. He also found a brown paper bag filled with a large quantity of cash, a digital scale, an open box of clear plastic sandwich bags, a rolled plastic bag believed to contain marijuana, and a glass pipe with residue.

Realizing that a drug deal had allegedly occurred, Lennon radioed Hartnett to search the Windstar in which police found a Burger King bag under the front passenger seat that contained several plastic bags (totaling about 1/4 pound) of what they suspected to be marijuana.

The two occupants of the van, George E. Bumpus, II, 20, of Needham, and Justin S. Bolger, 19, of Halifax, were charged with possession of marijuana and conspiracy to violate drug laws. Bumpus was also charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and number plate violation.

Police charged Dinsmore with distribution of marijuana, possession of marijuana and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Police did not charge the driver of the Oldsmobile because he was not present during the alleged transaction.

Chief James Hussey praised Lennon and the detective division that also includes Det. Garrett Hunt. "This is indicative of the great work our detectives are doing," Hussey said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Gas leak

A couple of kids alerted a police sergeant about a potential gas leak inside a catch basin at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road at about 9 a.m., last Wednesday (Aug. 30). Sgt. William Quigley said the fire department responded and stood by until Keyspan arrived and fixed the leak. Quigley explained a sleeve apparently slipped and the gas line, which had been previously repaired, started leaking again.

He said two kids on bikes flagged down a cruiser to report hearing the gas leak inside the catch basin.

The fire department checked the surrounding homes to make sure none were affected by the leak, Quigley said.

Another biker hurt

Another bicyclist was hurt trying to cross the tracks on North Main Street by the Cohasset Golf Club. The woman called police Monday (Aug. 28) about the incident, which occurred Aug. 21. The caller stated a friend that was driving by after the mishap picked her up and took her to South Shore Hospital. She said she had to have surgery on her wrist. Police notified Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan about the incident.

The MBTA has temporarily filled the cracks with hot top but will need to come up with a permanent solution, Chief James Hussey said.

MVA at lower King

Police say a motorist, who was changing the station on her car radio while she was traveling northbound on Route 3A, did not realize traffic had come to a stop and rear-ended a Ford truck near 3A and lower King Street at about 11:15 a.m. last Friday (Sept. 1). The driver of the 1995 Nissan was cited for failure to use care in stopping. Her car had to be towed. Police said driver inattention was the cause of the accident.

LoJack alert

Last Thursday (Aug. 31) at about 11 p.m., a cruiser that is equipped with a donated LoJack unit picked up a signal from a stolen car. The unit can detect a stolen car that is equipped with a LoJack radio frequency transceiver within a two-mile radius.

The officer confirmed the car was stolen and tracked the vehicle.

As it turned out the owner of the vehicle had previously reported the car as stolen in Boston but it had been recovered. However, the information that the car was recovered had not been taken out of the LoJack system.

Unwanted guest(s)

Police are still investigating a report from a Rustic Drive homeowner returning from vacation to find someone had used the bathroom and eaten out of the refrigerator.

The incident was reported at 11:48 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 3).

There was no forced entry but the perpetrators could be charged the serious offense of breaking & entering, police said.

Bus towed

A school bus from South Shore Vo-Tech was towed last Thursday afternoon (Aug. 31) when the bus driver, who had parked at Shaw's Plaza, reported a fire. As it turned out the brakes were overheated. There were no students in the bus at the time.

Protective custody

Police placed two men in protective custody last week in separate incidents. Protective custody is not a criminal offense and by law, police can take an individual into custody if they determine the person is under the influence and cannot take care of himself.

Police can take the person to the station (and hold him or her for up to 12 hours); can take the person to a hospital or detox facility, release him to a responsible adult; or take him home.

One of the "PCs" involved a call about a suspicious person wandering around the parking lot at Tedeschi Plaza. Police found the man to be unsteady on his feet.

The other "PC" occurred after a report of an erratic driver. Police found the truck parked and the engine was not running. The officer, however, was not comfortable leaving the man with the means to leave in the vehicle so he placed him in protective custody, police said.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Integrated preschool Openings at Osgood

The Cohasset Integrated Preschool currently has a few openings in both the morning and afternoon classes. Children must be 3 years old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 to be eligible for the morning class and 4 years old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 to be eligible for the afternoon class. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the Student Services Office at (781) 383-6104 for an application and details regarding tuition.

School Committee to meet Tuesday

The School Committee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 12 to discuss its District Goals. A meeting to discuss the goals had previously been cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The meeting will be held at the Community Meeting Room at the high school and will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the office of the superintendent at (781) 383-6111.

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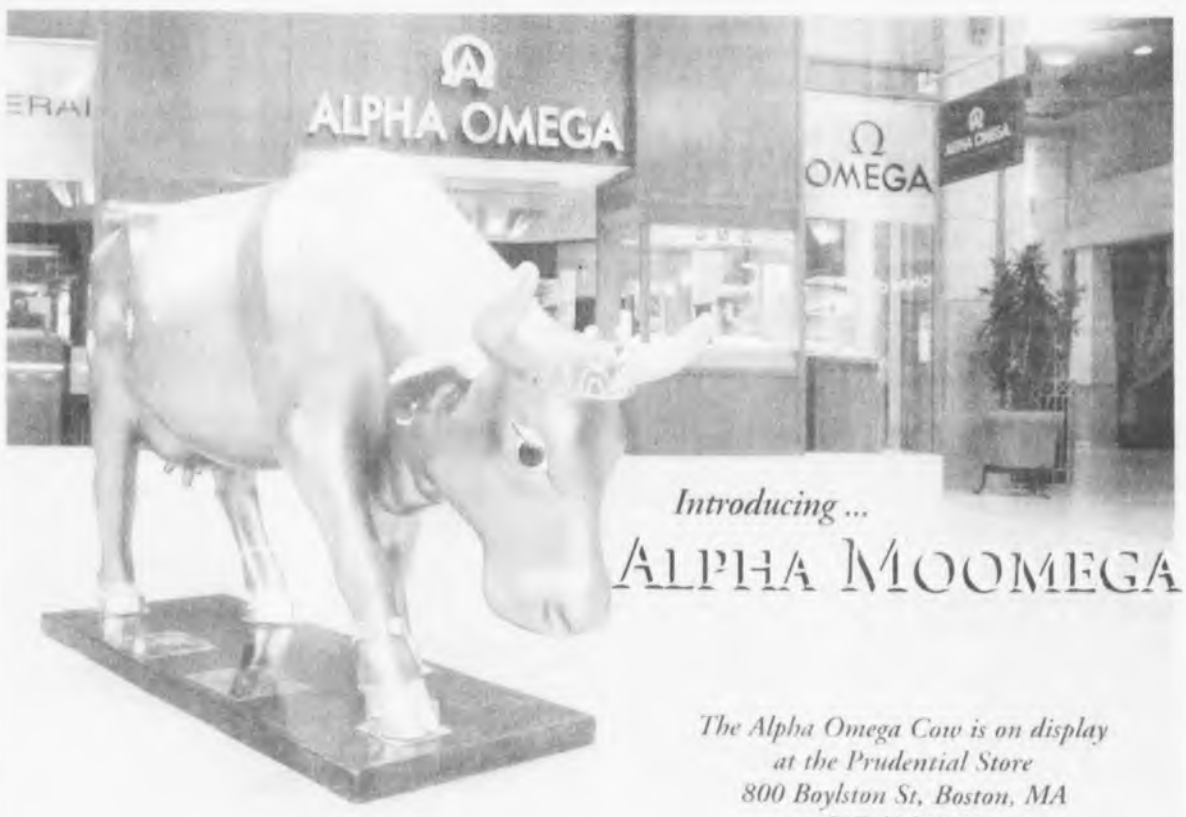

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The Sandy Beach Association would like to thank all Cohasset residents and local businesses doing business in Cohasset who have contributed to this year's annual fundraising drive. This once-a-year fundraiser is our sole appeal for funds used to clean the beach, employ the lifeguards and beach maintenance workers and maintain the bath house facility.

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Holly and Stephen Hill welcome a new grandson!

AROUND TOWN

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SCHOOL'S IN

I hope that everyone had a great first week back to school and for the younger preschool set, that next week is just as nice. For me, it has been tough as I love the time with my kids but summer does come to an end. Send in any news or information you have to share on summer time memories, first days of school stories or just plain fun news.

LOCKS OF LOVE

Hats off to **Zoe Doherty** as she shows off her much shorter hairstyle. Zoe donated her long tresses to Locks of Love after growing it out for more than a year so she could help someone else. Zoe's mom and dad, **Margo and Mike**, are so proud of you Zoe as are the rest of your family and friends.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

OH BOY!

If you see **Holly and Stephen Hill** out shopping for little things in "blue" be sure to congratulate them. The Hills are the proud grandparents of a bouncing baby boy, **Nicholas Adam Hill**, who arrived July 24, 2006. His lucky parents are, **Adam and Jacqueline Hill** of Independence Lane in Millis. Also available for extra hugs are his maternal grandparents are **Dianne and Thomas Young** of Stoughton.

STUDIED IN KENYA

Suzanne M. Lewis of Mohawk Way, studied in Kenya this summer. She participated in the St. Lawrence University course, Challenges in Conservation: National Parks at Risk. The four-week, field-based course addressed the necessity for active management of two of Kenya's national parks. Population growth and encroach

Suzanne Lewis spent the summer in Kenya.

ment on the parks threatens loss of biodiversity, deterioration of range-lands, frequent animal population crashes, accelerated human-wildlife conflicts and loss of income from park visitors. After visiting the protected areas and hearing from local practitioners, scientists and other stakeholders, students participated in research and debate, acquiring field techniques and analytical skills that can be the basis of their own future projects. The course emphasized analytical, interactive and solution-oriented work rather than factual learning. A 2005 graduate of Thayer Academy, Suzanne is starting her sophomore year at St. Lawrence. What an interesting summer, Suzanne!

UMASS BOSTON

The following Cohasset students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester at UMass Boston: **Matthew Casey, Kathryn Hines, Peter Kovach, Abby Murphy**, and **Patrick Reardon**. Great work to all of you.

BON VOYAGE

Kathleen Hurley, a Union College Class of 2008 history major, is participating this fall in the college's term abroad program in Rennes, France. Kathleen is a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School. While abroad, Kathleen will study the French language at the University of Rennes while living with a host family. Enjoy your fall, Kathleen.

Hats off to Cohasset's Zoe Doherty who donated her tresses to Locks of Love! Here Zoe is shown before and after her haircut. Doesn't her new trim look great?

GIFT-WRAP TIME

The Osgood and Deer Hill PSO are happy to announce the launch of its Innisbrook Giftwrap Fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 9. There are two new and completely different catalogs from which to choose this year. They are filled with the quality and stylish giftwrap, which Innisbrook is known for, as well as delicious candy and chocolates, and many, many neat, fun gift ideas. A large assortment of magazine subscriptions is also offered. As always, 50 percent of all sales go directly to the PSO.

Last year's fundraiser had sales of over $39,000 and the monies earned helped fund important programs such as character education, classroom and library grants, curriculum enrichment and teacher appreciation events. The character education programs enhance our children's learning by providing opportunities to teach difficult social skills such as problem solving, conflict resolution and dealing with bullying and peer pressure. The curriculum enrichment programs provide hands-on educational programs specific to each grade to supplement and complement existing curriculum.

New this year for the fundraiser is the PSO's ability to process orders online and have them mailed directly to the student family for distribution. Orders can still be placed with students and at the schools, and there will also be catalogs available for viewing at all the schools, the library, Town Hall, the South Shore Community Center Nursery School and the Carriage House Nursery School. There are various raffles and prizes for participation that are being offered, and the fundraiser will end on Oct. 2nd.

For families receiving the Innisbrook catalogs directly, please make sure that you read the instructions for online processing of your order so that you can take advantage of the speedy and convenient delivery of your order items. If you have any questions about the fundraiser or would like to place an order, please call **Mary Jo Blackington**, the Fundraiser Coordinator at 781-383-0626. Thank you all in advance for your participation in this beneficial and important PSO fundraiser.

MOO-VING MESSAGE

Here is a very special and mooooving message from **Donna Green**, local artist and founder of the Magical Moon Foundation. If possible, read this message and see if it is something you would like to take part in. "We are MOOOOOving right along here with the final stages of the Cow Parade fast approaching. Thursday Sept. 21 from 6-10 p.m. at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 55 cows from the Parade will be auctioned off one by one to benefit the Jimmy Fund," Donna says. "We are trying to come up with a way to get Mooneek, our Magical Moon Cow to come home to the farm and the children battling cancer that she can help on a daily basis. We want to bring her in to all the area hospitals to visit from time to time with a program to empower the children in their fight.

"She represents the incredible courage of children like our Little angel knight, Luca DeLisi and our first knight, Sir River Sage. She's spending her last few days in Christopher Columbus Park in Boston where Luca used to play. Since we are not sponsored by any big institutions or businesses we are going to be amongst everyone else bidding on these cows for various uses. Instead of seeing Mooneek in front of a gas station or in a restaurant someplace we would like to have her spread her beautiful message to sick children. This is our plan."

If you would like to see Mooneek stay with the foundation and at the same time make money for the Jimmy Fund call or email Donna now. Or call the Magical Moon Foundation at 1-800-840-0205. Donna's email address is sage@donnagreen.com. Pledge any amount and on the night of the auction all pledges will be pooled together and so Donna can bid high we to get her back.

"The only way your pledge will be used is if we raise enough money to be the highest bidder for Mooneek", Donna says.

See a picture of Mooneek on the MMF site atwww.themagicalmoonfoundation.org and read about Sir Luca the Loving, Spirit of the Velveteen Rabbit.

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Historical Society auction to help preserve the past

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have been meeting weekly as the co-chairs of the event, along with Society President Kathy O'Malley. "We've worked together many times before, we're longtime friends," said Garrison, which made the planning process a very welcome meeting week after week. In addition, there is a group of six Cohasset residents who have served on the Steering Committee including Peter Brown, Julia Jordan Catlin, John Connell, Martha Gjesteby, Jackie Ralston and Phil Smith.

"This building is a treasure, which everyone knows," said Garrison, and those involved in the fund-raiser hope it will be a great success and enable the building's transformation to continue. "Adapting a library to a historical society is a real challenge and it will take a while. We're hoping this will be a big step forward in that process," she said.

The idea of calling the auction "A Backward Glance" was Bleakie's. "She came up with that wonderful title," said Garrison, which then led the group to begin its planning. Through the contacts of the chairs and steering committee members, donations began coming in which got everyone really excited.

Garrison then came up with the idea to put together a tribute book, in which residents can purchase a page and post their own historical pictures of friends and family or their own historical homes. "The business people also came through with flying colors," said Garrison, adding Gjesteby was a champion solicitor when it came to finding commercial advertisers. Once the pages were full, Garrison put her graphic design skills to work and laid out every page.

The Historical Society is very happy to be partnering with the Cohasset Golf Club for its auction, as it not only provides a great venue for the auction, it has allowed them to think outside the box and plan a new, exciting event outside the Historical Society building. She said the Historical Society has worked closely not only with the Golf Club to coordinate the event, but with the South Shore Art Center as well, which has some of its artists contributing paintings to the event. "It is several Cohasset institutions supporting each other and presenting a united front for the benefit of the community," she said.

Most of all, the Historical Society is excited to have Skinner, Inc., auctioning the items off for the Society. "They are renowned in the Boston area," said Garrison. Bleakie added the Golf Club will be setting up one of its rooms in an auditorium-style fashion to accommodate the auction and it will be a very professional event.

The Historical Society encourages anyone interested in attending the auction to visit the Paul Pratt Building beforehand and take a close-up look at the items up for bid prior to the event. "Anyone is welcome, and we hope they will stop by," said Garrison.

"A Backward Glance," gala auction and cocktail buffet will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Golf Club. Tickets are $85 per person and include two complimentary drinks per person. For more information, please contact the Cohasset Historical Society at (781) 383-1434.

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"A Backward Glance," co-chairs Nancy Garrison and Eleanor Bleakie, shown here wearing a Norwegian fox coat she donated to the auction, stand in front of a Japanese-style wood screen, which is also up for auction at next Saturday's fund-raising event. Between the ladies stands an oil on canvas painting created and signed by Frank Henry Shapleigh (1842-1906).

Items up for bid at "A Backward Glance"

There will be 41 items up for bid at the Cohasset Historical Society's "A Backward Glance" benefit auction including:

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- Brass and wood ship's clock.
- African celebratory masks
- Numerous paintings created by area artists.

The gala auction and cocktail buffet will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Golf Club. Items will be auctioned by Skinner, Inc. and are currently on display at the Cohasset Historical Society and on the Society's Web site at www.cohassethistoricalsociety.org. Tickets are $85 per person, which includes two complimentary drinks.

AROUND TOWN

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The staff of the Olde Salt House led by managers **Coleen Young** and **Laura Ashley** went bowling for their end of season outing. In addition to the fun bowling event, Director of Operations **Joe Campbell** awarded two outstanding employees scholarships for college. The scholarship recipients were Cohasset residents **Katlyn Gilbrook** and **Chris Crosse**. Congratulations!

The Olde Salt House will be open weather permitting until Columbus Day.

The Olde Salt House crew celebrates at an end-of-season bowling outing.

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Town out from under Judgment

By Samantha Brown
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"What we have now is the good faith of the state."
— Town Manager Bill Griffin

The town has finally put the Second Amended Judgment to bed. The Board of Selectmen voted at its Aug. 28 meeting to approve the latest modifications to the Judgment, which will set the wheels in motion to be done with the court order for once and for all.

The Judgment has been a like a cudgel over the town's head for decades and has forced the town to deal with its wastewater woes or face state fines.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis asked selectmen to approve the modifications and authorize him to move forward with the matter.

"If we do this, the town will have fulfilled its obligation and we'll be authorized to file a motion with the court to terminate the judgment," DeRensis said. "This is the result of substantial negotiations and at this point, we are all in harmony."

Those in attendance during negotiations included Town Manager Bill Griffin, Selectmen Gary Vanderweil (formerly a Sewer Commissioner) and Fred Koed, Sewer Commissioner John Beck, and engineer Dan Coughlin.

"Like all agreements, nothing is one-sided. We didn't get 100 percent of what we, or they, wanted, but no one does in negotiations," said DeRensis.

Selectmen had some questions about the wording of the document, which caused them to pause before signing the agreement. One of the major concerns for Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormtizer was the fact the town is being asked to sign an agreement without having a discharge permit from the Department of Environmental Protection in hand. Selectman Rob Spofford agreed and said it seems more logical to him to receive the permits, which would allow connections to take place to the wastewater treatment plant, then sign the agreement outlining the stipulations.

However, Koed said if the town does not receive permits, the state would understand that is out of the town's control and would not hold it against the town.

Town Manager Griffin added not signing the document gives the town no leverage. "What we have now is the good faith of the state," he said, adding if problems arise with the town's being able to gain permits, the state would be more understanding than if the town chooses to frustrate it further now by not signing the negotiated agreement.

After some more discussion on other minor details of the agreement, the board agreed to authorize DeRensis to move ahead with the finalized document.

The town's most recent round of negotiations with the Department of Environmental Protection has been in process since early 2005. Town Meeting voted in December 2004 to incorporate a schedule for sewering the Little Harbor district into the judgment to solidify for homeowners the town's commitment to the project.

The final Judgment includes plans to connect Little Harbor to the town's municipal sewer system and upgrade the town's wastewater treatment facility to ensure it can handle the increased flow from the Little Harbor area. Work on the project would begin around Oct. 15, 2006 and by 2010, the construction of the sewer system would be complete. Residents would have until July1, 2012 to connect to the new system.

The Judgment also says the town may exempt those homes scheduled to be connected from Title 5 compliance for two years. "This will take the pressure off homeowners who have trouble with their septic system while construction is underway," said DeRensis.

***Flashback**: The Second Amended Final Judgment was handed down by the state as a means of implementing the Clean Waters Act. In 1979, a complaint was filed alleging violation of the Act, which could have cost the town $10,000 per day in fines. As part of the settlement, the town consented to enter the Judgment.*

In 1980, the town and the state agreed on the terms of the Judgment, but it was again amended in 1994 and 1997, when it became the Second Amended Judgment. It was modified again in 1998 and now, in 2006, has undergone its final amendment.

As a result of the Judgment, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility. The town also has a voluntary Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan for those on septic systems.

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Cohasset wins Cedarmere suit

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The courts have sided with the Sewer Commission by ruling the Cedarmere development is not entitled to a connection to the town's wastewater treatment plant. The Suffolk Superior Court handed down the ruling on Aug. 21 putting the three-year case to rest.

Former Cedarmere developers, King Taylor, LLC originally filed the suit against the town in the fall of 2003, claiming it had a right to tie in to the town's wastewater treatment plant. Leggat McCall Properties purchased the project before the suit was settled and bought both the rights to build the project and the responsibility of the suit.

When King Taylor filed the suit, it claimed the Sewer Commission had violated state law by denying its sewer application. The lawsuit stated the commission was required to grant Cedarmere a permit to connect its land based on three conditions. First, it abuts a public or private way in which a common sewer has been laid; second, a proper application for the connection had been submitted with the board; and third, the developers believed the development would not pose an immediate risk of overloading the existing sewer system, which the team's engineering consultants at Fay, Spofford & Thorndike said has been determined through much research.

However, engineer Daniel Coughlin, who at that point was the Senior Associate for Tutela Engineering Associates Inc., gave a report to the commission, which contradicted what Cedarmere's engineer found. Coughlin said he was not convinced there would be enough sewer capacity for the project, and recommended a denial until further data could be collected over time.

While the Sewer Commission said it made its decision 50 percent on Coughlin's assessment, the denial was also based on the fact that the project would be located outside the Town Meeting designated Central Wastewater Sewer Service District, and historically, the commission has not granted approval on hook-ups outside the district without a Town Meeting vote.

A court ruling, dubbed the Second Amended Judgment, said the town must sewer certain sewer districts in order to get out from under the judgment. Expansion of the wastewater treatment plant was based on only the proposed hook-ups under the judgment.

While Cedarmere developers contended the project's application could not be denied because the town wanted to reserve capacity for future hookups, ultimately the courts agreed with the town.

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JV soccer squad a go

Middle schoolers kick up numbers

By Samantha Brown
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A lack of participants could have led to the demise of this fall's Junior Varsity boys' soccer team. However, the School Committee gave the go-ahead Wednesday to allow the program to be temporarily opened up to eighth grade students, to help boost participation numbers.

When the high school students signed up for boys' soccer this year, only three freshmen tried out, which left the total soccer program with 28 students — 16 Varsity and 12 Junior Varsity. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh explained that is when Athletic Director Ron Ford began sending out the word to the eighth grade there could be openings to fill, and it seemed to generate some interest. Try-outs were held and four eighth grade students came out whom Ford felt were ready to play for the high school team.

By opening the program up to the younger students, the teams will both have 16 players, which allows for full rotation and substitutes should players not be able to attend a game. It will also give the younger players more experience, which will be beneficial when the school graduates six seniors this year. So far things seem to be off to a promising start, as the JV boys beat Rockland in a game held Wednesday afternoon.

This is the second time a JV sport has been opened up to middle schoolers, as last spring the girls softball team was also lacking participation and was able to have a full JV team with the help of five eighth-grade girls. Both the girls' softball and this year's boys' soccer teams are only allowing younger students as part of a pilot program. Other sports, which might wish to recruit middle school students in the future, will need individual approval from the School Committee.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center presents "From My Backyard and Beyond" a collection of botanical paintings by Kay Kopper on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. after Labor Day.

Library Book Group – Coffee and discussion of Malika Oufkir's "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in A Desert Jail" on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. This is a biographical account of an upperclass Moroccan family's 20 year imprisonment following a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II by the father. Call Gayle Walsh 781-383-1348 for further information.

New library hours – As of Sept. 5, library hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and as of Sept. 10 Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Independent Film Night – New Showtime: The Paul Pratt Library will show "A Peck on the Cheek" on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

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EDITORIAL

The week that was

Wouldn't it be nice to go back to the week before Sept. 11, 2001 to recapture the innocence of the time?

Here at the Mariner, we pulled out the Sept. 6, 2001 issue to see what made our front-page the week before the world was forever changed.

• We wrote about the town having $1.6 million in "free cash";

• We wrote that the Department of Environmental Protection announced Cohasset was awarded a $16,200 Historic Landscape Preservation Grant for the common;

• Our front-page photos featured a mom giving her kindergartner a hug on the first day of school and a littler girl taking advantage of the last few days of summer vacation by riding rings round the duck pond on her tricycle;

• We had a story about the Community Garden Club putting together a tree advisory committee to help the town select trees to be planted on public property;

• And, yes, in a slow news week we even had a story titled "Like it or not: Winter's coming" in which we talked about predicted snowfalls and miles of roads that would need to be plowed in the months ahead. On the jump page, we ran a file photo of a couple of kids sliding down the hill in front of the high school in a January snowstorm..

• Ironically, considering the winter story, our editorial reflected on the wonderful summer weather enjoyed through that June, July and August.

That Thursday Sept. 6, we had never heard of Mohamed Atta or could we have predicted in just a few days what he and 18 other hijackers would carry out.

The following Tuesday, we were shaken by events that literally unfolded before our eyes. In our Marshfield headquarters, staff stood glued to a television set. At the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square, we tried to hear details over a small transistor radio.

The Mariner editor's sons both called the office that morning just after the plane hit the Pentagon. One phoned her from Ft. Sill, Okla. where he, as a second lieutenant, was going through basic training with the US Army. While in class that morning he said everyone's cell phones started ringing one after the other. The instructors called a break, and he phoned to ask what was going on. Her other son, also a lieutenant in the Army, was stationed in Germany – but on maneuvers in Hungary. He called her on his cell phone within minutes with the same question. Both young men, like so many in the Armed Forces, suddenly faced a different reality.

As with any traumatic and unexpected event— we quickly realized going forward all lives, everywhere, were never going to be the same. While a sense of normalcy would return, it would forever be different.

Back in 1991 on the 50th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, we asked people on the street old enough to remember, where they were and what they thought when they heard the news.

We can remember exactly where we were and what went through our mind when President Kennedy was assassinated that November day in 1963.

This week some of our readers shared their stories and memories of 9/11, a day that will also "live in infamy."

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Sept. 20, 25 & 27 at 7 p.m.

Cohasset Historical Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. (note time change), 3 N. Main St.

Board of Library Trustees, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., 35 Ripley Road.

Harbor Committee, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, Sept. 12 & Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Sept. 13, 7p.m.

School Committee, Sept,. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.

ZBA, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Suggested logo change for 2006 Red Sox

HAMILTON

Local aid, health care and other issues

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several recent developments in the later part of this legislative session.

LOCAL AID — In the past, Lottery Aid was diverted to the general fund. As a result, cities and towns made cuts to local education, public safety and transportation services and raised property taxes to balance local budgets. By ending this diversion, the legislature will send $920 million to cities and towns, an historic amount that exceeds pre-recessionary spending levels. This meant an increase of $332,000 to the town of Cohasset.

Additionally, the House's spending plan begins to address inequities in the formula used to determine Chapter 70 distribution levels and brings total FY'07 education spending to $3.4 billion.

HEALTH CARE REFORM — First in the nation health care reform law makes affordable, quality insurance accessible to 95 percent of the state's 500,000 uninsured residents within three years. This Landmark law is based on the principle of shared responsibility which requires individuals, businesses and the government to participate in this remedy. These reforms promise to significantly lower insurance costs for families and individuals.

MELANIE'S LAW — This law, filed by Governor Romney this spring, was named after a 13-year-old Marshfield girl killed by a repeat drunk driver. I consistently supported the tougher version of this bill, and voted for the strongest amendments until its passage. Specifically, a key provision was the ability to use of certified copies of prior convictions as evidence at trial. In the past, the actual arresting officer was required to appear. These officers could be unavailable depending on the age of the prior conviction and on the timing of the trail.

RETROACTIVE CAP GAINS — Many people in our district received a retroactive capital gains tax bill relating to assets they sold in the early part of 2002. Several affected taxpayers took the issue to the Supreme Judicial Court in a matter know as the Peterson case and won. The Court stated it is illegal to have two tax rates in the same year. The options then were to move the date of the change forward to January 1, 2003 and refund those taxpayers who paid the fixed rate. This would cost the Commonwealth approximately $250 million. Option two was to move the tax rate back to January 1, 2002 and retroactively bill the people who paid the lower rate.

Astonishingly the legislature, over my objection, initially chose the later option. The Department of Revenue was forced to send out bills to people to collect taxes on capital gains sales from three years ago. As a kicker, the bills included INTEREST on money they did not owe until the recent court ruling.

This was by far the most outrageous thing I have witnessed in my time in the legislature. When the issue came up every Republican and some Democrats joined me and voted no. It took the tax bills going out for the leadership to finally sit down with the Governor and work out a reasonable resolution. The Governor had proposed moving the date forward and rebating taxpayers over three years so as not to absorb the entire $250 million in one fiscal year. The agreement allows for the state to rebate taxpayers over four years. Taxing people retroactively is just plain wrong.

GIVING SENIORS GREATER LONG TERM CARE CHOICES — Recently the legislature redirected Medicaid spending to give more seniors and people with disabilities option of receiving care at home. Moving to preferred, cost effective settings will save state taxpayers $134 million in first five years and create greater awareness of community based alternatives.

MERCURY MANAGEMENT BILL — The legislature approved legislation to regulate the sale and disposal of products containing mercury, a well-known environmental contaminant and public health threat. The legislation focuses on the production, disposal, collection and labeling of products that contain mercury. If mercury-added products are sent to landfills and incinerators, the substance is emitted into the air and ends up in lakes, streams, rivers and reservoirs. Most human exposure to mercury comes from eating fish and can lead to brain damage and learning disabilities.

EDWARD G. CONNOLLY VETERANS TAX PACKAGE — This session, the Legislature passed a comprehensive tax relief package to honor the service and bravery of the Commonwealth's military, national guardsmen, and veterans. Named after the bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Ed Connolly, an eight-term Representative and ardent veteran supporter, who died earlier this May, the bill consists mostly of property tax abatements, but also provides relief from the income tax, motor vehicle excise tax, and the sales tax.

Property Tax Abatements – The Connolly Package increases a several existing veterans property tax abatements, which were last updated in 1997. The size of the exemption depends in large part upon the type of discharge, degree of injury, and any medals or honors received.

Gold Star Spouse Exemption – 100 percent property tax abatement is available to the surviving spouse of a veteran, sailor, or member of the National Guard, who died in a combat area or was found to be missing in action. The 100 percent exemption shall remain effective for the first five years following death and be retroactive to September 11, 2001. After the 100 percent exemption expires after five years, the spouse shall receive a $2,500 exemption. Both of these exemptions shall remain effective until either the surviving spouse dies or remarries.

Suspension of Active Duty National Guardsman – A municipality, upon local option, may temporarily suspend the payment of property taxes due by a member of the Nation Guard or their spouse, while on active duty. Once the taxpayer is placed on inactive duty status, all penalties, charges, and interest shall be waived, provided the taxes due are paid within six months.

Sales Tax and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemptions to Permanently Disabled

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Give and take at MBTA meeting

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Dispute Resolution – Nothing new officially… However, courtesy of our elected representatives an informal meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6th with Daniel Grabauskas, General Manager of the MBTA, and his staff at the Transportation Building in Boston. We had the opportunity to attend that meeting along with the Town Manager and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who led the meeting for Cohasset. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss informally, but in depth, the major issues that separate the MBTA and the Town. The meeting was open and honest between both parties. There was a lot of give and take and various posited potential outcomes were reviewed at length. At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted about an hour and a half, each side agreed to do additional fact finding and research so that when the Town and the MBTA meet again, we might find some middle ground that provides an acceptable compromise for each of us. We will do our homework and eagerly await the next meeting.

Pond Street changes – We have spoken a number of times about the changes that are/will be taking place at the new railroad crossing between Spring and Pond streets. Work now continues in this area at a feverish pace. Sunset Rock has been reduced to a shadow of its former self to allow for a reconfigured Pond Street. The accompanying photo shows the changes in the rock looking up at the new route Pond Street will be taking to cross the train tracks. The reason so much of the rock was removed was to provide a gradual grade down to the tracks and to improve sight lines at the crossing.

Spring Street looking toward Cushing Road where a temporary roadway was constructed across the completed tracks.

On the section of Spring Street just off of South Main Street, there have been a lot of changes. The train tracks have been completely installed across this section of Spring Street. Then, a temporary road way was constructed across the completed tracks. This can be seen in the accompanying photo taken looking toward Cushing Road from the South Main Street side of the tracks. This new road was paved and striped earlier this week. It is possible that before you read this paper, the new road may be opened to traffic. Once this road is opened, the area where Pond and Spring Streets meet can be closed for construction. Detours will use the roads on the hillside to bypass the Pond St. construction. When the Pond street construction is complete, the temporary road across the tracks will be completely removed and this portion of Spring Street next to the skating pond will be permanently closed.

Looking up Pond Street at Sunset Rock. The reason so much of the rock was removed was to provide a gradual grade down to the tracks and to improve sight lines at the crossing.

As a last bit of information, we just found out that while all of this construction is underway, with its attendant detours, the Town will be doing resurfacing work on Norfolk Road, which is also used as a detour route for the Pond Street closure. What fun! It's for times like this that each of us should get a citation for valor.

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'Let there be peace on earth'

COMMENTARY

JAN CARLSSON-BULL

Recollections of that morning day still haunt. No, I wasn't "down there." I had just descended the steps from my bus stop at New York City's Port Authority — midway in my daily commute into the city from Montclair, New Jersey — and happened to look up at the CNN monitor, barely glancing since I had an early meeting All Souls, the Unitarian Church I served for seven years as Assistant Minister. My glance turned into a stunned stare. A small aircraft had just flown into one of the towers downtown. "Oh my God," I uttered instinctively. Such response echoed from person to person as a small crowd gathered in front of the monitor. "How," we mused, "could anyone be so off course? What an idiot!" It never occurred to us at that point that it could be a terrorist attack. Head swimming, I quickly realized what time it was and continued my descent to catch the E train.

When I walked into my study on the Upper East Side, my colleagues were huddled in the study of our senior minister, glued to the television. That was when I learned that a second plane had struck the South Tower. This was not an accident. Before all else, I checked on my daughters. One took the subway from Brooklyn to her teaching job in Jersey City. Every morning she surfaced at the World Trade Center to get coffee before catching the PATH for the rest of her commute. I prayed that she was already at work. She was. I checked on my other two daughters; both worked in Manhattan. Both were safe. I called members of the congregation who lived and worked below Canal Street. No cell phone service! No answers!

Fast forward to the following night. The horrific reality was beginning to sink in. The Unitarian Church of All Souls hosted one of the countless candlelight memorials around the city. A line formed from Lexington Avenue halfway down the block on 80th Street. Our sanctuary overflowed with New Yorkers in need of sanctuary, sacred space to pray and cry and light candles and be comforted and comfort one another and wonder, wonder if she or he had made it out. Our choir sang "Shall we gather at the river?" When our First Parish choir in Cohasset offers this soulful anthem this coming Sunday, I know my eyes will fill up once again.

A spare two weeks later I was at Ground Zero, joining fellow clergy as a chaplain, under the auspices of the Mayor's Emergency Management Agency. I spent the night at Ground Zero, mostly listening, often praying, with firefighters still searching for their brothers, with crane operators, digging deeper, with recovery dogs no longer called rescue dogs. It was a night that haunts me, just as that morning haunts so many of us. For the next many months, my ministry at All Souls extended to chaplaincy under the aegis of the Red Cross at the Family Assistance Centers — the expansive space set up impromptu on the Hudson River and the modest space that occupied a bedraggled building in the West Village. As I worked alongside other Unitarian Universalist clergy, alongside priests, rabbis, and imams, story after story poured forth from large-eyed children, from bewildered adults. Each spoken fragment, like the ash still sifting through the air of Lower Manhattan, carried a flash, an image of a loved one lost, a relentless déjà vu of an "almost." On a boat trip between the Center on the Hudson and Ground Zero, when survivors were brought to that site so sacred and so profane, one woman remarked to me, "How could I be so undone? I lost 80 co-workers, but no family!" "You have at least 80 reasons for your grief," I responded. "You lost 80 members of your everyday family."

I could go on. Story after story still moves inside me. Yet, as I stand on this slice of history that we all share, amid this early September day five years later, I am as saddened. What have we done with the grief that we knew then? What have we as Americans done with the good will poured our way from every corner of the earth — although women and men from close to 90 nations died that day as the towers imploded, as the Pentagon shook, as the fourth plane careened into that field in Western Pennsylvania? So many of us still connect a pre-emptive war with what was done on that morning. We've lost almost as many women and men in that war as were lost that morning, not counting the tens of thousands who call Iraq home. As I stood on the edge of "the pit" amid that night I spent at Ground Zero, I prayed, "Please, God, please don't let us respond with revenge. Help us to hold our grief long enough and deep enough so that we never, never visit upon other nations the horror that has been visited upon mine." Do I think God was just stone deaf? No, not really. I believe God is still waiting for us to take seriously that song of the angels: "Peace on earth, good will to all!" No easy song. No easy lyrics. No easy message. No easy life they were announcing.

Come Sunday we will sing together in the beloved Meeting House of First Parish a song that rose from the hopes of teenagers gathering at a workshop high in the mountains of California some 50 years ago. Like the inhabitants of the Towers, they represented all races and religions. Like those who were lost, they had hopes and dreams. Like the angels of that first Christmas, they had a message. Like Moses, they came down from the mountain with a gift for us all. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me," they sang.

We'll sing it this Sunday. Let's dedicate our song for peace to all who were lost that morning, to all who have been lost in a war that fans the terror of terrorism, to all who are lost amid a misunderstanding of where the responsibility lies when we ask God for peace. May our rememberings and our gatherings be blessed by a dedication to peace, peace that begins with us, peace that begins with me.

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HEALTH NOTES

Avoiding exposure to mosquitoes

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Sept. 1, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that EEE virus had been detected in mosquitoes collected from Cohasset. In all, 45 EEE virus positive mosquito samples were identified in 21 Massachusetts towns from six counties. In 2005, Cohasset no EEE virus positive mosquito samples were identified.

EEE is a rare but serious illness spread by *Culiseta Melanura* mosquitoes. Four human cases, two of whom died from infection were identified in 2005.This year the State has had three cases and one mortality. A 9-year-old boy from Middleborough developed a fever Aug. 18 and was hospitalized two days later. The child died last week. The first case identified this year was in a 52-year-old woman from Lakeville and the second case in a 23-year-old man from Acushnet.

IMPORTANT: *Culiseta melanura* is a mosquito species that is not attracted to mammals. It does its host seeking in the canopy and feeds almost entirely on birds. The mosquito is responsible for maintaining eastern equine encephalitis virus in bird populations and plays a significant vector role in that regard. *Culiseta melanura* initiates the infection in bird populations; other mosquito vectors are responsible for equine and human cases.

Middleborough is in the area of the state determined to be at the highest risk for human cases and was sprayed to kill the mosquitoes that transmit EEE during the first aerial application Aug. 8 and then again last week during the second round. The boy's exposure to the virus could have been as early as Aug. 8 but is more likely to have occurred the following week.

While EEE can infect people of all ages, people under 15 years of age or over 50 years of age are at greatest risk for serious illness. The Cohasset Board of Health and the MDPH recommend that you take action now to avoid mosquito bites and reduce mosquito populations around your home and neighborhood by taking the following steps:

- **Reduce Risk Around the Home Install or Repair Screens** — Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having well-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.
- **Drain Standing Water** - Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.
- **Avoid Mosquitoes and Mosquito Bites Avoid Outdoor Activity During Peak Mosquito Hours**. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak mosquito biting times for many mosquitoes. Take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing during evening and early morning or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times. The schools have notified parents and some outside activities and sports practice for some teams has been canceled. Clothing Can Help reduce mosquito bites. When possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors. A variety of insect repellent products is available. Always follow the instructions on the product label; repellent products provide guidance on how frequently they may be used and provide precautions on how they should be used. Pay particular attention to restrictions on use for children.
- **Help Your Community Report Dead Birds to the DPH**. Dead birds may be a sign that West Nile Virus (WNV) is circulating among the birds and mosquitoes in an area. Call 1-866-MASS WNV to report a dead bird. By reporting dead birds, you can play an important role in monitoring WNV.

The most effective repellents contain DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), Picardin (KBR 3023) or Permethrin. DEET (avoid concentrations over 30 percent) and Picaridin can be used directly on skin and on clothing. Permethrin can be used only on clothing. Oil of lemon eucalyptus has also demonstrated efficacy against mosquito bites, with protection similar to repellents with low concentrations of DEET.

More information about the mosquito-borne diseases found in Massachusetts, EEE and WNV is available at the following DPH website: www.mass.gov/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm. Information about local mosquito control programs is available by calling your local health department.

For questions about aerial spraying and health effects of pesticides or to report any concerns about adverse reactions to pesticides call the MDPH Center for Environmental Health at (617) 624-5757. Information about WNV is also available by calling the DPH recorded information line at 1-866-MASS-WNV (1-866-627-7968).

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Pluto is demoted

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Here we are only a couple of days into the first semester of the academic year and already the kids at New Mexico State University are deep into Protest 101.

No, it's not the quality of the tacos in the college cafeteria that bugs them. It's not the failure of the administration to provide double beds in the dormitories although the protesters wearing T-shirts with the legend, "Size Doesn't Count!"

It's the demotion of the planet Pluto to a "dwarf" planet.

Some 50 students and faculty turned out for the protest, which surprised a lot of people who didn't know that 50 people at New Mexico State University knew there was a planet named Pluto. Most of them thought it was a dog.

Pluto, the ninth planet for 76 years, was discovered in 1930 by an astronomer named Clyde Tombaugh who was following the directions of Percival Lowell who thought he noticed a wobbling of the planet Neptune caused by the pull of Pluto.

It was named for the Roman god of the underworld who reigned in a world of darkness, since the planet was 3.664 billion miles from the sun. Its satellite was called Charon for the boatman who ferried the dead across the River Styx to Hades.

Later it was deduced that Pluto had no pull at all since it was only half the size of the Moon and the only wobbling of Neptune was in Lowell's calculations and the discovery of the ninth planet at the right spot was just a happy accident.

Lowell was also responsible for the "canals" on Mars.

An Italian astronomer, Giovanni Virginio Schiaparelli, was watching Mars on its closest approach to earth one day in 1877 when he thought he saw channels, or "canali," in his native language.

Since Lowell's Italian was rusty at best, the markings on Mars to him became "canals," which had to have been made by man-like creatures of an advanced civilization who weren't subdued until Orson Wells did the job some 60 years later.

Pluto was demoted by vote of members of the International Astronomical Union, which has charge of the naming of comets, asteroids and such space debris. Plutonians among us argue that only 400 of the thousand or so members of the IAU voted.

That will draw Al Gore and John Kerry into the controversy since they had similar problems in Florida and Ohio.

I suppose their next move will be an appeal to Congress. After all, our legislators are advanced enough to where they can rule a stem cell is a human being and they could tell by watching TV that Terry Schiavo was about to come out of her 15-year coma.

After that, it will have to come before the Supreme Court, where conservative Justices Scalia and Thomas probably will lead us back to 1930 and we'll have nine planets again. That could make Pluto an issue in the 2008 election.

How do you feel about Pluto, Senator Rodham Clinton?

Special program this fall

As the summer hiatus of OUR TOWN comes to a close, watch for the broadcasting of the Class of 2006 graduation ceremonies and special programming on the dangers of childhood vaccinations.

This fall, the cast and crew of OUR TOWN will begin filming a new show opening.

Want to support public TV while getting great exposure for yourself or business? Contact Pat Martin to find out how.

Repeats of co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo interviewing Tom Gruber, town liaison to the Greenbush MBTA project continue.

Tom, who is making his annual visit, shares with viewers what has been happening with Greenbush over the past 12 months, including timetable and current issues.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Fifth Anniversary of 9-11

PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Members of the then Cohasset Board of Selectmen, from left, Fred Koed, Michael Sullivan, Tom Callahan, Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris put their hands over their hearts during a solemn ceremony on Sept. 11, 2002, commemorating the first anniversary of 9/11.

'Don't Tread On Us'

" As I watched the 9/11 attack on TV, my feelings were remarkably the same as when I was a very young boy and listened on the radio, as our whole Country did, to the reports of the Dec. 7th, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. I lost relatives in WW II. My older brother Bob served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. My Dad, who had once served on the Battleship Arizona prior to WW II, tried to re-enlist after Pearl Harbor but was turned down — his age, five minor children and his police position in Boston were the reasons. I served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lt. when it was "my time", voluntarily. It was an incredible, character building experience that I treasure. We were a *patriotic Country during those periods of crises and stress.* A larger crisis is now well underway.

"My thoughts since 9/11, which I realize probably had their roots during the Vietnam "conflict", is how much patriotism we have lost among large, "younger" segments of our current population. This is not the great America —The United States of America — that I grew up, served, learned from and matured in. We have great trials as a Nation heading our way. This decline in patriotism will not serve us well in meeting and surviving, intact, those challenges. It is truly a major concern now and getting worse. I fear for my America! Having studied Latin and ancient Rome for too many years in my younger days, I sense an analogy?

"My patriotism peaked while serving in the military years ago —which is an experience that brings into perspective, like a sledge hammer, the realities of this world, the sacrifices of those patriots who preceded us and made possible the great standard of living most seem now to take for granted. I have never forgotten the pride and deep sense of patriotism I developed when, for example, standing in the mud and rain at the crack of dawn with fellow troopers saluting the American flag as it was raised. To this day, the hair on my neck still stands up every time the Star Spangled Banner is played and/or our great Flag is raised at any gathering I am at. I have sincere concerns about the direction we are heading. I share similar concerns expressed, for example, by the patriot Dr. Bennett in his recent book "The Death of Outrage".

"The Israelis have it right — every citizen must serve at least 6 months in the military upon reaching age 18. That intention-at awakening of patriotism that has allowed their citizen-based military to courageously prevail over countless assaults since the late 1940s founding of their Nation. Their founders/leaders learned well from the outrages imposed on them for many centuries, its called *wisdom*, and they will never forget the horrific past nor take survival for granted. Quo vadis the United States of America? God be with us and guide us in this time of great need for restoration of Patriotism. Old fashioned? —No! Wisdom of a lifetime? — you bet! We must stand together—Don't Tread On Us! Emphasis on "US"!

— Richard E. T. Brooks

'Plane sat on tarmac'

"A caller called into a radio talk show originating in New York, describing the sight of an airliner passing his apartment building at unusually low altitude. News reports on the radio and television grew exponentially over the next hour, flooding the airwaves with confused eye witness accounts of the situation...first believed by many to be a malfunctioning jet and then, the second impact left no doubt that this was a coordinated attack.

"At the time of the attack, my best friend sat on a Delta airliner on the tarmac at Logan Airport awaiting taxi and take-off to Bermuda for their wedding anniversary. We speak to each other by cell phone everyday, so it was not unusual for him to call just as the reality of the situation was increasingly coming into focus. But he knew nothing. The Delta flight crew offered no information on the attack.

"I asked if he knew what was going on. 'No, we're just sitting here, 40 minutes now,' he said. 'Why, what's up?'

"As I relayed the latest news of the hijackings to him, I could hear passengers around him asking the same question. 'What's happening?'

"As I spoke, he spoke, filling in his fellow passengers, who huddled around him to be informed. As he tells it, he began to look about the cabin of his plane looking for suspicious individuals. Was the odd gentleman two rows up who wrung his hands over and over and over a clandestine hijacker? He felt immediately at risk, being on the ground rather than in the air offered little solace. 'I have to go,' he said and hung up the phone.

"An hour later my phone rang. 'Can you pick us up at the boat? Look's like we'll be staying put for awhile.' Like many Americans, his wife refused to fly for a year."

— Charles F. Field, Jr

'Explaining to children'

"I was in a meeting when my wife Robin called me about what she thought was an accident involving a plane crashing into one of the WTC towers. Once we realized what really happened we spent the rest of the day tracking the events on CNN and trying to communicate with friends or other Fidelity employees in the New York and New Jersey area. Fortunately most of the people we knew were okay. My closest friend worked at the World Trade Center, but fortunately he was on a business trip to the west coast at the time. The entire day was surreal, like a really bad dream.

"For a while we changed our travel plans and avoided plane travel. We soon realized this is what the terrorists wanted and decided to resume normal travel plans. The single most difficult thing has been explaining these horrible events to our children. Unfortunately this has become a regular event given the recent terror events in London and elsewhere throughout the world.

"These events have forever changed our lives and the way we look at the world, but we need to keep positive and hopeful."

— Steve Fusco

'Native New Yorker'

"As a native New Yorker, I lost my youngest first cousin, N.Y. firefighter Bobby McPadden, and three family friends, all firefighters: Deputy Chief Ray Downey, and firefighters, Terrance McShane and Michael Otten from Deer Park, Long Island, where I grew up.

"We also lost my husband's and my fellow colleague and friend, Bill Weems, who died on the second plane that hit.

"Five years later, I keep remembering when I was 14 and I went to the ribbon cutting of the Twin Towers back in 1973. My father took my hand and said, "Margaret Mary, if these towers come down, we'll be in WW III'."

— Margie Sullivan Kaplan

'Remaining vigilant'

"My daughter Connie's (Connie is a 1981 graduate of Cohasset High School) husband, Ray Bartels, was on the 47th floor of Tower Two when the first plane hit Tower One. He was very lucky to make it out.

"As a result, 9/11 is never far from our thoughts; this particularly applies to Ray as he continues to work in Lower Manhattan.

"On the morning of 9/11 I was playing golf in Wayland with a Polaroid group and used a friend's cell phone to call home from the golf course to make sure that Ray had gotten out safely. It was a helpless feeling being so far away and not being able to do anything to help.

"I'm afraid it's inevitable that we cannot avoid another 9/11. All we can do as a nation is to remain vigilant and be smart as we face the threat, without compromising our freedoms."

— Galt Grant

'AJ's dusty wingtips'

"There was nothing unusual about my cousin, A.J. Erickson, being impeccably dressed in a suit and tie on 9-11-01. He took the subway on his routine commute to work in Manhattan. He walked across the plaza at the World Trade Center and arrived at his office a few blocks away, early as usual.

"When the towers came down, the electricity in his building went out, and his cell phone did not work. He and his fellow coworkers walked down the fire escape stairway and into the toxic dust. Outside and unable to discern the usual landmarks, he walked to the train station and took the first one back to his hometown, Foxboro, Mass.

"AJ did not return to his job in Manhattan. He left his dusty wingtip shoes neatly parked next to his bed where they remain, unmoved, today."

— Tom Belyea

'Trying to comprehend'

"I turned 16 on Sept. 6, 2001. As a present, my parents decided they would give me a weekend in New York City with my father. This gift would end up being disturbingly ironic in just five days. In the meantime, I got my learner's permit, started my sophomore year of high school, and began my second season of tennis. My dad and I had just started to plan our trip when it hit.

"I sat with my second period history class that morning as we watched the second plane crash into the towers. Minutes later we stared, big-eyed and silent, as the towers crumbled. And the terror did not end there. Flight 93 crashed not far from the town outside of Pittsburgh where I lived at the time. My father was in Boston on business and flew into Logan right before the hijackings. One of my uncles was a volunteer firefighter on Long Island, not far from the city, and another uncle lived in downtown Washington. D.C. It seemed that everywhere something happened that day, I had a relative far too close by. Even in our tiny town of 5,000 people out in Western Pennsylvania, several people lost friends and family members. When I got home after school, my mom and I curled into ourselves and sat on the couch watching the news without speaking, trying to comprehend what had happened.

"About a month after September 11th, my parents decided to move us back to the Boston area. Although the move was difficult, being so much closer to my extended family is comforting. During 9/11, when most of them were in Massachusetts or New York and we were in Pittsburgh, they all seemed so far away. I had assumed they would always be there, until that gorgeous fall day showed us that nothing is permanent."

— Kathleen O'Donnell

'We were all sad'

"On Sept. 11, 2001 Carriage House School was temporarily over at the Congregational Church while renovations were being done at the Parish House. I remember parents literally running to school to come and get or just be with their children as the tragedy unfolded.

"As the days passed we noticed that children were building towers in the block area and watched as each other knocked them down, but built them up again; parents stayed longer at school and some just hung out during the day.

"School became a safe zone for parents and children. Truly nobody wanted to leave each other. Children of 3 and 4 became aware of the American flag, usually children have little interest in other flags beside their own. Children came to school with stories of losses in their family, every family had a loss somewhere. It was a time that still deeply moves me as an educator.

"We became a very tight school. Kids drew pictures of burning building with eerie smoke coming out of the windows, there was a sadness that penetrated everything. I will never forget so many sad children at one time, we were all sad. I remember the children using and wanting to paint with black paint more, much more than usual..

"These are my memories of the "day the world collapsed" (One of my children I remember, said the world is going to fall down. It moves me to this day thinking of what that 3-year-old observed in his world)."

Georgie Gladdys,
Director Carriage House School

'Preparing for the worst'

"I was the Superintendent-in-Chief in Boston at the time. I was in my office at police headquarters that morning. The media relations office was next to me. An officer from media came and poked his head into my office and said a plane had just crashed into the World Trade Center. I first envisioned a small plane had crashed at the World Trade Center on the waterfront in South Boston, figuring it had just taken off from or was trying to land at Logan Airport. I walked over to media and saw the the jet sticking into the side of one of the twin towers in New York. As the minutes went by and the second jet hit the other tower, we all sprung into action.

"Knowing our country was under attack, we put out notices to all personnel of what was taking place. We worked with city hall, state agencies and our business community to help move people out of our skyscrapers and move people out of the city. This went on all morning and into the afternoon. We were preparing for the worst. As the afternoon moved into the evening, our fears of the city being attacked started to diminish. But I knew our way of life was going to change forever."

— Jim Hussey

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Fifth Anniversary of 9-11

'World changed forever'

"9/11 was such a beautiful day... Clear skies, a crisp, early September day with warming sunlight and a light breeze that made you think all was well and right with the world.

"I was working at home when my wife heard on the news that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. I raced to the television, saw the news footage, and quickly recognized that that was not an accident.... And then the world as I knew it changed forever.

"I grew up on Long Island and several people I knew personally or by name were killed in the World Trade Center. My hometown, which is on a direct train line to New York City that is home to many people on Wall Street, was emotionally devastated."

— Wayne Sawchuk

'We aren't safe'

"On Aug. 11, 2006 Jay Leno said, 'British authorities said they were able to detect the terrorist plot using a surveillance program that the New York Times hadn't got around to exposing yet.'

"We aren't safe as long as insiders leak our methods."

—Peter Guild

TAKE PART

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper.

Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

'Only 8 at the time'

"I don't remember much about 9/11, I was only about 8. I do remember how everybody seemed different around me, a change in emotions is something even a child can notice. There was a frenzy of news and reports happening, but like many kids that were my age I was unaware of many of the tragedies.

"Five years later, I now notice all of the things I didn't know before. Stories of survivors and heroes are displayed in movies, memorials are held yearly, and it shows that everyone was deeply affected by the terrorist attack. I give my sincerest sympathy to those who were hurt or lost someone dear to them and I hope that one day everything will be set right."

— Emily Toomey

'What 9/11 has become'

"On 9/11, I was at a hearing at Plymouth Superior Court first thing that morning. I'm sure everyone remembers how beautiful a day it was. The hearing ended rather abruptly when a clerk came in to tell the judge to come see the television. We could also hear commotion outside. A friend I ran into outside told me that the Trade Center had collapsed and I remember how unbelievable that sounded. While watching the images on television that day and for days later, I admit I shed a tear or two. I had watched those buildings go up as a kid and it was particularly difficult to see them come down like that.

"That November, friends and I were in New York and we went down to the site. General traffic into lower Manhattan was blocked, and it was amazing how quiet New York could be. It was as if someone hit a noise switch at Canal Street. At that time, you still could only view from between buildings a couple of blocks away, but wreckage was still very visible. I was taken by the eerie quiet, the dust still coating shop awnings for blocks around, the smell of fires still burning after two months and later, by the guns and new security at the airport.

"I am still morbidly fascinated with all things 9/11, but still saddened by the pictures and personal stories. These days, however, I am as equally concerned with what 9/11 has become, how it and particularly it's 5th anniversary is being used (as in the news of the President's new PR offensive). Unfortunately, 9/11 has cynically been turned by some into a means by which to question the patriotism of many of us and into a symbol of perpetual fear and uncertainty, purposefully stoked to justify an ill-conceived war, and numbing us to the disturbing assault on democracy from within."

— Tom Callahan

Sept. 11 observance

The town will be remembering the events of Sept. 11 with an observance to mark the five-year anniversary Monday morning. The Color Guards will meet at Town Hall between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. and a ceremony at the flagpole on the Common will begin at 9 a.m. sharp.

Local clergy will open with a prayer, followed by a ringing of the bell in the church steeple for five minutes. Taps will be played and followed by a closing prayer.

The ceremony should conclude by 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Old Ship Labyrinth special program

The Old Ship Labyrinth in Hingham will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the attack on America with a special program on Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m., by recognizing the universal search for peace by individuals and organizations. People attending this free event may participate by posting personal wishes or by walking the Chartres-style Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall at 107 Main Street.

Old Ship Labyrinth is open to the public monthly on the second Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m., except on Tuesday holidays. Walking the Labyrinth is intended as a meditative experience with personal meaning. Appropriate background music and candlelight is provided to enhance the atmosphere.

FILE PHOTO

Members of the Cohasset Fire Department stand quietly at attention during the town-wide observance of the first anniversary of 9/11. An observance is planned at 9 a.m. this Monday (Sept. 11) on the Town Common.

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Cohasset residents, from left, Gina Giuggio, Casey and Cindy Cavanaro, and Kathy Giuggio, sing a hymn during the town-wide ecumenical 9/11 memorial service at St. Anthony's on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001.

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Taggart Eymer, 8, pretends to fly away with the help of balloons tied to a bucket during his birthday party, held in mid-August. Those who attended the party participated in a father and son whiffle ball game at Bancroft Field.

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Birthday party is a hit

Kids play Whiffle ball

(Above) Taggart Eymer, 8, back right, picks his lineup before the start of his father and son whiffle ball game birthday party, held at Bancroft Field in August.

(Left) Foster Eymer, 11, feigns pain after being hit with a whiffle ball during his brother Taggart's birthday party at Bancroft Field. The boys were celebrating Taggart's turning 8 years old with a father and son whiffle ball game.

(Far left) Will Englander, 7, takes a little time out from running the bases to construct a sand wall in front of first base during his friend Taggart Eymer's eighth birthday party, held at Bancroft Field in mid-August.

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Cohasset keeper Will Wise makes the save with teammate Hunter Sease (1) there to back him up in the second half of the Skippers' 3-1 loss to Rockland on Wednesday.

Ready to run

Hopes are high for CHS girls soccer

By Mark Goodman
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Talk to CHS girls soccer head coach Deb Beal about her team for this year, and one thing is for certain.

They'll be ready to run.

Entering her ninth year at the helm of the Skippers program, Beal has always put great emphasis on staying in proper shape for soccer. Looking at her team through that lens for this upcoming season, the coach says she is encouraged by what she sees.

"I am impressed with our overall fitness level," Beal said. "It's obvious, as it is every year, that some people took their training seriously and some did not. I think that this is the fittest team I have had to start any of my past 11 years of coaching high school soccer."

This year's Skippers side features a blend of experience (10 seniors, two juniors) and younger players (six sophomores, most with a season of varsity experience already under their belts). Beal said Thursday one of her team's biggest strengths is its talent down the middle of the pitch.

Junior Anna Haggerty was a South Shore League All-Star last season at the sweeper position, and will start the season at that spot this year. Sarah Coggins saw extensive playing time as a freshman last fall and will bring her considerable all-around skills to the stopperback position.

Beal has high hopes for another sophomore, Maggie McGoldrick, who will play in central midfield. McGoldrick will link up on attacks with sophomore center forward Torey Hart, Cohasset's other returning league All-Star.

Hart will be joined on the starting frontline by Kara Wilcox, one of the team's four senior captains, and sophomore Kristin Monaco. Senior Jamie Genovese and junior Meg Anderson will the Skippers' top striker options off the bench.

The Skippers scored three goals in their preseason friendly against Hingham, giving Beal another reason for optimism.

"A nice thing that I've seen so far is our finishing," said the coach. "In the past, that's always been a problem for us. But against Hingham, it just happened so easily, and not a big deal was made out of it.

"I'm hoping that because the middle of the field is so strong for us, it won't be hard to keep the field wide and create a lot of scoring chances."

In the midfield, McGoldrick will be flanked by senior captains Emily Coggins and Caren Garber. Cohasset's fourth senior captain, Lara Novak, is recovered from knee surgery and will lend another offensive talent to the midfield picture. Fellow senior Alyssa Hinman will also see time at midfielder, although Beal likes her versatility and said Hinman can play anywhere on the pitch.

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A tale of two halves

Junior midfielder Mike Grimm goes on a galloping run during the first half.

CHS boys hope to replicate second half of season opener with Rockland

By Mark Goodman
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ROCKLAND – If the Cohasset High boys soccer team plays the rest of its season like it did in the first half of Wednesday's season opener, this could be a long year.

If the Skippers continue to play like they did in the second half of their 3-1 loss to the Bulldogs, they should be in decent shape.

Cohasset came out flat in the first half, and found themselves down 3-0 at the break. Head coach Rob Leary had a spirited discussion with his team at halftime, and after the game chalked up the slow start to inexperience.

"I challenged them at halftime to show some hustle and show some pride, because there wasn't any in the first 40 minutes," said Leary. "They came out and played a lot better in the second half. We easily could've tied that game.

"I think the first half was just inexperience. We lost nine

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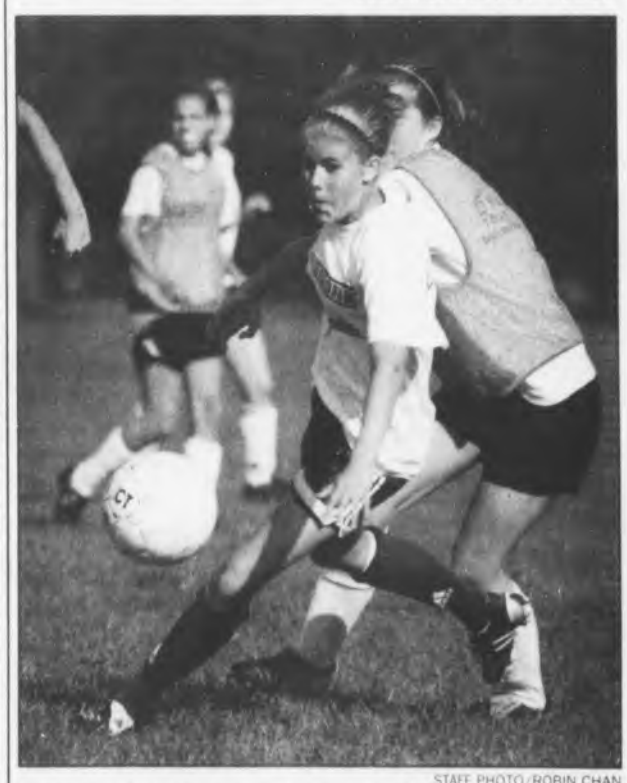

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Sophomore Kristin Monaco tracks down a 50-50 ball in the open field during a preseason friendly against Hingham. Monaco will be one of Cohasset's starting forwards this fall.

Mixed bag of potpourri

TOSSING BATTING PRACTICE

NICK FRENCH

Tossing batting practice, while trying to change my name to something cooler, like Kason Gabbard in the hopes of being claimed off waivers…

It's all the more frustrating what happened to the Red Sox after they win a couple of games, it's just easier when they lose every game remaining, and let the flame of hope burn out quickly.

I'll never begin to understand the volatility of relief pitchers when Julian Tavarez can be putrid all season out of the bullpen and then throw seven innings of superb ball against one of the best offensive teams in the American League.

One cure for the Red Sox blues: take a vacation. After spending a weekend in northeast Alabama devoid of any Red Sox information or news, I came back thoroughly refreshed, and easily able to ignore any and all news.

As a fantasy baseball owner there is nothing more unnerving than reading on the ESPN ticker 1000 miles from home, *Papelbon, left game in ninth (shoulder)*, and then not being able to find out anything else for a couple days.

It's impossible to understand how important football is down south until you actually visit. The two most important stories on the front page of the Decatur Daily Herald last Friday, one was a cancer research breakthrough made in Washington, the other was about parking and tailgating changes for the upcoming season at Alabama football games. For context Decatur is two and a half hours from Tuscaloosa where the Crimson Tide play.

Last Friday night there were five Alabama high school football games on television in my hotel room, even for a high school reporter like myself I found that odd, but I still watched.

Saturday I met the starting tailback for Hoover high school, the number one high school football team in the country, and the subject of an MTV reality show airing right now documenting last season. When I asked what schools were interested in him,

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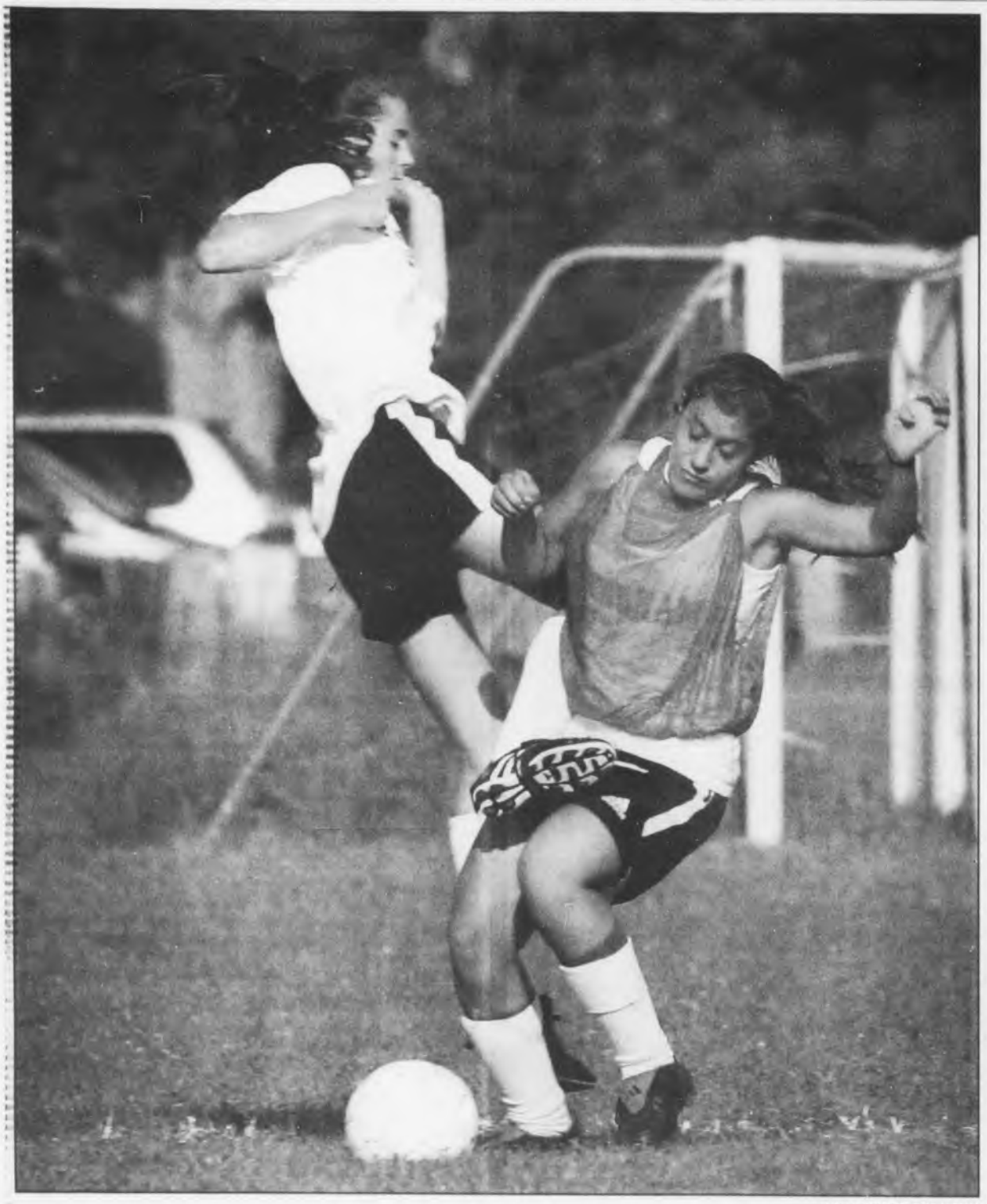
STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Corinna Durham (shown above in action last October against Carver) and her CHS field hockey teammates began their season Thursday (Sept. 7) against powerhouse East Bridgewater. Next week, the Mariner takes a look at the start to the Lady Skippers' season as they aim to return to the state tournament.



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Anna Haggerty (left) makes her presence known to Hingham's Maria Baimas-George during the teams' preseason friendly last week. Haggerty is one of Cohasset's two returning South Shore League All-Stars, along with sophomore striker Torey Hart.

Ready to run

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In defense, seniors Colleen Richardson and Haley Haracz are both coming off solid seasons and figure to play the outside back positions. Beal has been impressed so far with the play of sophomore Sammie Lehr, whom the coach says may play at sweeper, allowing Haggerty to move to one of the outside back spots.

The Skippers have a couple reliable keepers in senior Shalea Daly and sophomore Johanna Brophy. Beal said Brophy will play a lot out in the field as well to take advantage of her all-around talents.

Rounding out the Skippers' varsity roster is senior Karoline Holt, an exchange student from Norway whom Beal says has fit in well with the rest of the team and will work her way into the playing rotation.

Beal said there are a few freshmen who are capable of playing at the varsity level, but will start the year at JV to get some experience. The JVs will be coached this season by Jim Willis, who comes to Cohasset after heading the Scituate High boys program for the last several years.

The girls kick off their season today (Sept. 8) in Holbrook, and Saturday will travel to Nantucket to take on the Whalers. Cohasset follows that up with its home opener on Sept. 12 against league newcomer East Bridgewater, and host Abington on the 14th.

The schedule is rather abnormal this season – after beginning the season with two road games, the Skippers will have a three-game homestand, culminating with a Sept. 18 match against Carver. They then go 27 days before their next home game, with seven roadies in between. Cohasset then finishes its season with six straight homers, and Beal says that is fine with her.

"I prefer to play home later in the season anyway," she said. "EEE is going to be an issue, not for practice times but for home night games. Hopefully we'll get an early frost so that in October we can have a nice supportive and excited fan base for some evening games."

But that is still down the road; the coaches and players are focused on starting the season strong.

"We still have a lot to work on and I am eager to get the matches started so we can focus on more tactical stuff and get caught in the competitive aspect of the league," Beal said. "The league is up for grabs and hopefully we can get a little run going with our non-leagues and jump right into EB and Abington next week."

Meg Anderson shadows Hingham's Sabrina Lumbert in last Wednesday's scrimmage.

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he nonchalantly rattled off USC, Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Florida, and a host of other top 20 schools. Then I asked what his 40 time was, and his response rather humbly was 4.2, or Michael Vick range.

One difference between Boston and everywhere else, in an airport in Cincinnati, Johnny Bench, the hall of fame catcher for the Reds and arguably their greatest player in team history is sitting and waiting for a flight. At no point in the 25 minutes he was there was he even approached for an autograph or a handshake. Everywhere else, superstar athletes are just one of us.

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Prediction time. Call me a homer, but I don't see anyone beating Abington in the South Shore League this year. With Cohasset rebuilding, only Norwell is in the way of another Green Wave trip to the postseason. The Clippers have solid depth, but probably not the skill positions to line up with Tim Wells, John Creamer, and Joe Gabriele.

Throw in an offensive line that has a pair of mammoth tackles in Ryan Marston and Ronnie Dunn, and the Green Wave running game will be as solid as ever between the tackles. Not to mention the aerial game.

Another Thanksgiving victory could also be on the horizon, and the first Tuesday after Turkey day should be cleared for an evening football game with Super Bowl aspirations on the line.

As for professional football, I see the Pats winning 11 games and the AFC East, though that could jump to 12 or 13 if Deion Branch finally realizes that $14,000 a day is real money, he'll actually have to pay back if he doesn't sign a deal soon. As long as Tom Brady is upright, and Ben Watson is running wild through the middle of the field like he did against Washington, this passing attack will be fine.

The Patriots did win a Super Bowl without Branch, in which David Patten and Charles Johnson were the two receivers behind Troy Brown, and Jermaine Wiggins was the tight end threat. The difference is that this year there will be a running game with Corey Dillon and Laurence Maroney splitting carries.

The front seven is solid, and they should be deep in the secondary if the cornerbacks actually stay healthy this year.

Have an idea for a story? Photo? Let us know.

The Cohasset Mariner prides itself on its involvement with the community, in both realms of news and sports.

The Mariner sports page always welcomes contributions from the community, particularly in youth sports.

If there is a team or athlete that you feel deserves coverage, contact sports editor Mark Goodman at 781-837-4577.

You may also reach our sports department via email, at mgoodman@cnc.com.

Submissions from the community, both articles and photos, are also welcomed and encouraged.

It is the combination of high school and youth sports coverage that separates the Norwell Mariner sports page from others in the area.

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A tale of two halves

FROM TWO HALVES, PAGE 15

starters from last year, and some of the new kids don't know the intensity that they have to come out with at the varsity level. We didn't even try hard in the first half, and that's what bothered me."

The second half was a much better picture, as the defense closed the gaps that had been forming in the first half. With that, the Skippers' attack went to work and finally broke through in the 60th minute.

Junior midfielder Mike Grimm, who played an exceptional game in the middle of the pitch for Cohasset, made a nice run down the left wing to start the attack. The Bulldogs defense gave Grimm space, and he took proper advantage of it, working the ball all the way into the penalty area.

Grimm got off a shot that was well saved by Rockland keeper Bobby Christie, but the rebound caromed to an open Adam Smith inside the six-yard box, and the Skippers senior made no mistake with his finish to put Cohasset on the board.

Just four minutes later, sophomore Lenny Brown did some nice work inside the area to set up senior striker Tristram Norman, who rocketed a shot off the crossbar.

"If that shot goes in, I think we wind up tying this game," Leary said.

Norman and junior striker Sam Roth both had quality chances a few minutes later, but both were kept out by Christie, who made seven stops on the afternoon for the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately for Cohasset, the three goals allowed in the first half hour were too big an obstacle to overcome.

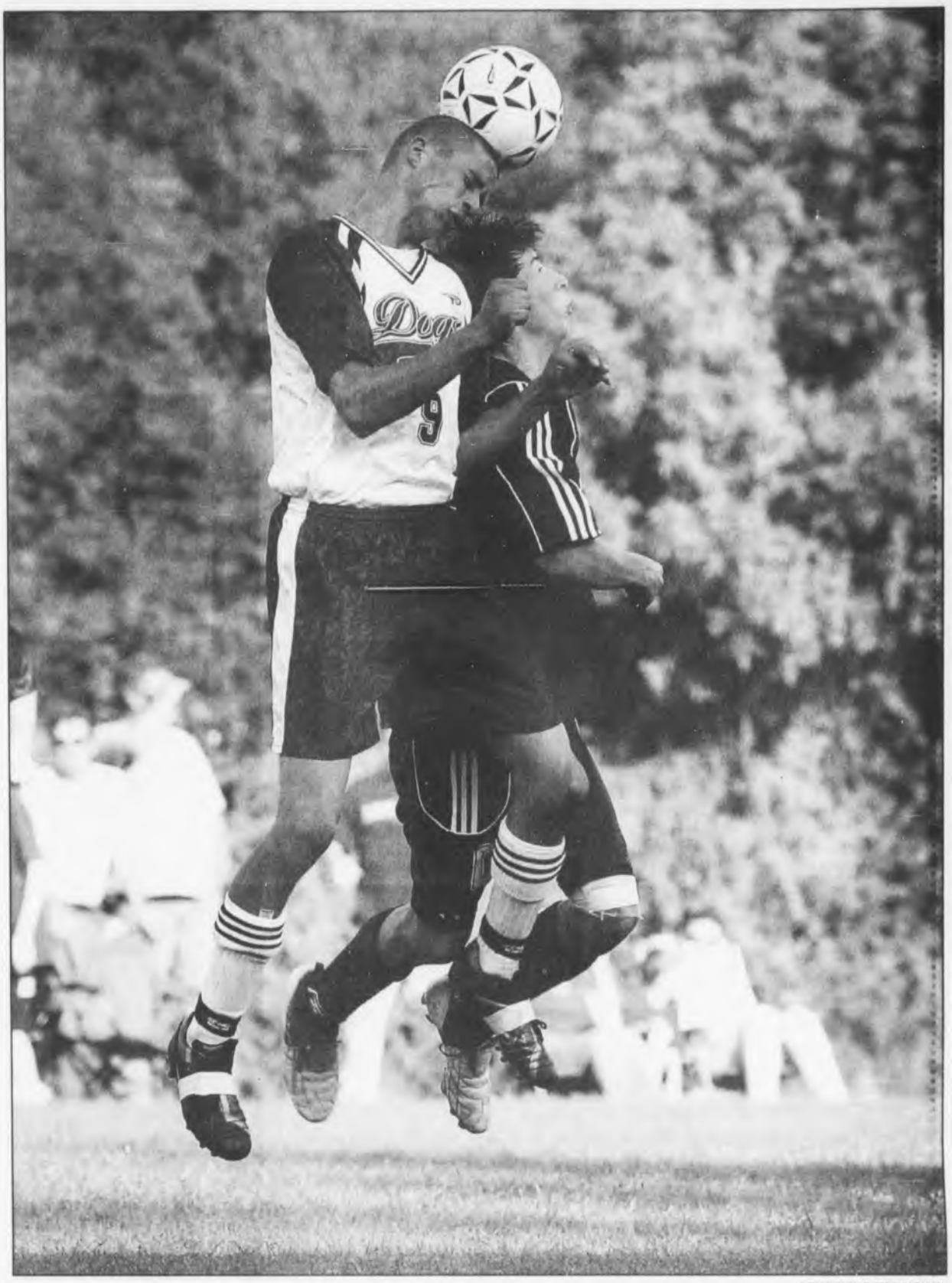
Freshman keeper Will Wise made two of his nine saves early on, but could do little in the 11th minute when Rockland freshman Alex Issa beat his mark to the ball in the left side of the Cohasset area and slotted it home past a sliding Wise.

Rockland continued to give Cohasset fits, with senior Eliomar Maciel and sophomore Andy Reed dominating the midfield. The Bulldogs defense – seniors Derek Boughter, Matt Mullen, Tom Anderson and freshman Ryan Boughter – snuffed out just about any attack from Cohasset, particularly imposing their dominance in the air.

It was 2-0 in the 25th minute, as freshman Bruno DaSilva converted a well-struck penalty, given after Cohasset was called for a handball in the area. Senior Dan Erickson made it 3-0 in the 29th, converting a good cross from the left wing by Issa with a nice shot from just inside the edge of the area.

Leary made a tactical switch early in the second half, moving junior Evan Deutsch from stopper to sweeper and senior Chris Donze from sweeper up to the midfield. Donze worked well with Grimm in the middle, and Rockland's scoring chances dried up with Deutsch playing behind senior Luke Genello, junior Adrian Lucas and sophomore Danny Brady in defense. Leary said after the game he would stick with Donze in midfield at Deutsch at sweeper for the foreseeable future.

The boys have a few days to build on the season opener, as they don't play again until Tuesday when they travel to East Bridgewater for their first South Shore League game. The Skippers follow that up with a road game on Thursday (Sept. 14) against Abington.



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Rockland's Tom Anderson (9) rises up over Cohasset's Sam Roth for a header in the second half of Wednesday's match.

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SPORTS NOTES

Hingham Flag Football moves to Cohasset HS

Registration: Saturday, Sept. 9, noon to 2 p.m. at Cohasset High School on Pond Street. The season will start Sept. 23. Due to a change in venue and lack of concession stand income, the fee will be $85 per player with a family maximum of $170.

A brief organizational meeting will be held at 2 p.m. for all coaches and volunteers. Any questions, email lchase12345@yahoo.com.

Winter rec basketball

Signups for winter recreation basketball will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. Signups will be at Town Hall in Cohasset.

Flyers will be distributed at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are eligible to play in our recreation program.

If you have any questions, please call (781)383-9513 or email ellenmaher63@comcast.net.

12U softball tryouts

Cohasset youth softball, a girls fast-pitch organization, will be holding tryouts for their 12U team on Sunday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Freedom Diamond at the Barnes Complex in Cohasset. To be considered for the team, you must be 12 years of age on Jan. 1, 2007.

This is a new tournament team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2007 summer season. All positions are available, making for a great opportunity for players. The current plan is to play a minimum of four weekend tournaments in June and July after the CYBSA season has ended.

For more information on the tryouts or the team in general, contact Rob Spofford at (781)383-1680 or email Spofford@spoffordgroup.com.

Tennis initiative seeks applicants for scholarships at Weymouth Club

The costs associate with learning how to play tennis and golf can prove to be a roadblock to many young people who would like to learn how to play (or improve) these games.

Golf is responding to this problem on a national level with its high-profile "First Tee" program that offers youngsters the opportunity to learn and develop golf skills at little to no cost to them.

Tennis, on the other hand, has not yet developed such a program on the national level. However, the South Shore Tennis Initiative has been formed locally in attempt to provide financial assistance to South Shore youngsters looking to learn the game or improve their skills.

Founded as a non-profit, 501c corporation, the Tennis Initiative intends to fund a grass root effort that will help grow the game of tennis by providing youngsters of all backgrounds with an opportunity to play tennis and at the same time participate in al physical activity that will help to stem the growing problem of obesity among adolescents.

The Initiative is currently raising funds through a number of its own initiatives in order to provide scholarships, purchase tennis equipment and supplies, market and promote new and existing tennis programs, supplement professional coaching fees, and launch new services and programs.

"Our goal is to distribute 10 or more $400 scholarships each year to deserving youngsters on the South Shore," says Paul D'Amico, director of tennis at Weymouth Club. "These scholarships can be applied to fees for instructional clinics, private lessons, or court time at South Shore tennis facilities," he says, "or for travel expenses to tournaments, fitness training, or new equipment. Scholarship eligibility is based on a combination of financial need, academic standing, and community service."

Scholarship applications are available at Weymouth Club, 75 Finell Road in South Weymouth, or by calling 781.337.4600.

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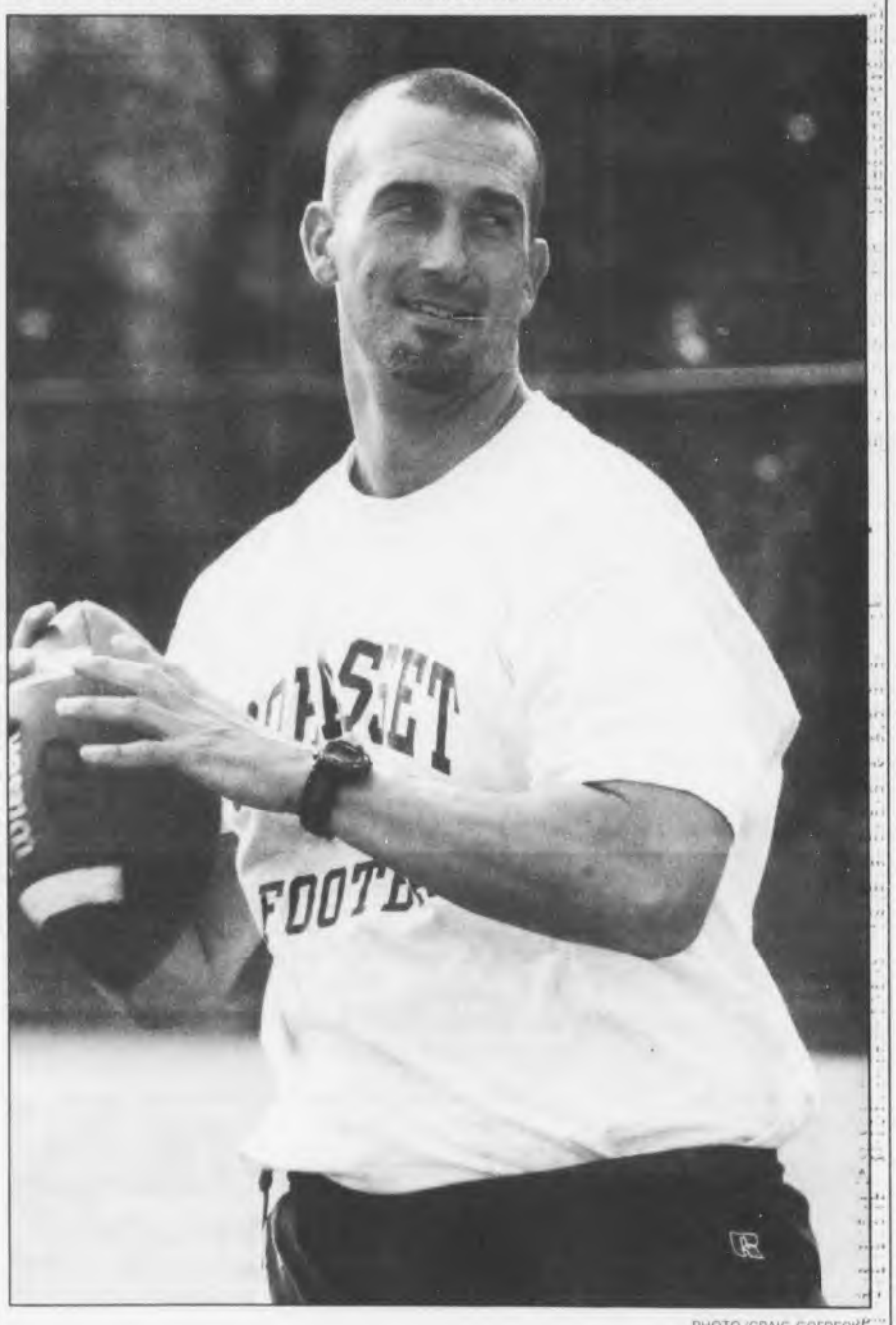
Kyle Pinkus (pictured above in action last season against Scituate), head coach Pete Afanasiw (below during a preseason practice) and the rest of the Skippers football program kick off their season Saturday afternoon in Nantucket. Details to come in next week's Mariner.



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EEE-infected mosquito found in Cohasset

FROM EEE, PAGE 1

swamps and is spread from bird to bird by mosquitoes. If a mosquito infected with the virus bites a horse or human, the animal or person can become sick.

The first symptoms of EEE are a high fever, typically from 103 to 106 degrees, a stiff neck, headache and lack of energy. The symptoms typically present themselves three to 10 days after an infected mosquito bites a person. Swelling of the brain, called encephalitis, is the most dangerous symptom. The condition of the patient tends to deteriorate rapidly, and some patients fall into a coma within a week.

According to Plymouth County Mosquito Control, there are roughly 2,700 species of mosquitoes worldwide, of which 50 can be found in Massachusetts. Only female mosquitoes blood feed, as they need the energy from the blood to develop their eggs. Not all mosquitoes feed on human blood, as is the case with the infected mosquito found in Cohasset, as some prefer other hosts such as birds, or reptiles and amphibians.

After the mosquito eats a blood meal, it will find a spot to lay its eggs, usually near water, which can take a few days. The mosquito will continue the cycle of finding a blood meal and laying eggs until it dies. Most females die before their second blood meal, but those which have two or more blood meals are the ones that may spread disease, as they come into contact with more than one blood source.

There are a variety of online sources for information on the EEE virus including the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Web site at www.mass.gov/dph. Information can also be found on the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project Web site at www.plymouthmosquito.com. For more local information, please contact the Board of Health office at (781) 383-4116.

Rails With Trails gets green light from selectmen

FROM FOOTPATHS, PAGE 1

The town voted to allocate $25,000 in Community Preservation funds for a Rails With Trails feasibility study at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

Preservation funds for a Rails With Trails feasibility study at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting. The town received the report from the Waterfield Design Group in July.

"There is a definite need for the Board of Selectmen to make its position known," said Bobo, as its endorsement will solidify the town's support for the project. Bobo said he has been in contact with Rails With Trails supporters from other towns and the more towns that support the project, the better the chance of receiving federal funding.

Pratt added he has spoken with members of the Massachusetts Area Planning Council, which is encouraging towns to go after federal funds for transportation projects. He said the town has "a federally mandated right," to receive state funding for projects such as this one and it should jump on the opportunity.

The feasibility study outlines three different plans for pedestrian access in the right-of-way, which is typically 66 feet wide. In Waterfield's design, the trails would be roughly 10-feet wide and have a 2-foot shoulder. They would connect the Cohasset station to the North Scituate station with a 10-foot wide multi-use path where feasible, and would connect to residences, businesses and other attractions. Due to the fact the Greenbush line includes some double track sections, in some areas paths would need to be limited to the side containing the second track.

Pratt and Bobo reminded selectmen the feasibility study is only a study and the town is not bound to follow its design. They asked the board to either vote for or against the concept of beginning a Rails With Trails program, but not to endorse the proposed designs.

Selectman Fred Koed, who is the town's representative on the MAPC, said he thinks it would be a great first step for the town in terms of public transportation planning. Pratt said with the trails, the train station would be connected to the town center, as the MBTA did not include sidewalks in its plans to make that possible.

The board said the idea was a great one and agreed to draft a letter of endorsement to be sent to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the project.

Town buildings need some TLC

FROM TLC, PAGE 1

"A couple of extra hands would make a big difference."
— Brian Adams, facilities manager

"Many preventative maintenance programs have been established in the past year. For example, fire alarm and sprinkler system maintenance and inspection, security/burglar alarm maintenance, water treatment, kitchen hood maintenance, generator maintenance, boiler maintenance and inspection and elevator maintenance," he said in a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin. "This year we plan to implement roofing preventative maintenance and inspection along with electrical systems preventative maintenance and inspection. In the future we need to implement a preventative maintenance and inspection program for the bleachers, along with a playground program."

Adams said he currently has a three-man maintenance crew (which includes himself) for the town's buildings and four daytime custodians for the schools. The schools also have an outsourced cleaning crew, which comes into the buildings at night. The daytime custodians take care of things such as spills in the cafeteria, shoveling snow, or other maintenance issues. The crew at night is responsible solely for cleaning.

Adams said one person on his three-man crew is responsible for cleaning Town Hall, the library, the police and fire station and the DPW garage. "That puts a big burden on one guy," he said. He added in terms of maintenance, he and one other person cover all the issues that arise at all the town's buildings. With such limited resources, there is no one available to clean the teen garage, the harbormaster's building or the senior center. "A couple of extra hands would make a big difference," he said.

At Town Hall there are 10 major facility needs, which should be taken care of sooner rather than later. The building needs its air conditioning chiller replaced, a new air-conditioning system for the old section of the building and the basement meeting room, window replacement, electrical upgrades in the old section and restroom upgrades in the old section. It also needs a security system, as it does not currently have one. Window sills need replacing as they are rotting due to moisture and the auditorium needs upgrades including paint, door and floor replacement, and lighting upgrades. The parking lot needs improvements and the building needs a generator, as it does not have one right now.

The library has some significant issues as well, as it has some major roofing and drainage problems. The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, located in the back of the library, has flooded, as has the basement of the library. Adams said he had the independent consulting firm of Gale Associates take a look at the building's roof and it said some of the slate should be replaced. In light of the report, Adams has put out a Request for Proposals to solicit bids for the work. There are also issues with the gutters on the building, as they were taken off during construction and never replaced. There is also no security system at the library.

The police and fire station currently needs a new roof on the police station side as well as its generator replaced to include power for its air conditioning system. The building also needs electrical upgrades. The DPW garage is in need of a security system.

The schools have significant needs as well and the middle-high school needs roofing repairs and building envelope investigation/repair in the library. Adams said during wind-driven rains, there is a leak in the library, and things need to be opened up to figure out where the water is coming from. The building also needs a new building automation system (BAS), which optimizes the start-up and performance of the building's HVAC system. The BAS would be linked with the other buildings. The visitors' bleachers were also taken down on Alumni Field and should be replaced, and the field's track needs to be repaired. The science classrooms also need exhaust fan systems.

The Deer Hill School will need a new BAS system to be linked with the other schools, as will the Osgood School. Osgood also needs a new emergency generator, as it currently has none, and carpet replaced upstairs. The playground equipment needs to be upgraded or replaced, as the school now has a new preschool and runs only through grade two, and some of the equipment at the school is meant for older children. The school used to have students up to grade three. Adams said it has also been requested that pavement be installed at the rear of the building.

Selectman Rob Spofford questioned why the property needed to be paved out back. As the former chairman of the School Building Committee he said the decision was made on purpose to not pave at the rear of the building. Adams said DPW Superintendent Carl Sestito made the request, as it would allow the paved areas to be plowed during the winter and provide another means of emergency access to the school via Old Pasture Road. However, Spofford said not paving behind the school was to ensure the Old Pasture neighborhood would not have undue traffic and the administration at the schools did not want to have cars driving close to the playground.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said in his opinion, the issues which need to be taken care of first are the leaks and drainage problems that are causing water damage. Griffin said the town would do the best to remedy the situation and said he planned to meet with the Capital Budget Committee this week to discuss articles that should be included on the fall Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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NUMEROUS NETS

Emily Robbins, 10, retrieves her soccer ball amidst the nets while playing a pickup two-on-two game with a friend and her siblings on Bancroft field on a warm August afternoon.

Parents can help prevent tardiness

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Okay everyone: exhale. The first week of school is in the bag. It's back to the routine of school for Cohasset; with some significant changes. Students now pay to park their cars in the school parking lot, pay a bus fee, or take advantage of Mom and Dad's chauffer service that leaves them in front of the building. The line of cars may be the deciding factor in tardiness, so parents please keep things moving and don't watch to make sure the kids get into the building. The 30-foot trek from the car to the entrance is not by any means treacherous, and precious seconds often separate the on-time student from his tardy counterpart.

The 7:30 start time is 20 minutes earlier, but students are released now at 2 o'clock. As students scramble to finish (or start) their summer reading, bodies fill the hallways and classrooms. The familiar hopeless half-dead stare of students waiting for June hasn't quite set in, and for the time being traces of summer linger in our minds. Even though the students are getting back into the swing of things, there is still myriad school-related news.

• High School Welcome Back Dance Tonight 7:30-10 pm

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• Girls Soccer plays at Holbrook today at 3:30 and again at Nantucket Saturday at 11am.

• The Football team is at Nantucket Saturday, kickoff at 1:30pm

• Field Hockey plays at Sturgis Charter School at 9am Saturday

• Boys Soccer opened their season at Rockland on Wednesday.

• Girls Field Hockey played at East Bridgewater Thursday

• Boys Golf had a match at Mashpee High School Thursday

• The PSO met at 8 am Thursday

• Cellphones, iPods and other electronics are no longer allowed in classrooms. They will be confiscated if seen or heard, so just use common sense.

• Each student has been assigned a locker with a built-in lock. The Student Parent Handbook contains the new locker policy.

• Students and Parents should read the Handbook closely, and make sure they agree with its policies before returning any forms. Once you sign an agreement, you accept everything in the Handbook.

• Cohasset's student-run newspaper The Spinnaker has a new staff! Members ran for positions. Election results will be featured in next week's column.

• Interested in advertising in the Spinnaker? Contact Advisor Christine Berman at cberman@cohassetk12.org.

• Student Council elections for school-wide positions are fast approaching.

Welcome back, everybody. Here's to another year of achievement and academic excellence or for the slacker, another 180 days of school. Either way, let's make this year one to remember.!

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Informal screening for 3 and 4 year olds

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The dates are Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2006; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18, 2007.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Cohasset lunch menu

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Cheese or pepperoni pizza or bologna sandwich, garden salad, fresh fruit.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

Chicken patty on a roll or tuna sub, vegetable, oven fries, fruit.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

French toast sticks, sausage or ham sandwich, baked potato tots, carrot sticks, pears.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

Macaron and cheese, dinner roll or turkey and cheese sandwich, vegetable, applesauce.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

Cheeseburger on a bun or roast beef sub, vegetable, oven fries, peaches.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

French bread pizza or seafood salad sub, garden salad, pineapple.

Secondary School Fair

The 11th Annual South Shore Secondary School Fair will be held at Derby Academy in Hingham on Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. More than 90 secondary schools from around New England and beyond will be represented by admission officers. The event is free and open to the public. For directions to Derby Academy, call the school at 781-749-0746 or visit www.derbyacademy.org.

Video on stuttering

Kids who stutter have a lot to say, and friends can show them how in a "Stuttering: For Kids By Kids," a new DVD starring real kids who stutter now available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Many children who stutter have never met anyone else who struggles with the same disability. But in this new video from the Stuttering Foundation, they meet other kids who recount how they handle challenges such as teasing, speaking out in class, and teaching others about stuttering.

Swish a lively and engaging animated basketball character that was designed by students from the Computer Graphics Technology Department of Purdue University, narrates the video.

The video and DVD are available free of any charges to all public libraries. For information, call the Stuttering Foundation toll-free at 800-992-9392, visit www.stutteringhelp.org or write info@stutteringhelp.org

Music at the Gazebo

"Music at the Gazebo" concerts will take place this year at Veterans' Memorial Park at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Avenues across from Lucky Star Restaurant in Hull on Sept. 10, 17, and 24 from 3 to 4:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, the Sunday afternoon concerts will feature big band favorites for the 10th summer in a row.

On Sept. 10, the Gregg Savage Quintet will play tunes from the Big Band era, Swing, and Dixieland. A beautiful rendition of the national anthem will be sung by Yi-Hui Wu, an international student at the Longy School of music in Cambridge. Free t-shirts will be given to the first 150 concert-goers to arrive.

HONOR ROLL

Editor's note: Due to school computer problems, the Mariner received the honor roll for the spring term at the middle-high school last week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

High Honors

GRADE SIX

Evans, Sarah

GRADE SEVEN

Adkins, Jonah; Barry, Ruthann; Baumgarten, Emily; Brown, William; Bukowski, Brennan; Canney, Julia; Childs, Dana; Collins, John; Culhane, Edward; Donohue, Moira; Dormitzer, Emily; Dunne, Adrian; Evans, Alexander; Farren, Amanda; Fitzgerald, Christen; Franklin, Olivia; Frederick, Danielle; Froio, Derek; Golz, Taylor Green, Megan; Haber, Aniko; Hagearty, Elizabeth; Healy, Danielle; Healy, Kyle; Jaffe, Whitney; Kearney, Patrick; Kennedy, Vincent; Kimla, Letra; Lucas, Eloise; Mastromarino, Kathryn; McCarthy, Morgan; McNary, Dean; McNary, Mitchell; Mullin, Jennifer; Neaves, Charles; O'Grady, Madeline; Oddleifson, Carly; Oddleifson, Tucker; Robinson, Isabel; Ryan, Colleen; Salerno, Jay; Secatore, Christina; Seraikas, Anna; Slamp, Kaye; Stanislawzyk, Emily; Swanborg, Matthew; Tabb, Taylor; Tedeschi, Elisa; Whelan, Alison and Whilton, Zoe

GRADE EIGHT

Adkins, Olivia; Altholtz, Colette; Berube, Michelle; Bobo, Samantha; Braun, McCauley; Butler, Alexandra; Cahill, Bridget; Carrier, Jack; Craven, William; Davis, Lindsey; Fredey, Rachel; Goetz, Anders; Green, Samuel; Haggerty, Carli; Hayes, Lauren; Mavilia, Sarah; McCabe, Kerry; Michalowski, Anna; Monaco, Jay; Pozniak, Claire; Quigley , Emma; Quinlan, Colin; Sewachman, Greta; Sinclaire, Mollie; Sookiasian, Danielle and Toomey, Emily

Honors

GRADE SEVEN

Astino, Francesca; Avila, Brittany; Ayers, Abigail; Baldwin, Chase; Brierley, Stephanie; Brophy, Michaela; Bumstead, Stephen; Burke, Erica; Burke, Meghan; Castro, Emily; Angelis, Caitlin; Durkin, Jake; Faber, James; Farren, Alexandra; Foley, Graden; Gilman, Marie; Gruber, Anya; Healy, Christina; Helbock, Gus; Hernon, Coleman; Higgins, Kimberly; Hurd, Alec; Kearney, Brendan; Leffel, Catharine; Leong, Elizabeth; Livingstone, Kyle; Lunde, Christopher; MacCormack, Patrick; McQuade, Scarlett; Murphy, Christopher; Scullion, Brianna; Timothy, James; Troy, Matthew; Waters, Sydney; and Weissman, Alexandra

GRADE EIGHT

Aherne, Daniel; Axelson, Dylanne; Ayers, Bridget; Brennan, Dominic; Campbell, Benjamin; Choi, Won Gyu; Coffman, Charles; Collins, Caroline; Costa, Amy; Costello, Meaghan; Dick, Mark; Durant, Matthew; Fitts, Rhiana; Flibotte, Thomas; Furtado, Mia; Kinnealey, Elizabeth; Liberty, Samantha; MacNaught, Lindsay; Martin, Carly; McGoldrick, John; McKelvey, James; Pontes, Kelby; Quebec, Elise Sadler; Francesca Salerno, Meghann; Smalzel, Colby; Stumpf, Logan; Wade, Victoria; Williams, Alice and Youngman, Derek

HIGH SCHOOL

High Honors

GRADE TEN

Fitts, Jessica; Goodwin, Margaret; McBride, Fiona; McMorris, Rachel; Monaco, Kristin; Oddleifson, David; Ofsthun, Conor; Sinclaire, Graham and Wilcox, Christopher

GRADE ELEVEN

Boehmke, Alexandra; Brown, Sarah; Burgoon, Samantha and Deutsch, Evan

GRADE TWELVE

Barber, Kevin; Breslow, Austin; Campedelli, Laura; Daly, Brent; Garber, Caren; Haracz, Haley; Ingram, Ryan; Richardson, Colleen and St. John, Robert

First Honors

GRADE TEN

Barrett Marcus; Beukers Natalie; Brophy Johanna; Brown Lennart; Cahill Jennifer; Castro Melissa; Choi Jingyu; Daly Ryan; DiPaolo Andrew; Froio Michael; Kearns Aisling; Lehr Samantha; Masotta Amanda; Roberts Anna; Salerno Carly; Sceery Ivan; Treese Timothy and Zappolo Carley

GRADE ELEVEN

Cahill Jacqueline; Coakley Meagan; Cundall Ian; Czerkawski Charles; D'Antonio Marc; Devaney Kali; Gallagher Gregory; Haggerty Anna; Hart Sondra; Karp Juliette; Koines Chloe; Laas Alexandra; Leger Christiane; Oronte Emerson and Secatore Nicholas.

GRADE TWELVE

Brown Jeffrey; Campbell Alyssa; Coffey John; Coggins Emily; Evans Meredyth; Fewsmith Stephanie; Kucinski Ryan; Malone Sarah; Masotta Benjamin; Miller Charles; Novak Lara; Rohrer John; Silvia Robert; Simon Emma; Smith Adam; Spofford Virginia; Strazzulla Lauren; Thompson Amanda; Toomey Timothy; Treese Caitlyn; Wendorf-French Reed; Wilcox Kara and Zappolo Nicholas

Second Honors

GRADE TEN

Allen, Lauren; Berger, Adam; Charles, Widmaier; McGoldrick, Margaret; Mullin, Alyssa; Murley, Georgia; Murphy, Conor; O'Callaghan, Kate; Orner, Erika; Smith, Andrew; Smith, Gordon; Smith, Stephanie; Thomae, Jean; Wade, Jonathan and Wood, Tyler

GRADE ELEVEN

Anderson, Meghan; Crough, Ryan; Devitre, Andrew; Doonan, Patrick; Drybanski, Jonathan; Flibotte, Mark; Hill, Brian; Kelly, Tyler; Kent, Christine; Kimla, Olivia; MacCarthy, Eric; Martone, Katina; McCarthy, May; Meade, Jesse; Muir, Kenneth; Regan, Maura; Rose, Christopher; Silvia, Jennifer; Strecker, Paige and VanEtten, Jenna

GRADE TWELVE

Bukowski, Taylor; Clougherty, Florence; Collins-Wooley, Myles; Corry, Michael; Daly, Shalea; Dattola-Harris, Kyle; Dickinson, Donald; Dooley, Kristen; Durkin, Lindsay; Faber, Corbin; Guinee, Aisling; Hurley, Caitlin; McLellan, Ryan; Meikleham, Robert; Morin, Charles; Murray, Zachary; Richardson, Lacey; Smalzel, Fletcher; Stevenson, Owen; Tangherlini, Alida; Tehranian, Roxanne and Wise, Ellen

Check out the September issue of Parents and Kids!

It's back-to-school time

From saying your goodbyes to discovering the truth about middle school, **Parents and Kids** is heading back to school this month There's tips on handling a tough teacher and insight into where the good old-fashioned gym class has gone...and why it needs to come back. For expectant parents, check out the latest craze catering to parents-to-be - babymooning. It's a twist on "honeymooning" that you're bound to love.

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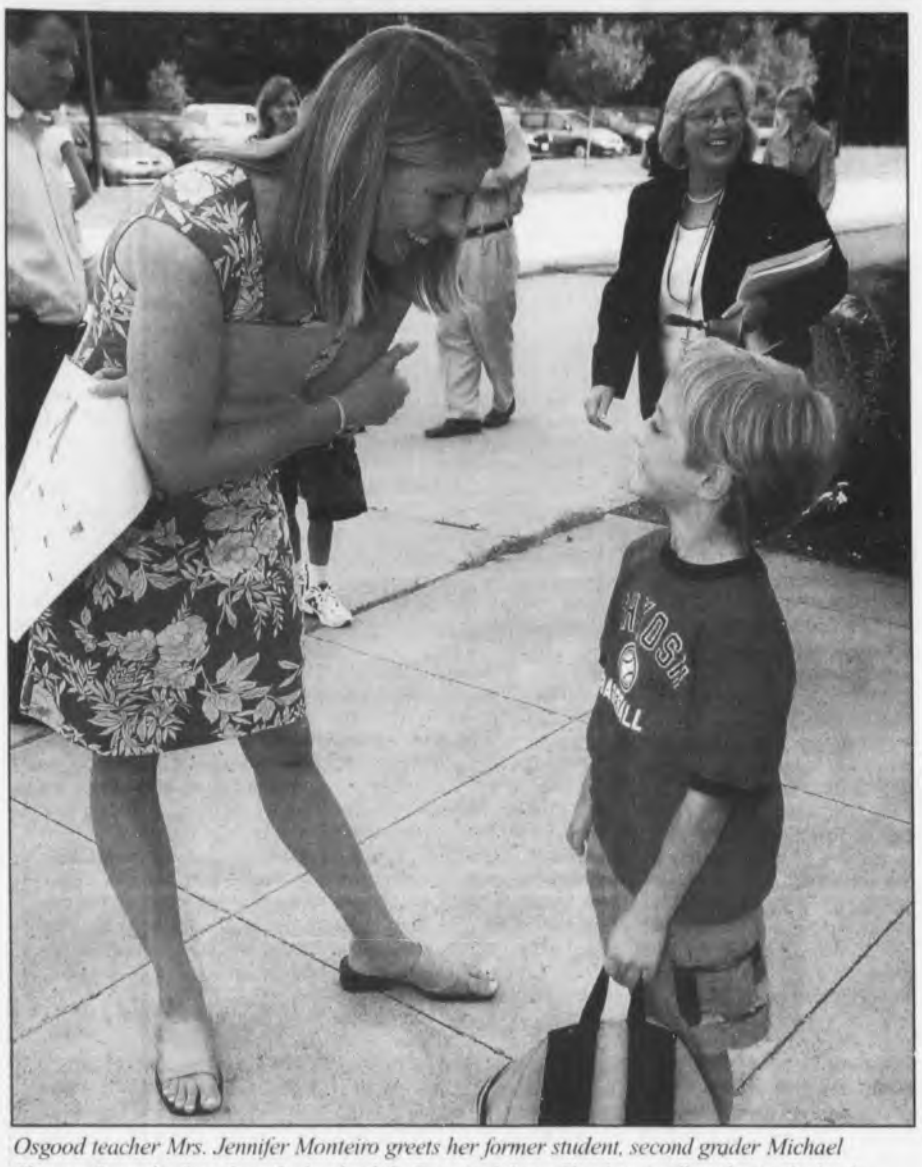
Cohasset kids head back to school

Doors opened Tuesday



Osgood teacher Mrs. Jennifer Monteiro greets her former student, second grader Michael Slanetz, 7, on the first day of school, while Principal Janet Sheehan is all smiles in the background. The newly-married Monteiro was known by Michael and her previous students as Miss Thorell.

Isabella Farren, 5, and her twin brother Sean wave goodbye to Deer Hill secretaries Heidi Salerno, left, and Joni Meade, after dropping off their older sister Caroline who began her first day of fourth grade Tuesday.

Staff photos
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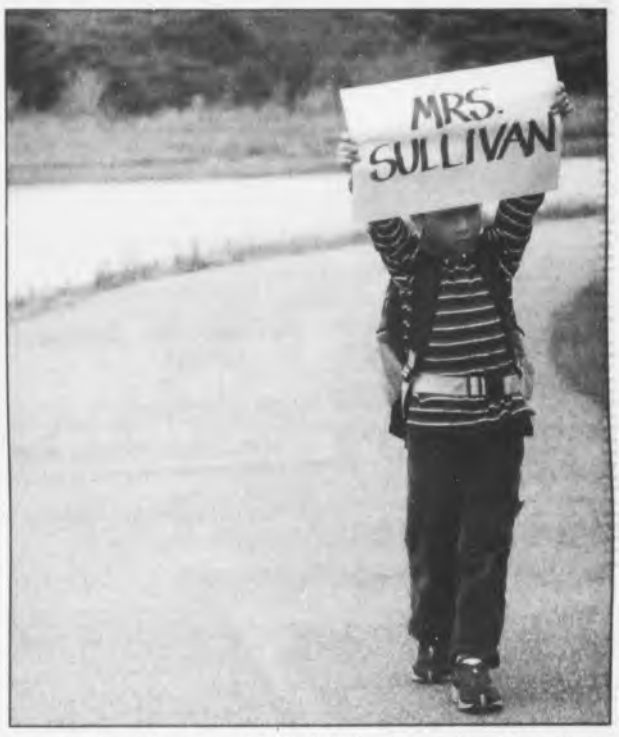
Robin Chan



First grade student Ryan McWade helps his teacher, Mrs. Allison Sullivan, gather her students on the first day of school Tuesday.

Fifth grade instructional aide Miss Jacky Kurtz, second from left, and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh are all smiles as they greet students coming off the bus on the first day of school at Deer Hill Tuesday

David Ames meets with one of his new students, incoming freshman Thomson Jaffe, 14, right; her mother Susan, left; and younger sister Whitney, 13, center, who is a seventh-grader at the middle school. The Jaffes were touring the school last week and mapping out their classrooms would be.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Rock the boat!

All are welcome to join the Cohasset Maritime Institute for its Indian Summer Gala and Fundraiser, "Blues by the Bay". On Friday Sept. 15th, beginning at 7 pm.

CMI will be hosting an evening of great food, great music and a great cause, at the Light House Keepers Residence. Three local jazz / blues groups will "Rock the Boat", as guests enjoy hearty hors d'Oeuvres, drinks and music. CMI is hoping to replenish its' reserves, which were depleted with the acquisition of the two new sliding seat fours in Spring 2006. CMI runs a variety of adult and youth rowing programs out of the Boathouse at 40 Parker Avenue, Cohasset, MA for more information, please visit the website at www.rowcmi.com. Tickets for "Blues by the Bay" are $50 per person, $30 of which is tax deductible. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and by calling Susan Galligan 781.383.0765 and Lisa Hewitt Dick 781.383.0204.

Open House at One Creative Place

This Saturday, One Creative Place at the Jonathan Livingstone Square will hold an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring the family to come and meet some teachers, register for programs and classes through the Cohasset Recreation Department such as karate, musical theater(Hip Hop/jazz, etc), art, Spanish and so much more.

Cohasset Recreation programs will begin the week of Sept. 25 with other programming beginning the week of Sept. 18. For more information, call 781-383-4109 or go to www.onecreative-place.net

CMI's Fall Youth Rowing Program begins

The season for CMI's Fall Youth Rowing Program for the middle/high school students in grades 7 to 12 begins Thursday, Sept. 7 and ends Saturday, Nov. 11. Practice days and times are Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Given sufficient interest among athletes currently playing a fall sport, special Saturday morning practices will be held in order to accommodate youth rowers who wish to continue (or begin) rowing with CMI.

The fee is $75 for continuing summer rowers and $125 for non-members.

Competitive events:

Saturday, Sept. 23, Duxbury Invitational- scrimmage with Duxbury Bay Maritime School rowers in their boats. Mixed and Matched races. (Time, TBA)

Sunday, Oct. 8, Head of the Gulf- 1 p.m. Gulf River sprints for any and all human-powered craft with a glorious finish near the Border Street bridge; a very spectator-friendly event

Saturday, Oct. 21 Head of the Weir- noontime prestigious 5 mile open water race from the Weir River Estuary (at West Corner "headwaters" of the Weir River) across Hull Bay to the Hull Museum Boathouse at Hull Gut.

Saturday, Nov. 11 Cohasset Harbor Sprints- 1 p.m. final race of the season to anoint the Gods and Goddesses of open water rowing in Cohasset.

Coaches for this season are Jack Buckley, John Liffmann, and George Baumgarten. An experienced female coach is need, if interested contact Jack Buckley.

Three easy ways to sign up (choose one or more):

1. Call Jack Buckley at 781 383 8261 (call before 5 p.m.)
2. Email jbuckley@cohassetk12.org
3. Speak directly to Mr. Buckley on the first day of school, if you're a CMHS student.

Download the required Release of Liability form at www.rowcmi.org (click on Summer 2006 registration and release of liability link). Send completed form and payment to CMI, c/o 40 Parker Ave, Cohasset, Ma 02025. Signed waiver and payments must be completed before practice on Thursday, Sept 7.

CDC auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "The Women," the group's fall production on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall.

Written by Claire Booth Luce, "The Women" with its entirely female cast is a modern classic with its immensely entertaining panoramas of life and love from the female perspective.

With a cast of 39 women's roles ranging in stage age from 20 to 55 plus one younger girl, there are large and small roles alike. With so many roles available, the dramatic club is optimistic that many new actors will participate in this production. Auditioners are asked to come with a prepared with a 1-2 minute monologue or to be prepared to read from the script.

Show dates are Nov. 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18.

For information, contact Lisa Pratt, at lisa.pratt@comcast.net.

Kitchen Tour is Saturday, Sept. 9

A tour of six Cohasset luxury kitchens sponsored by Kitchen Concepts & Roomscapes in Norwell, will take place Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Arts Center in Cohasset. The event features a continental breakfast in the Art Center galleries followed by a design presentation by Cameron M. Snyder, CKD, kitchen design instructor at Boston Architectural Center. Following the presentation, maps will be distributed to participants of the self-driving tour. The national exhibit Photography Now, juried by renowned photographer, author and teacher Henry Horenstein, will be on display in the Bancroft Gallery.

Tickets are $25 and available at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, by calling 781-383-2787, or visiting www.ssac.org.

Midnight Blue dance at Teen Center

A Midnight Blue Dance will take place Friday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Teen Center. The dance is for all sixth- through eighth-graders. There will be a charge at the door of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, September 10, 2006 - Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

An Intergenerational Ingathering Service

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House!

Parents, come to the Parish House directly after the service to register your youngsters for our religious education program.

On Monday, September 11, join us on the Cohasset Common, where we'll participate with other congregations and community folk in observing the fifth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001 in communal words, prayer, the tolling of bells, and silence. As we will sing this Sunday, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

We welcome Nan Moore as our new Director of Religious Education. An article will follow in early September.

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

Beginning next week, Sept. 10, we resume regular services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our church school "Godly Play" program will have sign-ups beginning on Sept. 10 and will start classes Sept. 17. Services for middle school and high school students also begin on Sept. 17th. Contact Rev. Wheatley-Dyson for details.

Friday, Sept. 8th: Soup and Sandwich, noon. Saturday, Sept. 9th: Bible Fellowship, 7 a.m. "Genesis" Sunday, Sept. 10th: Services at 8 and 10 a.m.. The 10 a.m. service is an intergenerational service honoring the ministries of each member of the congregation.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth R. Jason

Retired coppersmith

Kenneth R. Jason, 86, of Cohasset, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Jason was born and raised in Cohasset, where he was a lobsterman and fisherman out of Cohasset Harbor with his late brother, Herb. He served his country in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army.

A boxing champion for the Army, Mr. Jason also won the 1947 New England Heavyweight Amateur Boxing title. He participated in a Golden Gloves Charity event, in which he defeated Rocky Marciano. He always joked, "Rocky let me win!"

He had been employed as a coppersmith for many years at General Dynamic Shipbuilders. Mr. Jason was also involved on many civic committees. He was instrumental in constructing the Minot's Light Replica in Cohasset with his brother Herb.

He leaves his wife, Margaret "Nancy" (Dunn) Jason; his children, Maria Jason Pozsonyi of Manahawkin, N.J., and Joseph Jason of Franklin, N.H.; his grandchildren, Ken of New Jersey, Bobby of New York, and Jessica, Joseph Jr. and Jacob, all of New Hampshire; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Herbert, John and Paul.

PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Ken Jason, right, with his brother, the late Herb Jason, at the Lightkeepers' Memorial that was being installed in October 1999.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m., at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Visiting hours will be Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m., at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Scott Cole Fithian

CEO, Author

Scott Cole Fithian, 45, of Cohasset died Monday, Sept. 4 at the Brigham & Woman's Hospital Boston after an extended battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Fithian was the founder and CEO of The Legacy Companies of Hingham. He was a recognized speaker and trainer of professional advisors residing throughout the U.S and Canada. He was known nationally for having developed several significant contributions that dramatically impacted the Financial Services Industry.

He was also a published author and was recently co-executive producer of a major motion picture entitled "The Ultimate Gift" scheduled for national syndication in spring 2007.

Scott Cole Fithian

Mr. Fithian was born in Weymouth and raised in Hingham. He attended secondary school at Gould Academy and in 1984 graduated from the University Of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business with Honors.

He leaves his loving wife Arlene and sons, Matthew, a freshman at The University Of Vermont, and Michael, a sophomore at Cohasset High School. His parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Curtis Fithian of North Falmouth; brothers Stephen and wife Lisa of Ft. Lauderdale, Bruce and wife Cheri of Braintree, Todd and wife Debbie of Marshfield and also his sister Lynn and husband John of Marshfield, he leaves 9 nephews and 4 nieces.

Memorial service will be held at 11a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15th at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset with reception to follow at the Red Lion Inn also in Cohasset.

Donations can be made to the Scott C. Fithian foundation at the Legacy Companies, 99 Derby St. Hingham MA 02043.

Barbara Louise Maynard

Active at Second Congregational Church

Barbara Louise (Stevenson) Maynard of Cohasset, 77, died at her home Sept. 3, 2006, after a brief illness.

Born in Boston, she was raised in Watertown and was a graduate of Bryant and Stratton Business College, where she met her husband. Together they raised five children and lived in Marshfield and Cohasset.

Mrs. Maynard enjoyed spending time with her family, especially at the family pool. She also liked gardening and loved cutting the grass with her ride-on mower. An avid Red Sox fan, she always wore her lucky Sox hat when watching the games.

Her chocolate chip cookies were famous among family and friends, and she cherished the time spent as caregiver and friend to several local families. As a member of Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, Mrs. Maynard worked on the Quilt Show, the Christmas Fair and with children at the Church School. She will be remembered for her kindness, humility and generosity of spirit.

She leaves her husband of 58 years, Hermon James Maynard; her children, Linda L. Maynard of Cohasset, Hermon J. Maynard Jr. of Antrim, N.H., Susan L. Denoncourt of Hancock, Maine, and Steven L. Maynard and Bruce W. Maynard, both of Cohasset; her sister, Marge Andrus of Santa Fe, N.M.; her brother, Donald Stevenson of Bethesda, Md.; nine grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters, Cate and Abigail.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m., at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. Interment private. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Attention: Contribution Services, 10 Brookline Place West, Sixth Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

Rosalie E. Fitzpatrick

Worked as secretary at Fore River Shipyard during WWII

Rosalie E. Fitzpatrick, 95, of Cohasset, died Aug. 30, 2006, at home, surrounded by her family.

Born in Vasselboro, Maine, she moved to Cohasset as a young girl and attended Cohasset public schools. She graduated from Cohasset High School.

During World War II, Mrs. Fitzpatrick worked as a secretary at the Fore River Shipyard during World War II.

A homemaker for most of her life, she was a member of St. Anthony's Sodality.

Beloved wife of the late John J. Fitzpatrick, she leaves two sons, Joseph A. of Easton, and John K. of Mission Viejo, Calif.; two daughters, Elizabeth B. Fitzpatrick of Cohasset, and Katherine F. Bonano of Marshfield; a sister, Ruth Colcord of Canandaigua, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Albert Morris.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 4 in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

If desired, donations in her memory may be made to a charity of choice.

Joseph B. Connolly

Dentist

Joseph B. Connolly, 89, of Scituate died Aug. 30, 2006, at his home.

Born in Boston, and raised in Medford, Dr. Connolly attended Boston College High School, graduating with the Class of 1934. After graduating from Boston College in 1938, he attended Tufts School of Dental Medicine in Medford, where he graduated in 1942. From 1942 through 1945, Dr. Connolly served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant.

He started his practice in 1947 at High Street in Medford, where he practiced dentistry until 1985. He was a 54-year member of the American Dental Association, as well as a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society and the North East Dental Society. Dr. Connolly also enjoyed his memberships at Hatherly Country Club and Scituate Harbor Yacht Club.

He leaves his wife, Louise M. (Kelly-Surette) Connolly; his children, Joseph B. Connolly Jr. and his wife, Margaret, of Norwell, Mark L. Connolly DMD and his wife, Suzanne, of Reading, Stephen F. Connolly and his wife Robyn, of Lake Tahoe, Calif., Michael J. Connolly and his wife, Kathleen, of Scituate and Midge Stone and her husband, Peter, of Cohasset; his sisters, Evelyn MacIntyre of Medford and Loretta Sullivan of Saugus; 13 grandchildren; and his stepdaughter, Maureen Tully of Summit, N.J. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth F. (Greene) Connolly, and the brother of the late Rita O'Leary, Gerard Connolly, Francis Connolly, Mary Gaudreay and James Connolly.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 2 at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Interment in Groveland Cemetery, Scituate. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

12:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, 14-year-old male party out of his bike on CJC Highway.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

8:21 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, abandoned motor vehicle, officer reports a vehicle parked on the corner and nobody in it.

8:39 a.m. **South Main St.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicle was broken into sometime overnight.

8:52 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she has a "bad situation" and needs the ACO ASAP. Caller reports she is dog sitting at this location and the 3 poodles are in a very unhealthy and unsanitary living situation. Referred to ACO and the ACO will contact parties involved.

10:59 a.m. **Beach St.**, well being check, caller requests a well being check on his elderly friend, she is living alone and is not responding to the door bell and her glasses are on the table. Female is fine, no problems.

11:13 a.m. **Holly Lane**, credit card fraud, walk in party reports she is a victim of credit card fraud.

11:17 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, power outage, several callers reporting hearing a loud bang in the area and no power.

11:27 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:50 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:51 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:01 p.m. **James Lane**, well being check, caller reports a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed and apparently now the male operator is passed out in the vehicle. Units report nothing showing at this time.

2:34 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, larceny, walk in party reports his bike stolen. Officer in HQ to do report.

2:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, visiting nurse called 911 requesting an ambulance for a resident with a heart condition.

3:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:08 p.m. **North Main St.**, annoying phone calls, she would just like this logged.

6:02 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports there is a car parked on her property and she doesn't know whom it belongs to. Party has moved the vehicle.

8:29 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, open door/window.

8:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, identity theft/fraud, walk in party reports check fraud.

10:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, annoying phone calls, caller reports she is receiving harassing phone calls from a girl. Officer to deal with calling party. No violations at this time.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

12:53 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:08 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:18 a.m. **North Main St.**, domestic.

1:18 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, barking dog, officer unable to locate barking dog.

6:55 a.m. **Pond St., and Spring St.**, fire.

9:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a nice newer model motorcycle parked behind the store for about 2 weeks now with New York plates on it. Motorcycle belongs to an employee of the fitness center, no problems.

12:26 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a female on her bicycle has hit the tracks with her bike and has fallen and reported to have a serious head in jury. Sgt. requesting the supervisor from the MBTA project to the scene at this time. Female being transported to SSH/BLS.

1:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports a disabled car in the middle of the intersection.

1:39 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, Sgt. requests the fire department for a vehicle that has been parked for a while in the heat with a one gallon container of paint thinner in the back seat and the container is beginning to swell due to the heat. The hazard has been removed from the vehicle, units clear returning.

2:53 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports vandalism to a boat that has been slashed and the harbormaster has located it on the ocean floor.

4:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, traffic citation issued, caller states there is a motor vehicle accident on 3A in front of the CVS Plaza.

6:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller states there is a seagull with a broken wing on the road between Sandy Beach and the Cunningham Bridge.

8:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

3:30 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer checked school.

3:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

5:30 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

5:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

8:34 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:49 a.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:01 a.m. **Oceanside Drive, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:10 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:30 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. 45-year-old Auburn man summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle unlicensed, speeding in violation of special regulation, no inspection sticker.

10:46 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:32 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:47 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, disturbance, caller reports his kids are over 21 and they will not listen to him, he wants them to leave and they won't.

1:52 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports a passing motorist complains of the bridge being mobbed.

2:24 p.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:34 p.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:58 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed.

3:11 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports every couple weeks they have a man that comes in and argues about money and she thinks he trying to scam them.

4:15 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:18 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:20 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:28 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:45 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:55 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:59 p.m. **Lower King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, officer checked driver - everything is fine.

9:29 p.m. **Doane St.**, disturbance, caller advised there are several kids in the woods possibly drinking. Officer is requesting fire dept. to respond for a small fire about 200 yards in the woods. Officer advised kids ran into woods. All units working putting out small campfire. Rockland teen summoned on charges: Person under 21 in possession of burning woods.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

1:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

4:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:46 a.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop. Operator summoned on charges: Operation of motor vehicle unlicensed, speeding in violation of special regulation.

9:40 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:25 a.m. **Elm St., and Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:33 a.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:38 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:02 p.m. **South Main St.**, property (recovered).

12:32 p.m. **Beach St.**, boat accident, several callers reporting a boat has fallen off a trailer in the middle of the road as the vehicle pulling it was moving. Unsure if any injuries lost the caller on cell phone. Officers reporting the boat is in the middle of the street, no injuries and nothing reported to be hit. Officer reports trailer is being towed and operator cited for expired trailer plates. Boat will be taken to Bayside Boatworks by McBrien's.

12:59 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, fire dept. reports walk in medical.

1:10 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, caller reports that his black lab with a bandanna roamed away.

2:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious vehicle.

3:12 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:14 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she just came home and a black sports car was parked in her yard. She did confront the parties and they stated they are trying to "get some business" then they fled the area. Only description is a small black sports car with a white female passenger and a white male operator. 911 caller called back stating the suspicious parties are in the area again. Parties check out ok at this time.

4:51 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

Local aid, health care and other issues

FROM BRADLEY, PAGE 10

Veterans This provision extends the existing total exemptions on the sales tax (on motor vehicles) and motor vehicle excise to those veterans deemed permanently disabled. Such determination shall be made by the Registry of Motor Vehicle's Medical Advisory Board.

SENIOR "CIRCUIT BREAKER" — Under the Circuit Breaker Program, an elderly owner or renter of property in the Commonwealth with high property taxes may be eligible to claim a refundable credit against his/her state personal income tax. The credit is equal to the amount by which one's property tax payments exceed 10 percent of the taxpayer's income. The credit is capped at $840. Taxpayers must meet certain income and asset criteria in order to qualify for the Circuit Breaker credit.

Under changes made to the Circuit Breaker Credit this session, the Legislature raised the qualifying value of the taxpayer's primary residence from $452,000 to $600,000. This increase allows thousands of more Massachusetts residents to be eligible for the Circuit Breaker Credit.

EXPAND PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM —In an effort to prevent seniors from being priced out of their homes due to increasing property taxes, many municipalities allow taxpayers to defer payments of property taxes through a Property Tax Deferral Program. In order to qualify, a taxpayer must be 65 or older and have an income of $20,000 or less (by local option, a municipality may adopt a higher income threshold, not to exceed $40,000). The total amount deferred cannot exceed 50 percent of the taxpayer's interest in the home, and any deferred amount is due, along with 8 percent interest, upon the home being sold or the taxpayer's death. While many municipalities currently offer a Property Tax Deferral Program, these programs are often underutilized due to the high rate of interest attached to the deferral.

This session, the Legislature amended the Property Tax Deferral Program, by giving the municipality the flexibility to set its own rate of interest, so long as such rate does not exceed 8 percent. This will enable more elderly, low-income residents to take advantage of the deferral program.

OXYCONTIN COMMISSION — This session I was one of three legislators hand picked by the Speaker to sit on a commission to explore how Massachusetts can combat its prescription drug abuse epidemic. The abuse of prescription drugs now stands only second to marijuana on the list of commonly abused drugs and studies indicate that 1 in 5 teens has tried painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin.

According to both epidemiologists and the Massachusetts police, OxyContin is widely available in the Greater Boston Area. OxyContin is very similar to heroin; however at $80 for one 80 milligram pill it is much more expensive. This had led many abusers of OxyContin to turn to heroin instead.

The 12-member commission worked to gather testimony on actions that can be taken to reverse the trend of abuse. The recommendations are lumped into four categories: Prevention and Education, Distribution, Dispensing, Handling and Disposal, Prescribing and Monitoring, and Expanded Access to Treatment. The recommendations will affect state agencies, community organizations, Parent Advisory Councils, teachers, law enforcement, health professionals, manufacturers, pharmacies, and insurers.

Garrett Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District that consists of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and one precinct in Scituate.

CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 7-15 2006

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The 26th Annual MSPCA Walk for Animals will be held Sunday, Sept. 10, at noon, Boston Common Parkman Bandstand, Boston. Registration and activities begin at 10:30 a.m. Leashed dogs welcome on the T at discretion of operator. To register or for information call 617-522WALK or e-mail walkforanimals@mspca.org.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Alzheimer's Care Partners Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 7, John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. For information call 781-826-2972.

Classical Concerts at Copley, Copley Square Park, Thursday, Sept. 7, noon to 1 p.m., **The Back Bay Guitar Trio.** Sponsored by Sponsored by WCRB Classical Radio. Free admission.

Bay Player auditions for "It Runs in the Family," by Ray Cooney, Thursday, Sept. 7, to 9 p.m., at the Duxbury Library in the Merry Room. For information and directions visit www.bayplayers.org.

Workshops for Life Open House, 2048 Washington St., Hanover, Thursday, Sept. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Learn more about fall opportunities. Call Linda at 781-871-6084 or e-mail lindatrum@verizon.net.

Country Ballroom and Line Dancing every first Thursday of the month, Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, 7 to 11:30 p.m. DJ Paul DeMaria. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. Refreshments, cash bar. Admission $12. Call 781-326-3075 or visit moseleysonthecharles.com.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, featuring fast-talking Harrison Stebbins, Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m. Admission $12. Dinner and appetizers available. Free parking. For information call 781-848-0300.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Sept. 7 **Brian Stratton Band** at 9 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 8

Randolph Women's Club Annual Rummage Sale, Friday, Sept. 8, and Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Randolph Women's Club, 360 North Main St., Randolph.

7th Annual Paul J. Ahearn Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston, Friday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m., with host Pete Sheppard of WEEI Sports Radio, and local comedian Tommy Dunham. Best ball scramble style. Entry fee $125. Hole sponsorships $100. Raffle prizes and donations welcome. For more information visit www.pauljahearn.com or call attorney Bob Ahearn, 781-834-1005.

Congregation Shirat Hayam 10th Anniversary Celebration and Open House, Friday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., followed by Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m., 185 Plain St., Marshfield Methodist Church. Family breakfast and Open House also offered Sunday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. For information call 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net.

"Recent Monotypes" of Plymouth artist, **Michele Meister,** on exhibit Sept. 8-Oct.4 at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Opening reception, Friday, Sept. 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

"Photography Now" opening reception, Friday, Sept. 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Exhibit of renowned photographer Henry Horenstein runs through Oct. 22. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Acoustic guitarist Charlie Farren at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. Admission $15, $13 members. Sponsored by South Shore Folk Music Club. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

The Warren Acuncius Band of Seattle, Wash., at Borders Books, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, Friday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. For information call 781-356 5111 or visit www.bordersstores.com.

Special Comedy Night with Southie's own Paul O'Donnell, at Raffael's restaurant and dinner theatre in Hull, Friday, Sept. 8. $50 dinner and show, $30 show only. For tickets call JM Productions, 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

Tony Award-winning musical, "1776" at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston, 140 Clarendon St., Boston, Sept. 8-Oct. 14. Tickets $25 to $50. Call 617-585-5678 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

Cirque du Soleil's "Corteo" festival parade at the Grand Chapiteau at Suffolk Downs, Boston, Limited engagement begins Friday, Sept. 8. Performances Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., with Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 and 5 p.m. matinees. Tickets $31.50-$80. Call 800-678-5440 or visit www.cirquedusoleil.com.

New England Singles Dance, Friday, Sept. 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight, VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Ages 35+, DJ. $8. Visit www.singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Ripchordz at the Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Friday, Sept. 8. Call 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Sept. 8, **Memphis Rockabilly,** rockabilly, blues 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $6. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Comedy Night at All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., Route 106, Halifax, featuring comedian Paul Nardizzi, winner of the 2001 Boston comedy Festival, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 p.m. Admission $15. For reservations and information call 781-293-4135 or 781-843-4833.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Sept. 8 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **3rd Left** from 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Glastonbury Abbey Annual Fall yard Sale, Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 16 Hull St., Hingham. Large assortment of items. Food supplied by "Frankie's", world's best hotdogs.

6th Annual Seaside Le Mans – Race for the Cape Cod Community outdoor Formula One Kart race, Saturday, Sept. 9, Mashpee commons, Cape Cod, noon to 4:30 p.m. For information visit www.seasidelemans.org.

Friends of Boston Harbor Islands Outer Harbor Cruise, Saturday, Sept. 9. Boat departs Fan Pier, Boston at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Tickets available after 1 p.m., $30 adults, #28 seniors 65+, $26 members, $18, children age 6-12. For more information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

King Richard's Faire New England Renaissance Festival, Saturdays and Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Oct. 22, Route 58, So. Carver. Staged performances, crafts, games of skill and chance, pub food and drink, tour of the Dungeon of History and Torture, and the Royal Zoo.

Bluegrass on the Bogs Bluegrass music at Edaville USA, Route 58, Carver, Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. $16 admission includes all park activities. For information visit www.massbluegrass.org or call 508-866-1028.

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SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT – at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel, Oct. 13-15. Trained instructors share new techniques, and scrapbookers win prizes and receive free exclusive gifts. Two packages available include meals and snacks: Package #1: - $170, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Package #2: $150 - Includes Saturday and Sunday. Call Stacy Olson, 781-837-0483 for more information or visit mycmsite.com/stacyolson.

FESTIVAL BALLET PROVIDENCE 29TH SEASON OPENER: DANIEL PELZIG'S *THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA*, WITH GEORGE BALANCHINE'S TCHAIKOVSKY PAS DE DEUX AND ALLEGRO BRILLANTE – OCTOBER 20-22 at the VMA Arts & Cultural Center, 1 Avenue of the Arts, with performances at 7:30 pm Friday, 7:30 pm on Saturday, and 2:30 pm on Sunday. Reserved tickets (priced from $17 to $62, which includes a $2.00 VMA Facility Fee) and season subscriptions are available by contacting www.tickets.com, 800.919.6272, the VMA Arts & Cultural Center (401.272.4862) during box office hours. For additional information about the production, visit www.festivalballet.com or send email inquiries to info@festivalballet.com. Senior, Child and Group discounts are available. Special related event "Up CLOSE at VMA" features pre-curtain program about the production from two dancers from the Company. Begins 45 minutes before the Saturday and Sunday performances in the right front orchestra section of the theater.

Movie review

'Factotum' toasts Bukowski

"Factotum" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

How much you enjoy "Factotum," a beer-soaked tale featuring Matt Dillon as a writer on the skids, depends on how seriously you take Charles Bukowski, the philosopher-drunk, romancer of wretchedness and favorite of middle-class hipsters.

"Factotum," which is based on Bukowski's 1975 novel of the same name, is worth watching for Dillon's confident and likable lead performance. Financed with Norwegian money and directed and co-written by Norwegian Bent Hamer ("Kitchen Stories"), this down-and-out story is otherwise familiar.

Dillon plays Hank Chinaski, Bukowski's alter ego and a character formerly brought to life by Mickey Rourke in Barbet Schroeder's more estimable "Barfly" (1987). Hank is one of those stiffs for whom breakfast is a beer with a raw egg in it.

Like the writer Colin Farrell played in this spring's similar "Ask the Dust," Hank's pronouncements make him sound not like a writer but a self-enamored blowhard. Excuse me if I take such musings on the meaning of life lightly from a source with a shot or three of Jack Daniel's in his belly.

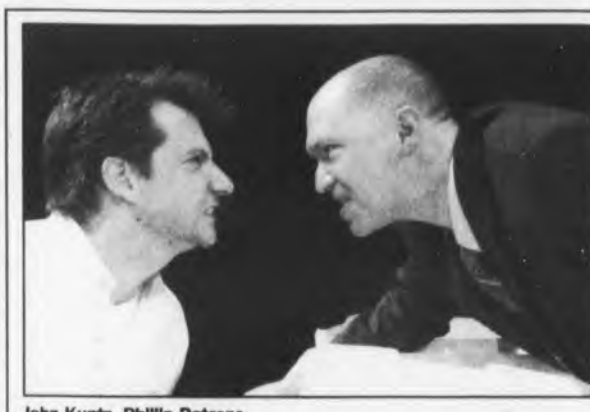
Bukowski's work makes me feel like I am trapped in a room with a boring, sodden uncle. In the course of his "Barfly"-like adventures, accompanied by voice-over commentaries, Hank shacks up with wino waitress Jan (Lili Taylor), hooks up with drunken slut Laura (Marisa Tomei) and eventually meets rich alcoholic Pierre (veteran French actor Didier Flamand) and his live-in boozehound hussies (Karen Young and Adrienne Shelly). Hank also teams up with a fellow drunk (Fisher Stevens) to fleece working-class co-workers out of their hard-earned cash.

Writer Hank Chinaski (Matt Dillon) seeks inspiration in a smoke and a drink.

"Factotum" will remind some of the legendary Marco Ferreri's Bukowski-based "Tales of Ordinary Madness" (1981), a film in which Ben Gazzara played the Bukowski stand-in.

Co-written by Jim Jarmusch collaborator Jim Stark ("Mystery Train"), "Factotum" is a vaguely Nordic ghost of American indie films past. Dillon's work passes muster, and his Hank is surprisingly agreeable. But Rourke gave the role a more comic element, a Falstaffian expansiveness, and only Gazzara had the nerve to play the Bukowski figure as a boring narcissist.

Rated R. "Factotum" contains foul language, substance abuse and sexual situations.



John Kuntz, Phillip Patrone

No place like home for Kuntz

Cohasset born actor/playwright performing in 'The Pillowman'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Actor and playwright John Kuntz wins frequent praise for the wide range of roles he plays on Boston-area stages. So when he heard raves about a new play, "The Pillowman," by an internationally renowned young writer, Kuntz wasted no time in seeing what all the fuss was about.

"So many people said such good things about it that I just decided I had to read it," the Cohasset-born Kuntz recalled by telephone last week from Watertown where he opened Wednesday in a New Repertory Theatre production of the play by Irishman Martin McDonagh. "I read it first just as a reader, without the burden of knowing I would be doing the play. I found myself in a daze. It was gripping, hilarious, heartbreaking and very, very scary. I could not put it down. It is a play that sucks you in. I think it is one of the best plays I have ever read in my life."

Audiences in London and New York agreed. It earned an Olivier nomination for Best New Play in 2004 for its mounting at the National Theatre in London, while a 2005 Broadway production, which starred Billy Crudup and Jeff Goldblum, earned two Tony Awards. It was just the most recent success for McDonagh. He spent just eight days writing his first play, "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," in 1996. By the time that play was first produced in London the very next year, McDonagh was 27 and had four plays being staged simultaneously in London, according to his publisher, Bedford Books.

New Rep Artistic Director Rick Lombardo directs the New England premiere of "The Pillowman," which tells the story of a writer (played by Kuntz) living in a totalitarian state whose ghoulish stories suddenly seem to be the inspiration for a series of grisly child murders. As the writer faces questioning from a good cop/bad cop team employing some very unusual interrogation techniques, one main question emerges: is an artist responsible for outcomes when life imitates art?

Kuntz — whose own work as a playwright has earned Elliot Norton, Independent Reviewers of New England and Fringe Festival Awards — has also given thought to that conundrum.

"An artist reflects back what is going on in the world around him and he also allows the audience into his own world. There's a distrust and wariness of artists sometimes, based on what people believe he or she intends with a certain work. When in actuality, a work of art is something that can be seen in a myriad of ways. It is dangerous to blame the artist for the outcome of his work, and yet he or she does have a certain degree of responsibility," explains Kuntz who graduated from Emerson College and earned his Master's in Playwriting from Boston University. "The best play or work of art is bound to be controversial. This play presents several different ideas very well. It is not pedantic or didactic at all. It is a genuine drama with a very gripping story. As you watch the play, you're thinking, 'What are these people going to do?'"

John Kuntz in The Pillowman

If McDonagh's other plays — including "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," "The Cripple of Irishman" and "The Lieutenant of Inishmore" — are any indication, they aren't going to go easy on one another.

"McDonagh creates a vicious and cruel world in his plays. In 'The Pillowman,' however, while there is great cruelty, there is also great kindness. You come to love some of these characters. There is humor, too, although sometimes you laugh out of sheer nervousness. McDonagh has created a very theatrical and imaginative play."

The same might also be said of Kuntz's own plays, including his latest, "Jasper Lake," which won both the Michael Kanin and Paula Vogel National Playwriting awards. As an actor, Kuntz will be back at the New Rep from December 21-31 - as part of that company's new Downstage at the New Rep series — to reprise his role as the wickedly funny Crumpet the Elf in 'The Santaland Diaries," David Sedaris' acerbic account of working as an elf at Macy's at Christmas.

A 1986 graduate of Cohasset High School (CHS) - where his late father, Dennis Kuntz, was a longtime physical education teacher — Kuntz first developed an interest in the theater while a student of former CHS drama and English teacher Ron Emmons.

"I was Snoopy in 'Snoopy: The Musical,' and I did several other shows, too. Ron Emmons really encouraged my interest in acting when I was in high school. He's in Illinois now, working with the Heartland Theatre Company, but we're in touch by email all the time."

Emmons may have moved on, but current Cambridge resident Kuntz, 38, has no similar plans. "I'm so settled here. I have a partner and a home and a family on the Cape. I would never want to live anywhere else but Boston. Everything I love is here."

(John Kuntz stars in the New Repertory Theatre production of "The Pillowman," through October 1, at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown. For tickets and information, call 617-923-8487 or visit www.newrep.org.)

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SEPTEMBER 7-15 2006

Dana's return to alma mater a laughing matter

When Emerson College alumni Denis Leary and Anthony Clark take the stage at Boston's Cutler Majestic Theatre next Wednesday to celebrate 30 years of comedy at Emerson, as part of the seventh annual Boston Comedy Festival, they will be joined by Quincy-born comedian Bill Dana whose history with the school extends much further back than 1976.

"I started at Emerson College 60 years ago this month and I graduated in 1950. Those of us who started back then were in the unique position of helping to create a college. Emerson had been primarily a school of oratory for young women," explained Dana by telephone from his home in Nashville last week. "After World War II, the GI Bill changed all that."

Dana may have graduated well before the 1970s, but he is pleased to be returning home to co-host, along with Comedy Central President Doug Herzog, the special event, which will help fund a scholarship fund for Emerson students studying comedy. Indeed, the benefit performance is not the only way Dana has offered his hands-on support for comedy at the college. In 2005, the comedian and writer - whose early television career included stints as performer and head writer on "The Steve Allen Show" and 17 guest spots on "The Ed Sullivan Show" - helped form the American Comedy Archives at Emerson.

Comedian Bill Dana

"The whole idea behind the American Comedy Archives (www.emersoncollege.edu/comedy) was to recognize that comedy plays a very important role in society. What we do is interview significant people in comedy about their craft. So far, we've recorded interviews with everyone from Jonathan Winters, Phyllis Diller and Louis Nye to Bea Arthur, Norman Lear, Dick Gregory and many others. The oral histories are then made available for the exclusive use of students and faculty. It was my closeness to Teddy Cutler that gave me the idea to do this project. He and his wife, Joan, are wonderful people and very generous philanthropists."

When it comes to giving, Dana is legendary, too, for giving some comic giants their most memorable bits. One of his earliest clients was Don Adams who would later star in the classic 1960s sitcom "Get Smart."

"My start in New York in the early 1950s came when I was hired to write for Don Adams. Stand-up was just too hard for me. I was so happy to be a writer and not a performer that I just loved every minute of my time with Don. I wrote Don's famous 'Would you believe?' line and he developed just the perfect vocal intonation to make the bit really work for him."

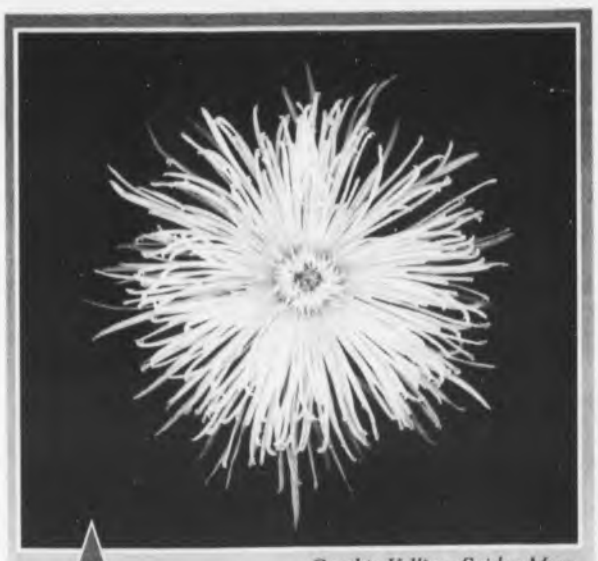
Dana developed a legendary character of his own with the utterance of five little words, "My name is Jose Jiminez." When fellow "Garry Moore Show" comedy writer Neil Simon asked Jose whether he had ever been an astronaut, the bit took off. Dana's Hispanic character became a kind of mascot for the American space program. On May 5, 1961, the first words spoken from the ground to an American entering space were, "OK, Jose, you're on your way."

Dana's own first words were spoken several years earlier and north of Cape Canaveral. Born William Szathmary in Quincy on October 5, 1924, Dana was educated in the Quincy Public Schools before becoming a decorated combat infantry veteran of WWII. It was a Quincy High School classmate who recommended that Dana attend the Back Bay college.

"I heard about Emerson from Eugene Wood who suggested it might be just the place for both us," recalls Dana of Wood, his early comedy partner and later the announcer on the long-running television game show "Family Feud," with Richard Dawson. "Eugene was a good friend of mine and I'm very glad I listened to him back then. I was never too much of student. We were the class clowns, but we never imagined we would become professional comedians. College was very good for us."

Bill Dana will appear at the Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont Street, Boston, Sept. 14. For tickets, call 1-800-233-3123. For more information, call 617-782-8100 or visit www.bostoncomedyfestival.com.

- R. Scott Reedy



Cynthia Vallino, Spider Mum.

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South Shore Art Center in Cohasset is mounting an exhibition of photographic work chosen by renowned photographer, author and instructor Henry Horenstein. *Photography Now* opens at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Sept. 8 with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition continues through Oct. 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, 12-4 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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Cohasset luxury kitchens tour to benefit South Shore Art Center, Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by Kitchen Concepts of Norwell. Tickets $25 available at www.ssac.org. For information call 781-383-2787

Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society **Commem-oration of French Marines,** Saturday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m., at Frenchman's Grove on Telegraph Hill, Hull. Tribute to two French marines who died defending the harbor from attack by the British Navy, with special guest, Francois Gauthier, Consul General of France. Free admission. For information call 781-925-2295 or e-mail djohnson@ocln.org.

Arctic Boat Weekend watercraft exhibition **at Mystic Seaport Museum,** 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10, participants in on-the–water activities must preregister and bring a kayak. Cost $55, $50 museum members, includes coffee and Danish. Call mark Starr, 860-572-0711 ext 5092 or visit www.arcvticboatweekend@mysticseaport.org.

Edaville Railroad, Carver, **Strawberry Shortcake** meet and greet, Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission includes children's train and amusement rides. Visit www.Edaville.com.

The Warren Acuncius Band of Seattle, Wash., at New Song Art Center, 76 Park St.; Rockland, Saturday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. For information call 781-335-0249 or visit www.newsongartscenter.org.

South Shore Dancers – "Calling All Sports," social ballroom dance club, Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Cushing Center, Route 123, Norwell. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. $10, $9 members. For reservations call 781-659-4703 or visit www.SouthShoreDancers.org. Practice dances held Friday nights from Sept. 8-mid-June, 8 to 11 p.m. at First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., Norwell. $7 fee.

Dave and The Goliaths at the Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, Sept. 9. Call 781-335-9796.

Down East Dancers Country Dance at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton, Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 p.m. to midnight. Anniversary DJ "Wild Willy" Bill Hollick. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with instructor Joe Steele. Refreshments, raffles, cash bar. Admission $5. For information call 508-680-6736 or visit www.downeastdancers.com.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Saturday, Sept. 9, **Slippery Sneakers** Zydeco, Cajun, R&B 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $8. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

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Sunday, Sept. 10

Antique and Collectible Toy Show, Sunday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Exit 15A, Dedham. Admission $4.50, $3.50 after noon. Early admission at 7:30 a.m., $20, children age 12 and under, admitted free. For information visit www.bostontoyshow.com or call 508-379-9733.

3rd Annual North Shore Triathlon-BAC Tri- Challenge, Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m., Lynch Park, Beverly. Sponsored by the Beverly Athletic club. For more information call 978-578-0634 e-mail info@ultramarketing.biz or visit www.northshoretriathlon.org.

26th Annual MSPCA Walk for Animals, Sunday, Sept. 10, at noon, Boston Common Parkman Bandstand, Boston. Registration and activities begin at 10:30 a.m. Leashed dogs welcome on the T at discretion of operator. To register or for information call 617-522WALK or e-mail walkforanimals@mspca.org.

NSRWA bi-annual "River Views" House Tour, Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour of seven homes with spectacular river views. All proceeds benefit the North and south Rivers Watershed Association. Tickets $20 in advance available at William Raveis Real Estate, Norwell, Winthrop's Hallmark, Hanover, Quarterdeck, Scituate, Kennedy Country Gardens, Scituate, Buttonwoods books, Cohasset, and NSRWA, Norwell. Tickets on day of tour are $25 from Kennedy Country Garden's in Scituate. For forms and information visit www.nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

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PARENTING WITH LOVE and LOGIC COURSE IN PEMBROKE – Co-sponsored by the Attachment Institute of New England and the Adoption and Foster Care School Awareness Project. Course presents a highly effective parenting approach using empathy and natural consequences to develop personal responsibility and positive behavior. Classes are Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Oct. 5, 12 and 19. $90 fee per person (or couple) includes one workbook. Registration required. Call Ellie Mangan at 508 845-6236, e-mail emangan@verizon.net or call Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341, e-mail asap_pembroke@verizon.net.

SOUTH SHORE YMCA. FALL CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF SEPT. 17 – South Shore YMCA, 79 Coddington St., Quincy. Register by Sept. 5. Call Tish Holmes, 617-479-8500 ext 161:

Prenatal Exercise Class in the Pool, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Marathon Training Sessions, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Qi Gong-Tai Chi, Wednesday 11:30 a.m., Wednesday 4:30 p.m. and Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Spin and Sculpt, Saturday, 7:05 a.m.
Kick Boxing, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Boot Camp, Monday, noon, 10-week program.
Men's Basketball League, Thursday evenings. Open to 8-12 teams.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER FALL CLASSES BEGIN MID-SEPTEMBER – Art classes begin mid-September at South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Beginner to advanced courses and workshops for adults and children in drawing, painting, ceramics, tile making, photography, plain air painting, sculpture, Chinese brush, calligraphy, holiday workshops and more. Fees range from $25-350. Register online at www.ssac.org or by phone 781-383-2787. South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

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SEPTEMBER 7-15 2006

Naples, Florida artist E.J. Whitney exhibits his New England-themed oil paintings in the Clemens Gallery of the Hingham Public Library from Sept 2 - 28. Gallery visitors may view her paintings during library hours. The public is invited to E.J. Whitney's artist reception on Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m.. The Hingham Public Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org

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14th Annual Komen Boston Race for the Cure, Sunday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m., University of Massachusetts Boston Campus, So. Boston. Proceeds from the co-ed 5k run-walk will be used for breast cancer programs in Massachusetts. To register online visit 2006bostonrace for the cure.kintera.org or call 617-737-5121.

Objectively Speaking series of the Fuller Art Museum presents furniture artist **Mark Del Guidice,** Sunday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m., Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton. Del Guidice will discuss his involvement as curator of the museum's Scale of Things to Come exhibit and the role of models in creating studio furniture. For more information call 508-588-6000 or visit www.fullercraft.org.

Second Annual Walk for Food Allergy, Borderland State park, Easton, Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. To register visit www.foodallergy.org. For volunteer-sponsorship information call 781-738-9010 or e-mail ceswfs@yahoo.com.

5th Annual Jeff Coombs Memorial Road Race-Walk, Sunday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m., Woodsdale Elementary School, Chestnut St., Abington. Registration at 7:30 a.m. Entry fee $20 per adult, $5 children age 12 and under. For information call Donna Cherry, 781-982-8562 or visit www.coolrunning.com.

Music at the Gazebo Concert at Veterans memorial Park, Hull, Sunday, Sept. 10, 3 to 4:30 p.m., **The Gregg Savage Quintet,** tunes from the Big Band era, Swing and Dixieland. Sponsored by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. Free parking at the Hull Redevelopment Authority.

Temple Beth Emunah Open House for prospective new members, Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, 479 Torrey St., Brockton. For information call 508-583-5810 or visitwww.templebethemunah.org.

10th Annual Cliff Walk to fight Lou Gehrig's Disease, Sunday, Sept. 10, rain or shine, Cape Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay Recreation Area. Registration 10 a.m. To register call 508-759-9696 or e-mail alsfamily@aol.com. To download pledge sheets visit www.alsfamily.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Sept. 10. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Sept. 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Monday, Sept. 11

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth Fall Golf Tournament, Monday, Sept. 11, LeBaron Hills country Club, 183 Rhode Island Road, Lakeville. Registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. with 9 a.m. Shotgun Start. $125 greens fee includes coffee, 18 holes, cart, lunch and prizes. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. For registration form and information call 508-946-1354.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston Orientation Session, Monday, Sept. 11, noon to 1 p.m., 1245 Hancock St., Monroe Building, Suite 7, 2nd floor. For information call 617-328-1061 or visit www.bigsisters.org.Quincy

Sacred Heart High School Annual Golf Classic, Monday, Sept. 11, Plymouth Country Club. $150 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, registration gift, lunch, stead dinner and prizes. To register or for information call 781-585-7511.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus Christmas Concert rehearsal, Monday, Sept. 11, 7:15 p.m., Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For more information call 781-834-7041 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

A Photographer's View: From Marshfield to Far Away Lands and Sky, a new photography exhibit by well-known South Shore photographer Vin Horrigan at the Ventress Library Gallery, Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, through Oct. 13. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday hours will resume in the fall. For more information call 781-837-8091 or e-mail: northriverarts@rcn.com.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Alice Donahue** exhibit on display at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth through Sept. 30. For information call 781-337-8134 or 781-335-4675.

Captain John Boats daily whale watch, with professional marine biologist on board; fishing trips; Provincetown cruise; and Plymouth Harbor tours, aboard the Pilgrim Belle. All boats equipped with complete galley of food and beverages. Departing from Plymouth Town Wharf, Route 44, Plymouth. For times and reservations call 800-242-2469 or visit www.captjohn.com.

Choral Art Society of the South Shore open rehearsals, Mondays, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, and Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. For information call 781-545-8295.

Monday night football at the Charlie Horse, 674 Old West Center St., W. Bridgewater, games of chance to win prizes including 20007 Nissan Versa, 2007 Harley Davison, $35,000 Home Theatre system, trip to Mexico and Las Vegas. For information call 508-583-7252.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

American Association of University Women Hingham Branch meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham. Potluck dinner and guest speaker. Event is free and open to the public. All 781-848-8122.

Caregiving from Home presentation by Alzheimer's coach Beverly Moore, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7 to 8 p.m., The Atrium at Faxon Woods, 2003 Falls Boulevard, Quincy. Dinner and monthly support group meeting at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Wendy at 617-471-5595.

Island Grove Chorus Open House, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. For information call 781-843-4355. Women's A cappella chorus holds open rehearsals on Tuesday nights.

New England-themed oil paintings of Naples, Fla. artist, E. J. Whitney on exhibit at the Clemens Gallery, Hingham Public Library through Sept. 28. Opening reception Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m. For information call 781-741-1405 ext 2600.

Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston. "To the Limit" giant-screen film, through Jan. 7, 2007. Amazing workings of the human body through the use of endoscopic photography. For information call 617-589-0250.

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful September meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m., St. Albert Parish Hall, 1130 Washington St., Weymouth. Guest speaker will be Skip Shea, author of "Catholic: Surviving Abuse and Other Dead End Roads," a book of poems. Refreshments. Open to all.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Pembroke artist **Stephanie Roberts** on exhibit through Nov. 1. Free admission. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 ext 10.

South Shore Brain Aneurysm Foundation Support Group meeting, Aneurysm Warning Signs, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate, first floor. For more information call Tom Quirk, 617-513-3578 or e-mail tfquirk@aol.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Sept. 13. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit www.moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Classical Concerts at Copley, Copley Square Park, Thursday, Sept. 14, noon to 1 p.m., **Boston Classical Orchestra Woodwind Quintet.** Sponsored by Sponsored by WCRB Classical Radio. Free admission.

The Civil War Circle history discussion group meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Discussion of "Team of Rivals," by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Open to the public. $5 donation.

New Blue Revue Blues Jam at The Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Sept. 14. Call 781-871-7175.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Sept. 14, **Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 15

Rhythm J'oes at the Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, Sept. 9. Call 781-335-9796.

J. M. Productions presents North Shore A Capella with special guest **Steven McNulty,** Friday, Sept. 15, Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree across from South Shore Plaza. Call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproeuctionspresents.com for online ticket orders.

Elizabeth and Dave Hanson with Shelley Otis, at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. Admission $6, $5 members. Open mike. Sponsored by South Shore Folk Music Club. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, Sept. 15 at The Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 South, Foxboro, next to End Zone Hotel. Dancing to music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary buffet, free door prizes, $100 cash raffle. Age 30+. Business casual dress. $15, $10 before 9 p.m. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

John the Conqueror at The Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Sept. 15. Call 781-871-7175.

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Plymouth resident Dick Hilker will exhibit his photographs in a new show titled "Up Close and Personal" at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vine Hall Gallery from Sept. 7-Oct. 9. Many of the pieces in this collection were made with camera and film, others were the result of scanning the subjects on a large flatbed scanner. In a style frequently referred to as "painterly," he uses state-of-the-art equipment and techniques to transform filmed and scanned images into prints of enduring quality. Such prints are often described as giclée, a French term applied to these high quality reproductions. Meet the artist and learn more about this style of painterly art at an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the Science Center. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.
The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-2559 ext. 203.

Ongoing events

South Shore Manic Depression and Depression group. Free support group for those with mental illness and their friends and families. Meets at Pembroke Hospital every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-829-7211.

CareerWorks. 34 School St., Brockton, across from City Hall offers training for laid-off employees through state grant funding. Special programs for former Filene's and Macy's employees. For information call 508-513-3430 or e-mail Pam Altieri at paltieri@careerworks.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties. Two hours a week can enrich the lives of some incredible kids. Call Nicole Schwartz, 508-999-9454, e-mail nschwartz@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, or visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

The American Red Cross will train qualified applicants to become certified classroom instructors in CPR at its Quincy location, 1495 Hancock St. For more information, call 617-770-2600.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services, free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Sept. 15. **Fat City Band** R&B and Blues, 9:30 p.m. Admission $10. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Sept. 15, **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Johnny Vance Band** from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit www.britishbeer.com.

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"Recent Monotypes", by Michele Meister of Plymouth will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Sept. 8 – Oct. 4 . An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Sept. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 1p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org.

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Acoustic guitarist Charlie Farren will perform at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. Admission is $15, $13 for South Shore Folk Music Club members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

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Democrats likely to vote

But election is yawn for GOP

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The Town Clerk's office shares Secretary of State William Galvin's expectation of a low voter turnout for the Sept. 19 state primary due to the lack of legislative races, especially on the Republican ticket.

The results of the primary will determine whose names will appear on the Nov. 7th election ballot.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 vote at Town Hall. Absentee ballots for those with physical disabilities or those who will be out of town during polling hours are available until noon Monday at the Town Clerk's office.

"While we always hope for a large turnout, we're expecting about 35 percent," said Assistant Town Clerk Carol St. Pierre.

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— Carol St. Pierre, Assistant Town Clerk

The lone Republican race is between Kenneth G. Chase, an educator, and Kevin P. Scott, a former Wakefield Selectman. The winner will challenge U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who is running for another term unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Cohasset has 5,492 registered voters, including 1244 Republicans, 1189 Democrats, and 2744 unenrolled.

Only registered Republicans, Democrats and those who are unenrolled can vote Tuesday. Unenrolled voters can ask for either a Republican or Democrat ballot and *do not* have to change

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Special tribute this week

As the town and nation reflect on the events of Sept. 11, this week's Cohasset Mariner is recognizing the 10 servicemen from Cohasset who are deployed overseas in the War on Terror. Please see page 12.

REMEMBERING 9/11

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Firefighter/Paramedic Jack Hernan stands at attention during the ringing of church bells in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11. A town-wide observance was held Monday morning on the Town Common.

Cook Plans

Developer unveils project

By Samantha Brown
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After roughly three years of trying, the Cook Estate could be developed after all. Private developers from Abbott Development of Boston came before the Planning Board Wednesday to introduce themselves, give an overview of the plans they have in place for the Sohier Street site, and gain feedback.

The development team, which includes Cohasset resident Robert Durant and his business partner Jim McAuliffe, is getting ready to sign a Purchase and Sale agreement with the trustees of the Cook Estate and plan to begin work within a month to 45 days from the signing. Currently, plans include building a maximum of 27 town-home units, which are age targeted to the 55-plus crowd, spread over the estate's 19-acres.

Abbott Development is currently building a similar development to what it has in mind for the Cook Estate, at the Pinehills in Plymouth. Developers brought pictures of those units to show to the Planning Board for comparison.

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International retailer has roots in Cohasset

Lululemon to open at Derby Street Shoppes

By Sara Mason Ader
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset native and former Reebok CEO Robert Meers is bringing his latest venture — a Canadian maker of yoga-inspired athletic apparel called Lululemon Athletica — to the East Coast via Hingham's Derby Street Shoppes.

Lululemon already operates 12 stores in the western half of the United States and a total of at least 40 stores internationally. Its unique clothing and accessories for both women and men include shirts, tank tops, pants and shorts that come in such funky colors as "portapottie" green and "fingerpaint" blue.

Some of these items are currently for sale in downtown Boston and New York City through showrooms with limited staff and hours, but the first major East Coast retail store is scheduled to open Sept. 22 between White's Bakery and Jasmine Sola at Derby Street.

COURTESY PHOTO

Robert Meers, a native of Cohasset, is at the helm of Lululemon Athletica that is opening a store at Derby Street Shoppes.

With Meers at the helm, Lululemon's expansion strategy beyond Canada has involved "actively looking for special retail locations, where the population is serious about fitness, health and feeling

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Schools set goals for the future

Slanetz wants Cohasset in top 10 in state

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset school district is charting a course for the future. To that end, a set of district goals has been established by both the administration and members of the School Committee's Strategy and Policies subcommittee, which together will help lead all three schools through the next year. The goals follow what has already been set for the district through all three School Improvement Plans and the district's five-year Strategic Plan.

While the administration had set three goals for this year, which focus mainly on academic achievement, the School Committee has added an additional fourth goal to be carried out. Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz, who co-chairs the Strategy and Policies subcommittee with Jamie Williams, suggested the committee also strive to more effectively communicate with the community.

Slanetz said the School Committee should proactively build up its relations with local media, by perhaps submitting a weekly column to the Mariner. He said the district also needs to have a commitment to accountability and open books. "We

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PUPPY LOVE

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Susan Young enjoys some late summer sun with her whippet/poodle "Joe" on the grass in front of the Paul Pratt Library.

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Occupation: Kindergarten teacher (Christina). Second-grade teacher (Margaret).

Best day of your life: The day our son was born (Christina). The days I gave birth to each of my 4 children (Margaret).

Best vacation: Australia with my husband and children (Christina). Spending 2 weeks on Block Island (Margaret).

Favorite season: Fall!

Favorite holiday: Halloween (Christina). Christmas (Margaret).

Favorite junk food: Junior Mints (Christina). Crispy onion rings (Margaret).

Best book: "Nine Stories," by J.D. Salinger and "Charlotte's Web," by E.B. White (Christina). "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom (Margaret).

Best actor: Cary Grant (Christina). Jack Nicholson (Margaret).

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This week the Mariner caught up with new Osgood teachers, Christina Flint Grossman and Margaret A. Holland.

Best tv show: Law & Order (Christina). Grey's Anatomy (Margaret).

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Most Memorable Moment: My wedding day, with my lovely stepdaughters as my bridesmaids (Christina). The day I married my husband (Margaret).

Goal: To live life to the fullest (Christina). To become the best teacher I can be (Margaret).

Person I'd most like to meet: Jackie Onassis (Christina). Oprah Winfrey (Margaret).

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Radar trailer getting requests

By Mary Ford
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The new police radar trailer is becoming a familiar sight along Route 3A near Shaw's Plaza. Since the new device arrived at the end of August, it has been placed along that stretch of the state highway to monitor speeds. The speed limit between the Scituate line and Beechwood Street is 35 m.p.h.

This week's police log featured the first request for the radar trailer to be placed in a local neighborhood.

Hingham, which has had a similar trailer for a couple of years, regularly gets requests from residents concerned about the speed of traffic on their street.

Police Chief James Hussey said he expects citizens to ask for the trailer, which in itself can act as a deterrent to speeding. Motorists can read their actual speed on the digital display and compare it to the posted speed limit, which is also shown on the trailer.

Hussey said the police will honor requests but their first priority is to use it along Route 3A which is the town's most accident-prone area. "There are many places we want to put it," Hussey said. "But we will leave it there (near Shaw's) another week before moving it to other locations along 3A." The chief mentioned lower King Street and King Street by Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza as problematic areas where speeding and driver inattention are issues.

He explained that the speed limit along much of 3A, which also runs through Scituate and Hingham, is 50 m.p.h. He said police are urging MassHighway to take another look at speed limits along the 3A corridor and especially in light of increasing development and the Greenbush train station.

"The numerous curb-cuts along 3A coupled with speeding can provide a recipe for disaster."
— Police Chief James Hussey

"The issue of traffic lights at the train station and possibly at lower King is being raised," Hussey said. "This provides a good opportunity for MassHighway to take a hard look at 3A in Cohasset and determine what the speed limits should be.

"The numerous curb-cuts along 3A coupled with speeding can provide a recipe for disaster," he said.

School traffic

The first week of school was a trying one at the middle-high school as parents dropping their kids off got used to the new routine. Compounding the problem is the closure of Pond Street at Spring Street for Greenbush grade-crossing work.

One entry in the police log described the situation as a "traffic disaster."

Chief James Hussey urged all motorists to be patient and allow more time. He said traffic issues the first week or so of school are to be expected.

Hit and run

At about 4 a.m., Monday (Sept. 4) a motorist who was traveling along Nichols Road reported a red car came toward her in her lane, striking her VW Jetta, police said. The woman was able to provide a partial plate (Massachusetts registration) "H25."

The woman driving the Jetta said the accident caused her to slam on her brakes and she ended up going off the road and into a tree.

Police put out a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to area towns. The incident is under investigation and anyone with information should call the police at 781-383-1055 and ask for the detective division.

The woman was not injured, police said.

MV stop

A Brockton man is facing a slew of charges following a traffic stop on Hull Street at about 2:07 a.m. last Thursday (Sept. 7). Police said Mark A. Santos, 22, was traveling 15 m.p.h. over the speed limit. A police officer followed the vehicle and observed he was swerving over the double yellow lines and pulled Santos over. He was charged with speeding in violation of special regulation, marked lanes violation, and operating on a suspended license. There was also a warrant out for Santos from the Brockton Police Department.

Brake trouble

A garbage truck careening along without brakes created a few hairy moments at about 3 p.m. last Wednesday (Sept. 6). A caller reported a large blue garbage truck traveling down 3A going through red lights. The caller reported the driver yelled something out the window that sounded like "brakes."

The truck went into Hingham and was pulled over on East Street. As it turned out the truck driver's registration had expired and he was also cited for driving a vehicle with defective equipment.

Goose hunting

The Canada goose hunting season opened last Tuesday (Sept. 5) and runs until Sept. 25. Hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily except Sunday. Hunting license and waterfowl stamps are required. No shooting is allowed within 500 feet of a dwelling or 150 feet of a roadway.

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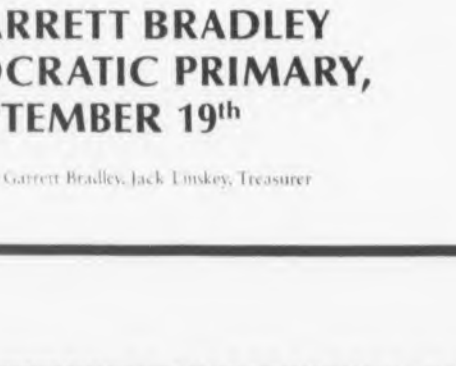

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Boston Magazine posts incorrect SAT scores

By Samantha Brown
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The annual education edition of Boston Magazine is somewhat anticipated by many area schools, as it provides rankings for all the public and private schools in the state. However, this year, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh was not excited to see Cohasset's numbers as the SAT scores printed were not what the school had submitted.

While the print version of the magazine did not include any of Cohasset's figures — as only the top 25 public and private schools had their information included — the magazine's Web site had incorrect SAT scores for Cohasset as well as many other area schools. Walsh said she called the magazine and spoke to a fact finder who said he had no idea how it happened.

"They said thanks for calling attention to the problem and that they regretted the error," said Walsh, to which she replied, "Not nearly as much as I do."

The first set of SAT scores published were 348 for the average verbal score and a 345 average for math. Those scores were drastically different from the scores submitted, which were 562 average verbal, 569 average math and 581 average writing. The tests administered in 2006 were the first to include writing scores.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said looking at the numbers, there were a number of "shocking errors." He said the Lexington High School figures were not included in the list at all, and should have been as it is one of the best performing high schools in the state, and the numbers for Boston Latin, which was in the list of top 25 schools in the state, was listed online at 374 for verbal and 308 for math. Boston Latin's SAT scores were really 620 for the average verbal and 644 for the average math score. The correct figures were published in the print version of the magazine, and have since been corrected online.

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This is the second time in the last three issues of the magazine in which Walsh has noticed an error in Cohasset's figures. In September 2004, she noticed the magazine had ranked Cohasset High School as 69th out of roughly 150 schools in the state, based on figures which were not correct. The magazine also incorrectly printed data, which indicated Cohasset, does not send any students on to private four-year colleges.

Walsh said the mistakes in Boston Magazine, "proves the point about what we use for resources," as what is printed cannot always be trusted, she said.

Top 25 public and private schools

1. Philips Academy, Andover
2. Middlesex School
3. Noble and Greenough School
4. The Roxbury Latin School
5. Buckingham Browne & Nichols
6. The Windsor School
7. Commonwealth School
8. Groton School
9. Boston Latin School (public)
10. Weston High School (public)
11. Newton South High School (public)
12. Newton Country Day School
13. Brooks School
14. Milton Academy
15. Boston University Academy
16. Concord Academy
17. Wellesley High School (public)
18. Newton North High School (public)
19. Belmont Hill School
20. Brookline High School (public)
21. Dover-Sherborn High School (public)
22. Brimmer and May School
23. Worcester Academy
24. Thayer Academy
25. St. Mark's School

Cohasset vs. other South Shore towns

	Cohasset	Hingham	Scituate	Duxbury	Norwell	Marshfield
SAT verbal/math/writing	562/569/581	575/585	507/521	551/563	565/577	520/523
% to 4-year college	91	81	81	87	96	73
AP courses	8	14	14	21	15	10
Enrollment	412	1,061	957	980	604	1,272
Students per teacher	14.9	13.8	15.1	13.9	14.5	12
Electives	62	105	65	82	32	85
Varsity sports	22	29	23	29	28	18
Extra-curriculars	11	33	18	25	28	25
% of classes with Internet	100	100	100	100	100	100
Students per computer	1.9	3.4	3.3	4.3	1.6	4.4

Scores for the top public schools in the state

	Boston Latin	Weston	Newton South	Wellesley	Newton North	Brookline	Dover-Sherborn
SAT verbal/math/writing	620/644	622/630	607/630	603/617	595/614	598/620	620/630
% to 4-year college	90	93	90	87	80	81	96
AP courses	25	14	16	12	21	15	14
Enrollment	2,421	688	1,701	1,203	2,019	1,891	565
Students per teacher	22.4	11	12.4	13.4	11.2	12.8	11.4
Electives	47	41	233	108	206	145	74
Varsity sports	25	23	31	28	31	40	32
Extra-curriculars	63	53	49	35	69	34	21
% of classes with Internet	100	100	100	100	91.6	100	100
Students per computer	9.3	4.1	4.8	2.9	4.6	3	19

COHASSET'S WEEK

Stores pass tobacco test

The Board of Health would like to congratulate all merchants who sell tobacco products on the recent "sales to minors compliance check." The check was held July 31, 2006 and no sales to minors occurred. The merchants are: CVS, Stop and Shop, Walgreens, Shaws, Cohasset Mobil, Leo's Exxon, Curtis Liquor, Cohasset Plaza Liquors, Village Wine, Cohasset Food Mart and Cohasset News.

Schools accept another grant

A grant accepted at the Aug. 23 School Committee meeting triggered a matching grant offer by Dr. Paul Schubert of Sohier Street. Schubert had donated $1,500 to be divided between all three Cohasset schools, and said he would match any private or corporate donations of cash, goods, or services up to an additional $500.

"This is in direct response to the failure of the voters to consider even level funding as a viable option to secure this town's future," he stated in a letter sent to Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh.

On Aug. 23, the School Committee accepted an anonymous grant in the amount of $1,500 and Schubert made good on his word, sending in an additional $500. "I am delighted that local families have generously contributed to the Cohasset Schools," his letter states.

In a related note, the School Committee also accepted a donation of 400 gyroscope wonder globes for the Osgood School from a Cohasset family.

Technical difficulties for School Committee

The School Committee meetings have not been properly broadcasting on cable television. The Sept. 6 meeting was not televised at all and a resident came to the high school during the Tuesday, Sept. 12 meeting to inform the committee the picture was coming through, but sound could not be heard. The committee said the problem would be fixed before its next meeting, Sept. 20.

Integrated preschool Openings at Osgood

The Cohasset Integrated Preschool currently has a few openings in both the morning and afternoon classes. Children must be 3 years old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 to be eligible for the morning class and 4 years old prior to Sept. 1, 2006 to be eligible for the afternoon class. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the Student Services Office at (781) 383-6104 for an application and details regarding tuition.

Orders being taken for spring bulbs

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is currently taking orders for a selection of spring flowering bulbs that will fill gardens with color from April to June. The assortment includes a violet-rose peony, flowering tulip, double narcissi with huge creamy yellow flowers, parrot tulips, deer- and rodent-resistant alliums, as well as petite muscari and scilla. Bulbs ordered now will become available at the end of September, and each order will be accompanied with directions for planting. Dutch organic bulb food is also available and recommended to enhance a garden's performance.

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Schools set goals for the future

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need to develop a trust with the community that will lead to a common understanding of the needs of the district," he said.

The School Committee has set its next meeting date for Sept. 20 at 7 p.m., at which time it will formally vote on implementing the district goals. However, there could be discussion about the goals prior to the vote as some committee members feel a combination of the recommendations of the Strategy and Policies sub-committee and the district's recommendations should be formed.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh set the district's top three goals, and the School Committee will vote on the language of the fourth goal at its Sept. 20 meeting. Currently, the three goals set by school administrators include: Challenge all students to proficiency and beyond; close achievement gaps where they exist; and function as a professional learning community. The goals were originally presented at the board's Aug. 23 meeting, and at that meeting, Slanetz said he would like to see quantitative measures put in place to enable the board to see exactly where progress is being made.

Slanetz said he would personally like to see Cohasset become a top 10 school in the state and one of the top 100 schools in the nation. "Our vision is to in three to five years, achieve that goal by pretty much any measure you can throw at us," he said. He included a list of quantifiable measures by which the district can assess whether the goals set are being met. To help assess whether achievement gaps are being closed, he suggested monitoring whether the following are taking place:

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- The mean SAT and SAT II subject test scores near 700.
- Zero percent in the failing/needs improvement categories and more than 50 percent in the advanced category on all MCAS tests at all grade levels.
- A percentage of Cohasset students placing in academic co-curricular competitions including: International Public Speaking and Debating Competition, MFA Student Rhetoric Competition, Model UN Competitions, MIT Engineering Competitions, Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) Competitions, Math Team Competitions, U.S. Math Olympiad, USA Biology Olympiad, MA Envirothon Competition, Siemens Westinghouse Competition, Intel Science Talent Search, Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards, National High School Choral Arts Society Competition, Carnegie Hall National High School Choral Festival, National High School Orchestral Society Competition, MA Drama Guild Competition, and the Certamen Competitions.

When it came to the administration's measurement of achievement and closing the gap between student performance, the MCAS test scores played a bigger role than Slanetz thought was necessary. Slanetz also thought with the emphasis being placed on testing, the administration should have set its goals higher, as it said it would like to see mean SAT scores of 550 or higher for the verbal portion and 554 for math. Slanetz noted the mean scores are currently 562 and 569, and he did not understand why the administration would not set its goal on achieving higher scores.

One of the administration's plans for the future which should provide the information Slanetz and the School Committee is looking for are the new assessment tests which will be given to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. While there are tests currently being given, there will be new assessment tools added to the mix. While some of the money to purchase testing materials has been built into this year's budget, Curriculum Coordinator Nancy Mrzyglod has been able to secure a substantial amount of grant funding to make the testing possible.

Discussion will continue on the school district's goals for the future at its Sept. 20 meeting.

District goals discussed

The School Committee met this week to discuss district goals as a result of its Aug. 23 meeting. At that meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh presented a brochure to members of the committee, complete with all three goals, for its approval. Walsh had intended on passing them out to teachers on their first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 30.

However, members of the School Committee did not want to give blind approval of the goals without having had time to make comments and/or suggestions. Member Steve Fusco said he wanted the School Committee to think about and decide what is important to the town and come back to the next meeting with feedback and suggestions for the superintendent. Once the School Committee has decided which route it would like to take, the superintendent would then be responsible for indicating whether the goals are attainable, and provide solutions for meeting the goals.

"What is the purpose of reviewing if we can't provide feedback?" asked Fusco, adding while he did not feel the report was poorly done, the board might want to make changes. School Committee member Rick Flynn added, "Maybe we should have seen this three weeks ago."

Fusco said he would prefer if Walsh did not pass out the handout to teachers on the first day of school, and the committee agreed to discuss the goals in more depth at a special meeting held only for that purpose on Monday, Aug. 28. Fusco asked all members to do their homework and submit suggestions for what they would like the goals to look like.

The Aug. 28 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum, and the board's Sept. 6 meeting agenda was full with other business, so the meeting was rescheduled to Sept. 12. Slanetz, who had worked with fellow Standards and Policies subcommittee co-chair Jamie Williams to come up with suggestions, handed out his thoughts for goals at the Sept. 6 meeting to allow board members and the public the opportunity to review his thoughts prior to the meeting held this Tuesday.

Hot governor's race should draw Democrats

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their party affiliation to do so.

The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation was Aug. 30.

State Senator Robert L.Hedlund, a Republican, is running unopposed in the primary. However, Democrats Matthias J. Mulvey and Stephen A. Lynch are vying to get on the Nov. 7 ballot to seek Hedlund's seat.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, a Democrat, is unopposed in the primary. But Hingham resident Bob Green, a Republican, has launched a sticker campaign in hopes of getting his name on the Nov. 7th state election ballot. If successful, he would challenge Bradley for the Third Plymouth District that includes Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and one precinct in Scituate. Green needs 150 voters to either put his sticker on the Republican Primary ballot or to write in his name and address so he name can appear along with Bradley's on the State Election ballot.

Turnout among Democrats is expected to be robust due in large part to the high-profile race for the Democratic Governor nomination.

The three candidates are Christopher F. Gabrieli, Deval L. Patrick, and current Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly.

The winner will go up against Republican Kerry Healey, independent Christy Mihos, and Green-Rainbow candidate Grace Ross on the Nov. 7 ballot.

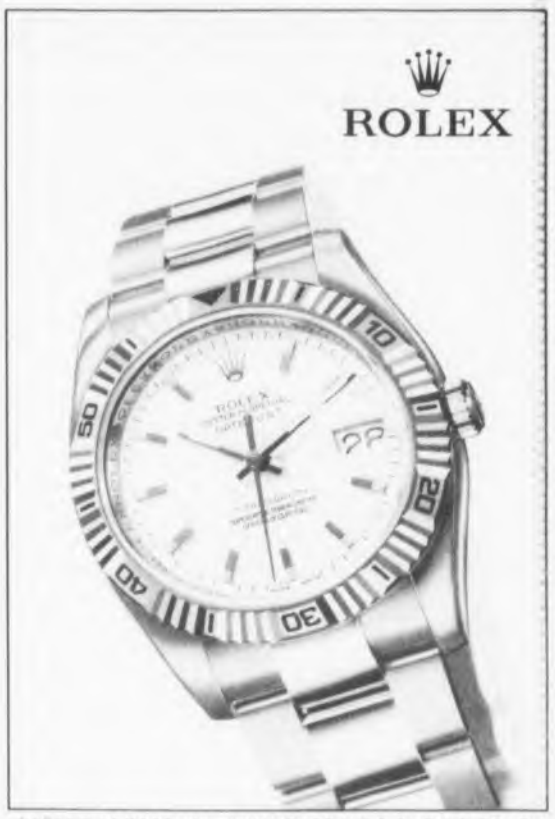
Deborah B. Goldberg, Timothy P. Murray, and Andrea C. Silbert are running to be the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor. The Republican candidate is Reed V. Hillman.

While Democrats have more contests than the Republicans, a number of high-profile incumbents are unchallenged, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, State Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill, and Congressman William D. Delahunt, along with Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci, Councilor Christopher A. Iannella Jr., Norfolk County DA William Keating, Clerk of Courts Walter F. Timilty Jr., Registrar of Deeds William P. O'Donnell, and county commissioner Peter H. Collins.

Republican Jeffrey K. Beatty will go up against Delahunt in the November election.

In addition, Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley is running unopposed for Attorney General in the primary but will face Republican Larry Frisoli, a former assistant district attorney in the state election. There are no Republican candidates for Auditor or Councilor.

There are a few other races on the Democratic side. Election reform advocate John Bonifaz is challenging Secretary of State Galvin. There is no Republican candidate for Secretary of State.



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Molly Gilbert receives Guide award at Kingsley Pines camp

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

CHANGE IN THE AIR

How is everyone doing this week? The weather sure jumped into cool stuff pretty quick, are you ready for the change? At least we are getting closer to maybe a frost and the mosquitoes going to sleep!

GO ARC!

The Arc of the South Shore Softball Team that includes Cohasset residents recently completed its last game for the season at Braintree High School. **Katie Hanley**, Coordinator of Community Supports for The Arc of the South Shore, has brought the love of softball to children and adults with intellectual disabilities on the South Shore for more than seven years. "Playing on a team not only improves our athletes' physical fitness and motor skills, but it creates teamwork and a more positive self-image," Hanley said. "Our team had a great season!"

For more information on The Arc of the South Shore, call 781-335-3023 or visit the web site at www.arcsouthshore.org.

FALL CLASSES

The South Shore Community Center of Cohasset is now taking registration for fall classes. From children-adult, the classes are varied with everything from Calligraphy, CPR & First Aid, Baby Sitting, Bowling , Gymnastics and more. Call 1-781-383-0088 for more information.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The try-outs for the 2007 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23rd at Barnes Field from 12 to 2:30 p.m. All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2007 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2007 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out.

All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1994 and April 30, 1995) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team; provided that these players attend the tryout. *Please note:* Effective the 2008 season, 12 year-olds are automatic selections for the major leagues provided that they attend the tryout and play at least *one year* in the American League. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 11:30 a.m. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, Sept. 30th. Please visit the website: CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to **Liam O'Connell** at (781)383-9538 or **Nancy Froio** at (781)383-1897.

Pictured above during the last game are (front row, l to r): Benjamin Jensen of Braintree; Grace Hanley of Abington; Kayla Villa of Braintree; Alicia Hupprich of Marshfield; Braintree residents Michael Bognanno, Amanda Imbruglia (middle row, l to r): Braintree residents Susan Mulligan and Tim Jensen; Brian McCormack of Weymouth; Charlotte Sida and her brother Nick Sida, both of Cohasset; Terry Smith of Braintree; Sandy Schiappa of Hull; Laura Hickey of Cohasset; (back row, l to r): Dan Picewick and Steven DeWitt, both of Braintree; Dan Larder of Hingham; and Katie Hanley, Coordinator of Community Supports for The Arc of the South Shore.

Top camper, Molly Gilbert of Cohasset is pictured at the far right. She joined the ranks of distinction this summer when she received her Guide award from Kingsley Pines, an internationally recognized co-ed children's camp in Raymond, Maine. For more, be sure to read this week's Around Town!

TOP CAMPER

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A guide is one whose adventurous spirit fuels the exploration of a variety of activities; one who conquers personal inhibitions in order to master new skills, gaining an increased sense of independence and self-confidence in the process.

Congratulations to Molly for exemplifying the spirit of Kingsley Pines and the way camp should be.

AUTUMN BOUTIQUE

What are you doing Thursday, Oct. 5th from 6-9 p.m.? Come to the Lightkeeper's Autumn Boutique at The Lighthouse Keeper's Residence in Bancroft Hall. This occasion is open to all with a complimentary admission and is sponsored by Anna William Handbags, Dear Olive, Elizabeth and Kate, Frosted Brownies, Emily Kuvin Jewelry, Little Black Dress Wines, Magpie Rings, The Pink Poppy and Triveah Clothing. Great pre-holiday shopping and a good time for all.

BIG THANK YOU!

The Cohasset High School Swim and Dive Team Parents Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the Lobster Fest fundraiser held at Atlantica last Friday evening. Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser by attending the dinner and bidding on the auction items and also to all those individuals and corporations who donated items for the silent auction and raffle. The Scituate-Cohasset Swim and Dive Team season begins Nov. 27th and this Team, which was second in the League last year, is looking forward to another very successful season!

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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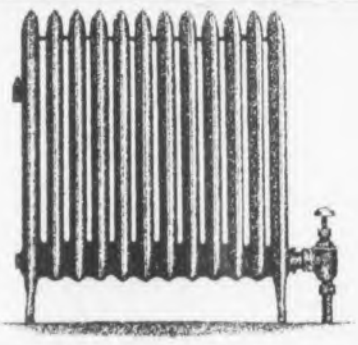

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Jennifer (Thorell) Monteiro and her husband Michael Monteiro are surrounded by Jennifer's first grade class (2005-2006 school year) at the Osgood School.

Monteiro-Thorell

Jennifer Elizabeth Thorell, daughter of David and Jane Thorell of Hingham, married Michael Edward Monteiro, son of Martha Fisher of Lakeville and Edward Monteiro of Fairhaven, Aug. 18, 2006, at Cohasset Harbor. The Rev. Ronald Hindelang and the Rev. Jean Marchant officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, David Thorell.

Maid of honor was Heidi O'Wril of South Boston. Bridesmaid was Abby Burgert of Hingham.

Joe Ferdani of Northglenn, Colo., served as best man. Ushers were Jason Thorell of South Boston and Mark Thorell of Hingham, brothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham and Stonehill College. She has a master's degree from Bridgewater State, and is employed at Osgood School, first grade, in Cohasset. She grew up in Norwell and attended school there through ninth grade.

Her husband is a graduate of Coyle Cassidy High School and Boston College. He is president and co-founder of Buildium LLC.

A reception was held at the Lightkeepers Residence in Cohasset.

After a wedding cruise to the western Caribbean, the couple resides in Hingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Chamberlain

Chamberlain-D'Elia

Alison D'Elia of Boston, daughter of Karen and Joseph D'Elia of Chatham, married Geoffrey Chamberlain of Boston, son of Doug and Evelyn Chamberlain of Cohasset, Aug 12, 2006, at Wequassett Inn in Chatham. The Rev. Anne G. Bonney officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed at Wequassett Inn.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Joseph D'Elia.

Matron of honor was Lauren D'Elia of New York City, sister of the bride.

Best man was Joshua Hill. The usher was Justin Fernandes.

The bride graduated from the University of Vermont in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in English. She is employed at Harvard Business School.

The groom graduated from Bowdoin College in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in economics and environmental studies. He is employed as a financial analyst at Appleton Partners.

Following a honeymoon in Costa Rica, the couple are residing in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Reis Alfond on their way to the reception in Bates Hall at The Boston Public Library.

Alfond —Noering

Stefanie Hille Noering, daughter of Sabina and the late Richard Noering of Cohasset was married earlier this summer to Reis Loring Alfond, the son of William and Joan Alfond of Boston.

The Rev. Robert Schipul of Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate together with Rabbi David Kudan of Boston performed an interfaith ceremony in the McKim Courtyard of the Boston Public Library.

Stefanie, a Williams College graduate is a publicist at Kortenhaus Communications and Reis, who graduated from Dartmouth College works as a consultant for Strategic Decisions Group, both in Boston.

Stefanie and Reis met during their high school years at Noble and Greenough School and make their home on Beacon Hill.

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COURTESY PHOTO

"Ambassador" Cindia Norton models new Lululemon athletic apparel by the duck pond on Cohasset Common. A Lululemon ambassador is an athlete or yogi from the community who tests the clothes and gives the company feedback.

Hingham selected for East Coast debut of Lululemon Athletica

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good," Meers explains. "I've lived on the South Shore. I know just how committed people are there."

The Derby Street Shoppes draws an upscale clientele from throughout the South Shore and provided a location that meshed perfectly with the company's wish list. "Hingham nailed it on all fronts," he says.

Vancouver-based Lululemon was founded by Chip Wilson, whose first company — Morrow Snowboards — produced snowboarding, surfing and skating equipment and clothing. After selling Morrow, Wilson began yoga classes to heal his snowboarding injuries. He realized that interest in yoga was escalating and that a need existed for appropriate garb.

Lululemon's expansion strategy has involved looking for special retail locations, where the population is serious about fitness, health and feeling good.

Wilson seems to be onto something. More than 20 yoga and pilates studios have bubbled up on the South Shore alone. Meanwhile, the Sporting Goods Manufacturing Associations reports that sportswear has mushroomed into a $27 billion business in the United States. A general trend toward active lifestyles and relaxed attitudes about clothing may be fueling that demand. Brands such as Teva and Keen sandals and retailers such as EMS in Hingham and REI (located at Derby Street Shoppes) have found niches in a culture that seeks out comfortable and practical apparel for sporting needs as well as daily living.

Against that backdrop, the San Francisco Chronicle reported earlier this year that Lululemon's products have "become all the rage among the hyper-fit clothes-conscious set in San Francisco, who may not drop major dimes for Saturday night dinner wear, but will go to the upper limit of their budgets to look chicly sporting at the grocery store."

Wilson's desire to raise capital to grow Lululemon led him to sell a minority stake to private equity firms Highland Capital and Boston's Advent International. A contact at Advent International approached Meers about using his Reebok experience to help Vancouver-based Lululemon expand internationally.

At Reebok, Meers was President and CEO from 1996 to 1999. Before serving as CEO, Meers led the Specialty Business Group, where he converted champion golfer Greg Norman from a Reebok endorser to a $100-million sportswear brand. Earlier, as president of Reebok's Rockport subsidiary, Meers expanded the walking-shoe company into an international brand with $355 million in sales and record profits. The National Sporting Goods Association has named him one of the top 10 most influential people in the world of sporting goods and he has been inducted into the University of Massachusetts' Sports Hall of Fame.

In late 2005, Meers left Cohasset for Vancouver and joined Lululemon as CEO. Since that time, he has been instrumental in helping the company expand into the United States, Japan and Australia.

"I knew how challenging it would be for the company to enter the United States from Canada," Meers said. "The best way for me to scratch my passion was to engage full time, not just as an advisor."

Meers compares Lululemon to Reebok in several respects. For one thing, he says, "the product is innovative in terms of both materials and design." Lululemon incorporates into its fabrics such elements as seaweed and silver for their wicking and antimicrobial properties.

Moreover, Lululemon's marketing strategy is similar to Reebok's focus on getting involved with local fitness communities. Reebok became entrenched in the aerobics world in the 1980s through pioneering new equipment and training instructors. Similarly, Lululemon is reaching out to yoga and pilates instructors in its areas by giving them discounts and maintaining bulletin boards in the stores with local class schedules.

"We do very little local advertising," says Jen Malone, Lululemon's regional coordinator for New England. Instead, she explains, the company is focusing on grassroots efforts, which include hosting "design meetings" in homes throughout the area. Attendees are treated to sushi and a $100 gift certificate to the store in exchange for viewing the clothing and listening to a presentation about the company's philosophy.

"They seem very committed to the community," says Alison Rabschnuk. As president of the Hingham Newcomers Club, Rabschnuk was contacted by Malone about hosting a design meeting for 12 women at her home.

After the meeting in late August, Rabschnuk described the products as "multiuse clothing that wicks sweat but looks stylish." As for cost, she says: "They had built it up to be very upscale. Yes, it was expensive, but not so much as I had thought it might be."

In addition to its Hingham store, Meers says Lululemon is scouting out locations in Boston, Cambridge, Wellesley and on the North Shore. His ambitious goal is to open 200-plus stores throughout the United States within the next five years.

As for Meers, he practices what he preaches. In addition to his usual exercise program of walking, kayaking, boating, he says, "I do yoga. It's not pretty, but I do it."

Lululemon grand opening

- Mind, Body 4 Kids Kickoff
  11 a.m., Sun., Sept. 24
  Local yoga instructors will teach a free yoga session for kids ages 4-12. For more information or to sign up, email Cindy Doody at cdoody@lululemon.com or call 781.929.2712.
- Meet the Board
  1 to 3 p.m. Tues., Sept. 26
  Local fitness gurus will be on hand to answer questions.
- Fall into the Groove
  11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 6 to 8 p.m. on Thurs. Sept. 28
  Cohasset's Tea House will sponsor a tea bar. Chair massages will be available and music will be provided by the South Shore Conservatory.
- Grand Opening Celebration
  Sat. Sept. 30
  A carnival-themed party will include snacks, yoga information and family yoga throughout the day.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Groundswell of unenrolled

Neither Democrats nor Republicans – which are considered the two, major political parties — are doing a very good job of attracting voters to their ranks.

That is the case statewide and right here in Cohasset where unenrolled voters outnumber both Republicans and Democrats, more than 2 to 1. Cohasset has 5492 registered voters including 1244 Republicans, 1189 Democrats and a whopping 2744 unenrolled.

The number of registered voters in Cohasset that has a total population of about 7,200 is impressive. In fact considering the town's population includes those *not* old enough to vote – nearly all Cohasset adults are registered to vote.

Statewide there are 3.9 million registered voters, with 49.5 percent unenrolled, according to the State House News Service.

We think "unenrolled" is a misnomer because the word sounds kind of like uninterested or uninvolved. It's clear that is not the case. Why would a resident register to vote if he or she did not care about issues or participation in the democratic process?

Clearly most of those registered with a particular political party are party loyalists sharing the same philosophy.

It is difficult to know where unenrolled voters stand or whether they are "leaning" Democrat or Republican.

However, we think registered Democrats will go to the polls Tuesday because there is an interesting primary for their party's nomination for governor, among state Attorney General Tom Reilly, Chris Gabrieli and Deval Patrick. The winner of the primary will face Republican Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, unenrolled candidate Christy Mihos and Green-Rainbow candidate Grace Ross for the keys to the state's top office.

On the Democratic side, there is also a three-way race for lieutenant governor.; Secretary of State William Galvin is facing a challenge; and two local men Stephen A. Lynch of Marshfield and Matt Mulvey of Weymouth are facing off for the right to run against Republican State Sen. Robert Hedlund on Nov. 7. There are also primary races for Clerk of Courts and County Commissioner.

On the Republican ballot, the lone race is between Kenneth Chase and Kevin P. Scott. The winner will challenge Democrat, US Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, in November. Bob Green of Hingham, a Republican, is running a write-in campaign and hopes to get 150 votes, enough to put him on the Nov. 7 ballot where he would run against state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham.

What we hope the sea of unenrolled voters understands they can also vote Tuesday. Unenrolled voters can choose a Republican or Democrat ballot and their party affiliation does not change. In other words, they will still be unenrolled when they leave the polls.

The governor's race that will be decided Nov. 7 is likely to be a heated one. Unenrolled voters "leaning Democrat" need to realize they could play an important role Tuesday in deciding which Democrat candidate will be in the running. Unenrolled voters "leaning Republican" can help decide who will challenge Sen. Kennedy and if Bob Green can face Rep. Bradley in the state election.

Correction on 9/11 commentary

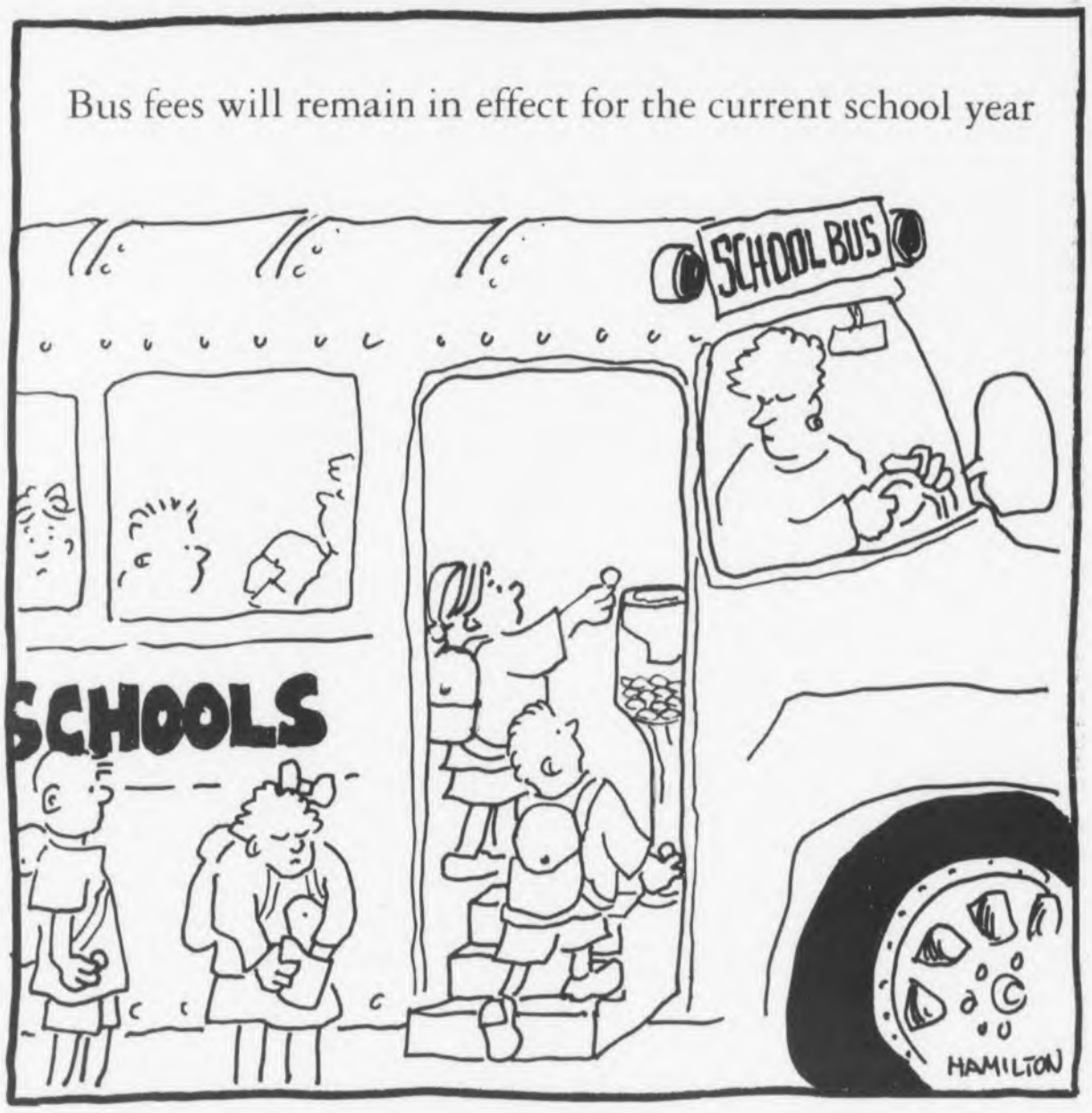
Last week the Mariner published remembrances of 9/11 from our readers, who are part of the Readers Advisory Network.

Due to an editor's error, one commentary was incorrectly attributed to Wayne Sawchuk. It should have been attributed to Wayne Eckerson.

The Mariner apologizes for the mistake.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Assessors, Sept. 22, 8:30 a.m.
Advisory Committee, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
Board of Health, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Sept. 20, 25 & 27 at 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Sept. 20, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.
Harbor Health Committee, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, Sept. 13, 7p.m.
Recreation Commission, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Sept.. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the high school
Selectmen, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.
ZBA, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fees are making waves

To the Editor:

Open letter to all those who will be effecting changes in Cohasset Harbor: mooring fees, user fees, and skiff tie-up fees.

One Cohasset Mariner headline (30 August edition) reads "harbor fee hikes shouldn't create waves."

I submit that the current unfair practice of assigning a fee for a skiff tie-up at a town float does indeed create a considerable "wave." Some skiff owners are charged while others are not, depending on the owner's profession. I submit that all craft tied to town floats should be subject to the same fee structure.

Donald Kennedy
41 Stevens Lane

HEALTH NOTES

Stop by Health Fair after you vote

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Come to the Fair! – Since you will be down at the Town hall to vote in the primary (7 a.m.-8 p.m.), on Tuesday, Sept.19th come in a bit later, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. next door, and visit the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., to take part in Cohasset's most comprehensive Health Fair. Meet the Board of Health members and our excellent staff, led by Dr. Joe Godzik, Tara Tradd, and Judy Fitzsimmons as well as many other health care professionals covering a variety important medical and support activities.

Depression screening — For the first time at the Health Fair one can be screened for the following mental health conditions: Adolescent and Adult Depression (including parent screening for their children and adolescents), Post Partum Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Anxiety Disorders, and Sleep Disorders. This screening will be conducted by Peggy Chapman, APRN, BC, Chairperson of the Board of Health, who, in addition to giving consistent, intelligent leadership to that body, is an advanced practice nurse in psychiatry. She has extensive experience in child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry. All screenings will be conducted anonymously. If a screening tool should indicate

Mouth and throat cancers are the sixth most common cancers in U.S. males.

that follow up is needed, she will provide discrete information on how to get further evaluation for the problem.

Another member of the Board of Health will focus on oral cancer detection. Dr. Robin Lawrence will be performing oral examinations. In the U.S., 30,000 people are diagnosed with mouth and throat cancer each year and 8,000 die of these cancers. Mouth and throat cancers are the sixth most common cancers in U.S. males. Early detection of any cancers is crucial to the survivability of the patient and is an important part of health and wellness programs. Visit with Dr. Lawrence for your oral cancer examination.

Other free screenings and demonstrations will include:

- Cholesterol and Blood Sugar by Health Watch
- Blood Pressure
- Vision (Glaucoma and Cataract Screening from 10am – 12pm by Dr. Gerri Goodman of Nielson Eye Center.
- Hearing by Cohasset Medical Hearing Center
- Smoking Cessation
- Nutrition by Paula Pozniak
- Family Emergency and Disaster Planning Massachusetts Department of Public Health Region 4B
- Osteoporosis by Norwell VNA
- Massage Therapy by Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Associates
- Chiropractic Care by Conlon Family Chiropractic & Massage Therapy
- Holistic Health and Acupuncture by Szabo Fitness and Acupuncture
- Skin Analyzer by the Melanoma Education Foundation

Healthy snacks and beverages served. (Provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts Coffee and Atlantic Bagel)

Health Fair Supported by donations from Pilgrim Bank and Cohasset Rotary.

For More Information Call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN at 781-383-2210 or the Cohasset Board of Health Office at 781-383-4116 come in; eat some healthy food; get checked out, and see your Board of Health in action!

Steve Bobo is a long time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Pond Street closing to last months

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Last Friday, the MBTA told us they were planning to close Beechwood Street at the rail crossing for the next day, Saturday, Sept. 9. So, that's why you couldn't drive down Beechwood Street while doing your routine Saturday errands. We have asked the contractor for a bit more notice, but in this case that didn't happen. It would be especially nice if they could let us know what will be open or closed for the coming week by Wednesday, the weekly deadline for this column. Otherwise there is just no easy way to communicate the happenings to such a wide number of residents. About all we can do is to notify the emergency services and the schools so that they can reroute their necessary emergency and bus runs. The folks at CBB have said that they will work to accommodate our notification request.

Speaking of closures, as of Monday, Sept. 11, Pond Street is closed at Cushing for a protracted period so that the new street intersection and the railroad crossing can be constructed. We expect this closure to be measured in months rather than weeks.

So, why was Beechwood Street closed? The rails are welded into very long strings in Scituate. Then they must be transported to the site where they will be needed next. As you can imagine, moving those rails is an interesting process. In our area, rails are being laid from Scituate northward to Cohasset and then on to Hingham. The more rail they lay, the further north they must move the next batch to be laid. Last Saturday was one of those rail-moving days. (It does make sense to do this work on Saturday, with schools now open.)

We thought you might be interested it what happens when the contractor moves rail and how they move it. Fortunately, your noble scribe stopped by and documented some of the happenings. The first photo shows the rails loaded on transport dollies. These dollies are nothing more than railroad wheels with racks mounted on top that hold multiple long strands of welded rail. Note in the photo that the rails stretch about as far as you can see. These rails were sitting just south of the Beechwood crossing waiting to be pulled across the railroad crossing.

The second photo was taken looking to the North from the Beechwood Street rail crossing. The rails have just been laid on the ties (also called "sleepers"). It is a bit hard to see, but perhaps you can notice from this small photo how wavy the tracks are. Clearly, this is not conducive to smooth and reliable railroad operation. After the rails are mounted, a very specialized piece of computer controlled equipment rides on the rails and levels the rails by "fluffing" ballast under the sleepers until the rails are true and level. The small track mounted vehicle in the distance is used to move the rails during their initial installation.

Rails, rails and more rails, as far as the eye can see. These rails were sitting just south of the Beechwood crossing waiting to be pulled across the railroad crossing.

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Greeting the new anchor

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I know it'll come as a shock to you young folks out there, but there was a time before television.

I can attest to that, having never seen a boob tube until I was preparing to cast my first vote for Harry Truman, a Democrat. Yes, there was one of those, too.

We of that poor benighted generation had to be satisfied with listening weekly to the "Lux Radio Theater" or daily to "Our Gal Sunday" to see whether "this girl from a mining town in the West can find happiness as the wife of a wealthy and titled Englishman."

If we wanted the latest news, we could tune into WBZ in Boston and WBZA in Springfield for a quick 15 minutes at 6 o'clock, or we could go down to Louis Vallas' News in the Landing and get the Boston Record, which came out in the early evening dated tomorrow.

Quite a contrast to the debut last week of Katie Couric, the new anchor of CBS, television's first solo woman newsteller...

That's the way it was when Cornelius T. Scanlan, "the Shawmut Nightly Newsteller," Boston's first television anchorman, came on the scene.

I can still see him, standing in front of a microphone in a bare studio, reading the news from a sheaf of papers in his hand.

Quite a contrast to the debut last week of Katie Couric, the new anchor of CBS, television's first solo woman newsteller, who sat behind a desk the size of a basketball court amid several million dollars worth of graphic arts and delivered what passed for the news.

The opening night of "The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric" was reviewed like the opening night of a Broadway play or a Steven Spielberg movie, with one critic noting that she was "chic in a white jacket and dark skirt" and displayed a shapely leg.

Katie's first newscast contained stories on the Taliban in Afghanistan, an interview with New York Times columnist Tom Friedman, and exclusive pictures of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes and their new baby, Suri, which could have been saved for Entertainment Tonight.

"Pre-packaged non-news," snarled one critic.

All this after it was discovered to the glee of the Boston Herald, which devoted most of page three to the story, that someone from CBS had altered digitally a photo of Katie to make her look some 20 pounds lighter. She is actually, as a friend of mine would say, "a full-figured woman."

Katie, whose best work was done as the co-host of an early morning variety show, is getting a reported $15 million for filling the shoes of Douglas Edwarda, Walter Cronkite, and Dan Rather (pre-2004) in a job that is becoming increasingly irrelevant in the face of all-news channels.

Which leads to the obvious question: is it news that CBS is delivering, or is it entertainment?

Did Edward R. Murrow, the icon of TV news, have it right when he said, "If television (is) to be used for the entertainment of all the people all the time, we have come perilously close to discovering the real opiate of the people."

A breath, a break, a little sportsmanship

COMMENTARY

MARY JANE HANRON

It has been a difficult summer and now it's time to take a breath.... or so I thought. Situations have been challenging and despite the promise of autumn, many appear weary. The days approaching the fifth anniversary of September 11th have been heart wrenching. Though it is completely worthy of honor and reflection, this time remains difficult for all Americans. Also we have relived via the media the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The summer began with the tensions created as North Korea played battle games with its unauthorized missile launches. War was rearing its ugly head once again in the Mid East. Of course, this sparked more unrest in Israel, another little corner of the planet that possesses an understanding of civility, and standing for that which is right and good. Meanwhile battles rage around us in the world where terrorists lurk plotting the potential annihilation of their targets.

It's hard to know how to get around Hingham, drive through the Square or walk by the beach!

Who would have thought in 1997 that the anniversary of the horrific death of Princess Diana as it had been observed for years would barely be mentioned except in small articles on back pages of newspapers? But maybe the world *has* changed forever.

Of course sports, the great American pastime are wonderful diversions. In good times, they are just plain fun! But they can perform other meaningful social functions. They can be a vast source of healing and unity. The thoughts that drew me to my keyboard, though originally lighthearted, are also sadly cynical. This weekend marked the official opening of the Patriots' season. In the scheme of things, anyone truly upset about the late evening news report I heard should be grateful for such a level of dismay. May it be the worst we ever experience! Apparently, the Patriots had a touchdown scored against them in the first 12 seconds of the game. *Then* they were booed off the field at half time! *What* is this world coming to?

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At first, this seemed so inane it didn't deserve comment. Real fans are not offended most likely as the ultimate result of the day was a "win." But a bit later on, it did bring my Dad to mind and what would have been said to us as kids if we had "booed" at a sporting event. I wondered if some of the lessons we learned from him as very little children about sportsmanship might have more significance than we realize in our world today. We are training another generation now. We need to get it right! Sportsmanship teaches many lessons. Among the gifts it can give us are priceless memories, happy recollections, unexpected chuckles and respect.

I was raised in a "hockey" family. My father had played hockey as a little boy, then for his school and was a true student of the game. He had held season tickets to the Boston Bruins since the 1940s and the days of Milt Schmidt (as a player!) Daddy went when they won. He went when they lost. True fans don't jump on the bandwagon during the frenzy of playoff excitement. You take the bad with good. That was part of his "Sportsmanship 101" course. I know he would be proud I am writing this, but he would be saddened there is a need for it to be defined. Sportsmanship to him was part of good living, being a gentleman, having fun and being respectful. He would have thought this should have been "instinct" for everyone by the age of six.

My parents' first date was a Bruins' game. It was Thanksgiving weekend in the mid 1950s. I think it was culture shock for my mother but it was heaven for Daddy. Boston, hockey and a beautiful lady; life was good!

Needless to say, years later as soon as we were old enough, my brother and I *loved* hockey! One of my childhood "claims to fame" was that I was present at the 1970 overtime playoff game when the Bruins won the Stanley Cup. Many remember it as the game when the moment was captured forever in the famous photo of Bobby Orr flying through the air.

I was still a very little girl that year but the envy of all the boys I knew when my Dad said I could go to the game with him that Sunday. It was Mother's Day and very, very hot. He never said it in so many words but I had been chosen for this honor because I had learned how to behave properly at a sporting event. I guess life was much simpler then; there were still rewards for doing what was right.

In my Dad's world, you went to games to support your team. You clapped for good plays and for behavior that exhibited "class" like shaking hands or helping an injured player. Never did you clap if the other team made a mistake or a bad play. Calling names and booing anyone in the game was unacceptable to him. That was being a *bad* sport.

This was "sports etiquette" according to John Hanron. For some reason, today, in this era of senseless violence and hateful actions be they on the world stage or the local sports field, its meaning becomes quite profound. Maybe a refresher course in "Sportsmanship 101" wouldn't be bad for the world after all. It would be another precious gift about a great American pasttime that teaches a simple but special lesson about life. I think Daddy would be proud.

For those of us who remember the Boston Bruins of the 1970's and learned our lessons about "sportsmanship" as fervent fans of those champs, it was sad and shocking news to learn that Garnet "Ace" Bailey who wore number "14" was aboard Flight 175 when it crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Bailey perished on that horrific day but, his indomitable spirit lives on at "Ace's Place," a newly renovated playroom for children at Floating Hospital in Boston.

Mary Jane Hanron is a freelance writer who lives in Hingham.

Photography exhibit a work of art

COMMENTARY

MARY SCHIESS

Every three years the South Shore Art Center sponsors an exhibit called Photography Now. This year's show, open until Oct. 22, provides the South Shore audience an opportunity to view a caliber and depth of photography rarely available in this region.

Well known photographer, textbook author, and professor at the Rhode Island School of Design, Henry Horenstein juried the show. He selected from over a thousand entries from across the country.

The exhibit includes almost 90 photographs, about half black and white and half color. For some artistic reason, the black and whites dominate in a quick overview of the gallery. Local artist Cindy Vallino won first place with her 45x45 image of a spider mum. This image sets the exhibit's tone: simple, direct, graphic.

A final glance around the gallery left this viewer feeling a bit jolted, moved beyond a comfort zone.

Generally, Photography Now leans more towards the realistic than the abstract. Jerry, a weathered man, sits framed by American flags and red, white and blue bunting. "Clothes Dryer" by Deborah Grady, juxtaposes the towel-draped clothesline with bathing suits spread on a car roof. A barbershop, empty and too clean, awaits another day's customers. A decaying motel sign from Route One offers a metaphor of society.

From a technical perspective, whether by design or by chance, the exhibit is a textbook of methodology. This includes scanned photographs (including Cindy's First Place winner), photograms, composites, large format Polaroids, a "photographic assemblage", scanning electron microscope images, pinhole camera prints, a contact print, and even a cell phone image (a rather good one). Digital photography is the mainstay, but this exhibit assures that the silver gelatin print is enduring.

What you won't see here: no buoys, no kittens (one dog – two moods), no "perfect birds" (although one photo of birds flying off the frame), no lighthouses. This is not meant to dismiss these subjects. Pretty is out; beauty is in. Portraits confront and communicate. The cell phone image is, ironically, a pastoral scene. Strong graphics convey a sense of immediacy.

A final glance around the gallery left this viewer feeling a bit jolted, moved beyond a comfort zone. The collection, eclectic as it is, makes a statement. Right now, photography is alive and well and living in Cohasset.

Mary Schiess is an award-winning photographer who has exhibited her work at many South Shore venues.

Learn about EEE risk

Tune into Our Town starting Monday. The program, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, will feature Board of Health Chairman Margaret "Peggy" Chapman, who will talk about the current EEE risk in Cohasset along with other health issues.

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There will also be a surprise guest, so stay tuned!

This fall watch for the broadcasting of the Class of 2006 graduation ceremonies and special programming on the dangers of childhood vaccinations.

The cast and crew of OUR TOWN will also be filming a new show opening.

Want to support public TV while getting great exposure for yourself or business? Contact Pat Martin to find out how.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Cohasset residents on the front lines

By Samantha Brown
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This week, the nation has been reflecting on the events of Sept. 11, and noticing the way the country has changed over the past five years. America is a nation at war, and Cohasset is well represented on the battlefields, as there are currently 10 men deployed and fighting the War on Terror.

For every 1,000 residents in Cohasset, one man is sacrificing his job, his home, his family, and in some cases will miss the birth of a child.

These current and former Cohasset residents currently serving overseas in harm's way are between the ages of 20 and 41.

As Cohasset remembers all those who were lost during the Sept. 11 attacks, it is a good time to recognize those who are serving in the all-volunteer U.S. Armed Forces.

The Mariner thanks Glenn Pratt, Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee and father of 1st Lt. Christopher E. Pratt who is currently serving in Iraq, for providing the photos and information on the Cohasset men who are currently deployed.

US Air Force 1st Lt. Peter D. Minnar, 24, is stationed in Turkey. He is a 2000 graduate of Cohasset High School, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2004. He received his commission in 2004. Minnar is assigned to the 10th Airlift Command and is stationed at Incirlik, Turkey. He is a C-17 cargo transport pilot.

US Marine Corps Lt. Cpl. Harold "Jamie" Litchfield, 20, is deployed in Iraq. He graduated from Cohasset High School in 2004 and after a summer of working around town with his grandfather, he joined the Marines. Litchfield is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines Company B in Iraq.

US Air Force Maj. William E. Baird Jr., 33, a 1991 Cohasset High School, is deployed in Iraq. He received his commission in 1995 when he graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Baird has previously served two tours in Afghanistan. He is a search and rescue pilot flying H60 Blackhawks. Baird currently lives in Las Vegas, Nev., with his wife Angela and their three children Tyler, Mason and Chloe.

US Army Spc. Justin H. Maitland, 26, a 1991 Cohasset High graduate, is deployed in Afghanistan. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maine, Farmington. Maitland has also earned a Ski Industries Certification at UFM. Maitland joined the Army in 2004 and was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division. Currently, he is an infantryman as part of "Task Force Warrior" in southern Afghanistan.

US Army 1st Lt. Christopher E. Pratt, 24, a 2000 graduate of Cohasset High, is deployed in Iraq. Pratt graduated from Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management. Pratt received his Army commission in May 2004 and was assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps Base at Fort Bragg, N.C. He has been attached to the 181st Transportation Battalion in Iraq since November 2005.

US Marine Corps Sgt. Grant L. Emde, 28, a 1997 Cohasset High graduate, is deployed in Iraq. He attended the University of Massachusetts, Boston before joining the Marines after the attacks of Sept. 11. Emde served with the Marines in the Philippines and then worked as a lobster fisherman prior to rejoining the Marine Reserve in 2004. He is currently serving with the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines in Iraq.

US Marine Corps Sgt. Michael R. Kennedy, 26, is deployed in Iraq. He attended Cohasset High School and is a 1999 graduate of Roxbury High School. He was at basic training on Sept. 11, 2001 when the attacks on the World Trade Center took place. He is serving his second tour of duty in Iraq since July 4, 2006. He is assigned to the 1st Intel Battalion, MTT Team 5 3/3.

US Marine Corps 1st Lt. Andrew J. Hamilton, 27, a 1998 Cohasset High graduate, is deployed in Iraq. He graduated from Westfield State College in 2003. He received his commission in 2003. Hamilton lives with his wife Lauryn and their daughter Addie in Pensacola, Fla. He recently arrived in Iraq and is a CH-46 helicopter pilot.

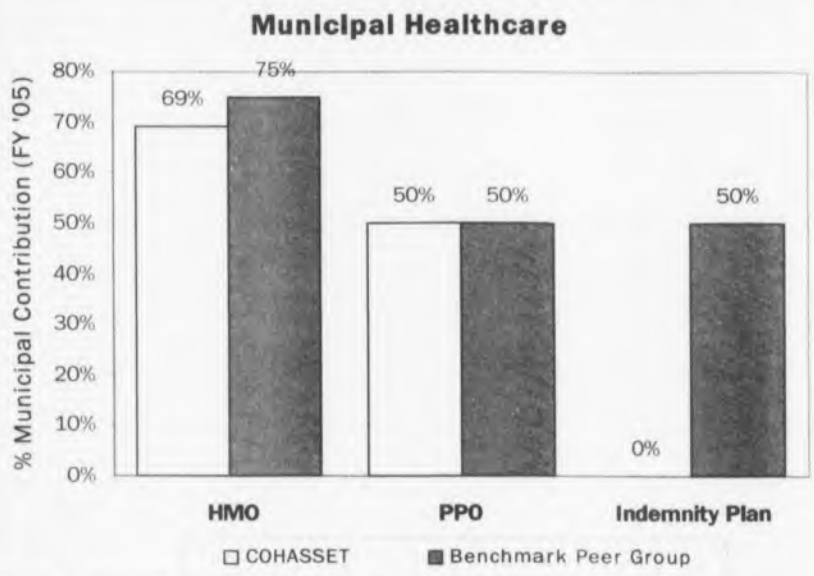
US Marine Corps Lt. Cpl. Brendan SK Anti, 26, is deployed in Iraq. He grew up in Plympton, Mass., and moved to Cohasset in 2004. He owns a fence construction company in his civilian life. Anti is a member of the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines Weapons Company, serving in Iraq.

US Marine Corps Lt. Col. Christopher J. Mahoney, 41, is deployed in Iraq. He graduated from Cohasset High in 1983 and Holy Cross College in 1987. He is currently deployed for his second tour in Iraq, and is Squadron Commander of VFMA 242. He lives in Valley Center, Calif., with his wife Mary. Their first child will be born during his deployment.

— EIGHTEENTH IN A SERIES —

How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Results of zero indicate that either the municipality did not offer that type of plan or that the data was not available. If a community covers a different portion of healthcare costs for an individual and family, the reported number is the average of the two. Note that employee groups covered by collective bargaining agreements (i.e. police, fire, etc.) may get a different, negotiated amount of coverage.

This chart shows the portion of healthcare benefit costs that Cohasset pays for its municipal employees by the type of plan. Communities can provide healthcare through an HMO, PPO or indemnity plan. This chart also provides the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the building commissioner's office:

Figueirdo, Margin Court, 14 sqs. white cedar, $1,000; Toomey, Border St., remodel existing 3rd floor bathroom, $15,000; Herth, Pond St., 14 sq. asphalt roofing, $11,000; Candela, Forest Notch, remodel porch, $14,000; Kasperowicz, So. Main St., reroof 12 sq., $5,750; Bracken, Hobart Lane, replace five windows, slider, replace rubber roof, $18,000; Seavey, Beechwood St., 10 squares clapboard, $16,000; Hansen, Margin St., replace 1st floor guest room with large master bedroom, $50,000;

Michalowski, Forest Ave., install new windows, strip, reside entire house, $60,000; Gledhill, Nichols Road, strip, re-roof, new front entry, $10,000; Previte, Summer St., remove old building, reconstruct, $35,000; Beggan, Sankey Road, remove garage, new kitchen, 2nd floor addition, $125,000; Whinnery, Short St., convert 350 SF basement to finished space, $11,750; Faherty, Bayberry Lane, construct new 14' x 16' screen porch; Riley, Jerusalem Road, install 12 squares rubber roofing, $8,000; McLaughlin, Mill Lane, extend shed dormer, replace windows, $10,000.

Anthony, 24 South Main St., construct chimney, install woodstove, renovations, $25,000; Palona, 155 Hull St., 19 squares asphalt, $10,700; Cohasset Lightkeeper, 15 Lighthouse Lane, 3 tents installed 8/18/06 – 8/21/06, $1,149; Driscoll, 25 Fern Way, 25 squares asphalt, $14,000; Masci, 106 Doane St., install 5' patio door, deck, stairs, reside, $18,000; Deuschle, 309 King St., 18 squares asphalt, $5,000; Porter, 81 Border St., 50 squares asphalt, $15,000; Hart, 48 Old Pasture Rd., replace 13 windows, $17,584;

Facey, 4 Woodland Drive, 16 square cement clapboard, replace 15 windows, $28,000; White, 131 Nichols Rd., remove/replace decking on existing deck, $20,000; Auger, 17 Lantern Lane, replace 2 windows, $4,000; Campadelli, 100 Forest Ave., 18 square cedar impressions vinyl shingles, $22,400; Alex, 221 South Main St., move opening to south side, $3,000; and Pompeo, 11 Ripley Road, tent install 8/19/06 – 8/21/06, $1,000.

Special fall Town Meeting slated for Nov. 13

There is a time change that will take effect this year as the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen voted to set Monday, Nov. 13 as the date for this year's fall Special Town Meeting. While the board had discussed moving the meeting to a weekend, in the end it agreed to keep the meeting the way it is. However, there is a time change that will take effect this year as the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

On a related note, Selectman Rob Spofford asked Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, who was at the meeting for another matter, if it would be possible for him to draft two articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. One would change the town's bylaws to amend the date for the annual Town Election, to allow both the town election, any override elections or other elections which need Town Meeting approval, to be held together. The second would change the start time of the Annual Town Meeting, always held on Saturday mornings, to begin at 9 a.m. rather than 10 a.m.

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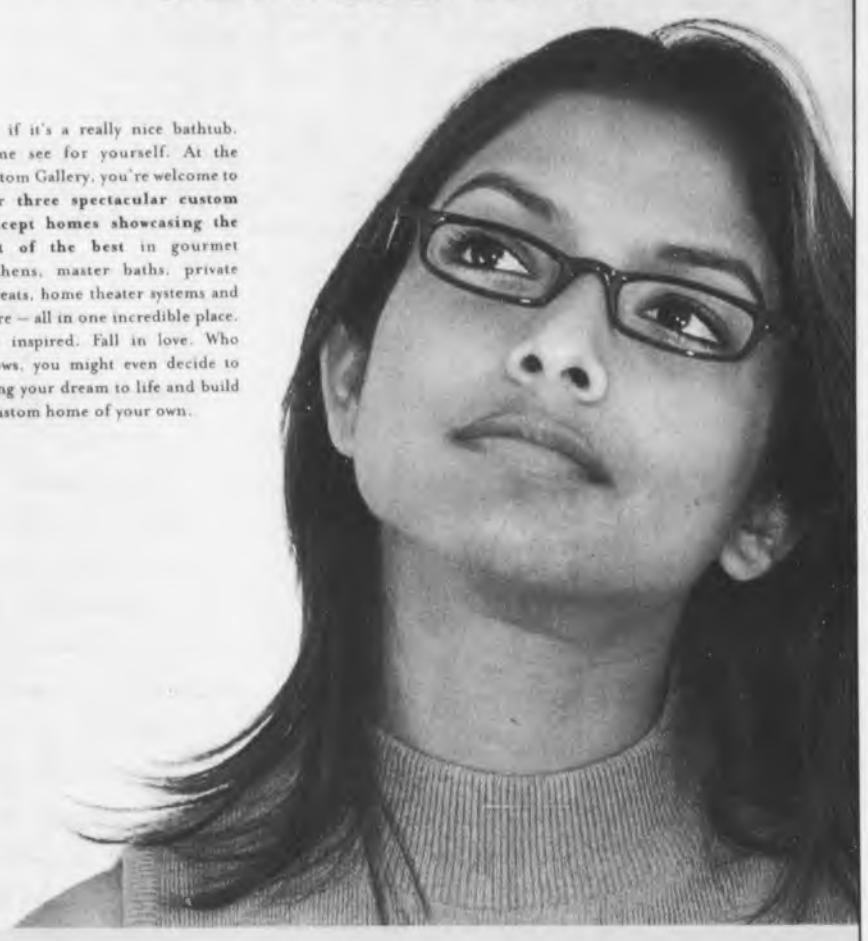

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Plans unveiled to develop Cook Estate

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"What we see here is maybe what we all wanted in the first place," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, adding in his opinion, building 27 units on the Cook Estate, "seems like a reasonable use of land."

The late Jane Bancroft Cook owned the Cook Estate. The town had been working with the heirs of her estate since 2003 to build senior housing on the site. Voters at the November 2003 fall Special Town Meeting authorized the town to spend $4.5 million for the purchase of the Cook property with the intention of combining the Cook land with adjacent town-owned land, and making a profit when the town sold both pieces of property together to a developer.

The project was put out to bid and Abbott Developers was one of the original bidders on the project. However, the contract was awarded to Northland Residential, which began making plans for building roughly 95 homes on the site. Wastewater issues forced a reduction in scope of the project, which caused Northland to lose the contract as it became necessary to put out a second Request for Proposals for a smaller project. Two subsequent developers planned roughly 65 units on the site, but both pulled out due to tight permitting deadlines. The Weathervane Construction Corporation was the fourth developer to try to work with the town to develop the property, but it too pulled out from the project, which in turn led the town to back out of the deal. The heirs of the estate are no longer working with the town, and the property is now in their hands. The trustees put out a Request for Proposals at the beginning of the summer, and Abbott Development answered the call.

"What we see here is maybe what we all wanted in the first place."
— Al Moore, Planning Board

Durant and McAuliffe said they would be filing the development under the town's cluster zoning bylaw. Previous developers had filed the development under the town's Senior Multi-family Overlay District Bylaw, which was sunsetted at the Annual Town Meeting.

Developers anticipate the units built in Cohasset would have a similar floor plan to the Plymouth units, which are roughly 2,000 to 2,400 square feet on average and are very open. The Plymouth development is called Seton Highlands and will have 123 homes upon completion. Currently, there are 20 units in different stages of development and 16 have been purchased. They said the master bedrooms would most likely be on the first floor with a spare bedroom upstairs. Homes in Cohasset may be built as singles, duplexes, or triplexes, and those decisions will be made after the signing of the papers. "Right now, we're looking at a bunch of different designs," said Durant.

Members of the Planning Board asked whether developers intend to keep the residence currently located on the property and incorporate it into their design. Durant explained his company is working with a land planner and the house does not look as if it is in good enough shape to be saved. The board also asked whether the developers planned on building on the Cook-owned land, which is located across Sohier Street next to the Fairoaks Lane neighborhood. Durant said he envisions the development as being a neighborhood environment and he does not plan on having a home or two across the street, as it would take away from that community feeling. "I would applaud that," said Vice Chairman Peter Pratt about keeping the property across the street untouched.

Member Stuart Ivimey said he hopes when developers begin nailing down plans for the site, they will take the environment into consideration. "I'm not talking just about maximizing open space," he said, but added there are ways to be energy efficient, which can really make a difference, such as the building materials used and the way the homes face to maximize sunlight. "Jim Shipsky made a great presentation to us a while back," said Ivimey, and suggested developers get in touch with the local environmentalist to hear his thoughts.

"I think that's a great idea. Of course Massachusetts building code has a lot of energy conservation requirements, but we can always do more," said McAuliffe. "Everyone is concerned with energy savings."

Moore said he thinks from the preliminary presentation, the development will be a good addition to Cohasset. While purchase prices have not yet been settled upon for the development, Durant said they would be "reasonable." Moore said he feels the units would provide a level of housing, which is lacking in Cohasset, and fulfill a definite need.

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Shipwrecks talk is Wednesday

The Cohasset Historical Society will offer a fall lecture series beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 20, with a program titled, "Shipwrecks of the Stellwagen Bank." Deborah Marx, a maritime archeologist with the Stellwagen Bank National Maritime Sanctuary, will present the findings of numerous investigations into some of the shipwrecks that have been found in waters around the Stellwagen Bank.

All Wednesday evening programs will be held at the Pratt Building, 106 S. Main St., beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for these programs and light refreshment will be served. Other events planned for the fall season include the Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner on Oct. 22, at The Cohasset Harbor Resort from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the annual Wassail Party on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Pratt Building from 2 to 4 p.m.

Cedarmere buckles down for the winter

By Samantha Brown
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Due to marketing and technical issues, Leggat McCall said it has had to take a step back and think of another strategy for approaching its build out and sales campaign.

There has been some activity on the Cedarmere site recently, but the work being done is not construction. Leggat McCall Properties, which is developing the site, has been stabilizing the property for the winter, as construction is paused on the project until further notice.

Principal for Leggat McCall Mahmood Malihi came before the Planning Board Wednesday to update the board on what has taken place on the site. Developers had attended a meeting in August to discuss the project with the board, as it was concerned with the lack of activity on the site all summer long, and said it would appreciate an update in the coming weeks.

Due to marketing and technical issues, Leggat McCall said it has had to take a step back and think of another strategy for approaching its build out and sales campaign. Principal for Leggat McCall, Mahmood Malihi, said the housing market is much slower than anticipated; buyers feel restricted by the town's bylaw which dictates children may not stay for more than two weeks on the property; and getting enough units up and running to provide adequate flow for the on-site wastewater treatment plant when units aren't selling, are all challenges to overcome. In addition, the Planning Board expressed its concerns for the site.

Malihi explained the issues the board had in terms of public safety are being addressed. The roads on the site have been compacted to enable rescue vehicles to access the two model homes, which have been built on the property, in an emergency.

He said the company will soon be conducting a flow test on its water main to be sure there is enough water pressure to effectively fight a fire on the site. If the water can flow at a rate of 500 gallons per minute or more, a hydrant would be able to provide enough water to fight a fire. However, a flow of less than 500 gallons per minute means the fire department would need to access its water from the hydrant on Beechwood Street, which Fire Captain Mark Trask explained is a big problem. He said for every minute a fire is left burning, it becomes more and more hot and becomes harder to put out.

"The buildings are not yet alarmed either, which also increases the risk," said Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt. Malihi noted the two buildings, which have been built, are not occupied and would not be without proper fire safety measures in place.

However, Pratt noted if the development needs to use the Beechwood fire hydrant, it would take between 500 and 600 feet of hose to bring water to the site. "That is not what we do in Cohasset. We need a water system built up there. This sets a horrible precedent and I don't like the position we're in. Water for fire suppression is a requirement and we need it up there soon," he said.

The board had also asked the company to clean things up in the buffer areas, as developers were given permission to come closer to abutters' property than the zoning bylaws allow and had left debris in those areas. Now that construction has stopped and that area is no longer necessary for construction purposes, the company said it has moved its materials to a less visible area and plans to re-vegetate those buffer areas.

Malihi said the issues with the Water Department are also being solved, as it had expected developers to pay the application fee for the water connection permit, based on all 104-units slated to be built on the 41-acre site. "We're trying to resolve the fee," said Malihi, and the Water Department has agreed to a phased payment plan, as paying for everything up-front will be a hefty expense, especially as there is no revenue coming in from the sale of units right now.

The Planning Board is also considering bringing an article forward to Town Meeting in the fall which would slightly change the language in the Senior Multi-family Overlay District Bylaw, which the project has filed under, to allow residents to have visitors, such as a grandchild or college student, stay for more than two weeks either during the summer or school vacations. While nothing has been decided upon as of yet, developers are going to bring sample language to the board in the next two weeks to be looked at by Town Counsel.

There are also issues with wastewater disposal that have not yet been settled. Without units selling, there will not be enough flow generated to run the on-site wastewater treatment plant, and temporary septic systems might need to be installed. Malihi said he will continue working with his team to remedy that situation and will keep the board updated.

The board said it felt comfortable with the company's work to date and feels the requests it has made are being met. "It's good to hear the ball is moving forward," said member Stuart Ivimey.

Cedarmere developers will be on an upcoming Planning Board agenda. For more information, please call the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

LIBRARY CORNER

Spanish time — Su Escuela, the Language Center, will present a Spanish Story Time on Friday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

This interactive program will be facilitated by native Spanish-speaking teachers who will translate, adapt and present well-known books. All ages and communities welcome!

Independent Film Night –The Paul Pratt Library will show "A Peck on the Cheek" on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Malika Oufkir's "Stolen Lives: Twenty years in a desert jail" on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. This is a biographical account of an upper-class Moroccan family's 20-year imprisonment following a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II by the father. Call Gayle Walsh at 383-1348 for more information.

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center will present "From My Backyard and Beyond," a collection of botanical paintings by Kay Kopper, on exhibit at Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Oct. 31. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

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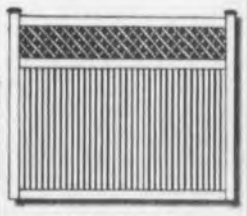
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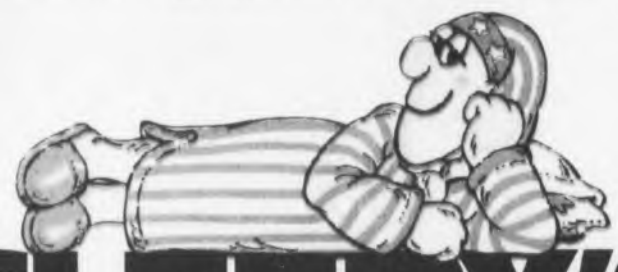

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Lady Skippers flying high

Outscore opponents 18-0 through first 3 games

By Mark Goodman
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Through three matches, Cohasset High girls soccer coach Deb Beal could not have asked for a better start.

The Skippers defeated Holbrook, Nantucket and East Bridgewater within the last week – with the first two coming on the road – by an 18-0 aggregate.

And one of the most encouraging things from those 18 goals is that they came from 10 different players. Sophomore striker Torey Hart leads the Skippers with five, including a hat trick in last Friday's season opening 5-0 win at Holbrook, but there has been plenty of quality finishing all around.

"Offensively, we are on fire and many people are scoring," Beal said. "I don't think, a few years ago, we even scored 10 goals in five games. I love their selfishness when going to goal."

Sophomore midfielder Maggie McGoldrick is second on the team with three goals, having scored one each in the Skippers' first three matches. Senior captain Kara Wilcox and freshman Mackenzie Hart both scored twice in Saturday's 8-0 whitewashing of Nantucket, with seniors Caren Garber (captain),

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STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Cohasset's Haley Haracz controls the ball during last Friday's 5-0 win over Holbrook.

Gridders shut out Whalers

Next up: Archies

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High football started its 2006 season the same way it did in '05: a double-digit win over Nantucket.

The Skippers hope the similarities continue Saturday (Sept. 16) when they travel to Braintree to take on last year's Div. 3 Super Bowl runner-up, Archbishop Williams.

In their second game last season, Cohasset played one of its most exciting games of the year, ending with a 14-14 tie against the Bishops on Alumni Field.

Archies opened its season with a 2-0 loss (yes, 2-0) to Millis of the Tri-Valley League, but Skippers head coach Pete Afanasiw is expecting this game to present a major test for his team.

"We're planning on facing a Super Bowl-caliber team, and we will do our preparation accordingly," Afanasiw said Tuesday.

Against Nantucket, Cohasset was powered by its running game, which went for a remarkable 259 yards on 41 carries. Junior Brian Hill led the effort with 171 yards on 20 rushes, including a 16-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to cap the game's scoring.

Senior quarterback Anthony DiPaolo scored two touchdowns on the ground, and junior fullbacks Kyle Pinkus and P.J. McCaw both had solid days to round out the Skippers' running attack.

Afanasiw was quick to give credit to the offensive line, which continues to be one of the program's major strengths.

"The line opened up gigantic holes all day," said the first-year coach. "When you average over six yards a carry like we did, it's not all because of the backs. Something is being done up front."

Tackles Anderson Lynner

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FILE PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Senior quarterback Anthony DiPaolo ran for two touchdowns in Saturday's 20-0 win in Nantucket. The Skippers will be in Braintree this Saturday (Sept. 16) to take on Archbishop Williams, last year's Div. 3 Super Bowl runner-up.

Skippers on even field with EB

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Imagine the following coaching nightmare.

You walk into game one of the season having lost 16 good players to graduation. Then, you square off against last year's Patriot League champions, East Bridgewater, on their home turf.

To put icing on the cake, your opponent includes an All-American field hockey player in the name of Jessica Roberts. That's what Cohasset head coach Deborah Bostwick and her 19 varsity field hockey players faced on Sept. 7 in East Bridgewater.

With 18 years of coaching and more than 100 victories under her belt, Bostwick went to work. Bottom line? The Skippers walked away with a very respectable 3-3 tie.

This outcome is a good omen for the Cohasset field hockey team. Last year the Skippers lost four out of their first five games.

"The girls didn't get discouraged by their mistakes. They communicated well. The players trusted that their teammates would perform their jobs in their positions."
Field hockey coach Deb Bostwick

Then they turned the season around. This year they come out of the preseason, to quote Bostwick, as "the best conditioned team at the beginning of the season I have ever coached." She added, "They clearly worked in the offseason and this will pay off."

So here is how the story unfolded on the Vikings' playing field. Within the first 10 minutes of the game, Roberts justified her title as an All-American when she launched a rocket into the back of the Skippers' goal.

Still stunned by the quickness of the score, Cohasset almost immediately faced another Viking attack, leading to another East Bridgewater goal on the scoreboard.

Just before the halftime whistle, senior captain Sheelah Scott fired over to junior May McCarthy for the Skippers' first goal of the season. This score gave Cohasset a glimmer of hope.

Shortly after the start of the second half the Vikings put a damper on things with a third goal. At this point Bostwick knew she had to shake up the direction of the game. She called a timeout.

This tactical move proved the turning point in the game. With 12 minutes remaining in the game, senior captain Caitlin Hurley assisted Scott to score the second Cohasset goal. About 5 minutes later, senior Michelle Madge passed to junior Corinna Durham, who popped the ball into the net. Durham's score proved to be the final and tying tally of the game.

The Skippers controlled the field for much of the second half. Unfortunately, they could not get the extra point to beat the Vikings.

"The girls didn't get discouraged by their mistakes," said Bostwick. "They communicated well. The players trusted that their teammates would perform their jobs in their positions."

Senior Virginia Spofford also seemed content about the tie with a top notch team.

"After we saw Roberts score that first goal, our defense shut her down," she said. "Without

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Cohasset White wins Junior League championship

COURTESY PHOTO

The Junior League champion Cohasset White team: First row (left to right): Kevin O'Connell, Todd Emanuello, Jodi Rosano, Harry Cippolla. Back row (left to right): head coach Bob McCunney, Eric Bartucca, Sebastian Braga, Robby McCunney, Jeff Cavanaro, John Kearney, assistant coaches Liam O'Connell and Steve Braga.

Cohasset White won the Cohasset-Norwell 2006 Junior League baseball championship. Coached by Bob McCunney, the team won two straight games in the playoffs to capture the first ever Cohasset championship in the league.

The Junior League is the 13-14 year old baseball division that operates under the auspices of the Williamsport Little League. The league offers players a transition from the Little League to High School baseball with field dimensions being the same as regulation baseball.

Of the eight teams in the Cohasset-Norwell division, Cohasset entered three teams: Red, White and Blue; Norwell fielded five teams.

Cohasset White completed the regular season with a 9-2 record then defeated Norwell's AC Fine 11-3 in the semifinals. Cohasset was led by the pitching of Robby McCunney and Jeff Cavanaro and the hitting of center fielder Todd Emanuello.

In the finals, Cohasset met Norwell's Good Brothers Ford team that had raced through the regular season with an undefeated record at 12-0. Cavanaro took the mound and pitched the first three innings and was followed by Robby McCunney, who closed off the game to enable Cohasset to win the first ever Cohasset championship in the Junior League, 6-3.

The game was close throughout and reached its most tense moment in the bottom of the sixth. Cohasset began the inning with a 3-1 lead, but a walk followed by a Norwell double and fielding error allowed Norwell to close the gap to 3-2 with a runner on third base with no outs. With the tying runner on third, McCunney pitched himself out of jam with the aid of a great catch of fly ball by third baseman Sebastian Braga, a strikeout and a pop up to the pitcher to end the inning.

Cohasset added three insurance runs in the top of the seventh on the strength of McCunney's second double of the game and singles by Cavanaro and Jodi Rosano, who went 3-for-4 in the finals.

In the bottom of the seventh, McCunney finished the game in grand fashion by striking out all three Norwell batters to seal the championship for Cohasset. Excellent catching and hitting (double and single) by John Kearney and superb fielding by Emanuello added to the well-balanced team effort.

Cohasset was led throughout the season by a well-balanced team that also included first baseman Kevin O'Connell and outfielders Eric Bartucca and Harry Cippola.

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Skippers sophomore Jonny Wade tees off during Cohasset's match against Norwell on Tuesday. Wade shot a 42 to win his match, but Norwell took home the overall team victory. The Skippers golf team opened its season with wins over Mashpee and Harwich, and have a rematch with Norwell on Tuesday (Sept. 19) at Cohasset Country Club.

Seadogs finish high in nationals

The 14-year old South Shore Seadogs came in fifth place out of 68 Division 1 baseball teams at the recent AAU national tournament in Sarasota, Fla.

Based in Hingham, the Seadogs consisted of 14 players from towns in the South Shore, including Robby McCunney from Cohasset. McCunney pitched and played infield, while batting .395 with two doubles and a triple.

The Seadogs knocked off teams from Maryland, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Illinois before succumbing to a scrappy Ohio team 5-3 in the quarterfinals.

Highlights for the players included playing and winning two games in Ed Smith stadium, the spring training home field of the Cincinnati Reds.

In addition to McCunney, team members included Matt Glennon (Sharon), Mike Dodakian (Walpole), Ryan Miller (Weymouth), John Ainsley (Quincy), Joe Carlier (Rockland), John Magliozzi (Milton), Zack Markel (Needham), Jack Colton (Milton), Ryan Courville (Somerset), Matt O'Neill (Milton), Harry Bourikas (Braintree) and Matt Rodriguez (Quincy).

Skippers on even field with EB

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her in the picture, we were able to get the ball up the field and produce offensively - very impressive for our first game."

Sophomore Alyssa Mullin showed good composure in the net. Defensively speaking, senior captain Alida Tangherlini and junior Sally Meehan contained the aggressive Vikings. Senior captain Laura Campadelli controlled the midfield while Scott offensively moved things along very well.

Two days later, the Skippers boarded the bus for Mashpee where they faced an inexperienced Sturgis Charter School team. After the showdown in East Bridgewater, this next game seemed like a summer walk down Sandy Beach.

Cohasset wasted no time. Scott scored two unassisted goals. Before the half ended Hurley assisted Spofford in a third goal.

The second half brought more of the same with two unassisted Spofford goals (hat trick!). Hurley racked up another assist when she found Junior Olivia Kimla who finished the pass. As the clock wound down to zero the Skippers walked away with s a confidence-boosting 6-0 win.

On the defensive end, Madge, along with juniors Sondra Hart and Paige Strecker, kept the ball out of Cohasset territory. Hurley, Campadelli, senior Molly Gallagher and junior Meghan Coakely all ran well at the halfback slots. Scott, Spofford, and Kimla hammered away up front.

"This game was definitely less intense than our struggle with East Bridgewater," admitted Tangherlini. "Still, we communicated well and allowed each person to play their own position. This is definitely a strongpoint that will help us out as the season goes on."

The Skippers will certainly need to build on this trust this season. The graduation departures of several athletes - like Katie James, Remy Lee, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Brooke Allen, and Aaron Bigley to name a few - have certainly left big shoes to fill.

Even Bostwick admits that 2006 will involve much rebuilding. But don't get the wrong idea.

"Last year's JV players really know what their doing," said an enthusiastic Bostwick. "They have all played together. So there is even better chemistry this year than last."

Indeed, many of the '06 Skippers, at least at this point in the season, have filled in the gaps quite well. Campadelli and Hurley have taken over from James and Lieb-Lappen at the halfback posts.

Tangherlini picked up where Lee left off at fullback. Spofford has produced as well as Allen did up front. Mullin will protect the net in place of Bigley. She should feel good about walking away with a shut out in the second game.

Bostwick has not acted alone in her effort to improve on last year's performance. Assistant coaches Meg Wiley and Abby Coakley give the athletes plenty of advice and personal attention.

The biggest challenges in the South Shore League will likely come from East Bridgewater, Harwich, and Mashpee. Cohasset faces these teams frequently in the early part of the season.

The big wild card remains East Bridgewater, the new team on the block. Cohasset can't wait for the Vikings to show up on Pond Street. The home opener occurs Tuesday (Sept. 19) against Mashpee.

STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Virginia Spofford (left), shown here in action last season against Carver, notched a hat trick in Cohasset's win over Sturgis Charter last weekend.

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and Jake Cuneo, guards Paul St. Pierre and Cliff Musto, and center Nick Cambi all had strong games on Saturday. Hill's scoring run came on a counter to the left side of the line with Lynner, making his first varsity start, leading the way.

Hill also had 50-yard run on the Skippers' first possession helped set up Cohasset's first touchdown, a two-yard sneak by DiPaolo.

The drive of the game came in the third quarter, with the Skippers marching 80 yards on 11 plays and eating up most of the frame's 10 minutes. DiPaolo finished the drive with a 16-yard run to the right side, electing to keep the ball on an option.

Afanasiw said he was very impressed by the effort from his defense. Pinkus, an outside linebacker, made some unbelievable hits that the coach said could be heard from the sidelines. Cuneo and senior linebacker Colin Conway each recorded a sack, while Musto, playing defensive end, helped contain the Whalers' quarterback in the pocket and allow his teammates to get pressure up the middle.

The secondary also played an excellent game, led by junior cornerback Sam DeGiacomo and junior safety Mark Flibotte. DeGiacomo forced a fumble and had a few big hits of his own.

Cohasset also seems to have figured out its kicking game, as junior Pat Doonan made two extra points, with the third failing due to a bad snap. Afanasiw said the kicking decision wasn't made until the middle of last week when Doonan, who had been doing the long snapping on kicks, decided to give kicking a shot.

"He just started drilling extra points like he'd been doing it his whole life," Afanasiw said. "He has a pretty decent leg from 30 yards in, so we might be kicking some field goals from around there. He's got a good enough leg

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Lady Skippers flying high

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Colleen Richardson and Karoline Holt each adding one apiece in that game.

Senior captains Lara Novak and Emily Coggins, as well as sophomore midfielder Kristin Monaco, all have a goal each.

Many players on the roster play club soccer, and Beal says playing against the caliber of competition at the club level has instilled a lot of confidence in those players, with that confidence also rubbing off on the girls who don't play for a club.

Beal says another key to her team's early success has been its communication on the pitch.

"I believe that the manner in which we have communicated in the past was part of our problem," said the coach. "I have been stressing since day one that you need to understand that when someone on the field either yells to or at you or seems to criticize your actions, you need to realize that you are playing a game and not to take the comments personally. It isn't always going to come out pretty. When something is said, it is said because someone saw something that needed fixing. I have been impressed with our attitudes and how we handle each other."

One player that continues to impress is sophomore keeper Johanna Brophy, who made a couple great saves against East Bridgewater for her third clean sheet in as many games. "Awesome" and "fearless" are two words Beal uses to describe Brophy, who will see time in the field as well when senior keeper Shalea Daly is ready to play.

The midfield has so far demonstrated a nice blend of toughness and skill. Beal praised McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins, Emily Coggins and Garber for "doing an outstanding job controlling and creating plays." Monaco and seniors Alyssa Hinman and Haley Haracz are right behind them, waiting their turn to create offensive attacks.

STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Meg Anderson splits the Holbrook defense with this pass during last Friday's match.

Ultimately, Beal believes Cohasset's biggest strength may be its defense. Sophomore Sammie Lehr, junior Anna Haggerty, Richardson and Sarah Coggins have all played smart soccer to help keep opponents off the board.

In the season opener, the Skippers were prepared for Holbrook's infamous offside trap. Cohasset still got caught off several times, but were still able to create plays with good positioning. Beal said the offside calls in the second half may have actually benefited the girls, who were able to catch their breath a bit with each whistle.

Saturday's trip to Nantucket was all an all-around success, according to Beal.

"The weather was awesome and the day was full of traveling and fun," she said. "We left the high school at six in the morning and returned at 6 that night, so we put in a full day's work. Nantucket is a young team that played us tough, but our goal scorers kept them at bay.

The girls felt pretty good going into their home opener against East Bridgewater on Tuesday. The Vikings play a very physical brand of soccer, and a few Skippers got a little banged up. Beal attributed that win to her team's exceptional fitness level and ability to stand up to EB's aggressive style.

"They definitely stood right up to it," Beal said of her players. "They are a group that's really confident in their individual skills. You don't often get 11 kids on the field that are all confident in their skills like that. It's nice to see and nice to coach.

Cohasset figured to get its first true test of the season Thursday (Sept. 14) when it hosted Abington, whom the Skippers haven't beaten since 2003. The Skippers will then host Carver on Monday, and then travel to Harwich on the 20th to kick off a stretch of seven straight road games.

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to get it done."

Afanasiw said he will be looking for improvement in the team's passing game, which gained just 43 yards on nine attempts on Saturday.

"We had two interceptions and a fumble in our passing game, and it's not just on Anthony. It's on everyone," said the coach. "If we can't do better than that, that will be a big thorn on our side."

Overall, though, Afanasiw liked what he saw in his first game at the helm.

"After a long trip, I was concerned about the energy level," he said. "But that wasn't an issue; they went at it the whole game."

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12U softball tryouts

Cohasset youth softball, a girls fast-pitch organization, will be holding tryouts for their 12U team on Sunday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Freedom Diamond at the Barnes Complex in Cohasset. To be considered for the team, you must be 12 years of age on Jan. 1, 2007.

This is a new tournament team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2007 summer season. All positions are available, making for a great opportunity for players. The current plan is to play a minimum of four weekend tournaments in June and July after the CYBSA season has ended.

For more information on the tryouts or the team in general, contact Rob Spofford at (781)383-1680 or email Spofford@spoffordgroup.com.

Boot Camp fitness training

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Tuesday, Sept. 19 through Thursday, Nov. 23 on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset. You may register by calling the recreation department at (781)383-4109.

The session concludes Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day) with a race in Hingham.

Ms. Callanan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all ability levels. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

Please dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope, and wear running shoes. Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

Annual SIDS Road Race to be run this Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 17, the 25th annual SIDS Road Race will be taking place in Hingham to raise funds for the Massachusetts Center for SIDS. All funds raised go towards research, family support, and education. With the generous support of sponsors, runners, and friends the Road Race Committee has been able to donate more than $250,000 over the last 24 years.

The course starts and finishes at the Hingham High School and traverses four miles of beautiful Wompatuck State Park. The race consists of three events: The 10K Road Race, which is sanctioned by the USA Track and Field, includes age categories and is run by competitive and casual runners. With water stations, three miles of shaded path, and one challenging hill, it is a well-balanced course, enjoyed by all.

The 10K Walk-a-thon, which follows the same course as the run, attracts both dedicated walkers as well as those participants who wish to gather pledges and support the event. The two-mile Fun Run is an event for all ages, where everyone is a winner. The course is flat and easy and welcomes runners and walkers from the youngest to the oldest. It is a true family event.

Pre-registration is $15 for all races. Post-registration is $20 for all races. Registration opens at 8 a.m. on Sept. 17, with race times starting at 9:30 a.m. (10K Walk-a-thon and two-mile Fun Run) and 10:30 a.m. (10K Road Race).

For more information, please contact Jack and Mardie Orshak (co-directors) at (781) 837-7210 or e-mail SIDSroadrace@msn.com

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Getting back in full swing at school isn't easy

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MICHAEL CORRY

Hang in there guys, there's a half day coming up, and a 4-day weekend in October.

Things are back in full swing; and students are still adjusting to the school schedule. It seems like everyone has a case of the "Mondays." Between the college process, jobs sports, homework and extracurricular activities students scramble to get everything done and squeeze in a few hours of sleep. The butter is being spread awfully thin — and this is only the second week of school. Hang in there guys, there's a half day coming up, and a 4-day weekend in October.

Freshmen further acclimated themselves to the high school with the help of an orientation breakfast this Thursday. On a side note, here's a personal thank you to the teachers who put in the extra effort to captivate pupils. A 90-minute lecture is one of the most powerful sedatives. Before this column starts to cause drowsiness, here is the news.

- Students had their pictures taken Wednesday. Some seniors realized that their photo would only be used for student I.D. cards and posed accordingly.
- The Town Emergency Management Committee met Thursday.
- Department heads met Thursday.
- The professional development Committee met Thursday
- Mr. Magnussen's Marine Science class went on a field trip to Humarock beach today.
- Congratulations to the newly elected Spinnaker Staff: Editor-in-chief – **Roxanne Tehranian**; Executive editors — **Austin Breslow and Mike Corry**; In The Middle editor in chief — **Tristram Norman**; News Editor — **Ryan Ingram**; Feature editor — **Callie Barrett Alyssa Hinman**; Editorial editors- **Amanda Thompson and Trisha Reel**; Sports editors — **Justin Alexander, Chris Donze, Corbin Faber** and **Fletcher Smalzel**; Business Manager — **Mercedes Barnes-Jackson** and **Tessa Leahy**; Directors and advertising and sales — **Taylor Bukowski, Andrew Clark, Chris Davis** and **Lacey Richardson**; Graphics and Design editors — **Katie Callahan, Myles Collins-Wooley** and **Elizabeth Landon**; Photographer — **Charlotte Landon**; and Office Manager — **Cate Treese.**

Good luck making this weekend count, because another Monday is coming, along with all the assignments from today. That's right, summer is long gone. Seniors, get going on those college essays, those applications won't complete themselves. But — if someone discovers a self-completing college application, call me.

Pitfalls of overachieving

The Hingham High School PTO and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host New York Times best-selling author, Alexandra Robbins, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., at Hingham High School, 17 Union St., Robbins will discuss her new book, " The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids, " which questions how to prepare the next generation for their role in society

Robbins followed several top high students from her alma mater, Walt Whitman High, in Washington, D.C. over an academic year. "The Overachievers" is about what she learned and observed during this time. The need to be perfect is at the core of her characters and Robbins writes about their drive and grueling schedules. The author questions the current process of SAT testing and the college application procedure and reviews the flaws, offering suggestions for changing the process.

To order a personalized or signed copy call 781-383-2665 or visit www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

Informal screening for 3 and 4 year olds

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The dates are Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2006; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18, 2007.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

Meatball sub or turkey sandwich, mixed vegetables, oven fries, pears.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

Bageal with soup of the day or bologna sandwich, garden salad, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, sweet peas, mashed potato, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

American chop suey, dinner roll or ham and cheese sub, carrots, applesauce.

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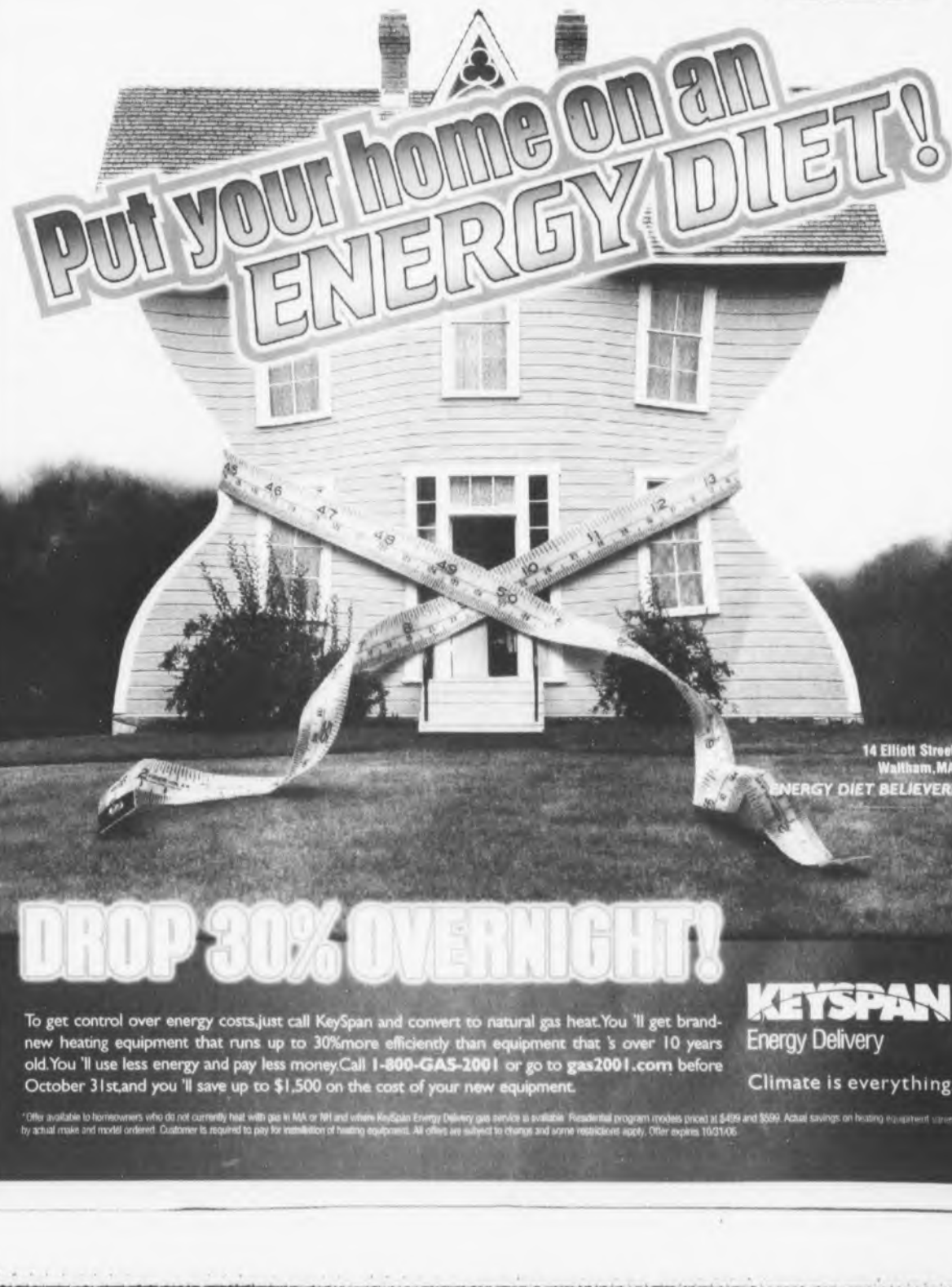

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OBITUARIES

Chauncey Del Grosso

Retired horse trainer

Chauncey Del Grosso, 86, of Hollywood, Fla., died Sept. 12, 2006.

Born in Cohasset, Mr. Del Grosso was a three-sport athlete at Cohasset High School. He graduated from Northeastern University as a CPA, and received six letters as a two-sport athlete in baseball and hockey.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Single Corps and participated in the invasion of Leyte.

Mr. Del Grosso was a retired horse trainer.

Husband of the late Marilyn Del Grosso, he leaves numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Mr. Del Grosso was also the brother of the late Anne Kelleher of Cohasset.

A memorial service will be held Sept. 22, at 10 a.m., at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset.

Roland M. Paulson Sr.

Owned R M. Paulson Painting Contractors

Roland M. "Rollie" Paulson Sr., 76, of Scituate, died suddenly Sept. 5, 2006, at his home.

Born in Quincy, he moved to Scituate in 1956.

Mr. Paulson was the owner and founder of R. M. Paulson Painting Contractors, from which he retired in 1995, after 50 years. He was also the vice president of the Scituate Chamber of Commerce.

He leaves a son, R. Michael Paulson Jr., of Cohasset; his beloved companion of 21 years, Anne Lovaas of Scituate; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Paul, late twin brother Richard, and the late Barbara Anderson.

A Memorial service was held Sept. 8 in the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, Scituate, with the Rev. Michael A. Dunfee officiating. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Sept. 17 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "An Uncommon Sense"

Coffee Hour will follow in the Parish House.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Parents, please bring your child(ren) directly to the Parish House. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., join Nan Moore, Director of Religious Education, for Parent Orientation. To register your child(ren) for Religious Education at First Parish, phone Nan Moore at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.first-parishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to Summer Sundays at St. Stephens 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Clergy; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Interim Priest. Sunday Worship: Holy Communion 8 and 9:30 a.m. which is a family service.

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

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Acclaimed as a concert pianist and harpist, Rupert has given solo recitals from Carnegie Hall to Beijing Concert Hall, and has appeared with symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the United States. She can be heard on CDs from North Star and Harmony Hill. She's on the faculties of Wellesley College, Tufts University, Boston College and MIT. Rupert earned a bachelor of music degree in piano from Oberlin College, and holds master's degrees in piano and harp, and a doctor of music degree in piano performance and music literature from Indiana University.

Bloom has given solo recitals from Boston's Jordan Hall to Beverly Hills, tours nationally with chamber groups and jazz ensembles and appears on more than 25 CDs. He is a winner of the American Musicological Society's Noah Greenberg Award for his work in 19th century American music. Bloom is a historical instrument consultant to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, has served on the faculties of New England Conservatory and Regis College, and is a board member of the James Pappoutsakis Flute Competition. He holds a master's degree in music in flute performance with distinction from the New England Conservatory.

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IT'S HAPPENING

ASP 2007 to start!

Gearing up for its 20th trip, Cohasset ASP will host an informational meeting Sunday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m., at Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall. There will be a slide presentation from this past summer's trip, followed by information for the 2007 trip, which will take place June 23 through July 1. Necessary registration forms will also be distributed. Deadline for registration is Oct. 1. Organizers would like to stress that enrollment will be more carefully monitored this year. Forms and information will be available online at cohassetasp.org beginning Sept. 18.

Adults are also needed to go on this trip.

The grand opening of the Pumpkin Patch on North Main Street, sponsored by Cohasset ASP, will be Saturday, Oct. 7.

Teen Center dance

A Midnight Blue Dance will take place Friday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Teen Center. The dance is for all sixth- through eighth-graders. There will be a charge at the door of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

5-year reunion

Calling all class members of CHS Class of 2001! The CHS Class of 2001 reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 24th (day after Thanksgiving), 7:30-11:30 pm at the American Legion in downtown Cohasset. For more information, Please email Kelly Devine at classof2001chs@hotmail.com, or call 781-640-1542.

Benefit auction Saturday

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its benefit auction, A Backward Glance, on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset Golf Club. The admission price of $85 per person includes two beverages. The auctioneer for the evening is Stuart Whitehurst of Skinner, Inc.

Co-chairs for the event are Eleanor Bleakie, Nancy Garrison and Mary Hartshorne.

The auction will be preceded by a gourmet cocktail and buffet reception. It will benefit the Cohasset Historical Society, which operates three unique historic properties in Cohasset. The Society's mission is to preserve the history of Cohasset through acquisitions, research and program events.

A variety of family treasures have been donated to the auction. Items include Hitchcock chairs, an oriental rug, Japanese china, silverware, paintings, furniture, memorabilia and collectibles. Items will be on display at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., from Wednesday, Sept. 6 through Friday, Sept. 15. Items may be viewed on the society website, cohassethistoricalsociety.org. For further information, call 781-383-1434.

Maritime Institute to host Blues by the Bay

The Cohasset Maritime Institute will host its Indian summer gala and fundraiser. Blues by the Bay on Friday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Light House Keepers residence. Three local jazz and blues groups will 'rock the boat' while guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dancing. CMI is hoping to replenish its reserves, which were depleted with the acquisition of two new sliding seat fours in this past spring.

The Institute runs a variety of adult and youth rowing programs from its Boathouse at 40 Parker Ave., Cohasset. Tickets for Blues by the Bay are $50 per person, $30 of which is tax deductible. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and by calling Susan Galligan, 781-383-0765 or Lisa Hewitt Dick, 781-383-0204. For more information visit www.rowcmi.com.

Newcomers gatherings

All new and prospective members, as well as current members, are invited to New Member Gatherings for the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club to get to know some new faces in the community and to learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend. SCNC will host one coffee in September, followed by a wine and cheese event, and a couple of coffees in October, all of which are currently scheduled for the following dates:

Sept. 19, coffee at 7 p.m., at Starbucks on Route 3A in Cohasset.

Oct. 7, wine and cheese event at 4 p.m. Register with Kelly at k-dlee@hotmail.com or call 545-0866.

Oct. 13, coffee at 10 a.m. Register with Kelly.

For more information, including location for the Oct. 7 and Oct. 13 events, contact Kelly. Also, check out the Web site at scnewcomers.com. Many activities are scheduled during the year.

Art classes to start

Art classes begin Sept.18 at South Shore Art Center.

Beginner to advanced courses and workshops are offered to adults and children in drawing, painting, ceramics, tile-making, photography, plain air painting, sculpture, Chinese brush, calligraphy, holiday workshops and more.

Fees range from $25-350. Students may register online at www.ssac.org or by phone 781-383-2787. South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road.

Jewelry system to be demonstrated at King Jewelers

Pandora, an innovative concept in jewelry, will be presented at King Jewelers on Friday, Sept. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Pandora representative Sally McIntosh will show how to create customized jewelry using the patented system and the hundreds of gold, silver and precious stone beads handcrafted by Danish craftsmen.

"We are thrilled to bring Pandora to Cohasset, because this amazing jewelry system allows people to create beautiful jewelry that can be very symbolic for the wearer," said Valerie King, treasurer of King Jewelers. She recounted the story of an ill woman whose friends recently bought her a bracelet and beads representing memories they had shared together. "The woman was so touched by this gift from her friends that she came into the store to show me." King also mentioned that another woman purchased a bracelet for her college-bound daughter, and the mother's plan was to send a bead every so often to let the daughter know she was in her mother's thoughts.

King noted that the allure of Pandora is the ease of the patented system that allows people to modify and add to their jewelry, and the huge selection of beads and charms to choose from. "Many beads are purely aesthetic, and many others are meaningful, representing events, holidays and beloved items," she said.

King Jewelers is at 812 CJC Highway, Route 3A. For more information, call King Jewelers at 781-383-1755.

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SENIOR SCENE

Introductory Italian starts Tuesday

The following activities and programs are being offered by the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St.. Call 781-383-9112 for more information.

•**Introductory Italian**: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 25, Oct. 2, 16,23,30; 2:30 to 4 p.m., $5 per class for 6 weeks

Professoressa Lanier Grassie teaches conversational Italian. The class will focus on vocabulary building, basic conversation and how to make it through the marketplace. Each class will have a short discussion in Italian. Classes fill early.

Dance Aerobics: Tuesdays and Thursdays. 8-8:45 a.m., $3

Enjoy an invigorating workout to great music! Increase your cardiovascular and muscular strength with fun dance steps and hand-held weights. Requirements: comfortable workout clothes and shoes and a positive attitude. Have fun, and a good workout, with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St.

Arthritis Exercise Class: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., $3

Join us for guided exercise with physical therapist Paula Luoma for people with moderate problems affecting body movement.

Classes and Hobbies

• Second Friday Book Club: Second Friday of the month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come and share in our lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie too. Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St. Contact Addie McGrath at (781) 383-0952 with questions and to sign up!

• ACBL Bridge: Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. This is an ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Refreshments starting at 11:15 a.m. All welcome. Call Bill Wennerberg, instructor, with questions or to sign up at (508) 746-8715.

• Drop in Bridge: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St., and open to the public. Advance notice is not necessary — just drop in!

• Computer Technology for Seniors: Tuesdays 2:30-3 p.m.

For first time students, Austin will teach the basics such as Internet navigation and organization of personal documents. Instructor, Cohasset resident and Cohasset High School graduate Austin Breslow, offers the course once per week for 30 minutes at the CEA, 3 N. Main St. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the CEA at (781) 383-9112.

• Knitting: Fridays, 1-3 p.m., $3, Starting Sept. 15

Learn the basics of knitting with Edna Finegan, including how to select patterns, books and yarns. Work on your own project!

• Men's Chanticleers: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.

For men only. Meet at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. Breakfast club just for men! No dues, no charges, just the cost of breakfast. The group plans other events, such as day trips, evening dining and overnights (room and meals). Transportation available. Please call Lloyd Prescott at (781) 544-3626 to sign up!

• Stroke Club: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Hingham Elder Affairs

Provides companionship, support and information to those who have suffered a stroke and to their caregivers. Call Carol Barrett at (781) 383-9112 for information and to arrange free transportation.

• Foot Care: Second Thursday of each month by appointment only. Scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Held at 60 Elm St.

Cohasset Elder Affairs hosts a low-cost foot care service, provided by an RN and open to all South Shore residents. Cost is $27. Fills up quickly. Call CEA at (781) 383-9112 to reserve. Home visits can be arranged.

• Come to Lunch at the Center: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Nutritionally sound meals served three days a week at the Cohasset Elder Affairs Senior Center, 3 N. Main St. The donation for each meal is $2.50. Reservations at least two days in advance a must. The CEA often has wonderful educational programs and a lot of fun, so join us.

• Annual Health Fair For all Cohasset residents: Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Second Congregational Church

Free screenings and demonstrations. Healthy snacks and beverages served. No reservations required.

DAR celebrates Constitution Week

The national celebration of Constitution Week begins Sunday, Sept. 17. The week-long commemoration of America's most important document is one of the country's least known official observances. The Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started many years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17 through 23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The aims of the celebration are to: emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States of America functions as a Republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American Revolution. Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document, which is the safeguard of our American liberties," said DAR President General Presley Merritt Wagoner. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom."

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DAR has served America for 116 year. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial, was commissioned to design the performing arts center, known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, DAR Constitution Hall is the only structure erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 168,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries. The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children, and programs for new immigrants. For more information about DAR and its programs visit the Web site at dar.org or call 202-628-1776.

Council on Elder Affairs Outreach Coordinator Carol Barrett dons a spooky witch costume during the "Witches of Eastwick" themed end-of-summer picnic, hosted by the CEA. Barrett served hamburger "sand-witches" and "frightening franks" to the seniors that attended the event at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Seniors enjoy bewitching barbecue

Celebrate 20th anniversary of 'Eastwick'

Staff photos by Elsa Allen

Seniors enjoy the beautiful weather during the CEA's end-of-summer picnic, held Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Cohasset Sailing Club. This is the fifth year in a row the CEA has hosted such an event.

June Simeone relaxes during an afternoon boat ride on Cohasset Harbor during the CEA-sponsored end-of-summer picnic. This year's harbor cruise featured a tour of sites filmed during the making of "The Witches of Eastwick."

Sarah Murphy, daughter of CEA board chairman Anna Abbruzzese, drives partygoers around Cohasset Harbor during the "Witches" themed end-of-summer picnic, thrown by the CEA.

Marie Price and Faith Maloney might be mistaken for Cher and Michelle Pfeiffer who played two of the three witches in the movie, "The Witches of Eastwick," filmed in Cohasset 20 years ago. The CEA held its end-of-summer picnic with a witches theme to celebrate the anniversary of the filming and many seniors who attended the event dressed for the occasion.

A witch doll flies over the crowd which gathered for this year's Council on Elder Affairs end-of-summer picnic at the Cohasset Sailing Club Sept. 7. This year's theme was chosen to help commemorate the 20th anniversary of the filming of "The Witches of Eastwick" in Cohasset.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

12:29 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle violations. Operator summoned on charges: Speeding in violation of special regulations, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for police officer, operating motor vehicle negligently.

12:37 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:51 a.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other police dept. Hull PD unable to contact bail commissioner by telephone.

5:02 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:11 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:22 a.m. **Dreamwold Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist other police dept., verbal warning. Hull PD reports motor vehicle operating at a high rate of speed, heading towards Cohasset. Verbal warning.

7:16 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane and Sohier St.**, public service, there is a bag of trash on the side of the road.

7:45 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, 2 black labs in the square.

10:04 a.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports finding a wallet at this location with money and credit cards in it and other things.

10:22 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:56 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripely Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:28 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

2:23 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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3:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:24 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, party was cut off at stop sign.

4:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, party reports his check was taken and cashed.

5:36 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, car blocking side of the road and was tagged.

5:39 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:27 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:02 p.m. **Cedar St.**, larceny, party's children's bikes were stolen from home.

9:04 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, civil matter, party wants to keep construction worker off of property.

9:27 p.m. **Cedar St.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports of a fire alarm going off at this location. Party is not at home, officers and firefighters are attempting to get into home. Dispatcher contacted alarm company and they said it was a company detector. Party called and is in route to home.

10:14 p.m. **Elm St.** Juvenile arrest. Age: 14. Charges: Serious public alarm bomb/hijack threat.

11:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

1:06 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, public service, caller states a couple is "fornicating" in the open. Motor vehicles were leaving the area as police were arriving. No one in the area now.

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

8:07 a.m. **Diab Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports what appears to be puppies that were thrown in the dumpster still alive. Officer reports they do appear to be young puppies, ACO paged at this time. Animal Rescue League of Boston contacted. MSPCA police notified. ACO is responding. All agencies cancelled, officers have freed the animals, they were not puppies, they were some type of young wildlife.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, officer was stopped by a passerby regarding vehicle with a dog inside with no windows open and the car is off. Officer reports he has reached the owner, the dogs are fine, but she will be bringing them inside her business to solve any other issues.

11:52 a.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, caller reports his vehicles were egged last night. He would like to see an officer. Officer reports 2 vehicles egged.

1:44 p.m. **Doane St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller reports a cat has gotten struck in the middle of the street, still breathing. Officer reports the cat deceased. ACO notified and will pick up.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

2:03 a.m. **Scituate PD.**, assist other police dept., bolo for red Mustang with top – CT plates wanted for leaving scene of accident and not stopping for police.

2:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a wedding party making lots of noise he asked them to quite down they have not.

6:52 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:15 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, chest pain and back pain.

10:33 a.m. **Church St.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicle was broken into last night.

11:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a male party on a bike going around the parking lot asking females to take him for a ride somewhere. Another person is reporting he is now talking to a young male. Officers are out with the male party. Scituate PD responding to assist at this location to attempt and identify this suspicious male. Scituate and Cohasset officers on scene have identified this male. He would not tell his correct information, he has been sent on his way, everything all set for the time.

1:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:17 p.m. **Spindrift Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports a dark colored car just drove over their lawn and 2 others taking out the mailboxes. The car headed from Forest towards North Main. Officer out with vehicle at Forest Ave. One in protective custody.

MONDAY, AUG. 28

1:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** open door-window. Officer advised unable to secure door. Everything appears fine.

1:27 a.m. **Pond St.,** Officer advised checked school.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Officer advised checked schools.

9:30 a.m. **North Main St.,** Caller would like to have it logged that she had a bike accident on the train tracks last week, Aug. 21, but didn't call the station for help. She had a friend driving by at the time that picked her up and went to SSH. She had to have surgery on her wrist and now has a plate and nice screws in her wrist. Caller also stated that her friend on a bike with her also went down with injuries. Victim will be submitting a letter to Greenbush at Town Hall and also this agency.

10:26 a.m. **Beechwood St. and So. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:57 a.m. **King St.,** Medical aid, transported SSH-ALS.

3:26 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

5:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** trespassing. Caller states that a youth is driving on her property with an ATV.

7:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** two callers stated that a person was wandering around the parking lot and acting strange. One in custody. OIC requested a paramedic take a look at the person in custody.49-year old Scituate man in protective custody.

10:33 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

TUESDAY, AUG. 29

6:25 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** caller advised there are big trucks that are parked in front of his residence making lots of noise. Officer advised it was a tractor trailer picking up equipment. They are at the wrong address.

8:33 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

8:58 a.m. **Hull St.,** motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.

9:32 a.m. **So. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.

9:45 a.m. **Brook St.,** motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. **Pond St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports a red dump truck parked in front of 23 Pond St. is in the way of other trucks getting by. Officer reports that vehicle is being moved.

2:35 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:21 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

1:47 A.M. **High St. and Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:48 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Both elementary schools check secure.

7:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

7:34 a.m. **South Main St. and Summer St.,** there will be limited access at the intersection.

8:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** caller reports a very strong odor of electric burning.

8:41 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** received call from Are You O.K. program for a well-being check at this location. Officer has spoken to the resident. She is fine. Her phone has been out of service.

9 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Sgt. Reports across from this location a manhole with a major gas leak in it. People can hear and see the gas coming out of the pipe. Keyspan notified and responding.

10:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

10:37 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning..

10:55 a.m. **Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop. Vehicle stop, no license plates and no driver's license in possession.

11:59 a.m. **New Driftway,** medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a possible heart attack. Transported SSH/ALS.

12:18 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Doane St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

12:28 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Ox Pasture Lane,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:47 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

12:58 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:16 p.m. **Hull St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

1:29 p.m. **Hull St. and Grace Drive,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

3:05 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

3:14 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

3:23 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, caller reports kids jumping off the bridge and every time someone jumps they are blowing an air horn.

4:45 p.m. **Virginia Lane,** caller advised she is helping homeowner at above address. She would like to speak to an officer.

5:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** road rage, caller advised he was cut off by another vehicle.

6:55 p.m. **Border St.,** Fire Dept. advised dispatch to send Engine 3 to investigate oil in water near above location. A boat owner changed oil. DPW has been notified. They will sweep it up in the morning.

7:40 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** caller advised her vehicle is broken down at the beach near the Bath House. She lost her keys.

8:13 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** Caller received a call from a charity. Caller wanted it logged in case it was no such charity.

9:07 p.m. **King St.,** caller advised her water is brown. Contacted Water Dept. They are flushing hydrants in the area.

10:08 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** animal complaint. Walk-in party advised her dog got loose from her. It is a Golden Retriever, 9-month-old female, no collar. Caller advised the dog came back home.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

12:20 a.m. **Sohier St.,** checked all schools, no problems secured the door.

1:09 a.m. **Elm St. and South Main St.,** officer off with two juvenile subjects in Square area.

1:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** open door-window. Open door in the professional building. Checked and secured building.

2:13 a.m. **Cedar St.,** someone threw a rock through a window of the house.

2:30 a.m. **Pond St.,** Check of the high school.

2:43 a.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop. All five males have been taken into custody. Arrest, Derrick Allen Jr., 20, 17 Nottingham St., Apt. 3, Dorchester. Charges: firearm, possess large capacity; firearm with defaced no., possess in felony; firearm with defaced no., possess possession of ammo; license suspended, op MV with false name to a police officer; lights violation, MV; vandalize property. Arrest, Miguel Angel Diaz, 18, 129 Columbia Road, Apt. 5, Dorchester. Charges: vandalize property. Arrest, Edivict Taylor Pimentel, 19, 3151 Washington St., Apt. 3, Jamaica Plain. Charges: Vandalize property. Arrest, Jose Manuel Diaz Jr., 18, 129 Columbia Road, Apt. 5, Dorchester. Charges: Vandalize property. Arrest: Jeffrey A. Cirino, 23, 120 Hutchings St., Dorchester. Charges: Vandalize property.

9:39 a.m. **Forest Notch,** received 911 call from this residence and the male was very confused. Male party checks out OK at this time, no problems.

11:42 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning.

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2:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave. and Margin St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation-warning. Operator of vehicle has suspended license. Arrest, Osvaldo DaSilva, 29, 119 Grive St., Rockland. Charges: WMS warrant; fail to stop-yield; unlicensed operation of MV.

4:24 p.m. **Cedar St.** Caller reports the media is at his residence and they would like them to leave. They are there in reference to a previous call. Officer reports he has cleared the media from the residence.

4:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Caller reports she is a school bus driver She is in the parking lot and the bus has a fire in it. Officer on the scene reports smoke showing from the bus. Nobody on the bus at this time. Units report that this was just a fire in the brakes from being overheated. Units clear, returning.

5:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**. Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

5:56 p.m. **Beechwood Street and Doane Street**. Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**. Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

9:38 p.m. **School buildings**. Officer reports all school buildings check OK.

10:18 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**. Suspicious vehicle. Officer reports getting a Lojack hit code. Vehicle is confirmed stolen. It was stolen tonight out of Boston.

10:51 p.m. **Nichols Road**. Received 911 call from this location regarding dogs barking for about an hour at her neighbors house. Attempted to call residence-no answer.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

12:24 a.m. **So. Main St. and Beechwood St.** Motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

12:55 a.m. **Ripley Road and Smith Place**. Suspicious person.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.** Check of Sohier Street schools.

1 a.m. **Pond St.** Check of the school. Some windows at the Middle School first floor are open, and the screens are intact.

1:50 a.m. **Sohier St.** Check of the Swim Center.

3:49 a.m. **James Lane.** Medical aid. Female in extreme pain. Transported SSH/BLS.

8:43 a.m. **Tilden Road**. Medial aid. Scituate Fire request R3 for a head injury. Transported SSH/ALS.

8:58 a.m. **Pleasant St.** Medical aid. Transported SSH/ALS.

10:06 a.m. **Ash St.** Medical aid. Lifeline alarm activation at this location.

11:11 a.m. **Cedar St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

11:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** And Lower King St. Motor vehicle crash/injuries.

12:05 p.m. **No. Main St.** Motor Vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

12:31 p.m. **So. Main St. and Depot Court**. Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation/warning.

1:08 p.m. **Rust Way.** Caller reports motor vehicles parked on the side of the road that need to be removed.

2:05 p.m. **Winter St.** Norwell Fire requesting R3 for a 16-year-old having a seizure. Transported SSH/ALS.

2:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.** Erratic operation of motor vehicle. 911 caller reports a pick-up truck all over the road with fishing rods in the back of the truck. Officer reports Start A Tow Truck. He will have a male in protective custody. Dispatch contacted males father and he will be coming to headquarters. A 49-year-old Scituate male in protective custody.

3:22 p.m. **Elm St. and Stevens Lane.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

3:48 p.m. **Turner Road.** Medical aid. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a woman who fell and hit her head. She is conscious and alert.

4:03 p.m. **Beach St.** Animal complaint. Caller reports she has a skunk in her garage. Skunk has left.

4:21 p.m. **Bancroft Road and Norfolk Road**. Caller reports in front of his son's house there is a motorcycle parked illegally and on private property.

5:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

5:18 p.m. **Doane St. and Beechwood St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued. Officer reports multiple people in vehicle and requests another cruiser.

5:57 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**. Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

9:58 p.m. **Sohier St.** Medical aid. Transported SSH/ALS.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

6:49 a.m. **No. Main St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:13 a.m. **So. Main St.** Caller wants to know "why her water is brown." She was advised that the Water Department was flushing hydrants.

8:51 a.m. **So. Main St**. Vandalism report.

10:23 a.m. **Parking Way.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

11:58 a.m. **Elm St. and Brook St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

2:07 pm. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Drug/narcotic violations. Arrest. Delta 1 requesting back up cruisers for drug deal he witnessed. Arrest: Kevin Dinsmore, 19, 60 Hillside Dr., Cohasset. Charges: Drug, distribute Class D; conspiracy to violate drug law; drug, posses to distribute Class D. Arrest: Justin S. Bolger, 19, 118 Brandeis Circle, Halifax. Charges: Marijuana possession; conspiracy to violate drug law. Arrest: George E. Bumpus, 20, 73 Sargent St., Needham. Charges: Marijuana possession; conspiracy to violate drug law; operating motor vehicle with suspended license; reducing reflectivity of number plate.

3:56 p.m. **Elm St**. Medical aid. Officer requests R3 for a prisoner.

4:32 p.m. **Heather Drive**. Caller reports his tire has been vandalized. Officer reports tire was popped due to rubbing against the curb.

5:20 p.m. **Lamberts Lane.** Traffic enforcement.

6:42 p.m. **Holly Road**. Fire/structure. Scituate Fire requests L1 for a working structure fire.

7:29 p.m. **Glades Road, Scituate.** Medical aid. Scituate requestsR3.

7:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**. Caller reports someone just hit her and took off. Caller reports this happened about three houses down from this location. R3 reports across from Dineros there is a small white Cabrio parked on the street that matches the description of the missing vehicle. Hingham also notified, it's on the Hingham side.

10:25 p.m. **All school buildings** checked.

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CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 14-22 2006

Get this show on the road

JM productions makes stops in Braintree, Hull and Walpole

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

After 20 years producing and presenting live entertainment in Quincy, John F. McDonald, Jr., of JM Productions, is taking his shows on the road this fall with stops in Braintree, Hull and Walpole, in a new concept McDonald - tongue planted firmly in cheek - calls his first annual P.M.S. Tour of parties, martinis and shows.

"We're presenting shows once a month with no bloating or cramps - just wonderful mood swings and happy faces! You won't have to go to work on Monday and only hear what a great weekend your co-workers had," explains McDonald, a life-long Quincy resident. "We'll give you something worth talking about, too."

This Thursday, McDonald's JM Productions will make its Braintree debut when it presents North Shore Acapella with special guest Stephen McNulty. Since 1981, North Shore Acappella has blended harmony, rhythm and tempo on well-known tunes from the 1940's through today. Featuring the vocal talents of Jimmy Martin, Paul Lopes, Frank Amorino, Vinny Straccia, and Tommy Duarte, North Shore Acapella delivers its musical message without instrumental accompaniment. In addition to its own headline gigs, the group has appeared as an opening act for The Temptations, The Platters, Ben E. King, Johnny Maestro, Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, Frankie Valli, and Gene Pitney. Joining North Shore Acapella this week at the Sheraton in Braintree will be Stephen McNulty with a show featuring music ranging from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr., to Broadway show tunes. As a performer with Ball in the House, McNulty has sung all over the world, sharing the stage with everyone from Smokey Robinson and Cher to Jessica Simpson and Justin Timberlake. As a recording artist, Stephen has been heard as the lead vocalist on the Billboard Top 20 radio hit "Something I Don't Know" with Ball in the House. On television and radio, he is one of the voices behind the national ad campaign for Cool Whip.

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On October 13, McNulty will be joined by 2005 Boston Pops Idol winner Tracy Silva of New Bedford for a brand new show entitled "With a Song in My Heart: The Music of Life" at Raffael's Nantasket in Hull. Although the pair are still in rehearsals, McDonald hints that their program will include powerful Broadway hits, soulful liturgical selections, patriotic favorites and even some opera.

On October 20, the "P.M.S. Tour" journeys to Raffael's in Walpole for "Simply The Best," a Tina Turner Tribute Show direct from London starring Suzette Dorsey. In her tribute to the legendary woman of rock, Dorsey performs all of Turner's classics - including "Proud Mary," "Private Dancer" and "What's Love Got To Do with It" - in a recreation of one of Turner's high-energy concerts. Joined by a 12-member on-stage troupe of musicians and dancers, Dorsey has performed as Tina Turner all over Europe, Japan and the Middle East and in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

November 17 at Raffael's Nantasket in Hull and November 18 at the Sheraton in Braintree, the cast of the South Shore favorite "Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me" will team for a new show, "Guys by Dolls: Sinatra to n*Sync," showcasing the music of well-known male crooners, country singers, and even boy bands. With Sheila Fahey of Neponset on lead vocals, the talented troupe - including Dorchester's Jennifer Fahey, Kethy Teevans-Fitzpatrick of Quincy, and Patricia Lee and Mary Ellen Anson of Braintree - will share their comical perspective on the male species through memorable music.

A musical revue entitled "Forever Christmas," by Masquerade, brings the holiday spirit to Hull December 7-8 while on December 14-15 in Braintree, McDonald will present "The Lascivious Biddies Christmas Tour," direct from New York City where they have been hailed as "Manhattan's Hippest Girl Group." Guitarist Amanda Monaco and pianist Deidre Rodman both rank among New York City's foremost young jazzers, while bassist Saskia Lane comes equipped with conservatory-honed chops and singer Lee Ann Westover adds power vocals to the quartet's doo-wop and jazz harmonizing.

If Ryan Seacrest's pinch-hitting for ailing American Bandstand veteran Dick Clark on ABC-TV's annual New Year's Rockin' Eve isn't enough to keep you home New Year's Eve, then JM Productions offers Bandstand Revue in Braintree with a dinner show celebrating 27 years of playing the greatest hits of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Bandstand Revue specializes in oldies and rock 'n' roll with a play list covering swing and standards from the late 1940's right up to the 70's. Joe Gionti, on keyboards, bass and vocals, formed the five-piece oldies show band in 1979. Other band members include Greg Mulvey, lead vocals, Fran Donnelly, guitar and vocals, Pete Vanasse, saxophone, and Tony Aquilante on drums.

At the Sheraton Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree, JM Productions will offer patrons a choice of four different packages including Show only, Dinner and Show, Show, Dinner & Stay over at the hotel, and Show, Dinner, Stay over plus a holiday shopping excursion to Wrentham Village Premium Outlets. Dinner and Show packages and just show tickets are available for the productions at Raffael's at 1601 Main Street, Route 1A in Walpole and 45 Hull Shore Drive in Hull.

For more complete information, call 617-786-7469 or visit http://www.jmproductionspresents.com.

Movie review

'Dahlia' makes a killer movie

"The Black Dahlia" (B+)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

With her hair bleached a perfect shade of Hitchcock blonde, Scarlett Johansson is one of four or five femme fatales in Brian De Palma's "The Black Dahlia." A pulp noir fever dream based on a book by "L.A. Confidential" scribe James Ellroy, the film riffs the famous true case of the unsolved 1940s murder of a Hollywood starlet, Elizabeth Short (Mia Kirschner).

Adapted by Josh Friedman, whose screenplays for "The War of the Worlds" (2005) and "Chain Reaction" (1996) were undistinguished, the film begins with a back story involving the "friendly" rivalry of Los Angeles police detectives Bucky Bleichert (a monotone Josh Hartnett) and Lee Blanchard (a squirrely Aaron Eckhart), also known as Mr. Fire and Mr. Ice.

Bucky and Lee soon become embroiled in the investigation into the death of Medford-born Short, also known as the Black Dahlia. Elizabeth was an aspiring actress who frequented various Hollywood demimondes, including a swank lesbian bar, and whose death and gruesome disfigurement caused a national sensation.

When Ellroy flips over an L.A. rock, some of the nastiest, most lurid things you can imagine crawl out. Among these are the dysfunctional Linscott family headed by a corrupt developer (John Kavanagh) and numbering among its members sometimes-lesbian daughter Madeleine (Hilary Swank, channeling Katharine Hepburn), who is the deceased starlet's look-alike, and a gargoyle-like wife (Fiona Shaw) given to drunken rants.

Detective Bleichert (Josh Hartnett) has his hands full with the mysterious Madeleine (Hilary Swank).

Lee lives with the beautiful Kay Lake (Johansson), a mystery woman with a dark past. A love triangle involving Bucky, Lee and Kay develops. Bucky and Madeleine also become lovers in part because of her striking resemblance to the dead woman.

The rococo "Chinatown"-like plot of "The Black Dahlia" further involves the character Conrad Veidt plays in Paul Leni's famous silent film "The Man Who Laughs" (1928); the imminent release from prison of a man (Richard Brake) who once sexually abused Kay; and a DePalma set piece in which Bucky races in dreamlike slo-mo to save Lee from danger.

Also the basis of the unsatisfying 1981 drama "True Confessions," the murder of Elizabeth Short has become an archetype of all the bad things that can befall beautiful young women lured to Hollywood by the siren song of fame.

In the crucial role of the Dahlia herself, who is seen alive only in the films she made, some of them pornographic, Kirschner is touching and sexy. But the character remains an enigma.

"The Black Dahlia," which was shot in Bulgaria, is also notably DePalma's third or fourth attempt to make his version of "Vertigo," Hitchcock's classic depiction of male sexual obsession. But unlike Hitchcock, DePalma fails to get inside the heads of his obsessed males, and his lead actors do not help. Maybe it was the water in Bulgaria, but neither actor is particularly convincing. In the supporting cast, Rose McGowan has a nice turn as a cynical starlet friend of Elizabeth's. K.D. Lang, however, is distracting as a cross-dressing singer.

In spite of its flaws, "The Black Dahlia" is still a De Palma film, which means it's a ready-made guilty pleasure for both movie lovers and devoted parishioners of the Church of Hollyweird. Breathe deeply. This incense has a real kick.

Rated R. "The Black Dahlia" contains nudity, profanity and violence.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Sept. 14

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset presents **children's author-illustrator, Jim LaMarche**, on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 3 p.m. in a book discussion and signing of "Up," a story of an ordinary boy with telekinetic powers. To order a signed copy call 781-383-2665 or visit .buttonwoodbooks.com.

Classical Concerts at Copley, Copley Square Park, Thursday, Sept. 14, noon to 1 p.m., **Boston Classical Orchestra Woodwind Quintet.** Sponsored by WCRB Classical Radio. Free admission.

The Civil War Circle history discussion group meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Discussion of "Team of Rivals," by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Open to the public. $5 donation.

New Blue Revue Blues Jam at The Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Sept. 14. Call 781-871-7175.

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Mark your calendar

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR ALEXANDRA ROBBINS AT HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL – 17 Union St., on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. Author of "The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids, " Robbins will talk about the pressure high school students seeking acceptance to a top college are under to excel in sports, stack the report card with AP classes, maintain status as a musical prodigy and be class valedictorian. But many pay the price in eating disorders, sports-induced injuries, cheating, manipulation, and loss of love of learning and educational quality. The author has appeared on "60 Minutes," "The Today Show," and "Oprah," and has written for Vanity Fair and The New Yorker magazines. To order a signed copy call 781-383-2665 or visit.buttonwoodbooks.com.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE EARLY HISTORY OF RADIO AT THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE – 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Saturday, Oct. 7, at 9:30 a.m., to mark the centennial anniversary of the first transatlantic radio voice transmission made by Canadian professor Reginald Aubrey Fessenden from his facility at Brant Rock on Christmas Eve 1906. The symposium will cover early radio history from Fessenden through World War II. Tickets are $35 per person and include lunch. Registration begins at 9 a.m. To pre-register call 781-837-5753, or e-mail mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

AMERICA'S WALK FOR DIABETES – Hatch Shell, Boston, Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. check-in; 11 a.m. start. Walk 1, 3, or 7 miles. Call 1-888-DIABETES or visit_diabetes.org/walk. Over 200,000 people across the country are expected to help 20.8 million Americans find a cure for diabetes.

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Company Theatre announces 2007 concert season

Tickets on sale Sept. 18

(The Company Theatre in Norwell, MA has announced its 2007 Concert Season, providing the area with the best in music, dance and comedy. Tickets for all shows go on sale Monday, September 18, 2006 at 11:00am. Tickets can be purchased at the box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, MA, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

The 2007 Concert Season lineup is as follows:

Loretta LaRoche (Jan. 13 @ 8pm & Jan. 14 @ 3pm)—"The Siren of Stress" brings her laugh-filled look at dealing with stress to The Company Theatre in an all-new show. Sunday's show will include the filming of her new DVD… $39.

A Tribute to the Rat Pack (Jan. 27 @ 8pm & Jan. 28 @ 3pm)—The Pack is Back after 3 soldout shows at The Company Theatre in 2005! Backed by a live band, these Las Vegas veterans expertly relive the cool of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr… $32.

Souled Out (Feb. 2 & Feb. 3 @ 8pm)—Groove to the music of The Temptations, Four Tops, Philly Soul and more with this 9-piece Las Vegas-style revue, featuring snappy choreography and outstanding vocals… $31.

Train of Love: A Tribute to Johnny Cash (Feb. 16 & 17 @ 8pm)—Terry Lee Goffee and his band capture the music and spirit of The Man in Black, from "Folsom Prison Blues" to "Ring of Fire" to "I Walk The Line" Says Tommy Cash of this show, "My brother would be proud!"… $29.

The Magic of Lyn (Feb. 24 @ 3pm & 8pm)—Hailed as America's finest female magician, Lyn's illusions will keep you spellbound in a wild display of magic, sound and light! You won't believe your eyes!… $20.

Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret (Mar. 3 @ 3pm & 8pm)— Direct from Ireland and hosted by Neil V. Ginnity, Ireland's funniest man, this entertaining show features wonderful singers, exciting Irish step dancers, outrageous humor and all the great Celtic music you know and love… $34.

Almost Queen (Apr. 21 @ 8pm)—A sensational tribute to Freddie Mercury and the music of Queen, featuring such songs as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Under Pressure" and "Killer Queen."… $28.

Sha Na Na (May 12 @ 4pm & 8pm)—From their appearance at Woodstock, to performing "Born to Hand Jive" in the movie "Grease," to their hit TV show, this veteran group will party like it's 1959! Wrap your mittens around your kittens and don't miss this great family rock 'n roll show! … $34.

MARIE REINE MATTERA

"Corteo" will run through Oct. 8

Cirque du Soleil takes clowns to elegant heights in 'Corteo'

Some of us may find it uncomfotable to picture our own funerals, but for the dead clown (Mauro Mozzani) at the heart of "Corteo" — the latest touring production of Cirque du Soleil now at Suffolk Downs — the experience is quite magical. His funeral "Corteo," which means "cortege" in Italian, is a joyous procession that sets the stage for a show, which uses the theatrical world of fun and comedy to explore the mysterious space between heaven and earth.

With "Corteo," Cirque du Soleil presents an array of beloved circus arts in a fresh, exciting manner. As the show opens, the dead clown's four former female friends (Evelynne Allard, Julie Dionne, Marie Michelle-Faber, and Helena Sadanha), come together in dreamlike joy as they perform aerial acrobatics on three giant, swinging chandeliers that dangle above the clown in his bed. The former girlfriends soon become angels who remain just out of reach of the clown. As with most of Corteo's most memorable scenes, this one lasts but a few moments. Soon we are watching young people (Mitchell Head, Gustavo Lobo, Edi Moreno Barata, Mary Sanders, Ciprian Veres, Omar Cortes and Julian Panel) jump on two over-sized beds. In a playful romp on rotating platforms, the beds are soon revealed to be more trampolines than mattresses. The performers execute acrobatic feats that find them landing on their feet on the headboards after some dazzling dismounts.

In 18 different vignettes featuring teeterboards, tight wires, and juggling, 58 supremely talented circus artists bring the story to vivid life against Jean Rabasse's elegantly beautiful circus backdrop and enhanced by glorious costumes by Dominique Lemieux.

As with other Cirque du Soleil incarnations, this show is stunning virtually from start to finish. Its sweetest moment, however, comes in act one when lovely little person Valentyna Pahlevanyan whimsically floats over the audience suspended by three huge helium balloons. It is a moment not to be missed and never to be forgotten.

Cirque du Soleil's "Corteo" will be performed under the Grand Chapiteau at Suffolk Downs, Route 1A, East Boston, through Oct. 8. For tickets and information, call 1-800-678-5440 or visit www.cirquedusoleil.com

- R. Scott Reedy

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British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Sept. 14, **Living Proof** from 9 p.m. to midnight. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 15

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset presents **award-winning author, Kimberly Willis Holt**, Friday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m. in a book discussion and signing of "Part of Me," a collection of short stories about four generations of a Louisiana family from 1939-2004. To order a signed book call 781-383-2665 or visit buttonwoodbooks.com.

Sebastian Kruger – the Artist of the Rolling Stones displays his provocative collection at Newbury Fine Arts, 29 Newbury St. Boston, Friday, Sept 15-22. Exhibit includes "Captain Keith," Kruger's depiction of Stones' guitarist Keith Richards. Gallery Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For information call 617-536-0210 or visit newburyfinearts.com.

Rhythm J'oes at the Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Saturday, Sept. 9. Call 781-335-9796.

J. M. Productions presents North Shore A Capella with special guest **Steven McNulty,** Friday, Sept. 15, Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree across from South Shore Plaza. Call 617-786-7469 or visit jmproeuctionspresents.com for online ticket orders.

Elizabeth and Dave Hanson with Shelley Otis, at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. Admission $6, $5 members. Open mike. Sponsored by South Shore Folk Music Club. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, Sept. 15 at The Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 South, Foxboro, next to End Zone Hotel. Dancing to music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary buffet, free door prizes, $100 cash raffle. Age 30+. Business casual dress. $15, $10 before 9 p.m. Call 781-446-0234 or visit se-4u.com.

John the Conqueror at The Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Sept. 15. Call 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Sept. 15, **Fat City Band** R&B and Blues, 9:30 p.m. Admission $10. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Saturday, Sept. 16

2nd Annual South Shore Art Center Exhibit: "Art for the Home" at The Pinehills in Plymouth Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A collection of 75 works of art by 27 local artists and live painting demonstrations in eight furnished model homes at Winslowe's View town homes, on display through October, and available for purchase to support the South Shore Art Center. For more information, call 508-209-5000, or visit greencos.com.

Weymouth Art Association meeting, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2 to 4 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Isabel Shamitz will demonstrate oil painting. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments. Information call 781-337-1402.

30th Annual Corn Festival, Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Fall harvest event features demonstrations, hayrides, farm animals, musical entertainment, folktales, and traditional corn chowder. Admission $5 adults, $4 members, $3 children, members $2. Maximum fee $20 per family. Rain date Sunday, Sept. 17. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org.

Historic Bus Tour of Marshfield, with tour guides Dick Martinez and Bill Frugoli, Saturday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. Bus leaves from Council on Aging parking lot. Cost $15, Marshfield Historical Society members $10. Checks to Marshfield Historical Society, P. O. Box 1244, Marshfield MA 02050. Call 781 834 7580 for information.

9th Annual Boston Folk Festival sponsored by WUMB 91.9 FM radio, September 16 and 17 on the waterfront campus of UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester. Four outdoor and indoor stages of live entertainment from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Performances by Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, The Cottars, Bruce Cockburn, Tish Hinojosa, Richie Havens, The Kennedys, and Jesse Winchester. For ticket information visit bostonfolkfestival.org.

Hull Nantasket Beach Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Endless Summer Waterfront Festival, Saturday, Sept. 16, noon to 6 p.m., on the boulevard between Wharf Street and Park Avenue, Nantasket Beach. Event features open air sound stages, food vendors, local retailers, artists, and craftsmen. Special events and contests include sandcastle building, hot dog eating, waiter and waitress races and pet look-a-like contests. Local bands will play reggae, Celtic, rockabilly and classic rock. Free parking, restrooms, handicap and boat access. For further information e-mail info@hullnantasketchamber.com.

Cruise to Lovells Island, at the outer edge of Boston Harbor, Saturday Sept. 16, departs Long Wharf, Christopher Columbus Park, Boston, 11 a.m., returning at 3 p.m. Light snacks and beverages available on the boat. Cash only tickets from Quincy at 9 a.m. and at Long Wharf at 10 a.m. Cost $25 adults, $23 seniors, $21 FBHI members, $16 children 3-12, babies travel free. South Shore passengers depart at 10 a.m. from Harbor Express, Quincy Fore River Shipyard at no charge. For information visit fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

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"Evening of the Stars," Saturday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Estate in Marshfield. Event features open air tent, dinner, entertainment and live and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield. Tickets at $100 per person are available at the Boys and Girls Club, Library Plaza, Marshfield, American Computer Technology, Betsy Hines Realtors and Jack Conway & Company, Route 139 Marshfield. For sponsorship opportunities visit BoysAndGirlsClubofMarshfield.com or call 781-824-2582.

Ballroom Dance at Trinity Episcopal Church, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. Saturday, Sept. 16, 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes, lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 advance, $12 door. Call 617-325-1562.

Annual Turkey Dinner at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6 pm. The ancestral home of Marshfield's founding family has been hosting its turkey dinner since the 1920s. Tickets $35, $25 members. For reservations call 781-837-5753 or e-mail mark.schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

Hingham Newcomer's Club presents brothers Jim and Joe Armstrong, Saturday, Sept. 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Hingham Bathing Beach. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 17. Tickets $5 per person with a maximum of $20 per family. Children under age 1 admitted free. The duo will perform children's and adult contemporary music including James Taylor and the Indigo Girls. Joining them will be folk music stars Anna and Mark Buckley.

Stan Jr.'s Rockin' Country dinner show at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, Sept. 16 and 17. Tribute to country legends Johnny and June Carter Cash, Elvis, Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison, John Denver and Connie Francis, starring Stan Jr. and Liz Burke. Dinner and show $40; show only, $20. Saturday, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, dinner at

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Sunday, Sept. 17

25th Annual Road Race and Walk-a-thon to benefit SIDS, Sunday, Sept. 17, 2-mile Fun Run and Walk at 9:30 a.m., 10K Road Race at 10:30 a.m., 8 a.m. check in, from Hingham High School, Union St., Hingham, Pre-registration $15, $20 day of race. For information call John Orshak, 781-837-7210 or e-mail SIDSroadrace@msn.com.

14th Annual Alzheimer's Association South Shore Memory Walk, Sunday, Sept. 17, Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Money raised helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. For more information call Maureen Bradley, 508-947-4774, e-mail Maureen_bradley@beverly-cares.com, or visit memory-walkma.org.

Kingston Lions Club Flea Market, Sunday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Park and Ride Lot, Kingsbury Square, Route 53 and 3A, Kingston.

Shake, Rattle and Roll Jamboree Cruise, Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Brockton

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Quick Flix

All reviews by James Verniere, unless otherwise noted

New Releases

CRANK (B)

A scruffy hit man (Jason Statham) learns that he has been injected with a poison known as the Beijing Cocktail and has an hour left to live. Racing against time, he stocks up on energy drinks and seeks out the punk, Verona (Jose Pablo Cantillo) who pricked him. "Crank" isn't going to make or break the crime thriller genre. But the 87 minutes flies fast, and the conclusion to this amazing race is worth the time. (Rated R) -*Chelsea Bain*

HALF NELSON (A-)

"Half Nelson" tells the story of the fascinating if not altogether healthy relationship that develops between a young, white, male teacher (Ryan Gosling) with a serious substance abuse problem and a 13-year-old female African-American student (Shareeka Epps) from a broken home. It's not your father's teacher-student formula film. An offbeat "To Sir with Love" for a new generation, "Half Nelson" is a small, quiet stunner. (Rated R)

NOBELITY (C)

Can one man — and one documentary — save the world? Turk Pipkin certainly hopes so. His dreamy "Nobelity," a film that pieces together interviews with nine Nobel laureates, puts Earth's problems under a microscope and asks his audience to go out and change. It's tough to argue with the guy, especially when he rounds up a bunch of smart people and lets them loose in front of his camera. But the documentary is filled to the brim with bad news and often comes across as preachy. It would have been nice to see Pipkin pick one problem and run with it. (Not rated) -*Chelsea Bain*

PAPER DOLLS (C+)

It's not easy to make a film about Filipino drag queens working in Israel, so documentary filmmaker Tomer Heymann stepped into a pair of high heels himself. The result is "Paper Dolls," a touching but meandering film that follows a group of flashy transvestites. The story seems to be about sexuality in Israel, but the film lacks focus, tackling everything from the director's own stifled sexuality to violence in Israel. There are heartfelt moments, and Heymann has a poignant story, but the message is often lost in the shuffle. (Not Rated) -*Chelsea Bain*

THE PROTECTOR (C+)

"The Protector," a Thai martial-arts action fest also known as "Ong Bak 2" in some markets, features the amazing Tony Jaa, who deserved a worthier follow-up to "Ong Bak" (2003). Jaa is Kham, a member of a sacred sect of Thai warriors whose duty is to protect the king's fighting elephants, who ends up in Australia hot on the trail of poachers. Most of the film's fight scenes are so patently ridiculous the suspense is nonexistent. Featuring some of the worst acting and most hissable villains, "The Protector" is something to watch on DVD with your friends and a six-pack or two. In English and Thai, Mandarin and Vietnamese, with subtitles. (Rated R)

RIDING ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES (A-)

When venerable Japanese fisherman Takata (Ken Takakura) is called to Tokyo because his adult son Ken-ichi (Kiichi Nakai) is gravely ill, he learns his son, who refuses to see him, has some unfinished business. Ken-ichi has a date to return to the Chinese mainland to photograph the great opera artist Li Jiamin (Li Jiamin). Takata resolves to take his son's place and film the performance. What follows is a unique road movie about a stranger in a strange land who finds himself trying to connect with his estranged son, and attempting to reunite Li Jiamin, who is in prison for assault, with a son he has never met. This beautifully shot film is both a moving, modern-day parable and a tribute to the warmth and generosity of the rural Chinese people. In Japanese and Mandarin with subtitles. (Not rated)

A hungry Billy (Luke Benward) prepares to have a little appetizer in "How to Eat Fried Worms."

Ongoing

ACCEPTED (C+)

Hitting the books isn't easy, but the coeds in "Accepted" — a harmless and occasionally funny film — are totally stoked. They're a group of slackers and high school weirdos who, one way or another, kissed their futures goodbye. Denied acceptance elsewhere, they tidy up a mental institution and create South Harmon Institute of Technology, a university of their own. It's been years since the antics of "Animal House" brought cinematic justice to dorm life, and it's going to take more to do it again. Still, "Accepted," for all its faults, earns a passing grade. Rated PG-13 – *Chelsea Bain*

BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (D)

The crudely animated, gender-confused and visually loud "Barnyard" takes place on a farm where animals walk upright, talk and refer to one another as "men" and "women." Otis (voice of Kevin James) is a young party animal whose father, Ben (Sam Elliott), wants him to shape up and guard the fence to protect the barnyard from a marauding band of evil coyotes. Otis would rather not. But after Ben is attacked by the coyotes and later dies, what's a party animal to do? Do you smell another generic, by-the-numbers, kiddie-movie script featuring that obligatory, insincere life lesson? (Rated PG)

BEERFEST (D)

With Germany as the butt of its jokes, "Beerfest" takes us into the lives of Todd (Erik Stolhanske) and Jan (Paul Soter) Wolfhouse, two American brothers who are asked by their Great Gam Gam (Cloris Leachman) to scatter her deceased husband's ashes at Oktoberfest. The siblings fly to Deutschland and uncover an underground sporting event that involves yodeling and slamming back beers. Taunted by a group of Germans, Jan and Todd vow to take home the gold. "Beerfest" is at best a sketch comedy that relies on profanity to get laughs. Dudes who love to drink may get a kick out of it, but the morning after "Beerfest" will be similar to those college days: bad memories and a headache that smarts. (Rated R.) -*Chelsea Bain*

CROSSOVER (F)

It's hard to tell which is worse in this shoddily crafted tale of hoops-loving teens — the acting or the basketball. Friends Tech (Anthony Mackie) and Noah (Wesley Jonathan) hail from the same tough Detroit neighborhood but are headed in different directions. Noah is an aspiring doctor whose ball skills land him a free ride to college, while Tech is a passionate player who must settle for getting his GED and attending community college. Tech involves Noah in the underground streetball circuit, even though participating could jeopardize Noah's college career. Like many urban-focused movies, "Crossover" enables stereotypes instead of digging for truth or justice. And as for the basketball footage, stick to the classic sports stations for real game. (Rated PG) -*Tenley Woodman*

DESCENT (B+)

If you like movies that rile audiences and get them to scream, hold their breaths, laugh in relief and shout things at the screen, experience "The Descent." It is the most frightening non-J-horror film I've seen in a long time. The film tells of six British spelunkers trapped in an underground labyrinth with what look like an army of flesh-eating Gollums. Compared to other splatter horror film, "Descent"'s terrors are far more primal and psychological. If you're claustrophobic, you're in for a rough ride. (Rated R.)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (B+)

"The Devil Wears Prada" is a stiletto-heeled, high-couture hoot. Dowdily innocent, aspiring journalist Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) arrives in New York City and is offered a job "a million girls would kill to have." That is, being second assistant to ultrachic diva and Runway magazine editor Miranda (Meryl Streep), a dragon lady with a tongue like a knife. As she struggles to make Franken-Miranda happy by meeting her outrageous demands, Andy is pitied by the magazine's art director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) and made over into a new age Eliza Doolittle. (Rated PG-13)

EDMOND (B+)

In this blackest of black comedies, William H. Macy is middle-aged Edmond who abandons his wife (Rebecca Pidgeon) to look for excitement — and sex — on the mean streets. Edmond, who rails against gays, women and blacks, almost immediately finds himself in an alarming downward spiral. Each defeat turns Edmond emotionally, physically and mentally into mincemeat. Only in the aftermath, when he finds himself stripped of power, does Edmond discover the bitter truth about what he says: "Every fear hides a wish." (Rated R) -*Stephen Schaefer*

FACTOTUM (B-)

How much you enjoy "Factotum" depends on how seriously you take Charles Bukowski, the philosopher-drunk, romancer of wretchedness and favorite of middle-class hipsters. "Factotum," which is based on Bukowski's 1975 novel of the same name, is a familiar down-and-out story about struggling writer Hank Chinaski (Matt Dillon) and his drunken sexual exploits. It's a ghost of American indie films past. Dillon's work passes muster, and his Hank is surprisingly agreeable. (Rated R)

HOUSE OF SAND (A-)

An epic depiction of a battle of wills, featuring "trading-places" performances by mother-daughter actors, the Brazilian effort "House of Sand" is unique. It's 1910 and Vasco de Sa (Ruy Guerra), forcibly moves his pregnant, much-younger wife, Aurea (Fernanda Torres), and her aged mother, Donna Maria (Fernanda Montenegro) to the middle of Brazil's northern desert. The film charts Aurea's lifelong struggle to leave the area and seek a better life somewhere, anywhere more settled. "House of Sand" is an example of magical-realism at its most minimalist, an at-times thin tale about the passage of time and the way we lay down roots almost involuntarily. In Portuguese with subtitles. (Rated R)

HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (B+)

Sweet and satisfying, "How to Eat Fried Worms" will tickle the taste buds of any kid who thinks cooking critters is cool. Based on the popular book by Thomas Rockwell, the film stars Luke Benward as Billy, the new kid in town, who challenges the resident bully, Joe (Adam Hicks), to a worm-eating showdown in a battle for schoolyard respect. It's a simple plot, but then so is the grub. Bon appetit. (Rated PG.) -*Chelsea Bain*

IDLEWILD (C-)

Self-indulgent, melodically unimpressive and featuring, believe it or not, a telltale hint of necrophilia, the musical "Idlewild" arrives at a theater near you with a thud. Set in the 1930s days of Prohibition, the film features Andre Benjamin and Antwan A. Patton, of Outkast, as lifelong friends and speakeasy performers. The mix of shootouts, sex, a car chase, semi-nude dancers and song is visually lush, but also lacking in momentum. Written and directed by music-video director Bryan Barber ("Hey Ya"), "Idlewild" can be kindly described as the world's longest music video. (Rated R.)

THE ILLUSIONIST (B)

Eisenheim (Edward Norton) is an early 20th century, Austro-Hungarian mesmerist and magician who seems capable of unbelievable feats of sorcery — including perhaps even raising the dead on a theater stage. While the empire is ablaze with talk about this mysterious magician, Eisenheim is also reunited, on stage, with his childhood love, Duchess Sophie (Jessica Biel), who is now engaged to be married. When Sophie and Eisenheim are discovered meeting illicitly, and Eisenheim is threatened by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti). Shot in sepia tones and beautiful to look at, "The Illusionist" is stylish, often riveting, and its cast is addictively watchable. But it has its flaws: How good is its final "twist" if we've lost interest in the film? (Rated PG-13)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (B+)

"An Inconvenient Truth" or "Al Gore: Superstar" is either a piece of rhetorical brilliance proving the case for global warming or an attempt on Gore's part to position himself as the savior of the world. Brandishing a big Mac Powerbook and impressive PowerPoint presentation, Gore mounts a sufficiently entertaining and enlightening combination of a Doomsday tent revival, production number, new age Sermon on the Mount, belated campaign speech and Al Gore Whole Earth Concert Tour. (Rated PG)

INVINCIBLE (B-)

Back in the bad-old recessionary 1970s, Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg) was a substitute school teacher, bartender and back-lot football player who responded to an open call for tryouts for the beleaguered Philadelphia Eagles and — holy cheese steak! — made the cut and played a few seasons. The generic film blandly charts Vince's attempt to make the team, survive grueling summer practice sessions and be accepted by his fellow players, who consider him with some validity an amateur and a freakish sideshow act. (Rated PG.)

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (B)

"Little Miss Sunshine" is a dysfunctional-family road picture featuring the Hoovers (Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Greg Kinnear, Alan Arkin and Paul Dano), who trundle into a beat-up yellow VW Microbus for a trip to Los Angeles where preteen daughter Olive (Abigail Breslin) will compete in a Little Miss Sunshine Beauty pageant. Comic hijinks and quirkiness with a capital "Q" ensue. (Rated R)

THE OH IN OHIO (C)

Advertising executive ice queen Priscilla (Parker Posey) has never experienced an orgasm. After her fed-up husband (Paul Rudd) moves into the garage and starts getting it on with one of his high school students (Mischa Barton), Priscilla plunges down a path of self-discovery with vibrating toys and sexual romps with several men and a wacky lesbian (Heather Graham). Over-the-top and underdeveloped, "The Oh in Ohio" has its head in the right place but lets its libido call the shots. From schmaltzy sex scenes to casting Danny DeVito as a love interest, "The Oh in Ohio" ends up shooting blanks. (Not Rated) -*Chelsea Bain*

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Fairgrounds, Brockton, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee of $10 per car qualifies for Grand Prize $500, Second Prize $300, Third Prize $200. Walk in fee $2. For details and directions visit www.wheelsoftimema.com or call 508-583-2333.

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, Sunday, Sept. 17. Participants walk one of three routes of the Boston Marathon course: the 26.2-mile marathon, half marathon, or 3-mile Boston Walk, to raise funds for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Walk ends at the Copley Square finish line with a victory party featuring entertainment and refreshments. To register or make financial contributions visit jimmyfundwalk.org or call 866-JFW-HERO.

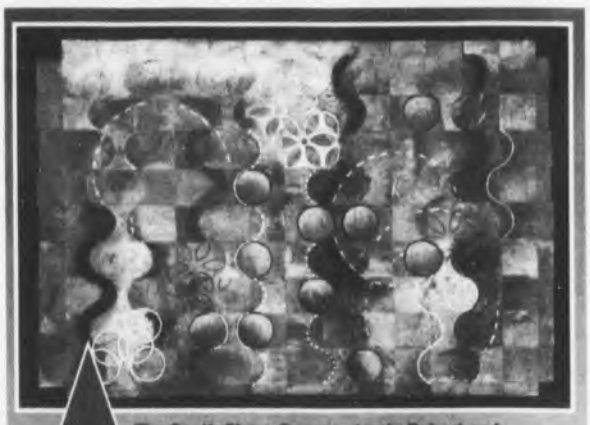
Music at the Gazebo Concert at Veterans memorial Park, Hull, Sunday, Sept. 17, 3 to 4:30 p.m., **Steve Hershman and the Bayou Stompers** perform classic tunes from the Dixieland and Swing eras. Sponsored by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. Free parking at the Hull Redevelopment Authority.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Sept. 17. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit moseleysonthecharles.com.

"Wicked Trivia Night" at the BBC, British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Sunday, Sept. 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

Monday, Sept. 18

Design and make your own Halloween costume class, Mondays, Sept. 18-Oct. 30, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Participants supply sewing machine, fabric scissors and pins. 12-student maximum. To enroll of for more information call NRAS, 781-837-8091.



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The South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Pembroke artist Stephanie Roberts through Nov. 1. Working in a variety of media: oil, casein, encaustic wax, collage and alternative photographic techniques, Roberts creates intuitively, exploring the relationship between abstraction and patterned imagery. Her patterns are a metaphor for the cycles in a persons' life. Admission to the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. For directions, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

Former U. S. Sen. George Mitchell will analyze issues in resolving conflicts in Northern Ireland and the Middle East on Monday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum**, Columbia Point, Boston. Moderator will be Kevin Cullen of the *Boston Globe*. Admission is free and open to the public. For reservations and information visit jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643.

CARES third public meeting, Monday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m., at the Shaw's Center, 1 Lexington Ave., Brockton. The Local Advisory Panel for the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services will discuss the future of Department of Veterans Affairs Boston area facilities. Oral statements will be limited to three minutes. To submit a written statement visit va.gov/cares, or mail to Boston Site Study, VA CARES Studies, P. O. Box 1427, Washington Grove, MD 20880-1427.

College Night 2006 at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, Monday, Sept. 18, 4 to 10 p.m. College students with I.D. receive free admission to Omni, Planetarium, Laser Shows, Butterfly Garden, life staff presentations and Exhibit Halls, and free "Splash-ins" to the Charles River by Boston Duck Tours at 3 and 5 p.m. Music by KISS 108 FM radio. For more information visit mos.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Free Stress Management Seminar, **Tuesday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.** at Szabo Fitness & Acupuncture, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull.

Dr. John Hayes will offer simple and effective techniques to reduce levels of stress and minimize risks for disease. To sign up call 781-925-1941, or email szabofitness@gmail.com.

Singles Dining Out, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Lafayette House, Route 1 South, Foxboro next to End Zone Hotel. Singles ages 40-55. Cost of $45 per person includes dinner, tax and tip. Cash bar cocktail party from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Seat and business card swap after each course. Limited to 20 men and 20 women. Reservations required. Call 781-283-5900 or visit se-4u.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Sept. 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit moseleysonthecharles.com.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Braintree Art Association meeting, Thursday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m., at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Tom Sutherland will demonstrate watercolor painting. Free admission. Open to the public. Refreshments. For information call 781-335-4675.

Author and former Hingham resident Lisa Carey will discuss her latest novel, "Every Visible Thing," at the Hingham Public Library, Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. The novel's themes include family, tragedy, grief and resilience. Copies will be available for sale and signing. For further information call 781-741-1405 ext 2609.

Classical Concerts at Copley, Copley Square Park, Thursday, Sept. 21, noon to 1 p.m., **Mistral.** Sponsored by Sponsored by WCRB Classical Radio. Free admission.

Respect: A Musical Journey, at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston, Thursday, Sept. 21 through Nov. 26. Ensemble cast, live band on stage and a selection of American popular music. Performance Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. Matinees on Saturday and Sunday and second and fourth Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Ryan Fardy Blues Jam at The Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, Thursday, Sept. 21. Call 781-871-7175.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Thursday, Sept. 21 **3rd Left** at 9 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 22

Services for Rosh Hashanah at Temple Beth Shalom, 55 Pine Street, Milford, to celebrate God's role as King of the Universe and Judge of all man's actions. Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., and .Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:30 p.m.

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce 2006 Legislative Breakfast, Friday, Sept. 22, at Indian Pond Country Club Kingston in the Grand Ballroom. Sponsored by WATD FM radio. Local legislators will speak on current issues and hold a Question and Answer period. Reservations by Sept. 14. Call PACC, 508-830-1620.

Custom Jewelry Workshop with Sally McIntosh of Pandora Jewelry, Friday, Sept. 22, 3 to 5 p.m., King Jewelers, 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset. Materials include gold, silver and precious stone beads made by Danish craftsmen. For more information call King Jewelers at 781-383-1755.

Single Executives Club singles dance, Friday, Sept. 22, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dancing and award-winning DJ, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, prizes, $100 cash raffle Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Singles and couples ages 30+. Cost $10. Business dress. For information call 781-446-0234 or visit se-4u.com.

The Soul Band at The Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, Friday, Sept. 22. Call 781-871-7175.

Steve Murphy Band at the Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Friday, Sept. 22. Call 781-335-9796.

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King Richard's Faire celebrates its 25th year Carver and will continue Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 22. . A vibrant entertainment, crafts and food venue for children and adults alike, the Faire celebrates its silver anniversary with special events prior to and throughout the entire season.. Actors, dancers, puppeteers, jugglers, minstrels, mimes, magicians and musicians perform each weekend for the favor of his Royal Highness King Richard. Admission is $24 for adults, $12 for children aged 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Parking is free. For more information: (508) 866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Friday, Sept. 22, **The Spurs,** Western swing, roadhouse boogie, 9:30 p.m. Age 21+ $8. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, Friday, Sept. 22 **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., **Jeff Lowe Band** from 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Elizabeth and Dave Hanson with Shelley Otis performing at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Friday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. Admission is $6 for non-members, $5 for members. There will also be an open mike. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

Classes

REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES AT THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM – 189 Alden St., Duxbury, 781-934-6634.

The Art of Yoga with instructor Kathleen Young–gentle, meditative movements in a positive, non-threatening environment. Two different class times offered for 1-hour classes: begins Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 8 a.m. and Thursday, Sept. 21, at 11:30 am. Five weeks, $45.

The Writers Workshop with instructor Kim Davis, M.F.A–improve writing by focusing on fiction technique and critiquing. Begins Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. 10 weeks, $70.

Stories and Art for preschoolers and toddlers–every first Thursday of the month. Begins Oct. 5. Two sessions: 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to2:30 pm. Gallery activity followed by an art project in the studio. $5 per session.

Stories and Art for first and second graders–every first Thursday of the month. Includes more advanced projects. Meet Sally Dean Mello and Marty Kearns in the museum gallery for a story and gallery activity followed by an art project in the studio. Snacks provided. Begins Oct. 5 through June 7, 4 to 5:30 pm. $5 per session.

Sumi-e painting for beginner's workshop with facilitator Mary Sheehan Winn–focuses on creating strong simple, graceful designs and learning to handle the medium. Paint bamboo, flowers, birds, fish and animals using traditional black ink, bamboo brushes and rice paper. Participants use black ink in the traditional three values and incorporate watercolor into their paintings as they become more comfortable working with the brushes. Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, beginning Sept. 22, six weeks, $120.

Other fall classes also offered in fine art and pottery. Visit www.artcomplex.org for a complete listing.

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Get well, Jon

Kids sign cards for Sox pitcher

By Samantha Brown
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Students at the Deer Hill and Osgood schools know what it means to be compassionate. Over the course of the past two weeks, students at both schools have been busily signing get-well wishes for one of their favorite Red Sox pitchers, Jon Lester. Lester was recently diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma, which is a cancer of the lymph nodes.

Mary Jo Blackington, a parent, has been the coordinator behind the project. At the end of this week at least seven poster-board-sized cards, full of sweet sentiments from some of Cohasset's youngest students, will be sent to the Red Sox offices at Fenway Park.

Blackington said the idea came to her while preparing to launch the schools' annual gift-wrap fund-raiser. To generate interest and a team spirit around

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Osgood first-graders Josh Rosen, Elle Hansen and Owen Bleicken sign a giant get-well card for Red Sox left-hander Jon Lester, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment.

Thumbs up for triathlon

Includes bike, run, and swim

By Samantha Brown
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Athletes of all ages and abilities have a sporting event to look forward to, as a triathlon is being planned for the summer of 2007. While the goal of raising as much funding as possible for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation has been set, the event is also intended to bring the community together and bring out-of-towners into Cohasset's beautiful setting.

Race Director Bill Burnett of Linden Drive is coordinating the event, and came before the Board of Selectmen for approval Monday. The board gave its unanimous support for the event, which will include a 1/4-mile swim, followed by a 12-mile bike and a 3.2-mile run. Burnett had already received the OK from Police Chief James Hussey, Town Manager Bill Griffin, and Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence.

"This will be a great event for the town and I am certainly hoping for a great turnout, lots of volunteers and cheering along the race course," Burnett said in an interview after the meeting.

While originally Burnett had floated June 10, 2007 for the date of the triathlon, members of the board felt the water might be too cold at Sandy Beach to safely conduct the swimming portion of the race. Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer lives on Atlantic Avenue and said he swims all the time throughout the summer, but in June, water temperatures are still very frigid.

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— Bill Burnett, race director

Burnett said June was chosen in part due to its high tides, which could keep swimmers closer to shore. "People say it will be cold, but I think they'll still give it a try," said Burnett, adding there is always the option to wear a wet suit.

But Selectman Gary Vanderweil noted the Clark's Fund Run road race is held every June, and he wouldn't want the two events to compete for participants. Burnett said in scheduling his event, he had been careful to ensure there were no conflicts, but he had not heard of Clark's

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Democrats go for Deval

Patrick will face Lt. Gov. Healey on Nov. 7

By Mary Ford
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When it comes to turnout, Tuesday's primary won't get into the record books. But the results are interesting nonetheless.

Gubernatorial candidate, Deval Patrick, a corporate attorney and Milton resident, won handily in Cohasset where just over 20 percent of the town's registered voters went to the polls.

The results of the primary determined which Democrat and Republican names will appear on the Nov. 7th election ballot.

"There were some slow periods but we had a big surge at the end of the day," said Assistant Town Clerk Carol St. Pierre. Polls were open from 7a .m. until 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Across the state Patrick also finished ahead of fellow Democrats, Chris Gabrieli and Attorney General Tom Reilly.

There is now a three-way race for governor that includes, Patrick; Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, a Republican; and independent candidate Christy Mihos.

The race for the keys to the state's top office is creating excitement among political activists.

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Donna McGee of Cohasset campaigns for gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick along Highland Avenue on Tuesday.

Agnes McCann, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, described Patrick as intelligent, perceptive, thoughtful, highly skilled, and experienced.

"He is an outstanding speaker," she said. "He values people and the truth."

McCann said those who

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Local folks flock to health day

Find lots of helpful information, advice

By Samantha Brown
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This year's Health Screening Day may have had the largest turnout yet. Held annually by the Board of Health, this year's event drew even more residents than last year, who were eager to learn about different health topics and have themselves evaluated.

On hand were healthcare professionals from various areas of expertise, providing many helpful services for the community. There were free cholesterol and blood sugar screenings, vision and hearing tests, and oral and skin cancer analyses. There were also free chair massages and bone density screenings.

"We had a good steady stream of people in here from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.," said Town Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, adding while the stream slowed down from noon until 2 p.m., there were still many people taking advantage of the services being offered at the Second Congregational Church.

Resident David Bigley, owner of All The Best Natural Foods

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Town Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons takes Cohasset resident Sarah Pease's blood pressure during the town's Health Screening Day on Tuesday.

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Erica Kurkjian, new Grade 5 teacher, feels right at home at Deer Hill.

Name: Erica Kurkjian

Occupation: Grade 5 teacher at Deer Hill School.

Best day of your life: Any day that includes a walk on the beach with my fiancé, Sean, and my dog, Tank.

Best vacation: San Francisco; Anguilla; Destin, Fla.; Paris; Nantucket…too many to choose from!

Favorite season: Summer because you can go to the beach.

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July.

Favorite junk food: Cereal for dinner or ice cream for any meal!

Best book: "Marley and Me," by John Grogan; "Something Borrowed," by Emily Giffin; and "My Sister's Keeper," by Jodi Picoult.

Best actor: Jennifer Anniston or any child from the Brady Bunch!

Best TV show: "Grey's Anatomy," and "Friends."

Pet peeve: Snoring.

Most Memorable Moment: Singing "I Will Survive" in front of a 100-plus person crowd at a Kiss 108 Matty in the Morning show.

Goal: To learn to cook …anything!

Person I'd most like to meet: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Biggest worry: My dog, Tank.

Best part of Cohasset: The birthday cake that the grade 5 teachers got me on the third week of school.

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Motorcycle chase ends in arrest

By Mary Ford
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Police said he ran stop signs and red lights, and at times operated over the centerline as he traveled along Scituate roads.

As it turned out a Braintree man, who ran from police, was wanted on an outstanding felony warrant out of Quincy District Court for breaking and entering in the daytime, police said.

It all started at about 3:15 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 16) when a Cohasset police officer stopped a motorcycle for following too close to other vehicles on Route 3A near Brewster Road. However, when the officer got out of the cruiser, the motorcycle took off toward Scituate. Police said the man, who was later identified as John H. Mulloy, 26, was traveling at speeds of up to 60 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. They said he ran stop signs and red lights, and at times operated over the centerline as he traveled along Scituate roads. The Cohasset officer kept a safe distance, activated the lights and siren, and had dispatch run the motorcycle plate.

Mulloy finally left his bike on a small street, dropped his helmet and ran. K-9 units were called in to help with the search. The subject was later found secreted under a bush. Scituate police, who may also seek charges, arrested Mulloy and turned him over to Cohasset.

In addition to the outstanding warrant, Mulloy, who lives at 319 Lisle St., Braintree, is facing charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for a police officer, and following too close on a state highway.

Pedestrian struck

A woman using the crosswalk at Shaw's parking lot was struck on the foot by a vehicle causing her to fall on her wrist and hit her head last Thursday (Sept. 14) at about 5:45 p.m. She was transported to the hospital, police said.

Apparently a vehicle exiting one of the parking lot corridors was making a left, when another vehicle traveling along the main drive in front of the shops, stopped to allow the vehicle to make the left. The driver of the car making the left turn apparently did not see the woman in the crosswalk. The woman tried to jump back, but the car struck her foot, police said.

Police stress motorists should always use care and watch out for pedestrians. However, even though pedestrians have the right-of-way, they should walk defensively. "Don't count on a motorist to stop," Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said.

Fake licenses

Police arrested two Brazilian men over the past week, both of whom showed fake Brazilian licenses.

Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said forged Brazilian licenses are becoming so common that police are briefed on what to look out for during their annual training at the police academy.

The first incident occurred at about 6 p.m. Friday (Sept. 15), when an officer observed a white Dodge Caravan cross the fog line on three occasions on Beechwood Road and King Street. The officer stopped the vehicle near Wheelwright Park. The operator showed a Brazilian license and allegedly told the officer the car did not belong to him and he did not know where the registration was.

Police arrested Ronan C. DeOliveira, 35, of 590 Middle St. #307, Weymouth, for unlicensed operation and failure to stay in marked lanes. At the station, Cohasset Police sought help over the telephone from a translator with the Boston Police due to the language barrier, Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon said.

At just past 1 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 16), police stopped Joao Filho, 38, of 12 Newbury Ave, #2, Quincy, for having a license plate light out. Filho was driving a black Ford Ranger pickup west on Sohier Street and police made the stop after he turned onto Route 3A. Further investigation revealed Filho's license was fake, police said. Filho was charged for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and equipment violation.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sept.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 21	11:23	8.7	11:46	9.1	5:13	0.7	5:25	0.8
Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:42 p.m.*			
Fri. 22	—	—	12:06	8.9	5:48	0.6	6:03	0.6
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:41 p.m.*			
Sat. 23	12:23	9.0	12:39	9.0	6:22	0.7	6:41	0.5
Sunrise: 6:31a.m.					*Sunset: 6:39p.m.*			
Sun. 24	12:59	8.9	1:12	9.1	6:56	0.8	7:18	0.5
Sunrise: 6:33 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:37 p.m.*			
Mon. 25	1:36	8.7	1:46	9.1	7:32	0.9	7:57	0.5
Sunrise: 6:34 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:35 p.m.*			
Tues. 26	2:14	8.5	2:22	9.0	8:08	1.2	8:37	0.6
Sunrise: 6:35 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:34 p.m.*			
Wed. 27	2:54	8.2	3:02	8.9	8:47	1.4	9:20	0.8
Sunrise: 6:36 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:32 p.m.*			
Thurs. 28	3:38	7.9	3:45	8.8	9:30	1.6	10:08	1.0
Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:30 p.m.*			

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Debbie Krupczak and Nancy Barrett wait to sign in voters during a lull in activitiy during Tuesday's primary. For results see, page 14.

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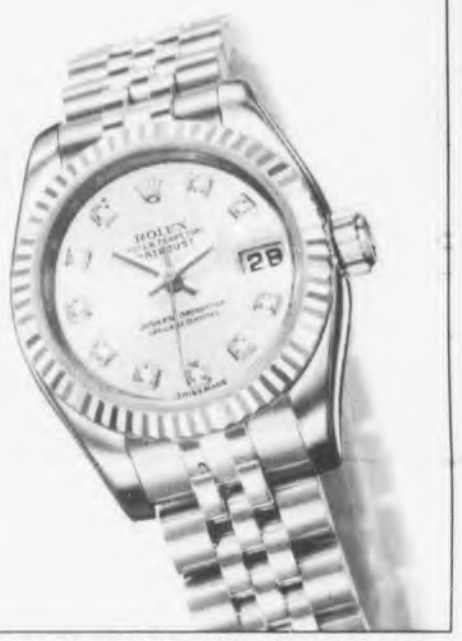

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Schools track SPED costs

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Keeping an eye on the special education budget is always a top priority for the school department. This year is no different, as the start of school should bring to a close four pending special education out-of-district cases Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said could leave the district roughly $225,000 under-budget.

The School Committee was scheduled to receive an update on out-of-district tuition costs at its meeting last night (Thursday) after the Mariner went to press. *A report of Walsh's update will appear in next week's Mariner.*

At the committee's Aug. 23 meeting, Walsh presented a handout, which said there were 20 students currently enrolled in the special education program, which required out-of-district placement to the tune of $1,088,502.

At that time she also said there were four pending cases: one at the South Shore Educational Collaborative pre-school for $37,368; two therapeutic placements for a total of $100,000; and one placement at the May Center for $87,900. The total pending cases at that time was $225,268.

The total special education budget for fiscal 2007 is $679,117. Using Walsh's definite tuition figure of $1,088,502 for the 20 students already placed, it leaves a shortfall of $409,385. However, there were funds left over from fiscal 2006, which Walsh was able to use to pre-pay tuitions for fiscal 2007, which brought the shortfall down to $320,264. An additional $150,089 in anticipated circuit breaker funds would bring the deficit down to $170,175.

However, the four pending cases Walsh has anticipated coming in at approximately $225,268 would bring the deficit up to $395,443. The school department has additional circuit breaker funds available in the amount of $110,808, which it could choose to use, but Walsh said it would deplete that fund. Even using that money, there would still be a deficit of roughly $284,635.

But this year the school department has introduced transportation fees, which will be used to pay for the costs associated with transportation. In turn, money that would have been used to pay for those costs can be shifted to other line items.

Students who ride the bus must pay $180 per student to ride and students who are old enough to drive themselves may pay to park for $180 per year. At the end of the first week of school, the school department had collected $101,160 in bus and parking fees and more were expected to come in. If that money were put toward the special education tuition deficit, it would be brought down to $183,475. The School Committee was expected to receive an update on transportation fees Thursday as well.

Bike, swim and run for juvenile diabetes research

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run. "Probably July or August would be your best bet," said Vanderweil.

To that end, Burnett said later in the week the race has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 8, 2007, which works for everyone.

The race will begin at Sandy Beach and swimmers will swim 1/4 mile in a circular pattern. Kayaks and two skiffs will be used for safety. Participants will then change in the transition area and hop onto bikes and travel 12 miles. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will turn right on Gannett Road and head into North Scituate. The course will then take another right onto South Main Street and head through the village, down North Main Street to Hull Street (Route 228). The final turn is onto Jerusalem Road, which turns back into Atlantic Avenue and brings the riders back to the transition area at the beach.

From the beach, the run will begin as participants head up Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road and at the intersection with Forest Avenue, turn back again to go back down Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue to Sandy Beach to complete the 3.2-mile loop.

The triathlon will be a USA Triathlon Sanctioned Event, and although it is 10 months away, Burnett has many plans in place to help get the word out from now until then. He will be working with www.active.com to be able to provide online registration for the event, which will cost $60 per individual and $90 per relay. "The more proceeds that go to diabetes the better, without sacrificing event safety or fun," he said.

Burnett also has plans to set up a Web page for the event to help endorse not only the triathlon, but also the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The Foundation has already been contacted about the event and Burnett said the paperwork is underway for it to formally state its endorsement.

To make the day possible Burnett will be asking for help from volunteers. He will need a swim coordinator who will be in charge of all activities on the swim course, including lifeguards, people in kayaks and the skiffs and to ensure a "clean beach start." He will also need a bike coordinator and a run coordinator to help organize volunteers, set up the courses with proper markings and signage and set up water stops.

Burnett will also need a registration coordinator to oversee all registration activities and a parking coordinator. He will need someone to provide the music for the event by regulating an iPod with speakers at the main transition area. He will also need a finish line coordinator.

The Mariner will provide updates on the planning for the race in the coming months and will provide contact information for those residents interested in volunteering.

ZBA fee increase gets go-ahead

In an effort to cover all costs associated with running the department, the Board of Selectmen voted Monday to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendation to increase filing fees. Applicants had been paying $100 for all single-family residential filings, but that fee has been upped to $150. All other filings will now be $300.

ZBA Chairman Woodworth Chittick stated in a memo to the Board of Selectmen that the ZBA also endorsed having the applicants pay for their legal advertising. (Legal advertising of hearings appears in the newspaper.)

"With the increase of the fees, coupled with the advertising costs now being covered, all administrative, postage and other costs for the Zoning Board of Appeals should be adequately covered," he said.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he felt increasing the fees was a good idea, although it is hard to tell from year to year just how much money would be brought in as the number of permits fluctuates. He added many other boards require applicants take care of their own advertising, and it makes sense for the ZBA to have the same policy in place.

Griffin said total costs associated with the ZBA are roughly $5,000 per year, and the fees should help cover that cost. "It's not a lot of money, but we're taking things one department at a time," said Griffin.

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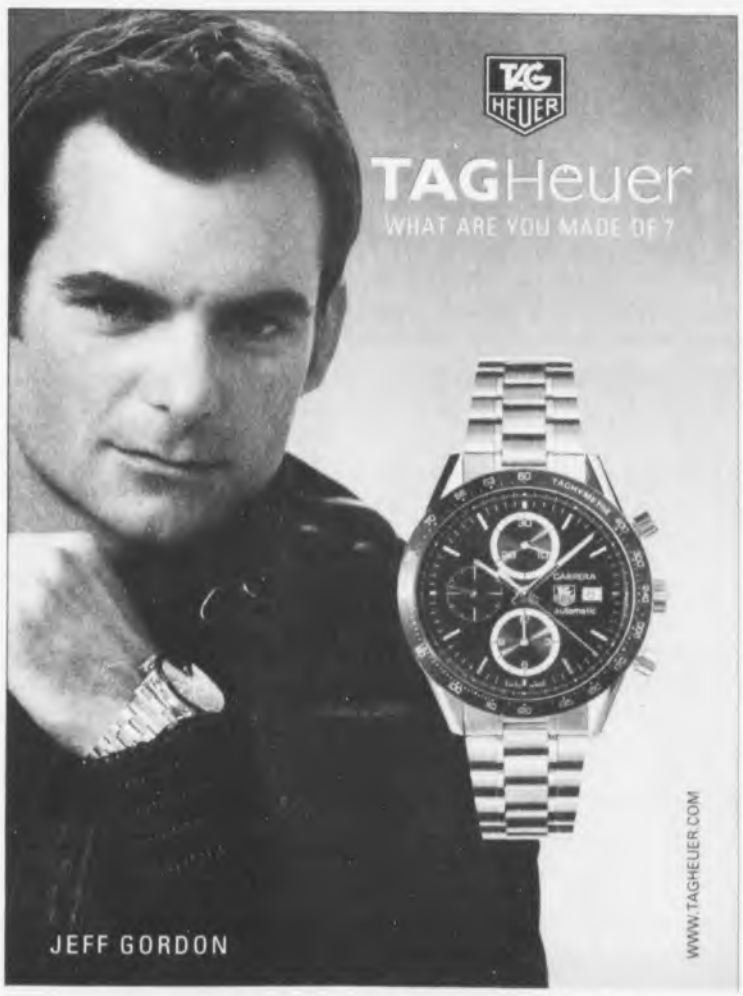

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Neighbors up-in-arms over storage building

Say it is a 'disgrace'

By Samantha Brown
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A structure built at 11 Grace Drive is causing some waves in the neighborhood. While the owner of the property says the building will provide necessary storage space so she can tidy up her yard, neighbors say it is not fitting for a residential neighborhood.

Residents from the street came to Selectmen on Monday seeking answers to what they feel is a zoning problem in their neighborhood. Not only do they feel the building could be used for commercial use in a residential neighborhood, they question whether it meets other zoning requirements of the town's bylaws.

The building in question belongs to Linda Nickerson, 11 Grace Drive, and was permitted as storage shed by Building Commissioner Bob Egan. However, neighbors say the building, which has an aluminum, rounded roof and is 30 ft. long by 30 ft. wide and 18 ft. high, is not in keeping with the residential character of the neighborhood.

"We thought what was to be built was a shed, but this is a Quonset hut. We feel this takes down the value of our homes," said Charles McLaughlin, 31 Grace Drive, who spoke on behalf of himself and other residents of the street, as well as those on Hull Street that also abut Nickerson's property. "This building is commercial in nature and it is made of aluminum. We're getting de-facto rezoning and we haven't had due process."

McLaughlin added there has been a front-end loader parked in the Nickerson yard, which could be an indication there is more than just residential use going on at the home. The new building is large enough to house the machine.

Liliane Miller, 195 Hull St., said she lives just behind the Nickerson property. "I can nearly touch the building (from my property) and I don't have a 15-foot arm," she said, as buildings more than 15 ft. tall are required to have a 15-foot setback from all boundaries.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer asked whether Miller was sure about her property lines. She replied there is a stonewall with a fence on top of it that is the demarcation between the properties. She said if the fence was not erected along the property line, it would have had to have been built nine feet into the Nickerson property and she cannot see why Nickerson would have chosen to lose that much of her yard.

Dormitzer suggested as a first step to resolving the issue, the neighbors gather together to hire an engineer to conduct an independent survey and find the actual property line. "It is critical to have the property line established," he said. "You may have a case then."

Grace Drive residents feel this rounded building constructed at 11 Grace Drive is inappropriate for the neighborhood and violates zoning regulations. Residents came before selectmen Monday seeking answers. This picture was included in selectmen's correspondence this week.

"You wouldn't see something like this on Jerusalem Road or Atlantic Avenue or the Town Common."
— John Kierce, 27 Grace Drive

John Kierce, 27 Grace Drive, also weighed in and said, "This is Cohasset, it's a beautiful town. You wouldn't see something like this on Jerusalem Road or Atlantic Avenue or the Town Common. We've got just as much a right to have our neighborhood look nice," he said, adding, "Grace Drive is becoming disgrace drive."

Dormitzer asked Egan to weigh in on the situation. Egan said he stands by his issuance of the permit and in his opinion, it meets the required zoning setbacks, and is serving the purpose of a residential storage space. He said the town's zoning bylaws do not dictate design, and the building has been built within the town's regulations.

Egan said if the abutters feel they have been aggrieved, they may file an appeal of the building permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA will then review the case.

McLaughlin asked whether in the meantime, building on the structure could be stopped. Selectman Gary Vanderweil replied, "There is nothing that prevents someone from building an ugly building. The town has bylaws and we live in America. She can build whatever she wants."

Nickerson, who attended the meeting, said the building will provide the storage she needs. She said there is a barn on her property that needs to be torn down, and her basement floods, which renders it useless in terms of storage. She said she needs someplace to store her lawnmower, her lawn furniture, and a large truck. "I just want to put it all away and clean up my yard. That was my intention," she said.

Nickerson said while the building is shiny and silver right now, it will fade in the weather and will become gray. She said the building could also be painted. Nickerson added she has also thought about setting up trellises along its sides with climbing roses to help make it more attractive.

Dormitzer said the Board of Selectmen is limited in its jurisdiction when it comes to cases such as this one and suggested the abutters first have the property lines surveyed to see if there is a zoning issue. He also suggested if neighbors feel it is appropriate, they take action with the ZBA. While he said he understands the neighbors feel the building is not in keeping with the neighborhood, there was nothing selectmen can do.

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Kelsey Bell receives Who's Who award

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

FAMILY NEWS

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing? I love to write about all the different events and programs happening around town but would love to have some news about our children, families, birthdays, and more. Send it all in when you can.

WHO'S WHO

Here is some wonderful news for one of Cohasset's young adults. The publisher of "Who's Who Among American High School Students" has awarded a $1,000 college scholarship to **Kelsey Bell**, a Cohasset High graduate. Kelsey, who is attending Tufts University, was selected for her academic achievements, participation in school and community activities, and her essay. Kelsey was one of 130 students selected from 90,000 applicants to receive financial awards for college expenses this year by the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, which is funded by the publishers of Who's Who. Congratulations Kelsey on a job well done.

CALLING YOUNG ARTISTS

The South Shore Art Center would like to let everyone know that art classes for children and teenagers begin next week and include multi-media classes for ages 4 and up, intensive drawing classes for grades 4 and up, "Elements of Design," for grades 6-9, and "Portfolio Studio," a class for high school students interested in producing work for art school submissions. For more information or to register for classes, contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

COFFEE WITH AUTHORS

Buttonwood Books semi-annual event, "Coffee with the Authors," is a treat for your mind. Invite a friend or two and enjoy a relaxed morning to hear three wonderful authors speak about their latest work. The date is Tue, Oct. 10, 9:45 –11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant. Featured authors are **Suzanne Berne, Elisabeth Brink**, and **Rachel Kadish**. Suzanne Berne, winner of Great Britain's Orange Prize for her first book, "A Crime in the Neighborhood" will discuss "The Ghost at the Table", her stunning new novel about the Thanksgiving reunion of estranged family members, with a few innocent bystanders thrown in to heighten the tension. Berne is known for her insightful character studies, and "The Ghost at the Table" beautifully captures the vacillating emotion of the Fiske family members. This is an extraordinary new novel by one of today's best writers in the genre. Berne lives in Newton.

Elisabeth Brink has created a quirky academic in her book, "Save Your Own", a funny satire about a four-foot-nine geeky grad student at the Harvard School of Divinity. Her research leads her to a halfway house in Cambridge, where Gillian encounters the wild and wonderful characters that will transform her. Brink's deft handling of her nerdy misfit makes Gillian's oddities endearing, and her unusual perspective compels us to champion her in her quest. Brink was raised in Milton, and graduated from Fontbonne Academy.

Rachel Kadish's new book, "Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story" is a romantic comedy rooted in a quote from Tolstoy. "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way, " the opening line from "Anna Karenina". Tracy Farber is a woman in her thirties, happily single and a professor of American Literature. She questions Tolstoy's famous maxim and embarks on a private quest through literature to see if happiness is as vanilla as Tolstoy believes. The proof lies around the corner when Tracy meets George and her ideas are put to the real test. Kadish is an intelligent writer and tells her story with life and wit. Kadish lives outside Boston. Reservations and tickets ($15 per person, non-refundable) are required for this event.

To reserve, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665, or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, MA 02025

SQUIRREL FOOD

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jane Wrenn, 6, left, shows her friend, Emily Lengyel, 6, right, a fresh acorn for a nut pile she has at home for the squirrels this winter. The girls were collecting acorns by the duck pond.

TRYOUTS SATURDAY

The try-outs for the 2007 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23rd at Barnes Field from 12 to 2:30 p.m.. All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2007 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2007 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1994 and April 30, 1995) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team; provided that these players attend the try-out. PLEASE NOTE: Effective the 2008 season, 12 year-olds are automatic selections for the major leagues provided that they attend the tryout and play at least one year in the American League. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 11:30 AM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, Sept. 30th. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Liam O'Connell @ (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897

BULBS, BULBS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will begin its meeting and event season on Tuesday, Sept. 26 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. and the business meeting will begin at 9:30. The Bulb Sale is under way and a great selection of spring flowering bulbs will be available for purchase at this meeting. The program "Sensational Dahlias" will be presented by Master Gardener **Donna Lane**. She will discuss dahlia identification and culture with beautiful photos and specimens from her own garden.

50/50 RAFFLE

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is holding a 50/50 raffle and the winner will receive half of the money raised. Tickets are $20 each or 6 for $100. To get your tickets, send to Our World, PO Box 422, Cohasset, MA 02025, call 781-383-3198 or go to the website at www.OurWorldCGDM.org.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com, PHONE: 781-383-0143

ENGAGEMENTS

David A. Carpenter and Amy Mae Silvia

Silvia-Carpenter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Silvia of Cohasset have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Mae, to David A. Carpenter, son of Richard A. Carpenter of Orwell, Vt., and Joanne C. Carpenter of Hingham. He proposed to her during a surprise hot-air balloon ride in June. All four parents were part of the chase crew, and shared in the champagne celebration at the landing.

The future bride graduated from Cohasset High School and Massachusetts College of Art. She teaches at Cushman Scott Children's Center in Amherst.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Williston Northampton School and George Washington University. He is a self-employed videographer/producer.

An August 2007 wedding is being planned.

Order spring bulbs this month

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is currently taking orders for a selection of spring flowering bulbs that will fill gardens with color from April to June. The assortment includes a violet-rose peony, flowering tulip, double narcissi with huge creamy yellow flowers, parrot tulips, deer- and rodent-resistant alliums, as well as petite muscari and scilla. Bulbs ordered now will become available at the end of September, and each order will be accompanied with directions for planting. Dutch organic bulb food is also available and recommended to enhance a garden's performance.

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Residents get checkup at annual health screening day

FROM HEALTH DAY, PAGE 1

located in the James Brook Crossing shops, was on hand to provide tips for eating healthy, organic food and even provided a sweet treat for those who came to speak with him. He provided samples of a "health by chocolate" bar, which he sells in his store, which is packed full of vitamins, including calcium for "beautiful bones."

Resident Paula Pozniak was also dishing out advice on healthy eating, and provided a chart to calculate Body Mass Index, which can be used as an indicator of health. Former Cohasset resident Susan Cameron had "Juice Plus" capsules on display, which are essentially dehydrated fruits and vegetables in pill form, which can be added to a person's diet for a boost of nutrition.

Public health intern Sharon Ravid provided residents with information on the Medical Reserve Corps. Volunteers from the community may sign up to become part of the corps and serve during a local emergency health situation and assist with local public health needs throughout the year. The goal of the MRC is to bring together the knowledge and skills of many different health professionals and other volunteers to address public health crises.

The towns on the South Shore are small, and Ravid explained the more resources every town can pull together the better, as they can all help each other out during an emergency. Cohasset is part of the state's Region 4b, which includes the South Shore towns of Braintree, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. Residents with any area of expertise that could be used during an emergency are encouraged to volunteer.

"We've given out a lot of applications," said Ravid, adding she is hopeful many residents will lend a hand during a crisis.

Resident Mary Whitley has been an oncology nurse for years and lent a hand at the fair conducting skin cancer screenings for the face. Using a special ultraviolet light, spots that could be melanoma can be seen and detected early for the best treatment.

Robin Lawrence, a dentist, provided the public with information on oral and esophageal cancer. "Cancer in any part of the body kills," he said, adding most people don't think of the mouth as one of the major culprits, but they should. He said there are roughly 30,000 cases of oral cancer diagnosed every year, which cause roughly 8,000 deaths. Oral cancer is the sixth most common cancer in men and the 14th most common cancer in women. The cancer can spread quickly and on average, only half of those diagnosed with the disease will survive more than five years. "Early detection is key," he said.

Oral cancer is more common in people who use smokeless tobacco, or "dip." Lawrence said the co-use of alcohol and tobacco lead to a far higher risk of getting oral cancer. He said in some cases, treatment requires removing a portion of the mandible, or lower jaw. "I have a nice slogan I use. It's '32 to 1.' You have 32 teeth and one life, which would you rather give up?" he said.

Some residents relaxed during the fair and took advantage of the free chair massage. Lynn and Paul Wilson of Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Reflexology in Hull provide various kinds of massage at their office, and loosened the muscles of many throughout the day.

Lynn Wilson explained because a good number of residents who attend Health Screening Day are senior citizens who have never been massaged before, she and her husband have essentially been introducing them to the healing power of touch. In fact, she said she had spoken to Linda Elworthy, Director of the Council on Elder Affairs, and the two were planning to partner together to have a reflexology session once per month. Reflexology is based on the theory that all of the body systems are mirrored in the feet. Stimulating the nerves in the feet is thought to bring the body back into balance, allowing it to better heal itself.

"Getting the circulation going in the feet is really important for diabetics," said Lynn Wilson, adding many seniors are not flexible enough to be able to perform reflexology on their own feet, and she is excited about working with the CEA to provide that service.

In addition, Lynn Wilson said they offer prenatal massage using a table specifically designed for the comfort of the expectant mother. She said being pregnant and carrying around additional weight on the front of the body puts much strain on the back and having the opportunity to lie down on the stomach with the special massage table helps alleviate that back pain.

There were some tests geared specifically for seniors, such as the bone density screening provided by the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association. By placing the foot into a special ultrasound screening devise, bone mass is measured in the heel. The spine, hip and heel are considered the best sites for measuring bone mass density.

Holly Heggie, a case manager for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind, also provided information for seniors who might be experiencing loss of sight to some degree. She said while there are many services for people who are legally blind, those who only have partial vision loss due to glaucoma or macular degeneration have limited services available. She said one of her duties is matching up seniors with helpful equipment to make their everyday lives easier, such as bank checks with large print and talking pocket watches.

Linda Elworthy of the Council on Elder Affairs was also available to help seniors with questions about the services at the CEA. She said the CEA has a three-part lecture series coming up in October, which deals with preparing for the future. The lectures will be held Oct. 4, 18, and 25 with a light supper from 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by the lecture from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The first lecture is "Planning for Long Term Care and Massachusetts Eligibility," the second is, "Memory Loss: What to Do," and the third is "Preparing Healthy Meals."

Representatives from Health Watch, Inc., provided blood testing throughout the day and tested residents' cholesterol and blood sugar levels. Town Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons also took blood pressure readings. "It was a great success. I really think we had even more people this year than last year," she said.

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Paul Wilson of Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Reflexology, loosens up the muscles of a senior who attended Tuesday's Health Screening Day, held at the Second Congregational Church.

Contact information for healthcare professionals

There were a wide variety of professionals with many resources present at the Health Screening Day. For more information about any of the services they provide, please contact them directly.

- All The Best Natural Foods: Contact David Bigley at (781) 383-3005.
- Medical Reserve Corps: Contact Alison Minkoff at (617) 665-3871.
- Juice Plus: Contact Susan Cameron at (781) 545-3571.
- Mass. Association for the Blind: Contact Holly Heggie at (781) 857-2193.
- Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Reflexology: Contact Paul or Lynn Wilson (781) 925-4004.
- Norwell Visiting Nurse Association: Contact (781) 659-2342.
- Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs: Contact (781) 383-9112.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs is at 3 No. Main St., Cohasset. To register or for information, call 781-383-9112.

Dance Aerobics – Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Cost is $3. Enjoy an invigorating workout to great music. Increase cardiovascular and muscular strength with fun dance steps and hand-held weights. Requirements: Comfortable workout clothest and shoes, and a positive attitude. Have fun and a good workout with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Takes place at the Senior Center, 3 No. Main St.

Arthritis Exercise Class – Friday, 9:30 a.m. Cost is $3. Join in for guided exercise with physical therapist Paula Luoma. The class is for people with moderate problems affecting body movement.

CLASSES AND HOBBIES

Second Friday Book Club – Meets 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and share in lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie, too. Takes place at the Senior Center. Call Addie McGrath at 781-383-0952 for more information or to sign up.

ACBL Bridge – Meets Mondays, at 12:15 p.m., at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. This is an ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Refreshments starting at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome. Call Bill Wennerberg, instructor, for more information or to sign up at 508-746-8715.

Drop-In Bridge – Meets Wednesdays, at 1 p.m., at CEA Senior Center. Open to the public. Advance notice not necessary, just drop in!

Computer Technology For Seniors – Meets Tuesdays, from 2:30 to 3 p.m. For first time students, Austin will teach the basics such as Internet navigation and organization of personal documents. Instructor is Cohasset High School graduate and resident Austin Breslow. Course meets once a week for 30 minutes at the CEA For more information or to reserve a space, call CEA.

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Patrice Kenilley works on the "down" command with her chocolate lab Coco during the Happy Dog training class. The class is offered through the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Dog trainer Marge West of Happy Dog Training School gives instructions to the dogs and their owners during class on Cohasset Common.

Sandy King guides her dog Fancy through a walking exercise during the Happy Dog training class on Cohasset Common.

Trainer Marge West of the Happy Dog Training School gives Eddie a treat after completing a command correctly. West has been working with owners and their pooches to help instill obedience Mondays throughout the spring and summer on Cohasset Common.

Cohasset canines on their best behavior

Dog obedience class offered by Rec Department

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Sandy King praises her dog Fancy after going through a tunnel to build confidence.

Sassy the golden retriever stands at attention during Happy Dog training class. Classes for beginners began in April, and ran in five-week sessions.

Jenny Considine works with her dog Eddie on the "long down stay" command during Happy Dog training class.

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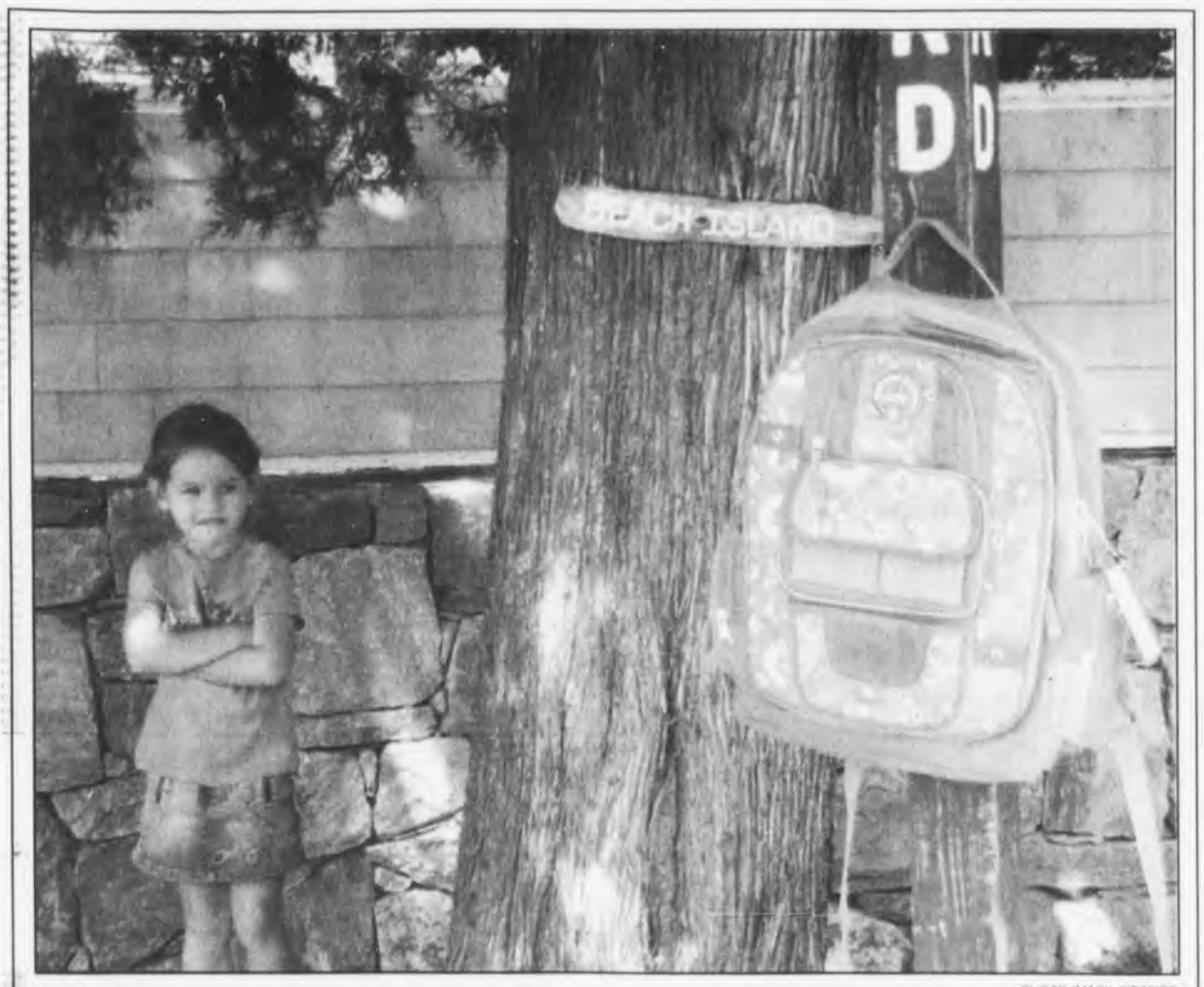

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BUS STOP

Courtney Shanley, 5, a kindergartner at Osgood, waits for the school bus on the first day of school. Courtney escorted her older sister, Callie, and brother, Alex, to the bus stop for years before getting her chance to ride the bus this fall.

PSO annual gift-wrap fundraiser is under way

Osgood and Deer Hill PSO has launched the Innisbrook Giftwrap Fundraiser. There are two new and different catalogs from which to choose this year. They are filled with gift wrap, as well as candy and chocolates, and many other gift ideas. An assortment of magazine subscriptions is also offered. Fifty percent of all sales go directly to the PSO. Last year's fundraiser had sales of more than $39,000, and the money earned helped fund programs such as Character Education, classroom and library grants, curriculum enrichment and teacher appreciation events. The Character Education programs enhance children's learning by providing opportunities to teach social skills such as problem-solving, conflict resolution and dealing with bullying and peer pressure. The curriculum enrichment programs provide hands-on educational programs specific to each grade to supplement and complement existing curriculum.

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New this year for the fundraiser is the PSO's ability to process orders online and have them mailed directly to the student family for distribution. Orders can still be placed with students and at the schools, and there will also be catalogs available for viewing at all the schools, the library, Town Hall, South Shore Community Center Nursery School and Carriage House Nursery School. There are various raffles and prizes for participation that are being offered. The fundraiser will end Oct. 2. For families receiving the Innisbrook catalogs directly, make sure the directions for online processing are used to take advantage of the speedy and convenient delivery of items.

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Committee takes stormwater in stride

By Samantha Brown
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When a heavy rain falls on Cohasset, the stormwater which flows into the town's drains picks up all the contaminants, or non-point source pollution, in its path. Certain areas in town have become "hot spots" for bacteria and a new stormwater study committee has been formed to track pollution issues and make recommendations for how to remedy the situation.

Currently, there is not one specific board or commission responsible for dealing with all the issues surrounding stormwater and pollution issues. To that end, Water Commissioner John McNabb and Health Board member Steve Bobo asked the Board of Selectmen at its Aug. 28 meeting to appoint a temporary, five-member Stormwater Management Committee composed of representatives from many areas of town government.

"The citizens of Cohasset call everyone because of a flooded basement," said Bobo, adding without having anyone specifically designated to speak to flooding and stormwater issues, residents do not know where to turn. He said appointing the committee as a temporary body may help the town figure out a way to have a permanent committee, which can get to the bottom of the town's stormwater issues.

McNabb suggested the committee be comprised of a representative from the Water Commission, the Board of Health, the Harbor Health Committee, the Water Resources Protection Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. At its Sept. 18 meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to appoint John McNabb, Steve Bobo, Karen Quigley, Jim Kinch, and Sara Charron. A recommendation has not yet been made for a representative of the Planning Board. Hull resident Lawry Reid, president of the Straits Pond Watershed Association, was appointed as a non-voting citizen-at-large. The town is still looking for a Cohasset resident to serve on the committee.

The Stormwater Management Committee will be charged with surveying the existing stormwater and non-point source pollution situation in Cohasset and make recommendations to the Selectmen and Town Meeting on:

- Planning and implementation of measures such as installing rain gardens or other Low Impact Development (LID) applications to alleviate existing stormwater problems;
- Drafting and the adoption of bylaws or other regulatory controls to prevent additional stormwater issues, such as a Model Stormwater Bylaw, to propose to Town Meeting;
- Creation of a permanent Stormwater Management Committee or Commission to have jurisdiction over stormwater issues.

The idea to form a committee comes on the heels of a meeting

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hosted by the Water Commission and Board of Health on July 29. More than 30 people attended the meeting to discuss stormwater and non-point source pollution including members of the Water Commission, Board of Health, Planning Board, Harbor Health Committee, Water Resource Protection Committee, Sewer Commission and Conservation Commission. Members of the Straits Pond Watershed Association and other residents adversely affected by flooding or non-point source pollution attended as well.

McNabb said those at the meeting agreed there are very serious stormwater and non-point source pollution problems in town that affect virtually all of its water bodies including Lily Pond, Treats Pond, the Gulf River, Straits Pond, Little Harbor, Cohasset Harbor, Jacobs Meadow and Sanctuary Pond. Flooding is also a problem in many areas of Cohasset including Beach Street, Jacobs Meadow, Brewster Road, Deep Run and the downtown area.

McNabb said there are numerous existing causes for the problems, including historic filling of drainage areas, current development including the MBTA Greenbush project, existing bottlenecks, tide gate issues, and increasing acreage of impervious surfaces. He said there was also discussion about the role of the sewer plant with flooding in the Jacob's Meadow area, which the Sewer Commission planned to further discuss with affected residents.

McNabb said while the Board of Health has been working on stormwater issues, there is no board, committee or official with the authority to deal with stormwater and non-point source pollution issues. Therefore, the problems are "falling through the cracks," and are not being adequately addressed.

Town Manager Bill Griffin suggested the committee study strictly non-point source pollution, and leave flooding out of the equation. "When you're dealing with flooding, it can be the cleanest water in the world, or the dirtiest," he said, and to him, it sounded as if the pollutants are at the root of the town's concerns.

There is still an opening for a citizen-at-large on the committee. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and résumé to Town Manager Bill Griffin at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Town Manager Griffin receives 30-year award

The International City Management Association recognized Town Manager Bill Griffin for his 30 years of service in municipal government, at its Annual Conference, held Sept. 10-13 in San Antonio, Texas. Members of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen congratulated Griffin on his accomplishment at their Monday meeting.

"You started out young!" quipped Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer. Griffin, 53, has been working in municipal government since graduating with a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University. "It's been 30 years and I still have some energy left," Griffin joked.

The ICMA service awards recognize and celebrate members' dedication to public service and professional management at the local level. The awards are based on the number of years of full-time, paid employment in a local government.

Special Town Meeting Warrant closes Sept. 29

The Board of Selectmen voted to have the Special Town Meeting Warrant close at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said essentially, the Warrant is always open, and the board must vote to close it to give the town time to prepare for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, which will be held starting at 7 p.m. Nov. 13.

Residents interested in submitting an article for the Warrant must collect 100 signatures for citizens' petitions.

For more information, please call Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

Cohasset kids throw pitcher a bunch of get-well wishes

FROM JON, PAGE 1

raising funds for the schools, Blackington said she puts up large cardboard cutouts of Red Sox players such as David Ortiz and Curt Schilling. She said Deer Hill students began coming up to her asking if she had any pictures or posters of Lester, one of their favorite players, and told her how they had heard he was sick.

"We had two great superstars showcased, and another one of their favorite players had just started treatment for cancer," said Blackington, who thought being able to show support for Lester would be a wonderful lesson for students. Part of the proceeds from the PSO-sponsored gift-wrap fund-raiser go toward character education programs, and she said having the children express their concern for Lester's condition would tie in with the lessons being taught at both schools.

Blackington said the card signing was done first at the Deer Hill School. Friday, Sept. 8, the first Friday of the new school year, students were informed they would be able to sign a card for Lester starting that Monday during lunchtime. By giving students time to think over the weekend, Blackington said they were really able to carefully consider the message they wanted to send. She said she was pleased with what the children thought of.

"I was really impressed," she said, adding every student who wished to sign the card had the opportunity to do so. Soon, four sheets of poster board were filled with kind messages from Deer Hill students. Blackington said every student came to her first to tell her the message they wanted to write. There were a few Yankees fans whose messages had to be redirected, but everyone seemed to have put a lot of thought into what they wanted to say, she said

Blackington said one student remembered Lester had pitched a game against the Baltimore Orioles and won. In his message, he told Lester to remember how he had played hard and beat the Orioles and that he could fight the cancer just as hard and win again. "They were just inspirational," said Blackington. At the end of last week, Deer Hill celebrated "Jon Lester Day" and everyone wore Red Sox gear.

On the same day Deer Hill was closing out its week with a celebration, students at the Osgood School were being introduced to the card signing. This week, students in grades one and two signed the cards during their library classes. Blackington said after some thought, it was decided students in kindergarten were too young to fully comprehend the project, but the older students in the school did a great job.

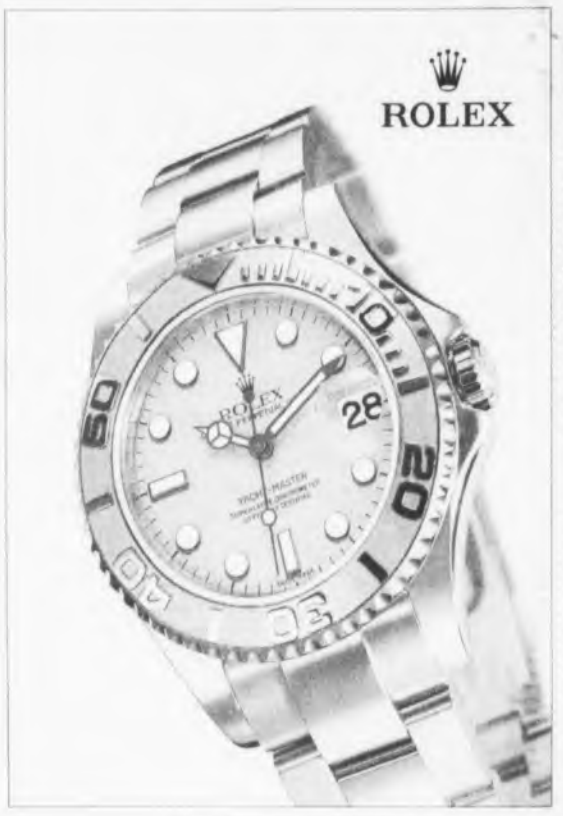
Parents received a memo from the school prior to the weekend to let them know their children would have the option to sign the card. Parents were encouraged to explain to their children Lester is sick and getting treatment from his doctor and it would help cheer him up to have get well messages from the students.

"They were adorable," said Blackington of the messages, adding while some chose to write just their names, others left messages such as, "fel betre," in their best penmanship.

Blackington said she feels the project was very worthwhile for students at the school. "The whole process was very character-building," she said. She added the cards would be on display for Open House nights for parents and then sent to the Red Sox offices at Fenway to be delivered to Lester.

PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Students at the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools signed get-well cards for Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester who was recently diagnosed with cancer of the lymph nodes. On the cover of the Osgood card it says, "Dear Jon, we are," and on the inside, "keeping you close in our hearts and want you to be well soon."



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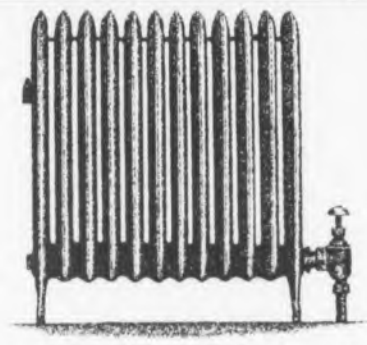
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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL/Alice Coyle

Edgy about EEE

I'm on edge about EEE and I know I'm not alone.

Mosquitoes, which were once just a summertime nuisance, have become a feared enemy we need to arm ourselves and our children against.

The other day I spent a good portion of my son's youth soccer team practice chasing 7-and 8-year-old boys around with insect repellent wipes, worried about anyone getting bitten by a mosquito on my watch. And when my son came home with a large mosquito bite on the back of his leg after attending an outdoor block party, I felt a strange panic begin to well up inside of me and began monitoring him closely for any signs of illness.

My concern, and that of other parents is warranted due to the deadly nature of the Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus, which can cause brain damage and even death in those infected. A 9-year-old Middleboro boy died from EEE last month, and the virus seems to be particularly dangerous to children under age 15 and senior citizens.

Recently the state Department of Public Health announced that mosquito traps in Marshfield, Scituate, Hingham and Cohasset have tested positive for EEE. A total of 130 pools have tested positive statewide so far.

While the infected insects are believed to be a bird-biting rather than mammal-biting breed, it's cause for concern and increased precautions.

Scituate residents were put on high alert after a llama became infected with EEE and was euthanized last week. The existence of mammal-biting mosquitoes indicates a higher risk to humans.

The mosquito season is winding down, but until the temperature dips down to the freezing point, we're not out of the woods, health officials say. It's tough to say goodbye to summer, but with the mosquito menace facing us this season, the first frost can't come fast enough.

Here are some precautions if you have to be outside during mosquito hours (about 5:30 p.m. to dawn):

- Repair screens – Keep mosquitoes outside by having well fitting screens on all windows and doors.
- Drain standing water – Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Check rain gutters and drains.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants. Use insect repellant with DEET.

Call the Cohasset Board of Health at 781-383-4116 with questions.

For more information, you can also visit: the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Web site:

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Or the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project Web site:

www.plymouthmosquito.com.

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate and Marshfield Mariners, two of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

Corrections to Armed Services tribute

In last week's tribute to the 10 men from Cohasset serving in Iraq and Afghanistan there were two errors.

The story should have said US Army Spc. Justin H. Maitland, 26, is a 1999 graduate of Cohasset High School, not 1991 as was reported. Spc. Maitland is deployed in Afghanistan.

The story also gave the incorrect high school for US Marine Sgt. Michael R. Kennedy, 26, who is deployed in Iraq. Sgt. Kennedy attended Cohasset High and is a graduate of West Roxbury High School, not Roxbury High School as reported.

The Mariner apologizes for the mistakes.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
Board of Health, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Sept. 25 & 27 at 7 p.m.
Harbor Health Committee, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Authority, Sept. 27, 6 p.m., 60 Elm St
Selectmen, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, Sept. 21, 6 p.m., at the King St. plant.
ZBA, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

The warrant is open for the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting. The warrant will close at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29. Citizens Petitions require the signatures of 100 registered voters.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Participation appreciated

To the Editor:

The Cohasset Professional Fire Fighters would like to thank all of those who came to the observance of the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 on the Cohasset Common.

Thanks also to Chief Lincoln, Chief Hussey, Cohasset Police Association, Sons of the American Legion, Father John Mulvehill, Rev. Gary Ritts, Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson and Jan Carlsson-Bull for their participation.

The on-duty group on Sept. 11 would like to extend their gratitude to Adrian Morris Salon and Jim Lydon for their thoughtful and generous donations.

Jack Hernan FF/EMT-P
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The good ol' days weren't so great

To the Editor:

Last week's commentary ("A breath, a break, a little sportsmanship") regarding sports fans and sportsmanship was a classic example of seeing the past through rose-colored glasses. Although the writer's commentary was mostly a personal memoir of her father's insistence on good sportsmanship by her family, implicit in her comments was the view that sports fans and athletes of a generation ago conducted themselves with a higher level of sportsmanship than they do today.

Yet, the object of her affection, the 1970 Boston Bruins, were known as, "The Big, Bad, Boston Bruins" because, to be blunt about it, they were bullies on the ice. There was barely a Bruins game in that era which did not involve a fight, with the combatants eagerly cheered on by the blood-lusting Boston Garden crowd. Indeed, the Bruins of that time ushered in a new era of physical intimidation in ice hockey thanks to the fisticuffs of players like Johnny McKenzie, Derek Sanderson, Wayne Cashman, and others. (Every Bruin fan from that era recalls the time that Sanderson got into a fight in Chicago with the Black Hawks' bad guy, Keith Magnuson, and pulled Magnuson's shirt over his head. Sandy skated around the ice with the bloodied shirt in his hands and then cavalierly tossed Magnuson's shirt into the crowd as he stepped into the penalty box, causing a near riot by the fans. It was great theater!)

The writer noted with disapproval the Patriots' fans recent booing at halftime of the opening game with Buffalo after a lackluster first half by their heroes. But being a Pats' season ticket holder in the early 70s (when the Pats were dreadful), I can attest that there were far more boos than cheers at Schaefer Stadium; there was no evidence of good sportsmanship, as defined by the writer, in the stands in those years. Even Red Sox fans in those days gave the razz mercilessly to Yaz, the now-exalted Carl Yastrzemski, when both he and the Sox failed more often than not to duplicate their 1967 Impossible Dream.

And let's not forget that during the 1950s and 1960s, when the Celtics' dynasty was in full bloom, Bill Russell referred to Boston as the "most racist city in America." Even off the court, Boston fans in the so-called "good ol' days" were hardly good sports.

The writer further seeks to contrast today's "era of senseless violence and hateful actions" (referring to 9-11 and Middle East wars) with the 1940s, when her father first started to go to Bruins games, as if to suggest that the world was some sort of wonderful place back then. Yet, the 1940s saw a world war, the Holocaust, and the dropping of two atomic bombs on civilian populations. By any measurable standard, even given the inhumanity that we see on our TV screens nightly, the world is a lot nicer place than it was when the writer's father was a young man.

There are many fathers today who, like the writer's dad, try to instill the quality of good sportsmanship into their children as part of an overall attitude of respect for others. For the writer to suggest that fans and athletes today are more boorish, crude, and unsportsmanlike than those of previous generations, or that the world today is more brutal than previous eras, is to hearken to a place and a time that never have existed in the history of mankind.

Andrew Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

'Angel Food Project' support appreciated

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing the article about "The Angel Food Project" in your Aug. 25 issue. We have received many positive comments as a result of the article, including the fact that many people did not know that the Center for Elder Affairs (CEA) provide congregate lunches to our seniors three days a week.

Some of you may not be aware there are many wonderful programs, services and activities provided by the CEA here in Cohasset. All of this is coordinated by a small working staff and many, many volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the amazing Angel Food volunteers, who cheerfully chop, dice, steam and sauté every Wednesday for our oldest and frailest citizens. In addition, I would like to thank Maggie Warshaw of "Maggie's Corner Bake Shop" who generously donates baked goods each week to help defray the cost of groceries for this program.

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Repaving is not a simple project

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Rocky Lane Bridge as of Sept. 20. CBB's latest word is that the bridge should open by the end of September.

Pond Street at the train tracks. This photo shows the state of affairs as of this past Wednesday to give you an idea of what's going on.

Water Department Paving – We've been asked to let our fellow Cohasset Residents about some other construction work that is underway or soon will be under way in our fair village. The Water Department is in the final stages of completing the major projects that we have been living with all summer. The last phase of these projects is to repave the areas where the Water Department has been working. However, repaving is not a simple project. In order to avoid too much asphalt from building up on the roads; the old surface will be ground down first to avoid this buildup. Then, the roads will be paved with new asphalt. Now — when and where? As of right now, the grinding is scheduled to start on Thursday, Sept. 28th. The paving will begin shortly thereafter.

The sequence for this work will be:

- South Main Street from Sestito Lane to Spring Street (in front of the Historical Society's Paul Pratt Building.
- Summer Street from Sankey Road, across S. Main Street to the end of the MBTA's work on Spring Street.
- Norfolk Road from Cushing Road to Hill Street
- Pond Street from Lantern Lane to the High School
- A small section of Forest Avenue across from Heather Drive (about 200 to 300 feet in total)

Also, the Water Department has started redoing water line connections to the buildings on Elm and Brook streets in the Village. This is in preparation for the work that needs to be done to replace the street, sidewalk and curbs in this area when Revitalization is finished.

Forest Avenue — While we are talking about Forest Avenue Town hall has received lots of calls about the very poor condition of Forest Avenue. We fully understand the reason for these complaints. Every time we drive down Forest we think the same thing. So, why can't it be fixed? Actually, the Town already has Chapter 90 money for paving. (This is money from the Commonwealth to be used exclusively for road repair.) The problem is that there are drainage projects that need to be completed before the county will let us do the paving. One of these at Heather Drive was completed this summer. The other is at Forest and Wheelwright Park. The specifications for this second job are just being finished and it should go out for bid shortly. If the weather proves favorable we should be able to get this done before the snow flies. Then and only then will we be allowed to pave Forest Avenue. The DPW is doing a yeoman's job trying to keep the paving passable with cold patch, but as we see it is a very difficult job and it doesn't stay in place very well. Look for a complete paving job next spring.

Veterans Memorial Construction – While we're talking about construction projects in Town there is another project that is just starting. Although this does not fall under our purview, we thought you may want to know about it. Over the last year there have been numerous articles in the Mariner about the plans and fund-raising efforts to reconstruct the Border Street memorial in honor of those Cohasset residents who so nobly served their country. Well, that project has now reached its construction phase. For Memorial Day next year we will have a beautiful new memorial at Veterans Park at the Harbor. So, be careful when driving along Border Street at the Harbor near the Legion, especially since construction equipment may be obstructing both vehicular and pedestrian views.

Town Parking Lot – We mentioned that we did have an opportunity to meet with the MBTA top brass in Boston several weeks ago. Your Greenbush representatives have been busy working on alternative solutions that we can present to the MBTA for its consideration. Our principal interest is to get the discussions moving again. We have heard nothing official, but we have had informal discussion with the MBTA in the Weymouth office since the Boston MBTA meeting.

Pleasant Street intersection — While we are talking about the parking lot we've had discussions with the MBTA and CBB about the incomplete nature of the Pleasant Street intersection. As you can see it has really never been finished. Signs have been installed that make absolutely no sense, in their current alignment. For example, there are "NO Parking" signs that point to the Town Parking Lot. There is no stop line at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Depot Court, so cars entering Depot Court – Ripley Road from Pleasant Street don't know where to stop. Striping has never been completed on Ripley Road near the barbershop to channel the cars effectively into Pleasant Street. CBB is putting so much effort into getting the rail bed complete that small local things that residents must deal with every day sometimes seem to get lost in the shuffle. However, we have reviewed this particular issue with CBB today and they have said they will address this.

Pleasant Street near misses — Also, we've had several residents call us about discourtesies that they have witnessed as cars coming down Ripley Road swing left into the Town Parking lot without yielding to the oncoming Pleasant Street drivers. Several near misses have been reported here. Remember, left turns must always yield to oncoming traffic. We know that the incomplete construction does make things a bit uncertain. But, this is all the more reason to drive slower and with more caution in the Pleasant St. / Depot Court / Pleasant St. area. And, please respect pedestrians, since their crossing areas have not been clearly marked yet.

Pond Street – Well, it's really happened. Pond Street is closed, big time. We expect that it won't be opened for a while (measured in months, not weeks). Of course, Norfolk Road mentioned above is the major detour route for Pond Street. So, when the required several days of grinding and paving start, the detour route will temporarily move to Pleasant Street. Honestly, we don't get our kicks by messing up traffic; we just try to deal with it. Keep in mind, the detour move to Pleasant Street will be brief. The railroad right of way construction is well underway. The asphalt base at Spring and Pond that is placed under all crossings is in place, and on Tuesday of this week the ballast was placed on the track bed. This must be compacted and ties and rails laid and then leveled. Since this area is inaccessible to most residents this photo shows the state of affairs as of this past Wednesday to give you an idea of what's going on.

Rocky Lane Bridge – Work has resumed on the Rocky Lane Bridge once again. CBB's latest word is that the bridge should open by the end of September, but if you look at the picture it will be a very tight photo finish to make that date.

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A close call at the ballot box

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Boy, was that a close one!

Do you know I very nearly cast my vote for Chris Gabrieli for governor in the Democratic primary the other day?

There I was, my stylus poised figuratively to punch a hole in my ballot next to his name, leaving nary a chad for the Supreme Court to argue about, when the investigative team from the Boston Herald brought me back to reality.

Do you know that Chris Gabrieli doesn't take out his own trash!

I'll bet Chris had you conned into thinking he was just one of the guys in spite of his home zip code in the most exclusive part of Beacon Hill and the few million in spare change that he invested in his campaign for the corner office.

Do you know that Chris Gabrieli doesn't take out his own trash!

Only a day or so before, the candidate had come out with the new TV spot in which he was being interviewed by his kids when his wife appeared with a bag of trash which he dutifully deposited in a can on the sidewalk.

What newspaper worthy of its Pulitzer can let a fat one like that go by without swinging at it?

Thus it was then that the Herald investigators sprung into action, staking out Chris' Louisburg Square digs for the story and pictures that would blow the campaign apart like Mike Dukakis in a tank or Evelyn Murphy in jogging trunks.

What they got was a page three photo of a young sleepy-eyed woman depositing a trash container (actually a recycling bin) from the Gabrieli hovel at 8 Louisburg Square on the brick sidewalk.

Would you want a governor who has sleepy-eyed young women taking out the trash for him? I thought not.

If that wasn't enough, the Herald also discovered that the bearer of Chris' trash put the bin out at 4:20 p.m., a full 40 minutes before the city says you can, probably an indictable offense anywhere but in Louisburg Square.

Chris' campaign spokesman Joe Ganley tried to weasel his man out of it by saying it was his summerhouse in Beverly, not Boston, where he took out the rubbish but it didn't work. Everybody knows Beverly is the place where the hired help comes from Duxbury.

Actually the fact that Chris lives in Louisburg Square doesn't impress me in the least.

When I was in college, one of my classmates was a Globie named Bud Rodgers, who once freelanced a magazine story on Louisburg Square in which he interviewed a resident who proudly proclaimed that he had the "last active two-holer on the Hill."

For those of you who were not around when ice covered most of the earth, a two-holer is a little house in the backyard, usually with a half moon carved in the door, where, in lieu of indoor plumbing, two people may sit and think at the same time.

Whatever, it has clouded my view of Louisburg Square and the people who live on it ever since.

When life cycles come full circle

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It's over, people. The end of an era. My last child learned to ride a bike the other day. That cute, "duckling" phase that begins when they enter the world so dumb they have to be told to breathe, and ends roughly the last time you cart them around on the back of your bike, is behind me now. I know, I shouldn't wish for their dependency. I'm glad they're no longer totally helpless; I get it. But there's a reason people love babies — even strangers' babies. Holding one puts you unquestionably on the right side of the issue. The weakest man is made strong. The blackest heart is redeemed.

Then the child grows up, and evolution dictates that she sees you more and more as a dork in her way.

Of course I'm overjoyed for Emily, my six-year-old. I'll never forget what learning to ride a bike felt like. I had a Y-shaped driveway lined on one side with a stonewall, and for three solid hours I rode down on the right, turned left, crashed into the wall, got back on the bike and started around again. I paused briefly for supper, where my scrapes and near-fractures were tended to, then went out for another two hours of the same treatment. I was giddy. There was something supernatural about the trick I was learning. Watching Emily beam as she navigated the driveway I indulged in one of those rare parental moments when you know that nothing could dampen your child's mood.

The timing and the manner in which a child learns to ride a bike may be a perfect window into her personality. Caroline, my oldest, is the quintessential first child. She is the thin edge of the wedge, the point of the spear. She swam a few months after her third birthday and rode a bike at five. She is competitive, focused, a stickler for rules, and her first bike-riding experience reflected all that. She listened to my instructions, followed them, dealt with setbacks, didn't quit, and was off on her own within a day or two.

My middle daughter Mary is from another planet. Mary is a hedonist. Excelling at anything is not high on her agenda. Candy is. And Avatar. Doing something difficult or painful in order to impress someone is an idea that would never cross her mind. She's impervious to peer pressure, or any pressure for that matter. In many ways she is the most intelligent person in the family, and yet she will never graduate from high school because as far as she can tell, Barbie never did either. Mary is living proof that while some girls are headed for the Supreme Court from day one, others are born with their magnetic poles aligned with pop culture and low-cut blue jeans.

Needless to say, my second experience teaching a child to ride a bike was different from the first one. Whereas Caroline was up and riding after a few days of determined effort, Mary chose to spread her lessons over two-and-a-half years. It averaged out to about one minor scrape every four to six months. Then a few weeks ago, quite unexpectedly, she decided bike riding was for her. I don't know why. I suspect it had something to do with a Kim Possible episode, but what's important is that she learned to ride, which finally set the stage for Sister Number 3.

Emily rounds out the field as the absolute definition of a last child. She is the butt of the spear. The caboose on the train. Her only desire is to follow, to be part of the action. She will not be denied her involvement, but refuses to stand out in any way. Until Mary learned to ride a bike Emily showed almost no interest, despite being our most athletic child by far. But once Mary's success cleared Emily for takeoff she was on the runway within minutes, gunning her engines to keep up.

Watching me on a bike for the first time, my parents could tell I was someone who would strive relentlessly and mindlessly toward a goal once I had a good one in sight. Stonewalls, letters of rejection, arrest warrants — these things don't faze me once my wheels are in motion. Have I seen my children's futures as well, with Caroline as a doctor or lawyer, Mary eloping with some dude on the back of his motorcycle, and Emily thrilled with her promotion to Army Private First Class? Only time will tell. You can forgive me for letting these thoughts occupy me over the next several years, while I resign myself to the role of Dork in Their Way.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, still swerving a second too late for some stonewalls, but always happy to be on his bike.

LIBRARY CORNER

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Letters About Literature program under way — It's that time of year again, and Letters About Literature asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose work has made a significant difference in their lives. The program invites personal and reflective writing about reading.

LAL is sponsored in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with funding from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, and is a project that feeds into the national program that is run by the Library of Congress with funding from Target.

Local winners receive their awards in a ceremony at the State House. Last year, Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer won Level 1 Honorable Mention. To view their letters and read more award-winning letters, go to massbook.org.

Entry forms are available at massbook.org, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and school libraries. Entry deadline is Dec. 8. See Mrs. Moody or email, smoody@ocln.org for more information.

Artist exhibit – The South Shore Art Center presents "From My Backyard and Beyond," a collection of botanical paintings by Kay Kopper on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Oct. 31. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Library Book Group – Coffee and discussion of Malika Oufkir's "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in A Desert Jail" will be discussed Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. This is a biographical account of an upper class Moroccan family's 20 year imprisonment following a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II by the father. Call Gayle Walsh 781-383-1348 for more information.

New library hours – As of Sept. 5, library hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

New library brochure – One of the outcomes of the library's Team Works Customer Service grant program is a new brochure guide to library services. The guide, which is available at the Circulation Desk, was funded in part by the federal Library Services Technology Act grant awarded to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in a competitive grant process by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The guide is available to the public.

Library databases – Need help doing homework? Go to Cohassetlibrary.org and click Research. Search a wide variety of publications including newspapers, magazines and scholarly journals on subjects such as health, business, contemporary authors and contemporary literary criticisms. Use a Cohasset library card to log on to these databases from home any time or any day.

Learn about EEE risk

Tune into Our Town starting Monday. The program, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, will feature Board of Health Chairman Margaret "Peggy" Chapman, who will talk about the current EEE risk in Cohasset along with other health issues. Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

ourtown

New program starts Sept. 28.

OUR TOWN is happy to announce that it will also be offering viewers two new specials over the next several weeks. First, the Cohasset High School Class of 2006 Graduation Ceremony will air on Fridays beginning Sept. 22 at 7:30p.m., followed on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30p.m.

A very special two-hour presentation on the correlation of mercury based vaccines for children and autism which will begin airing this Saturday and Sunday at 8p.m., followed on Mondays at 7p.m., all on Comcast channel 10. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Cohasset Democrats go for Deval Patrick

FROM DEMOCRATS, PAGE 1

worry that there would be no checks and balances with a Democratic governor and legislature are off base.

"That is a false concern, regularly used to frighten Massachusetts voters into voting Republican," she said. "Checks and balances are built into the structure of government and are blind to party affiliation.

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— Agnes McCann, Democratic Town Committee

"Of more concern is that we again elect a person to the Executive Branch who is unwilling or unable to work effectively with the Legislative Branch, like the past several governors."

Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, said he was not surprised by Patrick's victory.

"I travel about the state a lot. The Patrick signs and standouts convinced me he had the extreme liberal voter in a state of euphoria they had not achieved since Bill Clinton swept them off their feet," he said.

O'Donnell said Healey has to explain to the voters that the lack of checks and balances means the failure of a rational governmental process.

"Patrick represents a movement back to the foolish deficit spending of Mike Dukakis," he said. "Patrick and the Democratic house and senate will satisfy the special interests with corrupt, irresponsible spending. They will put the state in a financial death spiral of ever increasing taxes and deficit spending resulting in the loss of business, jobs and citizens fleeing a corrupt system followed by further tax increase on those productive citizens remaining."

Of Cohasset's 5,492 registered voters, 1120 pulled Democratic ballots, and 159 voted Republican. The sole Republican race in the primary was between Kenneth G. Chase and Kevin P. Scott. Chase won Cohasset with a vote of 91-42

Only registered Republicans, Democrats and those who were unenrolled could have voted Tuesday. Unenrolled voters could have asked for either a Republican or Democrat ballot.

State Senator Robert L.Hedlund, a Republican, who was unopposed in the primary, will face Democrat Stephen A. Lynch of Marshfield in November. Lynch beat Matt Mulvey of Weymouth, who has now thrown his support behind Lynch.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, a Democrat, was unopposed in the primary and won't have an opponent in November after all. Hingham resident Bob Green, a Republican, who wanted to challenge Bradley, did not get the 150 write-in votes necessary for his name to appear on the ballot. Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and one precinct in Scituate.

Green described his write-in campaign as positive and a learning experience. "Of course I am disappointed," he said. "It was tough to run a sticker campaign without the volunteers in place.

"I will be ready next time and there will be a next time," he said.

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Fred Koed campaigns for gubernatorial candidate Chris Gabrieli outside the polls Tuesday. Gabrieli finished second behind Deval Patrick in Cohasset and statewide in the Democratic primary.

Sept. 19 Cohasset primary results

FOR SENATOR IN CONGRESS

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Edward M. Kennedy	428	415	843
Blanks	124	138	262
Write-Ins/ Scattering	6	9	15
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Christopher F. Gabrieli	187	187	374
Deval L. Patrick	298	274	572
Thomas F. Reilly	69	96	165
Blanks	4	4	8
Write-Ins/ Scattering	0	1	1
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Deborah B. Goldberg	194	172	366
Timothy P. Murray	174	186	360
Andrea C. Silbert	130	149	279
Blanks	58	52	110
Write-Ins/ Scattering	2	3	5
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Martha Coakley	406	396	802
Blanks	151	165	316
Write-Ins/ Scattering	1	1	2
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin	390	388	778
John Bonifaz	66	76	142
Blanks	102	98	200
Write-Ins/ Scattering	0	0	0
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR TREASURER

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Timothy P. Cahill	381	393	774
Blanks	177	167	344
Write-ins/ Scattering	0	2	2
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR AUDITOR

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
A. Joseph DeNucci	367	379	746
Blanks	191	182	373
Write-Ins/ Scattering	0	1	1
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William D. Delahunt	415	395	810
Blanks	141	162	303
Write-Ins/ Scattering	2	5	7
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR COUNCILLOR

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Christopher A. Ianella, Jr.	337	327	664
Blanks	221	234	455
Write-Ins/ Scattering	0	1	1
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Stephen A. Lynch	292	270	562
Matthias J. Mulvey	105	155	260
Blanks	160	137	297
Write-Ins/ Scattering	1	0	1
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Garrett J. Bradley	429	440	869
Blanks	129	120	249
Write-Ins/ Scattering	0	2	2
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William R. Keating	360	368	728
Blanks	198	194	392
Write-ins/ Scattering	0	0	0
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR CLERK OF COURTS

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Walter F. Timilty Jr.	346	344	690
Blanks	211	216	427
Write-Ins/ Scattering	1	2	3
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William P. O'Donnell	352	350	702
Blanks	206	211	417
Write-Ins/ Scattering	0	1	1
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DEMOCRAT	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Peter H. Collins	345	343	688
Blanks	213	219	432
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Total	558	562	1,120

FOR SENATOR IN CONGRESS

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Kenneth G. Chase	52	39	91
Kevin P. Scott	22	20	42
Blanks	17	8	25
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	0	1
Total	92	67	159

FOR GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Kerry Healey	74	51	125
Blanks	12	13	25
Write-Ins/Scattering	6	3	9
Total	92	67	159

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Reed V. Hillman	70	52	122
Blanks	21	13	34
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	2	3
Total	92	67	159

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Larry Frisoli	69	49	118
Blanks	22	18	40
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	0	1
Total	92	67	159

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Blanks	87	63	150
Write-Ins/Scattering	5	4	9
Total	92	67	159

FOR TREASURER

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Blanks	87	64	151
Write-ins/Scattering	5	3	8
Total	92	67	159

FOR AUDITOR

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Blanks	88	64	152
Write-Ins/Scattering	4	3	7
Total	92	67	159

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Jeffrey K. Beatty	68	47	115
Blanks	24	20	44
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Total	92	67	159

FOR COUNCILLOR

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Blanks	87	63	150
Write-Ins/Scattering	5	4	9
Total	92	67	159

FOR SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Robert L. Hedlund Jr.	80	58	138
Blanks	12	9	21
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Total	92	67	159

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Robert Green	9	3	12
Blanks	79	61	140
Write-Ins/Scattering	4	3	7
Total	92	67	159

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Blanks	90	65	155
Write-ins/Scattering	2	2	4
Total	92	67	159

FOR CLERK OF COURTS

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Blanks	90	65	155
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	2	4
Total	92	67	159

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR2	TOTAL
Blanks	90	65	155
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	2	4
Total	92	67	159

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

REPUBLICAN	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Thomas E. Gorman	65	46	111
Blanks	27	21	48
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Total	92	67	159

The Boston Fall RV Show
&Clearance Sale

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HEALTH NOTES

Operation Poseidon an adventure

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...it was a full-scale exercise in which participants were brought to the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall to simulate a terrorist event.

Last Sunday, in Cambridge, the towns in Emergency Preparedness district 4-B of which Cohasset is a part, were asked to assist in operation Poseidon, the latest in a series of exercises conducted by Boston Homeland security of the Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) communities, funded by State and Federal authorities and the Office of Homeland Security. It was, in language of the day, a blast! Most of the younger volunteers took the exercise as a lighthearted romp; it was only the professionals who understood the real implications of their work.

Poseidon is the last of three exercises named for Greek gods, Zeus, Prometheus and Poseidon, god of waters, earthquakes and horses. Originally planned for earlier in the year; delayed until September because of expectations for a heavy hurricane season, it was a full-scale exercise in which participants were brought to the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall to simulate a terrorist event. No horses and not much water, except to drink.

The exercise scenario called for the discovery of a potential bomb making apartment in Everett and the receipt of intelligence information indicating that an attack on critical infrastructure near the port was likely. Following the application of protective actions by local law enforcement agencies, the bombers choose less secure targets in the form of the CambridgeSide Galleria and the MBTA's Lechmere Station. While the Lechmere Station bomb was defused, the device at CambridgeSide exploded before anyone could disarm it. The bomb in the Galleria was a radiological dispersal device and for purposes of the exercise it was supposed to have killed and injured a number of shoppers, and contaminated scores of people. In order to test communications, the above information was sent to all area 4-B communities including Cohasset as an opportunity to try our emergency communication capabilities.

The purpose of the affair was to exercise the various local emergency response teams coming from Cambridge and other mutual aid responders and to evaluate and learn from their performance.

A cast of nearly a thousand participants with about 275 volunteer "victims" of all ages participated, with the majority being of late high school or college age. About half of the participants were newcomers and the rest 'old hands'. Participants arrived at the CambridgeSide Galleria parking lot at 5 a.m. Sunday. Shortly before five, the parking area was filled with people. Volunteers manned makeup tables for simulating wounds, facilitators to tell people where to go and what to do, cops, firefighters and every description of medical EMT's that one could imagine, most of whom came from other towns to observe. At the sign-in table, victims were given a laminated 'Operation Poseidon' necklace 'Triage Card' with a patient number, symptoms, condition, simulated respiration, pulse, and blood pressure value and description of mental state. And there the fun begins. Many of the 'victims' were at previous exercises and had come prepared with torn clothes, etc. They would discuss their ailments, and plan what they were going to do, how behave, and what they would say, and tell the eight or ten makeup people what damage to simulate.

The initial "safety" briefing, warned to keep hydrated, and inform medical personnel if they had 'real' symptoms. No pictures were allowed by cameras or cell phones. Finally, we donned white Tyvec suits, which were cut away in spots to reveal our wounds so that, when undressed for examination or decontamination, our real clothes wouldn't have to be removed. Finally, we all went upstairs to be positioned in the dimly lit Galleria.

Upon arrival from the garage, a number of corpse dummies lay about, and several coordinators read every tag and positioned people about the mall depending on symptoms. At 6:30 a.m. the exercise began when a raucous buzzer sounded. Soon, victims began exiting the building, milling around outside, some being carried by other 'victims' some crawling, and in about five minutes the firefighters in full protective clothing began to arrive. A very small number of emergency medical (EMT's) personnel made contact with the victims, and triage points began to develop as individual EMT's began to ask questions and look at the patient tags. In 20 minutes, the radiological decontamination lines were set up and patients scanned with Geiger counters; those with positive readings from having previously been sprayed with a non-hazardous chemical were sent through decon tents. Those who couldn't walk were scanned and then tagged as having to go to Medical facilities for decontamination. Those with red tags labeled as untreatable were left, and those with yellow or green tags were moved to ambulances and busses to go to treatment centers: Mass General, (MGH) Brigham's and several other nearby hospitals. At MGH there was a full decontamination area for wheelchair and stretcher cases. Patients were then sent upstairs for medical examination with full paperwork and patient forms filled out just as done for any hospital patient. These forms were then carried by the patients; either treated and discharged or listed as having been kept for treatment. The exercise ended at about 10:30 and, by about 11:30, all of the victims had been processed and bussed back to the Royal Sonesta for final checkout and lunch.

As a victim/observer for Cohasset, it's clear that we can reach some conclusions about the way we do things here: First, there will never be enough prepared personnel including volunteers notified and trained ahead of time. Organizations such as the Community Center, Elder Affairs and the Board of Health are key to having trained volunteers available to cope with emergencies. These people have one characteristic, which may well prove critical in an emergency: local allegiance. Contract EMT's, ambulance services and other health personnel may not have the motivation to respond to another place if their own homes are threatened. Second, there seems to be lack of medical support with responsibility to cope with local major emergencies. It gives one pause when we consider reduction of the Town's trained staff of emergency personnel; especially EMT's.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Benefit concert Sunday at St. Anthony's

Between the two, they have sung in virtually every major opera house and concert hall in Europe and New England.

Dramatic mezzo-soprano Carla Paryla of Rome will be joined by her teacher, guest soprano Norma Giustiani of Scituate and Rome, for a benefit concert Sunday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, Summer Street. Between the two, they have sung in virtually every major opera house and concert hall in Europe and New England.

Paryla has recently performed for Pope Benedict XVI at Castelgandolfo and at The Church of the Angels in Rome, and Giustiani has recorded "The Student Prince" with Mario Lanza. Pianist at the concert, Bill Merrill, has been featured on the television program "Good Morning America."

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Carla Paryla, mezzo-soprano

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Bill Merrill, pianist

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On Sept. 24, Bobbi Carrey and Doug Hammer also return to the Gazebo with their nostalgic tunes. Carrey has performed to critical acclaim in Boston and Cambridge. Jordan Rich of WBZ Boston radio has said, "Her vocal interpretations and appreciation of the 'story behind the song' makes her one of our most precious and important performers."

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No 'I' in this team

CHS field hockey getting good contributions across the board

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

So far in the 2006 season, it appears that the Cohasset High field hockey team is making a break for the upper echelon of South Shore League teams. Time will tell whether they succeed in this undertaking.

Three factors will determine the fate of the Skippers. First, Cohasset needs to defeat the league's tougher teams at Alumni Field. Second, they cannot afford to play down to the skill levels of the average teams on the schedule.

Finally, the Skippers must make use of what head coach Deb Bostwick calls their "secret weapons." Over the past few games, two first-year varsity players – juniors Olivia Kimla and Katina Martone – have emerged as strong forces on the field.

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Take, for example, one of the Skippers' best games to date: a 3-0 loss to Harwich last Friday.

"The score doesn't say much at all about how well the girls played," said Bostwick about her own Cohasset team.

Indeed, to the fans who left at halftime (which was probably very few), it would appear that the Skippers were on the road to beating the Rough Riders for the first time in 18 years.

"We were stride for stride, shot for shot with Harwich in the first half," said senior captain Sheelah Scott.

Under constant fire, the defense held strong against the aggressive Rough Riders. Junior Sally Meehan played "her best game of the year," according to Bostwick. Senior captain Alida Tangherlini owned her zone alongside Meehan, and senior Michelle Madge put on a strong showing at sweeper.

With the very short grass surface, the pace of this game had even the fans out of breath. Despite this, Bostwick made very few substitutions because of how well the Skippers were working with each other.

The next surprise came from the offensive line. Although Cohasset couldn't find the back of the Harwich goal, Bostwick pointed out Kimla for having an outstanding game up front. Coming up from JV last year, Kimla's speed and fearlessness have set her apart so far in the '06 season.

In the midfield, senior captain Caitlin Hurley and junior Corinna Durham kept the Rough Riders on their toes.

Unfortunately, three goals from Harwich in the second half supported their reputation as one of the most feared teams in the SSL.

"When we came off the field tied 0-0 at half time, we realized that this game was ours for the taking," explained senior Molly Gallagher. "Since we wanted the win so badly, we started to feel a lot of pressure. We panicked a little bit, but there's always next time on our home turf."

The Skippers will certainly look forward to the challenge when Harwich comes to CHS on Oct. 5.

Preceding this nerve-wracking Harwich showdown, the Skippers battled out Westwood for a decisive 4-1 victory. In this case, Cohasset exhibited their ability to maintain control against less skilled teams.

In the first half, Meehan found Scott for a goal. Soon after, Durham assisted Kimla on a drive down the right side of the field for goal number two.

In the second half, Kimla shared the wealth with an assist to Scott. Finally, Scott iced the cake with a pass to Martone for the Skippers' final goal. Martone, another first-year varsity player, has been another much-wel-

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STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS SHORES

Anthony DiPaulo avolds a tackle on this second quarter run last Saturday against Archbishop Williams. The Skippers' senior quarterback ran for 81 yards and two touchdowns, including a 57-yard jaunt that tied the game late in the fourth quarter.

A quarter to remember

Junior tailback Brian Hill makes a cut on one of his 18 carries on Saturday. Hill ran for a game-high 138 yards.

Skippers stun Archies with 20 fourth quarter points for comeback win

By Mark Goodman
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BRAINTREE – Stunned.

That is the best word to sum up the emotions of Archbishop Williams football fans and players last Saturday, as the visiting Skippers of Cohasset High scored all 20 of their points in the fourth quarter for a rousing 20-14 victory.

And the improbable comeback was completed on the most improbable of plays: a halfback option.

With 33 seconds to go and the ball at the Bishops' 44-yard line, Skippers senior quarterback Anthony DiPaulo took the snap and pitched the ball to his left to junior Brian Hill. Hill, last year's backup quarterback, sold the run long enough the draw the defense before lofting a pass down the sideline to junior wideout Pat Doonan.

Archies senior defensive back Branden Morris began scrambling back and looked like he may have a shot at getting to the pass. Instead, it floated just past his fingertips and into the hands of Doonan, who sprinted into the end zone for the game-winning score.

Just a perfectly normal ending to another day at the office for Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw and his team.

"You have to have a few tricks in the bag; that just seemed to be the right call at the time," Afanasiw said of the play. "But the kids still have to make the play, and they did. Brian Hill hit [Doonan] in stride."

As time expired, Cohasset senior Fletcher Smalzel picked off a last-ditch bomb by Bishops senior signal-caller Mike Sieminski. The last play of the game was fitting, as the Skippers' defense was the story of the second half.

Coming off a first half in which it scored 14 points, Archies started the third quarter with its own trick, a brilliant onside kick by senior tri-captain Chris Costello. The Weymouth native kicked the ball along the ground in front of him and fell on it just as it crossed the 50-yard line – a perfectly executed play.

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Lady Skippers hit the road

STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Anna Haggerty has been a key part of a Cohasset defense that has allowed just four goals through its first six games.

CHS girls soccer kicks off a stretch of 7 straight away matches

By Mark Goodman
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The Cohasset High girls soccer team is entering a part of its schedule that will go a long way in determining what kind of season this is going to be.

The Skippers (5-1 overall, 3-1 league) have thus far been one of the South Shore League's better teams, with their lone blemish being a 2-1 loss to Abington last Thursday. Cohasset rebounded from that with a 4-2 win over Carver on Monday and an 8-0 thrashing of Harwich on Wednesday.

That Harwich match, though, kicked off a run of seven straight games away from Alumni Field. Included in that stretch is a showdown next Friday against three-time defending league champion Norwell (4-0-1, 3-0-1). The Skippers won't play at home again until Oct. 16, when they host the Rough Riders.

In Cohasset's victory against Carver, four different players got into the score column, continuing a season-long theme of goals coming from different sources. Seniors Lara Novak and Haley Haracz scored in the first half, with sophomores Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart tallying in the second.

Haracz's goal, a well placed effort from 25 yards out, was particularly key, as it broke a 1-1 deadlock with 1:56 remaining in the first half.

Cohasset clearly carried the momentum over into the second half. In the 46th minute, Coggins set up freshman Mackenzie Hart with a nice pass across the top of the Carver penalty area, and Hart's shot went just wide of the net. Coggins scored just three minutes later, however, getting to a corner from Torey Hart and poking the ball with the side of her foot into the net for a 3-1 lead.

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Travis Roy to speak at Pilgrim Skating Arena

This Saturday (Sept. 23) at 1 p.m., Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham is hosting Travis Roy, who will be speaking to the Yankee Conference hockey players at their yearly mandatory checking clinic and signing copies of his book, Eleven Seconds. The event is open to anyone interested in attending.

The arena is having a raffle to raise money for the Travis Roy Foundation. Among the items that will be raffled off are four luxury box tickets to a Boston Bruins game, donated by Coca-Cola. The Bruins Foundation has donated a hockey stick and Bruins hats signed by the team.

Reebok/CCM, Nike/Bauer, Mission/Itech, Easton and Smart Hockey have all donated to the raffle with all proceeds going to the Travis Roy Foundation. US Foods has donated ice cream, which will be free to the kids attending.

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On Oct. 20, 1995, only 11 seconds into the first shift of his college hockey career at Boston University, Roy was checked from behind into the boards and shattered his fourth and fifth cervical vertebra, severely damaging his spinal cord. Roy is now a quadriplegic, with no feeling below his shoulders and movement only in his right arm.

Roy is now an accomplished public speaker. The Travis Roy Foundation was established in 1997 to help spinal cord injury survivors and to fund research into a cure. Pilgrim Arena will be donating a check to the Foundation.

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Skippers stun Archies with comeback win

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Three plays later – and thanks in part to a holding penalty on Archies – the Skippers defense had forced a punt.

"The defense held them off nicely; that was a play that could've broken us," Afanasiw said. "A lot of it is because of our seniors. I could hear them in that huddle with coach [Bob] Silvia, and they basically said, 'Get on our backs.' They weren't going to get defeated."

The coach praised his two senior captains, defensive tackle Justin Alexander and linebacker Colin Conway, for establishing that attitude. The Skippers would need that leadership on defense again after they turned the ball over on downs following a 12-play, 75-yard march that brought them to the Bishops' 10.

It was there, however, on a fourth-and-1 that Archies junior Kyle Holmes stuffed Skippers junior P.J. McCaw at the line to give the ball back to the Bishops. After senior Joe Tran ran the ball three times in a row for 18 yards to finish the third quarter, the home team appeared to have all the momentum.

But on the first play of the fourth quarter, Alexander and junior cornerback David Snowdale combined for a sack of Sieminski, and Archies punted two plays later. A solid punt return by Smalzel followed by a 27-yard run from Hill put the ball deep in Archies territory.

Fifty-seven yards and one extra point later, it was a tied game.

and DiPaulo finished the drive four plays later with a four-yard run on an option to the left side.

After Cohasset junior Schyuler Wakefield recovered a Bishops fumble at the Cohasset 25, runs from Hill and McCaw set up a second-and-5 at the Skippers' 43. DiPaulo ran a bootleg around the left side, broke a couple tackles near the line of scrimmage and took off behind the blocking of McCaw and junior tackle Jake Cuneo.

Fifty-seven yards and one extra point later, it was a tied game.

"Without that play, we're still looking for answers," Afanasiw said. "Anthony is just a natural athlete that makes plays and makes things happen."

Another sack by Alexander on Archies' ensuing possession forced the Bishops to punt, and Cohasset took over at its own 24 with 1:15 to play. Seven plays and one timeout later, it was Hill finding Doonan for the game-deciding play.

Hill finished the afternoon with 138 yards rushing, followed by DiPaulo (81), junior Kyle Pinkus (32) and McCaw (12) to round out a 263-yard performance. It was Cohasset's second straight strong game on the ground to open the season, and Afanasiw again gave a lot of the credit to the big guys up front.

"You need linemen that can get the job done. That front five, I'll put them up against everybody," said the coach. "They're executing and getting better each week."

Archies had 164 running yards of their own, led by Tran (61 on 13 rushes), followed by Sieminski (41) junior Kevin Pateline (37) and Costello (23). Tran and Pateline are the Bishops' touchdowns, both on two-yard carries.

The Skippers (2-0) host Cardinal Spellman today (Sept. 22) at 3:30 p.m. The Cardinals are coming off a 20-16 loss to another South Shore League team, Norwell.

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Defensive coordinator Bob Silvia instructs David Snowdale (10) and Anderson Lynner to go at a tiring Bishops offense during Saturday's game. Cohasset's defense pitched a second half shutout to keep the Skippers in the game and set the stage for the fourth quarter dramatics.

The players' take

The halfback option that won Saturday's game against Archbishop Williams was just the latest memory in what has become one of the more compelling rivalries in the area.

Here is what the key players had to say about the play:

The pass thrower, Brian Hill: "It was something we knew we could do. We had worked on it a lot in practice, but when we came into the huddle, I had forgotten about it. But when that call came in, I said, 'We're going to score.'"

The pass catcher, Pat Doonan: "It was perfect play execution. I saw the defensive back take one step up, so I ran behind him and Brian made a nice pass. Everything worked."

The quarterback, Anthony DiPaulo: "When we scored that touchdown, you could see their (Archies players) jaws hit the floor. It was gratifying because we've had an especially good rivalry with them. The games have been close for the last three years."

- Mark Goodman

JV gridders working hard

The JV football team is also getting in the swing of things.

In Nantucket two weeks ago, the Skippers opened up a 6-0 lead in the first half on a quarterback sneak by Johnny Maher. Nantucket came back and scored twice to take the lead 14-6.

With 2:30 left to play, the Skippers marched 95 yards down the field for a touchdown. Alec Livingstone converted for the two points, giving the Skippers a tie as they scrambled to the ferry to head back home.

Last week, the JVs battled a bigger Archbishop Williams team. It was a defensive stalemate for much of the game. Early penalties against the Bishops kept them from the end zone as did a fumble on the Skippers 5-yard line.

Coach Brian Pattison commented, "Our field position was tough for the whole game. We had to fight our way out of our territory, but I saw improvements in the second half."

Archies scored in the first half to lead 8-0. In the second half, a focused Skippers squad came out roaring. An interception and 16-yard return by Maher gave the Skippers significant momentum. Derek Schwantner gained much needed yards on a long catch.

And it was Maher to Nick Savage for the touchdown. Unfortunately, the conversion failed. Coach Craig Davis commented, "Our defense played strongly. We need to gain more consistency from our offense and our boys are working hard towards that goal."

Coach Pattison said, "Our sophomore leadership is the heart and soul of this team. They work hard and lead by example. Charlie Mushin, Mike Froio, Matt Wasel, all the sophomores, give 110 percent and are good role models for the freshman. Our backfield is strong; we have good depth. Good things are happening."

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CHS golfers aim for second

By Mark Goodman
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The Skippers travel to Quincy on Monday before hosting league foe Mashpee on Tuesday and traveling to Harwich on Wednesday.

After losing both of its matches to Norwell – including a tough 27.5-26.5 decision on Tuesday at Cohasset Country Club – the Cohasset High golf team faces long odds in defending its South Shore League championship.

But, having already defeated the other five teams in the league, the Skippers have set the attainable goal of finishing second. The team is also looking forward to the league's stroke play tournament on Oct. 19 at Southers Marsh in Plymouth (Carver's home course).

Cohasset improved to 5-2 on the season with Wednesday's 31-23 win over Abington at Strawberry Valley. Senior Zach Murray earned medalist honors by shooting a +2 36, good enough to defeat his opponent 7.5-1.5 in match play. Fellow senior Kevin Barber was right behind with a 37.

At the fourth spot in the lineup, sophomore Jon Wade improved his record for the season to 6-0-1 with a 5.5-3.5 win. Freshman Ian Quinlin, in his first varsity match, earned a tie with his Green Wave opponent.

In Tuesday's loss to Norwell, Cohasset had three of its six golfers win their match. Skippers number-3, junior Charlie Czerkawski, shot a 44 to defeat Norwell junior Mike White, 5-4. Freshmen Chase Stebbins and John Sturino both won at five and six, respectively.

Stebbins has turned in an impressive season so far, going 5-1-1 while competing at the fifth spot in the lineup all year. At number-6, Sturino (2-1-1) and junior Chris Mills (2-0-1) had both split time before Quinlin's debut on Wednesday.

Playing in the alternate spots have been seniors Owen Stevenson and John Coffey; juniors Matt Blaze, and Conor Michaud; sophomore Pat Hurley; and freshemn Conor Queenan and Harry Cipolla.

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Torey Hart (19) is the Skippers' leading scorer with six goals going into Wednesday's (Sept. 20) game against Harwich.

Lady Skippers hit the road

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That would be all the scoring Cohasset needed, through Torey Hart put one in for good measure in the middle of the second half, scoring on a breakaway set up by a good pass from sophomore Maggie McGoldrick.

Cohasset head coach Deb Beal said after the game the team made a key adjustment at halftime and then followed it through with proper execution on the pitch.

"At halftime, we talked about possession, and we came out and connected on five or six passes in a row right off the bat," Beal said. "So they listen and they work hard at possessing the ball."

The defense took care of the rest. Coggins and junior left back Anna Haggerty did a nice job of containing Carver's Tina Gillen, one of the league's fastest and most talented players. Sophomore sweeper Sammie Lehr played well as the last line of defense, as Carver rarely got into the Skippers penalty box.

The match got off to a slow start, but in the eighth minute, Novak scored the game's first goal, also coming on a corner from Hart. With that goal, Cohasset's quick passing game began to pick up the pace. On one particular play in the 27th, Sarah Coggins found her older sister, Emily, with a pass up the left sideline. Emily then played a great through ball to junior Meg Anderson for a breakaway; only a good stop from the Carver keeper kept the ball out of the net.

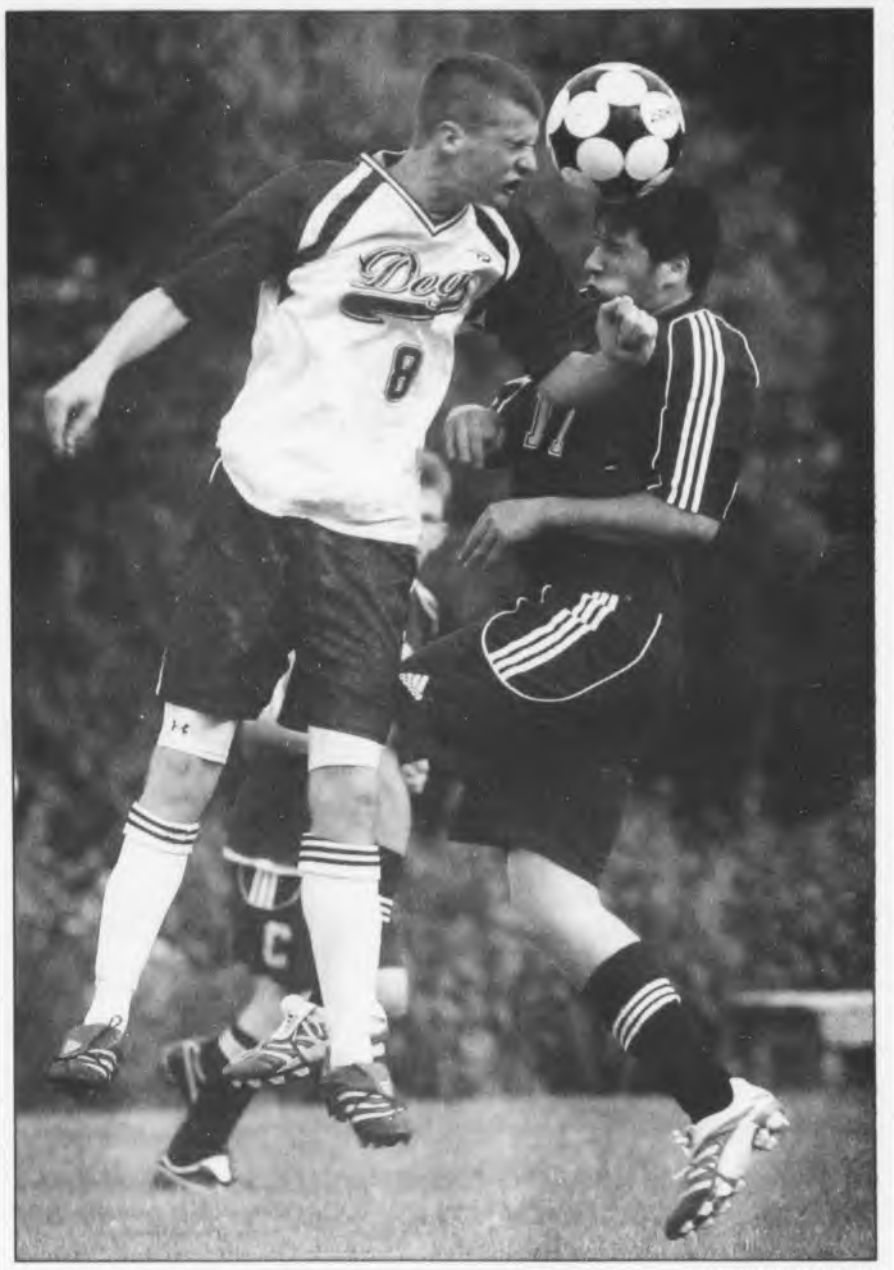
Carver did manage to tie up with nine minutes to go in the half, but the Skippers went right back to work and scored a well-earned goal from Haracz.

The win was the team's first game since the Abington loss. Beal said her team did not play well in the first half and found itself in a 2-0 hole at the break. A goal by Sarah Coggins from just outside the 18 brought the Skippers back in the game, but they couldn't get the equalizer.

Cohasset will be hoping to reproduce that second half over the full 80 minutes when the teams play again in Abington on Oct. 10.

Overall, Beal is pleased with her team's 5-1 start, during which Cohasset has outscored its opponents 31-4. The coach gives a lot of credit to her four senior captains, Novak, Emily Coggins, Caren Garber and Kara Wilcox.

"The senior leadership has been great, and the younger kids are bringing new ideas to the table," said Beal. "We have such great chemistry. I've never had a team get along as well as this one."



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Cohasset's Chris Donze (11) challenges Rockland's Andy Reed for the header during the teams' season opener on Sept. 6. The Skippers are still looking for their first win of the season after Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Harwich gave them a record of 0-3-2 on the season. Cohasset hosts Hull on Tuesday before a showdown on the road next Friday at South Shore League leading Norwell.

No 'I' in this team

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comed surprise to Bostwick with her aggressiveness.

In the middle, Bostwick commended senior captain Laura Campedelli, senior Virginia Spofford, junior Meghan Coakley and sophomore Georgia Murley. Defensively, Gallagher and junior Sondra Hart have adapted well to some shifting in positions.

For the near future, the Skippers face off against Mashpee and Carver this week. Bostwick plans to utilize her deep bench to wear down the opponents in the midfield. So far, Bostwick feels that Cohasset's midfield line, consisting of Campedelli, Durham, Hurley, Murley, and Coakley, has done a great job in transition.

Scott agreed, saying, "The middies and the forwards communicate really well together. This definitely helps us to get into scoring position."

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Instructional Hockey for Coastal Stars Youth Hockey program is now open for online registration. The fee for the season is $500, which includes practice ice, skills session and weekend games. Full equipment is required. Skating skills are required.

If you have any questions, please visit the website. The season begins Oct. 2 with Skills at Hobomock Arena, 5 p.m.

Coastal Stars Learn to Skate begins Saturday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at Hobomock Arena. Helmets, gloves, and neck guards required. Please visit the website for further information and online registration.

Winter rec hoops

The Recreation department will be taking walk-in registrations for Winter recreation basketball for all kids in grades 1-8 until Friday, Sept. 29.

Registration and coaches sign-up sheets are available in the Recreation office at the town hall. See Jack Whorley in the recreation office for details or email ellenmaher63@comcast.net for more information.

Cohasset Youth Baseball Major League tryouts

The tryouts for the 2007 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Barnes Field from noon to 2:30 p.m.

All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2007 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2007 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try out. All 12-year olds (born between May 1, 1994 and April 30, 1995) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team.

Please note: Effective for the 2008 season, 12-year olds are automatic selections for the major leagues provided that they attend the tryout and play at least one year in the American League.

Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 11:30 a.m. This will be the only opportunity to try out. The rain date will be Saturday, Sept. 30. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

12U softball tryouts

Cohasset youth softball, a girls fast-pitch organization, will be holding tryouts for their 12U team on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Freedom Diamond at the Barnes Complex in Cohasset. To be considered for the team, you must be 12 years of age on Jan. 1, 2007.

This is a new tournament team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2007 summer season. All positions are available, making for a great opportunity for players. The current plan is to play a minimum of four weekend tournaments in June and July after the CYBSA season has ended.

For more information on the tryouts or the team in general, contact Rob Spofford at (781)383-1680 or email Spofford@spoffordgroup.com.

Boot Camp fitness training

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Tuesday, Sept. 19 through Thursday, Nov. 23 on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset. You may register by calling the recreation department at (781)383-4109.

The session concludes Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day) with a race in Hingham.

Ms. Callanan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all ability levels. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

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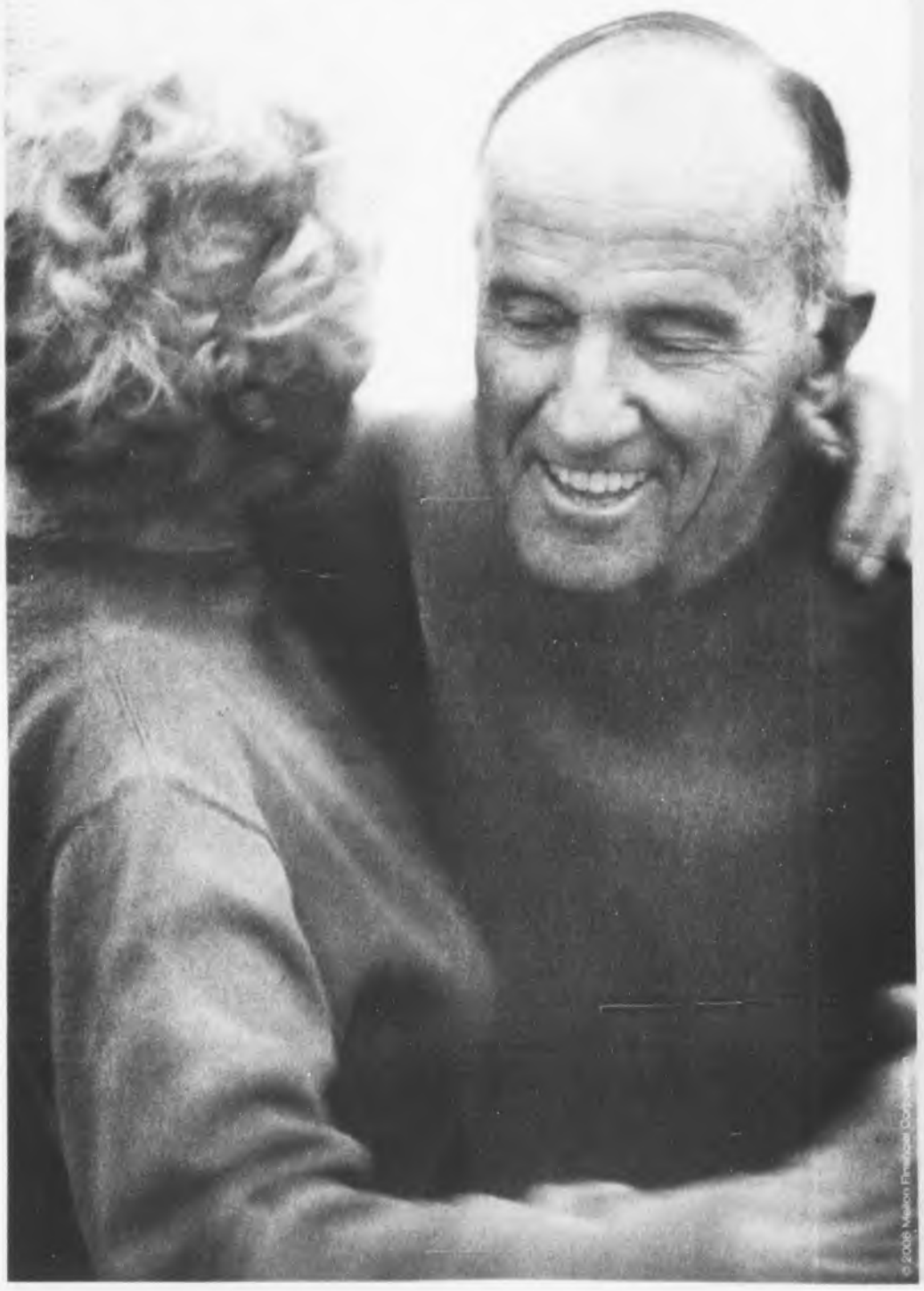

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Plenty of news to keep you awake

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Week 3. *To sleep or not to sleep, that is the question.* Staying up to finish our assignments cuts into the slumber that fuels us through the day. Collectively, students become irritable and struggle to stay conscious in class. Recently, Time Magazine published an article about the detrimental effects of homework. Look it up online, the research is really interesting. This should keep you awake: here's the news for this week, and plenty of it.

• Last week the following seniors acted as peer leaders during the Freshman Orientation: **Caren Garber, Colleen Richardson, Lara Novak, Tim Toomey, Austin Breslow, Kevin Barber, Tristram Norman, Charles Miller**, and **Mike Corry**. They shared some of their high school experiences and offered advice to the new ninth-grade class.

• Debate team has a new coach, Mr. Willis.

• The Social Awareness Organization had their first meeting Thursday after school

• National Honor Society is in the process of deciding their group project.

• Project SAFEGUARD met Monday after school.

• This week Student Council speeches were given for the positions of Student Council President and Vice President. Results will be announced next week.

• Wednesday was a gladly welcomed half-day, and Parents Night at the middle and high school

• The Cohasset School Foundation met Thursday night.

• School Committee met Wednesday night.

• Congratulations to **Emily Nash** and **Ellen Tarpey**, recently published authors in Teen Ink magazine! Ms. Berman's English classes submit work for this national publication all year, so let's hope we get some more published authors.

• Congratulations to Madame Kelly, department chair of the Foreign Language Department on maternity leave, who gave birth to a baby girl **Mackenzie**!

• On a personal note, this reporter met with the State Student Advisory Council on Thursday. I serve as an elected delegate and a member of the Legislative work group on the SSAC, representing approximately 23,000 students across the state. Last year **Jean Thomae** and I were elected to the Greater Boston Regional Student Advisory Council, and we will both be attending meetings throughout the school year.

• The entire sixth-grade will be making their trip to Camp Bournedale next week. The memorable experience is a staple of growing up in Cohasset Public Schools system.

• The Spinnaker staff is hard at work collecting donations and advertisements in addition to completing their stories. Some members were at Back to School night Wednesday selling subscriptions and accepting donations.

•Seniors are compiling résumés, brag sheets and writing college essays. The challenge here is writing effectively and setting oneself apart from the masses of applicants in 500 words or so. Piece of cake, right?

The weather is all that remains of summer as we near the end of September. Have a great weekend. Cohasset. Monday will be here before we know it.

Thomas Buckley and Emily St. John, who are now freshmen, received their Scholar Leader Awards for outstanding scholarship and leadership last spring.

CMHS students earn Scholar Leader Award

By Samantha Brown
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Two new freshmen at Cohasset High School ended their careers at the middle school on a high note, as both were awarded the Scholar Leader Award, given by the New England League of Middle Schools.

Emily St. John and Thomas Buckley were both recognized for their achievements at a banquet held this spring at the DCU Center in Worcester. In a letter sent to the students from Middle School Assistant Principal Beth Sternala she praised the students for their achievements.

"During your career at Cohasset Middle School, you have achieved high standards academically; you have demonstrated integrity, honesty, self-discipline and courage; you have provided service to your classmates and school, and you have served as a role model for your peers, making you an optimal candidate for this award. We are proud of your efforts and achievements and feel honored to have you represent our school."

The Scholar Leader Award program is intended to give public recognition to two students from each middle school in the state that have distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding scholarship and leadership. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools organize the award annually.

Informal screening for 3 and 4 year olds

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2006; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18, 2007.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

10:25 p.m. **Sohier St**. Building checks.

11:12 p.m. **Tedeschi, North Scituate.** BOLO announcement. Scituate Police reports a 1996 blue Jeep Grand Cherokee stolen from Tedeschi's parking lot in North Scituate. The keys were sin it and the Jeep was running. Scituate Police Department reports they took a left at the lights there.

11:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** Motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:22 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road.** Noise complaint. Caller reports there are a group of teenagers in front of the library making a ton of noise. Officer reports it's a couple of women waiting for a cab. No problem.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

10:30 a.m. **All schools**. Building checks.

10:49 a.m. **Elm St.** Property recovered. Walk-in party found an unopened needle on the sidewalk near the hotel.

3:09 p.m. **No. Main St.** Well being check. Walk-in party reports the person at the above address, their phone has been busy for three days, and it's not like this person to be out of contact.

3:44 p.m. **King St.** Motor vehicle crash/no injury. Motor vehicle at entrance to Sunrise location.

5:18 p.m. **Lawson Road,** Scituate. Scituate Fire requested R3 to respond to this location for a Lifeline activation for a 94-year-old female.

7:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Road** and Hull St. Motor vehicle stop for defective equipment.

8:28 p.m. **Hull St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

8:39 p.m. **Elm St**. Motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:02 p.m. **No. Main St.** Motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:09 p.m. **No. Main St. and Green St.** Motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation-warning.

11:12 p.m. **No. Main St.** Disturbance. Caller states that the people living below her are fighting and making too much noise. Three summoned to court.

11:48 p.m. **Rustic Drive.** Caller advised that she just returned home from vacation. She stated someone ate something from her refrigerator and used her bathroom. She will check with neighbor that was caring for residence and will get back with police if needed. Caller advised no forced entry.

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

1:34 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

4:03 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller advised she heard a noise, caller advised there is a vehicle on the side of the road near her house, officer advised it was a hit and run – vehicle is red with front end damage.

8:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, a possible heart attack.

10:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, assault and battery, walk in party, who also called, reports his son was riding his bike with 2 friends when a man told them to slow down and when passing this man he punched one of them in the arm. This happened on Ripley Road near the post office.

10:29 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, chest pains.

10:39 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, B&E (past/report), worker from Henry's reports it looks like someone tried to brake in last night.

12:03 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:47 p.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a dead seagull on the golf river.

4:58 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, investigated/report taken.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

12:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:01 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement. Statewide early Canada goose season Sept. 25 hunting hours fi before sunrise to sunset daily except Sunday. Hunting license and waterfowl stamps required. No discharge within 500' of dwelling in use or 150' of roadway.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:28 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:35 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks, area checks secure.

2:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

4:30 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, buses check secure.

7:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service.

11:03 a.m. **Linden Drive**, fire, caller reports there is a cat that has been stuck up in a tree now for a couple days.

1:50 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, keep the peace, walk in party request an officer escort to this location so he can gather his equipment from a project that has been discontinued.

4:10 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a coyote in her yard.

4:33 p.m. **Linden Circle**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a large coyote roaming in the neighborhood.

6:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:44 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller advised she is blocked in by a vehicle that is broken down. Contacted owner of vehicle – they already contacted Triple A.

8:01 p.m. **Beach St.**, assist citizen, caller wanted to see officer reference to phone calls she received. Caller wanted officer to know that it was Alarm Company calling in reference to her son's house in Norwell.

10:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 p.m. **Beach St.**, noise complaint, caller advised she heard a loud noise.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:41 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:16 a.m. **Pond St.**, public assist.

9:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public assist, officers at this location for traffic.

10:25 a.m. **Lincoln Park**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a female that has fallen.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, walk in party reports larceny from her business believed to be $2000 taken by an employee.

2:05 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, public service, Sgt. reports he is at this location for traffic problems. Sgt. reports the safety officer will have to address this situation, it is a disaster with the traffic.

2:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a large blue garbage truck traveling down 3A going through red lights. Caller reports the driver yelled something out the window that sounded like "brakes" caller believes the truck has lost his brakes. Sgt. in the area. Hingham PD notified. Sgt. has the vehicle pulled over in Hingham with a Hingham cruiser on East Street.

3:04 p.m. **East St., Hingham**, motor vehicle stopped, Sgt. has truck pulled over at this location with Hingham PD on scene. Truck is coming back, suspended from the Registry when running the plate.

5:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious person, disabled motor vehicle, family member was present and officer clear.

6:37 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:15 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Equipment failure.

8:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Passing on right.

8:40 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:02 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 p.m. **Border St.**, B&E, caller states that someone broke into their house and is still on the premises. Suspect is in custody and units are speaking with victim. P/C: Douglas J. Megna, 35, 27 Algonquin Terrace, Plymouth. Charges: Protective custody, felony for B&E into building in the nighttime.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

12:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:07 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Mark Anthony Santos, 22, 85 Cary St., Brockton. Charges: Speeding in violation of special regulation, operating motor vehicle with suspended license, WMS warrant, marked lanes violation.

3:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

5:53 a.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:30 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:08 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:46 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check, caller reports a female standing directly in the middle of the road in a red bathrobe and a Santa Clause hat waving to traffic that goes by. Units report they have spoken to the female party and advised to stay out of the street. Everything checks ok for the time.

11:12 a.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, lost property, walk in party reports she had a cell phone stolen.

1:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/ALS, several calls reporting motor vehicle into a house.

3:12 p.m. **Rust Way**, parking complaint.

8:33 p.m. **Grampy's Gas Station/Hingham Rotary**, bolo announcement. Hingham reports they had an assault at Grampy's Gas Station and the vehicle involved took off.

8:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports there is a man walking on the right side of the road headed southbound and he appears to be intoxicated.

11:42 p.m. **Summer St.**, walk in party reports a domestic in the parking lot of the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

11:58 p.m. **Elm St.**, open door/window, caller states all the doors were open and the lights are on.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

1:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, public assist.

8:22 a.m. **Aberdeen Drive, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller requesting radar in the morning hours (7-8 a.m.). Cars speeding past the bus stop.

9:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, hazard, several calls reporting a large shovel in the middle of 3A.

10:08 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, assist other police department, Scituate Police requesting an officer go to this location to view damage on a vehicle from a hit and run in Scituate earlier this morning.

10:34 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:16 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports inside gas leak at this location. Fire Lt. Reports this is sewer gas not natural gas.

3:31 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports a female was hit in the head by a box.

4:21 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:27 p.m. **Brook St.**, hazard, Sgt. reports the construction at this location will need a detail, they should be calling for one shortly.

4:40 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service, walk in party picked up 209A at police station.

6:43 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:48 p.m. **Church St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:57 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party requests to speak to an officer.

7:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:08 p.m. Larceny (report).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

12:01 a.m. **King St.**, assist citizen, unknown caller states pick up truck passing him threw trash out the window almost hit his motor vehicle. Searched 3A southbound negative results.

1:10 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

2:12 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious activity, caller advised a white man, heavy set, tall, early 20's, driving a blue Ford Explorer went into his vehicle.

2:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

6:30 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:01 a.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:01 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports her Golden Retriever is lost.

11:41 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Hobart Lane**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, detail officer reports someone told him there was an accident up the street.

11:47 a.m. **Church St.**, traffic complaint.

12:13 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, hazard.

12:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, caller reports large amount of glass in the road.

3 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports his wife went to Sandy Beach today with the kids and there was no place to park because people without stickers were parked everywhere.

3:18 p.m. **Cushing Rd., and Oak St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:18 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:36 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports there is no place to park around his home or at Sandy Beach. The Sgt. has advised dispatch that there is a wedding today and there will be an officer at this location. They do have permission.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

12:35 a.m. **Summer St.**, hazard, officer advised removed 4 large rocks from the middle of the road.

12:56 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

2:24 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, medical aid, male with severe pain in leg.

7 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:04 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, keep the peace, officer requested to above location for a male party picking up belongings.

2:20 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:37 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, parking complaint, caller states that there is a silver 4 door Sedan parked so that if another vehicle tried to get by it couldn't. Officer reports the vehicle is in a bad spot and is trying to locate whom it belongs to.

7:28 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a dead squirrel in his backyard.

10:18 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

10:18 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

12:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:50 a.m. **Country Way**, mutual aid to Scituate, male party with a hurt leg.

1:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks, unsecured door.

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4:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:55 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:02 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:33 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, railroad construction equipment is making noise. Workers will stop until 7.

6:53 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement. All traffic within acceptable limits.

7:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement. Checking for flow of traffic.

7:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:24 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Resident has fallen.

8:10 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. Female has fallen and has injuries.

10:20 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:13 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports there is a vehicle parked illegally and needs it moved in order to get his vehicle out.

1:20 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, Fire Capt. Reports there are problems with the signal from the panel for the AED, it is coming in as a fire alarm and its just a medical alarm.

2:12 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, fire, E3 to this location to test medical box with the building department.

2:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:51 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a yellow Lab followed her back from the park when she was walking, she will keep him tied up at her home for now and see if someone calls.

3:09 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:32 p.m. **South Main St., and West Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:45 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, walk in party complained of a gas leak at this location. Keyspan notified.

5:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire alarm activation, caller stated there was a fire alarm going off in the building. Units on scene stated it was accidental, food burning.

6:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, caller found a yellow Lab in her backyard with no collar, she has it tied up and has given it food.

7:08 p.m. **Damon Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to this location.

9:46 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:55 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. 23-year-old Scituate male summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, motor vehicle lights violation.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

4:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check. Caller reports a vehicle with the windows up and a dog inside. Officer reports she has located the vehicle and there is a dog inside with the windows up, she is going to attempt and contact the owner. Officer has located the owner, situation taken care of.

9:37 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement..

10:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:47 a.m. **Spindrift Lane**, threats, walk in party reports she would like to talk to an officer regarding a problem she is having with another female.

10:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:07 p.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, assist motorist, minor motor vehicle accident at this location.

12:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run. Caller reports his truck was just hit and the suspect has moved his vehicle to the other side of the parking lot.

1:27 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:25 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:55 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, animal complaint, 2 seals have washed up on the beach.

3:36 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, officer assisting a resident load some things back onto a truck.

6:40 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:45 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:51 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

12:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:55 a.m. **King St.**, public service, Mobil Mart is closed.

1:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:33 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:47 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, officer wanted, officer reports a construction worker has reported a wallet stolen or lost, unsure yet at this time. Scituate PD had a report yesterday of the same type of incident.

10:09 a.m. **Doctors Hill Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a patient.

11:18 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

11:28 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a woman not feeling well.

7:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, party in lobby would like to speak with an officer.

11:37 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, the Water Dept. is flushing the hydrant.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

2:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools checks secure.

6:54 a.m. **Spring St.**, public service, walk in party reports a water leak.

6:56 a.m. **Hull St.**, disabled motor vehicle in the middle of the road. Hingham notified.

7:04 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

9:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports 2 lost cell phones.

9:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports building checks secure.

12:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, callers report a dead baby seal on the side of the road at the top of the beach. ACO has contacted the Aquarium. ACO is meeting with the Aquarium Rescue Team at this time.

12:48 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:53 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, caller requests ambulance for a resident with pain in their leg. Fire Capt. requests private ambulance.

1:06 p.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports school buildings check secure.

2:23 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, downed power lines, officer reports cable wire down at this location.

2:36 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, transported SSH/BLS, caller reports a woman has been hit by a car.

9:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD reports an erratic driver came from Norwell through Scituate and now is in Cohasset. The reporting party has been driving behind him and has followed the driver to Shaws Plaza. Officer now on scene.

August was busy for fire department

A summary of Fire Department responses during the August is as follows: building fires two; brush fires two; motor vehicle fires two; motor vehicle crashes 10; medical emergencies 88; inspections 57; investigations eight; assistance calls four; and miscellaneous responses 45. Forty-eight emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 47 medical emergencies and one fire call, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln stated in his monthly status report.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 63 patients to South Shore Hospital. Mutual aid ambulances transported five patients to South Shore Hospital. Med-Flight Helicopter transported a victim of an industrial accident to a Boston hospital. One motor vehicle crash required that a patient be transported to South Shore Hospital, Lincoln said.

Fire alarm activation responses totaled 20 during the month of August. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for six responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 14 responses. The two responses classified as building fires were caused by electrical malfunctions: one in a fluorescent light fixture and one in an air conditioning system component, Lincoln said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen has scheduled the fall special town meeting on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. In addition, the Board of Selectmen has voted to close the warrant for that meeting on Friday, September 29, 2006 at 1:00 PM. Pursuant to Article II of the Cohasset General Bylaws, the Selectmen shall insert any article in the warrant for a special town meeting upon written request by one hundred (100) registered voters of the Town provided it is submitted by the above deadline. The names and address of the first ten (10) registered voters requesting insertion of an article shall be printed in the warrant immediately following such article.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2141EP

In the Estate of
BARTHOLOMEW P. WINN
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 29, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARLENE J. WINN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 11, 2006**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, August 31, 2006.

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If you'd like to be part of this, the first thing you have to do is learn how to find great real estate deals. Plus, there are a few other "trade secrets" you need to know. How are you going to learn all these secrets? That's easy. The man in Jacksonville (his name is Ron LeGrand) has spent a small fortune to put on Workshops in the New England area. All you have to do is go to one of these Workshops and you'll learn his secrets...

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There's no cost to you whatsoever to attend. There are 6 Workshops scheduled throughout the course of 3 days: Friday, September 22nd, 1:00-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-9:30 p.m.; September 23rd, Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, September 24th 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 and 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

It's recommended you get there about an hour early. Be sure to bring pen and paper... because... during this Workshop, you'll learn secrets about making HUGE profits in real estate... which... will *amaze* you... and...

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If that's something which appeals to you, come check out this Workshop. You'll probably be so excited by what's revealed, you'll have a hard time sleeping that night.

The Workshops will be held on Friday, September 22nd at the Marriott Hartford Rocky Hill in Rocky Hill CT.; Saturday, September 23rd at the Marriott Boston Burlington in Burlington, MA; and Sunday, September 24th at the Marriott Boston Newton in Newton, MA

Be sure to go to one of these Workshops. It'll only last a few hours... but... it will change your life.

Seats are limited and pre-registration is required. Seats are given on a first-call, first-served basis.

Once you attend you'll receive Ron LeGrand's Property Inspection Quick Start Kit... valued at $99.95. This kit is designed to help launch your new career so you'll be able to leave the Workshop and start looking at properties like a professional.

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Flute and Harp Concert celebrates Mozart's birthday

Boston-based duo 2, with Peter H. Bloom, flute, and Mary Jane Rupert, harp, will perform "Intimate Mozart," a flute and harp concert celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday, on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 3 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. Cohasset. Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

The program will feature two of the composer's masterpieces: Concerto in C Major (K.299) for Flute and Harp and the Turkish Concerto in A Major (K. 219), originally written for violin and performed in the Sept. 24 concert in a seldom-heard transcription for flute. The duo will also perform selections from "Don Giovanni" and other Mozart operas.

"We're performing two of Mozart's most famous and spectacular concertos," said Bloom. "Usually, they're presented in large concert halls with full orchestra. In our 'unplugged Wolfgang,' the audience has a rare chance to hear the soloists in an intimate setting, without the distraction of an orchestra. No notes, nuances or gestures are lost, yet everything is more vivid."

Bloom and Rupert have performed together for more than 15 years, appearing in venues across the United States, and have two compact discs on the North Star label.

Acclaimed as a concert pianist and harpist, Rupert has given solo recitals from Carnegie Hall to Beijing Concert Hall, and has appeared with symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the United States. She can be heard on CDs from North Star and Harmony Hill. She's on the faculties of Wellesley College, Tufts University, Boston College and MIT. Rupert earned a bachelor of music degree in piano from Oberlin College, and holds master's degrees in piano and harp, and a doctor of music degree in piano performance and music literature from Indiana University.

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Bloom has given solo recitals from Boston's Jordan Hall to Beverly Hills, tours nationally with chamber groups and jazz ensembles and appears on more than 25 CDs. He is a winner of the American Musicological Society's Noah Greenberg Award for his work in 19th century American music. Bloom is a historical instrument consultant to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, has served on the faculties of New England Conservatory and Regis College, and is a board member of the James Pappoutsakis Flute Competition. He holds a master's degree in music in flute performance with distinction from the New England Conservatory.

Tickets available for animal shelter benefit

Tickets are now available for the Scituate Animal Shelter's Bark 'n Howl Ball, Saturday, Oct. 28, at the River Club in Scituate, from 7 p.m. to midnight. The evening will include a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the music of local band Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions.

Tickets are $125 each, $100 is tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, Scituate, to replace the facility currently on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, accommodating stray, homeless, injured and surrendered companion animals.

Tickets are $125 each, $100 is tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund.

Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available.

For more information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Local quilt guild to present show

The Herring Run Quilt Guild, representing more than 100 quilters from 16 South Shore communities, will present its ninth biennial Quilt Show at Norwell Middle School, 330 Main St., Route 123, Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 newly made traditional and art quilts will be on display, including members' creative responses to a textured landscape challenge. Entrance fee is $5. Door prizes, a raffle quilt, vendors, snacks and a boutique will be available, as well as a silent auction to benefit breast cancer research.

The mission of the Herring Run Quilt Guild is to educate and encourage its members in the art of quilt making and to do charitable works. Last year, the guild made and distributed 56 quilts to Katrina victims, local hospitals and shelters. New members are welcome. Call Martha Cook at 781-545-0734 for more information.

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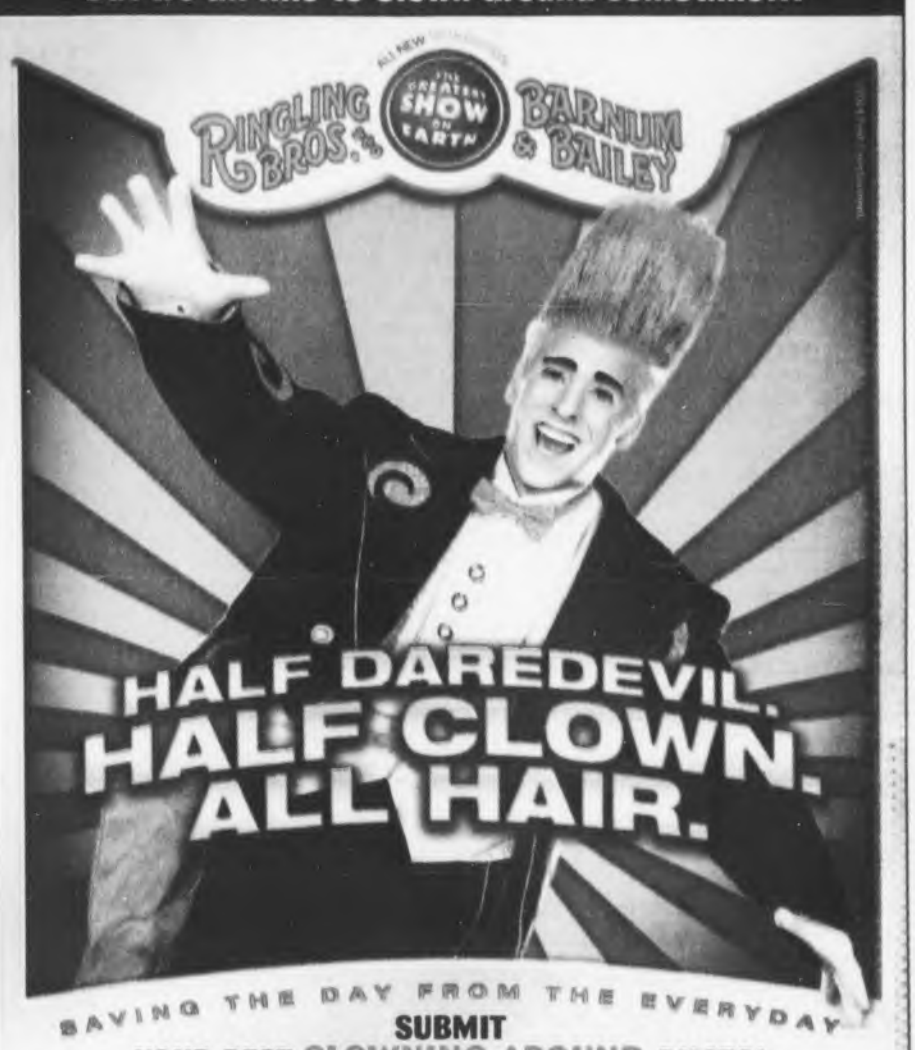

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IT'S HAPPENING

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Garden club to meet

Community Garden Club of Cohasset will begin its general meeting and event season Tuesday, Sept. 26, in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m., and the business meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Bulb Sale is under way, and a great selection of spring flowering bulbs will be available for purchase at this meeting. The program, titled "Sensational Dahlias," will be presented by master gardener Donna Lane. She will discuss dahlia identification and culture with photos and specimens from her own garden.

Autumn Boutique

Enjoy a glass of wine while shopping for gifts, clothing and accessories on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Lighthouse Keeper's Residence, Bancroft Hall, 15 Lighthouse Lane, Cohasset. Admission is complimentary and open to all.

The event is sponsored by Anna William Handbags, Dear Olive, Elizabeth and Kate, Emily Kuvin Jewelry, Frosted Brownie, Jodi's Jems, Little Black Dress Wines, Magpie Rings, The Pink Poppy and Triveah Clothing.

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DESTINATIONS

Love, Caribbean style

Royal Clipper provides tropical setting for romance

By JESSICA HESLAM and DAVE WEDGE

ABOARD THE ROYAL CLIPPER -- As we relaxed in a rope net suspended over the turquoise waters of the Caribbean, we watched spectacular sails being hoisted and knew this was no ordinary cruise.

But with a diamond ring hidden away in a suitcase, only one of us knew just how unforgettable it would be.

We had arrived in sunny Bridgetown, Barbados, to catch this classic sailing ship, and were welcomed onboard with rum punch-filled champagne flutes, tropical music and a buffet of appetizers.

Our hammock relaxing came after an overnight in one of the Royal Clipper's standard oceanview cabins, small but comfortable (some cabins are inside, without views, and there are also suites available).

On our first full day onboard this 220-passenger, five-mast vessel, we were slicing through the smooth-as-glass waters of the Caribbean en route to Union Island, a tiny and nearly deserted paradise in the Grenadine Islands of the West Indies.

The white-sand beach of remote Chatham Bay was a quick and easy boat ride from our vessel, and we carried along towels, sunblock and reading material -- and an urge to relax.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky as we claimed a spot in the shade of a palm tree and headed into the crystal clear waters, admiring our proud sailing ship anchored in the distance.

While there are the usual cruise ship spaces onboard the Royal Clipper -- dining room, swimming pools, spa, bar -- they are limited and being on this ship is much more intimate. We felt like lucky guests on some millionaire's private yacht.

Built in 1990 in Europe, the Royal Clipper boasts 42 sails that stretch nearly 200 feet into the sky, making it the tallest fully-rigged sailing ship in the world.

Royal Clipper in The Grenadines

PHOTOS BY JESSICA HESLAM

St. Lucia hot springs

Each time the vessel leaves port, guests flock to the top deck and marvel as the crew lowers the massive sails while dramatic Greek music plays -- locals onshore admire the sight too.

There's nothing quite like the first time you see the sails go up; we never tired of the sight, although that music got old after a point. Admiring the sails at night with cocktails in hand on the open deck is very romantic in a swashbuckling sort of way.

The Royal Clipper is a classy, upscale ship, but it isn't for everybody. It's not as stabilized as cruise ships and some may get seasick. At times, you can really feel every roll and every wave. It took some getting used to, but by the second night we had our sea legs.

Another port on our weeklong adventure was Grenada, a tropical island known for its spices. Our cab driver took us to the tourist-packed Grand Mal beach, where we were instantly mobbed by locals peddling trinkets.

We passed and instead wandered to the Grenada Grand Beach Resort, where we found some chairs under a leafy tree and relaxed with a reasonably priced cold beer and pina colada from a nearby outdoor bar.

After sunset, we took a small boat back to our ship, its white lights shimmering off the sea.

Dinner shipboard is in the dining room, with an ornate, grand spiral staircase descending into the space and colorful murals giving the setting an old European charm. The international menu is heightened by the attentive and diverse staff who hail from around the globe.

The guests, too, come from all over for this unusual sailing experience. Among our newfound friends were a Guatamalan ship builder named Achilles, a friendly couple from the tiny British island of Guernsey, a Texas couple on their 25th anniversary and a Pittsburgh neurologist and his wife.

The food is less mass-produced and much fresher than the fare on large cruise ships. The chefs pick up the catch of the day at each port and prepare it flawlessly. We didn't have a morsel of seafood -- or even a piece of fruit -- that was anything less than outstanding.

By far, our favorite port was Tobago Cays, part of a chain of tiny islands near Trinidad and Tobago where wealthy yacht owners from surrounding resorts party and sunbathe. We took a snorkeling excursion organized by the ship to breathtaking Saltwhistle Bay, where we swam among tropical fish, including a huge manta ray. The snorkeling trip included unlimited rum punch -- which we took full advantage of -- and equipment, for about $50 a person. Afterward, the ship hosted a free beach barbecue that proved to be a guest favorite.

The ship's watersports team brought out banana boats, wake boards, kayaks and sailboats, which are available for passenger use at every port for no extra charge. A late-afternoon banana boat ride around the bay capped a perfect day for us -- except we also had quite a night ahead of us.

After another delicious seafood dinner onboard, we hit the ship's bar for the weekly gaming activity, a live crab race. We won $70. Still laughing about our victory, we went for a moonlight stroll on the deck and proved just how romantic this cruise can be: Dave popped the question and we got engaged.

As new spouses-to-be, we woke up early the next day for a dolphin sightseeing tour on St. Vincent. We didn't see any dolphins, but the guide brought us to a tranquil, volcanic black-sand beach accessible only by boat.

The picturesque island, home to the region's only active volcano, is where some of the footage for the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies was shot.

Later that day, the Royal Clipper sailed to Bequia, another tropical paradise where million-dollar yachts dot the shoreline. A beachside playground for superstars like Jimmy Buffett, David Bowie and Mick Jagger, the island is lined with quaint shops, bars and restaurants. For us, The Frangiapani hotel/bar was the perfect spot to watch the Caribbean sunset.

We needed to unwind, as visiting two islands in one day made us feel a bit rushed and certainly cut into beach time. The ship also did two stops in Martinique -- one in the Fort de France shopping district and a second in the afternoon at a gorgeous beachfront resort.

Another day in St. Lucia, we stopped at a beach resort at Marigot Bay before heading to the sulphur-spring mudbaths and a rain-forest waterfall in Soufriere.

In between stops we got plenty of relaxation aboard the ship, swimming in its three pools, reading in the shade of the sails and gazing out into the open ocean.

With coconut oil still on our skin, we had one final day on the beach in Barbados before catching a late-afternoon flight home -- tan, relaxed and engaged.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Sept. 24 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "What is your ministry?"

This service will be followed by a Faith Works Coffee Hour in the Parish House. Come meet representatives of parish committees and task forces, learn more about the groups they represent, how they form our volunteer ministry at First Parish, and what you can do This is an opportunity for all to decide what your ministry is for the year ahead!

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Parents, please bring your child(ren) directly to the Parish House. Our Religious Education Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m.

To register your child(ren) for Religious Education at First Parish, phone Nan Moore at 781-383-1100.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays). Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. This Sunday, Sept. 24, we will be celebrating our annual parish picnic on Cohasset Common.

This week's schedule includes:

Sunday, Sept. 24 : 9 a.m. Youth/teen "Devo" service; 9 a.m. Outreach meeting; 11:40 a.m. Intercessory Prayer; 12 noon Parish Picnic;

Monday, Sept. 25: 7 p.m. Profile meeting; 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Tuesday, Sept. 26: 7 p.m. Parenting your Teen

Wednesday, Sept. 27: 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, "Esther"

Thursday, Sept. 28: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Prep

Friday, Sept. 29: 9:30 a.m. Yoga; 10 a.m. Reception with Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley from Mississippi to talk about post-Katrina life.

Saturday, Sept. 30: 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship

Sunday, Oct. 1: 9 a.m: Youth worship; 10 a.m. Partakers Prison Ministry homily followed by presentation for parish.

The readings for next week include a lesson from Numbers, Chapter 11 in which the Lord helps Moses by comforting his people who are in the wilderness. In a reading from James, Chapter 4: 7 -12, Christians are counseled to draw near to the Lord, while not presuming to judge their neighbors. And in the Gospel from Mark, Chapter 9: 38-43,45,47-48, Jesus bids his disciples to accept all who seek to do good in his name.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

OBITUARIES

Charles P. Sweeney

Charles P. Sweeney, 92, of Cohasset, died Sept. 10, 2006, at his home.

The son of the late Daniel Patrick Sweeney and Mary Agnes (Nelligan) Sweeney, he had been employed as a produce wholesaler in Boston prior to his retirement.

Mr. Sweeney was a former member of Hatherly Country Club and Scituate Harbor Yacht Club.

He leaves his wife, Virginia C. (Carraher) Sweeney; his children, Daniel P. Sweeney of Campbell, Calif., Kathleen C. Sweeney and Maureen C. Richards, both of Chestnut Hill, and Michelle Lage of Pembroke; his grandchildren, Mark P. Sweeney and Caroline V. Almeda; and his great-grandson, Jack Almeda. He was the brother of the late Daniel Patrick Sweeney Jr., Edward Sweeney, Francis L. Sweeney and Paul F. Sweeney.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Thursday, Sept. 14, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305.

Molly Tornberg Orr

Molly Tornberg (Goggi) Orr, 90, died Sept. 18, 2006.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Anne Quinn Tornberg and Per Frederick Tornberg. Mrs. Orr and her five brothers and sisters enjoyed a charmed life in Cohasset, where their father was keeper of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse. She was a graduate of the Osgood School in Cohasset.

Later living in Lancaster, Pa., she worked at the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. until she married Fred Earl Orr of Glade Springs, Va. Mrs. Orr was a member of the Iris Club, Lancaster Country Club, St. James Episcopal Church and Gray Ladies of Lancaster General Hospital. She had been the owner and bookkeeper of Meiskey's Wholesale Watch Co. After retirement, she moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., where she continued to play golf, exercise, and travel with Elderhostel International. In recent years, she moved to Richmond, Va., and lived at Imperial Plaza.

She leaves three children, Molly Orr Alcott of Locust Grove, Va., Fred E. Orr and his wife, Rachel, of Sydney, Australia, and Cassandra Orr Stoddart of Richmond, Va.; seven grandchildren, Jon Alan Slabaugh and his wife, Claire, of Bethesda, Md., Andrew Kirk Slabaugh and his wife, Jennifer, of Richmond, Va., Laura Alcott Northway and her husband, Robert, of Austin, Texas, Jennifer Alcott Argoe and her husband, Buss, of Beaufort, S.C., Mathew Orr, of Long Beach Island, N.Y., Vanessa Orr Chafer and her husband, Murray, Sydney, Australia, and Katherine Orr, of Sydney, Australia; and her great-grandchildren, Grace, Georgia and Grant Northway, of Austin, Texas, Brooke Chafer, of Sydney, Australia, Kate and Anne Slabaugh, of Bethesda, Md., and Quinn Slabaugh, of Richmond, Va.

Memories of Mrs. Orr, the last of the Tornberg clan, will be brought to mind when the sun sets and Minot's Light flashes the 1-4-3, I Love You, signal.

A service was held at The Warsaw in Richmond, Va. Interment in Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cohasset Historical Society, P.O. Box 627, Cohasset, MA, 02025.

9/11 REFLECTION

Among those attending a meeting of religious leaders of all faiths at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston in Brookline, to mark Sept. 11, were Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, and Scituate resident the Rev. John Maheras, pastor of the Nativity Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset, who is also the ecumenical officer of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston, appointed by Metropolitan Methodios. These and other local religious leaders prayed and reflected on the tragic event of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Said Metropolitan Methodios, who hosted the meeting, "The God of the Jews and the God of the Christians and the God of the Muslims cannot and does not sanction violence."

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What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 21-29 2006

Leaving Las Vegas

Susan Anton's 'All Shook Up!' in new musical

PHOTOS BY CAROL ROSEGG

L to R: Wally Dunn, Susan Anton & Joe Mandragona in "All Shook Up".

Entertainer Susan Anton — now starring in the national tour of "All Shook Up!" which comes to Boston's Opera House next week — hasn't been on the road in years. She has had no reason to leave Las Vegas where she has been living and working since 1995. The leggy song and dance woman headlined some 5,000 performances of "The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular" at the Flamingo Hilton and when when she was cast in the Vegas company of "Hairspray" at the Luxor earlier this year, it seemed a safe bet that she'd be sleeping in her own bed for some time. When that Tony Award-winning musical closed in just a few months instead of running for years as it has in New York, Anton thought she'd use her unplanned break to settle into a new home. She ended up unpacking fast.

"My husband and I had just bought a beautiful new house in Vegas, only days before I got this job so I was shocked to find myself saying yes when the offer came to do this show. I hadn't been on the road in over 10 years," explained Anton by telephone last week from her first tour stop in Milwaukee. "This show is so much fun and the music is just fantastic, of course, so I'm really looking forward to visiting 35 cities in the nine next months."

Combining 24 Elvis Presley hits, including "Love Me Tender," 'Heartbreak Hotel," and "Devil in Disguise," with an original book by Joe DiPietro ("I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"), "All Shook Up" tells the story of a young woman whose dream comes true when a guitar-playing young rebel turns her small town upside down with his music. The show ran for 213 performances on Broadway last year, not exactly long enough to be labeled a hit. Anton acknowledges that national tour's don't usually follow such relatively short New York stints.

"I didn't get the chance to see the Broadway production, but I know that there are lots of people who feel this show didn't get its due on Broadway. It was part of a season which featured several of what are called jukebox musicals. While other shows of this type, like 'Mamma Mia!' and 'Movin' Out,' succeeded, last year's group fared less well. In some ways, 'All Shook Up' fell victim to the failure of 'Good Vibrations' and 'Lennon.' What makes this tour so wonderful is that it gives people a second chance to see this show."

"This is a wonderful opportunity to take a joyful show out on the road. I'm very lucky to be able to have this experience."
Susan Anton

What people won't see, however, is the Elvis Presley story on stage.

"The show doesn't deal with Elvis's life or Elvis at all for that matter," Anton points out. "Instead, it utilizes his material and marries the classic Elvis music with a timeless story. Our lead character is a roustabout who looks a little like Elvis, but that's as far as it goes."

A second runner-up to Miss America 1970, the 55-year-old Anton — who 25 years ago famously replaced Edie Adams as the Muriel Cigar Girl - has no problem playing a supporting role.

"My character, Miss Sandra, comes to the small town to run a museum. Before long, she has a wonderful little discovery of love. My solo is 'Let Yourself Go,' an Elvis song I didn't even know before, but which I now really love. I also get to sing part of a medley of 'Hound Dog' and 'Teddy Bear' that is a lot of fun."

Mindful that Presley himself was a major Las Vegas headliner in the 1960's and '70's, Anton says she wouldn't be surprised to see "All Shook Up" set up shop in Sin City, despite the failures of bigger Broadway hits like "Avenue Q" and "Hairspray."

"This show is a natural fit for Las Vegas, so I would bet it will end up there at some point. Vegas is still figuring out how to do New York shows in Nevada. The Vegas production of 'Hairspray' (which opened in February with Tony Award-winning original Broadway stars Harvey Fierstein and Dick Latessa and was closed by early June) was spectacular. It had so many big, fabulous elements to it. Even with all that going for it, it still takes time to build an audience and the new corporate Las Vegas isn't always willing to be patient."

While Vegas figures out how to make the Great White Way work in Glitter Gulch, Anton is content to be on tour.

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"All Shook Up!" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, September 26 through October 8. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com.

—R. Scott Reedy

Calendar of events

Thursday, Sept. 21

Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, will present Ryan Fardy Blues Jam Thursday, Sept. 21. For more information, call 781-871-7175.

Classical Concerts at Copley, Copley Square Park, will take place Thursday, Sept. 21, noon to 1 p.m. Mistral will perform. Sponsored by WCRB Classical Radio. Free admission.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza. **Third Left** Thursday, Sept. 21. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

Friday, Sept. 22

New England Singles Dance, ages 35 and older, will take place Friday, Sept. 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham. Music will be provided by a disc jockey. For more information, call 617-325-4900 or visit singledances-newengland.com.

SpEdWatch Inc., a nonprofit organization fighting for the special education rights of Massachusetts students, will host a community meeting Friday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Norwell Public Library. Ellen Chambers, SpEdWatch executive director, will talk about the high rate of noncompliance with special education laws occurring in Massachusetts public schools and share information about SpEdWatch's mission and plans. A discussion of Norwell's upcoming Massachusetts Department of Education special education compliance review will be included. The meeting is free and open to the public. Registration is required by calling 978-433-5983 or emailing emchambers@charter.net.

Paint World's End and Hingham Harbor, an event featuring approximately 30 artists producing paintings for a silent auction, will be scattered throughout the harbor and park area on Friday, Sept. 22, and Saturday, Sept. 23. The paintings will be auctioned off at a silent auction on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m., at South Street Gallery, 149 South St. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at the gallery.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza. **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., and Jeff Lowe Band at 9:30 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 22. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

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Standish Humane Society will host its Benefit Walk for Animals at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, Sunday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This 3-mile walk is on a paved and handicapped-accessible route. A free T-shirt will be given for every registration donation of $40 or more.; donors of more than $250 will receive an inscribed garment. Prizes, including Red Sox tickets, will be awarded to the three top fundraisers. Dog contests, live folk performances, a merchandise mart, rescue groups, exhibitors and refreshments will be featured. Call 781-834 4663 for registration information or visit the Standish Web site at standishhumanesociety.com.

Movie review

Governor Willie Stark (Sean Penn) delivers another powerful message to his minions, in "All the King's Men."

A Long haul for 'King's Men'

"All the King's Men" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

You've heard of "Citizen Kane." Meet "Citizen Willie."

The Humpty Dumpty-ish rise and fall of Huey Long-like Willie Stark is the subject of Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1946 novel "All the King's Men." It's also the subject of Steve Zaillian's long-gestating film version, a follow-up to Robert Rossen's classic 1949 film that featured a definitive Oscar-winning performance from Broderick Crawford as Willie.

Zaillian's version boasts Best Actor winner Sean Penn ("Mystic River") in the iconic role, along with Jude Law, Kate Winslet, Patricia Clarkson, Mark Ruffalo and Anthony Hopkins in an impressive supporting cast. A successful screenwriter whose directing credits include "Searching for Bobby Fischer" (1993) and "A Civil Action" (1998), Zaillian has not given us a Willie for the highly politicized times in which we live. His movie begs the question: What's the point?

But good old Willie still has the power to bind us. Although miscast and often incomprehensible, Penn gives us a Willie who is part Fuller Brush salesman, part Elmer Gantry-like revivalist preacher and part right-wing talk-radio host.

Standing alone on a dais or the back of a pickup, he calls his overall- and calico-garbed and, in some cases, shoeless crowds "hicks." Referring to his evil rivals, he oddly implores his listeners to "nail 'em up." Penn wears a crown of tousled brown locks atop his head and holds his smallish hands in front of his chest when he talks, shaking them like a pair of maracas accompanying his campaign trail speech.

An obscure town treasurer who becomes famous when a schoolhouse he did not want built collapses due to faulty materials, Willie is thrust upon the statewide stage — and eventually into the governor's office — by political boss Duffy (James Gandolfini) in late 1940s Louisiana (the film moves Warren's action up about 10 years). In addition to a pistol-packing driver Sugar (Jackie Earle Haley), Willie's entourage includes Jack Burden (Law), a high-born law student-turned journalist whose Oedipal travails are laborious and who becomes Willie's Boswell, gofer, sounding board and, some say, pimp.

When Willie, on the verge of impeachment, asks Jack to get his oldest friend Dr. Adam Stanton (Ruffalo), the son of a former governor, to head the hospital Willie is planning to build, darkness descends. Toss in Adam's sister Anne (Winslet), a philanthropist for whom Jack carries a torch; a witchy political operative who is Willie's mistress (Clarkson), and dirt dug up by Jack on his surrogate father Judge Montague Irwin (Hopkins), and you've got trouble, right here in Mason City.

Well, as Willie once said, "He who touches pitch shall be defiled." Warren aspired to transform "polyticks" in the American South into Greek tragedy and by and large succeeded, although one might quibble about how Warren's novel stands anxiously beneath the shadow of the great William Faulkner.

Zaillian hasn't failed entirely. His film has drama and period atmospherics. But it's too obvious and plodding.

Law demonstrates a facility for imitating Paul Newman circa "The Long Hot Summer" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," although he is less dazzling than the original. James Horner's pounding score drove me up the wall, and Winslet's and Ruffalo's roles have been shaved to within an inch of their lives.

Apparently, all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put this movie together again, either.

Rated PG-13. "All the King's Men" contains violence, sexual situations and nudity.

Calendar

SEPTEMBER 21-29 2006

BEST BET

The Herring Run Quilt Guild, representing over 100 quilters from 16 South Shore communities, will present its 9th Biennial Quilt Show at the Norwell Middle School on Rte 123 (330 Main Street) on Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. More than 100 newly made traditional and art quilts will be on display including members' creative responses to a textured landscape challenge. Entrance fee is $5. Door prizes, a raffle quilt, vendors, snacks and a boutique will be available as well as a silent auction to benefit breast cancer research. The mission of the Herring Run Quilt Guild is to educate and encourage its members in the fine art of quilt making and to do charitable works. Last year the guild made and distributed 56 quilts to Katrina victims, local hospitals and shelters. New members are welcome. Contact Martha Cook at 781-545-0734 for more information.

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Single Executives Club Singles Dance will take place Friday, Sept. 22, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. The dance is for singles and couples ages 30 and older, there will be a disc jockey from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, match game prizes and free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress recommended, collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. For information, call 781-446-0234.

Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, will present the Soul Band on Friday, Sept. 22. For more information, call 781-871-7175.

BEST BET

The Soul Band featuring vocalist Tim Pike and guitarist "Monster" Mike Welch will be performing a rare South Shore show at The Purple Eggplant Cafe', 400 Bedford St.(Rt. 18), Abington, on Friday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 p.m.. Admission is $5. The Soul Band specializes in the 60s Stax/Volt soul sound with a strong emphasis toward Otis Redding and Wilson Picket. Also in the band is Ken Clark on the Hammond B3 organ, Scott Aruda and John Aruda on horns and Brad Hallen and Steve Chaggarris rounding out the rhythm section. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 781-871-7175 or visit http://www.purpleeggplantcafe.com

Saturday, Sept. 23

Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, will present Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. The concert will be preceded by an open microphone. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, teas and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

The Herring Run Quilt Guild, representing more than 100 quilters from 16 South Shore communities, will present its ninth biennial Quilt Show at Norwell Middle School, 330 Main St., Route 123, Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 newly made traditional and art quilts will be on display. Entrance fee is $5. Door prizes, a raffle quilt, vendors, snacks and a boutique will be available as well as a silent auction to benefit breast cancer research. For more information, call Martha Cook at 781-545-0734.

Hingham Nursery School will present a "Touch A Truck Event" on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Hingham Bathing Beach parking lot on Route 3A. There will be more than a dozen trucks and other equipment for honking, climbing and exploring, as well as a train ride, concessions and face painting. Admission is $5 per person, with a $20 maximum per family. For more information, call Hingham Nursery School at 781-749-0029.

Botanical Art Workshop will take place Saturday Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, at South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Botanical artist Gloria Markiewicz will teach participants how to make decorative greeting or holiday cards at this native plant design workshop. Cost of the program is $25 /$20 members, plus $20 materials fee. Participants can bring their own supplies and the materials fee will be waived. For more information call 781-659-2559.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly dance on Friday, Sept. 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at Braintree Disabled American Veterans Hall, 778 Liberty St., Braintree. The dance is for ages 45 and older. Cost is $7/members; $10/non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Snacks and cash bar available. For more information, call 781-331-0021 or visit the Web site at southshoresingles.org.

King Jewelers, 812 CJC Highway, Route 3A, Cohasset, will host a demonstration by Sally McIntosh on how to custom-make Pandora Jewelry. The event will take place Friday, Sept. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call King Jewelers at 781-383-1755.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, will present the Steve Murphy Band on Friday, Sept. 22. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Dave Foley Band** on Saturday, Sept. 23. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Saturday, Sept. 23, **Johnny Rawls** will give a blues performance at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $12. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Open House at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 24 Athens St., Weymouth, will take place Saturday, Sept. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. A ballroom dance lesson by Dance Sport of Boston, demonstrations and light refreshments will be featured. The event is free and open to public. For reservations, call 617-325-1562.

Maritime Artisans Speakers Series 2006. Matthew P. Murphy, editor and author, will give a lecture titled "Glass Plates & Wooden Boats" on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 1:30 p.m., at Duxbury Yacht Club. For more information, call Reuben Smith, Boatshop director at Mass Bay Maritime Artisans, at 617-462-7215.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, will present Mission of Blues on Saturday, Sept. 23. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

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Hillary Osborn, "Hillside Sunset", 20"x30", oil on canvas

If you stroll through World's End or around Hingham Harbor on Friday, Sept. 22 or Saturday, Sept. 23, the picturesque views will be dotted with artists capturing the beauty of the area. Approximately 30 artists will be scattered throughout the park and the harbor producing paintings for a Silent Auction to be held Saturday evening at South Street Gallery. This is a fifth annual "plein-air" painting event sponsored by the Gallery. Local artists Marjorie Osborne Whorf and Dianne Panarelli Miller will be among the paints. Other painters to look for will include Ted Gentry, Judy Mehring, Joan Brancale, and others. The public is invited to view their finished products at a Silent Auction on Saturday evening, Sept. 23, from 7 to 9 pm, at South Street Gallery, where interested parties may purchase some of the paintings completed over the weekend. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. In all, South Street Gallery expects to auction more than 50 paintings at the Silent Auction. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South Street in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Sunday, Sept. 24

Standish Humane Society will host its Benefit Walk for Animals at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, Sunday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This 3-mile walk is on a paved and handicapped-accessible route. A free T-shirt will be given for every registration donation of $40 or more.; donors of more than $250 will receive an inscribed garment. Prizes, including Red Sox tickets, will be awarded to the three top fundraisers. Dog contests, live folk performances, a merchandise mart, rescue groups, exhibitors and refreshments will be featured. Call 781-834 4663 for registration information or visit the Standish Web site at standishhumanesociety.com.

South Shore Natural Science Center will host a walk titled "Coastal Water Birds at Duxbury Beach" Sunday, Sept. 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The walk will be led by Karen Kurkoski and Scott Hecker, and meet at the far end of Powder Point Bridge. Cost is $4 per person members; $6/non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. For more information or to register, visit the Web site at ssnsc.org.

Chowder Fest, hosted by Marina Bay Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, will take place Sunday, Sept. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 2 Seaport Drive, Quincy. Admission is $10; children younger than 12 admitted free. The Kadima Band, Lara Belle the Clown, face painting, balloons and more will be offered. Proceeds will benefit the Milton Council on Aging.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Wicked Trivia Night** on Sunday, Sept. 24, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

John Kramer Concert will take place Sunday, Sept. 24, at 3 p.m., in Logan Auditorium of Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. The Friends' Fall Concert Series begins with Kramer, a pianist/composer, performing works of Mozart, Chopin, Debussy and one of his own compositions. A reception will follow the concert. For more information, call 781-413-1327.

"Curators Choice: China," will be on display at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Sept. 24, through Jan. 4. Works of art spanning the period from the Shang Dynasty to the present will be exhibited. An opening reception will be Sunday, Oct. 15, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 781-934-6634, ext. 12.

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Mark your calendar

BARK 'N HOWL BALL. Tickets are now available for the Scituate Animal Shelter's Bark 'n Howl Ball. The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at the River Club in Scituate. The evening will include a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to music of Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions. Tickets are $125 each, of which $100 is tax deductible. All proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available. For more information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

USO SONG AND DANCE SHOW TO BENEFIT WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION. A performance of "Swing USO" will take place Nov. 12, at 3 p.m., at Duxbury Performing Arts Center, to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation. Under the direction of Sue Jannetty, "Swing USO" delivers song and dance numbers against the backdrop of a 1940s officer's canteen. The show is enjoyable for all ages and makes for a fun family event. Tickets for "Swing USO" are available at Millbrook Market and The Studio in Duxbury. Cost is $15 general admission, and $10 for seniors and students. For more information, group sales or volunteer interest, call 924-6976 or 934-6202.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1976. The reunion will take place Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Cost is 35 per person; $45 per person after Nov. 1. Names will be checked off the grand list for payment verification. Purchasing admission at the door is strongly discouraged. Attire is casual. Menu includes finger foods and dessert. Entertainment will be by disc jockey Steve Albert. Feel free to bring a few CDs as well. Make checks payable to BHS Class of 1976 and send to: BHS Class of 1976, c/o Mark Frano, 817 Washington St., Braintree, MA 02184. For more information call Kevin McGrath at 781-760-0198 or email kmcgrath@together.net; Bill Crockan, 781-985-4151 or crockanconstruction@beld.net; Grace Parlee, graciep17@yahoo.com; Sandy Fernandes Lyons: esjlyons@comcast.net; Jean Casey Malinski, jmalinski@adelphia.net. For more information, visit the Web site at braintreehigh.com/1976.html.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1966 will host its 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Four Points Sheraton, Hyannis. Food and entertainment by Java Jive will be featured. For reservations, call 800-368-7764. Tickets are $71. For tickets, send checks to: WHS Alumni '66, c/o Gayle Dalrymple, 235 Westminster Road, Weymouth, MA 02189. For reunion information, call John Rinella at 508-866-5154.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1956, will host its 50th reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at Best Western Adams Inn, 29 Hancock St., North Quincy. The evening will include a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., and a sit-down dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cash bar, music and dancing will be featured. On Friday, there will be a clambake at Adams Inn, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Jack Crowley at 781-545-9537 or visit jackcrowley@verizon.net.

MHS CLASS OF 2001 TO HOST REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 2001, will host its five-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., upstairs at Hennessy's of Boston in Faneuil Hall. No registration/reservation is required. The upstairs is reserved exclusively for the Class of 2001 from 8 to 10 p.m., and there will be no cover charge for those who arrive before 9 p.m. The second floor bar at Hennessy's was recently renovated to include two bars, a stage, a dance floor, pool tables and a lounge area. For more information, email classof2001.mhs@gmail.com.

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The Boston-based duo "2" — Peter H. Bloom, flute and Mary Jane Rupert, harp — will perform Intimate Mozart, a flute and harp concert celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday Sunday, Sept. 24 at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset
Admission is free but donations are welcome. The program will feature two of the beloved composer's masterpieces: the dazzling Concerto in C Major (K.299) for Flute and Harp and the sublime "Turkish" Concerto in A Major (K. 219), originally written for violin and performed in the Sept. 24 concert in a magnificent but seldom-heard transcription for flute. The duo will also perform selections from Don Giovanni and other Mozart operas. For more information call 781-383-1083.

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New England Blues Festival will be Sunday, Sept. 24, at Battis Field in Middleboro. Gates open at 11 a.m. and music begins at noon. The event will take place rain or shine. The festival will also highlight community service groups and will be the kick-off of the EveryDay Angels Foundation's Project Warmth concert series. Tickets are $22.50 in advance; $25 at the gate. A list of ticket locations is available on the Web site at nebluesfest.com.

The duo "2," featuring Peter H. Bloom, flute, and Mary Jane Rupert, harp, will present a concert titled "Intimate Mozart," Sunday, Sept. 24, at 3 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset. Free admission; donations welcome. For more information, call 781-383-1083

Monday, Sept. 25

North River Arts Society will present "New England Expressions," a tribute exhibit, in the Little Gallery at GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, through Oct. 15. The exhibit will feature original pastel and oil paintings by Mary Young Smith. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment on the weekends. For more information, call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com.

Kennedy Library Forum will take place Monday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Titled "Rebuilding Afghanistan," Sarah Chayes and Sebastian Junger will discuss efforts to reconstruct Afghanistan. Jessica Stern will moderate. The forum is free and open to the public. For more information, call 617-514-1643 or visit jfklibrary.org.

Singer wanted. Anyone that can sing and light up a stage with personality is invited to audition for Quincy Dinner Theatre. Open auditions will take place Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., at Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Bring sheet music of any type. Five males and five female singers are needed, as well as a couple of dancers. Age is irrelevant. For more information, call George Stevens at 781-843-5862.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

"Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be performed at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St., in Boston's Theater District. Tickets are available to Huntington Theatre subscribers and at the Wang Center. The show will begin its extended engagement on Sept. 26. Performances will be Tuesdays through Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are $25 to $75, and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com.

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Wednesday, Sept. 27

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"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer Daniela Russell and painter Maddu Huacuja, will be on view through Dec. 15 at Brandeis University. An **opening reception** will take place Wednesday, **Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m.,** in the Women's Studies Research Center, Kniznick Gallery, Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-736-8100.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Art, Wine & All That Jazz, an evening of wine education and tasting, jazz, art and conversation will take place Thursday, Sept. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Plimoth Waterworks Studios, 26 Howland St., Plymouth Center. Proceeds from this event will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth's upcoming build in Plymouth. Tickets are $30 and are available by calling HFHGP at 508 866-4188, on the Web site at hfhplymouth.org and at the door.

New England Humane Association will sponsor a series of Group Dog Training Classes for beginner and advanced dogs in several towns on the South Shore. Hingham classes are through the Recreation Center, and will start Thursday, Sept. 28, Saturday, Oct. 7, Thursday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 18. All classes take place once weekly for five weeks for one hour, and cost $110. For more information, call the trainer at 781-878-4343 or visit nehassociation.org.

Classical Concerts at Copley, Copley Square Park, will take place Thursday, Sept. 28, noon to 1 p.m. New Philharmonic Orchestra will perform. Sponsored by WCRB Classical Radio. Free admission.

Wine Tasting to benefit Birch Street Park will take place Thursday, Sept. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Pembroke Center Liquors. A large selection of wines will be available for tasting and purchase. Ten percent of the sales of poured wines will be donated directly to Birch Street Park.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Sweet Melissa** on Thursday, Sept. 28. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will meet the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning Thursday, Sept. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Kingston Public Library. For more information, call Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770. Registration is not required.

Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, will present New Blue Revue Blues Jam on Thursday, Sept. 28. For more information, call 781-871-7175.

Friday, Sept. 29

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth will present Uptown Clay Brown and Black Cat Bone on Friday, Sept. 29. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., and **Spank** at 9:30 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 29. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Sept. 29, Funky White Honkies will give an eclectic rock performance at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance will take place Friday, Sept. 29, at Tuscan Grill, 58 East Grove St., Route 28, Middleboro. The dance is for singles and couples ages 30 and older, there will be a disc jockey from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, match game prizes and free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress recommended, collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. For information, call 508-923-0099.

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North River Art Society artist Maureen Brookfield is diplaying her work at the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library through Oct. 18. The library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For hours and information call 781-741-1405

Ongoing events

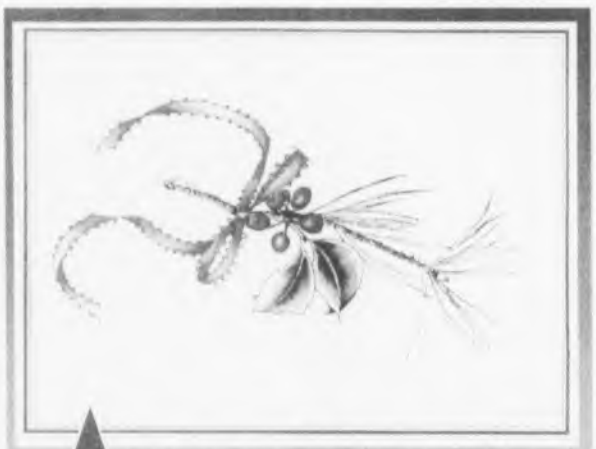
Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.



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Lean how to make these decorative greeting or holiday cards at a Native Plant Design workshop on Saturday, Sept. 23 .from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Botanical artist, Gloria Markiewicz will teach the workshop and states that no art skills are required just observation skills. Cost of the program is $25 /$20 members plus $20 materials fee or you may bring your own supplies and the materials fee is waived. During the workshop you will learn a little about native plants, composition, and watercolor technique and also have fun. For more information contact, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559.

Auditions

SINGERS WANTED. Quincy Dinner Theatre is conducting open auditions for a musical holiday revue. Five males and five females singers are needed, as well as a couple of dancers. All ages will be accepted – talent is most important. Excellent stipend offered. Audition dates are Sept. 25 and 26, at 7 p.m. Auditions will take place at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. No car, no problem; pick up can be arranged at the Braintree T Station (Red Line). Those auditioning should bring their favorite sheet music as all types of music will be used in the production. For more information, call George Stevens at 781-843-5862.

LITTLE THEATRE OF STOUGHTON will host open auditions for "Babes in Toyland" on Sept. 30, from 8 to 11 a.m., for ages 3 through 103. Auditions will take place at Stoughton Cinema Pub in Stoughton Center. Auditions are for all ages to act, dance, sing and be part of the production. "Babes in Toyland" will be directed by Jan Jones, and marks the Little Theatre's 50th season.

Classes

WHIDDEN SCHOOL OF FITNESS. The following fall term classes are being offered at Whidden School of Fitness Inc. 822 Webster St., Marshfield Center. WSFI offers programs in the martial arts, including karate for youth and adults, tai chi for adults and seniors, yoga, and wrestling. Services in acupuncture, chiropractic, and massage therapy are also offered. Some highlights of the upcoming fall term classes are Kids Combo class for ages 4 fi to 5, starting Sept. 20. Classes combine yoga movements and karate. Karate Kids classes (co-ed, and girls and boys only) for youth in grades kindergarten through 12. The wrestling and conditioning classes for youth in grades kindergarten through eight begins Sunday, Oct. 15. Early registration is recommended, since many classes fill up early. Check the WSFI Web page for the full schedules of all programs and more information at www.whiddenschool.com; email wsfi1@verizon.net; or call 781-834-9161.

MUSIC CLASS OFFERED IN NORWELL. Tiny Tot Tunes is a music and movement class designed for children ages 2 through 4 with a parent or caregiver. The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center is offering this class beginning in late September. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required. Call James Library at 781-659-7100 for information and registration information.

"PC READY" – Beginner Computer Class will take place at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull. For information or to register, call 781-925-3211 or visit wellspringhull.org. Financial assistance is available; Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay. Classes will meet Tuesday, Oct. 3, and Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost for either class is $45. This course is designed for acquiring specific computer proficiency in two, three-hour classes, and is taught by a Microsoft and Certiport certified instructor.

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Paul Pratt building a historic gem

Is up for national recognition

By Samantha Brown
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The Paul Pratt Building on South Main Street could soon be added to the list of Cohasset landmarks, which have been recognized on the National Register of Historic Places.

While the Historical Society has not yet received formal word the application has been accepted, it has made it through many preliminary approvals and is now in Washington, D.C., which is a very good sign.

"I'm expecting any day now to see an announcement in our mailbox," said David Wadsworth of the Historical Society, who has been the driving force behind the application process. "I don't know of any problems, so when it is approved, you may hear the fireworks go off," he quipped.

The process of receiving approval for inclusion on the Register is "long and involved," said Wadsworth, adding it usually starts at the local level with a town's historical society or commission. In Cohasset's case, Wadsworth took the lead and gathered all the information necessary for the application, including the history of the community, the building's social

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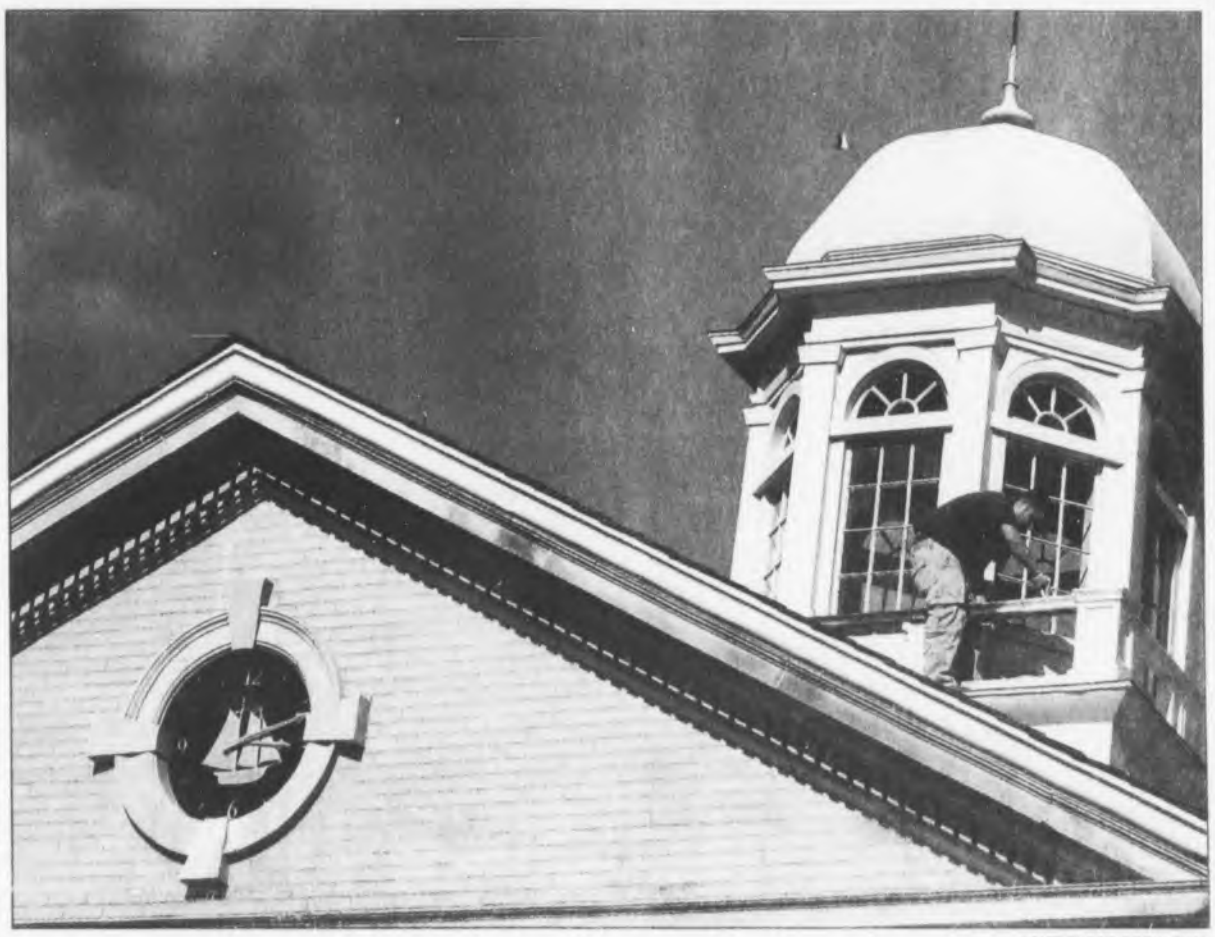

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Alex Dedes of Westmill Preservation Services paints the cupola's banister while restoring the balustrade at the top of the Paul Pratt building which is headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society.

SPED deficit shrinks

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee had been bracing itself for a $400,000 deficit in special education out-of-district tuition charges. However, the board learned this week the deficit would be nearly $150,000 less.

The good news did not sit well with School Committee member Jamie Williams, who said decisions — such as charging bus fees — were made without the timliest information available.

Concerned about a potential fiscal 2007 budget deficit, due largely in part to special education out-of-district tuitions, the School Committee recently voted to charge fees to offset transportation costs. Savings in the transportation line item could then be used elsewhere, such as to pay for special education out-of-district tuitions. However, the vote to implement fees was taken while the School Committee was under the assumption it was facing a tuition deficit of roughly $400,000.

The apparent confusion on the part of the School Committee stems from a report Supt. of

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Wine initiative to get round at Ballot Box

By Mary Ford
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Want to buy a bottle of Chardonnay with your chicken at the market? How about some Merlot with your filet mignon?

If the "Yes on Question One" backers have their way, then Massachusetts will join some 34 other states nationwide in offering wine at supermarkets and grocery stores.

Touting customer convenience as key, supermarket officials say it's time for the Bay State to get up-to-date.

Judy Chong, spokesperson for Shaw's, which has more than 90 stores in the state, says the supermarket chain's customers lead busy lives.

"Our customers would have an opportunity to pick up a bottle of wine which is a complement to dinner," Chong says. "It's a matter of convenience."

Voters on both sides of the issue will be able to weigh in on Election Day Nov. 7 by voting "Yes" or "No" on Ballot Question One, dubbed the Wine at Food Stores Initiative. A "Yes" vote would seek to allow the sale of wine in qualified grocery stores that must carry fresh or processed meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, baked goods, baking ingredients, canned goods and dessert items.

Justine Griffin, spokesperson for the "Vote No on Question 1" campaign that is working with a group of package stores, liquor distributors, and a number of public safety and other public officials, says the food requirements are minimal. She says many convenience stores and gas stations with markets could easily qualify.

"You can't compare one state to another, without asking if that was always the way it was."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

"They (supporters) want to you think its about picking up a bottle of wine with your chicken for dinner," Griffin said. "But the initiative would more than double the number of liquor licenses allowed."

But Kim Hinden, spokesperson for the "Vote Yes on One" campaign, which is supported by the Massachusetts Food Association, said statements to the effect that the number of liquor licenses in the state would double are exaggerated. "There are only 1200 grocery stores in Massachusetts," she said. Hinden also stressed that the local licensing board (ie., selectmen) has the discretion whether to issue a license and there is no appeal.

"What this does is create a new class of wine only licenses," she explained.

If passed, towns would be allowed five wine licenses for the first 5,000 population and one for each additional 5,000 or part thereof.

At about 7,200 people — Cohasset, which has a total of 5 package store all-alcoholic and wine & malt licenses (not counting restaurant and club liquor licenses) — would be allowed six new licenses.

To Police Chief James Hussey the clear choice is to "vote no" over concerns about public safety.

"Strictly from a law enforcement point of view any increase in the number of liquor licenses could translate into more opportunity for alcohol to get into the hands of young people," Hussey said.

While State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said his constituents do not need him to tell them how to vote, he would be voting "no."

Hedlund, who said he supports consumer choice and the free market, said he is opposed to

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Retired school librarian really delivers

Shares love of reading with elderly

By Samantha Brown
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For 25 years, Marjorie "Marjie" Murphy served as the librarian at the Deer Hill School, sharing her love of reading with the town's elementary students. Now in retirement, she is still sharing her love of reading, but with a new crowd.

As the Volunteer Coordinator for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's Homebound Delivery service, sponsored by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Murphy is now working with the town's eldest residents, who are not able to get to the library on their own to check out books. Instead, she spends three days per week delivering specially requested titles from the library to Sunrise Assisted Living, Cohasset Knoll, and homebound residents, who in turn are providing her with many rewarding friendships.

"They love all the reading and they love discussing it with someone," said Murphy, adding some of the seniors who are not able to leave their homes spend a lot of time alone during the day and look forward to their "book chats."

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Carrying a canvas bag full of books, provided by the Friends of the Cohasset Library, which sponsors the Homebound Delivery program, Marjie Murphy pays a visit to the residents at Cohasset Knoll.

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PICTURE THIS/John Wands

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The Cohasset Mariner caught up with Dr. John Wands this week in his office at Cohasset Middle High School.

Name: John Wands

Occupation: English Department Head at Cohasset Middle High School.

Best day of your life: The last day of an NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) seminar on the Industrial Revolution in England that showed us what it must have been like to be a miner or a mill worker in 19th-century England. Fifteen teachers from all across America spent five weeks in England studying together, and it was on that last day that one of the seminar participants and I fell in love with each other. It's for that reason I am now teaching in Massachusetts.

Best vacation: This last summer I spent 41 days in England, Scotland, and France visiting literary sites connected to my teaching. Every day was wonderful, but perhaps the single best day was awakening in Avaranche, a city near the Normandy beaches, to the sounds of a French military jazz band playing 1940s American jazz!

Favorite season: Fall-- it's when things cool down and I can get my wool clothing out.

Favorite holiday: Christmas. I grew up in a rather poor family, but my parents always made me feel like a little prince at Christmas time.

Favorite junk food: Ice-cold regular Coca-Cola and peppermint patties.

Best book: "Mrs. Dalloway," by Virginia Woolf. No other 20th-century novel explores the difficulties of communication between men and women as deeply or as beautifully as this novel.

Best movie: "The French Lieutenant's Woman," with Meryl Streep (my favorite actress) and Jeremy Irons. It's a valiant attempt at recreating John Fowles' brilliant critique of 19th-century England.

Best TV show: I don't watch TV for months on end. Occasionally I will watch Antiques Road Show on PBS.

Pet peeve: That people continue to waste energy given the obvious deleterious effects of global warming.

Most embarrassing moment: Going out for the swimming team in high school. I was the slowest swimmer ever, usually ending up half a lap behind every other swimmer in any race I entered.

Goal: To teach students how to make sense of any text — literary or otherwise — they encounter and be able to write or speak persuasively about their understanding of that text. No matter what career they may eventually have, this is an essential skill.

Person I'd most like to meet: Jimmy Carter. He seems to me the epitome of a man who has never stopped trying to make the world a better place for the poor and the disadvantaged.

Biggest worry: That I'll never get to explore all the parts of England that I want to see.

Best part of Cohasset: Students who shoulder the work I assign willingly.

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Protecting yourself from credit card fraud

By Mary Ford
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Credit card fraud and stealing one's identity are two crimes that are on the rise.

Police Chief James Hussey offers a few tips about how residents can protect themselves.

- Report a lost or stolen card right away.
- Make sure you sign a new credit card immediately.
- Memorize your Social Security number and pin numbers. Do not carry them with you.
- Do not use your date-of-birth as a password or pin number, it's the first numbers a thief will try.
- Do not leave ATM, credit card, or gasoline receipts behind -- take them home.
- Check your credit card and bank statements monthly for accuracy.
- Get a periodic credit report.

This week a woman reported to police that her husband's credit card had been stolen. The couple believes it was taken while they were on vacation. The purchases in question total $3,000 in charges, Hussey said.

Dog's best friend

A Cohasset police officer was definitely a good friend to a dog this week whose owner reported the animal's claws got stuck in the holes in steps to a porch or deck and could not get free. The woman, who called, said she was worried her dog would break its legs.

Chief James Hussey said the officer climbed underneath the stairs and was able to unhook the animal's claws and paws from between the pieces of wood. Hussey said the officer did not know the breed but said it was a large dog.

Road rage

A frightened caller notified police at about 10:30 a.m. last Wednesday (Sept. 20) that the vehicle behind her was riding directly on her bumper and beeping its horn.

The female motorist, who was doing the tailgating, then pulled into a parking lot on Chief Justice Cushing Highway, saw the police, and ran into the building.

Chief James Hussey said the woman apparently knew she was wrong and took off. Police, however, did speak to her about her driving behavior.

Hussey said victims of road rage should not do anything to provoke the other driver, such as slamming on their brakes. The best thing to do is to try and pull over or pull into a parking lot when it is safe to do so. He said police want to be notified about road rage incidents so they can follow up.

Faucet melts

A candle that was apparently placed too close to a faucet melted the plastic part of the fixture, releasing the pressure and causing the water to stream out last Thursday in a house on Beechwood Street. The fire department had to shut the water off in the cellar until the faucet could be replaced.

Wet suit lost

Saturday a caller reported losing her wet suit (black with long sleeves and short pants). It was on the back of her truck when she went for a ride from Summer Street to Holly Lane. Police said the wet suit is still missing.

Unclaimed bike day

Cohasset police are hosting an "unclaimed bicycle day" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday (Oct. 7) at police headquarters on Elm Street.

The department has about 30 unclaimed bicycles that were lost or stolen over the past two years.

If residents think the police may have recovered a lost or stolen bicycle that belongs to them, they should plan to attend. Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Wigmore said.

Chief James Hussey said in some cases people may not have reported a stolen or lost bicycle. "We would like to give them back to the rightful owners," he said.

Bicycles not picked up that day could be declared surplus.

Dead seals

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said seals that washed up on Cohasset shores in the past several weeks were likely the result of very rough seas caused by a hurricane in the Atlantic.

"Their injuries were from natural causes," Murphy explained.

Sheila Sinclaire of the New England Aquarium said the deceased seals were in a bad state of decomposition. The only research taken was length, species, ID and a photo for the Aquarium's photo archive. The animals were left on site, she said and the animal control officer would try to remove them.

Murphy said the seals were disposed of at sea with the help of the harbormaster and the Department of Public Works.

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From left, Danny Tobin of Hanover as Jem, Joe Siriani of Hingham as Atticus Finch, and Clara Baumgarten of Cohasset as Scout, are starring in "To Kill a Mockingbird" Oct. 13-19 at the Company Theatre in Norwell. *For story see page 7*

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Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:30 p.m.*			
Fri. 29	4:26	7.6	4:35	8.7	10:19	1.8	11:02	1.1
Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:28 p.m.*			
Sat. 30	5:21	7.5	5:32	8.7	11:14	1.9	—	—
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Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:25 p.m.*			
Mon. 2	7:22	7.8	7:36	9.2	1:01	0.9	1:17	1.5
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:23 p.m.*			
Tues. 3	8:22	8.3	8:38	9.6	2:01	0.5	2:19	1.0
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:21 p.m.*			
Wed. 4	9:18	9.0	9:37	10.0	2:58	0.0	3:18	0.3
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:20 p.m.*			
Thurs. 5	10:10	9.7	10:32	10.3	3:51	-0.5	4:13	-0.5
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:18 p.m.*			

Register to vote

Wednesday, Oct. 18 will be the last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the state election on Nov. 7.

Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

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School budget transfer policy firmed up

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee is in need of updating its policy manual, and members are taking on one issue at a time. The first to be analyzed is its policy on budget accounting, transfers and reporting, which was discussed at its Sept. 21 meeting.

Rick Flynn and Steve Fusco, who make up the School Committee's Budget and Finance Subcommittee, drafted language for a new policy, which will require the superintendent receive School Committee approval before making line item transfers. The policy would establish 10 "cost centers" and essentially, transferring money out of one cost center to another would require the superintendent to first obtain approval from the School Committee.

"Most (of the transfers) would take place in the fourth quarter," said Flynn, as the end of the budget cycle shows where there are surpluses and deficits.

While the School Committee has planned to update its budget policies for some time, members put the issue on the front burner after finding out the department had a roughly $430,000 surplus at the close of fiscal 2006. Some members of the committee were confused when they heard about the surplus, and wondered both where it came from and where it would be used. While members of the School Committee had thought there would be a small surplus, they did not know it would be in the $400,000 range. At the same time the committee was informed of the total amount available, it was also told some of the funds, which came from various line items, had already been used to pre-pay supplies and materials as well as special education tuition.

To that end, the School Committee has asked School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro to come up with a financial document, which lists all sources of income and all expenses on one sheet. The committee would like to see the net budget number on a regular basis, so it knows the financial situation the district is in at all times. It would also like to see the amount of money which is coming in through taxation, and which money is not. "We need it straightforward and simple so anyone can understand it," said Flynn.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said he appreciated the work done by Flynn and Fusco. He noted it was good to have a new policy in place because the former policy went against Massachusetts State Law. The former budget policy states, "Any proposed expenditure or line item in excess of $5,000 not included in the district's annual operating budget will be pre-approved by the School Committee." However, according to Massachusetts State Law Chapter 71, Section 34, the power to transfer amounts between line items in the school operating budgets belongs exclusively to the School Committee and cannot be delegated to any other municipal board or officer. The new policy will make it absolutely clear all transfers will require School Committee approval.

Draft school budget transfer authority policy

"No transfer of funds from one budget category to another may be made except by a vote of the School Committee.

Budget categories are identified and approved in the School Committee's vote of the school system's annual budget.

a. Re-allocations within any one account within the budget category may be made at the discretion of the superintendent, but only for purposes included in the original budget.

b. The decision not to expend funds for a budget item may be made by the superintendent.

c. Funds may be withheld from a budgeted item to be spent on something not in the budget, only by vote of the School Committee."

This policy would replace the policy currently in use by the School Committee.

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Shrinking special education deficit raises questions

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Schools Denise Walsh provided at a previous meeting. Walsh had reported at the board's Aug. 23 meeting there were still four, out-of-district special education cases pending, which could total as much as $225,000. Cases are pending when the district knows it will be responsible for paying the tuition cost, but the student has not yet been formally placed in a school, leaving tuition rates temporarily unknown. But last week, Walsh announced there is now only one case pending, which will cost about $40,000. With firm numbers in place, the estimated $400,000 deficit has dropped to $253,525, a difference of $146,475.

While the School Committee was glad to hear the news, some members questioned the timeliness of its delivery, and said had they had the full fiscal picture a few weeks ago, they may not have voted the bus fees the way they did. Some speculated the tuition costs were known at the time the committee took a vote on the fees.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said through a recent conversation with Student Services Director Linda Gill, he was under the impression the district knew there has been one case pending since the beginning of August, not four. However, the School Committee was told there were four Aug. 23.

"I wish we had known," Slanetz said, as the committee chose to leave transportation fees in place for added revenue.

"You had more than one in August," said Walsh of the pending cases.

Williams said when the committee voted to implement the fees, the administration must have known three of the cases were settled, as it was late August. She said the administration must have also known it had additional available money to put toward tuition costs, which had not previously been presented as an alternative. An additional $76,000 in offsets appeared on the committee's Sept. 21 tuition update.

Roughly $70,000 of those funds is circuit breaker money — or reimbursements from the state for part of the out-of-district special education charges a district pays. According to the Department of Education, the state plans to grant $223,875 to the town in circuit breaker funding for fiscal 2007. Walsh said she intended on using $150,089 of those funds to pay for out-of-district tuition costs this year.

The remaining roughly $70,000 was to be kept in the school department's circuit breaker account. There is also an additional $6,000, which the School Committee said it did not know about. That is the funding paid by the South Shore Educational Collaborative for use of facilities.

"Was that money not available (two weeks ago)?" Williams asked.

Williams said had the committee known the pending deficit was likely going to be substantially smaller than $400,000, it might have voted differently on the transportation fees. "Why didn't we have all the information?" she said. Walsh said the information was in the committee's monthly report.

However, Williams said the committee was given a handout presented by the superintendent at its Aug. 23 meeting that clearly stated the district should anticipate a deficit of $395,444 for its special education tuitions.

Slanetz said in speaking with Gill, he also understood the district would be reimbursed by the state for one special education case it appealed and lost. The town deferred payment for the student during the appeals process, but is now responsible for paying a portion of the student's fiscal 2005 costs and all of her fiscal 2006 costs. The district is eligible to receive some reimbursement for what it will have to spend, but Slanetz said Walsh has made no mention of the possibility of reimbursement at any of the meetings.

"We haven't received final approval from the DOE (Department of Education) yet," said Walsh, but noted the district has applied for the reimbursement.

Slanetz said from what he had heard from Gill, it sounds as if the district should be fairly optimistic about receiving some reimbursement, and he would like to see a potential figure included on tuition cost updates in the future, even if the numbers are only pending. Walsh replied it is important for the board to remember, funding is given to districts based on a formula and it will get back, "No where near what we paid."

"But it is still something that would eat away at our deficit," Williams said.

Slanetz said taking the formula into account, if the district was reimbursed for two fiscal years, it could likely receive $50,000 for each year, which would give the district an additional $100,000 to put toward its $250,000 expected tuition deficit. "We might be as low as $150,000" in deficit, he said.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro then said the district would be reimbursed for 18 months.

"Everything is still pending," said Walsh.

Williams said going forward, the reporting of information needs to change. "We took that bus fee vote with a potential $400,000 deficit," but said the school department had to have known there was more circuit breaker money that could be used as well as the fees for use of the facilities by the South Shore Educational Collaborative. "We continue to make decisions based on information that is not as timely as it should be," she said.

Special education tuition budget update

Detail	Aug. 22 update	# of students	Sept. 21 update	# of students
Marshfield, Furnace Brook School	$36,000	1	$30,000	1
South Shore Collaborative	$344,816	9	$393,673	10
Pilgrim Area Collaborative	$122,880	3	$122,880	3
Pilgrim Academy	$37,240	1	$46,700	2
Amego, Inc.	$195,609	1	$192,536	1
Landmark School	$40,000	1	$37,331	1
Scituate Public Schools	$36,000	1	$40,000	1
May Center, Brockton			$91,677	1
North River Collaborative	$37,240	1	$30,640	1
F.L. Chamberlain School	$101,866	1	$101,866	1
The May Institute	$136,851	1	$119,411	1
Total	**$1,088,502**	**20**	**$1,206,714**	**23**
Pending				
South Shore Educational Collaborative Preschool	$37,368	1		
Therapeutic placement	$100,000	2		
May Center Brockton	$87,900	1		
Placement not determined			$40,000	1
Pending total	**$225,268**	**4**	**$40,000**	**1**
Tuition including pending cases	**$1,313,770**		**$1,246,714**	
Funding allocated for fiscal 2007			**$679,117**	
Potential deficit			**$567,597**	
Offsets:				
Actual pre-paid tuition using fiscal 2006 funds			$87,967	
Portion of circuit breaker funds the district planned to use			$150,089	
Additional circuit breaker funds available			$70,015	
SSEC use of facilities fee			$6,000	
Total offsets			**$314,071**	
New potential deficit total*			**$253,526**	

**The school department has applied for relief from the state for one special education case which it appealed and lost. The school is responsible for a portion of fiscal 2005 tuition for the student and all of fiscal 2006. It is likely the district will receive reimbursement for18 months of that student's schooling costs, which will be used to further offset special education costs.*

Special fall Town Meeting date set

The fall Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13. While selectmen had discussed moving the meeting to a weekend, in the end they agreed to keep the meeting on a Monday night. However, this year the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

On a related note, Selectman Rob Spofford asked Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, to draft two articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. One would change the town's bylaws to amend the date for the annual Town Election, to allow both the town election, any override elections or other elections which need Town Meeting approval, to be held on the same day. The second would change the start time of the Annual Town Meeting, always held on Saturday mornings, to begin at 9 a.m. rather than 10 a.m.

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Patrick Holway has a big fish story to share

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all Grade 6 students, teachers and chaperones from their weeklong stay at Camp Bournedale. This annual event is such a tradition here in Cohasset and many thanks go out to the teachers, Bournedale staff and parent volunteers who give of themselves to care for these wonderful, at times high spirited and adored children of the sixth grade. As a mom who is so looking forward to getting her son back at 1:15 today (not that I am counting the time or anything) and hearing all about the week's adventures, I know what it means to me to have such dedication on our sixth-grade staff's part and the Camp Bournedale people, other parents etc. You are all wonderful and I know I speak for all the parents when I say, "Enjoy this weekend from beginning to end and don't lift a finger, you deserve it!"

BIG FISH STORY!

Boy oh boy, here is one fishing story for the record books. **Patrick Holway**, 9, was the second-place winner in the kids' bass category at Cohasset Yacht Club's annual Fishing Tournament. Pat was fishing on Retrieve with his uncle, **Dave Holway**. Pat's fish was 35 ins. long and weighed in at 13 lbs., 12 oz. It is unusual for Retrieve not to put a few fish on the scale on any given day and this day was no different as Pat also took third place in the kids' bluefish category with a 5-3/4 lb. blue. The crew on board Dave Holway's boat, Retrieve, included his nephew **Conor Holway**, 17; his brother **Dick**; son-in-law, **Bill Fitzgerald**, and **Bob Gledhill**. Fantastic fishing!

Patrick Holway holds up his prize-winning fish.

NEW ARRIVAL

Can and Juliana (Chittick) Tiryaki, of Pleasant Street, welcomed a baby boy, **Aydin Bennett Tiryaki**, on Sept. 8. Proud grandparents are **Woody and JoAnne Chittick**, South Main Street, and **Sabri and Nacide Tiryaki**, of Istanbul, Turkey. The Tiryaki family, including Can's sister, **Zeynep**, and brother, **Cem**, are visiting Cohasset for two weeks, as they meet the newest Tiryaki. Welcome to the world Aydin and congratulations to all!

SOUND OF MUSIC

The Hills are alive.... That's right, "The Sound of Music" is getting ready to be performed in Hingham with the Hingham Civic Music Theater and three Cohasset girls are playing the roles of three of Captain Von Trapp's children. **Betsy Crawford**, plays Brigitta, **Madison Pratt** plays Gretl and **Logan Pratt** (yes, they are sisters in real life) plays Louisa. The show runs Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28, at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium at Hingham Town Hall. Tickets are $16 for adults and $13 for students and seniors. Call the ticket hotline at781-837-1499 to reserve yours today. Group tickets are available for parties of 10 or more, at the price of$12 per ticket. For more information or to make a group reservation please call **Kathy Campbell** at 781-749-0083 or the ticket hotline.

GAME SHOW WINNER

Charlie Blackington, 9, of Cohasset was a contestant on a game show, which was filmed on June 29th and will air during the weeks of Oct. 2nd and Nov. 25th. The game show is "WOW", an educational series for kids of all ages produced by Boston Catholic Television and staring students representing different Catholic schools and parishes from all around the Archdiocese of Boston. Charlie is in the fourth grade and a parishioner of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cohasset.

Charlie's sister, **Sara**, 7, and his parents, **Mary Jo and Jay Blackington**, and his grandmother, **Irene Blackington** (of Newton) were in the studio audience and were able to see Charlie compete and win. Actually, after Charlie was declared the winner with the highest score, Charlie pointed out to the Game Show Host, Father Reed, that another child had the same score, and so both were declared winners.

"WOW" airs six times a week on Channel 56, Monday at 6:30p.m., Tuesday at 4p.m., Wednesday at 10:30p.m., Thursday at 4;30p.m., Friday at 1p.m. and Saturday at 7:30p.m.

Wow, Charlie, this is great news! We will be tuning in!

RELAY AMBASSADOR

Congressman Bill Delahunt recently welcomed ten American Cancer Society volunteers from Southeastern Massachusetts to his office as part of "Celebration on the Hill" - a grassroots event celebrating cancer survivorship and empowering all those affected by cancer to bring their stories to the nation's capital. Cohasset's own **Harry St. Onge** was one of the 10 volunteers who was welcomed.

"All of us have been affected by cancer, either personally or through family and friends," Delahunt said. "Every day brings us closer to a cure, and every day our neighbors and friends do their part to raise awareness for early detection and offer expressions of support to survivors and their families."

According to the American Cancer society more than 1.2 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year. Celebration on the Hill is a part of the American Cancer Society's signature activity, "Relay For Life". Relay For Life is unique 24-hour overnight activity that offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Participants are organized into teams and walk or run around a track to demonstrate their resolve to eliminate cancer as a major public health problem. The volunteers from the Tenth District were specifically chosen to serve as "Relay Community Ambassadors," and they joined thousands of other Ambassadors from all 50 states and 435 congressional district for today's celebration and advocacy day. Thank you Harry and to all who were welcomed as part of this great event.

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Look for Cohasset residents, from left, Madison Pratt (as Gretl), Betsy Crawford (as Brigitta), and Logan Pratt (as Louisa) in the Hingham Civic Music Theatre's upcoming production of "The Sound of Music."

PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS!

The pumpkins are coming, the pumpkins are coming! That's right, the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is getting ready to welcome all the great pumpkins for sale starting on Saturday, Oct. 7 and be open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. every day through Halloween. This awesome sale is held at Wheelright Park on North Main Street in Cohasset.

This is such a great sale and is always a surprise theme each year. For more information, call **Phil** at 781-383-1975.

OPEN WEDNESDAYS

This is fantastic news for everyone who enjoys time at the library. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now open Wednesdays. The new hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10.a.m.-8p.m. Wednesday, Friday 10a.m.-5p.m. Saturday 9a.m.-5p.m. Sunday 2 -5p.m. (to Memorial Day Weekend.)

50/50 RAFFLE

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is holding a 50/50 raffle and the winner will receive half of the money raised. Tickets are $20 each or 6 for $100. To get your tickets, send to Our World, PO Box 422, Cohasset, MA 02025, call 781-383-3198 or go to the website at www.OurWorldCGDM.org.

That is all Cohasset for this week. Send in all your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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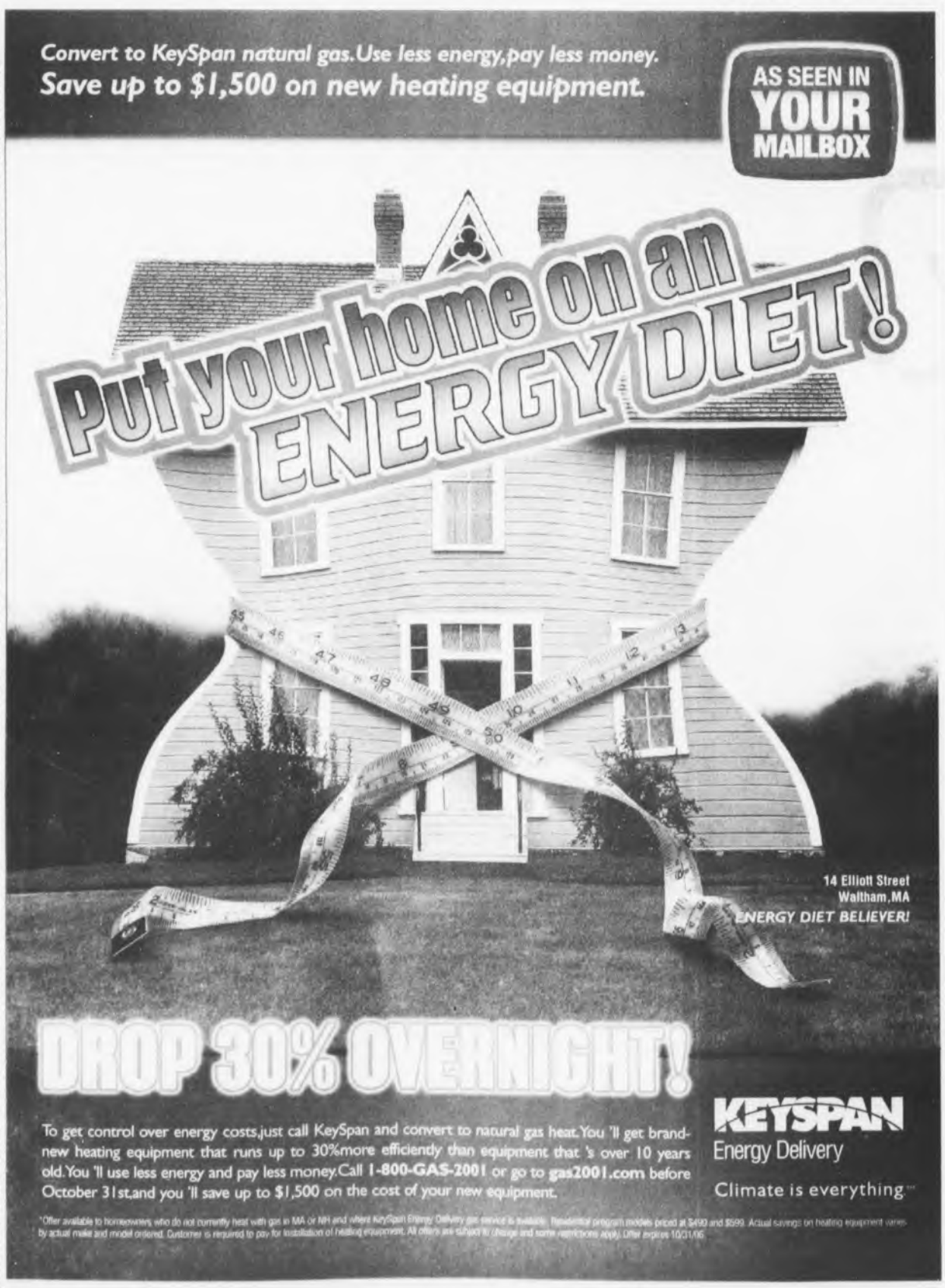

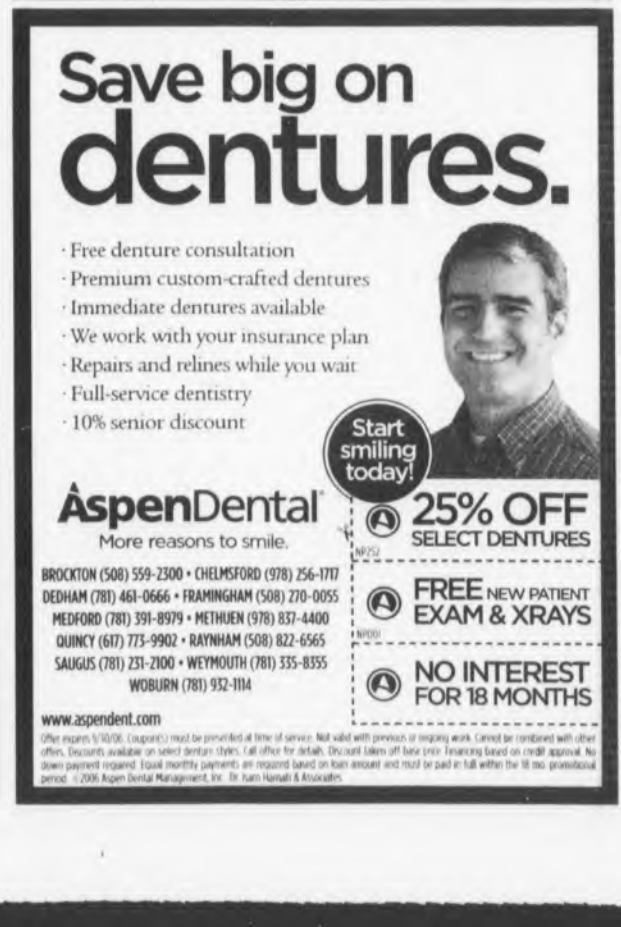

Cohasset girl plays Scout in stage adaptation of novel

Stars in 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

By Samantha Brown
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"I'm pretty much in every scene."
— Clara Baumgarten

At 9 years old, Clara Baumgarten is already an actress who knows what it means to be fully dedicated to a show. Playing the part of "Scout" in the Company Theatre's upcoming production of "To Kill A Mockingbird" has required much sacrifice, requiring Clara to put in long hours of rehearsal and even changing her look to fit the character. But when she steps out onto the stage and the curtain rises, Clara says she knows all the work and effort will be worth it.

Clara is a fourth grader in Jennifer Clark's class at the Deer Hill School. However, while she was still in the third grade she began the audition process and was cast in the show last May.

"I was going for anything, but I wanted to be Scout," recalls Clara, adding before she tried out for the part, she had to learn to speak with a southern accent. "To Kill A Mockingbird" is set in Alabama, and fortunately Clara's father George has a friend who grew up in North Carolina and was able to help her learn to speak with a drawl.

Clara auditioned with a group of between 10 and 12 girls who were also vying for the role of the precocious tomboy, Scout. "We had to read our lines and we had to run around," Clara says. After the first audition, she was called back two more times. On the third round, she was one of three girls up for the part.

"For a 9-year-old, it was a pretty rigorous audition process," says Barbara Baumgarten, Clara's mother. But when the call came in that Clara had been chosen for the part, she couldn't have been happier. "They called while Clara was at school and offered her the part and I gladly accepted for her, knowing that was what she wanted," she says.

When Clara got home from school and her mother told her the news, "I was really excited. I felt really special because there were a lot of other kids there," Clara says about other girls who wanted the role.

Throughout the summer months, Clara attended rehearsal once per week, and since the beginning of September, rehearsals have been running three times per week. Tuesdays and Fridays, rehearsal runs from 7 to 10 p.m., as the majority of cast members are adults who practice after working all day. "They try to let the kids go early, at 9 or 9:30 p.m.," Barbara says, but the week before the show will be a different story.

With opening night scheduled for Friday Oct. 13, Clara will soon be in the midst of production week, which will be kicked off with an all-day rehearsal on "Super Sunday."

"I'm pretty much in every scene," says Clara, meaning there will be relatively little downtime between rehearsing scenes. However, when she does get a few minutes to relax during rehearsal, she said she enjoys hanging out with the two boys who play Jem and Dill, the other two main children's parts in the play.

"At home, she doesn't have any brothers, she has two sisters," says Barbara about her other two daughters, Ellie and Emily. However, hanging out with boys is a welcome change for Clara. "They're fun," Clara says, adding sometimes they all throw a football around between their scenes.

While Clara said she might be a little nervous on opening night, it won't last long. "It's my favorite part!" she says of the moment she actually gets to take the stage. Clara has been in plays before, including "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" with the Cohasset Dramatic Club when she was 3 years old, and "The Sound of Music" which was also a CDC production. She also played the role of "Chip" in the Company Theatre's production of "Beauty and the Beast."

While she said she typically does not get nervous before a show, "This one's so big" that she's not ruling out a few butterflies.

Playing Scout will be Clara's most challenging role to date for many reasons. Not only is she working with a mostly adult cast, the storyline deals with adult themes. Set in the South during the Great Depression, there is prejudice and hatred, and some complex issues. Barbara said Clara would not have been exposed to, had the play not dealt with them. "There are words she had to learn that did not come out naturally," says Barbara, adding there are scenes where Clara still feels unsettled. But in the end, the story teaches a great lesson about sympathy and understanding. "She hasn't read the book yet, but it will be interesting to see what she thinks of it when she's older," Barbara says.

When not on the stage, Clara participates in many sports including soccer, tennis, swimming, basketball, skiing and horseback riding. After the show ends, she will also be taking dance lessons. In the future, Clara said she would like to continue acting in plays, but ultimately sees herself as a member of the "Animal Police," who rescue animals in trouble, just like the show on Animal Planet.

"To Kill A Mockingbird" will run from Oct. 13 through Oct. 29 at The Company Theatre, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell. Shows will be held Thursdays through Sundays during its three-week run. Tickets are $20-$22 each, with the exception of students who may present a valid ID and purchase a ticket for $12. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and during all performances, or by calling (781) 871-2787. Ticket requests may also be faxed to (781) 871-6914, or can be purchased online at www.companytheatre.com.

From left, Danny Tobin of Hanover as Jem, Joe Striani of Hingham as Atticus Finch, Clara Baumgarten of Cohasset as Scout and Sam Nudler of Westford as Dill are starring in "To Kill a Mockingbird" Oct. 13-19 at the Company Theatre in Norwell.

Clara Baumgarten, 9, is playing Scout in "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Company Theatre in Norwell.

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Transitions

Gulf Association meeting features cross-country bicyclists

Jim Spelman, past president of the Gulf Association, and his daughter, Kate, will recount their adventures bicycling coast-to-coast at the annual meeting of the Gulf Association. The meeting will take place Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Lightkeepers on Cohasset Harbor, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance at the meeting is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

The trip began as a challenge from Kate to her father to accompany her on the trip to benefit the Jimmy Fund. A graduate of Noble & Greenough School, she is now a first-year student at Wellesley College. Age difference notwithstanding, the two covered the country at an average of 61 miles per day, the longest covering 104 miles.

Roadside scenes recorded in photos will accompany the presentation.

Attendance at the meeting is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Father-daughter bicyclists proudly dip tires in the Atlantic Ocean at Minot Beach May 29, marking completion of a 4,464-mile trip beginning at San Diego, Calif., March 8.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 144 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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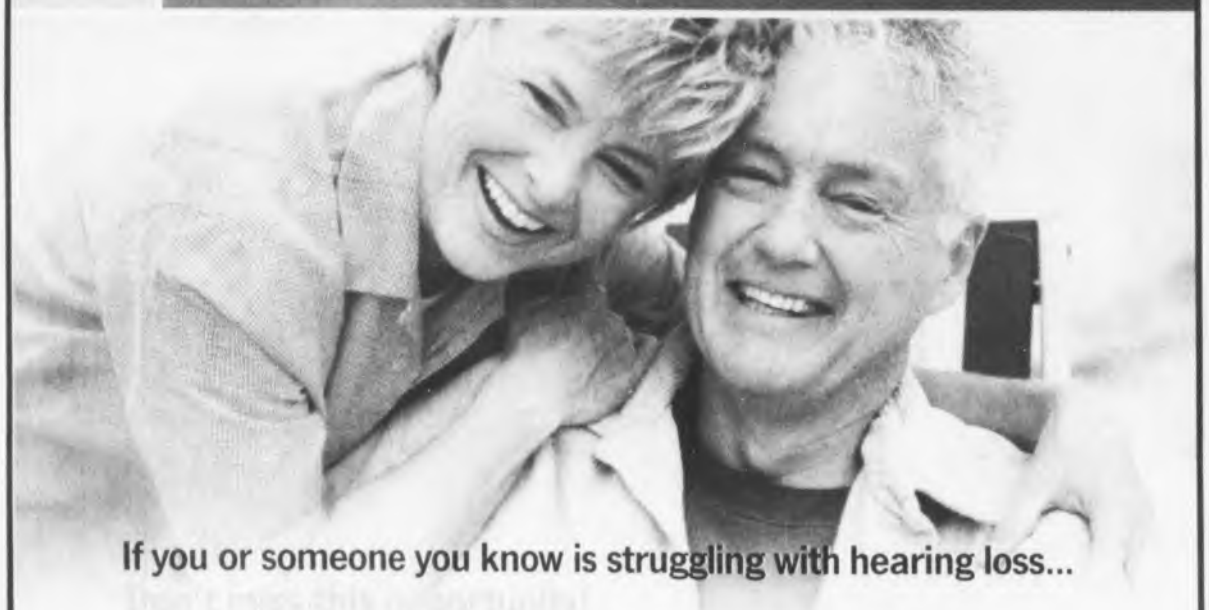

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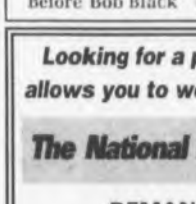

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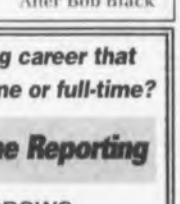

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COHASSET'S WEEK

School committee executive session

An executive session was listed on the Sept. 21 School Committee agenda, but not all members were unanimous in casting a vote to meet in private. At the end of the open session, members of the board asked each other whether it was still necessary to hold an executive session that night and School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said she felt it was not.

However, School Committee members Jamie Williams and Alfred Slanetz said they would like to receive an update on contracts with non-union personnel. MacCarthy said she had nothing to report. However, Williams said it was important for the board to have a conversation and made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-union personnel contracts. Slanetz seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken and members voted 3-1 in favor of the executive session. Rick Flynn joined Williams and Slanetz in voting in favor. MacCarthy voted against going into executive session. Member Steve Fusco did not attend last week's School Committee meeting.

Price of natural gas locked in for schools

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro told the School Committee at its Sept. 21 meeting the school department has been able to lock in its natural gas pricing for the fiscal year. "This is a perfect time to lock in," he said, but he did not provide the figures for the rate at which the schools have obtained. In an interview after the meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said she did not have the figures, but that DeGennaro would make the figures available as soon as they were complete.

Although the exact cost savings is unknown, members of the School Committee speculated it could have a profound impact on the fiscal 2007 school budget, as there was a surplus in the fiscal 2006 budget of roughly $84,000 in middle-high school utilities. The school department had budgeted $244,400 for middle-high school utilities and in fiscal 2006, the actual heating cost was $161,055. The utility budget for fiscal 2007 is $332,147, which is roughly $88,000 more than was budgeted last year, when the school department saw a surplus of $84,000.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said with the savings that will be seen from the prices being locked in, plus the potential over-budgeting of the line item, the school department could see a roughly $200,000 surplus at the end of next year, pending the weather.

PSO calendar

The PSO calendar has been printed and sent out to the homes of all students in the district. Those who did not receive a calendar may pick up a copy at any of the three schools, at the library or at Town Hall.

EEE update

The high school will not be having any sporting events beyond 5 or 6 p.m. until at least Oct. 10. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said with the threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in the area, sporting events will continue to be held before dusk. As fall approaches, the sun will be setting earlier, and will require students coming indoors closer to 5 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. "We're taking this week by week, unless we have a nice frost between now and then," said Walsh. The first frost will kill the mosquito population.

On a related note, the change in game times could result in a loss of gate receipt funds. "That is money we've come to rely upon that we're not going to see," said Walsh. This year's athletic budget was built upon the assumption sporting events would bring in $18,000 in gate receipts.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A no on Question One

With the Sept. 19 state primary now relegated to the annals of history, the race for governor and other contested offices are picking up steam. If this week's gubernatorial debate is a gauge then voters can expect spirited campaigning and lots of issues, programs and promises to consider.

However, races involving state offices are not the only things for voters to consider Nov. 7.

An issue that would make a wholesale change in wine sales in Massachusetts is also on the ballot.

Question One, dubbed the Wine Food Initiative, would allow supermarkets and grocery stores to carry wine — something that is permitted in some 34 other states.

Proponents say passing Question One will be good for the consumer. When you go to the grocery store on your way home from work to buy chicken or steak, you could also pick up a bottle of red or white wine, or both. Those backing the measure say it is a convenience issue and claim wine prices would come down as competition picks up.

Opponents warn that more liquor licenses could translate into more problems with under-age drinking.

Those opposing the measure also worry about the small package stores losing business, and hence, jobs.

Our local legislators, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, both say they will "vote no." So does Police Chief James Hussey.

Sen. Hedlund thinks a piecemeal approach to changing the state's liquor laws is the wrong way to go and would prefer to revisit the entire issue.

Rep. Bradley worries about the impact on small business and public safety.

Chief Hussey comes down squarely on the public safety issue. He is concerned an increase in the number of liquor licenses could translate into more opportunity for alcohol to get into the hands of young people.

The Cohasset Mariner has featured Question One in a story this week. It's an interesting issue especially for those Massachusetts residents who like the idea that we once had strict Blue Laws and that we don't always do things the way other states do.

However, we should all admit to wishing we could pick up a bottle of wine at the supermarket when another stop is going to add more minutes to an already busy day. We certainly understand the convenience issue and the desire for supermarkets to satisfy their customers.

Supermarkets, however, are not going to go out of business if they cannot sell wine. Some smaller package stores could lose business if the question wins with voters.

If Question One were approved it would allow all qualified grocery stores to apply for a wine-only license. Each town would be allowed five for the first 5,000 population and one for each additional 5,000 or part thereof. Issuing the licenses would be at the discretion of the licensing authority, in Cohasset's case that is the selectmen.

While we realize Question One only concerns the sale of wine – we wonder if beer could be far behind. We know from visiting other states that supermarkets that have wine also carry beer.

How many parties or family events have you attended that do not have both beer and wine? Granted there are wine stores that specialize in wine, but package stores carry both beverages.

Beer is the underage drink of choice – so while this initiative would not allow beer to be sold at supermarkets – we doubt there could be guarantees that the law could not be changed down the road.

In many Massachusetts towns, residents still go to the dump (and do not have curbside pickup). This practice drives out-of-staters crazy. In this state, we've always marched to the sound of a different drummer. There are Wal-Marts and big chains, but there are also small pizza parlors and unique downtowns, a rarity in many parts of the country.

So while the current liquor laws date back to just after Prohibition – we're not persuaded that we should change.

Competition and convenience count for a lot, but tradition and small business count for more.

We vote "No" on Question One.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 10, Oct. 17 and Oct 19, at 7 p.m.

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Deer Hill School Council, Oct. 5, at 2:45 p.m. at Deer Hill.

Long Range Budget Committee, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, Oct. 5, at 3:30 p.m. at Osgood.

Planning Board, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m., at the King St. plant.

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Palm Beach is OK, but I'd rather stretch out on those nice warm rocks in Phoenix.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MCAS test results for Grade 10 look pretty good

To the Editor:

The 2007 MCAS results were published on Sept. 27 for Grade 10 English and mathematics. The percent of Cohasset students passing the English exam (advanced and proficient) was 93, nicely up from 90 last year. In both years our score ranked sixth among the 14 benchmark school systems. The percent passing in mathematics this year was 89, the same as last year and our ranking improved to 3 from 4.

Particularly noteworthy was the 72 percent of our students who achieved the advanced score in Mathematics — a good improvement over the 64 percent last year. This is a very strong result even though three other systems did do better with one scoring 79 percent. Many had much lower advanced scores — three were in the mid 50 percent range.

Unfortunately, only 23 percent of our students achieved the advanced score in English — down from 45 percent in 2005. Only one of the other benchmark school systems had a lower score. The four best systems scored between 41 percent and 50 percent.

Cohasset students have traditionally done well on these two exams and this year was no exception. In the past few years, our students have had poor results in the lower grades and in science. The results for those tests will be released in late October.

On balance, we can be pleased that our students did well on the Grade 10 exams.

Paul Carlson
18 Old Coach Road

HEALTH NOTES

Volunteer for Medical Reserve Corps

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week, we talked about the full-scale exercise at the CambridgeSide Galleria in which a dirty bomb was supposed to explode. It was mainly a test for a number of public service professionals hired to keep the peace, fight fires and aid the sick and injured. It was a small exercise; with only 250 victims supposed to be involved.

Cohasset participated in the widespread communication elements of the exercise. But more importantly, the exercise highlighted the need to recruit a group of special volunteers.

We recently sent out a call for such volunteers in Cohasset: people to join the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) that would assist in the event of a health emergency. The MRC is a community-based group of volunteers who can serve during a local emergency health situation and assist with local public health needs throughout the year. Members are being recruited, trained and mobilized under the direction of the Cohasset Health Department and Public Health Region 4b.

The goal for the MRC is to bring together the knowledge and skills of many different health professionals and other volunteers to address public health crises.

The Town needs a diversity of types of volunteers, including:

- Practicing, retired or otherwise employed health professionals including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, nursing assistants, veterinarians, respiratory therapists and others.
- Public health professionals including epidemiologists and health educators.
- Medical, nursing, public health and other allied health professional students.

Others who are interested in assisting their community including social workers, interpreters, chaplains, and any others who can provide administrative assistance.

MRC volunteers can be active or inactive in their profession, they could be retired, or they could be students. Licensed medical professionals must maintain a current license if they are volunteering to provide medical services within the scope of their license. These volunteers may elect to serve their community both during emergencies and for more routine public health needs such as immunization clinics, screenings and health education, or strictly during emergencies.

Because Cohasset is working in cooperation with 27 area communities to share resources, volunteers may also choose to serve only in their town or as part of the regional Medical Reserve Corps. In addition to pure medical, we're asking for mental health specialist, social workers, chaplains, language interpreters, lawyers, funeral directors and administrators. We will also need citizens who just want to help; there'll be a place found for you.

If you think you want to help, call us. We want to identify, credential and train as many volunteers as possible. There's a story people tell about New Orleans. Early on, the people who stood out first in the minds of many New Orleans victims were those who brought water — those who found clean jugs or tanks or cartons of bottles and loaded their trucks and cars and SUVs and brought clean drinkable water.

Recognizing that many professionals have limited time to volunteer, we encourage potential MRC members to choose their level of participation. Volunteers may elect to serve their community both during emergencies and for more routine public health needs such as immunization clinics, screenings and health education, or strictly during emergencies.

For more information, contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, Cohasset Board of Health Public Health Nurse, at (781) 383-2210 or Alison Minkoff, MRC Coordinator for Region 4B, at (617) 665-3871.

A disaster affects all kinds of people. It's a measure of the humanity of a community to see the number of volunteers offering help. Cohasset has always been blessed by an abundance of volunteers. More than a 150 years ago, when the brig St.John broke up on the Grampuses spreading its cargo of human grief on our shores, the entire town came out to help in one way or another. The best way to find your center as a human being is to volunteer. When the dam breaks, or the blizzard comes, sometimes the most useful and best appreciated are those who help the sick, row the boats, shovel the snow — or carry the water.

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Pond St. area temporarily reopens

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Construction stuff – Well, once again we've been out maneuvered and out foxed. Last week we published a detailed list of road closures for the Water Department construction projects, the Veterans Memorial and the MBTA Greenbush closures. Before you even had a chance to read all of this, it changed. Of course, by now, you know this because what is actually happening was a bit different from what we said. Oh well, best laid plans…

But, now there's more. This week you will have experienced a closure on Pleasant Street. We were informed on this past Monday that Greenbush would be closing Pleasant Street during mid-day on Tuesday (Sept. 26) so that they could pull rail across that crossing. Then Thursday or Friday of this week Sohier Street would be closed for the same reason. Once again, we asked the project to give us a bit more notice so that we could let you know before the fact rather than after.

One good thing did come out of this chaotic construction "to do" list. The MBTA did agree to remove the barriers at the foot of the Pond Street hill so that traffic can travel between the northern part of Spring Street and Pond Street during the Water Department work. The Pond Street area will stay open through Friday, Oct. 6. This temporary reopening should be very helpful while the Water Department does their paving in the hillside area.

In addition, the Rocky Lane Bridge should open this Thursday or Friday (Sept. 28th or 29th). As soon as the new bridge is open, the old crossing will close. Later on, on or about Oct. 5 or 6 or Oct. 10, the MBTA will be pulling rails across Lower King Street, which will necessitate the closure of this crossing in mid-day. Two days later (Oct. 12 or 13), the North Main Street crossing will be closed for the same reason.

Once rails have been pulled and set in their permanent home, you can expect to see equipment moving up and down the rails periodically. CBB will be moving construction equipment and materials back and forth as they work feverishly to finish each rail section. So, plan on occasional temporary delays at all crossing locations until the track is ready for rail traffic.

Other Greenbush Progress — Earlier, we spoke about the Rocky Lane Bridge nearing completion. The photo of the bridge shows the workmen scurrying around to complete the bridge.

Even though it is very difficult to see the work that is underway at the new Cohasset Station, this photo shows some of the work that has been accomplished at the new station site. The station platform is nearly complete from a structural standpoint. As you can see from the photo, it is quite long. Actually, it is 800 feet long so that all cars on the longest possible train can access the platform to comply with Universal Access requirements. The platform is made from precast concrete pieces that are trucked to the station site and erected on the base with a large crane. The Greenbush has utilized many different precast structures in the construction of the rail line, such as retaining walls and underground drainage structures. Precast structures improve quality of the concrete work, reduce costs, and increase the speed of construction.

Many people have asked us what is going on Route 3A just south of JJ's Dairy Hut and they want to know when construction will finish in this area. This is the area that was formerly the Barnes landscaping materials business. Well, the construction is complete. What has been constructed is a brand spanking new wetland. For every acre of wetlands that the MBTA reclaimed in order to build the Greenbush, they agreed to create two new acres of wetland. This photo shows that new wetland. We're not sure how good the detail is, but in the accompanying photo there are several interesting features. In the foreground there is a red maple that has been planted as a part of the wetland restoration. Beyond that you can see the various wetland grasses which have been planted. In the distance, in front of the background trees there is a lighter colored mound. That mound is made up of wood chips and has been created as a turtle habitat. So far the turtles have not complained, so we assume they like their new low cost condos.

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Rocky Lane Bridge looking toward North Main Street.

This temporary reopening should be very helpful while the Water Department does their paving in the hillside area.

Left, the precast station platform is nearly complete from a structural standpoint. As you can see from the photo, it is quite long.

Right, the wetland replication area is near JJ's Dairy Hut.

Falling off the perfectionist bandwagon

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

Perfection is for people with plenty of free time and personal assistants. At least that's what I tell myself these days. You see, a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, I used to be one of those perfectionist people. I didn't enjoy anything unless I was doing it "perfectly." It was as if I had "six sigma'd" my entire life, leaving no room for any deviation from an unrealistic standard of perfection. While this can work quite well in business, and did for me for a long time, it doesn't leave a lot of room for error — or fun — in the rest of your life.

However, despite my best efforts, my "perfect" world came to a screeching halt seven years ago. There is nothing like a divorce and a newborn baby to unceremoniously bounce your perfectly-pilated behind right off that perfectionist bandwagon. It doesn't matter how single motherhood comes about (divorce, by choice, or by accident) throughout all of history and society, it's about as far from "perfect" as one can possibly imagine.

Yet, my status as a divorcee and single mom was never a stigma that bothered me much. Perhaps I was too sleep-deprived to notice? On the other hand, the shock was learning that I was never actually going to live up to those "perfect" moms they feature in parenting magazines; that the adorable "perfect" baby room was never really going to make it out of the Pottery Barn catalog; and that trying to excel at a 60 hour a week corporate job was no longer my "perfect" life choice. I tried, I really did; but somehow I kept falling asleep in the middle of it all.

That was until I finally realized that falling off the perfectionist bandwagon was the best thing that ever happened to me. Now, rather than ask about trees falling in the forest, the much more relevant question in my life is "if no one is ever going to see my bed is there really a point in making it?" In fact, simply doing the laundry is a major accomplishment. That means washed and left in the laundry basket. Folding it may or may not happen until a few days later. (I've even discovered that if you wait long enough, you can actually wear everything again before you waste time putting it away.)

I've also come to terms with the fact that work assignments no longer get turned in a day early with "extra research;" and that my only exercise for the week might be running for the school bus in the morning. And, yes, that was me piling the "Kid's Cuisine" frozen dinners into my cart at the supermarket. Although, with fresh vegetables having suddenly turned deadly, frozen chicken nuggets and freeze-dried corn aren't looking so bad.

Do I miss my perfectionism? Of course, an orderly house and life would be nice, but I don't miss how hard I used to be on myself. Nor do I miss those parenting magazines that have finally stopped coming in the mail. I'm also betting my son wouldn't have much liked the "before" version of Mommy. I highly doubt she would have been game to participate in his preferred six-year old activities that range from normal levels of messy to downright gross most of the time. So, for now, while our street address might be listed Cohasset, Massachusetts, my son and I know that we're happily living on the Far Side of Perfect.

Diane K. Danielson is the CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com, a career website and social network for women with chapters across the country (including one here on the South Shore), and the co-author of "Table Talk: The Savvy Girl's Alternative to Networking." Stay tuned for more "Tales from the Far Side of Perfect."

LIBRARY CORNER

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist Exhibit – The South Shore Art Center presents "From My Backyard and Beyond," a collection of botanical paintings by Kay Kopper on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Oct. 31. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

New library hours – As of Sept. 5, library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

New library brochure – One of the outcomes of the library's Team Works Customer Service grant program is a new brochure guide to library services. The guide, which is available at the Circulation Desk, was funded in part by the federal Library Services Technology Act grant awarded to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in a competitive grant process by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The guide is available to the public.

Hot Picks – Patrons can place a hold for these new titles just in: "Under Orders" by Dick Francis; "Out Cold" by William Tapply; "The Secret Heiress" by Judith Gould; and "Love, Lies and Liquor" by M.C. Beaton. Also, new on DVD "The Lake House" with Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves.

FOR CHILDREN

2007 Profiles in Courage essay contest – Fidelity is sponsoring an essay contest for all high school students in grades nine through 12. In less than 1,000 words, contestants are asked to write an essay that is original, creative and demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John f. Kennedy in "Profiles in Courage." A variety of sources such as newspaper articles, books and personal interviews, may be used to address one of the following two topics:

- A current elected public official in the U. S., who is acting courageously to address a political issue at the local, state, national, or international level, or
- An elected public official in the U. S. since 1956 who has acted courageously to address a political issue at the local, state, national, or international level.

Submit essays online by Jan. 6, 2007. Flyers are available in the Young Adult room of the Paul Pratt Memorial library. Winners will receive awards totaling up to $6,500. For complete guidelines, visit www.jfklibrary.org.

Letters About Literature contest – Letters About Literature contest entry forms are available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, at Hingham school libraries, or by visiting www.massbook.org. For further information see Mrs. Moody or e-mail smoody@ocln.org.

Presidential perspective

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

"I more than suspect that he is deeply conscious of being in the wrong," said the Congressman, "that he feels the blood of this war, like the blood of Abel, is crying to Heaven against him. He is a bewildered, confounded and miserably perplexed man."

The "miserably perplexed" man was the president of the United States, not George W. Bush, but James K. Polk. The war was not in Iraq but in Mexico. And the critic was an obscure Whig congressman from Illinois named Abraham Lincoln.

American presidents have been the targets of critics and masters of the insult since the founding of the republic, although verbal attacks launched by foreign dignitaries like Hugo Chavez and the guy from Iran (I still can't spell it) are rare.

Not even the sainted George Washington could escape.

"As to you, sir, treacherous to private friendship and a hypocrite in public life, the world will be puzzled to decide whether you are an apostate or an imposter, whether you have abandoned good principles or whether you ever had any."

That was the pamphleteer Thomas Paine, one Founding Father to another, in a letter to the Father of his Country.

Lincoln himself was an inviting target of insult.

"I never did see or converse with so weak and imbecile a man; the weakest man I ever knew in high place," said Sen. William Saulsbury, a Delaware Democrat. "If I wanted to paint a despot, a man perfectly regardless of every Constitutional right of the people, I would paint the hideous, ape-like form of Abraham Lincoln."

Even the man he named to lead the nation's armed forces at the start of the Civil War could not conceal his contempt for his commander-in-chief.

"The president is nothing more than a well-meaning baboon. He is the original gorilla. What a specimen to be at the head of our affairs now," said Gen. George McClelland, who brought his criticism of his boss to the polls in '64 and got licked.

"McKinley (President William) has no more backbone than a chocolate éclair," said Teddy Roosevelt when he was assistant secretary of the Navy. Nevertheless, McKinley picked him as his vice president for his second term.

Teddy is a gold mine of presidential insult.

"Taft (President William Howard), who is such an admirable fellow, has shown himself such a commonplace leader, good natured, feebly well-meaning, but with plenty of small motive, and totally unable to grasp or put into execution any great policy," he said of his successor.

"He (President Woodrow Wilson) hasn't a touch of idealism in him. His advocacy of the League of Nations no more represents idealism on his part than his advocacy of peace without victory. He is a silly doctrinaire at times and an utterly selfish and cold-blooded politician always," he said of his successor's successor.

When he wasn't firing off insults, Teddy was a target himself.

"Now look! That damned cowboy is president of the United States," said Sen. Mark Hanna, Ohio Republican, when Teddy succeeded after McKinley's assassination.

They underestimated Harry Truman, too.

"It defies all commonsense to send that roughneck ward politician back to the White House," said Sen. Robert Taft, another Ohio Republican, after Harry upset Tom Dewey in 1948.

It was a comment for which Harry had an all-purpose retort.

"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

So far, no one has.

Animal shelter effort

Tune into Our Town starting Monday. The program, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, will feature Susan Phippen and David Cerruti who will talk about the efforts to build a new Scituate Animal Shelter at the 3A Farm at the corner of Mann Lot Road and Route 3A.

Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter to replace the facility currently on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, accommodating stray, homeless, injured and surrendered companion animals.

For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter or 3afarmfund.com.

OUR TOWN is happy to announce that it will also be offering viewers two new specials over the next several weeks. First, the Cohasset High School Class of 2006 Graduation Ceremony is airing on Fridays at 7:30p.m., followed on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30p.m.

A very special two-hour presentation on the correlation of mercury based vaccines for children and autism which is airing this Saturday and Sunday at 8p.m., followed on Mondays at 7p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Wine initiative to get round at Ballot Box

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carving out this small exception in the current liquor laws. He said he would support a comprehensive review of the state liquor license distribution system that he described both as confusing and "somewhat unique."

Currently, towns are allowed a certain number of liquor licenses based on a formula that takes population into account. If a municipality needs more than the allotted number, it can file a home rule petition. For example, Hingham, which had no more licenses available, filed a home rule petition for liquor licenses at Derby Street Shoppes that was supported by the Legislature.

Hedlund, who represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Cohasset, said the reason the question includes only wine and not beer is because supporters think that would be more palatable to the voters. He also expects that large retail outlets like Walmart and BJs would try to get into the wine business.

Question One proponents say with the option of grocery store purchases, consumers would have more choices and pay lower prices.

But Joe Ierardi, who owns Hingham Liquors in Hingham Square and another package store in Holbrook, said the proliferation of new wine licenses would put small stores out of business. He also questioned whether the larger retail stores and small convenience stores would be as vigilant in insuring no underage customers buy wine.

"This would about double the amount of licenses in the state but there is zero funding to police it," Ierardi said.

Ierardi said Walmart is the biggest retailer of alcohol in the country. Ierardi keeps "Vote No" literature next to the cash register and has dropped off informational packets at the Hingham Selectmen's Office.

Andy Hailer, manager of Curtis Liquors in Cohasset, also questioned whether adding the potential for 2800 new outlets for alcohol statewide is smart from a public safety perspective, especially in retail stores that employ a large number of under-age workers.

"We card everyone under 40," Hailer explained. Hailer, who is also concerned about the effect on small businesses, said Curtis Liquors has informational material available for customers about the pitfalls of selling wine at food stores.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, is also opposed to Ballot Question One. He too is concerned that allowing supermarkets to sell wine could put smaller liquor stores out of business. He disputes the argument that other states have liquor stores that remained in business despite liquor being sold in grocery stores.

"You can't compare one state to another, without asking if that was always the way it was," Bradley said.

Bradley, who represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Cohasset, said if Question One passes, it would only be a matter of time before carrying beer was also allowed.

Griffin of the "Vote No" campaign agreed. "It's only adding two words 'and beer' to the act," she said.

But Hinden of the "Vote Yes" campaign said grocery stores realize that food and wine go together. "As far as the public safety issue goes, wine is not the drink of choice for minors," said Hinden. She said studies show 7.7 percent of kids who drink, drink wine, and 72.9 percent drink beer.

Hinden said the claim grocery stores will sell to minors is unfounded. "We believe grocery stores with their vast security systems in place will do as good or better job than package stores in preventing sales to minors."

Robert Keane, spokesperson for Stop & Shop that supports Question One, described the effort as the end result of customer requests.

"When people come in from out of state and ask for our wine section, we have to say 'we don't have one,'" said Keane, who stressed the supermarket is customer-focused and customer convenience is the crux of the issue.

Stop & Shop has 119 supermarkets across the state. Under current state law, any business — including a supermarket — can only have a total of three liquor licenses. Super Stop & Shop in Hingham has a full liquor license. Keane said that would not change if Question One should pass.

Wine at Food Stores Initiative

Proponents claim:
- Would only apply to qualified grocery stores selling a range of food products
- Would provide customer convenience
- Current 72-year-old liquor state law gives liquor stores a virtual monopoly on selling wine
- Current law limits competition and consumer choice resulting in higher wine prices

Opponents claim:
- Virtually every convenience store, drug store and some gas stations would be able to sell wine
- Would increase sales to underage customers because many convenience stores employ teenagers.
- No provisions for policing the about double the number of liquor licenses
- 3,000-4,000 people would lose their jobs as liquor stores go out of business.

Paul Pratt building a historic gem

FROM PRATT, PAGE 1

history, its architectural details, photographs, charts of geologic surveys and other specific information regarding the building's historical significance.

Once the application is complete, it is sent to the National Register office of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. It, in turn, sends a historical preservation editor, who specializes in historical preservation, out to the building to gather more specific information about the building's historic integrity. "He knows much more about it than we do," said Wadsworth.

The editor then sends a second rough application with new, additional information, which must make it through the state review board of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and is then sent on to the Keeper of the Register in Washington, D.C. This entire process usually takes close to two years.

"Our application passed the review board in June, and in August, it went to Washington to the Keeper of the Register" which awards the certification, Wadsworth said.

Having a building on the National Register is a very prestigious honor to have, as it marks the building as being worthy of preservation due to its cultural and historical value. By having the designation, it also helps towns secure grant funding and it protects the building in a limited way from any government activity at both the state and federal level, which might take place on the property. Any proposed projects for the property on which a nationally registered building exists have to be reviewed, and it must be determined the activity will not affect the building's historical significance.

"I don't know of any problems, so when it is approved, you may hear the fireworks go off."

— David Wadsworth, Cohasset Historical Society

The Paul Pratt Building is one of Cohasset's historical gems. It was built in 1903, which was a time in which there was a national movement to increase education and culture and many libraries were built. Most were built with funds provided by Andrew Carnegie, however, the Pratt Building, while it was built in the same style as many of the Carnegie libraries, was funded privately by Cohasset resident Paul Pratt.

Pratt lived on South Main Street and was a merchant in Boston. When he died, he was very well off and his money was passed on to his two daughters. Neither one married and together, they gave the money to build the library. The land to build the library on was given by Samuel T. Snow, and Wadsworth's grandfather, Edward Nichols, designed the building. "I'd consider it some of his best work," he said.

Upon its completion, the building became a private library. However, there was another library, the Cohasset Free Public Library, which had books, but did not have a building in which to house them. The Pratt Library then offered some shelf space to the Free Library to keep its books, and for a time, Cohasset had two separate libraries under one roof. Over the years, the libraries merged into one public library.

Cohasset has a number of buildings listed on the National Register. All of Government Island is listed as a historic district on the register, as is the Town Common. The Walter Gropius House by Sandy Beach, Central Cemetery, the Wilson House and Maritime Museum and the Caleb Lothrup house are all on the Register as well.

POLITICAL

Weymouth firefighters, carpenters endorse Hedlund

Weymouth Fire Fighters Union, Local 1616, has endorsed State Sen. Robert Hedlund's bid for reelection, representing the Plymouth and Norfolk District. Sen. Hedlund has supported increased funding for fire safety equipment at the state level.

"I am extremely proud and grateful for the support of the Weymouth Fire Fighters. As State Senator, I have always made public safety a top priority and I will continue to work hard on behalf of the brave men and women of the public safety community," Hedlund said.

In addition to the Weymouth Fire Fighters endorsement, Sen. Hedlund also received the endorsement of the Carpenters Union Woodframers Local 723 of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, AFL-CIO.

"The Woodframers endorsement is a true honor. I am pleased to share and support many of the same working-class values that these hard-working men and women exhibit on a daily basis," said Hedlund.

The endorsement of Hedlund by Carpenters Local 424 and Woodframers Local 723 are the only endorsement by those Unions of a Republican candidate at any level in Massachusetts.

Hedlund also received endorsements from the Boston Carmen's Union Local 589, SEIU 5000-NAGE, Carpenters Local 424 and the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$2 MILLION FOR INTENSIVE PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION (H 5000)

House 131-21, Senate 37-0, override Gov. Mitt Romney's $2 million reduction (from $16.1 million to $14.1 million) in funding for intensive supervision of convicts on probation and parole. The funds would be used for tracking, community service, educational assistance, drug and alcohol testing and treatment, curfew enforcement and home confinement. Supporters of the $2 million said that the funding is crucial to ensure that these probationers and parolees are properly supervised in order to protect the public and integrate them back into society. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the item to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $2 million. A "No" vote is against the $2 million).

$14 MILLION FOR HUMAN SERVICE WORKERS (H 5000)

House 153-0, Senate 36-0, override Gov. Romney's $14 million reduction (from $28 million to $14 million) in funding for pay raises for human service workers earning less than $40,000 per year. Supporters of the additional $14 million said that this would allow long overdue pay increases for hardworking, underpaid human service workers who provide valuable services to thousands of vulnerable citizens including the homeless, elderly, abused children and individuals with mental and physical disabilities. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the item to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the additional $14 million).

$250,000 FOR LIBRARIES (H 5000)

House 153-0, Senate 38-0, override Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $250,000 in funding for a public library matching incentive grant program that provides a 50-cent state match for each dollar raised by local libraries. Supporters of the $250,000 said that many local libraries are facing financial hardships and noted that this matching program would help libraries raise money. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original budget recommendation. (A "Yes" vote is for the $250,000).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (H 5234): Lt. Governor Kerry Healey signed into law a bill giving child victims of sexual abuse a longer period of time to report the crimes. The measure extends the time period from 15 to 27 years after the victim turns 16. The time period could be extended indefinitely if independent, outside evidence corroborates the victim's allegations. Other provisions prohibit Level 3 sex offenders from living in a nursing home; require more sex offenders on probation or parole to wear GPS tracking devices and impose lifetime parole on Level 3 sex offenders who fail to meet registration requirements. Supporters say that many children who are victims of sexual abuse are not emotionally ready to confront the situation until many years later and noted that current law allows many sexual predators to get away with their crimes. Opponents say that the bill would result in many people being wrongly convicted because evidence and memories are often hazy and unreliable after many years.

DISCHARGE FROM NURSING HOMES (H 2681): Gov. Romney vetoed a bill requiring the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) to hold a hearing when requested by a resident of a nursing facility who is being discharged or transferred. The DMA would determine whether the person's new setting is safe and appropriate. Supporters of the bill say that some seniors who are discharged from nursing homes end up in inappropriate settings including homeless shelters or in a home with a relative who is too ill to care for them. They note that under a current vague federal policy, hearing officers often do not question where the senior will reside. In his veto message, Romney said that the bill is unnecessary because federal regulations already require hearings and mandate that nursing homes "ensure the safe and orderly transfer or discharge from the facility."

POLL WORKERS AND ELECTIONS (S 2277): Gov. Romney signed into law a bill allowing local communities to hire 16 and 17-year olds as poll workers and eliminating the requirement that they live in the community in which they will work. The measure also prohibits the secretary of state, city and town clerks and members of board of registrars of voters or election commissions from serving as the chair, treasurer or officer for political candidates other than themselves. Supporters say that cities and towns are struggling to find poll workers and argue that these changes would increase the number of workers. They also say that it is inappropriate for election officials to serve on a candidate's committee.

VETERANS' LICENSE PLATES (H 1706): The Senate approved and sent to Gov. Romney legislation allowing a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, unless remarried, to keep the special veterans license plates on his or her vehicle. Supporters said that current law only allows retention of the plates by the surviving spouses of some veterans including ex-prisoners of war, Purple Heart recipients, Pearl Harbor survivors and soldiers killed in action. They argued that the honor of retaining the plates should be available to the widowed spouses of all veterans who served the nation.

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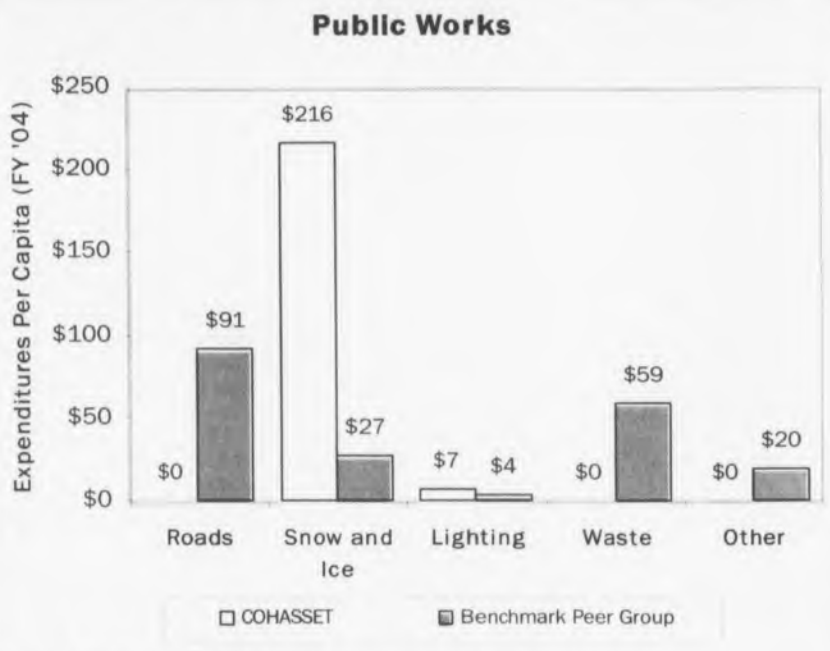

Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart shows the amount that Cohasset spent per capita in 2004 on public works, including roads, snow and ice removal, lighting, waste collection and disposal. This chart also provides the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing public works spending per capita against other similar communities, one can gauge how much it costs to provide the basic public works services. All else being equal, communities that have more infrastructure or provide more services will have higher costs.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently by the Building Commissioner's office:

Murphy, 40 Red Gate Lane, finish 24' x 24' 2 car garage with 2nd floor storage, $40,000; Brewer, 262 North Main St., replace existing porch, $8,250; Riccio, 190 Pond St., 24' x 22' foundation, family room and bath above, $125,000; Cate/Wallner, 40B Nichols Rd., 44 squares asphalt roof, $24,800; Snook/Stoddard, 37 Stanton Rd., 18' x 30' inground pool, $28,000; Dunkleburger, 116 Pleasant St., 2nd floor to existing structure, $11,500; Doonan, 730 Jerusalem Rd., demolish home, $20,000; Deutsch, 100 Elm St., remodel kitchen, dining room, $50,000; Connolly, 550 Jerusalem Rd., remove bearing wall, remodel, $20,000; Talacci, 98 Aaron River Rd., convert garage to rec room, add porch, shed, $18,000;

Filion, 45 Windy Hill Rd., 19' x 28' inground pool, $48,000; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, tent install 9/30/06-10/01/06, $333: Lengyel, 306 Forest Ave., replace sliders with windows, move some plug, $5,000; Reed, 256 South Main St., bathroom remodel, $4,000; Murphy, 27, Highland Ave., 7 square roof shingles, $2,500; Whang, 100 Pond St., remodel kitchen, bath, $[illegible]; Rosano, 226 CJD [illegible] new medical/profes- [illegible]ding, $195,000; Tho[illegible]109 Nichols Rd., 2 square roofing, 5 square siding, 3 windows, $7,000; Hindley, 348C North Main St., kitchen exten., 5 windows, recon, front porch, $5,000;

Marat, 103 Aaron River Rd., demo garage-construct addition, $325,000; Tedeschi Realty Corp., 790 CJC Highway, expand pharmacy area, $59,000; Curtis, 15 Haystack Lane, new residence, $500,000; Manning, 100 Pond St., U-#40, replace kitchen cabinets, add hardwood floor, $5,000; Roy/Cohasset Gulph, 82 Border St., replace metal roof, walls, add 10 windows, $30,000; and Adams, 296 South Main St., 60 square wood roof shingles, $78,960.

Author talks about pitfalls of overachieving

The Hingham High School PTO and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host New York Times best-selling author, Alexandra Robbins, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., at Hingham High School, 17 Union St., Hingham. Robbins will discuss her new book, "The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids," which questions how we prepare the next generation for their role in society

Competition at the top of the ladder is fierce. To excel in sports, to stack the report card with AP classes, to maintain status as a musical prodigy and to be the class valedictorian are lofty achievements individually, yet so many of today's young adults view them collectively as one goal. The reward for all the effort is acceptance at a top college, the perceived requirement for success. The price: eating disorders, sports-induced injuries, cheating, manipulation, and loss of love of learning and educational quality.

Robbins followed several top high students from her alma mater, Walt Whitman High, in Washington, D.C. over an academic year. "The Overachievers" is about what she learned and observed during this time. The need to be perfect is at the core of her characters and Robbins writes about their drive and grueling schedules. The author questions the current process of SAT testing and the college application procedure and reviews the flaws, offering suggestions for changing the process.

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Fit to be tied

By Mark Goodman
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Give the Cohasset High football team credit for one thing: they know how to come up with miraculous plays to save games.

Just six days after beating Archbishop Williams on a halfback option in the last minute, there were the Skippers last Friday against Cardinal Spellman, down 6-0, facing a fourth-and-17 at their own 47 with 1:56 left in the game.

Most coaches – including the ones in the stands scouting the game – would have punted, with the hopes of forcing a three-and-out and getting the ball back for one last drive.

Not Pete Afanasiw, however, who decided to go for it. After a timeout, senior quarterback Anthony DiPaulo dropped back and heaved one downfield in the direction of senior wideout Fletcher Smalzel. Cardinals cornerback Michael Milero appeared to be in perfect position to break up the pass and lock up victory for the visitors.

Until, that is, Smalzel came back to the ball, went over the top of Milero and came down with a spectacular leaping catch. First down, Cohasset, at the Cardinals' 19.

After a couple good runs by DiPaulo and junior tailback Brian Hill, Spellman shored up its defense and forced the Skippers into a fourth-and-goal at the 4. And this time, it was DiPaulo's turn for glory, going left on a bootleg and sprinting untouched past the pylon and into the end zone for the touchdown with just 18 seconds left on the clock.

With their fans going wild, all the Skippers needed for its second straight comeback win was the extra point. Unfortunately, the attempt was missed, and the boys in white had to settle for a 6-6 tie.

As Cohasset's offense showed little life until the fourth quarter, it was up to the defense to keep the Skippers in the game. Aside from Spellman's 14-play, 87-yard scoring drive in the second quarter, it did just that.

On the defensive line, senior Nick Cambi and junior Jake Cuneo were both solid in stuffing Spellman's power running

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CHS boys get on winning track

By Mark Goodman
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It took six games, but the Cohasset High boys soccer team is in the win column.

Goals from senior Hunter Sease, junior Evan Deutsch and sophomore Ivan Sceery – all in the first half – paced Cohasset to a comfortable 3-1 home win against Hull on Tuesday.

Now comes today's (Sept. 29, 4 p.m.) match against archrival Norwell, a side that will surely be out for revenge. Cohasset beat the Clippers three times last year, including a hotly contested 1-0 decision in the Div. 3 South quarterfinals.

After watching his team get off to a slow start this season, Skippers head coach Rob Leary is seeing improvement in his team's performance and intensity. He will certainly be hoping to see that continue against Norwell.

"I want to see us come out and play as hard as we can," Leary said Wednesday. "Norwell has revenge on their mind. It's a big-time rivalry, so our kids are excited already. I just want them to play as hard as they did against Harwich."

In that 1-1 tie against the Rough Riders last Wednesday, Cohasset conceded a goal in the fourth minute, but played well the rest of the way. Junior Sam Roth notched the equalizer in the second half, and the Skippers really applied the pressure in the last 15 minutes, but hit the crossbar twice in that span.

A key to the tie against a good Harwich team (the Rough Riders handed Norwell its first league loss on Tuesday) was the solid play of Cohasset's new-look defense. Sophomore Owen Landon has stepped in to the sweeper position, flanked by fullbacks Luke Genello and Matt Burgess. Senior stopper Adam Smith shut down Harwich's top scorer, Connor Burnham.

Landon is one of three JV call-ups that have been playing well for the varsity side in recent games. Junior Emma Oronte and sophomore Ryan Daley have both provided a strong presence up front for the Skippers.

Daley assisted Sceery's goal against Hull with a good cross from the left wing, a tally that broke a 1-1 deadlock in the 33rd minute. Just before the break, Sceery assisted Deutsch to

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STAFF PHOTOS/ELSA ALLEN

Travis Roy speaks to players from the Yankee Conference youth hockey league at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham on Saturday.

Travis Roy is still scoring goals

Did not let hockey injury stop him

By Mary Ford
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HINGHAM - Travis Roy may not have been a familiar figure to the Mites, Squirts and Pee Wees — who were too young to remember the BU player at the Pilgrim Skating Arena on Saturday — but soon he became someone they would never forget.

"Sometimes challenges chase us. But I believe we all have an inner spirit that is capable of doing things we never imagined."
— Travis Roy

Roy, now 30, talked about the 11 seconds that occurred 11 years ago — from face-off to hitting the boards — during which he accomplished a goal that would also forever change his life. But he also focused on the journey that led him to be able to don a Boston University uniform and where his goals have taken him since the accident.

Saturday's event that was co-sponsored by the Pilgrim Skating Arena and Yankee Conference, a youth hockey league based at the Hingham rink, raised money for the Travis Roy Foundation.

Today Roy, who as a youth hockey player dreamt about playing the sport in college and even the pros, is an author, hockey sports analyst, and motivational speaker with a foundation that supports research and one-on-one assistance to those with spinal cord injuries.

"I woke up that morning and it was the best day of my life," Roy recalled about Oct. 20, 1995. "I sat in the locker room that had just been redone and the walls were covered with pictures of past BU players who had moved on to the NHL."

"I thought someday my picture might be on that wall."

Roy said he pulled his #24 jersey over his head and filed out onto the ice. He remembers standing on the blue line for the National Anthem. "Never in my life had I ever before felt so proud," he said.

Roy said as a boy hockey was always on his mind and as he entered high school, he wrote his goals down including the number of points he would tally his freshman year. Along with that, was a dream goal of playing Division I college hockey. "My second dream goal was may be playing professional hockey," he said.

"I showed those goals to my Mom and Dad," he recalled. "But my Dad said you have to have good grades to get into college."

Roy said he thought about that and then wrote, "maintain a B average" as his next goal. He also wanted to break 1,000 on his SATs. "I folded up that list and put it into my desk drawer," he said about the course he charted.

During his senior year at Tabor Academy, Roy broke 1,000 on his SATs (after taking them five times, he said) and

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Brennan Quigley, 7, of Braintree looks on as Travis Roy autographs a Boston University hockey jersey on Saturday at the Pilgrim Skating Arena.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Sam Roth scored the Skippers' goal in last Wednesday's 1-1 tie against Harwich. The boys will face a stern test today (Sept. 29) when they travel to archrival Norwell.

Field hockey looking for consistency

Skippers see some good, some bad in recent stretch of games

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

In the unpredictable world of high school sports, the team with the most skill doesn't always end up with the best overall record.

For this reason, it's anyone's guess how the Cohasset High field hockey team will finish off the season.

Take Cohasset's showdown against Mashpee on Tuesday the 19th as the first case in point. While the Skippers' skill level matched that of the Falcons', it wasn't Cohasset's nifty stick handling that earned them this 3-1 South Shore League victory.

From the opening minute to the final whistle, the Skippers showed intensity, good spacing, and composure. By maintaining these three essential yet commonly overlooked fundamental tactics, Cohasset set the stage for plenty of offensive production.

In the first half, junior Corinna Durham fired off an unassisted goal that established the tempo for the rest of the game.

Unfortunately, the Skippers' composure met its downfall when they took on the Crusaders.

With a spring in their step at both ends of the field, the Skippers continued their attack in the second half. Junior Olivia Kimla assisted captain Caitlin Hurley, shortly followed by a heads-up goal from senior Virginia Spofford off a rebounding shot.

"The midfield controlled this game," remarked Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick. "We maintained even spacing and transitioned the ball up the field very well. The girls definitely earned this one."

Unfortunately, the Skippers' composure met its downfall two days later when they took on the Crusaders. As Cohasset moped onto the Carver field last Thursday, the Skippers appeared flat.

"We did not prepare well pregame," admitted Bostwick. "The girls took Carver lightly, came out flat, and paid the price. They definitely learned from this one."

In contrast to the Mashpee game, the Skippers lost control in the midfield. Cohasset started to panic, and played out of position.

The Skippers' loss of composure opened up the door for the Crusaders' offense. Carver powerhouse Kayla Littig tallied a goal and an assist in the first half, followed by two more goals in the second.

Still, the Skippers showed a few positives. Senior captain Laura Campedelli assisted senior captain Sheelah Scott on a textbook offensive corner. A few minutes later, Scott found Spofford for a goal.

Campedelli and sophomore Georgia Murley did their jobs in the middle, and senior Michelle Madge and junior Paige Strecker did well on defense. Goalie Alyssa Mullin also made some impressive saves.

Even so, the Skippers found themselves down 4-2 as the final whistle sounded.

"The first half was terrible," admitted Hurley. "We were putting some passes together and had some solid attacks in the second half, but it was too late."

This tale of two games should definitely give the Skippers a wake up call. As they take on Hull, East Bridgewater, and Norwell this week, Cohasset will need to keep the Carver game in the back of their minds; also they need to think, "Composure! Composure! Composure!"

Lady Skippers run riot

Score 17 goals in 2 games heading into showdown with Norwell

STAFF PHOTOS/TOM GORMAN

Emily Coggins, one of the Skippers' four senior captains, in action during the season opener against Holbrook.

Sophomore sweeper Sammie Lehr (right) heads the ball away from a Holbrook player. Cohasset's defense has allowed just four goals through its first seven games.

The Cohasset High girls soccer team's impressive goal-scoring form has continued with 17 goals in its last two games, road wins over Harwich and Hull.

Those wins improved the Skippers' record to 6-1, and it will take that mark into its match today (Sept. 29, 4 p.m.) in Norwell against the South Shore League-leading Clippers.

Norwell comes in with a 5-0-2 record (the ties coming against Abington and Pembroke), and in its most recent match, beat Harwich 6-1, the same Rough Riders side that Cohasset topped 8-0 last week.

The Clippers have been a difficult matchup for Cohasset in recent years, but Skippers head coach Deb Beal says she and her players are prepared to make things different this time.

"That will be a really good game. I believe we are ready and confident," said the coach.

The trip to Harwich can be a dicey one, with the extended bus ride down and then limited warm-up time before the game. Suffice it to say there were few problems this time around.

"The trip to Harwich was successful for both the JV and varsity teams," said Beal. "The trip is long and anything can happen when you get off the bus. The girls did an outstanding job of getting it together quickly and preparing themselves to play."

The Skippers' last two lopsided wins have allowed to give her bench players more time on the pitch, which in turn has given Cohasset's stars to recover from various nicks, bruises, sprains and pulls.

"Never have I had a team that has the chemistry this one does. From day one they worked hard and they have met challenges face on."

Skippers head coach Deb Beal

Sophomore striker Torey Hart is still nursing a sprained ankle, but continues to improve. In Tuesday's 9-0 victory in Hull, she served up four corners and the Skippers scored on all four. Junior forward Meg Anderson was on the receiving end of two of those corners.

Sophomore center-midfielder Maggie McGoldrick is recovering from a bruised rib that she sustained in the Sept. 18 match against Carver. Beal says she appears to be ready to jump back into the action. It doesn't end there, as junior fullback Anna Haggerty is caring for a sore ankle and toe, and senior captain Emily Coggins has a slight quad pull.

"Thankfully, these injuries occurred in a portion of the season that allows for some rest time. We don't seem too overwhelmed trying to fit games in and playing more than twice a week," Beal said. "But now, I believe the toughest part of our schedule is just about here."

A cursory glance at the upcoming schedule backs up that assertion. After the showdown with Norwell, the girls go to Mashpee on Wednesday. The Falcons play on a notoriously small field, and can give opponents fits with what Beal described as their "kick and run style of soccer."

Next is a trip next Friday to East Bridgewater, a side the Skippers beat 5-0 at Alumni Field on Sept. 12. The Vikings threw an interesting twist into the league standings by beating Abington on Tuesday, handing the Green Wave their first league loss of the season. Should Cohasset top Norwell today, the Clippers and Green Wave would both have a loss and tie to their league record, put the Skippers at the top of the table with just one loss (to Abington).

After EB, Cohasset plays Abington and Carver the following week. And, lest anyone forget, all these matches are on the road.

"I think we need to fasten our seatbelts and go," said Beal. "We have worked hard and now, after seven games, we have solidified our confidence in one another and we continue to improve everyday.

"Never have I had a team that has the chemistry this one does. From day one they worked hard and they have met challenges face on. These kids just play. The bus rides are hysterical and they genuinely enjoy one another's company."

Learn-to-skate classes in Weymouth, Quincy

Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4fi and up, and for adults are starting in October at the Weymouth Connell and Quincy Shea Ice Rinks. Classes are held on Sundays and students may use either hockey or figure skates.

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Fit to be tied

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attack for most of the game. When a Cardinals runner did manage to get through the trenches, senior co-captain Colin Conway was there to clean up from his linebacker position.

Junior defensive back David Snowdale had two big sacks in the second half, including one on the first play of the fourth quarter that forced Spellman to punt after it had advanced into Cohasset territory.

Another clutch play came from junior Schyuler Wakefield, who recovered a fumble of a bad Spellman handoff with 5:29 left in the game to set up the Skippers' final drive.

The result makes Cohasset's record 2-0-1 as they have prepared this week for a showdown with rival Scituate tomorrow (Sept. 30). Kickoff at Scituate High School is scheduled for 2 p.m.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

The Cohasset offensive line digs in for a first quarter play during its game against Archbishop Williams. On Saturday at 2 p.m., the Skippers will take on archrival Scituate at SHS. The Sailors won last year's contest, 7-0, on a third quarter touchdown run by Jay Milkiewicz.
Look to next week's Mariner for complete coverage of this weekend's game.

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Senior Luke Genello heads the ball forward in the season opener against Rockland. Genello has played a key role in a revamped defense that has allowed just one goal in each of the Skippers' last two games, including last Wednesday's impressive 1-1 tie against Harwich.

CHS boys get on winning track

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account for the match's final goal.

Deutsch has been spending his time in the midfield after the starting the year at his usual sweeper position. Cohasset has been playing without its talented junior center-mid, Mike Grimm, and Deutsch has joined senior Chris Donze and Roth to help fill in at that important position.

"Evan is a good player with good ball control skills to play that spot," said Leary. "He has the skill to move forward, and he wants to do it."

After the Norwell match, Cohasset returns to Alumni Field to host Mashpee on Wednesday and East Bridgewater next Friday.

COASTAL STARS

Squirt B1

"Hey honey, where's my winter coat and wool socks?" "Why, are we finally going on that second honeymoon cruise to Alaska?" "Noooo, it's hockey season!" That's right, and the Coastal Stars squirt B1 squad started off the season by cruising over Braintree 4-1.

The first period was "trial and error" time as the players found their groove as a team. The offensive line of Matt Scullion, Bryan Bowman and Mats Nelson demonstrated they were gelling by keeping constant pressure on the Braintree squad. Then, with 4:15 left in the period, defenseman Matt Doyle deked the Braintree D-man and fired a cannon over the goalie's right shoulder to put the Stars up by one.

The second period was dominated by the Stars. Rarely did the puck leave their offensive zone. Nevin Connors, Will Cole and Chris Bertone circled the net like coyotes on a lamb, but the goalie held his ground. Braintree did manage one scoring opportunity with a breakout score off a rebound, which tied the score at one a piece. A mere ten seconds later that tie was broken by Joey Redfearn. He streaked up the middle, flanked by his wings Tucker Ambrose and Paul Parker. The goalie didn't have a chance to stop Redfearn's wrist shot over the right shoulder. Then, with 5:56 left in the second period, Will Cole tucked the puck under the goalie's pads off a Kal Maier rebounded shot.

Now up by two goals, the defense took over and shut the Braintree team down. The remainder of the second period and all of the third was a display of phenomenal defense led by goalie Hugh Healey who denied Braintree's desperate attempts with his "white walls". While the Stars were short-handed, Jack Evitts broke up a three on two rush with his seemingly ten foot long stick. Robert Reidy used perfect body positioning to stop a two on one rush. Kal Maier and Matt Doyle were twin brick walls, letting nothing escape the offensive zone.

Finally, with the game clock about to expire, Tucker Ambrose blasted a wrist shot through the goalie's pads to end the game Stars 4 and Braintree 1.

Last Saturday, the Coastal Stars Squirt B-1 team continued their winning ways traveling to Bridgewater for a 6 a.m. sunriser versus the Pythons of Pembroke. The theme of the game was offense, "early and often" as the Pythons were outmatched by Coach Redfearn's B-1 Bombers.

Just one minute into the game, Big Bryan Bowman, affectionately known as "Triple B", streaked down the left side for his first goal, tucking one past the Python goalie into the right hand corner. Robert Reidy answered three minutes later, deking the D-man and going in alone for the goal. Up 2-0 and with 7:12 left in the period, Kal Maier was led to the Sin Bin on a tripping infraction. The Special Forces line of Tucker Ambrose, Paul Parker, Matt Doyle and Jo Jo Carbone successfully killed off the penalty to keep Pembroke from mustering any momentum. Strong skating and good stick work by Chris Bertone, Nevin Connors, and Matthew Scullion contained Pembroke and prevented them from breaking out of their own end.

Joey "Juneau" Redfearn resumed the scoring with a left fake at the blue line and a drive to the center, unleashing a cannon of a wrist shot that found its mark at 3:32 of the first. Moments later, defenseman Mats Nelson outnumbered on a Pembroke attack, foiled the rush with a nifty poke check.

The second period was much like the first as the B-1 Bombers scored at will. Tucker Ambrose started off the scoring with a neat little "shake and bake" move followed by a wrister into the top left corner. A couple minutes later, it was Joey Redfearn with his second goal of the game on a "coast to coast" rush finding top shelf over the goalie's shoulder. At 4:11 in the period, Jack Evitts made it 6-0 tucking a shot under the pads of the outstretched Pembroke netminder.

The onslaught continued into the 3rd period, with Bryan Bowman scoring his second off an assist from Evitts. Then Kal Maier set-up Matt Doyle who scored on a second attempt off his own rebound. Seconds later, Will Cole became the seventh Star to make it into the scorer's column burying a wrist shot into the top left corner.

And then if that wasn't enough, Bryan Bowman scored the hat trick and sealed player of the game honors off a give and go. Coastal Stars goalie Hugh Healey stood tall and cemented the shut-out with a 10-0 win over Pembroke.

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The season begins in late October and ends in mid-March. You will be asked to forward a letter of interest to the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and to provide information for a CORI check.

Coaching selections will be made before tryouts begin on Oct. 30. Assistant coaches and scorekeepers will be recruited after the teams are selected.

Instructional and Learn To Skate

Instructional Hockey for Coastal Stars Youth Hockey program is now open for online registration. The fee for the season is $500, which includes practice ice, skills session and weekend games. Full equipment is required. Skating skills are required.

If you have any questions, please visit the website. The season begins Oct. 2 with Skills at Hobomock Arena, 5 p.m.

Coastal Stars Learn to Skate begins Saturday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at Hobomock Arena. Helmets, gloves, and neck guards required. Please visit the website for further information and online registration.

Winter rec hoops

The Recreation department will be taking walk-in registrations for Winter recreation basketball for all kids in grades 1-8 until Friday, Sept. 29.

Registration and coaches sign-up sheets are available in the Recreation office at the town hall. See Jack Whorley in the recreation office for details or email ellenmaher63@comcast.net for more information.

Boot Camp fitness training

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a bi-weekly Boot Camp Fitness Training Program to be instructed by Betsy Callanan.

This unique physical training opportunity will meet from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Tuesday, Sept. 19 through Thursday, Nov. 23 on Cohasset Common, in front of Town Hall. The fee for this session is $100, checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset. You may register by calling the recreation department at (781)383-4109.

The session concludes Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day) with a race in Hingham.

Ms. Callanan will run an interval callisthenic and running fitness program for both men and women of all ability levels. While running and/or walking remains an essential aspect of this cardiovascular training format, included will be various integrated calisthenics such as jump roping, stairs or hills, squat thrusts, lunges, push-ups, skipping/running knees, sit-ups, etc. Callanan has designed this program to improve cardiovascular endurance and strength.

Please dress in layers as weather conditions dictate, bring a water bottle and jump rope, and wear running shoes. Success in this class is based upon your individual personal best, not as a competition with others.

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One of Travis Roy's messages to the crowd in Hingham on Saturday was the importance of having goals in both athletics and academics.

Travis Roy is still scoring goals

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was contacted by every Division I college hockey program in the country.

Roy, who chose Boston University, made two more goals: to maintain academic eligibility and to be in the lineup for the first game of the year.

"BU were the defending national champions and I wanted to be on the ice when the championship banner was raised," he recalled.

While sitting on the bench that October day, he recalled feeling the tap on his shoulder meaning it was time for him to play. "I'd been waiting for that pat my whole life," he said. So he hopped over the boards and skated into the offensive zone.

Roy said having a positive attitude, core values, and respect for others are the keys to success.

Seconds later Roy, who was skating as hard as he could, lost his balance while checking a North Dakota defenseman and hit the boards.

The scene, which has been replayed 1,000s of times on TV, did not put Roy on the sidelines of life, although he said recovery and learning to cope as a quadriplegic was not easy.

"I knew I was in trouble and asked a teammate to find my Dad in the stands," he recalled. "But in that 11 seconds I lived out a dream – I lived my goal.

"I told my Dad, 'I made it,' but at the same time I knew it was over."

What came next was 2-1/2 months in intensive care, followed by eight weeks at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. He then went home to begin life as a quadriplegic.

"As I look at my life sitting here in this wheelchair today – I feel very fortunate," Roy said. "I can't do physical things, but I can still laugh, still cry, still love people and they me, and still set goals."

Roy has established the Travis Roy Foundation and written an inspirational book "Eleven Seconds, a Story of Tragedy, Courage and Triumph."

Roy said having a positive attitude, core values, and respect for others are the keys to success.

"Sometimes challenges chase us," he said. "But I believe we all have an inner spirit that is capable of doing things we never imagined."

Bob Badmington, head of the Yankee Conference youth hockey league, said he was awestruck by Roy's talk. And he wasn't the only one. "You could see that not one child flinched," he said about the players in the audience. "They grasped every word."

Stephen Quigley, who attended the event with his sons, Brennan, 7, and Christian, 9, said his boys picked up every word Roy said. "A lot of people would have given up," Quigley said. "But he has turned this into a positive."

Sean McCarthy, 11, of Duxbury, who is a Pee Wee, said the message he will walk way with is " you can always succeed even if you have a disability."

Michael McHugh of Weymouth, who was in the audience with his son, Michael, 9, said Roy's talk brought a tear to his eye. "He has got a positive attitude that should be an inspiration to everybody," he said.

The $1,000 raised from Saturday's raffle will be donated to the Travis Roy Foundation. The arena also gave an additional $500.

Diane Mariani, director of the pro shop at the arena, said when she called people for raffle items and they heard Roy's name "doors flew open for me," she said.

Donors for the Travis Roy event included: Coca Cola (four luxury box tickets to a Bruins game); Nike/Bauer; Reebok/CCM; Mission/Itech; Easton Hockey Sports; Sherwood Hockey; Ned Bunyon NE Sports Products Assoc.; Murray Sandler Sports; Smart Hockey; The Bruins Foundation; US Foods; Connie Keough "Balloons for All Reasons"; A.D. Handy Sound System, Joe Trudeau; Kennedy's Country Gardens (autumn display of mums, kale, cornstalks, pumpkins, grasses, and scarecrows. 20 percent of the sale of any display item went to Travis Roy Foundation).

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Elderly find novel book program opens new chapter

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Murphy works with Adult Services Librarian Gayle Walsh to coordinate the Homebound Delivery program, in which volunteers from the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library deliver books to residents. Walsh has been working in Cohasset for the past 14 months, but the program has been in the works for the last five years. "In the last two years, it has really taken off to the program we have now," said Murphy.

Murphy said Walsh pulls together various titles based on the requests of seniors and it is an invaluable resource. Sometimes seniors will find they like a particular kind of writing style or genre, and Walsh does her best to come up with books she thinks they will enjoy, using the library's database.

Walsh said the library is doing its best to support the needs of seniors in the community. She said they have books with large print in stock as well as audio books on CD. "Those have been very successful," she said. However, some residents have trouble using CD players, which is why the library also keeps audio books on cassette tapes on hand as well.

Walsh added the library also fairly recently came into a new kind of audio book called a "Playaway" which is a book on tape, played through a small, lightweight device that is hung on a lanyard around the neck with the play button on the back. It has earphones and can be worn like a Walkman, which makes it easy to take around the house.

"It also bookmarks where you left off" if you choose to temporarily stop the story, Murphy said. For residents who are more technologically savvy, audio books can also be downloaded onto the computer.

To become involved in the program, Walsh said all a resident needs to do is have a library card. She said once a resident is signed up, they are given a Paul Pratt Memorial Library canvas book bag, which Murphy will take their books to and from the library in. "We can also help them make their selections, whether it be magazines, print materials or audio books," Walsh said. "We will work with any resident to get library materials in any format."

Murphy said she has been working with the Council on Elder Affairs to reach out to seniors and let them know the Homebound Delivery program exists. "We know there are many individuals in their homes and we love to keep them connected with us," she said. While they may not be able to venture out on their own too much, due to various reasons including disabilities, "Their minds are so alert and they want to absorb everything," said Murphy, adding not only does she enjoy hearing about the books the seniors have read, she loves sharing about the books she is reading as well.

Murphy said she receives requests for "light reads" very often. In fact, she said she will sometimes pick a book and read it aloud during her visits to Cohasset Knoll. She said there is one book, "32 Third Graders and One Class Bunny," which tells many life lessons about a lifetime of teaching. Murphy said there are many short stories throughout the book, one of which has the teacher getting his tie stuck in the laminating machine and the custodian cutting him out, which leaves the seniors in hysterics. "We have two retired teachers in our group and they can really relate to it," Murphy said.

For those seniors who live in their own homes, Murphy will pay a visit any time they need new books. Fees are waived for those who participate in the program, to ensure they have all the time they need to read their books. When they are done, all they must do is either call Murphy or Walsh, and new books will be delivered.

Murphy said through her participation in the program, she has found she is doing more than just delivering books, she has made a whole new group of friends. "I never realized it was going to be so rewarding," she said. "You make their day, and they make yours."

To take part in the Homebound Delivery program, please call Gayle Walsh, Adult Services Librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at (781) 383-1348. There is no charge to participate in the program.

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Volunteer Coordinator for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's Homebound Delivery program Marjie Murphy goes over some of the reading materials she brought for the residents at Cohasset Knoll Wednesday.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Sixth-graders at Camp Bournedale

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

This week the sixth grade is at Camp Bournedale. That doesn't mean that CHS is any less active, however. As usual, the student body scrambles to finish their breakfast sandwiches at break and head into their next class. The brevity of this week's news is misleading, everyone is extremely busy.

• Congratulations to newly elected Student council President and Vice President **Lacey Richardson** and **Mercedes Barnes-Jackson**!

• Monday the Freshmen sports players participated at the Athletic Summit at Norwell High School.

• Debate team held their first meeting Thursday after school.

• Mr. Magnussen's Marine Science class went on a field trip to Nahant and boarded Northeastern's *RV Mysis*. They collected different creatures like rays, flounder, crabs and lobsters and measured them in a somewhat slimy hands-on environment.

• Yearbook held their first meeting Wednesday at lunch.

• Auditions for this year's musical Guys and Dolls took place this week. If you missed out and are interested, see Mr. Marks ASAP.

That wraps up the news. Next week is a four-day week, and students couldn't be happier. Finally we get a chance to relax from schoolwork. Or go look at colleges. Either way, another week has gone come and gone. Sit back and enjoy the weekend for at least a little while, Cohasset. You've earned it.

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Sixth-graders, Melinda Dignam, Rachel Littauer and Meredith Spofford, bid farewell Monday as they headed for a weeklong adventure at Camp Bournedale on Great Herring Pond in Plymouth.

Field hockey at middle school

Cohasset Middle School girls in grades 6 through 8 can now participate in one of the oldest of competitive pastimes. Field Hockey, which dates back well before the Ancient Olympic Games, is being offered every Monday and Wednesday from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School field. Sponsored by the Cohasset Field Hockey Boosters Club, the program has expanded to field one team from each of the Middle School grades. Coaches Mike Condon, Gigi Meehan, Beth Marsden and Abbey Coakley stressed that no experience is necessary and sixth-grade girls are especially needed to round out a team for that age group. Girls must have shin guards and mouth guards. Sticks are available for loan. Practice will be held **this Monday, Oct. 2** at 4 p.m.

Coaches Gigi Meehan, Beth Marsden, Mike Condon and Abbey Coakley prepare for another great season of field hockey.

For more information or to download the registration form contact Mike Condon, Cohasset Field Hockey Club at 781-383-6895 or e-mail him at Seawitchskipper@aol.com.

Ryan Ingram named National Merit finalist

National Merit Corporation has published the names of the semifinalists in the 52nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Cohasset High School has announced that **Ryan Ingram** has been named a finalist in the 2007 Merit Scholarship Competition. Ingram entered the competition by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide semifinalists named in the 2007 pool of semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of United States. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist, each student must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. Ingram and school officials must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes a self-descriptive essay and information about participation and leadership in school and community activities.

In a second announcement received Sept. 22, it was reported that **Kevin Barber, Reed Dickinson, Caren Garber, Colleen Richardson** and **Amanda Thompson** have been named Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from Cohasset High School and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has been presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors. Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent or more of 1.4 million students who entered the 2007 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, OCT. 2
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or tuna salad sub, oven fries, fruit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3
Bagel, with chicken vegetable noodle soup or roast beef sandwich, garden salad, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or ham and cheese sandwich, vegetables, apple sauce.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or bologna sub, veggie sticks, pudding.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6
No School.

Informal screening is Oct. 20

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2006; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18, 2007.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

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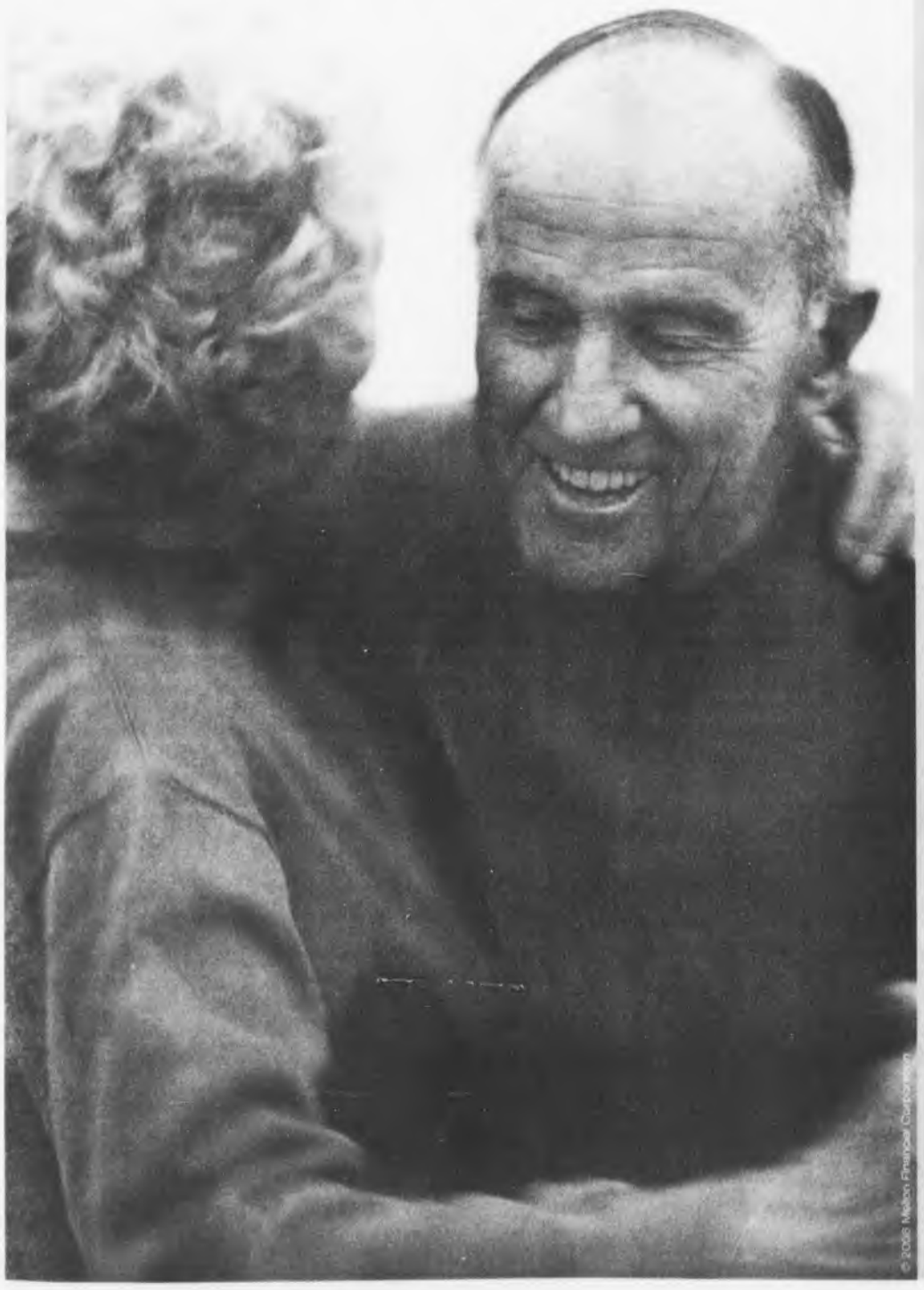

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Dorothy Fleming, Jane McCarthy and Barbara Sullivan enjoy a cup of coffee at French Memories.

September scenes

Cohasset says goodbye to summer

Staff photos/Elsa Allen

Ben Buckley and Tanner Gildea, both 9, have traded in their beach bags for book bags, as they work diligently on their homework at the library.

Carrington Carr, 2, enjoys an ice cream cone in the courtyard next to the Red Lion Bakery.

Michael McNabb spends his afternoon making repairs to the bottom of a sailboat at the Cohasset Yacht Club.

Callie DiModica helps her mother, Christine, pick out some fresh veggies at the Village Greenery on Route 3A.

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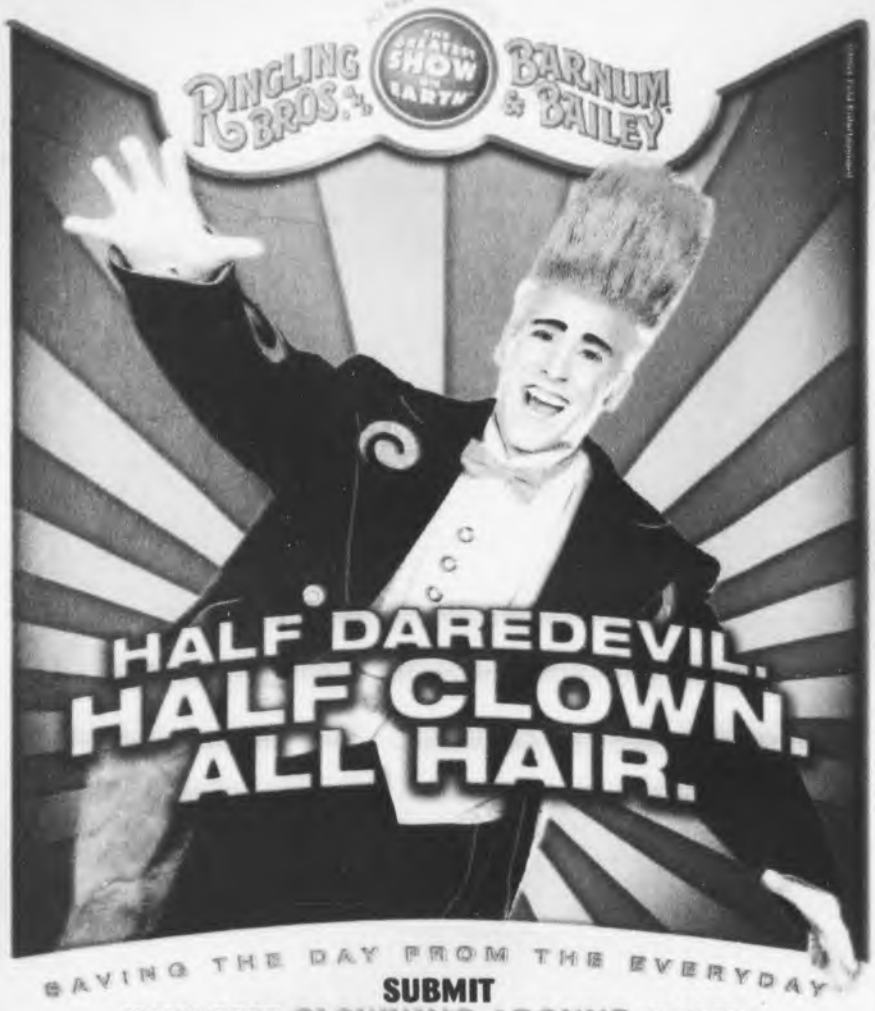

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The Sea Chest Consignment Shop held its volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Red Parrott in Hull. From left, are manager Andi Merrill, Polly Logan, Colleen Roth, raffle winner Marion Burdett, and Sharon Smith of Road to Responsibility. Burdett is holding a handmade bracelet that was crafted at Road to Responsibility.

Cohasset Sea Chest Consignment Shop honors volunteers

Volunteers for the Cohasset Sea Chest Consignment Shop were honored at a brunch, Monday, Sept. 25, at the Red Parrot, in Hull hosted by Volunteer Recruiting chairman, Carol Rankin, of Cohasset. Honored for their service over several decades were Ruth Pratt of Hingham, Joan Graham, Locke Tousley, Nancy Pott of Cohasset, and Lillian Peters of Scituate.

Sea Chest Consignment Shop funds support Road to Responsibility, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide training opportunities for adults with disabilities, along with recreational residential, and employment opportunities.

Managers Andi Merrill of Scituate and Colleen Roth of Cohasset are seeking donations of fall suits, sweaters, jackets, Halloween costumes, jewelry, lamps, and antique crystal. Consigning hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Shop is open for sales from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday Hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

To volunteer, or for more information call 781-383-2293.

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Polly Logan, Andi Merrill, and Carol Rankin, honor volunteer chairman, Joan Graham.

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' Worldly Affair' at Derby Academy

Derby Academy Parents Association will present its annual fall fair titled "A Worldly Affair," Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham. Admission is free; food, games and raffle items are ticketed.

The event, which is open to the public, features food from South Shore establishments; games and rides for children of all ages; arts and crafts with face-painting by a former Disney artist; live music by Caboose Junction; and a raffle of family items.

The list of participants follows:

Food: Asian C, Square Café, Sweet Lemon, Cherry Woods, Punjab Café, Coldstone Creamery, Fruit Center, Bear Cove Gourmet Catering and Panera Bread.

Fun: Trackless train, pony rides, climbing rock wall, book tent, giant slide, soccer kick, Bungee run, mini golf, dance revolution, Waxy Wax, adrenaline rush, moon bounce, inflatable hoops, amazing maze, sports arena and arts and crafts.

Artisans: Anadana Jewels, Stacibags, Silpada Jewelry, Girl's Graphics and Chel Bella.

For more information, call Lisa MacGillivray, Derby Academy Parents Association, at 781-875-1499, or visit

macgillivrayfam@mac.com.

Legion Golf Tournament

The George H. Mealy Post 118 is hosting an American Legion Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Hatherly Country Club. Shot gun Start is at 1 p.m. Entry fee is $150, and includes prizes, drawing and dinner.

Applications may be submitted as a team foursome, or individuals may submit an application and be placed on a team.

Those choosing not to play golf and those who are playing are encouraged to sponsor a hole for $50. Sponsor's name will be placed on the hole.

Applications must be returned to the legion post by Saturday, Oct. 7, along with entry fees and hole sponsorships.

Qi Gong offered

Qi Gong is a new offering at the Hingham Community Center. Qi means breath, or energy. Gong means practice. Together, Qi Gong is a gentle and relaxed holistic exercise system that helps revitalize the body, lower blood pressure, and lessen stress by relaxing the mind. The new class runs for eight weeks on Fridays, from 9 to 10 a.m. starting Oct. 6. Call 781-749-9786 for information.

Unclaimed bike day

Cohasset police are hosting an "unclaimed bicycle day" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday (Oct. 7) at police headquarters on Elm Street.

The department has about 30 unclaimed bicycles that were lost or stolen.

If residents think the police may have recovered a lost or stolen bicycle that belongs to them, they should plan to attend, Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Wigmore said.

Bicycles not picked up that day could be declared surplus, he said.

Tickets available for animal shelter benefit

Tickets are now available for the Scituate Animal Shelter's Bark 'n Howl Ball, Saturday, Oct. 28, at the River Club in Scituate, from 7 p.m. to midnight. The evening will include a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the music of local band Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions.

Tickets are $125 each, $100 is tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, Scituate, to replace the facility currently on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, accommodating stray, homeless, injured and surrendered companion animals.

Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available.

For more information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit town.scituate.ma.us/animal-shelter or 3afarmfund.com.

5-year reunion

Calling all class members of CHS Class of 2001! The CHS Class of 2001 reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 24th (day after Thanksgiving), 7:30-11:30 pm at the American Legion in downtown Cohasset. For more information. Please email Kelly Devine at classof2001chs@hotmail.com, or call 781-640-1542.

HSO to kick off season with Bellevue Cadillac

On Saturday, Sept. 30, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell, Hingham Symphony Orchestra will team up with the jazz swing blues sounds of big band Bellevue Cadillac to celebrate its 10th season as a professional symphony orchestra. The evening will feature a live and silent auction, small plates catered by 53 South, and a wine and martini bar courtesy of Marsh's Liquors and PRP Wines. The party is sponsored in part by the South Shore office of Merrill Lynch. The Bravo performance celebrates the unquenchable appeal of music. Several HSO musicians will sit in with the band to perform jazz and swing standards. Bellevue Cadillac bassist Andy Bergsten of Scituate used to play string bass with Hingham Civic Orchestra, and now serves on the board of the HSO. Tickets at $75 per person, benefit the HSO. Call 781-740-5694 to reserve a ticket.

Order spring bulbs

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is currently taking orders for a selection of spring flowering bulbs that will fill gardens with color from April to June. The assortment includes a violet-rose peony, flowering tulip, double narcissi with huge creamy yellow flowers, parrot tulips, deer- and rodent-resistant alliums, as well as petite muscari and scilla. Bulbs ordered now will become available at the end of September, and each order will be accompanied with directions for planting. Dutch organic bulb food is also available and recommended to enhance a garden's performance.

To order now for the best selection, call 781-383-0838. The bulbs will also be sold at the Cohasset Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5 p.m. All purchases help fund club programs and community services.

Autumn Boutique

Enjoy a glass of wine while shopping for gifts, clothing and accessories on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Lighthouse Keeper's Residence, Bancroft Hall, 15 Lighthouse Lane, Cohasset. Admission is complimentary and open to all.

The event is sponsored by Anna William Handbags, Dear Olive, Elizabeth and Kate, Emily Kuvin Jewelry, Frosted Brownie, Jodi's Jems, Little Black Dress Wines, Magpie Rings, The Pink Poppy and Triveah Clothing.

Newcomers gatherings

All new and prospective members, as well as current members, are invited to New Member Gatherings for the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club to get to know some new faces in the community and to learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend. SCNC will host a wine and cheese event and a couple of coffees in October, all of which are currently scheduled for the following dates:

Oct. 7, wine and cheese event at 4 p.m. Register with Kelly at k-dlee@hotmail.com or call 545-0866.

Oct. 13, coffee at 10 a.m. Register with Kelly.

For more information, including location for the Oct. 7 and Oct. 13 events, contact Kelly. Also, check out the Web site at scnewcomers.com. Many activities are scheduled during the year.

Jazz Upfront

The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series opens its 2006-2007 season on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m., with Jazz Upfront, a concert of old favorites and new compositions featuring John Kramer, piano, John Vanderpool, saxophone, Chris Rathbun, bass, and Ed Sorrentino, percussion. A reception precedes the concert at 6:45 p.m., and offers an opportunity to enjoy the current exhibition in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries.

The Conservatory Concert Series offers two series of six concerts in Duxbury or Hingham from September through May, and includes solo performances, chamber music, jazz, and opera. A reception often precedes the concert and provides a local evening of camaraderie and music with convenient parking.

Jazz Upfront tickets are $20 and $15, and may be ordered singly or as part of a subscription at the Web site at southshoreconservatory.org/concertseries or by calling 781-934-2731, ext. 10 or 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

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Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave.. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

This Sunday, Oct.1 is our prison ministry Sunday as we welcome guest speakers from the organization Partakers, Inc. St. Stephen's has linked up with Partakers in a mentoring program to support a Massachusetts inmate in earning a college degree while incarcerated. Partakers will offer a homily at the 10:00 a.m. service, followed by a parish presentation.

This week's events include:

• Sun., Oct. 1, 9 a.m. Youth Service

• Mon., Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Profile Committee

7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

• Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m. Parenting Teens

• Wed., Oct 4, 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Esther"

• Thurs., Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Healing

• Fri., Oct. 6, 9:30 a.m. Yoga

• Sat., Oct. 7, Bible Fellowship

• Sun., Oct. 8, Stewardship Sunday

Readings for the Oct. 8th service includes a reading from Genesis 2:18-24 in which the lesson tells of man and woman being created for each other and for companionship with animals; the reading from Hebrews 2:1-18 says that Jesus as our leader and high priest, can help us with life's temptations; and in Mark 10: 2-9 Jesus is asked about divorce.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

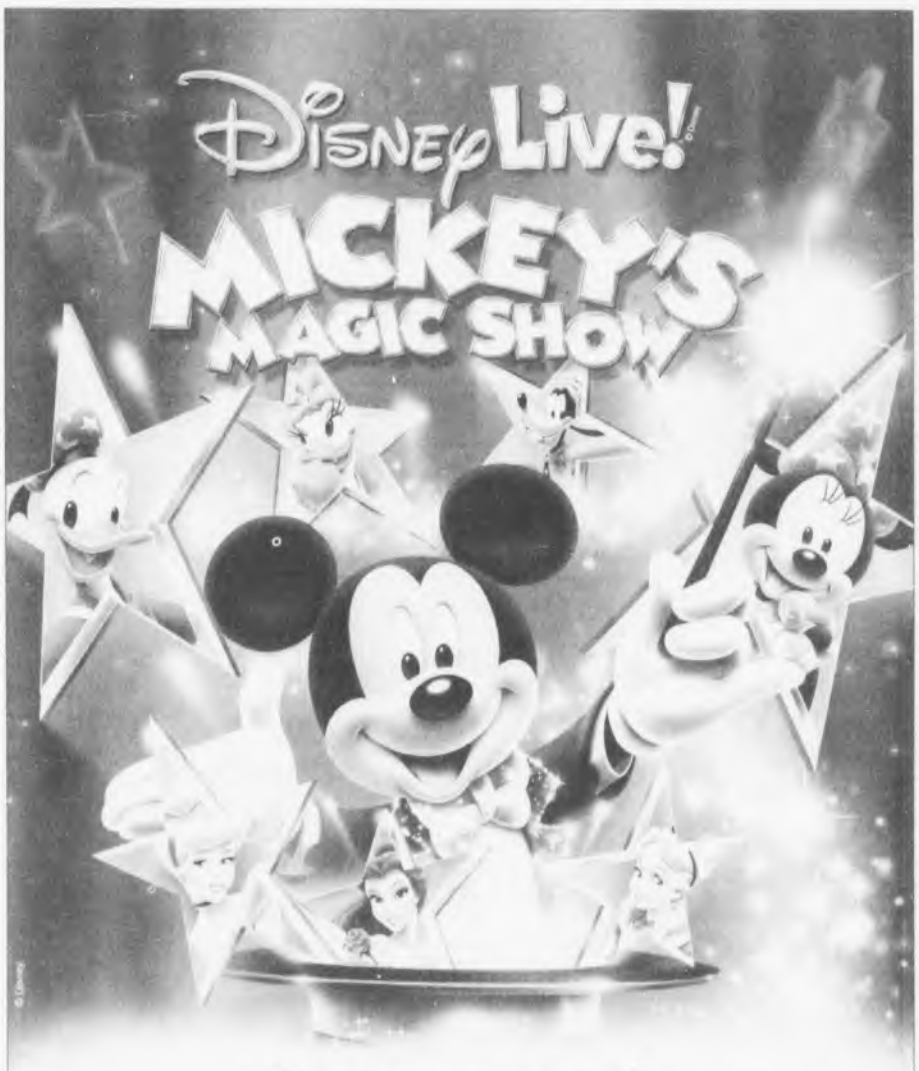
Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfonl@cnc.com



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The program will include Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D Major," Duruflé's "Suite for Organ," and "Rubrics" by Dan Locklair. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Philip Scriven of Lichfield Cathedral, England

'Two cultures, two journeys' at Abbey

After the tragedy of 9/11, two women made that difficult journey and transformed their lives and those of others.

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: The Fears That Bind Us," convenes on Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:15 p.m., in the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham, with "Beyond the 11th: Two Women, Two cultures, Two Journeys."

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Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2308EP

In the Estate of JEFFREY R. POWER AKA JEFFREY RICHARDSON POWER

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 11, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BARBARA M. POWER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 1, 2006**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 19, 2006.

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ATKINSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2318EP

In the Estate of JOHN E. ATKINSON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 26, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PHYLLIS M. ATKINSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 19, 2006.

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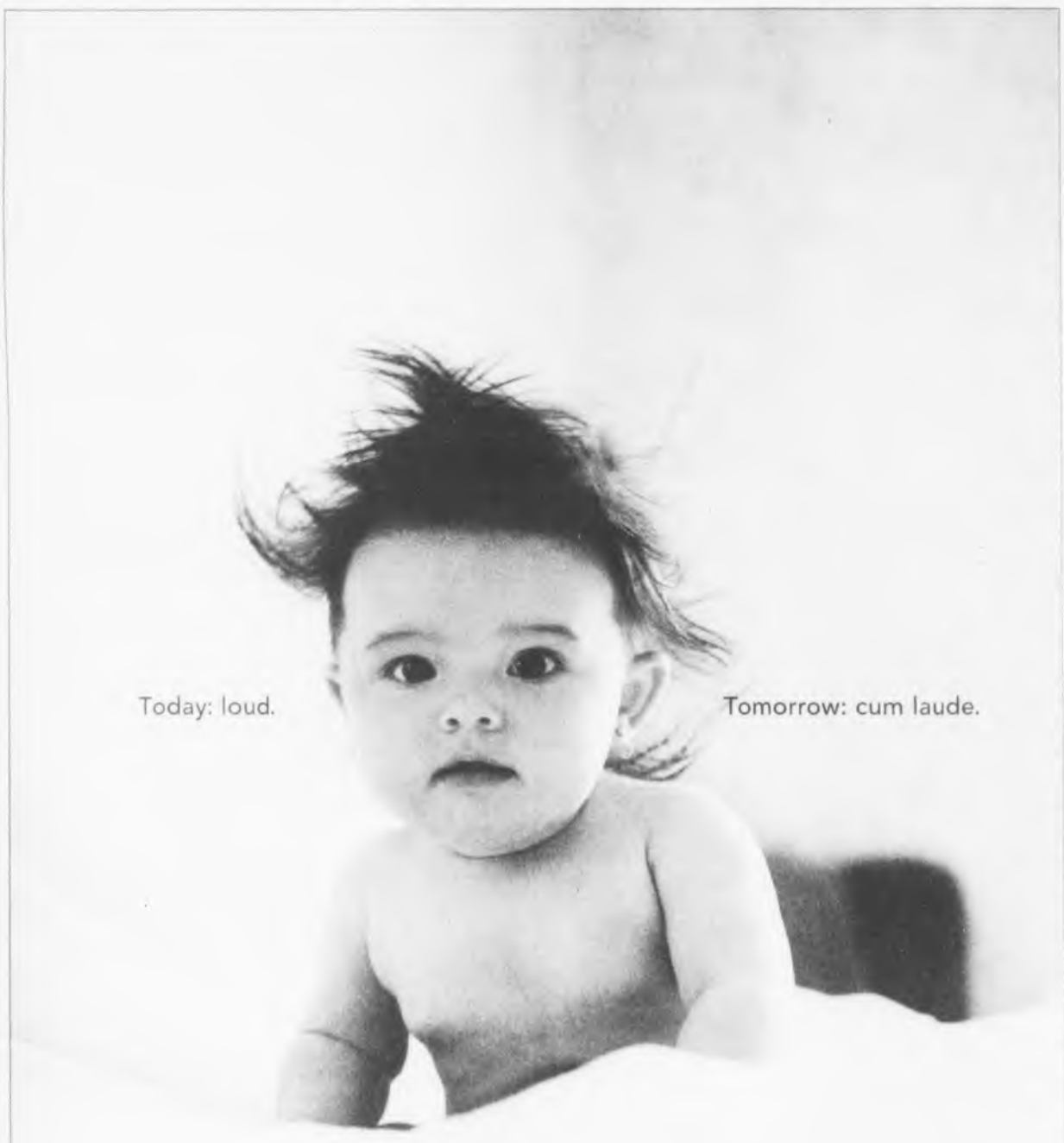

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

9:56 p.m. **Bulrush Farm Rd.**, medical aid, Scituate requests R3 for male that has fallen and needs assistance.

10:28 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane**, noise complaint, caller reports his neighbors music is too loud. Officer spoke with both parties.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

12:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

6:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:49 a.m. **Square**, property (recovered), walk in party advised she found money at above address.

8:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported ALS.

9:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:23 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:23 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

3:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

4:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:03 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Wheelwright Farm**, motor vehicle stop, one in custody. Arrest: Ronan C. DeOliveira, 35, 590 Middle St., #307, Weymouth. Charges: Marked lanes violation, operation of motor vehicle unlicensed.

6:38 p.m. **Spring St.**, missing child, caller reports her 4-year-old child has been missing for 15 minutes. Child has been located.

9:52 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop.

10:13 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:19 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:17 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, unfounded.

10:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

1:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, officer advised has one in custody. Arrest: Joao Filho, 37, 12 Newbury Ave., #2, Quincy. Charges: WMS warrant, operation of motor vehicle unlicensed, miscellaneous, motor vehicle equipment violation.

2:34 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

2:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

6:30 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

8:45 a.m. **3A**, traffic enforcement.

8:49 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:03 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:12 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:45 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:39 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:37 a.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:39 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:03 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:15 p.m. **Scituate Line**, motor vehicle stop, report of a chase of a motorcycle, blue bike, white male, blue sweatshirt. Party ditched bike on Stanton Lane and ran left helmet. 3A Towing has been contacted to get the bike, K9 is also being called in to search for the runaway party. Scituate also advises there will be a Hull K9 unit going through Cohasset with lights and sirens. Scituate has subject in custody. Scituate turned over custody to Cohasset PD. Arrest: John H. Mulloy, 25, 319 Lisle St., Braintree. Charges: Negligent operation of motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, speeding in violation of special regulation, marked lanes violation, failure to stop/yield, following too close to State Highway, WMS warrant.

5:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist police officer, Scituate requesting Cohasset PD to meet officer at above address, officer has vehicle pulled over.

7:07 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, larceny, walk in party advised his boat is missing. Boat has been located.

7:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, caller advised there are 2 motorcycles parked in the middle of the road at above address.

7:53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, caller advised he found a cat. Will keep cat until owner arrives.

11:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:34 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

6:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

6:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:53 a.m. **Lambert Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller states "people without beach stickers are parking at Rocky Beach." 888 now advised it is permit parking only. Motor vehicles will be ticketed.

7:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking violation, 882 ticketing motor vehicles without beach stickers.

10:08 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong odor of gas at this location.

10:37 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:50 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:47 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, expired registration.

10:44 p.m. **Depot Ct., and North Main St.**, suspicious person. Caller advised there is white male walking in the middle of the street. Officer enroute to station with male suspect. Male in protective custody.

11:19 p.m. **Diab Lane**, well being check.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

5:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states a motor vehicle has been in front of his house for an hour.

6:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement. All traffic within acceptable limits.

7:43 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, assist citizen, caller states the traffic "is not being managed very well between 7 and 7:30." Party was advised to contact the MBTA.

9:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:20 a.m. **Kendall Village**, vandalism report, caller reports she has had some vandalism done to her property and she believes she knows who did it.

10:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports there is a motor vehicle in the parking lot that the gas line has burst and the gas is pouring out of the vehicle at this time. Vehicle needs to be removed ASAP from this area.

11 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller requesting the rescue for an elderly male that took a fall on Saturday, possibly internal bleeding and increased confusion.

1:34 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

1:54 p.m. **Doane St., and Church St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:30 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:41 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:27 p.m. **Elm St., and Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:39 p.m. **Elm St., and Elm Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, stop sign.

3:49 p.m. **Elm Ct., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:32 p.m. **Cedar St., and Hull St.**, fire, auto, caller states that a car is overheating.

6:02 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:22 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny (report).

8:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (recovered), wallet found.

10:08 p.m. **Forest Notch**, investigation, individual summoned on charges: Threat to commit crime.

10:53 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:03 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:33 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools checks secure.

6:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, public service.

9:10 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:12 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, keep the peace, officer requested to this location for a party moving her stuff out of the residence.

12:14 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, well being check.

12:42 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, fire, investigation, E3 to this location to investigate a problem with the alarm panel.

1:17 p.m. **Pond St.**, credit card fraud, walk in party reports while she was away someone has used her husbands' credit card number without authorization. Detective to speak to victim in HQ.

2:16 p.m. **Margin Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:02 p.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:12 p.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

CALENDAR

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 6 2006

Roma makes sure music is letter perfect in 'Spelling Bee'

Cohasset conductor leads band for Boston run of hit musical

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

As a pianist and music director for national touring companies like "Cats," "The King and I," and "Mamma Mia!" Janet Roma estimates she has seen almost every corner of the United States at least twice in the last 20 years. So the Cohasset resident was delighted when she was chosen as music director for the extended engagement of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical that opened this week at Boston's Wilbur Theatre.

"I've done so much traveling over the years that to get to do a sit-down run like this is just a wonderful opportunity," said Roma last week by telephone from her home. "I'm thrilled to be doing 'Spelling Bee' locally. The Boston cast is made up of New York actors who are coming here after a highly successful six-month run in San Francisco. It is a terrific company which I am very pleased to be joining here."

Unlike many of her prior pit band experiences, Roma and her piano will be on-stage in Boston along with the four other instrumentalists.

"When you are music directing, you're connecting with the performers. Working in a pit is really a disconnect. It makes for a much better experience for us as musicians when we're included and on-stage for the show."

In one particular scene, Roma even becomes part of the show.

"In 'I Speak Six Languages,' the young Asian character joins me on the piano bench and ends up pushing me off of it. It is a very funny moment as long as I remember how to fall properly."

On-stage and off, Roma isn't the only Massachusetts connection for "Spelling Bee," which won 2005 Tony Awards for Best Book of a Musical and Best Featured Actor - composer and lyricist William Finn ("Falset-tos") is a graduate of Natick High School and the show itself made its 2004 debut at the Barrington Stage Company. From its beginnings in the Berkshires, the musical moved to off-Broadway and then to Broadway where it has proven a perfect fit for its home at the intimate Circle in the Square Theater.

Janet Roma

Conceived by Rebecca Feldman from a series of improvisational sketches, with a book by Rachel Sheinkin, and directed by Tony and Pulitzer Prize winner James Lapine, "Spelling Bee" chronicles the experience of six youngsters vying for a spelling championship. The off-beat band of middle-school outcasts find that a spelling bee is the one place that they can stand out and fit in at the same time.

"This show is just great, because the writing is so funny. I watched it three times in New York when I knew I was going to be doing it in Boston and it was different every time thanks to the added bonus of guest spellers selected from the audience before each show," explains Roma, whose early credits include a two-year stint as pianist with The Ice Capades. "The music is just wonderful, too, because it is not only quirky, but it also has great heart. The characters are nerdy, for sure, but they're also very smart. The story is all about belonging which is something we can all relate to."

PHOTO/JOAN MARCUS

The six young contestants of the Tony Award-winning musical comedy, and Broadway smash hit The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, opening September 26 at The Wilbur Theatre Boston.

While Roma settles into what she hopes will be a long run at the Wilbur, she also looks ahead to a springtime assignment in Asia which will professionally reunite her with husband Gene Roma, a drummer and percussionist, with whom she has shared many an orchestra pit.

"In 2005, my husband and I did 'The Sound of Music' in Hong Kong and mainland China. Next spring, there is a good chance we will be returning to China on a three-month-tour of 'The King and I' that a company called Broadway Asia is producing. The Chinese people love American musicals so they make great audiences. They're quieter and they listen intently, but they will also sing along with some of the songs. It was thrilling to be a part of the first American musical to play mainland China and we're very much looking forward to going back next year. We're set to play Tokyo, Singapore, Shanghai and Beijing. We couldn't speak to anyone the first time around, because of the language barrier. We're working on our Mandarin Chinese with a special computer program called 'Rosetta Stone' so we'll be better prepared next year."

The language barrier aside, Roma says she couldn't have felt more welcome in China despite the challenges posed by the country's burgeoning development.

"China is a very interesting place. It is very hard there now. The pollution is just awful and the conditions are often terrible. You can hear jackhammers 24 hours a day, because of all the new construction. The people, however, are very warm, wonderful and welcoming. It is an amazing experience to be among them."

Roma is drawn to China, but the Northeast still has its own strong allure.

"I was born in the old Chelsea Navy Hospital, but when I was just two weeks old my family moved to Charlotte, N.C., where I lived most of my life." That is, until a 1984 rehearsal for the musical "Jerry's Girls" in the lobby of Boston's Colonial Theatre brought the then-Janet Glazener into contact with a certain local percussionist assigned to her pit band.

"I met Gene Roma in the lobby of the Colonial when I was running a rehearsal for 'Jerry's Girls' with Carol Channing. I knew immediately that he was a wonderful musician, but he had an East Coast vibe that I wasn't used to. He asked me out every day from that first rehearsal until the end of the three-week run. I resisted and resisted until I finally said yes. By the end of 1985, Gene had moved to New York to join me for 'Jerry's Girls' on Broadway. We were married in 1987 and moved to Cohasset two years later. We toured together quite a bit from that time until about 2000 when we decided to come off the road and spend more time at home. We haven't toured nationally together since "Sunset Blvd.," with Petula Clark. Gene isn't with me in 'Spelling Bee.' His job was cast before I was hired, but I love having Gene with me which is one of the reasons we jumped at Asia."

When that gig ends, however, Roma expects that she and her husband will be ready to head home.

"We've been in Cohasset now for 17 years and we love it. We never want to leave."

("The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston. For tickets, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com)

Movie review

No-nonsense Senior Chief Ben Randall (Kevin Costner) gives the once-over to his new batch of rescue trainees.

Coast Guard tale needs rescuing

"The Guardian" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

An acceptable "An Officer and Gentleman" knockoff with high-octane CGI effects, "The Guardian" puts Kevin Costner in the Lou Gossett Jr. role and Ashton Kutcher in the role that helped make Richard Gere a 1980s star.

A star is not reborn.

Transplanted from the Navy's flight school to the perilous world of Coast Guard rescue swimmers, "The Guardian" presents Costner's Ben Randall, who holds all the records at the team's training academy, as an aging action hero put into mothballs after a horrific accident wipes out his team.

These high-seas, heavy-metal opening scenes in which his longtime wife (the talented Sela Ward, making the most of a thankless role) also leaves him after years of estrangement, are undeniably engaging, exciting and well staged by director Andrew Davis ("The Fugitive").

The film pits Randall against hotdog recruit Jake Fischer (Kutcher), whom Randall oddly dubs "Goldfish." Fischer is a high school swim team champion bent on breaking all of Randall's records (Stop me if you know exactly where this is headed).

Off base, Fischer meets a pretty local school teacher who tells him she'll date him, but their relationship must be casual. Can we also expect a new cover of Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes' classic duet "Up Where We Belong"?

The rest of the film is so familiar, I sat there checking off the plot points. Randall begins teaching at the academy school, where he invents superhuman exercises designed apparently to weed out all the recruits. He apparently believes no one to be worthy.

But since this is his first time teaching, how does Randall know the exercises aren't impossible or even deadly? Plus, I know he's stationed in Kodiak, Alaska, in opening scenes. But how is the weather at sea is so awful, yet it's not even raining on base? Movies like "The Guardian" don't ask such questions and don't expect their audiences to ask them, either.

Among the recruits are the obligatory women, one of whom, a Meg Ryan look-alike, mysteriously vanishes without comment, and a sad-eyed male runt trying to pass muster for the third time.

We even get a retake of the famous scene in which an adamant Gere refuses to quit while Gossett hoses him down with water. Is this a tribute? Or does Davis assume no one has seen Taylor Hackford's modern classic and movie-romance paradigm?

Check out Bonnie Bramlett of Delaney and Bonnie, who is quite good in the film's old-broad role, a singer and bar owner Randall goes to for a shoulder to cry on and some advice.

Costner is fine, the rest of the cast at least is amiable, and the rescue scenes genuinely gripping. But "The Guardian," with a screenplay by Ron L. Brinkerhoff ("D-Tox"), is derivative and predictable, and the longer the film goes on, the wetter and more over the top it gets.

("The Guardian" contains violence and profanity.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, Sept. 28

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes will host a free study skills seminar titled "Using Your Literacy to Succeed This School Year," Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., at Norwell Learning Center. The free, two-hour study skills program will provide the tools necessary to ease children and parents into the new school year. For more information, call 781-659-7722 or visit lindamoodbell.com.

South Shore Conservatory invites middle and high school string players to take part in an open rehearsal of the All-Star Orchestra Thursday, Sept. 28, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at 1 Conservatory Drive, Hingham. The orchestra offers performance opportunities to violin, viola, cello and bass students who may already play in their high school's orchestra. It also provides an outlet for students from schools with no orchestra program to perform in an ensemble. Parents are encouraged to stay and observe the open rehearsal. All-Star Orchestra begins its regular season Thursday, Oct. 5. Rehearsals will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Hingham campus. Each semester goes for 12 weeks. For more information, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Sweet Melissa** on Thursday, Sept. 28. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will meet the fourth Thursday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Kingston Public Library. For more information, call Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770. Registration is not required.

Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, will present New Blue Revue Blues Jam on Thursday, Sept. 28. For more information, call 781-871-7175.

Friday, Sept. 29

Jazz Upfront, hosted by South Shore Conservatory, will present pianist John Kramer, with colleagues John Vanderpool, Mark Campbell, Chris Rathbun and Ed Sorrentino, in a performance Friday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m., at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. A reception precedes the concert at 6:45 p.m. and offers an opportunity to enjoy current exhibitions. To order tickets and information, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 23.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth will present Uptown Clay Brown and Black Cat Bone on Friday, Sept. 29. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Route 53, Pembroke Plaza, **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m., and **Spank** at 9:30 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 29. Call 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

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Sunday Guided Walk:World's End in Autumn With Debbie Hill, Naturalist Sunday, October 1, 1-3 p.m. Cost is $4 per person member/$6 per person nonmember Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Explore the natural and cultural history of World's End on a crisp autumn day when fall foliage is at its peak. World's End is a 250-acre peninsula of open space overlooking Hingham Harbor. We will enjoy fabulous views of the Boston Skyline, the Weir River and Boston and Hingham Harbors. This is an activity the entire family can enjoy! Meet in parking area on Martin's Lane.

Mark your calendar

WEIR RIVER FARM FALL FESTIVAL will take place Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 3 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to reap and share the joy of the harvest on the farm. Attendees will meet the farm's family of animals, artisans, staff and volunteers, and celebrate with festivities including field games, pony rides, pumpkins, children's crafts, music and more. Cost is $3/members; $5/non-members. Visit the Web site at thetrustees.org or call 781-740-4796 for more information.

ART FROM THE HEART FUNDRAISER, hosted by Arc of the South Shore, will take place Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 pm., at South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Presented by South Shore Co-operative Bank, the event will spotlight the artistic talents of children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take part in a silent auction. Cost is $50 per person; corporate sponsorships are also available. All donations are tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to Arc of the South Shore, and mailed to 371 River St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. For more information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email to ccuscianna@arcsouthshore.org.

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The Clemens Gallery at the Hingham Public Library presents "Images of Italy", photography by Jean Donohue and James J. Foley, from Oct. 1, through Nov. 2. The exhibit may be viewed Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. through 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The Hingham Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street. For more information call 781-741-1405 or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org

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The River Club, Border Street, Scituate will present The Gathering Friday, Sept.29, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $5, and $10 at the door. For information, call 781-545-8292. The Gathering is a nine-piece band playing rock, blues and swing music

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Sept. 29, Funky White Honkies will give an eclectic rock performance at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance will take place Friday, Sept. 29, at Tuscan Grill, 58 East Grove St., Route 28, Middleboro. The dance is for singles and couples ages 30 and older, there will be a disc jockey from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, match game prizes and free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress recommended, collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. For information, call 508-923-0099.

Comedy Night will take place Friday, Sept. 29, at 9 p.m., at Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners. Featuring Mike Donovan, other performers will include Annette Pollack, Chris Bilello, John Polli and P.J. Abruzzese. Host is Jeff Clough. Dinner and appetizers available. Admission is $15. Advance reservations are required by calling 781-848-0300.

Saturday, Sept. 30

New England Chapter of the American Bell Association will meet at Rockland Golf Course, Plain Street, Rockland, Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Alice at 781-871-0530 or email aae588@aol.com.

Crossroads for Kids is hosting a Harvest Moon Fall Festive Soiree Saturday, Sept. 30, at Camp Wing in Duxbury. The evening will feature entertainment by Pandemonium, gourmet food stations, live and silent auctions and a cash bar. Tickets are $50 per person and can be purchased by calling Jennifer Collins at Crossroads for Kids at 781-834-2700. Tickets are also available at the following retail locations: The Finished Window (Snug Harbor), Duxbury Wine and Spirits, Halls Corner, Back River Fish Market and Elements, The Salon in Plymouth.

Mariana Green-Hill, violin, will perform in a recital Saturday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m., in Williams Hall, New England Conservatory, in a program of Beethoven, Gershwin, Dvorak, Still and Kreisler. The recital is presented by Project STEP, a string instrument training program sponsored by Boston Symphony Orchestra, New England Conservatory and Boston University School of Music. Admission is free. For more information, call 617-267-5777.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will kick off its season featuring violinist Lara St. John on Saturday, Sept. 30 in Plymouth's Memorial Hall. A pre-concert talk by Steven Karidoyanes at 7 p.m. will be followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 to $45; student, senior and group discounts available. Call the Philharmonic office at 508-746-8008 to purchase tickets or for more information. An inaugural soiree to open the season of concerts will preceded the concert from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall's Blue Room. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door, and features cocktails and light appetizers.

South Street Gallery will offer its Art Appraisal Day Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the gallery, 149 South St. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, $25 for three appraisals, with all proceeds being donated to Hingham Historical Society. For more information, call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

Oktoberfest will take place on the lawn at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham, Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 1, from noon to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, dancing, children's table, German food and beverages, bake table, prizes and professional crafters will be featured. Proceeds will benefit South Shore charities.

Orpheus Reborn will headline a concert to raise funds for Lakota Kidz. The benefit will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, from 5 to 9 p.m., at New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., South Weymouth. It will also include a barbecue dinner, cash bar, silent auction and guided tour. Tickets, which are tax-deductible, are $25 per person, and may be purchased in advance at lakotakidz.org or by calling 781-925-9395.

Craft/Artisan Fair. The public is invited to browse and/or buy at the 36-table craft/artisan fair that will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Marshfield Senior Center. In addition to arts and crafts of all kinds there will be a bake table and a plant table, and soda and hot dogs available for lunch. The event is sponsored by the COA Boosters, who support programs and equipment for the Senior Center.

Fall Gardening Festival will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Tranquil Lake Nursery, 45 River St., Rehoboth. A variety of speakers and exhibitors will share their knowledge of the tools of the trade through workshops, hands-on activities garden talks and demonstrations on the theme of "Facilitating the Mixed Border." The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, call 508-252-4002 or visit tranquil-lake.com.

Boston Harbor Islands Regatta will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 10 a.m. This is a pursuit race with more than 150 sailboats. Spectators can view the race from Georges Island, Boston Harbor Island National Park area. Boat transportation is available to Georges Island from Long Wharf, at Christopher Columbus Park. Fares are $12/adults; $8 for children; children younger than age 3 free. Family packs are available for $28. Ferries will depart every half hour from Boston's Long Wharf at 9:30 a.m. The race is expected to finish at 2:30 p.m. A post-race barbecue and awards ceremony will be on Georges Island at 3 p.m. Tickets for the cookout are $20/adults; $10 for children. Also featured will be fishing, kite flying, a Dixie jazz concert and tours of Fort Warren. The event is sponsored by Island Alliance.

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The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Saturday, Sept. 30, **Roger Cerisi All Starz/Loaded Dice will give a jump blues performance** at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $8. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail thescanote@aol.com.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will welcome Quintessential Brass, Sunday, Oct. 1, a 4 p.m. The performance is free of charge. For more information, call 781-934-6634, ext. 12.

"Our Town," an exhibit of photography by Chris Lewis of Marshfield, will be on view at North River Sanctuary, 200 Main St., Marshfield, throughout the month of October. A free reception with the artist will take place Sunday, Oct. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Ellyn Einhern at 781-837-9400 or visit southshore@massaudubon.org.

Brazilian Guitar Music will be performed by David Newsam Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3:30 p.m., as part of the Boston Classical Guitar/Hingham Public Library Sunday Sounds Special Concert Series. The performance is free and open to the public, and will take place at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St.

Dixieland Jazz Concert, featuring John Clark's Wolverine Jazz Band, will be performed Sunday, Oct. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield. Admission is $10. Dinner is optional, and begins at 3 p.m. For more information, call 781-834-6505.

World's End in Autumn, a walk sponsored by South Shore Natural Science Center, will take place Sunday, Oct. 1, 1 to 3 p.m. Naturalist Debbie Hill will lead the walk. Cost is $4/members, $6/non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Meet in the parking area on Martin's Lane. To sign up or for more information, visit ssnsc.org.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth will present Ryan Fardy and Shades of Blue Sunday, Oct. 1. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

Monday, Oct. 2

North River Arts Society will present "New England Expressions," a tribute exhibit, in the Little Gallery at GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, through Oct. 15. The exhibit will feature original pastel and oil paintings by Mary Young Smith. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment on the weekends. For more information, call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 550 Bedford St., Abington, will present **Lickity Split** Monday, Oct. 2. For more information, call 781-871-7175.

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Will Chase as Rob in "High Fidelity". PHOTO/STEWART FEREBEE

Green has high hopes for 'Fidelity'

Amanda Green

Lyricist Amanda Green hadn't started writing musicals when she first read the best-selling novel "High Fidelity" by Nick Hornby in 1995. But when her friend, composer Tom Kitt, read the book and liked it, too, he suggested the pair collaborate on a stage version of the story of a record store owner who knows everything there is to know about pop music and nothing at all about romance. Now, five years after they first began work on the project, Green and Kitt's musical adaptation is finally making it to the altar in Boston where the pre-Broadway run of "High Fidelity" has set up house at the Colonial Theatre.

"I've been on this project since 2001," Green recalled recently by telephone from New York. "It was the wit, humor and humanity of Nick Hornby's characters and story that gave us the idea to do this show. It was Tom's and my brainchild to write a great musical comedy using pop music that would be both funny and meaningful. Nick's story - which was also made into a 2000 feature film starring John Cusack and Jack Black - just very naturally lends itself to a musical treatment. It is a socially acute contemporary love story about people who are obsessed with, and define themselves by, pop music and culture. The hero's life is a soundtrack and the big moments are songs."

As the daughter of the late lyricist Adolph Green - half of a legendary team, with Betty Comden, who made their name with feature films like "Singin' in the Rain" and Broadway musicals like "On The Town" - Green has been around more than a few of her father's big moments and is now ready for some of her own.

"My father was a genius as is Betty Comden. It is very gratifying that so many people have such warm feelings for my father and Betty and also my mother, Phyllis Newman. I love my father's voice as a lyricist, of course, but I also have one of my own. What has made my work on 'High Fidelity' especially gratifying, however, is that it had nothing to do with my father. That said, he was also very supportive and very proud of me. He was a very sweet and loving parent."

For the younger Green, "High Fidelity" has been a collaboration not only with Kitt, but with others who joined the project in progress.

"Artistically, the first two songs Tom and I wrote are still in the show. Other than that, a great deal has changed since we started. David Lindsay-Abaire joined us to write the book. He is an amazing writer, but it took us a while to get our groove as a team. When Walter Bobbie ("Chicago") came on board as director he was able to really focus us in a good way."

Throughout the past five years, Green says she has never lost faith in the show.

"I do believe this is a great musical comedy. It is very true to the spirit of the book, which we hope will be pleasing to Nick Hornby whose work we greatly admire. After all this time, it feels a lot like my child. I just want it to succeed. I love the theater and I want to be in this business for a long time."

The pre-Broadway engagement of "High Fidelity" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Oct. 22. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit *http://www.broadwayacrossamerica.com*

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Classes

WHIDDEN SCHOOL OF FITNESS. The following fall term classes are being offered at Whidden School of Fitness Inc. 822 Webster St., Marshfield Center. WSFI offers programs in the martial arts, including karate for youth and adults, tai chi for adults and seniors, yoga, and wrestling. Services in acupuncture, chiropractic, and massage therapy are also offered. Some highlights of the upcoming fall term classes are Kids Combo class for ages 4 fi to 5, starting Sept. 20. Classes combine yoga movements and karate. Karate Kids classes (co-ed, and girls and boys only) for youth in grades kindergarten through 12. The wrestling and conditioning classes for youth in grades kindergarten through eight begins Sunday, Oct. 15. Early registration is recommended, since many classes fill up early. Check the WSFI Web page for the full schedules of all programs and more information at www.whiddenschool.com; email wsfi1@verizon.net; or call 781-834-9161.

MUSIC CLASS OFFERED IN NORWELL. Tiny Tot Tunes is a music and movement class designed for children ages 2 through 4 with a parent or caregiver. The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center is offering this class beginning in late September. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required. Call James Library at 781-659-7100 for information and registration information.

"PC READY" – Beginner Computer Class will take place at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull. For information or to register, call 781-925-3211 or visit wellspringhull.org. Financial assistance is available; Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay. Classes will meet Tuesday, Oct. 3, and Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost for either class is $45. This course is designed for acquiring specific computer proficiency in two, three-hour classes, and is taught by a Microsoft and Certiport certified instructor.

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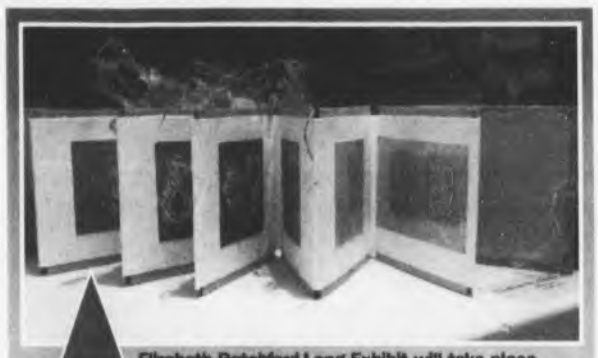

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Elizabeth Rotchford-Long Exhibit will take place through Oct. 22 in the Dillon Gallery at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Works on paper, including hand-made artist books, will be on display. In addition, oil paintings by Chippa Martin and Isabel Shamitz, and photography by Jack Foley will be on view. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

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Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth will present **Gregg Miller,** featuring Russ Costa, Monday, Oct. 2. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

Elizabeth Rotchford-Long Exhibit will take place through Oct. 22 in the Dillon Gallery at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Works on paper, including hand-made artist books, will be on display. In addition, oil paintings by Chippa Martin and Isabel Shamitz, and photography by Jack Foley will be on view. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Alexandra Robbins will discuss her new book, "Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids," Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m., at Hingham High School, 17 Union St. The program is hosted by Hingham High School PTO and Buttonwood Books. For more information, call Buttonwood Books at 781-383-2665.

Kennedy Library Forum titled "Growing Up in Southie" will be presented by author Michael Patrick MacDonald. Maureen Dezell will moderate. The forum will take place Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. The forum is free and open to the public. For more information or to make reservations, call 617-514-1643 or visit the Web page at jfklibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Medicare Seminar will take place Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m., at South Shore Elder Service's office, 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. The seminar is free and will provide information on Medicare Part D. For more information, call 781-848-3910.

Infant and Child CPR and First Aid Course will be offered by the American Red Cross at its South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Cost is $70. This two-part session will take place Wednesday, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required by calling 617-770-2600.

Readings for Writers, a series of classes for those interested in writing and literature, is being offered at the Art Complex, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the museum's Judah Alden House. Call 781-934-6634, ext. 15, to register.

"Are hidden food allergies making you fat and sick?," a lecture by chiropractor Dr. Kate McDonough, who specializes in nutrition, will take place Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m., at Chiropractic and Holistic Healing Center, 1140 Washington St., Hanover. McDonough will discuss how hidden allergies to the foods we eat can contribute to problems with obesity, diabetes, heart conditions, depression and anxiety problems. The lecture is free. Reservations are required, and seating is limited. For information and reservations, call 781-829-9099 or visit drkatechiro.com

"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer Daniela Russell and painter Maddu Huacuja, will be on view through Dec. 15 at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-736-8100.

Thursday, Oct. 5

Greater Plymouth Lupus Group will meet the fourth Thursday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Kingston Public Library. For more information, call Nicole Peterson at 781-582-8770. Registration is not required.

Children's Museum of Easton will present the Play Fore Kids Golf Tournament Thursday, Oct. 5, at Easton Country Club. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., and will be played in a scramble format. A donation of $125 includes greens fees, cart, giveaways, prizes and a lunch reception. To register, call Stephen Keohane at 508-230-3789 or visit childrensmuseumineaston.org/golftournament.asp.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston needs women, who are at least 20 years old, to become Big Sisters. An orientation session will take place Thursday, Oct. 5, from noon to 1 p.m., at 161 Massachusetts Ave., second floor, Boston. For more information, call 617-236-8060 o r visit bigsisters.org.

Adult CPR/AED Course will be offered Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., by the American Red Cross at its South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Cost is $50. Registration is required by calling 617-770-2600.

Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Thursday, Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m., at John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. The group will discuss current news and local resources. For more information, call Penny Peterson at 781-659-2691.

"High Fidelity," a new Broadway-bound musical, will be performed Oct. 5 through 22, at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster by calling 617-931-2787 and at all Ticketmaster outlets; by visiting BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com and at the Colonial Theatre box office. Tickets are $40 through $90; premium seating, $112.50. Performance are: Tuesday through Thursday, and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Lightkeeper's Autumn Boutique will take place Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Lighthouse Keeper's Residence, Bancroft Hall, 15 Lighthouse Lane, Cohasset. Come enjoy a glass of wine while socializing and shopping for clothing and accessory. Complimentary admission. For more information, call 781-545-2952.

Friday, Oct. 6

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 6, Incredible Casuals will give an eclectic rock performance at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission is $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or e-mail theseanote@aol.com.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will welcome Quintessential Brass, Sunday, Oct. 1, a 4 p.m. The performance is free of charge. For more information, call 781-934-6634, ext. 12.

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Single Executives Club Singles Dance will take place Friday, Oct. 6, at Radisson Hotel, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dance music by a disc jockey, from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m., complimentary hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and match game will be featured. Free dance lessons will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The dance is for singles and couples, ages 30 and older. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress recommended. For more information, call 781-446-0234.

South Shore Folk Music Club will present Session Americana Friday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m., at Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. Tickets are $13/members, $15/non-members. For more information, call 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

Ongoing events

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

Life's A Pitch, freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South Shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. Call 508-947-4877.

The Three B's, Chamber Music Society of Easton, a non-profit organization, offers a series of Chamber Music House Parties to introduce its neighbors to the world of chamber music. Those who enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms and Bach and giving parties at home, can call the sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to learn how to host a chamber music party. Call Terry, 508-339-0033.

Urgent need for foster parents. Children of all ages are in need of loving families to care for them. Last year, over 200 children from South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families, married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. For more information, call Kara Hemingway at the Department of Social Services, Coastal Area office at 781-682-0866.

Children's Physical Development Clinic, Bridgewater State College clinic for children with disabilities. A unique motor development, physical education-recreation and adapted aquatic program for children with disabilities. Open to children 18 months to 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Held in the John J. Kelly Gym and Moriarty pool for eight Saturday mornings. For application call Andrea Lamonica at 508-531-1776.

Philatelists or stamp collectors needed for a Plymouth Stamp Club. An opportunity for new and experienced collectors to swap knowledge and ideas. Monthly meetings. To join call Chuck Manchester at 508-747-3975.

Power Wheelchairs available. Miracle on Wheels makes electric power wheelchairs available to non-ambulatory senior citizens and the permanently disabled, if they quality. Qualifications include those who are unable to walk and cannot operate a manual wheelchair safely, must be able to operate a joystick and need a doctor's approval and recommendation. For information call 800-749-8778 or visit www.jaspanmedical.com.

Social Work Therapy Referral Service offers free confidential referrals for individual, couple, family and group therapy, matched for specialty, location and insurance. A public service of the National Association of Social Workers. Call 617-720-2828 or 800-242-9794.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers many free services. "Are you or is someone you know the victim of a drunken driver?" If so, MADD can help. Services include court-accompaniment, referrals for counseling, and literature. Call 800-633-MADD.

Parents Helping Parents. Are you feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious or isolated in your role as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experience and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call 800-882-1250 for information about groups in your area.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for donations of unwanted vehicles to help support its programs. Donors can designate which club will receive their help and will also get a tax deduction on their income tax. Cars will be picked up within a few days. Call 800-246-0493.

Sustainable South Shore meets at the New Song Arts Center, 51 Maple St., (Codman Building) Rockland. Monthly open meetings for all South Shore residents interested in sustainable communities and preserving the ecosystem. Visit www.SustainableSS.org. For directions and information, call 781-413-7604 or 781-335-0249.

Parental Stress Line, trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call 800-632-8188.

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Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will kick off its season featuring violinist Lara St. John on Saturday, Sept. 30 in Plymouth's Memorial Hall. A pre-concert talk by Steven Karidoyanes at 7 p.m. will be followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 to $45; student, senior and group discounts available. Call the Philharmonic office at 508-746-8008 to purchase tickets or for more information. An inaugural soiree to open the season of concerts will preceded the concert from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall's Blue Room. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door, and features cocktails and light appetizers.

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The River Club, Border St., Scituate presents "The Gathering" on Friday Sept.29,2006 from 8:30 – 11:30 pm. Advance tickets are $5 and $10.that night at the door. For info call 781-545-8292 The Gathering is a nine piece band playing rock, blues and swing music consisting of Steve and Stephanie Chase, their son's Matt on lead guitar and Sam on drums ,Lennie Peterson-trombone, Tim Butterworth-trumpet, Tim Paul Weiner-bass,,Dave Gomberg-fiddle, Andrew Hickman-sax.

The HouseRockers will perform Thursday, Oct. 5 at TaBasCo. (Tables a Bar and some Company) 1166 Washington St.(Rt. 53)Weymouth (Formerly Twelve Bens II) All musicians welcome, 21+ only. New early start 9 p.m. show/ 10 p.m. jam. For more information contact Satch Romano New Blue Productions, Braintree 781-258-5232 or email at brom@carlsonsw.com

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Reunions

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 REUNION. The Class of 1971 will host its 35th reunion Oct. 15, 16 and 17. Members of the Classes of 1970 and 1972 are welcome to join the class of 1971 for any or all of the events. Contact Gail Copus Spann at BikinGail@aol.com for more information.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1981 REUNION Scituate High School, Class of 1981, will hosts its 25th reunion Nov. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth Harbor. For more information and to register, email to scituate81@yahoo.com.

MHS CLASS OF 1981 25TH REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 1981, will host its 25th reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embers, 459 Plain St., Marshfield. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, disc jockey and dancing. The cost is $45 per person. To secure a reservation, send payment to MHS Class of 1981, P. O. Box 1496, Marshfield, MA 02050. Make checks payable to MHS Class of 1981. For more information, call Rosemary Vaughan at 781-424-3978 or Carolyn Devine at 781-831-0845.

MHS CLASS OF 2001 REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 2001, announces its five-year reunion will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., upstairs at Hennessy's of Boston in Faneuil Hall. No registration/reservation required. The upstairs is reserved exclusively for the Class of 2001 from 8 to 10 p.m., and there will be no cover charge for those who arrive before 9 p.m. The second floor bar at Hennessy's was recently renovated to include two bars, a stage, dance floor, pool tables and a lounge area. For more information, email classof2001.mhs@gmail.com.

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Heritage Days Bake Sale Proceeds Go To South Shore Hospice.

The Jack Conway Co. Scituate office recently raised $500 for Hospice of the South Shore during a bake sale at Scituate Heritage Days. The donation was made in memory of the late Conway Co. Vice President John Reardon and his wife Mary, of Scituate.

Hospice nurse Mary Beth Barry accepted the check during a recent ceremony at the Conway Scituate office telling the agents that hospice care is not only about the dying, but also about the living. "We offer solid advice on the preparation of the home for the arrival of the patient, establish medicine schedules, and provide care for the home and the patient while life continues," explained Barry.

South Shore Hospice was started in 1980, has a paid and volunteer staff of 60, and provides care for 300 to 500 people a year.

To contact Hospice of the South Shore call 781-843-0947 or visit 100 Bay State Drive in Braintree.

South Shore Hospice Accepts Donation from Jack Conway Co.

(l. to r.) Conway agent Judith Mulcahy, Mary Beth Barry of South Shore Hospice, Conway Scituate office manager Mary Pecce, and Chairman Jack Conway.

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BUDGET BATTLE

Cleaning up the town's books

Warrant articles could help financial picture

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset has been able to maintain a AA+ bond rating for the past 5 years. However, while the town continues to enjoy that rating, in August, Standard and Poor's — one of the two leading bond rating agencies — put Cohasset on a watch list, due to its financial situation.

To help ensure the town does not lose its bond rating the next time it is evaluated, Town Manager Bill Griffin has placed four articles on the draft Town Meeting Warrant which will help clean up the books and keep Cohasset at its current status. Griffin worked with Director of Finance Michael Buckley to draft the articles, which he presented to the Board of Selectmen Monday.

When Standard and Poor's issues a bond rating, it looks at the amount of money the town has borrowed as well as any that has been authorized and unissued, or unspent. Over the years, Town Meeting has authorized the town to borrow for various reasons, and in some cases the town has either not needed to borrow the full amount authorized or did not use the funds at all. Without a vote to rescind the approval for unspent money, or approve the actual amount borrowed, the books do not accurately show the town's debt and potential debt.

Article 11 on the draft Warrant would ask voters to take action on six different past authorizations. The first deals with an authorization approved in March 1999. Town Meeting approved borrowing $200,000 to essentially allow the town to take over maintenance of private septic systems. In an interview after the meeting, Buckley explained the initiative never went forward and the town decided against maintaining private systems, which means the money was never borrowed. Without a Town Meeting vote to rescind the first vote of approval, the town's record shows it is authorized to borrow that money, and Standard and Poor's looks at that approval as potential debt. If it doesn't come off the books, "They're going to think someday we're going to borrow it," said Buckley, which can have a negative impact on the town's rating.

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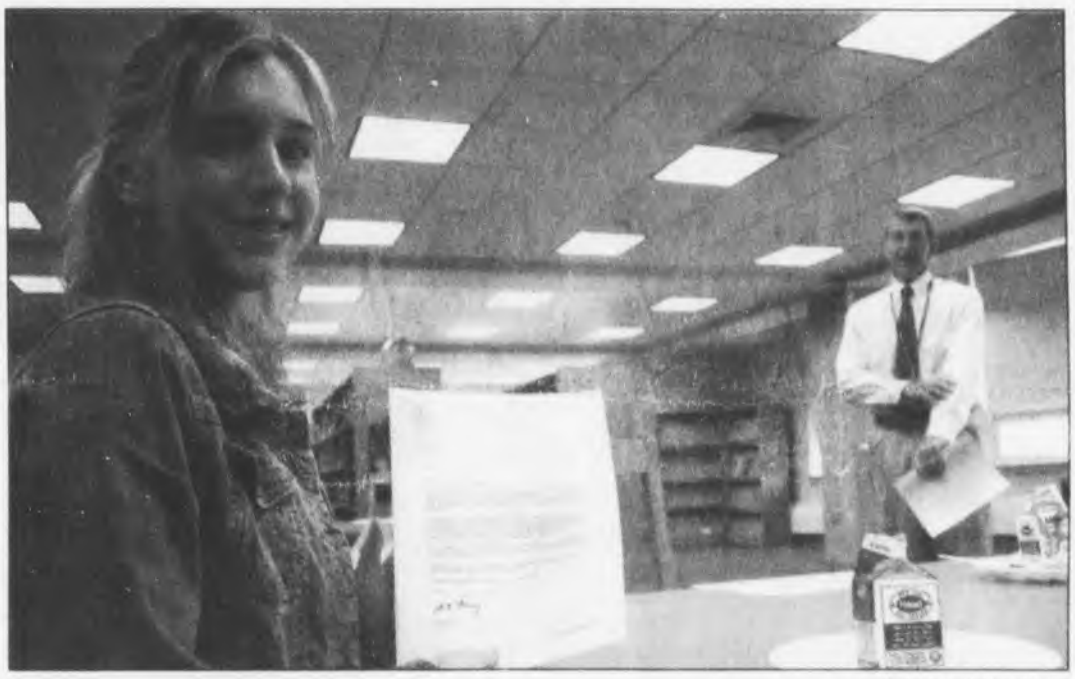
Free tuition at state schools



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Cohasset High School senior Amanda C. Thompson shows off her letter from Governor Mitt Romney, congratulating her on being one of the recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, while guidance counselor Ed Leonard looks on. Students who qualified to receive the scholarship were treated to lunch in the high school library Tuesday.

Seniors awarded Adams Scholarship

By Samantha Brown
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Twenty-nine members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2007 were honored this week with a luncheon, to celebrate their qualifying for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

The Scholarship, which is awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, provides free tuition for four years at any Massachusetts public college or university. To take advantage of the scholarship, students must enroll at the state school of their choice the fall after graduation.

Students, who attained scores in the proficient and advanced levels on the spring 2005 grade 10 MCAS mathematics and English language arts test and who are in the top 25 percent of their class based on MCAS scores, are eligible to take advantage of the scholarship.

"I am very pleased that so many of our students here in Cohasset earned this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of our students' and our teachers' commitment and dedication to academic success," said Cohasset High School Principal Joel Antolini.

This year, nearly 16,000 students across the state were awarded with the scholarship, which is up from the 14,000 awarded last year. Cohasset has remained constant with 29 students earning the award both this year and last year.

In order for students to claim their scholarship, they must meet residency requirements, graduate from a Massachusetts public high school, apply and be accepted to a state college or university and enroll in the fall of 2007. They must also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, and inform the college of the scholarship. The scholarship covers tuition, but not room and board, books, or any other additional costs.

Adam Smith looks over the fine print of the scholarship he was awarded Tuesday afternoon in the high school library.

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients include: Kevin James Barber, Mercedees Nancie Barnes-Jackson, Austin Jake Breslow, Laura Marie Campedelli, Emily Grace Coggins, Brent Thomas Daly, Donald Reed Dickinson, Molly Kate Gallagher, Caren Emily Garber, Haley Alexandra Haracz, Kyle Lee Dattola-Harris, Caitlin Hurley, Ryan Elizabeth Ingram, Ryan Henry Lawrence Kucinski, Benjamin Phillip Masotta, Robert Meiklejohn, Charles Blair Morin, Lara Alexis Novak, Mary Annette Previte, Colleen Reid Richardson, Adam Earle Smith, Virginia Ann Spofford, Lauren Christene Strazzulla, Alida Rose Tangherlini, Amanda Crystal Thompson, Timothy Brennan Toomey, Caitlyn Rose Treese, Kara Elizabeth Wilcox, and Ellen Elizabeth Wise.

Wind power

Turbines translate into savings

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the Alternative Energy Committee paid a visit to the School Committee Wednesday, to discuss the various energy-saving improvements it is looking into for the schools. Having been before all the other boards in town, the committee felt it was time to share its knowledge with the School Committee and hopefully get it on board with its initiative.

The three schools are a large consumer of electrical power in town, with the middle-high school using more electricity than any other building. To help cut back on costs and be more "green," the Energy Committee has begun looking into harnessing the power of the wind through turbines. Its thought is that one large turbine could be erected at the Recycle Transfer Facility, and a second smaller turbine could be erected at the high school, both of which could save the town a lot of money. In these difficult fiscal times, saving money where possible would be a plus.

A town's bond rating is important because it lets potential bond buyers know the risk they are taking in terms of the town being able to pay back the borrowed money

Energy Committee member Jim Shipsky has gathered information about the town's kilowatt usage, and found the three schools cost roughly $249,000 last year. If a wind turbine was erected at the Recycling Transfer Facility, it could generate power, which the town could sell back to National Grid, its energy provider, which would help cut down on costs. If a second smaller turbine was erected at the middle-high school, which

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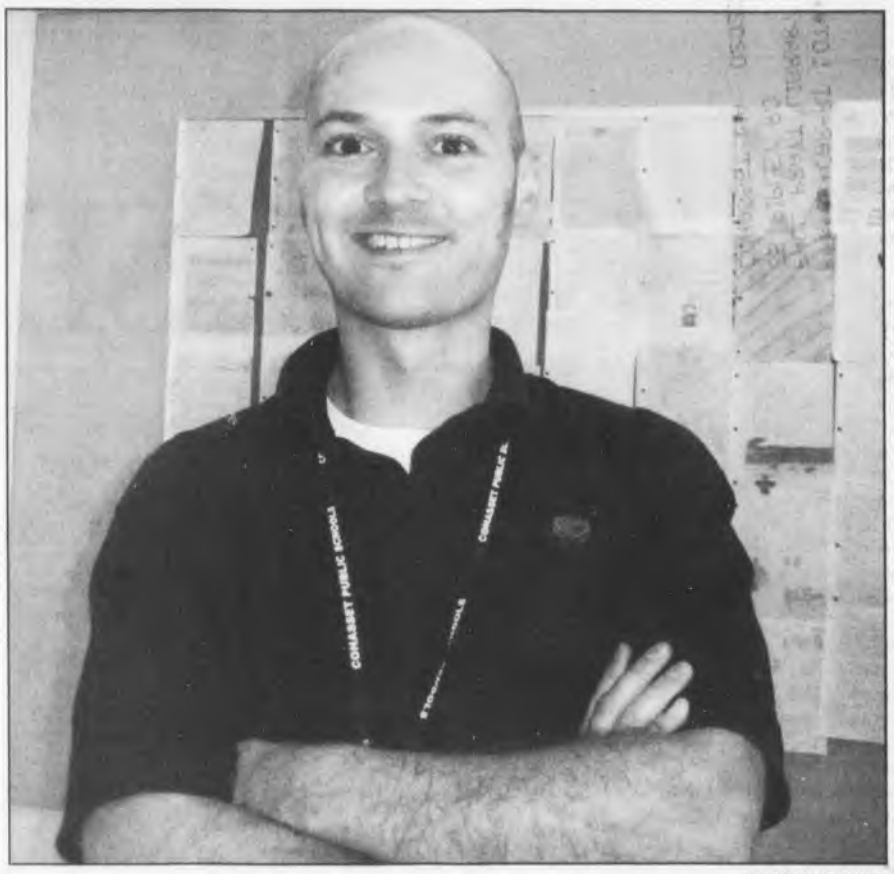

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Matthew Dunegan, who teaches English, is one of the new faces at the middle school this year.

Person I'd most like to meet: Beck.

Biggest worry: That I'll forget stuff.

Best part of Cohasset: The students at Cohasset Middle School.

Town Meeting article review

The Board of Selectmen will discuss Town Meeting articles at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 16. The Special Town Meeting will be held Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Articles to be discussed include: Amendments to fiscal 2007 operating budget; union contracts and other salary adjustments; capital improvements budget; Community Preservation Committee; Funding for Alternative Energy Committee; Stormwater Management Committee expenses; school department security systems; zoning bylaw amendment (over 55 housing restrictions); zoning bylaw amendment (citizens petition).

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

No board meetings on Election Day

Election Day will be Tuesday, Nov. 7, and in Cohasset, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Last week, Town Clerk Marion Douglas sent a memo to all boards and committees, asking them not to schedule any meetings during polling hours, "as it puts voters in a potential conflict situation between voting and attending public meetings," she stated.

Douglas said Massachusetts General Laws prohibit public hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals on any applications for special permits or variances on Election Day. This also applies to any board that might be having a hearing related to those types of applications. The Elections Division also strongly discourages any board or committee from meeting during polling hours. "I would appreciate it if you would take this into consideration when scheduling your meetings in November," she wrote.

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Real-looking gun turns out to be an air pistol

By Mary Ford
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At about 6:16 p.m. last Saturday (Sept. 30) police responded to a 9-1-1 call from a restaurant manager on Hull Street that said his parking lot attendant saw a man, described as in his mid-20s and wearing a Manny Ramirez shirt, with a firearm tucked in his rear waistband.

Police went to the restaurant where the manager pointed out the individual, Chief James Hussey said. "They moved quickly and removed the individuals to the parking lot," Hussey said. The man with the gun – that turned out to be an air pistol — was at the establishment with another individual.

"The air pistol looked very real, like a 9 millimeter handgun," Hussey explained. Air pistols shoot pellets much like a BB gun, he explained.

One of the men was taken into protective custody and the other, a 32-year-old Scituate man, was charged with being a disorderly person. Hussey said the 42-year-old had been waving the air pistol around in the parking lot and acting in a disorderly manner before police got the call.

Protective custody

A 43-year-old Weymouth man was taken into protective custody when he was found stumbling along the railroad tracks near Sohier Street. Police said he smelled of alcohol. Chief James Hussey said the officer who went to the scene determined the man could be a danger to himself because of his inebriated state, so he was taken into custody.

Police were alerted that a man could be under the influence of alcohol after dispatch received a call at about 10:30 p.m. Monday (Sept. 25) that a man was stumbling around the middle of N. Main Street near Rocky Lane. The caller said the individual smashed a large bottle in the road. The man was later observed running toward the tracks.

The officer took the cruiser up to Sohier Street where sure enough the man – who was wearing the same clothing described by the caller – came walking up the tracks.

Shoplifter arrested

Police were able to apprehend a man who allegedly shoplifted merchandize from Shaw's last Monday (Sept. 25) at about 11:55 a.m. Chief James Hussey said the store was able to provide a description of the car and plate number.

The man headed toward Scituate where he was stopped and then turned over to Cohasset police, who also reviewed the surveillance tape at the supermarket to confirm the alleged theft.

Police charged a 52-year-old Hanover man with shoplifting items valued at more than $100. Hussey said the man had the items in his car when he was stopped.

MV crashes

There were two accidents last Tuesday (Sept. 26). The first occurred at 2:50 p.m. on King Street near Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza and involved a motor vehicle and a man on a bicycle.

Chief James Hussey said a 1996 Toyota 4-runner, which was traveling southbound, was trying to make a left when it struck the bicyclist who was traveling northbound. The man on the bike was transported to South Shore Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. The driver of the Forerunner was cited for failure to use care in turning.

Hussey said motorists, especially in congested areas, are not always on the lookout for pedestrians, motorcycles or bicycles, because they are so busy looking out for other cars. Everyone needs to use more care, he said.

The second accident that day occurred at 9:14 p.m. A 2005 Toyota Camry ran the stop sign at Forest/N. Main and Lower King, striking a 1994 Chrysler LeBaron, police said. The Toyota was traveling on N. Main coming from the village. The Chrysler that was traveling along Lower King stopped and then proceeded through the intersection when it was struck. No injuries were reported. The driver of the Toyota was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Minor arrested

Last Wednesday (Sept. 27) at just past 2 p.m., police observed a Dodge Durango speeding along Spring Street near the railroad construction site. It was estimated the car was traveling 40 m.p.h., which is over the speed limit and too fast for the conditions due to the work going on.

After making the stop, the officer observed a 30 pack of beer in the car. The beer was still in its cardboard box, which was open and one bottle was missing.

The 17-year-old youth, who is a Cohasset resident, was placed under arrest.

"When it comes to young people in cars with alcohol, we are going to make the arrest," Chief James Hussey said. He said there was no evidence the teen was driving under the influence.

Teen party

Police Chief Hussey praised a father for calling police when upwards of two dozen unwanted guests turned up at his son's party at about 8:45 p.m., last Friday (Sept. 29).

"The parent did the right thing here," Hussey said. "The party was just getting under way when the word got out there was a party at that location and uninvited teens started to arrive."

Many of the juveniles left prior to the officer's arrival, according to the police log.

Police found no evidence of alcohol at the scene and peace was restored.

"We encourage parents to be involved," Hussey said. "And we do not condone any parents providing or allowing underage drinking.

"If they do, they are doing a real disservice to the community."

Contractor uncertified

Chief James Hussey warned residents should always check references of contractors who do work on their property. They should also get several estimates.

Last Wednesday (Sept. 27) a resident reported flooring work that was apparently done by an uncertified worker. The contractor provided an estimate and the resident made a deposit and those checks were cashed. When the resident became dissatisfied with the work, she found out he was not certified. Police made inquiries with Building Regulations and Standards, but at this time, it is considered a civil matter, Hussey said.

Dog dispute

Last week a police officer talked to a neighbor about keeping dogs under control, in the yard or on a leash at all times. The woman, who owned the dogs, told police a neighbor had threatened to harm her dogs and that her invisible fence was also cut.

Chief James Hussey said the officer who responded to the call was able to diffuse the situation. He was unable to determine if the invisible fence had been cut. Hussey explained the threats made to the animals were likely made in jest.

Dogs bug cat

Police were able to locate the owner of one dog that along with another dog was tormenting a cat that had taken refuge underneath a car last Tuesday (Sept. 26) at just past 5 p.m. A caller reported dogs circling the parked car. Dispatch was able to contact one of the dog owners and the situation was resolved. Chief James Hussey said, however, dog owners must remember that under the town's leash law, their dog must be on a leash or under their control at all times.

South Shore Tide Chart
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Thurs. 5	10:10	9.7	10:32	10.3	3:51	-0.5	4:13	-0.5
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:18 p.m.*			
Fri. 6	11:00	10.4	11:26	10.5	4:41	-0.8	5:07	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:16 p.m.*			
Sat. 7	11:48	10.8	—	—	5:30	-1.0	5:59	-1.5
Sunrise: 6:47a.m.					*Sunset: 6:15p.m.*			
Sun. 8	12:18	10.5	12:36	11.1	6:18	-1.0	6:50	-1.6
Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:13 p.m.*			
Mon. 9	1:09	10.3	1:25	11.1	7:07	-0.7	7:41	-1.5
Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:11 p.m.*			
Tues. 10	2:01	9.9	2:15	10.8	7:56	-0.3	8:35	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:10 p.m.*			
Wed. 11	2:55	9.3	3:07	10.3	8:47	0.2	9:27	-0.5
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:08 p.m.*			
Thurs. 12	3:51	8.8	4:02	9.7	9:40	0.8	10:24	0.1
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:06 p.m.*			

Bylaw change to help track stolen goods

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Police Department would like to keep a closer eye on second-hand jewelry sales in town. To that end, the Board of Selectmen has included an article on the first draft of the Town Meeting Warrant on behalf of Chief James Hussey. The new bylaw would keep the department constantly apprised of all transactions being made at second-hand stores.

Hussey came before the Board of Selectmen Monday in support of the article. Currently, there are 27 articles, or items of business to be discussed, on the draft Town Meeting Warrant, or agenda. Town Meeting will be held Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at the high school and as it approaches, articles could be taken off or added to the Warrant.

While Hussey noted there has been no problem with second-hand sales to date, being preemptive is never a bad idea. He said by voting the bylaw into effect, the police department would have weekly contact with businesses that buy and sell second-hand items to ensure items they have purchased have not been stolen. The bylaw would also put a 14-day freeze on the sale of second-hand items to enable those whose property may have been stolen ample time to file a police report and for the items to be tracked down.

Hussey explained it used to be very common for thieves to bring stolen goods to pawnshops to sell them quickly and take the cash. However, pawnshops have become more restricted in recent times, which has led criminals to look to "secondary markets" when selling their loot, such as jewelry or antique shops.

"To help clamp down on things changing hands, or pieces being melted down, this bylaw will make them wait 14 days before they can take action," said Hussey of stores which sell second-hand items. He added the bylaw would require shopkeepers keep a book including all transactions of second-hand articles, including a description of the article, the name, age, and residence of the person from whom they bought the article, and the day and hour when the article was acquired. The chief of police or his designee may at any time enter upon any premises used by a licensed dealer to examine articles taken in trade. Hussey said the items in question are typically jewelry, car stereos, CDs, and other small items. "We're looking to slow down the process," he said.

Hussey said while businesses would be required to contact the police department on a weekly basis to provide an update, it might be an option for stores to send the information via e-mail. "We want to make this as easy as possible," he said.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil asked if the wording for the bylaw was drafted for Cohasset or based on another town's model. Hussey said the bylaw was adopted from the town of Norwood and adapted by Cohasset Town Counsel. The board approved the article unanimously.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Reardon, 182 Fair Oaks, six squares clapboard, fix rotted trim, $3,000; Butler, 30 Margin St., shed (former on south side of house), $12,500; Brierley, 1 Woodland Drive, remodel bathroom, $7,000; Paulson, D. MPM Realty, 11 Bailey Road, replace existing 6' by 8' fence with same, $7,900; Allen, 21 Pleasant St., 20 squares asphalt roofing, $8,900; Tosi, 430 King St., 18' x 45' in-ground pool and 5' fence, $25,000; Esslinger, 123 Pleasant St., addition to rear of house, $110,000; Doherty, 34 Forest Notch, 16' by 32' in-ground pool, 5' chain link fence, $20,000.

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Town looks to boost its budget with grants

Village, harbor, meadows would benefit

The town has applied to the Transit-Oriented Development grant program, for sidewalks along King Street and Route 3A.

By Samantha Brown
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With limited means, the town is helping boost its revenue by applying for grants whenever possible.

Town Manager Bill Griffin told Selectmen this week there are currently seven grants, which have either been submitted or will be submitted in the very near future, which could bring in roughly $2,472,500 for seven different projects.

The town has applied to the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for an additional $310,000 in funding to complete the Village Revitalization Project. The funds would allow the town to complete the Brook and Elm streets surface restoration, which would include new paved roads, new curbs and new sidewalk. While those streets were included in the original plan for the downtown streetscape, the town ran out of money and had to reduce the scope of the project.

The town has submitted two pre-applications to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The program provides grants to states and local governments, to allow them to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures either before or after a major disaster has been declared. The grant money for Cohasset is intended to help avoid natural disasters from taking place in the future.

The first grant application is in the amount of $365,000. The money would be used for "Jacob's Meadow Outlet Channel Replacement." The portion of James Brook near the American Legion, which flows under Border Street, has a wall, which is ready to fall down. This grant would allow that wall to be rebuilt.

The second pre-application is in the amount of $725,000 and would be used for a "Wiggle Detention project." The Wiggle is an area behind the Little League fields, located on North Main Street. James Brook runs parallel to North Main and the thought is to dig out an area of the Wiggle to serve as a kind of reservoir, so during high rain events, the water will have someplace to go before inundating the Village, which is prone to flooding.

The town has applied for two grants through the Office of Coastal Zone Management's Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program. The first is for a "Jacob's Meadow Environmental Assessment" project, in the amount of $120,000. This would help ensure the Meadow is brought back to its previous salt marsh state. A good indication the marsh has been restored will be the lack of phragmites, a kind of plant that prefers to grow in a mix of salt and fresh water. The second grant would provide similar consideration to Stuart Brook, which runs from Spring Street past St. Anthony's and into Jacob's Meadow. The grant is for $27,000.

The town has applied to the Transit-Oriented Development grant program, for sidewalks along King Street and Route 3A. The MBTA did not include sidewalks to and from the Greenbush station in its design, which means the town has had to secure funding to ensure the station will be pedestrian accessible.

The Board of Selectmen authorized Griffin to apply for a Municipal Seawall Repair Grant Monday, which if approved would allow the town to make repairs to three sections of the Cohasset Harbor seawall. The grant would be for $600,000, and if accepted would expand the scope of the project for the town. If not, the project would go on as planned.

The seawall and walkway that run along the harbor from the Atlantica parking lot to the Mill River Marine Boatyard site need to be refurbished. Pedestrians heavily traverse the walkway along the top of the stone seawall, which has begun to fall apart. Temporary repairs were made to the seawall in the 1990s but more needs to be done. Past Town Meetings appropriated a total of $40,000 for studies and preliminary engineering and design; last fall's Dec. 6 special Town Meeting appropriated $600,000 for final engineering, design and repair. The additional $600,000 grant would expand the scope of the project. If the grant is not awarded, the project will proceed as currently planned.

Griffin has or will apply for the grants, thanks to help he has received from a number of people in town. He said Engineer Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Engineering Services has helped with applications, as have members of the Board of Health, Greenbush Liaisons, Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber, and Christine Player of Vine Associates, which is working on the seawall project.

Purchasing streetlights on the table

With the failure of the override last spring, town officials have been urged to look into ways to save money while improving the quality of services. Town Manager Bill Griffin told Selectmen this week, he has been exploring the idea of purchasing the public streetlights in Cohasset from National Grid. "This is something that a number of communities have implemented across the state," he said.

Griffin said when he worked in the town of Bourne the entire Cape Cod community bought the public streetlights. "For years you couldn't do it," he said, but that is no longer the case.

Griffin said he spoke with a representative from National Grid, who informed him the lump sum price to purchase the 509 public streetlights is roughly $57,000.

"A preliminary estimate by a consultant who specializes in streetlight purchase, is that the town would have payback on that investment in less than three years," Griffin said. "However, I believe it important that this concept be studied very carefully. In addition, an RFP would have to be developed for the maintenance of the streetlight system."

As a result, Griffin said he would like to include an article on the Warrant seeking the sum of $8,000 at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting for the scope of services suggested by George Woodbury of LightSmart Energy Consulting.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer asked Griffin how much the town currently pays National Grid annually to maintain its lights. Griffin said between $80,000 and $85,000 and roughly $60,000 of that is the fee to "rent" the lights.

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Griffin, Buckley look to clean up the town's books

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The town will also be asked to vote to reduce two appropriations for school-related projects. At the December 1999 Special Town Meeting, the town authorized borrowing $390,000 for the purpose of developing construction drawings and bid documents for the improvements at the middle-high school and Deer Hill. The town received funding from the state and therefore only needed to borrow $156,000. The town will be asked to vote to approve the $156,000 that was borrowed, which will allow Buckley to take the $234,000 that was not used, off the books.

Voters at the March 2000 Town Meeting authorized the town to borrow $41.8 million for renovations and reconstruction of the middle-high school and Deer Hill School. The town also received state reimbursement for this project and therefore borrowed $16.72 million. Voters will be asked to take back the original Town Meeting vote and authorize the actual amount, taking roughly $25 million in potential debt off the books.

At the November 2001 Special Town Meeting the town authorized borrowing $3.9 million to design, construct, convert and equip the Paul Pratt Library. However, through a combination of grants and gifts to the library, the town only needed to borrow $650,000. "The Trustees of the library don't give themselves enough credit for the fund-raising they did," said Buckley. Through its efforts, Cohasset will be able to take roughly $3.25 million in debt off the books.

The town was also given authorization at the November 2002 Town Meeting to borrow $800,000 to construct an infrastructure and make streetscape improvements to the downtown area. However, the override associated with the project did not pass, and the vote to authorize should be rescinded to take the potential debt off the books.

Lastly, the November 2002 Town Meeting approved borrowing roughly $1 million to purchase a parcel of land at the end of Heather Drive known as the "Barnes Property." Through state funding and money from the Community Preservation Committee, the property was purchased and the appropriation was not necessary. Therefore Town Meeting must rescind its vote to approve the appropriation and take it off the books.

Stabilization funds

Griffin would also like to see the town increase its reserves, which rating agencies also look at. To do this, he has suggested the formation of two new stabilization funds, and a transfer of money into the existing stabilization fund.

The stabilization fund is an actual trust fund that has money in it and earns its own interest, rather than just a budgeted item. This means funds in the stabilization fund are available from year to year. Town Meeting authorization is required to transfer money from the stabilization fund for any lawful purpose. Usually funds spent from the reserve fund are for one-time expenses. Other than interest being earned, the only way the stabilization fund increases is if Town Meeting votes to put money into it.

The town sold the train right-of-way for $1.6 million, and that money was at one time in the stabilization fund. In addition, the town borrowed the full sum of money necessary for the school building projects, which made $500,000 in interest. Together, both sums of money left the town with $2.1 million, all of which was earmarked to help pay off the bonds for the school construction project.

However, Buckley said the reimbursement from the state for the projects was awarded earlier than anticipated and the $2.1 million was not needed to cover those costs. Instead, it has been used to "patch holes" in the budget, including covering costs associated with special education out-of-district tuitions, police overtime costs and legal bills.

Buckley explained while the $2.1 million was originally in the stabilization fund, at one point in time the Legislature was thinking of tying in a town's local aid to the amount it had in its stabilization fund. "They were going to penalize you," for having more in reserves, he said. To be safe, the town put the money in a line item in the budget, appropriated to pay for debt service. The plan never panned out with the Legislature, and now the town would like to put the money back into the stabilization fund where it belongs.

For the past few years, Buckley said towns in Massachusetts have been able to set up special stabilization funds, which hold money for specific purposes. Griffin and Buckley have proposed starting a sewer betterment stabilization fund which will hold all betterments in one account to be used specifically for making annual principal and interest payments on sewer-related debt service.

Buckley explained when the North Cohasset, Straits Pond and Central Sewer projects began, the town issued betterments for half the cost of the project, which was payable over 20 years. The town took out bonds to pay for the other half of the project. Many people paid the entire amount up front, as it is typically customary to pay off the whole betterment when selling your house. Buckley said therefore, more money came in than anticipated, and the surplus was set aside for when it would be needed in later years when a constant stream of money was not coming in due to those which had already paid. That money would now be set aside in its own account, and would need a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting to be spent.

The town will also be asked to form a new pension reserve stabilization fund. Buckley said in the late 1970s and early 1980s, former Town Accountant Bill Signorelli realized the town was not putting enough money aside for its annual payments to the Norfolk County Retirement Board. "He had the foresight to ask Town Meeting to put money aside to pay the bill when it came due," and currently, the town has $538,548 in its pension account. Griffin and Buckley would like to see a stabilization account set up for the funds.

The Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School. The Warrant is still in draft form and will be finalized over the next few weeks. Warrant articles will be discussed at the Selectmen's next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 16.

What is a bond?

A municipal bond is essentially a certificate of debt. In other words, it is a promise made by a town to pay back borrowed money. When towns need money, they cannot go to the bank and take out a loan; they instead issue bonds. That means a town issues an official statement to the bond market, which can be anyone interested in purchasing a bond, which lets people know the town wants to borrow a certain amount of money. Lenders then bid on the bond, letting the town know what they would charge the town in interest should the town choose to borrow their money. Once the town accepts the bid and sells the bond, the interest rates for payments are locked in.

A town's bond rating is important because it lets potential bond buyers know the risk they are taking in terms of the town's being able to pay back the borrowed money. Director of Finance Michael Buckley has said virtually every time the town has issued a bond, it has first contacted either Standard and Poor's or Moody's, the two leading bond rating agencies, to be rated. With Cohasset's AA+ rating, it is more likely to receive more bids and better interest rates — which can save the town money — than towns with lower ratings.

Having money in reserves would indicate to a rating agency the town will be able to pay back money borrowed, which helps its bond rating. Passing operating budget overrides also helps a town's bond rating as it indicates a willingness and ability of the community to pay borrowed money back.

Energy Committee and schools support the winds of change

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could generate power specifically for the building to use, the utility cost for the school budget could be greatly reduced.

Energy Committee member Mike Bliss explained the smaller second turbine, a vertical access wind turbine, also referred to as an "egg beater," could be built at the school because less land is required for one to be erected. It is much different from the larger turbine, which would only generate electricity for the purpose of selling it back to National Grid and making money.

"There's only one operating in the whole country and it's in Wisconsin, but it is an option we have," said Bliss of the smaller turbine, adding it will be another year before the committee has enough information to determine whether the smaller turbine is feasible. The town is currently in the process of monitoring the wind at the RTF to determine whether the larger turbine would work well in that area.

A second smaller turbine at the middle-high school could generate power specifically for the building to use.

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz said he would like to see wind initiatives integrated into the classroom. If turbines are erected, he would like to see students become involved in some way and learn about the importance of conserving energy and how the turbine works.

Bliss said currently, the committee has senior Blain Morin working as an intern, and they have encouraged him to pursue a couple of different projects. They would like to have him collect the data to determine how much energy the schools use on an hourly basis, as well as have him write up and design a sign which could be hung near the turbine as an informa-

Register to vote by Oct. 18

Wednesday, Oct. 18 will be the last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the state election on Nov. 7.

Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

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COLUMBUS DAY

Hello Cohasset. Happy Columbus Day weekend to all! The weather looks like it will be nice and fall-like and I hope that everyone has a super weekend enjoying it. I for one am in shock that it is already this time of the year, everything goes by so fast!! Make sure to enjoy all those small but memorable moments with family and friends as they vanish so fast. Also, make sure to send in any and all news and personal event information to me here at aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com whether it is about your children, friends, school etc. Have a super weekend!

INLY ARTS FEST

Step way back in time and explore ancient civilizations at this year's Inly Arts Festival on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 12 to 5 pm. Live performances include the thundering Samurai Taiko Drummers and Greek myth storytellers "Chariot of the Sun." Plus an ongoing Artisan Market; family workshops in dancing Isadora Duncan dance, and Taiko drumming; and interactive art activities such as cave drawing, mud cloth painting, mummy wrapping, and more. Be transformed by professional face painters and then "Walk Like an Egyptian" in the green-screen special effects station for a virtual trip through ancient lands. Inly School is located on Watch Hill Dr. (off Rte. 123) in Scituate. For info on admission and more details, visit www.inlyschool.org.

BABY GIRL

Thank Heavens for little girls... That is the song that is being sung at **Mark and Michelle Loughlin's** home in Cohasset. They, along with son, and new big brother **William** welcomed **Sarah Adelaide Loughlin** on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Sarah tipped the scales at 6 lbs., 12 oz. and measured 20 ins. Everyone including William is delighted with her birth and arrival. Best of wishes to your family as you settle in and enjoy life with two adorable children.

GIRL SCOUTS

Here's some news about Girl Scouts here in Cohasset. Any girls interested in joining girl scouts grades kindergarten through high school, please contact **Amy Brash** at 781-925-1956 or through email at amy.brash@putnam.com. The scouts are also looking for more adults to be troop leaders! It is a wonderful and rewarding experience; please contact Amy if you are interested. A town-wide Girl Scout leaders meeting for all active Girl Scout leaders is being held on Oct. 5th at the Paul Pratt Library from 7 to 8 p.m. Anyone interested in learning about being a troop leader is welcome to come. Working with the girls is a wonderful experience and the memories that are formed now as Scouts will continue in their minds forever.

PUMPKINS! PUMPKINS!

Well, the pumpkins are here and a fantastic time will be had by all when you go and purchase your pumpkins at Wheelwright Park on North Main Street from tomorrow, Oct. 7th through Halloween from 10 a.m.–7 p.m. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is running this sale and all proceeds will go towards the annual ASP trip. For more information, call 781-383-1975 or go to the website at www.cohassetasp.org.

OUR WORLD RAFFLE

The Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum is still running their 50/50 raffle and the date the raffle winner will be pulled has changed to November 12, also the date of their Mistletoe Boutique event. To check the updated raffle totals, check out their website at www.ourworldcgdm.org

The tickets are $20 each or 6 for $100. You can get your tickets by mailing to Our World, PO Box 422, Cohasset, MA 02025, by phone at 781-383-3198 of online using MC/Visa at www.ourworld-cgdm.org

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Johnson-Jackson

Kaitlin Jackson, daughter of Robert and Diane Jackson of Cohasset, married Jeffrey Johnson, son of Richard and Barbara Johnson of Scituate, during a sunset ceremony Sept 20, 2006, at Grotto Bay Beach Resort in Bermuda.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Robert Jackson.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Cohasset High School. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in international affairs and foreign language. She is employed at the South Shore Music Circus.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Scituate High School and a Marine Corps veteran. He has recently been hired by the Norwell Police Department.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Green Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Johnson

Montgomery-Figueiredo

James and Judith Figueiredo of Cohasset announce the marriage of their daughter, Jenny Marie, to Tyler John Montgomery, son of Timothy and Donna Montgomery, of Cohasset, on Aug. 5, 2006, at Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. The Rev. Gary Ritts officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed at The River Club in Scituate.

The bride's attendants included Amanda Herzog, sister of the groom; Katy Whitehouse, friend of the bride; Samantha Lenahan, cousin of the bride; and Maria Butler, friend of the bride.

Groomsmen were James Figueiredo and John Figueiredo, brothers of the bride; Keith Herzog, brother-in-law of the groom; Dylan Kreis, James Beresford and David Cox, friends of the groom.

The bride attended Cohasset High School and Bay State College. She currently works for the Cohasset Public School's Occupational Therapy Department.

The groom attended the Putney School in Putney, Vt., and Boston University. He is currently employed at Jerome Press Publishing.

After a honeymoon on Nantucket, the couple reside in Quincy.

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'Roadshow' appraisers come to Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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Search the attic and the basement because that forgotten relic previously owned by Grandma could be worth some cash.

On Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cohasset residents will have the opportunity to find out the value of that heirloom, when the Council on Elder Affairs hosts "Antique Appraisal Day" at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

James Callahan and Stuart Whitehurst, two well-known appraisers from Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers who are often seen on the PBS hit show "Antiques Roadshow," will be on hand to evaluate items brought in and give their opinion as to what they might sell for. The cost is $10 to have one item appraised, $20 for two and $25 for three. Proceeds will help benefit the CEA, and there will be refreshments served.

The event is being held as a fund-raiser, sponsored by the newly established Friends of the CEA. The Friends is a non-profit organization, charged with raising funds for the CEA. CEA Director Linda Elworthy explained in these difficult fiscal times, "any time we can raise money to help supplement the funds we receive from the town, it's wonderful." She added the funds raised by the CEA accomplish many things, including assisting seniors who do not have money for medication and paying for food.

Hosting a fun fundraiser that the entire Cohasset community can become involved with has been in the works for more than one year. Elworthy said behind the scenes, Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield has been working diligently to ensure the dream of hosting the event would come to fruition.

"It has been a labor of love," said Horsefield, adding last year, she began asking local dealers if they would be interested in doing some appraisals, and at first was turned down due to their busy schedules.

"It will be a fun day. I envision it will be very similar to what we see on the Antiques Roadshow."
— Martha Horsefield, CEA volunteer coordinator

However, her next thought was to call Skinner, which operates out of Bolton, Mass., which was delighted to come.

"It will be a fun day. I envision it will be very similar to what we see on the Antiques Roadshow," Horsefield said.

While Skinner has experts in every area of appraisal, Callahan and Whitehurst, who will visit Cohasset, are "generalists," which Horsefield explained means they have experience in many different areas of appraisal. For that reason, residents should not bring certain items to be appraised such as coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments, as they require an appraiser which specializes in that specific item. However, all other items are fair game, even large pieces.

Interim President of the Friends of the CEA John Campbell said if any residents have large items, which are too large to transport, a photograph of the item would also work. In fact, he has offered to take pictures of any items which residents would like to get appraised, but who may not have a camera to take the picture. He said the more items brought in, the more money raised for the CEA. "We appreciate your support, and it'll be fun to boot!" he said. Items many people have around the house that might be worth something and are small enough to transport are antique dolls, paintings, clocks, silverware, china, lamps, baskets and pottery.

During the appraisal, Elworthy said there will be treats for those who attend, including donuts donated by French Memories, cider, and "walking potatoes" donated by the Angel Food Pantry. For those who are not familiar with walking potatoes, Elworthy described them as a baked potato with close to 40 possible toppings.

But at the heart of the day will be raising funds for the CEA. "Everyone knows the budget is tight. Just like everyone else, we have to get by with tight funding," said Campbell. However, he noted the fee for appraisals is tax-deductible. He said if residents would prefer to give a donation of time, the Friends are looking for more members, who are willing to help coordinate events for the CEA or occasionally lend a helping hand.

The Antique Appraisal Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center on South Main Street. The charge is $10 for one item, $20 for two, and $25 for three. Items from all collecting areas will accepted except coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments. For services of china or silver, please bring one example of each piece in a set and a list of the total pieces in the set. For items that are too fragile or too large to be transported, a good quality photo will suffice.

For more information or to register, or to become a member of the Friends of the CEA, please contact the CEA at (781) 383-9112. To have John Campbell come by and take a photograph of your item, please contact him directly at (781) 383-0021 or on his cell phone at (617) 909-5687.

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Director of the CEA Linda Elworthy shows off some antiques with Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield which could be appraised for big money at the CEA's Antique Appraisal Day.

CEA Antique Appraisal Day

What: Cohasset Elder Affairs Antique Appraisal Day
When: Saturday, Nov. 4
What time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: St. Anthony's Parish Center.
How much: $10 one item, $20 for two items, and $25 for three items. Proceeds benefit the CEA.
Please omit: coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments.
For items that are too large or fragile to transport, a quality photo will suffice. Refreshments will be served.

LIBRARY CORNER

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Artist Exhibit – South Shore Art Center presents "From My Backyard and Beyond," a collection of botanical paintings by Kay Kopper on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Oct. 31. Gallery hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Interlibrary Loan Service – If patrons have a request for library material not found in the OCLN catalog, try searching in the Virtual Catalog. Log-on to cohassetlibrary.org, click Catalog, then click Virtual Catalog. After entering a valid library card number, one may search a number of Massachusetts's library networks for a title and place a hold on the item. If the item is unavailable in the Virtual Catalog, try submitting the request with reference librarian Gail Walsh. She will process the request using the InterLibrary Loan service. This service will look for libraries outside of Massachusetts that are willing to loan the item. Try this service for a research project or special request.

Writer's Block on the College Application Essay? – Write Right Now can help. A free information session on how to write a college application essay that will distinguish the applicant from the rest of the pack will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., in the Historical Room. Call Write Right Now at 781-749-0834 for a reservation.

Hot Picks – Patrons can place a hold for these new titles: "Monique and the Mango Rains: Two Years with a Midwife in Mali" by Kris Holloway; "Six Frigates: The epic history of the founding of the U.S. Navy" by Ian W. Toll; "Good Night: The sleep doctors four-week program to better sleep and better health" by Michael Breus; and 2006 Massachusetts Book Award honoree Frieda Arkin's "Hedwig and Berti."

FOR CHILDREN

2007 Profiles in Courage essay contest – Fidelity is sponsoring an essay contest for all high school students in grades nine through 12. In less than 1,000 words, contestants are asked to write an essay that is original, creative and demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John f. Kennedy in "Profiles in Courage." A variety of sources such as newspaper articles, books and personal interviews, may be used to address one of the following two topics:

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Submit essays online by Jan. 6, 2007. Flyers are available in the Young Adult room of the Paul Pratt Memorial library. Winners will receive awards totaling up to $6,500. For complete guidelines, visit www.jfklibrary.org.

Letters About Literature contest – Letters About Literature contest entry forms are available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, at Hingham school libraries, or by visiting www.massbook.org. For further information see Mrs. Moody or e-mail smoody@ocln.org.

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Pvt. Gonsalves killed in Muse-Argonne Offensive

By Samantha Brown
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Eighty-eight years ago this week, a Cohasset soldier stood on the battlefield, in combat during World War I. In the thick of the Muse-Argonne Offensive, Allied forces were fighting against 20 German line and reserve divisions, when Pvt. Joseph Gonsalves was killed in action.

Gonsalves was the youngest son of his parents, Anthony and Clara. The family lived at 63 Church Street. After turning 18 he joined the army and became a member of the 26th Infantry Division, also known as the "Yankee Division."

The Yankee Division was activated in July of 1917 and consisted of soldiers from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The Division traveled overseas in October 1917. Its major operations were the second battle of the Marne, the third battle of the Aisne, the battle of the Saint Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

There were a total of 12,077 members of the 26th Infantry wounded in action during its World War I tour, and 1,587 were killed. Gonsalves was one of those men, who paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom at just 20 years old. He was killed Oct. 6, 1918, eight days before Cohasset resident Herman Daley, who was struck in the neck with a piece of shrapnel and died in Fauburg Pave, France at just 23 years of age.

In total, five Cohasset men were killed during World War I.

Pvt. Joseph Gonsalves

The summer of 1918 saw the deaths of Sgt. George H. Mealy on July 17, 1918, and Cpl. Lawrence B. Williams, just two days later. Pvt. John W. Sidney, was killed Aug. 17, 1918, exactly one month after Mealy. October saw the deaths of Gonsalves and Daley.

The people of Cohasset will never forget Gonsalves' sacrifice, as a memorial square was named in his honor at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Doane Street at Beechwood Corner, close to his boyhood home.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt provided the Mariner with the information for this article. For more information on Joseph Gonsalves or any of the Cohasset veterans who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Squares named after fallen servicemen

Pvt. Joseph A. Gonsalves is one of many veterans who have been honored for their military service by the town of Cohasset. The town lost four other men during World War I, who have all been memorialized with squares in town including:

- Pvt. Herman E. Daley: corner of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street.
- Pvt. John W. Sidney: the park at the intersection of Elm Street and Margin Street at the Cove.
- Sgt. George H. Mealy: intersection of South Main Street and Elm Street.
- Cpl. Lawrence B. Williams: South Main Street and Summer Street.
- The mothers of the five servicemen that gave their lives during World War I are memorialized at the Gold Star Mothers Monument at Woodside Cemetery.

Roughly 250 men and women from Cohasset served during "The Great War" from 1914 until the war was declared over on November 11, 1918. Cohasset has memorialized all of its service men and women who fought during World War I by listing all of their names at Veterans Park at Cohasset Harbor.

Items sought for those in Armed Forces

The following items are being collected at the American Legion Post on Summer Street for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries – AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

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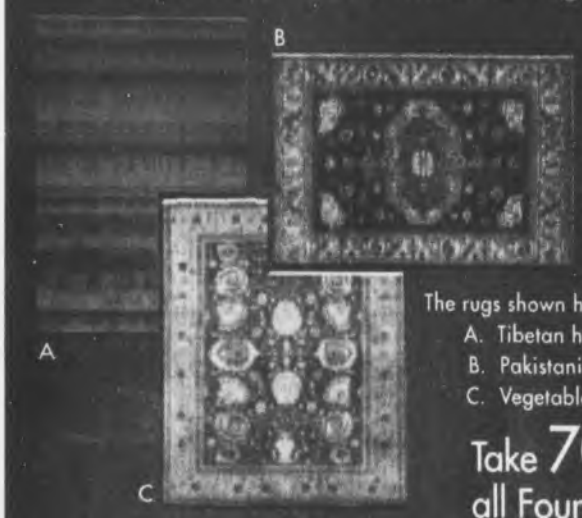

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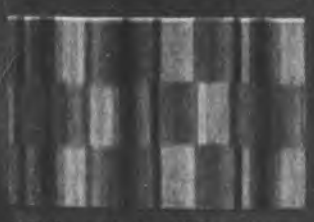

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'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

By Mary Ford
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"Soldier talk" is not what many may think it is.

Most combat veterans do not discuss their war experiences, preferring to keep that part of their lives private.

But what servicemen and women — as well as those who support the troops — do like to talk about is what they can do for the community.

The latest effort, launched by Tom Wigmore, who is commander of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Legion, is to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2007 observances.

The effort, which Selectmen have unanimously endorsed, would result in upwards of 200 American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

If there is enough participation, plans would also include installing flags in the island at Elm and Summer streets, across from the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

Tom explains enough lead-time is critical in order for the effort to be successful. He would like to have the flags ordered by the end of December. "This is something the whole community can be involved in," says Tom, who is a former national chairman of the Sons, a group made up of men whose fathers, stepfathers, or grandfathers are veterans.

The flags would sell for $20 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces.

Each flag would be topped with a gold ball and the Legion Women's Auxiliary headed by Tom's wife, Deirdre Wigmore, will make the bows. Those who purchase flags may take them home after the field is taken down the Wednesday after Memorial Day, Tom explains.

The Healing Field is one in a long line of community efforts supported by the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 on Summer Street, the Sons, and the Women's Auxiliary. Tom's father, Steve Wigmore, is the long-time commander of the Post.

"This is something the whole community can be involved in."
— Tom Wigmore, Sons of the American Legion

The Legion works hand-in-hand annually with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9146, headed by Ralph Perroncello, to organize the most visible effort: Cohasset's annual Memorial Day Parade and observances.

Behind the scenes, the Legion and Sons have donated $10,000 to the war memorial project at Veterans Memorial Park. The Legion also supports Legion baseball, and the Sons support Boys and Girls State – a program sending talented students away for a week to learn about government. The organizations, including the Women's Auxiliary, also help homeless veterans and other groups.

The Legion's annual clambake helps raise $20,000 annually for the Christine Burke Memorial Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to graduating seniors who are children or grandchildren of veterans.

The list goes on. The junior Women's Auxiliary raised money for Spinoza Bears that include healing tapes for children cancer, Dierdre says.

"We could sit here all day long and list the things we do," says Tom.

Healing Field flags are $20. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

This photo shows a healing field in Utah.

Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps

The Cohasset Board of Health is working with other local towns to mobilize volunteers for a Medical Reserve Corps that would assist in the event of a health emergency.

Disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, tsunamis and the Sept.11 terrorist attacks have made communities all the more aware of the need for an organized group of qualified volunteers who are prepared to help. Future needs may include flu pandemic or bioterrorism. With this in mind, the Cohasset Board of Health would like to identify, credential and train as many volunteers as possible. Nurses, physicians, pharmacists and those with experience in public health, mental health and allied health professionals are urged to volunteer.

An information session for nurses will be held in Cohasset on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Volunteers may choose to attend a session in their town or another town. For directions and to RSVP, please contact Alison Minkoff at (617) 665-3871 or:

aminkoff@challiance.org.

Recognizing that many professionals have limited time to volunteer, the Cohasset Board of Health encourages Medical Reserve Corps members to choose their level of participation. Volunteers may elect to serve their community both during emergencies and for more routine public health needs such as immunization clinics, screenings and health education, or strictly during emergencies. Because Cohasset is working in cooperation with 27 area communities to share resources, volunteers may also choose to serve only in their town or as part of the regional Medical Reserve Corps.

The other towns are all part of Massachusetts Public Health Region 4b*, which encompasses 27 cities and towns and 981,000 residents. The Region 4b Medical Reserve Corps will be a cadre of trained volunteers from communities in the region who will work with medical, public health and other local emergency responders to guarantee a timely and harmonized volunteer response for local and regional public health emergencies.

Medical Reserve Corps, a component of USA Freedom Corps, was created in 2002 to promote and organize volunteerism and service in the United States. While the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General oversees the national network of MRC volunteers, there are more then 200 MRC units throughout the nation. Each unit is organized locally to ensure that individual community needs are addressed.

More specific examples of practicing and retired professionals who are encouraged to volunteer include: physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, epidemiologists, health educators, psychologists, social workers, chaplains, language interpreters, lawyers, funeral directors and administrators. Medical, public health, and other allied health professionals are also encouraged to apply. United States citizenship is not required to be a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer.

For more information, contact Judith Fitzsimmons, RN, Cohasset Board of Health Public Health Nurse, at (781) 383-2210 or Alison Minkoff, MRC Coordinator for Region 4B, at (617) 665-3871.

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School enrollment takes a dip

By Samantha Brown
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Enrollment figures have been compiled for the Cohasset public schools. While the numbers are never really solid, as students may move in or out of the district at any time, as far as the Department of Education is concerned, as of Oct. 1Cohasset's numbers became firm.

At the School Committee's Wednesday meeting, Walsh presented the enrollment figures as of Oct. 1. She explained these figures will help dictate what the school's foundation budget will be, or the minimum budget the DOE feels will adequately meet the needs of the district's students, as well as Chapter 70 money, or state aid.

This year, enrollment is down by 19 students. "A number of students have moved in and out, and also some have elected to go to private schools," said Walsh.

As of this Oct. 1, there were 1474 students enrolled in the district, which is 19 less than were enrolled as of Oct. 1 last year. The most dramatic change in the amount of students in a single grade was a loss of 30 students from last year's eighth-grade class who were incoming freshmen this year. School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said that makes perfect sense, as students typically transfer out to private schools for their first year of high school.

"A number of students have moved in and out, and also some have elected to go to private schools."

— Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh

Walsh said Cohasset High School Principal Joel Antolini held exit interviews with many students who had decided not to return to the school this fall. "He reported many students chose to leave because of the uncertainty of the budget," as some parents and students do not feel it can be assured that the programs they want will still be offered in the coming years.

Antolini, who attended the meeting, expanded on Walsh's comments and said he had spoken to many students who were leaving the eighth grade and would not return to the middle-high school as freshmen. He said while some had chosen to leave because their older siblings had also gone off to attend a different school, some cited the lack of diversity at the school as a reason and others said class size was their main issue. However, the largest reason by far is the uncertainty with funding. "They want to know what they're getting into will be there four years down the road," he said.

When asked if the number of students exiting now is typical for Cohasset, Walsh said she would track down that historical data. She also added private school competition is not solely for high school students, as many private schools are adding grades and expanding their offerings. Schools which were previously kindergarten through grade five are adding grade six, and some schools which were grades nine through 12 have added grade eight and sometimes even grade seven.

Slanetz noted in a recent Wall Street Journal article, he read some public schools are getting to educational levels where students who left to attend private schools are coming back to their hometowns for a free, yet comparable education. Walsh said with elite public schools, the programs are so good they experience the same college acceptance rates as their private counterparts. Slanetz said that is what Cohasset should be aiming for.

Change in enrollment for individual classes

This year's class		Was last year's	Enrollment change
Grade one	102	kindergarten	half-day 11
			full-day 89
total	100		+2
Grade two	134	Grade one	136 (-2)
Grade three	116	Grade two	121 (-5)
Grade four	110	Grade three	112 (-2)
Grade five	112	Grade four	115 (-3)
Grade six	124	Grade five	123 +1
Grade seven	118	Grade six	124 (-6)
Grade eight	114	Grade seven	122 (-8)
Grade nine	98	Grade eight	128 (-30)
Grade 10	109	Grade nine	112 (-3)
Grade 11	87	Grade 10	92 (-5)
Grade 12	110	Grade 11	109 +1
Total	**1334**		**1394 (-60)**
Difference between 2005-06 senior class (99) and 2006-07 kindergarten class (140)			41
Total change in enrollment			**(-19)**

Enrollment figures

Figures as of Oct. 1. Only students in physical attendance since school began have been reported.

Joseph Osgood School

Grade	Total	Boys	Girls	Enrollment 10/1/05	2006 + or –
K fi day	25	15	10	11	+14
K full day	115	63	52	89	+26
Grade 1	102	59	43	136	(-34)
Grade 2	134	68	65	121	+13
Total	**376**	**205**	**170**	**357**	**+19**
Preschool	17	10	7	22	(-6)
Total (with preschool)	**393**	**215**	**177**	**379**	**+14**

Deer Hill School

Grade	Total	Boys	Girls	10/1/05	2006 + or –
Grade 3	116	65	51	112	+5
Grade 4	110	55	55	115	(-5)
Grade 5	112	62	50	123	(-11)
Total	**338**	**182**	**156**	**350**	**(-12)**

Cohasset Middle School

Grade	Total	Boys	Girls	10/1/05	2006 + or –
Grade 6	124	70	54	124	+1
Grade 7	118	50	68	122	(-4)
Grade 8	114	51	63	128	(-14)
Total	**356**	**171**	**185**	**374**	**(-18)**

Cohasset High School

Grade	Total	Boys	Girls	10/1/05	2006 + or –
Grade 9	98	47	51	112	(-13)
Grade 10	109	56	53	92	+17
Grade 11	87	49	38	109	(-24)
Grade 12	110	57	53	99	+10
Total	**404**	**209**	**195**	**412**	**(-8)**
District Totals (without preschool figures)	**1474**				**1493 (-19)**

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Change can be good

No, you are not seeing things. Nor do you need to adjust your glasses.

Yes, we are still the Cohasset Mariner – the same paper that has faithfully served your community since 1978 when Jimmy Carter was President of the United States.

Samantha Brown is still the staff reporter, Mark Goodman is sports editor, and Mary Ford is the editor. Our staff photographers like Robin Chan and Elsa Allen are hard as work, as are our regular freelance photographers Laura Sinclair and Craig Goedecke, who both live next door in Hingham.

Jim Hamilton's cartoon is still on the editorial page; Jen Piepenbrink is still writing Around Town; and our other monthly and weekly columnists, and regular freelancers are still all on board.

However, you will notice this week that our front page looks different. Our flag (nameplate) is still there and so is our icon depicting Minot Ledge Light and its 1-4-3 lighting sequence.

But we have made some changes. The most noticeable is the "rail" down the left-hand side of the front page. "Rail" is newspaper lingo for that design element which is a common feature on many broadsheet newspapers today.

The purpose of the rail is to help you, our readers, "navigate" your hometown paper more easily by drawing your attention to some elements that we are featuring on the inside pages. "Navigate" is a newspaper term for finding what you are looking for more easily.

While the addition of the rail may mean that on some weeks there could be one less story on the front page, we think it is an exciting design element that should pull our readers into the paper.

We have been running an index each week on Page 3. That has disappeared because the Quick Index now appears on Page 1.

Our regional calendar is now called "Town Commons" but continues to contain arts and entertainment news from across the South Shore.

Often readers, who supply us with "happenings" and other news items, request their item be placed in the first (or front section) of the Cohasset Mariner. The second section is often described as the "sports section." In reality sports (and we are very proud of our sports coverage) only starts the second section. If you keep going you will find obituaries, worship news, happenings, school notebook, photo spreads, police/fire log, regional calendar, and much more.

If is frankly impossible to fit all the news into the "front section." But what we strive for here at the Mariner is some placement consistency. That means you can usually rely that whatever news (school notebook items for example) you are looking for will be in the same general location of the paper each week.

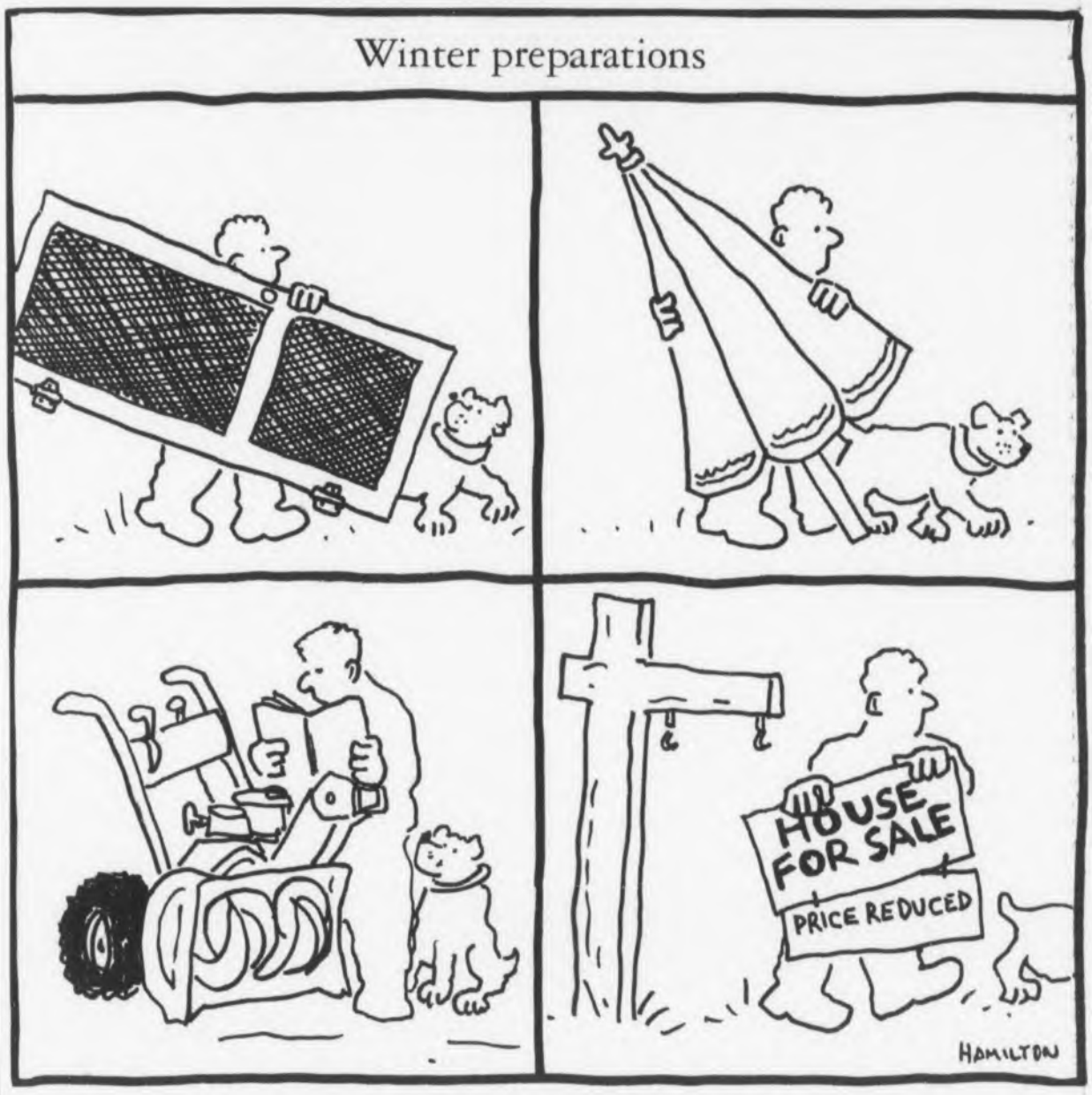
For example, Around Town is always on page 6 or 8, and is always on a left-hand page. Making Tracks and Henshaw always appear in the same location on the op-ed page.

We hope the new "rail" element on the front page might encourage readers, who are not already doing so, to look through their entire Cohasset Mariner.

In reading research about newspaper "rails," we learned about a woman who discovered a newspaper feature she had not read before and a man who started reading more than the op-ed page. Both liked the "rail" for directing them to what was inside.

We respect the sense of ownership our readers feel over *their* paper and welcome feedback.

We hope you will embrace our new look and give it a chance. We think — if you don't like it right away — you will in a week or two.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall.

Advisory Committee, Oct. 10, Oct. 17 and Oct 19, at 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Partnership, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Middle School Council, Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.

Harbor Committee, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Planning Board, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. Zoning bylaws/public hearing.

Selectmen, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23, at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

Stormwater Management Committee, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m., at the King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 18 & Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support of fellow police officers appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

Several weeks ago, on Saturday Sept. 9th, Quincy Police Officer James "Jamie" Cochrane was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident. He was taken to Boston Medical Center where family, friends, and co-workers maintained a vigil outside his hospital room.

During this very difficult time Jamie's family requested the presence of the Rev. John Maheras, pastor of The Nativity Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset. Due to the fact that the Rev. Maheras was conducting services, we were unsuccessful in our attempts to contact him. A call was placed to the Cohasset Police requesting their assistance in contacting the Reverend, as there was an immediate need for his services.

In response to this request, Sergeant Conte of the Cohasset Police Department took the necessary steps not only contacting him but transporting him as well. As a result of Sergeant Conte's persevering efforts, Rev. Maheras arrived at the hospital and was able to comfort Jamie's immediate and extended family, co-workers, and friends who were maintaining vigil outside of Jamie's room. Despite the best efforts of the doctors and nurses at Boston Medical Center, as well as the prayers of Rev. Maheras and those gathered with him, Jamie passed away at 1:30 pm that Sunday afternoon.

On behalf of the Quincy Police Department, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and command staff of the Cohasset Police Department, especially Chief James Hussey, for assisting us during this very difficult time. In addition, a special thanks to Sergeant William Quigley and Officer Ed Bagley of the Special Operations Unit for providing countless support services.

In closing, your presence at our brother officer's funeral meant a great deal to Officer Cochrane's family and the Quincy Police Department. Your expression of sympathy over Jamie's death was truly appreciated.

Lt. Charles E. Santoro, QPD
Special Officer Greg Hartnett, CPD

SPED legislation needed

TO THE EDITOR:

For years I have asked our local State Representative to introduce legislation to cure the unfair Special Education Costs (SPED) that our cities and towns face annually. These are state mandated programs that place a huge cost burden on a city or town.

The answer is not complex, although the state uses a complex formula that is totally unfair. Cohasset is paying somewhere around $9,000 per student per year to educate our children. (No one seems to be able to get real numbers out of the School Committee or the administration.) In last week's Mariner, page 5, a chart reflects our SPED for 24 students amounting to approximately $51,900 per student.

Why hasn't our Representative challenged this process and brought relief? Why isn't our School Committee lobbying to relieve the Town of this burden? Why isn't our Superintendent addressing this and lobbying and mandating a resolution from the State? WHY! WHY!

Our School Committee would rather have student fees raised for all sorts of services that used to be provided for instead of addressing what is unfair. Our School Committee also has approved of budgets for Administration that again are unfair because they include unnecessary positions. They have not admonished the Superintendent for creating jobs that are not necessary.

When will we get representation on the State side and the School Committee side that really considers what is happening to our education process and its impact on the taxpayers of this Town?

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St

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HEALTH NOTES

Dizziness is all in your head

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Feeling dizzy? Benign Paroximal Positional Vertigo BPPV is a common cause of dizziness. According to Dr. T.C.Hain of Northwestern University, about 20 percent of all dizziness is due to BPPV. The older you are, the more likely it is that your dizziness is BPPV, as about 50 percent of all dizziness in older people is due to BPPV. In a recent study, 9 percent of a group of urban dwelling elders were found to have undiagnosed BPPV.

The symptoms of BPPV include dizziness or vertigo, lightheadedness, imbalance, and nausea. Activities, which bring on symptoms will vary, but symptoms are almost always precipitated by a change of position of the head with respect to gravity. Getting out of bed or rolling over in bed are common "problem" motions. Because people with BPPV often feel dizzy and unsteady when they tip their heads back to look up, sometimes BPPV is called "top shelf vertigo." Women with BPPV may find that the use of shampoo bowls in beauty parlors brings on symptoms. An intermittent pattern is common. BPPV may be present for a few weeks, then stop, then come back again.

A physician can make the diagnosis based on your history, findings on physical examination, and the results of vestibular and auditory tests. Often, the diagnosis can be made with history and physical examination. Most other dizziness gets worse on standing rather than lying down.

Things you might want to try — To cope with your dizziness, use two or more pillows at night. In the morning, get up slowly and sit on the edge of the bed for a minute. Avoid bending down to pick up things, and extending the head, such as to get something out of a cabinet. Be careful when at the dentist's office, the beauty parlor when lying back

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Rocky Lane Bridge opens to traffic

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Rocky Lane Bridge – By now most of you have probably seen that the Rocky Lane Bridge is open for traffic and the "old" entrance to Rocky Lane is closed. Late last week CBB was very anxious to open the bridge so they could prepare to place rails across the old street. Before this could happen, we convened a meeting on the bridge with the Chief of Police and his Safety Officer to review the site for safety. They requested that CBB shouldn't open the bridge until they added better protection for pedestrians along the severe drop off on the west side of the bridge. To show how anxious they were to get the bridge opened, they had a fence contractor there in 30 minutes to install a temporary protective fence. We really appreciate their responsiveness, but wish we could have this level of responsiveness on other issues.

The Rocky Lane residents, in general, are pretty upset that the MBTA is not providing a proper sidewalk along the bridge. (We agree strongly with their assessment.) The MBTA's position is that there was not a sidewalk there before so they are not obliged to provide one. We view the lack of a sidewalk as a safety issue, particularly for the kids. Before, Rocky Lane had a Cape Cod berm and relatively flat land to either side. Kids and others could easily move off of the roadway onto the grass when needed, even with bikes. Now, with a granite curb separating the road from the adjacent walking area, it becomes much more difficult. And, it is more natural for children to ride their bikes in the street rather than in the uneven grass along side of the road. This, we really view as a safety issue and are presenting it to the MBTA as such. We continue to voice our concerns on this subject with the project and Town officials. More to come on this subject.

Some Rocky Lane residents have told us that project personnel have told them that they offered to build a sidewalk for the Town, but we turned it down. Well, that's about half of the real story. In fact, the MBTA did offer to build a sidewalk at a cost to the Town of $40,000, which would be subtracted from our James Brook mitigation fund. First, $40,000 is an extremely high cost for something we could build for significantly less. Second, every dollar we subtract from the James Brook mitigation fund cuts out other items already earmarked to be paid from that fund. We think that our faithful readers would agree that "robbing Peter to pay Paul" is not in the Town's best interest in this instance.

This is the new Rocky Lane Bridge looking toward N. Main Street.

This photo shows the Beechwood crossing gate mechanism with signal bungalow in background.

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Rail Pulling – Over the next several weeks, intermittent shut downs will be required at all crossings in Town as rail is moved from Scituate to the north. Our largest concern is to assure the Town's safety forces that they will always know, in real times, which crossings are open and which are closed so that they can respond to emergencies with an absolute minimum delay. We know these periodic closures will be frustrating, but there is no other way to move the rail to where it is needed. We expect that this rail pulling will cease once the entire rail is laid. But, there will still be equipment traveling the rails to and from various work sites along the track. Please keep your eyes open and drive cautiously.

Other Crossings — Some of the crossings are in the process of receiving some of the ancillary equipment necessary for an operating railroad. These equipments include, signal bungalows, and crossing gates, both street and pedestrian. The signal bungalows contain the electrical equipment to operate the gates and sense the train as it passes through an area. The gates, of course, are designed to come down before the train arrives and will rise after the train has passed through. The pedestrian gates perform the same function, but on the sidewalk. There will be a pedestrian gate at any crossing with a sidewalk, or where a sidewalk is about to be constructed. For example, since a sidewalk will be constructed on Beechwood Street shortly, a pedestrian gate will be installed there.

One thing that you may not know is that the controls for the gates are very sophisticated. The MBTA has installed fiber optic cables all along the right of way to provide high-speed communications between all crossing equipment and the central dispatch in Boston. Also, since our train system is designed to be a "hornless system" special controls must be used. For example, in a regular train system, the gates come down when the train is a fixed distance away from the crossing. Thus, depending on whether a train is traveling fast or slow, the gates may come down earlier or later with regard to the time the train actually arrives at the crossing. In a hornless system, the gates must come down a fixed time before the train arrives. Thus, the controls must be able to measure the actual speed of the train and calculate when to lower the gates. As you can see, this is a much more sophisticated control scheme.

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Red Sox naming rights

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Our Olde Towne Team, in its never-ending search for ways to make more money, are thinking of selling the naming rights to their 2007 baseball season to the highest bidder.

"It is a growth area," said Charles Steinberg, a spokesman for the Red Sox. "It's a good way to augment your revenue without affecting ticket prices or threatening the ambience of Fenway Park."

This move has limitless possibilities.

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"Good afternoon, baseball fans and welcome to the opening game of the Mohegan Sun baseball season. It looks like a grand day for baseball, doesn't it, Jerry?'

"It sure does, Joe, but you neglected to mention that the starting pitcher for the Red Sox will be Curt Schilling, sponsored by Ernie Boch's Dodge on the Automile "C'mon down!"

"Thanks, Jerry. The first batter for the Red Sox is Kevin Youklis, the J.C. Penney first baseman. He hits the first pitch, a fastball sponsored by Brooks Pharmacy, into Kmart left field. It's off the Comcast wall for a double. That's strange. No sponsor. Have all the doubles been sold for this year, Jerry?

"Just a minute. Let me check my scorecard. No, there's still couple available. All the homers are gone, though."

"Thanks. The next batter is Mark Loretta, sponsored by Building #19 "Suffer a little; save a lot." He takes a Stop & Shop ball, One and oh the count. He hits a Chase Mastercard pop fly. The Kansas City second baseman takes it for the out. No sponsor? Tell me, Jerry, these Royals players don't sell very well, do they."

"Once they sold home plate to the stockyards there weren't many buyers left, Joe."

"That brings up David Ortiz, sponsored by the Bank of America. I understand there was some spirited bidding for Papi, Jerry. Bank of America barely beat out John Hancock."

"That's right, Joe. But John Hancock gets his home runs and Filene's Basement, "Where Bargains Were Born," gets to sponsor his singles."

"That's really a bargain, isn't it, Jerry?"

"A bigger bargain than Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's Manny Ramirez, that's for sure."

"Ortiz swings at the first pitch and misses, a Dunkin' Donuts strike one. The pitcher winds up and . . . Ortiz steps out of the batters box and calls time. He is changing his bat. What's that all about, Jerry."

"Apparently, David was using his Staples bat when he is under contract to use his Office Max bat for second pitches. He caught himself just in time or he might have faced a stiff fine."

"Ortiz goes after the next pitch and hits it off the TD BankNorth wall in right, scoring Youklis with the America On Line first run of the game."

"Joe, you forgot to say he crossed the Home Depot plate. Better watch that."

"Right. That brings up Trot Nixon, sponsored by Citizens Bank . . . "

"Wait a minute, he's sponsored by Sovereign Bank."

"But my scorecard says Citizens Bank."

"Didn't anyone tell you? They were delinquent in their weekly payment. Their sponsorship was transferred to Sovereign Bank." You don't think the Red Sox are going to let a freebie like that go by, do you?

Staving off the inevitable phase-out

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It's no wonder men have a difficult time understanding and defining our place in society nowadays: never before have we been so close to being evicted from the gene pool. The perpetuation of the species will depend on women for another century or more — even a clone needs a womb — but men are literally a decade of stem cell research away from biological obsolescence. This is why men are so leery of stem cell research, if only on a subconscious level. "Sure it might open the floodgates to new cures and treatments for disease," men think, "but there's something about a 'master cell' that can be turned into any other kind of cell that's raising a little red flag way down in my cerebral.... Hey, is that leftover fried chicken?"

To stave off the inevitable phase-out we men need to remind women how vital we are to their happiness. And if not so much to their happiness, to their health. And if not exactly to their health, then to other very important things. There are many, many tasks we perform that women are unwilling or unable to do. Fewer every year, certainly, but there's still a handful left. So on the behalf of my fellow men I offer the following list as a final plea to our future female overlords:

We are willing to dispose of all decapitated rabbits the cat leaves on the roof.

So on the behalf of my fellow men I offer the following list as a final plea to our future female overlords...

Our cat Muffin likes to carry mice, moles and still-flapping birds up onto the flat roof outside my children's bedroom window and leave them there for all to admire. God only knows how he managed to get a rabbit onto a second-story roof, but last week he did, and when I looked out the window it was like a scene from The Godfather For Kids out there.

However, once I got over the initial horror I saw an opportunity. I knew there was no way my wife was going to deal with that. So I made sure to call her attention to the problem, then heroically tackled it by holding my breath, pinching up my face and carefully tossing both bunny parts off into oblivion. When I remembered that below this roof was the storage area where the kids stow their bikes, I scampered downstairs and searched through the day lilies. The larger part was easy to spot, but the smaller, much more critically important part to find, was missing and presumed terrifying. With visions of my six-year-old, who finds everything, reacting to such a discovery I tore up the plants and threw them onto the lawn, only to notice several frantic minutes later that Little Peter had been in the grass all along.

The WNBA will never catch on.

I could be wrong about that, but even if it does, the WNFL and WNHL will never catch on. Although more and more girls seem to be playing hockey and Pop Warner these days.... Let me start over. Without men, the entire sport of bikini mud wrestling would cease to exist. Is that what you want? Hang on, I'm starting again...

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John Lengyel lived in Cohasset, before the gender-cleansing campaigns of 2015, and the Great Beer Glut of 2016.

Raising a toast to Governor King

COMMENTARY

MARTHA A.R. BEWICK

The Commonwealth recently said farewell to Governor Edward J. King at formal wreath-laying ceremonies at the State House in Boston. In conversations with members of his family, I told them I would write about the Governor and the action he took some 30 years ago that changed our lives on the South Shore.

In the early 1970s, staff and members at the South Shore Chamber of Commerce were working with several South Shore towns, including Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset, to pull together a study about the viability of ferries from Hingham to Boston. Boston professionals and commuters, including Don White of Hingham, Ed McHugh of Scituate, and Jack Gilbert of Scituate, were among those contributing financial analyses, naval architecture analyses, and legal briefs to advance the cause.

In July of 1975, the Chamber presented the study and the analyses to the Joint Regional Transportation Committee in Boston, including Transportation Secretary Alan Altshuler, and urged the Sargent Administration to commit to a new transit project — ferries from the South Shore to Boston. There was a lack of interest, since there were other transportation priorities at the time.

Having reviewed the analyses, a Boston-based ferry operator, Dick Nakashian of Bay State Cruises, said that it looked like there might be a good market for a ferry, and pledged his vessels for the operation if there could be partners found to provide dock space, parking, and marketing in Hingham.

At that time, Ed King was Executive Director of the Massachusetts Port Authority. His bailiwick included the seaport and airport of Boston, and he was immersed in expansion. And so we invited him down to take a look at the Hingham Shipyard, and to consider Massport's participating in the ferry project in some way. Could Massport run the ferry? Contribute to building a terminal and parking? Would he even be interested?

When King toured the Hingham Shipyard property, and saw its relationship to Boston Harbor, and the proximity of the location to downtown Boston by water, he exclaimed that it was an outstanding piece of property, and sounded like a good project. He instructed his staff to work with Eric Swider and the South Shore Chamber staff, with Colonial Coastal Corporation, and with Bay State Cruises to make it happen. With the management skills of Paul May of Massport, and legal staff, a collaborative agreement was shaped. Ed King said "let's do it," and so they did. Later, as Governor, he would adopt the slogan "Make It in Massachusetts," with a thumbs-up logo. It was as positive as he was.

And so Massport rebuilt one of the deteriorated World War II piers in short order, so that Dick Nakashian's Hingham ferry could begin service on the Easterly side in October 1975. (The "Arctic Fox" was sunk on the Westerly side, and that is another story.)

Over the years, millions of commuters, tourists, visitors, school children, seniors, and South Shore folks have enjoyed and come to depend on the ferries to Boston. As the 30th anniversary of the startup of the Hingham Commuter Boat approached last Fall, I reminded the Governor King of his critical role in getting the ferry system started. We were talking about a party, and he was looking forward to the celebration. But it didn't happen. The last time I spoke with him, he reminded me about the celebration year.

So, I'd like to suggest that all those who have taken the ferries from the South Shore to Boston over these 30 years raise a glass on high — a toast to a wonderful man who changed our lives when he stepped up to make a difference, and became the father of the Hingham Commuter Boats.

On the back page of the program at Governor King's funeral Mass, it says: "He Made It in Massachusetts." He certainly made it happen for millions of commuters and South Shore residents over the years. So, thanks Governor King. Here's to you!

Martha Bewick was staff manager for the Hingham commuter boat project while working at the South Shore Chamber of Commerce 30 years ago.

3A Farm plans featured

Our Town, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, is featuring Susan Phippen and David Cerruti who are talking about the efforts to build a new Scituate Animal Shelter at the 3A Farm at the corner of Mann Lot Road and Route 3A.

Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter to replace the facility currently on the Driftway.

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Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, accommodating stray, homeless, injured and surrendered companion animals.

For more information and to follow the progress of the relocation, visit town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter or 3afarmfund.com.

OUR TOWN is happy to announce that it will also be offering viewers two new specials over the next several weeks. First, the Cohasset High School Class of 2006 Graduation Ceremony is airing on Fridays at 7:30p.m., followed on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30p.m.

A very special two-hour presentation on the correlation of mercury based vaccines for children and autism which is airing this Saturday and Sunday at 8p.m., followed on Mondays at 7p.m., all on Comcast channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Requiem for Hingham Civic Orchestra: 1946-1996

COMMENTARY

ERIC ODDLEIFSON

Amateur means doing something for the love of it. That spirit overcame the occasional wrong note and out of tune passage in the HCO.

South Shore Magazine carried a recent article on the transformation of the Hingham Civic Orchestra (HCO) from an amateur to a fully professional group. The Hingham Symphony Orchestra does indeed bring a level of performance to the South Shore that was unavailable heretofore — but not without its costs.

We have lost a valuable community resource. A decade ago the HCO consisted of 40 amateur players — now there are none. Back then we did indeed face a dilemma. The decline in the availability of amateur string players, the backbone of any orchestra, made it difficult to continue. We were in the habit of bringing in "ringers" to round out the sections for our performances. Even though small, our audiences were enthusiastic family members, friends and neighbors.

Our strategy in hiring Jin Kim was to increase the level of our own competence in order to attract the better players to the group. It was not our intention to promote a full professional orchestra, but rather to attract those who play only for the love of it, and not for money, by improving the level of our own play.

Nevertheless, because of his undoubted competence Jin set the bar so high that the amateurs, even the good ones, eventually could not meet the standards, and became uncomfortable in both rehearsal and concert under the pressure of expected perfection. Some of us were embarrassed into quitting, or were told we could come to rehearsals, but could not play in the concerts.

When Virgil Thomson, considered to be the finest music critic of the 20th century and a noted composer in his own right, came to Hingham for the premier of his piece we had commissioned for Hingham's 350th Anniversary celebration, he turned to John Corley, our conductor at the time and said, "You conduct for the orchestra, and not for yourself."

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra, while serving the community in a professional capacity, also exists for itself — as a platform for young conservatory students as well as the conductor to help establish themselves in the highly competitive world of the professional musician. There is nothing inherently wrong in that, and there is no doubt in my mind that Jin Kim deserves a place with a major symphony orchestra. However, many amateur musicians on the South Shore no longer have a place to play.

One might well ask why we didn't object as the direction of the orchestra became clear. I think we all wanted to get better, but perhaps were fooling ourselves that we could play up to professional standards, without the hours of practice every day that entails. We became victims of our own ambitions.

The story of the demise of the Hingham Civic Orchestra might be viewed in the larger context of the continuing lack of attention to the arts in our public schools. Arts education has been pushed aside by a focus on reading and math. A liberal (or liberating) education is no longer valued, but one which focuses rather on technical training in preparation for the job market.

The failure to support a strong music curriculum, including string programs in many of our schools (particularly in the inner cities, where it would do the most good) is only one small reflection of the misguided belief that only by closer attention to math and science training will we maintain our competitive edge in the world.

Those of us who are fans of the sea stories of Patrick O'Brian remember the central theme of music performance that runs throughout all his novels, the many occasions when Captain Jack Aubrey and his pal Dr. Stephen Maturin played string music together both at sea and on shore, and the sailors themselves who were proficient on the fiddle. Those were the days when one had to make his own music, rather than putting on a CD or sitting and listening to it being played by professionals. It fostered a sense of community, now sadly lost in our highly advanced technical age.

Amateur means doing something for the love of it. That spirit overcame the occasional wrong note and out of tune passage in the HCO. When Patti McCarty, assistant principal violist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra came to play with us, she wrote a note afterwards commenting that she would rather be playing with us than sitting in rehearsals with the BSO.

Amateur play was encouraged by Paul Hindemith when he wrote "geheimsmusic", or music to be played in the home. This is what the HCO was all about, and those of us who spent many years with the group regret the loss of an important community resource. I encourage the Hingham Symphony Orchestra to change its name, as it proposes, as no connection between the old and the new remains.

Fortunately, some of us have found other groups with which to play. For me, it is the Rusty Skippers Band in Cohasset, which reflects, under the capable and forgiving leadership of Steve Biagini, that wonderful feeling of community, which is the essence of an amateur effort.

Mr. Oddleifson, Hingham Civic Orchestra past president and principal clarinet, lives in Cohasset, and is active in re-establishing arts education in our inner city public schools. In his 30-year career with the Hingham Civic Orchestra he was the soloist in the Mozart Clarinet Concerto (for which he received an artistic award of merit from the Orchestra's Board), The Weber Concertino, Carl Stamitz's Third Concerto, and Max Bruch's Double Concerto for Viola, Clarinet and Orchestra.

STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Incumbent Robert Hedlund, right, discusses a point with challenger Stephen Lynch of Marshfield during a debate Monday evening in the WATD studios.

Hedlund, Lynch tackle the issues

Debate on WATD

By Kathryn Koch
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The failure of the state's affordable housing law, the legalization of marijuana and college tuition for illegal aliens were three of the hot-button topics that set off the debate between state Senate candidates.

In a live debate on WATD radio Monday night, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, faced off against Democratic challenger and Marshfield resident Stephen A. Lynch.

The candidates agree that Chapter 40B affordable housing law has failed the people of Massachusetts. That's especially true for those who live in rural areas like the towns in southeastern Massachusetts, Hedlund said.

"In this particular area, that's where 40B is being recognized as a failure," he said.

Lynch said the only way to fix the problems with Chapter 40B is to get rid of it and start over. To produce more affordable housing in towns, which developers are trying to urbanize, Lynch said he proposes easing the rules on building single-family homes so that large-scale developments that tax school systems, police and fire departments aren't approved. He said local contractors should be allowed to do the work.

"We are not providing the affordable housing that is the American dream," he said.

Hedlund said he has been fighting to change Chapter 40B for six years, but laid the blame for lack of progress in recent months on the Democratic leadership he said has stifled reform initiatives.

Both candidates challenged the other's support for their respective choices for the next governor of Massachusetts. Hedlund called Lynch out for supporting Democrat Deval Patrick because Patrick supports granting illegal aliens the same rights to a college education as people who are residents.

"They shouldn't get a discount," Hedlund said.

Lynch said the parents of college-age children chose to live in Massachusetts, not the children, so they shouldn't have to pay the price.

"I'm not going to vote against children," he said.

Although Hedlund and Lynch disagree on who should be the next governor and why, and which political party is to blame for the state's ills, both say they are independent thinkers who won't be swayed by special interests.

Lynch described himself as a small-business owner, father and grandfather, an average citizen who will step in and have the guts to take a stand on even the most unpopular issues.

"I am one of you," he said. "I am not a tax and spend Beacon Hill insider."

While it may not be a popular position to take, Lynch said he supports what he calls the decriminalization of marijuana possession. He said law enforcement agencies are wasting their time and wasting taxpayer money going after people for drug possession and ignoring the need for serious rehabilitation programs.

Hedlund said the federal government governs what drugs are illegal and the role of law enforcement in the so-called war on drugs. He said he wouldn't support a bill legalizing marijuana, although he said he has heard that marijuana may have some medicinal value for people suffering from serious illnesses.

Lynch said the decision comes down to which political party the voters want to support. He described Democrats as supportive of working people, and Hedlund as another Republican who hasn't been the voice of the people he should be.

"My Republican opponent is part of a war against your average, working-class person," he said.

Hedlund said he has been a small-business owner, too, and like Lynch is against the status quo. He denied that he has taken on the "Beacon Hill mentality," and in fact has stood up to special interests. If he could produce his own television commercial, independent would be the best word to describe him, he said.

"Everything I've done, I've done on my own," he said.

Hedlund listed as his biggest accomplishment the work he put into the passage of Melanie's Law, a new law establishing stricter regulations for repeat drunk drivers. The law was named after Melanie Powell of Marshfield, who was killed by a repeat drunk driver in the summer of 2003. He said the Democratic leadership he called out for attempting to stall the bill had to be shamed into supporting the law.

Lynch congratulated Hedlund for his part in getting the law passed, but asked about prevention. He said bartenders should be legally responsible for letting people get drunk and then drive.

"We need real laws to prevent people from drinking and driving," he said.

When asked in lighting-round questioning if Hedlund has done a good job representing the people in his district, Lynch answered simply, "No." Asked if he thinks Lynch would do a good job representing the people in the district, Hedlund said the jury is out.

The voters will decide who will best serve them at the polls Tuesday, Nov. 7.

HEALTH NOTES

Dizziness is all in your head

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having your hair washed, when participating in sports activities and when you are lying flat on your back.

How is BPPV treated? — BPPV has often been described as "self-limiting" because symptoms often subside or disappear within six months of onset. Various types of physical maneuvers and exercises have proved effective. One treatment, which involves exercise that you might want to try, may prove beneficial.

Office treatment of BPPV: The Epley Maneuver — This treatment is usually performed in the doctor's office and reports approximately an 80 percent cure rate, according to a recent study. If your doctor is unfamiliar with these treatments, you can find a list of knowledgeable doctors from the Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA).

The older you are, the more likely it is that your dizziness is BPPV, as about 50 percent of all dizziness in older people is due to BPPV

The Mayo Clinic sometimes recommends the modified **Epley maneuver,** involving sequential movement of the head into four positions, staying in each position for roughly 30 seconds.

The maneuver, named after its inventor, is intended to move crystaline debris, which sometimes forms in the inner ear out of the sensitive part of the ear (posterior canal) to a less sensitive location. It takes about 15 minutes to complete.

- Step 1: Find a place to get into a reclining position. Head is extended over the end of a flat surface at a 45-degree angle.
- Step 2: Turn your head to the other side.
- Step 3: Roll over onto your side. Head is slightly angled while looking down at the floor.
- Step 4: Return carefully to a sitting position.
- Step 5: Tilt your chin down.

One report says the recurrence rate for BPPV after this maneuver is about 30 percent at one year, and in some instances a second treatment may be necessary. After the maneuver, some doctors recommend activities, which may reduce the chance that debris might fall back into the sensitive part of the ear. For example, use two pillows when you sleep. Don't turn your head far up or far down. Be careful to avoid head-extended positions, in which you are lying on your back, especially with your head turned towards the affected side. Try to stay as upright as possible.

You might then try putting yourself in the position that usually makes you dizzy and see how you feel. If these maneuvers don't help; you'll have to bite the bullet and consult a doctor.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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School Committee leadership surfaces

TO THE EDITOR:

About two weeks ago, in response to my commentary in the previous Mariner, I received a letter from a gentleman with a point of view I'm hearing more and more. He said, "The good will of this community has been betrayed. I speak as one who worked actively for the override. 'Trust' is hard won and easily lost." He went on to say, "Cohasset voters are owed an apology and a change of school administration." My response to him started "While I am not yet prepared to use betrayal in describing the actions of our school managers, there is no doubt that they are not adept in communicating with the voters."

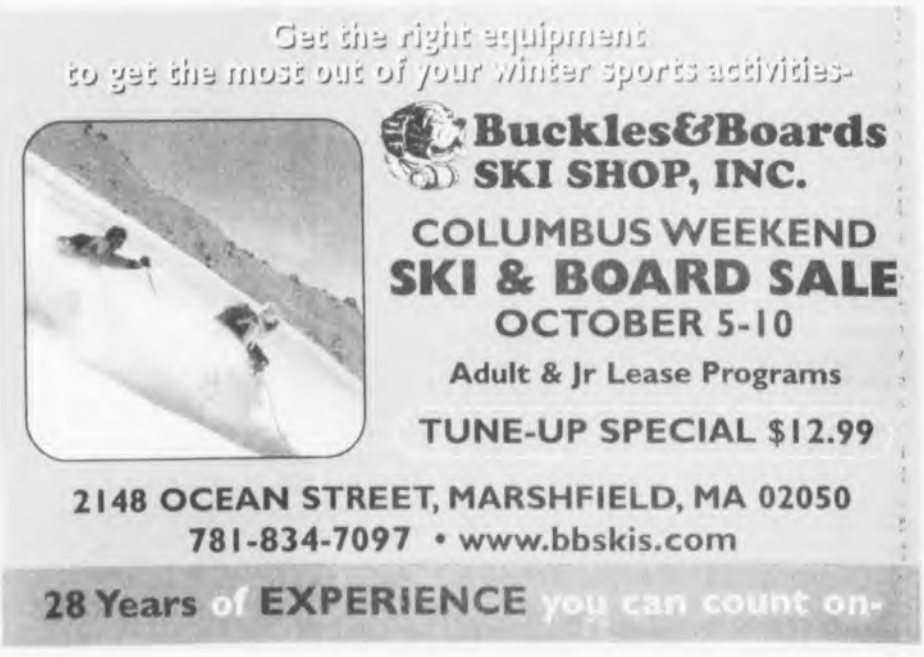
In last week's Mariner (Sept 29) I see that communication between the School Committee and the Superintendent isn't all that great either. The Mariner quotes four of the five School Committee members as having some problems with what information is shared with them by the Superintendent and how quickly. Their concerns taken as a whole is that information critical to their decision making appears to have been slow or misleading in coming from the Superintendent. I suspect they are beginning to feel like the letter writer quoted above. This is not a good feeling.

My response to my letter writer contained this thought: "It may be that a strong superintendent and a weak school committee has worked here in the past but I tend to believe that the School Committee may be incapable of dealing with a strong educator who believes the Committee has abdicated its responsibility to lead. I surmise that this Superintendent has filled the vacuum left by the actions of the School Committee."

Whether or not my thought was accurate, I can say that the recent statements and actions taken by School Committee members Slanetz, Flynn, Fusco and Williams make me feel more optimistic and confident in their leadership abilities. The "transparency" of communication Mr. Flynn actively encouraged in a recent meeting is exactly what will communicate best with the town.

This is still all about "trust" and what I see now is heartening. Keep it up.

Terry McCarthy
Old Pasture Road



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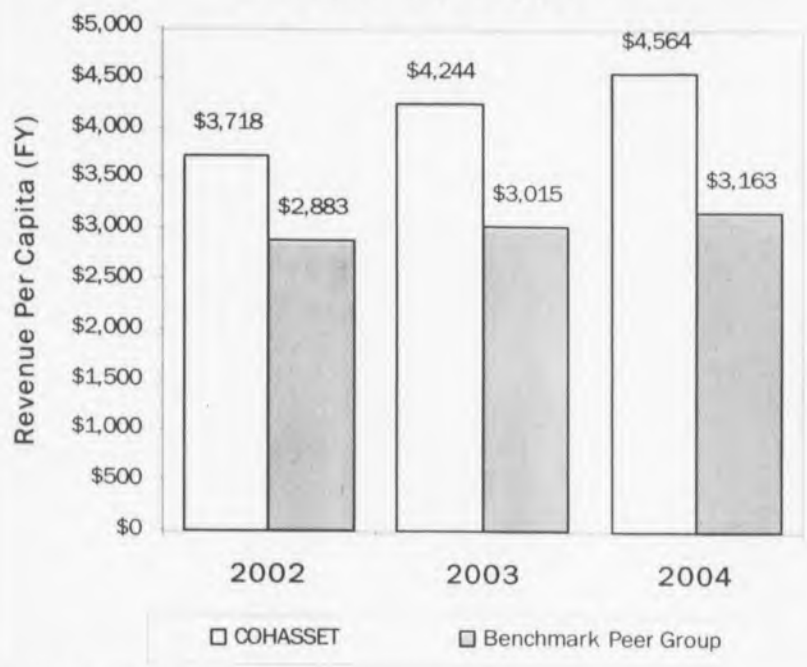
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com).

This chart looks at Cohasset's revenue per capita for fiscal years 2002, 2003 and 2004. By looking at aggregate revenues on a per capita basis, one can get a sense for what resources Cohasset has had to serve each resident. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

Beechwood Ballpark rebuild needs donations

The Beechwood Ballpark Field Committee is pleased to announce that construction will soon begin on the Beechwood Multi-Purpose Field and Park.

Because of the generosity of the Cohasset Preservation Committee's $300,000 grant the essential field work will soon begin.

Beechwood Park is a multi-purpose recreational area consisting of a ball field, basketball and multi-purpose court and "Tot Lot" containing a variety of playground apparatus.

The CPC grant will allow redesign and orientation of the ball field which may also be used as a field for other team sports. Within this initial funding there will be enough money for cutting down the hill in the present center field and moving the present home plate from the corner of Beechwood and Doane streets south, to Doane and Bates Lane.

Not provided for within the CPC grant amount will be the necessary revenue for proper drainage, new fencing for the whole project, and the Tot Lot equipment and basketball court and lights.

Therefore, only through contributions can the entire project be completed. It will be necessary to raise more than $100,000 in order to fully complete this project.

About $100,000 is needed to complete the Beechwood Ball Park project.

To donate for this community facility, please make checks out to the Town of Cohasset (Beechwood Ballpark) and send to the Town Treasurer, Town of Cohasset, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

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Lady Clippers nip Skippers

CHS girls hang tough in 3-2 loss to Norwell

By Mark Goodman
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In recent seasons, the Norwell-Cohasset girls soccer rivalry has been a one-sided affair in favor of the Clippers.

Last fall, Norwell won both games by a 7-1 score. Last Friday's match at NHS was a much different story.

A Cohasset goal by senior defender Haley Haracz with 15 minutes left brought the Skippers to within one at 3-2, and both teams had chances to score again in the closing minutes.

Skippers head coach Deb Beal said she saw her team leave everything it had on the field.

"I saw a lot of heart and a definite desire to beat them," said Beal. "We played very well and extremely hard; they came off the field gassed."

For the home team, it was what is turning out to be a typical victory this season. For the most part, the Clippers are not blowing teams away as they have in years past. But with a good defense and enough timely scoring, Norwell is what it is: an undefeated team (6-0-2 going into yesterday's match in Hull).

In Pembroke, Hanover, Abington, Cohasset and East Bridgewater, Norwell has played the toughest competition it will face all season. While his side will see all of those teams again before the season is over, Norwell head coach Bruce Emerson is as confident as he has been all year.

"I think we have a pretty good team and can match up with anybody," Emerson said. "Somebody could beat us, but I think we'd have to have a bad day and [the opponent] would have to have a really good day."

Beal said it took her team a little while to get going on Friday, and Norwell took advantage with two first half goals. The first came from junior Jill Cammett, who struck a well-placed volley off a cross from junior Jenna Gray to put Norwell on the board first.

It was 2-0 after another good cross into the Cohasset penalty area, this one from senior Liz

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Cohasset's Alyssa Hinman (3) and Holbrook's Crystal Gray vie for a loose ball during the teams' game in September. The Skippers were 6-2 going into Wednesday's game at Mashpee.

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Cohasset's Kyle Pinkus upends Scituate running back Jay Milkiewicz (30) on a punt return in the first quarter of Saturday's game. The Sailors, though, ultimately got the upper hand with a 28-14 win.

Tough second half does in gridders

22 straight points propel Scituate to victory

By Mark Goodman
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SCITUATE - Unlike last year's meeting, this year's Scituate-Cohasset gridiron battle had its share of points.

Just like last year, though, it was Scituate who had more points at the end, scoring 22 of them in the second half to earn a spirited 28-14 victory over their neighboring rivals.

Cohasset looked clearly the stronger of the two teams in the first half, and used a pair of big touchdown plays – a 40-yard run by junior Brian Hill and a 37-yard pass from senior Anthony DiPaolo to junior Pat Doonan – to take a 14-6 lead into the half.

In the second half, however, it was the Sailors' turn for the big plays. A 19-yard touchdown pass from senior Gary Crowley to classmate and fellow captain

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Skippers sophomore Andrew DiPaolo hauls in a 26-yard pass late in the third quarter of Saturday's game.

CHS boys still waiting for goals

By Mark Goodman
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The name of the game is scoring goals.

Much to the chagrin of an injury-riddled Cohasset High boys soccer team, that has been a struggle this season.

The Skippers (1-5-2 overall, 1-4-2 South Shore League) have scored just eight goals in eight matches, and have been shut out in their last two, a 3-0 loss in Norwell last Friday and a 2-0 loss to Mashpee at Alumni Field on Wednesday.

After the Falcons took control of Wednesday's match with two first half goals, the Skippers began to show some ideas in the second frame.

Junior center midfielders Mike Grimm and Evan Deutsch both created quality opportunities early in the half. In the 50th minute, a nicely played ball into the Mashpee penalty area from the left wing by Deutsch found fellow junior Emma Oronte, whose shot just sailed over the crossbar.

Unfortunately for the Skippers, injuries reared their ugly head

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Evan Deutsch (21) tries to work his way around the sliding tackle of Rockland's Andy Reed in the teams' Sept. 6 game. Deutsch played a strong game in midfield in Wednesday's 2-0 loss to Mashpee.

Ups and downs continue for CHS field hockey

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

At this point in the season, even the most in-tuned Skippers fans are left scratching their heads.

After splitting a win and a loss the week before, the Cohasset High field hockey squad has posted yet another stretch of mixed results.

So why focus on this inconsistency? Teetering on the .500 record mark with the second half of the season nearing, the Skippers need to find a level playing field in order to secure an invite to the state tournament.

The Skippers started off the week with a bang: a decisive 5-0 victory over Hull. With their disappointing loss to Carver in mind, Cohasset took no prisoners when the Pirates stepped on to Alumni Field on Sept. 26.

From the opening whistle, the Skippers put their game in full throttle. Junior Olivia Kimla kicked things off just over a minute into the game with a goal from the right side. Eleven minutes later, senior captain Caitlin Hurley and junior Sally Meehan joined forces for the second goal.

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At 16:38, juniors Corinna Durham and Katina Martone worked some passing magic and connected with May McCarthy who finished the pass. Finally, at 27:15 Durham found Hurley for goal number-4.

Too much offense to keep track of? Just think of how the Pirates must have felt. In the second half, Durham depressed Hull

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Ropi, who found junior Kylie Smith for the score. Emerson said his team has put a lot more focus this season on wing play in the offensive third this season.

"We've spent a lot more time this year on pushing the ball to the corner and crossing it in, because that's usually how you beat a good goalie," he said. "We've scored on a lot more crosses and corners this year."

After going two goals down, the Skippers responded with some very strong play in the last 25 minutes of the first half, the team's best stretch of the game according to Beal. Sophomore Maggie McGoldrick, still batting a rib injury sustained over two weeks ago against Carver, buried a well-placed shot past Norwell junior keeper Sallie Hardy to put Cohasset on the board.

The Skippers continued to create opportunities, with seniors Caren Garber and Alyssa Hinman, junior Meg Anderson and freshman Mackenzie Hart all contributing to the cause.

Still, it was Norwell who struck next on a goal from junior Jenn Cronin about 15 minutes into the second half, as her shot from 25 yards just sailed over Cohasset sophomore keeper Johanna Brophy. It was about 10 minutes later when Haracz scored her goal on a corner from sophomore Torey Hart, the South Shore League's leading scorer (eight goals, 10 assists) so far this season.

The last 15 minutes were back-and-forth, as Norwell had a goal disallowed on a foul call and Cohasset created some good chances to equalize. Hardy had to make a couple nice stops to preserve the win for the Clippers.

The Clippers got solid performances from seniors Katelyn Stravinsky and Jamie Capaldo. Stravinsky made some critical defensive plays down the stretch from her right back position, and Emerson says she is getting stronger at that spot with every game. Capaldo, meanwhile, distributed the ball exceptionally well from her center forward spot, and it was her header to Gray out on the flank that helped create Norwell's first goal.

For Cohasset (6-2), sophomore sweeper Sammie Lehr anchored a good defensive showing that also included Haracz, senior Colleen Richardson and junior Anna Haggerty. Senior Kara Wilcox came off the bench with about 15 minutes to go and made a notable difference at the center midfield spot.

While Beal and her players came to win, the coach had nothing but good things to say about the Skippers' performance.

"Norwell is tough, quick and athletic, but we were at a level where we could compete with them," Beal said. "We had a ton of opportunities."

After playing Mashpee on Wednesday (Oct. 4), the Skippers travel to East Bridgewater today(Oct. 6) and Abington on Tuesday for two critical league games.

Norwell hosts Mashpee today and goes to Carver on Tuesday.

STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Kristin Monaco (4) kicks the ball toward goal against Holbrook earlier this season.

Ups and downs continue for CHS field hockey

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even further with an unassisted goal to make for her third point of the game.

"We definitely controlled this game," said Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick. "The midfielders kept the ball in our half for a majority of the time."

Bostwick particularly commended captain Laura Campedelli, Hurley, Durham and sophomores Marissa Tangherlini and Georgia Murley for their performance in the midfield.

Offensively, senior Virginia Spofford, Kimla, McCarthy, and Martone demonstrated "fearlessness, shot after shot" according to Bostwick.

Bostwick's list of defensive standouts proved the longest. Senior captain Alida Tangherlini, seniors Michelle Madge and Molly Gallagher, and juniors Paige Strecker, Sondra Hart, and Meehan played flawlessly, allowing only one shot from Hull.

"Our non-stick dodging exercise and give-and-go drill from practice definitely helped a lot this game," said Campedelli of the Skippers' success.

Unfortunately, the good news ends here. The very next day the tables turned on Cohasset as they faced off against East Bridgewater. After ending their first meeting with a 3-3 tie, both teams came out looking for blood. And let's just say the Skippers weren't facing any "excessive exuberance" penalties like the Patriots after this game.

Even with an intense mentality, the Skippers struggled to contain All-American Jess Roberts.

"She switched on her A-game and we strained to contain her," admitted Bostwick with a sigh. Roberts contributed in two of the three Viking goals in the first half.

The second half brought an improvement for Cohasset. While they handcuffed the Viking offense, the Skippers couldn't find the net for themselves. The final result: a 3-0 East Bridgewater win.

The very next day the tables turned on Cohasset as they faced off against East Bridgewater.

Bostwick attributed the scoreless second half to the defense of Madge, Meehan, and Tangherlini, who had her "best performance to date." Sophomore Alyssa Mullin also flaunted her quick reflexes in goal.

Despite the loss, Bostwick mainly focused on the positive aspects of the loss.

"It was a very physical and hard-played game on both sides," she said.

While the Skippers did play hard, they cannot afford to let their essential themes fall by the wayside. In this case, they failed to beat a tougher team at home.

With a grudge match against Harwich on Thursday (after the Mariner went to press), Cohasset has its chance to restore their winning ways. Bostwick claims that if the Skippers play at their top level for the full game, they have a "good chance" at taking down the infamous Rough Riders.

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Tough second half does in gridders

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Jason Roach, along with Crowley's ensuing two-point run, tied the game at 14 going into the fourth.

In the final quarter, a 36-yard run by Crowley and a 40-yard jaunt by senior Jay Milkiewicz accounted for the game's final two touchdowns, giving Scituate the win and bringing its record back up to .500 (2-2).

To use an old sporting cliché, it truly was a tale of two halves.

"At halftime, I raised my voice to a level that I thought my head would explode. Fortunately, they listened," said Scituate head coach Steve Castle. "Cohasset played with tremendous emotion, and then the tide turned. That's what happens when you get a local rivalry like this. I'm just glad it shifted in our favor. But Cohasset came ready to play and played a very good ball game."

For Castle and Skippers head coach Pete Afanasiw, this was the first taste of this rivalry. Unfortunately for Afanasiw, it wasn't quite as pleasant.

"They were able to pick our defense apart in the second half. It's that simple," he said. "Scituate was making all the plays to sustain drives, and we weren't able to counter that. Crowley and Milkiewicz were great; they both executed very well for them."

Cohasset did force Scituate to punt on the Sailors' first possession of the second half, and a bad snap on that punt gave the visitors the ball at Scituate's 39. After a couple runs by Hill (16 rushes, 99 yards) and DiPaolo, Cohasset had a fourth-and-inches at the 30. On the play, the Sailors defense was all over an option play to the right side, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Sailors senior Nick Mullin.

With that, the Sailors offense took over and went to work. A 17-yard completion from Crowley (15-for-26, 208 yards) to Milkiewicz started an eight-play, 71-yard drive that culminated in Roach's touchdown catch on a quick slant pattern.

For the senior fullback, it was the first touchdown of his varsity career.

"I almost got called for taking my helmet off after that," Roach recalled of his post-touchdown delirium.

The Skippers took their next drive into Scituate territory once again, thanks to a 26-yard completion from DiPaolo to his younger brother, Andrew. Anthony had his best game of the season passing-wise, going 9-for-17 for 139 yards.

Alas, this possession ended in another fumble, this one recovered by Roach at the Sailors' 34.

To start the fourth quarter, Scituate faced a third-and-9 at its own 35. Crowley found a wide-open James Doherty in the middle of the field for a key 13-yard gain to keep the drive going. After a 16-yard run from Roach, Crowley took care of the rest on his touchdown run, a quarterback draw out of Scituate's patented five-receiver, shotgun formation.

Cohasset again appeared to be in good shape on its next drive, which started with a 31-yard run by Hill. A rather dubious late hit call against Scituate on the play gave the Skippers a first down at the Sailors' 14.

Scituate's defense was up to the task yet again, forcing a turnover on downs after an incomplete pass and three short runs. Sailors senior Pat Shea made nice play on Hill's second down run, preventing the Cohasset tailback from turning the corner and holding him to no gain.

Taking over at their own 14, holding a seven-point lead with 7:37 to play, Scituate ran a classic fourth quarter drive to win the game. The Sailors, a passing team by nature, ran the ball 10 straight plays, the last of which resulted in Milkiewicz's 40-yard touchdown run on a fake reverse.

Three times earlier in the game – including the play just three snaps before the final touchdown – Milkiewicz indeed handed the ball off on a reverse to junior receiver Alex Cuomo. Those three plays resulted in 34 yards, so the Cohasset defense was certainly on the lookout for such a play again.

On this play, however, it was Milkiewicz who kept the ball and got in for six.

"We'd been working on that play in practice," he said after the game. "It was a great play call by our coaches; we tricked them. I could see the [Cohasset] guy on the corner just freeze because he thought it was another reverse."

The whole drive was one that Castle hopes other teams take as a sign that the Sailors are a team that can mix it up in the trenches as well as throw the ball.

"I hope that silences any critics," Castle said. "If anyone says Scituate can't run the ball, that should dispel it. The best part of my team is the skill players, but the line is coming on and I'm very proud of them. To kill that fourth quarter like we did is very gratifying."

While he wasn't happy with his team's execution, Afanasiw did manage to take a few positives from the game.

"We had good intensity, and I'm proud of the kids for staying poised and not picking up any personal fouls," he said. "This is a hot rivalry, and as a coach, you want your kids to have the composure that ours had today."

Scituate held a 6-0 lead after one on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Crowley to Milkiewicz, but the second quarter belonged to Cohasset. With just over three minutes left in the half, the Skippers converted a third-and-8 when DiPaolo found senior tight end Justin Alexander for 11 yards. Alexander finished the afternoon with three receptions for 44 yards.

Two plays later, Hill took a handoff right up the middle and blew past the Scituate secondary for a 40-yard touchdown. Junior Pat Doonan's extra point gave Cohasset a 7-6 lead at the time.

On the first play of Scituate's next drive, Cohasset senior Fletcher Smalzel picked off a Crowley pass and made a nice 25-yard return to the Scituate 37. It took just one play for the Skippers to get in from there, as DiPaolo found Doonan wide open down the right sideline for a touchdown.

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Cohasset's Justin Alexander (80) and Pat Doonan (84) celebrate Doonan's touchdown catch in the second quarter to give Cohasset a 14-6 lead.

Scituate 28, Cohasset 14

	1	2	3	4	Final
Cohasset	0	14	0	0	14
Scituate	6	0	8	14	28

Scoring

S – Jay Milkiewicz 25 run (kick failed)
C – Brian Hill 40 run (Pat Doonan kick)
C – Anthony DiPaolo 37 pass to Doonan (Doonan kick)
S – Gary Crowley 19 pass to Jason Roach (Crowley rush)
S – Crowley 36 run (Milkiewicz kick)
S – Milkiewicz 40 run (Milkiewicz kick)

JV Football splits games with Spellman and Scituate

It looked like there might be a David vs. Goliath match up when the JV Skippers arrived at Cardinal Spellman High School to an already warmed up, revved up, and bigger CS team.

And in the first quarter, it appeared as if that might be so. The Skippers could not generate any offense, and turnovers stopped any potential momentum. CS scored early, and it looked like it was going to be a long afternoon in the trenches for the boys in blue.

But then focus, discipline and sure hands took over. The Skippers marched the length of the field. Dave Toomey took a pitch outside and set up Mike Froio for a three-yard touchdown run. With 21 seconds left in the second quarter, quarterback Johnny Maher hit Derek Schwantner for the first of his two receiving touchdowns.

The Skippers were up 12-8 and received the ball at the start of the second half. Schwantner returned the kickoff for a 75-yard touchdown return. Momentum was favoring Cohasset, and the tough Skipper defense caused a fumble by CS on what could have been a CS first down. Maher then hit Schwantner again for a score, and nailed the conversion.

The Skippers were on top 26-8 and remained there. The only sustainable drive by CS happened late in the fourth quarter, and Maher intercepted a long ball to stop the CS drive. Coach Brian Pattison said, " Early turnovers killed us in the first quarter. Our team motto is integrity. The boys persevered and their integrity showed through as they took control of the ball game.

"Again, sophomore leadership and the leadership and passing of Johnny Maher put us on top. The offensive line (Kevin O'Connell, Will Lynner, Nick Lieberman, Matt Wasel, Dan Sullivan) worked hard and really stepped up, allowing us to make plays. We were able to use our depth in the backfield. Freshmen Jake Wheelwright and Dean Driscoll got in on the running game and did a great job late in the fourth quarter."

The following week, the Scituate Sailors traveled to Alumni Field.

The game was closer than the 37-22 score indicated, as Cohasset battled the Sailors with strong efforts, particularly in the second half. Dana Valentine made his debut for the Skippers and ignited the crowd with a 60-yard rush in the first half. Mike "up the middle" Froio put the Skippers on the board with a one-yard touchdown run.

Other highlights include a Valentine touchdown made possible by a great block from Matt Wasel and Johnny Maher hit Nick Savage for an 11-yard scoring pass.

Coach Pattison said, "Our defense needed to tackle more and make plays. We struggle putting together two good halves of football. Dana Valentine gave our running game a boost. Our offensive line provided good, solid blocking. Last year, Scituate gave us a beating. This year, we were in the game."

Coach Craig Davis agreed, saying, "Overall, it was a good game. We need to get all pieces working together in one game. Our d-line played well."

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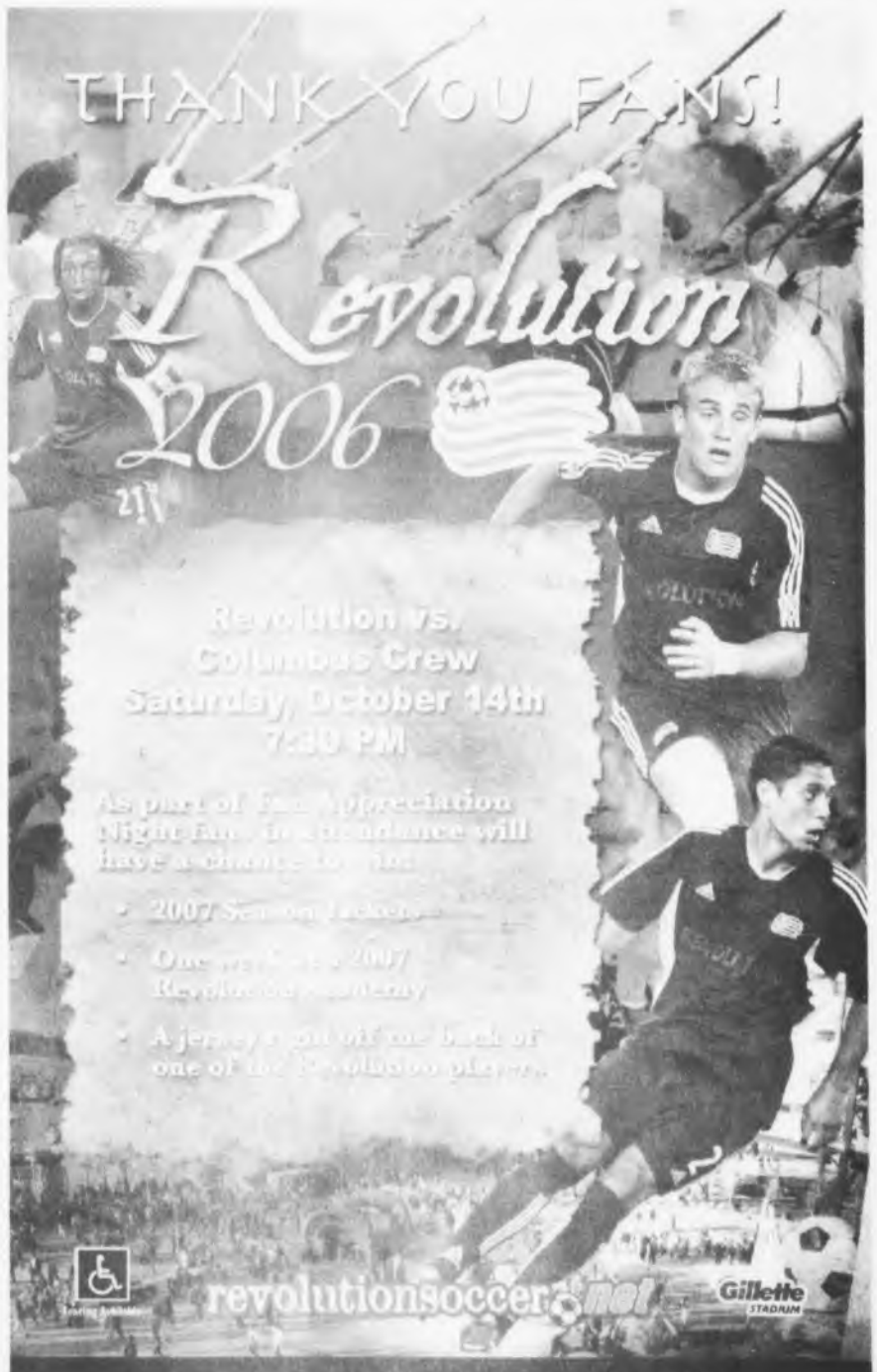

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The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-GO4-HITS/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

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CHS boys still waiting for goals

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Lenny Brown goes head-to-head with Rockland's Eliomar Maciel (7) in the teams' season-opening game.

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three minutes later when Grimm went down with a potentially serious hip injury. Already playing without the likes of junior Sam Roth and senior Adam Smith, Cohasset could ill afford to lose a playmaker and overall talent like Grimm in the middle of the pitch.

Still, a lack of finishing touch was Cohasset's ultimate downfall, and things don't figure to get much easier today (Oct. 6) when the boys host East Bridgewater.

Still, the game goes on, and just a minute later Deutsch made another good attacking pass, this one up the right wing to junior Ryan Crough, whose cross was taken by the Mashpee keeper just in front of a Skippers teammate.

Deutsch and senior Chris Donze both took good shots on goal from distance in the last 20 minutes, but the Falcons keeper was always up to the task.

Defensively, Cohasset was able to shut out a talented Mashpee attack in the second half. Freshman keeper Will Wise, who is turning in a very solid season, made a couple nice stops, and sophomore sweeper Owen Landon made things difficult for Falcons strikers.

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Next week, Cohasset hosts Abington on Tuesday, Carver Thursday and Cardinal Spellman on Saturday. Kickoff for the midweek matches are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday's contest is set to start at 3.

CHS golfers on winning track

Two wins this week over East Bridgewater and Carver have improved the Cohasset High golf team's record to 9-3 and leave the Skippers is good position to take second place in the South Shore League.

In Tuesday's 38-16 home win over EB, senior Kevin Barber and junior Charlie Czerkawski both shot an impressive 39, just 3-over par. Both won their individual matches by wide margins.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said his team is playing some of its best golf of the year.

The Skippers, in fact, won all six matches in the linup, as senior Zach Murray, sophomore John Wade, freshman Chase Stebbins and sophomore John Sturino were all victorious over their EB opponents.

Cohasset traveled to Souther's Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth on Wednesday and defeated Carver, 34.5-19.5. Czerkawski improved his record on the season to 11-1 by shooting a 5-over 36, and shared medalist honors with Sturino. For Sturino, it was a personal best score.

Wins by Murray and Stebbins improved their records to 9-2-1 and 8-2-1, respectively. Wade remains undefeated in league play, with an overall record of 9-0-2 in the fourth spot of Cohasset's lineup.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said his team is playing some of its best golf of the year as it prepares for the upcoming league tournament (Oct. 19 at Souther's Marsh) and the Div. 3 South Shore sectionals (Oct. 23 at Pembroke Country Club).

- Mark Goodman

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To order now for the best selection, call 781-383-0838. All purchases help fund club programs and community services.

Art center meeting

South Shore Art Center announces the annual meeting of the corporation, Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Bancroft Gallery. All members are invited to attend.

The Shirley Neer prize for outstanding children's art instructor will be awarded to Patrice Kelley of Hanover. Volunteer of the Year awards will be given to David Avery of Marshfield and Libby Allard of Cohasset.

Qi Gong offered

Qi Gong is a new offering at the Hingham Community Center. Qi means breath, or energy. Gong means practice. Together, Qi Gong is a gentle and relaxed holistic exercise system that helps revitalize the body, lower blood pressure, and lessen stress by relaxing the mind. The new class runs for eight weeks on Fridays, from 9 to 10 a.m. starting Oct. 6. Call 781-749-9786 for information.

Weir River Farm Fall Festival

The Weir River Farm Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 3pm. Festival goers will have an opportunity to reap and share the joy of harvest on the Farm and meet its family of barnyard animals. Activities will include field games, pony rides, pumpkins, children's crafts, and music. Cost is $5, $3, members. Visit www.thetrustees.org or call 781-740-4796 for more information.

Newcomers gatherings

All new and prospective members, as well as current members, are invited to New Member Gatherings for the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club to get to know some new faces in the community and to learn more about the club. Friends and children are welcome to attend. SCNC will host a wine and cheese event and a couple of coffees in October, all of which are currently scheduled for the following dates:

Oct. 7, wine and cheese event at 4 p.m. Register with Kelly at k-dlee@hotmail.com or call 545-0866.

Oct. 13, coffee at 10 a.m. Register with Kelly.

For more information, including location for the Oct. 7 and Oct. 13 events, contact Kelly. Also, check out the Web site at scnewcomers.com. Many activities are scheduled during the year.

British organist at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist Philip Scriven of Lichfield Cathedral, England in recital on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Receiving his early training as a chorister at Westminster Abbey, Philip Scriven is now organist and director of music at Litchfield Cathedral. He founded the Vienna Orpheus Choir and Orchestra and is well known as a conductor of opera. Scriven has toured Europe, Canada, and the United States, and in 1995, won the Royal College of Organists Performer of the Year competition.

The program will include Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D Major," Duruflé's "Suite for Organ," and "Rubrics" by Dan Locklair. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Join the Girl Scouts

Any girls interested in joining Girl Scouts, who are in grades kindergarten through high school, can call Amy Brash at 781-923-1099 or email amybrash@putnam.com for more information.

Adults are also needed to become troop leaders. Anyone interested should contact Brash.

Animal shelter event

Tickets are now available for the Scituate Animal Shelter's Bark 'n Howl Ball, Saturday, Oct. 28, at the River Club in Scituate, from 7 p.m. to midnight. The evening will include a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the music of local band Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions.

Tickets are $125 each, $100 is tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, Scituate, to replace the facility currently on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, accommodating stray, homeless, injured and surrendered companion animals.

Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available.

For more information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Looking forward to long weekend

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

We made it! The long weekend has finally arrived, and right this very second, CHS is empty of its students. The students are enjoying their four-day weekend right this second. Don't worry; the kids will be back in school on Tuesday. We'll be out of your hair (for a while) soon enough. As the leaves begin to change, we find ourselves adjusted to the routine of school. The bell rings. Students get up and move to designated classes. Every day is more or less the same. The prison comparison seems more and more valid with all these new cameras. Fear not, parents. It's not as bad as we make it seem. We're teenagers; exaggeration comes with the territory. Back to the facts, here is the news for this week.

• Congratulations to the recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship! The students who received this prestigious award were treated to a lunch in the school library on Tuesday. PrincipalMr. Antolini and Superintendent Denise Walsh congratulated the following seniors:

Kevin Barber, Mercedees Barnes-Jackson, Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Brent Daly, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Reed Dickinson, Molly Gallagher, Caren Garber, Haley Haracz, Ryan Ingram, Ryan Kucinski, Ben Masotta, Bobby Meikleham, Blain Morin, Lara Novak, Mary Previte, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Virginia Spofford, Lauren Strazzulla, Alida Tangherlini, Amanda Thompson, Cate Treese, Kara Wilcox, and Ellen Wise.

• Boys Soccer takes on East Bridgewater today at 3:30 on Alumni Field.

• There was a French Exchange Program meeting Tuesday night

• School Committee met Wednesday night

• Thursday morning a PSO/Principal meeting took place

• Congratulations to the 11th grade, 100 percent passed the MCAS.

• Student Council met Tuesday after school.

• Tuesday Mr. Willis' AP European History class traveled to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum to view a collection of Renaissance art.

• Seniors, **Mary Previte, Lacey Richardson** and **Callie Barrett**, are organizing a Hunger Banquet at the High School. They will be accepting donations to help pay for the food at the Hunger Banquet in addition to collecting canned goods to give to the Cohasset Food Pantry. If you have any canned goods (that have not expired!!) to send in with your students or drop off at the school there will be a box in the front hallway starting next Wednesday. All donations are much appreciated!

There's the news. There's no use hiding the complete state of contentment that this reporter feels due to this long weekend, and the fact that LOST and House are back on the air. When Monday comes, students won't care at all, because of their second consecutive four-day week. Sorry to all the adults that do not have the day off, because most of us will most likely be sleeping in. Cheer up though, the kids will be back in class come Tuesday, and complaining about school again. There's that exaggeration again. It's really not that bad. Enjoy the long weekend everybody.

Caren Garber nominated for National Award Program

Caren Garber, Cohasset Middle-High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Herff Jones Inc. funds the PLA program.

Joel Antolini, principal, Cohasset Middle-High School, today announced the nomination, which places Garber in the national competition. One hundred national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive $1,000 college scholarships.

Garber is an exceptional student and is highly motivated in all aspects of life at Cohasset Middle-High School. She has always demonstrated a desire for a strong and positive high school experience for herself and her peers.

High school principals from across the country were able to nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Caren Garber, a senior at CHS, has been recognized for her leadership.

"Every year, the nominees for the Principal's Leadership Award are just phenomenal and Caren is no different," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive directory, NASSP. "She is an excellent example of what a true student leader embodies."

By recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the PLA scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Cohasset Middle-High School, Garber has been elected Treasurer and Vice-President of her class, is serving as National Honor Society President, Captain of the Soccer team, participant of the Lacrosse team, participant in the Relay for Life, Appalachia Service Project, and Summer Study of leatherback turtles.

All of these things are the makings of a well-rounded student. This fall she plans to apply to Brown, Tufts, Harvard, Dartmouth, and Middlebury for medicine.

NASSP, the preeminent school leadership organization, serves as the national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders. NASSP promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character development, and leadership services. NASSP administers the National Honor Society, The National Junior Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils.

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AP Scholars named at Cohasset High

Students took AP Exams in May after completing college-level courses at their high schools

Twenty-two students at Cohasset High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performances on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.3 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May after completing college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

At Cohasset High School:

One student qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. This student is Nils Sceery.

Eight students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Susan Curry, Jeffrey Kent, Kate McBride, Emily Nash, Christopher Reynolds, Emily Savage, Nils Sceery and Molly Trisler.

Five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Kevin Barber, Kelsey Bell, Mark Bouchard, Ryan Ingram and Christopher Ofsthun.

Nine students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grade of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Emily Coggins, Reed Dickinson, Caren Garber, Michael Martone, Vanessa Plante, Colleen Richardson, Lauren Strazzulla, Timothy Toomey and Katherine Wilcox.

Of this year's award recipients at Cohasset high School, nine are juniors: Kevin Barber, Emily Coggins, Reed Dickinson, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Colleen Richardson, Lauren Strazzulla, Timothy Toomey and Katherine Wilcox. These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar Award.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit, sophomore standing, to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2006 thirty-five AP Exams offered a variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response, essay or problem solving questions, except for the Studio Art exam that evaluates students' original artwork.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,000 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves 7 million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools and 3,500 colleges through programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT and the Advanced Placement Program. The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities and concerns.

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For a weeklong trip, Cohasset's sixth graders sure brought a lot of luggage. Students spent last week at Camp Bournedale and it took a small fleet of school buses and a U-Haul truck to bring all the children and their gear back home.

Back from Bournedale

Sixth-graders return from weeklong trip

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Left, Sarah Fredey gets a big bear hug from her younger sister Leah, who missed her older sister terribly while she was gone for a week to Camp Bournedale with her sixth grade class.

Below, Barbara Knox hugs her son Jack to welcome him home from a weeklong trip at Camp Bournedale with the sixth grade class. Campers were brought back last Friday, and were picked up by family and friends at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

Brendan Queenan arrives back at St. Anthony's Parish Center with his camping gear in hand, after a weeklong trip to Camp Bournedale with his fellow sixth graders. Students spent the week completing arts and crafts, learning about the environment, and having fun adjusting to middle school life.

Kendall Fiori carries her luggage to the car with some help from her mother Arlene. Fiore had just returned from a weeklong class trip to Camp Bournedale in Plymouth.

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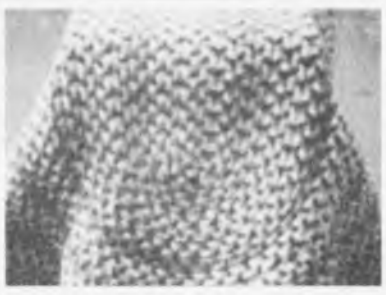

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Valerie King, left, shows off a bracelet being sold at King Jewelers to help raise money for a Habitat for Humanity home being built in Scituate. $30 from each bracelet sold will go to the Scituate Habitat for Humanity house. Valerie's sister, Vicki, right, is seen in the reflection of the mirror.

Home fit for a King

Jewelry store owners help Habitat effort

By Ryan Bray
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Vicki and Valerie King know a thing or two about humanity.

Last November, the owners of King Jewelers, located at 812 Chief Justice Highway in Cohasset organized a woman build project for a new Habitat For Humanity house in Brockton. The women, all of whom were customers or employees of King, built the house from the ground up, while inside the store a special habitat bracelet titled "Home Sweet Home" was created and sold to help finance the house.

Now with one house under their belts, the sisters are setting their sights on Scituate, where plans are in the works to bring a Habitat house to the community. The jewelry store will stage a number of fundraisers in the coming months in hopes of raising $120,000 for the house, which is expected to cost about $135,000.

"When we found out they were building a house in Scituate, we really wanted to get involved," Valerie said. "We just want to raise as much money as we can."

Former Selectman Richard Lane, a local carpenter by trade, helped the local project committee for Habitat secure a location for a three-bedroom house on a 40,000-square foot parcel of land along Route 3A adjacent to the Scituate High School through a Town Meeting vote in March. The home would be the first Habitat house to be built in town if completed.

Because Habitat for Humanity receives no government funding, the cost to build the homes is raised through private donations, corporate contributions and the support of faith congregations throughout the South Shore. Jim Comeau, construction manager for Habitat, said the organization will look to raise $50,000 privately for the house. Getting assistance from the Community Preservation Committee would come in very handy for the local Habitat committee, which has been working to come up with fund-raising events to help cover construction costs. An article on November's special Town Meeting warrant will request an additional $50,000 in Community Preservation funds be put toward building the house.

A detailed shot of the bracelet that is being sold at King Jewelers to raise money for the Scituate Habitat house.

The new home will be given to a single-income family from Scituate, CPC chairman John Hallin said. In order to qualify, Hallin said families must be willing to invest 400 to 500 hours of their own time in finishing the house through what is known as "sweat equity." The selected family will be held to a $135,000 mortgage to be paid back to Habitat over a 20-year period.

Comeau said the organization is in the process of securing a building permit for the house. Once the permit is secured, Habitat will begin fielding applications from interested families. Comeau said in order to apply for the house, families must attend one of two upcoming informational sessions with Habitat officials.

"We'll explain to them the process and what's expected of them, because they need to know they will be partners with us," Comeau said. "This isn't a hand out, it's a hand up."

King Jewelers' fundraising efforts will begin on Sunday, Oct. 15, where King will host a Children's Fun Run at Central Field on Branch Street. From 1 to 3 p.m., kids will be able to take part in various mini camps hosted by members of the New England Revolution, while food, games and face painting will also be held as part of the festivities. Admission to the event is $10 per person and $25 per family.

"The team did a similar fundraiser for a different cause last year, and over 700 people showed up," Valerie said. "It should be a good way to kick start our fundraising efforts." Valerie said there has also been talk of the team matching the amount of money raised through the event dollar for dollar up to a certain amount.

Valerie said they are also in the process of organizing additional fundraisers for the Habitat house. On Nov. 7, a charity fashion show will be held at the Barker Tavern, where all clothing will be

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BUSINESS NOTES

Planning specialist

Craig J. Coffey, JD, a senior financial representative with The Bulfinch Group, has been appointed a charitable planning specialist by Philanthropy International and the March of Dimes. The Bulfinch Group is a General Agency of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian), New York, N.Y.

As the charitable planning specialist for the March of Dimes in New England, Coffey will work with present and potential donors and help them focus their planned giving strategies. Special Charitable Planned Giving Seminars will be initiated in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Craig J. Coffey, JD

Providing planned giving support and resources to a variety of charities and causes, Philanthropy International is a unique national community foundation that identifies and trains professional advisors in the design and effective use of tax-exempt planning solutions. The organization has developed a nationwide network of volunteer planned giving officers working with national and local charities. By serving as liaison, Philanthropy International is able to ensure comprehensive and consistent communication, often resulting in a gift that allows the donor to preserve their wealth for the benefit of their heirs, while converting tax dollars into a benefit for their favorite charity.

March of Dimes was originally established in 1938 by President Franklin Roosevelt with the goal of saving America's youth from Polio. Roosevelt's premise was that people can solve any problem if they work together. He created a partnership of volunteers and researchers and within 17 years, the Salk vaccine was developed and the threat of Polio was tremendously lessened.

Today the March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The March of Dimes funds programs for research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies. In 2003 the organization launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth.

By partnering with Philanthropy International and insurance and investment institutions such as The Guardian, the March of Dimes can uniquely identify donors who may be interested in learning more about planned giving strategies. Coffey will be one of 50 representatives nationwide who have been chosen to bring this unique message of giving to donors in a simple, comfortable seminar format.

Top lawyer recognized

Joel R. Carpenter, a partner at Sullivan & Worcester LLP's Boston office, was recently named one of "The Best Lawyers in America" for 2007. It is the nation's leading guide to top attorneys and will be published in late fall.

Selection was based on peer performance reviews that included 1.8 million confidential evaluations and thousands of interviews. The annual publication is considered one of the most reliable, unbiased sources of legal referrals in the country.

"Sullivan & Worcester has some of the most impressive legal talent on the East Coast, and we're pleased that Joel Carpenter has been recognized with this prestigious designation," said Dianne C. Hertneky, chief operating officer. "Our partners share a wide range of experience ranging from corporate finance and securities to trusts and labor law – we find our ability to provide this comprehensive expertise enables us to work with our clients in positioning them for future growth and expansion."

Joel R. Carpenter

Carpenter is co-managing partner and co-chairman of the tax department. He is experienced in tax structuring of business arrangements using partnerships, limited liability companies and Subchapter S corporations. He advises on the tax structuring of merger and acquisition transactions, and has been involved with hedge fund offerings and the financing of emerging companies.

Home fit for a King

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donated courtesy of Ports & Co. of Cohasset. Tickets to the show are $49 per person or $450 for a table of 10 and are available at King Jewelers.

Barker Tavern will also be the site of a dinner gala on Jan. 27, where again all benefits will go to support the Scituate Habitat house. Valerie said while she and Vicki are putting in a lot of legwork behind the events, they have received a great deal of support from residents in town.

"The community has really rallied around us," she said. "We just jump into whatever causes move us. It's our way of trying to stay connected to the community."

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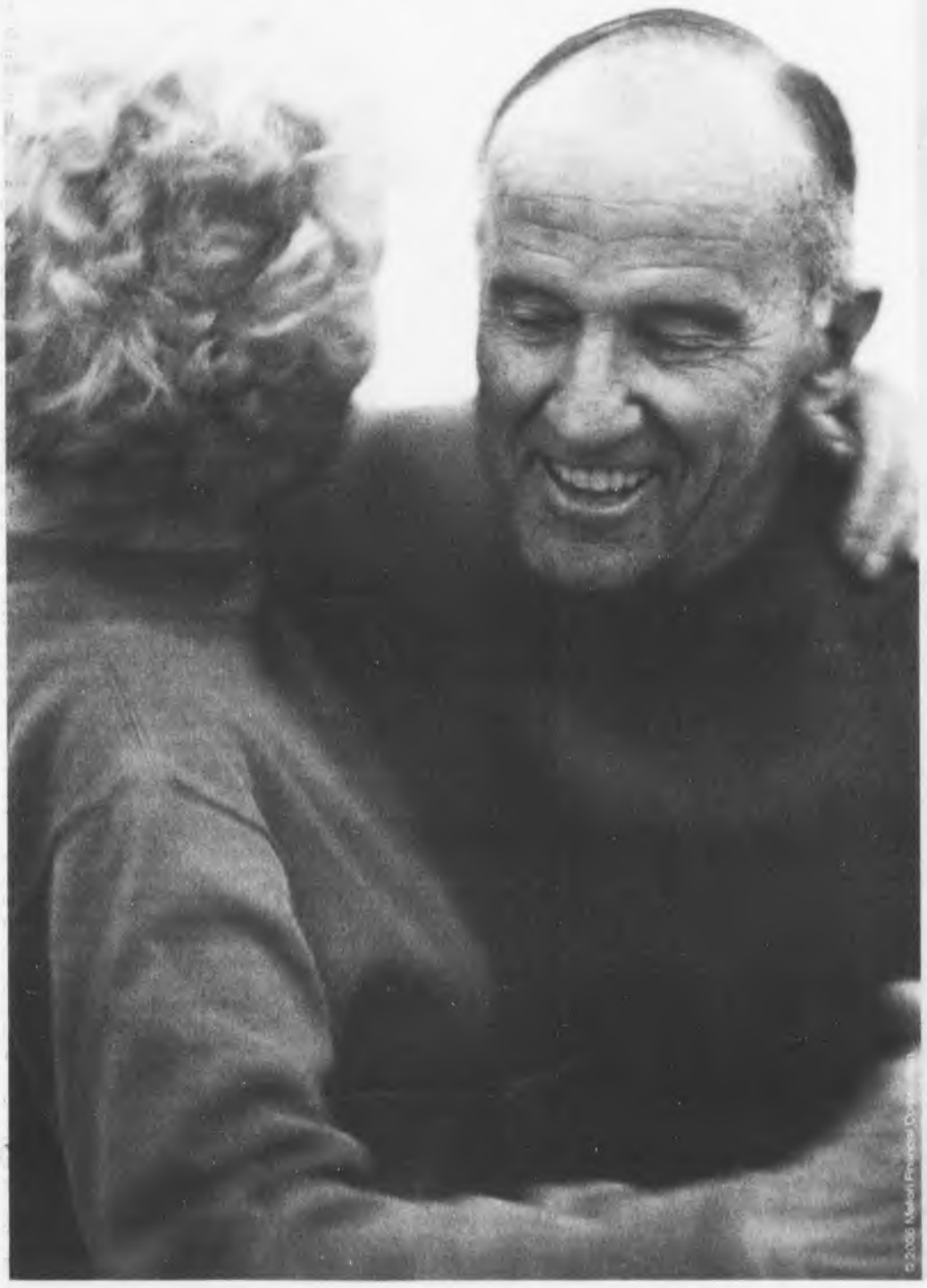

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Auctioneer Stuart Whitehurst of Skinner, Inc., takes bids on a watercolor titled, "Cohasset Harbor Scene," by Grace Lawrence. The painting was donated by Jean Hajjar of Cohasset.

'Backward Glance' benefits Pratt building

Carol Brown models a red, white and blue, cotton and wool New England overshot coverlet, circa 1850, said to be from Cohasset. At right, auctioneer Stuart Whitehurst of Skinner, Inc., takes bids on the item.

Carol Brown models a full-length Norwegian fox fur coat, donated by auction co-chair Eleanor Bleakie.

Sheila Evans views a painting titled, "Afternoon Tea," by Clement Micarelli, during the Sept. 16 "A Backward Glance," gala auction, hosted by the Cohasset Historical Society. Funds raised during the evening will be put toward its ongoing renovation and maintenance plan for the Paul Pratt Building, which serves as society headquarters.

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Phil Shockman peers through an African celebratory mask that was up for bid during the "A Backward Glance," benefit auction. The mask was one of two donated to the Historical Society by Cohasset resident David Weltman.

Auctioneer Stuart Whitehurst of Skinner, Inc., keeps the bids moving during the Cohasset Historical Society's "A Backward Glance," gala auction and cocktail buffet, held at the Cohasset Golf Club Sept. 16.

Peter Brown holds a weathervane, which was being auctioned off during the Cohasset Historical Society's "A Backward Glance," benefit auction, Sept. 16.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

5:20 p.m. **Deep Run**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog's claws are stuck in hole on her stairwell and she needs help getting them out, she's afraid he's going to break his legs.

6:34 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, leg pain.

12:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller states a dark colored van is shining a spotlight on houses.

4:50 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Gammons Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, Mass. motor vehicle belongs to the airport luggage delivery person.

7:25 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:39 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lock-out/lock-in, 911 caller reports she has accidentally locked her two young children in the motor vehicle, a month old and a 2-year-old. The vehicle is running. Access has been gained to the vehicle, no problems. Units clear.

10:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage, caller reports a vehicle behind her attempting to get her to pull over, riding directly on her bumper and beeping her horn constantly. Caller reports female just pulled into a parking lot, saw the police and ran into a building. Units have spoken to the party involved, she checks out ok at this time.

11:25 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid.

11:33 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle just pulled up her driveway and when she came out they fled. Caller reports the vehicle was a green Saab.

11:46 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:54 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:22 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, vandalism report, investigated/report taken, walk in party would like to report that the tires on her sons vehicle were slashed sometime overnight.

4:48 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:01 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, callers report a woman took out the stop sign at this location.

5:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:20 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:28 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:30 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, officer reports the abandoned 911 call was for an oven fire that is now put out, fire is responding.

5:54 p.m. **Depot Ct., and North Main St.**, notification, officer reports there is a cross walk sign missing, he will notify the safety officer.

6:19 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, fire, Fire Captain reports they had a walk in party report some kind of smoldering campfire in Wheelwright Park, at the Boy Scout Campsite. Officers and Fire Captain reports nothing found.

7:30 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:30 p.m. **Forest St., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:54 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 p.m. **Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

1:32 a.m. **Country Way**, assist other Police Dept., officer assisting Scituate PD with a disturbance at above location.

3 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, office advised checked school.

3 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

6:30 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:45 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:27 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog was hit by a car. Officer on scene states that the dog is going to be transported to the Animal Hospital by owner.

8:29 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire-public assist, caller is complaining of water coming from her bathroom sink and will not stop. Officer on scene stated that a candle burning melted the faucet off. Right faucet burned down, no extension. Water shut off down in the cellar.

11:03 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, noise complaint, party complains of noise coming from behind home. Party said it sounds like heavy machinery operating. Officer on scene states the noise is coming from rug cleaners at restaurant.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

12:56 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, asthma attack.

1:24 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

1:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

1:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:11 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised there is a vehicle parked in front of her residence. Officer advised it is a painter waiting for crew.

6:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:52 a.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:04 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

9:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

10:05 p.m. **Tenth Ave.**, medical aid, Scituate Fire advised subject with abdominal pain.

10:13 p.m. **Elm St., and Elm Ct.**, noise complaint, caller advised there is a large group of juveniles making loud noises.

10:40 p.m. **Wheeler Park, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, urinary problems.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:07 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller states a male party is having difficulty breathing.

7:04 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

7:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports vehicle drove off without paying for gas. Contacted the owner of the vehicle and he did it by mistake, he is returning to pay.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

11:29 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

11:31 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

12 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

12:23 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted.

12:52 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, party in lobby to speak to officer.

1:17 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, caller reports the orange temporary fence from the train construction is blowing across the road.

1:18 p.m. **Bancroft Way and Bancroft Rd.**, parking complaint, callers report vehicles parking everywhere from the athletic events.

3:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:34 p.m. **Summer St.**, property (lost), caller advised she lost a wet suit – men's half suit, black long sleeves and short legs. It was on the back of her truck – she went for a ride from Summer to Holly Lane and realized that the suit was on the back of the truck.

9:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:01 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Drive**, parking complaint.

10:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised checked school.

10:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

11:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, traffic enforcement.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:56 a.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:25 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:52 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports someone has backed into his car.

12:28 p.m. **3A**, assist other PD.

1:11 p.m. **Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:19 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:48 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:16 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:20 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing** Hwy, traffic enforcement.

7:24 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity.

10:03 p.m. **High School, Pond St.**, building check.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checked, secure.

1:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, secure.

5:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

6:22 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

6:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:05 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, fire investigation, caller reports the smell of something burning in her house and is unsure where it is coming from; investigated; referred to wire inspector.

8:48 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, threats, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding threats from her neighbor about shooting her dogs right in front of her. Caller also reports her invisible fence was cut overnight. Officer spoke to parties involved and it is a civil matter at this time.

9:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

9:07 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

9:23 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

9:29 a.m. **Border St.**, found cell phone.

11:54 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, 911 caller reports a customer is having an active seizure inside the store. Transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

11:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, larceny, caller reports a larceny that just occurred at the store. A customer took a basket of products without paying and got into his vehicle and fled. Norwell and Scituate PDs notified via radio. Scituate has the vehicle stopped. Arrest: Robert R. Spitz, 52, 137 North St., Hanover. Charges: Shoplifting over $100 by asportation.

12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, medical aid, Sgt. on scene reports they need an ambulance to this location for a customer with a kidney problem; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

4:14 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:22 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:50 p.m. **Hull St.**, assault and battery. Caller reports a male swinging a bat at another male party. Officers on scene with Hingham PD; everything under control.

8:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, disturbance, State Police transfer caller reports his cleaning partner is out of control after speaking to him about something he did wrong; no physical contact, just verbal. Male subject escorted off the property and advised not to return.

10:34 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, 911 caller reports a young male walking in the middle of the road and stumbling around. He smashed a bottle in the street and a vehicle ran over it; has a flat tire; 44-year Weymouth man taken into protective custody.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

12:50 a.m. **High School, Pond St.**, building checked, secure.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:59 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, Life Line reports 85-year old female has fallen.

5:14 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, Life Line reports 85-year old female has fallen; transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

6:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

8:59 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, caller reports she is having an allergic reaction to her medication and is having severe difficulty breathing; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

9:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning issued.

10:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, medical aid, 911 caller reports a female stopped in at the dealership on a bicycle and is having difficulty breathing; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

10:28 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious activity, walk-in party requesting to speak with someone regarding a phone call she received.

11:04 a.m. **Church St.**, medical aid, caller reports her two-year old son is choking on a potato chip and cannot breathe.

12:03 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

1:27 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, larceny, caller reports items were taken from her vehicle last night. She does not want to see an officer or file a report; just wants it logged.

2:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, traffic enforcement.

2:47 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

2:50 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash with injuries, several callers reporting that a motor cyclist was hit by a truck; officers report this is a bicyclist, not a motorcycle; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

4:03 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, caller reports her seven-year old son was playing in the back yard and a metal lamp fell over, hit him on the head and he is bleeding.

4:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:08 p.m. **Elm Court**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a vehicle parked on the side of the road and there are two dogs circling the car and barking; has been going on for a while. Officer reports there is a cat under the car and there is nothing he can do.

5:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

5:28 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

8:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports his yellow lab is missing.

9:14 p.m. **North Main St. and King St.**, motor vehicle crash with injuries, multiple callers report a motor vehicle crash at this location.

9:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist Holbrook PD.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

12:09 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised there is a vehicle in the middle of the road with no one around it.

1:12 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised, checked school.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised, checked schools.

5:59 a.m. **Hillside Dr.**, medical aid, 69-year old female fell out of bed; transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

7:01 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

7:15 a.m. **Forest St. and Heather Dr.**, assist citizen.

7:16 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:21 a.m. **Summer St. and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

7:55 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog is missing; it never goes out of the yard.

9:16 a.m. **North Main St.**, larceny, walk-in party reports she had work done by someone who was not certified to do the work. They showed up twice, but cashed two checks – one for $10,000 and one for $5,000; 57-year old Hull man summoned for unlicensed home improvement contractor charges.

9:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, traffic enforcement.

9:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, assist other PD, officer assisting Scituate PD with a motor vehicle stop.

11:11 a.m. **Treasure Island Rd.**, medical aid, Scituate requests R3 for a person who has fallen and has a possible broken hip; transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

12:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, medical aid, caller reports they have a female in her twenties with a bee sting, possible allergic reaction; transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

1:21 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, medical aid, caller reports 43-year old female came in with chest pain and she has changes in her EKG; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

1:52 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

2:06 p.m. **Spring St. and Pond St.**, arrest: Conor Frederick Holway, 17, 212 South Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol, speeding, and failure to use caution at intersection.

2:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, annoying phone calls, receiving harassing phone calls from a former employer.

3:10 p.m. **High School, Pond St.**, building checks.

3:17 p.m. **Deer Hill, Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:28 p.m. **Wood Way**, animal complaint, sick fox.

4:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, assist other PD, Quincy PD called with a possible suspect wanted for assault and battery with a deadly weapon (picture frame). Suspect is in custody and Quincy PD have arrived to pick up subject. Arrest: Erik M. Anderson, 33, 120 Quincy Shore Dr., Quincy. Charges: courtesy booking.

7:08 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 p.m. **Deer Hill, Sothier St.**, building checks.

POLICE STATUS REPORT

In his monthly status report to Selectmen, Chief James Hussey staetd August was a busy month for Cohasset Police Department. There were 13 arrests: two for Assault and Battery; one for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License; one for Larceny over $250; one for Possession of a Firearm; four for Vandalizing Property; one for an Outstanding Warrant; and three for Protective Custody, Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of August, the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents: three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 190 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $2,290 in fines. Additionally, there were 103 parking tickets issued, totaling $3,025 in fines.

Also, in the month of August, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,153 calls for police services, and of those 158 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of August, there were nine reports of Breaking and Entering: five involving motor vehicles; two involving private residences; and two involving businesses. Also in August, there were seven Criminal Complaints issued for the month.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark Director of Music: Bobby DeRegis Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey.

Sunday, Oct. 8 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Letting Go."

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. This week, our children above toddler age will enjoy a "One-Room Schoolhouse." Representatives from Cohasset's non-profit Holly Hill Farm will be here to discuss the work of the farm and prepare youngsters for what to expect on Sunday, October 29, when First Parish will follow morning worship, RE classes, and a light lunch with an intergenerational trip to the Farm to help with what needs to be done!

Coffee Hour in the Parish House will follow the morning service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083. Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

This Sunday, Oct. 8 is our Stewardship Sunday.

This week's events include:

- Sunday Oct. 8: Worship Committee Meeting
- Monday Oct. 9:Holiday, Office Closed; 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation
- Tues Oct. 10: 11 So Shore Clergy meeting; 7 p.m. Parenting Teens
- Wed. Oct 11: 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Esther"
- Fri. Oct. 13: 9:30 a.m. Yoga; Noon – Soup and Sandwich – *Bring a sandwich, we'll bring the soup and fun.*
- Sat. Oct. 14: 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship; 9 a.m. Mystery and Mission Workshop; 1 p.m. Healing Ministry Workshop
- Sun. Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Youth Service; 10 a.m. Guest preacher, Rev. Marshall Hunt

Readings for the Oct. 15th service includes a reading from Amos in which the prophet denounced corruption and injustice and offers hope; in the reading from Hebrews, Jesus,, as God's messenger an the faithful priest, is shown to be greater than Moses; and in the Gospel from Mark, Jesus counsels a man to give all to the poor and follow him.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

The subjects for the upcoming Sunday church services are as follows:

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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Tufts Cote Museum, 415 Oak St., Brookline, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 16.

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Above, Chris Gustin, Bowl with Gold Ash Rim, 2004, stoneware

Right, Judy Kensley McKie, Rabbit Sideboard, 2003, cast bronze, glass

30th Annual Tufts Health Plan 10K for women, Monday, Oct. 9, on the Boston Common at Beacon St., Boston. Registration fee is $29 online and $37 race day. To register online visit tuftshealthplan .com/tufts10k. On-site registration, 7 to 11 a.m. 1K Children's Fitness Walk, 10:30 a.m. Race begins at noon.

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Thursday, Oct. 5

Children's Museum of Easton Play Fore Kids Golf Tournament Thursday, Oct. 5, at Easton Country Club. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., and will be played in a scramble format. A donation of $125 includes greens fees, cart, giveaways, prizes and a lunch reception. To register, call Stephen Keohane at 508-230-3789 or visit childrensmuseumineaston.org/golftournament.asp.

Health Care Industry Job Fair at CareerWorks, 34 School St., Brockton, Thursday, Oct. 5, 2 to 4 p.m. Focus will be on a broad range of opportunities in health care. For details visit careerworks.org.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston needs women, who are at least 20 years old, to become Big Sisters. An orientation session will take place Thursday, Oct. 5, from noon to 1 p.m., at 161 Massachusetts Ave., second floor, Boston. For more information, call 617-236-8060 or visit bigsisters.org.

Adult CPR/AED Review Course will be offered Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., by the American Red Cross at its South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Cost is $50. Registration required. Call 617-770-2600.

Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Thursday, Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m., at John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. The group will discuss current news and local resources. For more information, call Penny Peterson at 781-659-2691.

The New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam debut with host band **The House Rockers**, Thursday, Oct. 5, at Tabasco (Tables, a Bar and some Company) 1166 Washington St. All musicians welcome, 21+ only. New early start show at 9 p.m., Jam at 10 p.m. Information call Satch Romano New Blue Productions, 781-258-5232.

"High Fidelity," a new Broadway-bound musical, will be performed Oct. 5 through 22, at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster by calling 617-931-2787 and at all Ticketmaster outlets by visiting BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com, and at the Colonial Theatre box office. Tickets are $40 through $90, premium seating, $112.50. Performances: Tuesday through Thursday, and Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Lightkeeper's Autumn Boutique will take place Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Lighthouse Keeper's Residence, Bancroft Hall, 15 Lighthouse Lane, Cohasset. Come enjoy a glass of wine while socializing and shopping for clothing and accessory. Complimentary admission. For more information, call 781-545-2952.

South Shore Chapter of FunFunFun.org Singles Club Potluck and Planning meeting, Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., First Congregational Church, 12 Elm St., Braintree. Free Admission with a potluck item, $5, without. Walk-ins welcome. For information visit FunFunFun.org.

Country Ballroom and Line Dancing Thursday, Oct. 5, 7 to 11:30 p.m., at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, with DJ Paul DeMaria. Partner and line dancing. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. Refreshments, cash bar. $12. Call 781-326-3075 or visit moseleysonthecharles.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Glen MacAuliffe's Acoustic Café** Thursday, Oct. 5. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Friday, Oct. 6

Award winning South Shore artist **Dianne Panarelli Miller** will be showcasing her work at Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Friday, Oct. 6 through Oct. 31. "All That's Familiar" is a display of the artist's colorful landscapes and seascapes of local and city scenes, along with still life's and portraits of familiar faces and themes. Opening reception Friday Oct. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org.

South Street Gallery in Hingham, presents the works of architect and landscape painter Jeremiah Eck FAIA, on display Friday, Oct. 6, through Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. Opening reception Friday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m., with music and refreshments. For more information call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

An Evening with Champions, 37th annual figure skating exhibition at Harvard's Bright Hockey Center in Cambridge, on Friday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. Lineup includes Oxsana Baiul, Paul Wylie, Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto, Emily Hughes, Matt Savoie, Oleg and Ludmilla Protopopov, and Julia Vlassov and Drew Meekins. All proceeds go to the Jimmy Fund of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for the fight against childhood cancer. Tickets $32 adults, $12 seniors and children, $8 undergraduates. Call 617- 493-8172 for group rates and an update on performers. To purchase tickets call 617- 496-2222 or visit aneveningwithchampions.org.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 6, **Incredible Casuals** in an eclectic rock performance at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Jumpin' Sharks** Friday, Oct. 6. For more information call 781-335-9796.

New England Singles Dance at the Sheraton Braintree, Exit 6, Braintree, Friday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $10. For information visit singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, Friday, Oct. 6, at Radisson Hotel, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Dance music by a disc jockey, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and match game. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples ages 30 and older. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. Proper business dress recommended. For more information call 781-446-0234.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Session Americana** Friday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m., Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. Tickets $15, $13 members. For more information, call 781-871-1052 or visit ssfmc.org.

Comedy Night at the All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St., Halifax, Friday, Oct. 6, 9 p.m. Featuring Paul D'Angelo from the new film "Godfathers of Comedy," and host Rob Brown. Cost $15. Dinner and appetizers available. Advance reservations recommended. Call 781-293-4135.

Saturday, Oct. 7

The Hull Artists Studio Connection is sponsoring its October Open Studios Weekend Tour in Hull on Sat. Oct 7 Sun. Oct 8. Thirteen artists will display their work, ranging from paintings in oil and watercolor, photography, jewelry, wood carvings, children's playbooks and much more. Open studio times will vary, pick up a map at 1037 Nantasket Ave, Hull at Art on the Avenue or call 781-925-5619. Free admission. children welcome.

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Mark your calendar

THE SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB Fall Open House & Show will be on Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 51, Bare Cove Park off Fort Hill St. Hingham, Mass. The entrance to Bare Cove Park is 1/10 of a mile west of The South Shore Country Club. In addition to the club's operating layout, there will be over 40 dealer tables, a "White Elephant Table", demonstrations of model railroad construction and a model Live Steam Engine. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 Senior's (65+), Children (6-12, with an adult) $2. For information call the club 781-740-2000. Directions are on the web at www.ssmrc.org

WEIR RIVER FARM FALL FESTIVAL will take place Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 3 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to reap and share the joy of the harvest on the farm. Attendees will meet the farm's family of animals, artisans, staff and volunteers, and celebrate with festivities including field games, pony rides, pumpkins, children's crafts, music and more. Cost is $3/members; $5/non-members. Visit the Web site at thetrustees.org or call 781-740-4796 for more information.

ART FROM THE HEART FUNDRAISER, hosted by Arc of the South Shore, will take place Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 pm., at South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Presented by South Shore Co-operative Bank, the event will spotlight the artistic talents of children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take part in a silent auction. Cost is $50 per person; corporate sponsorships are also available. All donations are tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to Arc of the South Shore, and mailed to 371 River St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. For more information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email ccuscianna@arc-southshore.org.

Movie review

Long live 'The Queen'

"The Queen" (A)

By: James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

If you'd like to see the best performance by an actress so far this year, see "The Queen." She's a pip.

Actually, Helen Mirren, best actress award-winner at the Venice Film Festival, is the pip. Directed by the great English filmmaker Stephen Frears ("Dangerous Liaisons," "High Fidelity") and written by Peter Morgan ("The Last King of Scotland"), "The Queen," is a gripping, fact-based drama about the Royal Family's mishandling of the death of Princess Diana and newly anointed Prime Minister Tony Blair's careful attempt to guide Her Majesty to the path of righteousness.

It begins in 1997 in the weeks prior to the Princess' horrific accident in Paris in a car she shared with a French driver, a bodyguard and her lover Dodi Fayed. Young turk and Labor party member Blair (Michael Sheen of "Underworld: Evolution") has just been elected in a landslide after years of rule by Margaret Thatcher and her gang of Tories.

Queen Elizabeth II, who was crowned in 1953, has been in power almost since girlhood. She is a symbol of Great Britain and although the Queen Mum (veteran Sylvia Syms) is a beloved figure, Elizabeth is the true mother of her country.

Decked out in an oversized, ill-advised pair of plastic eyeglasses and a platinum blonde wig that makes her bear a striking resemblance to Elizabeth and George Washington, Mirren triumphs as the surprisingly athletic monarch in a muddle.

Regal, peremptory, raised on pomp and protocol and used to getting her way, her Elizabeth experienced her annus horribilis in 1992, but things have not gotten better. Prince Charles (a sympathetic, if cringing Alex Jennings) and Princess Diana (seen in interviews and news footage) have divorced. Diana is a loose cannon and no longer an "HRH," as the Queen puts it.

She informs Blair at their meeting that he is her 10th Prime Minister and that her first was — gulp — Winston Churchill. Her husband Prince Philip (a hilariously mean-spirited James Cromwell) declares Diana "more annoying dead than alive" and encourages the Queen's decision to play down her death. He takes Diana's sons, who are barely seen in the film, out stalking a stag at Balmoral in Scotland. Later, he will declare Diana's pallbearers "a chorus line of soap stars and homosexuals."

Meanwhile, hordes of British mourners ring Buckingham Palace, leaving acres of flowers and other mementos, some of them notes damning the House of Windsor for its indifference. Public opinion is turning against the Queen and the monarchy.

What Frears, Mirren and Morgan have done is use real events, and a considerable amount of genuine footage, as a backdrop to the story of the Queen's struggle with her office and herself.

Labor Party icon Blair, someone you would not expect to support the Royal Family, coins the term "the People's Princess" and comes across as a wise and sympathetic ally of the Queen. According to his wife Cheri (a marvelous Helen McCrory), it's because he sees his mother in Elizabeth.

Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) is lost in thought while trying to keep up with world events.

But this triumph belongs to Mirren, who played Elizabeth I in a 2005 TV production. I confess I have adored her work for years. 2006 is shaping up as quite a year for queens with "Marie Antoinette" also in the line-up.

Here's a suggestion for a future movie weekend: Rent "Elizabeth," "Mrs. Brown" and "The Queen" and watch three of the greatest leading ladies our time — Cate Blanchett, Judi Dench and Mirren — prove that it's good to be the Queen.

Rated PG-13. "The Queen" contains profanity.

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Award winning South Shore artist Dianne Panarelli Miller will be showcasing her work at Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Friday, Oct. 6 through Oct. 31. "All That's Familiar" is a display of the artist's colorful landscapes and seascapes of local and city scenes, along with still life's and portraits of familiar faces and themes. Opening reception Friday Oct. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org.

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The North and South River Watershed Association and **Humarock Beach Improvement Association** are teaming together to raise local awareness of the South River with a celebration Saturday, Oct. 7. Activities during the day include guided walks along the river, a pet parade, face painting and a kayak demonstration. A rubber duck race is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.; buy tickets for $5 a duck, or buy two ducks and get a third for free. Food will be available in the Bridgwaye Inn parking lot and from Shindigs Catering, Sands End Café, Mad Fish restaurant and Fourth Cliff Seafood. Visit nsrwa.org or theriversherd.org for updated information, or call Julie Uhler at the NSRWA at 781-659-8168.

National Cranberry Festival at **Edaville Railroad** in Carver, Oct. 7, 8 and 9. Arts, crafts, entertainment, food, bog tours, and Meet and Greet with Curious George. For information visit Edaville.com.

Harvest Moon Hayride at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield, Saturday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. Presented by Mass Audubon. Cost $8, $5 members. Pre-registration required. Call Ellyn Einhorn, 781-837-9400 or email southshore@massaudubon.org.

The Early History of Radio: from Fessenden to World War II symposium at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Saturday, Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. $35 admission includes light breakfast and full luncheon. For reservations call 781-837-5753 or email mark.Schmidt@winslowhouse.org.

New England Humane Association Dog Training Program, Five weekly 1-hour sessions begins Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Hingham Recreation Center. Cost $110. For information visit nehassociation.org or call the trainer at 781-878-4343.

Mystic Seaport's Annual Chowderfest, Saturday, Oct. 7 through Monday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn. Event features traditional clam and corn chowders, lobster rolls and raw bar, seasonal desserts, beer, wine and apple cider available for purchase for $1 to $5; and a variety of family activities. Admission $17.50 adults, $12 children ages 6-17. For in formation call 888-973-2767 or visit mysticseaport.org.

Comedy-Music Night Saturday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at Courtney's, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, with Tommy Dunham, Dave McDonough Don Gavin, and The Irresponsibles. Tickets are $20 and on sale at Courtney's. For information call 781-834-1910.

Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton, Saturday, Oct. 7. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and dance instructor, Dave Pytka. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, raffles, cash bar. $5. For more information call 508-680-6736 or 781-925-1170 or visit downeastdancers.com

Ballroom Dance at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes, and lesson at 7:30. Tickets $10 advance, $12 door. For information call 617-325-1562.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Saturday, Oct. 7, **Barrence Whitfield and the Savages,** R&B, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $8. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

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Sunday, Oct. 8

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

The Clemens Gallery presents "Images of Italy," photography by Jean Donohue and James J. Foley, through Nov. 2. The exhibit takes a look at Italy's historic sites through photographs from well-known cities and remarkable but lesser known places. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

MDSC 10th Anniversary Buddy Walk and Family Picnic, Lake Quannapowitt, Wakefield, Sunday, Oct. 8. Festivities begin at noon. Buddy Walk kicks off at 1 p.m. Family Picnic with music, dancing, face painting, and tables filled with treats begins at 2 p.m. Open to Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress members, friends and families. Registration for family of four $40; individuals under age 18 $5, adults $25. To register visit mdsc.org.

6th Annual B.A.A. Half Marathon presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy fund, Sunday, Oct. 8, at Roberto Clemente Field in Boston's Back Bay Fens. Race will follow Boston's Emerald Necklace. To register for the Dana-Farber team or for more information call 617-632-1970 or visit jimmyfund.org/half-marathon.

8th Annual National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5K Run-Walk for the Whisper at Marine Park in South Boston, Sunday, Oct. 8. Opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Run/Walk for the Whisper begins at 10 a.m. Funds raised support National Ovarian Cancer Coalition resources for ovarian cancer patients and families as well as community education programs for women at risk. To register or form a team call 781-643-9800 or visit mawalkforthewhisper.kintera.org.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Oct. 8. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit moseleysonthecharles.com.

The J Place Band featuring J Place on harmonica, plays blues, soul, and rock 'n roll, at **The Sea Note,** 15 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Sunday, Oct. 8, 9:45 p.m. $6 cover charge. For information call 781-925-4300

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Dave Foley's Solo Jam,** Sunday, Oct. 8. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

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Monday, Oct. 9

30th Annual Tufts Health Plan 10K for women, Monday, Oct. 9, on the Boston Common at Beacon St., Boston. Registration fee is $29 online and $37 race day. To register online visit tuftshealthplan.com/tufts10k. On-site registration, 7 to 11 a.m. 1K Children's Fitness Walk, 10:30 a.m. Race begins at noon.

North River Arts Society presents "New England Expressions," in the Little Gallery at GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, through Oct. 15. The exhibit will feature original pastel and oil paintings by Mary Young Smith. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment on weekends. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com.

Best selling author and executive director of the Skeptics Society, Dr. Michael Shermer will speak at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., on Monday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Founding publisher of Skeptic magazine, Dr. Shermer will discuss "Why People Believe Weird Things, based on his best-selling book, and present another view on claims of paranormal activity aboard the vessel Charles W. Morgan. Admission $17.50 adults, $12 children ages 6-17. For more information call 888-973-2767 or visit mysticseaport.org.

SENSE-ation Day at the Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, Monday, Oct. 9, noon to 5 p.m. Columbus Day event features the Backyard Circus performances at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Boston-based dance troupe, Monkeyhouse; quilt making activities and demonstrations. Girl Scouts will be selling home baked goods. Free admission. Donations accepted. For more information visit fullercraft.org, or call 508-588-6000.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts "Coffee with the Authors," Tuesday, Oct. 10, 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, with authors Suzanne Berne, "The Ghost at the Table, " Elisabeth Brink, "Save Your Own," and Rachel Kadish, "Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story." Tickets $15 per person, non-refundable. Reservations required. Call Buttonwood Books, 781-383-2665.

Buttonwood Book Group will meet on Tuesday Oct. 10, 7:15 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Suite Francaise" by Irene Nemirovsky. Reservations are not required. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information.

Adult CPR/AED Course will be offered Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 10:30 p.m., by the American Red Cross at its South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Cost is $55. Registration required. Call 617-770-2600.

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Reunions

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, Class of '58, is planning a reunion. Classmates or anyone who knows of classmates should contact either Herb Golub (978-887-8840) or Tony Dileso (adiieso@yahoo.com). Planning meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 26, at Lantana's in Randolph at the 185th Anniversary Dinner Celebration of Boston English High School. For reservations at Lantana's, call the English High School Alumni Association 617-635-8979.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1961 will host its 45th reunion Saturday, Nov. 11, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Tirrell Room (Quincy Lodge of Elks), 254 Quarry St. Quincy. $50/person includes dinner and dance to the music of Joe Contrino's Band. Make checks payable to QHS Class of '61 (and your dinner choice) by Oct. 25. The committee is requesting items to be raffled during the evening. A basket will be available for food pantry donations to be given to Fr. Bill's place and/or the Interfaith Social Services Pantry shelf. For information contact Donna (Beers) Anderson at 781-843-8143 or e-mail at: donnadogs@hotmail.com.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 REUNION. The Class of 1971 will host its 35th reunion Oct. 15, 16 and 17. Members of the Classes of 1970 and 1972 are welcome to join the class of 1971 for any or all of the events. Contact Gail Copus Spann at BikinGail@aol.com for more information.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 Reunion, Nov. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree, $35 per person $45 per person after Nov. 1, please book early. Please make your check payable to BHS Class of 1976 and send it to: BHS Class of 1976, C/o Mark Frano, 817 Washington St., Braintree, Ma. 02184. Purchasing your admission at the door is strongly discouraged. For info visit http://www.braintreehigh.com/1976.html

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1981 REUNION Scituate High School, Class of 1981, will hosts its 25th reunion Nov. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth Harbor. For more information and to register, email to scituate81@yahoo.com.

MHS CLASS OF 1981 25TH REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 1981, will host its 25th reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embers, 459 Plain St., Marshfield. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, disc jockey and dancing. The cost is $45 per person. To secure a reservation, send payment to MHS Class of 1981, P. O. Box 1496, Marshfield, MA 02050. Make checks payable to MHS Class of 1981. For more information, call Rosemary Vaughan at 781-424-3978 or Carolyn Devine at 781-831-0845.

MHS CLASS OF 2001 REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 2001, announces its five-year reunion will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., upstairs at Hennessy's of Boston in Faneuil Hall. No registration/reservation required. The upstairs is reserved exclusively for the Class of 2001 from 8 to 10 p.m., and there will be no cover charge for those who arrive before 9 p.m. The second floor bar at Hennessy's was recently renovated to include two bars, a stage, dance floor, pool tables and a lounge area. For more information, email classof2001.mhs@gmail.com.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1966 40th Reunion, Saturday April 21, 2007 (a little late) at The Common Market, 97 Willard Street in Quincy. It will be an evening event including a buffet dinner and music. Please mark you calendar and respond to the Reunion Committee at nqhs66@comcast.net or call Paul Bregoli at 617-471-2867. In addition, please encourage anyone you know from the class to contact us.

Halloween happenings

NINTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HUSTLE 5K ROAD RACE/WALK Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. to benefit the Partners Home Care Maternal-Child Health Program which helps high-risk newborns and moms receive necessary healthcare once they come home from the hospital. Hosted by AstraZeneca at 35 Gatehouse Drive in Waltham, and sponsored by WBOS 92.9 FM and the Boston Sports Clubs, the 5K course follows the scenic Cambridge Reservoir in Waltham. For information or to register, visit www.halloweenhustle.org or call Partners Home Care at 781.681.1232.

HALLOWEEN HOWL at the South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. A Not-Too-Scary Celebration of the Season suitable for children ages 3 and up. Saturday, Oct. 28, 6 to 8 p.m. There will be crafts and tasty ghoulish treats to create, and a "Spooky Room" for all to visit. Enjoy a presentation with some of our *superstar* animals and end the evening with a not-so-spooky night hike and "tricks and treats" for all. Something for everyone! Remember to come dressed for the weather. Cost per child: $10 members/$12 non-members (Adults are $3) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required.

ZOO NEW ENGLAND is putting on two great Halloween weekend-long events. Whether you're in Boston or beyond, we've got a zoo for you! The first to host a weekend of costumed and candied fun will be Stone Zoo, whose annual "Boo at the Zoo" celebration lasts from Saturday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 22. If you miss this first weekend, or want to see show off that costume to a whole new set of animals, or even if you just didn't get enough candy at Stone Zoo, you can head on over to Boston's Franklin Park Zoo for more fun at **"Zoo Howl"** on Saturday, Oct. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 29. 617-541-LION or visit www.franklinparkzoo.org

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Big Sister Association of Greater Boston needs women, who are at least 20 years old, to become Big Sisters. An orientation session will take place Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 7 p.m., at 161 Massachusetts Ave., second floor, Boston. For more information, call 617-236-8060 or visit bigsisters.org.

27th Annual International Marine Art Exhibition at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., through November 12. Comprehensive exhibit of contemporary marine art by well-known marine artists from the U. S. and throughout the world. For more information call 860-572-5388 or visit mysticseaport .org/gallery.

Free Medicare Seminar, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 3 to 5 p.m., South Shore Elder Services 159 Bay State Drive, Braintree. To register or for homebound assistance and worksheet call 781-848-3910.

American Association of University Women Hingham Area Branch meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Speaker will be Rochelle Kruger, an Elderhostel Ambassador. Information about programs in North America and the world will be distributed by Elderhostel. Admission is free and open to the public. Elderhostel also offers day trips to an astronomy observatory, art galleries, concert halls and aquariums. For information visit aauw-ma.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Preschool Nature Series program on "Crows," with Mass Audubon preschool program leaders Marilyn Christmann and Leslie Feingold, Wednesday Oct. 11, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Program features short stories, simple crafts and educational songs. Costs $7, $5 Mass Audubon members. Pre-registration required. Limited to 15 participants. For more information call 781-837-9400.

Residential Property Management Certificate Information Session at Curry College at Plymouth, 20 North Park Ave., Plymouth, Wednesday, Oct. 11. Session will provide an overview of Curry's RPM program. To register or for information call 508-747-2424.

Natural History Book Club meeting with Mass Audubon public program coordinator John Galluzzo, Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Members will be discussing, "The Voyage of the Turtle," by Carl Safina. For directions or more information call 781-837-9400.

"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer Daniela Russell and painter Maddu Huacuja, on view through Dec. 15 at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

Brain Aneurysm Foundation South Shore Support Group meeting, "Deficit Compensation Techniques, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. For information call 617-513-3578 or e-mail tfquirk@aol.com.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Oct. 11. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dance lesson 7 to 8 p.m. Dancing to DJ music 8 to 11 p.m. Refreshments. Admission $12, student discount with college ID.

Thursday, Oct. 12

"Beyond the 11th: Two Women, Two Cultures, Two Journeys," at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham, Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:15 p.m., Presentation by: Susan Retik, who was expecting her third child when she lost her husband in a hijacked airplane that crashed into the World Trade Center on 9/11; and Debbie Almontaser, an American Muslim woman and Brooklyn, N.Y. teacher, who required an escort for her personal safety after 9/11. Reservations recommended. Call 781-749-2155.

Poet Sean C. Theall will read from his new poetry book "Gothic Verses: The Halloween Collection," Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Sharon Public Library, 11 N. Main St., Sharon.

Teacher and Librarian Appreciation event at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Thursday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. All attendees will be eligible for door prizes and grand raffle. Tote bags filled with gifts awarded to first arrivals. For information call 781-383-2665.

The Newbury Street League's **24th Annual "World on a Street" Auction Gala** at The Ritz-Carlton, Boston, Thursday, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., with auctioneer Paul T. Zekos. The annual dining and auction event raises funds to support the League's efforts to improve Newbury Street. To purchase tickets call Steve Haag, 617-267-2224, or email Newbury StreetUSA@aol.com.

The Civil War Circle history discussion group meeting, Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Topic will be "Civil War Medicine and Medical Advances as an Outcome of the War." Open to the public. $5 donation. For information call 617-696-1815.

The J Place Band, featuring J Place on harmonica, plays originals from his last release "Bettin' on the Blues," at The Holy Ground, 1600 Hancock St., Quincy, Thursday, Oct. 12, 9 p.m. $5 cover charge. For information call 617-653-7210.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Glen MacAuliffe's Acoustic Café** Thursday, Oct. 12. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Friday, Oct. 13

Perugia Press Poetry Reading to kick off its 10th Anniversary, at Braintree Borders, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, Friday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. Four Perugia Press poets will read from their prize-winning books including a debut reading by Frannie Lindsay, author of "Lamb." Joining Lindsay will be Faye George, Carol Edelstein, and Janet Aalfs. Open to the public. Books will be for sale. For information visit perugiapress.com.

Adult CPR/AED Course will be offered Friday, Oct. 13, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., by the American Red Cross at its South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Cost is $55. Registration required. Call 617-770-2600.

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St., Brockton, will hold it's first **Tot Shabbat** of the new Jewish year on Friday, Oct. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Short service and story lead by Morah Beth Golden, traditional Shabbat dinner will be served. Children under age 7 will participate in candle lighting, Kiddush, and songs with other families. Call the temple office, 508-583-5810 to RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The **Company Theatre in Norwell** presents its stage adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill A Mockingbird," Oct. 13 through Oct. 29. Tickets are $20-$22 and on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or visit company theatre.com.

JM Productions presents **"With a Song in my Heart – The Music of Life,"** featuring local favorite Stephen McNulty and Boston Pops Idol winner Tracy Silver, at Raffael's, Restaurant in Hull, Friday, Oct. 13. Show and dinner, $50, show only $30. For tickets call 617-786-SHOW or visit jmproductionspresents.com.

Nautical Nightmares at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., during October, beginning 'Friday the 13th.' Tours leave every 20 minutes from 7 to 9 p.m. Performance dates are Oct. 13, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 30. Admission $17.50 adults, $12 children ages 6-17, and are available by calling 888-973-2767 Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or at the Visitor Reception Center Monday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 888-973-2767 or visit mysticseaport.org.

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Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. A non-profit center offering support, counseling, reiki, acupressure, and many other services free of charge to patients battling cancer. Call 781-829-4823.

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(L-R Danny Tobin of Hanover as Jem, Joe Siriani of Hingham as Atticus Finch, Clara Baumgarten of Cohasset as Scout, and Sam Nudler of Westford as Dill)

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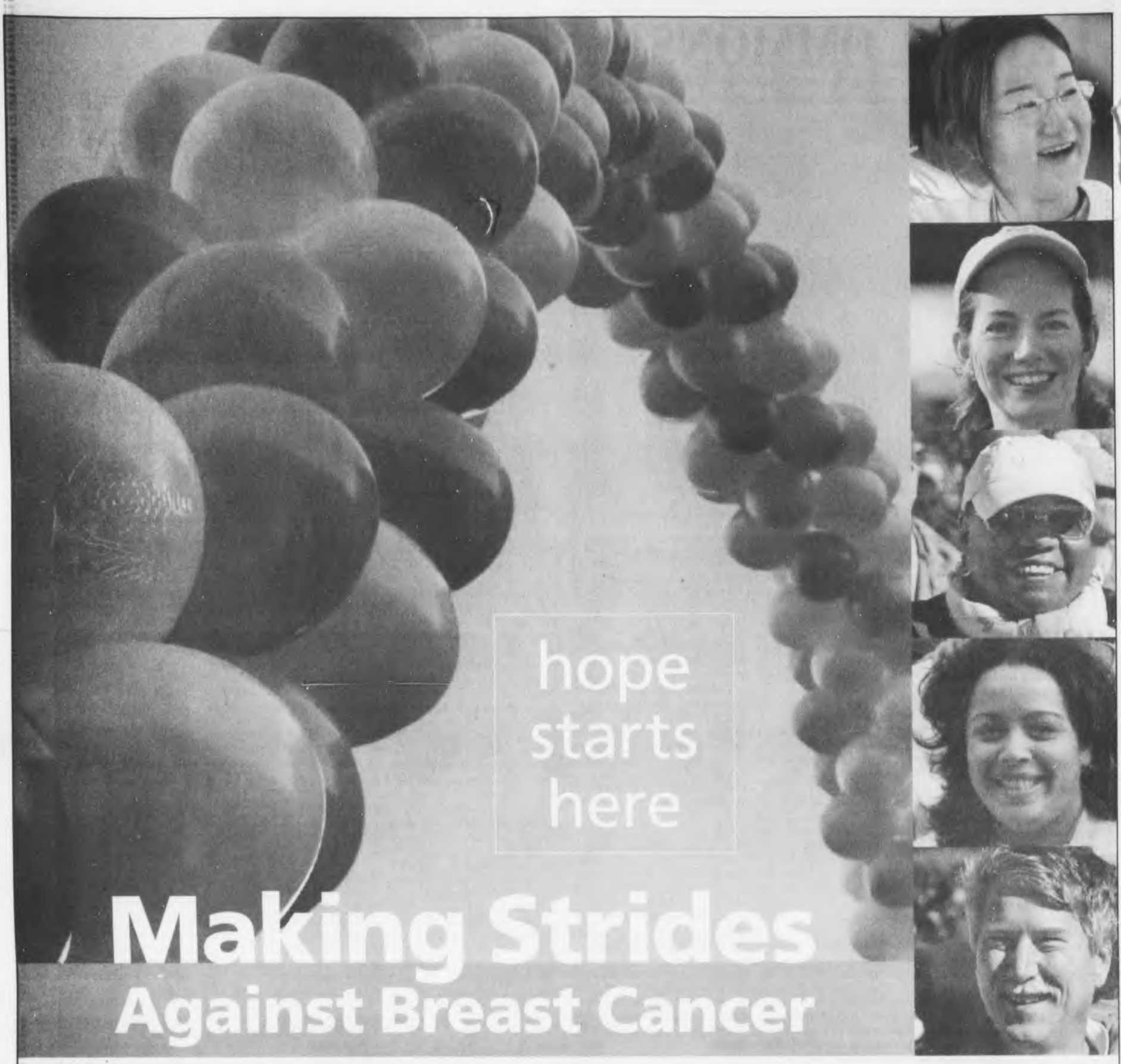

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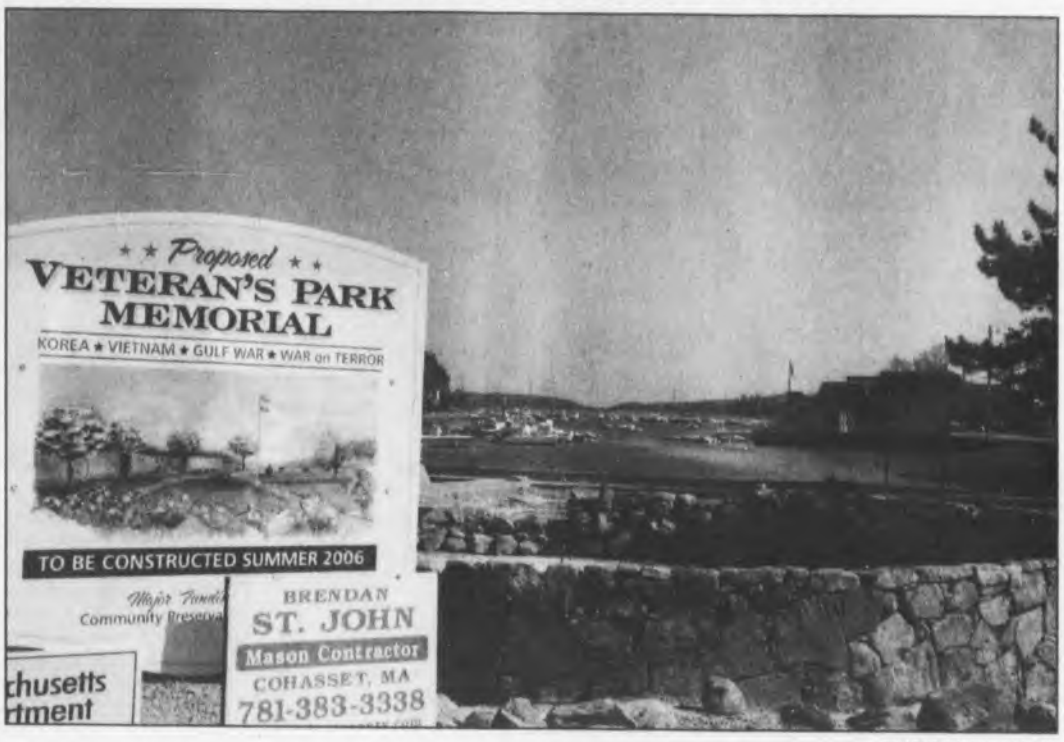

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The new Veteran's Park memorial, which will honor those Cohasset residents who served in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terrorism, will be recessed into the ground, so as not to block the gorgeous view of the harbor.

New veterans' memorial gears up for dedication

To be completed in time for Nov. 11

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee strives to ensure those who have served our country in the armed forces are always remembered by their hometown. One of its latest endeavors is currently under construction at Veteran's Park, as a new monument is being erected to honor those who have served the country in its most recent wars.

On Veterans Day, Saturday Nov. 11, at 1 p.m., the new monument, which will list the names of those Cohasset residents who have served or are currently serving in the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Gulf War, or the War on Terror, will be formally dedicated by the town.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt has been leading the effort to add the monument to the park. He explained his committee has memorial squares dedicated to those veterans who paid the ultimate price at various intersections all over town, as well as dedicated roads and parks. There is also a monument to the Gold Star Mothers who have lost their sons in battle, and the honor rolls at Veteran's Park for World War I, the Mexican Expedition and World War II. However, there has been nothing built for those residents — almost 500 since World War II —who have fought in the country's most recent conflicts, such as Pratt's son Christopher who returned last week from a tour in Iraq.

To that end, the committee decided expanding Veteran's Park would be a great idea, and the area has now been transformed to feature the centrally located monument. Trees were removed, as were the bushes surrounding the park. The street will be repaved by the end of this week and new sidewalks have been installed for

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Brendan St. John looks over plans for the Veteran's Park memorial expansion.

Workers from the St. John Masonry company lay a bluestone walkway at Veteran's Park.

SCHOOL NEWS

Math smart

High school makes MCAS top 10 list

By Samantha Brown
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Grade 10 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System scores are in, and Cohasset's students have done well.

At the Oct. 4 School Committee meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh explained the grade 10 scores were released early and separately from all other testing grades for the first time this year. "Probably one reason is that there were very positive results across the state," she said.

Walsh reported 100 percent of Cohasset's students passed their English language arts and mathematics MCAS tests with 93 percent scoring in the Advanced and Proficient categories.

Walsh said taking a look at Cohasset's ranking in the Boston Globe, it was listed at number 14 out of roughly 280 in grade 10 English language arts with the 92 students tested receiving a score of 92 percent and number 10 in mathematics with the 92 students scoring 93 percent. The schools were ranked by adding the percentage of students who scored either "Advanced" or "Proficient" in English and math with 100 as the highest possible score.

The top 10 schools for grade 10 English, according to the Boston Globe,

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TOWN HALL

Breaking tradition?

Election schedule change is floated

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen would like a little more time before it decides to place an article on the Town Meeting Warrant that could change when the Annual Town Election is held. While the draft article was discussed at its Oct. 2 meeting, the board put off taking a vote until Oct. 16 to allow more time to think about it.

The article was drafted as a result of the spring override election. At one of its meetings shortly after the votes were tallied May 6, Selectman Rob Spofford mentioned to the board some residents — namely those in support of the overrides, neither of which passed — told him they felt having two elections hurt voter turnout.

The candidate election was held the week after Town Meeting on April 8 and the override election was held roughly one month later on May 6. Some 48 percent or 2,432 of the town's 5,099 registered voters went to the polls to make their voices heard during the candidate election. The following month, at 66.2 percent, the turnout was record-breaking for an override election.

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PICTURE THIS/Bob Tuscher and John Danielson

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The Mariner caught up with custodians, Bob Tuscher and John Danielson, at the middle-high school this week.

Names: Robert Tuscher and John Danielson.

Occupation: Custodians at the Cohasset Middle High School.

Best day of your life: The day I went to a backyard barbecue and met my wife (Bob). Births of my children, Lea, now 19, and Derick, 12 (John).

Best vacation: Bermuda on my honeymoon cruise (Bob). Seven-day cruise from New York to Canada (John).

Favorite season: Summer, I like to fish, go boating and to the beach (Bob). Early fall (John).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Bob). Thanksgiving (John).

Favorite meal: My wife's spaghetti and meatballs (Bob). Clambake with all the fixings (John).

Best book: Anything by Edward Rowe Snow (Bob). "The Perfect Storm," by Sebastian Junger (John).

Best movie: "The Godfather" (Bob). Any Clint Eastwood movie (John).

Best TV show: CSI (Bob). Anything on the History Channel (John).

Pet Peeve: Pollution in the air, water, and the environment (Bob). Drivers who don't use turn signals (John).

Most embarrassing moment: One sunny afternoon, a friend and myself went to a matinee, we ordered some popcorn and a large drink and went into the dark theater. We were sliding down to choose our seats and my eyes had not yet adjusted from the bright sunshine to the dark movie theater. I sat on a lady's lap as she was also holding her own drink and popcorn, and she screamed and spilled her drink in her lap (Bob). Attending the wrong wedding ceremony with my girlfriend. Boy, did I have a lot of explaining to do! (John).

Most memorable moment: The birth of my granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace (Bob). Being caught out in the ocean in a 100 mph wind squall (John).

Goal: To live a long, happy, healthy, fulfilled life with my children and grandchildren Bob). To live a long and healthy life (John).

Person I would most like to meet: David Ortiz, THE BIG PAPI! (Bob). My great-grandparents (John).

Biggest worry: There will never be world peace (Bob). The future (John).

Best part of Cohasset: The great staff at the school. The coastline and Joseph's Hardware! (Bob). The coastline of Cohasset (John).

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Police Beat

Little girl left alone in locked car for upwards of 45 minutes

By Mary Ford
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At about 11 a.m., last Thursday (Oct. 5), dispatch received a call from a concerned citizen about a child left in a car in a parking lot off Chief Justice Cushing Highway near the medical building. When the officer arrived, the caller pointed out the little girl, who turned out to be 5 years old, sitting inside a locked car, with the windows up.

The witness had waited about 25 minutes before calling police, Chief James Hussey said. The police officer could not talk the little girl into opening the door, so the fire department was called and the paramedics did get the girl to unlock the door, Hussey said. The fire department was needed to be on hand incase a forcible entry was required. But in the meantime, the paramedic talked to the little girl and convinced her it was OK to unlock the door.

Hussey said police eventually did locate the girl's mother inside one of the office buildings. She claimed she had left an older daughter in charge and the girl probably walked away for a few moments. However, the other daughter never turned up. Police estimate the child was left alone in the car for at least 45 minutes.

Hussey said police have filed a report with the Department of Social Services so that agency can evaluate the family situation and make sure that proper child care is being provided. He said the mother of the girl is in her 40s and a Weymouth resident.

"We never want to see a situation when a child is left to fend for itself – it is not a healthy situation," he said.

Border collies

The two border collies the John Dean family was allowed to keep got into trouble last week.

"These collies were puppies months ago when the decision was made to allow the Deans to keep them," Chief James Hussey said.

Police received a report on Oct. 3 about the two border collies barking at and chasing people in Whitney Woods. After that report, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy and a police sergeant went to the Dean residence and issued a verbal order of dog restraint on the two collies.

John Dean acknowledged the order, according to the police log.

Then on Thursday (Oct. 5), a woman reported she had also been menaced by the dogs that previous Tuesday at Whitney Woods and claimed she had been bitten.

Chief James Hussey said the police are waiting for the hospital reports to see if it was a dog bite and then would move forward with taking further action.

"These two dogs were apparently not on a leash or under the owner's control," Hussey said.

John and Mia Dean had numerous adult border collies and puppies, which have been placed in new homes. The town conducted a dog hearing last spring following complaints from residents who had been threatened and/or bitten by the some of the adult dogs. The Deans were allowed to keep two of the then puppies.

ID theft

A resident reported to police last week she had received a credit card bill for UPS delivery charges she never incurred. Earlier, the resident received a letter from UPS welcoming her to the service and she did not think much about it. Then came a UPS invoice for $996 with a notation not to pay the bill.

A few weeks later the resident received a credit card bill for the charges.

"As it turned out, the credit card had already paid the bill," Chief James Hussey said.

He explained someone likely got a hold of the resident's social security number or other information and set up an account in her name. He said police detectives are investigating.

Hussey stressed people must shred any personal papers, receipts or documents when discarding them so they do not fall into the hands of criminals.

"Unfortunately there are people out there who are smart at trying to defraud us," he said.

Stolen car

Scituate police are investigating a car theft. The vehicle that was stolen from Scituate was driven into a utility pole on North Main Street in Cohasset and abandoned. When Cohasset police arrived at the scene at about 2 a.m., Saturday (Oct. 6), the operator of the vehicle was nowhere to be found. The car was registered to Scituate; Cohasset police contacted the owner of the car; he came to the Cohasset station and reported he had left his keys in the car, which was taken from the driveway of his home.

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Mike Dorion, 15, of Cohasset, checks out one of more than 20 bikes that were on display outside the police station on "unclaimed bike day" Saturday. Police were hoping the bikes' rightful owners would drop by and claim some of the bicycles that had been either lost or stolen over the past two years. Chief James Hussey said a couple of bikes were returned to owners Saturday. Residents who have lost a bicycle may still call the police or stop by and take a look, he said. The police can be reached at 781-383-1055.

MVA at stop

At about noon, Sunday (Oct. 7), several callers reported an accident at the four-way stop at N. Main Street, Forest Avenue and lower King Street.

Police said a 2004 Chevrolet stopped at lower King Street and then entered the intersection when a 1997 Lexus traveling on N. Main Street from the direction of the village struck it.

The Lexus crashed into the passenger side door of the Chevy, police said.

There were no reported injuries. The driver of the Lexus was cited for failure to use caution in an intersection.

Mirror hit

A school bus driver traveling along Pond Street at about 2:15 p.m. Monday (Oct. 2) apparently hit the mirror of a parked car, but did not realize what had occurred.

Chief James Hussey said a witness saw the incident and reported it. The bus driver thought she had hit a branch.

The bus driver was notified and came to the station after dropping the schoolchildren off and filed a report, he said.

Bent guardrail

Police received a complaint about a bent guardrail on King Street that was obstructing the walkway. Chief James Hussey said the information was provided to the DPW that added it to its list of projects.

Ducks killed

Last Friday morning on Smith Place, two dogs got into a duck pen and killed several pet ducks and injured others. The dogs' owner, who had reported the dogs had gotten away, is working with the owner of the ducks to make restitution, police said. Chief Hussey said the dogs were licensed and there had been no prior complaints. However, he reiterated residents must keep their dogs on a leash or under their control at all times.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sept.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 12	3:51	8.8	4:02	9.7	9:40	0.8	10:24	0.1
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:06 p.m.*			
Fri. 13	4:50	8.3	5:02	9.2	10:37	1.4	11:25	0.6
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:05 p.m.*			
Sat. 14	5:53	7.9	6:05	8.8	11:39	1.7	—	—
Sunrise: 6:55a.m.					*Sunset: 6:03p.m.*			
Sun. 15	6:57	7.8	7:10	8.5	12:29	1.0	12:43	1.9
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:01 p.m.*			
Mon. 16	7:58	7.8	8:11	8.5	1:32	1.2	1:46	1.8
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:00 p.m.*			
Tues. 17	8:52	8.0	9:06	8.5	2:29	1.2	2:43	1.6
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:58 p.m.*			
Wed. 18	9:38	8.3	9:54	8.6	3:17	1.1	3:33	1.3
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:57 p.m.*			
Thurs. 19	10:18	8.6	10:37	8.7	3:58	1.0	4:17	1.0
Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:55 p.m.*			

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Math MCAS puts Cohasset on top 10 list

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were Dover-Sherborn Regional, Wayland Public Schools, Weston Public Schools, Acton-Boxborough Regional, Mystic Valley Regional Charter in Malden, Harvard Public Schools, Hamilton-Wenham Regional, Medfield Public Schools, Concord-Carlisle Regional and Millis Public Schools.

The top 10 schools for grade 10 mathematics were, Boston Collegiate Charter, Dover-Sherborne Regional, Media and Technology Charter in Boston, Wayland Public Schools, Weston Public Schools, Nauset Regional in Orleans, Medfield Public Schools, West Bridgewater Public Schools, Prospect Hill Academy Charter in Somerville and Cohasset.

There were other South Shore towns that also faired well in the Globe's ranking system. Hingham Public Schools were ranked at number 19 for English with its 278 students achieving a score of 92 percent. For math, Hingham was also ranked at number 19 with a score of 90 percent.

In Norwell, its strong suit is math, as it was ranked number 16 with its 148 students receiving a score of 91 percent. Norwell was placed at number 35 for English language arts with a score of 90 percent.

Scituate Public Schools did better on its math scores as well, as it was ranked number 38 with its 238 students receiving a score of 87 percent. Scituate was ranked 46 in English language arts with a score of 88 percent.

Marshfield and Hanover took the 56 and 57 spots respectively, for English language arts. Marshfield's 317 students scored 87 percent and Hanover's 177 students also scored 87 percent. Marshfield came in at number 72 for math with a score of 82 percent and Hanover came in at number 107 with a score of 78 percent.

Overall, Walsh said the district is very happy with its grade 10 scores. "I think we can be very pleased, our students have done a fantastic job," she said.

Supt. Denise Walsh was slated to receive MCAS scores for all other grades Oct. 16. Scores will be presented at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

Grade 10 2006 MCAS results

English Language Arts Percentages

	District	State	2005
Advanced/ above proficient	23	16	45
Proficient	70	53	45
Needs Improvement	8	24	7
Warning/failing	0	7	2
Students included	92		108

Mathematics Percentages

	District	State	2005
Advanced/ above proficient	72	40	64
Proficient	22	27	25
Needs Improvement	7	21	11
Warning/failing	0	12	0
Students included	92		108

**Statistics compiled from the Department of Education's Web site at http://profiles.doe.mass.edu.*

Bus fees hardship to some families in more ways than one

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Some parents are not happy with the implementation of bus fees at the schools. While many understand the hardship currently facing the schools, there is also a feeling in the community that the system is not fair.

This year, bus fees were imposed for any student in grades kindergarten through six whose residence is two miles or less from the school they attend. Fees were imposed for all children in grades seven through 12. In accordance with the Massachusetts School Transportation Statue, any child in grades kindergarten through six whose residence is greater than two miles from the school has their transportation funded via the school budget.

Beechwood Street residents Caroline and Christopher Wilson came before the School Committee Oct. 4 to discuss the fees. "Not everyone in Cohasset is a millionaire. We both work," said Caroline Wilson, adding she feels because her family lives on the west side of Route 3A, transportation should be provided because her son, who is now deemed a "walker" for living within two miles of the school, would have to cross a state highway to get to Osgood.

Christopher Wilson added he sees the school bus pass his home twice to pick up children who are riding for free a little farther down the street. "It should be everyone gets charged who gets on a bus. I can't believe this even passed," he said.

Christopher Wilson said he feels asking children to cross a state highway to get to school is very unsafe.

However, the School Committee reiterated the state does have transportation mandates, which requires school districts bus students in grades kindergarten through six who live two miles away or more.

Christopher Wilson said he feels asking children to cross a state highway to get to school is very unsafe. He added the lack of sidewalks in town and the arrival of the train will only add to the amount of danger children could face walking to school. He said currently, if his son who is 7 years old walked to school on the sidewalks, he would have to cross the train tracks twice and he would have to walk 2.8 miles. If he took the direct route without sidewalks, he would have to walk along Route 3A. "Either way, it would be at least a 45-minute walk, and that's a lot of time for a 7-year-old to be alone without any supervision," he said. This leaves parents without any other choice but to either drive their children themselves or pay to use the bus.

"A lot of assumptions were made and it's just not right," said Caroline Wilson of the School Committee's implementing the fees. In addition, she said her son participates in after-school programs two days per week, which is encouraged by the school, and she is still paying for her son to ride the bus on those days even though he isn't.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the reason the bus fees were implemented were to help cover transportation costs. She said the fiscal 2007 budget was cut after the failed override and it was impossible to live within the money given, so the district had to implement fees in order to make ends meet.

School Committee member Rick Flynn said when the decision was made, it was a choice between either implementing fees or losing three teachers. "We had to choose the lesser of two evils," he said.

The School Committee said it would look into whether certain families would be exempt from paying the fees due to hazardous walking conditions, including crossing the train tracks or crossing Route 3A.

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School goals set the bar high

Results should score with voters, committee says

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee unanimously adopted a set of goals at its Oct. 4 meeting, which will have it reaching for excellence over the next five years.

While proper funding will be required to make this vision a reality, the committee is optimistic the benefits from its new plan will be twofold: having a set course for the future that will allow voters to clearly see the progress being made will help gain the trust necessary to pass overrides, and students will continue to be driven toward achieving their personal best.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz has been a driving force behind setting quantifiable goals for the district. He said he would like to see Cohasset's students ranked within the top 10 in the state and within the top 100 in the nation. "I think the community is really behind it, including the parents of current students and the older people who remember how the school system used to be," he said. Slanetz added if the schools need to ask voters for funding in the future, there will now be a document in place that serves as a plan and can adequately explain where funding is needed and why.

There are four 5-year district goals, which the committee voted to approve. They are: Challenge all students to proficiency and beyond, function as a professional learning community and quantify/report everything, and close achievement gaps where they exist. There is also a category for non-academic goals.

When it comes to student proficiency, the School Committee would like to see students meeting the highest level of standards in math, reading and writing. All students should be challenged to their highest aptitude. In order to function as a professional learning community, teachers should be included in the decision-making process when it comes to making changes that affect their role in the school. In addition, there should be more focus placed on parent and teacher partnerships, treating students more like adults to give them a voice in decisions that impact their lives and a more global emphasis in the schools.

To close achievement gaps the committee would like to see improvement on aptitude tests, an increase in the number of students attending Ivy League colleges, an increase in SAT scores, increases in scholarships and more co-curricular competitions where students excel. Non-academic goals include maintaining a commitment to accountability and open books, proactively communicating through the local media, including the Mariner, combining the town and school accounting software systems and improve financial reporting and forecasting.

School Committee member Jamie Williams said while the district has a Strategic Plan and School Improvement Plans at each of the schools, having a set of goals voted on by the School Committee will help it during budget season.

Member Rick Flynn said clearly the goals will require additional funding, and after the defeat of the override this spring, he wasn't sure voters would be willing to support the goals monetarily. "Should we poll people? Are we setting ourselves up for disappointment in the spring?" he asked.

Flynn also said some of the goals seem like they are a "reach" such as increasing SAT Scores by 100 points over the next five years. "But if we challenge ourselves in a positive way, if we say we have a great system but it can be better, maybe people will get excited," he said. Flynn said perhaps the goals focus too much on raising test scores, but he said challenging the district to achieve more is positive and can help generate community support.

Slanetz said in his opinion, if the district can change its culture to be a more intellectual environment where it has large participation on the debate team and students are encouraged to perform to high standards in a number of disciplines, he believes test scores will follow.

Parent Lucia Flibotte, 27 Summer St., who was on The Committee to Support Cohasset, which campaigned in support of the override, said one goal she feels the School Committee should set for itself is teaching the town what it takes to achieve the goals and why reaching the goals is necessary. During the override campaign, "You didn't do a good job of letting people know," why the money was needed and what it was needed for, she said. "And the Mariner doesn't help. All it does is distort the truth… and there we were jumping through hoops.

"We know why we lost. A lot of families voted no."

Flibotte added many of the families with seniors in the schools voted against the override, as did senior citizens. "I have worked on four overrides, and we have never lost by 800 votes. This town has never said no."

Slanetz said he doesn't feel as if the School Committee had a unified set of goals during the override campaign, which made it very difficult to articulate why funding was needed. He said the board had many different agendas rather than one vision, so there was no united front going forward to advocate for the override. He said with these goals in place, he believes the voters will have a better understanding of where the district's priorities are and be more willing to fund them.

PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

High school senior Ryan Ingram is handed a Certificate of Academic Excellence by Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh at the School Committee's Oct. 3 meeting. School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy and Cohasset Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini congratulated Ryan as well.

Student recognized for academic achievement

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For a senior in high school, Ryan Ingram has more accomplishments under her belt than many of her peers. The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has recognized Ryan's achievements and recently awarded her with a Certificate of Academic Excellence. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh presented Ryan with the certificate at the Oct. 3 School Committee meeting, which Ryan's proud parents Stephen and Linda Ingram attended.

The superintendent is the educational leader in every community, and therefore the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has designed an award for academic excellence, which is presented to a student whom the superintendent has chosen. The award is given to high school seniors who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers.

Cohasset Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini was on hand during the presentation and spoke to Ryan's achievements to date. "Ryan is quite an accomplished student, so much so that I need notes to make you aware of her many accomplishments that have helped her earn this recognition," quipped Antolini.

"Ryan is a senior and currently is ranked first in her class. She is an AP scholar with distinction, scoring fives on each of the four tests she has taken. She is currently enrolled in three additional AP level courses. Ryan is a John and Abigail Adams Scholar, National Merit Semi-Finalist, Member of the National Honor Society, the recipient of the Harvard Book Award, Massachusetts Foreign Language Association award for French, editor of the Cohasset Arts magazine, an accomplished artist and writer with works published in school magazines and in 'Teen Ink.' She is also a graduate of the National Junior Leaders Conference, is an Ambassador of Peace participant, member of the social awareness organization, a gymnast who placed at the State Gymnastics Championships, French exchange participant, and a delegate of the International Youth Democracy Summit," he said.

In her "spare time" Antolini said Ingram volunteers at a nursing home and tutors other students. She is interested in public policy studies and has applied early decision to Duke University.

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Pictured (L to R): Youth of the Year Jessica Collymore, Yawkey Club Executive Director Andrea Swain, Local Advisory Board member Emily Brown of Cohasset, and Local Advisor y Board Chair Fred Fairfield.

'TIS THE SEASON

Hey Cohasset, how is everyone doing? The weather predicted for now and this weekend shows us that Fall is definitely here as it is getting chilly. The leaves are so pretty to look at but I don't want the cold weather to come. Anyone who is looking for some Pumpkins for their home could go to Wheelwright Park on North Main Street, take a hayride and go for a walk with the family through the park to admire the leaves etc. Then, walk through the patch of pumpkins that are there and pick your favorites and help support the Appalachia Service Project (ASP.) For more information, go to www.cohassetasp.org.

RESIDENT HONORED

Here is some wonderful news about Cohasset resident **Emily Brown**. Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston 's Club in Roxbury has undergone an expansion and renovation, and celebrated its grand reopening as the Yawkey Club of Roxbury on Sept. 16th at an event called "Spirit of Roxbury."

Emily, who is on the Club Advisory Board, was recognized with a presentation at the event and she and her husband **John Brown** were honored with the naming of the Social Recreation Room for their support of the Roxbury Club's renovation and for their family's friendship to the Club's staff and members. This was great news to receive, thank you for the work and support Emily and John.

'FLAT STANLEY'

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza hosts Scott Nash on Sat. Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.. Nash is the illustrator for the brand-new picture book adaptation of Jeff Brown's classic, "Flat Stanley". Nash will read this delightful book about an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's four feet tall, about a foot wide . . . oh, and half an inch thick. Flat is fun for a while, but like most novelties, the allure fades and Stanley wants to be a normal boy again. Many schoolchildren know Stanley Lambchop, and while he is a new discovery for early elementary pupils, high school students fondly remember him.

The pictures are vivid, and the story is classic. In addition to reading the story, Scott will do a drawing demonstration, and there will be a "Flat Stanley" activity. Scott Nash has taught illustration and graphic design at the Art Institute of Boston, Northeastern University and Boston University. This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Fantastic news for everyone who enjoys time at the library. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now open Wednesdays. The new hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10.a.m.-8p.m. Wednesday, Friday 10a.m.-5p.m. Saturday 9a.m.-5p.m. Sunday 2 -5p.m. (to Memorial Day Weekend.)

ART CENTER

South Shore Art Center announces the annual meeting of the corporation, Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Bancroft Gallery. All members are invited to attend.

The Shirley Neer prize for outstanding children's art instructor will be awarded to **Patrice Kelley** of Hanover. Volunteer of the Year awards will be given to **David Avery** of Marshfield and **Libby Allard** of Cohasset.

Not much news to report this week. Make sure to send all your news and info in especially as the Fall moves forward and Halloween is coming. Events, photos, recognition and more is welcome. Get it in to me no later than Tuesdays no later than 5:00 pm.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Writer's block on the college application essay? — *Write Right Now* can help. A free info session on how to write a college application essay that will distinguish you from the rest of the pack will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the Historical Room. Call *Write Right Now* at 781-749-0834 to reserve a place.

Independent Film Night — The library will show the independent film *Monster Thursday* on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group — Join us for coffee and discussion of Edward P. Jones' Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Known World* on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. This novel focuses on a little known fact of American history, the world of blacks who owned blacks in the antebellum South. All are welcome. Call Gayle Walsh for further information at 383-1348.

Knitter's Group — A knitting group will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the library. Edna Finegan from the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. All knitting levels welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

Letters About Literature program under way — It's that time of year again, and Letters About Literature asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose work has made a significant difference in their lives. The program invites personal and reflective writing about reading.

LAL is sponsored in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with funding from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, and is a project that feeds into the national program that is run by the Library of Congress with funding from Target.

Local winners receive their awards in a ceremony at the State House. Last year, Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer won Level 1 Honorable Mention. To view their letters and read more award-winning letters, go to massbook.org.

Entry forms are available at massbook.org, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and school libraries. Entry deadline is Dec. 8. See Mrs. Moody or email, smoody@ocln.org for more information.

Mamasteph Returns — MamaSteph will be performing in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. beginning Monday, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, and ending Nov. 27. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Spanish Story Time — On Friday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Su Escuela, The Language Center, will present Spanish Story Time. This interactive program will be facilitated by native Spanish speaking teachers who will translate, adapt, and present well known books. Call 781-383-1348, now to register for this exciting program.

Drop-In Story Time — Tuesday, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Story and Craft — Thursday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, and 16, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Registrations begins Friday, Oct. 13. Note: change in the morning start time. Story and Craft is for Cohasset residents ages 3 to 6.

Cohasset Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

A deadline of Oct. 15 has been set for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokesperson, Diane Kennedy, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Cohasset, including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Cohasset Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-aged children.

The Cohasset Council is part of a grass-roots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is the largest and most decentralized one of its kind in the United States. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council. This year, the Cohasset Cultural Council will distribute about $2,500 in grants.

Contact Diane Kennedy, Cohasset Cultural Council chair at 781-383-1304 or devline@juno.com for specific guidelines and information. Application forms and information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available at www.mass-culture.org/lccpublic.asp.

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South Shore to come alive with the 'Sound of Music'

Curtain rises Oct. 20 in Hingham

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham Civic Music Theatre's spirited and moving presentation of "The Sound of Music" is sure to be an audience-pleaser, keeping both children and adults thoroughly entertained throughout the entire show.

"I think our audiences will gladly allow us to whisk them away to the beautiful Austrian Alps for a few hours and entertain them with some of the most talented theater people on the South Shore," said Director William Boyer. "The music has been especially endearing over the past 50 years, and the cast has such fun with it, naturally translating to the audience the bright and upbeat songs that make this musical one of the most loved ever."

"The Sound of Music" had the largest advance sales in the history of Broadway.

"The music is some of the best written by Rodgers & Hammerstein, especially since it shows the many facets of a child's life through the Von Trapp children, particularly the young love between Rolf and Liesl ('Sixteen Going on Seventeen') and the real family togetherness that Maria brings to the Von Trapps," said Boyer. "This is one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved shows because its story still relates to many issues in our world today."

The talented cast includes Michael Duarte of Taunton as Captain Von Trapp and Ann McCoy of Hingham as Maria.

This is McCoy's second role with HCMT after playing Reno Sweeney in "Anything Goes." A talented soprano, she has appeared in numerous productions at the Company Theater, Turtle Lane Playhouse, and elsewhere. Roles she has played in other shows range from Betty Blake in "Will Rogers Follies" to Eva Perone in "Evita."

McCoy is especially enthusiastic about playing Maria. "I have always wanted to play this role," she said. "This was one of my all-time favorite movies growing up, and I believe it is one of the main reasons I love theater and musicals so much. This is such a classic, special show and this cast is so talented and so much fun that I think it will be a very special production, which I hope people won't miss. The kids are wonderful, especially Gretyl, who I think is as cute as the Gretyl in the movie!"

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— William Boyer, director

This is Duarte's 31st year in musical comedy, oratorio, and opera performance in the Greater Boston area. This is his third time playing the Captain, one of his favorite roles, although it's his first time with HCMT. "It's a role I enjoy because he's not a one-dimensional character," Duarte said. "At the beginning of the story, the Captain is cold and distant, running away from his home and family because of his grief over losing his wife.

"But during the show, as he begins to fall in love with Maria, he changes and becomes more fatherly and loving," Duarte said. "This gives me the opportunity to play both sides of one character."

Duarte has performed with numerous community and professional theater groups and studied voice with the late Ellalou Dimmock and Richard Cassilly.

This seasoned performer has found HCMT to be very warm and welcoming. "The cast and crew have been very friendly and supportive, making me feel like a long-time member of the group," he said. "Quite often in community theater groups a 'new guy,' although accepted, doesn't have the sense that he is a part of the production family. This is not the case with HCMT, and I would welcome the opportunity to perform with the group again if given the chance."

Children from Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, and Weymouth are cast in the roles of the seven Von Trapp children. "They're all stars," Boyer said with a smile.

Mary Kate Leonard, 10, of Hingham plays Marta, and she enjoys listening to the nuns and Maria sing. "I love all the singing and the music," she said. "Everyone has a really great voice."

Leah Harlow, a junior at Hingham High School, recalls visiting the Von Trapp Lodge in Vermont while vacationing with her family as a child. "It's one of those classic movies where everyone knows the music," she said. She is pleased to be playing Liesl because she has always liked the song "Sixteen Going on Seventeen." In fact, that's what she sang when she auditioned for "Clean Sweep," an original play by drama director John Higgins, at the Middle School three years ago. "I thought it would be fun to actually sing it on stage," Leah said.

"'The Sound of Music' is a classic, with some good, strong songs," said Zachary Prescott, 10, of Weymouth, who plays Kurt. "He's very serious and shy, but nice." This is his first time performing in a play. "It was something fun for me to do after school," he said with a grin.

Logan Pratt, who attends Cohasset Middle School, plays another Von Trapp child. "This has always been one of my favorite plays," she said. "I love the characters, songs, and music. It's a play that everyone is familiar with and loves."

Boyer praised Music Director Mark Bono for being "at the top of the music game. The cast respects and loves him beyond words," he said. "Choreographer Liz Tronni makes learning the dances so much fun that it isn't like work at all."

Tronni has found working on this classic musical "a wonderful experience. I have done most of my work with the children and Ann McCoy (Maria), and they are a delight," she said. "This is such a talented cast. They are full of life and energy."

Show dates are Oct. 20, 21, and 22 and Oct. 27, 28, and 29 in Sanborn Auditorium at Town Hall. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday shows are at 2 p.m.

Call the ticket hotline at (781) 837-1499 for tickets. For group sales, call (781) 749-0083. Tickets are $13 for students and seniors and $16 general admission. There is a group rate of $12 per ticket for 10 or more.

"We invite the entire South Shore community and beyond to come see our production of 'The Sound of Music'," Boyer said. "It will chase away all of the day's blues, worries, and concerns and transport the audience to a few hours of upbeat and true family fun."

COURTESY PHOTO

Tuning Up for "The Sound of Music" is Hingham Civic Music Theatre's Family Von Trapp. The hit Rodgers & Hammerstein musical will play on Oct. 20-22and Oct. 27-29. Maria, played by Hingham's Ann McCoy, and Captain Von Trapp, played by Taunton's Mike Duarte, are surrounded by their children, from left, Scituate's Will McDonald as Friedrich; Hingham's Leigh Harlow as Leisl; Cohasset's Betsy Crawford as Brigitta; Weymouth's ZacPrescott as Kurt; Cohasset's Logan Pratt as Louisa; Hingham's Mary Kate Leonard as Marta; and Cohasset's Madison Pratt as Gretl.

Good family entertainment

"The Sound of Music" is an ideal show to introduce children to musical theater.

The movie version, featuring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, debuted in 1965.

Now, Hingham Civic Music Theatre is presenting the musical live on Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium stage, Oct. 20-22 and Oct. 27-29.

The story line revolves around Maria, a lively young novice who is asked to leave the abbey when the Reverend Mother realizes that a nunnery is not the place for such a spirited young woman.

Maria subsequently takes a job as governess for the seven children of a widowed retired Austrian Naval officer and his seven children. Despite some challenges, the children – and their father — come to love Maria, especially when she brings music into their lives.

Seasoned actor Michael Duarte, who plays Captain Von Trapp in the upcoming HCMT production, points out that most youngsters have a chance to learn songs like "Do-Re-Mi" and "The Lonely Goatherd" while in school music classes.

"My experience is that they become excited about hearing and seeing a song that they know being performed live on stage," Duarte said. "The show is also good family entertainment, which gives us a glimpse of history that most folks under the age of 50 might not be aware of."

The talented cast and production team make for a fine and fun-filled production. "Parents who are looking for family-oriented activities should give this show a try," Duarte said.

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Vienna Choir Boys — One of the oldest boys choir existing in the world will be at Mohegan Sun Dec. 6. Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring a bus trip, which will leave at 9 a.m. The return trip departs at 5:30 p.m. The trip includes choice of buffet plus two free bets on the "Wheel of Fortune" and a fabulous show. Tickets are $59 per person. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call (781) 383-9112. The bus will hold 50 people.

The Rockettes are back— Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring a bus trip to a matinee performance at the Wang Center in Boston on Dec.14 to see the world-famous Rockettes. A stop will be made for lunch at noon at Venezia on the Waterfront, followed by the show at 2 p.m. To register, please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112. The all-inclusive cost is $104 per person. All are welcome!

Seminar Series: Preparing For the Future – Seminars will take place at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St., Oct. 18 and 25. Cost is $3 per session. A light supper at 5:30 p.m., will be followed by a presentation from 6 to 7 p.m. Call to register. Seminar topics:

- Oct. 18: "Memory Loss: What to do What's Normal? What's Not?"
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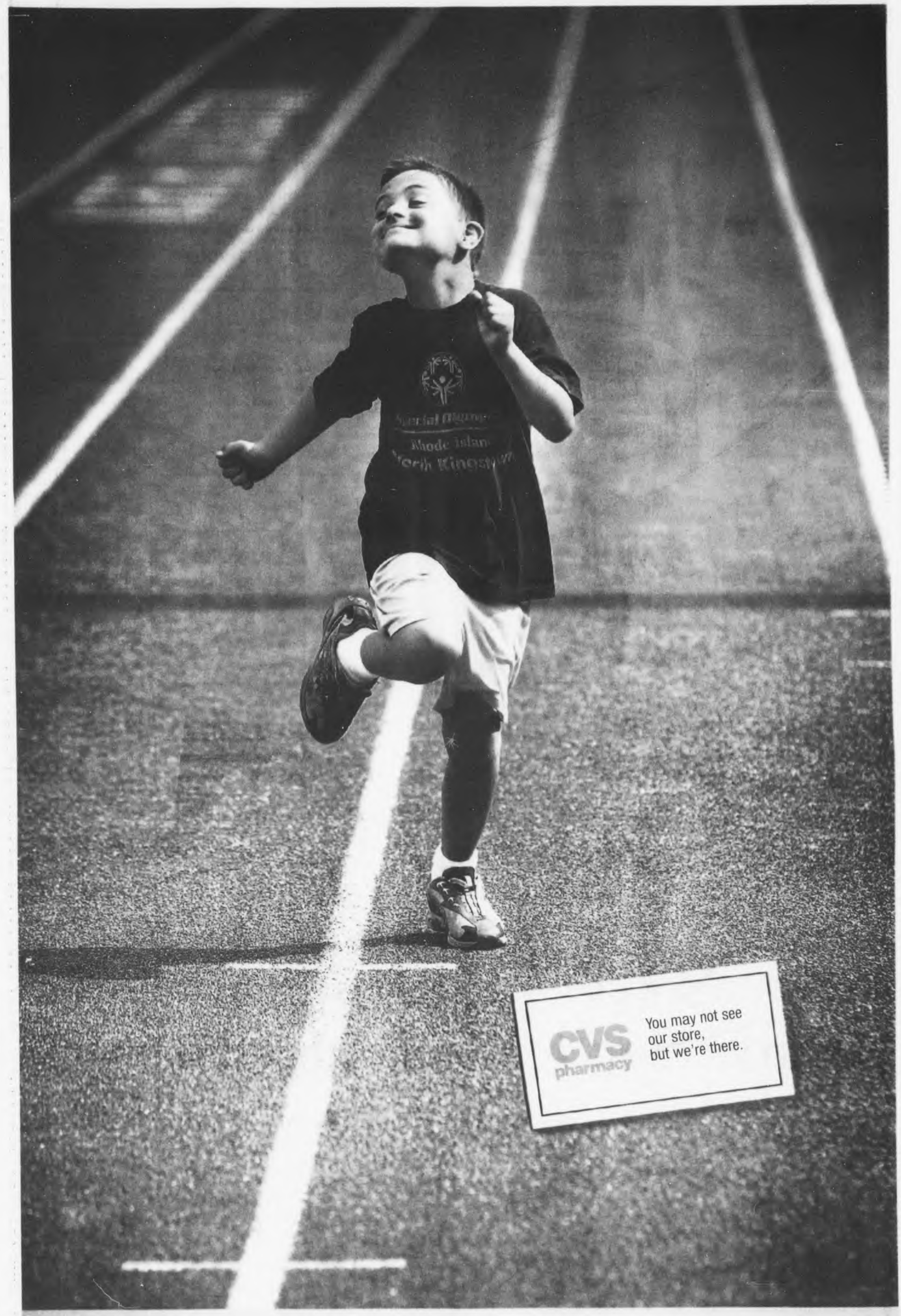

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This photo shows a healing field in Utah.

'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2007 observances.

The effort, which Selectmen have unanimously endorsed, would result in upwards of 200 American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags would sell for $20 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces.

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the pos tat 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

New veterans memorial gears up for dedication

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easy pedestrian access to the park.

The monument is circular and made of the same stone used to make the World War I and II honor rolls, and is sunken into the ground. "We didn't want to block the view," of the harbor, said Pratt. The circle has a diameter of 28 feet, and is 16 inches tall from the outside and 22 inches tall on the inside. There will be a sloped walkway to bring visitors down into the center of the circle.

On the inside of the circle will be the names of the town's war veterans on beveled granite, with another plaque below the names indicating the war in which the residents served. "We will also have about 10 blank tablets, because unfortunately, it will allow us more space to add names to in the future," he said. Pratt added there will also be a flagpole located in the center of the circle. Outside the monument, there will be grass and a walkway made of bluestone pavers.

Tutela Engineering was hired for the project, and its confirmation the land was appropriate to build on was critical. Pratt explained in 1963, the town built the new police and fire station at is current location on Elm Street, and in 1964 the former fire station — which was built on the land at the current Veteran's Park — was torn down, as it was no longer needed. Pratt said it was very important to ensure there was nothing under the ground, which might be hazardous once dug up.

Pratt said ever since the demolition of the former fire headquarters, the park has been dedicated to veterans. "In 1965, one of the garden clubs put the rock in place on the ground," he said, referring to the large rock, which has a plaque indicating the park's name. In 1969, the Veterans Memorial Committee built up the bluestone terrace, which the rock now sits upon, as well as the memorial wall behind it.

In 2000, some World War II veterans began raising money for the honor roll walls, which currently stand and were completed in 2002. Since then, no work has been done on the site.

The project is being completed by St. John Masonry, and will cost roughly $200,000 to complete, $60,000 of which was given by the Community Preservation Committee. The rest of the funds have come from private donations. "We have some big donors and some construction companies have donated material," said Pratt, adding currently, his committee is roughly $30,000 short, but he is optimistic the funding will come through.

The project has been progressing very quickly, as workers began tearing up the site Sept. 22. Pratt said everything will be complete and ready for the formal dedication on Veterans Day. "We'll get this done and then think of something else to build," he quipped.

Residents interested in contributing financially to the project may send checks made payable to the Veterans Memorial Committee to 42 King Street, Cohasset, attention Glenn Pratt. For more information on the town's veterans, please visit the committee's Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

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Town Meeting just around the corner

Tax deferral for seniors back on agenda

By Samantha Brown
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It's that time of year again. The town is gearing up for the fall Special Town Meeting, scheduled for Monday, Nov. 13, and a draft Warrant is in the works. For the next few weeks, the Board of Selectmen will be taking up items on the draft Warrant — or Town Meeting agenda — to ensure every topic is discussed prior to the final Warrant being printed.

There are currently 26 articles — or items of business — on the draft Warrant. Selectmen took up some of those items at its Oct. 2 meeting, and will take up some more Oct. 16.

One article up for consideration deals with enacting special legislation, which would change the income limit for residents who wish to defer their taxes. Assistant Assessor Debra Krupczak came before the board to explain the article, and said it was actually passed before, at the fall 2002 Special Town Meeting. "Somehow this article fell through the cracks," she said.

When Town Meeting originally approved the article in 2002, its passage raised the maximum qualifying salary for seniors wishing to defer their taxes, to $50,000. Seniors who opt to defer their taxes must meet age and income requirements. Prior to the vote, the salary requirement had been up to $40,000. Deferred taxes must be paid back, either when the house is sold, or if the resident passes away.

After Town Meeting approved the article, it was required to be sent on to the Legislature, which at that time was working on its own revision to the state requirements. In turn, the state passed a bylaw that did not have the wording Cohasset sought, and Cohasset's bylaw was never passed by the state. Therefore, the town needs Town Meeting approval again to re-file the bill with the state.

This year's Warrant could also ask voters to approve expanding the seawall repair project on the harbor. The area along the seawall is a heavily traversed pedestrian area, and the walkway along the seawall is cracking and is in need of repair for safety reasons. Over the years the seawall itself has also begun falling apart. Repairs were made to the wall in the early 1990s, but the solution was only temporary. Past Town Meetings have appropriated $15,000 to fund preliminary studies of the area; $25,000 to cover preliminary engineering and design costs; and most recently at the 2004 fall Special Town Meeting, $600,000 was appropriated for final engineering, design, and repair costs.

Recently, the state announced a new grant program, which allows towns to apply for funding up to $1.2 million. The town would like to apply for a 50/50 grant in the amount of $600,000, which would extend the scope of the project to encompass the entire harbor. Currently the project is confined to the area on Border Street from Atlantica to the Mill River Marine boatyard.

The Board of Water Commissioners has two articles on the draft Warrant. One deals with Old Road, which is a road that exists only on paper, as it was never constructed. Voters will be asked to approve discontinuing all public rights of passage that may exist over it, so there will be no chance of developing it. Old Road abuts the town's watershed.

The Water Commission's second article would clear up some confusion surrounding an article that was already passed at the 2005 fall Special Town Meeting. However, the article which was passed gave the Water Commission permission to acquire two lots, when the two are actually one lot. The article would only change the wording of the article and would not change the Water Commission's purchase.

The Sewer Commission also has two articles on the draft Town Meeting Warrant. One would ask the town to borrow $1 million to make repairs to the town's sewer system. Currently, there is excessive water coming into the town's sewer system due to infiltration and inflow. In other words, some of the town's sewer pipes have cracks and are allowing water to infiltrate from the inside out, which is putting further stress on the town's wastewater treatment plant.

The money would be used to implement studies, evaluations, investigations, design, permitting and construction of various sewer infrastructure improvements to abate I&I. Funds would be paid back through sewer revenue and/or direct betterment based upon the nature of the improvements.

The Sewer Commission would also like the town to vote favorably to authorize it to acquire temporary and permanent real estate easements within private or common ways for the purpose of laying, constructing, replacing, improving or otherwise operating and maintaining sewer collection pipes, manholes and appurtenant equipment and structures, in connection with the Little Harbor, Atlantic Avenue, Jerusalem Road (Deep Run/Rust Way) Sewer Districts and related sewer expansion projects.

The Board of Selectmen put two articles on the Warrant as well. The first would give the Board of Selectmen the discretion to begin the Annual Town Meeting at a time the board sees fit. Currently, Town Meeting must begin at 10 a.m., and by changing the wording the Board of Selectmen could set the start time at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m., or any other time, depending on the circumstances. The second article could potentially ask voters to change the Town Election schedule *(see related story)*.

The Board of Selectmen will take up the rest of the articles on the draft Warrant at its Monday, Oct. 16 meeting. Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

Town Meeting article discussion

The Board of Selectmen will discuss Town Meeting articles at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 16. The Special Town Meeting will be held Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Articles to be discussed Monday include: Amendments to fiscal 2007 operating budget; union contracts and other salary adjustments; capital improvements budget; Community Preservation Committee; funding for Alternative Energy Committee; Stormwater Management Committee expenses; school department security systems; zoning bylaw amendment (over 55 housing restrictions); zoning bylaw amendment (citizens petition).

Town election calendar may see changes

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According to Town Manager Bill Griffin, the town's current bylaw says the Town Election must be within 35 days of the Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw is consistent with the state law that says a town can hold its Town Meeting and Town Election on the same posted Warrant as long as the events take place no more than 35 days apart.

The new bylaw would allow the town to hold its Town Election on any date to be determined by the Board of Selectmen consistent with avoiding multiple elections whenever possible, within the months of March, April or May.

It takes the town roughly five weeks to prepare for an election. Ballots must be printed, and the town must register voters and issue absentee ballots. For those years when an override question is on the table in addition to the candidates, the town must prepare for an election twice. To hold the second election, it costs the town roughly $3,000.

The Warrant for Town Meeting must be posted at least seven days before the Annual Town Meeting. If there is going to be an override question on the ballot, it must also appear on the Warrant. However, the problem with printing the ballots for the override question with the candidate question on it as well, prior to a Town Meeting vote being taken, is that the override can be voted down on the floor of Town Meeting and the ballot question would not be necessary, or the override figure can be changed on the floor of Town Meeting and the ballot question figure would be wrong. By allowing the candidate election to be held at a later date, if an override is on the table, voters will only need to go to the polls once.

"I like the consistency and I almost can't comprehend extending the campaigning."
— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

While members of the board seemed to support the idea of looking at changing the town's calendar at the time of the election this spring, some members are no longer as supportive of the idea. Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said in his opinion, things should stay the way they are. "I'm a bit of a traditionalist," he said, adding in the 40 years he's lived in town, the Town Election has always been the week after Town Meeting. "I like the consistency and I almost can't comprehend extending the campaigning," he said, as postponing the candidate election until roughly five weeks after Town Meeting will also prolong the amount of time candidates campaign.

Dormitzer added the town only runs into the scheduling conflict during the years when there is an override vote to be taken. He said while it would save the town money — roughly $3,000 according to Town Clerk Marion Douglas — to have the two elections together, he is not sure the town should change the way it conducts elections.

Selectman Rob Spofford reiterated, when the matter was brought to his attention in the spring, residents said they felt there was a voter turnout issue. "At least that was the perception of the override proponents," he said. Spofford added by having the elections together, it would eliminate the confusion regarding what a person would be voting for, as some people may have been confused about what day they were voting on what issue. He said having the two elections together could potentially draw more voters to the polls as someone who might be interested in voting for the override might vote for a candidate as well, even if they hadn't planned on it and vice versa.

Selectman Fred Koed said he thinks having the candidate's election the week after Town Meeting makes sense. "You have a new budget and new selectmen. This would drag things out. It always seemed to me that the Annual Town Meeting and the election was the same event," he said.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said if the Town Election is pushed back to coincide with an override election, it will set the entire election cycle six weeks out. "We'll all serve six weeks longer," he said. He quipped, "Maybe we should give our salaries back and pay for the second election."

The Board of Selectmen will take the issue up again at its Oct. 16 meeting.

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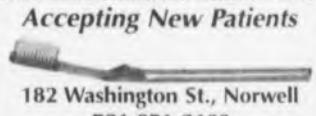

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A sneak peek at fall foliage

On the South Shore, we're just starting to get a taste of what the rest of New England has been privy to for the last couple of weeks – beautiful fall foliage.

While the Berkshires are at peak foliage, especially in northern Berkshire County, the change in color is still coming slowly here in southeastern Massachusetts. According to the latest Fall Foliage Report from the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, there is a 15-20 percent change overall in the color of leaves. Most of that change is occurring in low-lying wet areas where more than 90 percent of the vegetation is turning colors.

In other words, the foliage is still a work in progress in our neck of the woods. Foliage is expected to reach its peak here next week Oct. 15-21.

What makes the colors of the leaves change? It's really no mystery of act of Mother Nature. There's a scientific explanation for it. The colors are already present in the leaves, but are hidden by green chlorophyll. The warm, sunny days and cool nights of early fall cause the trees to produce a corky substance that blocks the flow of water to the leaves. Without water, the chlorophyll breaks down, revealing the vibrant colors.

Regardless of the scientific explanation, autumn brings visitors from all over to Massachusetts and New England to witness the change of season.

If you're looking for a foliage fix and don't feel like traveling to the Berkshires or further north into Vermont or New Hampshire, there are certainly some options around here as we move into the weekend and into next week. Wompatuck State Park in Hingham and Ames Nowell State Park in Abington have areas turning color. A little further away, Borderland State Park in Easton and Massasoit State Park in East Taunton are also local options.

Beyond the state parks, if you hop in your car, take a trip along Route 24 South and pick up Route 104 to Bridgewater. Continue on Route 104, then Route 106 to Halifax. Route 58 South will take you to North Carver, where you'll see cranberry bogs flooded with pools of crimson berries as the harvest gets underway. From North Carver, continue south on Route 58 to Route 28 East to Route 6 West and the towns of Wareham, Rochester, Marion, and Mattapoisett, where you'll get a good glimpse of nature's color show. Even a car ride on Route 3 North, from Plymouth to Marshfield will yield some spectacular colors, especially in the morning light.

If you're really feeling adventurous and do want to explore what's happening elsewhere across the state or region, here are some tips to consider from foliage experts:

- Make hotel reservations as far in advance as possible; it's a very busy time of year in rural areas and in Boston.
- Try to plan a mid-week trip; you'll find fewer cars on the road.
- Be adventurous and explore the state's back roads. You'll treasure the vistas you find by chance.
- Don't worry about the possibility of missing absolute "peak"; color; you'll find glorious color throughout the fall season. In fact, many visitors enjoy seeing the full spectrum of colors from green to crimson that can be found prior to "peak."
- Plan some time out of your car. There's nothing like a gentle hike, a canoe ride, or a spin on a bicycle to experience the crisp, sunny days. Check out Outdoor Adventures.

But most of all, take some time, especially in the next week, to appreciate the beauty autumn in New England has to offer.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Oct. 16, 17 and Oct 19, at 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Middle School Council, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.
Planning Board, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. (Zoning bylaws/public hearing)
School Committee, Oct. 18 & Nov. 7, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23, at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 18 & Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chief Lincoln served with distinction

TO THE EDITOR:

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, and a 1965 graduate of CHS, will retire at the end of October after 37 years of service to our town.

As a young boy, Chief Lincoln developed a keen interest in firefighting and emergency medical services. He even told this writer that against the wishes of his parents, he would sometimes chase fire trucks all over town.

He rose through the ranks as a firefighter, captain and chief for the past 13 years.

While the fire department has had its share of critics over the years, no one has ever challenged the dedication and calm, professional competence of Chief Lincoln even during times when other town departments were in turmoil. His quiet leadership was a welcome balance when other parts of town government were reeling from revelations of alleged misdeeds.

The Cohasset Fire Department personnel have always responded promptly with professionalism and compassion during the many times they have been called to our home. From the very day we moved into Cohasset in July 1985 when there was a serious automobile accident at the end of our driveway to last Thanksgiving day when we had a washing machine fire, Chief Lincoln and his colleagues were absolutely fabulous.

We are very fortunate indeed that Roger Lincoln and his colleagues serve our community with such distinction.

To Roger Lincoln, my wife Molly and I thank you for your service to our town, wish you Godspeed, and wish your retirement to be happy and fulfilling for you and your family.

Wig and Molly Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

Health Fair support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Board of Health, I would like to thank all those who made our recent health screening day such a success. Every year we depend on the generosity of community businesses and agencies to provide the services we offer free of charge to all who attend. The Cohasset Rotary Club and Pilgrim Bank's donations supported the cholesterol and glucose screenings that are so popular each year. Our food table was once again full of delicious snacks and coffee from Atlantic Bagel and Deli, Dunkin Donuts and Stop and Shop. Attendees and participants enjoyed taking a break during the day and sitting and visiting with each other while snacking on the complementary "goodies" presented so attractively by our faithful volunteers who help us each year. We couldn't conduct the annual health fair without them!

Many thanks to the following providers for their services:

- Dr. Gerri Goodman of the Nielsen Eye Center for Cataract and Glaucoma Screening
- Health Watch, Inc. for the Cholesterol and Glucose Monitoring
- The Norwell VNA for Osteoporosis Screening
- Dr. Robin Lawrence member of the Cohasset Board of Health provided the Oral Cancer Screening
- Melanoma Education Foundation provided the Skin Analyzer
- Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Associates offered Chair Massages
- David Bigley from "All the Best" Natural Foods
- Paula Pozniak – Nutritionist
- Cohasset Medical Hearing Center – Hearing Screening
- Council on Elder Affairs
- Susan Cameron – "Juice Plus"
- Peggy Chapman, RN and Cohasset Board of Health Chairperson provided the Mental Health Screening
- Corinne Cahill, RN and Mary Whitley, RN helped us throughout the day and helped everything run smoothly.

Thanks to all of you and we hope to see you again next year!

Judy Fitzsimmons, RN
Public Health Nurse
Cohasset Board of Health

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Shedding light on special education

COMMENTARY

MAUREEN JERZ

Special education funding is a complicated, much misunderstood and often contentious subject. However, in discussing special education funding we should always be mindful of the fact that behind this funding are families (not cases), who are our neighbors, and some of our community's most vulnerable students. Because of this, I was concerned to read the Sept. 29th article in the Mariner, with its accompanying list of special education placements.

In order to understand special education funding, one must first understand the mechanism by which students are placed in out-of-district placements. Special education law requires that students identified as needing special education services be educated in the "least restrictive environment" (LRE). This means that the law requires that students be educated in their local school districts whenever possible, and that they should only be sent to a more restrictive day or residential out-of-district placement if the local district cannot provide the services they need. In other words, the law works in favor of keeping students in district whenever possible because being schooled in their local community, close to home and with their peers is, most importantly, in the best interest of the child, and is often the less expensive option *if* appropriate services can be provided. There are very few families who, if given the option, would not prefer to have their child educated locally. However, families are often forced to make the difficult and painful decision to send their child to an out-of-district placement if their child's needs are so great that they cannot be met by the local school district.

In releasing information that has the potential to be sensitive, the standard is to ensure that the information is not "personally identifiable". And while the information published

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Rail, rail and more rails

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Stuff that you can't easily see — While rail pulling continues from Scituate toward Hingham other work is proceeding at a slower pace. The big emphasis for the project is rail, rail and more rail. So, we thought that this week we'd show you some parts of the project that are not readily visible to the casual observer.

Rail stored at Lincoln Lane waiting to be pulled – The first photo was taken of rail at Lincoln Lane while it was waiting to be moved further north. Lincoln Lane is a private way off of South Main St. and is the closest road to the Scituate border. It is now closed as a result of the Greenbush project. For those of you who remember the train when it last ran in the 1950's there is a very interesting statistic. The "old" rail from earlier days weighed about 100 pounds per yard of length. Today's rail weighs 136 pounds per yard, or 36 percent more.

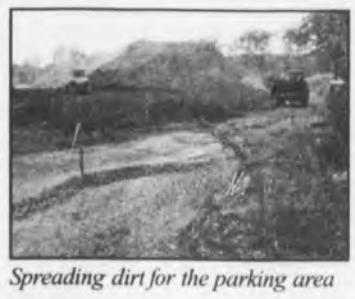
Sitting nearby was a very unusual piece of equipment. It is a Caterpillar machine that has been adapted to ride on the rails. The accompanying photo shows it sitting of its train wheels with its rubber tires high off the ground.

Train station — Moving north to the site of the new train station, earth-moving is under way big time. We have received several comments about the huge piles of dirt at the site. No, the MBTA is not building a ski hill. The whole station parking area will be raised about eight feet so the drainage structures will clear the water table. All of the dirt piles that you see has been brought onto the site and is now being spread around and leveled. This is shown in the next photo.

Lastly, moving to the other side of the station site, just off of North Main Street, we see the 800-foot long platform that will soon allow Cohasset commuters to board the train. The full 800 foot length is required since that is the maximum train length and all cars must be handicapped accessible from the platform to conform to Federal and State laws.

So, that's a quick tour of hard-to-see Greenbush views from near the Scituate line to the Hingham line.

Other stuff – Water Department paving projects around Town should be finished by today. The bone-jarring roads we have seen for the past several weeks should be a thing of the past — at least for a while.



Spreading dirt for the parking area

Cohasset platform is 800-feet long.

Multi-purpose caterpillar machine

This photo was taken of rail at Lincoln Lane while it was waiting to be moved further north.

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Suburbanites might not understand

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

...city driving did help my overall parking skills. I can now parallel park with the best of them.

Ode on a Parking Space
(with apologies to the great poet John Keats)

THOU still unfulfilled space of emptiness
Thou foster-child of Suburbia and slow Time,
Urban historian, who canst thus express,
A parking tale more sweetly than our rhyme ...

I'm not going to pretend to be able to butcher *Ode on a Grecian Urn* for a full column. But, having recently emigrated from the city to the suburbs, I've developed an unnatural love affair with my parking space. Actually, parking spaces, plural. I have two! Yes, two, just pour moi and my beloved VW. And neither one involves anyone blocking me in, moving my car by 6 a.m., and remembering which side of the street to park on street cleaning days. Such is the beauty of my parking spaces.

Established suburbanites will probably not comprehend an ode on a parking space. But, as someone once told me, having a car in the city is a bit like having a pet that requires constant care and attention and daily strolls around the block. How many times have I circled my neighborhood looking for an available spot? Not the worst thing when trying to lull a screaming baby to go to sleep; however, when it involves heavy groceries or a cranky toddler who has to go potty that's an entirely different crises altogether.

And then there's the issue of actually finding a great parking space, only to pass up doing things for the next week because you don't want to move the car and lose your prized space. The irony, of course, is that what is the point of a great parking space, except to be convenient for your next use?

Only urban refugees can understand the depths of despair that arise after spending four hours in a snowstorm shoveling out your car only to have your space usurped the minute you pull out. Even worse is returning to find your neighbor's lawn furniture in the very same space marking it for their own.

But it's not just my own parking space I worship. I'm euphoric every time I go shopping and get to park in the enormous parking lots adjacent to stores here in Suburbia-Land. No more witnessing fistfights in the supermarket lot over the last available space or hoarding quarters for parking meters. You know you've hit a low point when you raid your kid's piggy bank in order to park.

However, on the plus side, city driving did help my overall parking skills. I can now parallel park with the best of them. The other day, when my son and I were headed to the farmer's market, I saw a tight spot right up front and I thought for a quick second. "Oh yeah, I could SO do that." But then I remembered something ... "But, I don't have to." And proceeded down the block and easily pulled into a space with no one around me.

So if you see a green VW in a store parking lot, towards the back with no other cars around; it's not because I don't want to get a scratch on it. Heck, my seven-year old car has been banged up beyond belief after living in Boston. But, the whole point is that I park in the beautiful, empty part of the lot with no cars on either side, simply because, for the first time, I can.

When old age shall this generation waste,
Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe
Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou say'st,
'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.'
(Besides where to find a great parking spot in the city.)

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HEALTH NOTES

Medical Reserve Corps volunteers sought

An information session for health professionals and other interested citizens will take place in Cohasset at 7 p.m., Tues., Oct. 17 at Town Hall.

The Cohasset Board of Health is working with other local towns to mobilize volunteers for a Medical Reserve Corps that would assist in the event of a health emergency.

Disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, tsunamis and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have made communities all the more aware of the need for an organized group of qualified volunteers prepared to help. Future needs may include flu pandemic or bio-terrorism. Therefore, the board of health would like to identify credentials and train as many volunteers as possible. Volunteers may be nurses, physicians, pharmacists and physician assistants, whether practicing or retired, those with experience in public health, mental health and allied health professionals or community members without medical training to assist with administrative and support functions.

An information session in Cohasset for health professionals and interested citizens is Tues., Oct. 17 at 7 p.m., at Town Hall in the basement meeting room. Additional sessions will be held in Hull on Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. and in Hingham on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Volunteers may choose to attend a session in their town or another town. To register, call Alison Minkoff at 617-665-3871 or visit aminkoff@challiance.org.

Recognizing that many professionals have limited time to volunteer, the Board of Health encourages Medical Reserve Corps members to choose their level of participation. Volunteers may elect to serve their community both during emergencies and for more routine public health needs such as immunization clinics, screenings and health education, or strictly during emergencies. Because Cohasset is working in cooperation with 27 area communities to share resources, volunteers may also choose to serve only in their town or as part of the regional Medical Reserve Corps.

Examples of practicing and retired professionals, who are encouraged to volunteer, include, but are not limited to: physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, epidemiologists, health educators, psychologists, social workers, chaplains, language interpreters, lawyers, funeral directors and administrators. Medical, public health and other allied health professionals are also encouraged to apply, as well as non-medical personnel.

For more information, call Dr. Joseph Godzik, Health Agent, at 781-383-4116, or Alison Minkoff at 617-665-3871 or visit aminkoff@challiance.org.

Town Clerk's office has absentee ballots

Absentee ballots for the State Election on Tuesday, Nov. 7 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, November 6, 2006 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
- Physical disability.
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be *mailed* to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 7 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed *application* for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Register to vote

Wednesday, Oct. 18 will be the last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the state election on Nov. 7.

Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

Friday, the 13th

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I don't want to frighten all you young ladies who are expecting visits from the stork in the next few days, but there is an old maxim among triskaidekaphobes that goes like this:

"A child born on Friday the 13th must carry a rabbit's foot from a rabbit killed at midnight by a cross-eyed farmer. Otherwise, the child will bring bad luck to the family. If the child loses the rabbit's foot, he will die."

Yes, indeed, it'll be Friday the 13th in a couple of days, a day to stay in bed and pull the covers over your head lest the misfortunes that roam the land on that unlucky day befall you on the way to work or pleasure.

The fear of Friday the 13th has such a hold on us that it even has a name, "triskaidekaphobia"...

The fear of Friday the 13th has such a hold on us that it even has a name, "triskaidekaphobia," and a recently published biography, "13: the Story of the World's Most Notorious Superstition," by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer.

The origin of the superstition is obscure. Most feel it got its start at the Last Supper, when Jesus dined with his 12 Apostles, a total of 13, and was betrayed by one of them, but a number of other starts have been proposed.

Norse mythology tells of Baldur, the god of light, who could be killed only by a spike of mistletoe.

Loki, the god of mischief, snuck into a banquet of 12 and tricked Baldur's brother, Hodur, the blind god of darkness, into killing Baldur with a spear of mistletoe.

The Knights Templar, familiar to those who have read "The DaVinci Code," were arrested by King Philip IV of France and Pope Clement V on Friday the 13th in 1307. Most of them were burned at the stake, making it the unluckiest day on the calendar for the Templars, at least.

The first tribute to the American flag was a 13-gun salute, one for each colony. When Vermont joined the union, it went to 14 guns, and one was added for each new state until it was decided that there was a better use for that much ammunition and the number reverted to 21.

Gen. John Logan, the Civil War hero and founder of Memorial Day as a national holiday, was once asked to a social function at which he discovered he was to be the 13th person at the dinner table. He asked for and received seating at a side table.

It was the dream of George Eastman, the founder of Eastman Kodak, to honor the 13 colonies by changing the calendar from 12 to 13 months of 28 days each with 13 Friday the 13ths and a 13th month called "Sol."

Once long ago, an English shipowner decided to squelch the superstition once and for all. He fitted out a ship with 13 tons of cargo. He hired a 13-man crew, all of whom had names with 13 letters. They had supplies for a 13-day voyage.

The ship sailed on Friday the 13th at 1:13 p.m. (1313 by the sailor's clock) — and was never seen again.

Or so the story goes.

Special TM articles featured in new show

Tune into Our Town starting Monday. The program, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, will begin focusing on articles going before voters at the Nov. 13 Fall Special Town Meeting.

In this first show Pat and Mark sit down with Andrew Willard of the Alternative Energy Committee and then Alix White and David Farrag of the Conservation Commission to discuss their groups articles.

Also, in a special roll-in Pat visits the Cohasset Senior Center to find out about the center's upcoming Antique Appraisal Event.

Want to support public TV while getting great exposure for yourself or business? Contact Pat Martin to find out how.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Where do you stand on 'Wine at Food Stores' question?

'Obsolete'

"The practice of limiting beer and wine sales to package stores in Massachusetts is obsolete, anti-competitive and inconvenient but still in place as an integral accomplishment of the corrupt nature of our Legislature. It should have been revised decades ago to conform with the practice of most other states."

—Richard E.T. Brooks

'Lost profit'

"Although I don't drink alcohol, (I'm underage) allowing grocery stores to sell wine in Massachusetts doesn't seem like a well thought out idea. I'm sure it has some pros, but to me, cons of the subject overrule.

"First of all, wine stores could lose business. I understand that it is more convenient to purchase wine along with your groceries instead of having to go to two different stores buy them. Food stores may get more business and money, but I believe that if this goes through, wine shops will lose profit. To me, the private business wine stores deserve the income.

"Secondly, minors may be able to illegally purchase wine more easily if it is available to them in grocery stores. I can't speak for everyone, especially because I am under aged, but I don't think that allowing grocery stores to sell wine in Massachusetts is for the better."

— Emily Toomey

'Supportive'

"I'm not a big drinker, so normally this wouldn't make a difference.

"However I am supportive, because if it passes, we South Shore shoppers will at last be able to buy 'Two Buck Chuck' (Charles Shaw) at Trader Joe's in Hanover."

— Kay Campbell

'Public safety'

"In general, we should trust the practical wisdom and daily experience of our law enforcement on issues such as this. They are the professionals who deal most directly with under age drinking and driving while under the influence of alcohol. If the issue is simply convenience versus public safety, then as a community we would do well to vote for public safety against Question One."

— John Seel

'No need'

"The Stop & Shop in Cohasset already has pretty poor selection. If they had to dedicate an isle to booze (on top of all the other ancillary junk they sell) the variety of actually food products would suffer. I don't think anyone in town is in danger of going thirsty so I don't really see the need."

— Lance Norris

'To vote yes'

"Yes. Convenience and price."

— Pam Miles

'Hurt business'

"I am against Question One. I believe it will hurt the small liquor store owner's business."

— Barbara Dillon

'Underage drinking'

" I am voting against Question One for three reasons:

"First, by allowing wine to be sold in any grocery store (including local convenience stores), it will make alcoholic beverages that much easier for underage drinkers to obtain. Indeed, a local convenience store in Scituate (which has a liquor license) is the place of choice for Cohasset underage youths to get their alcoholic beverages. Whereas the adult employees of package stores are well trained to stop underage liquor purchases, the typical cashier at a supermarket or convenience store (who themselves are underage and who shuffle in and out of that job) never will rise to the same level of training and vigilance. As for the argument that beer is the drink of choice of under age drinkers, it should be noted that many wine coolers and beverages are targeted to the under age crowd.

"Second, for better or worse, the people of this state voted for the present system 70 years ago when Prohibition ended. Many small businesspeople have invested their life savings and livelihoods into their businesses based upon the system that has been in place for decades. For the big chain stores suddenly to say, 'Hey, let's change the rules so we can make more money,' constitutes a dramatic and unfair shifting of the playing field in the wine business. (For the record, I have no friends or relatives who have any connection to the wine or liquor business).

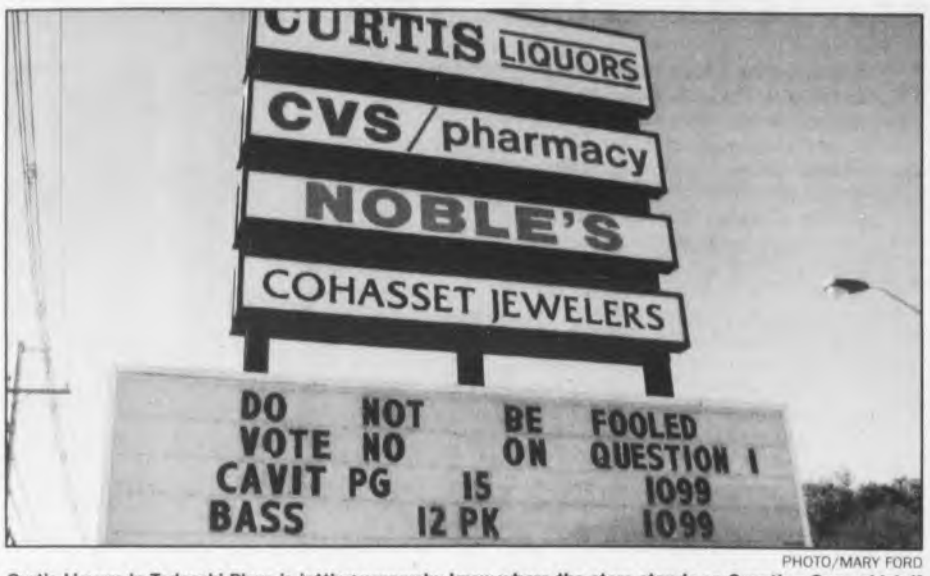
"Finally, the chains tell us that they are doing this for our convenience, so the harried shopper can buy their wine and groceries in one stop. Also, they suggest prices will be lower. Perhaps there may be some truth to this. But whatever small benefit there may be for the typical consumer, it is far, far outweighed by the social detriment of having alcoholic beverages for sale on every street corner. It should be noted that in poor, inner city neighborhoods, the well publicized object of greatest wrath of the residents are the corner liquor stores. Cohasset may not be a ghetto, but underage drinking is way too prevalent already in our community. The recent study which was profiled recently in the New York Times demonstrated conclusively that the rate of alcoholism is infinitely greater for persons who start drinking while teens than if they wait to drink until they are in their 20s. Trust me, I am no Billy Sunday (and if there were a ballot question to legalize drugs, I would be the first in line to vote 'Yes'). But as adults, we always must place the welfare of our children over profit. There is no voter who can make a sane argument that saving 50 cents or a buck on a $12 bottle of wine at Stop & Shop is worth the social damage that liquor-on-every corner will inflict on our youth."

— Andrew Quigley

'Underage drinking'

"Could we be opening up yet another venue to police for underage drinking? There are always those places that sell to underage kids- are we just making it yet more convenient?"

— Georgie Gladdys



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Curtis Liquors in Tedeschi Plaza is letting passersby know where the store stands on Question One, which if passed at the polls Nov. 7, would allow towns to issue wine-only licenses to stores that carry certain food items.

'Makes sense'

" Wine and beer are sold at Stop n Shop in Weymouth and other supermarkets in Massachusetts. It makes sense for supermarkets to make wine, beer and spirits available to shoppers, as shoppers are busier than ever, one stop shopping conveniences are needed.

"In addition, supermarkets need to stay competitive by offering a wide range of services to consumers. Nationally, this trend is apparent in larger markets, in California, large chain supermarkets like: Ralph's, Vons, and Albertsons all have a 'liquor department,' along with dry cleaning services, photo developing, ice cream quick serve on the spot, etc. For Cohasset, Stop and Shop, and Shaw's will need to apply for liquor license like other stores, restaurants and bars. For greater selection of liquor, I can go to a local liquor store. Cheers and Salud!"

— Mary Cirafice

'Already enough'

"There are already enough places to purchase alcohol in Cohasset. Liquor store personnel take special courses to learn how to reduce the sale of alcohol to minors and police observe these stores carefully for the same reason. Why stretch the Town's resources further just so we can cut out an errand?"

— Patience Towle

'Small is beautiful'

"Tedeschi's already sells wine at the Scituate store, so I'm not sure how it is categorized in this issue. At face value, I have no problem with supermarkets, etc. selling wine. My concern is rather for the smaller stores like Village Wine and Spirits, The Weinery, and even the larger Curtis Liquors. When one category of store begins to vacuum the smaller enterprises (Wal-Mart is the nation's mega culprit in this regard), a sense of community is undermined. It becomes all about commerce and nothing about a smaller scale of exchange that allows us to be in connection in our towns and cities and to support the merchants who know that 'small is beautiful.' For me, it's not an issue of convenience, but of community and caring."

— Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

'Fairness'

"There is no easy answer to this question. It doesn't change anything except who will be allowed to sell wine. Right now, some grocery stores can (Stop & Shop in Hingham is the closest one to me). And some grocery stores, like The Fruit Center in Hingham, have wine for sale in an adjoining store. Why should they be allowed to sell wine, and not Stop and Shop in Cohasset, or Shaw's in Cohasset?

"As far as I know, local wine stores are in business because they specialize and come to know the preferences of their regular customers. Excessive consumption, irresponsible drinking, littering, drunk driving — all these are issues that we are constantly confronting as a community. The availability of a product may increase our problems with it. The availability of guns comes to mind. But in the case of the selling of wine, I come down on the side of fairness and competition — let the local communities decide who should be allowed to have the available licenses, and then strictly enforce the laws regarding purchase and use."

— Chartis Tebbetts

'No big deal'

"I don't see what the big deal is. Several states already have this option, and the Stop and Shop in Hingham has had it for years. These stores can't do any worse in terms of selling to minors, since it seems only those with Massachusetts licenses can purchase alcohol. Anything else — including passports and military IDs — can't be "verified" according to local liquor storeowners.

"The argument about increasing drunk driving or risk of underage drinking is specious at best. Melanie's Law notwithstanding, we as a community aren't serious in dealing with both of these issues. A week doesn't go by without a news report of someone with multiple drunk driving arrests causing another accident or injuring someone. I know from firsthand experience that we have a number of permissive parents in the area who enable their child's drinking by turning a blind eye and reinforcing 'the rules don't apply to me' mentality — until tragedy strikes. Then, the doctors and nurses try to put someone back together, and the lawyers do their version of damage control to preserve Johnny's or Jennifer's future."

— Jim Mensching

'Will vote yes'

"I would absolutely vote yes on the Question One initiative. I am from California where it is legal to buy wine and beer at all grocery, convenience stores, and gas station markets 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I also have made a career out of teaching alcohol and drug prevention education to children, teens and adults. I've spent 25 years advocating for the safety of teens. *Very few teens buy wine or beer in grocery stores.* The liquor store lobbyists are using scare tactics and appealing to puritan sensibilities of New Englanders. You can't imagine the convenience of being able to buy a bottle of wine along with groceries for dinner! It's time to get with this century."

— Patty Johnson

'Less effort'

"Cohasset has two types of customers; those who support the local stores downtown, and those who may seek the best price. For our town, the change will probably not hurt our local stores, but will make those who are frugal use less effort and maybe gas in getting their chores done."

— Steve Bobo

'Opposed'

"I oppose it because liquor stores are plagued with teenagers attempting to buy alcohol, are monitored for compliance with the law , and are used to dealing with the problem. The grocery stores have a high turnover in cashiers and won't be as effective in dealing with the tricks of thirsty teenagers. Hence more tragic accidents."

— R. Murray Campbell

'Disaster'

"I think that selling in grocery stores would be a disaster because of the difficulty in monitoring who is buying. The ability of underage kids getting someone of age to buy for them is huge. The treating of alcohol as just another food or beverage gives the wrong message to teens, also."

— Mimi White

'Support village'

"I think wine and beer are readily available. Liquor stores are now able to be open on Sundays and until 11 p.m. the rest of the week. I think that's enough time to figure out if you need some beer or wine.

"We have a small liquor store here in the village that is doing a fabulous job in competing with the 3A stores by offering an excellent selection and great service. And let us not forget those wonderful Friday Wine Tastings. She doesn't need more competition from Stop & Shop and Shaw's.

"If we are to keep the village stores surviving, we need to support them. That means actually shopping at them in addition to the lip service of 'It's so great to have such wonderful shops right here in the village' and then going and shopping at the big chains.

"Can you tell I am now a Village Shopkeeper?"

— David Bigley

'Put brakes on'

"If we are to offer wine in supermarkets, alcohol will become considerably more accessible to our children. The underage drinking problem in Massachusetts is already out of control. Why exacerbate the issue. Adults seem to have no trouble accessing wine through the existing channels. Let's focus on putting the brakes on existing accessibility of alcohol to minors, rather than expanding an already concerning problem."

— Pam Wilson

'Unnecessary'

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Measuring success of our school district

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DENISE WALSH

I have been asked lately to share with you how a school department evaluates or measures the success of a school district. The questions we ask ourselves first are:

- Is each child reaching full potential according to his or her ability level?
- Are support services in place to ensure that every child has access to the curriculum?
- Do teachers have the necessary resources and professional development to meet the challenges of what every child needs to know and be able to do at each grade level?
- Are assessment systems in place to monitor individual, building, and district student performance?
- Are all teachers and administrators "highly qualified"?
- Do we have sufficient staff to provide program offerings to challenge students beyond proficiency?
- Are students prepared to move beyond high school as life long learners in a global community?

It is critical that we be able to answer yes to all of the above questions if we are to raise the bar and improve student performance. It is more important than ever to support our teaching/administrative team and to provide for our students and staff an adequate, predictable budget each year, if we are to meet the district goals to:

- Challenge all students to proficiency and beyond
- Close achievement gaps where they exist
- Function as a professional learning community
- Establish partnerships with families and community

Despite these difficult fiscal times, our students are doing very well by a wide variety of quantitative measures:

- This past June, 94 percent of the graduating class for 2006 went on to further their education.
- Recently, 29 seniors — based on their MCAS scores — were awarded John and Abigail Adams scholarships. (full 4-year tuition to any Massachusetts state college or university).
- 100 percent of grade 10 students passed the English Language Arts and Math (MCAS 2006) for competency determination; 94 percent scored Advanced or Proficient.
- The Boston Globe recently ranked Cohasset's grade 10 students #10 in the state in math and #14 in English Language Arts based on latest MCAS results.
- All schools in the district (2006) met A.Y.P. (adequate yearly progress), as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).
- 22 students at Cohasset High School have earned the distinction of Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board. Of those 89 percent who took the AP examinations, scored 3 or higher.
- The mean SAT scores for 2006 are 542 Verbal, 551 Math, and 544 Writing. This is well above the state and national average.
- The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has announced that one of our seniors at Cohasset High School has been named a finalist in the 2007 Merit Scholarship Competition. Five additional seniors have been named Commended Students for 2007 by NMSC.

This is how a high performing school district measures success. We are very proud of all of our students and their outstanding academic accomplishments. We appreciate a hard-working student body, a dedicated faculty and staff and a community committed to maintaining high expectations and supporting the Cohasset Public Schools' mission to continue the "commitment to excellence."

Dr. Denise M. Walsh is Cohasset Superintendent of Schools.

Shedding light on special education

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In order to understand special education funding, one must first understand the mechanism by which students are placed in out-of-district placements.

in the chart of special education placements is public information, Cohasset is a small town. By publishing a list of out-of-district placements specific to school and number of students attending the school, it is quite possible that this information could be deemed "personally identifiable". It would be fairly easy to figure out which children are in which placements. In the past, families whose children are in out-of-district placements have been subjected to hurtful comments relative to the cost of the placement and its effect on the school budget. No family should be made to feel badly because their child, through accident of birth, has needs that require more intensive services.

That said, funding for special education *is* an issue, as noted in a letter-to-the-editor last week. Massachusetts has made some progress in assisting cities and towns with "extraordinary" costs of special education through the circuit breaker program, which the legislature has funded at approximately 75 percent for the past few years. It should also be noted that our school district does the due diligence of recouping "municipal Medicaid" funds. There is a great deal of paperwork that goes along with this, and some towns do not bother, so the district is to be commended for making that effort.

Finally, what most people are not aware of is that a high percentage of the grant funding coming into the town are state grants related to special education and federal "flow through" funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In total, these funds represent slightly over 50 percent of all the grant funding the school department receives. So while funds are expended, funds are also coming into the town for special education. In total, the town receives over half (approx. 54 percent) of the costs related to out district placements through these funding mechanisms. The state and federal government can and should do more. I join last week's letter writer in calling on our state and federal legislators to ensure adequate funding for special education. Perhaps it would make sense to have a moratorium on tax cuts until these mandated programs are adequately funded.

Maureen Jerz is a former member of the School Committee. She lives at 133 North Main St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 12

Setting record straight on SPED issue

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to F. Roy Fitzsimmons's letter in last week's Mariner. In this letter he indicates ***"for years I have asked our local State Representative to introduce legislation to cure the unfair special education costs that our cities and towns face annually"***. A check of my constituent database does not show any letter, e-mail or call from Mr. Fitzsimmons on this issue. If I am wrong, I am sure he will let me know. However, perhaps he is referring to the numerous times I have heard him speak at Town Meeting regarding a litany of issues of which I am sure education funding, or SPED, was one.

His letter mixes the issue of special education funding with the issue of total education funding commonly referred to as "Chapter 70" funding. Given that he insinuates that I have been doing nothing on this issue, I would like to take a moment to mention what I have been doing.

In 2004, I supported, and voted for, a change to the SPED formula that created a "circuit breaker" for local communities. This was passed by the Legislature and signed into law. This new law provided additional funding for communities in the following way. Once a community spends four times foundation, or approximately $32,000, on a SPED student, the state picks up approximately 75 percent of the balance of the cost. Also, we created an "extraordinary expenses" line item that can provide relief to a community that sees an increase of over 125 percent in SPED costs from one year to the next.

Next, I am a co-sponsor of a bill, familiar to most school committees, called the Acton plan (HD5041). This bill did not pass this year, but I am co-sponsoring it again in the next session. This bill would set a floor of $2000 per student in Chapter 70 aid. This bill would be a significant help to communities such as Cohasset. For example, in FY 06 Cohasset received approximately $830 in Chapter 70 aid per student from the state. Under this bill, Cohasset would see an increase of over $1.7 million in state funding. Although this did not pass, we were able to force some changes through the budget process. For the first time, in the FY 07 budget, we set a floor on state school funding of 17.5 percent of the community's foundation budget. Since Cohasset only received 11.9 percent of its foundation budget from the state last year, this resulted in an increase of $332,008 in Chapter 70 funding for Cohasset in the FY 07 budget.

Lastly, I have worked with your superintendent on a specific SPED issue that Cohasset has regarding a dispute over whether it should pay for two SPED students. This stems from a determination by the Department of Education that makes no distinction between a "legal guardian" and a "custodial" guardian. I hosted a meeting in my office with Dr Walsh and members of the Department of Education. Dr Walsh and I urged them to change this arcane regulation, but to date they have not. The Department of Education, and the regulations promulgated by it, are overseen by the Governor's office. Pressure directed toward the Governor, particularly from members of his own party, is likely the most direct route to eliminate this burden on the taxpayers of Cohasset.

If, Mr. Fitzsimons, or anyone else has a question about this or any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me. I carry my blackberry most places and can be reached on the e-mail at Rep.GarrettBradley@hou.state.ma.us or by phone at (617) 722-2396 (office) or (781) 740-3127 (home). I look forward to your input.

Garrett Bradley
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STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Adam Smith (20) gets the ball away from Abington's Peter Kyller during the second half of the Skippers' 1-0 win on Tuesday.

CHS boys topple Abington

The Cohasset High boys soccer team got back in the win column Tuesday with a 1-0 triumph over Abington. Junior Emma Oronte scored the goal in the 37th minute off a scramble in front of the Abington net.

Freshman keeper Will Wise recorded the first clean sheet of his varsity career, and had to make a great save off a Green Wave corner kick with four minutes remaining to preserve the lead. Cohasset was also buoyed by the return from injury of senior stopper Adam Smith and junior striker Sam Roth.

The Skippers hosted Carver yesterday (Oct. 12) in a rematch of a Sept. 18 game won by the Crusaders, 4-1. On Saturday, Cohasset hosts a strong Cardinal Spellman team, with kickoff scheduled for 3 p.m. Next week, Cohasset travels to Harwich (Monday) and Hull (Wednesday) before hosting Norwell on Saturday.

Skippers head coach Rob Leary says anything can happen in what has been a topsy-turvy season in the South Shore League, so long as his team can improve its finishing.

"We just need to put the ball in the net," Leary said. "We're making the plays; we're just not finishing."

- Mark Goodman

Owen Landon (22) wins this ball in the air over Abington's Kyle Greenlaw.

Hunter Sease plays a ball into the Abington third to spur a second half attack.

Skippers catch up to Carver

Late DiPaolo touchdown gives CHS win in South Shore League opener

By Alan McCall
CORRESPONDENT

CARVER – Never underestimate the value of extra points in football.

On Saturday morning, the Cohasset Skippers converted on one of their two opportunities. The Carver Crusaders missed both. And that was your ball game, folks, as visiting Cohasset held on for a 13-12 win.

After gaining only 83 yards through three-plus quarters, Cohasset (3-1-1, 1-0 South Shore League) marched 66 yards for the winning score, answering Carver's go-ahead touchdown with 5:03 remaining to play.

Quarterback Anthony DiPaolo culminated a 10-play drive with a 1-yard keeper with 1:22 left in the game to give the Skippers the 13-12 lead. DiPaolo had runs of 21 and 18 yards in the drive to set up the winning score.

But Carver (1-4, 0-2), looking for its first win over Cohasset in five years, made it an exciting finish. Brandon Holbrook returned the ensuing kick off 30 yards to the Cohasset 44-yard line. Holbrook then hauled in an 11-yard pass from Kevin Jellison to the 33-yard line.

Cohasset's defense came up big on the next play as Jake Cuneo deflected Jellison's next pass, which was intercepted by Schyuler Wakefield with 1:01 to go.

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CHS golfers take second in SSL

By Mark Goodman
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When it became apparent three weeks ago that the Cohasset High golf team would be hard-pressed to repeat as South Shore League champion, it set its sights on taking second place.

That is exactly what the Skippers have done, as Tuesday's 46.5-7.5 romp over Abington gave Cohasset a 9-3 league record, good enough for second place.

All six golfers in the lineup won their matches against the Green Wave: Kevin Barber, Zach Murray, Charlie Czerkawski, John Wade, Chase Stebbins and John Sturino. Czerkawski, a junior, was the medalist with a score of 39 and Wade finished undefeated in league play from the 4-spot in the lineup with a 10-0-2 record.

The Skippers finished their regular season with a solid 38.5-24.5 win over Quincy at Cohasset Country Club on Wednesday. The victory improved Cohasset's overall record to 11-3.

Eight players got in on the action, with Chris Mills and Owen Stevenson joining the regular six in the lineup. Murray was Cohasset's top golfer with a 1-over par 37, followed by Czerkawski (38) and Barber (40). For Czerkawski, it was his fourth straight sub-40 round.

Looking at the regular season, Wade was not the only Skipper to post an impressive individual record. Czerkawski went 12-2 (11-1 in league), and Murray (11-2-1) and Stebbins (10-2-1) were not far behind. Barber finished 7-6-1 at the top spot in the lineup, while Sturino finished 5-2.

Cohasset will next compete at the South Shore League meet on Oct. 19 at Souther's Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth. Top four golfers from all seven league teams will play the full 18 holes, and it is a stroke play tournament.

That will serve as a good warm-up for the Div. 3 South Shore sectionals, which take place Oct. 23 at Pembroke Country Club. Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney is optimistic about his team's chances at these two tournaments.

"This is, by far, the best stroke play team I've had," Sweeney said. "I'm hoping we're going to break through (at sectionals) and make the finals."

Depending on how many teams qualify for the sectional, the top three or four teams advance to the Div. 3 state finals, to be held Oct. 30 in Lynn.

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Cohasset's Kevin Barber eyes a putt during a Sept. 12 match against Norwell. The Skippers golf team clinched second place in the South Shore League with a win Tuesday over Abington.

Lady Skippers holding steady

Rebound from EB loss with tie at Abington

The Cohasset High girls soccer team recovered from a rather inauspicious start to earn a big 1-1 tie at Abington Tuesday afternoon.

The point earned gives the Skippers a 7-3-1 record for the season heading into yesterday's (Oct. 12) match at Carver.

Cohasset took a 5-3-1 South Shore League record into that game, and a positive result against Carver would give the Skippers a chance at a top-two finish in the SSL.

After a 2-1 loss at East Bridgewater on Friday, the girls had the weekend off and had a light practice on Monday to get ready for the Abington match. The girls got a quick wake-up call Tuesday, however, when Abington scored just 40 seconds into the match.

Skippers head coach Deb Beal said her team essentially started over after that goal, and began to play its kind of soccer.

"Someone lit a fire under our feet (after the Abington goal) and we went with it," said Beal. "The passing, the communicating and the play were top-notch."

Defensively, Sammie Lehr, Anna Haggerty, Colleen Richardson and Sarah Coggins continued their strong play of late, and both Haley Haracz and Alyssa Hinman have played well off the bench. At sweeper, Lehr played a great game against the Green Wave, and with Haggerty nursing a sore ankle, Hinman has stepped back from her usual outside midfield spot to play some good minutes at fullback.

The Skippers equalized eight minutes into the second half when Christine Coner scored off a pass from Torey Hart. Coner, a freshman, has been splitting time between JV and varsity and has shown a good attacking sense for the game.

Cohasset had a last-second chance to pull out the win when Lehr booted an Abington clear attempt right to the feet of teammate Meg Anderson in the Abington penalty area. Anderson did well to beat her mark and get

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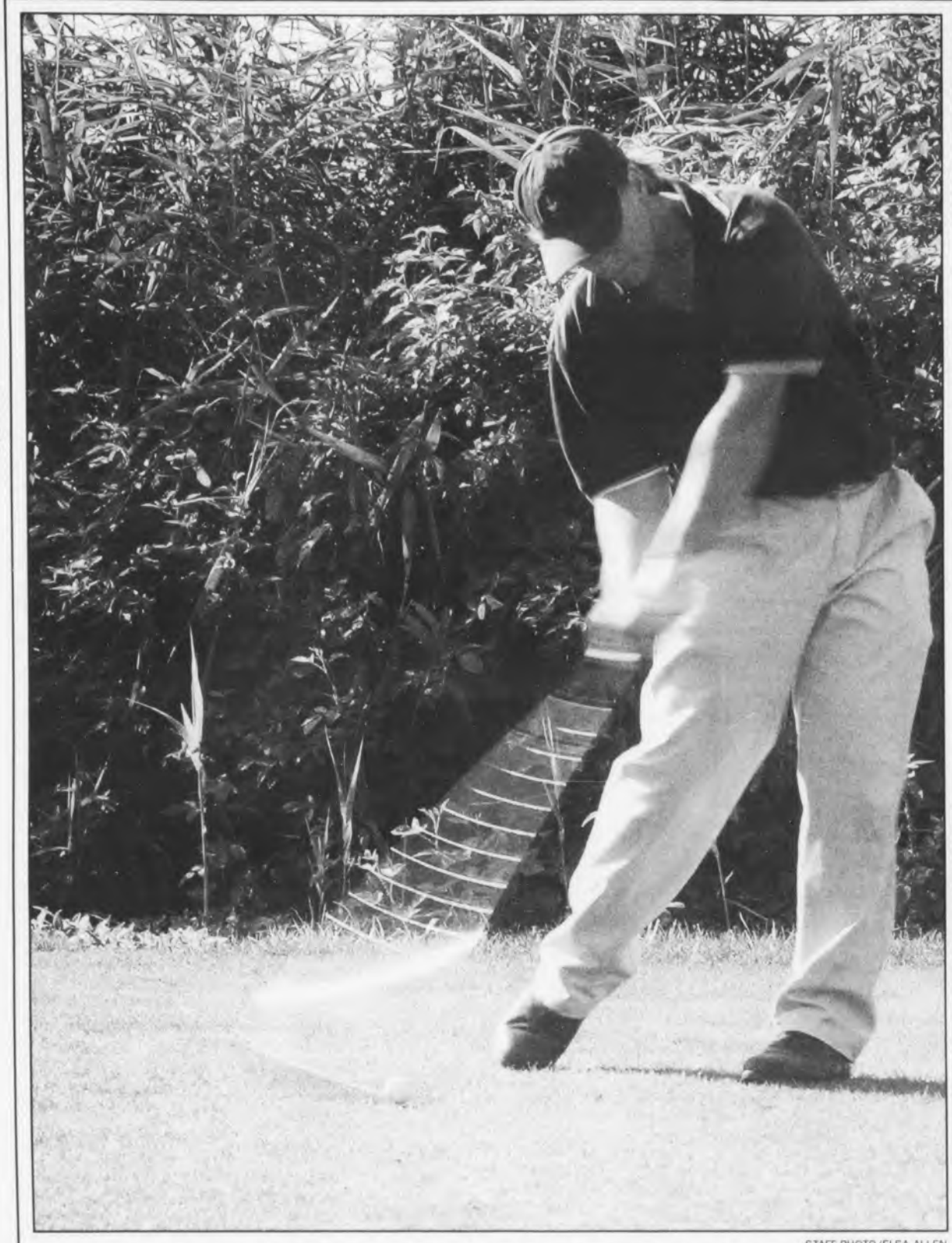

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Skippers junior Charlie Czerkawski tees off during a match against Norwell earlier this season. Czerkawski, who went 12-2 in match play this season, and his CHS teammates will compete in Thursday's South Shore League meet at Souther's Marsh in Plymouth.

Lady Skippers holding steady

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off a quality shot, only to see it go just wide. With that, the whistle blew and Cohasset had picked up a point on the road against a good team.

Beal said she was pleased with how the team played and the attitude that the girls took to the game.

"It seemed as though when we played Abington and Norwell in the past, there was always some tension in the air or some sense that we have to work extra hard," said the coach. "On Tuesday, it was fun, it was exciting and it was great soccer."

The Green Wave created some nice opportunities of their own, but, as she has done all year, keeper Johanna Brophy was up to the task. Beal marveled at one particular play when Brophy came off her line to snatch the ball of the feet of an Abington player who was in on a one-on-one.

Brophy got the ball, and the Green Wave player found herself on the ground.

In the midfield, Beal says Maggie McGoldrick, Lara Novak, Caren Garber, Kristin Monaco, Mackenzie Hart, Jamie Genovese and Emily Coggins have been working hard at practice to use the width of the field to Cohasset's advantage and create more scoring opportunities.

Joining that group lately has been Kara Wilcox. Usually a forward, Wilcox has filled in at times for Emily Coggins and has been a tireless worker at the outside midfield position.

The forward line of Torey Hart, Anderson, Coner and Karoline Holt have been working hard to improve its finishing. Hart began the week in EMass' top-10 in scoring with 21 points (11 goals, 10 assists). That total put Hart one point ahead of Carver's Tina Gillen for the league lead.

McGoldrick is second on the team with 12 points.

Beal says keeper Shalea Daly has been training with Brophy, and "both are striving to become more vocal leaders on the field. They have the best view and what they see needs to be broadcasted."

Next week, Cohasset returns home (finally) on Monday against Harwich to kick off a six-game homestand to end the season. The girls host Hull on Wednesday before a Saturday showdown with Norwell.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Freshman Christine Coner scored the Skippers' goal in Tuesday's 1-1 draw at Abington.

Send us your sports news

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South Shore Anchors rugby

The South Shore Anchors is a division 2 men's club rugby team that's currently seeking athletes. No experience is necessary. Training is twice weekly in Marshfield and home games are played in Bourne and Falmouth. Go to www.ssrugby.com for details or call Dave at (617) 828-6172.

NESHL ice hockey

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Late DiPaolo touchdown gives CHS win in opener

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Cohasset seemingly sealed the deal when Brian Hill dashed 32 yards down the sideline deep into Carver territory, but he fumbled as he was tackled and Carver still had a pulse when Holbrook recovered the ball.

Cohasset finally put the game in the win column as Fletcher Smalzel picked off a fourth down pass to end the game.

"We played a great game on defense, and the defense has been our strength all season," said Carver head coach Mike Fraccalossi. "We made a few huge mistakes at critical times that hurt us today."

For the Skippers, winning a game in the fourth quarter is nothing new.

"We have had late game drives to win games twice already this season, so the kids were confident that they could go down and score again," said Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw. "They (Carver) did a good job of taking away some of the things we wanted to do on offense, but we were able to adjust and execute. They are an aggressive team and we expected that we would have to play well to beat them."

The first half belonged to the defenses, as each offense was held under 100 yards over the first two quarters. The Skippers finally broke through by capitalizing on a turnover as an errant pitch in the Carver backfield resulted in a fumble that was recovered by Wakefield at the Cohasset 47-yard line.

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Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw

The Skippers later faced a fourth-and-7 at the 29-yard line and converted on a DiPaolo to Hill screen pass for 16 yards which gave the Skippers a first down at the Carver 13. Cohasset converted another fourth down moments later on a perfectly executed option pitch from DiPaolo to Hill, who beat the Carver defense by one step to the pylon for a 2-yard scoring run with four seconds left in the half.

Pat Doonan kicked what would be the crucial extra point for a 7-0 Cohasset lead.

Carver opened the second half with an impressive drive to the Cohasset 25-yard line, but stalled there on a failed fourth-and-5 passing attempt.

But the defense held and took advantage of a Cohasset miscue as a bad snap that rolled to the 18-yard line, setting up Carver's first score, a 17-yard touchdown pass from Jellison to Marcus Grant on the last play of the third quarter. Carver went for the two-point conversion and the lead, but misfired on an incomplete pass.

The Crusaders took the lead on their next possession, marching 55 yard on eight plays. An inside reverse by Holbrook picked up 24 yards, followed by a 13-yard pass from Jellison to Holbrook just short of the goal line. Wilson Wadlow barreled over for a 1-yard score, but once again the conversion pass failed leaving Carver with a 12-7 lead.

The Skippers now travel to Mashpee tonight (Oct. 13) for a 5:30 kickoff. The Falcons won their league opener in Norwell last weekend, 7-0, and are 4-1 overall.

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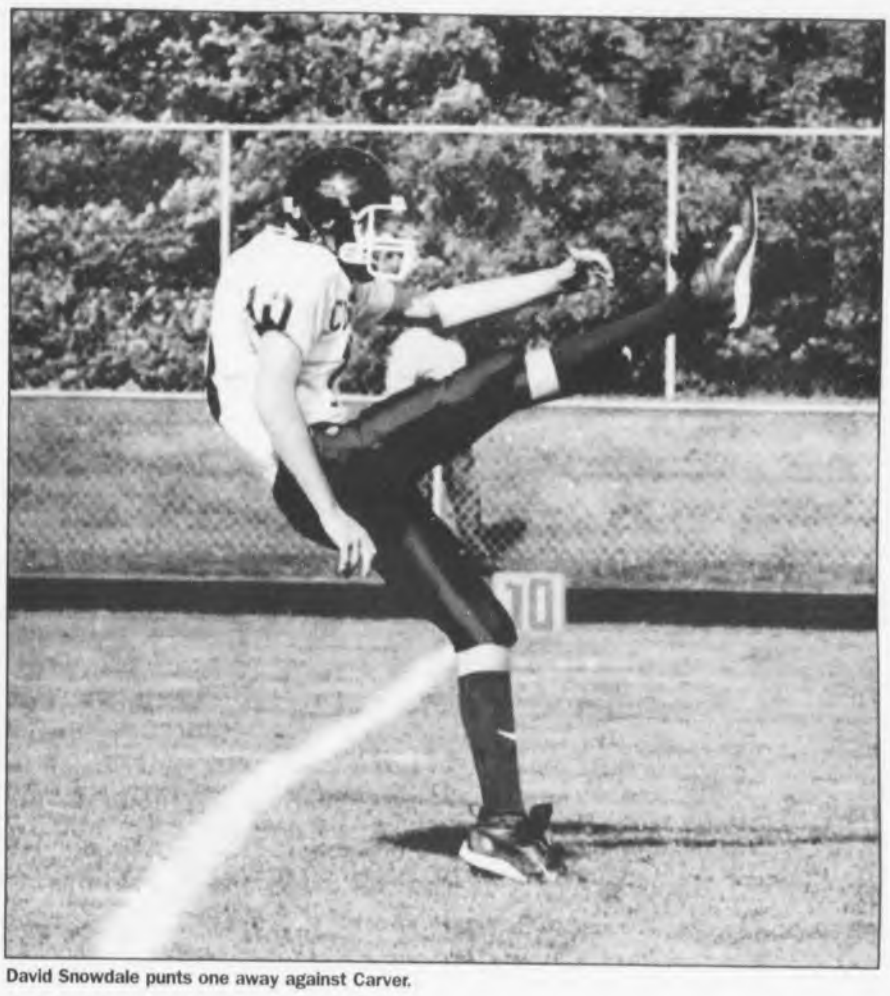
Skippers quarterback Anthony DiPaolo fires a pass during Saturday's game against Carver, with Justin Alexander (80, arm outstretched) as his target.



David Snowdale punts one away against Carver.

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Cohasset's Brian Hill escapes the tackle of Scituate's John Canavan in the fourth quarter of the Scituate game.

Sports Notes

Basketball clinics

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club would like to announce that there is open gym at the Deer Hill School for pre-season basketball clinics, starting Monday, Oct. 16.

The times are as follows: Monday and Wednesdays, girls fifth and sixth grade from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; girls seventh and eighth grade from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for fifth grade boys; seventh grade boys from 7 to 8:30. On Thursdays, sixth grade boys from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and eighth grade boys from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Contact ellenmaher63@comcast.net with any questions.

CBBC Basketball Coaches needed

Anyone interested in coaching girls and boys travel basketball teams, grades 5-8, for the upcoming season should contact Joe Campbell for boys programs at 383-0655, or via email, campcoh@comcast.net. For girls programs you should contact Chris Haggerty at 383-9930.

The season begins in late October and ends in mid-March. You will be asked to forward a letter of interest to the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and to provide information for a CORI check.

Coaching selections will be made before tryouts begin on Oct. 30. Assistant coaches and scorekeepers will be recruited after the teams are selected.

Instructional and Learn To Skate

Instructional Hockey for Coastal Stars Youth Hockey program is now open for online registration. The fee for the season is $500, which includes practice ice, skills session and weekend games. Full equipment is required. Skating skills are required.

If you have any questions, please visit the website. The season begins Oct. 2 with Skills at Hobomock Arena, 5 p.m.

Coastal Stars Learn to Skate begins Saturday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at Hobomock Arena. Helmets, gloves, and neck guards required. Please visit the website for further information and online registration.

Mike Stacy Memorial

The Cape Cod Landscape Association will hold the 16th annual Mike Stacy Memorial golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 21, at Hyannis Golf Club on Orrs Avenue, Hyannis. The $120 entry fee covers greens fee, cart and dinner following the tournament. The tournament will be played in a scramble format with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Contact Diane Johnson at (877) 432-3156, P.O. Box 1327, Sagamore Beach, MA 02562 for details, or e-mail ccla1999@comcast.net.

Fall Wiffle Ball League

Extra Innings will be hosting a fall Wiffle Ball League starting Friday, Nov. 3. It will run every Friday night, through Dec. 22.

Age groups will be broken down as follows: ages 6 through 8 will play at 4 p.m., ages 9 and 10 at 5:45 p.m., and ages 11and 12 at 7:30 p.m. There will be playoffs and championships for each age level, as well as trophies.

You may sign up as a team of five or as an individual. All individuals will be placed on an Extra Innings Team. The league is limited to 12 teams per age group. To register, go to www.extrainnings-wbridgewater.com or call (508) 580-3113.

Head of the Charles Regatta

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22, more than 7,500 men and women will travel from around the globe to test their rowing abilities in Boston, on three miles of the Charles River, at the 42nd annual Head of the Charles Regatta. Races will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 21, and 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m Oct. 22.

Admission is free. Spectators can enjoy food and beverages at the popular Reunion Village, while listening to the annual "Row-a-Palooza" live-music festival. Reunion Village admission is $1 per day, which benefits the regatta's official charities. The regatta includes 52 different men's and women's races, divided into various age groups and skill levels. Races start at Boston University's DeWolfe Boathouse in Cambridge and finish at Artesani Park in Allston.

Seadogs/ AAU baseball

Seadogs/AAU travel team baseball program's 2007 season will field seven teams: 10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts to be held throughout this fall.

The 2006 Seadogs produced a program-record eight All-Americans and the 11-and-under team captured a bronze medal at the AAU National Championships.

Seadogs clinic/tryouts:

13U: Oct. 28, 8 a.m. at SSBC

14U: Oct. 28, 11 a.m. at SSBC

15U & 16U: Oct. 28, 2 p.m. at SSBC

10U: Oct. 29, 8 a.m. at SSBC, Hingham

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships, which are held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball programs.

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year-round, full-service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), age 5 and older, in Hingham. For information about SSBC or the Seadogs, call (781) 749-6466 or visit the Web site www.ssbc.com.

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Foliage walk Saturday in Scituate

Scituate's Maxwell Conservation Trust will hold its annual Fall Foliage Family Walk on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. Meet at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate for a guided hike through the beautiful Litchfield property and Carl Pipes Memorial Trail. The suggested donation is $3 per person or $5 per family group. Bagels and donuts will be served.

This is a marvelous opportunity for adults and children to become familiar with the largest undeveloped forest that remains in Scituate — and autumn is the best time of year to enjoy the beauty of these woods. There will be two guided walks — one shorter and less challenging; the other longer and more rugged. For more information, contact Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167.

Pancake breakfast supports CHS soccer

The Cohasset Soccer Booster Club is hosting its 31st Annual Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, Oct 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Deer Hill School. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the boys and girls high school soccer teams.

Purchase of a ticket includes a great breakfast and a raffle for Red Sox/Yankees tickets or a weekend at the luxurious Custom House Tower. A silent auction will also be held at breakfast.

Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast have been used for uniforms, coaching and scholarships. To date more than $50,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Cohasset students.

For tickets call 781-383-1341. Tickets are $5 per person or $20 for a family and can be delivered to your home or held at the door.

Join the Girl Scouts

Any girls interested in joining Girl Scouts, who are in grades kindergarten through high school, can call Amy Brash at 781-923-1099 or email amybrash@putnam.com for more information.

Adults are also needed to become troop leaders. Anyone interested should contact Brash.

Gulf Assoc. meeting features cyclists

Jim Spelman, past president of the Gulf Association, and his daughter, Kate, will recount their adventures bicycling coast-to-coast at the annual meeting of the Gulf Association. The meeting will take place Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Lightkeepers on Cohasset Harbor, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The trip began as a challenge from Kate to her father to accompany her on the trip to benefit the Jimmy Fund. A graduate of Noble & Greenough School, she is now a first-year student at Wellesley College. Age difference notwithstanding, the two covered the country at an average of 61 miles per day, the longest covering 104 miles.

Roadside scenes recorded in photos will accompany the presentation.

Attendance at the meeting is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Spring bulbs

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is currently taking orders for a selection of spring flowering bulbs that will fill gardens with color from April to June. The assortment includes a violet-rose peony, flowering tulip, double narcissi with huge creamy yellow flowers, parrot tulips, deer- and rodent-resistant alliums, as well as petite muscari and scilla. Bulbs ordered now will become available at the end of September, and each order will be accompanied with directions for planting. Dutch organic bulb food is also available and recommended to enhance a garden's performance.

To order now for the best selection, call 781-383-0838. All purchases help fund club programs and community services.

Hingham Cemetery walking tour scheduled

A fall walking tour of Hingham Cemetery will take place Saturday, Oct. 21. Those interested should meet at Hingham Bell Tower, next to Old Ship Church, at 1 p.m.

Cemetery director Lucinda Day will lead the tour, which will include the history of the cemetery dating from 1672, cemetery monuments and notable burials, as well as social commentary. The cemetery's 150-year-old arboretum consists of several hundred specimen trees, both native and exotic, and the many sugar maples should be at peak color.

The tour will last about one and a half hours, and is open to the public. A $5 donation is requested, with no charge to those younger than 12. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 22.

For more information, call 781-749-4868.

Mackerel fishing

The Cohasset Historical Society is offering offer a fall lecture series.

The Oct. 18, program is "Mackerel Fishing on the South Shore: A Retrospective." Rob Thompson, a longtime South Shore resident and lifelong fisherman, takes a look at mackerel fishing from colonial times to the present; the ships, the people involved and their impact on the history of Cohasset as well as the rest of the South Shore.

"Grandma's Attic" on Nov. 21, the Historical Society plans to have an interactive evening of sharing and telling a little about items from a bygone era. Categories might include tools, kitchen items, articles of clothing, or furniture, anything no longer considered modern, used on a regular basis, or that has undergone radical improvement.

All Wednesday evening programs will be held at the Pratt Building, 106 S. Main St., beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for these programs and light refreshment will be served.

Other events planned for the fall season include the Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner on Oct. 22, at The Cohasset Harbor Resort from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the annual Wassail Party on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Pratt Building from 2 to 4 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

'Guys and Dolls' cast is announced

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

After a much needed rest, CHS is a little bit brighter. Collectively, the proverbial weight was lifted off our shoulders last Thursday, and we couldn't be happier. Strike that. Having to go back to school Tuesday was a bummer, but beggars can't be choosers. Two four-day weeks in a row isn't too shabby.

Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" is out in theaters if you're looking for something to do this weekend go see it. Let's depart from this intro and get down to business. Here is this week's news from the school.

Congratulations to the recently announced cast members of "Guys and Dolls!"

In order of appearance:

Nicely-Nicely Johnson- Ian Porter

Rusty Charlie- Myles Collins-Wooley

Benny Southstreet- Kyle Dattola-Harris

Sarah Brown- Sally Meehan

Arvide Abernathy- Ryan Barrow

Harry the Horse- John McCarthy

Lt. Brannigan- Chris Rose

Nathan Detroit- Tim Toomey

Miss Adelaide- Sinclair Dean

Sky Masterson- Charles Miller

General Matilda B. Cartwright- Caitlin Hurley

Big Jule- Tyler Kelly

Master of Ceremonies- Andrew DeVitre

• Debate team met Wednesday after school.

• The Basketball Boosters met Wednesday night.

• A College Mini-Fair was held Thursday during school.

• The PSO President's Council met Thursday morning.

• Department Heads met Thursday after school.

• Today was Picture Retake day.

• Grade 7 went on a field trip to Blue Hills today.

There are some crows milling about on the lights to Alumni Field. Is it an omen, or just some birds? Either way this week flew by. Another weekend is here, so let's leave the interpretation of airborne symbols to the superstitious, or somebody who actually cares. Don't read too deeply into this one, I've got a feeling everything is going to be fine.

GOOD CATCH

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kerry McCabe, 13, shows how to catch the football on her way to a touchdown while playing a pickup game with her classmates after school on a recent Wednesday.

Video on stuttering available

Kids who stutter have a lot to say, and friends can show them how in a "Stuttering: For Kids By Kids," a new DVD starring real kids who stutter now available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Many children who stutter have never met anyone else who struggles with the same disability. But in this new video from the Stuttering Foundation, they meet other kids who recount how they handle challenges such as teasing, speaking out in class, and teaching others about stuttering.

Swish a lively and engaging animated basketball character that was designed by students from the Computer Graphics Technology Department of Purdue University, narrates the video.

The video and DVD are available free of any charges to all public libraries. For information, call the Stuttering Foundation toll-free at 800-992-9392, visit www.stutteringhelp.org or write info@stutteringhelp.org

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, OCT. 16
Cheeseburger on a roll or tuna sub, vegetable and oven fries, fruit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17
French toast sticks, sausage or ham sandwich, baked potato tots, carrot sticks, pears.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or turkey and cheese sandwich, vegetable, applesauce.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19
Bagel with chicken vegetable noodle soup or ham and cheese sandwich, garden salad, peaches.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20
French bread pizza or seafood salad sub, veggie sticks, pineapple.

MONDAY, OCT. 23
Meatball sub or turkey sandwich, mixed vegetables, oven fries, pears.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24
Sloppy Joe on a bun or bologna sandwich, baked potato tots, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, sweet peas, mashed potato, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26
American chop suey, dinner roll or ham and cheese sub, carrots, applesauce.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or tuna sandwich, garden salad, peaches.

MONDAY, OCT. 30
Chicken patty on a roll or turkey and cheese sub, vegetable and oven fries, fruit.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, cheese, tomato or tuna sub, vegetable and rice, pineapple.

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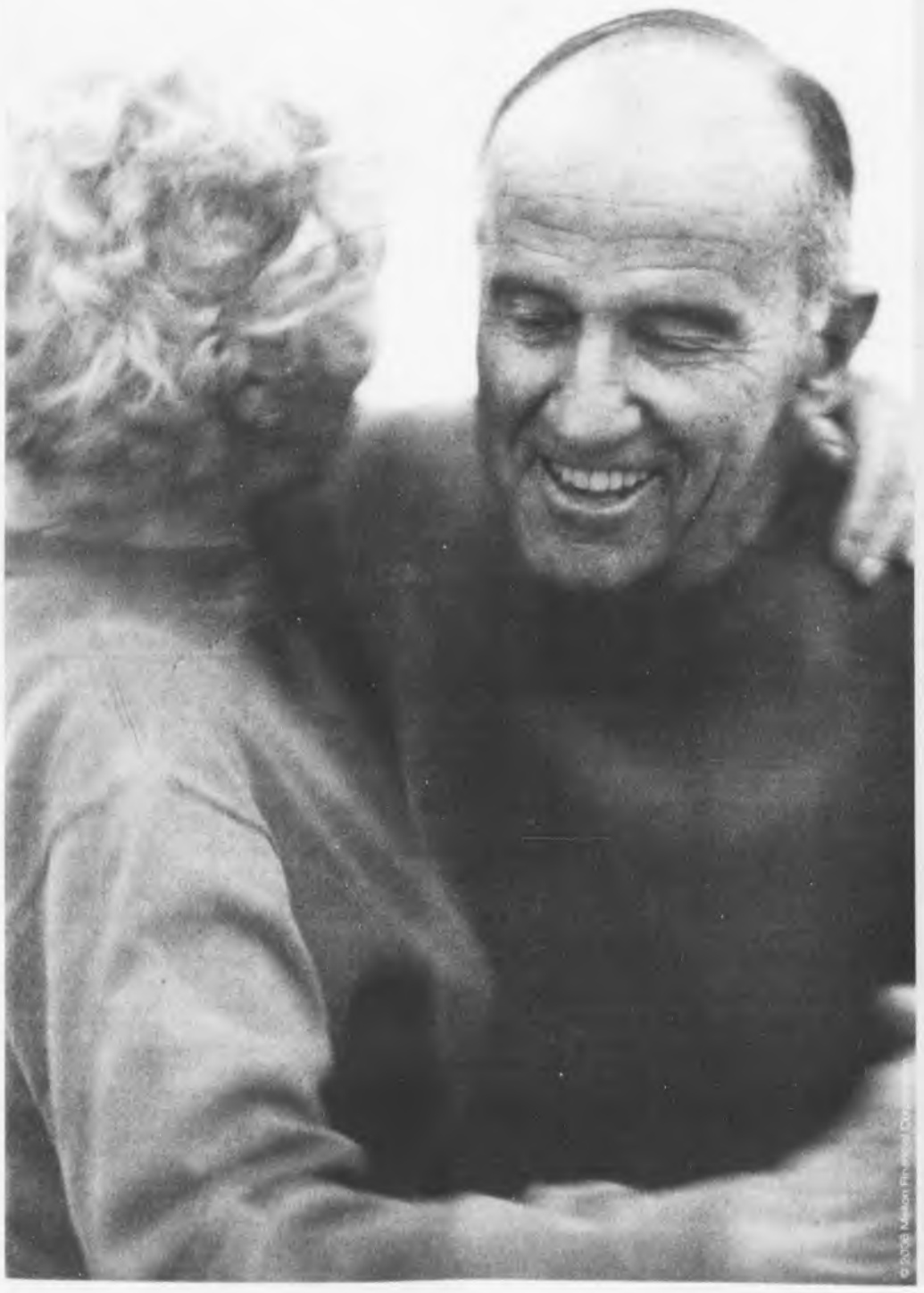

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It's Happening

Pumpkin Patch is open daily

The pumpkins have arrived, turning Wheelwright Park off N. Main Street into a Pumpkin Patch once again. Pumpkins will be available for purchase from now until Halloween, every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Pumpkin Patch is located at Wheelwright Park on No. Main St. in Cohasset, and pumpkin sales will benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

Every year, residents who participate in ASP travel to areas of Appalachia to make badly needed home repairs to families in need. The Pumpkin Patch is one of ASP's largest fund-raisers for the trip.

British organist at St. Stephen's

As part of its Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist Philip Scriven of Lichfield Cathedral, England in recital on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Receiving his early training as a chorister at Westminster Abbey, Philip Scriven is now organist and director of music at Litchfield Cathedral. He founded the Vienna Orpheus Choir and Orchestra and is well known as a conductor of opera. Scriven has toured Europe, Canada, and the United States, and in 1995, won the Royal College of Organists Performer of the Year competition.

The program will include Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D Major," Duruflé's "Suite for Organ," and "Rubrics" by Dan Locklair. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Weir River Farm

The Weir River Farm Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, from noon to 3pm. Festival goers will have an opportunity to reap and share the joy of harvest on the Farm and meet its family of barnyard animals. Activities will include field games, pony rides, pumpkins, children's crafts, and music. Cost is $5, $3, members. Visit www.thetrustees.org or call 781-740-4796 for more information.

Historical society

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Harbor Inn, 124 Elm St.

The event features Michael Tougis, author of "Ten Hours Till Dawn." He will present a slide and lecture presentation of heroism and tragedy aboard the 'Can Do' during the blizzard of '78.

The menu includes a buffet dinner consisting of a cheese and fruit platter with crackers, assorted rolls and butter, a mixed green salad, herb roasted chicken with garlic herb jus, penne pasta with plum tomato sauce and cheese, seasonal fresh vegetables, apple crisp with vanilla ice cream, tea/coffee and a cash bar.

Tickets are $31 for members; $36 for non-members. Checks can be made payable to Cohasset Historical Society, P.O. Box 627,Cohasset, MA 02025.

For more information call 781-383-1434. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 13.

Body Stop, Sylvia's raise funds for Shelter

Mark your calendars and make your reservations soon for a spectacular Sunday in Scituate Harbor that will benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15, The Body Stop and Sylvia's By the Sea, both at 131 Front St., are joining forces to raise funds for the shelter.

The Body Stop will donate 100 percent of all proceeds from serviced including manicures, pedicures, waxing and tanning. Those planning to attend are advised to call 781-545-0303 for a reservation because the event is expected to sell out. There will be snacks and beverages of all who attend.

Sylvia's will donate 10 percent of all sales that day and will also raffle off a 1961 Blue Nose Model Sailboat valued at $295. Tickets are currently available for $5 each or three for $10. The model sailboat is on display at Sylvia's and the drawing will be Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6060. There will be free gifts, special sale items and other surprises at Sylvia's that day too.

Business Notes

Sturino named COO

Otello Sturino

Otello Sturino of Cohasset recently assumed the role of chief operating officer with responsibility for State Street Global Advisors investment operations, information technology, finance, compliance, and human resources. He also retains responsibility for the group's business in Canada, which he has managed since his arrival at SSgA in 2004. State Street Global Advisors is the investment management arm of State Street Corporation

Sturino joined State Street in 1990 as head of operations and client services for the company's investor services business in Toronto. He has held positions in both London and in Boston, working in a variety of senior management capacities, including leadership roles in the Global Markets division, cash optimization and relationship management. He joined State Street Global Advisors in 2004 as chief administrative officer and head of its Canadian businesses.

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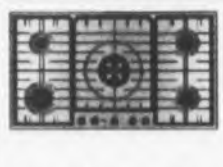
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DESTINATIONS

Warming up to Iceland

By TANIA MEJER
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JUST OUTSIDE REYKJAVIK, Iceland -- I hopped out of a Ford Expedition, surrounded by a desolate-looking landscape -- moss-covered volcanic rock, rough-looking roads, no trees.

It was quiet, save for the low, loud whirring generated by an enormous, alien-looking steel tube that produced endless amounts of billowing steam.

I had to pinch my arm to remind myself I was standing in front of a geothermal power plant in Iceland, not on a Hollywood set for an upcoming sci-fi film and not in Tolkien's Middle Earth (his "Lord of the Rings" books were inspired by Icelandic sagas).

During the "Super Jeep" tour (www.activity.is), my guide and driver pointed out the above-ground pipes that carry naturally hot water to homes for heating and bathing. It's weird to realize no one here has hot water heaters in their basements. Geothermal activity is the heat source, also used for electricity alongside hydroelectric power.

The driver took our group up a bumpy 45-degree incline (everyone was relieved when we made it to the top without rolling down the hill), through small rivers, over a black sand beach, and all around deforested landscapes.

The fog and cold rain kept us from spending much time outside, although the experience was well worth getting wet.

You have to be hearty to visit here. Even in the summer the rain can be cold and miserable. And global warming is also taking a toll -- our driver said that last winter the skiing areas had so little snow that they were barely were able to open for even a few days. The unpredictable and sometimes harsh climate, paired with times when the sun never comes out in winter or is constantly out in summer, makes you curious about why and how people came to live here.

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Iceland horses

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Reykjavik's Hallgrimskirkja Church

For a historical look at the Viking Settlement, approximately 870-930 A.D., I checked out the Settlement Exhibition (www.arbaejarsafn.is) in downtown Reykjavik. While I didn't figure out why anyone back then would choose to live in a place where it was so difficult to survive, I did get to see the archaeological ruins of a Viking house, surrounded by an interactive, multimedia exhibit that showed what life was like during the settlement times.

After the settlement, there were enough people living in Iceland that the first form of parliament, the Althing, was created.

This general assembly met every year from 930 until 1798 at Thingvellir (www.thingvellir.is), a gorgeous historical site where Icelanders once came and camped out for the duration of the event.

While the pretense may have been for governmental affairs, the Althing was also the hottest singles event of the times. People came not only to resolve disputes but also to contract marriages. After all, it is only recently that Iceland has transitioned from a mostly rural population to one where nearly two-thirds of the people reside around Reykjavik.

When you're in Iceland, you know you're not in Kansas anymore -- or Boston for that matter.

The capital city today looks appropriately modern, if small by American standards. Along the easy-to-navigate streets you'll find plenty of colorful one- and two-story concrete buildings as well as buildings with corrugated iron facades and roofs. Street art and street performers help create a lively atmosphere.

The gothic-looking church Hallgrimskirkja (www.hallgrimskirkja.is) is to Reykjavik what the Pru is to Boston. The 240-foot high church towers over the city, and from the top (you have to pay to go up) you can look down on all of the city. With its old-form architecture, it is surprising to learn this church only opened 10 years ago -- after 40 years of construction.

After the sightseeing, I indulged in a little shopping. If the fashion here is a little too weird for me, the music is more up my alley. I checked out the two indie record labels/stores -- Smekkleysa Plotubud (www.smekkleysa.net), aka Bad Taste of Bjork fame, and 12 Tonar (www.12tonar.is). At 12 Tonar there's plenty of staff recommendations to help you get started and a cozy listening room where the staff will serve you complimentary shots of espresso.

A must-do is a trip from the capital to the Blue Lagoon (www.bluelagoon.com), only about an hour outside the city. The original Blue Lagoon was formed by the hot water runoff from a geothermal power plant. People started bathing in the milky blue waters there, but the Lagoon was later closed and relocated, and changing rooms, a restaurant and a gift shop were added. Despite the fact it's now a major attraction, this is an ideal place to spend a few relaxing hours in the steamy blue water -- the mud is used as a facial mask. Locals may prefer other geothermal pools (there are many), but visitors who come to the Blue Lagoon will not be disappointed.

On another afternoon, I set off on a boat in search of puffins. The waterfront in Reykjavik, where whale-watching and puffin tours depart, was conveniently down the street from my accommodations at the Radisson SAS 1919 Hotel (rates from about $193; 800-333-3333; www.1919.reykjavik.radissonsas.com). The hotel is a modern, downtown property with comfortable rooms featuring minimalist Swedish decor -- the glossy-white sculptures of life-sized human bodies adorning the lobby walls made me feel like I was in a funky artist's loft.

Like everything in Reykjavik, the 90-minute puffin trip was pricey (about $33 per person), but it was cool to see thousands of the cute little birds covering the coast of a small island. It's weird to learn that puffin, or lundi as it's known here, appears on the menus of some local restaurants.

But that's not the strangest local dish. Living on an island with limited resources, Icelanders historically have made sure nothing goes to waste. That means svid (sheep's head), slatur (sheep's leftovers tied and cooked in a sheep stomach), sursadir hrutspungar (pickled rams' testicles), and hakarl (putrified shark meat that smells like ammonia and tastes slightly less bad) are part of the culinary culture. There's plenty of fish and lobster too, though to New England natives the tiny lobsters look more like large shrimp (rest assured, they taste like lobster).

I steered clear of the weirder local delicacies but did try hverabraud (a sweet and tasty rye bread baked in underground ovens using geothermal heat) and skyr (a delicious treat that's like yogurt, but sweeter).

If that still sounds strange, keep in mind this is the country that produced Bjork. When you're in Iceland, you know you're not in Kansas anymore -- or Boston for that matter.

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Rachel Kadish signs her book, "Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story," during a "Coffee With the Authors" at Atlantica on Oct. 10. Kadish, along with Elisabeth Brink, center, and Suzanne Berne, right, met with South Shore residents to talk about their books, thanks to Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.

Suzanne Berne talks about the journey, which led her to become an author, and the inspiration behind some of her work during "Coffee With the Authors," at Atlantica Oct. 10. Berne is a Newton resident and won Great Britain's Orange Prize for her first book, "A Crime in the Neighborhood."

Coffee and conversation

Authors share their inspiration

Gerry Quigley of Randolph had her copy of "The Ghost at the Table" autographed by author Suzanne Berne, during "Coffee with the Authors" sponsored by Buttonwood Books at Atlantica Oct. 10. Berne was one of three authors featured during the semi-annual event.

Elisabeth Brink holds her book, "Save Your Own," while discussing the inspiration behind the book during Buttonwood Books' "Coffee With the Authors," Oct. 10 at Atlantica. Brink's book tells the story of a geeky grad student attending the Harvard School of Divinity.

Barbara Nicosia reads along with author Rachel Kadish, who presented the first two pages of her novel, "Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story," during "Coffee With the Authors," at Atlantica Oct. 10. Nicosia and Catherine Davis, left, both work at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset, which sponsored the event.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: William Baird.

Sunday, Oct. 15 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "The Privilege of Hope" – Rev. John E. Hickey, Senior Minister and Executive Director, Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, will be the guest minister. One of the oldest social service agencies in the country, the Urban Ministry has a long tradition of working with the underserved communities in Boston and providing a means for Unitarian Universalists to put into practice our commitment to social justice.

Toddlers, children, and youth will meet for religious education classes at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Childcare is provided for the youngest.

Coffee hour will follow the service and religious education classes, along with an opportunity to join Rev. John Hickey for discussion and to learn about the Action for Justice Project of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry. The Outreach Committee sponsors this gathering.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together!

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.first-parishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. .

This week's events from Oct. 15-22 include:

Sunday Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Youth Worship; 10 a.m. Guest preacher, Rev. Marshall Hunt

Monday Oct. 16: 7:30 Vestry meeting; 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Tues Oct. 17: 9:30 a.m. Social Service League meeting; 7 p.m. Parenting Teens; 7:30 p.m. Book Group; 7 p.m. Profile Meeting;

Wed. Oct 18: 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Esther"

Frid. Oct. 20: 9:30 a.m. Yoga

Sat. Oct. 21: 7 am Bible Fellowship

Sun. Oct. 22: Regular Services at 8 and 10; 7 p.m. Appalachia Service Project meeting

Readings for Oct. 22 services include a reading of the poem of the "suffering servant" from Isaiah; the Epistle reading comes from Hebrews and reminds us that God's word is living in the world and more powerful than the sharpest sword; and the Gospel reading is from Mark in which Jesus reflects that discipleship in the world means something very different when one chooses to follow Jesus.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m; and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome!

Bible lesson: Sunday Oct. 15 is "Doctrine of Atonement." Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

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SESSION 1

11:30AM - 4:30PM

including a lunch buffet

SUSAN ORLEAN - *The Orchid Thief*

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WILLIAM MARTIN - *Harvard Yard*

Martin crafts a massive New England mystery that ranges from the Pilgrims to the Boston Tea Party to the Civil War and beyond.

ANDRE DUBUS III - *House of Sand and Fog*

Dubus, Massachusetts' own suspense master, spins a literary thriller that combines vibrant contemporary characters with a chilling dose of film noir.

SESSION 2

5:30PM - 10:30PM

including a light dinner buffet

DENNIS LEHANE - *Coronado*

Traditional myths about class, gender, freedom and violence are explored in this remarkable assortment of stories by the *Mystic River* author.

JOYCE MAYNARD - *Internal Combustion*

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Worship Notes

How teens can make a difference

First Parish Unitarian Universalist is hosting a workshop this Sunday, Oct. 15, from 3 to 7:30 p.m., at the Parish House, 23 North Main St., for district-wide youth on the related topics of human rights and work camp opportunities offered through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Youth are invited from throughout the Unitarian Universalist Association's Ballou Channing District, which spans southeastern Massachusetts, the Cape and the Islands.

Nguyen Weeks, Associate for Youth Outreach, of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), will discuss the UUSC's work in economic and environmental justice, civil liberties, and human rights in humanitarian crises. She will address what teens can do to advance human dignity and justice. "As the focus of our work," says Nguyen, "human rights creates many bridge-building opportunities to harness gifts, talents, and insight that youth bring to the table to move the world towards justice. No movement is as effective as one with youth presence and participation."

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Ms. Weeks will hone in on the JustWorks camps of the Service Committee. Over the past 10 years, JustWorks camps have provided hands-on learning and advocacy opportunities for more than 2,000 people across the county and overseas on issues of racial, social, and economic justice. Participants work directly with residents of the communities they serve. JustWorks is a key element of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's mission to advance justice and protect human rights in this country and globally.

Founded in 1941, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is a nonsectarian organization that promotes human rights and social justice worldwide. With over 40,000 members and supporters, the UUSC maintains partnerships in the United States, South and Southeast Asia, Central Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Its programs are grounded in Unitarian Universalist principles that affirm the worth, dignity, and human rights of every person. For more information, visit www.uusc.org.

For this Sunday's workshop, participants are asked to bring food to share for a potluck dinner. A suggested contribution of $5 per person will go directly to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The workshop will conclude with youth worship. To learn more, contact Nan Moore, Director of Religious Education, First Parish Unitarian Universalist, at 781-383-1100.

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World peace subject of interfaith conference

"Contemplative Prayer and Meditation as an Interfaith Grounding for World Peace" is the title of an upcoming interfaith conference to be held at Regis College in Weston on Sat. Oct. 28th from 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.. The keynote speaker will be Fr. Thomas Keating, a Trappist monk, Catholic priest, and noted author. Ven. Tenzin LS Priyadarshi, the Buddhist chaplain at MIT, Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg, Director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality in New York City, and Imam Salim Chishti of the Nur-al Imam Sufi Community of Knoxville, Tenn. will be presenters and engage in dialogue with each other and the audience.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together contemplatives from different faith traditions to help make connections, deepen dialogue and understanding, and work together for peace. How can meditation practice create an environment in which peace is possible? How can we awaken peace in the midst of great conflicts? Presenters will share wisdom and seeds of hope arising from their contemplative practices and interfaith dialogues. Time for actual prayer and meditation is included in the day's program. Contemplative Outreach of New England organized this conference.

Registration: Suggested donation is $40, ($20 students) and $10 prepaid boxed lunches are available: choose vegetarian, roast beef, or turkey. Send your name, address, e mail, and check to Marcy Venskus, P.O. Box 505, Dracut, MA 01826. Questions: 978-851-3391 ext. 35, or to local committee members Fran Riccarelli at 781-749-5377 or Rosemary Edwards at 781-749-5377.

St. Anthony's host parish for Fatima Statue

St. Anthony Parish, 129 Main St. has been selected to be a host parish for the Fatima Statue Wednesday, Oct. 18. The statue was given to the United States in November 1967 by the Bishop of Fatima and blessed by the Pope before the journey.

It has traveled from parish to parish ever since promoting the Message of Fatima. Mass will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by a talk on Fatima, Eucharistic Adoration and hourly Rosaries until midnight.

Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary will take place Oct. 19, after the 7 a.m. Mass until noon.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

7:11 p.m. **Sothier St.**, building checks.

7:57 p.m. **Beechwood and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

8:05 p.m. **Sohier** St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

8:11 p.m. **Beechwood and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

8:44 p.m. **High School, Pond St.**, building checks.

9:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, traffic enforcement.

11:16 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave.**, Arrest: Frank D. Levesque, 22, 62 Spring St., Cohasset. Charges: Warrant and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

11:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, caller states that a 30-year old male is having heart problems.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

12:44 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer advised, checked school.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised, checked schools.

7:08 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

7:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

7:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning issued.

8:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, traffic enforcement.

9 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, three-year old boy fell and bit through his tongue; transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

9:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

9:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

9:35 a.m. **Margin St.**, fire investigation, caller at this address reports that there is some type of fire alarm going off but no one home in a nearby apartment.

9:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, medical aid, caller reports a 60-year old male with chest pain and fluid in his lungs; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

10:10 a.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:30 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

11:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, building check.

12:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A violation.

2:12 p.m. **Norfolk St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:14 p.m. **Ledgewood Dr.**, 209A violation.

2:50 p.m. **Branch St.**, medical aid, Scituate FD requests R3 for a person with shortness of breath; transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

4:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:17 p.m. **James Lane**, property missing, caller advised that there were art supplies taken from her vehicle which was parked in front of her residence.

4:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, erratic motor vehicle operation, Scituate PD advised that there is a black Beetle bug convertible heading towards Cohasset from Scituate.

5:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:12 p.m. **Surry Dr.**, medical aid.

5:28 p.m. **Norwell PD**, be on the lookout announcement, bank robbery occurred in Norwell at 2:35 p.m., at Crescent Credit Union; subject is a white male, 5 foot, 11 inches, age 35 to 40-years old with a slight to medium build, dressed as a woman.

5:32 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

5:38 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, called advised injury to football player; transported to South Shore Hospital ALS.

7:59 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:13 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

8:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, erratic operation of motor vehicle; officer advised female driver has something in her eye.

8:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:08 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

9:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, assist other PD, Scituate PD advised vehicle did property damage. If located, stop and hold.

10:19 p.m. **King St.**, downed tree, caller advised there is a tree down in the middle of the roadway.

10:31 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller advised there is a big bump in the middle of the road, unsure if damage was down to vehicle; wanted it logged. Officer advised checked area and is unable to locate.

10:37 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

1:42 a.m., **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

7:13 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

1:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

1:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

2 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny report.

2:49 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, walk-in party lost cell phone while traveling.

3:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny report, caller advised drive-off with $22 of gas. Contacted owner of vehicle; his credit card didn't work. He will be en route to gas station to pay for gas.

3:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:37 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity: Caller advised that there is a large truck blocking driveway; caller asked for truck driver to move it; truck driver had words with her.

5:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

5:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other police department: Scituate PD advised 209A violator, possibly heading toward Hull.

7:26 p.m. **Linden Drive**, fire investigation: Unknown type of odor inside residence.

8:28 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity: Several juveniles ran into woods. Officer advised four vehicles have been tagged at above location.

8:44 p.m. **Cedar St.**, disturbance: Caller advised he is having a party for his son, other juveniles showed up at residence, caller would like them removed. Several calls of juvenile fighting, drinking, smoking; possibly 200 juveniles at location. Officer advised juveniles were leaving prior to officer arrival. Everything is fine at location. Office advised peace has been restored.

9:09 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, abandoned motor vehicle.

9:12 p.m. **Hull St.**, officer advised out with Hingham PD at above location.

9:59 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

10:13 p.m., **Hull St.**, suspicious activity: Caller advised there are several juveniles running through his yard. Officer advised no crime.

10:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint: Officer advised vehicle is parked at the school.

10:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:28 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious activity: Caller advised there are juveniles at the dock. Officer advised unable to locate anyone.

10:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised, checked schools.

10:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist citizen.

11:03 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, assist citizen.

11:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

12:42 a.m. **Elm St.**, Walk-in party reports outside odor of gas in parking lot. Keyspan notified.

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:50 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, caller reports a "suspicious Monte Carlo" parked in an odd way on the Hull St. end of Lamberts Lane. Caller states motor vehicle has left the area.

2:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3:26 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** domestic, arrest.

4:29 a.m. **Headquarters**, medical aid, female prisoner has heart problems.

7:07 a.m. **Summer St.**, medical aid. Transported to Quincy Medical Center BLS.

8:05 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports she has locked her keys in her apartment.

10:14 a.m. **Bancroft Road**, parking complaint: Caller reports a pick up truck blocking his driveway.

10:15 a.m. **Border St.**, vandalism, caller reports his vehicle was egged.

10:34 a.m. **Norfolk Road**, keep the peace.

11:19 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports she has locked herself out of her apartment.

11:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, be on the lookout given out from MBTA Police. Green Chrysler stolen sometime last night from the Quincy Center T Station.

12:17 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

2:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

2:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

3:19 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

4:21 p.m. **Nichols Road**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

6:10 p.m. **Vinal Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, transported to Quincy Medical Center ALS.

6:16 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious person, arrest. 911 caller states that his parking attendant saw a white male mid-20s, with a blue Manny Ramirez shirt with a gun concealed. He stated that he was nervous about him sitting at the bar. Two taken into protective custody. Teletype sent to surrounding towns regarding incident.

8:53 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, buildings checked secure.

9:08 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Doane St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller states that she was passed at the stop sign at the ballpark. Car was heading toward 3A.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement: traffic within limits.

9:50 a.m. **South Main St. and Spring St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid: Man in a navy blue car throwing up and needed medical attention. Transported to South Shore Hospital BLS.

6:28 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, animal complaint. Walk-in party reports that he hit a Canada goose. It is alive but it's on the side of the road suffering. Officer put animal down, animal control notified and will be by later to dispose of the animal.

6:51 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

7:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation and verbal warning issued.

10:27 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

1:30 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

1:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

7:39 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious motor vehicle; caller states there was an older model Lincoln Continental parked at the end of his driveway. When the caller spoke to the motor vehicle operator, he stated he was waiting for a neighbor. The motor vehicle then left the area. Caller stated the 'motor vehicle did not belong in the neighborhood." Motor vehicle then headed towards the village. Motor vehicle was waiting to pick up a passenger.

10:15 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:38 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:24 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports building checks secure.

1:49 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint; caller reports vehicle blocking sidewalk. Officer has granted permission for the resident to park his vehicle at this location because they are having their driveway sealed. Vehicle has been moved into ball field parking lot to keep from obstructing sidewalk.

2 p.m. **School buildings**, officer reports school buildings check secure.

2:17 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle hit and run. Officer reports out with a motor vehicle regarding an incident he witnessed between a school bus and the vehicle he has stopped. Officer spoke with male party in vehicle; vehicle was hit by school bus on Pond St., and the bus kept on driving. Driver of bus contacted; will return to police headquarters to file a report after drop offs.

2:26 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

4:29 p.m. **Hillside Dr.**, walk-in party reports credit card fraud; investigated.

6:51 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

7:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:27 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:32 p.m. **Forest Notch**, domestic disturbance.

7:32 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports help needed locking up; officer helped secure door.

8:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity, employee reports a gas drive off; party has been found and will return to pay.

8:47 p.m. **Kendall Village**, suspicious activity. Caller reports intoxicated male tried to enter her house and garage; he is at his house presently; male was dropped off from a party and went to the wrong house; at his own home with his wife now.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

1:24 a.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer advised checked school.

7:23 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:40 a.m. **King St.**, detail officer advised there is a truck causing a traffic hazard.

7:42 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious activity; investigated.

8:48 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:14 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks.

10:39 a.m. **King St.**, guard rail at lowest point of King St. is bent from a previous accident and is blocking walkway. Caller reported situation to DPW and was told she would have to speak with the police first; police can then advise DPW on course of action.

11:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint; caller reports fox in back yard. Fox has lingering for awhile and did not run away when she went out in back yard.

11:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, Poland Spring delivery vehicle reported to be blocking lane of traffic and has been tagged.

11:29 a.m. **Sanctuary Pond Rd.**, animal complaint; caller reports several incidences where she and other people have run into the same Border Collies in the park where she jogs. The dogs are not on leashes; they bark at people and chase them. The owners don't call the dogs back to them and don't seem to pay attention; referred to animal control officer.

11:42 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, elderly woman has fallen; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:56 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, Cohasset E3 requests another ambulance for second party who has fallen.

12:39 p.m. **Hill St.**, animal control officer and police Sgt. at location to issue verbal order of dog restraint on two Border Collies. Dogs must be restrained at all times and kept out of Whitney Woods until further notice.

1:26 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, downed power lines reported; officer reports the lines are phone lines and will contact Verizon.

2:21 p.m. **Deer Hill-Sohier St.**, building check secure.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Acting is in the pipeline

From construction to center stage for Hingham actor

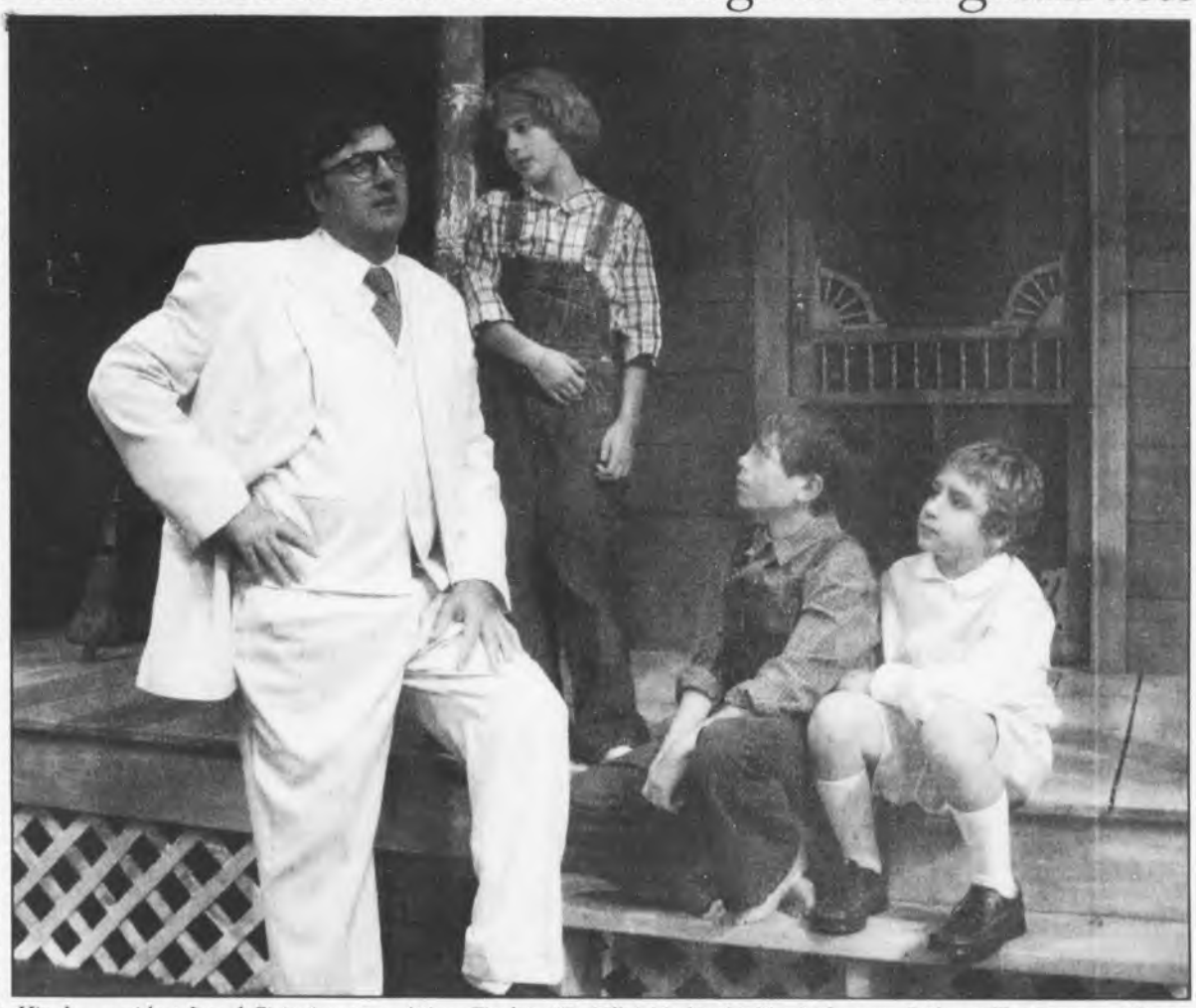
By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

With the proliferation of cell phones, actors can talk up their latest projects from just about anywhere. Most performers still speak to the press from dressing rooms and rehearsal halls, but others call from tour buses, their own cars or even a ditch on a construction site, which is where actor and construction worker Joseph Siriani was last week when it came time to promote his starring role in the Company Theatre production of "To Kill a Mockingbird," opening Friday in Norwell.

"I take all kinds of flack from some of the guys I work with about my acting," said Siriani while on lunch break from a Hingham water main job. "If I could be just one thing, however, I'd be an actor."

Like many other actors, Siriani, 48, finds himself holding down not one, but two other jobs. By day, he works construction on the South Shore. By night, the married father of two is either acting or officiating as a referee at high school and college basketball games all over Massachusetts. Until basketball season gets underway, Siriani will be portraying stalwart attorney Atticus Finch, who pokes at the conscience of a Depression-era Alabama town, in the Company Theatre's staging of Harper Lee's 1960 novel "To Kill A Mockingbird."

"It's great for me to have the opportunity to play this role," explains Siriani, whose previous stage credits include the title role in "The Music Man" with the Cohasset Drama Club and the part of Oscar Madison in "The Odd Couple" at Norwood's Fiddlehead Theatre. "Atticus is very different from most of the other parts I have played, which have often involved physical comedy."



Hingham resident Joseph Siriani portrays Atticus Finch in "To Kill A Mockingbird", which opens Friday at The Company Theatre in Norwell.

The play, adapted by Christopher Sergel from Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, tells the story of a Southern lawyer and father of two who stands against his fellow townspeople by defending an innocent young black man accused of raping a white woman. Even though he loses the case, his actions begin to soften the community's long-held racial bigotry. The story was made into a 1962 feature film that won five Academy Awards including Best Actor for Gregory Peck.

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If you're a parent, this story really resonates with you. I have two daughters, 17 and 8, and I still often try to see the world through the innocent eyes of my 8-year-old. It is so important to be open and available to your children."

Told through the eyes of Scout, a feisty 6-year-old tomboy, the story is presented first as a sweet tale of life in the sleepy little town of Maycomb in the early 1930s. The story unfolds through a series of neighborhood adventures involving Scout, her brother Jem, their friend Dill and a host of eccentric townspeople. The community soon finds itself the setting for the trial of Tom Robinson, a young black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. Lawyer Finch - Scout and Jem's widowed father – is tasked with defending Tom before an all-white jury, from whom a guilty verdict is a certainty. The two children watch as their highly principled father takes a stand against the racism that is so rampant in his town.

In addition to being a powerful indictment of intolerance, Siriani believes Finch's tale is also one about the meaning of fatherhood.

"This story is a wake-up call for Atticus as a single father. He has live-in help, but he is still raising his children alone. He realizes that he needs to integrate himself into his children's lives," explains Siriani who has lived in Hingham since 1983. "I work so much and am away from home so often that it's very easy for me to relate to Atticus and the awakening that occurs in him. He shows real strength in the face of everything that happens to his family and his town."

In the role, Siriani is showing range as an actor in playing a character very different from himself.

"Atticus is a very internal person, while I am very outward with my feelings. I show my emotions readily and often. My two directors, Steve Dooner and Zoe Bradford, are forever telling me to keep Joe in check and remember that Atticus is a very stoic character."

"To Kill A Mockingbird" will be at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, through Oct. 29. For tickets, call 781-971-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Oct. 12

The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth announces auditions for their Christmas show "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Auditions will take place on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. at Kendall Hall in the Uniterian Church at Town Square in Plymouth. Requirements are reading from the script. Roles for ages 7 to adult. For information email hattriq98@aol.com."

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes will host a free book report workshop titled "**Making the Grade: Writing a Great Book Report,**" Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Learning Center located at 515 Washington St., Norwell. For information call 781-659-7722 or visit http://lblp.com/learningcenters/southshore.html

Teacher and Librarian Appreciation event at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, Thursday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. All attendees will be eligible for door prizes and grand raffle. Tote bags filled with gifts awarded to first arrivals. For information call 781-383-2665.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

ART FROM THE HEART FUNDRAISER, hosted by Arc of the South Shore, will take place Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 pm., at South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Presented by South Shore Co-operative Bank, the event will spotlight the artistic talents of children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take part in a silent auction. Cost is $50 per person; corporate sponsorships are also available. All donations are tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to Arc of the South Shore, and mailed to 371 River St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. For more information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email to ccuscianna@arcsouthshore.org.

SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER'S SECOND ANNUAL BARK 'N HOWL BALL, Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the River Club in Scituate. The event includes a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the lively music of local band, Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions. Tickets are $125 each ($100 is tax deductible) and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, in Scituate, to replace the facility currently located on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull accommodating stray, homeless, injured, and surrendered companion animals. Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available. For information call 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter or www.3afarmfund.com

Movie review

Scorsese scores with 'Departed'

"The Departed" (A)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

To a list including "The Friends of Eddie Coyle" (1973) and "Mystic River" (2003), we can now add "The Departed."

A great, Boston-set crime drama and a "GoodFellas"-like return to form for Martin Scorsese, "The Departed" — the title refers to the "dearly departed" — is a wonderful example of genre filmmaking, another triumph for Jack Nicholson and an adeptly rooted transplant of a 2002 Hong Kong action flick.

In the Whitey Bulger-like role of ganglord Francis Costello, Nicholson wears a devilish goatee and mustache and makes his entrance practically trailing clouds of fire and brimstone.

Shaking down a Southie shop owner, Costello can't resist ogling the man's barely adolescent daughter. Costello also spots Colin Sullivan (Conor Donovan), an altar boy he bends to his will, buying him candy and a Wolverine comic book. A Shakespeare buff, Costello impishly tells Colin of the motto James Joyce attributes to Satan, "Non serviam" (I will not serve).

Officer Dignam (Mark Wahlberg) gives a piece of his mind to the new cop on the block, Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon).

In a series of gory, haiku-like scenes accompanied by the Stones' "Gimme Shelter," we see Costello's rise to power, using a saw, hatchet and several bullets to several heads.

Sent by Costello to the police Academy to be his mole, a grown Colin (Matt Damon, resplendent in a bad-guy role) is promoted to the ranks of Boston's elite anti-crime unit.

At the same time, troubled Billy Costigan (a strong turn by Leonardo DiCaprio), another young Bostonian whose life choices can be summed up as cop or criminal, has chosen to become a policeman in spite of his family's many felons.

When hothead Billy is recruited by the film's other, surrogate father, the pontifical Capt. Queenan (a fine Martin Sheen), and Sgt. Dignam (an amusingly barking mad Mark Wahlberg) to infiltrate Costello's gang, he experiences growing fear and panic and seeks the aid of police counselor Madeleine (Vera Farmiga). The film pits the twin undercover men in a blind struggle with each other with Costello playing real-life Joker-cum-puppetmaster, pervert and blood-drenched killer.

What's great about "The Departed" are its riotously profane dialogue, fabulous cast, including terrific turns by Ray Winstone and Alec Baldwin, and writer William Monahan's relevant references to the city's racist reputation and pedophile priest scandal. A scene featuring Costello at his breakfast table will remind some of James Cagney's famous grapefruit moment from "The Public Enemy," but with another, grislier prop.

Granted, the finale boasts more corpses than a Jacobean drama, and the cellphone-jockeying doppelganger plot of the Hong Kong original weighs a bit around the movie's neck.

That aside, "The Departed" is a welcome addition to the growing list of must-see Scorsese films.

Rated R. "The Departed' contains profanity, sexual situations and graphic violence.

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The North River Arts Society is pleased to present *Beyond My Window*, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Hufnagle-Murray. This show runs Oct. 15 through Dec. 8. The public is invited to a free opening reception at the library on Oct. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts @rcn.com

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The United Way of Greater Plymouth County will sponsor a public forum on **Emergency Preparedness and Response Systems** in the greater Brockton Area Oct. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Westgate Drive in Brockton. Representatives from MEMA, BEMA, Plymouth County Sheriff Department, Salvation Army, Brockton Public Schools and National Grid will be on hand to give a brief overview on available emergency procedures and services, followed by questions from the audience. Open to the public. For information or to reserve your place, contact Linda Gately, at 508 583-6306 ext. 106.

North River Arts Society presents "New England Expressions," in the Little Gallery at GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, through Oct. 15. The exhibit will feature original pastel and oil paintings by **Mary Young Smith**. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment on weekends. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com.

"Beyond the 11th: Two Women, Two Cultures, Two Journeys," at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham, Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:15 p.m., Presentation by: Susan Retik, who was expecting her third child when she lost her husband in a hijacked airplane that crashed into the World Trade Center on 9/11; and Debbie Almontaser, an American Muslim woman and Brooklyn, N.Y. teacher, who required an escort for her personal safety after 9/11. Reservations recommended. Call 781-749-2155.

Poet Sean C. Theall will read from his new poetry book "Gothic Verses: The Halloween Collection," Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Sharon Public Library, 11 N. Main St., Sharon.

The Newbury Street League's 24th Annual "World on a Street" Auction Gala at The Ritz-Carlton, Boston, Thursday, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., with auctioneer Paul T. Zekos. The annual dining and auction event raises funds to support the League's efforts to improve Newbury Street. To purchase tickets call Steve Haag, 617-267-2224, or email NewburyStreetUSA@aol.com.

The Civil War Circle history discussion group meeting, Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Topic will be "Civil War Medicine and Medical Advances as an Outcome of the War." Open to the public. $5 donation. For information call 617-696-1815.

The J Place Band, featuring J Place on harmonica, plays originals from his last release "Bettin' on the Blues," at The Holy Ground, 1600 Hancock St., Quincy, Thursday, Oct. 12, 9 p.m. $5 cover charge. For information call 617-653-7210.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Glen MacAuliffe's Acoustic Café** Thursday, Oct. 12. For more information call 781-335-9796.

Evening with the Author series, sponsored in partnership with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset. On Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., the library offers everyone to attend the launch party for local author Amy Whorf McGuiggan's just-published Christmas in New England: A Treasury of Traditions from the Yule Log and the Christmas Tree to Flying Santa and the Enchanted Village. This is a free event. Buttonwood will have copies of Christmas in New England on hand for purchase and autographing by the author.

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Friday, Oct. 13

4th Annual Hoedown For Hospice Friday, Oct. 13, from 6 to 11 p.m. Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington Street, Weymouth. The Friends of Hospice, a committee of the Friends of South Shore Hospital, are sponsoring the event to benefit Hospice of the South Shore. The festivities start with cocktails and line dancing lessons at 6 p.m. and continue with dinner at 7 pm, and dancing from 8 until 11 p.m. with music by Cindy Lane and True Country. For tickets and information, call 781-340-4170.

Award winning South Shore artist **Dianne Panarelli Miller** will be showcasing her work at Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Friday, through Oct. 31. "All That's Familiar" is a display of the artist's colorful landscapes and seascapes of local and city scenes, along with still life's and portraits of familiar faces and themes. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org.

South Street Gallery in Hingham, presents the works of architect and landscape painter Jeremiah Eck FAIA, on display, through Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. For information call 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

New England Singles Dance at the Sheraton Braintree, Exit 6, Braintree, Friday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $10. For information visit singlesdances-newengland .com or call 617-325-4900.

Perugia Press Poetry Reading to kick off its 10th Anniversary, at Braintree Borders, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, Friday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. Four Perugia Press poets will read from their prize-winning books including a debut reading by Frannie Lindsay, author of "Lamb." Joining Lindsay will be Faye George, Carol Edelstein, and Janet Aalfs. Open to the public. Books will be for sale. For information visit perugiapress.com.

Adult CPR/AED Course will be offered Friday, Oct. 13, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., by the American Red Cross at its South Area office, 1495 Hancock St., third floor, Quincy. Cost is $55. Registration required. Call 617-770-2600.

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St., Brockton, will hold it's first **Tot Shabbat** of the new Jewish year on Friday, Oct. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Short service and story lead by Morah Beth Golden, traditional Shabbat dinner will be served. Children under age 7 will participate in candle lighting, Kiddush, and songs with other families. Call the temple office, 508-583-5810 to RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The **Company Theatre in Norwell** presents its stage adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill A Mockingbird," Oct. 13 through Oct. 29. Tickets are $20-$22 and on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or visit companytheatre.com.

JM Productions presents **"With a Song in my Heart – The Music of Life,"** featuring local favorite Stephen McNulty and Boston Pops Idol winner Tracy Silver, at Raffael's, Restaurant in Hull, Friday, Oct. 13. Show and dinner, $50, show only $30. For tickets call 617-786-SHOW or visit jmproductionspresents.com.

Nautical Nightmares at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., during October, beginning 'Friday the 13th.' Tours leave every 20 minutes from 7 to 9 p.m. Performance dates are Oct. 13, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 30. Admission $17.50 adults, $12 children ages 6-17, and are available by calling 888-973-2767 Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or at the Visitor Reception Center Monday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 888-973-2767 or visit mysticseaport.org.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 13, **Gordon Beadle Group,** R&B, Blues, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $7. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **John the Conqueror** Friday, Oct. 13. For information call 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Oct. 14

The Marshall Wood Jazz Trio will perform on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. Tickets are $20/$18 seniors/$10 students and are available in advance and at the door. Appearing with the trio is special guest, vocalist **Donna Byrne.** The trio will play improvisation and standards from the Great American Songbook. The James Library is located at 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell Center. Call 781-659-7100 for information or visit www.JamesLibrary.org.

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Donna Byrne

The Marshall Wood Jazz Trio will perform on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. Tickets are $20/$18 seniors/$10 students and are available in advance and at the door. Appearing with the trio is special guest, vocalist Donna Byrne. The trio will play improvisation and standards from the Great American Songbook. The James Library is located at 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) in Norwell Center. Call 781-659-7100 for information or visit www.JamesLibrary.org.

Regatta Revels, the annual fundraiser for the Lincoln Maritime Center, presents **A Calypso Evening** on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at Black Rock Country Club, 19 Club House Drive, Hingham. Music by Calypso Hurricane, voted Best of Boston. Silent and live auctions. Carribean fare and cash bar. Proceeds to benefit the community sailing and rowing programs at LMC. Tickets are $100 per person. For information call 78-741-5225 or visit www.lincolnmaritme.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance - Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Tuscan Grill, Middleboro Rt. 28, 58 E. Grove St., Exit 4, Rt. 105, off Rt. 495 Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is holding its **last cruise of the 2006 season** on Saturday, Oct. 14, going to Peddocks Island. Bring a picnic – snack service will be available on the boat. On the day tickets can be bought at Quincy from 9 a.m. and at Long Wharf from 10am. The cost is $25 for adults, $23 for seniors (65+), $21 for FBHI members, $16 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free. Cash only, please. South Shore passengers may board at no additional charge at Harbor Express in the Quincy Fore River Shipyard. The charter boat will leave Quincy at 10am then travel to Long Wharf (Christopher Columbus Park side) in downtown Boston for an 11am departure. The boat gets back to Long Wharf at 3pm, and then will return to Quincy. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale, Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 to 10 a.m. at **Church Hill United Methodist Church**, corner of Church and River Streets, Norwell. Pancakes and accompanying breakfast foods and beverages will be served to benefit Scituate's first Habitat for Humanity Home. ($4 adults, $2 children) Habitat Studs for building the home will also be available for sale. Grandma's Attic will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for second hand treasures, and there will also be a bake table. Come for breakfast, and stay to browse. For information, 781-826-4763, or email chumcnorwell@aol.com. or www.sshabitat.org, or call South Shore Habitat for Humanity at 781-843-9080.

Weir River Farm Fall Festival will take place Oct. 14, from noon to 3 p.m. Share the joy of the harvest on the farm. Attendees will meet the farm's family of animals, artisans, staff and volunteers, and celebrate with festivities including field games, pony rides, pumpkins, children's crafts, music and more. Cost is $3/members; $5/non-members. Visit the web site at thetrustees.org or call 781-740-4796 for information.

CALENDAR, see next page

Reunions

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 REUNION. The Class of 1971 will host its 35th reunion Oct. 15, 16 and 17. Members of the Classes of 1970 and 1972 are welcome to join the class of 1971 for any or all of the events. Contact Gail Copus Spann at BikinGail@aol.com for more information.

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, Class of '58, is planning a reunion. Classmates or anyone who knows of classmates should contact either Herb Golub (978-887-8840) or Tony Dileso (adiieso@yahoo.com). Planning meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 26, at Lantana's in Randolph at the 185th Anniversary Dinner Celebration of Boston English High School. For reservations at Lantana's, call the English High School Alumni Association 617-635-8979.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1961 will host its 45th reunion Saturday, Nov. 11, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Tirrell Room (Quincy Lodge of Elks), 254 Quarry St. Quincy. $50/person includes dinner and dance to the music of Joe Contrino's Band. Make checks payable to QHS Class of '61 (and your dinner choice) by Oct. 25. The committee is requesting items to be raffled during the evening. A basket will be available for food pantry donations to be given to Fr. Bill's place and/or the Interfaith Social Services Pantry shelf. For information contact Donna (Beers) Anderson at 781-843-8143 or e-mail at: donnadogs@hotmail.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 Reunion, Nov. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree,.$35 per person $45 per person after Nov. 1- please book early. Please make your check payable to BHS Class of 1976 and send it to: BHS Class of 1976, C/o Mark Frano, 817 Washington St., Braintree, Ma. 02184. Purchasing your admission at the door is strongly discouraged. For info visit http://www.braintreehigh.com/1976.html

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1981 REUNION Scituate High School, Class of 1981, will hosts its 25th reunion Nov. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth Harbor. For more information and to register, email to scituate81@yahoo.com.

MHS CLASS OF 1981 25TH REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 1981, will host its 25th reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embers, 459 Plain St., Marshfield. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, disc jockey and dancing. The cost is $45 per person. To secure a reservation, send payment to MHS Class of 1981, P. O. Box 1496, Marshfield, MA 02050. Make checks payable to MHS Class of 1981. For more information, call Rosemary Vaughan at 781-424-3978 or Carolyn Devine at 781-831-0845.

MHS CLASS OF 2001 REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 2001, announces its five-year reunion will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., upstairs at Hennessy's of Boston in Faneuil Hall. No registration/reservation required. The upstairs is reserved exclusively for the Class of 2001 from 8 to 10 p.m., and there will be no cover charge for those who arrive before 9 p.m. The second floor bar at Hennessy's was recently renovated to include two bars, a stage, dance floor, pool tables and a lounge area. For more information, email classof2001.mhs@gmail.com.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1966 40th Reunion, Saturday April 21, 2007 (a little late) at The Common Market, 97 Willard Street in Quincy. It will be an evening event including a buffet dinner and music. Please mark you calendar and respond to the Reunion Committee at nqhs66@comcast.net or call Paul Bregoli at 617-471-2867. In addition, please encourage anyone you know from the class to contact us.

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The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Saturday, Oct. 14, **Bellevue Cadillac,** Swing/R&B, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Blind Billy & The Spectacles** Friday, Oct. 14. For information call 781-335-9796.

Down East Dancers Country Dance at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton, Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. to midnight. Anniversary DJ Dave Pytka, dance instructor. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, raffles, cash bar. Admission $5. For information call 508-680-6736 or visit www.downeastdancers.com.

Sunday, Oct. 15

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The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth announces auditions for their Christmas show "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Auditions will take place on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. at Kendall Hall in the Uniterian Church at Town Square in Plymouth. Requirements are reading from the script. Roles for ages 7 to adult. For information email hattriq98@aol.com."

St. Albert the Great Parish, 1130 Washington St. in Weymouth will sponsor "A Celebration of Adoption" Mass on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 11a.m. In recognition of October as Respect Life Month Families and individuals whose lives have been touched by adoption will be recognized. A special blessing will be given to all who have been influenced by adoption and a reflection will be given by an Adoptive Parent. Birth mothers and birth fathers, adoptees of all ages, adoptive mothers and adoptive fathers, prospective adoptive parents and pregnant women who are considering adoption are all invited. Come with your family and friends to celebrate Adoption – the Loving Option Anyone with questions may call the rectory at 781-337-8778

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Fall Wine Dinner to benefit the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Norwell. Enjoy a five-course dinner with paired wines on Sunday Oct. 15, at 53 South Restaurant, 42 Washington St., Norwell. This fall wine dinner is presented by local Norwell businesses -53 South Restaurant and Marsh's House of Spirits and proceeds benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. featuring a main entrée of maple glazed roast loin of venison paired with a 2003 qupe syrah, bien nacido valley wine. For the complete menu, visit the South Shore Natural Science Center website at www.ssnsc.org. Cost is $125 per person including tax, tip and a $60 contribution to the Science Center. Tickets are limited. For reservations, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or 53 South Restaurant at 781-792-0001.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. in Duxbury presents Curator's Choice: China presents an extraordinary range of media and technique: painting, calligraphy, sculpture, bronze, ceramics, jade, glass, textiles, furniture, snuff bottles and jewelry. Contemporary artists include Irene Chan, David Hinton, Fred Liang, Lin Yan, Ma Qingxiong, Wei Jia, and Zhu Wei. This show which is scheduled through Jan. 14. A reception will be held Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 x 12 phone laura@artcomplex.org

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country.** On display will be works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

The Clemens Gallery presents "Images of Italy," photography by Jean Donohue and James J. Foley, through Nov. 2. The exhibit takes a look at Italy's historic sites through photographs from well-known cities and remarkable but lesser known places. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Sunday, Oct. 15. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dancing to live music from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $12, student discount with ID. Refreshments. For information call 781-326-3075 ext 10 or visit moseleysonthecharles .com.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield Oct. 15, Dixieland Jazz Concert featuring **Jeff Hughes' Humarock Jazz Ensemble Show** from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Admission $10. 781-834-6505.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Dave Foley's Solo Jam,** Sunday, Oct. 15. For more information, call 781-335-9796.

Monday, Oct. 16

The North River Arts Society is pleased to present ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**.

This show runs Oct. 15 through Dec. 8. The public is invited to a free **opening reception** at the library on Oct. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Sunday Walks and /Science Explorers Program. Oct. 16 **Milk, It Does a Body Good.** For information visit www.ssnsc.org

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Evening with the Author series, sponsored in partnership with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset. On Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., the library offers everyone to attend the launch party for local author Amy Whorf McGuiggan's just- published **Christmas in New England: A Treasury of Traditions from the Yule Log and the Christmas Tree to Flying Santa and the Enchanted Village**. This is a free event. Buttonwood will have copies of **Christmas in New England** on hand for purchase and autographing by the author.

27th Annual International Marine Art Exhibition at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., through November 12. Comprehensive exhibit of contemporary marine art by well-known marine artists from the U. S. and throughout the world. For more information call 860-572-5388 or visit mysticseaport.org /gallery.

New England China Trade: Dedham Historical Society Lecture **Amanda Lange,** Curator of Historic Interiors at Historic Deerfield, will be the guest speaker for the Dedham Historical Society on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Lange's lecture will be **The Canton Connection: Examining the China Trade in New England, 1784-1860.** Cost for the lecture is $5 per person, no charge to members.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Residential Property Management Certificate Information Session at Curry College at Plymouth, 20 North Park Ave., Plymouth, Wednesday, Oct. 11. Session will provide an overview of Curry's RPM program. To register or for information call 508-747-2424.

"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer Daniela Russell and painter Maddu Huacuja, on view through Dec. 15 at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

Ballroom Dancing at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, Wednesday, Oct. 18. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dance lesson 7 to 8 p.m. Dancing to DJ music 8 to 11 p.m. Refreshments. Admission $12, student discount with college ID.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Wednesday night **Rehearsal Night** from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 781-335-9796.

The Chris Night for Kids' Wishes, benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Massachusetts, will be hosting an evening of entertainment and great fun at The Greatest Bar, 262 Friend Street, Boston, MA on Oct. 18, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Master of Ceremonies Bob Neumeier will host a sports memorabilia auction and comedy show. All the net proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts. For tickets send a check payable to Make-A-Wish Foundation (suggested donation: $20 includes appetizers and comedy show) to Chris' Night for Kids Wishes, 226 Lowell St., Unit B-4A, Wilmington, MA 01887. Check the web site for updates at: www.chris-events.org or call Barbara Hollis at 781-738-2027 for more details.

Thursday, Oct. 19

Sandburg Memories, will be presented at PBT on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. This is the exact date marking the 45th anniversary of Geronimo Sands' first performance of his world acclaimed one-man show, "The World of Carl Sandburg" by Norman Corwin. Mr. Sands will trace his 45 years of performing the show with stories, anecdotes, excerpts from the show. Andrew Nielson will add theatrical sound effects and music. A reception will follow . Admission is free with donations welcome. To make reservations for the Sandburg Anniversary event and/or to register for "Mary Poppins: the Magical Nanny" call Priscilla Beach Theatare at 1-508-224-4888. For details visit PBT's web site, thinkTheatre.org

The Front Street Book Store in Scituate has set Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. as a time that **Renee Summers** will be signing and reading from her new book of poetry **If the Potter's Hands Shake** along with some other members of the Sea Glass Poets.

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset presents organist **Philip Scriven** of Lichfield Cathedral, England in recital on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in D Major*, Duruflé's *Suite for Organ*, and *Rubrics* by Dan Locklair. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement. The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

The Bob Shrago Memorial Brotherhood Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl., Brockton, on Oct. 19, from 2 to 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate blood may come to the temple during the above hours. No appointment is needed. For information and directions call 508-583-5810. www.templebethemunah.org

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Friday, Oct. 20

Single Executives Club Singles Dance - Oct. 20, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

JM Productions presents **Tina Turner Tribute Show** direct from London starring Suzette Dorsey with seven piece orchestra and four backup singers and dancers. The Sheraton Hotel ballroom, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. For tickets call 617-786-SHOW or visit jmproductionspresents.com.

New England Singles Dance at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Friday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $7. For information visit singlesdances-newengland. com or call 617-325-4900.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Houserockers** Friday, Oct.20. For information call 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 20, **The Love Dogs** R&B, Blues, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. For information call 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

South Shore Folk Music Club, Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, presents Coffee House featuring **Tim FitzPatrick and Tiffany Rozenas** Open Mike. $5 members/$6 non-members. 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Halloween happenings

9th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HUSTLE 5K ROAD RACE/WALK Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. to benefit the Partners Home Care Maternal-Child Health Program which helps high-risk newborns and moms receive necessary health-care once they come home from the hospital. Hosted by AstraZeneca at 35 Gatehouse Drive in Waltham, and sponsored by WBOS 92.9 FM and the Boston Sports Clubs, the 5K course follows the scenic Cambridge Reservoir in Waltham. For information or to register, visit www.halloweenhustle.org or call Partners Home Care at 781.681.1232.

HALLOWEEN HOWL at the South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. A Not-Too-Scary Celebration of the Season suitable for children ages 3 and up. Saturday, Oct. 28, 6 to 8 p.m. There will be crafts and tasty ghoulish treats to create, and a "Spooky Room" for all to visit. Enjoy a presentation with some of our *superstar* animals and end the evening with a not-so-spooky night hike and "tricks and treats" for all. Something for everyone! Remember to come dressed for the weather. Cost per child: $10 members/$12 non-members (Adults are $3) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required.

ZOO NEW ENGLAND is putting on two great Halloween weekend-long events. Whether you're in Boston or beyond, we've got a zoo for you! The first to host a weekend of costumed and candied fun will be Stone Zoo, whose annual "Boo at the Zoo" celebration lasts from Saturday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 22. If you miss this first weekend, or want to see show off that costume to a whole new set of animals, or even if you just didn't get enough candy at Stone Zoo, you can head on over to Boston's Franklin Park Zoo for more fun at **"Zoo Howl"** on Saturday, Oct. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 29. 617-541-LION or visit www.franklinparkzoo.org

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ART WITH A HEART

Special talent showcased

Arc fundraiser at Art Center

By Samantha Brown
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For the past eight weeks, a group of artists has been hard at work creating one-of-a-kind pieces for a very special exhibit at the South Shore Art Center. Currently awaiting matting and framing, the masterpieces will be hung in a gallery at the Art Center by the end of this week, to be showcased during the second annual "Art from the Heart" art show and wine tasting fundraiser.

The fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Art Center, located on Ripley Road. Thanks to a collaborative effort between the Art Center and the Arc of the South Shore, the event will spotlight the artistic talents of children, teens and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Tickets are $50 each and proceeds will benefit The Arc, which provides resources for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

"Could you think of a better cause to support?" said Katie Hanley, Coordinator of Community Services for The Arc, adding not only will the proceeds benefit a good cause, the night will be really fun. Along with the art show and wine tasting, there will be a silent auction with some big-ticket items up for bid including: a Venetian silver bracelet from Tiffany & Co.; an overnight stay at the Fairmont Copley Plaza; dinner for two at Cedar's Steak House at Foxwood's Resort and Casino; and a wine tasting tour for 10 at Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery in Westport, Mass.

Arc Development Coordinator Claudia Cuscianna added there will be

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Peter Plante of Cohasset works on a tile collage quilt art project at the South Shore Art Center Monday. Plante and others will have their artwork showcased this weekend during the "Art with Heart" fundraiser

BUDGET BATTLE

Capital requests reined in

New boat floated for harbormaster

By Samantha Brown
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Every town department has needs that are not being met with the current levels of funding allocated. With money to spend, the Capital Budget Committee has received multiple requests for funding, and presented its recommendation to the Board of Selectmen Monday.

Based on current finances, Town Manager Bill Griffin told the committee he felt comfortable recommending spending $300,000 in free cash for capital projects at the Special Town Meeting, to be held Nov. 13 *(see sidebar)*. With roughly $1.6 million in requests, the committee had some tough decisions to make. Ultimately, voters will decide if the money should be spent.

The CBC met each request by measuring the item against a series of guidelines, which it created. The guidelines strive to separate "need" from "want" and quantify the cost of the need; determine if common needs exist among departments which could be addressed broadly, providing greater town-wide cost efficient benefits; and determine if any departments' needs, if unmet, compromise the health, safety or welfare of the citizens/employees of, or visitors to the community. Secondarily, it sought to determine if any needs identified should clearly be acted upon immediately to save substantial future expense to the town.

The CBC met with each department that submitted a request as well as Facilities Manager Brian Adams who made a case for more than one depart-

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'Always a champion of the district'

Studds remembered for 1/4 century of service

By Mary Ford
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Former U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, who served 12 terms in Congress, won most of his races by comfortable margins.

But what many may not realize is that it was not until 1978 that he actually won the vote in his hometown of Cohasset with its numerous republicans.

"I went to his home on Black Horse Lane to tell his mother that he had won his hometown," recalls Donna McGee, who serves on the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. "They were thrilled! It meant a lot to Gerry and his family to be recognized by his friends and neighbors."

This week, his family, many friends and hundreds of thousands of former constituents are remembering Studds, 69, who passed away Oct. 14, as someone who brought people together.

He was not shy about criticizing republicans in Washington, whom he viewed as dismantling the federal government, but he felt it was critical that citizens — regardless of their political persuasion — pay attention to what is being done by those elected to represent them.

"What always amazed me was his ability to win people over, especially coming from what has to be the smallest political base in the 10th Congressional District — Cohasset with its two precincts," says Cohasset Selectman Fred Koed. "Gerry had support across the spectrum from the machine politics of the cities, to the wharfs, to the reaches of Nantucket."

Always a champion of the district, Studds — whom fishermen across the district supported through thick and thin — took the time to study Portuguese and learned to speak it fluently. He made cranberry juice the signature drink wherever he went.

"He always felt blessed to represent the most beautiful congressional district in the country," Koed recalls.

In addition to regional interests, Studds was not afraid to support national causes that were not always popular. Congressman Barney Frank, D-Newton, describes Studds as having been an "articulate and effective" opponent of the Vietnam War, and as someone who insisted the government not ignore the AIDS crisis.

Studds narrowly lost to incumbent republican Hastings Keith on his first

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On the loose in the library

Fithi, the snake, turns out to be escape artist

By Mary Ford
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Plans had been afoot for a while to find Fithi — the three-foot-long, ball python at Our World museum — a new home.

To the best that anyone can guess, the snake found out about those plans and wanted to stay right where she is, here in Cohasset.

Fifti, which means "snake" in Greek, went missing sometime overnight last Thursday (Oct. 12) and has not been seen or heard from since.

There were rumors of a "sighting" outside Deer Hill School this week, but most think Fithi won't likely leave the warm confines of the museum that is located off Sohier Street in the back of the Paul Pratt Library.

Julie Laugelle of Our World went to the police station last Friday morning after arriving at the museum and discovering Fithi had somehow pushed off the top of her tank, climbed out, and slithered away.

Her favorite meal is mice and she had two for supper earlier that week. The mice, dubbed "mousicles," are sold frozen and are available in pet

FILE PHOTO

Michele Bolduc, then Director of the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum holds the museum's reptile inhabitant, Fithi the python.

stores. They are then defrosted and fed to pet snakes.

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy and local veterinarian Greg Conard of Crazy Paws, which pro-

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Name: Fiona McBride

Occupations: Working at the UPS store, a sophomore at Cohasset High School, and a volunteer for ASP, currently working at the Pumpkin Patch.

Best day of your life: Still to come!

Best vacation: Going to San Francisco and seeing Alcatraz

Favorite season: Winter because of the snow (and snow days!)

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food: Chinese food (Love PF Changs)

Best magazine: US weekly magazine.

Best movie: "Edward Scissor Hands."

Best TV show: "The Office."

Pet peeve: Having to do homework on Sundays.

Most memorable moment: Going rock climbing.

Goal: To do well in school, own a café when I'm older, travel, enjoy life.

Person I'd like to meet: Audrey Hepburn

Biggest worry: Getting good grades.

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean. I like walking there in the summer with my friends.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

This week the Mariner caught up with Fiona McBride, who is a volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park.

Alternative Energy Committee to meet

Alternative Energy Committee of Cohasset will host two public forums to inform Cohasset residents of the progress of its investigation into wind power for the town. Forums will take place Thursday, Nov. 2, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Unitarian Parish Hall; and Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church Hall.

One free compact fluorescent bulb will be given to the first 50 people to arrive.

Selectmen to discuss Warrant articles Monday

The Board of Selectmen will take up a number of draft Warrant articles at its Oct. 23 meeting. There are currently seven zoning articles on the table, which will be the basis for Monday's discussion. Draft article 21 would ask the town to reconsider the wording of the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. Draft articles 22 through 27 are all citizens' petitions, which would ask voters to consider amending the town's zoning bylaws for a variety of downtown issues. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

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Motorist not happy with 'fire-lane' ticket

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A local woman complained to police last week after an officer gave her a ticket for parking in the fire lane at Cohasset Plaza near Blockbuster.

Police Chief James Hussey said the officer drove by and saw several cars in the fire lane at the plaza which is off Route 3A. He put the cruiser lights on and beeped the horn to alert the vehicle owners to come and move their cars, several of which were "live parked" meaning the engines were running.

"It is not as if there aren't plenty of parking spaces there," said Hussey, who explained parking in a fire lane is a safety issue because police cars, ambulances and fire trucks need unfettered access to the buildings.

He explained the other people came out, but no one arrived for this particular car, which the officer then tagged.

The woman later complained to police saying she was discriminated against because other cars were not also ticketed.

Hussey what other people are or are not doing is not the issue.

"When I hear that, I ask 'have you gone fishing in your life?'" Hussey said. "Usually the individual will answer 'yes.'

"Then I say, 'did you catch every fish in the ocean?' Sometimes we catch someone and sometimes we don't – but that is no excuse for what you did," Hussey said.

Hussey said in most cases police will give a verbal warning to someone in the fire lane. But he reiterated parking there is illegal. "Emergency vehicles have to have uninhibited access to the front of those stores," he said.

Candy thieves escape

Some young teens, who were caught on video stealing candy from the convenience store at Leo's Exxon, have apparently gotten away. Police looked at the tape but could not identify the youths, Chief Hussey said. The incident was reported about 9:15 p.m., Saturday (Oct. 7). Hussey said because the theft was less than $100, the criminal offense would be punishable by a fine, not jail time.

Mirrors collide

Police are investigating an alleged hit-and-run accident that occurred at about 11 a.m., Tuesday (Oct. 10) near Beechwood Street and Route 3A. The reporting party contacted police to report that a passing car, which did not stop, hit his side-view mirror. The motorist provided police with the plate number and police are trying to get the parties together to exchange papers, Chief Hussey said.

"It appears the two mirrors on the cars made contact near the center line of 3A," he said.

The chief said police are trying to determine who is responsible and whether a citation should be issued.

Cigar thief

Curtis Liquors caught a cigar thief on video in the humidor room concealing cigars in his pocket. The store was able to get the cigars back but the man fled the establishment and drove off. Chief Hussey explained even though, the man did not take the cigars out of the building, it is still shoplifting because he tried to conceal them on his person.

Police have looked at the tape and ID'ed the individual and will be seeking a complaint.

"Concealing merchandise is enough for a shoplifting charge," Hussey said.

Private eyes

Police are looking into a couple of complaints about suspicious vehicles and whether the drivers were private investigators. A mother called police and wanted an individual investigated after a motorist asked her daughter a lot of questions, Chief Hussey said.

In another incident, a police officer asked a driver why he was sitting in his car on Buttonwood Lane and got a flip response to the effect, "this is a free country and I've committed no crime."

Chief Hussey said most private investigators check in with the police department to give police a heads up that they are in town or in a particular neighborhood.

In the second incident police have the plate number and wrote a report and will be following up.

"We know who he is and are concerned as to why he would respond that way to a police officer," Hussey said.

In the first incident, the type of questions the individual asked the girl have led police to believe the person may have been a private investigator.

Police Officer Jamie Cochrane was killed in an off-duty motorcycle accident Sept. 10. South Shore police departments are hosting "A Night to Remember Officer Jamie Cochrane" Friday, Oct. 27 in Dorchester.

Night to remember fallen Quincy officer

Police Officers around the South Shore are banding together to get the word out about a very special benefit event to be held in honor of one of their fallen brothers. On Friday Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., the Quincy Police Department will host "A Night to Remember Officer Jamie Cochrane," at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, located at 256 Freeport Street in Dorchester. Tickets are $25 per person, and there will be hors d'oeuvres, a disc jockey and both a live and silent auction.

On Sept. 10, 2006, Quincy Police Officer Jamie Cochrane passed away from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident the previous day. Cochrane was an 8-year veteran of the department, assigned to the Special Operations Unit.

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Donations may be made to: Friends of Maria Cochrane, P.O. Box 690268, Quincy, MA 02269-0268.

Second-hand article gets second look

New version of 'jewelry' bylaw supported

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The draft Town Meeting Warrant is a work in progress. Already, changes have been made to some articles, and more changes could be made before the Warrant is sent to the printers.

The Board of Selectmen voted to rescind a previous approval on draft article 15, which deals with the sale of second-hand items, and approved a new version at its Oct. 16 meeting. The Board of Selectmen placed the article on the Warrant at the request of Police Chief James Hussey.

The original article would have put a 14-day freeze on the sale of second-hand items, to enable those whose property may have been stolen ample time to file a police report and for the items to be tracked down. However, after speaking with local second-hand dealers, Hussey was informed the article could negatively impact their businesses.

By requiring the 14-day waiting period, items purchased at estate sales would in theory have to be warehoused, which could result in additional costs and a significant delay in the sale of those items. The intent of the article is to cut back on selling stolen goods, and Hussey said estate sales obviously do not qualify.

"Their concerns were very valid," said Hussey, which is why the bylaw was changed. The new version does not require a 14-day hold on selling items which are not considered "junk" or "second hand articles," which includes stamps, coins, books, clothing, furniture or factory made mass produced ceramics, glass and decorative items. Items such as used electronic equipment bearing serial numbers, jewelry, old metals, items made of gold, silver or platinum, decorative porcelain figurines, furs, rugs, one of a kind objects of art would all be included in the "frozen" sale items under the bylaw.

The wording for the article that will be presented to Town Meeting was taken from an article in place in the town of Brookline. Hussey said he feels the new language, "Will not affect their operations. The original language was just too vague and would have put an unnecessary burden on them," he said of the shop owners in town.

Hussey said to be clear, there has been no problem with second-hand sales to date, but being preemptive is never a bad idea. He said while it used to be very common for thieves to bring stolen goods to pawnshops to sell them quickly and take the cash, pawnshops have become more restricted in recent times, which has led criminals to look to "secondary markets" when selling their loot, such as jewelry or antique shops. The bylaw will help clamp down on stolen items changing hands or pieces being melted down.

The fall Special Town Meeting will take place Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School. The Warrant was scheduled to be sent to the printer Friday (today) and will be mailed to every household two weeks prior to the meeting.

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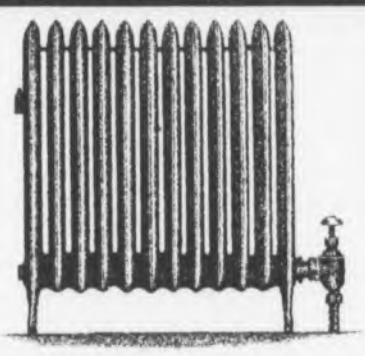

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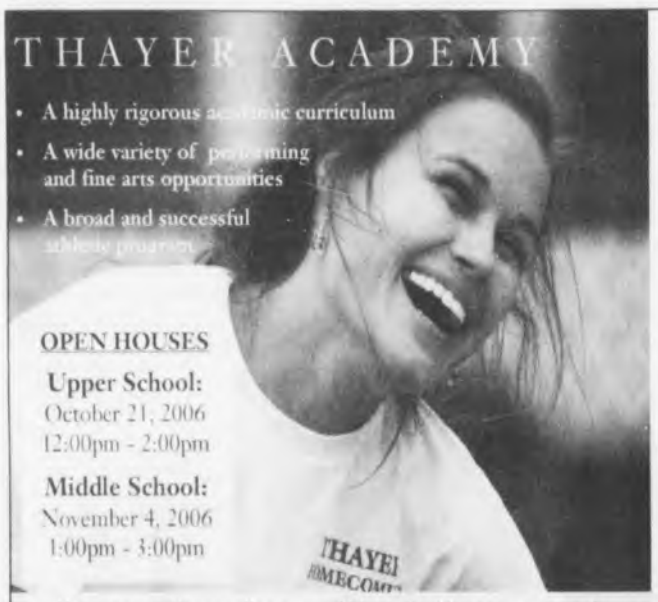

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Cohasset's Week

School Committee votes new budget transfer policy

The School Committee voted unanimously to approve a new budget accounting, transfers and reporting policy at its Oct. 4 meeting.

The new policy will require the superintendent receive School Committee approval before making line-item transfers. The policy would establish 10 "cost centers" and essentially, transferring money out of one cost center to another would require the superintendent to first obtain approval from the School Committee.

However, according to Massachusetts State Law Chapter 71, Section 34, the superintendent should have been asking the School Committee for permission to make transfers even before the new policy was in place. Chapter 71 states the power to transfer amounts between line items in the school operating budgets belongs exclusively to the School Committee and cannot be delegated to any other municipal board or officer. The new School Committee policy will make it absolutely clear all transfers will require School Committee approval, the board said last week.

New member joins Harbor Committee

Adam Donovan is the newest member of the Harbor Committee. A lifelong resident of the town, Donovan is a lobsterman that began fishing four seasons ago and said he feels there is a need for representation for the town's commercial fishermen on the committee. "I've sat in on a couple of meetings and it was pretty painless," he quipped during Monday's selectmen's meeting, adding he is excited about becoming involved as a member.

CEA board organization

The Elder Affairs Board got organized Monday night. Recently, Town Manager Bill Griffin became aware the board is supposed to have nine members with each member appointed to a three-year term by the Board of Selectmen, with three new members appointed each year. However, in reality, the board has seven members appointed by the board and sworn in by the Town Clerk, including: Delores Roy, Jean Thompson, Nancy Barrett, Edward Mulvey, Anna Abbruzzese, James Kearney and John Campbell.

Griffin said the first six members all have terms, which expire in 2007, while Campbell's term expires in 2009. In addition, Marjorie Murphy and Joseph Nedrow have both been serving on the board for several years, but Griffin has been unable to determine whether the board ever voted to appoint them, as the Town Clerk has never sworn them in.

To remedy the situation, the board officially voted to appoint Murphy and Nedrow to the board. In addition, the board voted to stagger the terms of board members. The terms for Barrett, Kearney and Mulvey will expire in 2007, and the terms for Abbruzzese, Roy and Thompson will be up in 2008. The terms for Campbell, Nedrow and Murphy will be up in 2009; Griffin noted they were the three most recent participants on the board.

Selectmen approve giving schools aid

The Board of Selectmen voted to give its recommendation to allow Town Meeting to decide whether the school department should receive the $200,000 in Chapter 70 (education state aid) funding the town received. The Board of Selectmen did not have any discussion on draft Warrant article one, as it had agreed months ago to approve giving the schools the money when it came in.

Keeping kids safe is priority for school department

By Samantha Brown
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Look for security system reimbursement

With incidents of school violence on the rise across the country, keeping Cohasset's students safe has taken on new meaning. To that end, the school department has installed new security systems at all three schools, which will allow the Cohasset Police Department to monitor the buildings — inside and out — 24/7.

The security systems at Deer Hill and the middle-high school were paid for with funds left over from both school renovation projects. However, to bring the Osgood system up to the level of the other two schools, an upgrade was required for which funding had not been earmarked in the budget. The School Committee paid for the roughly $65,000 system out of its operating budget, but will ask the fall Special Town Meeting Nov. 13 for reimbursement for the Osgood system. Should Town Meeting vote no, the School Committee has funding in a reserve account which it could use to pay for the system, but which it would prefer to spend on something more academic.

At the time the school department was looking into installing the new systems at Deer Hill and the middle-high school, Town Manager Bill Griffin suggested the School Committee jump on the chance to have the Osgood system completed at the same time to ensure they would all be compatible. He said it would also likely save the town money to have all three systems installed at the same time.

In addition, the School Building Committee was looking at systems for Deer Hill and the middle-high school, which were very similar to the system currently being used by the Water Department. Having the schools and Water Department all on the same system, which the police department can monitor, would also be cost-effective and eliminate the confusion of running more than one system at the station.

"Given everything that happened last year, we need to do whatever we can to make sure our buildings are safe and secure," said School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy. MacCarthy was referring to various incidents, which took place at the middle-high school last year including incidents of vandalism and anonymous notes left at the school indicating violence. She said with the Deer Hill and middle-high school systems on their way, "We didn't want Osgood to not be safe."

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz echoed MacCarthy's statement. "The School Committee felt this was a capital project that should be paid by the town, so we're asking the town to reimburse $65,000 to the school budget. We wanted to make sure all the buildings had it, and we're glad we did."

Griffin noted the issue of installing the system or not really came down to a timing issue. He said when the contractors were at the Deer Hill and middle-high schools, it was the summer and students were out of all three schools, making it much easier to get the job done. He said with the Special Town Meeting months away at that point, if the project was going to be done with the others, having the school department pay for it was the only way it could be accomplished.

"I stated on several occasions there was no guarantee (the town would approve spending the money)," said Griffin, but added had the Special Town Meeting been right around the corner at the time the decision was being made to spend the money, he would have supported putting it on the Warrant to ask the town to fund the project.

MacCarthy told selectmen, last year there was practically no security system in place at Osgood. "There was no buzzer and all last year, parents manned the door. There was very limited security in the original project," she said.

Chairman of the School Building Committee Scott Collins explained the system. He said it is an all Internet-based system, which means anyone with the client software can log on to the Internet and see a live shot of the schools. This means the police department or school administrators can be anywhere with Internet access and still be keeping a close eye on the buildings. The cameras digitally record onto a hard drive, and typically systems such as this will be set to respond to motion. If there is no motion detected for a certain amount of time, footage is deleted so as not to take up unnecessary memory space. However, if motion is detected, it can be set to automatically keep footage from the 15 minutes leading up to the event. The system can also be set to send an automatic alarm to the police department when motion is detected.

Slanetz noted not only will the cameras be able to help the police department keep a close eye on the buildings, but should the unthinkable ever happen and an intruder ever entered one of the buildings, having cameras throughout the schools which could monitor things constantly could help the police department determine a course of action.

Collins said the school department has a warranty for the systems and an agreement to receive technical support at a set rate per hour. He said the cameras are not complicated and the building maintenance department will be able to maintain them.

While members of the Board of Selectmen agreed the project should be considered a capital expense, Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he was not happy with the way the school department went about things. "Other committees don't spend their money and then come to us" for reimbursement, he said. However, Griffin reiterated in order to have all three systems installed at once, timing was an issue and the school department needed to act quickly.

MacCarthy added, "It's not like we purchased something we couldn't pay for, but it is a capital item."

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer asked whether the Advisory Committee had been notified about the project, and MacCarthy said she was heading downstairs to the lower level at Town Hall to meet with the Advisory Committee after the Selectmen took a vote. Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor of including the project as a capital budget request on the Town Meeting Warrant. It will be up to voters to decide whether the funding is allocated.

Advisory Committee

The School Committee met a tougher crowd when it came before the Advisory Committee. The draft meeting minutes state Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown presented a motion, which read, "The Advisory Committee is very disturbed that the School Committee went ahead and made a decision to spend money on the security system without consulting either the Selectmen or the Advisory Board. It is fine that they make a decision to spend their money (operating budget), but if they are then going to seek reimbursement from the town, it should first have the blessing of the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee."

The motion was seconded by Pat Waters and the committee voted 8-0 in favor of not recommending the article to Town Meeting.

The fall Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School. Warrants, or Town Meeting agendas, will be mailed out to every household in town two weeks prior to the meeting.

Absentee ballots are now available

Absentee ballots for the State Election on Tuesday, Nov. 7 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, November 6, 2006 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
- Physical disability.
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The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be *mailed* to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 7 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed *application* for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Fernald, 350 Forest Ave., re-roof, re-side, replace windows, $23,000; Marsh, 438 Beechwood St., replace two exterior doors, no structural change, $6,467; Sumser, 29 Oak St., install 13 squares asphalt roofing shingles, $8,000; Fitzpatrick, 2 Hammond Ave., install 22 squares asphalt roofing shingles, $6,000; Ross, 75 Meadow Lane, demolish existing single-family residence, $15,000; Ross, 75 Meadow Lane, new single-family residence to replace demolished one, $600,000;

South Shore Hellenic, 811 Jerusalem Road, 60 squares asphalt architect shingles, ridge vent, $25,000; Caron-Neagle, 80 Pont St., convert storage space into bedroom, $1,000; and Sanchez 227 Beechwood St., 15 squares asphalt roofing shingles, $4,900.

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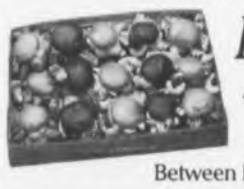
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Welcome home to Cohasset's Jamie Litchfield!

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

IN FULL SWING

Hey Cohasset. The fall is in full swing and as you will read in this week's column, many events and programs are taking place. I know that many personal and social events are happening around town as well. Make sure to send it all in to me here no later than Tuesdays at 5 pm with all photos going to mford@cnc.com for the copy in that week's paper

HARVEST SUPPER

The Annual Harvest Supper and auction, an autumn tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. The public is invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, Oct. 26 at 6:30. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, red bliss potatoes and dessert. Following dinner, participate in an auction of locally harvested produce, pies, homemade goods and various donated items. Dinner is $8 for adults and $4 for children. Required reservations may be made by calling 781-383-1298.

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

Some news has come in to me about The Cohasset Dramatic Club on a few counts. Earlier this month at the annual meeting of the club, a new president, executive committee and Board of Directors were elected. **Susan Jaffe** is the newly elected president, **Lisa Pratt** is the vice president and **Mark Bono** is the secretary. Elected to the Board of Directors were immediate past president, **Jean DiGiacomandrea, Chris Hetherington** and **Rob Hillman.** Congratulations to all.

In their first "official act" as vice president and president of the club, Lisa Pratt as director and Susan Jaffe as producer are teaming up to put on the CDC's fall production of "The Women" by Clare Boothe Luce. This show will be held on Nov 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 pm and Nov 12 at 2 pm. The CDC will also present "The Pajama Game" in March and Disney's "High School Musical" in the summer of 2007 as part of Cohasset Recreation Department's summer program.

US Marine Corps
Lt. Cpl. Harold "Jamie" Litchfield.

WELCOME HOME

The best news came to me this week from a very happy and proud family. Lt. Cpl. Harold James Litchfield, known to all as Jaime is back from Iraq where he served as a United States Marine! After arriving in Maine and then heading to California for some regrouping time, Jaime will be back in town with his mom **Peggy**, sister **Tricia, Aunt Julie**, **Uncle Steve** and his grandfather, **Harold Litchfield**. Jaime, words will never express to you how proud of you your family, all of your friends and this town are of you and all who serve for our country. We love you Jaime.

Jamie graduated from Cohasset High School in 2004 and after a summer of working around town with his grandfather, he joined the Marines.

DEAN'S LIST

Alicia Sanchez, a junior at Salve Regina University in Newport R.I. was recognized at a ceremony on Sept. 30th for achieving dean's list the spring semester of this year. The requirements are a 3.6 GPA and Alicia's GPA was a perfect 4.0. Alicia's parents, **Armando and Ellen** are so proud of her, she's been on the dean's list every semester since freshman year. Congratulations on this news Alicia!

COACHING CLINIC

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club is sponsoring a coaching clinic for all Recreation basketball coaches. The clinics will take place at the CMHS gym on Wednesday Oct. 25 and Thursday Oct. 27 from 7-9 pm. The clinics are mandatory for all coaches who have signed up and is open to anyone interested in coaching youth basketball who hasn't yet signed up. Clinics for Coaches for grades 4-8 will be from 7-8 pm and for grades 1-3 will be from 8-9 pm each evening. You only have to attend one session. Coaches will be provided with handouts for the skills and rules that are applicable by grade and will be shown various drills available to coach and teach with.

The program is still looking for coaches for Boys grades 6-7-8 and Girls 1st grade. If you haven't signed up your child to play yet, walk-in registrations are still Taking place at the Recreation Office in the Cohasset Town Hall.

Please Email ellenmaher63@comcast.net. Look for our new and improved website www.cohassetbasketball.com coming soon!

REC SIGNUPS

Speaking of the Cohasset Recreation Department, many late fall programs are getting ready to kick off and registrations are being accepted for all. For more information, call 781-383-4109 or check out www.onecreativeplace.net.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will be holding its 2006 Championship Awards Night on Wednesday, Oct. 25th at 7p.m. at the CMHS auditorium. The event will recognize the 2006 baseball and softball spring and summer championship teams. All CYBSA Little League participants, family and friends are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact **Nancy Froio** at (781) 383-1897.

Skyler Ralston, shown here with her Chihuahua, Bailey, is spending the academic year in Madrid.

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YEAR IN MADRID

Skyler Ralston will be spending this academic year in Madrid where she is studying International Business at ICADE University, a highly regarded business school in Europe. All her classes are delivered lecture style in Spanish. She is an International Business/ Marketing major at Northeastern and by maintaining an average of 3.0 plus earned the right to spend her 4th year of the 5-year program in Madrid. She reports loving being in Spain and hears her Spanish getting better every day. She has had the opportunity to visit Barcelona, Sevilla, Toledo, Switzerland and Germany in her month there so far and is planning her next trip to Morocco. Her Chihuahua, Bailey, is accompanying her on her adventures. No doubt she will have tales to tell when she returns.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Here is some great information about a program that is bringing green thumbs to our young people in town. After a hiatus of five years, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset is attempting to revive a Junior Gardener program. The free pilot program will be open to all students at the Deer Hill School and will be offered once a month from 2:45-3:45 p.m. in the cafeteria. Following is the Fall schedule: Monday, Oct. 30: Horticulture – planting bulbs for spring flowers with **Jackie Fitts** Thursday, Nov. 16: Creating a Thanksgiving arrangement with **Judy Dickstein**; Thursday, Dec. 14: Bringing greens into your home with **Lee Jenkins**.

The object of the Garden Club is to promote an interest in gardens, horticulture and conservation of natural resources. This is achieved through the programs at the monthly meetings plus horticulture and design workshops and field trips and yearly participation in the New England Spring Flower Show and holding Standard Flower Shows in Cohasset. The club also maintain a relationship with a sister city

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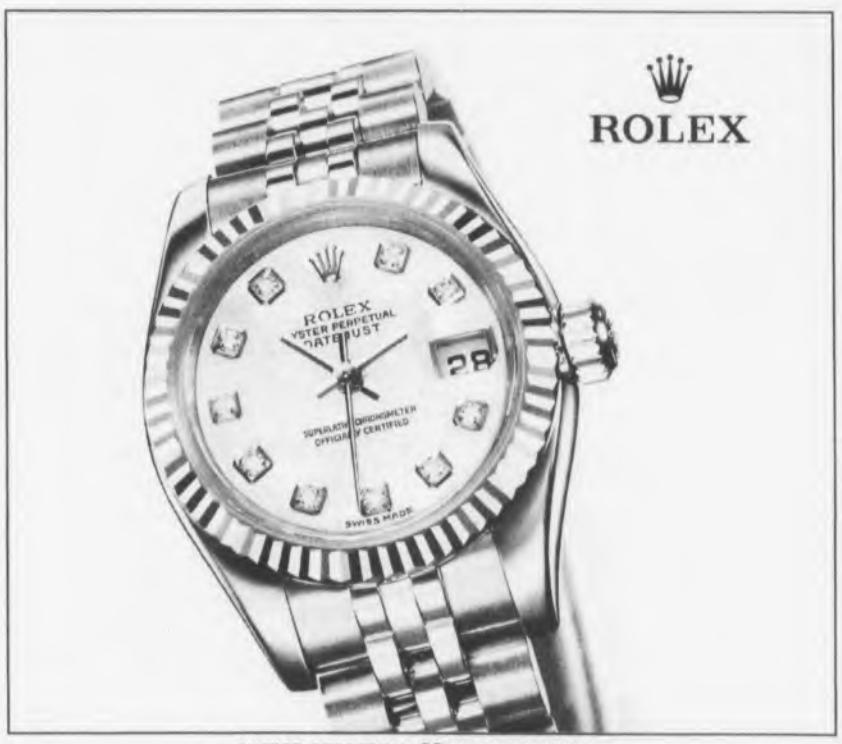

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club in Nagoya, Japan. Among our many civic pursuits, the club cares for the gardens at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, the Historical Society and Constitution Park plus has provided Arbor Day programs and trees and plantings for the schools. A monthly Garden Therapy program is sponsored for the residents of the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

The club acts as an Advisory Committee to the Cohasset Tree Department and has been working on a tree identification program for the town. Through the Junior Gardeners, the courtyard at the Deer Hill School had been maintained. A significant portion of the budget is dedicated to contributing scholarships each year to Cohasset students. All of the activities of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset are financed through the volunteer work of its members in several fund raising endeavors. The most well known is the Christmas House Tour held every other December. Through the endeavors of the full club, we have published two cookbooks, *Cohasset Entertains* and by popular demand is in the process of being reprinted plus *Cohasset Entertains Encore* which is currently available. The *Eclectic Gardener*, the newest publication is a month-by-month gardening journal packed with plant information plus recipes and crafts. In January the club will be working with the Cohasset Historical Society hostessing a dual fundraiser. Presently the club is in the midst of its annual fall bulb sale and will have the plant sale in the spring. To support its community work by purchasing any of its books, which make wonderful presents, or the bulbs which are currently available please call. **Dolores Roy** (781-383-0838)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Make-a-Difference Day is a national day of volunteering in its 15th year. Last year alone, over 3 million people volunteered to help others on Make-A-Difference Day. It has long been a tradition at the Osgood School and this year, the Deer Hill School will be holding its first Make-a-Difference Day. This year, there will be two events in Cohasset. First, there will be a school improvement day on Saturday, Oct. 21. At the Osgood School from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., volunteers will spread mulch on the Osgood playground, paint 4-square and hopscotch patterns, and do general weeding and cleanup. At Deer Hill, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., volunteers will clean up the main courtyard and prepare for a student garden to be planted in the spring, paint 4-square patterns on the blacktop, weed and clean windows.

A second day of activities is planned for Nov. 18 when students of both Osgood and Deer Hill and their families will be working in teams to help with fall cleanup for some of Cohasset's elderly residents. Volunteers will rake, pull down storm windows, change outdoor light bulbs and remove window air conditioners. These are wonderful opportunities for the whole family to Make-a-Difference. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact **Lisa Rosen** at (781) 383-6491.

SCOREBOARD

As part of its continuing commitment to the schools, Pilgrim Bank has donated $1,000 towards the restoration and maintenance of the scoreboard at the Alumni Athletic Field located at Cohasset Middle/High School. Cohasset Chamber of Commerce There will be an after hours event on Nov. 8, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Bank, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Way.

A representative of Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund will be present to discuss grant money, which is available from the Commonwealth for various employee training initiatives. Non-members are also invited. R.S.V.P. to **Judy Lyden** at 781-383-9089 or Nutrilink@AOL.com.

VETERANS PARK

Pilgrim Bank has also donated $3,500 to purchase the flagpole for the new Veteran's Memorial Park. Through the efforts of the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee, the renovations are underway to expand the memorial to honor all of the service men and women from Cohasset who have served during the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf Wars and the current War on Terror. The dedication of the new park, will be on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

APPRAISAL DAY

On Saturday, November 4th, Skinner Auctioneers & Appraisers of Antiques and Fine Arts will be at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10am-3pm.Stuart Whitehurst, Senior Appraiser and James Callahan both seen on PBS "Antique Road Show" will value your heirlooms. Find out what it's worth!! - $10 per item; $25 for three items. Bring items from all-collecting items.

Examples would be porcelain, pottery, toys, dolls, silver, paintings, furniture and rugs. For services of china or silver, one example of each piece in a set and a list of the total number of pieces is acceptable. It is advisable to substitute good quality photos for items that are fragile or for large pieces of furniture. Please omit coins; stamps; jewelry and musical instruments. There will be raffle items and choices of delicious food prepared by the Angel Food Pantry. Please call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112 to pre-register—— Drop-ins also welcome. The proceeds of this event will be for the benefit of the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Don't forget to get your pumpkins this weekend at the Wheelwright Park on North Main Street. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is sponsoring this and the teens and parents are all volunteering their time to help benefit the 2007 trip. For more information, go to www.cohassetasp.org.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Jill Anne Kahlert and John Raymond Whitehouse

Whitehouse – Kahlert

Raymond and Gail Whitehouse of Cohasset are delighted to announce the marriage of their son, John Raymond Whitehouse, to Jill Anne Kahlert. Jill is the daughter of Helmut and Heidi Kahlert of Westwood.

The couple were married by Reverend Gary Ritts, Sept. 8, in the chapel of the Second Congregational Church.

John earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Trinity College in Conn., and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Umass - Boston. He currently works as a registered nurse on a step-down unit at Boston Medical Center.

Jill is a graduate of Northeastern University, earning a bachelor of science in nursing. She is a registered nurse working for the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association.

The newlyweds reside in Cohasset with their dogs, Junebug and Karl.

Bark 'n Howl benefits animal shelter

Tickets are available for the Scituate Animal Shelter's Bark 'n Howl Ball, Saturday, Oct. 28, at the River Club in Scituate, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are $125 each, $100 is tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, to replace the facility currently on the Driftway.

Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor.

Call 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To follow the progress of the relocation, visit:

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an autographed picture up for bid of Steve Carell, who has appeared in many movies including the newly released "Little Miss Sunshine" and is also the star of the NBC series "The Office." There will also be items to help spark artistic creativity such as paint sets and easels. While placing bids on the items, there will be a flutist playing soothing music, thanks to the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

A pair of diamond earrings will also be raffled off during the evening. Tickets for the "Sweets and Treats" raffle are $10 each, and guests will receive their choice of a complimentary truffle or glass of champagne with the purchase of each ticket. There will also be decadent hors d'oeuvres provided by Reggio Italian Ristorante of South Weymouth.

"Could you think of a better cause to support?"
— Katie Hanley, The Arc

Art teacher Patrice Kelley and Assistant Coordinator to Community Supports Laurel Hickey have been working with some of the artists over the last couple of months to create the artwork for the show. "We've had a lot of fun," said Kelley, who has been teaching Cohasset residents Jay Nothnagle, Peter Plante, Nick Sida and James Strazzulla. All four boys also had artwork on display last year. In addition, artwork has been collected from area special education schools including the St. Coletta and Cardinal Cushing Schools, which will also be on display. Artwork will be available for purchase and will also be auctioned off.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the individuals and families supported by The Arc of the South Shore, headquartered in Weymouth. The Arc has provided advocacy, support, training and services to South Shore children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1951. The organization provides vocational support and employment opportunities at its Harbor Industries site; Early Intervention Services (serves eligible children from birth to 3 years old); Day Habilitation (improves independence levels and functional abilities); Residential Supports (provides housing options); Recreation and Family Support; and Personal Care Attendant services.

PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Nicholas Sida glues together part of his tile collage quilt during an art class at the South Shore Art Center. This will be the second year in a row Sida has had artwork featured in the "Art with Heart" fundraiser.

Cohasset resident Maria Plante is the Second Vice President for The Arc Board of Directors. She explained while The Arc currently offers many programs for families on the South Shore, it would like to continue expanding its offerings to cover every need families face, and fund-raisers like "Art from the Heart" make that possible.

She said many adults, who are being serviced by The Arc, are reaching ages where Alzheimer's is setting in, and that requires specialized services which additional funding will be able to help support. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Retardation, Medicare, Mass Health, Social Security, HUD and other agencies fund programs at The Arc. Most services are entitlement programs for individuals who qualify. Some of the funding The Arc has depended on has been cut, and fund-raisers help bridge the gap.

Plante added state Sen. Robert Hedlund is currently working with the Committee on Ways and Means to secure the funding necessary to allow The Arc to purchase the building in which it operates. "Right now, it belongs

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Buttonwood to host 'Flat Stanley' illustrator

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, will host Scott Nash Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. Nash is the illustrator for the new picture book adaptation of Jeff Brown's classic, "Flat Stanley." Nash will read this book about an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's 4 feet tall, about a foot wide and half an inch thick. Flat is fun for a while, but like most novelties, the allure fades and Stanley wants to be a normal boy again.

Many school-age children know Stanley Lambchop, and while he is a new discovery for early elementary pupils, high school students may remember him. The pictures are vivid, and the story is classic. In addition to reading the story, Nash will do a drawing demonstration, and there will be a "Flat Stanley" activity.

Nash has taught illustration and graphic design at the Art Institute of Boston, Northeastern University and Boston University. He has illustrated many children's books, including all six Stanley Lambchop chapter books by Brown, "Betsy Who Cried Wolf" and "Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp".

This is a free event. Anyone who is unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, can call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at buttonwood-books.com.

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to the state and we can't make the changes we want to," she said. However, with the $50,000 raised at last year's "Art from the Heart" fund-raiser, The Arc was able to complete a portion of renovations to its building.

The Arc of the South Shore's mission is to provide the highest quality services and advocacy for children and adults with mental retardation and cognitive, physical, or developmental disabilities. The Arc is a family oriented, community-based agency, which believes that all individuals have the right to participate fully in their community.

The agency was founded in 1951, and undertakes a broad range of legislative advocacy, information and referral, parent networking, community education and outreach activities. Its success is the result of active parent participation and strong public and private partnerships.

The "Art from the Heart" fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the South Shore Art Center, located at119 Ripley Road. For more information, please contact Claudia Cuscianna at (781) 413-2230 or via e-mail at ccuscianna@arc-southshore.org. For more information on The Arc of the South Shore, please call (781) 335-3023 or visit its Web site at www.arc-southshore.org.

PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

James Strazzulla draws a Halloween pumpkin during a class at the South Shore Art Center. The Arc of the South Shore and the Art Center are partnering together this weekend to host a fundraiser to benefit The Arc, which provides services for individuals with mental retardation and developmental delay and their families.

South Shore Art Center teacher Patrice Kelley shows off some of the artwork created by her students. The pieces will be on display this weekend during the "Art with Heart" fundraiser, which showcases artwork created by children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Students are busy at work creating pieces for the "Art with Heart" fundraiser, to be held this weekend. There will be wine tasting, a silent auction and a pair of diamond earrings will be raffled off.

Peter Plant is happy to show off a leaf print he created in art class at the South Shore Art Center. This piece is one of many which will be showcased during the "Art with Heart" fundraiser.

Art teacher Patrice Kelley of Hanover assists Steven DeWitt of Braintree during a class at the South Shore Art Center. DeWitt's artwork will be hung in one of the Art Center's galleries this weekend for the fundraiser.

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Pancake Breakfast scores with soccer boosters

By George McGoldrick
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Picture of George McGoldrick, Haley Haracz and Joe Coggins. Haley is receiving a check for $150 for being the top sales person for the 31st annual Pancake Breakfast.

Cohasset High School Soccer owes a great debt of gratitude to all who supported our recent fundraising Raffle and Annual Pancake Breakfast. We are thrilled to announce that we not only eclipsed last year's totals, we exceeded our most aggressive pre –event goals. This result could only be realized through the generosity of local merchants, the tireless efforts of Booster Club members, the salesmanship of our Varsity and Junior Varsity athletes and most of all the support of the Cohasset Citizenry and their friends.

We would like to personally thank the following local merchants and families for their generous donations to the 31st Annual Breakfast and Raffle:

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- DeNiro's Restaurant
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- The Ofsthun Family
- Atlantic Bagel's inimitable "Steve"

We would also like to acknowledge the effort of our Number 1 "SalesAthlete", senior Defensewomen Haley Haracz, who sold in excess of 100 tickets.

Thank you to the Cohasset School Administration for the use of the Deer Hill Cafeteria, and, Mr. Jones and Ms. Rhodes for their guidance and help in the kitchen. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Susan Wilcox, Ann Brophy, Mike Novak, Debbie Shadd, Nan Roth, John Dunn, and Denise Castro for spearheading the Ticket, Food, and Personnel responsibilities of the breakfast, as well as the spirited culinary consortium that so graciously satisfied a record dining crowd. More than 400 hungry boosters attended the event.

Money raised is used to fund College Scholarships, purchase Varsity Warm Ups, and hire Assistant Coaches.

Look forward seeing everyone next year!

George McGoldrick is President of the Cohasset Soccer Booster Club.

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LIBRARY CORNER

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Coffee and Discussion – Discussion of Edward P. Jones' Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Known World" will take place Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. This novel focuses on a little known fact of American history, the world of blacks who owned blacks in the antebellum South. All are welcome. Call Gayle Walsh for more information at 383-1348.

New Titles –New tilted have been added to the large print collection: "A Common Life" by Jan Karon; "The Mammoth Hunters" by Jean Auel; "Short Straw" by Stuart Woods; and "Shepherds Abiding" by Jan Karon. New audiobook titles include: "The Ladies of Grace Adieu" by Susanna Clarke; "One Good Turn" by Kate Atkinson; and "The Bancroft Strategy" by Robert Ludlum.

Email Newsletter – The email newsletter keeps patrons up to date with library programs and events. It is delivered electronically to a home or office computer. It's a convenient way of staying in touch with the library. Signup is quick and easy. Go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on the orange Email List Registration button on the home page. Follow the instructions to register and confirm signup.

Mamasteph Returns — MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m., Mondays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Nov. 27. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop-In Story Time — Drop-in Story Time will take place in the Children's Story Room Tuesdays, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at 10:30 a.m. This is a lap-sit program that welcomes all ages and communities.

Story and Craft — Story and Craft will meet Thursdays, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, and 16, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 1 to 2 p.m., for all those who have pre-registered for the four-week session. For more information, email smoody@cln.org_or call 781-383-1348.

OUR WORLD

Learn to speak Spanish at Our World

The following fall programs will be offered at Our World Museum at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information call 781-383-3198.

Spanish for Kids - Emilia Buckley will teach a beginning Spanish language and culture class for kids. Classes for 3 to 5 year olds will be held Fridays from 10 to 11a.m. Classes for 4 to 5 year olds will be held Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Classes begin Oct. 26 and run for five weeks. The cost is $81 for members and $90 for non-members. Maximum five children per class.

Children's Planting Event – Children can join local planting experts and artists to paint pots, plant bulbs and seeds, and enjoy the wonders of nature and growing, Thursday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m., and Friday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. All ages welcome, but drop-off is available for ages 5 and up. $3 per child

Mid-Week Camp - Elementary School students can spend the afternoon at Our World on Early Release Days. Sessions include craft, snack, lesson, and play time and run from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. Register in advance. The schedule currently accommodates students from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell, Hanover and Braintree. The cost is $30 per class for non-members and $25 for members.

Messy Art – Children can join Julie for two sessions Wednesday afternoons to do the messy projects they hesitate to do at home. Classes run from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and 2 to 2:45 p.m. All ages welcome, but drop-off is available for ages 5 and up. The cost is $5 per child.

Mistletoe Boutique - Featuring over 50 vendors from the South Shore and across Massachusetts, Mistletoe Boutique is a wonderful opportunity to do some holiday shopping. The event will be held at the Red Lion Inn, Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit Our World programs, operating costs, and exhibit development.

Jim Armstrong Music Classes for Toddlers - Beginning in January, Jim Armstrong will take his creative talents to toddlers for music, dancing, parades and more. Classes will be held Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

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This photo shows Fithi, the python, a year ago when Our World ran a contest to name her.

On the loose in the library

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vides services to all pets, including exotic ones, quickly responded but were unable to locate the elusive Fithi.

"The snake could stay secreted away a month or more until it gets hungry again," Murphy explained. "It could hide anywhere and survive within the walls.

"It will certainly seek out any field mice that may have gotten inside but the snake is not dangerous and poses no threat to humans," he said.

Conard spoke to a meeting of the Our World Board of Directors on Wednesday night to reassure members that the snake is harmless.

"It is a constricting type of animal – meaning it squeezes its pray and swallows it," Conard said in a telephone interview. "It is not poisonous or venomous.

"And from what I understand, the snake was hand-raised so it is very friendly and used to people," Conard said.

He explained that pythons are "well known escape artists" and do not typically like enclosures. So Conard was not surprised that Fithi pushed her way through the lid of the glass tank. The snake can also lie dormant for a period of time, meaning she may not come out for a while.

Conard said Fithi might come out to bask in the sun but would likely seek out places that are warm that have some moisture.

About a year ago, the museum held a drawing to name Fithi, who came from the Inly School in Scituate. She needed a new home after a teacher there, who owned the snake, left the school. The former director of Our World, Michelle Bolduc, had worked at a science museum and was used to snakes so Our World was the perfect choice for Fithi's new home.

Laugelle of Our World explained no one is sure whether Fithi is female but museum officials decided to refer to her that way because it sounded "friendlier."

She said a student group, which is home-schooled, came through the museum on Monday and was excited to go around and hunt for Fithi. Laugelle said she called the lady in charge of the group the Friday night before to alert her. "She thought it sounded great – and the kids knew about cold-blooded creatures and how they might look for someplace warm."

"Everyone is worried sick she might be out in the cold."

— Patience Towle, library trustee

Laugelle said Fithi is black and brown in color and is very friendly. She said Bolduc would take Fithi out and let children touch her.

Word about Fithi's disappearance has spread quickly around town.

Police Chief James Hussey appeared on camera during Monday's Selectmen's meeting to put any fears to rest.

"The library staff has posted notices. We just want the public to know the snake is not dangerous, but it could scare someone," he said. Hussey said Fithi is about one-inch in diameter.

In an interview Wednesday, Hussey said Animal Control Officer Murphy has been in contact with Rainforest Reptiles in Beverly for advice on how to capture the snake. Apparently there are no contraptions out there that can attract a snake and safely capture it.

"The snake will probably come out when it gets hungry but in the meantime we are trying to learn from the experts a better way to catch it," he said.

Patience Towle of the Trustees of the Paul Pratt Library which shares the building with Our World, said signs have been posted on both library doors alerting patrons there is nothing to fear if Fithi decides to show herself.

"Everyone is worried sick she might be out in the cold," Towle said. Towle said the trustees learned getting a search party together to look around for her probably wouldn't be fruitful. "She is probably well hidden," she said.

Marlena Alex, who is co-president of the board at Our World, said the museum had been looking for a new home for Fithi. She explained once Bolduc left, there was no one currently on the board who was really a "snake person."

Conard, the Crazy Paws veterinarian, said there is nothing to fear.

"She poses no danger to humankind," he said. "The only inhabitants of the library that should be worried are three-inch-long varmints."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks, Fithi

We think only in Cohasset could a young ball python named Fithi cause a stir that reached the front page of the local daily paper.

Let's face it pythons on the loose in Quincy or other places would probably take a back seat to more pressing news.

But there is something about this small town that can provide a temporary diversion from all the world's problems and bring a smile to our collective faces.

The good news is there is little to fear from Fithi. In fact, she may do a better job than a cat could in keeping any little field mice at bay. We all know when winter approaches field mice can find their way inside some homes and public buildings; the little creatures are only looking for a warm place to spend the cold months.

We want to be clear: we are not saying there are mice in the library or at Our World!

And in the interest of full disclosure – the editor has, in the past – found field mice in the cupboard under her kitchen sink. She dragged her cat over and demanded action, but Tiger turned up his nose at the idea and walked away. A trip to the hardware store for some mousetraps; a dab of peanut butter on the snapping device; and within a short time, the field mice, were – shall we say – history.

We're thinking Fithi would have made that job more pleasant (for the editor, not the mice).

Fithi escaped from her glass tank at Our World sometime overnight last Thursday into Friday morning. Some suspect she may have heard about the museum's plans to find her a new home and did not want to leave.

Since Fithi went missing, there have been some rumored "sightings" – one of which reportedly occurred outside the Deer Hill School. But most experts think Fithi would not have traveled beyond the warm confines of the library building.

Fithi is a ball python and from what we could find out, could be around for sometime. With proper care they can live up to 50 years!

Here is some other information about ball pythons that we found on the Internet:

• Ball pythons are so named because when threatened they roll themselves into a tight ball, tucking their head inside their coils. Young ball pythons grow about a foot a year for three years.

• Growing to a maximum size of three feet to five feet, ball pythons are not as large as many of the other constricting snakes that are kept as pets, and are quite docile and easy to handle. A captive bred ball python usually flourishes given the proper care.

• The Ball Python (*Python regius*), is also known as the Royal Python, and is native to the savannahs and rain forests in western Africa, predominatly the countries of Ghana, Togo, and Benin. The origin of the *Royal* name comes, in part, by Cleopatra who wore them around her wrists.

• Adults can range from three fee to more than six feet in length, with the average female reaching three feet to five feet and the average male reaching two feet to three feet. A mature female will commonly grow distinctly larger than the male. Typically, ball pythons have a gentle disposition which, in addition to their size, makes them a common household pet.

Meetings

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Bylaw Committee, Oct. 24, 9a .m.

Cohasset Common Historic Districts Commission, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

Cohasset Middle School Council, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 26 & Nov. 9, 7p.m.

Library Trustees, Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.

Osgood School Council, Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m. at the Osgood School.

School Committee, Nov. 7, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, Oct. 23 & Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 26, 6 p.m., at the King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to pay attention to train safety is now!

TO THE EDITOR:

It happened so fast. I stumbled over the huge granite boulders chasing my new puppy, who hasn't got the hang of his invisible fence yet. As I lay sprawled across the railroad track while trying to hold this cherished pup up in the air like he was a piece of fine china, I thought "What happened?"

Like having your mouth drop open looking down at the scale after putting on 10 pounds. Wow, what a wake up call! "This really is a railroad bed in my backyard. And I'm lying face down on it!"

All right, maybe it's not in your backyard. Perhaps you only cross the rail on the way to school, to work or Stop & Shop. But, the construction has a ripple effect throughout our towns. It is tough to keep on top of the progress with all the roads being torn up, paved, torn up, repaved, buildings being demolished, 10 wheelers charging down South Main Street like a herd of elephants. Have you driven through North Scituate, Cohasset's 3A, Main and King streets. Perhaps, downtown Hingham?

The activity on and around the rail bed is bustling and dangerous. The workers begin at 7 a.m. Besides working weekdays, they have recently been working Saturdays and on those school "professional days", when your children are roaming the village, going to sports, taking a bike ride. I even saw teenage boys throwing rocks on the track to see what would happen when the "work train" passed over them. In fact, did you know there are vehicles transporting construction stuff back and forth through Cohasset "on the rails" with a mini-style locomotive and some 30 or so ""flat beds" in tow on real train wheels? It's a spooky sound, quiet yet you sense something moving through the trees.. Where's the signs warning of "moving vehicles".

Also, did you know there are supposed to be locomotives in "test mode" after the first of this (2007) new year? There still are no safety fences up. Oh, maybe there's a post here and there, but nothing to stop the little wanderers, be they beast or child, to stay out of the construction sites.

Did anybody consider this "grey" area of when to educate the public? Did we think safety would only apply when the train actually took on passengers? I've gone in circles trying to find who is responsible for educating the public. Rather than point a finger, I thought it would be more efficient to *alert* citizens myself.

We need to take it upon ourselves to *talk* with our families and friends. *Discuss* what is going on around us. *Stay away* from the tracks and construction.

You can go on line to Operation Lifesaver "www.oli.org" for bits and pieces of information. Eventually, this will be the program presented to our schools. You still need to encourage your school system, whether private or public, your representatives, and police department, to begin their education of your children now, not when the project is complete.

Barbara Canney
353 S. Main St.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be

TO THE EDITOR:

Andrew Quigley is right; the old days weren't so wonderful. A few years ago someone produced a book of old photographs from the Bettman Achives in New York titled "The Good Old Days: They Were Terrible" The pictures were of crowded tenements, underfed and ragged children, sweatshops, horse manure in the streets etc. Of course, many still are disadvantaged, but now there are many more government *and* non-government agencies to help them.

We still do not have universal health care, but medical treatments unknown a few decades ago for many ailments now are available. Many people still are underfed, but most of us now can enjoy a variety of foods, in and out of season, that even the rich could hardly obtain a century ago. Many remain unemployed, and many work long hours at menial jobs, but nowadays the unemployed don't starve, and no-one works the long hours in dirty dangerous conditions at pitiful wages, as was common years ago.

In some respects, those of us who began our education in rural one-room schoolhouses (as did I, and as did John Kenneth Galbraith a few miles distant and a dozen years apart) were fortunate. We respected our teachers, we treasured our learning, we talked earnestly to each other about our schoolwork on the long walks home. Our "readers" were marvelous collections of examples of great literature, larded with inspiring maxims, and enriched by bits of poetry, some to be remembered for life. But few went on to high school, and very few to university and a career in the wider world.

We didn't have play stations or Ipods; our music came from mouth organs, tissue paper on combs, fiddles and a few (non-electric) pianos and organs. We didn't lug backpacks big enough for a polar expedition out to a school bus; we carried lunch in a 5-pound honey pail (to be thawed out near of the wood-stove at the back of the schoolroom) and only small bag with our homework. Sounds idyllic, but when childhood diseases like measles, mumps, polio, chicken pox came calling, there wasn't much in the way of treatment. Some died or were affected for life.

At that time and place, by middle age women were worn from constant work and childcare, most men suffered from rheumatism, improperly treated fractures and other ailments resulting from unrelenting labor. Food, even when plentiful, lacked the variety we now enjoy, and included fresh fruits and vegetables only in season. Vitamin supplements, frozen foods, orange juice and foreign foods were unknown. For most people, a vacation was rare, and did not include a cruise nor a week in the South.

There is much in the present and for the future to be thankful for. Better to learn from the past, than to get sentimental about it.

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Pond St. closed to through traffic

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

What's new? If you routinely travel Pond Street into Town from Route 3A you have noticed that it closed again to through traffic at the railroad crossing at the foot of the Pond Street / Spring Street hill. CBB was kind enough to keep it open during the road grinding and repaving that was recently done on Pond Street and Norfolk Road. Thanks, CBB it was really a big help to the Town.

Rail pulling continues along the right of way. All of the rail that will be needed to construct the railroad up to the Hingham tunnel was welded into long pieces in Scituate and dragged up to the Cohasset / Scituate border and stored along side the right of way. *See the accompanying photo.*

After the rail is pulled and fastened into place it will be covered with about a foot of loose gravel (also called ballast). This will ultimately used to adjust the rail to the correct level. The process of dumping this additional gravel is very interesting.

Ballast Spreading Hopper — A hopper car is filled with ballast and then pulled along the rail bed by a truck designed to travel on the rails. While the hopper car is being pulled the doors in the bottom of the car are opened and the ballast is spread along the tracks as the hopper car continues to move. At the present, the hopper car is filled at the foot of Pond Street hill, where it returns to pick up each new load. *See the photo for the hopper car and the truck that pulls it.*

Rocky Lane – We have spoken about the new bridge before. In general it is an amazing structure. But, when you drive into Rocky Lane and look at the pathway that children must use to get to their school bus stop, go into Town to the Swim Center, library, or any other place, you can share the concern of the Rocky Lane parents. At Town Hall we have received many citizen concerns about this situation. It's very true that the "old" Rocky lane had no sidewalk. But, the reason it didn't was that the road had no steep hills and the road was flat even to the side of the road. There was only a shallow Cape Cod berm separating the roadway from the flat grassy area alongside the road. Children on bikes or parents with strollers could easily move to the grass off the road when cars came by. The new bridge has now dramatically changed all of that.

Now, even though the road is newly paved, there is a tall granite curb that separates the roadway from the grass next to the road. Bikes and strollers cannot quickly make the transition off of the road. And, the grassy strip is not very smooth. Certainly this area is not conducive for bikes, strollers or pedestrians. There is also a very steep grade of almost 8 percent that leads right into N. Main Street, which as we all know is a very busy roadway. *See the accompanying photos.*

Typical Rocky Lane edge of road before.

Typical Rocky Lane edge of road after.

The hopper car and the truck that pulls it.

Rail stored at Lincoln Lane waiting to be pulled to Hingham.

The MBTA has offered to build a sidewalk for the Town as long as we pay for it. Our position is there was no sidewalk there before because it was not needed. There should be one there now because it is needed solely because of the dramatic changes that the new bridge has created in this residential area.

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Sharing a purr-fect Halloween story

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

One Halloween night, Corey and his little sister Lee walked along their street carrying plastic pumpkins full of candy. They visited the last house before the road ended at the lake, then turned toward home.

"You tired?" asked Corey.

"Yeah," Lee said. It was late. Their house wasn't far, but taking the road back meant winding around a hill and a small farm that grew lettuce and corn.

"You want to take the short cut?"

"Okay," she said.

They set off along the shore of the lake, a half moon reflecting in the water. Soon they came to a cottage set right above the bank. They had played there many times over many years when their good friend Alex had lived there, until he moved away during the summer. Someone had recently bought the cottage and moved in, but nothing was known about the new owner.

On the porch facing the water several pumpkins sat beside the front door. Candles flickered in the den, and through the kitchen window the children could see a woman dressed as a witch, stirring a saucepan on the stove.

The children knocked on the door. They heard a spoon clank against the side of a pan, and the slow shuffling of feet. Finally the door opened and the woman peered outside.

"Hello?" she said.

"Trick or treat," said the children, and held out their plastic pumpkins.

"What?"

"Trick or treat?" they said.

"What day is it?" asked the woman, flustered.

The children looked at each other. "Halloween," said Corey.

"Oh Cripes," said the woman. She looked around behind her. "I don't have any treats."

"But you're dressed as a witch," said Corey.

"I am a witch," she said. "This is how I dress."

"That's a costume," said Lee. "Witches aren't real."

"Can you come back tomorrow night?" asked the woman.

"It's okay," said Corey. "Thanks."

The children started toward the porch stairs.

"Wait," said the woman. The children turned. "You said 'Trick or treat,' right? I can do a trick. Would you like that?"

Corey and Lee didn't answer.

"Just watch this," she said, and pulled a wand from her sleeve. She pointed it at one of the pumpkins by her feet. "Cantaloupe," she said. There was a flash and a hiss, and in the pumpkin's place was a ripe round cantaloupe.

The woman smiled proudly. "What do you think?" she said. The children looked at the cantaloupe, puzzled. The woman frowned. "Too subtle, huh. All right, how about this?" She pointed the wand at her mailbox, which sat on a post beside the porch. "Scarecrow!" she said. Flash. Hiss. The mailbox was a scarecrow. She turned to Corey and Lee. "Yeah? Pretty good, eh?"

"They do that at magic shows," said Lee.

"Gah!" said the woman. She threw open her door and pointed the wand at her sofa. "Cat!" she shouted. The sofa disappeared in a puff of smoke, and a little black cat trotted out of the den and into the kitchen. The children were silent. The woman snatched her left shoe from her foot and flung it out into the yard. "Boat!" she yelled, and a 60-foot schooner flashed into place beside the cottage.

Breathing heavily, the woman looked at Corey and Lee. "You just want a peanut butter cup, don't you," she said. The children nodded.

"Snickers bars are good too," said Corey.

The woman's face brightened. "Aha," she said, and picked up two acorns from the porch floor. "Snickerdoodle," she said, and offered two fun-size candy bars.

"We can't take those," said Corey.

"What? Why not?"

"We're not allowed to eat anything homemade," he said.

"But they're in wrappers, just like you'd get at the store," she said.

"It's okay," said Corey, tugging Lee's sleeve. "Thank you." The two children stepped down the porch stairs, and the woman watched as they hurried off into the night. She turned sadly, shuffled back into the house and closed the door. She stood in the tiny hall for a minute, watching her saucepan boiling over onto the stovetop.

There was another knock on the door. Startled, she turned and opened it. Corey and Lee stood on the porch.

"What. What is it now?" she asked, a little harshly.

"We're not allowed to eat anything homemade," said Corey.

"I know," she said. "I'm not deaf."

"But, if you wanted to... you could give us the cat," he said.

"Her?" said the woman, as the little black cat rubbed its nose against her shoeless left leg. "You two know how to care for a pet?"

"We had a cat," said Corey. "But a few weeks ago he didn't come home."

"Dad thinks he got eaten by something," said Lee.

"That's not true," said Corey.

The woman smiled at the cat. "Oh, nothing will eat this one," she said with a little laugh.

"How do you know?" asked Corey.

"You can trust me," she said.

Lee handed her plastic pumpkin to Corey, gently picked up the cat and petted her. She felt warm and purred happily.

"Thank you very much," said the children. "Happy Halloween."

"Okay," said the woman, smiling, and she shuffled back inside the cottage.

"We could name her Witchie," said Lee, as they walked home along the lake.

"Sure," said Corey.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset with four good witches and a cat.

HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset: Water, water, everywhere!

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...the answer for our rocky landscape is to make better more efficient use of our limited areas of pervious land to recharge the water into the land.

Last week, the newly organized Stormwater Committee had its first meeting. This committee was formed as a result of a growing recognition that parts of Cohasset were being increasingly affected by surface water draining from the land after rain events into locations where it at minimum becomes a nuisance, but often represents a substantial health hazard. The Board of Health, as with many other Town departments, has received reports of flooded streets, backyards, water draining from neighboring property, and long dormant wetlands overflowing. One of the most flagrant examples is the periodic flooding of Post Office property in the middle of downtown. The problem has become more severe because of recognition that usually, this flooding is accompanied by extremely high bacteria counts in the floodwaters.

Normally, the response to flooding is, one: to clean the existing drain structures, and, two: to build more such structures like catch basins and retention ponds. As more basements and backyards are flooded with polluted water, there is an awakening awareness that our drain system is a part of the problem eventually channeling contaminated water into the Mass Bay. It's far worse in population centers like Lowell and towns along the Merrimack. It was worse in Boston, where the solution was to build pipes far out into the harbor; then to disinfect the water creating a dead zone nearby. Not good for fish, clams, etc , but a bit safer for people.

But in Cohasset, where even for a rich town such as ours the cost of disposing of the enormous quantity of surface drainage by building a pipe into the bay would not only be prohibitively expensive, but, also illegal. And there are cheaper solutions: As the problem has become more widespread in New England, the answer for our rocky landscape is to make better more efficient use of our limited areas of pervious land to recharge the water into the land.

Now for the first time in our history polluted water has become so much of a problem in towns like Cohasset that it is everyone's responsibility to do something about it. The Stormwater Committee has the responsibility to establish policies, which will address flooding in the Town. In the next few months they will be proposing activities designed to correct years of neglect of our surface water problems for literally hundreds of homes in Cohasset.

• **Get the Data** — The first thing they are doing is to collect evidence. There is an enormous quantity of data on the condition, causes and results of flooding all over Cohasset. Moreover there are extensive areas of town which can be used in the battle to solve some of the flooding problems.

• **Planning** — Strangely, most of the planning to reach solutions for the flooding problem exists, even to the description of detailed process and procedures to solve flooding in most of Cohasset's worst flooding areas. We know where the worst areas are and what to do about them. However, the agencies in Cohasset that are responsible for such planning have been, at best, dormant.

• **Money** — Earlier, it was said that flooding had such a widespread effect that it has become everyone's responsibility. At the Town Meeting this fall, there will be a request for a small amount of money, a few thousand dollars, to cover paying for organizing and publishing, creating rules, priorities and guidelines for managing and enforcing stormwater policies and activities. Funding for the work to be done will come from three places: Grants from the DEP and other agencies responsible for oversight of our coastal infrastructure. Fees and licenses for work already begun or planned by private parties in Town, and finally some kind of small assessment for individual properties in town; probably in the range of hundreds of dollars.

• **Work to be Done** — There is much to be done. In many cases, the engineering has begun. The locations are mostly known, but priorities will have to be reviewed and the actual work begun. The work will cover many years, depending on availability of funds.

• **You !** The most important element in solving our water flooding and drainage problems is support of the various projects by the people of Cohasset. You'll be hearing much more about this important work this fall; we need your help, and we'll be asking for it.

Steve Bobo is a longtime member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Breaking a cardinal rule

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Kerry Healey's campaign for governor may have broken an unspoken but cardinal rule of politics when Deval Patrick's brother-in-law was attacked last week.

For those of you who have decided to pay attention only to the real campaign issues, let me fill you in: Bernard Sigh admitted to raping his wife, Deval's sister, in 1993, served 133 days in jail, rejoined his forgiving wife, and apparently has lived happily ever after.

The campaign tactic seems to have violated one of the tacit rules laid down by that master politician, Tip O'Neill, in his book, "All Politics Is Local," which should be must reading for every politician from fence viewer to governor.

The rule is called "Never attack an opponent's family."

"I heard this first from Harry Truman," said Tip. "I met him with a group of us freshmen when I first came to Congress in 1953 and the conversation turned to Mamie Eisenhower. Truman said he had no use for Ike.

"'But leave his family alone,' the President continued, his voice rising. 'If I ever hear that one of you attacked the wife or a family member of the President of the United States, I'll personally go into your district and campaign against you.'

"I've always followed Truman's advice and the one time I slipped up there was hell to pay. It happened 30 years later when I was speaker, Reagan was president, and James Reston from the New York Times came in to interview me.

"Early in our conversation, he asked me about Nancy Reagan. I made a facetious remark to the effect that when the Reagans were through — which I hoped would be in 1984 — they could return to California where Nancy could be queen of Beverly Hills.

"The next day, when the quote appeared in Reston's column, I felt just terrible. I sent a letter of apology to Mrs. Reagan, but by then, the damage had been done. To this day, I feel bad about it."

Of course, the gutter is never very far away in Massachusetts politics, all the way back to the days when Jim Curley and his enemies were firing at each other and to hell with whoever else got in the way.

When Curley was running for governor in 1924, the Boston Telegram, a daily paper published by one Frederick Enwright, revived a reference to Curley's jail term of 20-odd years before and made a snide reference to his family.

The two happened to meet one day on the site of the Boston Massacre. Curley kayoed Enwright with one punch, sued him for criminal libel, won, and shortly thereafter the Boston Telegram went out of business.

Curley scored one for himself when he was running for mayor in 1913 against John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald and he announced, not too casually, one day that he was about to deliver a lecture on "Great Lovers: From Cleopatra to Toodles."

Elizabeth "Toodles" Ryan was a cigarette girl and sometime entertainer at the Ferncroft Inn in Middleton, a favored watering hole of Boston pols, and Fitzie was reported to be messing around with her when she wasn't selling Luckies.

Curley's announcement was followed by a letter to Fitzie's wife, Josephine, and Fitzgerald dropped out of the mayor's race, citing pressure from the "petticoat element."

"It was a risky maneuver," wrote the historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, "for if Fitzgerald had called his bluff and stayed the course, Curley may well have foundered on the rocks of bad taste, losing not only the election at hand but even more, his chances for the future."

Alternative Energy featured on Our Town

Tune into Our Town to learn about what's coming up! The program, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, is focusing on articles going before voters at the Nov. 13 Fall Special Town Meeting.

Pat and Mark sit down with Andrew Willard of the Alternative Energy Committee and then Alix White and David Farrag of the Conservation Commission to discuss their groups articles.

Also, in a special roll-in Pat visits the Cohasset Senior Center to find out about the center's upcoming Antique Appraisal Event.

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Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Medical Reserve Corps volunteers being sought

Medical Reserve Corps members are encouraged to choose their level of participation.

The Cohasset Board of Health is working with other local towns to mobilize volunteers for a Medical Reserve Corps that would assist in the event of a health emergency.

Disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, tsunamis and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have made communities all the more aware of the need for an organized group of qualified volunteers prepared to help. Future needs may include flu pandemic or bio-terrorism. Therefore, the board of health would like to identify credentials and train as many volunteers as possible. Volunteers may be nurses, physicians, pharmacists and physician assistants, whether practicing or retired, those with experience in public health, mental health and allied health professionals or community members without medical training to assist with administrative and support functions.

Information sessions will be held in Hull on Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. and in Hingham on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Volunteers may choose to attend a session in their town or another town. To register, call Alison Minkoff at 617-665-3871 or visit aminkoff@challiance.org.

Recognizing that many professionals have limited time to volunteer, the Board of Health encourages Medical Reserve Corps members to choose their level of participation. Volunteers may elect to serve their community both during emergencies and for more routine public health needs such as immunization clinics, screenings and health education, or strictly during emergencies. Because Cohasset is working in cooperation with 27 area communities to share resources, volunteers may also choose to serve only in their town or as part of the regional Medical Reserve Corps.

Examples of practicing and retired professionals, who are encouraged to volunteer, include, but are not limited to: physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, epidemiologists, health educators, psychologists, social workers, chaplains, language interpreters, lawyers, funeral directors and administrators. Medical, public health and other allied health professionals are also encouraged to apply, as well as non-medical personnel.

For more information, call Dr. Joseph Godzik, Health Agent, at 781-383-4116, or Alison Minkoff at 617-665-3871 or visit aminkoff@challiance.org.

Join the Girl Scouts

Any girls interested in joining Girl Scouts, who are in grades kindergarten through high school, can call Amy Brash at 781-923-1099 or email amybrash@putnam.com for more information.

Adults are also needed to become troop leaders. Anyone interested should contact Brash.

'No child left behind' versus all children moving ahead

COMMENTARY

ALFRED SLANETZ

Last week your School Committee unanimously voted in new Community Standards of Excellence for Cohasset Public Schools. These goals will fundamentally impact everything that we do as a School District. We believe that the goal of being in the top 10 school districts in the state and top 100 in the nation (by multiple measures) with every student achieving at their aptitude is the right goal for Cohasset. While they are high standards, we have confidence in our students, families, faculty and administration that we can achieve these objectives if we put our mind to it. We empowered the administration to prepare a viable plan to get us there. By making the Schools accountable to our Community Standards, we will move beyond No Child Left Behind to be a district where All Children Move Ahead.

No Child Left Behind — No Child Left Behind is a Federal law passed in 2002 to assure that every student achieves 10th grade competency in English and Math by graduation. The state is required to track a district's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) towards reducing to 0 (by 2014) the percentage of students who fail/need improvement on MCAS in its general student population and certain subgroups (such as special education students). If a district fails to meet AYP in two consecutive years, that district will be sanctioned. The state department of education then requires the administration of the district to take corrective action and, if that fails, can take over administration of the district.

With the threat of sanctions, school administrators have become obsessed with reducing the failure rates on MCAS particularly in the subgroups with the greatest chance of failure. While it is certainly good for those kids who are failing to be brought to at least the Needs Improvement Category (the minimum passing level), AYP says nothing about the performance of a school for the average or gifted children who are already proficient. In a town like Cohasset average and gifted children comprise 90 to 95 percent of our student population.

In fact, in most suburban schools, because the No Child Left Behind Act was an unfunded mandate implemented at a time when the Federal and State Governments balanced their budgets on the back of the property taxpayer (i.e.- Level Funded/ Reduced School Budgets) and the fact that administrators have become obsessed with realigning curriculums to pass the MCAS, AYP targets have redeployed resources away from the average and gifted students and lowered the overall standards of the curriculum to a principle focus of passing MCAS. Passing MCAS is a standard of a student's minimal competency in English and Math at a 10th grade level in 12th grade but in no way is a standard sufficient for college bound students. Therefore, while the AYP is a measure of a districts operational success (as it reflects the administration's principle focus) and is important for staying in compliance with the No Child Left Behind law, in most suburban towns it measures a districts ability to help the poorest performing 5 to 10 percent of its students. It says nothing about the level of service, which a district provides to the other 90 to 95 percent of students.

All Children Move Ahead — With the goals voted in last week, Cohasset School District's operational and accountable focus shifts to one in which every child moves ahead by achieving at or above their aptitude. The focus on these goals assures that our Community's educational objectives are driving the school district above and beyond No Child Left Behind. Further, the targets we have set drive Cohasset Schools in 5 years to be amongst the top 10 in the state/ top 100 in the nation by multiple measures.

While no one metric is perfect, we believe that metrics, which focus on our level of service to the majority of our student population particularly those of average ability, have an equal or greater importance than AYP. We consider passing MCAS a minimum threshold, which all students should far exceed. The additional metrics which we are tracking include: Acceptance rate to Most Competitive/ Highly Competitive Colleges or the Ivy League (used by the Wall Street Journal); SAT scores (used by the popular press such as Boston Magazine); percent pass rate and percent of students taking AP tests (a.k.a. achievement at the college level used by Newsweek); percent of students in the Proficient and Advanced category on MCAS (used by Boston Globe); competitiveness, number and percentage of students participating in co-curricular offerings, percent of national merit scholarship semifinalists and commendations, percent of attrition to private schools and, perhaps most importantly, the percent of students in every grade level achieving at or above their aptitude in Reading, Writing and Math on a test written to the highest national standards (e.g.- CTP-4, Stanford 10 & Wrap). Ranking systems based upon metrics such as those mentioned above, rank the performance of district for *all* students and increase our focus on the objectives of the college bound student which reflects 90 percent+ of the student population in a town like Cohasset.

Mastery of written and oral communication, quantitative and verbal reasoning, and a solid foundation in the historical/cultural development of the global community and scientific world all to the terminus AP level is a far more relevant standard for college and for life in today's ever changing world. Learning how to think for oneself is more important than learning what someone else tells us to think. Drive, intellectual curiosity, organization, empathy and leadership experiences in competitive academic co-curricular activities, the arts, athletics and unique/meaningful national/international community service round out the educational foundation for a meaningful and constructive life.

The quantitative and qualitative goals outlined above constitute the basis of our Community Standards of Excellence for Cohasset Public Schools. It is important for the School Committee and the Community to solidly support and empower the Administration as it prepares and implements the plan to achieve these goals in all ways: politically, emotionally and financially. It is my hope that the goals which we voted in last week represent a new social contract between the School Committee, the Administration/Faculty and the Cohasset Community unified towards making Cohasset Schools an undisputed center of excellence in education to the highest national standards.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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October 13, 2006

QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$4.5 MILLION FOR EDUCATION RESERVE (H 5000)

House 157-0, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $4.5 million in funding for a reserve account for education aid for cities and towns. This so-called "pothole account" provides funds to communities that meet certain criteria including cities and towns with extraordinary enrollment growth, median income below the state average and decreases in federal aid. Supporters of the $4.5 million said that it would fund grants for communities that are experiencing financial hardships. They argued that these grants are an important safety net for cities and towns across the state and assist communities that are struggling with their education budgets. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original budget recommendation. (A "Yes" vote is for the $4.5 million).

$150,000 FOR SAFETY OF GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENTS (H 5000)

House 126-28, Senate 36-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $150,000 in funding for programming to ensure public schools' compliance with the Board of Education's recommendations for the support and safety of gay and lesbian students and the implementation of related suicide-prevention and violence-prevention efforts. Supporters of the $150,000 said that this funding is crucial to ensure that schools are safe for gay and lesbian students. They noted that some of the funds are used to pay the salary of a coordinator who oversees the many gay/straight alliances in schools across the state. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the $150,000 because the program was not recommended. (A "Yes" vote is for the $150,000. A "No" vote is against the $150,000).

$100,000 FOR LIBRARIES (H 5000)

House 156-0, Senate 35-1, overrode Gov. Romney's $100,000 veto reduction (from $9.2 million to $9.1 million) in funding for state aid to public libraries. Supporters of the $100,000 said that this funding is important local aid to cities and towns and their struggling libraries. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is for the $100,000. A "No" vote is against the $100,000).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORY DAY (H 3465)- The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill designating October 19 as Massachusetts History Day in recognition of the convening of the first session of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1630. The measure also creates a special commission on civic engagement and learning to study ways to improve civic education and involvement in the state's public schools and in the community. The bill replaced a proposal, originally approved by the House, designating February 6 as Massachusetts History Day in recognition of Massachusetts' vote in 1788 to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME (H 4959)- The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring the state to develop and implement a state-wide Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Initiative to reduce death and disability of infants from the resulting head trauma that occurs when someone unintentionally shakes a baby too hard. The measure includes a requirement that all parents at the time of discharge from a hospital or birth center receive educational materials describing the dangers of "Shaken Baby Syndrome."

MUSICAL GROUPS (H 1910)- The House Ways and Means Committee gave a favorable report to a Senate-approved bill aimed at regulating musical groups that perform live under the name of the original group that recorded a hit song. The measure prohibits a group from performing live under the name of the original recording group unless the performing group includes at least one member of the recording group or has the legal right to use the name of the recording group. Supporters argue that "fake" Supremes, Platters, Coasters and other groups are ripping off fans and original artists across the nation. They say many of these faux groups do not include any original members and do not have the legal rights to the groups' names. The legislation provides protection against imitators and imposes up to a $15,000 fine on promoters who violate the restrictions.

EYE EXAMS FOR CHILDREN (H 2671)- The House Ways and Means Committee approved a bill requiring the Department of Public Health to develop a public education and screening program for two eye diseases— amblyopia and strabismus. The screening would be offered at no cost to all children under the age of six. Amblyopia is commonly known as "lazy eye" while strabismus is referred to as "wandering eye" or "cross eyed."

CREATE WORK-FAMILY COUNCIL (H 4216)- The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation creating a 16-member Massachusetts Work-Family Council to focus on work-family issues facing employers and employees with families. The council would conduct public hearings to identify these issues and recommend solutions and public and private workplace practices that support the well-being of both employers and families.

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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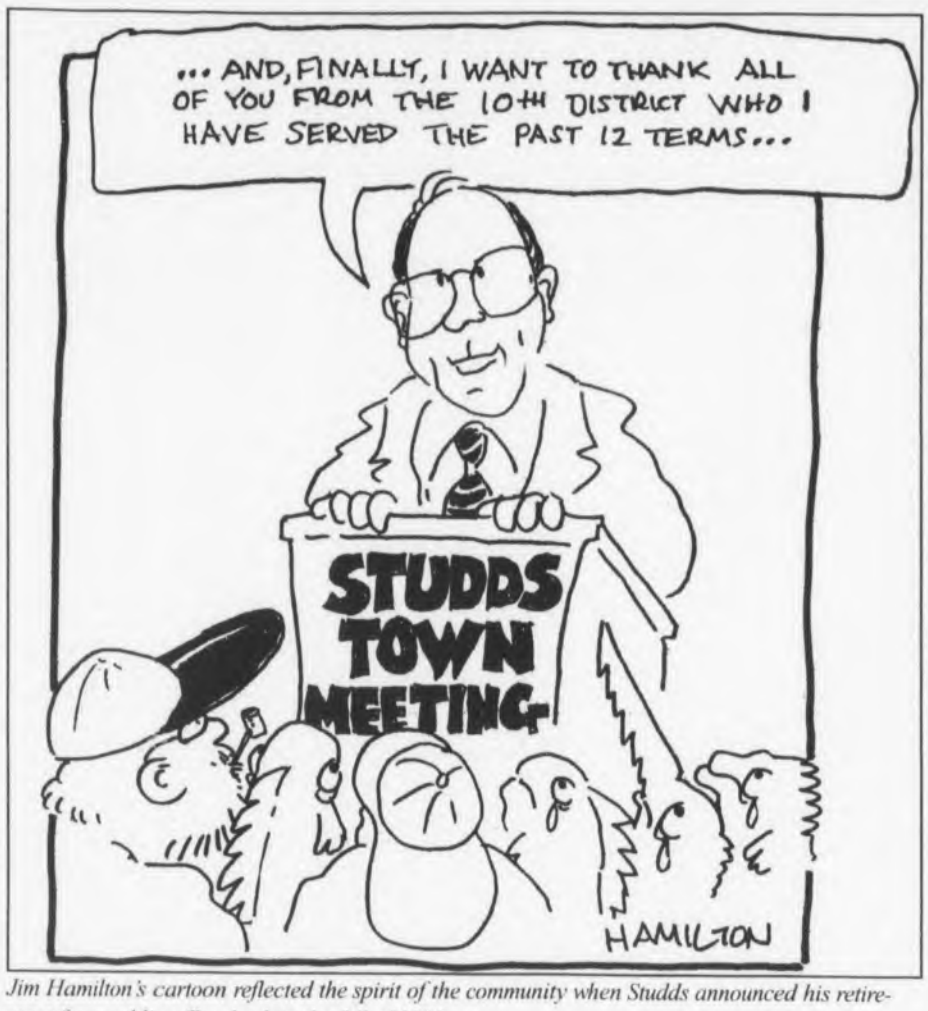

Jim Hamilton's cartoon reflected the spirit of the community when Studds announced his retirement from public office back in the fall of 1995.

Studds remembered for 1/4 century of service

FROM STUDDS, PAGE 1

bid for Congress in 1970. Keith did not seek reelection in 1972; and Studds defeated former state senator, republican William Weeks, also of Cohasset, in a close contest.

Polly Logan, republican activist and member of the Republican State Committee, remembers Studds as an articulate speaker who ran a positive campaign.

"He was always a gentleman," Logan says. "There was none of the negativity that gets into campaigns today."

Logan said Studds served the district well. "He was extremely articulate, everyone had access to his office, and he was the ideal congressman in terms of always thinking of his constituents first.

"I don't know anyone who communicated more with his district."

To sit and chat and listen to his constituents, Studds conducted hundreds of open meetings over the years in the four dozen towns across the district.

McGee, who worked with Studds on his campaigns, said he was reelected to his 12 terms by a broad constituency of liberals, conservatives, fishermen and environmentalists.

"He inspired many young people to careers in public service, including my daughter," McGee says. "I will always be grateful to him for his representation of the district and for his friendship and support over the years."

Studds, who is described as both articulate and intelligent, gave a year's notice when he decided not to run for reelection. He made the announcement first on Martha's Vineyard and then at John and Caroline Stouffer's home in Hingham in October 1995. He said he wanted to give voters plenty of time to give careful thought to a successor.

"He always felt blessed to represent the most beautiful congressional district in the country."
— Selectman Fred Koed

That October evening, Studds arrived to cheers, tears, handshakes and hugs. Speculation abounded about who might make a run for Studds' seat. Studds told supporters that at an earlier reception in Quincy he was nearly "trampled" by democrats interesting in running for the 10th District.

US Congressman Bill Delahunt, D-Quincy, was the eventual successor. Delahunt said this week he feels privileged to represent the same congressional district Studds represented "so ably and with such professionalism."

"Gerry was able to build bipartisan consensus on a host of important and controversial laws due to his profound intellect, thoughtfulness and ability to understand every facet of a debate. It is a skill that is all too rare in Washington today," Delahunt says.

Back in 1995, Studds said, "it was simply time to move on" as his reason for retiring from Congress. "Without exception it has been an honor to serve," he said. "The beauty of this district is matched by the incredible decency and commonsense of its people."

Caroline Stouffer, now a Rhode Island resident, said the first time she heard Studds speak in public at the 12th Congressional District Caucus, she knew the party had found the best possible candidate for Congress. (Studds represented the 12th District, and then when the number of Congressional districts in the state was reduced to 10, the represented the 10th district).

"He was incredibly intelligent and thoroughly knowledgeable about issues," Stouffer recalls. "He was also fun and sometimes very funny and extremely witty. I remember one evening at a fund-raiser in Scituate, when he and Michael Dukakis staged what some might call a 'comedy central' act. They had us all in stitches for about 15 minutes. It was quite a performance and a revelation about each of them."

Many headlines and news stories this week talk about Studds being the first openly gay congressman and note he was censured by the House of Representatives in July 1983 for having had an affair 10 years earlier with a 17-year-old male Congressional page. During the course of the investigation, Studds publicly acknowledged his homosexuality.

Koed said noting the times, "coming out of the closet" must have taken a lot of courage.

"I think though through his extraordinary efforts, the South Shore, Cape and Islands and the fisheries have been preserved for future generations and that will be his legacy," Koed said.

Water Department begins water main flushing

Water main flushing helps to remove the mineral deposit build up that may have accumulated in the water mains.

Cohasset Water Department is flushing water mains. The work takes place in the evenings from 7:30 to 11 p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Temporary street signs will be placed on the main roads in the areas to be flushed each day. Notice will also be provided on local cable access Channel 10. The Web site, cohassetwater.org, will also be updated daily with current information on where the Water Department will be working.

Water main flushing helps to remove the mineral deposit build up that may have accumulated in the water mains. Over the past few months, the levels of a mineral called manganese have been higher than usual. Manganese causes discolored water and can stain clothes and plumbing fixtures.

Avoid washing clothes during flushing times in the area. If clothes do become stained, the Water Department provides complimentary bottles of "Iron Out" available at the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, 339 King St. During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration may occur. Run the cold water faucet for a short time until discoloration clears.

"Flushing the water mains is an important part of the ongoing commitment to providing high quality drinking water, " said Eileen Commane, Water Department superintendent. Customers with any questions can call 781-383-0057 or email info@cohassetwater.org.

Halloween fun at One Creative Place

Calling all "trick-or-treaters" to come on by One Creative Place (Jonathan Livingstone Square) on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 1-4 p.m. and enjoy the Halloween Happenings Open House for children of all ages. Put on your costume, bring your mom and dad and come decorate pumpkins, cookies and Trick-Or-Treat bags.

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Capital Budget Committee puts lid on spending requests

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ment receiving funding. "He identified many projects as high priority," said CBC Chairman Steve Gaumer, including roofing repairs at the police station to the tune of $68,000. "With this project, we'll get the biggest bang for our buck, as it will both stop further damage and increase usable space," he said.

The CBC also recommended making $10,000 worth of electrical and carpentry repairs to the harbormaster's office. "You can't even run a computer in there right now," said Gaumer. He added Adams told the CBC if repairs are not made to the building right away, the town might be forced to rebuild the entire building before too long.

The Department of Public Works asked for the replacement of two trucks. However, without enough funding, the CBC felt replacing one truck was better than not replacing a truck at all. It therefore recommended replacing a 1995, 2500 utility truck, which is the smaller of the two, in the amount of $40,000. "Carl (Sestito, DPW superintendent) has no more duct tape to keep it together," Gaumer said.

Town Hall will receive $8,600 to replace or repair a variety of information technology items. "Some computers are not on the same system," said Gaumer, adding Town Hall would also like to purchase a check printer.

The harbormaster's position has been neglected over the years, and the CBC said before meeting with new harbormaster Lorren Gibbons, it had no idea how dire the situation was. She is responsible for Cohasset's waters 3 nautical miles out and from Black Rock to the Glades. She enforces environmental law and she regularly assists mariners. "We have to remember we have a working harbor. A 17-foot skiff can't tow or even take a swimmer aboard in open seas. Our understanding of her needs is now very clear," said Gaumer.

The CBC therefore recommended purchasing a new 28-foot boat with equipment for $70,000. "We've never made a purchase like this before," said Gaumer, and this will allow Gibbons to do her job well. She often collaborates with the police and fire departments during emergencies, and this will benefit their efforts as well and ensure people are able to get the help they need on the water. Due to the timing of the purchase, the boat will be new, but "practical, without being excessive," said Gaumer.

The CBC estimates the boat itself will have a life of 20 years, but the engine will need to be replaced in roughly 5 years. Selectman Gary Vanderweil said an increase in fees could cover the cost of depreciation of the boat.

The CBC also recommended allocating $10,000 for additional docks for Parker Avenue and Government Island. "The additional space could pay for itself over 5 to 10 years," Gaumer said, adding the fee for skiffs is $72.

Another $13,000 was recommended to make roof repairs at the library.

The police department will be purchasing a motorcycle for $15,000, thanks to the CBC. "We like the idea of a motorcycle. It saves us money by cutting down on the wear and tear on the cruisers, and they are more cost-effective to run," said Gaumer.

Police Chief James Hussey added while the motorcycle had previously been leased, that figure has gone up dramatically and the town will save $15,000 over the next 10 years if it purchases the bike. "We would remove a car from our fleet and replace it with the motorcycle," he said.

In addition, the CBC recommended allocating $48,000 for mobile data terminals for police department members. "Frankly, I was surprised we didn't have them already," said Gaumer.

At the fire department, $25,000 has been recommended to allow for a new ambulance billing and reporting system. Acting Chief Robert Silvia spoke to the system and explained it would be run on a wireless secure Internet network which would have a unit in the ambulance, and when the ambulance backs into the station, the information from the report filled out in the vehicle during the transport will automatically download onto the hard drive at the station.

Capital Budget Committee recommendations

- Roofing repairs at police station $68,000
- Upgrades for harbormaster's office $10,000
- Replace 1995, 2500 utility truck for DPW $40,000
- IT equipment purchase and replacement at Town Hall $8,600
- New 28-foot harbormaster boat with equipment $70,000
- Additional docks for Parker Ave. and Gov't Island $10,000
- Continue roof repair at Library $13,000
- Motorcycle for police department $15,000
- Mobile data terminals $48,000
- Ambulance billing and reporting system $25,000

TOTAL $307,600

He said if responders are filling out paperwork after a call, there is a chance they will not be able to respond to another call when it comes in, which means another town will pick up the revenue Cohasset could have collected. The town runs its own ambulance service, which means it charges for its service, and having the system will cut down on time and paperwork. "We billed out over half a million dollars last year," said Silvia, and cutting down on paperwork will allow more time for responding to calls.

Silvia said the system would improve the department's overall service, as it will be able to save the medical history of patients who have been picked up before, to allow responders to better serve that patient. It also has a list of state protocols and information for responders who might need to look up dosage or other information while on a call.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormtizer thanked the CBC for its work and the board voted to recommend its recommendations, to be brought forward to Town Meeting for a final vote. "You've done a great job. This is tough," said Dormitzer.

$300,000 spending limit

Town Manager Bill Griffin was recently notified the town's free cash was certified in the amount of $1,007,737. Looking ahead to the Annual Town Meeting and at the town's desire to increase reserves to keep the town's bond rating stable, he felt $300,000 is the most that should be spent on capital projects at this time and made that recommendation to the Capital Budget Committee. Griffin also recommended no capital projects be bonded at the Special Town Meeting due to the town's need to reduce its level of debt service as well as the town's likely need for bond financing in the future for needs such as drainage improvements, flood retention, etc.

The amount of free cash a town receives varies from year to year. At the end of every fiscal year, the Director of Finance prepares the balance sheet as of June 30, the last day of the fiscal year, essentially taking a snapshot of the town's finances at that date. After the Department of Revenue reviews the balance sheet, it certifies the amount of free cash, or surplus, the town has. Those funds can then be transferred by Town Meeting for any lawful purpose.

From year to year, free cash can vary greatly based on how much the town collected in revenue over and above what was predicted, how much money was turned back to surplus from budget appropriations and other Department of Revenue calculations. Free cash is somewhat of a misnomer as it is neither "free" nor "cash" and is essentially an accounting calculation, rather than an actual account with money.

Schools make a pitch for technology funding

By Samantha Brown
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Roughly $1.6 million in requests were brought before the Capital Budget Committee, and with only $300,000 to recommend, many departments will have to go without this fiscal year. Although the School Committee made a case for its requests, it was disappointed with the decisions made.

The CBC did not recommend roughly $500,000 in requests brought forward by the school department for fiscal 2007. Of all the requests, member Steve Fusco — who was on the Technology and Planning Subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Committee — felt not funding technology requests will be very detrimental to the schools. He and School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz made a plea for funding at the Oct. 13 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

"Some of our computers are at the end of life. They're not even supported by Microsoft Windows," he said. However, in the CBC's written recommendations for the Board of Selectmen, it states the committee does not "understand why this might not be better addressed as a capital item in the school budget. Clearly this has little to do with building facility maintenance." The CBC also said the school department's request was largely unspecified and was not cost justified.

But Fusco said between the three schools there are roughly 700 computers and several servers, and their capability continues to decline. Slanetz said some of the computers are running Windows 98, which does not have the most recent virus software. In fact, last year, the schools' e-mail system was infected with a virus, which caused it to be shut down. "It's an embarrassment to have the entire e-mail system down for two months," said Fusco.

To run the latest anti-virus software, the school will need updated computers. "It will end up costing more in the end to add more life to a machine that is already dead," as past practice has led the town to purchase more memory for existing computers rather than upgrading, said Fusco.

Fiscal 2007 school requests turned down by the CBC

• CMHS roof repair	$50,000
• Technology upgrades	$100,000
• CMHS science exhaust fan	$25,000
• Emergency generator at Osgood	$160,000
• Osgood new back turn around/walkway	$50,000
• Playground replacement/repair	$75,000
• Track repair	$45,000
Total	**$505,000**

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he thinks it would be beneficial for the school department to take an inventory of everything it has and find out if all 700 computers are really necessary. Selectman Fred Koed agreed and said it makes sense to him to see if there are any machines that could run an updated version of Windows. Rather than throw money at the problem, the committee agreed it is best to find out how the computers at the schools are being used right now, and then decide the best course of action to fix the situation.

Fusco said the school department would be able to get the Board of Selectmen the information. He added it is important to remember with the lack of electives currently being offered at the high school, having computers, which can allow students to participate in online learning, will be invaluable. "We don't want to say to the kids they can't because our computers aren't fast enough," he said.

In addition to the technology requests, the school department requested $160,000 for an emergency generator at Osgood. The CBC said while it would be nice to have the generator, its purpose would be to provide enough power to generate heat, produce emergency lighting and run the phone system, and if power is lost at the schools, rather than try to carry on with generator power, it understood the district would likely send children home.

The school department requested $75,000 for playground equipment replacement and a toddler friendly upgrade, as the schools are now operating a preschool and full-day kindergarten and students at the school are on average much younger and require age-appropriate playground equipment. The CBC said if the schools would like to update its equipment, private funding might be a better route to take.

The middle-high school is in need of $50,000 of roof repairs and while the CBC said it should be addressed sooner rather than later, it said the school department should first pursue remediation with the contractor because the leak looks as if it is a result of the new construction.

While the CBC would like to recommend the $50,000 necessary for a new walkway at Osgood, by the time the funding is approved at the Special Town Meeting, it will be too late to complete the work. The CBC therefore recommended deferring the request until the spring.

The school department requested another $45,000 for Alumni field track maintenance, and the CBC's report states in its opinion, the request "epitomizes a costly approach often taken in town. The track is a rubberized composite surface like those found at premier facilities worldwide. When installed 10 years ago, we were advised the track should be resurfaced every five years to preserve the structure and maximize its life. It has not yet been done, according to testimony." Timing of the funding would prevent any work being done on the track until the spring, so again, the CBC recommended postponement. The science room exhaust fan for $25,000 was also postponed until the spring.

The Board of Selectmen said it would reconsider its motion to approve funding as recommended by the CBC if the school department presented new information on the technology piece. The Warrant is scheduled to go off to the printer Friday (today).

Communication lapse causes funding defeat

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The School Committee says poor communication is to blame for a lack of recommendations from the Capital Budget Committee. Out of all the town departments that submitted requests, the schools were the only ones not to have any requests recommended for consideration at Town Meeting.

Members of the Capital Budget Committee came before Selectmen Monday (Oct. 16) with recommendations for capital items for the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting. The School Committee talked about the issue at its Wednesday, Oct. 18 meeting.

School Committee members Steve Fusco and Alfred Slanetz were at the Selectmen's meeting when the CBC gave its report. Both made a case for funding, particularly for technology requests, and Selectmen agreed to rethink the recommendations if the schools could provide more information. The CBC's written report to Selectmen stated there was not enough information about certain school requests.

"We're as responsible for that as anybody and we need to learn from this," said Fusco, adding Selectmen want an inventory of the computers at the schools, what they are used for, and when they were purchased. "We did not provide all the information we could have and we're missing out on an opportunity," he said.

School Committee member Jamie Williams added, "They asked us for our 'needs' and we did not communicate they are not 'wants.'"

However, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said there was communication. "We clearly made our case as far as I'm concerned," she said, adding Town Hall has the district's 3-year technology plan which details the upgrades planned for the future and the number of computers owned by the district. She said the CBC asked Facilities Manager Brian Adams to present the capital needs for the school department. "We may need to present our own in the future," she said.

Walsh added Adams had drafted a list of capital budget requests months ago, which dealt with many facility items, which Walsh presented to the School Committee. "Technology wasn't even on that list," she said.

Slanetz said he thought the CBC should have asked Walsh to make the presentation. "The schools are more than facilities."

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said the School Committee has not been kept abreast of the action being taken by the CBC. "We had no sense this was going to happen, that they were going to fund $300,000 worth of capital expenses," she said. If the schools had known, perhaps it could have attended another meeting to make a case for its requests, she said. She added because the committee was part of the rejection, "We should have been invited (to the Selectmen's meeting). Not one of our capital items were recommended," she said.

Williams noted in the CBC's report to the Selectmen, it states the CBC does not understand why the technology requests were not included as a capital item in the school budget. "We don't have a capital budget, we have to rely on the town," she said.

While not having its technology requests was disappointing, it was more disappointing to not receive funding for roof repairs. There is currently a leak in the roof in the middle-high school library. Walsh said in November 2005, Adams received a report on the condition of the roof, which indicated it was needed significant repair, but it was not included on the fiscal 2007 budget.

MacCarthy said in your own home, if you have a leaky roof you fix it and don't wait around to see if the contractor is going to reimburse you for it. The longer the roof is open, the more damage will occur. However, without a maintenance budget and without the recommendation of the CBC, "Our hands are basically tied," she said. "To think, as a town, we're not going to repair a leaking roof in a new facility...I'm appalled we will not fix a roof for $50,000."

"I've never worked in a district without a maintenance budget," said Walsh.

But Slanetz questioned why the School Committee did not hear about the leaky roof before. "If we had this report a year ago, why is the roof still leaking?" he said. Walsh said Adams and the Building Department knew about it, but the money was not allocated.

Fusco said regardless of the circumstances, fixing a leaking roof is not a "nice to have" item, it is a need.

The School Committee agreed to write a letter outlining its disappointment and the need for the items requested, and forward it on to the Town Manager, CBC, Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee and Building Committee.

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SPORTS

Cohasset High's Homecoming football game against East Bridgewater today (Oct. 20) has been rescheduled to 3:30 p.m. It had originally been set for 7 p.m.

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On the South Shore

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A tie...finally

Protest results in CHS field hockey's first ever draw against Harwich

By Evan Deutsch
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Let's face it: every time the Cohasset High field hockey team faces off against Harwich, the fans expect a negative outcome.

For the past 18 years, Cohasset has never even tied the Rough Riders, let alone beat them. Until Thursday, Oct. 5, that is.

After an unanswered first half Harwich goal, the Skippers questioned if yet another "well-played loss" would result. At halftime, however, Cohasset must have charged its batteries to the max.

At the 11-minute mark of the second half, junior Olivia Kimla electrified the crowd by finding the Rough Riders' net to tie the game. Less than four minutes later, junior Corinna Durham assisted senior Alida Tangherlini for the Skippers' go-ahead goal.

With seven minutes left, Harwich tied the game at 2-2. The refs blew the final whistle and the Skippers rejoiced in their record-breaking tie.

The two teams shook hands while the refs signed the scorebooks. Each team returned to the sideline benches for the standard post-game coaches' speeches. The Skippers walked off Alumni Field. A job well done, right? Apparently not, according to Harwich coach Cheryl Poore.

After the Cohasset scorekeeper admitted that three seconds remained on the clock, Poore frantically retrieved the refs from the parking lot and expressed her desire to "finish" the game. They granted her request, and the incomplete Cohasset lineup scrambled back on to the field to waste away the seconds.

With less than a second to play, jaws dropped as the refs called a penalty against Cohasset. Harwich took advantage of the

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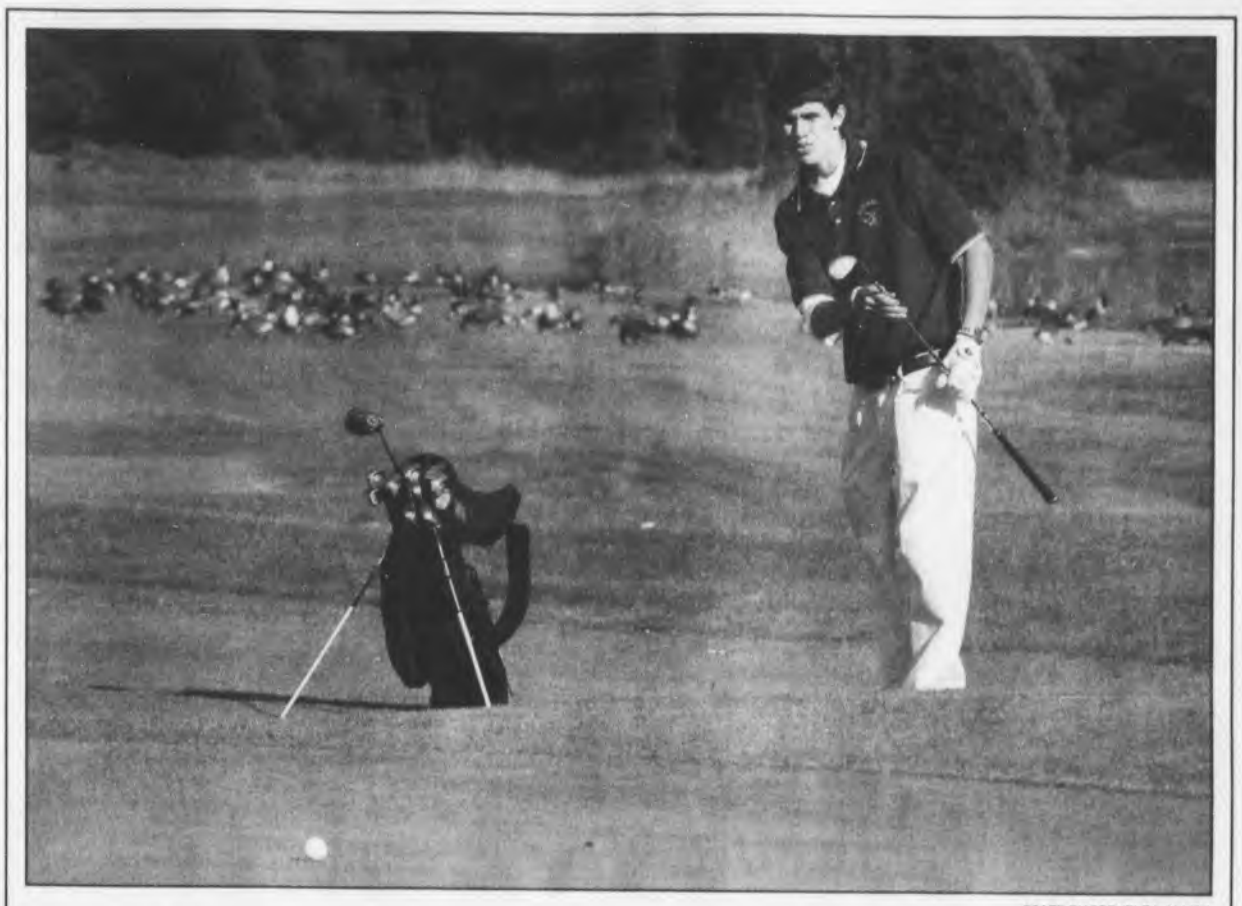

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CHS junior Chris Mills watches his chip roll onto the green during a match against Norwell in September. The Skippers golf team will compete in the Div. 3 South Shore sectionals this Monday at Pembroke Country Club.

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Cohasset goalie Alyssa Mullin gets a hug from teammate Michelle Madge following the Skippers' 2-1 win over Norwell on Saturday.

Lady Skippers ready for rematch

CHS girls ride four-game unbeaten streak into Saturday's game against Norwell

By Mark Goodman
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Skippers vs. Norwell Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
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Sept. 29, the Cohasset High girls soccer team came as close as it has to beating Norwell in years when it lost a tough 3-2 decision in a game that was every bit as close as the score indicates.

Saturday, when the Clippers are in town for a 1:30 kickoff, the Skippers will be aiming to duplicate that effort and come out on the other side of the scoreboard.

"Saturday will be a great test for us," Cohasset head coach Deb Beal said. "We're going to treat it like a tournament game. It won't be like in years past where we've played Norwell, lost, and said to ourselves, 'Well, there's two more points we have to make up somewhere.'

"We're just going to play the game and see what happens. That attitude on the team is good."

A major reason for the team's good attitude is that, unlike in recent seasons past, its postseason hopes aren't coming down to the wire. With easy wins this week over Harwich and Hull, the Skippers are 10-3-1.

Instead of playing for a tournament berth, Cohasset is playing for a home game in the first round and possibly beyond.

In Monday's 7-0 win over Harwich, the Skippers received goals from six different players. Senior Kara Wilcox scored a pair, with junior Meg Anderson, sophomores Torey Hart and Maggie McGoldrick, and freshmen Christine Coner and Mackenzie Hart all finding the net once. Torey Hart and Coner both added a pair of assists.

Wednesday's win against Hull saw the same score line. Hart, who is in a battle with Carver senior Tina Gillen for the South Shore League scoring title, finished with a hat trick and an assist. Anderson continued her good form with two goals, while McGoldrick and sophomore Kristin Monaco each scored once. McGoldrick also had three assists.

In net, sophomore Johanna Brophy and senior Shalea Daly split time to record the shutout.

After Wednesday's win, Cohasset has scored a league-best 62 goals in just 14 matches. Just as impressively, the Skippers have conceded only 10.

Beal attributed a significant part of her team's success this season to the play of her outside midfielders, notably Wilcox and fellow senior captains Caren Garber and Emily Coggins. Beal has always preached to her teams over the years to stay wide and take advantage of Alumni Field's large dimensions, and those lessons are starting to kick in.

"The seniors have learned it; now it's just a process of teaching the young kids how to do it," Beal said.

Another key has been Cohasset's improved performance on corner kicks. Hart and McGoldrick are consistently clearing the first defender and getting the ball into the six-yard box, where tall targets like senior defender Haley Haracz and sophomore sweeper Sammie Lehr are there to make things interesting for opposing keepers.

After the Norwell game, Cohasset will host Mashpee next Tuesday followed by Thursday's game against Nantucket.

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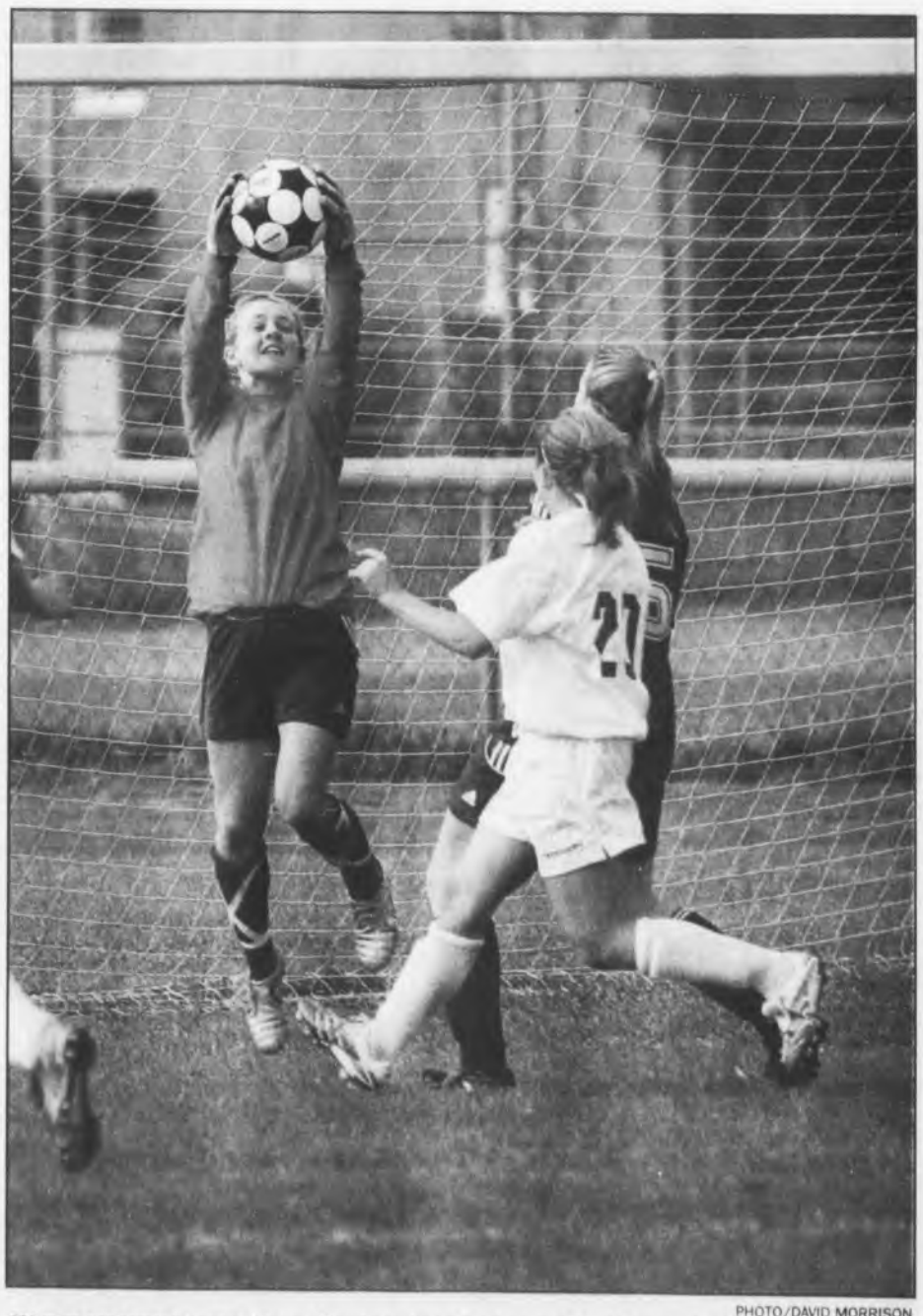

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Skippers sophomore keeper Johanna Brophy makes a save against East Bridgewater. Brophy and her teammates are 10-3-1 heading into Saturday's showdown with Norwell at Alumni Field. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

CHS JV gridders handle Mashpee

The Cohasset High JV Football team provided an exciting afternoon of football recently on Alumni Field.

Visiting Mashpee arrived ready to play and kicked off to the Skippers. The Falcons meant business as they held Cohasset to a three-and-out on the Skippers first offensive series.

Upon receiving the ball, Mashpee drove the length of the field and scored first. The Skippers delivered a less than stellar performance in the first quarter.

The second quarter was a different story, and one that played out for the balance of the game. Both the offense and defense made adjustments and played big for the rest of the competition. Dana Valentine and Mike Froio rushed the ball, tiring out the Mashpee defensive line and each scoring rushing touchdowns.

The Skipper offensive line gave quarterback Johnny Maher time and protection to deliver sharp passing to Brendan Doonan, Dean Driscoll and Nick Savage, with Driscoll and Doonan each scoring on completed passes by Maher.

Defense was key to this battle. Froio (fumble recovery, many tackles and an interception) and Alec Livingstone (too many tackles to count) got the Skipper linebacking core pumped up and they stopped the Mashpee ground game. Linemen Nick Lieberman and Will Lynner tagged-team on several tackles, throwing the Mashpee offense for a loss.

Dave Toomey (batted ball) and Mike Dorian (tackle) delivered defensive plays that stopped Mashpee cold. The JV Skippers won, 25-16.

Coach Brian Pattison said, "We finally played two good halves of football with second half adjustments that allowed us to establish our running game. That was huge because it set up Maher to be able to scramble out of the pocket and throw some nice passes.

"Andrew Littauer played great for us on special teams. Brendan Doonan did a great job for us on kick offs and PAT's. As far as defense goes, we tackled well. At the end of the game I told the kids that the team that blocks and tackles better always wins the game and today we are finally that team."

It's a JunglePlex in there

Indoor sports arena and convention center slated to open in December

By David Wolcott
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PLYMOUTH — Maybe Kosta Haveles should just go ahead and get that tattoo of the word "soon" carved onto his forehead.

It might come in handy with all the daily questions he and his business partners have been getting as to when the JunglePlex will open.

"It's coming along as fast as humanly possible," Haveles said of the new 67,000 square-foot steel building that will house three full-scale indoor athletics fields as well as a large area for conventions and trade shows. "We've got guys putting this building up on the average of 16 to 20 hours a day. Everyone thinks the target date of getting the winter leagues started on Dec. 19 is right there next to impossible, but we are going to do all that we can do to prove all the doubters wrong."

Haveles, with proverbial fingers crossed, said they hope to open the building to the public a week or so before the grand opening so the public can come and see for themselves what the JunglePlex has to offer.

"We're getting bombarded with phone calls, e-mails and hits on our Web site (www.jungleplex.net) from parents and coaches wondering when we are going to open and how they can get their league up and running here," Haveles said. "We've had a couple of small miracles to help us get to where we are this quickly, but we'll just keep our nose to the grindstone until we've done all that we can do."

Haveles, owner of the 3A Café in Plymouth, and three other partners put together a $4.5 million dollar investment in August to purchase the Plymouth Sports Dome and the 7.3 acres at 8 Natalie Way, located just off Long Pond Road. The Sports Dome was always a hub of activity for indoor soccer and lacrosse teams of all ages, but the activity came to a screeching halt Jan. 23, 2005, when the structure's polyurethane roof collapsed under the weight of a blizzard that dropped nearly two feet of snow over the area.

An attempt to rebuild the Dome by the previous owners fell through, which brought Haveles and partners Darren Yee, Darryn Meichsner and Nick Stefos, as Plymouth Adventure Park, into the picture. The first thing the new owners did was move away from the concept of forced air holding up the roof. Instead they went with a permanent steel structure for the walls and roof.

"This roof is not coming down. There are too many steel beams and bolts up there holding everything up. It was expensive, but worth it. We got a break in that the foundation for the building was already in place, so we were able to design off of that," Haveles said. "From there, it's been a lot of hard work from all of us in getting this project up and running. It's been a great experience with all of the people from around the community that have stepped up to lend a hand in one-way or another. They've obviously missed what the Sports Dome brought to the community, and we're going to be more than happy to give it back to them."

The JunglePlex will have not only have the staples of soccer, field hockey and lacrosse games for all ages, there will also be some newer-style offerings like Wiffle Ball and flag football. And there are plans to introduce activities for adults like Ultimate Frisbee as well as a new craze, corporate kickball, into the mix. An area will be set aside for special events and parties.

One of the owners, Yee, was part of the Plymouth Sports Dome ownership group. He will be running his martial arts school out of the massive building. Another owner, Meichsner, is a Plymouth North graduate who was born and raised in the town.

"We're doing all we can to make all of this happen as quickly as we can," Meichsner said. "It's a lot of hard work right now, but we know it's something that's going to be a tremendous asset to the community. The only way this is going to work is by building a community-based business, which is what we plan to do."

Haveles said he hopes the JunglePlex will become a destination for families that are looking for a couple hours of fun and recreation with jungle-themed amenities like an arcade room and a children's activity center.

"We've done a complete redesign of what the building used to look like, and I think people are really going to like what they'll see," Haveles said. He added that the Jungle Cafe will include a viewing area where families will be able to sit and watch all of the activity happening on the fields. "We've done some fun stuff to make it as good of an experience as possible, and we plan to have things going on at the location all through the day."

"We wanted to put together a safe, friendly place where families could come and have some fun."

Haveles is also excited about what the convention center part of the plan should be able to bring to the town. With all the different businesses coming to Plymouth in recent years, Haveles said the convention center would fill a glaring need in the town. He hoped to have an announcement "very soon" on a home show/boat show convention that could come to town in the spring of 2007.

"A convention is a pretty big undertaking, so we only plan on booking them after the soccer season has ended," Haveles said. "We can open things up to about 52,000 square-feet of floor space, which gives us a lot of options for events that we can host. The way we're designing things will make this building easily converted to the space that we'll need."

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New England Revolution defender Jay Heaps challenges Scituate's Caitlyn O'Hara during a clinic Sunday at Central Field in Scituate. Heaps was joined by teammates Clint Dempsey, Matt Reis and Andy Dorman.

Lady Skippers ready for rematch

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How far the program has come

In 1998, Beal's first year at the helm of the Cohasset girls soccer program, the Skippers posted a 3-11-2 record.

It didn't get much better between 1999-2001, a span in which the Skippers finished with records of 1-13-3, 2-14-2 and 4-10-4, respectively.

In 2002, Cohasset went 10-8-1 to kick off a stretch of three straight seasons in the state tournament. The Skippers didn't win any of those postseason games, however, and last fall missed it altogether with a 7-8-3 mark.

One more win will give Beal the most wins of any season during her tenure. The coach credits the youth soccer system for teaching young athletes proper skills at a younger age, producing more talented, intelligent players by the time they get to the high school level.

This season, the talk is no longer about getting to the state tournament. It's about winning games in the tournament.

"I don't want to be one-and-done," Beal said. "I'd love to go a few games deep, and I think we can do it."

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A tie...finally

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situation and tapped in the winning goal.

"The Cohasset girls were beside themselves," explained Skippers head coach Deb Bostwick. "Six of our players had already gone home by the time we were called back on to the field!"

Expressing sincere disagreement with the outcome, Bostwick protested the match. Five days later, the Skippers received the final and official ruling: Cohasset had tied the Rough Riders. End of story.

"In my view, when the officials blow the final whistle and sign the scorebooks, the game is over," said Bostwick. "I'm glad we were awarded the tie on this one; it was definitely the right thing to do."

Harwich senior Amy Menard understandably harbored different feelings. When asked about her thoughts on the game, she said, "I don't have much to say. Of course we're disappointed, but we just have to move on."

So there you have it. The Skippers have broken the curse and earned their first tie against Harwich. For the Rough Riders, the tie drops their postseason seeding down a notch.

With their morale flying high, the Skippers plowed into the next week.

On Tuesday the 10th, the Skippers hosted Sturgis Charter School in their second meeting of the year. Having beaten Sturgis 7-0 last time, Cohasset prepared for another cakewalk; not the case.

The Skippers earned an astounding 17 offensive corners, but only got off four shots. The only goal of the game came in the first half from Durham off a feed from senior captain Sheelah Scott.

"The girls seemed a bit flat from all the drama over the previous days, but they managed to bring this one home," said Bostwick.

Junior Katina Martone played very well up front, along with junior Meghan Coakley in the midfield and sophomore Marissa Tangherlini on defense. Though the close 1-0 victory unnerved the Skippers a little, a win's a win.

Cohasset took greater command the following day when they rode down to Mashpee. The Skippers remained in charge from the opening whistle.

Senior captain Caitlin Hurley connected with Scott, who assisted senior Virginia Spofford just four minutes in. Five minutes later, Scott found Kimla for goal number two on an offensive corner.

The second half shifted its focus to the Skipper defense that, aside from one Mashpee goal, controlled the field. Bostwick expressed particular satisfaction with Alida Tangherlini, junior Paige Strecker, midfielder Georgia Murley, and Spofford up front. The result: a 2-1 Skipper victory.

To finish off the week, Cohasset posted another 2-1 win, this time at Norwell. Just two minutes into the game, Scott assisted Spofford. In the second half, Scott tallied a goal of her own on a pass from junior Sally Meehan.

Aside from a Norwell goal with one minute left in the game from a confusing penalty call, the Skipper defense dominated. Along with outstanding performances from all defenders and the sweeper, midfielders Hurley, Durham, junior May McCarthy, and Scott up front kept this game under control.

"We've developed a tendency to come out strong early in the game," commented Bostwick.

Kimla agreed with Bostwick's observation.

"It will be very important for us, especially in the tournament, to continue to have lots of intensity early in the game," she said.

Cohasset was 7-3-2 heading into this week's action against Hull, Carver and Norwell.

Sheelah Scott pushes the ball upfield on an attack in the second half of Saturday's win over Norwell.

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Cohasset's Katina Martone shows off some good stick-handling in the first half of Saturday's game.

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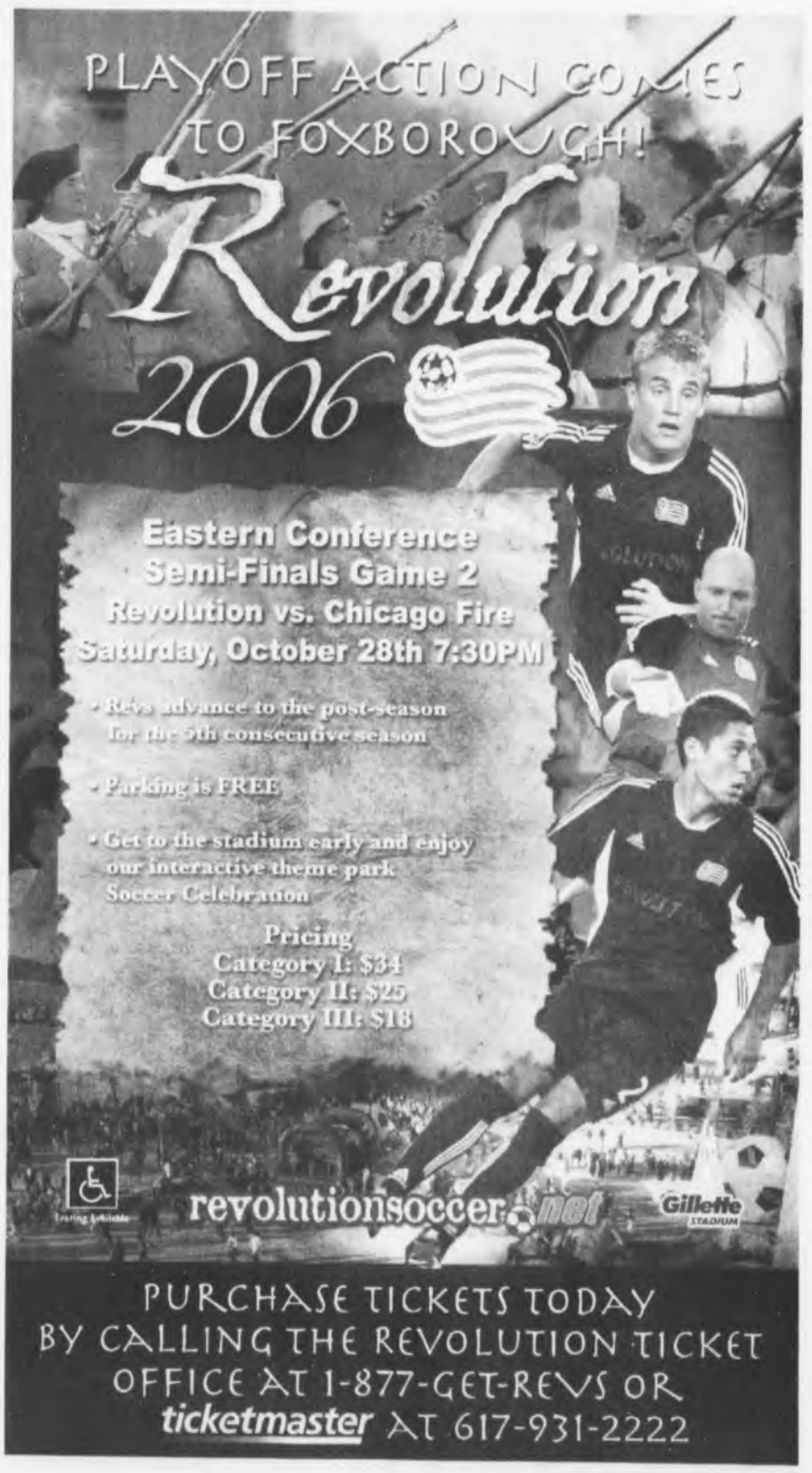

Sports Notes

Rec Basketball Coaching Clinic

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club is sponsoring a coaching clinic for all recreation basketball coaches. The clinics will take place at the CMHS gym on Wednesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The clinics are mandatory for all coaches who have signed up and is open to anyone interested in coaching youth basketball who hasn't yet signed up.

Clinics for coaches for grades 4-8 will be from 7 to 8 p.m., and for grades 1-3 will be from 8 to 9 each evening. You only have to attend one session.

Coaches will be provided with handouts for the skills and rules that are applicable by grade and will be shown various drills available to coach and teach with.

The program is still looking for coaches for boys grades 6-8 and girls first grade. If you haven't signed up your child to play yet, walk in registrations are still taking place at the Recreation Office in the Cohasset Town Hall. Please email ellenmaher63@comcast.net.

Look for the program's new and improved website www.cohassetbasketball.com coming soon.

CYBSA Awards Night

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will be holding its 2006 Championship Awards Night on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the CMHS auditorium.

The event will recognize the 2006 baseball and softball spring and summer championship teams. All CYBSA Little League participants, family and friends are invited to attend.

Any questions, please contact Nancy Froio at (781) 383-1897.

Hockey Unlimited prepares for 42nd season

Hockey Unlimited, an organization founded nearly 42 years ago and committed to teaching the fundamentals of ice hockey to local youths ranging in age from nine to 14 years, plans to begin its 42nd season at Travis Roy Rink, inside Tabor Academy's Fish Center for Health and Fitness.

This year's program will consist of approximately 16 weekly sessions. The registration fee is $295 for the entire season, payable to Hockey Unlimited in advance. The money covers ice rental expenses and all other operating costs.

Each participant should complete a registration form and return it with a check made payable to Hockey Unlimited. Mailing address is Hockey Unlimited, c/o Dyer Capital Management, P.O. Box 388, Marion, Mass., 02738.

Sessions are scheduled to be held primarily on Saturday mornings, as well as other selected school vacation days. The program runs from November to March 3, 2007.

Each player must be equipped with a stick, knee pads, hockey gloves, elbow pads, helmet, and face guard. Some type of tooth protection and hockey pants are also strongly recommended.

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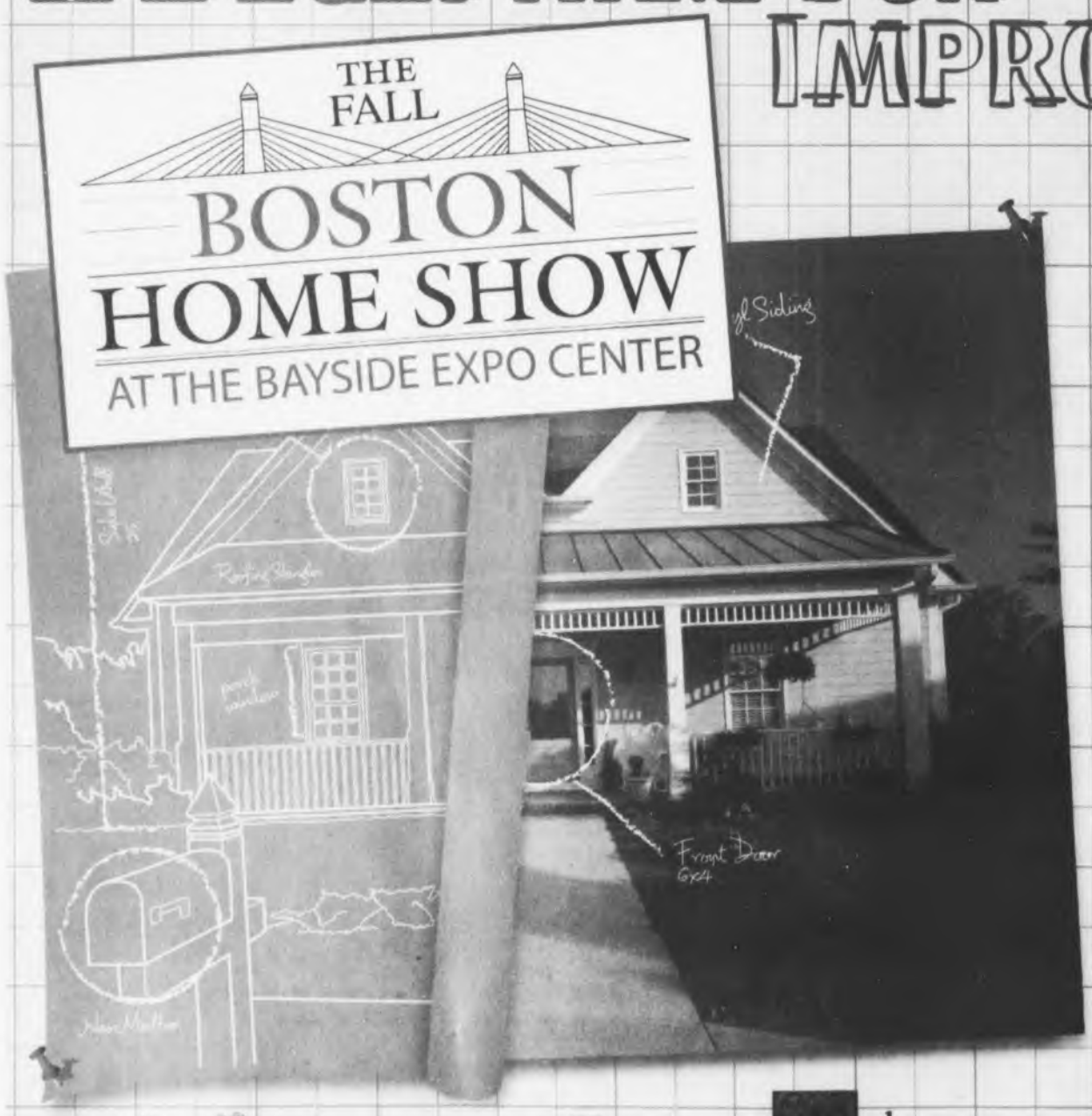

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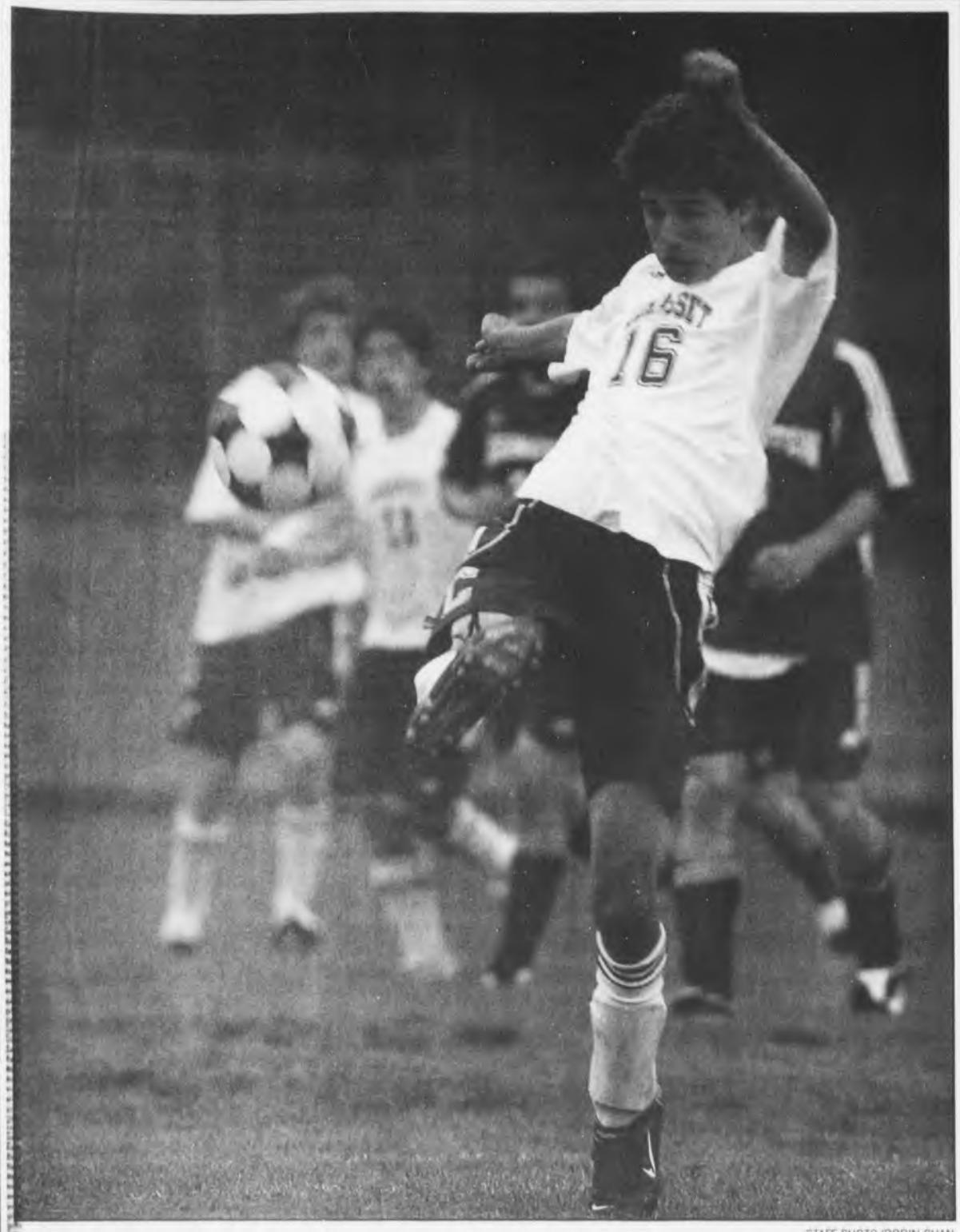

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Cohasset's Chris Wilcox clears the ball out of bounds in the second half of last week's match against Abington. Beginning Saturday at home against Norwell, the Skippers have four matches remaining in their season. Next week, the boys travel to Mashpee on Tuesday and Hanover on Friday.

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World's End is owned and managed by The Trustees of Reservations for the public to use and enjoy year round. This property is comprised of four major drumlins, grassy fields and miles of walking paths overlooking Boston Harbor. Even with a staff of caretakers and field personnel, there is always more work to be done.

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Conservation Works! was created by The Trustees several years ago as an annual, statewide service day designed to bring people together to work and have fun while caring for the places that help preserve the quality of life in communities. The Trustees are hosting Conservation Works! programs in 23 communities around the state. In years past, up to 600 volunteers have contributed more than 2,700 hours of service, what full-time employee could accomplish in a single day.

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It's Happening

HSO concert opener features violin soloist

Hingham Symphony Orchestra presents its tenth season as a professional orchestra under the leadership of Music Director and Conductor Jin Kim. Opening night festivities will be held Saturday, Oct. 28 at the new Performing Arts Center in Duxbury.

The program features violin soloist Yevgeny Kutik, a 21-year-old Russian-born virtuoso, performing Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1, plus Wagner's Prelude to Die Meistersinger and Brahms Symphony No. 2.

Jin Kim, an engaging and informative speaker, gives a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m., in the concert hall and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. The audience is invited to celebrate the evening and meet the musicians and Jin at a dessert reception in the lobby, amid an art gallery of work by local artists immediately following the concert.

Tickets at $30 for adults, $20 for seniors and $10 for youth through age 18 and are available in advance at Hingham Public Library, Noble's and La Petite Maison in Hingham Square. Tickets are also available at Buttonwood Books, in Cohasset, at www.hinghamsymphony.org. or by calling the HSO at 781-740-5694.

Model railway show

South Shore Model Railway Club's fall Open House and Show will take place Saturday, Oct. 28, and Sunday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The club is in Building 51, Bare Cove Park, off Fort Hill Street, Hingham. The entrance to Bare Cove Park is one tenth of a mile west of South Shore Country Club.

In addition to the club's operating layout, there will be more than 40 dealer tables, a white elephant table, demonstrations of model railroad construction and a model live steam engine. Admission is $3 for adults; $2 seniors age 65-plus; and $2 for children ages 6 through 12 with an adult.

For more information, call the club at 781-740-2000. Directions are on the Web site at ssmrc.org.

Rowing race on Weir River Oct. 21

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will hold the Head of the Weir boat race, Saturday, Oct. 21, at 12:30 p.m. Registration begins at 11 a.m., at the starting line, which is at West Corner on Route 228 (the Hull/Hingham/Cohasset town line). The 5.5-mile race is for intermediate and advanced rowers only. The fee is $20. Refreshments will be available and awards will be handed out following the race. For information call 781-925-5433 or go to www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

Antiques appraisal

The Skinner Auctioneers Antique Appraisals event will take place Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is $10 per item, $25 for three items. Presented by Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers of Boston and Bolton. Call the CEA at 781-383-9112 to register. Appraisals will be at St. Anthony Parish Hall.

Hingham Arts Walk

Hingham Downtown Association along with several artists residing and working in the downtown area, local civic groups and business owners, will sponsor the First Annual Hingham Arts Walk, Sunday, Oct. 22, from noon to 4 p.m. The event is designed to encourage people to stroll through Hingham's downtown, meet artists in their studios, view handcrafted merchandise, see demonstrations, and enjoy live music.

Maps showing the open studios and a program listing other arts events will be available at Noble's Camera Shop and at Nona's Homemade on Main Street, at White Magdelena House and at the Hingham Community Center on South Street. There is no charge for the Hingham Arts Walk. For more information, visit www.discoverhingham.com or e-mail info@discoverhingham.com.

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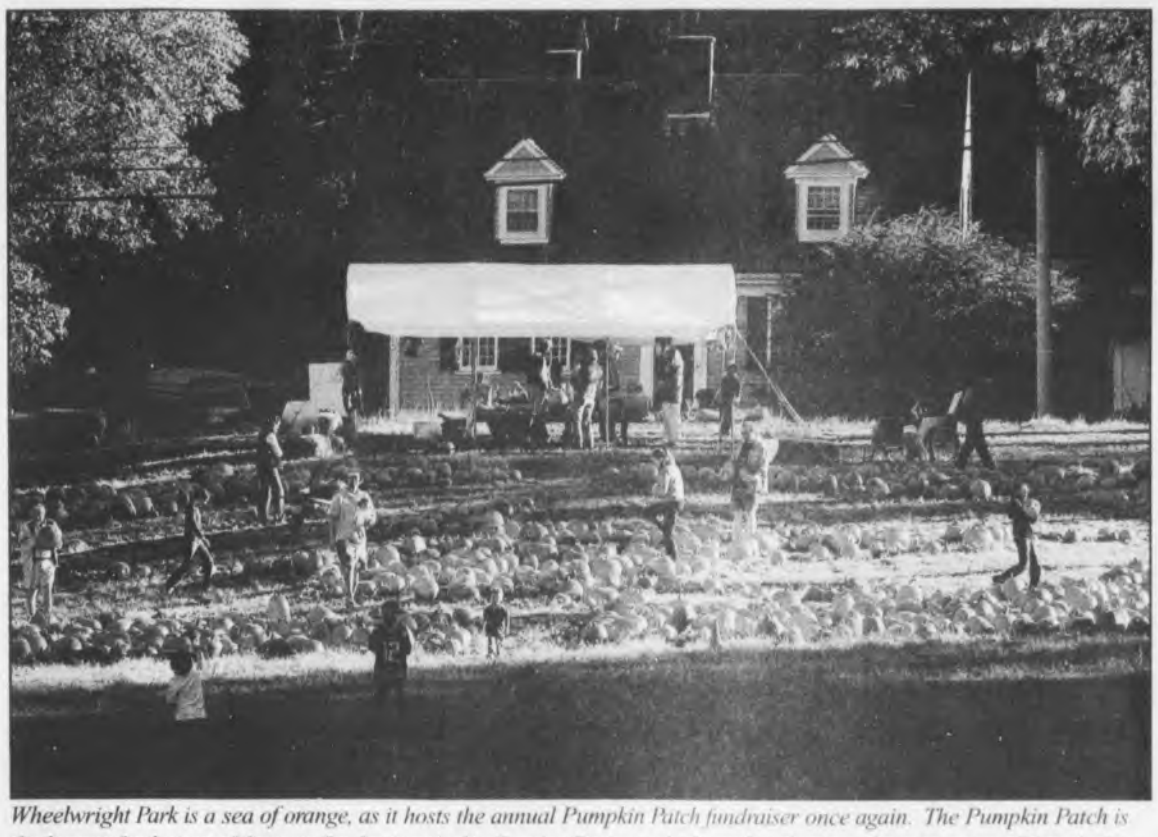
Ayla Duncanson, 7 months, sits atop a pumpkin with a little assistance at the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park.



Wheelwright Park is a sea of orange, as it hosts the annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser once again. The Pumpkin Patch is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Appalachia Service Project, which sends volunteers down to areas of Appalachia to make badly needed home repairs free of charge.

Perfect day for pumpkin hunting

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Paul Canney shoulders the large pumpkin he purchased at the Pumpkin Patch to help benefit the ASP.

Joshua Martinovich, 22 months, of Beacon Hill, picks out his favorite pumpkin at the Pumpkin Patch.

Piper Finn, 4, of Scituate, is all dressed up in a pink fur stole and chandelier earrings as she shops for a pumpkin at the Pumpkin Patch.

Daniel Piepenbrink, Tyler Kelly and Frank Wheelwright are all about pumpkins when it comes to raising money for the Appalachia Service Project.

Alex McGowan of Hingham enjoys his trip to the Pumpkin Patch.

Amanda Herd has a great big pumpkin head peering over her shoulder while she makes a sign to place with the bales of hay, on sale for $5.

Arthur Lehr pulls a wagonload of parents and children for a hayride on his 1951 Ford tractor at the Pumpkin Patch.

Peter Buckley and his son Andrew, of Scituate, pick out some pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch. Proceeds from the sale of the pumpkins will be put toward the Appalachia Service Project, during which Cohasset residents volunteer their time and travel to areas of Appalachia to make badly needed home repairs.

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Commonly asked questions about fireplaces as answered by Erik Anthony, owner of Independence Fireplace in Cohasset Village

Artificial logs?

Dear Erik: I recently purchased a new wood stove. Can I use the artificial logs they sell in home building centers? I'd like to use one log in the evening. Is this OK?

Answer: It is OK to burn them in a stove with the doors open. (many have screens for this use) – but you should not use them in a sealed stove. They are designed to burn with a large supply of air. Burning them in an air-starved stove could cause these vapors to go unburned – which would pollute the great outdoors, coat your stovepipe and possibly cause a chimney fire. There is an alternative product called Super Cedar Firestarters, which are considered safe for wood stove use, and we carry them at our Cohasset store.

Dear Erik: My house has a corner fireplace in the living room. When we bought it, we had the chimney inspected and were told that the chimney was too short. Sure enough, when we tried to use the fireplace, it smoked up the whole house. I have had the chimney cleaned so that is not the problem. Should I hire a mason to extend the chimney? Should I get an insert to try and make it more energy efficient? Should I install a wood or pellet stove? What would it cost? I want to use the fireplace.

Answer: Your basic problem is too much opening size for the chimney. Almost all fireplaces like yours are prone to smoking. Extending the chimney a few feet would help, but may not solve the problem. Decreasing the size of the fireplace may also help. Best solution is to install a wood burning fireplace insert with a stainless steel chimney liner. Close off (with masonry, glass door, or metal) the smaller open side. A gas or pellet insert could work but be sure to line the chimney so it drafts well. Extending the chimney and lowering the opening of the fireplace will cost $1500-$2500. Purchasing and installing a stove or insert with a stainless steel liner would cost $2500-$4500.

Dear Erik: I want to buy a gas fireplace insert. Some dealers tell me to go with a direct vent insert with 2-4" pipes that go up the chimney and that this unit has a sealed chamber which doesn't allow gases to come back into the house. Some dealers say that this is new and the conventional fireplace is just as safe. What should I do?

Answer: Gas fireplace inserts are available in "direct vent" which is the two pipe system you mentioned and "b-vent" which is a one-pipe system. The b vent takes it's combustion air from the home and sends it up the chimney. The direct vent takes combustion air from the outside and exhausts back outside. Both are fine – but a properly installed direct vent may be a bit more efficient. Also, if you live in a very cold climate the direct vent may be better – draft wise.

Dear Erik: I live in a 90-year-old house. At some point the fireplace was made smaller by the addition of bricks (presumably firebrick). These bricks are quite clear around the sides; I don't know whether the brick at the back of the fireplace is original or newer. When we lit the first fall fire, we saw a crack at the back – about 18 inches – coming up from the bottom. How serious is this? Can we use the fireplace?

Answer: Small cracks are not usually serious since there is commonly more masonry behind that. But a customer of mine in Hingham had a fireplace that had been rebuilt improperly without another wall of masonry behind the back wall of the fireplace and he had a chimney fire. The side of his house had to be disassembled by the Fire Department to put it out. To be as safe as possible, use refractory cement (available at your local masonry supply or stove shop) to patch the crack. If you are unsure as to the safety of the construction, have it certified by your local chimney sweep.

Dear Erik: I would like to convert my existing fireplace into a heating source for my home. I want the most efficient solution: either a wood fireplace insert (we do not have gas) or a wood stove. Which is most efficient? Is there a significant difference in cost for the unit or the maintenance? Is it possible to heat a connecting room? The room with the stove is 14' x 18' the other room is 11' x 18'. Will blowers help circulate the air to other rooms? Can the blowers be directed? Is it possible to heat a room directly above the heat source if grills are installed in the ceiling?

Answer: Wood stoves are radiant heat. The farther out of the fireplace the more heat. Most inserts are just stoves with a surround and a blower. An insert that extends 6-10 inches in the hearth will provide more radiant heat. A small hearth stove will cost less than an insert. Best to use a small fan in the doorway (available at stove shops) to move heat form one room to another. Heat rises and will do the job if a grate is installed. (The room above is the same size). Is it safe to leave the stove /insert burning overnight – unattended? Just make certain the area around the stove is clear of debris and paper and make sure that you have adequate floor protection in front.

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- **Professional measuring and installation are always worth the expense. A good designer should be able to provide a written cost estimate for the entire job.**
- **Swags, jabots, pelmets, goblet pleats, repeats, interlining – custom window treatments have their own vocabulary. Your designer can translate the terms and make sure you get what you have envisioned.**
- **Hardware needs to be measured and installed correctly. Very often, the wall studs are not in the perfect place. Let the experts help you choose not only the decorative hardware that you will see, but the nuts and bolts that will keep the treatment from falling off the wall.**
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: William Baird.

Sunday, Oct. 22— Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Circle Ministry Sunday - A Dailogue Sermon: "Only Connect"

Our minister will be joined in the pulpit by Peter Bowden, who consults widely on what is often called Small Group Ministry. Directly after this service all are invited to participate in a **one-hour sample session of Circle Ministry, from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Parish House. Child care will be provided!**

A year in the planning, Circle Ministry is a venture in which small groups of eight to ten meet with trained facilitators in member homes with agreed upon frequency to discover deeper connections with one another, to explore life stirring questions, to grow spiritually, and to develop an intention where service to the congregation and the larger community is an outcome.

Coffee hour will lead directly into the Circle Ministry sample session.

Toddlers, children, and youth will meet for religious education classes at 10 AM in the Parish House. Childcare is provided for the youngest.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn. 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. .

Sat. Oct. 21: 7 am Bible Fellowship

Sun. Oct. 22: Regular Services at 8 and 10; 7 p.m. Appalachia Service Project meeting

Readings for Oct. 22 services include a reading of the poem of the "suffering servant" from Isaiah; the Epistle reading comes from Hebrews and reminds us that God's word is living in the world and more powerful than the sharpest sword; and the Gospel reading is from Mark in which Jesus reflects that discipleship in the world means something very different when one chooses to follow Jesus.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome! Bible lesson for Sunday Oct. 22 is "Probation after Death."

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

OBITUARIES

Judith Ann Farber

Talented at needlecrafts

Judith Ann (Arlin) Farber, 64, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died Sept. 22, 2006, at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of George and Fannie Arlin, and was raised in Claremont, N.H. She graduated from Stevens High School, and earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Simmons College in Boston. She was a former resident of Weston.

In her early career, Mrs. Farber worked as a computer programmer at Lincoln Laboratories at MIT. She also worked at the structural engineering firm that was responsible for the design of the World Trade Center.

With a fine eye for detail, Mrs. Farber was talented and prolific at needlecrafts, and created many pieces of knitted clothing and needlepoint tapestries. She started two knitting and needlepoint stores, where she taught many students of all ages and sold knitting and needlepoint products.

Mrs. Farber excelled at tennis and golf.

She leaves her husband, Dr. Martin Farber; two sons, Jason Arlin Farber of Mercer Island, Wash., and Adam Michael Farber and his wife, Amy, of Cohasset; and five grandsons, Zachary Park Farber, Max Andrew Farber, Jacob Samuel Farber, Samuel Alexander Farber and Oliver James Farber.

A graveside service was held at Newton Cemetery in Newton Centre. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

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OBITUARY

Former Congressman Gerry E. Studds

Longtime champion of New England fishermen and the ocean environment

Former Massachusetts Congressman Gerry E. Studds, 69, longtime champion of New England fishermen and the ocean environment, and the first openly gay person elected to the United States Congress, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 at Boston University Medical Center. He had been hospitalized after sustaining head injuries from an accident while walking his beloved English Springer Spaniel, Bonnie.

He leaves Dean T. Hara, his husband and partner, who was at his bedside when he died. Studds and Hara were among the first same-sex couples to be legally married in Massachusetts in 2004.

Studds, after whom Congress named the 842-square mile Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary in 1996 in recognition of his life long contributions to the marine environment, represented Cape Cod and the Islands, New Bedford, and the South Shore for 12 Congressional terms. (12th District 1973-83, 10th District 1983-97).

Studds was a ranking member of the House Democratic leadership and served as chairman of the committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries from 1990-1994. (In 1995, the Republican-controlled Congress abolished the House Merchant Marine and Fishing Committee and assigned its tasks to other committees).

During his Congressional career, Studds also served as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Navigation, as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Oceans and Wildlife, and as a member of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, and the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs.

Studds was the major sponsor of the original Magnuson Act of 1973, the law that helped preserve the U.S. fishing industry by extending U.S. fishing jurisdiction to 200 miles, and served as Democratic floor manager for its reauthorization in 1996.

He authored the National Marine Sanctuaries Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 1992, in which the Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, an 842-square-mile ocean floor area between Cape Ann and Cape Cod, was officially designated as part of a network of marine protected areas chosen for their special ecological and/or historical significance and importance as a central summer feeding ground for whales.

His leadership on the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, known commonly as the "Studds Act," led to the recovery of a resource cherished in his home New England area and all along the coast.

Studds also worked successfully to pass the Marine Mammal Protection Act which provided federal protection to all whales, dolphins and porpoises, making it illegal to "harass, hunt, capture or kill" any marine mammal or any "negligent or intentional act which results in the disturbing or molesting of marine mammals."

Studds fought to limit the drilling of oil in the Georges Bank, a prime fishing area, and was a champion of the U.S. Coast Guard, fighting to safeguard its financing in times of budget cuts.

In 1995 he sponsored legislation that created the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, bringing the 31 Boston Harbor Islands under the control of the National Park Service under a unique joint management scheme.

Studds also played a leading role in Congress advocating for compassionate care and treatment for people with AIDS and for increased funding of AIDS research in the earliest years of the worldwide pandemic. He accused the Reagan Administration of being "criminally negligent" in educating the nation about the disease and for failing to respond to the public health crisis in a timely manner, and, in 1987, made national news by using his Congressional franking privileges to mail U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's report on AIDS to each of the 268,000 households in his district, urging other members of Congress to follow suit. Studds' constituents were the first people in the nation to receive, unsolicited, the explicit 36-page pamphlet.

In 1987 Studds was in line to assume the Chair of the highly visible House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, then investigating President Ronald Reagan's covert support of Contra rebels, but instead opted to stick with the bread and butter issues of his seaside district by accepting the chairmanship of a fisheries subcommittee. Studds had been a member of the fisheries subcommittee since the day he became a member of Congress in 1973, with one of his first accomplishments being persuading members to support legislation that would extend U.S. fisheries jurisdiction out to 200 miles.

"In the end, my decision was based on my belief that I will be able to accomplish more as a legislator on fisheries, wildlife and environmental issues," Studds said at the time, "and that writing effective legislation is, or at least ought to be, the central responsibility of a member of Congress."

Studds nevertheless continued to serve on the foreign affairs subcommittee and was a leading and outspoken critic of the Reagan Administration's policy in Central America, particularly its illegal funding and support of the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

During these subcommittee hearings, Studds often went head-to-head with Elliott Abrams, then Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, and now a member of the Bush administration, who pleaded guilty in 1991 to withholding information from Congress in the Iran-contra affair.

"It is no secret that I believe the Reagan administration policy toward Central America has lacked creativity, balance and common sense, and that it has been conducted in a manner that violates both American ideals and federal law," Studds said in 1987.

He was also a leading critic of President Reagan's "Star Wars" or Strategic Defense Initiative that proposed building an outer space-based missile defense system, delivering a widely-quoted assessment of the project in 1985: "It is the Edsel of the 1980s. It is overpriced, it has been oversold, it will not perform as advertised."

Gerry Eastman Studds was born on May 12, 1937 in Mineola, Nassau County, N.Y. to Eastman and Beatrice Studds and grew up in Cohasset, a part of the district that he would later represent.

Studds attended Yale University, from which he received a bachelor's degree in history in 1959 and a master's degree in 1961. Following graduation, Studds served from 1961-1962 as a foreign service officer in the State Department, and from 1962-1963 as an assistant in the Kennedy White House where he worked to establish a domestic Peace Corps. In 1964 he served as Legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., (D-NJ), after which he became a teacher at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H.

FILE PHOTO

Then U. S. Rep. Gerry Studds heads to the polls at Town Hall in Cohasset with his mother, Beatrice.

As a young peace activist in 1968, Studds served as New Hampshire state coordinator for U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy's presidential primary campaign, organizing McCarthy's upset victory over President Johnson in that primary and going on to serve as a delegate to the tumultuous 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Studds made his first run for Congress in 1970 at the age of 33, but lost to the incumbent Republican representative Hastings Keith in a close election. In preparation for the next campaign, Studds learned to speak Portuguese, the language of a sizable community in the district, and also studied issues related to fishing, an important industry in the area.

In his second bid for Congress in 1972, Studds was successful, defeating his well-funded opponent and becoming the first Democrat in 50 years to win what was considered a safe Republican seat. [John F. Kennedy lost to Richard M. Nixon in Cape Cod in the 1960 Presidential election by a margin of 20,402 for Nixon and 12,423 for Kennedy.] Studds held his Congressional seat for 24 years, retiring from Congress in 1996.

During his 12 terms in the House of Representatives Studds was known for his accessibility to his constituents and his effective advocacy of their concerns, notably in matters of the environment, health care, and fishing and maritime issues. He visited all the towns in his district several times a year, holding town meetings at which he discussed his votes in Congress and responded to questions from the public. He also wrote and published his Weekly Report to the People, a newsletter detailing his votes and positions on matters before the House of Representatives that was mailed every week to every district household when Congress was in session.

Legendary newsman Henry Beetle Hough, editor of the Martha's Vineyard Gazette, quickly noticed this unusual accessibility by the Cape's new representative, observing in his 1975 book, Mostly on Martha's Vineyard, "Our present Congressman, Gerry Studds, a young Democrat who overthrew a long Republican succession, is of different mettle. He campaigns, me meets people, and he follows up on problems of importance."

Studds faced controversy in 1983 when a 27-year old former page revealed that he had had a sexual relationship with the congressman some 10 years earlier. During the course of the House Ethics Committee's investigation, Studds became the first national politician and member of Congress to publicly acknowledge his homosexuality, stating in a June 1983 address to the House, "It is not a simple task for any of us to meet adequately the obligations of either public or private life, let alone both, but these challenges are made substantially more complex when one is, as I am, both an elected public official and gay."

Studds was censured by the House of Representatives in July 1983 for having an affair 10 years earlier with the 17-year-old male congressional page. The relationship was consensual, but presented ethical concerns relating to working relationships with subordinates.

Though many wrote his political obituary following the House censure, Studds stood for reelection to his House seat in 1984. He handily won reelection, receiving more than 56 percent of the vote, making him the first openly gay member of Congress and the first gay member of Congress to be reelected in the nation's history.

Following his return to Congress by his constituents in 1984, Studds continued to champion environmental and maritime issues. He also called for a stronger federal response to the AIDS crisis, with increased funding for medical care and research. Studds was among the first members of Congress to endorse lifting the ban on gay men and lesbians in the military, and played an instrumental role in obtaining and publicizing an internal Pentagon study known as the PERSEREC report that showed that gay and lesbian soldiers do not undermine military performance. In 1994, Studds and Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) introduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, designed to end discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation.

In 1996, not long before he retired from Congress, he gave an impassioned speech on the House floor opposing the Defense of Marriage Act, which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage and gave states the same authority.

Studds and his longtime partner, Dean Hara, who had been together since 1991, subsequently applied for a marriage license on May 18, 2004 and were married in Boston on May 24, 2004, one week after same-sex marriages became legal in Massachusetts.

Studds enjoyed a positive reputation from members of both sides of the aisle for his bipartisan approach to securing enactment of critical legislation protective of the nation's environment and maritime resources.

Representative Don Young (R-Alaska), Chairman of the House Resources Committee, said at the time of Studds retirement from the House that that he had "no greater respect" for a member of Congress than he did Gerry Studds. "I thank him for his love of the sea," said Young.

"Were it not for the gentleman from Massachusetts, Gerry Studds, and his ideas and his enthusiasm and the effort that he has put into his committee work, many of the programs and projects that we have worked on a bipartisan basis simply would not be," said Congressman Jim Saxton (R-New Jersey).

In honor of his work and dedication to the marine environment, the House proposed and both the House and Senate approved the renaming of the 842-square mile national treasure as the Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

In recognizing his colleagues' accolades, Congressman Studds replied, "One would be hard pressed to find something that would have meant more to me than Stellwagen Bank, which lies between Cape Cod and Cape Ann in Massachusetts... The richness and diversity of the marine life in Stellwagen is a symbol, I think, of why it is that we all came together in this endeavor... I think folks will look back, I hope, and remember that it is possible to be as different as some of the individuals in the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries were and are and yet to work together in a very collegial and very collaborative and very constructive way on things that truly matter as opposed to so much of whit it is that we spend out time here and our lives in general being concerned about."

After retiring from Congress in 1997, Studds remained involved in marine issues and served as a consultant on fisheries issues and ocean outreach. He also served in several volunteer positions, including co-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Island Alliance, the non-profit partner to the Boston Harbor Island National Park that he helped to create.

Studds continued to be honored for his work for the environment and for civil rights.

In 1996 he was presented the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission "Chairman's Award for Distinguished Meritorious Service" which read:

"For 24 years, Representative Gerry E. Studds has ably represented in Congress not only the Massachusetts 10th District but the interests of all citizens who value and care for the Nation's valuable living marine resources. He has courageously led the fight for effective conservation and management of marine fishery resources, marine mammals and endangered species; all the while protecting the cherished privileges of commercial and recreational fishermen everywhere to pursue productive, satisfying and profitable fishing. Mr. Studds has strongly supported the role of the states in mutually cooperative partnership with the federal government. His leadership on the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, known commonly as the "Studds Act," led to the recovery of a resource cherished in his home New England area and all along the coast; and set a standard for state and federal fishery conservation and management efforts everywhere. He has always been sensitive to the real needs of people in caring for their marine resources. ASMFC gratefully acknowledges his spirit and commitment as an example of outstanding leadership in Congress, and among all who recognize the importance of the seas and their bounty."

Other recognitions and honors included the creation of the Fenway Community Health Center's Gerry E. Studds Visibility Award, given each year to individuals or organizations who provide leadership and positive visibility for the gay male community, and the Boston Harbor Island Alliance's Gerry E. Studds Stewardship Award, given annually to those who work to preserve the Boston Harbor Islands.

He has also been honored by the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, GLAD, the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown and numerous other environmental and civil rights organizations in Massachusetts and across the country.

Studds love of the sea was an essential part of his nature and remained so to the end of his life. He moved to the waterfront in Provincetown, Massachusetts in the early 1970s, later building a waterfront home from which he could see the once endangered Cape Cod Highland Lighthouse in Truro, Mass that he secured federal funding to rescue. He was an accomplished sailor and fisherman, often angling for the Striped Bass he had helped to preserve. He named his small boat "Bacalau" a Portuguese word for "Cod" and was a beloved member of Provincetown's Portuguese fishing community. In 2002 he sold his home on the Cape and moved permanently to Boston where he and Hara made their permanent residence. Studds and Hara nevertheless continued to make the ocean a part of their lives, taking a cruise every year so that they might experience the oceans and seas of world.

In addition to his husband, Dean T. Hara, Studds leaves his brother and sister-in-law Colin and Mary Lou Studds of Cohasset; his sister Gaynor Stewart of Buffalo, N.Y., four nephews, Colin and Tyler Studds, Andrew Babcock, and Kingsley Williams, and Bonnie, his English Springer Spaniel.

Funeral arrangements are still being made.

DESTINATIONS

Parma Charmed

Italy's ham and cheese hub a real cultural gem

By FRAN GOLDEN

Parma is Italy's food city, located north of Bologna in the fertile Emilia-Romagna region and lending its name to two famous food products, parmigiano-reggiano and prosciutto di Parma.

Foodies will want to come here to explore the restaurants -- some believe the best cuisine in Italy comes from this region -- as well as the gourmet food shops, city market, and cheese and ham factories in the hilly countryside (where you can learn everything you ever wanted to know about parmesan and Parma ham).

But besides the good eats, visitors will find a city of 250,000 that's both pretty and surprisingly cultured, especially for a place that's off the regular tourist path - it's a real find.

This is the city where Giuseppe Verdi (born just outside Parma) created some of his operas, performed at the Teatro Regio, built in the 1820s and still hosting opera productions today. Arturo Toscanini and Nicolo Paganini also hailed from Parma.

A key attraction in the city is an even older theater, the Farnese, a unique wooden space that dates to 1618 and is located in the Pilotta, a palace of several buildings constructed in the 16th and 17th centuries by Duke Ranuccio I Farnese. The theater and parts of the palace were destroyed by allied bombs in May 1944 but reconstructed in the 1950s. The palace today is also home to the National Gallery and National Archaeological Museum.

Like every Italian city there are beautiful churches, but Parma's cathedral is particularly noteworthy because it boasts frescoes by Correggio, who was born in Parma. While the cathedral is 900 years old, Correggio did his frescoe work between 1526 and 1530. He also frescoed the dome of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, where you can view the work of local artist Parmigianino (who also did the Church of S. Maria Della Steccata). Next to the cathedral is the architecturally interesting, octagonal Baptistery, which dates to the 12th century and is made of pink Verona marble.

Film buffs may recognize the city center's historic arcades and streets from Bernardo Bertolucci's epic "1900" (1976), the local son having filmed some of that famous movie here.

PHOTOS BY FRAN GOLDEN

The countryside outside of Parma

Parma has some Roman ruins too, in odd places like under bridges (they are still being excavated).

This is an easy city to walk around. Allow yourself a couple of days to explore. You'll dodge more bikes than cars, pass outdoor cafes, explore the small market (where linens are a bargain) and no doubt be sidetracked by the large number of shops in the historic downtown boasting Italian fashions -- and proof that this is a prosperous place. The designer brands are here -- Gucci, Furla, Max Mara -- but so are plenty of little shops serving up Italian-made shoes and accessories and more.

Chef Alberto Rossetti of Al Tramezzo, a 1-star Michelin restaurant in Parma, shows off a parmesan creation (a parmesan cone filled with parmesan cream).

OK, I admit, I did not leave Parma empty handed -- I snagged a raincoat and skirt at Max & Company (Max Mara's youthful and less-expensive offshoot), and a soft leather purse at Furla. To heck with the poor performance of the dollar against the euro. I liked the design.

But eating was part of my goal and I did plenty of that, too.

While Parma boasts Michelin-starred restaurants including Ristorante Al Tramezzo in Parma (Via Del Bono, 5/b) and Stella d'Oro Locanda Ristorante (also a B&B) in the nearby town of Soranga -- and, believe me, the chefs here know their way around the local product and more -- I wanted a less gourmet, more authentic experience, to eat the way the locals might eat when going out.

Two places provided that experience for me: Ristorante La Greppia (Via Garibaldi, 39) and Sorelle Picchi (Via Farni, 27).

At both, the kitchen is dominated by women -- this is your Italian mother's or grandmother's kind of cooking.

At Ristorante La Greppia, the eggplant parmesan-like concoction was so amazing my companions and I asked the owner's wife, who runs the kitchen, for the recipe. She gave a complicated recipe in Italian (we had someone translate) hands flying to emphasize points. What it boils down to is lots of bechamel sauce made with cream, no bread crumbs and a layer of egg custard.

She estimated amounts, and I haven't yet tried to recreate the recipe, but I did crack up when at the end of her dissertation she asserted, "It is thus."

My other traditional local meal came at the recommendation of the friendly clerk at the Furla store. I really wanted to try the local dish called tortelli d'erbetta, a small, delicate ravioli stuffed with fresh ricotta and a green leafy vegetable such as Swiss chard or spinach.

So I asked her where to find the best for lunch and she directed me to a side street off Piazza Girabaldi and a food shop, with instructions to go to the back. So I pushed past the stern-looking cashier at the rear of the shop and entered a hidden restaurant space, simple in decor but with maybe 20 tables, all covered with fabric tablecloths.

Sorelle Picchi is only open for lunch and is full of locals. The friendly waitress understood enough English to take my order (and I understood enough Italian to find my way around the menu) and I totally enjoyed the pasta and the experience.

More exploring, to work off the calories, brought me to pretty parks and past side streets lined with colorful houses.

Before resting my head at Palace Hotel Maria Luigia (Viale Mentana, 140), named for Napoleon's second wife (Maria Luigia), who was Duchess of Parma in the 1800s, I stopped by some of the gourmet shops to check out the product.

I had already picked up cheese on a parmesan factory tour, and you can't bring home prosciutto (due to U.S. Customs regulations), but I did buy some truffle oil. I passed on the $100 bottle of aged balsamic vinegar (there were cheaper varieties; I figured I could get those at home) but I'm sure it's delicious.

At Salumera Garibaldi (Via Garibaldi, 42) I decided to pick up a picnic dinner and came away with marinated Roman artichokes, cold octopus salad and a fried rice ball, a delicious feast for less than $20.

Sitting in the open-air courtyard at the hotel, listening to birds sing, I felt quite lucky to have discovered Parma.

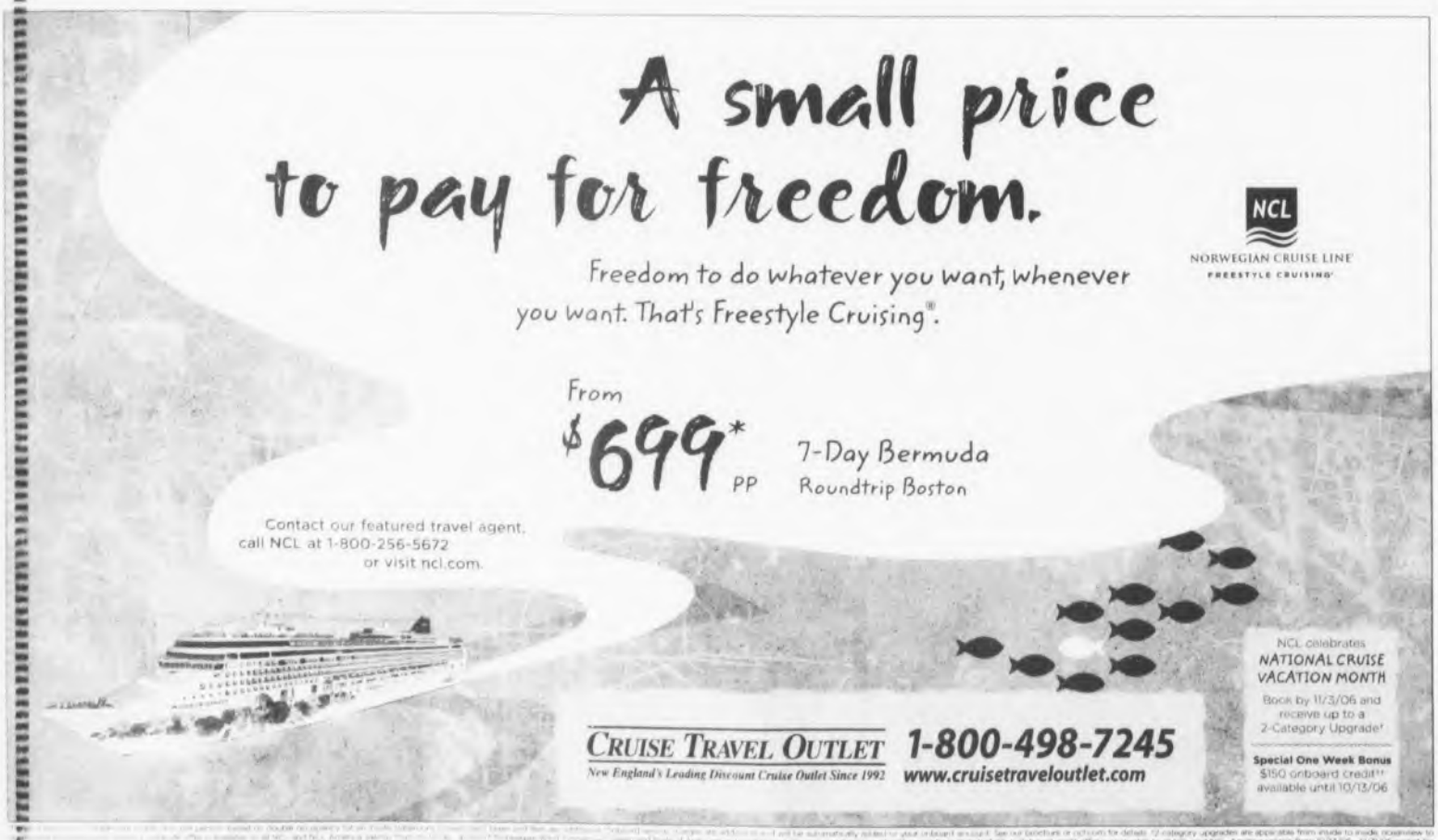
If you go

HAM AND CHEESE: Consorzio del Formaggio Parmigiano Reggiano (www.parmigiano-reggiano.it) can arrange tours of parmesan cheese farms. They are usually offered for groups, but individual travelers are accommodated when possible. Similarly, the Consorzio del Prosciutto di Parma (www.prosciuttodiparma.com) can arrange tours of Parma ham factories. In September, during the annual ham festival, ham producers open their doors for tours and tastings.

STAYING THERE: The Palace Hotel Maria Luigia has comfortable rooms and is an easy walk away from the city's historic downtown and key sights. Rates for two from about $228; www.sinahotels.it

TOURING THERE: The tourist office, located at Via Melloni, 1/a, offers a free audio walk in English that will get you to the major sights. For about $6.25 you can purchase passes to get into the various museums and monuments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Go to turismo.comune.parma.it



POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

4:22 p.m. Beechwood St., traffic enforcement.

4:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller wants to make a complaint regarding construction taking place up the road; officer settled dispute, no further action required.

4:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **Forest Notch**, 209A service.

7:38 p.m. **Deer Hill-Sohier St.**, building check secure.

7:39 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building check secure.

7:41 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

7:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, hazard; two callers report a boat in the road.

8:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disable motor vehicle; car ran out of gas.

8:53 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

10:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

6:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:04 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued. Officer out with two vehicles.

7:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

9 a.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, caller reports downed wires in front of residence and is without phone service.

9:24 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer reports construction crew took out phone wires.

9:58 a.m. **Beechwood and King streets**, request to speak with officer regarding speeding/parking complaint on Beechwood St.

10:09 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, caller reports elderly woman driving in front of her is swerving into other lane and went through stop sign. Officer is out with vehicle in community parking lot; two elderly women are going into medical office.

11:12 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

11:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

11:32 a.m. **Bulrush Farms Rd.**, Scituate, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

1:30 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:03 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:12 pm. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

3:13 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

3:41 p.m. **Hill St.**, officer requested.

4:01 p.m. **Parker St.**, Norwell, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:28 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

4:36 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire investigation. Caller advised odor of gas; fire dept., advised hot water heater is broken; gas and water secured.

4:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, assist citizen; confused elderly female reunited with family.

4:47 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

5:37 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid.

6:09 p.m. **Beechwood and South Main streets**, motor vehicle hit and run with property damage-guard rail. Officer advised no damage done.

6:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, damage reported to fence and lawn.

7:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:51 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop.

8:24 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

8:45 p.m. **Forest Notch**, assist citizen.

11:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity. Caller advised she heard a vehicle hit something and it headed toward Scituate; she thought it was a small vehicle. Officer advised unable to locate anything.

11:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, open door. Officer advised front door open; on walk through everything appears secure.

11:39 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer advised checked school.

11:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

12:57 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools secure.

6:39 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools secure.

7:21 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

7:31 a.m. **Police Headquarters**, property recovered. Walk-in party turned in a gold American Express card; found in Atlantica parking lot.

10:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal bite. Walk-in reports being menaced by dogs in Whitney Woods last Tuesday and wants to speak with animal control officer.

10:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

10:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

10:48 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity, caller reports child alone in motor vehicle for over an hour. Units on scene and attempting to locate mother. Child has been in vehicle alone for about a half hour since unit arrived. Child out of vehicle and mother located and spoken to. Officer transported mother and daughter to Hingham line to meet a Hingham cruiser for transport to Weymouth.

11:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

1:41 p.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:05 p.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny, party reports a returned check.

2:28 p.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism reported. Walk-in party reports while he was away someone carved "loser" into his front door and loosened the lug nuts on his tires.

*Note: Third shift log is missing from this date.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:33 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

12:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; speeding, verbal warning issued.

1:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, open door; building checked and door secured.

1:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, missing child. Walk-in party reports daughter missing for about an hour. State police notified for K-9 unit. 883 has found the female party and K-9 cancelled.

2:31 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

6:59 p.m. **North Main and Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:16 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:26 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:33 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

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NEW YORK

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DONE

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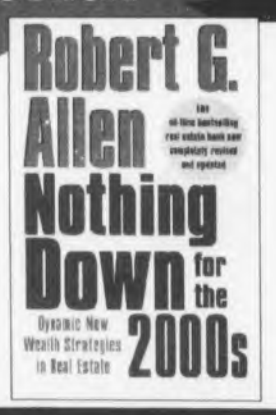

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What's happening on the South Shore

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From left, Tiana Checchia, Kareema Castro, and Amiee Collier in "RESPECT, A Musical Journey," playing at the Stuart Street Playhouse through Nov. 26.

Showing some 'Respect'

Quincy performer featured in new musical dedicated to women

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In "Respect: A Musical Journey of Women," now at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse, Tiana Checchia is one of four performers singing the praises of women through popular music.

"The story is about women, but the show is for everybody," explained Checchia by telephone before a matinee last week. "We're four women of different ages and from different places, a narrator and three singers, and we get to do some amazing songs."

Vanderbilt University faculty member Dr. Dorothy Marcic created the show based on her 2002 book, "Respect: Women and Popular Music," in which she examines the role of women in 20th-century America through the lyrics of Top 40 songs sung by women between 1900 and 2000. Marcic's staging of "Respect" chronicles four women and the music they listened to at important milestones in their lives, including "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home," "Where the Boys Are," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," "Whatever Lola Wants," "Dedicated to the One I Love," and the Aretha Franklin anthem, "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

For Checchia, a 27-year-old Notre Dame graduate who played Sandy on the national tour of "Grease," the show is an introduction to a whole range of music that is new to her. "I do musical theater. In addition to 'Grease,' I've done 'A Chorus Line,' 'Fiddler on the Roof,' and 'The Sound of Music' at the regional level. That's my speed, but with this show I'm getting to perform in all kinds of musical styles, from classics from the American songbook to country and reggae. The story is told chronologically so the songs are used to both tell the story and also set the period."

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Performer, Tiana Checchia

The current Quincy resident, who was born and brought up on Long Island, is quick to point out that the show has strengthened her appreciation of some of the music. "I had heard Helen Reddy's recording of 'I Am Woman' before I did this show, of course, but I'm not sure I ever fully got it. It had always seemed cliched to me, until I learned what a powerful feminist anthem it was when it was first released in 1972. Only when I heard it in our show did I understand how empowering it was for women. The whole Betty Friedan conciousness-raising movement, combined with everything Gloria Steinem has done, are very important parts of 'Respect,' and have become very important to me."

Before the story reaches the women's movement, however, there are some earlier stops Checchia is also enjoying. "I play Betty Boop when I sing 'I Wanna Be Loved By You,' and we get to show that Betty Boop was more than just a cartoon character. She was also an important form of escapist entertainment during the Depression." The animated vixen isn't the only well-known 20th-century woman being remembered with "Respect." "There are quite a few women whom we portray who have really influenced me, like Mother Theresa and so many others," says Checchia, who credits two special women with being her inspiration. "Professionally, I have always loved and looked up to Julie Andrews as a role model. In addition to being supremely talented, she always does things with dignity and class. In my personal life, my mother has always been a huge influence, because of her love and encouragement. I'm not sure I could have accomplished half of what I have in my life without my mother's constant support."

"Respect, A Musical Journey" is at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.stuartstreetplayhouse.com.

Movie review

Real monsters haunt 'Evil'

Film Review
By: James Verniere

"Deliver Us from Evil" (A-)

The most horrific film of the fall season is not going to be "Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning," "The Grudge 2" or "Saw 3." The most horrifying film of the season is easily Amy Berg's stunning documentary "Deliver Us from Evil," a film in which the monsters are all too real. If you're not already mad as hell about the pedophile priest scandal, you are about to be.

A devastating portrait of the victims, the perpetrators and their unindicted enablers, including an up-close-and-personal interview with a madman still on the loose in Ireland, "Deliver Us from Evil" is a skin-crawling experience.

Meet Father Ollie O'Grady, a man who tells us he likes "helping people." Father Ollie is also a pedophile who can't get his head around the idea that what he did for 30 years to children is a terrible crime. Neither, apparently could the church hierarchy, which bounced O'Grady from parish to parish in Northern California in the 1970s without warnings.

Former priest Oliver O'Grady is seen in a public park in Ireland.

The film comprises interviews with O'Grady's male and female victims as well as grief-stricken parents, two of whom allowed O'Grady into their home, where he raped their daughter.

How the police and various district attorneys did not step up is the great unspoken aspect of this awful story.

Father Ollie's heroic counterpart is Father Tom Doyle, a lawyer and historian who has won no friends at the Vatican with his anti-pedophile crusade. Doyle describes the church's action as a web of "deception, denial, perjury and deceit."

To hear Father O'Grady discuss his plans for a reunion at which he hopes to apologize to his assembled victims is to see just how delusional a truly evil person can be. A final shot of Father O'Grady peering at children in a playground will leave you feeling utterly betrayed. "Deliver Us from Evil," indeed.

"Deliver Us from Evil" contains graphic descriptions of sexual activity.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Oct. 19

The North River Arts Society presents **Beyond My Window,** an exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. The show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the library gallery located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, are Monday – Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

The Boston Philharmonic presents its first concert of the season. This program of three Mediterranean splendors revels in the imagination of three composers who were entranced by particular places and particular circumstances. And the orchestra takes particular pride in presenting guitarist Sharon Isbin, one of the most honored artists in the history of the instrument. Benjamin Zander conducts. The concerts will take place: Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Sanders Theatre at Harvard University Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory Sunday, Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Sanders Theatre at Harvard University Tickets are $16-$76. Student, senior and group discounts are available. Call 617-236-0999 or visit www.bostonphil.org.

Judepa at 66 South Street, Hingham Square, is hosting an evening of free make-up applications on Oct. 19, 6 to 8 p.m., featuring our bodyography line of all mineral professional cosmetics without the professional price tag. Call 781-740-8484 for more information

October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month. Join **Deborah Marx**, a maritime archaeologist with the **Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary** in Scituate, on **Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.** at Hull Lifesaving Museum, **1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull,** as she conducts a presentation detailing the sanctuary's maritime archaeology fieldwork investigations and findings for the past few years through historic images and underwater images/video of the sanctuary's historic shipwrecks. **$3 members, $5 nonmembers. For information call 781-925-5433**, or visit lifesavingmuseum.org Light refreshments will be served. For information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

Sandburg Memories, will be presented at PBT on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. This is the exact date marking the 45th anniversary of Geronimo Sands' first performance of his world acclaimed one-man show, "The World of Carl Sandburg" by Norman Corwin. Mr. Sands will trace his 45 years of performing the show with stories, anecdotes, excerpts from the show. Andrew Nielson will add theatrical sound effects and music. A reception will follow. Admission is free with donations welcome. To make reservations for the Sandburg Anniversary event and/or to register for "Mary Poppins: the Magical Nanny" call Priscilla Beach Theatare at 1-508-224-4888. For details visit PBT's web site, thinkTheatre.org

The Front Street Book Store in Scituate has set Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. as a time that **Renee Summers** will be signing and reading from her new book of poetry **If the Potter's Hands Shake** along with some other members of the Sea Glass Poets.

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset presents organist **Philip Scriven** of Lichfield Cathedral, England in recital on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in D Major*, Duruflé's *Suite for Organ*, and *Rubrics* by Dan Locklair. The program will be performed on the historic 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner instrument at St. Stephen's, known for its tonal diversity and unique placement. The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

The Bob Shrago Memorial Brotherhood Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pear., Brockton, on Oct. 19, from 2 to 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate blood may come to the temple during the above hours. No appointment is needed. For information and directions call 508-583-5810. www.templebethemunah.org

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Oct. 19 **John Truscelli Band**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Thursday night **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** from 8:30 to 11 p.m. 781-335-9796.

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"October Morning"- an oil painting by Sue Charles is one of the 40 works on display.

North River Arts Society presents its Second Art Calendar Competition and Exhibit at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery Oct. 21-29, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Twelve of the 40 works exhibited will have the added distinction of appearing on the pages of the 2008 NRAS Art Calendar. A reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 20. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Donation $10 per person, hor'deurves and Cash bar. The NRAS 2006-2007 calendar will also be available for sale. The G.A.R. Hall Gallery is located at 157 Old Main St. Marshfield Hills. For information call 781-837-8091.

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The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will be holding its annual Black & White gala" fundraising event dinner Gala and Auction on Friday Oct. 20, at Waverly Oaks Golf Club in Plymouth. This annual fundraising event will feature both live and silent auction items. Tickets are $75 per person and tables of eight are $575. To purchase tickets to the event or to donate an auction item please call the Philharmonic office at 508-746-8008.

The Sound of Music, the Rodgers & Hammerstein Broadway classic opens Friday, Oct. 20, at Hingham's Sanborn Auditorium in the Town Hall, 210 Central Street. The show runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 22 through Oct. 29. Friday and Saturday shows (Oct. 20-21 and Oct 27-28) are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees (Oct. 22 and Oct 29) at 2 p.m. Tickets are $16 for adults and $13 for students and seniors. A group rate of $12 applies. For ticket information, contact Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499, or by e-mail at stagemomma@adelphia.net. The HCMT website is www.hcmt.org. Tickets may be purchased directly at Noble's Camera in Hingham Square, Corson'sGlass House on Route 53, Hingham, and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.

Award winning South Shore artist **Dianne Panarelli Miller** will be showcasing her work at Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Friday, through Oct. 31. "All That's Familiar" is a display of the artist's colorful landscapes and seascapes of local and city scenes, along with still life's and portraits of familiar faces and themes. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER'S SECOND ANNUAL BARK 'N HOWL BALL, Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the River Club in Scituate. The event includes a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the lively music of local band, Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions. Tickets are $125 each ($100 is tax deductible) and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, in Scituate, to replace the facility currently located on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull accommodating stray, homeless, injured, and surrendered companion animals. Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available. For information call 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter or www.3afarmfund.com.

STEPUP FOR KIDS INC. CHARITY DINNER, AUCTION & BLUES FESTIVAL featuring Monster Mike Welsh and The James Montgomery Band on Nov. 11 from 8 to midnight at the Freeport Hall (IBEW), 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets are $50 includes dinner and concert. Guests of honor include Janice and Dr. Demitri Papolos, researcher and founders of the Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation and authors of The Bipolar Child and Dr. JanetWozniak, Harvard researcher and director of the bipolar program at Mass. General Hospital and author of "Walking on Eggshells." For information contact Maryann McDonnell at 781-837-8833, by email at mcdonnell@stepup4kids.com or by visiting www.stepup4kids.com

"JUMP JIVE 'N WAIL FOR TRAILS" CONCERT - Tickets are now available for Bellevue Cadillac benefit for the Maxwell Conservation Trust. The event will take place Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell. The evening will include appetizers, cash bar, and dancing.

There will be raffle prizes and a silent auction, offering works by well known artists and craftsmen, including an original oil painting, "Autumn Palette on Mt. Hope Street, Norwell" donated by Sergio Roffo. Tickets are $50 each. Proceeds benefit the preservation of open space and wetlands in Norwell, Cohasset, and Scituate. Sponsorships are available. Tickets can be Purchased at The Front Street Book Shop, Scituate Harbor, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, or by calling the Maxwell Conservation Truston 781-545-4167.

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Singer Suzette Dorsey as Tina Turner

A Tina Turner tribute

Raffael's serves up a show that is 'Simply The Best'

Singer Suzette Dorsey was headlining her own rock band in the late 1980s when a job offer came that would change her life.

"I was performing with my group, 'White Bridge,' when I was asked to sing back-up for a video involving Prince and Michael Jackson look-alikes. I had previously sung back-up for an Elvis impersonator so the idea wasn't entirely new. I just didn't know when I first agreed where it would all lead," said Dorsey last week by telephone from her home in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Dorsey's own visual and vocal resemblance to another music legend didn't go unnoticed and before long she was cast as a Tina Turner look-alike in the national tour of the Las Vegas production of "Legends in Concert!" In 1992, while performing with "Legends," Dorsey was signed by a British entertainment agent to perform all over Europe, the Middle East, and Japan as Tina Turner in her own tribute show called "Simply The Best." It is that show which she will bring to Raffael's in Walpole on Friday for one night only.

"I recreate Tina in terms of both her sound and her look. My goal is to make my audiences believers in my ability to recreate Tina Turner for them. I want my show to be eye-opening, entertaining and sincere. I want people to hear Tina when they have their eyes closed and see her when they open them." In the years since she rocked out to "Proud Mary" for the first time, Dorsey has honed her portrayal of the Grammy Award-winner who first found fame in the 1960s as part of the Ike and Tina Turner Revue. Dorsey has also learned that it takes more than a little technique to recreate the Tennessee-born Turner's best-known songs like "Better Be Good To Me," "Private Dancer," "What's Love Got to Do With It," and 'We Don't Need Another Hero."

"Tina's music is not that easy to sing. You really have to know your stuff," explains Dorsey, who earned a degree in music and acting from Pennsylvania's Shippensburg University. "I know every nook and cranny of her sound and her style. Since we are recreating one of her concerts, it is very important that we be as close as possible to the original. We have to do Tina proud."

Dorsey, who performs "Simply The Best" with a seven-piece band and four back-up singers, has seen Turner and many other real-life legends in concert. Each time, she has come away entertained and informed.

"As an entertainer, any time I go to a concert I am enjoying myself, but I am also studying the performer. I study performers because that is what I do for a living. I remember going to one of Tina's concerts in 1988 in Philadelphia. The minute she started, I saw my own face up there. It was before I had even done Tina and yet by the time I left that show I was Tina through and through. When the music started, I became Tina. In the years since then, I have matured a great deal, but I still channel Tina and I still feel her whenever I do her music."

The Palmyra, N.J.-born mother of three — Tatiana, 20, D.J., 7, and 2-year-old Ashiyah — says even her own children sometimes mistake her for the superstar.

"When Tina is on TV, Ashiyah says, 'That's you. Mommy. That's you.'"

Even though Dorsey's other musical tastes run the gamut from Barbra Streisand and Celine Dion to Sheryl Crow and Iron Maiden, she sometimes finds it hard to escape the former Anna Mae Bullock.

"Not a day goes by that I don't hear Tina on the radio or in the supermarket, or sometimes even in an elevator. Whether we realize it or not, she's a fixture in all our lives. I'm very proud and happy for her."

J.M. Productions will present Suzette Dorsey as Tina Turner in "Simply The Best" at Raffael's, 1601 Main Street, Walpole, on Oct. 20. For tickets and information, call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

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Flags of Our Fathers special screening to benefit Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Oct. 20, special evening performance to raise scholarship funds for children of Marines-Tickets for the event start at $35 for general admission, a "Flags" Benefactor ticket for $125 and a "Flags" sponsorship ticket for $5,000. Benefactors are invited to a pre-theatre reception at the Boston Seaport Hotel with Special Military Guests of Honor, one ticket to the movie and complimentary parking and transportation to and from the theatre. Sponsors receive everything listed under Benefactors as well as additional theatre tickets, recognition at the reception and theatre, VIP seating and a copy of James Bradley's book, Flags of Our Fathers. The special movie screening will be shown at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at the AMC Loews Boston Commons 19, 175 Tremont Ave in Boston. Those interested in attending can call 1-877-IWO-JIMA or visit www.mcsf.org for information.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance - Oct. 20, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

JM Productions presents **Tina Turner Tribute Show** direct from London starring Suzette Dorsey with seven piece orchestra and four backup singers and dancers. The Sheraton Hotel ballroom, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. For tickets call 617-786-SHOW or visit jmproductionspresents.com.

South Street Gallery in Hingham, presents the works of architect and landscape painter **Jeremiah Eck** FAIA, on display, through Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

Red Obi, art exhibit 903 Broad St., Weymouth presents the artwork of **Dr. Mark Vonnegut**. Opening reception Oct. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. For information call 781-335-3325.

The **Company Theatre in Norwell** presents its stage adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel **To Kill A Mockingbird**, through Oct. 29. Tickets are $20-$22 and on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or visit companytheatre.com.

Nautical Nightmares at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., during October, beginning 'Friday the 13th.' Tours leave every 20 minutes from 7 to 9 p.m. Performance dates are Oct. 19, 22, 26 and 30. Admission $17.50 adults, $12 children ages 6-17, and are available by calling 888-973-2767 Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or at the Visitor Reception Center Monday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 888-973-2767 or visit mysticseaport.org.

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Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Houserockers** Friday, Oct.20. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 20, **The Love Dogs** R&B, Blues, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

South Shore Folk Music Club, Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, Oct. 20 presents Coffee House featuring **Tim FitzPatrick and Tiffany Rozenas** Open Mike. $5 members/$6 non-members. 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Glen MacAuliffe's Acoustic Café** Thursday, Oct. 20, from 8 to 11 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Oct. 21

10th Annual Joshua's Run for the Jimmy Fund is Oct. 21, at Peggotty Beach in Scituate. Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., a 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and a 4 Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. For further information call 781-545-4642 or visit www.joshuarun.com

Harvest Fair at First Parish Norwell, Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Old fashioned church fair offering handmade items, beautiful dried arrangements, a silent auction, baked goods, home grown produce, themed gift baskets, a snack bar and more. For information call 781-659-7122. Proceeds benefit First Parish Norwell Unitarian which is located at 24 River St., Norwell Center at Route 123. Handicapped accessible.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA) is sponsoring a fine art show at the South Shore Natural Science Center (SSNSC) in Norwell. The exhibit features 23 award winning local artists who have depicted the beauty of the South River and its tributaries from their point of view. **A reception will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m.** The SSNSC is located on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of the artwork will go to the NSRWA to support their mission of protecting and restoring the watershed. For information contact Paula Christie at 781-659-8168 or paual@nsrwa.org or Judy Azanow at 781-659-2559 or jazanow@ssnc.org

A fall walking tour of historic Hingham Cemetery will be held Saturday, Oct. 21. Meet at the Hingham Bell Tower (next to the Old Ship Church) at 1 p.m. Cemetery Director Lucinda Day will lead the tour, which includes the history of the cemetery dating from 1672, important cemetery monuments and notable burials, as well as social commentary. The cemetery's 150-yr-old arboretum consists of several hundred specimen trees, both native and "exotic". The many sugar maples should be at peak color. The tour will last about 1 1/2 hours and is open to the public. A $5 donation is requested, with no charge to those under 12. The rain date is the following day, Sunday, Oct. 22. For further information call 781-749-4868.

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Oil painting view of the South River from the Willow Street Bridge by Patricia Gray.

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Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers present **Gala Goes POPS**, a new format for the fall gala **Gala Goes POPS** is a variety choral concert (classical, humor, jazz, barbershop, operetta, oldies, etc) Saturday Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. Both performances at the Cushing Center in Norwell. Bring a picnic and gather with friends at a table for 10. Tickets/tables: call Diane at 781-331-4255 for seating reservation.

Flat Stanley illustrator, Scott Nash, at Buttonwood Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, hosts Scott Nash on Sat. Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. Nash is the illustrator for the brand-new picture book adaptation of Jeff Brown's classic, "Flat Stanley". Nash will read this delightful book about an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's four feet tall, about a foot wide oh, and half an inch thick. This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Duxbury Interfaith Council in cooperation with the Muslim Families of Duxbury offer: The Blessings of Ramadan on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Duxbury Senior Center, Mayflower St. Duxbury beginning at 5:30 p.m.(sunset) until 8:30 p.m. with the net proceeds to benefit the children of Lebanon. This event will *"Break the fast"* when Muslims come together to pray and break bread. Join The Muslim Families of Duxbury and the Duxbury Interfaith Council for prayer and an authentic Middle Eastern meal. Tickets: Available from any Interfaith Council Member or at: Razia's in The Duxbury Marketplace 781-934-6169 $12 for adults and $6 for children12 and under Information call Aboud J. Al-Zaim 781-910-4874 or Razia Jan 781-934-6169

South Shore Conservatory combines two events into one grand occasion on Saturday, Oct. 21, when it presents the annual **Piano Virtuosi** concert followed by **Musical Mystery Dinners.** The evening begins at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, where guests will arrive at 6:15 p.m. to find out the identities of their dinner hosts. The concert, which follows at 6:30 p.m., features the piano faculty of the Conservatory, performing for the first time at the PAC, a venue that is noted for its outstanding acoustics. After the concert, guests will proceed to dinner parties, graciously hosted by the following Conservatory friends: Lee and Jack Barlow, Donna and Fred Clifford, Caroline and Joe Conway, Judy and Bill Gagnon, Lisa and Charlie Grace, Kathy and Jeff Palmer, Pam and Tom Schiller, Betty and Mike Scott, Carol and Malcolm Stone, and Debbie and Andy Zildjian.

A Grand Occasion, which benefits educational programming at the Conservatory, is sponsored by Sabian. Tickets at $75 per person include the concert and dinner, and guests may sign up in parties of up to four people. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org, by phone at 781-934-2731, ext. 14, or in person at the Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

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The Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers pops-style seating to the fall Gala. The show will take place Saturday evening Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon Oct. 22, at4 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell.
Tap your feet to song and dance favorites, such as 'I Got Rhythm' and 'Singin' in the Rain,' and enjoy a stylish variety of music with your favorite South Shore singers. Our eclectic mix will include a medley from Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Gondoliers' and tunes by our barbershop quartet and jazz quintet, as well as classical selections, spirituals, folksongs, and oldies. Tables for 10 can be purchased by calling Diane at 781-331-4255; tickets at $17.50 are on sale at Nobles in Hingham Square or at the door.

Art From The Heart Fundraiser, hosted by Arc of the South Shore, will take place Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 pm., at South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. The event will spotlight the artistic talents of children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take part in a silent auction. Cost is $50 per person; corporate sponsorships are also available. All donations are tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to Arc of the South Shore, and mailed to 371 River St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. For information, call Claudia Cuscianna at 781-413-2230 or email to ccuscianna@arcsouthshore.org.

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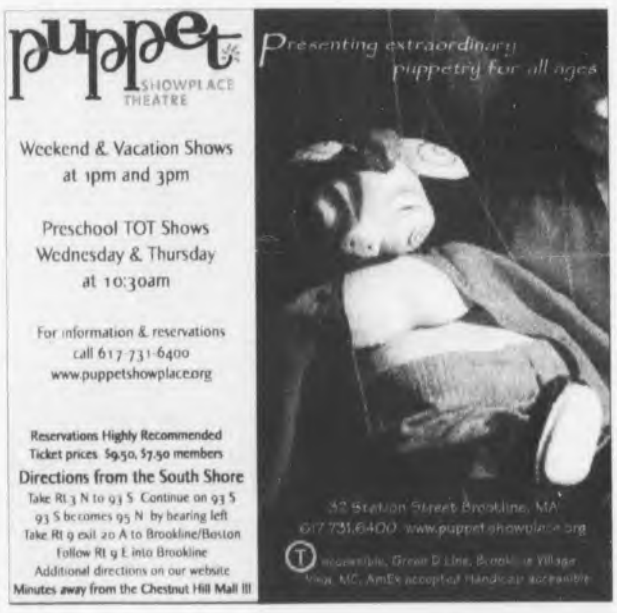

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The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. The concert is preceded by an open microphone. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

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ROAM (Reading Once A Month), the book club for the Friends of the Turner Free Library of Randolph, will launch its fourth season on Saturday, Oct. 21, with a discussion of "*Plainsong*" by Kent Haruf. This is a heart-warming novel focused on the lives of residents in Holt, a small rural town in Colorado, and how they help each other cope with problems, losses, and the ongoing struggles against loneliness. The discussion group will meet at 2 p.m. in the Shurtleff Room of the Turner Library at 2 North Main St. in Randolph. Future literary selections and meeting dates include: Ray Bradbury's futuristic classic, "**Fahrenheit 451**,"(Nov. 18) and "Eventide," the sequel to "*Plainsong*" by Kent Haruf (Dec. 16). The ROAM meetings are free and open to book lovers of all ages. Membership in Friends is encouraged but not mandatory. For information, contact Jack Betterman at 781-963-5608 or Dave Dingledy 781-767-3018.

The Boston Philharmonic presents its first concert of the season. This program of three Mediterranean splendors revels in the imagination of three composers who were entranced by particular places and particular circumstances. And the orchestra takes particular pride in presenting **guitarist Sharon Isbin,** one of the most honored artists in the history of the instrument. **Benjamin Zander conducts**. The concerts will take place: Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Sanders Theatre at Harvard University Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory Sunday, Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Sanders Theatre at Harvard University Tickets are $16-$76. Student, senior and group discounts are available. Call 617-236-0999 or visit www.bostonphil.org.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Oct. 21, **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m. **Johnny Vance Band** at 9:30 p.m.

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New England Weather Concert at Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents **New England Weather** on Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. The concert is preceded by an open microphone. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Sunday, Oct. 22

Healthy Living Event, Oct 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi, Route 3A Cohasset. To Register Call 781-383-6822 $35, For More info go on line at www.jfkungfu.com

The Sunday Guided Walk at World's End, Hingham has been rescheduled to Sunday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Explore the natural and cultural history of World's End on a crisp autumn day when fall foliage is at its peak. World's End is a 250-acre peninsula of open space overlooking Hingham Harbor. We will enjoy fabulous views of the Boston Skyline, the Weir River and Boston and Hingham Harbors. This is an activity the entire family can enjoy. Cost is $6 per person non-members and $4 members. Advance registration and payment is requested.Meet in parking area on Martin's Lane.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. in Duxbury presents Curator's Choice: China presents an extraordinary range of media and technique: painting, calligraphy, sculpture, bronze, ceramics, jade, glass, textiles, furniture, snuff bottles and jewelry. Contemporary artists include Irene Chan, David Hinton, Fred Liang, Lin Yan, Ma Qingxiong, Wei Jia, and Zhu Wei. This show which is scheduled through Jan. 14. Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 x 12 phone laura@artcomplex.org

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

The Clemens Gallery presents "Images of Italy," photography by Jean Donohue and James J. Foley, through Nov. 2. The exhibit takes a look at Italy's historic sites through photographs from well-known cities and remarkable but lesser known places. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Dave Foley's Solo Jam,** Sunday, Oct. 22. For information, call 781-335-9796.

Monday, Oct. 24

Bay State Community Services presents **The Best of Bay State** on Oct. 26, at The Neighborhood Club, 27 Glendale Road, Quincy, Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m. Tickets: $75 each or tables of 10 can be reserved for $700. Corporate sponsorships are available and donations are tax-deductible. Send checks payable to "Bay State Community Services" care of Pat Logan to Bay State Community Services, Inc., 13 Temple Street, Quincy, MA 02169. For information, call Pat Logan at 617-471-8400 ext.184 or email plogan@baystatecs.org.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America – New England Chapter, invites you to a talk by **Allergist Michael Young, MD** "Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis: Keeping Safe in a Peanut-Filled World" Autographed copies of the brand new second edition of Dr. Young's important book, *The Peanut Allergy Answer Book*, will be available for sale. Over fifty-percent of the content is new since the first edition. Monday, Oct. 23, 7 to 9 p.m. Location: Food Allergy Group of The South Shore. Meets at: South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Rd., So. Weymouth. (For driving and parking directions, see: www.sshosp.org)

The North River Arts Society is pleased to present ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Sunday Walks and /Science Explorers Program. Oct. 16 **Milk, It Does a Body Good.** For information visit www.ssnsc.org

Tuesday, Oct. 24

27th Annual International Marine Art Exhibition at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., through Nov. 12. Comprehensive exhibit of contemporary marine art by well-known marine artists from the U. S. and throughout the world. For more information call 860-572-5388 or visit mysticseaport.org/gallery.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer Daniela Russell and painter Maddu Huacuja, on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

Hear and meet Dr. Anthony Kleinsmith, CEO and founder of Immune-Tree & Total Wellness International, Inc in person for a one night only **free seminar on AntiAging, Weight Loss and Total Body Wellness**. Oct. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. being held at Holiday Inn in Randolph. RSVP (required) to: Email: Naturewell@aol.com or call at 781-254 2143. Tell them Healthy Living Sent You

Dick's Last Resort, located in Quincy Market at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston, will present **"Boston Salutes!,"** a special evening benefiting **The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation** (MC-LEF), on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 11 p.m. The evening is presented with support from WRKO-FM and Conventures, Inc. For a donation of $50, guests will enjoy a complimentary buffet and beverages. Proceeds from a raffle held that night will also benefit MC-LEF. Entertainment for the evening will be courtesy of **Classic Trax**, playing classic tracks of yesterday and the best tracks of today. For reservations to "Boston Salutes! " Call 617-204-4255.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Wednesday night **Rehearsal Night** from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 781-335-9796.

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Thursday Oct. 26

The Scituate Appalachian Service Project is a group of 60 teens and 24 adults from 5 churches in Scituate who will travel to Appalachia next June to help rebuild homes. To help finance the trip, they are holding a Papa Gino's fundraising night, on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Papa Gino's on Route 3A in Cohasset. The ASP group will receive 20 percent of sales generated.

Norwell Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held at Fitness Together, 454 Washington St. (Rt.53) in Norwell on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. Chamber members free; Non-members welcome $5. Light refreshment, networking and a chance to see one of Norwell's newest fitness centers. Call 781-659-5924 or visit www.norwellchamberofcommerce.com to register.

The Lymphoma & Leukemia Society, in cooperation with Jordan Hospital, is hosting *Meet the Expert on Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma* on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. It will be held in Jordan Hospital's Funkhouser Conference Room, 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. Patients, family members, friends and health professionals are invited to attend this FREE program. Jorge Leguizamo, MD, and Deborah Dolaway, LICSW, of Jordan Hospital's cancer center will present information on risk factors, diagnosis, staging and classification. New insights and treatments for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma also will be discussed. For information or to register, call Leah Sherman at the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society at 800-688-6572, ext. 20.

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Judepa of 66 South Street, Hingham Square, is hosting an event on Oct. 26, from 4to 8 p.m. featuring **Patricia Duque** of Ethnic Pride Company and her elegant wares imported from Colombia. Those who attend will be in awe of the beauty of these hand made silk treasure and Pat's famous accessorizing tips. For more information about this free event please phone (781)-740-8484.

Friday, Oct. 27

Single Executives Club singles dance - Oct. 27, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte 1, south Foxboro. Next to the End Zone Hotel. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Oct . 27 HooDoo Revelator from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Halloween happenings

THE 7th ANNUAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MARSHFIELD HAUNTED HOUSE will be held on Friday Oct. 27, and Saturday Oct. 28, with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. There will be a children's fun area including games and crafts as well as the haunted dining area with food available offered by a local restaurant and caterer. For information call 781-834-2582 or visit www.BoysAndGirls ClubOfMarshfield.com

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FAIR ON COHASSET COMMON No matter what the costume, ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates of all ages should get ready to take to the Cohasset Common on Sunday, Oct. 29. The annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair steps off with its traditional costume parade at 1:45 p.m. around the duck pond. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hand at enchanting games of skill and luck, the moonwalk, giant slides, a train ride and new this year, pony rides. Tickets for activities and rides can be purchased at the event. All proceeds from the fair directly benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School through the Nardo Family Scholarship and the schools' Enrichment fund. For information about the Fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, call 781-383-0036.

THE 25th ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held Friday and Saturday nights, Oct. 27 and 28, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to the Bayshore Athletic Club off Plain Street in Braintree. Admission is $6. A "Not So Scary" lights-on night appropriate for younger children will be held on two nights – Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. or $5. Wheelchair accessible, free childcare is available and pizza, drinks and treats will be sold. For information, call 617-594-7397.

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"I think God put me on earth to help people"
— Mary Jeanette Murray

'Great lady' fondly remembered

Murray passes away at 81

By Mary Ford
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Mary Jeanette Murray often described herself as a "people person."

This week, "her people" – the many who loved and admired her – are remembering the former state representative who always put her constituents first.

Murray, 81, passed away Monday after a battle with cancer. The funeral mass for her Saturday morning at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset will very likely see an overflow crowd of dignitaries and just ordinary folk, nearly all of whom have a "Mary Jeanette" memory to share.

The 12-term state representative — whose district included Hingham, Hull and Cohasset — was also a mother, grandmother, former Girl Scout leader, den mother, basketball coach and U.S. Marine.

David Farrag of Cohasset, now a lawyer in private practice, worked with Murray as an intern when he was a college student in the mid-1990s.

He said Murray treated junior representatives just like interns and former first-time Rep. Paul Cellucci sat right behind her when he was first elected to office.

"Years later when Paul Cellucci was governor he was walking down the hall with a group of people and Mary Jeanette wanted to talk to him about a bill that he had vetoed," Farrag recalled. "So she yelled 'Paul!' and wagged her finger at him to come over.

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Mary Jeanette Murray, who was flanked by two of her grandchildren, waves to the crowd during Hingham's Fourth of July Parade in 2000. She retired that year after 12 terms serving the district.

TOWN MEETING

Village Zoning

Citizens Petitions on Nov. 13 warrant

By Samantha Brown
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The downtown area will be a topic of much discussion at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting. A total of five citizens' petitions are on the Warrant, which will attempt to change the zoning for Cohasset Village.

Attorney Richard Henderson came before the Board of Selectmen on behalf of his client, Scituate resident John Tedeschi, formerly of Cohasset, who filed the citizens' petitions, to explain the articles and hopefully get a vote of approval for Town Meeting.

Tedeschi owns a parcel of land on Smith Place, formerly owned by Richard Brown. After roughly one year of trying to gain approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Brown received permission to raze the small building currently located at 2 Smith Place and replace it with a 7,500-square-foot structure. The project Brown had envisioned building was nothing like what was permitted, and he therefore sold the project. While Tedeschi can build Brown's project as permitted, he would like to instead build a Nantucket shingle style, multi-use building with 10 retail spaces on the bottom and 10 housing units on the top. To make that dream a reality, the town's zoning bylaws would have to change.

- The first article would ask the town to approve creating a separate zoning district, the Cohasset Village Business

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Doesn't compute

School technology requests questioned

By Samantha Brown
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With some more information, the Board of Selectmen has agreed it will consider changing its recommendation on allocating capital budget funding for technology upgrades at the schools. At its Oct. 16 meeting, the board approved $300,000 in capital requests — to be voted on at Town Meeting — none of which was for the schools.

To that end, the school department has been sending information to Selectmen to try to help its case for receiving $100,000 this year and for the next four years for technology upgrades.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh sent a copy of the Planning and Technology Committee's (a sub-committee of the Strategic Planning Committee) report to help the board understand the district's goals for upgrading technology in the future. The report includes a three-year technology plan, a list of revenue generation opportunities, and a benchmarking survey.

At its Oct. 23 meeting Selectmen

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GRIDIRON GIRL

Fearless female tackles football

10-year-old is Stingrays' linebacker

By Samantha Brown
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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Molly Fitzgerald, 10, is just one of the guys when it comes to playing football on the Scituate Cohasset Stingrays Pee Wee team.

There isn't much that sets Molly Fitzgerald apart from her teammates on the field. They all play hard, try their best and they all have a passion for the game — but hers is the only helmet with brunette locks flowing out the back.

At 10 years old, Molly has just begun her football career and is a linebacker on the Scituate Cohasset Stingrays Pee Wee football team. Of the roughly 35 athletes who play, she is the only girl on her team, and as far as she knows, she is also the only girl to have ever played football in the Scituate Cohasset Youth Football league.

"Football is a really big part of my life," said Molly, as her whole family is really into the sport. Her father Joe is a long-time Chicago Bears fan and his enthusiasm has spread to her mother Jill as well as her younger brothers Max, 8, and Mason, 6. She plays so much football in the yard with her brothers it seemed natural to play on a team. "I've always seen myself playing football when I got older. I love it," she said.

Molly is currently a student in Erica Kurkjian's fifth grade class. Over the summer when she told fellow Deer Hill students she was going to be on their football team come fall, some of the boys didn't believe her until they saw her at practice. Feeling slightly uneasy on the first day, "It took me a while to talk to them," she said, but it didn't take long for her teammates to see the power she has on the field and warm up to the idea of having a girl on the team. "I've always been really aggressive. I like tackling, it's really fun," she said, and as a linebacker, she has had plenty of opportunity to bring

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PICTURE THIS/Lacey Richardson and Mercedees Barnes-Jackson

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The Mariner caught up with Lacey Richardson and Mercedees Barnes-Jackson on "Country Club Day" during Spirit Week at the middle-high school last week.

Names: Lacey Richardson and Mercedees Nancie Barnes-Jackson

Occupation: President and vice president of student council at Cohasset High school, respectively.

Best day of my life: Still waiting (Lacey and Mercedees).

Best vacation: Nantucket (Lacey). My first cruise to the Bahamas (Mercedees).

Favorite season: Summer (Lacey). Fall (Mercedees).

Favorite holiday: Halloween (Lacey). Christmas (Mercedees).

Favorite meal: Anything my Mom makes (Lacey). Homemade Mac and cheese, fried chicken, collard greens, candid yams and potato salad. (Mercedees).

Best book: "Summer Sisters," by Judy Blume (Lacey). "The Coldest Winter Ever," by Sister Souljah (Mercedees).

Best movie: "Circle of Friends" and "Sixteen Candles" (Lacey). "Coach Carter" and "Finding Nemo" (Mercedees).

Best TV show: "Grey's Anatomy" (Lacey). "Will and Grace" (Mercedees).

Pet peeve: Needles (Lacey). Cracking of knuckles (Mercedees).

Most embarrassing moment: "Asking if there was an actual gate that opened to America" (Lacey). "My 'Janet Jackson' experience at my mother's wedding" (Mercedees).

Most memorable moment: Moving to Cohasset (Lacey). My mother's wedding and the death of my little cousin (Mercedees).

Goal: To get into college (Lacey). To get into college and become a pharmacist (Mercedees).

Person I'd like to meet: My grandfathers (Lacey). Bill Clinton (Mercedees).

Biggest worry: Losing people close to me (Lacey). Not getting into pharmacy school (Mercedees).

Best part of Cohasset: Boating with my friends (Lacey). Everyone being friendly to me (Mercedees).

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Spate of motor vehicle crashes last week

By Mary Ford
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Police said no one was seriously injured in four motor vehicle accidents that occurred in town last week.

Two occurred last Monday (Oct. 16). The first, at 2:19 p.m. on Beechwood Street, involved a motor vehicle crashing into a telephone pole.

Chief James Hussey said the operator, a teenager, reported she had taken her eyes off the road and her car, a 1991 Toyota Camry, hit the pole.

At 7:17 p.m. that Monday, a two-car accident occurred at the lights at Route 3A and Pond Street. Chief Hussey said a 1996 Ford Taurus was traveling east on Pond Street, when a 2004 Jeep Liberty that was traveling west on Pond, started to make a left-turn onto 3A at the lights and hit the Toyota that was going straight through the intersection. Both operators agree the light was green, Hussey said.

The operator of the Jeep was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, he said. Both cars were towed from the scene.

Last Wednesday (Oct. 18) at 8:10 a.m., a dump truck that was traveling east on Norman Todd Road backed into a 2004 Audi.

Here's what police report happened. The driver of the dump truck realized he had passed the left-hand turn onto Beechwood Street, so he stopped. The Audi that was traveling behind the truck also stopped. The dump truck driver apparently did not see the Audi, and put the truck into reverse and backed up into the car. Hussey said the operator of the truck and the Audi both refused medical treatment at the scene. The dump truck driver was cited for failure to use care when operating a motor vehicle.

On last Friday at about 2:50 p.m., a 1998 Toyota Camry entered Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) from a parking lot and tried to make a left onto the state highway. As it crossed the travel lane, the Camry hit a 1995 Honda Accord. Both drivers had minor injuries but were not transported to the hospital. The operator of the Camry was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, Hussey said.

Out-of-staters

A couple of men, who allegedly asked where they could purchase drugs last Saturday, approached an off-duty police officer at a local convenience store.

"It raised our concerns about who these people were that were openly asking people where they could buy drugs."
— Police Chief James Hussey

The incident took place about 6:30 p.m. at a convenience store on Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

Chief James Hussey said the off-duty officer called police headquarters. As it turned out, one of the men had an outstanding warrant and the other did not have a driver's license in his possession and his motor vehicle was unregistered.

Hussey said the two men were taken into custody. "It raised our concerns about who these people were that were openly asking people where they could buy drugs," Hussey said.

Arrested were Nicholas Reeves, 6224 Dudley Court, Littleton, Conn., on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and having an unregistered MV; and Douglas Jarrell, 500 Fifth St., Gulfport, Miss., on an outstanding warrant.

Ran red light

Several witnesses confirmed a car driving along Route 3A went through the red light at Beechwood and 3A last Tuesday (Oct. 17) at about 2:50 p.m. The 2004 VW Jetta that ran the light then pulled into the Dunkin Donuts drive-through at Leo's Exxon. One operator said the car almost hit his car, and he followed the Jetta into Leo's and confronted the driver about her poor driving.

Police, who had received several calls about the Jetta, responded to the scene.

"We never want to see a driver confront another driver because they may not realize what they could be getting into," Chief Hussey said. "The police need to handle the situation."

The driver of the Jetta was cited for a red light violation.

Traffic stops

Last week, police made a slew of traffic stops at Sohier Street and Ripley Road. Chief Hussey said police routinely target specific areas to do selective traffic enforcement. The Sohier Street area is of particular concern because there are two schools in the vicinity.

Last Wednesday (Oct. 18), police issued citations and gave verbal warnings to drivers at the Sohier/Ripley lights who may have not come to a full stop at the red light before making a right-hand turn and for other traffic violations.

Warrant arrest

Billerica police asked Cohasset police to locate the owner of an abandoned motor vehicle in their town. The man who owned the car lives in Cohasset. Cohasset police ran the man's information and it turned out he was wanted on a warrant out of a district court in Boston and was taken into custody.

Door-to-door

A door-to-door magazine salesman was informed of the Cohasset bylaw requiring registering with the police last week. Police received a complaint about 1:40 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 21).

Under the new bylaw, solicitors are required to register with the police where they can apply for a $25 license. They are required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. In addition solicitors have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, social security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Exceptions to the bylaw are town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

The individual gave the information to his company and indicated they would probably not be coming to Cohasset to sell magazines, Hussey said.

Rotary talks real estate

The Rotary Club will meet Monday, Oct. 30 at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. Cohasset Rotarian Lorraine Tarpey and Erica Rice, manager of Coldwell Banker Cohasset, will speak on real estate.

The Rotary Club meets every Monday night at the Lightkeepers' Residence. Meetings are open to the public. Call Jean Roche at (781) 589-0461 if you plan to attend.

Selectmen meet Monday

An additional Board of Selectmen meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 30. With the fall Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 13, the board decided another meeting is necessary.

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Planning board looks to preserve Village charm

Seeks money for master plan

By Samantha Brown
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When Warner Brothers came knocking on Cohasset's door 20 years ago looking to film "The Witches of Eastwick," it was for a reason. Cohasset Village has a charm that is quintessential New England, and members of the Planning Board would like to see that character preserved.

To that end, Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt came before the Board of Selectmen Oct. 16 to ask it to include an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, that would set aside $50,000 to hire a consultant to draft a Village master plan. The Planning Board would apply for applicable grant funding to offset and/or supplement the $50,000. Although the deadline for article submissions had passed, after hearing Pratt's testimony, the board agreed to it. It voted to recommend the article to Town Meeting at its Oct. 23 meeting.

Pratt explained there are a number of zoning articles on the Town Meeting Warrant that have been brought forward by citizens and could change the look and character of the Village permanently *(see related story)*. Due to the fact that the town is currently without a Town Planner, he feels there should be a retained professional available to help guide the town through any proposed zoning changes.

The Planning Board would apply for applicable grant funding to offset and/or supplement the $50,000.

In a memo to Selectmen he wrote, "Simply put, without a Town Planner in place, and/or without a retained specialized planning firm to guide us through an open, public, and professional planning process, our board believes the town should not proceed with rezoning initiatives for what is unquestionably the most important commercial district of the town, as viewed in terms of the core character of Cohasset."

Pratt explained the Village was essentially born when the harbor got too crowded. "People started selling out of their homes," and those residences have evolved into the quirky feel of the Village as it is today. "We never want to lose that," he said.

The article would ask the town to retain a professional retail consulting planning firm to conduct a public planning process, overseen by the Planning Board, which will result in a master planning study for the village portion of the Downtown Business commercial zoning district.

The study will be called the "Cohasset Village Master Plan" and will involve holding no fewer than five public meetings and at least one legally noticed public hearing. The study will hope to identify the optimal mix of affordable housing, historical preservation strategies, open space, pedestrian access, retain and other commercial space, market rate owner occupied and rental housing, and vehicular parking inventory for the Village.

Its primary planning purpose will be the maintenance of the general character of the Village as an essential element of the physical character of the town, and it will also produce a comparative series of build-out analyses for public review and input, which will professionally estimate the net new generation of commercial and residential square footage of built structures in the Village and the requisite requirements for pedestrian access, parking space inventory and sewer capacity.

Pratt said one of the most important elements of the proposed Village Master Plan process is the fact that the hearings will be held for residents of the town who will decide how they want to see the area develop. He said in the past, projects for the downtown area have been guided by outside companies and the result has been a waste of time and money.

Selectmen not sold on downtown zoning changes

FROM ZONING, PAGE 1

District, for the so-called Cohasset Village area. Currently, there are three areas defined as the Downtown Business District: the Cohasset Village area, a portion of the Harbor area and a small area in the Beechwood section. If the article passes, the Village Business District would be a separate zoning district to be governed by its own dimensional provisions which would have more liberal standards with respect to the creation of multiple family housing than would exist in other business districts. "This will define the Village as a separate district," said Henderson.

- The second article would formally put the new district on the town's zoning maps.
- The third would then create new dimensional requirements for dwellings occupied by more than one family in the Village Business District. The current Downtown Business District requires that in order to have a dwelling for more than one family, it must be on a 40,000-square-foot lot. For each additional residential unit (more than two) an additional 4,000 square feet of land area is required. The article would reduce the minimum lot size for multi-family dwellings to 3,000 and would require only 1,500 square feet of land area for each additional residential unit. No lot could be improved with more than 10 residential units.

"This is the heart of the town and one person's project can change the whole thing."
— Selectman Gary Vanderweil

- The fourth article would impose the same use provisions on the Village Business District that already apply to the Downtown Business District. In essence, the use provisions would remain unchanged.
- The fifth article would waive certain parking requirements for businesses within 500 feet of the new Pleasant Street parking lot. The municipal parking lot was recently altered in connection with the installation of the Greenbush rail line and new additional parking was provided for the Downtown Business District in a small lot off Pleasant Street. The amendment would extend to businesses within 500 feet of the new Pleasant Street Parking lot the same exemption benefiting businesses within 500 feet of the municipal parking lot, located off South Main Street.

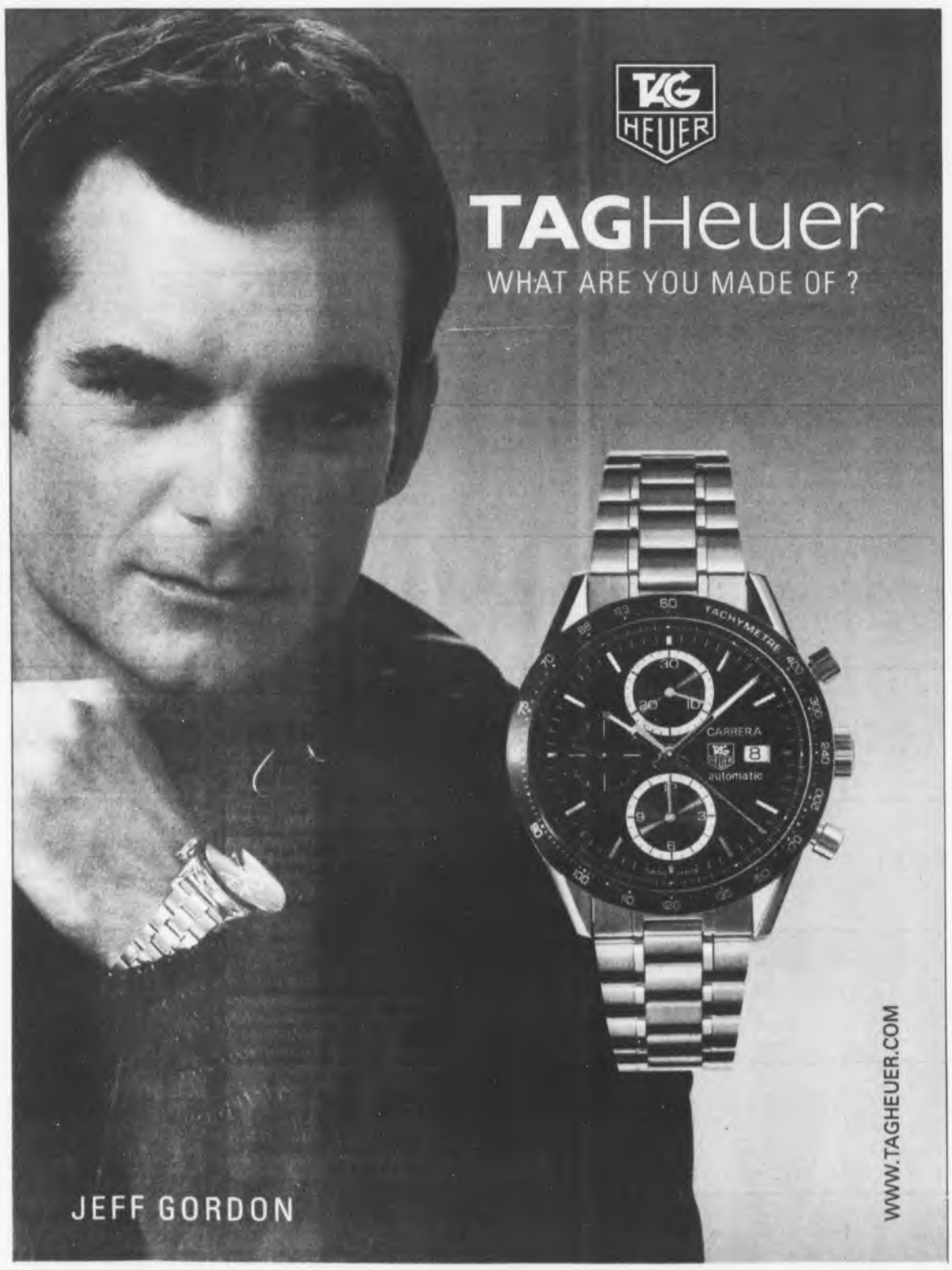
Selectman Gary Vanderweil said he would not like to see any of the articles move forward without the help of either a Town Planner of a consultant. The Planning Board has an article on the Warrant, which asks for the funding to hire a planning consultant, as the town is currently without a Town Planer. "This is the heart of the town and one person's project can change the whole thing," he said.

Henderson said the changes would not be made for one person's project. "This is not a special permit issue, this is a variance issue," he said, as no developer would be able to have a multi-use building in the Village due to the lot size restriction currently in place.

Vanderweil said there are many things he would like to understand before giving his approval on any of the articles, including its effects on greenspace and parking.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer added making changes like the proposed articles are asking without the proper research is not prudent for the town. "We're flying blind without the data and we have an article on the Warrant that would give us that data," as the Planning Board has asked for funding to hire a consultant to draft a master plan for the Village, he said.

The board agreed to defer its decision on the articles until it received more statistical information for the Village including lot sizes, sewer information and parking information. The board said it would try to make a decision on whether or not to recommend the articles by Town Meeting.



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Schools lock in natural gas price

At the Oct. 18 School Committee meeting, School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro reported the school department has begun negotiating a contract with the South Shore Educational Collaborative that would lock the schools into a fixed rate for natural gas. Amaretta Hess would provide the utility and the one-year contract with the SSEC would begin Nov. 1.

DeGennaro said while no one is sure what the future will bring in terms of gas prices, the schools would lock in at $1.0893 per thermal unit. That would be a decrease from what the school department had been paying at $1.221 per thermal unit. With a difference of $0.1317, he said, "We could actually see some good savings."

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said if he remembers correctly, the schools used roughly 140,000 thermal units last year. With the anticipated cost savings, if the schools used the same amount of thermal units this year, the district could see savings of roughly $18,000. "Last year, we had about $130,000 left over and this year's budget has an increase of almost another $150,000," he said. He said while he understands the additional money was budgeted to ensure the schools have enough money to cover a bad winter, if this winter is mild, as it was last year, there could be roughly $230,000 left over at the end of the season, or potentially $250,000 with the cost savings found by the new price freeze. "Are we comfortable with a $250,000 cushion?" he asked.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh noted the locked-in price does not include the price of gas delivery, as another vendor provides that service. She said while it would be wonderful to have money left over in the spring, the schools cannot count on a mild winter.

School dept. accepts CHS swim club funds

At its Oct. 18 meeting the School Committee accepted a donation of $502 for the Cohasset Swim Club.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

State Sen. Robert Hedlund shares some anecdotes with Mary Jeanette Murray about her legendary "printing press" during the Citizen of the Year reception in her honor in Cohasset in 2001.

'Great lady' fondly remembered

FROM GREAT LADY, PAGE 1

"Cellucci came over and said quietly, 'Mary Jeanette, you can't call me over like this – I'm the governor now."

To Murray, it didn't matter who you were or where you were from – she treated everyone the same way. She focused on what she could do to help.

Bill Ramsey of Hingham, who is now an assistant district attorney in Tim Cruz's office, worked as an intern with Murray during his first year of law school.

"One of the stories that always stuck out in my mind was seeing a Korean veteran in Mary Jeanette's office who had an issue with health benefits," Ramsey recalls. "I remember how hard she worked for him. Then I found out he was from Dorchester – he did not even live in her district.

"She was always going that extra mile to help and felt obliged to help all veterans."

For her many years of dedicated service and loyalty to her constituents, Murray was selected as Cohasset's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

"I am a people person," Murray told the Cohasset Mariner in February 2001 when she learned of the recognition. "I was brought up to know that I could do whatever I wanted in life. I think God put me on earth to help people."

Murray, who inherited her father Nathaniel Hurwitz's athletic ability, drew on his example of public service that provided the cornerstone of her career. Hurwitz served as state representative and commissioner of veterans' services. He was a WWI veteran. Murray served in the Marines during WWII.

She regularly threw out the first pitch on Little League opening day each spring in Cohasset. She also attended events – sometimes several in a single day – in her three towns. She usually brought along a citation signed by herself and the speaker honoring a constituent's achievement.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) said he used to joke that Murray had her own printing press for citations. Then when she was cleaning out her office after she retired, there it was – her own printing press, he recalled.

Hedlund said while he and Murray did not always agree on bills, they developed a bond over time.

"She was not one of those lawyerly types with a Blackberry and a laptop," Hedlund said. "The only tool Mary Jeanette needed was a telephone. She always got back to people, she was always on that phone."

Hedlund said he would remember Murray as someone who served her country, who was patriotic with traditional conservative values and who was a pat-on-the-back, one-on-one politician.

"Mary Jeanette was loyal to the people she represented – she did not worry about what the Republican or Democratic leadership felt," he said. "She had her values and stuck to them. I wish we had more people up there (State House) like that now."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham), who represents Murray's Third Plymouth District, said Murray told him he didn't replace her, he would simply follow her. "And she was right," Bradley said, describing Murray as a "great lady."

"She was a true public servant and until the day she died, she was still doing constituent work," Bradley said. Murray had been serving as Cohasset Veterans Agent for the past year.

He said he learned "follow-through" from Murray's example. "It's easy to make the phone call," Bradley said. "But she kept on it until the issue was resolved."

Bradley said Murray's constituent service was her hallmark and her connection with "her people."

"If someone called her 'representative' – she knew they weren't from her district," Bradley said. "She was 'Mary Jeanette' to everyone else."

He said the House would adjourn in Murray's memory today (Thursday).

Marie Parente, a Democrat who represents the 10th Worcester District, described Murray as a "great lady and a great Marine."

"She took great pride in being a Marine and I made the mistake once of introducing Mary Jeanette as 'my friend and former Marine.' She corrected me right away and said 'once a Marine, always a Marine.'"

Parente described Murray as someone who stuck to her core values and fought for many women's issues. "She was a pioneer in the Legislature and would often cross party lines to enact legislation to advance the cause of women."

Parente said her family would miss her, as will the people of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. "But the entire state lost a person of core values," she said. "I can still see Mary Jeanette standing at attention during the Pledge of Allegiance with her blue eyes sparkling. She loved her country."

Former long-time legislative aide, Nancy O'Toole of Cohasset, said there was no one more dedicated than Murray. "Her favorite expression was 'her people.' From the minutest thing you could think of, she took care of all of them.

"She was a real constituent legislator and took care of her constituents as if they were her own children," O'Toole said.

Hingham Selectmen Chairman Philip Edmundson said he was always very impressed with how Murray presented herself in public settings.

"She was dignified but not self-important," he said. "She knew how to march in a parade and work a crowd in a fashion that would make any politician proud. My sympathies go out to her family, friends and former constituents in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset."

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said when Murray campaigned for public office it was a personal affair.

"She knew her constituents by name because she would tirelessly visit house after house in her district on foot asking that you consider her candidacy. She never asked for your vote, only that you consider her when you checked the ballot.

"'If all politics is local' as Tip O'Neil is quoted as having said, Mary Jeanette was the exponent of that wisdom," Dormitzer said. "More than politics, however, Mary Jeanette was about serving her constituents. As a state representative she would answer her own phone, return calls and assume your issue as her own. Her interest in you and helping was genuine and personal. She will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her."

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ENJOY LITTLE MOMENTS

Hello Cohasset. I am writing this column this week with a sad heart as we lost a family member last weekend quite suddenly. My reason for mentioning this is to remind and encourage us all to take each day in a great way, embrace all the pieces of the day and enjoy life's little moments along with all of the huge ones.

Life changes so fast as we all know but sometimes forget in the fast-paced and hectic ways that we need to move through the days. I wish their was some magic solution to help us all have at least one day a week where we could just turn off the outside stuff and enjoy our family and friends from the start of the day to the time we hit the hay but know it is not realistic. I guess we all just have to be happy with those little moments and quick, passing times that we can laugh, enjoy and love.

On another note, don't forget to set the clocks back on Sunday (well, before you go to bed on Saturday would work better I guess.) Winter is just around the corner but continue to enjoy the Fall and Happy Halloween! A note to all the pumpkin-smashers in town, please stop! Just imagine what it is like for the little kiddos who get up in the morning to check on their pumpkin creation made with that special someone only to find that it is now smashed in the road. For what gain, 2-4 minutes of "happiness" or "coolness" that whoever it is had while smashing it? It is so not worth it and is very uncool.

FIELD HOCKEY STARS

Congratulations to the seventh-grade girls field hockey team who played a terrific game yesterday against Westwood Middle School and won 3-0! The girls opened up the first half with a goal by **Sage Stebbins** assisted by **Haley Wheelwright** and **Caitlin DeAngelis**! **Anya Gruber, Watson Leffel** and **Camryn Caron** provided the midfield support that kept the ball in the Westwood end!

The second half Cohasset really clicked with 2 more goals scored by **Camryn Caron** and **Caitlin De Angelis**. Assists were provided by **Sidney Waters, Kayla Orner**. The defense played an awesome game not letting anything go through and sending the ball back up field! Big congratulations to **Abbey Ayers, Carly Schwantner, Kayla Orner**, who had strong games in defense. **Whitney Jaffe** had her first shutout in goal! Three of our eighth-graders: **Sarah Mavilia, Natalie Dignam** and **Bridget Ayers** played key support roles to sub for the seventh-graders who couldn't make the game. The game is on Friday, Oct. 27th at Thayer for the eighth-grade team! Good luck girls!

JUNIOR GARDENERS

The Cohasset Community Garden Club Junior Gardeners will hold their first meeting on Monday, Oct. 30 in the cafeteria at the Deer Hill School from 2:45-3:45 p.m.. This is a free pilot program and is open to all students. At the first meeting, the gardeners will be planting spring bulbs at the school under the direction of **Jackie Fitts**.

AT BRYANT

All the best for great college careers to **Stephen G. Simmons** and **Katherine A. Bolger**, who are both members of the Class of 2010 at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

Stephen is an accounting student and Katherine is studying business administration.

Have a great year!

ON STAGE SOON

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is getting ready for a wonderful show called " The Women." This classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce is being presented on Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 pm and Nov. 12 at 2 pm at the Cohasset Town Hall. Cohasset residents in this run are **Barbara Baumgarten, Laura Coletta, Peggy Corrigan, Jennifer Dean, Barbara Elliot, Jo-Ann Heilman,** and **Roberta Raffa.** They are joined by many other women from all over.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115 and are also available at the door. The cost for this delightful evening out is $12 per ticket with group tickets available for groups of 8 or more.

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State Street employee Graham Sida of Cohasset took part in the United Way of Massachusetts Bay's 2006 Fall Community Care Day activities, through the company's Global Outreach Employee Volunteer Program. Graham is shown repairing the grounds of the South Shore Day Care Center in Weymouth.

30S EXHIBIT

Inspired by this production of "The Women," the Cohasset Historical Society is mounting an exhibit of 1930s fashions and memorabilia. Featuring afternoon wear in a livingroom setting, lingerie and dressing gowns in a bedroom setting and evening gowns in a setting reminiscent of the Casio Roof, the exhibit highlights a portion of the society's extensive clothing collection rarely exhibited. With a comprehensive archive of materials relating to the history of theater in Cohasset including many, many items from past CDC productions, the historical society has a long connection to the CDC. Included in the exhibit is a script of "The Women" from the CDC's_first production of the show in 1942. The exhibit opens on Nov. 10 and runs thru December, Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.. The Cohasset Historical Society Museum is at 106 S. Main St.

There will be an after hours event on November 8, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Bank, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Way. A representative of Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund will be present to discuss grant money, which is available from the Commonwealth for various employee training initiatives. Non-members are also invited. R.S.V.P. to **Judy Lyden** at 781-383-9089 or Nutrilink@AOL.com

HOT WHEELS

Cohasset residents Joey (left) and Eric Kupperstein recently attended the fifth annual Village Cadillac Day at Ray Ciccolo's Cadillac Village of Norwood. The day's events featured an appearance by the Cadillac LaSalle club who brought with them over 60 antique cars ranging from the 1920s to the 1970s including the 1929 Cadillac 341B pictured here.

SPECIAL RAFFLE

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is conducting a raffle fundraiser to benefit a family in need this Christmas. They are raffling off a Waterford Christmas cookie jar valued at $400. Everyone is encouraged to visit the store and take part in this raffle. Tickets are 3 for $5 and our drawing will be held on the first of December.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

More than 180 State Street employees, including **Graham Sida** of Cohasset, volunteered at nine community organizations in Greater Boston in support of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay's recent 2006 Fall Community Care Day. Volunteers contributed 1,250 hours in support of activities ranging from repairing and cleaning the grounds of a day care center in Weymouth to working on creative arts projects with children in Chinatown.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza is hosting a fundraiser for The Scituate Animal Shelter on Sat. Nov. 18 beginning at 10:30 a.m.. Buttonwood has arranged for **Emily Carreiro** of the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, and managed by Mass Audubon, to be at Buttonwood from 10:30 a.m. to noon. She will bring a Screech Owl, a Box Turtle and a Black Rat Snake to be viewed and admired! She will also bring "touch items," objects that can be handled.

Ms. Carreiro is a Teacher/Naturalist and will be available during her visit to answer questions. Buttonwood will be donating 20 percent percent of the day's receipts to the "3A Farm Fund", the name of the fund raising campaign established to raise money to purchase "The 3A Farm" in Scituate. The Scituate Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter. It serves the town of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell on an as-needed basis. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for more information.

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Gridiron girl

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opposing teammates down to the ground.

But there is a softer side to Molly as well. She takes dance classes at Raquelle's Institute of Dance including ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop. Jill said at the end of the day, it always strikes her as being funny that there will be shin guards, cleats and padding strewn about on the floor next to pink tights and leotards. But the dance training has proven beneficial as Jill said she thinks the reason Molly did so well during agility exercises on the football field is due to her grace in the dance studio.

Molly's brother Max is also on a football team and Jill said all the Fitzgeralds cheer each other on at their games. "Of course, they never brag about Molly doing ballet, but they do about football," she said. Molly added her brothers are always very supportive and are always openly proud of her during her games. "They'll scream, 'That's my sister,'" from the sidelines, she said.

While the Stingrays and her family and friends are behind her 100 percent, there have been awkward moments from opposing teams. "Everyone stares," said Molly, from the players to their friends to the cheerleaders. "It's hard." In fact, Molly said at her first pre-season game, she got really nervous and didn't want to play. She told her mom how she was feeling, but decided after coming so far, she wasn't ready to give up just yet. "I told her, 'I'm not going to quit. I'm going to do this for girls everywhere.'"

Even at the junior level, football is a very rough sport and Molly said she does get hurt, "But I get right back up." She said she hopes by playing with the boys, she can inspire other girls to go for their dreams, even if it's not considered something traditionally "girly."

"I think it's sad that a lot of girls don't play. More girls should. It's not a boys sport, it's rough, but if they stick with it, I think they could play," she said. Jill echoed Molly's sentiments. "I would love to see another girl playing," she said, adding they heard there was a female player who had signed up in Marshfield, but dropped out.

Jill said she is "beyond proud" of her daughter for pursuing the sport she loves no matter what. "When I took her home from the hospital she wore a Chicago Bears outfit," she said, adding, "I think she was playing football in utero."

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Molly Fitzgerald goes in for the tackle during a game against Hingham. The Stingrays will play Hingham again this Sunday, and if her team wins, they will advance to the playoffs.

While currently, football is one of Molly's passions, she said she knows there will come a day when she has made her last tackle. "I'm going to play as long as I can without getting creamed," she said, as right now she is the same size as the boys, but as they all get older, the boys will one day outgrow her and the playing field will no longer be even. But even without football, Molly will have plenty to keep her busy as she plans to continue dancing and playing lacrosse, and may even pick up a new sport or two along the way.

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Molly Fitzgerald, who is in the fifth-grade at Deer Hill, stands on the 50-yard line.

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This is Molly Fitzgerald's first year on the Stingrays where she is doing well as one of the team's four linebackers.

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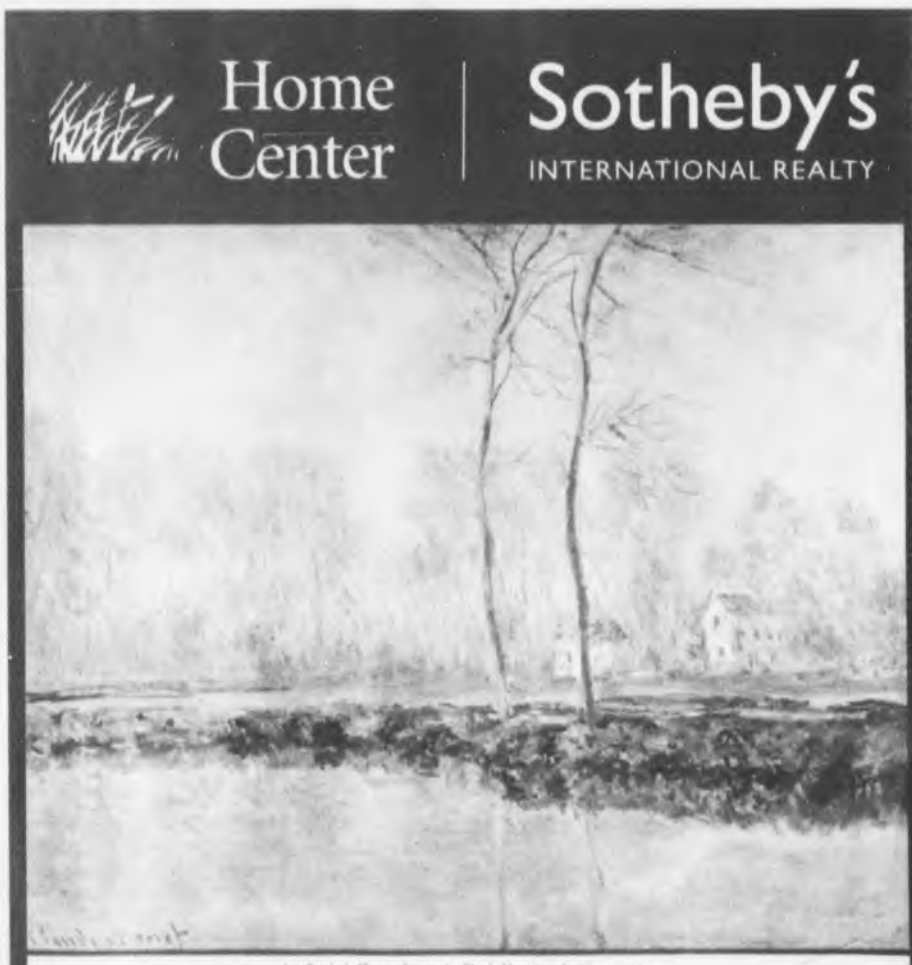

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Library Corner

Is Fithi looking for a few snacks from the vending machine at the library? Fithi, who escaped from her home at Our World, is still on the loose but does not pose a threat to anyone. Let's hope she is doing well (and don't worry, snakes do not like candy or junk food!)

Is there really a snake in the library?

A Snake in the Library?

Is there really a snake in the library? Well, we don't think so. Fithi, the Ball Python snake in the Our World Children's Museum, escaped from her cage a few weeks ago. Because the Museum is located in a separate wing of the same building as the library, we took the precaution of letting the public know that there may be a small possibility that the snake could find its way in to the library. It is not considered a threat to the public, but may surprise someone if it is found. We are hoping the snake is found soon and in good health.

FOR CHILDREN

Mamasteph Returns

MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m., Mondays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Nov. 27. All ages and communities welcome. No registration required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop-In Story Time

Drop-in Story Time will take place in the Children's Story Room Tuesdays, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at 10:30 a.m. This is a lap-sit program that welcomes all ages and communities.

Letters About Literature

It's that time of year again. Letters About Literature asks students in grades 4 through 12 to write letters to authors whose work has make a significant difference in their lives. It invites personal and reflective writing about reading.

LAL is sponsored in Massachusetts by the Mass Center for the Book, with funding from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, and is a project that feeds into the national program, which is run by the Library of Congress with funding from Target.

Local winners receive their awards in a moving ceremony at the State House. Last year Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer won level I Honorable Mention.

To view their letters and read more award-winning letters, go to www.massbook.org. Entry forms are available at massbook.org, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and your school libraries. Entry deadline is Friday, Dec. 8. See Mrs. Moody or e-mail, smoody@ocln.org with any questions.

FOR ADULTS

Independent Film Night

The library will show the independent film *Who's Camus Anyway?* Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Reference Help

The Reference Desk is staffed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and most Thursday evenings 5 to 8 pm for your reference needs. Can't come in to the library? Either call 383-1348 x120 and leave a message or e-mail Gayle Walsh your question at gwalsh@ocln.org. You'll receive prompt attention to your question.

Hot New Titles

Check out these great new titles from the library: *Unforgetable Journeys to Take Before You Die*, by Steve Watkins; *Barefoot Contessa at Home*, by Ina Garten; *Andrew Carnegie* by David Nasaw and *What Color is Your Parachute*, 2007 edition, by Richard Nelson Bolles.

Hockey calendar raffle starts Nov. 5

It's almost time for the Cohasset Varsity Hockey team's annual Holiday Calendar Raffle event.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, members of this year's varsity hockey team will be going door-to-door throughout Cohasset selling $5 raffle tickets for the famous Holiday Raffle Calendar.

Local merchants throughout Cohasset have generously donated fabulous prizes, which will be awarded every day throughout the month of December.

Every $5 ticket has 31 chances to win, so it is hoped you all open your doors, your hearts, and your wallets to support Cohasset Varsity Hockey.

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CHS students give the gift of service

By Samantha Brown
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State Rep. Garrett Bradley answers questions raised by students concerning the upcoming election. During the assembly, topics such as Question 1 and the candidates' positions on MCAS were discussed.

Cohasset High School students are getting out of the classroom and giving back to the community in which they live. Through a community service class run by teacher Jack Buckley, students are volunteering their time to make the world a better place.

Buckley has been teaching in Cohasset since 1987 and the class, which was started with the arrival of block scheduling in the late 1990s, has evolved under his watch. "Once we switched to 90-minute periods, it allowed enough time for the students to go out into the community and go to work off campus," he said. Today, the class is offered once per semester, and students are doing great work.

Roxanne Tehranian is participating in an internship program at state Rep. Garrett Bradley's office, thanks to Buckley's class. In fact, Friday, Oct. 20 she coordinated an assembly for students, which Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund attended. The officials came to the school to speak to the students about the upcoming gubernatorial election.

"Once we switched to 90-minute periods, it allowed enough time for the students to go out into the community and go to work off campus."
— Jack Buckley, teacher

Being able to gain experience working at the State House is invaluable experience for Roxanne. She said once per week, she travels to Boston and helps in Bradley's office writing letters or any other tasks, which need to be done. She said this experience has further solidified her dream to one day go into politics herself. "I've learned so much about how the system works. About the issues and bills and acts. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes," that she has been able to get firsthand experience with, she said.

Cohasset High School senior Haley Haracz is in her second semester of the community service class. In the spring she was able to collect like-new, secondhand soccer equipment, which was donated to young boys in Zimbabwe, Africa through the Passback Program. This year, she has plans once again to head up a similar equipment drive.

"I found out about the program through Mr. Buckley," said Haley, adding she worked on the project last year with her two friends Taylor Bukowski and Sarah Butman. This year, she is working alone, but the premise is still the same.

According to the program's Web site, the Passback Program is a joint effort between the U.S. Soccer Foundation, Eurosport and Major League Soccer to help meet the soccer uniform and equipment needs of all communities, regardless of income, gender or location. Since its inception, the program has grown enormously and thousands of pieces of equipment have been collected and distributed to schools, clubs and youth organizations across the nation.

Haley plays soccer for the high school team and also runs the concession stand for the youth soccer games on the weekends. During the games, she said she and her friends would put fliers on cars asking for donations. "On Saturdays, we would collect up there at the field," she said. She also spread the word among her teammates.

To really boost donations, Haley said they enlisted the help of middle school students as well. "The homeroom that brought in the most gear won a pizza party," she said.

"We collected anything and everything," she said, from cleats to socks to shin guards and jerseys. They even collected shorts, goalie gear and soccer balls. "We had everything," from equipment that children had outgrown to donations made at the end of the season by players who would not be using the equipment again. When everything was collected, it was sorted by size and boxed. "The soccer boosters sponsored it and we sent the gear over," she said.

The most rewarding part of the experience was receiving an e-mail from a soccer coach in Zimbabwe thanking the girls for their contribution. The coach explained by being involved in soccer, the roughly 92 boys ages 9 through 16 will occupy their time with a positive hobby. The boys have helped complete fund-raising in Zimbabwe to ensure their program keeps going strong. Haley said when it came time to name the team in Zimbabwe, they used the name "Cohasset."

"I really got a lot out of this project, especially being really into soccer," as it helped her bring the love of the game to children who might not otherwise have had the opportunity.

Seniors Callie Barrett, Mary Previte and Lacey Richardson are also in Buckley's class.

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Senior Roxanne Tehranian presents Sen. Robert Hedlund with the gift of a Cohasset High School pen, as a token of appreciation for educating approximately 200 Cohasset High School students on the main issues Bay Staters will face during the upcoming election. Roxanne is currently an intern in state Rep. Garrett Bradley's office and coordinated the assembly with the two officials. Lauren Mack, 15, and Bradley are in the background.

CHS students give the gift of service

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They will be hosting a hunger banquet Nov. 17, which will both raise students' awareness of how fortunate they are to be living in Cohasset, as well as collect donations for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

The girls explained during lunch, they will be handing out tickets to students who choose to participate in the event, and 80 percent of the tickets they hand out will be for the "poor" students. They will be given only rice and water for lunch. The other 20 percent, who will be randomly selected, will be treated to pizza and ice cream. "We want to make people aware of how lucky we are to be in Cohasset," said Mary, adding every student who participates is being asked to bring a canned food item to the banquet to be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry. "It is hard to believe there are so many people who are less fortunate than us," said Callie.

In addition to the banquet, the girls have spent time soliciting donations for the Cohasset Food Pantry at Stop and Shop. They are also in the process of trying to find funding for the hunger banquet, as the students who will be eating pizza will be treated to lunch that day. The girls are responsible for paying for the lost revenue to the school's food services department that day.

Senior Blain Morin is working with the Alternative Energy Committee for his community service project. He is investigating the path Cohasset could take to make its schools more "green" or environmentally friendly. "I am going to go to Whitman/Hanson High School to do some research," as it is one of the most environmentally friendly schools around. "They have solar panels and have plans for a wind turbine. They also have vents that shut off when people leave the room to help save on heating bills," and he hopes to be able to get some ideas for Cohasset.

Blain said he will be trying to collect data on how much the schools spend on heat during the winter, as well as electricity for lights and water. "When the school was designed, it was not with the environment in mind," he said.

One of the most exciting prospects Blain has come across is the possibility of installing small wind turbines on school property. "They are affordable and quiet," he said, adding they are cost-effective and easy to install. "It's certainly feasible."

To make a donation of used soccer equipment to the Passback Program, or to donate canned items to the Cohasset Food Pantry project, please contact teacher Jack Buckley at the high school at (781) 383-6100 or via e-mail at jbuckley@cohassetk12.org. Equipment and canned goods can also be dropped off at the high school main office.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Farewell, Mary Jeanette

Cohasset's Wigmore Pierson hosted a Cable-TV show for 10 years from the mid-80s to mid-90s. It ran in dozens of towns and was not limited to the Third Plymouth District of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

We recall one show when he was announcing who the guests would be for the following week. Pierson simply said "Mary Jeanette" would be one of them. He did not say her last name or provide her title.

The moment gave us pause. We realized then that Mary Jeanette Murray needed no introduction. She was quite literally a household name in the district and beyond. She cared about people and followed through. She never forgot your kids' names, their sports or activities, or where they were going to school.

She was a "natural" politician in the most positive sense. She was genuine. You knew she cared and could be counted on.

Mary Jeanette was also fun. Known as the "Queen Bee," she kept a stash of candy in her desk in the House chamber where food was not allowed. But after hours of debate – where would all the reps be? They would be surrounding Mary Jeanette looking for a butterscotch or jellybean. At the same time, Mary Jeanette could use the moment to help lobby for her district or advance a cause she believed in.

Her athletic ability was legendary, and even well into her 70s, she could throw out the first pitch on the first day of Little League in Cohasset with the best of them. The ball would go right across the plate.

While we have had the pleasure of meeting Mary Jeanette's children and grandchildren, we never met her father, the late Nathaniel Hurwitz but know of his congenial personality and public service, both of which were legendary.

The apple – to coin a cliché – did not fall far from the tree.

The people of her hometown of Cohasset honored Mary Jeanette by selecting her as Citizen of the Year in 2001. She had retired from office that January after 24 years.

She said at the time, "I am a people person. I was brought up to know that I could do whatever I wanted in life.

"I think God put me on earth to help people."

Rich, poor, or in between – whether it was someone important or just an ordinary person — Mary Jeanette treated everyone the same way.

Her constituents – who are perhaps better described as friends – remember her as someone who was always accessible and as someone who never faulted on her strong commitment to maintain the best quality of life from the unborn to the elderly.

She was also incredibly proud of being a Marine and she was a great American.

"I can still see Mary Jeanette standing at attention during the Pledge of Allegiance with her blue eyes sparkling," recalls state Rep. Marie Parente, who served with Mary Jeanette for many years. "She loved her country."

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer put it best:

"'If all politics is local' as Tip O'Neil is quoted as having said, Mary Jeanette was the exponent of that wisdom," he said.

"More than politics, however, Mary Jeanette was about serving her constituents. As a state representative she would answer her own phone, return calls and assume your issue as her own. Her interest in you and helping was genuine and personal. She will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her."

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Cohasset Middle School Council, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m. at the high school.

Conservation Commission, Nov. 9, 7p.m.

Housing Authority, Nov. 1, 6 p.m., Elm Street.

Housing Partnership, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., Sullivan gym (Special TM)& Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Library Trustees, Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, Wed., Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Osgood School Council, Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m. at the Osgood School.

School Committee, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, Oct. 30 &Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

Stormwater Management Committee, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

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Stop calling me mummy. I'm not your mother!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote to bring our troops home

TO THE EDITOR:

On November 7th, all of Rep. Garrett Bradley's constituents will have an opportunity to express their opinion about the war in Iraq and whether or not to end it soon and bring our troops home. In Cohasset, this will be question/resolution #4. Voters in 139 cities and towns will have the same opportunity to send a message to their legislator to instruct them about a resolution that will be offered in the House, that calls on the President and the Congress to end the war "immediately", and bring all U.S. military forces home from Iraq.

The war in Iraq has been front-page news for three and a half years. The cost in lives and dollars is huge and grows daily. More than $9 billion has come from Massachusetts alone. In Iraq, the chaos is growing and the level of corruption is shocking — I saw the television program "60 Minutes" last Sunday about the profiteering of officials in the current Iraqi government.

I have been a member of the South Shore Peace Forum for 15 years. War has been the reality for most of that time. I will be voting yes on this question, because war is not and never will be the answer, unless it is the final answer. We must work for peace, which is more difficult and elusive than war.

I write this letter to urge all voters in Cohasset to give careful thought to how they will vote on Question 4. Do not go into the voting booth unprepared. There is no easy answer or solution, but flawed as a simple question may be, it is a chance to send a message to our public officials. I know they will take our vote seriously.

Chartis Tebbetts
9 Jerusalem Road Drive

WWI veteran was a Marine

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the editorial on page 8 of the Oct. 6 edition of the Cohasset Mariner, Joseph Gonsalves, World War I veteran, wasn't in the U.S. Army. He joined the U.S. Marines at age 18. His two elder brothers, Alfred and Michael, were in the Navy and were on many ships including the USS Arizona. Their graves are at the Beechwood Cemetery at Doane Street.

October is a bad month for the Marines in Iran. As I write this, three more Marines are killed there. Our prayers are with the servicemen.

Nieces he never met:
Ruth G. White
Jean H. Tolman
62 Church St.

Reassess how town is spending money

TO THE EDITOR:

I have recently noticed that Cohasset has put ample amounts of time money into improving our roads and sidewalks. The town understandably did this with such roads as Pond Street and South Main Street close to St. Anthony's being, in unfavorable conditions. But when we think of other roads such as Norfolk Road and Border Street, we start to see the extent of this project.

Within the past five years, Norfolk was already paved and was in good enough condition that it did not need to be repaved at the present time. This is the typical Cohasset motto: spend whatever money we can to make life more comfortable as opposed to where we need it more: the school system.

If just last year most of the Cohasset Middle and High School teachers were on strike, standing on 3A at Stop and Shop, then we need to reevaluate how we are spending the town's money. The town had to cut back the amount of teachers we had because we did not have enough money and to be wasting it on paving roads that do not need is ridiculous. Cohasset needs to make sure the school systems are functioning properly before we use the money we have for second-hand needs. The town people deserve an explanation as to why they did this. The Cohasset school systems are slowly slipping and in order to revive them, town officials need to reassess how we are spending our money and not use it on useless works.

Alex Shipp
22 Norfolk Lane

Exploiting vanity

TO THE EDITOR:

Those afflicted by vanity can have their bio published in a Who's-Who, by paying an exorbitant price for the volume that collects the bios of other similarly afflicted individuals.

At least one similar low-level scam is available to the parents of students about to graduate. An outfit calling itself "The National Honor Roll" with a mailing address on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington contacts parents announcing that their student has been nominated and that a form will follow for providing biographical information for publication. Those who rise to the bait will have a costly book collecting the bios of children of other dupes, but maybe it will be admired by unsuspecting relatives.

Of course, the promoters are banking on being confused with the legitimate National Honor Society, for which membership requires high academic standing and school recommendation. Membership in it is not for sale, and truly is an honor.

Admittedly parting with one's money via a vanity scam is gentler than getting mugged, and may provide slightly more satisfaction than playing the lottery.

One way the student/parent information is obtained by the unwitting participation of the high schools is through questionnaires provided by the Educational Research Center of America (sounds legit, doesn't it), which is associated with a company called The Student Marketing Group, which targets the youth market. So a letter from the National Honor Roll is also a tip-off that the marketing organization has acquired a mine of info on your child.

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'Tamper' is an interesting machine

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

First things first – Kelly Dickson, school bus coordinator, has asked us to pass on a Giant "Thank You" to Carl Sestito and his DPW crew for keeping the school bus system up to date with all of the last minute paving schedule changes during the past several weeks' Water Department paving projects. Thanks, Carl!

Other administrative matters – From time to time we hear rumors that this office may be anti-train. Let me assure all residents that we are as neutral as can be. It is not our job to advocate either for or against the train. However, we do advocate strongly on behalf of all residents when the Town is being short changed on any design or construction issue. When this does happen, we will work vigorously to get things right. Although this may appear negative, we are only working to get things right. We want this train system to be the best it can be for all of Cohasset.

On to more interesting things — This week was a very exciting week for this office. We had a chance to view the rail alignment process "up close and personal." In fact, we had a chance to actually ride the giant yellow behemoth as it was working. If technical details cause your eyes to glaze over, the following may be a bit much for you. But, for those who are interested here's more detail.

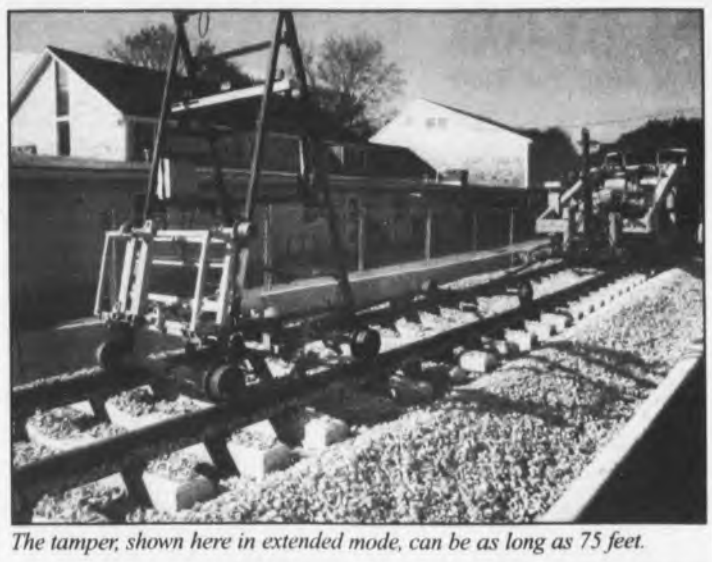
The large yellow machine you may have seen working or sitting on the tracks is called a "tamper." It is very interesting because it can grow in length by 25 or 30 feet due to a scissors arrangement between the front wheels and the balance of the machine. When fully extended, the tamper can be as long as 75 feet. We met the operator, Richie, who in addition to operating the tamper is the owner. It is his machine and he travels all over the country setting rail. The cockpit of the tamper looks more like a 747 than a piece of construction equipment with a computer screen and joysticks.

So how dos it work? Very interesting… The tamper has an onboard computer which is has stored the whole profile of the tracks. This becomes the "gold standard" to which the rails will be adjusted. Now let's backtrack a bit. When CBB laid the rails many people noticed that they were very wavy, both vertically and from side to side. CBB then added covered about one foot of additional ballast nearly covering the rails. All of that work was in preparation for the tamping operation.

So, how does this relate to tamping? As the tamper travels over sections of the rails, it compares where the track should be with where it is at each railroad tie, or every 2 feet. The tamper actually grips the rails and lifts them to the correct height. While lifting the rails it sends large vibrating fingers down into the ballast that vibrate the ballast firmly under the rail to support the rail in its new vertical position. Before the tamper moves to the next 2-foot increment it then takes the rails and ties together and shifts them from side to side as required to achieve the proper position. It is absolutely amazing to watch the tamper lift the rails and then slide them from side to side. It usually takes 3 or 4 passes over the same track section, readjusting each time, until the rails are absolutely in the proper position.

The tamper even automatically raised the rails on the outside of the curve at Pleasant Street by 2 inches so that the tracks would be banked for the train as is goes around the curve.

A last bit of useless information — The rail that was used when the railroad last ran through Cohasset in the 1950's weighed a mere 33.3 pounds per foot. Now, the new rail weighs 45 pounds per foot. And, it is much higher strength steel. So, for the entire approximately 4 miles of railroad in Cohasset, not counting the passing track, there will be 1,911,558 pounds of rail. How's that for useless data? Remember, you heard it hear first!



The tamper, shown here in extended mode, can be as long as 75 feet.

While lifting the rail, the tamper sends fingers down into the ballast.

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Battling the 'Uh-Oh Blues'

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

It's now 11 a.m. and I'm back from the dentist with a brand new $500 mouth guard as my jaw pain was the result of teeth-grinding in my sleep.

"Have you seen Mommy's favorite sunglasses?"

"You mean these?" My 6-year old son steps into the hall wearing my regular glasses, his shirt and no pants.

"No, Honey, the pink ones. And why don't you have your pants on? We're late and I need to get to a dentist appointment." Deciding to give up the hunt for my beloved sunglasses, I scramble around for my keys and cell phone.

"Are you dressed?" I call out to him through my painfully-clenched jaw - the reason for this morning's dentist appointment.

"Uh-oh."

"Uh-oh, what?" I can feel my Mommy disaster mode click into high gear. "We don't have time for 'uh-ohs' this morning."

"You're gonna be ma-a-a-a-ad."

I go into his room only to see the latest science experiment spilling out of the container, all over his bureau and onto the floor. Watching the ugly, bluish-brownish liquid seep into the rug, I prepare for a major Mommy meltdown, but a sharp pain in my jaw stops me cold.

"I told you to keep that in the bathroom," I seeth through clenched teeth.

"I told'ya you were gonna be mad," he replies, along with a series of "I'm so sorry's;" all the while batting those big, blue eyes of his in that "I'm too cute to punish" sort of way.

"Please, just put your pants on," I beg as I grab some dirty clothes out of his overloaded hamper to sop up the mess.

Five minutes later, after declaring the rug a lost cause, I finally get him (now wearing pants) into the car. I do a quick scan of the front seat for my sunglasses. Darn it. Not here either. Squinting at the sunlight, I start the car, but with a feeling that I forgot to do something. Stove still on? Nope, didn't use it this morning. Door locked? Yep, it locks automat. . .

"Mooooom, you forgot to buckle me in." Uh-oh. Not a good thing, but at least now I know what I forgot. I jump out, buckle him in, and return to the front seat. Glancing at the clock, I realize that we're going to be late. Darn it. I quickly squint at the glare in the rearview mirror (wish I had those sunglasses) and put the car into reverse. SCREEECH.

"Uh-oh," says a small voice from the back seat. Double darn it. I had scraped up against some construction equipment left in our parking area. I stop the car and get out. Darn it. Darn it. Darn it. As we drive away I calculate the damage — $200 sunglasses lost, $350 rug ruined, plus a $500 deductible. Pretty expensive day for only 8:00 in the morning.

Epilogue

It's now 11 a.m. and I'm back from the dentist with a brand new $500 mouth guard as my jaw pain was the result of teeth-grinding in my sleep. (What, me stressed?) I had been assured that the guard would be completely covered by insurance. But, by the time the receptionist totaled up my bill, I was not at all surprised to hear, "Uh-oh. Looks like they just stopped insurance coverage on these last month."

As I look around my disaster of a kitchen, I decide to forgo making a fresh pot of coffee and instead hit the fridge for the hard stuff: a pint of Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough ice cream. Opening the freezer, I'm elated to find, Yes! My pink sunglasses! Of course, they were frozen into what appears to be another one of my son's misguided science experiments. I grab both the ice cream and the sunglasses (the latter I defrost under hot water).

Sitting at my kitchen table eating ice cream and wearing my beloved pink sunglasses, I manage to crack a smile despite the sink full of dirty dishes, the huge pile of bills on the counter, and the crumbs strewn all over the floor. Why? Because nothing ever seems quite so bad *(even a case of the "uh-oh" blues)*, when you're looking at your world through rose-colored lenses.

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HEALTH NOTES

Tips for happy, healthy Halloween

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Once again Halloween is here. The Pumpkin Patch is in full swing on North Main Street at Wheelwright Park, for the benefit of the Appalachia Service Project which, each summer, sends over a hundred volunteers to make repairs to houses in rural Appalachia. House decorations are up and kids are preparing their Halloween costumes.

Here are a few tips from the Board of Health, which you can follow for a safe and happy Halloween:

- Always keep the lights on, both inside and outside your house, to welcome and protect trick-or-treaters.
- Keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes can brush up against the flame and catch fire. Also, keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from curtains, decorations, and other items that can catch fire.
- Make sure that each part of your child's costume is flame resistant. Look for the label "flame resistant" or "flame retardant".
- If your child wears a mask, make sure that it fits properly and that the holes are large enough for their mouth and eyes, so that they can breath and see properly.
- Costumes and trick-or-treat bags should be light-colored and/or decorated with reflective tape that will glow in light which will make your child visible to drivers. Reflective tape can be found in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.
- Costumes should fit well and not drag on the floor to avoid trips and falls.
- Children should wear temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costume.
- Swords, knives and other pointed objects should be made of soft material.
- Always have an adult accompany children while trick-or-treating.
- Remind your children not to go into strangers' cars or houses.
- Teach your children how to use crosswalks and walk signals. Teach your child to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Children should carry flashlights to make sure that they can see and that people can see them.
- Do not let your child eat any treats until you have checked each one of them.
- Give and accept only wrapped or packaged treats. Throw away all unwrapped or suspicious looking candy.

Flu Vaccine: You may have read about the slow distribution of Flu Vaccine this year. Given the CDC's limited ability to direct distribution, the agency is warning that many orders will not be fully filled until late November and that "significant effort" should be made to continue immunizations into January. It's affecting our supply in Cohasset. Nevertheless, we've been assured that there will be plenty of vaccine, but that deliveries will probably begin in the middle of November. In a few weeks, you can look for our notice about local Flu clinics later in November, and probably on into January. Vaccination that late will still give the protection necessary to avoid the flu.

Federal policy now recommends regular flu immunization for children 6 months to almost 5 years — a change from 2005 — as well as for parents and older siblings, children and adults with chronic illnesses, health-care workers, pregnant women and everyone older than 50.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Dangerous sport of tag

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I like to think I had a normal childhood as a kid growing up and reaching puberty in the Thirties.

We played cowboys and Indians, shooting each other with arrows and popguns. We swam in the river in summer and jumped ice cakes in the winter. We played baseball, football, and hockey sans helmets on the ice behind the Methodist church. We loved to sting each other on the backside in a game of dodgeball.

Honestly, I don't remember playing much tag.

That's why I was surprised last week to learn that tag had been banned from the menu of games that could be played at the Willett Elementary School in Attleboro, where the new ground rules covering recess activities preclude touch football and dodgeball, along with tag. as too dangerous to life and limb.

We played cowboys and Indians, shooting each other with arrows and popguns.

"What should be a touch game ends up being a physical touch game," Willett Principal Robin Welch was quoted as saying.

At the same time, I learn that the McCarthy Elementary School in Framingham has a rule requiring that the kids at play not touch each other at all, and if they do, there's a touchy-feely cop ready to issue them a stern warning.

"If the hands come out to touch, then the supervisors ask them to stop," McCarthy Principal Joan Vodoklys said. "What we require is that children not touch each other."

Right in our own backyard, the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School in Quincy has a ban on tag because, says Principal Diane O'Keefe, "when you have a group of 30 to 35 children running after each other and playing on blacktop, someone could get hurt."

Are we being overly protective of our kids by taking fun and the valuable experience of failure out of their lives?

"It's a shame that we've come to the point where you have to put all those rules down when kids play," John Cummings, president of the Hanlon Elementary School PTO in Westwood, told the Globe. "I think they should let kids fall down . . . get up, dust themselves off, and get right back on."

I can remember innumerable skinned knees and elbows, bumps and bruises, and even a broken arm from recess mishaps at the Thomas A. Watson Elementary School, and all but the fractured wing were tended to by the school nurse, who, if I recall right, covered three schools: the Watson, the Lincoln, and the Jonas Perkins.

We've managed to organize most of the fun out of kids' baseball, too, by substituting the highly structured Little Leagues with their uniforms and manicured diamonds for the game that used to be played in dungarees and undershirts on vacant lots where each ground ball was an adventure.

Some leagues don't keep score, lest the sting of defeat do permanent damage to the losers' little egos, and I notice that, even in the Little League World Series, once a team is 10 runs ahead, the game is halted and that team is declared the winner. It spares the losers' feelings, we are told.

When we played baseball in the vacant lot on Bickford Road and their team rolled on to a 20-run lead, we just kept on playing. Who knows, we thought, we might score 21 in the next inning.

Besides, we were having fun.

Police chief talks about article

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Standing up for our school system

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

Actions taken by town boards last week will exacerbate the fiscal problems facing our schools unless we reject their recommendations at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting.

The time has come for everyone who cares about our schools to take a stand.

The Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting is the opportunity we have to put an end to our schools — and by extension, our children — from serving as the proverbial punching bags for town officials whose actions are depriving the schools of the necessary funds to meet the needs of our children's education.

The news articles in last week's Mariner detailing the favorable recommendations and positive comments by town boards toward some town departments, in contrast to the unfavorable recommendations and negative comments toward the School Department, are symptomatic of an overall trend that is plunging the Cohasset school system into second-rate status.

Let's consider the big picture. According to the Department of Education website, the money spent per regular education student by the Cohasset schools declined in the two-year period from 2003 to 2005 (the latest year for which the DOE has figures). No doubt that statement will come as a surprise to those who complain that the school budget is out of control, but the facts (as opposed to misinformed opinions) are these: in 2003, our schools spent $7409 per regular education student; in 2005 we spent just $7373.

By contrast, here are the numbers for school districts of similar size to ours: Weston: $10,104 in 2003, $11,290 in 2005; Norwell: $7125 in 2003, $7422 in 2005; Rockport: $6723 in 2003, $7144 in 2005; Hull: $7617 in 2003, $8980 in 2005; Harwich: $8179 in 2003, $8931 in 2005; and Manchester, 8973 in 2003, 9263 in 2005.

And lest the skeptics think that I cherry-picked just a few communities to make my point, the figures for all school districts are as follows: $6779 in 2003, $7421 in 2005. In other words, the rest of the state has increased its spending for education, while we have fallen behind. Moreover, as of the 2005 figures, we in Cohasset, one of the wealthiest communities in the state, are now spending less per regular education student than the state average, the first time that has occurred in the 12 years I have been a resident here.

The actions taken by town boards last week will exacerbate the fiscal problems facing our schools unless we reject their recommendations at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting. Let's start with the Advisory Committee and the request by the schools for $65,000 for the installation of a security system at the Osgood School. According to the news article, the Advisory Committee recommended against reimbursing the schools the $65,000 because the schools did not obtain the "blessing" of the Advisory Committee beforehand. (As an aside, and speaking as the parent of a first grader at the Osgood, I applaud the schools for taking a proactive and immediate measure to improve the security of our children. Conversely, in light of the recent horrific events that occurred in schools across the country, not to mention the recent bomb threats in our own schools, I am appalled that our Advisory Committee is playing politics on this matter. Any member of the Advisory Committee who voted not to recommend the article because he or she is in a snit over protocol should be ashamed of themselves.)

But to return to the financial implication of the Advisory Committee's recommendation, if the schools are not reimbursed for this $65,000 capital expenditure, the money will have to come out of this year's current School Dept. operating budget.

Now let's consider the actions of the Capital Budget Committee (CBC). Every request by the School Department was turned down for a variety of purported reasons. Other departments are getting technology upgrades, but the schools will be stuck with computers that are seven years old and can't run new education programs. The police department's leaking roof gets money for repairs, but the leaks at the high school will remain unaddressed. The Harbormaster will get a new boat at a cost of $70,000 (plus upgrading the office for another $10,000) without any mention of raising the mooring charges for boat owners. But the request for playground facilities at the Osgood School for the new pre-school classes is met with the suggestion that funds be raised privately.

The skewed priority mindset of the CBC is most apparent with their recommendation that $10,000 be appropriated for more docks so that yacht owners can have additional space to tie up their dinghies. Can any member of the CBC say with a straight face that this recommendation meets its own criteria of "need vs. want?" (It must be that the CBC defines a "need" as that which is a necessity for a luxury.)

As for the selectmen, Selectman Dormitzer stood up at Town Meeting last spring, during a discussion on the school budget, to complain that high property taxes are driving the middle class out of Cohasset. But where is his concern for the middle class parents of schoolchildren of this town who not only are paying those same high taxes, but who also are paying hundreds of dollars in new fees for bus transportation and athletics? I mention this in the context of the $90,000 recommended for the harbor (which is almost one third of all the money recommended by the CBC for the entire town), because unless the selectmen raise the charges for the mooring permits (of which 25 percent belong to non-residents who don't pay a dime of property taxes) to cover the actual costs of operating the harbor, other town departments will be deprived of scarce funds for their needs. In this era of pay-as-you-throw at our town dump and fees for student parking permits at the high school, it certainly is reasonable and fair to expect that boat owners should pay for the services that benefit their interests.

Therefore, it is imperative that those who care about our schools attend the Nov. 13 Town Meeting and do three things: First, vote against the $90,000 worth of items for the harbor unless the selectmen have agreed beforehand to raise mooring charges to cover those costs, if not wholly, at least in major part; second, vote for the article that will reimburse the schools the $65,000 for the new security system at the Osgood; and third, vote to amend the article dealing with capital expenditures to include funds to purchase new computers in our schools, to address the leaks at the high school, and to install a needed exhaust system for the high school labs.

We as individual voters are not rubber stamps for any of our elected or appointed boards. Town Meeting is the forum where we the taxpayers decide how to spend our tax money. The time has come for those who care about our children to make clear that we are tired of the negativity and haranguing of our school officials that is symptomatic of the sort of micro-management of the School Department to which no other department is subjected.

In practical terms, we must vote to inform our town officials that security systems for the safety of our schoolchildren are more important than additional dinghy docks for yacht owners and a nicer office for the Harbormaster.

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Slanetz did not speak for board

COMMENTARY

ADRIENNE MACCARTHY

I am writing in response to the recent commentary written by Alfred Slanetz in last week's paper. As the School Committee Chairman, I can respect the right of Mr. Slanetz to voice his own opinion on whatever topic he wishes to expound upon, including our schools. However, as sitting member of the School Committee, he should have identified up front in his commentary that he was voicing his own opinions. Whether it was intentional or not, Mr. Slanetz frequent use of the word "we", portrayed his own opinion as being reflective of the entire School Committee.

As an elected School Committee member, one cannot speak for all the members unless given that authority by the other members. Needless to say, Mr. Slanetz did not have the authority, nor did he inform the other members of his intention to publish his commentary. Had he informed the committee regarding his intentions to publish his commentary, I would have pointed this fact to him in a more private manner. But since his commentary was published, I feel compelled to follow-up with this letter to clarify *my* views and opinions.

I support four (4) district goals for our Schools:

- Challenge ALL students to proficiency and beyond
- Close achievement gaps where they exist
- Function as a professional learning community
- Partnership with families and community

I would like to remind everyone, including Mr. Slanetz that our schools are a public institution that needs to address the needs of *all* of our children. I want to emphasize that in the district goals adopted by the School Committee, we cannot segment our students by levels of performance. Once we start to move to a goal based system focused on the top 85 percent of the students (the 85 percent is arbitrary), then where do we draw the line? Do we start to carve out the "best of the best" and devote more resources to this group? It is a slippery slope when we start to lose focus on the well being of the entire student body only to accommodate a certain segment. This is not to say I want to ignore the high achievers or the low performers or the mid-level kids for that matter. What I don't want is for our district wide goals to be mutually exclusive. Our schools must continue to address the needs of *all* students.

I also disagree with Mr. Slanetz claim that the current administration is obsessed with the MCAS. As a matter of fact, I believe our current administration has taken steps to provide greater access to many different levels of academics and learning that have little to do with the MCAS. These steps include the implementation of the following: an integrated pre-school, differentiated instruction, co-teaching, full day kindergarten, Reading Street, Renzulli Learning, and EMC. These are newly added programs that are geared to provide the support and resources necessary to enable ALL students to meet or surpass our high expectations.

However, one cannot ignore the fact that passing MCAS is a state-mandated requirement. For better or worse, these tests will be a part of our children's school experience for the foreseeable future. I cannot understand why Mr. Slanetz would state, "passing MCAS is a standard of a student's minimal competency". I find this to be a troubling message delivered from a school committee member. There are a number of our students who should rightfully take pride at moving from a "Failing" to a "Needs Improvement" or a "Needs Improvement" to a "Proficient" or a "Proficient" to an "Advanced" rating in a given subject covered by the MCAS. This is what Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for an individual child is about. I would like to remind Mr. Slanetz that the state provides free tuition at any of the state's public universities for the top 25 percent performers on this test. The fact that this may be the only way that some of our students can continue their education makes the MCAS worthy of our attention, not our scorn.

In closing, it is my belief that 100 percent of our students are "gifted". Some may excel in the more traditional fashion as measured by test scores, essays, and standardized tests. Others may have talents that need to be uncovered and nurtured. The role of our *public* schools is to provide the support and resources for each student to realize their gifts and maximize their abilities. As our district carries out our mission of "Continuing the Commitment to Excellence", I ask you to embrace your schools' vision to "hold high expectations for *all* students and staff and provide the support and resources that enable *all* to meet or surpass those expectations".

Adrienne MacCarthy lives at 85 Doane St. She is chairman of the Cohasset School Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TogetherCohasset on the move

TO THE EDITOR:

After nearly 120 Cohasset residents expressed their views on the critical issues facing the Town after the defeat of the override at two landmark meetings in May and June called "TogetherCohasset", a steering committee of TogetherCohasset volunteers worked vigorously during the summer months to fine-tune the various ideas discussed into a cogent proposal for going forward and working with Town boards to address these issues.

The work and input of many townspeople will be shared at a third open forum of TogetherCohasset on Nov. 8 at the Middle-High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.. All past forum attendees, other interested residents and elected officials are invited to weigh in on the results of TogetherCohasset's work thus far.

Summertime accomplishments include developing a list of focus areas and a proposed mission statement that residents will be invited to discuss, amend and accept. The focus areas and mission statement were reviewed with individual members of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee for their input, and to gauge their interest in working with citizens on the various issues facing the Town.

Topping the list of focus areas is improving communication and transparency from town departments, most prominently the School Department, to the public. This subject was a recurring theme in the previous TogetherCohasset forums and was underscored by a majority of the elected officials who were interviewed by our steering committee.

The other focus areas included on the proposed agenda of TogetherCohasset are regionalization, academic performance and measurement and funds required to support these initiatives. Each focus area includes sub-issues and is envisioned to lead to the study of a range and degree of options and proposals.

It is envisioned that interested citizens under the TogetherCohasset banner will work with the respective elected boards to research, develop and recommend policy initiatives within these focus areas, and then work to build support necessary for the success of the initiatives.

TogetherCohasset looks forward to working with the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen to achieve mutual goals of a stronger and financially sound town government and school system. Please be come and be part of this important next step in shaping this effort.

Volunteers for Agenda Committee:
Dick Avery
Tom Callahan
Lou Harvey
Laura Stone

Rocky Lane Bridge road needs sidewalk

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter was in Selectmen's correspondence.

I am writing to you in response to a conversation with Tom Gruber at Greenbush. The residents of Rocky Lane have watched the construction of the new bridge with mixed emotions. Personally, I believe the train will be an asset to our town and the bridge improves our neighborhood. Others may differ with my opinion, but we all agree that we need a sidewalk on the North Main Street side of the new bridge road.

Many of us have had conversations with the Greenbush team of Mr. Gruber and Mr. Brennan, as well as Tom Carroll and John Greeley at CBB to voice our concerns. There are 17 children, most under the age of 12, on Rocky Lane and this is a matter of safety. The MBTA states that the original Rocky Lane did not have a sidewalk so they do not have an obligation to put one in. However, the original Rocky Lane did not have a 10-inch curbstone and concrete barriers. A child on foot or a bike could not get out of the way quickly should it become necessary. It has come to our attention that there are other potential safety issues that will be addressed with the MBTA in the upcoming meeting. Please let us not become tangled in the politics of who should be responsible for building a sidewalk and addressing other safety issues. Our children are the future. Please take the steps necessary to make Rocky Lane safe.

Leslie Armstrong
39 Rocky Lane

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Rejuvenated education foundation is ready to help Cohasset schools

COMMENTARY

CATHERINE O'CALLAGHAN

Cohasset is joining communities such as Norwell, Hingham, Wellesley, Weston, and Winchester by establishing an education foundation to provide private funding to its public schools. The Cohasset Educational Foundation (CEF) has recently been reestablished and rejuvenated after a period of inactivity to meet the financial needs of the Cohasset public schools. The original Cohasset Educational Foundation was founded in 1992 by a group of concerned and dedicated parents. Their purpose was to develop resources beyond those traditionally used to support local public education and apply them to projects and programs that might otherwise not exist.

This past April a similar group of parents and community members formed out of the Together Cohasset meeting forum with the goal of creating an educational fund as well as an endowment fund for the Cohasset public schools. The CEF was inspired by the renewed interest and dedication of this group and recently the two organizations merged. The newly redesigned foundation will use the name Cohasset Educational Foundation and will operate within its tax-exempt status. Michael Hurley, President and co-founder of the original CEF states, "This is a smart, aggressive, well-focused group. They are motivated. They want to raise money for a permanent endowment and for an engineering / technology lab. They want to start now."

The mission of the CEF is to act as a community-based, non-profit organization committed to Cohasset's long tradition of valuing the role its schools take in providing high quality education to its children. Its goal is to promote educational excellence by supporting programs that enhance and enrich the Cohasset schools in ways not supported by public funding or the school and town budgets. The newly elected CEF President, Christopher Oddleifson states, "We believe the school committee, the advisory committee, the school administration, and the voters ought to continue to focus on expanding the funding to our schools. We also believe that a foundation can make a very positive difference in the lives of Cohasset students today." The CEF notes that its funding is not designed to alleviate the need for future overrides. Like other public school foundations, it will operate outside of the school budget and fund projects that go beyond what is provided by public funding.

"We found that all high performing public schools have a community school foundation that makes meaningful contributions to public education," Oddleifson says. "We concluded that no matter how well or poorly the public schools are funded, a foundation is necessary to address the challenges of maintaining and enhancing academic excellence in today's competitive climate." School foundations that are publicly funded at high levels like Weston and Wellesley, as well as those communities that have overturned overrides like Winchester, have improved the students' experience through funding of additional programs, equipment and initiatives.

"All Cohasset residents would agree that a strong school system is good for our town and our property values," Oddleifson says. "Everyone wants the Cohasset schools to be as good in the future as they have been in the past, and we want them to thrive despite fiscal uncertainties and budgetary constraints."

There is a rising need for public schools to offer more Advanced Placement classes, offer a greater range of programs in math and sciences and update their technology and computers. College admissions is becoming more selective and there is a significant rise in the amount of students applying to colleges and a rise in the number of colleges students are applying to. Dr. Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Cohasset Schools says, "We are limited due to staffing limitations and the need for staff to teach the required courses with what electives or expanded programs we can offer especially to Juniors and Seniors. Some 170 students have at least one unscheduled period in their January program. Colleges do look at what students elect for course work at the high school level when making decisions around acceptance."

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— Chris Oddleifson, Cohasset Education Foundation

In order for public schools to provide the programs and resources necessary to meet today's demands, private funding is becoming a necessity for communities like Cohasset. Adrienne MacCarthy, chairman of the Cohasset School Committee says, "By most standards and contrary to popular belief, we are still considered to be a top school district. What I worry about most is maintaining our standing. This will take an adequate and predictable budget — one, which we have not had for years now. Each year we have lost ground; loss of AP's, loss of Middle School Sports, loss of JV sports, loss of a full Middle School music program, these are all since my oldest son entered the middle school four years ago. Now in 11th grade, he faces lack of elective offerings, large class sizes and openings in his second semester schedule."

The CEF has established two funds within its foundation, a Project Fund and an Endowment Fund. Contributors to the CEF will be able to choose between three options for their donations: they can have their money go into the Project Fund, which will provide immediate funding for school projects; the Endowment Fund, which will provide long term support for the schools through a stable, principal preserved investment account; or a choice to split the contributions between these two funds in whatever ratio the donor chooses.

"Donors can give Project Fund gifts that will be applied to the greatest documented needs for projects or programs as determined by our School District's administrators, teachers and Superintendent in coordination with the CEF," Oddliefson explains. "Annual Gifts are an effective way to support the Foundation and are utilized right away. Donors can give Endowment Fund gifts to help build an endowment for the long-term health of the schools and the town."

The CEF felt that an Endowment Fund was necessary to ensure the longevity of the support for the Cohasset schools and to provide long-term funding that the community can rely on to continue to improve the schools.

John Englander, Vice President of the CEF, says, "Developing an endowment is a time-tested way to ensure that an institution is and will be well-funded. The endowment's principle is preserved and grown over time, while the earnings can be used immediately to fund necessary and important projects. A well-funded endowment can serve the Cohasset schools well through the years and in times like these, where insufficient funds are otherwise available for critical educational needs. Endowments are being established among educational institutions across the country, including many of the most admired public school districts in Massachusetts."

Educational Foundations are becoming a common necessity in communities like Cohasset. Hingham created the Hingham Education Foundation in 1992. In 2006 the Foundation funded more than 30 grants for all of its schools. Norwell also has a well supported educational foundation. Its purpose is "not to provide 'bricks and mortar'-type funding, such as when certain expenses or projects aren't approved under the school budget but rather, to inspire teachers to try new and innovative educational programs which do not fall under traditional school budget funding in the first place. These grants help teachers bring their lessons alive for their students." The educational foundation that operates in Newburyport has raised nearly $1 million, which has been used to fund its middle school science labs and a distance-learning lab in the high school.

Dr. Walsh says, "Parents/ PSO, community donations, Booster Clubs have all been very generous in their commitment to maintaining quality programs in the Cohasset schools. The CEF would be a tremendous support in areas that we know are unbudgeted or under-budgeted moving forward. They would be a source of support for our students and staff as well as our administrative team. It does take a village."

The Massachussets Association of School Committees has reported an increase in the number of inquiries relating to establishing educational foundations. The MASC hosted a seminar on how to set up an educational foundation to meet the demand of communities like Cohasset who are establishing or reenergizing their educational foundations.

Emily Brown and Sarah Murphy, members of the CEF attended a similar conference, "The Power of Education Foundations: A Strong Foundation for Vibrant Schools and Communities" sponsored by the Connecticut Consortium of Education on Oct. 17. The seminar, held in Cornwell, Conn. had over 100 attendees; made up of education foundation board members, community members, school committee members, superintendents, and other educators.

"I left the conference reinforcing my belief that education foundations meaningfully improve community/school relationships, enhance curriculum, and stimulate teacher creativity in the classroom," Murphy says. "Every school system could benefit from the involvement and support of an education foundation."

At the seminar, it was confirmed that many foundations support technology initiatives and teacher and curriculum development, which are often cut due to budgetary constraints.

"It was exciting to see how foundation funds could strengthen the learning process by providing teachers with the tools to enhance an existing curriculum or to try out new concepts," Murphy says. "Of course the conference repeatedly reminded us that these funds do not replace tax dollars or affect the school budgeting and tax-funding process in any way."

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CEF to kickoff fundraising campaign

The CEF will be initiating a fund raising campaign this month. A community-wide mailing piece will be sent to all Cohasset residents and businesses. The CEF is also planning several fund raising events this year. The CEF will be reintroducing its annual spelling bee, which will be held at the Cohasset High School in January.

A teacher-appreciation program has been instituted at all the Cohasset Schools. Students, teachers and members of the community can make a contribution to the CEF in appreciation of any Cohasset teacher, staff member or administrator. This is a way to thank a special person at the school or use as a holiday gift or token of appreciation. Sarah Murphy is coordinating this project at all the Cohasset schools. The CEF will be hosting a Gala event in the spring.

For more information on any of these upcoming events, please contact Emily Brown at 781-383-6468. The Board members of the CEF are hosting a cocktail party at John and Mary-Ann Englander's home at 87 Lamberts Lane in Cohasset on Sunday, Nov. 19th from 5-7 pm.

People interested in learning more about the CEF or those interested in becoming involved with the CEF are welcome to attend. Please call Emily Brown at 781-383-6468 for more information.

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Small lots seek zoning relief

Town Meeting to weigh in on issue

By Samantha Brown
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Joe Campbell said his garage puts him at 24.7 percent structural coverage.

Joe and Janet Campbell of Pleasant Street are on a quest to change the zoning bylaws in their neighborhood. So far they have the support of the Planning Board, a majority of the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen, and are hoping Town Meeting will vote in their favor as well.

The Campbells' home is in the Residential A zoning district and is therefore subject to certain zoning bylaws. When the couple decided to construct a new garage on their property, they received all the necessary permits and went ahead with the construction. After the garage was built, another resident contacted the building inspector and argued the building did not adhere with the town's zoning bylaws.

Upon further review, the couple was told by having built the garage, they had exceeded the total structural lot coverage of 20 percent in the Residential A district. The matter was brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals, which denied the couple's plea for a special permit. To remedy the situation, the Campbells would either have to tear down their garage or take the matter to court.

Instead, they have chosen to try to change the town's bylaws. The article which voters will be asked to weigh in on at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting would provide zoning relief only for homes in the Residential A district whose lots are smaller than 18,000 square feet and are nonconforming. At the 2003 fall Special Town Meeting, the town amended the zoning bylaw to limit structural coverage to 20 percent of the lot area.

However, the Residential A district in Cohasset contains mostly older homes built on smaller lots. The existing buildings on many of these lots already exceed the 20 percent structural limit and the owners do not have the flexibility to build additions, porches, garages, or tool sheds which otherwise comply with zoning. The Campbells' article would increase the allowable percentage of structural coverage in a preexisting nonconforming lot from 20 percent to 25 percent, or 3,600 square feet, whichever is less.

"Our abutters are all over the 20 percent," said Joe Campbell, adding they are all shut out from even building a small tool shed. He added his garage puts him at 24.7 percent structural coverage.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt said his board has given its unanimous support for the bylaw amendment. He said it would only change the bylaw for the Residential A district, and not B or C. He said the change to the bylaw to reduce coverage to 20 percent was made at the same time the Large Home Site Plan Review bylaw was filed, and to date, not one large home has been built under the large home bylaw in Residential A because there isn't the space. He said the intent of the bylaw, when changed, was not to prevent residents from being able to enclose a porch or build a deck, and he doesn't see why the article should not pass.

"It is prudent and adequate relief and we think the town is well served by this change," Pratt said.

Scituate resident shares financial forecasting tool

By Samantha Brown
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The Long Term Planning Committee is up and running. Charged with developing a spreadsheet-based model of the town's financial operations, members of the newly formed committee met Oct. 11 to discuss how to proceed to bring the town's idea to fruition.

Chairman Jack Keniley and members Tom McCain and Terry Green invited Scituate resident Frank DiCesare to attend the meeting, as he created a financial forecasting application for his town, which could give Cohasset some ideas when it begins creating its own. DiCesare explained it took him roughly 18 months of working on the project part-time before it was ready to be tested, and it has become a very useful tool for Scituate's Town Administrator.

The idea to create a program to help keep track of the town's finances and help project the budget for a few years out came to DiCesare roughly 4-1/2 years ago. He said with a background in engineering, he had worked for many corporations and began to wonder why towns couldn't be run in a similar fashion from a financial standpoint. "Not understanding municipal finance, I didn't understand why they couldn't," he said.

While it took some time to get the approval from voters to begin using his application as part of the budgeting process, he said it has proved to be an invaluable tool. The application is a set of spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel, which only requires plugging in the numbers and formulas he created take care of the rest. Numbers can be changed to replicate different budget scenarios, and with one change, all the numbers that would be affected change as well to accurately reflect the town's budgetary situation.

DiCesare said when creating the application, he began with the Town Report and tried to understand the calculations used by the Town and replicate them in the spreadsheet. "I tried to stay as close to the town's financial report as possible," he said, and it took many trials before the application was ready to be unveiled.

Members of the Cohasset Planning Committee noticed the spreadsheets produced by DiCesare have more "top line only" figures, rather than detailed, line-by-line itemization. They said their charge as outlined by the Board of Selectmen required more information.

The committee's charge states: "The committee will develop a spreadsheet-based model of the town's financial operations. The model shall include income statement, balance sheet and cash flow modules. The income statement shall include the town's payroll list and the different components of fringe benefits, all suitably classified by department, job level, etc., so the Town Manager can test potential wage, salary and benefit scenarios. It shall also include line items of revenue and expense corresponding to the Town Manager's annual budget breakdown, at the level of detail needed to test different scenarios such as the effect of a rise in fuel prices. Level of detail shall be as recommended by the Town Manager. The goal is to have the model tested and ready for use by Sept. 1, 2007, so it may be applied for the 2009 budget and upcoming union negotiations."

Green said while the committee's charge might require something more in-depth than DiCesare's application, "I like this model. It leaves management with the department heads." He said using Scituate's spreadsheets, Cohasset could begin to create a model that would first provide the level of detail Scituate has, but can then be brought a step farther to what Cohasset is looking for.

"In Scituate, the individual departments kind of give the top line only," said DiCesare, but said Cohasset could ask for line-by-line figures. He reminded the committee it might only get a one-line budget from the school department, as state law only requires approving a bottom-line figure.

In order for the town to be able to create a document that will adequately forecast the budget, the committee agreed every town department will have to "buy into" the idea and be willing to provide every figure it needs. "We want to tell a story and the more detail you have, the easier it is," said McCain. He added by having more detail one year, it makes it much easier to forecast the following years' budgets.

DiCesare cautioned with every budget there is some wiggle room. "There are variables such as new growth and free cash," which are not easy to predict, he said. However, he said having an application such as the one Scituate is using will help provide a good overall budget estimate.

Selectmen agree to give school technology request another look

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said while the report helps, they need more information to make a decision and would like to see an inventory of how many computers the schools have, how old they are and what they are being used for. It would also like a list of the district's hardware and software.

"This is not a simple discussion," said Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, adding the town needs to come up with a plan for buying and replacing as well as managing its computer system town-wide going forward.

Selectmen said they understand the school department is bound by the Department of Education's standards, which state districts should have an average ratio of fewer than five students per high-capacity, Internet-connected computer. With the total school population at almost 1500 students, the district would be required to have roughly 300 computers; it currently has 700.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said with 1500 students, he doesn't see the need for 700 computers. He said he thought two computer labs with 30 computers each and two language labs with 30 computers each would suffice. "I don't think you can justify more than 120," he said.

"We need to find out what the computers are used for and if it's just for e-mail, there are enough at the public library."
— Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer

Dormitzer said in his opinion, every teacher should have his or her own computer. Selectman Rob Spofford added just as computers are used in business, teachers use them to keep track of grades and attendance and their administrative work.

But Dormitzer said the Internet on the computers is so restricted, students are not always able to use them for reports. Instead they either go to the library or use their home computers. "We need to find out what the computers are used for and if it's just for e-mail, there are enough at the public library," he said. Selectman Fred Koed added he does not think the lower grades need massive amounts of computers.

"I think there are a lot of open-ended questions," said Spofford. "I use computers and I'm not a whiz, but just throwing money at things is not the answer. Especially not in the computer world."

Tom Callahan, 35 Hillside Drive, said Selectmen need to remember, at the high school level it is extremely important to keep computers "up to snuff," because they are the wave of the future. He said colleges are requiring students bring computers and in the work world, Cohasset's students are going to be expected to have a broad-based understanding of technology. He said with the lack of electives currently being offered at the high school, having computers which can support online learning are invaluable.

The board said it would invite members of the School Committee to come in and answer its questions. However, the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, has already been sent to the printer and therefore any amendments to the article, which doles out capital funding, would need to be made on the floor of Town Meeting Nov. 13.

No change for Town Election

By Samantha Brown
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The town will not be asked to vote on whether the schedule for the Annual Town Election should be changed. While a placeholder article (#17) will be on the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to indefinitely postpone the article at its Oct. 23 meeting. Selectman Ted Carr did not attend the meeting.

The article was drafted as a result of the spring override election. At a meeting shortly after the override votes were tallied May 6, Selectman Rob Spofford said some residents — namely those in support of the overrides, neither of which passed — told him they felt having two elections hurt voter turnout. As a result, the board agreed to bring up changing the bylaw at the Special Town Meeting. After some discussion, Selectmen agreed things are fine the way they are.

Last spring, the candidate election was held the week after Town Meeting on April 8 and the override election was held roughly one month later on May 6. Some 48 percent or 2,432 of the town's 5,099 registered voters went to the polls to make their voices heard during the candidate election. The following month, at 66.2 percent, the turnout was record-breaking for an override election.

Selectman Fred Koed said based on this year's voter turnout, he doesn't believe having the elections together would affect participation, as there was a record turnout this spring with separate elections. Koed said he would like to come down on the side of tradition. "I like the cycle. I like that we have one week in between. To me, it flows," he said. He added postponing the candidate election would also prolong campaigning.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil echoed Koed's sentiments. "I agree with Fred. I'd just assume keep it as it is."

According to Town Manager Bill Griffin, the town's current bylaw says the Town Election must be within 35 days of the Annual Town Meeting. The new bylaw would have allowed the town to hold its Town Election on any date to be determined by the Board of Selectmen consistent with avoiding multiple elections whenever possible, within the months of March, April or May.

It takes the town roughly five weeks to prepare for an election. Ballots must be printed, and the town must register voters and issue absentee ballots. For those years when an override question is on the table in addition to the candidates, the town must prepare for an election twice. To hold the second election, it costs the town roughly $3,000.

In the past, under Town Manager Mark Haddad, the town has voted on many overrides at the Town Election. However, Griffin said that is a risky approach to take as the ballots must be printed before Town Meeting votes on the question, and printing the question before the vote essentially assumes the town in favor of the question. In addition, if the amount of the override is changed on the floor of Town Meeting, voters may go to the ballot box to find the wrong override amount printed on their ballot.

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Sorting through Slanetz's new directions

COMMENTARY

TERRY MCCARTHY

Now we're talking! The new "Community Standards of Excellence for Cohasset Public Schools" is outstanding. But in the few days after Vice Chair Slanetz published his summary in the Mariner [Oct. 20] I find that some of the people whose opinions I value described their reaction this way: "my eyes glazed over." Not an unexpected reaction. Rarely have I seen a policy statement carving out new directions, and with enough detail to make it credible, succeed at first viewing. This subject is hard work and voters are urged to read the document in order to note the progress of the school department's leadership.

I have a quote over my desk that says: "All agreements with myself shall be in writing. Everything else is just a good idea." Mr. Slanetz has written down the good idea and the School Committee "unanimously" voted it in. I agree that it is a good idea.

In fact I watched much of the school committee discussion relative to this good idea on channel 22. One piece of the dialog I recall [and it may not be totally accurate], was between Mr. Slanetz and Mr. Flynn. The issue was *stretch* versus *do-ability*. Mr. Slanetz rightly claimed that a successful goal was one that stretched the participants to excel. Mr. Flynn rightly claimed that a workable goal must be do-able and not impossible.

This seeming paradox is my frame of reference. And the prism through which I am looking is the perspective of people who voted against the override. Mr. Flynn also suggested in the debate another very practical consideration, which is that the new Standards should encompass some of the objections, voiced by the override opponents "otherwise new override attempts are likely to fail." His concern is wise since the new Standards do not address the basic concerns of override opponents (including myself) who feel that school leaders must regain the trust they lost during the override debate and subsequent surprise financial disclosures.

So in this spirit I'd like to comment on some specific issues.

• **Nomenclature** (what things are named)

Mr. Slanetz stated "We believe that the goal of being in the top 10 school districts in the state and top 100 in the nation (with multiple measures) with every student achieving at their aptitude is the right goal for Cohasset." Everyone I know is an editor so I hope Mr. Slanetz will forgive me for making a couple of comments and suggestions here. In the televised debate on this new Standard it seemed to me that everybody used the word "goal." The discussion occasionally broke down because the debates were not about the same idea. To illustrate, goals will have specific durations and priorities according to some more general "goal." As I understand it the planning structure for the schools is 1-, 3- and 5-year goals. But 1-year goals should be specific enough to include what it will cost, when it is to be completed , and what deliverable can be expected. Here metrics [e.g.; money] mean a lot. However, the "Community Standards of Excellence" is so general that it would defy any metric. And, if a metric were inserted, it would probably blunt the ability of those Standards to motivate people. It might make sense to rename the Community Standards as a Mission Statement. **The Biggest Metric: money**

A major distinction between a mission statement and a current school year's goal is a cost estimate. A mission statement *can say* with impunity: Whatever it takes. This year's budget *must say:* This is what it will cost. While this distinction is not made in Mr. Slanetz's new Standards commentary it must be recognized that affordability is not necessarily based on the mission statement. I suspect one major criticism of the new Standards will be forthcoming along the lines of "Can we afford what has been proposed?" This is valid and may require further debate along the lines of creating a formula to cap a percentage of property tax revenue for school use. Keep in mind that one goal must be to build the willingness of the community to fund a high level of excellence within a public school setting.

• **Who's the competition?**

In an earlier Mariner [9/15] there was a table from Boston Magazine that listed the top 25 public and private schools in the state ranked by top MCAS results. At the time I thought there might be some inclination to use these as a peer group for the Cohasset schools. I hope this isn't what is meant in the new Standards. If it is I think the stretch is not do-able. Using our "top 10" criterion against Boston's list, eight of the top 10 are private schools, two are public. In my view there is no possible way Cohasset Schools (7-12) can compare with nine of these schools. The eight private schools are self-selecting meaning they can set rigid criteria for acceptance and reject applicants who don't fit. Public schools by design are intended to be inclusive serving all students in the community. Of the two public schools on the list, Boston Latin is an exam school so it is also self-selecting. The second public school is Weston.

Thus, if the word "public" were inserted in the new standards I would agree that this is a valid basis for comparison. Note that on the Boston list of 25 only six public schools make the grade. Since Boston Latin is not itself a district it seems to me five school districts are the competition. The new wording of the mission statement might read: "We believe the goal of being in the top 10 *public* school districts in the state...etc."

I believe the "top 100 in the nation" criterion splits the focus of the mission. As Mr. Slanetz delineates there are many differing criteria currently employed to identify the top 100 school districts nationally. My sense is this is creating confusion in focus rather than the clarity of a "top 10 public school in the state" list. As Cohasset moves toward and achieves top 10 status you can amend the mission statement and define it more specifically to target what criteria we want to achieve beyond that goal. Overreaching can be a real negative and may be what Mr. Flynn was concerned about. I know in sales organizations unreachable goals breed frustration and negativity.

• **One Size doesn't fit all.**

Mr. Slanetz presents an outstanding summary and evaluation of the No Child Left Behind Law. If you read just one thing in his Mariner Commentary, make sure you understand this part because it shows the impact of a federal law on Cohasset as well as why the law doesn't really apply to most Cohasset's students. For instance, Mr. Slanetz says "Passing MCAS is a standard of a student's minimal competency in English and Math at a 10th grade level in 12th grade but *in no way is a standard sufficient for college bound students* [emphasis mine]. In other words, the MCAS shoe is not designed for students in a school system geared toward college. It simply does not fit the needs of 90 percent of Cohasset students.

We have a good start. We have a sign of leadership I haven't seen for a while on anything other than Building Programs.

• **New Standards are Customized**

As I see it in the *All Children Move Ahead* section of his commentary, Mr. Slanetz claims that the new goal structure adopted by the School Committee actually customizes the general rules under which Massachusetts school districts operate to fit Cohasset students' needs. If this were so, I would say it reflects a tremendous accomplishment. Of course, post override there is still some skepticism in some people's minds that this plan will actually work as advertised. On the other hand, what the School Committee has produced deserves support of the community. I encourage everyone to read the new Standards and to continue to monitor the progress our school leaders are making.

• **The Wrong Result**

What would be the worst result to my mind would be the repeat of an experience I had 35 years ago. At the time my boss gave me the job of "Departmental Coordinator for Long Range Planning." You are probably thinking what I thought at the time: he doesn't like me. I took my assignment very seriously. My job was to work with a new Strategic Planning Group, which was tasked with developing strategic plans for all departments. The idea was to get buy in from the people on the "ground" for the larger strategic plan that the new group would present to the Board. Long story short. I worked for six months researching all facets of our department planning according to the template I was given; drafted a strategic plan for my department; my boss signed off on it and submitted it upstairs. A couple of months later, we met in his office. He said to me "I just received an OK on the strategic plan. You did a great job on this and I appreciate it." Then, he opened the bottom drawer of his desk and tossed the Strategic Plan in and shut it, saying to me " Well I'm glad that's done. We won't have to worry about it till next year." And I never heard about the plan again.

Let's not do this with the work that has been done on the Cohasset School District Plan. We have a good start. We have a sign of leadership I haven't seen for a while on anything other than Building Programs. Buildings are important but far more important is what's inside the buildings. Let's make sure we get it right.

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Cohasset keeper Johanna Brophy (left) and teammate Sammie Lehr congratulate one another after the Skippers earned a 1-1 tie against Norwell last Saturday.

On a level playing field

Lady Skippers earn landmark tie with Norwell

By Mark Goodman
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In what has been a breakthrough season for the Cohasset High girls soccer team, last Saturday was the clearest indication yet of how far the program has come in recent years.

A second half goal by sophomore Maggie McGoldrick and some big saves by sophomore keeper Johanna Brophy earned the Skippers a 1-1 tie with archrival Norwell.

The point did earn the Clippers their fourth straight South Shore League title. But, considering how these meetings have gone in recent seasons, Saturday's tie was a significant achievement, one that was not lost on the girls in the white uniforms.

"I know they were excited about it," said Cohasset head coach Deb Beal. "Norwell has been on the pedestal for so long; we got one foot up there and almost knocked them off."

A big key for Cohasset was not letting Norwell's early goal get them down. Clippers junior Jenn Cronin scored just six minutes into the game, but the Skippers were not fazed.

"It didn't seem to break their stride," Beal said. "We went out there with a mission to play well, and they did."

A little more than halfway through the second half, sophomore forward Torey Hart took a typically excellent corner kick. On the other end was McGoldrick, who controlled it well and shot with confidence into the back of the net.

Norwell called timeout after that score, and after the break, both teams had chances to win it. Brophy and Clippers junior Sallie Hardy both came up huge in the closing minutes, as they did throughout the entire match.

Beal said the result "came down to defense, the keepers and communication." Improved communication on the field is something Beal has stressed throughout the season, and it started to pay dividends on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Norwell head coach Bruce Emerson and his team came away very impressed with the Skippers' performance.

"The girls and I all thought after the game that this was the best team we'd faced all year," said Emerson, high praise considering Norwell has played Div. 2 tournament teams Pembroke and Hanover.

Skippers 3, Mashpee 0

Cohasset closed out its league

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Hard-fought battle shows no results

Gridders battle to 0-0 tie in Homecoming against EB

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's Homecoming game against East Bridgewater had an early 3:30 p.m. kickoff, but that didn't mean the lights weren't necessary.

The weather was horrible with high winds, downpouring rain, and frigid temperatures. This Homecoming game had everything in it except a winner; or for that matter, even a score, as the teams battled to a 0-0 tie.

East Bridgewater received the ball first and quickly moved the ball and chewed up the clock with its strong running game. Then, on a screen play, the Vikings appeared to score a touchdown on a 50-yard catch and run by the halfback, but the play was called back on a block in the back penalty by East Bridgewater.

This would be the closest either team would come to scoring a touchdown, and seemed to really fire up the Skippers' defense.

One of the biggest stories of the night was the fact that junior Dave Snowdale was making his first start of the season at quarterback. Snowdale picked a rough night for his first start, but showed confidence and leadership during the game, especially on his quarterback bootleg run for a gain of 15 yards. He also made few mistakes throughout the game and, overall, kept Cohasset in it.

Snowdale showed great resiliency when senior offensive lineman Paul St. Pierre was forced out of the game due to an apparent knee injury. After the game, Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw noted the significance of losing St. Pierre.

"Paul is one of our best offensive lineman, is very consistent, and shows flawlessness on the field," Afanasiw said. "He is very difficult to replace."

Probably the highlight of the game for the Skippers was the outstanding play of the defense. Throughout the game, Cohasset's defense made huge stops on East Bridgewater and gave the offense great field position and opportunities.

In the fourth quarter alone, the defense had multiple defensive stops, taking the ball away from East Bridgewater. The fourth quarter was filled with big tackles, especially on fourth down plays. On one fourth-and-8 with just about a minute left in the game, junior Cliff Musto made a huge sack, giving the ball back to his offense.

Then again, the defense stopped the ball on four straight plays when East Bridgewater was driving and looking to score. This series of stops was led by seniors Nick Cambi and Nick Zappolo, who recorded huge tackles for their team.

On maybe the biggest play of the game, to seal the tie, Cambi recorded another tackle, this time a sack for a huge loss, and Cohasset possession.

"They played very physical, and were much more disciplined than in past games," said Afanasiw of his defense. "There were very few let downs, even with the weather conditions."

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Nick Cambi (70) and PJ McCaw wrap up East Bridgewater's Brian Phillips during the teams' 0-0 draw in last Friday's Homecoming game.

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After finishing the regular season in second place, the Cohasset High golf team won the South Shore League stroke play tournament last Thursday at Souther's Marsh Country Club in Plymouth. The Skippers' team score of 214 best second-place Norwell by eight strokes. Zach Murray won the individual competition, as his round of 67 was tops among the 28 golfers competing. Charlie Czerkawski shot a 71, while John Wade's 76 rounded out the scorers for Cohasset's win. Cohasset also joined Norwell as the only teams in the league to have multiple SSL All-Stars (both had three golfers selected). Representing Cohasset on the team are Murray, Czerkawski, and Kevin Barber.

CHS boys look to end season right

By Mark Goodman
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This season has been one of adversity for the Cohasset High boys soccer team.

After losing nine starters to graduation from last year's squad, this year's outfit has seen key player after key player go down with myriad injuries.

Through it all, head coach Rob Leary says he has seen his boys play hard and not feel sorry for themselves.

"The kids have not given up. They definitely could've packed up a couple weeks ago, and they haven't," Leary said Wednesday. "Most of them are young, and they know they're playing for next year. The seniors are still going hard, too, which says a lot about them."

Cohasset's six seniors – tri-captain Chris Donze, Hunter Sease, Luke Genello, Adam Smith, Tristram Norman and Mike Corry – will close out their high school soccer careers on Wednesday when the Skippers host non-league foe Scituate at 3:30. Prior to that, Cohasset played undefeated Hanover yesterday (Oct. 26) after the Mariner went to press.

In their most recent match, the Skippers traveled to Mashpee and took a 5-3 loss. The Falcons jumped out to a 4-1 lead, but Cohasset hung with it and made a game of it. Sophomore forward Chris Wilcox, who started the season on the JV team, had two goals, with junior tri-captain Sam Roth scoring the other.

Wilcox has been a revelation in the second half of the season, highlighted by a corker of a goal in the Skippers' 5-4 win over Carver on Oct. 12. Taking a diagonal ball from junior midfielder Emma Oronte, Wilcox fired a 30-yard rocket from a tough angle, and the Crusaders keeper was helpless as it found the net, top corner.

"Chris has a bright future," said Leary. "He's still adjusting to the speed of the varsity game, but he's come a long way since the beginning of the year."

The coach he has been impressed with the play of freshman keeper Will Wise and sophomore keeper Owen Landon. Also playing well recently have been junior Ryan Crough and sophomores Lenny Brown and Ryan Daley.

Most of these players weren't expected to see as much playing time as they have, and at times the going has been tough. But, Leary sees it as a blessing in disguise, as they will all be back next year and will be starting the '07 season much further along in their development than expected.

Field hockey peaking at the right time

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Two significant developments have cropped up on the field hockey front in the last weeks of the season.

First, the Skippers have qualified to enter postseason play as a result of their shutting out Hull on the 17th of October; more on this later.

The other good piece of news lies in the tactical shifts made on the field. These shifts have played a big part in the team's movement towards a winning formula. So what are these changes?

Let's start with wing movement.

"We've really developed in our wing movement to the point that it is one of our strongest facets," explained head coach Deb Bostwick. "The wings really use their speed to their advantage.

"Another strength we've developed is the ability to control the middle of the field," added Bostwick. "This, coupled with our diagonal back defense, will make for a very solid tournament setup."

The "diagonal back" defense, which utilizes two sweepers, has drastically cut down on fast breaks against Cohasset. If the Skippers can apply this defense, continue to control the middle, and maintain speed on the wings, there's no telling what might develop.

No question about it, Bostwick and company need to shake things up a bit if they want to emerge from the middle of the league. At this point in the season Harwich and East Bridgewater are fighting toe-to-toe for the number-1 spot in the South Shore League. No wonder the Harwich coach was so twisted over the league officials ruling the Harwich–Cohasset game a tie.

Cohasset has landed in third place with a very respectable overall 9-4 season record; not too shabby since many of the wins have shown up late in the season.

Take the victory at Hull for example. The weather can get nasty next to Hull Gut. Sure enough, the winds picked up and the rain clouds began to move in.

Hull has not exactly burned up the league this year. So, when the Skippers finished the first half with a 0-0 score, Bostwick huddled with her crew to put it mildly: if the Skippers failed to pick up the pace within the first five minutes of the second half, she would not be a happy camper.

The Skippers did not disappoint. Sophomore Georgia Murley assisted senior captain Caitlin Hurley just two minutes into the half.

A minute later, Murley found senior captain Laura Campedelli, opening the floodgates for Campedelli. Only seven minutes later Campedelli scored again, this time unassisted.

With only five minutes left in the game junior Olivia Kimla fed Campedelli, who notched a hat trick. This midfield and offensive production, along with unbeatable Skipper defense all contributed to the shutout for Cohasset.

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Skippers captains Sheelah Scott (left) and Laura Campedelli celebrate a goal during Cohasset's 2-1 win over Norwell on Oct. 14. Campedelli scored a hat trick in last week's win in Hull.

The Skippers regained their stride with a key 2-0 Homecoming victory against Norwell last Saturday.

The successful tactics and motivating words that worked in Hull fell by the wayside two days later when Carver showed up at Alumni Field. The Skippers clearly wanted revenge for the loss at Carver earlier in the season.

Cohasset drew first blood on a goal from Hurley with the assist going to junior Corinna Durham. Unfortunately, the Crusaders answered with two goals of their own.

In the second half, Campedelli assisted junior Sally Meehan, who fired a rocket on a corner to tie the game. Carver responded quickly with a game-winning goal by taking advantage of a scuffle in the Skipper's defensive end.

"We played very well," said senior Virginia Spofford. "We really could not have done many things better."

Bostwick agreed, saying, "We were ready for this and gave them a great game, but we have this thing about Carver and winning…still trying to figure it out."

Bostwick gave praise to her defense for this game, particularly to senior Michelle Madge, and to juniors Meehan and Paige Strecker.

The Skippers regained their stride with a key 2-0 Homecoming victory against Norwell last Saturday. The Skippers dominated the field with the score barely reflecting Cohasset's control. Midway through the first half senior captain Sheelah Scott made a textbook pass to Spofford, who knocked it home for the first goal. Five minutes later, Scott tallied another assist, this time to Meehan.

Kimla, Campedelli, and defenders Sondra Hart and Molly Gallagher owned the field and set up many of these opportunities.

For now, the Skippers have a chance to boost their seeding with this week's games against Westwood and Silver Lake. Bostwick emphasized how the Cohasset corners, both on defense and offense, need improvement if the Skippers expect to go deep into postseason play.

She will continue to focus on wing speed, midfield control and the diagonal back defense as the Skippers prepare for the tournament.

Georgia Murley (left) mixes it up with Norwell's Cassie Maynard during the team's Oct. 14 game.

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Fletcher Smalzel (9) gets a hand from Nick Zappolo after the Skippers' defense forced a turnover on downs in Friday's game against East Bridgewater.

Hard-fought battle shows no results

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Afanasiw added how frustrating the final result was for the kids because they played well enough to win, and that in the future he would like to see games go to overtime to determine a winner.

About the teams overall performance seven games into the year, Afanasiw said, "They have had outstanding moments, show glimpse of greatness, but they still make rudimentary mistakes. They have learned a lot, though, and taken well with the new offensive system."

This Homecoming game had everything in it except a winner; or for that matter, even a score, as the teams battled to a 0-0 tie.

Cohasset (3-2-2 overall, 1-1-1 in the South Shore League) still has hopes of making the playoffs. To do so, however, they will most likely have to win their remaining three games, and also receive help from other teams in the league.

Afanasiw said he and his team are focused on their big game against the reigning Div. 3 Super Bowl champions, Abington, and believes his team is up for the task. The Green Wave are playing at Norwell on Saturday.

JV gridders fall to EB

In sports, sometimes the outcome of a contest can come down to inches.

In football, an inch can be the difference in achieving a first down or a two-point conversion. In the JV football contest in East Bridgewater, it was inches that made the difference between a tie and a loss for the Skipppers.

The JV Skippers arrived in EB on a blustery fall day. EB received the opening kickoff and the mighty D of Cohasset held them to three-and-out.

Cohasset marched the length of the field, gaining three consecutive first downs behind the power running of Mike Froio and Dana Valentine. They failed to reach the end zone, however, and turned the ball over to EB on downs. That was the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw EB go down and out on three plays again. On the Skippers' next possession, Valentine picked up five yards, there was an incomplete pass, and then a Johnny Maher scramble out of the pocket picked up the first down.

Maher rolled left in the ensuing series and was hit hard and left the game. Brendan Doonan took over play calling for the Skippers, handing off to Valentine for a 12-yard gain. The next play, Cohasset turned over the ball.

In a game of inches, he was brought down hard, just inches from securing a tie.

EB had their first pass completion of the game but gave back all the yards gained when Nick Savage sacked the quarterback in the backfield for a huge loss. It was third and short (inches), and EB decided to throw the ball and linebacker Andy McKenna decided to intercept it. McKenna delivered a solid return and gave his offense good field position. It was three-and-out for the Skippers, though.

On the ensuing punt, Matt Wasel gave a big league hit to the punt returner, keeping EB deep in its own territory. EB was down and out in three. McKenna came up with a solid return on the EB punt. Valentine brought the ball to the EB 10-yard line, culminating the strongest drive of the game, but penalties pushed the Skippers back and they failed to convert.

It was 0-0 going into the fourth quarter. EB took over on its own 25 and marched the length of the field, successfully moving the ball on the ground. They finally scored after a punishing drive against the Cohasset defense, and converted the two points to lead, 8-0.

It was now or never for the Skippers. Cohasset had a good return on the kickoff, getting to midfield with just over two minutes to go. Doonan rolled right, Derek Schwantner sped down the field, and Doonan released a rocket that hit Schwantner perfectly (in the middle of two defenders) and Schwantner went in for the score.

Needing the two-point conversion to tie, Doonan rolled right again, but seeing his receivers covered, he scrambled for the end zone. But, in a game of inches, he was brought down hard, just inches from securing a tie. After receiving the kickoff, EB took a knee to run out the clock.

The JV gridders next face Abington, Thursday Nov. 2, 3:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Cohasset's Sam Roth (13) is in a scramble for a loose ball with Abington keeper Shawn Skillings during the teams' Oct. 10 match. Roth and his Skippers teammates close out their season on Wednesday when they host Scituate.

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Lady Skippers team manager Angela Sestito helps coach Deb Beal put up signs with the names of the girls soccer players before the start of Saturday's game against Norwell. It was Homecoming weekend at Cohasset High School.

On a level playing field

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slate Tuesday with an impressive win over the Falcons. The score was a true indicator of the game's tenor, particularly in the first half.

It was Cohasset's turn to score early in this one, as a goal from senior captain Caren Garber in the first five minutes gave the Skippers a 1-0 lead. Hart picked up the assist, as she did on the other two goals.

It was clear from the get-go that the Skippers wanted to get the ball up front to Hart and let her create scoring opportunities, and Cohasset did it with smooth precision. Garber, McGoldrick and sophomore Sarah Coggins all provided great service for Hart in the first 10 minutes, setting the tone for the entire first half.

The work paid off in the 33rd minute, when junior striker Meg Anderson found the back of the net to make it 2-0. Coggins played another ball up to Hart in the final third, and Hart cleverly back-heeled it into Mashpee's penalty area. There, Anderson simply out-hustled her mark and the keeper to the ball and pushed it in.

Cohasset came out in the second half resting a few starters and playing a few girls in different positions. Junior stopper Anna Haggerty fell back into the sweeper role, and made a few key plays to stop attacks by the Falcons. Coggins and senior fullbacks Colleen Richardson and Haley Haracz all played well in the second half.

McGoldrick almost scored in the 52nd minute off a well-executed Cohasset attack. Garber, who played a strong game on the right flank for the Skippers, crossed to freshman forward Christine Coner just inside the Mashpee box. Coner laid it off beautifully to McGoldrick, whose shot from 22 yards out sailed just inches over the bar.

Sophomore Kristin Monaco scored Cohasset's third and final goal with nine minutes left in the match, finishing off a cross by Hart.

Senior keeper Shalea Daly came on in the second half and made four good saves to preserve the clean sheet for Cohasset, who improved to 11-3-2 going into yesterday's (Oct. 26) match against Nantucket. The Skippers close their season Monday at home against Holbrook (5:30 p.m. kickoff).

Anna Haggerty gets a handle of the ball during the first half of the Norwell match.

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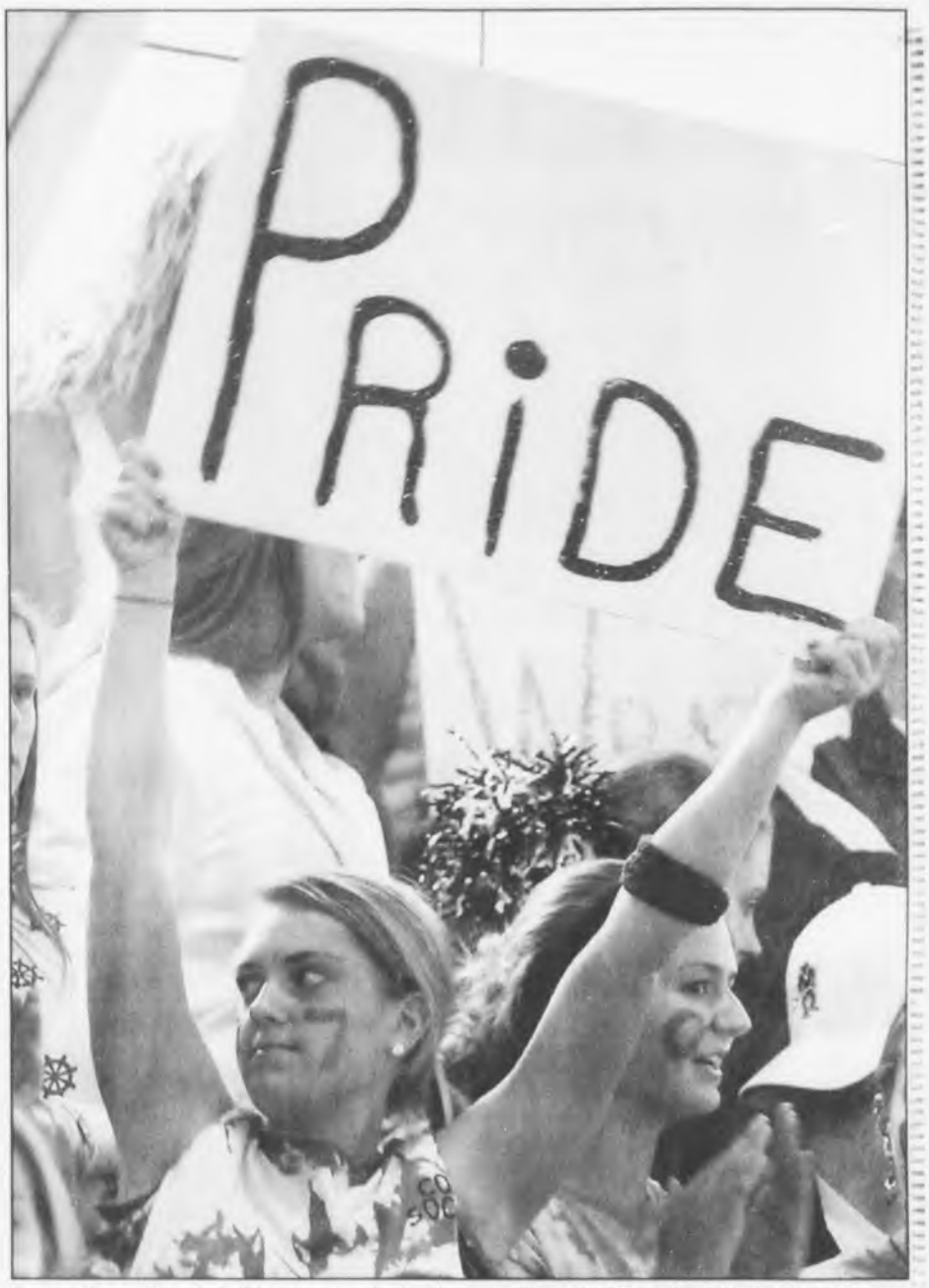
Senior Charles Miller gives the student body what it wants — more cowbell — while the band plays the introductory music for the football team during the pep rally at the high school last Friday.

The seniors try to prove to the rest of the student body they have the most spirit, as they scream their support during the pep rally last Friday.



Senior Alyssa Hinman holds up a sign during the pep rally at the high school Friday, Oct. 20

Team spirit!

Homecoming week at hit at CMHS

Left, volunteer coaches Don Silvia, front left, and Dave Terry, next to Don, were honored during halftime by the Gridiron Club for their service to the team. The football yearbook was dedicated to the two volunteer coaches.

Below left, Junior Charlie Czerkawski holds up the hardware the golf team received for taking first place in the South Shore League Tournament during the pep rally last Friday.

Seniors Ben Masotta and Flossie Clougherty were named king and queen during halftime at Cohasset's Homecoming game Friday, Oct. 20

Left, Dave Alexander, right, tells seventh-grader Chris Brash, 12, where to tie a sting of balloons being used to decorate the field for Cohasset's Homecoming game on Friday. Abby Bray (not pictured) was also helping out.

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School Wellness Policy should be off the menu

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Last week was Spirit Week at CHS. Yet again, this year's graduating class won by showing the most school spirit. Is this outcome a precursor to this year's Powder Puff game? There's only about a month left until kickoff, so we'll have to wait and see. On a different note, isn't the Wellness Policy a little overbearing? The elimination of less healthy foods and beverages in our schools does absolutely nothing.

The problem of obesity and poor nutrition isn't going to be solved by placing a ban on unhealthy options in schools. Is asking the school to teach kids to make the right choices, instead of pretending those choices don't exist, too much? Who knows. Moving on, here is this week's news.

• Attention Seniors! Senior pictures, baby pictures and Senior write-ups are due in the main office by Nov. 1st. Any questions can be e-mailed to **Derry Schwantner** at dschwantner@cohassetk12.org Parents please send in your ads ASAP.

• Last Friday state Rep. Garrett Bradley and Senator Bob Hedlund spoke to students about the gubernatorial race, smear campaigns, and the effects of the train on the South Shore.

The TV lineup right now is one more on the endless mountain of reasons kids can become lazy and procrastinate.

• Last Friday a pep rally was held in the gymnasium marking the end of Spirit Week. The heated class rivalry prompted some students' to cool off via water balloons, much to the consternation and chagrin of the administration.

• Congratulations to Homecoming King and Queen **Ben Masotta** and **Flossie Clougherty**! The Homecoming Court included **Bobby Meikleham, Hunter Sease, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Alyssa Campbell, Casey Cavanaro,** and **Lara Novak.**

• Monday was the Middle School Spirit Sale.

• Middle School team leaders met Thursday.

• A CTA meeting was held Thursday in the library at 3:30.

• Tonight is the Middle School Halloween Dance.

• The Spinnaker '06-'07 debut is next week on Halloween! Buy a Spinnaker and stay up to date on all the gossip in the Scuttlebutt. Don't expect a lollipop with your Spinnaker, however, because we all know that one piece of candy on Halloween can't be tolerated by the Administration under the Wellness Act — the same administration that hands out Smarties for 10th graders taking MCAS.

• Powder Puff is in the near future. Get those shirts made, and show some class pride!

Charles Miller made an awesome Jedi knight during Spirit Week.

• Congratulations to Mrs. Charwat, who recently gave birth to twin girls!

• Congratulations to Ms. Sternala, now Mrs. McCoy, who recently tied the knot!

• Coach Afanasiw was also married recently, congrats!

The TV lineup right now is one more on the endless mountain of reasons kids can become lazy and procrastinate. Monday Heroes is on; Tuesday has Friday Night Lights, Wednesday has LOST finishing up with Thursday's comedy, The Office. Parents, next time you begin tell your child to turn off the tube and start his or her homework, wait.

We aren't simply sitting there to veg out; we're developing an important life skill. Besides, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." If you don't have Comcast's DVR or TiVo set up to record programs for later viewing, you almost have to watch these shows when they air. Honestly, who still gets out a VHS and hits the record button? Television shows can consume a huge chunk of time as a sedentary exercise. The challenge is balancing work with recreation.

Fortunately, the school's Wellness policy will keep kids from making the same nutritionally poor choices in school that they make at home. Or you know, you could just bring in your own coke and potato chips from home. Ah, the beauty of compromise.

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Book group for middle-schoolers

Buttonwood Book Group for middle school children in grades six through eight, will meet Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Facilitator is Barb Mullin. The selected book is "The Sledding Hill" by Chris Crutcher. Reservations are not necessary, and all are welcome.

For more information, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Informal screening

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2006; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18, 2007.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Parents Advisory Council to meet Nov. 7

The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council will host a "Meet and Greet" on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The PAC is looking forward to meeting some new faces in our school district and some familiar ones too!

The meeting which starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. will meet at the Osgood School Library, (located behind Deer Hill School), 210 Sohier St.

Welcomed are all parents and guardians of students who receive special education services, including families whose children have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Accommodation, or Out-of-District placement, etc. Additionally the PAC welcomes the involvement of educators and all other interested parties. The PAC is a resource for parents who think their child may have some learning, behavioral, social or attention issues.

Under the Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 71B each school district is currently required to have a Parent Advisory Council. In Cohasset, the PAC is a system-wide organization of parents working in partnership with teachers, special education service providers and administrators to promote a successful educational environment for our children. The PAC is dedicated to ensuring that children with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities and schools that are safe, nurturing, challenging learning environments. Cohasset PAC provides access to current resources, regulations, laws and activities that impact special education.

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The Cohasset PAC has joined with other local PAC members in the South Shore area to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. If you would like to be added the e-mail network for updates please forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net.

SENIOR SCENE

Skinner Appraisal Day is Nov. 4

The following activities are planned by the Council on Elder Affairs. Call 781-383-9112 for more information.

Don't miss the November issue of our new Vista available next week at the CEA, for more info on our many varied holiday plans for November and December. Check out our weekly programs as well as special events — they are fun and filling up fast!

• Nov. 4 the CEA will host a Skinner Antique Appraisal Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center with appraisals, food and raffles.

• Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. you are cordially invited to Cohasset Knoll for breakfast. Please call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

• Once again, Joe Campbell and his wonderful staff invite all Cohasset Seniors (60+) to a Thanksgiving Dinner at Atlantica on Nov. 21 At 12 noon. Please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112, as a reservation is a must! Some transportation will be available.

• Patti Johnson and the Angel Kitchen Project Volunteers plan special luncheons at CEA for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. Please check the Vista for dates.

• Dec. 6 bus trip to see the World Famous Vienna Choir Boys at Mohegan Sun includes buffet lunch, two free tickets for the Wheel of Fortune and a fabulous show. Tickets are $59, Mohegan Sun Casino only, $22.

• Dec.14 the Rockettes are back! The CEA is sponsoring a bus trip to include lunch in Boston before the 2 p.m. matinee performance. Cost is $104 and is available to all.

• Dec. 19 our van will provide transportation to the Annual Holiday Concert at Massasoit, performed by the delightful Senior Band. Not to be missed and free to all seniors. Please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112 for reservations.

CLASSES AND HOBBIES

• Second Friday Book Club: Second Friday of the month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and share in our lively discussions. Coffee and camaraderie too. Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St. Contact Addie McGrath at (781) 383-0952 with questions and to sign up!

• ACBL Bridge: Mondays, 12:15 p.m. Held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. This is an ACBL-sanctioned game with stratified scoring so the less experienced can play and score against peers. Refreshments starting at 11:15 a.m. All welcome. Call Bill Wennerberg, instructor, with questions or to sign up at (508) 746-8715.

• Drop in Bridge: Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Held at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St., and open to the public. Advance notice is not necessary - just drop in!

• Computer Technology for Seniors: Tuesdays 2:30-3 p.m. For first time students, Austin will teach the basics such as Internet navigation and organization of personal documents. Instructor, Cohasset resident and Cohasset High School graduate Austin Breslow, offers the course once per week for 30 minutes at the CEA, 3 N. Main St. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the CEA at (781) 383-9112.

• Knitting: Fridays, 1-3 p.m., $3. Learn the basics of knitting with Edna Finegan, including how to select patterns, books and yarns. Work on your own project!

• Men's Chanticleers: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. For men only. Meet at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. Breakfast club just for men! No dues, no charges, just the cost of breakfast. The group plans other events, such as day trips, evening dining and overnights (room and meals). Transportation available. Please call Lloyd Prescott at (781) 544-3626 to sign up!

• Stroke Club: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Hingham Elder Affairs. Provides companionship, support and information to those who have suffered a stroke and to their caregivers. Call Carol Barrett at (781) 383-9112 for information and to arrange free transportation.

• Foot Care: Second Thursday of each month by appointment only. Scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Held at 60 Elm St.

Cohasset Elder Affairs hosts a low-cost foot care service, provided by an RN and open to all South Shore residents. Cost is $27. Fills up quickly. Call CEA at (781) 383-9112 to reserve. Home visits can be arranged.

• Come to Lunch at the Center: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Nutritionally sound meals served three days a week at the Cohasset Elder Affairs Senior Center, 3 N. Main St. The donation for each meal is $2.50. Reservations at least two days in advance a must. The CEA often has wonderful educational programs and a lot of fun, so join us.

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Brian and Connor Murphy are all smiles at Make a Difference Day last Saturday morning at the Osgood School.

Pitching in

Kids, parents making a difference

Osgood students pitch in to fix up their playground during Make a Difference Day last Saturday morning.

Lisa Rosen headed up the volunteer effort Saturday at the Osgood School.

Photos by Amy Osten

Here, a strong boy gets ready to unload some of the woodchips during Make a Difference Day on Saturday.

(Above)Nick Schubert paints a hopscotch square on the playground at Osgood School during Make a Difference Day on Saturday.

(Right) Quentin Hill and his dad, Roger, are hard at work dispersing new wood chips on the Osgood School playground.

(Below) Nick and Alexander Schubert help spread woodchips on the playground during Make a Difference Day at Osgood School.

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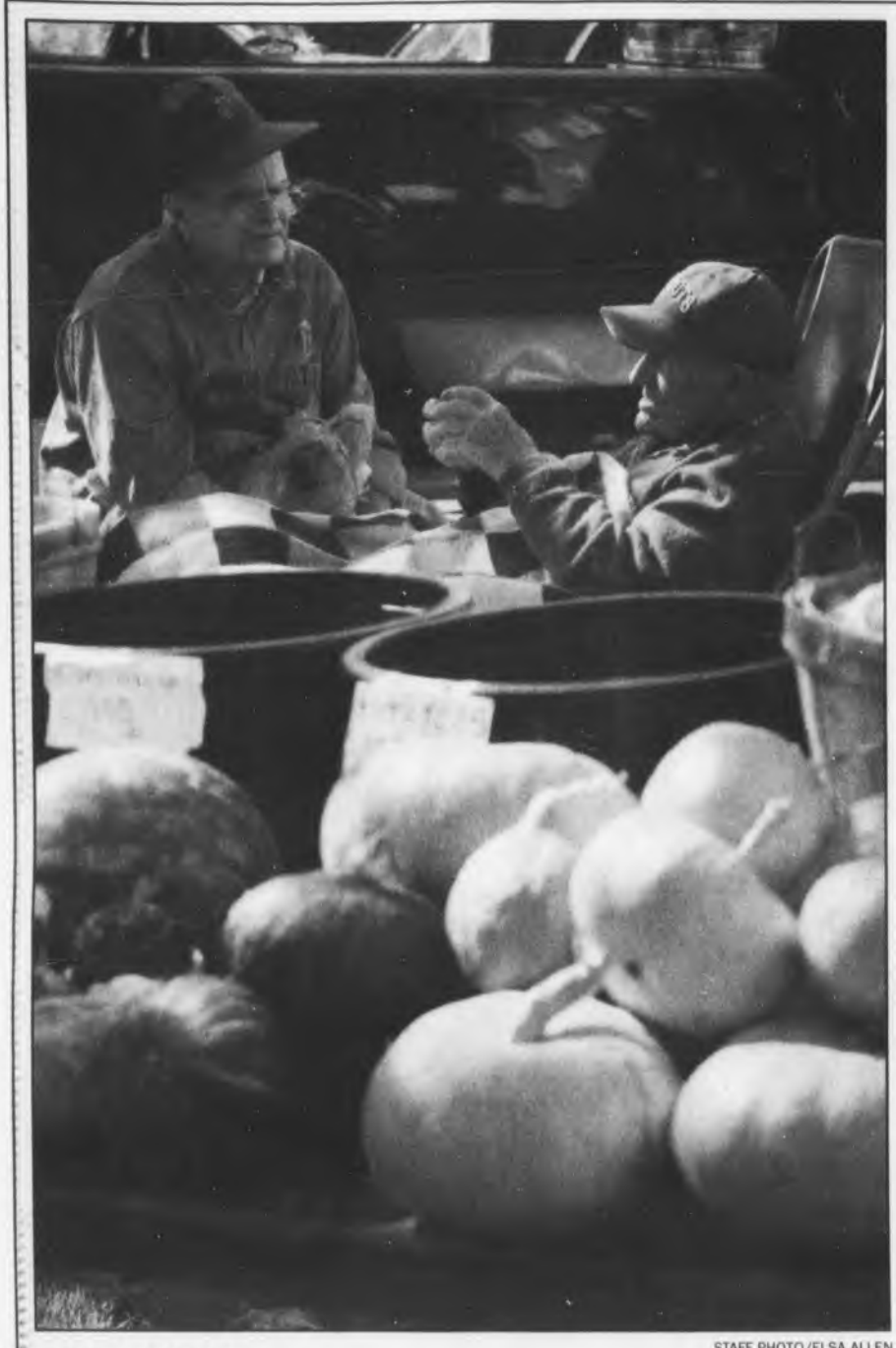

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LOCAL COLOR

Vendors Jack Tyson and Bill Steverman relax and chat during the Cohasset Farmers Market on Cohasset Common a recent Thursday.

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IT'S HAPPENING

'The Women' on stage

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Women., the classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce on Nov. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, Cohasset.

Tickets are $12, group discounts are available for groups of eight or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

Choral Art Society hosts fundraising concert

Choral Art Society is hosting a fundraising concert Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center, Scituate, to raise money for the Choral Art Society Anniversary Scholarship. Five developing musicians – current students and recent graduates of conservatories and university voice programs such as The Boston Conservatory, NYU and Berklee College of Music – will showcase their talents in what is expected to be a varied and lively concert. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students.

Choral Art Society will be launching this scholarship as part of its 50th anniversary celebration during the 2008-2009 concert season. One or two scholarships will be awarded annually to a South Shore high school student who plans to further his or her education in music.

By featuring current and recent voice students in this fundraising concert, Choral Art Society will demonstrate the benefits of helping encourage the musical education of talented individuals. Participants will be supporting these developing musicians as they also support the developing Choral Art Society scholarship fund.

Directed by Danica A. Buckley, Choral Art Society is a non-auditioned, mixed chorus composed of members from many South Shore communities. Two concerts are scheduled annually. The Christmas concert is scheduled for Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m., at St. Luke Church, Scituate; rehearsals for the spring concert, which will take place May 12, will begin Monday, Jan. 15.

New members are always welcome; the ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary; rehearsal CDs/tapes are made available. Weekly rehearsals are Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at First Trinitarian Congregational Church, Country Way, Scituate. Rehearsal and performance space are handicapped accessible.

For more information, visit choralartsociety.org, or call 781-545-8295 or 617-285-6339.

Teen Center

There will be a Midnight Blue Dance at the Teen Center Friday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grade six through eight is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Book donations at St. Stephen's

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church at16 Highland Ave., Cohasset will accept donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, on Cohasset's scenic common.

If your shelves are spilling onto the floor, they have the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices." Use the "Reserved Parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours, which are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alternatively, they would be happy to make arrangements to pick up of donations. For donation pick-up or information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104.

Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, Nov. 25. They regret that they cannot accept old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting.

The monies raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. Your donation of books, DVDs and CDs will help change lives and strengthen the community.

For information about this wonderful facility, visit www.bchcenter.org.

Bellevue Cadillac to hold benefit concert

The Jump Jive 'n Wail for Trails concert, starring the Grammy Award winning band, Bellevue Cadillac, will take place Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 9:30 p.m., at the Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell to benefit the Maxwell Conservation Trust, the local land trust based in Scituate, which has worked hard during the past five years to save 125 acres of open space in the Bates Lane area in the west end of Scituate. This land is watershed to Cohasset and Scituate.

This rockin' party will also feature a super silent auction and raffle full of 80 terrific items. These include original oil paintings by Sergio Roffo, Dean Morrissey, Jill Cappadano and Paige Railsback, weekends in New Hampshire, Martha's Vineyard and the Berkshires, a kayak, a cord of seasoned firewood delivered to the winner's door, a catered Thanksgiving meal for eight from Whole Foods, stays at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, and the Colonnade Hotel in Boston, antiques, Irish knits, Bruins tickets, sports memorabilia, and gift certificates from all over the South Shore.

Tickets for the event are $50 per person and include complimentary finger food, beer and wine. Contact Cynde Robbins at 781-545-4167 for tickets, or purchase them at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset or at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate Harbor.

Reservations may also be made at Mt. Blue at 781-659-0050.

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What's cooking this month at SSCC

Adult and children's cooking classes are being offered at South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. To register or for more information, call 781-383-0088

ADULT CLASSES

Fabulous Sides For the Holidays – Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd. Meets Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Fee is $50/members; $55/non-members. Boothroyd will show attendees how to make roasted root vegetables with renaissance spice butter; cauliflower gratin with basil, cream, roasted garlic and parmesan asparagus; proscuitto bundles with lemon truffle butter; crispy pan fried orzo with figs, bourbon, dried cherries and brown sugar ; and apple-mango chutney with walnuts. Herb-seared pork tenderloin will accompany these side dishes.

Classic Saporito-Style Desserts – Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd. Monday, Dec. 4, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is $50/members; $55/non-members. Boothroyd will show particpants how to make chocolate espresso torte; pineapple and dried cherry bread pudding with caramel sauce; cannoli tart with chocolate, orange and almonds; and Lisa's white chocolate cheesecake.

Simple Yet Delicious Appetizers – Chef Allison DeLorenzo of the Plated Gourmet-Personal Chef and Catering Services. Thursday Nov. 9, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Cost is $55/members; $60/non-members. Those attending will be shown simple guidelines and preparation skills for appetizers. Features: chicken satay with peanut dipping sauce, beef skewers with cilantro, stuffed vegetables, miniature tartlets and home-made spreads.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: William Baird.

Sunday, Oct. 22— Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Circle Ministry Sunday - A Dailogue Sermon: "Only Connect"

Our minister will be joined in the pulpit by Peter Bowden, who consults widely on what is often called Small Group Ministry. Directly after this service all are invited to participate in a **one-hour sample session of Circle Ministry, from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Parish House. Child care will be provided!**

A year in the planning, Circle Ministry is a venture in which small groups of eight to ten meet with trained facilitators in member homes with agreed upon frequency to discover deeper connections with one another, to explore life stirring questions, to grow spiritually, and to develop an intention where service to the congregation and the larger community is an outcome.

Coffee hour will lead directly into the Circle Ministry sample session.

Toddlers, children, and youth will meet for religious education classes at 10 AM in the Parish House. Childcare is provided for the youngest.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. .

Sat. Oct. 21: 7 am Bible Fellowship

Sun. Oct. 22: Regular Services at 8 and 10; 7 p.m. Appalachia Service Project meeting

Readings for Oct. 22 services include a reading of the poem of the "suffering servant" from Isaiah; the Epistle reading comes from Hebrews and reminds us that God's word is living in the world and more powerful than the sharpest sword; and the Gospel reading is from Mark in which Jesus reflects that discipleship in the world means something very different when one chooses to follow Jesus.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome! Bible lesson for Sunday Oct. 22 is "Probation after Death."

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituaries

Esther Studley

Devoted mother and grandmother

Esther (Raccuia) Studley, 78, of Cohasset died Oct. 19, 2006, at South Shore Hospital.

Mrs. Studley was born in New Haven, Conn., and was raised and educated in Hingham. A graduate of Hingham High School, she moved to Cohasset in 1949, where she met and married her husband, the late Austin E. Studley.

Mrs. Studley was a devoted mother and grandmother.

Wife of the late Austin E. Studley, who died Feb. 11, 1995, she leaves her children, Katherine T. Ellstrom and her husband, Steven, of Yarmouth Port, and Ernest A. Studley and his wife, Sharyn, of Cohasset; her sister, Josephine Shaw of Illinois; her brother, Bernard Raccuia of Connecticut; and her grandchildren, Teresa and Clifford Ellstrom and Eric and Kyle Studley.

A graveside service was held at Woodside Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Trustees of Reservations at World's End, 250 Martin St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Abbey lecture on serving spiritual needs of inmates

Glastonbury Abbey presents, "Listening to Other Voices: The Fears That Binds Us," Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:15 p.m., in the Glastonbury Conference Center at16 Hull St., in Hingham.

Sisters Kathleen Deneven and Ruth Raiche have been serving the spiritual needs of the inmates of MCI-Norfolk for a combined total of 34 years and will describe their daily work. Eighty percent of the 1,400 inmates are serving life sentences for murder. In addition, they will talk about their extensive volunteer support programs within Norfolk and aftercare transitional programs for former inmates.

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Sister Kathleen is a Franciscan nun and psychotherapist who retired in Feb. 2006, but remains active at the penitentiary and Sister Ruth is a Third Order Dominican who has worked at Framingham and Norfolk prisons for more than 18 years.

The free lecture is a part of Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series. Donations are gratefully accepted. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 781-749-2155.

Volunteer workday at World's End is Oct. 28

Looking for a way to give back to the Hingham community while enjoying the day with family, friends and neighbors? The Trustees of Reservations invites residents to pack a picnic and pitch in at World's End in Hingham Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to help clear trails, prune the red cedars and remove weeds from the grove area. Volunteers are asked to meet at the property's parking lot on Martin's Lane. Volunteer pre-registration is requested.

. This property is comprised of four major drumlins, grassy fields and miles of walking paths overlooking Boston Harbor. Even with a staff of caretakers and field personnel, there is always more work to be done.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jeanette Murray

Former state Representative

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Mary Jeanette (Hurwitz) Murray, 81, of Cohasset, died at her home Oct. 23, 2006.

Mrs. Murray was the longest serving Republican woman state Representative in the history of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Among her accomplishments, the most significant to her was the ability to assist "her people," citizens of her district and her friends, who needed her guidance, influence and insight. She was a woman who lived to serve others, and was committed to her work for the Woman Marine Corps League, and was a founding member of the committee, which designed and erected the Woman's Veteran's War Memorial at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

Mrs. Murray fought against casinos in the town of Hull; sponsored legislation that put in place a wheelchair lemon law; sponsored legislation to enforce drunk driving laws when operating a boat; and was instrumental in allowing hospice nurses the right to pronounce, thereby saving families from hours of waiting for the medical examiner.

She served as state Representative for the Third Plymouth District for 24 years and through six governor's administrations. She was a Selectman for the town of Cohasset for 13 years, and was appointed to the Cohasset Housing Authority by the governor of the commonwealth. Mrs. Murray and her husband, Phil, helped found the Cohasset Youth Athletic Association. They also worked for the youth of Cohasset through the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Catholic Youth Organization of St. Anthony's and as coach of varsity basketball at Cohasset High School in the 1960s.

Mrs. Murray was an organizer and sponsor of the Cohasset Drug Education Committee. She was also a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee of Woman Veteran's and the Marine Caddy Post of Quincy. She was the Veterans Agent for the town of Cohasset and was a member of the Sons of Italy, Lodge 1851, the Saltwater Club of Hull, American Legion Auxiliary and Hingham's Citizens Police Academy. Mrs. Murray was a parishioner of St. Anthony Church for 81 years.

Wife of the late Philip G. Murray Sr., she leaves her children, Phil Murray and his wife, Kathleen, of Hanover, Nate Murray and his wife, Victoria, of Kingston; and Lillian Curley and her husband, James, of Cohasset; and five grandchildren, Chris, Kevin and Max Murray, and Jennie and Ben Curley.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m., at St. Anthony Church. Visiting hours will be in St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, Friday, from noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cohasset Veteran's Memorial Committee, c/o Town Treasurer, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Mary Elizabeth Campbell

Former director of Social Service League

Mary Elizabeth (Hillis) Campbell, 95, a long-time resident of Cohasset, died in Hingham on Oct. 13, 2006.

She was born in Cohasset in 1911, graduated from Cohasset High School in 1929 and from Perry Normal School in Boston in 1933 and did graduate work at Boston University and City College of New York. A specialist in remedial reading, she taught in the Cohasset and Brookline Schools, at Children's Hospital in Boston, in private schools in Greenwich, Conn., and Mount Kisco, N.Y. and at the Kingsbury Remedial Center of Washington, D.C.

Throughout her life Mrs. Campbell worked as a volunteer for many public service agencies in Westchester County, New York where she resided for 26 years and in Cohasset where she was a director of the Cohasset Social Service League, an active board member of the Cohasset Historical Society and worked with the Coastal Counseling Service in Weymouth.

Wife of 63 years to the late John C. Campbell, she leaves two sons, Allan R. Campbell of Newton and Judge A. Bruce Campbell of Denver, Colo., and their wives, Martha and Brenda Campbell; three grandchildren, Michael C. Campbell of Newton, Erin C. Breit of Denver, and two great-grandchildren, John A. and Peter J. Campbell, both of Newton.

She was the grandmother of the late John F. Campbell.

A memorial service will be held in the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset Common on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or the Cohasset Social Service League, 16 Highland Avenue, Cohasset MA 02025.

The Rev. Roger P.N. Nolette

Monk at Glastonbury Abbey

The Rev. Roger P.N. Nolette, OSB, 70, a monk at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, died at the Abbey Oct, 8, 2006, after a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Adelard and Antoinette Nolette, and was educated in public schools in Fitchburg and Winchendon, and later joined the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the Air Force, Rev. Nolette attended college at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon and, after entering Glastonbury Abbey, Conception Abbey Seminary in Missouri. He completed his theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto, Canada, and later received a master's degree in religious education from Andover Newton School of Theology. The Rev. Nolette made is profession of monastic vows in 1964, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1969.

In the early years of his ministry, the Rev. Nolette worked in religious education and directed retreats at the Abbey. He was also the director of lay oblates for many years. In more recent years, he assisted at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Osterville, and was a part time chaplain at Cape Cod Hospital.

He leaves his brother, Robert Nolette of Turner Falls; his sisters, Lorraine Richard. Lucille Moriarty and Rita Amenta, all of Winchendon, and Doris LaFond of Sweet Home, Ore.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and his brother monks at Glastonbury Abbey. He was the brother of the late Roland Nolette and Romeo Nolette.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Glastonbury Abbey. Interment in the Abbey Cemetery. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 76 Wianno Ave., Osterville, MA 02655; Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, MA 02043; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Brother John Mark Carlin, Obl. O.S.B.

a residential oblate of Glastonbury Abbey

Brother John Mark Carlin, Obl. O.S.B., 81, a residential oblate of Glastonbury Abbey died Oct. 14, 2006 at the Norwell Knoll Nursing Facility, Norwell, after a long illness. He would have been 82 on Oct. 16.

Brother John Mark was born and grew up in Medford. He was educated in Medford parochial schools and graduated from St. Clement's High School in 1942. He served in the United States Army during World War II, landing at Utah Beach in Normandy and remaining on active duty in Europe until the end of the war. Taking advantage of the GI bill, he attended college and graduated from Spring Hill College, Alabama in 1950.

After college, Brother John Mark married Mary Heapes of Hingham. They lived in Weymouth until moving to Hingham in 1962 and were divorced in 1994. In Hingham, John Mark was active in community affairs, serving on the school committee and the advisory board. He was also active in St. Paul's Parish where he taught religious education classes for a number of years. Fro 30 years he owned and operated the Submarine Galley in Abington.

In 1999, Brother John Mark became a residential Oblate of Glastonbury Abbey. He had joined the monks for prayer on a daily basis for years prior to this and said that he simply felt that this is where he belonged.

Brother John Mark leaves his daughters, Ginny Carlin and Jennifer Smith both of Hingham; a grandson, Neil Smith also of Hingham and many nieces and nephews and the monks of Glastonbury Abbey.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 19 in the Abbey church at 11 a.m.

Interment was in the Abbey cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul's Church, 147 North St., Hingham 02043, Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham 02043 or the charity of your choice.

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POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO —Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)
ALS — Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)
BLS Transport — Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)
BOLO — **Be On the Look Out**
BT — Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)
C20 — Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln
Capt. — Fire Captain (supervisor)
CID — Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)
CPAC — State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office
D1 — Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)
D2 — Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)
D/K — Drunk
E1 - E4 — Cohasset Fire Engines
GOA— Gone on Arrival
HQ — Headquarters
Juvenile —Person under the age of 17
L1 — Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck
LEAPS/NCIC — Police Computer System (National)
ME — Medical Examiner
M/V — Motor Vehicle
OIC — Officer in Charge
OUI — Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)
P81 through P84 — Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs
PC — Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody — not a criminal charge)
PI — Personal Injury
Principle Party —Person who called
PT — Patient
QMC — Quincy Medical Center
R3 — Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)
RMV —Registry of Motor Vehicles
RO — Restraining Order
RP — Reporting Party
S1 — Squad 1 — Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)
SDI — Smoke Detector Investigation
Sgt. — Police Sergeant (supervisor)
S/P — Suspicious Person
SSH — South Shore Hospital
WMS — Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)
881 — Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey
882 -888 — Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers
886 or 888 — Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

7:36 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:25 a.m. **Smith Place**, animal complaint. Caller reports two white dogs came into her yard, got into duck pen and killed ducks. Note: female called earlier to report her two white dogs missing and she has been contacted as well. Animal control is responding to the scene.

12:36 p.m. **Pleasant and Depot streets**, traffic enforcement.

1:04 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Nichols Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

2;49 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:56 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

3;02 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

5:57 p.m. **Hull St.**, well-being check.

8:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

8:25 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states there is a suspicious car in front of her house. Owner is going to move it; ran out of gas earlier in the day.

9:31 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, neighborhood disturbance; caller states kids ringing his doorbell.

10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

12:34 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:05 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle hit and run; caller reports motor vehicle went off the road and hit a tree.

2:46 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

9:01 a.m. **King St.**, officer reports all buildings check secure.

9:40 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

10:44 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

10:53 a.m. **Central Park, Scituate**, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:57 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:05 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:41 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, parking complaint; caller reports a van is taking up half of the street and making it hard to pass.

1:26 p.m. **Elm St., and Elm Court**, suspicious vehicle; Sgt. requests an officer check on a vehicle parked with a trailer and boat hooked up to it with no plates.

1:42 p.m. **Main St., Hingham**, HFD requesting R3 for a motor vehicle accident; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:06 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

*Note: Third shift log is missing from this date.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

12:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

12:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:40 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

2:43 a.m. **Gannet Rd.**, assist other police dept., Scituate police request assistance with a possible drunk operator. Tedeschi's store clerk states the vehicle was headed down Gannet Rd. towards the water.

3:52 a.m. **Castle Rd.**, noise complaint; sound of screaming coming from woods; unable to determine if animal or human. Area search of Castle Rd., Beechwood St., and tracks negative.

9:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, open door reported.

9:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, 911 caller request for client that is not feeling well; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she arrived home and noticed her house had been broken into. Officer reports that the realtor is believed to have been in and out of the house. No break-in at this time; report filed.

12:04 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle accident with injuries; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS. Officers request two tow trucks to scene.

7:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, and **Wheelwright Farm**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

8:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, walk-in party reports male Yellow Labrador Retriever found with red collar and no tags.

11:59 p.m. **South Main St.**, larceny; caller reports purse stolen.

MONDAY, OCT. 9

1:17 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

1:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, buildings check secure.

1:35 a.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance-drunks, night manager reports he was threatened; officer advised no threats-peace restored.

9:05 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, Fire Captain reports he and Sgt. witnessed a man fall off his bicycle, but he didn't come in contact with anything. He has minor abrasions on his hands, but refused treatment when they offered help.

10:13 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard, caller complains of bumps on Forest Ave., headed towards Route 3A, which caused her vehicle to go airborne. Her vehicle is now leaking oil and is in the Auto Hospital in Hingham. She thinks the town should pay for the bill and also complains that there is no sign to warn drivers of the bump when driving from Forest Ave., to Route 3A.

10:55 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, building checks secure.

10:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks secure.

1:44 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, medical aid.

1:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:16 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

MONDAY, OCT. 9

1:44 p.m. **Country Way**, medical aid; Scituate requests ambulance for party with leg pain.

1:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:16 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

3:07 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious vehicle; caller reports he walk in this park every day; there is a car parked there and that is unusual. Dispatch attempted to reach park by phone-no answer; officer reports everything checks out.

5:22 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, fire captain notified dispatch regarding a report of smoke inside the house at this location.

6:34 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:57 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

11:58 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

1:23 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

6:47 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:17 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

9:09 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checked.

9:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle hit and run; caller reports another car hit his vehicle and kept going; unable to locate other vehicle; notified Hingham-vehicle in question should have exterior mirror damage.

1:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:38 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen; caller reports she is having problems taking AC out of window.

7:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports she has a threatening message on cell phone.

9:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint; caller reports loud music coming from vehicles.

9:49 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

9:49 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

10:07 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint; caller reports he parked on bridge to fish.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

1:13 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

6:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, Main St., motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:06 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

11:12 a.m. **King St.**, party reports sunflower plants have been destroyed; item logged.

12:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-caller reports female passed out and has low blood pressure; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

2:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, be on look out announcement from Hingham PD for brown 2003 Volvo station wagon that has been stolen; last seen in **Derby St., Shoppes** parking lot. All Cohasset units notified via radio.

2:59 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party requests to speak with officer regarding a civil matter.

4:28 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, Curtis Liquors reports shoplifting incident; investigated.

7:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny; services rendered.

11:42 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

11:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

12:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity.

12:45 a.m. **Gun Rock Ave., Hull**, assist Hull police-looking for male party that stole a pocketbook from female at the club; pocketbook retrieved but some credit cards were stolen.

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

12:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious vehicle.

2:27 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, 911 caller states someone just opened her front door. House checked secure; no one in area. Homeowner stated she heard a noise by the front door but no one opened the door and no one was observed in the area. Property and nearby streets were checked for suspicious activity. Area car made frequent checks in area.

2:35 a.m. **Kendall Village**, suspicious vehicle; investigated-belongs in area.

7:12 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:32 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

7:37 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic-enforcement.

8:34 a.m. **Schofield Road**, domestic disturbance; arrested.

10:12 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, investigation; verbal warning issued.

10:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance-unwanted guest; transported to Quincy Medical Center/BLS.

1:27 p.m. **First Parish Rd.**, Scituate fire requests ambulance for girl having a seizure in hallway; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:49 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check; 911 caller with question appears to be having a difficult time breathing. Investigated; appears okay-no problems.

2:03 p.m. **Summer St.**, walk-in party report pocketbook with money, credit cards and medications stolen from vehicle.

3:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer with follow-up investigation.

7:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

9:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, assist citizen; well-being check.

10:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic cita-

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tion /warning issued.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

1:05 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports schools checked.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

7:04 a.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads**, assist citizen.

7:18 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports schools checked.

10:06 a.m. **South Main and Beechwood streets**, detail officer reports a pick up truck lost entire load from the back; all debris cleared off road.

11:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint. Walk-in party reports failure to latch snake cage last night and Python is loose in the building; animal control and local veterinarian responding. Library notified as well and may close for the day.

11:39 a.m. **Pond St.**, lock out; access gained-units clear.

2:46 p.m. **Mill Lane**, suspicious motor vehicle/person-caller reports vehicle parked across from house, daughter went outside and male in vehicle started asking her questions. She feels that male is suspicious and wants him checked.

2:53 p.m. **Country Way**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

3:57 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire investigation; walk-in reports there is a gas leak inside her house. Apparently a construction crew hit the line earlier in the day and never reported it.

4:18 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

4:42 p.m. **Ledgewood Farm Dr.**, animal complaint, caller reports two baby animals, possible coyotes or foxes, on front lawn. They don't seem to mind him and not sure if mother is nearby. Officer spoke with caller and animals have moved back into woods.

4:56 p.m. **Buttonwood Lane**, suspicious vehicle.

5:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop. Officer reports person will not tell him why he is sitting in his car on **Buttonwood Lane**. He seems to be spying on someone and has been advised to stay out of the area. Caller advised to call police if this person returns.

6:57 p.m. **Border and Summer streets**, caller reports strong odor of gas.

7:55 p.m. **Smith Place**, suspicious activity; caller reports he caught a teen wandering around his yard and chased him. Teen ran behind Henry's Root Beer. Caller believes there is a party going on with a bonfire in a yard. Officer reports an outside fire with no permit on James Lane and is sending fire dept. E3 reports small outside fire that was contained and was extinguished by owner. E3 returning.

10:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a car with lights flashing and alarm sounding off. Officer reports alarm must have reset itself; all is secure.

11:15 p.m. All schools; buildings checked.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

12:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity.

12:47 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports schools checked.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

7:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, railroad moving track from Beechwood St., to North Scituate Village. Intersections in the area will be blocked for about five minutes each.

8:17 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

10:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports schools checked.

12:57 p.m. **Elm and Brook streets**, officer reports he is out with a male party in area for suspicious activity; see officer report.

1:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny; walk-in party reports his boat was stolen from harbor overnight.

1:41 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity; walk-in party reports she arrived home last night to find window half open and window lock in pieces. Homeowner called back to report she figured out what happened and officer is not needed.

3:43 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire investigation; caller reports strong odor of gas outside in the area.

6:51 p.m. **Border and Summer streets**, caller reports strong odor of gas; fire captain advised to call Keyspan.

6:55 p.m. **Schofield Rd.** and **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

7:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

7:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking complaint; vehicle parked in fire lane, traffic citation issued.

8:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking complaint; female who received parking ticket for parking in fire lane called to report three cars parked in fire lane presently and she wants them tagged too. She feels she is being discriminated against. Sergeant reports fire lane is currently clear and that there are no violations.

8:29 p.m. **Summer St.**, disable motor vehicle; caller reports a white Eclipse is parked in middle of street.

10:12 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports a loud group of about ten kids in front of her apartment and she doesn't know what they are doing; officer reports that it is just a group of kids on way home.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

1 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

2:58 a.m. **Church St.**, caller reports someone rang his doorbell and ran. He saw the shadows of two people run across street. Officer spoke to caller and checked area; unable to locate persons.

10:44 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

10:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

11:51 a.m. **King St.**, threats; manager requests to speak with an officer; receiving threats concerning alleged theft of $50.

12:31 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, walk-in party reports damage to her fence gate; heard loud bangs overnight and didn't think anything of it until she saw the damaged fence today.

2:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, property damage, walk-in party reports that while parked at **Tedeschi Plaza**, a man in the vehicle next to her opened his door, hit her car and dented it. The man then got in his car and left the scene. Officer investigated the vehicle and found several door dents on passenger side. The door dent that allegedly happened at this location was the size of a quarter.

2:40 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:01 p.m. **King and Pond streets**, traffic enforcement.

5:16 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

5:39 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:25 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

8:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid-possible heart trouble.

8:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

8:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

8:55 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.** and **Newport Rd.**, assist Hull police dept.

11:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

MONDAY, OCT. 16

12:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a van parked on side of road, when caller drove by van was parked in different location; investigated-officer reports person in van looking for address.

1:07 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

7:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:46 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

1:50 p.m. **North Main St.** and **Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle accident, caller reports she crashed her vehicle into a telephone pole; actual location came from another caller; no injuries reported.

4:34 p.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid.

4:27 p.m. **Cedar St.**, caller reports smoke coming from chimney; fire department investigated and reports that oil burner repairman is on scene; he started oil burner for the first time this year-fire department reports that the smoke is ventilating.

6:57 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, animal bite; caller reports babysitter was bitten by neighbor's dog two hours ago; animal control notified; report filed.

7:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident with injuries; two wreckers requested; report filed.

8:20 p.m. **Holly Lane**, well being check.

9:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; Scituate police reports possible drunk drive headed toward Weymouth on Route 3A.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:28 a.m. **Pond St.**, High School checked secure.

7:07 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, property recovered; walk-in reports a green Trek bike has been behind the store for a couple of days.

7:19 a.m. **Spring St.**, detail portable reports Spring St. and Cushing Rd. are closed; traffic has been detoured onto Norfolk Rd. Fire dept. advised.

8:11 a.m. **South Main St.**, keeping the peace; vehicle repossession.

9:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; verbal warning issued.

12:19 p.m. **Capt. Pierce Rd.**, Scituate, medical aid.

1:11 p.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

1:37 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:16 p.m. **South Main and Elm streets**, officer cited vehicle for motor vehicle violations.

2:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation-caller reports vehicle that was driving erratically on Route 3A is now in the parking lot of this location-while dispatching this call, another call was received to the same location for a different incident.

2:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports male party is walking outside in drive-through area and harassing people in their vehicles; related to previous call-this is a road rage incident where the witnesses decided to 'let the suspect know' how her driving was.

7:09 p.m. **Woodland Dr.**, animal complaint-lost dog; found later.

7:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen; walk-in party reports that she has more information on a shoplifting case.

8:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

8:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports driver was having a problem.

8:33 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

9:34 p.m. **South Main and Summer streets**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

10:05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic stop.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

12:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports High School checked.

5:25 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS for heart condition.

8:10 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle accident with injuries; 911 caller reports a dump truck backed into a vehicle with people inside; units on scene to evaluate victims; report filed.

10:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:02 a.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:07 a.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:27 a.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:42 a.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, parking violation; officer issued ticket for fire lane violation.

11:48 a.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

1:42 p.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

1:58 p.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

4:41 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS for dizziness due to bee sting.

6:37 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, and **Beechwood St.**, traffic stop.

7:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** and **Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:48 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building secure.

7:58 p.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

8:09 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

8:26 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, suspicious activity, caller with complaint regarding construction workers loading and unloading trucks; area search negative.

8:29 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Deer Hill School checks secure.

8:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked.

9:23 p.m. **King St.**-lower, traffic stop, verbal warning

9:48 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, well-being check.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

12:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports High School checked.

12:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

12:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

1:12 a.m. **Hull St.** and **Grace Dr.**, traffic stop, verbal warning

10:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint-caller reports a turkey in the parking lot, jumping on vehicles and going after people that get out of their vehicles; animal left area.

10:19 a.m. **Pleasant St.** and **Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

1:59 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:33 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

4:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.** and **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:58 p.m. **Forest and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation.

7:36 p.m. **Hull St.** and **Grace Dr.**, parking violation; traffic citation issued.

8:28 p.m. **Ledge Way**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS for possible broken hip.

8:40 p.m. **Ledge Way**, Fire Capt. Reports while on medical aid to this area, he smelled a strong odor of gas outside residence, but gas is not used at that house. Keyspan notified for possible gas leak; on scene.

10:06 p.m. **Billerica**, police report motor vehicle found with no plates and keys in ignition-when they ran the VIN number it came back to a Cohasset resident with default warrant.

10:16 p.m. **South Main St.** animal complaint. Caller reports a mangy fox-like animal has been roaming the area and doesn't seem to fear anyone; animal has left area.

10:34 p.m. **Hull St.**, arrest: John J. Handley, 203 Hull St., Cohasset. Charges: Warrant arrest.

11:20 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:23 p.m. **All schools**, officer reports buildings checked.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

12:41 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports High School checked.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

9:05 a.m. **North Main St.** and **Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

10:11 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

10:24 a.m. **Border and Summer streets**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

12:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller requests officer to take a report regarding items stolen from her home.

2:14 p.m. **Elm St.** medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports school checked.

2:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident, several callers reporting accident with smoke coming from vehicle; officer reports minor injuries and smoke is from airbag deployment.

4:21 p.m. **North Main St.**, keep the peace for person retrieving belongings.

5:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation, caller reports a green Suburban with Vermont sticker and Mass. registration, driving erratically and also reports vehicle is full of kids hanging out windows and is swerving all over the road while speeding; registration comes back to party from Border St., Cohasset. Area search negative at this time.

7:30 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, Fire Capt. reports all units called to this location for investigation of electrical odor.

7:36 p.m. **Hull St.** and **Grace Dr.**, parking enforcement; traffic citation issued.

8:27 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint; traffic citation issued; officer reports vehicles in question have been tagged.

10:28 p.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance-caller reports 3 to 4 teens being loud and rude, when asked to quiet down they acted disrespectfully; smashed pumpkin in area.

11:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, open door; caller reports neighbor's door is open but they are away and no one is supposed to be there. Door has been secured.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

12:49 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity; officer reports someone got into pumpkins.

1:03 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

1:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity; officer reports out with two subjects.

6 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:44 a.m. **Hull St.** and **Grace Dr.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:30 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, parking complaint. Caller reports that she is having guests and other people are parking in front of her house; she thinks they should be ticketed. Officer reports all cars are parked on the side and there is no problem because they are not blocking driveways and are not on any property.

12:09 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS; caller reports store patron fell and is having seizures.

1:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person. Caller reports solicitor that states he is from town but caller doesn't think this is true and thinks person is part of a cult-party is licensed.

3:28 p.m. **Ripley Rd.** and **Tower Lane**, caller reports mangy sick-looking fox walking down the street. Sightings of this fox have been reported for a few weeks. Animal control contacted but area search negative at this time.

3:30 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS for elderly female with severe abdominal and shoulder pain.

6:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports a party inquiring about where to buy drugs; Hull drug dog dispatched to search vehicle for drugs. Arrest: Nicholas Rees, 6224 Dudley Ct., Littleton, Colo. Charges: unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, license not in possession and unregistered motor vehicle. Arrest: Douglas Jarrell, 500 Fifth St., Gulfport, Miss. Charges: Warrant arrest.

8:30 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, suspicious activity-caller states that about 4 or 5 kids entered their house and ran out when they saw them; officer found kids and spoke with them. Caller did not want to pursue any charges.

8:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

11:42 p.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism to a motor vehicle reported.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

1:20 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports High School checked.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.** officer reports schools checked.

5:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; party summoned on charges of uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, absence of inspection sticker and absence of drivers license.

7:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:51 p.m. **Pond St.**, High School checked; officer reports board fell off concession stand.

8:04 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid- female with chest pains transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

8:50 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked.

10:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:02 p.m. **Route 3A**, Weymouth police issued a 'be on the look out' announcement for blue BMW SUV which was recently involved in a hit and run with damage to pole. Vehicle has damage to front end and tire is possibly blown; unknown plate number or direction of travel.

11:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop; citation issued.

STATUS REPORTS

Medical emergencies totaled 89

In Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia's summary of Fire Department responses during the month of September, he reported the following totals: building fires, three; motor vehicle fires, one; motor vehicle crashes, 10; medical emergencies, 89; inspections, 27; investigations, 38; assistance calls, six; automatic fire alarm activations, 18; and miscellaneous responses, eight. Fifty emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone, 41 medical emergencies; five fire calls; and four motor vehicle crashes, Silvia said.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 49 patients to South Shore Hospital and one patient to Quincy Medical Center. Mutual aid ambulances transported 11 patients to South Shore Hospital. There were 42 advanced life support transports and 19 basic life support transports. There were two motor vehicle crashes that required patients to be transported to South Shore Hospital, he said.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 18 during the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for seven responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 11 responses. There were three responses classed as building fires for the month, one was for a mutual aid building fire, one was an oven fire and one was an electrical malfunction in a ceiling fan.

Police arrested 21 last month

September was a busy month for the Cohasset Police Department, Chief James Hussey said. There were 21 arrests, three for outstanding warrants; two for assault and battery; two for possession of Class D; one for intent to distribute Class D; one for minor transporting liquor; one for violation of a restraining order; one for shoplifting; one for failure to stop for police; one for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; one for disorderly person; six for protective custody; and one courtesy booking, Chief Hussey said.

During the month of September the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 167 motor vehicle citations issued, totaling $1,930 in fines. Additionally, there were 34 parking tickets issued, totaling $750 in fines.

Also in the month of September, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 993 calls for police services, of those 130 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of September, there were three reports of breaking and entering, two involving a private residence and one involving a business, he said.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Music still shines like a diamond

Early rock 'n' roll featured at Doo Wop show

By: R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

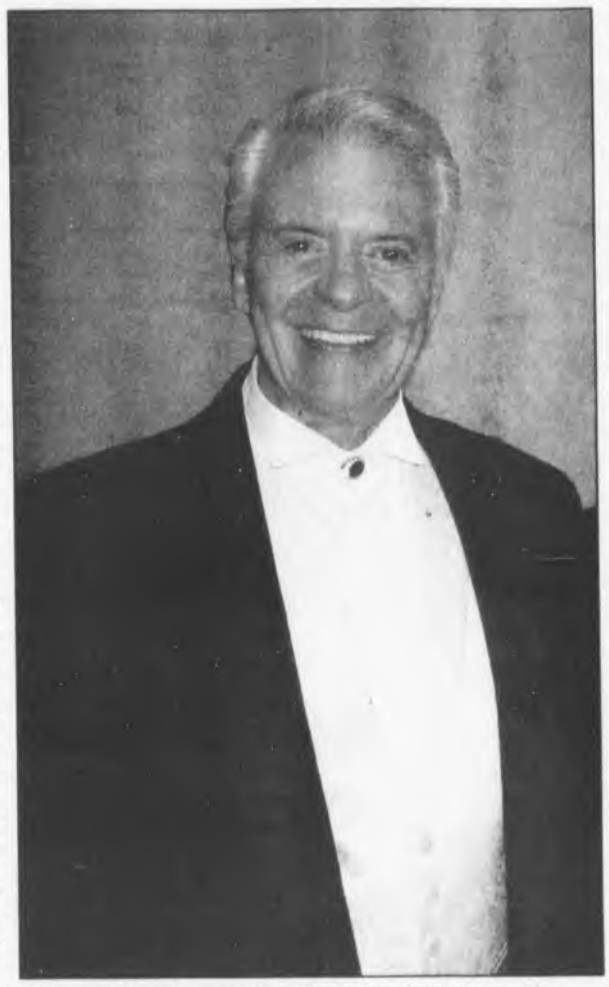
It is hard to say what is more familiar — Dave Somerville's sonorous speaking voice or the names of the many music legends who populate his memories of the early rock and roll era he helped define as lead singer of The Diamonds. Somerville was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1933, but came of age during the 1950s when The Diamonds — Somerville, bass Bill Reed, tenor Ted Kowalski and baritone Phil Levitt — topped the charts with songs like "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," "Little Darlin'," and "Sillhouettes."

The quartet had come together in Toronto in 1953 when Somerville, then a technician at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, stepped in to replace Stan Fisher for The Diamonds' first paid gig at a local church Christmas party. Two years later, after intensive rehearsals, the group headed to New York City where they landed a high-profile television booking on "The Arthur Godfrey Show." Next, they took work in Cleveland, covering standards and spirituals, in the hopes of coming to the attention of Dr. Bill Randle, a legendary radio disc jockey who discovered Dizzy Gillespie. Randle liked them well enough to get them a meeting with a Mercury Records executive. The Diamonds signed with the label, which had developed a market for "covers." It was Randle who recommended The Diamonds record a cover of Frankie Lymon's "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" in early 1956.

The Diamonds' willingness to cover songs first recorded by black rhythm and blues artists was the result of economic reality. Covers sold well in regions of the country where the original versions wouldn't have been commercially viable. Among their hits in 1956 were "Why Do Fools Fall In Love," "Church Bells May Ring," "Love, Love, Love" and "Ka-King-Dong," originally recorded by The Teenagers, The Willows, The Clovers, and The G-Clefs, respectively. Their biggest hit was a cover of The Gladiolas' "Little Darlin'." The Gladiolas' version dropped the first week of February 1957. Less then two weeks later, The Diamonds' version was released.

That same year, The Diamonds embarked on an adventure that would become the stuff of rock and roll legend.

"The early highlight of our career came in 1957 with 'The Tour of Stars' on which we traveled by Greyhound bus to play 60 consecutive one-nighters. Legendary showman Irvin Feld was the producer, and with us on that tour were Little Richard, Buddy Holly and The Crickets, Buddy Knox, Frankie Lymon and The Teenagers, Eddie Cochran, The Everly Brothers, LaVerne Baker, Fats Domino and a very young Paul Anka," recalls Somerville, who is on the bill for the Doo Wop Hall of Fame and Friends Concert coming to Plymouth Memorial Hall on Nov. 3. "On that tour, it wasn't unusual for us to play to 15 or 20,000 people a night. It was grueling, but it was also unforgettable. I can still vividly recall Chuck Berry borrowing my acoustic guitar and using the bus driver's microphone to lay down the chords of 'Maybelline' long before it became a hit. I can also still remember very clearly listening to the Everly Brothers work on their harmonies. Paul Anka was only 15 and small enough to sleep in the coat rack on the bus."



Diamond Dave Somerville will join The Del Vikings, The Flamingos, The Tune Weavers and Bobby Lewis in a Doo Wop Hall of Fame of America and Friends Concert at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

By the end of 1957, the music industry began to accept that original rock and roll was best when performed by the originals artists. The future before them, the Diamonds sought an original song to record. In the late spring of 1957, Chuck Willis' "C.C. Ryder" became the first of a string of rhythm and blues songs based on a dance named the Stroll. Clyde Otis, a songwriter who had with Nancy Lee written a song based on the new dance, approached the Diamonds. "The Stroll" became a huge hit partly thanks to the Dick Clark television series "American Bandstand," which frequently featured The Diamonds. Their popularity with teenagers waned after "The Stroll." Over the next two years, The Diamonds became a popular nightclub attraction in Las Vegas, New York and Chicago. They hit the charts again in 1961 with a version of The Danleers' 1958 hit, "One Summer Night," but soon disbanded.

"I got married in 1961 and left the group. There have been no original members in The Diamonds since then," says Somerville. "I went on to become a folk singer and changed my professional name to David Troy. I worked almost constantly on the early folk scene, but I never had another hit record. In 1967, I joined The Four Preps as their bass singer. The Preps' lead singer, Bruce Belland, and I later formed the duo act of Belland and Somerville. Our act was similar to The Smothers Brothers and we made many television appearances during the years we were together."

In the years since then, Somerville has enjoyed a lucrative career as a songwriter whose credits include music for ABC-TVs "Wide World of Sports" and the theme for the 1980s Lee Majors series "The Fall Guy," the pilot for which was shot at Somerville's home in the Hollywood Hills. His career has gone in many directions over the years, but it has always led him back to the spotlight.

"I've been working for more than 50 years, without ever having a day job," says Somerville with a laugh. "These days, I still sing the hit songs and also tell the stories of the giants with whom I had the great good fortune to work. Performing feels the same to me today as it did in the beginning. I just love to entertain people and connect with them."

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Calendar of events

Thursday, Oct. 26

Pembroke Chamber After Hours Gathering, an evening of business networking on Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bryantville Deli. Complimentary beer and wine will be served along with hors d'oeuvres and an assortment of tasty treats from the Deli's holiday menu. This event is hosted by Lori Murphy of Bryantville Deli and Pat Master of TaxLady EA. There will be munchies provided by the Deli and Tax Lady EA will supply the wine & beer. Located at 6 Union St, Pembroke Bryantville Crossing on Route 27 near the Hanson line. For information, call Pat Masters at 781.293.1040.

The Scituate Appalachian Service Project is a group of 60 teens and 24 adults from 5 churches in Scituate who will travel to Appalachia next June to help rebuild homes. To help finance the trip, they are holding a Papa Gino's fundraising night, on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Papa Gino's on Route 3A in Cohasset. The ASP group will receive 20 percent of sales generated.

Bay State Community Services presents The Best Of Bay State on Oct. 26, **an Evening of Appreciation** at The Neighborhood Club, 27 Glendale Road, Quincy, Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m. Tickets: $75 each or tables of 10 can be reserved for $700. For information, call Pat Logan at Bay State Community Services at 617-471-8400 ext.184 or email plogan@baystatecs.org.

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Scituate Animal Shelter's Second Annual Bark 'N Howl Ball, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the River Club in Scituate. The event includes a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the lively music of local band, Section 8. There will also be silent and live auctions. Tickets are $125 each ($100 is tax deductible) and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, in Scituate, to replace the facility currently located on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull accommodating stray, homeless, injured, and surrendered companion animals. Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available. For information call 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.town.scituate.ma.us/animal shelter or www.3afarmfund.com

Movie review

Eastwood raises 'Flags'

"Flags of Our Fathers" (A)

By: JAMES VERNIERE
FILM CRITIC

On the most amazing streak in modern movie history, Clint Eastwood now brings us "Flags of Our Fathers," and if there is a better or timelier film this year, I haven't seen it.

An adaptation of the 2000 book by James Bradley, honoring his father, John Bradley, and the five other flag-raisers on Iwo Jima in 1944, "Flags of Our Fathers" is a bravely unflinching and sobering portrait of heroism and the mercilessness of war.

It's "Saving Private Ryan" without the sentimentality, ironic since Steven Spielberg is its executive producer.

The film, which has a Japanese-language counterpart directed by Eastwood coming this February, has two story lines. The first is the battle for Iwo Jima, a battle that cost more American lives and caused more casualties than the landing at Normandy.

The second story line involves the publication of the iconic and national morale-boosting photograph of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the American flag atop Mount Suribachi.

Eastwood's protagonists are the men of the storied Easy Company. John Bradley (Ryan Phillippe in the performance of his career) is a young Navy corpsman from Wisconsin who finds himself embarking with the Marines for the worst battle in the history of World War II. Ira Hayes (instant Oscar contender Adam Beach) is a proud, withdrawn Pima Indian from Arizona; Franklin Sousley (Joseph Cross), a bantamweight kid barely old enough to shave. Movie-star handsome Rene Gagnon (Jesse Bradford) is the son of a mill-worker mother from Manchester; Ralph "Iggy" Ignatowski (Jamie Bell) is a bundle of adolescent nerves. Their beloved sergeant is 20-something "old man" Mike Strank (Barry Pepper playing a character reminiscent of the John Wayne role in the 1949 film "Sands of Iwo Jima").

Marines and sailors raise the American flag at Iwo Jima, but the story behind the famous photo remains an enigma.

War is hell, and on that level "Flags" is as powerful and deeply shocking as "Saving Private Ryan." Mount Suribachi, a cone at the end of the stretch of blasted ground, lights up like a Christmas tree with guns blazing at Americans landing on black beaches (the battle was shot in Iceland). The rock is a virtual fortress with the Japanese dug deep into its solid interior.

In Eastwood's vision, death takes heroes and ordinary fighting men alike, and survivors are haunted to the ends of their lives by friends lost and the horrors they have witnessed.

In scenes set just before John's death in 1994, he falls down weeping in his home, repeating the words, "Where is he?" The person he refers to is Iggy, who disappeared 50 years earlier in the middle of the worst fighting on Iwo Jima.

Of the six flag-raisers, three are recruited by President Roosevelt to lead a bond drive. The country is bankrupt and might be forced to negotiate a peace with Japan. John, Ira and Rene agree to participate, but the spectacle of re-creating the event that took the lives of so many fellow soldiers — at rallies that are a populist response to Leni Riefenstahl's "Triumph of the Will" — takes a toll, especially on Ira. These scenes also recall John Ford's dictum about fiction being more commercial than the truth, a subject Eastwood explored in "Unforgiven."

Ira, this film's tragic figure, becomes a casualty of the war belatedly, and Beach gives the veteran, also well played by Tony Curtis in a 1961 biopic, tremendous dignity and pathos.

"Flags of Our Fathers" is also completely unflinching in its depiction of the atrocities committed by the Japanese. Its foreign-language counterpart should be fascinating.

Dedicated to Eastwood's longtime production designer Henry Bumstead and casting director Phyllis Huffman, both recently deceased, "Flags of Our Fathers" celebrates our soldiers' heroism and sacrifice, and like all great war movies, it is fiercely antiwar. Eastwood has made it now for a reason.

Rated R. "Flags of Our Fathers" contains graphic war violence and profanity.

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The North River Arts Society presents Victoria Chesley Brega and Sally Dean at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Library through Nov. 30. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriver arts@rcn.com

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Norwell Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held at Fitness Together, 454 Washington St. (Rt.53) in Norwell on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. Chamber members free; Non-members welcome $5. Light refreshment, networking and a chance to see one of Norwell's newest fitness centers. Call 781-659-5924 or visit www.norwellchamberofcommerce.com to register.

The Lymphoma & Leukemia Society, in cooperation with Jordan Hospital, is hosting *Meet the Expert on Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma* on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. It will be held in Jordan Hospital's Funkhouser Conference Room, 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. Patients, family members, friends and health professionals are invited to attend this FREE program. Jorge Leguizamo, MD, and Deborah Dolaway, LICSW, of Jordan Hospital's cancer center will present information on risk factors, diagnosis, staging and classification. New insights and treatments for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma also will be discussed. For information or to register, call Leah Sherman at the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society at 800-688-6572, ext. 20.

judepa of 66 South Street, Hingham Square, is hosting an event on Oct. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. featuring **Patricia Duque** of Ethnic Pride Company and her elegant wares imported from Colombia. Those who attend will be in awe of the beauty of these hand made silk treasure and Pat's famous accessorizing tips. For information about this free event please phone (781)-740-8484.

Friday, Oct. 27

Single Executives Club singles dance - Oct. 27, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte. 1, south Foxboro. Next to the End Zone Hotel. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

The 23rd Annual Autumn Country Folk Art Festival takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 28, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 29, at the Royal Trade Center, Route 20, one mile west of 1495 in Marlborough. Items featured will be American craftsmanship for traditional or contemporary homes. **New England folk artist Will Moses'**, grandson of the revered Grandma Moses will attend to sign copies of **The Night Before Christmas**, his seventh book. For information visit www.folkartfest.com

The North River Arts Society presents **Beyond My Window**, an exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. The show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the library gallery located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield, are Monday – Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Oct. 26, **Jim Ambrose & the Swamptones**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Thursday night **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** from 8:30 to 11 p.m. 781-335-9796.

South Shore Art Center opens an exhibition of work by Art Center Gallery Artists. Major-Minor opens October 27 with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Major works - over 1,000 square inches - will be installed in the Bancroft Gallery. These pieces will be juried by Catherine Mayes, curator at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. The Dillon Gallery will feature small works - under 400 square inches - priced for holiday giving. Gallery Hours - Monday through Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday 12-4. **South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 781-383-2787** www.ssac.org.

North River Arts Society presents its **Second Art Calendar Competition and Exhibit** at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery Oct. 21-29 Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Twelve of the 40 works exhibited will have the added distinction of appearing on the pages of the 2008 NRAS Art Calendar The G.A.R. Hall Gallery is located at 157 Old Main St. Marshfield Hills. For information call 781-837-8091.

The Sound of Music, the Rodgers & Hammerstein Broadway classic opened Friday, Oct. 20, at Hingham's Sanborn Auditorium in the Town Hall, 210 Central Street. The show runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 29. Friday and Saturday shows Oct 27-28 are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinee Oct 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $16 for adults and $13 for students and seniors. A group rate of $12 applies. For ticket information, contact Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499, or by e-mail at stagemomma@adelphia.net. The Hingham Civic Musical Theatre website is www.hcmt.org. Tickets may be purchased directly at Noble's Camera in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53, Hingham, and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.

Award winning South Shore artist **Dianne Panarelli Miller** will be showcasing her work at **Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts,** 24 West St., Friday, through Oct. 31. "All That's Familiar" is a display of the artist's colorful landscapes and seascapes of local and city scenes, along with still life's and portraits of familiar faces and themes. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org.

South Street Gallery in Hingham, presents the works of architect and landscape painter **Jeremiah Eck** FAIA, on display, through Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit southstreetgallery.com.

The **Company Theatre in Norwell** presents its stage adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel **To Kill A Mockingbird**, through Oct. 29. Tickets are $20-$22 and on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787 or visit companytheatre.com.

Nautical Nightmares at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn., during October, beginning 'Friday the 13th.' Tours leave every 20 minutes from 7 to 9 p.m. Performance dates are Oct. 19, 22, 26 and 30. Admission $17.50 adults, $12 children ages 6-17, and are available by calling 888-973-2767 Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or at the Visitor Reception Center Monday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 888-973-2767 or visit mysticseaport.org.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Oct. 27, **Ian Richardson** from 5 to 8 p.m. **Dave Foley** Band 9:30 p.m.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Hoodoo Revelator** Friday, Oct.27. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 27 Basic Black R&B, Blues, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Glen MacAuliffe's Acoustic Café** Thursday, Oct. 27, from 8 to 11 p.m. 781-335-9796.

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"JUMP JIVE 'N WAIL FORTRAILS" CONCERT -Tickets are now available for Bellevue Cadillac benefit for the Maxwell Conservation Trust. The event will take place Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell. The evening will include complimentary finger food, beer and wine. raffle and silent auction items including original art work by Sergio Roffo and Dean Morrissey, a kayak, a Thanksgiving meal for eight prepared by Whole Foods and many super gift certificates to local merchants. Tickets are $50. Call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167 for information. Proceeds benefit the preservation of open space and wetlands in Norwell, Cohasset, and Scituate. Sponsorships are available. Tickets can be Purchased at The Front Street Book Shop, Scituate Harbor, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, or by calling the Maxwell Conservation Truston 781-545-4167.

STEPUP FOR KIDS INC. CHARITY DINNER, AUCTION & BLUES FESTIVAL featuring Monster Mike Welsh and The James Montgomery Band on Nov. 11 from 8 to midnight at the Freeport Hall (IBEW), 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets are $50 includes dinner and concert. Guests of honor include Janice and Dr. Demitri Papolos, researcher and founders of the Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation and authors of The Bipolar Child and Dr. JanetWozniak, Harvard researcher and director of the bipolar program at Mass. General Hospital and author of "Walking on Eggshells." For information contact Maryann McDonnell at 781-837-8833, by email at mcdonnell@stepup4kids.com or by visiting www.stepup4kids.com

THE WOMEN The classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce presented by The Cohasset Dramatic Club on Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, Cohasset. Tickets $12, group discounts available for groups of 8 or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

8TH ANNUAL CHARITY NIGHT at The Hanover Mall Sunday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Purchase a ticket for $5 available at the customer service desk. Participating organizations receive 100 percent of all proceeds. Call 781-826-7386 for information.

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Saturday, Oct. 28

Scituate Animal Shelter's Second Annual Bark 'N Howl Ball, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the River Club in Scituate. The event includes a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to the lively music of local band, **Section 8.** There will also be silent and live auctions. Tickets are $125 each ($100 is tax deductible) and all proceeds benefit the 3A Farm Fund. Volunteers still need to raise $150,000 for a new 2,500 square foot animal shelter at Route 3A and Mann Lot Road, in Scituate, to replace the facility currently located on the Driftway. Since 1993, the no-kill shelter has served the towns of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull accommodating stray, homeless, injured, and surrendered companion animals. Tickets to the Bark 'n Howl Ball are limited and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate and Sylvia's by the Sea in Scituate Harbor. Reserved tables and sponsorships are available. For information call 781-545-8703. Shelter hours are Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter or www.3afarmfund.com

The Randolph Senior Center located at 16 Fencourt Ave, Randolph will hold a yard sale Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open Studio by CharlesSorrento located at 21 Penny Lane, Duxbury Oct. 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public. For information visit fineartsbysorrento.com

Bartholomew, Cappers, and Waynen perform Oct. 28, The folk trio of longtime Hingham residents Ed Bartholomew, Paul Cappers, and Steve Waynen will present their second annual family concert on Saturday evening, Oct.28, at the Hingham Congregational Church. The program will start at 7 p.m. and is free of charge.

The concert will feature several compositions by former Hingham Public Schools Music Department Head and High School Choral Director Paul Cappers, traditional English and American music, and modern folk/popular favorites by James Taylor, Billy Joel and Neil Diamond.

Blue Angel Healing presents **The Harvest Moon Fair Red Cross Relief Drive** on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 2 to 8 p.m.; to be held at the Circus of Human Experience, Rte. 58, 40 N. Main Street, Carver. Local families and friends are coming together to help raise money to support the Hurricane Relief. I know that we haven't had that many hurricane this year, but survivors of Katrina still need our help. Tarot, Angel, and Psychic Readings, and Reiki will be offered for those interested; Portions of all proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross to help support the Hurricane Relief. We also will have some awesome Vendors with great gifts for those interested in starting their Christmas Shopping Early. We will be raffling off baskets of gifts, and other items, which 100% of proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross. And offering refreshments and snacks to those that are hungry. 100% of food proceeds will be donated to Red Cross Relief Efforts. Last Year We were able to raise over $300 for the Red Cross, we are hoping to raise over $500 this year. So Come on By and Say Hi, and Help Support Families like us in need.

New England Singles Dance at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Friday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $7. For information visit singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Blanchard Liquors, Rt. 139, Marshfield presents its **Fall Wine Tasting And Sale** will be held on Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a wide variety of wines from around the world, in all price ranges, to create a fun and exciting event. There will be something for everyone. 781-834-9068

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Oct. 28, **Halloween Party** featuring **The Jeff Lowe Band.**

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents a concert on Friday, Nov. 3, featuring Dan White. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for Members and $15 for Non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass. 02051

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Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Gregg Miller Group**, Friday, Oct. 28. For information call 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Oct. 28 **Halloween Party with Fat City Band** R&B, Blues, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

Sunday, Oct. 29

Annual Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Pilgrim Church located on Washington Street. Wear your costumes and bring a friend. All members and non-members are welcome. Cost per child is $5, with a $15 family maximum. Volunteers are always needed, contact Jennifer Lick at 781-934-1361 or Chrissy Record at 781-934-2093

Hull Seaside Adoption Day Oct. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the shelter, 50 L Street. For information call 877-378-1195 or email hsar@hsar.org.

The Fourth of July Committee of Halifax will be hosting a **skating fundraiser** at the Armstrong Arena 103 Long Pond Road Plymouth on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Admission price is all ages $3 and skate rentals are $4. Proceeds to support **Fourth of July fireworks celebration**.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. in Duxbury presents **Curator's Choice: China** presents an extraordinary range of media and technique: painting, calligraphy, sculpture, bronze, ceramics, jade, glass, textiles, furniture, snuff bottles and jewelry. Contemporary artists include Irene Chan, David Hinton, Fred Liang, Lin Yan, Ma Qingxiong, Wei Jia, and Zhu Wei. This show which is scheduled through Jan. 14. Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 x 12 phone laura@artcomplex.org

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth presents **Dave Foley's Solo Jam,** Sunday, Oct. 29. For information, call 781-335-9796.

Monday, Oct. 30

The North River Arts Society is pleased to present ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

The Clemens Gallery presents "Images of Italy," photography by **Jean Donohue and James J. Foley**, through Nov. 2. The exhibit takes a look at Italy's historic sites through photographs from well-known cities and remarkable but lesser known places. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

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The Sound of Music, the Rodgers & Hammerstein Broadway classic opened Friday, Oct. 20, at Hingham's Sanborn Auditorium in the Town Hall, 210 Central Street. The show runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 29. Friday and Saturday shows Oct 27-28 are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinee Oct 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $16 for adults and $13 for students and seniors. A group rate of $12 applies. For ticket information, contact Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499, or by e-mail at stagemomma@adelphia.net. The Hingham Civic Musical Theatre website is www.hcmt.org. Tickets may be purchased directly at Noble's Camera in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53, Hingham, and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer Daniela Russell and painter Maddu Huacuja, on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Wednesday night **Rehearsal Night** from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Thursday Nov. 2

Archaeologist Kristen Heitert will speak on recent excavations at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House a the annual meeting of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society Nov. 2, at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner buffet, and the program at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person; reservations required y calling 506-746-0012.

The Braintree High School Band and Orchestra will present their annual Fall Concert on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 pm in the Grabosky Auditorium at Braintree High School. The program will present a diverse collections of musical compositions from many areas of the world. The concert is free and open to the public. This will be a great opportunity to hear a live performance of both new and familiar music.

A Taste of the Town to benefit the Plymouth Public Library returns this year Nov. 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. Radisson Hotel Ballroom Get ready to sample the best food around at "A Taste of the Town". This fundraiser will benefit the library. Specialties will be served by 20 of the South Shore's finest restaurants and caterers. Sample wines from around the world Listen to live music and bid on a wide array of silent auction items. Tickets are $50 and are on sale now. Tickets are available at the Main Branch Circulation Desk 132 South St., Pioppi's Package Store, 183 Court St. or by calling Julie at 508-830-4250/216 .

Halloween happenings

ROCKLAND'S GIRL SCOUT TROOPS – HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE has a new location this year at the former Massive Video in Rockland Plaza Oct. 26-29. Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Oct. 27 and 28 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 29 to 8 p.m. Not So Scary haunted house for younger children Oct. 29 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admissin for all days is $10 Group rates can be arranged. Call 781-878-3960 for information.

HARBOR HAUNTS: A NIGHT OF EDWARD ROWE SNOW GHOST STORIES, Friday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Member Admission: Adults $8, Children $3; Nonmember Admission: Adults $10, Children $5. Edward Rowe Snow was a gifted storyteller whose great ghost stories captured our imaginations for generations. His books weave local legends with the factual history of the Boston Harbor into irresistible tales of storms, shipwrecks, wandering women, howling wind, and ghostly lighthouses. Join us for a fun family night of some of the Harbor's best loved ghosts stories -- including tales of the Lady in Black, Boston Light, and Minot's Light - dramatically told in the eerie museum after dark. Dress warmly! Cider, cocoa, and seasonal treats will be served. Parents, please use your judgment as to appropriateness for young children. Call 781-925-5433 for information.

THE 7TH ANNUAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MARSHFIELD HAUNTED HOUSE will be held on Friday Oct. 27, and Saturday Oct. 28, with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. There will be a children's fun area including games and crafts as well as the haunted dining area with food available offered by a local restaurant and caterer. For information call 781-834-2582 or visit www.BoysAndGirlsClubOfMarshfield.com

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FAIR ON COHASSET COMMON No matter what the costume, ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates of all ages should get ready to take to the Cohasset Common on Sunday, Oct. 29. The annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair steps off with its traditional costume parade at 1:45 p.m. around the duck pond. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hand at enchanting games of skill and luck, the moonwalk, giant slides, a train ride and new this year, pony rides. Tickets for activities and rides can be purchased at the event. All proceeds from the fair directly benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School through the Nardo Family Scholarship and the schools' Enrichment fund. For information about the Fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, call 781-383-0036.

THE 25TH ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held Friday and Saturday nights, Oct. 27 and 28, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to the Bayshore Athletic Club off Plain Street in Braintree. Admission is $6. A "Not So Scary" lights-on night appropriate for younger children will be held on two nights – Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. or $5. Wheelchair accessible, free childcare is available and pizza, drinks and treats will be sold. For information, call 617-594-7397.

9TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HUSTLE 5K ROAD RACE/WALK Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. to benefit the Partners Home Care Maternal-Child Health Program which helps high-risk newborns and moms receive necessary healthcare once they come home from the hospital. Hosted by AstraZeneca at 35 Gatehouse Drive in Waltham, and sponsored by WBOS 92.9 FM and the Boston Sports Clubs, the 5K course follows the scenic Cambridge Reservoir in Waltham. For information or to register, visit www.halloweenhustle.org or call Partners Home Care at 781.681.1232.

HALLOWEEN HOWL at the South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. A Not-Too-Scary Celebration of the Season suitable for children ages 3 and up. Saturday, Oct. 28, 6 to 8 p.m. There will be crafts and tasty ghoulish treats to create, and a "Spooky Room" for all to visit. Enjoy a presentation with some of our *super-star* animals and end the evening with a not-so-spooky night hike and "tricks and treats" for all. Something for everyone! Remember to come dressed for the weather. Cost per child: $10 members/$12 non-members (Adults are $3) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required.

ZOO NEW ENGLAND is putting on two great Halloween weekend-long events. Whether you're in Boston or beyond, we've got a zoo for you! The first to host a weekend of costumed and candied fun will be Stone Zoo, whose annual "Boo at the Zoo" celebration lasts from Saturday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 22. If you miss this first weekend, or want to see show off that costume to a whole new set of animals, or even if you just didn't get enough candy at Stone Zoo, you can head on over to Boston's Franklin Park Zoo for more fun at **"Zoo Howl"** on Saturday, Oct. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 29. 617-541-LION or visit www.franklinparkzoo.org

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Raising the bar on the high seas

By HEIDI SARNA
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Cruise lines are dreaming up tours for thrill seekers, from ziplining to parasailing, to keep things fresh in the been-there-done-that Caribbean.

There was a time when a cruise to the Caribbean was exotic all around. Ships were smaller, ports less developed. Back in the mid-'90s, for instance, Cozumel, Mexico, was downright remote. It was an appealing gritty outpost. No more.

Though the wheels of progress might have bulldozed over much of the Caribbean's rustic charm -- the legendary Carlos' n Charlie's bar in Cozumel looks today like a TGI Fridays -- what makes a cruise to the islands special these days are the surfing machines, bowling alleys, giant poolside video screens, and other cool gimmicks the newest Caribbean-bound mega ships are peddling to their excitement-addicted passengers.

The bar has been raised for shore excursions as well. Cruise lines are dreaming up tours for thrill seekers, from ziplining to parasailing, to keep things fresh in the been-there-done-that Caribbean. Among the most innovative is Royal Caribbean.

On the line's recently revamped Web site (www.royalcaribbean.com), shore excursion options are broken down into categories, such as adventure and snorkeling, so it's easy to zero in on the wild stuff offered by both Royal Caribbean and sister company Celebrity Cruises.

Among the new offerings: Cave tubing requires head lamps in Belize City ($135) and you'll need a helmet to tour the outback of Aruba in an ATV ($110). Sew your wild oats on a Harley in Key West ($375) or St. Maarten ($450) or check out Grand Cayman's eagle rays and nurse sharks from inside a two-person transparent submersible pod ($198).

It'll be easier to cough up the bucks for these pricey excursions considering that fares for Caribbean cruises are lower right now than they've been in years.

"For the remainder of 2006 and the 4th quarter of 2007, rates can be ridiculously low, reminiscent of 2002," said Sherry Laskin Kennedy, president of Vacation Shoppe in Satellite Beach, Florida. "Historically, November and early December have always been the least expensive times to cruise, with per person per diem rates well below $60 a day. My advice? Book fall/winter cruises now."

The reasons may vary from consumer hurricane fears to drops in fuel cost. But bargains abound.

At press time, on Carnival's Web site (www.carnival.com), four- and five-night Mexico cruises on the Fantasy, one of the line's older ships, were priced as low as $279 per person.

For those seeking the latest and greatest, the newest ship plying the Caribbean when it debuts next month will be the 92,100-tons, 2,384 passenger Norwegian Pearl. Always innovative NCL (www.ncl.com) is

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Freedom of the Seas on a visit to Boston in May

equipping the ship with not only 10 restaurants, giant Garden Villa suites and cool Courtyard Villa suites that share a private pool and sunbathing area, but a full-size, four-lane bowling alley. The ship's doing five- and nine-night Caribbean cruises out of Miami through May.

Royal Caribbean's (www.royalcaribbean.com) 160,000 tons, 3,634-passenger Freedom of the Seas debuted last April with much fanfare (it's the current biggest ship) and with eye-poppers ranging from a top-deck water park to a full-sized boxing ring, hot tubs cantilevered 20 feet out over the side of the ship and a surfing machine that throws up 30,000 gallons of water a minute. The jumbo cruiser sails year-round from Miami on seven-night western Caribbean cruises through May before offering alternating eastern and western itineraries. Sister Liberty of the Seas is due in May and will be alternating eastern and western Caribbean routes from Miami.

Carnival's newest ship, Carnival Freedom, will come on line in March. The fifth ship in the Conquest class, the 110,000 tonner will carry 2,974 passengers. it will be in Europe until October and the do seven-night routes out Miami year-round. Key features include the Seaside Theatre, a 12-foot-high by 22-foot-wide LED screen located poolside and showing movies and sporting events. It will also have Water Wars, a new Carnival feature already on Imagination and Fascination, where you enter a cage with two battle stations and propel water balloons against your competitors.

Princess (www.princess.com) isn't resting on its laurels either, with the introduction of the 3,110-passenger Emerald Princess slated for May, a little less than a year after older sister Crown Princess debuted in New York. New amenities include the Sanctuary, a patch of private outdoor deck area, where for a cover of $15 you can sunbathe, have a massage or enjoy a light meal in serene surroundings far, far away from the maddening crowds. The Crown sails from San Juan for winter on seven- and 14-night Caribbean sailings.

Holland America's (www.hollandamerica.com) new 1,918-passenger Noordam is doing 10- and 11-night Caribbean cruises roundtrip out of New York City through April, keeping passengers occupied with a Starbucks-meets-Barnes and Noble internet cafe and a culinary arts center where guest chefs host cooking demos.

This month also marks the return of ships to New Orleans -- they pulled out after last year's devastating hurricane. Norwegian Cruise Line and Carnival re-entered the market this month and Royal Caribbean will join them offering cruises from New Orleans beginning in December.

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Gov.'s race, wine question could draw crowd

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It's anyone's guess which issue in Tuesday's election will bring out the most Cohasset voters — the four-way gubernatorial race or the much-debated ballot question that would allow grocery stores to sell wine.

Voters Third Plymouth District, which includes Cohasset, are also being asked to weigh in on the Iraq war with a non-binding resolution asking that the troops be brought home immediately.

In addition to the race for governor, there are also a slew of other contests — and two other ballot questions for voter consideration.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas predicts a healthy turnout along the lines of the 2002 governor's race that featured Mitt Romney and Shannon O'Brien.

"I am expecting a 72 percent turnout — but I am always hoping for more," Douglas said. As of Wednesday morning more than 165 absentee ballots had gone out. Absentee voting can be a good indicator on the amount of excitement an election is generating, she said.

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— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

Cohasset has 5289 registered voters, including 1199 Democrats; 1246 Republicans; 2800 unenrolled; and two members of the Green-Rainbow party.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both precincts vote at Town Hall. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Nov. 6 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election.

Democrat Deval Patrick is facing Republican Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey.

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Group wants troops home

Helps put 'peace' question on ballot

By Carol Britton Meyer
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"Give peace a chance" remains the message of South Shore Peace Forum activists, even as the war in Iraq continues.

The group was part of an effort to collect enough signatures on a petition calling for the immediate end of the war in Iraq to place a non-binding referendum on the Nov. 7 ballot.

"It is about time for a question like this to appear on the ballot," said longtime Forum member Shirley Brown of Hingham. "Why have people waited so long to act? It is patriotic to stop this carnage and to bring our troops home safely and soon. I want the loved ones of all the troops and all the innocent people whose lives are affected by this war to be safe and to have life. And I want this awful violence to end."

It is unprecedented in Massachusetts for a non-binding public policy question to qualify for the ballot in so many state representative districts.

"This ballot question is a way for people to register how they feel about continuing or ending the war," said 15-year Forum member Chartis Tebbetts of Cohasset. "Hopefully a majority will say let's end it. It's not working. This is a challenge to decide which side of the fence they're on."

Forum members and other peace

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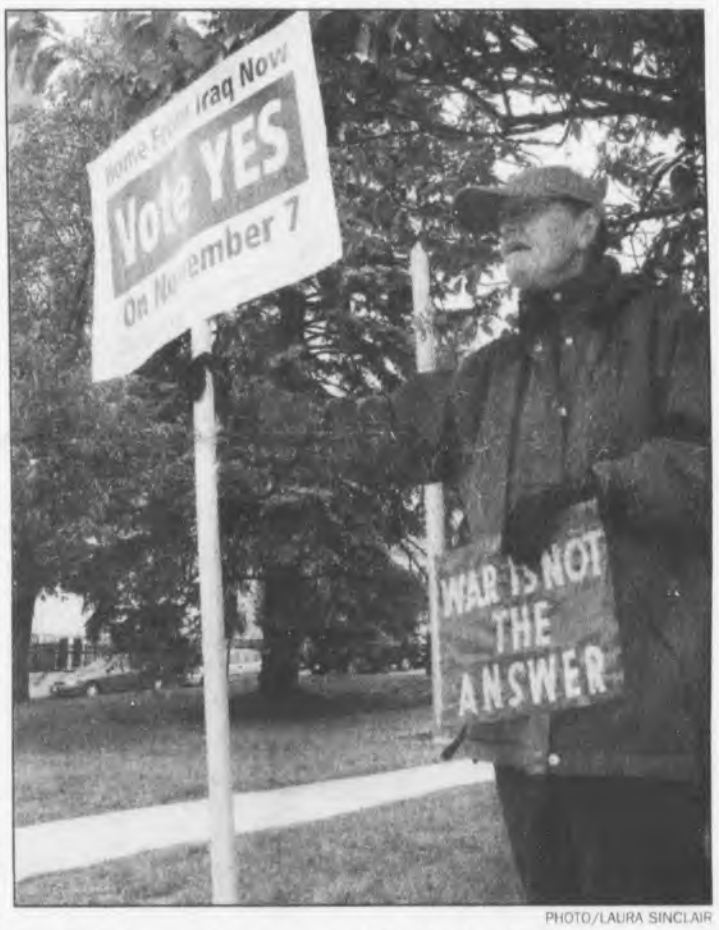

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Dorothy Anderson holds a sign outside the Hingham Post Office urging passersby to vote "yes" to bring troops home from Iraq. The non-binding question is on the Nov. 7 ballot.

CELL PHONES

Dead spots

Poor reception plagues town

By Samantha Brown
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Many areas in Cohasset suffer from poor cell phone reception. On the waterfront, near the South Shore Music Circus and even in the Village, cell phone customers report losing their signal, resulting in dropped calls.

While being interrupted in the middle of a conversation can be a nuisance, not having cell phone reception when it is absolutely necessary, such as during an emergency, is a public safety issue. To that end, the Board of Selectmen has begun working with Town Manager Bill Griffin to determine what its options are in terms of helping bring better coverage to every corner of the town.

Revenue estimates could total between $75,000 and $90,000.

The conversation began thanks in part to Jerusalem Road resident Paul Barrett, who wrote to selectmen months ago to express his concern. Barrett attended Monday's Selectmen's meeting and recalled the events, which took place at his house on New Year's Day this year. Barrett heard a frantic knock on his door at roughly 5 p.m., and when he answered, found his neighbor, whose house was on fire, in need of a landline because the cell phone he had in his hand could not get a signal. His neighbor had been going from house to house knocking on doors, trying to find someone who was home and would let him use the phone.

"First and foremost, this is a public safety issue," he said, adding his neighbor's dog perished in the fire, and it could have been a family member. "The beach area is very spotty," he said, and cell phone reception varies based on the company you use and where you are at any given moment.

Barrett said if the town chose to erect more cell phone towers, there would be a double benefit, as residents would no longer experience dropped calls, and the town could generate some revenue. Towns have the option of leasing their land to cell phone companies, which then erect the proper equipment to improve cell phone service in the area.

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World traveler

Volunteers for Habitat build trips

By Samantha Brown
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Peter Sexton's home is adorned with many cultural artifacts from many countries around the world. He is a man that loves to travel and he tries to bring back something from each country to remind him of where he has been.

But not all of Sexton's trips are leisurely, as he is a regular participant in Habitat for Humanity build projects around the globe, which send him home not only with souvenirs, but the priceless feeling he has been able to give of himself to others.

Sexton has been involved with Habitat for Humanity International for the last 10 years and is currently participating in a Jimmy Carter Work Project in a village near Lonavala, India. The former U.S. President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate and his wife Rosalynn have given one week of their time every year since 1984 to build homes and raise awareness about the need for simple, affordable housing through Habitat. Sexton will be one of roughly 4,000 volunteers building 100 homes during this project.

On Thursday, Oct. 26 Sexton left

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Peter Sexton, who has participated in roughly 15 Habitat for Humanity international build trips, is surrounded by souvenirs he has collected from around the globe.

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PICTURE THIS/Margot Cheel

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Margot Cheel, aerial photographer (for Cohasset Appalachia Service Project and many town sites), stands on the common with the Second Congregational Church in the background. The Second Congregational Church is where Margo received her first assignment — at the church's Time & Talent Auction. You may view her work at www.margotcheel.com.

Name: Margot Cheel

Occupation: Aerial photographer.

Best day of my life: Day I flew solo by myself in an airplane.

Best vacation: Montana and Yellowstone with my two daughters and my nine trips with ASP.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Blue tortilla chips.

Best book: "Illusions," by Richard Bach.

Best movie: "Out of Africa."

Best TV show: Anything on the Weather Channel.

Pet peeve: Too many choices in just about everything.

Most memorable moment: Receiving a phone call from Appalachia – from the mother in my ASP project, who said her house had burned to the ground and the only thing she had left was the photo album I'd sent her from our week of home repair.

Goal: To fly and photograph for many years to come.

Person I'd like to meet: Amelia Earhart.

Biggest worry: Lack of attention to what really matters (especially in our technological age).

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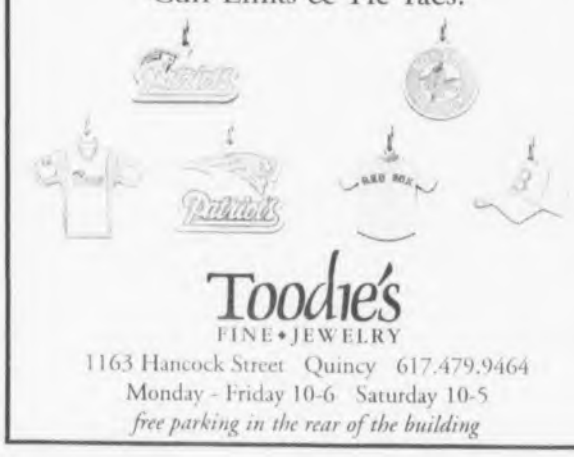

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Police Beat

Radar stop leads to criminal complaints

3A crashes continue to pile up

By Mary Ford
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Police stopped a 1999 Blue Ford Explorer that was clocked at about 15 mph over the speed limit along 3A near Shaw's Plaza, last Sunday (Oct. 29) at about 4:45 p.m. The stop was made at 3A and Pond Street.

Further investigation revealed the driver had an expired Massachusetts license and the car's registration had been revoked due to insurance cancellation.

Police are seeking criminal complaints against the driver for operating without a license and speeding, and against the owner of the car for allowing an uninsured motor vehicle to be used; allowing a motor vehicle with revoked registration on the road; and allowing an improper driver to operate the vehicle, police said.

Both the operator and the owner of the vehicle are from Hull.

More 3A crashes

• At about 12:18 p.m., Friday (Oct. 27), a motor vehicle that was trying to pull out of the parking lot at Cohasset Food Mart to head south on 3A, struck a car traveling north, police said.

A 2004 Chevy was waiting to pull out onto 3A, while another vehicle was attempting the do the same thing, Chief Hussey said. The other vehicle, which has not been identified, actually pulled part way out blocking the northbound traffic and the operator motioned to the Chevy to go ahead.

A 1996 GMC SUV traveling northbound crossed over into the southbound lane to get around the car that was blocking his lane. The driver of the Chevy, who did not see the northbound GMC, hit the vehicle.

Chief Hussey said the operator of the GMC was cited for crossing the double yellow line.

There were no injuries, he said.

• During the wind and rain at about 6:52 a.m. Saturday (Oct. 28), two cars traveling in opposite directions on 3A grazed each other, knocking off the side-view mirrors on both cars. One of the cars also sustained damage to the side window, Chief Hussey said.

The accident involved a 2002 Honda Civic and a 2004 Pontiac Sunfire, police said. The Honda was traveling northbound and the Pontiac was headed southbound when the mishap occurred.

Police were not able to determine who was at fault. There were no injuries.

• At about 1:30 p.m., Sunday (Oct. 29), a 1996 Lexus attempted to exit Sohier Street and cross the northbound lane of 3A to head south toward Scituate. The operator apparently did not see a 2003 BMW traveling northbound and the Lexus struck the passenger side of the BMW. The driver of the Lexus was cited for failure to use care in an intersection. The driver of the BMW was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

Missing driver

A State Police K-9 unit was called in following an accident on Jerusalem Road at just past 1 a.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 24).

Officers who were responding to a 9-1-1 call about the single-car crash arrived on the scene to find two people in the vehicle: one in the front passenger seat and the other was sitting in the back seat.

"Both individuals appeared to be somewhat disorientated," Chief James Hussey said. "They also gave the impression that the operator of the vehicle had fled the car."

Hussey said there was no alcohol involved in the accident.

He explained at this point, not knowing the condition of the driver, police – after searching the area — called for a K-9 unit for assistance. They were unable to find the driver. The accident is still under investigation.

"We are confident we can resolve the issue of who was driving the car, and take appropriate action regarding any citations to be issued." The two passengers in the car were in their early 20s.

Tossed cigarette

A discarded cigarette was the apparent cause of a fire in the back of a pickup truck at about 5:30 p.m., Tuesday (Oct. 24) on Route 3A near Schofield Road.

"Apparently the cigarette landed in the back of the truck and ignited some paper and cardboard," Chief Hussey said.

He said officers at the scene were able to put most of the fire out with extinguishers from the cruisers. Then the fire department arrived and completely extinguished the fire.

Hussey said the truck driver said he is a smoker. It was unclear if he tossed the cigarette or it came from a passing vehicle.

Car punched

A walk-in to police headquarters wanted it logged that a homeowner punched his vehicle when he tried to turn around in the homeowner's driveway. The walk-in also said the man tried to punch him and missed.

Chief Hussey said it is not a crime to turn around in someone's driveway. "There is no intent there except to turn around," he said.

Hussey said police told the walk-in that he had the right to pursue a complaint about the incident if he chooses.

Mystery tractor

Following up on a complaint from a member of the Conservation Commission at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 26), police determined a truck in the wetlands off Sohier and King streets was a state vehicle. The truck was there to clear debris so the brook could flow more freely, Chief Hussey said. There were no markings on the truck, which was unoccupied when police arrived, but with the help of the building inspector, the ownership and purpose of the vehicle was determined.

Erratic driver

A 20-year-old man checked out OK after police received a call that he was driving erratically along Route 3A. Chief Hussey said the man pulled into the Mobil station to get gas and that is where the officer caught up with him.

The officer checked the man's records for warrants and driving violations and found nothing.

"The officer gave him a verbal warning and recorded the information should we have any further developments with this gentleman," Hussey said.

Stormwater committee looks for funding boost

$10K could help get grant money

By Samantha Brown
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The Stormwater Management Committee is one of the town's newest committees. To help get it up and running, Town Meeting will be asked to weigh in on an article that would provide it with $10,000 to hire a consultant to assist the committee in developing and implementing the town's required stormwater management plan.

Water Commissioner John McNabb, who is on the Stormwater Management Committee, came before the Board of Selectmen at its Oct. 16 meeting to explain the committee's need for funding. He said one of the most important initiatives the funding would allow the committee to carry forward is the application for a 319 grant from the state.

The grant funding would be used to implement activities and projects for the control of nonpoint source pollution, and "We all know there are problems with nonpoint source pollution," in town, said McNabb. When a heavy rain falls on Cohasset, the stomwater which flows into the town's drains picks up all the contaminants in its path, or nonpoint source pollution, and those contaminants flow into the town's water bodies.

"We won't just do our report and hand it to you, we're going to take action."
— John McNabb, chairman

The $10,000 would allow the committee to hire a consultant that specializes in applying for grant funding and helping towns identify and find solutions for their stormwater issues. "We won't just do our report and hand it to you, we're going to take action," McNabb said.

According to the DEP, projects funded under the 319 grant program must implement measures that address the prevention, control, and abatement of nonpoint source pollution, and must result in restoration of beneficial uses or achieving or maintaining state water quality standards. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issues a Request for Responses for competitive projects in the spring, which means the committee must ask the town for its support now. Proposals may be submitted by any interested Massachusetts public or private organization and the DEP encourages all types of eligible, competitive proposals from all watersheds. If granted, the town must provide a 40 percent match to the funds given by the state. This match may be cash or from in-kind services performed as part of the approved project activities.

The Board of Selectmen said it thought addressing nonpoint source pollution is a wonderful idea. However, Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he is concerned about the flooding that has taken place in town as well. "James Brook, Deep Run, Haystack Lane...nonpoint source pollution is important but these areas have been subjected to severe flooding," he said.

McNabb said by addressing the nonpoint source pollution issues in town, it will also inadvertently address some flooding issues. "We are going to include flooding to the extent we can deal with it," he said. He added by putting mechanisms in place to curb nonpoint source pollution, such as ensuring the amount of impervious surfaces does not increase, or adding rain gardens to help cleanse runoff, flooding will also be abated.

"We're hoping in less than a year to make substantial progress," said McNabb. "We're going to solve as many problems as we can. I think we can do quite a lot with the funds."

Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School. Warrants, or Town Meeting agendas, will be sent to every household two weeks prior to the meeting.

Correction

Advisory Committee recommends reimbursement

An article that ran in the Oct. 20 edition of the Mariner incorrectly reported the Advisory Committee voted 8-0 in favor of not recommending a Town Meeting article that would reimburse the schools in the amount of $65,097 for a security system at the Osgood School. In fact, the Advisory Committee voted 5-3 in favor of recommending Town Meeting vote to reimburse the schools for the expense. The Mariner regrets the error.

The confusion occurred as a result of an 8-0 vote on a motion related to the same article at the same Advisory Committee meeting.

Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown made the motion, which read, "The Advisory Committee is very disturbed that the School Committee went ahead and made a decision to spend money on the security system without consulting either the selectmen or the Advisory Board. It is fine that they make a decision to spend their money (operating budget), but if they are then going to seek reimbursement from the town, it should first have the blessing of the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee."

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At previous meetings, Selectman Fred Koed has said revenue estimates could total between $75,000 and $90,000.

The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 can be used by cell phone carriers to preempt local bylaws and build cell towers anywhere in town. Planning Board Vice Chairman Peter Pratt, who attended the meeting, explained while his board has not yet brought up the topic at any of its meetings, towers are currently only permitted in the commercial zones on Route 3A. He said in his opinion, it might be a better idea to try to work with cell phone companies to find areas in town for building towers, which everyone can agree upon. "I think we would rather work with the provider and put it where we want, rather than be told where it's going," he said.

Pratt said there are innovative ways of providing cell phone service to residents without being invasive. He said right now, the Water Department has a cell phone tower on top of one of its water tanks. He said the town needs to somehow map the areas that are in need of better coverage and then figure out the best locations for putting up towers. "We don't want them hanging over homes," he said.

Barrett added some of the new cell phone towers look like flagpoles and at Boston College's football stadium, they have replaced all the flagpoles with cell towers to improve coverage in the area.

"First and foremost, this is a public safety issue."
— Paul Barrett, Jerusalem Road

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he has been conducting his own research in town to find out where some of the worst areas are for coverage. "I have Verizon and the phone I have gets very flaky on Jerusalem Road," he said, as he notices the "bars" which indicate the level of service available are nonexistent.

Griffin said he has been collecting data on his own as well and said his Nextel phone loses its bars on portions of Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road.

But Koed said sometimes his phone will cut out in the middle of a conversation and when he looks at the screen, it says he has three or four bars. "Unless you're having a conversation, I don't think you can trust it. Part of my concern is that we're driving around saying, 'Can you hear me now, can you hear me now,' rather than contacting a professional," he said.

Resident Wayne Sawchuk suggested the board contact a company such as Industrial Communications in Marshfield, which specializes in tower construction and electrical contracting, site acquisition and development, tower site rental and management, and wireless communications products and services. "They own many towers and they'll be able to tell you where more are needed and they'll probably be able to give you a map. They lease the towers to all the cell phone companies, so they would likely know," he said.

Selectmen Vice Chairman Rob Spofford suggested the board get in touch with the Cable Advisory Committee, as he believes there are people on that board with cell phone technology expertise. "Either we or someone needs to move this forward," he said.

Griffin said he already had a meeting scheduled with the Cable Advisory Committee for the end of this week and would bring up the topic. He also said he would find a Request for Proposals which another town has used to solicit bids for leasing land for cell phone towers and bring it to Selectmen. He said he would also get in touch with a company such as Industrial Communications to see if he can find out the specific areas which are lacking in reception and the best areas for towers to improve reception for all.

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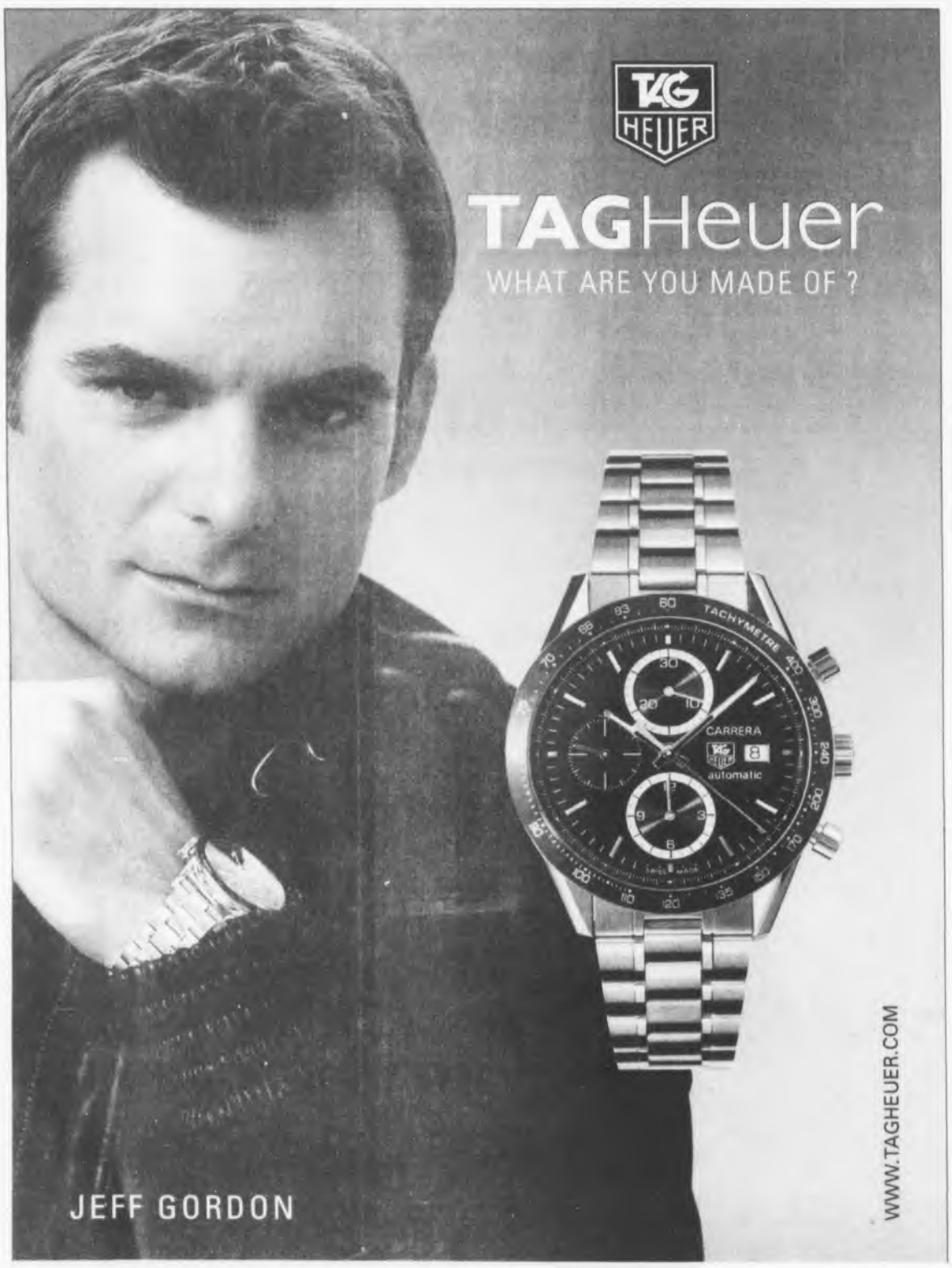

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Veterans Day observance

On Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m., the town will dedicate a new monument at Veteran's Park on Cohasset Harbor. The new monument lists the names of those Cohasset residents who have served or are currently serving in the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Gulf War, or the War on Terror.

During the Korean War, 168 Cohasset residents served their country and one, Clifford David Strout, paid the ultimate price. Vietnam saw 263 Cohasset residents travel overseas and eight men — Peter J. Albiani Jr., Peter Cogill, Allen F. Keating, William C. Laidlaw, John Paul Lyon, Edward R. Maree, Dennis J. Reardon, and Craig M. Simeone — lost their lives. There were 30 Cohasset residents who served in the Gulf War and 43 residents are currently serving in the War on Terror. Ten of those residents are currently stationed in Iraq.

The monument is circular and made of the same stone used to make the World War I and II honor rolls, and is sunken into the ground. The circle has a diameter of 28 feet, and is 16 inches tall from the outside and 22 inches tall on the inside. There is a sloped walkway to bring visitors down into the center of the circle where there is a large flagpole.

On the inside of the circle are the names of the town's war veterans on beveled granite, with another plaque below the names indicating the war in which the residents served. There are also blank tablets to allow the town to inscribe the names of residents who may need to be added in the future. Outside the monument, there is grass and a walkway made of bluestone pavers.

Residents interested in contributing financially to the project may send checks made payable to the Veterans Memorial Committee to 42 King Street, Cohasset, attention Glenn Pratt. For more information on the town's veterans, please visit the committee's Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Schools plead case in letter to Capital Budget Committee

By Samantha Brown
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The school department is not taking lightly the Capital Budget Committee's recommendation that the Board of Selectmen not recommend any of its capital requests to Town Meeting.

To that end, at its Wednesday meeting the School Committee approved sending a letter to the CBC, asking it to reconsider its recommendations. Due to the fact that the CBC felt it had a lack of information about the school department's requests, the School Committee said it would also provide backup data to help answer any questions the CBC may have.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy reminded the committee back in August, Town Manager Bill Griffin contacted Supt. Denise Walsh to inform her the school department would need to be ready to come forward with a list of capital items, which the School Committee assumed was more of an exercise than an actual request for funding. "Had we known this was going to be presented and funded within two months of asking, I think we could've taken a different approach," she said. The School Committee hopes its letter will be the first step to at least beginning a discussion of what the district needs.

Based on current finances, Griffin told the CBC he felt comfortable recommending spending $300,000 in free cash for capital projects at the Special Town Meeting, to be held Nov. 13. With roughly $1.6 million in requests, the committee had some tough decisions to make. Ultimately, voters will decide if the money should be spent.

The school department had requested $505,000 from the CBC for roof repairs, technology upgrades, a science exhaust fan, an emergency generator at Osgood, a new back turnaround/walkway at Osgood, the replacement and repair of playground equipment at Osgood and the repair of the high school track. None of its requests was recommended for approval at this time.

The CBC has recommended funding in the amount of $307,600. Projects to be completed with those funds include roofing repairs at the police station, upgrades for the harbormaster's office, replacement of a truck for the DPW, IT equipment at Town Hall, a new harbormaster boat, additional docks for Parker Avenue and Government Island, roof repairs at the library, one motorcycle for the police department, mobile data terminals for the police department, and an ambulance billing and reporting system for the fire department.

The letter sent by the School Committee states, "We were disappointed to find that some of your recommendations for the school department were delayed for a number of years while others were not included at all in your 5-year plan. This raises some serious concerns."

The letter says the state, through the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, requires each school district have a formal preventative maintenance program to maximize and prolong the effective use of the district's capital and major facility assets, to ensure educational and program facilities are clean, safe, well lit, well maintained and conducive to promoting student learning and achievement.

"The town is to be commended for the investment made in building and updating school facilities and athletic fields over the past 10 years. However, maintaining, securing and protecting our investment is paramount now, or we will lose that investment," it states.

The School Committee said the town is not protecting its investment in the area of technology. "The Massachusetts Department of Education is very clear in the guidelines developed for infrastructure, support services and staffing for technology. We agree with the Capital Budget Committee report, that items such as upgrades and/or replacements of technology may be better addressed in the school department budget. However, as you may know, we have neither a capital line item nor a maintenance of facilities line item within our budget. We therefore rely on the Capital Budget Committee for your support for these items."

The School Committee also recommended the CBC reconsider resurfacing the Alumni Field track in fiscal 2008. "As you noted in your report, the Alumni Field track was installed 10 years ago. At that time, it was advised the track be resurfaced every five years to preserve the structure and maximize its life. That has not been done in the past 10 years." The School Committee also recommended at the next 5-year mark in fiscal 2013, the town return to considering pursuing an artificial field surface.

The School Committee said the requests put forth to the CBC "are needs (not wants), and, if unmet, would compromise the health, safety or welfare of the students, citizens/employees of or visitors to the school community. The installation of an emergency generator for the Osgood School, the replacement of 10 and 12-year-old buses used to transport students, the repair of roof leaks at the high school and the installation of an exhaust fan system for a high school science room are more than 'nice to have.' They all have real health and safety implications if not addressed."

The letter also said the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability further requires (and will audit) that each school district have a long-term capital plan that clearly and accurately reflects the future capital development and improvement needs, including educational and program facilities of adequate size.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said he thinks the letter will be met with positive reactions. He said when the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the recommendations put forth by the CBC, he and School Committee member Steve Fusco were in attendance and made a case for funding for the schools. "The Selectmen were open-minded to certain items, and as you know, we've started working on the roof," he said, as the town agreed to fund those repairs out of its operating budget. "In general, they're supportive and I think the town is willing to support these things."

Logan airport noise study continues to fly

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer updated the Board of Selectmen on the progress being made on the Logan Airport Noise Study on Monday. Dormitzer is co-chairman of the Community Advisory Committee, which has been working on many initiatives to help improve the noise pollution communities surrounding Logan.

Dormitzer said the study is in its final phase and he will make a full presentation to the board at some point in the future. However, he said there have been some encouraging developments made which could provide relief for many communities under current flight paths, including agreement to re-route some early morning planes to keep them higher and more dispersed over the ocean, rather than on close flight paths over communities.

Two routine Jet Blue and Continental flights, which land in the early morning hours, have agreed to the new flight paths, which is a huge step in the right direction, said Dormitzer. While the FAA says it cannot handle the changes during some of its more busy hours, early morning flights overhead are the ones disrupting sleeping residents.

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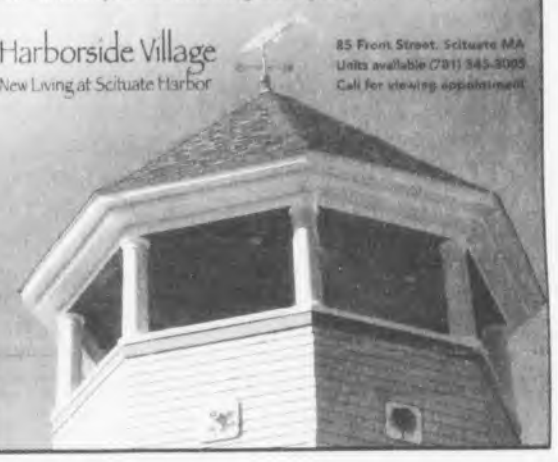

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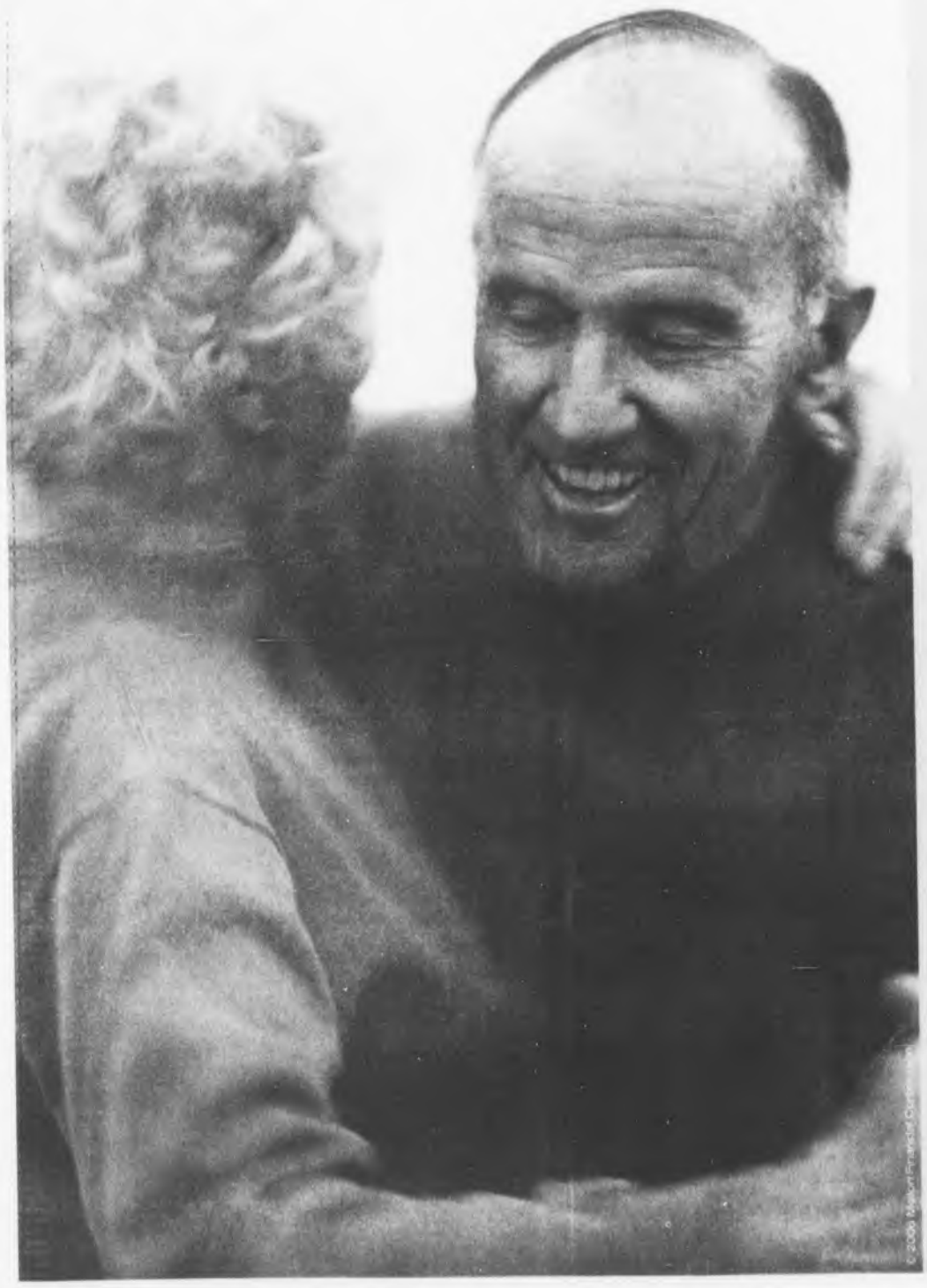
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Local girls win Howl-o-Ween contest

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Hello Cohasset. I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. Now, it is on to colder weather and getting ready for the holidays, etc. I don't know if we are ready for it but this weekend will give us a little taste of the cold. Send in any news you may have to me here and let's keep the column fun-filled with news and events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A belated birthday wish goes out to **Joshua Burke**, who turned 3 years old last week. Happy Birthday "Mr. Curly Top."

BRICK BY BRICK

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? How about an engraved brick! **Deb Kuppens**, who coordinates the Brick by Brick program for Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum here in Cohasset, is putting together a brick order for the holidays. The donation for each engraved brick is $100 — and your donation is tax deductible. The monies raised through the sale of these bricks will go towards funding programs at the Museum. Each brick is a creative and enduring way to honor families, children, grandparents, teachers or members of the community. If you are interested in reserving an engraved brick, please call Deb at 781-383-6399 or email her at DebKuppens@comcast.net

Madison and Elizabeth Hagearty with their dog, Chloe, whom they dressed up in a Cohasset soccer jersey.

TOP DOG

With the heavy rains and wind on Saturday, **Elizabeth,**12, and **Madison Hagearty**,10, had to find a new way to win with their soccer outfits. They dressed up their dog, **Chloe** and went to Petco's annual Howl-o-Ween animal contest in Quincy. They dressed Chloe up in a Cohasset soccer jersey and used soccer shorts from their brother Patrick's Build a Bear to win first prize. They won a $15 gift certificate to Petco and 8 pounds of free dog food. If winning the dog contest wasn't good enough, Elizabeth won the coloring contest, which was good for another gift certificate to Petco.

Elizabeth is a seventh-grader at the middle school and Madison is in the fourth grade at Deer Hill.

VO-TECH CRAFT FAIR

The 12th annual South Shore Vocational Technical High School Craft Fair is being held on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 am to 3 pm at 476 Webster St, Hanover. More than 70 crafters and artisans will be on hand to sell there wares and food, drinks and raffles will be available as well. The SSVT Parents Association puts on this event to benefit programs and scholarships at SSVT! This is a fair that you don't want to miss! Cohasset is part of the Vo-Tech district.

AT SYRACUSE

Congratulations to Cohasset resident **Jenn Murray**, who attends Syracuse University as a sophomore in Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. Jenn was among the over 450 students who participated in the Goon Squad this fall as part of Syracuse Welcome 2006, the University's orientation week for new students.

Established in the 1940s by Syracuse University to spread school spirit and help incoming freshmen adjust to college life, the Goon Squad consists of volunteer upperclassmen who assist new students and their parents as they move into residence halls. In addition to unpacking vehicles and moving new students in, Goon Squad members also answer questions and provide campus directions to new students and their families throughout the Syracuse Welcome week.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Attention Cohasset Residents! It's almost time for the Cohasset Varsity Hockey team's annual Holiday Calendar Raffle event! On Sunday, Nov. 5th members of this year's Varsity Hockey team will be going door-to-door throughout Cohasset selling $5 raffle tickets to the famous Holiday Raffle Calendar.

Local merchants throughout Cohasset have generously donated fabulous prizes, which will be awarded every day throughout the month of December. Every $5 ticket has 31 chances to win so it is hoped you all open your doors, your hearts, and your wallets to support Cohasset Varsity Hockey. All proceeds go toward supporting the team, including ice time, the assistant coach, and team jackets. Thanks to all of the merchants and contributors who've helped support this event!

BIRD WALK

Straits Pond Watershed Association will host a bird walk Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 to 10 a.m. Participants should meet at Atlantic Avenue, Hull, at the foot of Summit Avenue. Cohasset's **Sally Avery** will lead the walk. Everyone is welcome to participate in this free event.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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ANNIVERSARY

Rita and John Durkin celebrate 50 years together.

Rita and John Durkin celebrate 50th anniversary

Friends and family celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Rita and John Durkin of Scituate Sept. 16, 2006. The party took place at the home of John and Shelanne Durkin of Scituate. Given by the couple's children and their spouses, guests enjoyed dinner catered by The Borrowed Butler, dancing and a home video created by the family. The Rev. Mulvehill, pastor at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset, performed a renewal blessing of the marriage.

The couple married Sept. 15, 1956, at St. Carthage Church in Chicago.

Rita and John have eight children: Patti Epstein and Brian of Marshfield, Marita Carpenter, Laura Coletta and Tom of Cohasset, John and Joe of Scituate, and Bob of New London, N.H. They have 33 grandchildren.

John is currently a Realtor with Coldwell Banker. He served in the food industry for more than 40 years with such companies as Blount Seafood, Pizza Hut, Frito Lay and Kraft Foods.

Rita, as well as being a homemaker, is retired from a 20-year career with an optical distributor.

The couple are members of Hatherly Country Club in Scituate and St. Anthony Church of Cohasset.

Hearth cooking demonstration

Erik Anthony, owner of Independence Fireplace in Cohasset Village, is hosting a special event Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Suzanne Goldenson will be doing a hearth cooking demonstration in a fireplace at the store. She has written a book, "The Open Hearth Cookbook," and she has done demonstrations at Sturbridge Village and other locations.

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Cohasset Dramatic Club play about women is 'all about men'

Dramatic Club production premiers next weekend

By Nancy White
CORRESPONDENT

Seventy years ago Clara Booth Luce's play, "The Women," opened on Broadway with a packed theatre and rave reviews from the public. The women of the Cohasset Dramatic Club (CDC) are expecting similar results in their own production of "The Women" next weekend.

The cast, which includes eight women from Cohasset, will perform the period piece that's "all about men," — but don't expect to see a single male actor on stage. The all-female cast will portray a group of 1930's Manhattan socialites with little to preoccupy themselves; save for their girlfriends' lives, loves and divorces.

"It's a diverse cast of women, in geographic location, in age, and in theatre experience," says producer Susan Jaffe.

"The play is very funny, very witty with great dynamics between friends," explains Barbara Baumgarten, who plays Mary Haines, the play's heroine. Baumgarten, a Cohasset resident, is a veteran of both the stage and the CDC. "The Women" is her 10th show with the CDC and she has also performed with the Company Theatre and Hingham Civic Theatre. "The play has very clever lines – and a couple of cat fights," she says with a smile.

Roberta Raffa, also a Cohasset resident, had the unique opportunity to have been in the CDC's production of "The Women" in 1992, as well as this year's rendition. "In 1992," she says, "the cast was much larger so I never was saw the entire show. Some of us had to sit downstairs during rehearsals." This time around some cast members play multiple supporting roles.

"The play is very funny, very witty with great dynamics between friends."
— Barbara Baumgarten, actor

"[With] the casting of this production, the equation simply adds up to keep the cast small and tight," says director Lisa Pratt, "It just makes sense to take many of the smaller cameo roles and double and triple cast them…It keeps it interesting for the actresses who are not cast in the larger lead parts, and it takes advantage of their skill, while still keeping the cast a tight-knit group. Everyone wins."

The small cast coupled with a witty play that most women can relate to their own life experiences and friendships has made the actresses quick friends. "They are a sisterhood. Women dishing about men and other women brings women together no matter how or where. And interestingly I see the lines of the characters that are friends onstage blurring with the real life camaraderie offstage as we spend a lot of time together to bring this story to life," explains Pratt, a Cohasset resident has been involved off and on with the CDC since the 1980s.

"It's a great show to see with your girlfriends, it's very entertaining and really fun," describes Joan Reid, a Scituate resident whose first show with the CDC was in 1998, and who plays two domestic roles. Her roles provide a contrast to the Park Avenue socialites that the plot centers upon. "There's a lot of conniving, cheating and gossip, it's wonderful."

"Being in the suburbs as we are, a 'girls night out' is always a fun past time, so although we welcome everyone to our show, we think that the storyline of women and how they treat and care for their men and their other women friends, is as current a theme today as it was when the play was written in the late thirties," says Pratt.

In that spirit the CDC has teamed up with the Derby Street Shoppes to bring a true sense of "girls night out" to the show. On both Saturday night performances (Nov. 11 & 18) a specially designed gift bag will be given to all female audience members and a raffle will be held to win a female-inspired door prize. A gift that perhaps the women of the play would appreciate, "There's a timelessness of the message that makes you think that maybe people, and especially women, haven't changed at all," says Jaffe.

The CDC is a organization with long-standing in the Cohasset community that dates back to its founding in 1921. The group currently puts on two performances a year, a comedy or drama in the fall and a musical in the spring. "CDC is much like a family with many relatives, some of whom we see all the time and others who pop in and out, others who we watch grow and move on, and others who are completely new to the fold – both the club and the stage," says Jaffe, who also serves as president of the CDC.

The CDC's production of "The Women" opens on Friday, Nov. 10th at 8p.m. Subsequent shows on Nov. 11, 17 and 18 at 8p.m. plus a special matinee on Nov. 12 at 2p.m. All shows will be at the Cohasset Town Hall, tickets are available by calling 617-697-2115 or at Buttonwood Books and Front Street Books in Scituate.

"There is no question, this show is stronger and more believable for the audiences who will come to see it because of these women's friendships and respect for one another," says Pratt, "it makes for great theater, with laughs from start to finish."

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Miriam Aarons (Pam Curren of Scituate), Mary (Barbara Baumgarten of Cohasset), Nancy (Peggy Corrigan of Cohasset), and Edith (Pauline Rockwell of Hanover) play out a cocktail scene in "The Women."

Edith (Pauline Rockwell of Hanover), Mary (Barbara Baumgarten of Cohasset) and Peggy (Tammy Cupples of Boston) play bridge in the opening scene of the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "The Women."

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FABULOUS FALL

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Senior Scene

Learn about Medicare options on Nov. 8

The following activities have been planned by the Council on Elder Affairs. Call 781-383-9112 for more information or to sign up for events. Don't miss the November issue of the new Vista, available next week at the CEA.

Evening Lecture: 'Health Care Options For Seniors' – The Senior Center will host a presentation titled "Health Care Options for Seniors," presented by Susan Flanagan from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Nov.8. Included in the presentation is an explanation of Medicare, including the new Medicare Part D drug benefit. The presentation will also show how Medigap plans and Medicare Advantage plans work with Medicare. A question and answer session will follow. All are welcome regardless of insurance coverage. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is $3. Transportation will be available. Call the CEA for reservations.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment – Open enrollment for Medicare Part D will take place Nov. 15, 2006 through Dec. 31. Seniors can change their prescription drug plan at this time. For assistance, call Carol Barrett, CEA outreach, at 781-383-9112.

Thanksgiving Feast At Atlantica – Joe Campbell and the folks at Atlantica Restaurant are sponsoring a Thanksgiving feast for seniors on Tuesday Nov. 21, starting at noon. Call the CEA to reserve a spot.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner At Lombardo's – The Lombardo family is hosting its 35th annual free Thanksgiving Dinner at its facility in Randolph. The event will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, in Lombardo's Function Facility, 6 Bilings St., Randolph. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by dancing to a DJ until the event ends at 1:30 p.m. Call Cohasset Elder Affairs for tickets to this event.

Fuel Assistance – As winter approaches, people are probably concerned about the high cost of fuel. For information on fuel assistance, call Carol Barrett at 781-383-9119.

Christmas Angel Program – Cohasset Elder Affairs delivers a Christmas basket to homebound elders. If anyone knows of someone who would appreciate a gift or who would like to donate a gift to an elder, can call 781-383-9112.

Thanksgiving And Christmas Dinner – Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner can be delivered to elders who will be alone during the holidays. Call the Social Service League at St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-0771 with name, address, and phone number. The dinner is delivered between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Vienna Choir Boys – One of the oldest boys' choirs existing in the world will be at Mohegan Sun. Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring a bus trip Dec. 6, leaving at 9 a.m., and departing at 5:30 p.m. The trip includes choice of buffet plus two free bets on the Wheel of Fortune and the show. Tickets are $59. Call the CEA for more information.

Rockettes Are Back – Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring a bus trip to a matinee performance at the Wang Center in Boston on Dec. 14. A stop for lunch at noon at Phillips Old Colony Restaurant, and then those attending will continue on to the theater for a 2 p.m. show. Cost is $104, and includes everything. The bus will accommodate 50 people. The trip is available to everyone. Call 781-383-9112 to register. Don't know what to get for a holiday gift? Why not a gift certificate for the show?

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Our World rings in holidays early with Mistletoe Boutique

By Samantha Brown
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Thanks to the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, South Shore residents may be able to finish up their holiday shopping early this year — and get it all done in one day.

On Sunday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., roughly 50 vendors will be on display during the Museum's "Mistletoe Boutique," fund-raiser, to be held at the Red Lion Inn. With vendors selling everything from holiday wreaths and hand-blown wine glasses to unique neckties, children's clothing, jewelry and items for pets, there is sure to be something for everyone on your list. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold for $20 each or 6 for $100 at the door. Depending on the size of the pot, which is currently up to $1,780, Our World and one lucky winner will split the proceeds in half, which could also help whittle down that shopping list.

Co-chairs for the event Heather Comerford, Sue Hess and Vanessa Day said they are very excited about this year's Boutique. With the success of last year's event under their belts, the three have been able to expand on their efforts and make this year's event even bigger.

"The first two years we raised the same amount, but last year, we tripled it," said Hess, which could have to do with the fact that last year was the first Mistletoe Boutique held at the Red Lion Inn. Once out of the Museum, the planning committee had more space to work with and could accommodate more vendors. "This year, we're looking to grow by another 25 percent."

One of the most exciting additions to this year's Boutique is the jolly old elf himself. Santa Claus will be available for pictures in the Salon de Soleil at the Red Lion Inn. There will also be a bake sale and vendors in the Salon, including Alida Dean of Cohasset Greenery who will be taking orders for custom-made wreaths, which she will deliver once complete. "I think it's hard to find a really good wreath," said Comerford, adding Dean has a keen artistic eye and all her floral and greenery arrangements are beautiful.

Day said she is very excited to have vendors from Mascot pet gear at the Boutique. "They're getting national press," she said, for their unique items including sailors knot dog collars and leads, leather and canvas collars and leads and pet sweaters. Comerford added this summer, she was in Nantucket and stopped in a store to see if they had any Mascot items, and the shop owner said she kept ordering more than she thought she could sell and still couldn't keep her shelves stocked.

Hess said last year, one of the top sellers were the hand-blown glass ornaments sold by Clancy Designs of Jamestown, R.I. In addition to ornaments, the company sells wine and margarita glasses, tumblers, vases, candleholders and even soap dishes and toothbrush holders.

For those ladies who like to tee up when the weather is warm, items from Ame & Lulu would make a perfect gift. From fashionable golf head covers to golf bags and belts, their golf accessories help bring a little color onto the greens. The company also sells tennis accessories.

Expectant mothers might be interested in Dear Johnnies fashionable hospital gowns. The colorful gowns are a break from the traditional hospital-issued cover-ups, and come in various sizes for a better fit. While they are loose to allow for proper medical access, the gowns have more closures in the back for better coverage.

Local photographer Mike Sleeper will have his work on sale during the Boutique as well. He has captured images from all around the Boston area, including Fenway Park.

To make the day a success, there are many volunteers who help out behind the scenes and Hess said they could always use more. A good number of vendors will be on display in Lion's Hall, which is also known as the barn, which requires setting up many tables. "It is such a beautiful room," said Hess, adding the expanse of the room really allows every vendor to set up in a prime location.

"All our vendors have been wonderful," said Hess, and have been very cognizant of the fact they are part of a fund-raiser for a non-profit organization. Every vendor who participates pays a table fee and a percent of the sales also go toward the museum. "They all donated items for our February fund-raiser as well which was really nice of them to do," she said.

While the Boutique is being held in early November, Comerford said it isn't too early to start thinking about the holidays. "Many vendors there allow you to custom order products, and with the Boutique being in November, they can get it to you by Christmas," she said.

"It's one stop shopping and it goes on from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., which is lots of time," added Hess.

The fourth annual Mistletoe Boutique will be held at the Red Lion Inn Sunday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and there will be roughly 50 vendors selling unique gifts. In addition, there will be a bake sale and the opportunity for children to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. For more information please visit the Our World Web site at www.ourworldcgdm.org. To volunteer your time, please contact volunteer coordinator Michele Allen via e-mail at micheleallen@comcast.net.

Mistletoe Boutique 2006

The Our World Museum will hold its Mistletoe Boutique fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn. There will be 50 vendors on display this year including:

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Bellevue Cadillac to hold benefit concert

The Jump Jive 'n Wail for Trails concert, starring the Grammy Award winning band, Bellevue Cadillac, will take place Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 9:30 p.m., at the Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell to benefit the Maxwell Conservation Trust, the local land trust based in Scituate, which has worked hard during the past five years to save 125 acres of open space in the Bates Lane area in the west end of Scituate. This land is watershed to Cohasset and Scituate.

This rockin' party will also feature a super silent auction and raffle full of 80 terrific items. These include original oil paintings by Sergio Roffo, Dean Morrissey, Jill Cappadano and Paige Railsback, weekends in New Hampshire, Martha's Vineyard and the Berkshires, a kayak, a cord of seasoned firewood delivered to the winner's door, a catered Thanksgiving meal for eight from Whole Foods, stays at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset.

Tickets for the event are $50 per person and include complimentary finger food, beer and wine. Contact Cynde Robbins at 781-545-4167 for tickets, or purchase them at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset .Reservations may also be made at Mt. Blue at 781-659-0050.

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Learning language helps with mission

Su Escuela provides Spanish immersion

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Deacon Joseph Vitello stands with Sister Rosario and a young family he met in the Dominican Republic during his last mission to the country.

Every year, Deacon Joseph Vitello of St. Jerome Parish in North Weymouth goes on a medical mission to the town of Constanza in the Dominican Republic. The people are very poor and seeing the looks on their faces when they receive the supplies he and others from his parish bring is extremely rewarding. Being able to speak their native language and communicate during that touching time is priceless.

"It is amazing how we pick up the language this way."
— Joseph Vitello
of St. Jerome Parish

Thanks in part to Su Escuela, a Spanish immersion language program located at 152 King St., Vitello, as well as parishioner John DiVito, have been learning the language of the people in Constanza. They attend classes once per week, and are learning quickly due to the program's format.

"I had taken classes before, but you're immersed in the language here and this is what I need. It is amazing how we pick up the language this way," said Vitello.

DiVito added, "I came here with nothing, and now I understand a lot. I'll be absolutely honest, I'm surprised."

At Su Escuela, classes are taught in a way that mimics how a child would learn a language from his or her parents. Through complete immersion during class, Director Sandra Baldeón says students are normally able to reach in a few months the same level of study achieved through years of high school or university study.

During their trips down to Constanza, Vitello and DiVito say their Spanish greatly improves, basically due to the same method of teaching which Su Escuela provides — total immersion. In fact, Vitello is planning to leave for the small village of Tireo, just outside of the larger city of Constanza Nov. 4 and said, "We're going on a mission where we will be with three nuns who don't speak a word of English." Working closely all day every day forces them to pick up the language quickly.

Vitello began taking trips to the Dominican Republic two years ago, as did DiVito, who is on the Board of Advisors at St. Jerome's. Vitello said it has been tough raising the necessary funds to cover the costs of the supplies, "but you have to have money to help the poor." Everyone who goes on the trip pays for their own ticket, and volunteers their time.

Parishioners have been very generous in their donations, which will allow Vitello to bring four big hockey goalie bags and six suitcases down to Tireo full of medication, prescription and non-prescription, as well as hygienic supplies. "It's not just medicine, it's also all the necessary stuff we take for granted," he said, such as toothbrushes and toothpaste.

During the mission, Vitello said his group will host four separate clinics which will be between eight and 10 hours long. "It's exhausting," he said, but there are so many people that need medical attention in that area, even if only to have an overdue physical, that the long hours are necessary.

One of the most common physical ailments in Tireo is stomach trouble, which is due to a lack of proper drinking water. "Parasitic disorders can be a killer for infants," he said, which is why it is so important for both mothers and babies to be treated. What is even more important is that people who have been treated do not continue drinking contaminated water and re-infect themselves. "Eventually, we'd like to find a way to be able to purify their water," said Vitello, adding he is trying to work with Rotary International, which has set pure drinking water for everyone as one of its main missions.

When Vitello's mission is over, any leftover supplies will be left at the "pharmacy" in Tireo, which the nuns who live there will dole out accordingly.

While their lives are different from a material standpoint, from a spiritual standpoint, they are not. Vitello said during their missions, he and the group he travels with always goes to Mass in the village on Sunday. "It is the most joyful time. It is so powerful. You see the joy of the people and their hope and you wonder how they have it," living in the conditions they do, he said.

He said the doors to the church are always open, and sometimes dogs will come in and sit in the middle of the aisles and listen. When the time comes to wish peace on those around you, instead of receiving handshakes as you might in the United States, everyone gives each other hugs. "Especially the little kids," he said. "It's a particularly moving experience."

The little kids in Tireo will get a big surprise when Vitello shows up this year, as the children at Su Escuela are sending along treats – without the tricks – for Halloween. Baldeón said in her classes, she is teaching some of her younger students about the children in the Dominican Republic and she has collected roughly 1,000 lollypops to send to the children as well as chocolate. "I wish I could see their faces when they learn that children from a town in Cohasset in the United States are trying to learn their language," she said.

St. Jerome's is always collecting supplies and monetary donations for their trips to Constanza. They are also always looking for volunteers to help on the missions, especially nurses and doctors. Anyone interested in making a donation or volunteering time should contact the parish at (781) 335-2038 or via e-mail at stjeromeparish@comcast.net. The church's mailing address is St. Jerome Parish, 632 Bridge St., North Weymouth, MA 02191 and donations can be sent marked "Constanza Mission." The parish is looking for monetary donations, but also donations of Motrin, Tylenol, vitamins, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Pepto Bismol, Immodium, Lotrimin ointment, prenatal vitamins, antacids, Prilosec, Eucerin ointment cream and blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes.

Cohasset resident travels the globe with Habitat for Humanity

FROM TRAVELER, PAGE 1

Peter Sexton, third from right, stands with a group of Habitat for Humanity volunteers in Limeiro do Norte, Brazil this July. Team members were from the United States as well as Canada, and included Sexton's wife Anne, fourth from right.

Massachusetts and flew into London, England, and the next day, he flew from London to Bombay, India. From there, it is a 3-hour bus ride to Lonavala where he will be constructing the housing units. Construction began on the housing units Sunday and will continue through Saturday, Nov. 4. Prior to the trip, Sexton said he was looking forward to participating in this build.

"I started in 1996 and have been on probably about 15 builds," he said, and each one is very different. Sexton explained he has participated in two different kinds of international builds — global village builds during which 10 or 15 volunteers travel to a site for about two weeks and work with the local people, and then there are the Jimmy Carter Work Projects which send many more people for a more intense build.

"We build 50 duplexes, or 100 housing units in one week," during the Jimmy Carter projects, he said. With that kind of building over a seven-day period, every hour of every day is planned to ensure the work expectations are met. Sexton explained the preliminary work has been completed before the crews arrive, such as laying the foundations and completing roadwork, and once they arrive, roughly 40 people are assigned to put up each house.

"We have a well-defined schedule for each day," he said, as there are many hands to help with the work, but the goals set are still lofty and projects must remain organized and on track to ensure timely completion.

The first time Sexton went on an international Habitat trip, it was to Tanzania in east Africa. There, he experienced the most primitive conditions of any of his trips. "It is a city of 30,000 people and there is no water system, no sewer system, a few electrical generators but no power system and you are three hours from the nearest paved road," he said. Timber for the project came from whole tree trunks and using a manual saw, it took two days to break down one trunk into lumber.

On that first trip, he attended as an individual participant, but on every trip since, he has held some kind of leadership role. He has been the leader for some global village builds, which means he is responsible for going through all the applications and selecting the 10 to 15 participants who will travel with him. He said he tries to choose people from diverse backgrounds who will get along and work well together. Making the selections is no easy task, as hundreds of applications are submitted. "Most of the applications are from the United States, but I've had people from Mexico, the Netherlands, Canada and Egypt come along on trips," he said.

"I started in 1996 and have been on probably about 15 builds."
— Peter Sexton,
Habitat volunteer

Sexton has been able to see many different parts of the world through participating in Habitat projects. He has been to Tanzania, Malawi, South Africa, and this summer, he and his wife Anne, who has participated in more than five Habitat trips, went to Brazil. He has also been to Chile, Paraguay and Bolivia two times.

Before this trip, Sexton had never been to India for any length of time. "Last year for our 30th anniversary, we went to Bhutan and we spent a day there at both ends to get there and coming home," he said.

The area is at a high elevation, which means it gets cooler at night. Therefore, those participating will be staying in a hotel, but it is not anything like what would be found in the U.S. Sexton said there would not likely be laundry facilities and the participants have already been told not to open their mouths in the shower, as they do not want to swallow it by accident.

"We were given a lot of safety instructions," he said, including the warning to be mindful when they pick up cinderblocks, as they are perfect hiding spots for poisonous snakes and scorpions.

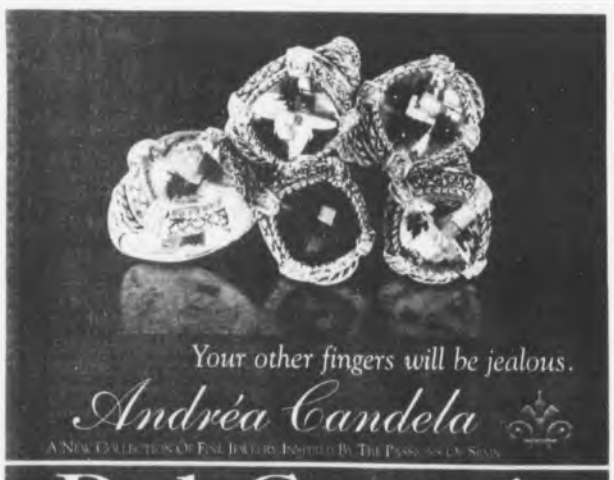
While Habitat trips are meant to help others, Sexton explained the organization does not give away houses. "We don't deal with the poorest of the poor," he said, adding Habitat builds affordable housing and provides interest free mortgages. "They must participate and put sweat equity into the project before they qualify," he said. While he has gone on many international trips, Sexton said there are many projects being built right here on the South Shore including one in Cohasset, and he has helped on those projects as well. Sexton said he enjoys participating in the Habitat trips for a variety of reasons. "It gives you the opportunity to give something back to society. It also gives you the opportunity to go to places you wouldn't go otherwise," he said. While there are tourist areas in many countries, participating in Habitat projects takes him beyond those areas to see what the country is really like for the people who live there. "You meet a vertical cross-section of people," he said.

When not volunteering his time for Habitat, Sexton works for Technic, Inc., in Rhode Island as its International Business Development Manager. "I do a lot of international travel for business," he said, adding he is often jetting off to Asia and Europe, including the countries of Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Japan, Korea and Thailand. "The week after this is over, I'm stopping in Europe for business on my way home," he said. "I'm typically flying over 100,000 miles a year."

Even with the many places Sexton has visited, he said there are still many countries he would like to visit, either through Habitat or on his own. "I'd like to go to Egypt, Mongolia, the very southern parts of Argentina and Chile and Tierra del Fuego."

Sexton said he is already planning for his next Habitat excursion, which will take place next summer. While the location has not yet been settled upon, he is thinking either Chile or Argentina. "We'll start planning for that in December."

For more information on Habitat for Humanity, please visit its Web site at www.habitat.org.



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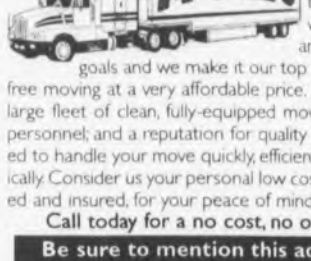

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Mason Cook of Westmill Preservation Services wipes away excess caulk while installing the corner pendants during the recent restoration project atop the Pratt building.

Pratt Building makes the list

Earns place on National Register

By Samantha Brown
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On Oct. 12, the Cohasset Historical Society received some very good news. Its headquarters, located at 106 South Main St. in the Pratt Historic Building, was formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

David Wadsworth of the Historical Society has been working on the initiative for some time, and finally his hard work has paid off. The process of receiving approval for inclusion on the Register is "long and involved," said Wadsworth, and he gathered all the information necessary for the application, including the history of the community, the building's social history, its architectural details, photographs, charts of geologic surveys and other specific information regarding the building's historical significance.

Once complete, the application was sent to the National Register office of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and then on to the Keeper of the Register in Washington, D.C. The entire process usually takes close to two years.

Having a building on the National Register is a very prestigious honor, as it marks the building as being worthy of preservation due to its cultural and historical value. By having the designation, it also helps towns secure grant funding and it protects the building in a limited way from any government activity at both the state and federal level, which might take place on the property. Any proposed projects for the property on which a nationally registered building exists have to be reviewed, and it must be determined the activity will not affect the building's historical significance.

Cohasset now has seven buildings and districts on the National Register. Those included prior to the addition of the Pratt Building include: Central Cemetery at the corner of N. Main Street and Joy Place; the Cohasset Common Historic District, bounded by Highland Avenue, N. Main Street, William B. Long, Jr., Road and Robert E. Jason Road; the Government Island Historic District, also known as Minot's Ledge Lighthouse Shore Station on Gulf Island located on Border Street; the Josephine M. Hagerty House, located at 357 Atlantic Avenue; the Caleb Lothrop House, located at14 Summer Street; and the Capt. John Wilson House and Bates Ship Chandlery, also known as the Cohasset Historical Society Museum, located at 4 Elm Street.

The Paul Pratt Building was built in 1903, a time in which there was a national movement to increase education and culture. Most were built with funds provided by Andrew Carnegie, however, the Pratt Building, while it was built in the same style as many of the Carnegie libraries, was funded privately by Cohasset resident Paul Pratt.

Pratt lived on South Main Street and was a merchant in Boston. When he died, he was very well off and his money was passed on to his two daughters. Neither one married and together, they gave the money to build the library. The land to build the library on was given by Samuel T. Snow, and Wadsworth's grandfather, Edward Nichols, designed the building.

Upon its completion, the building became a private library. However, there was another library, the Cohasset Free Public Library, which had books, but did not have a building in which to house them. The Pratt Library then offered some shelf space to the Free Library to keep its books, and for a time, Cohasset had two separate libraries under one roof. Over the years, the libraries merged into one public library under the Pratt Building's roof.

But the library outgrew its home and on March 3, 2003, the town celebrated the opening of what is now the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road. With some construction the former Osgood School was turned into a new library for the town, and the Historical Society, which had outgrown its headquarters in the Lothrop House, took over the Pratt Building.

Antique Appraisal Day Nov. 4

Search the attic and the basement because that forgotten relic previously owned by Grandma could be worth some cash.

On Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cohasset residents will have the opportunity to find out the value of that heirloom, when the Council on Elder Affairs hosts the "Antique Appraisal Day" at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

James Callahan and Stuart Whitehurst, two well-known appraisers from Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers who are often seen on the PBS hit show "Antiques Roadshow," will be on hand to evaluate items brought in and give their opinion as to what they might sell for. The cost is $10 to have one item appraised, $20 for two and $25 for three. Proceeds will help benefit the CEA, and there will be refreshments served, including donuts donated by French Memories, cider, and "walking potatoes" donated by the Angel Food Pantry. For those who are not familiar with walking potatoes, they are a baked potato with close to 40 possible toppings..

The event is being held as a fund-raiser, sponsored by the newly established Friends of the CEA. The Friends is a non-profit organization, charged with raising funds for the CEA.

While Skinner has experts in every area of appraisal, Callahan and Whitehurst, who will visit Cohasset, are "generalists," which means they have experience in many different areas of appraisal. For that reason, residents should not bring certain items to be appraised such as coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments, as they require an appraiser which specializes in that specific item. However, all other items are fair game. For services of china or silver, please bring one example of each piece in a set and a list of the total pieces in the set. For items that are too fragile or too large to be transported, a good quality photo will suffice.

For more information or to register, or to become a member of the Friends of the CEA, please contact the CEA at (781) 383-9112. To have John Campbell, Interim President of the Friends of the CEA, come by and take a photograph of your item, please contact him directly at (781) 383-0021 or on his cell phone at (617) 909-5687.

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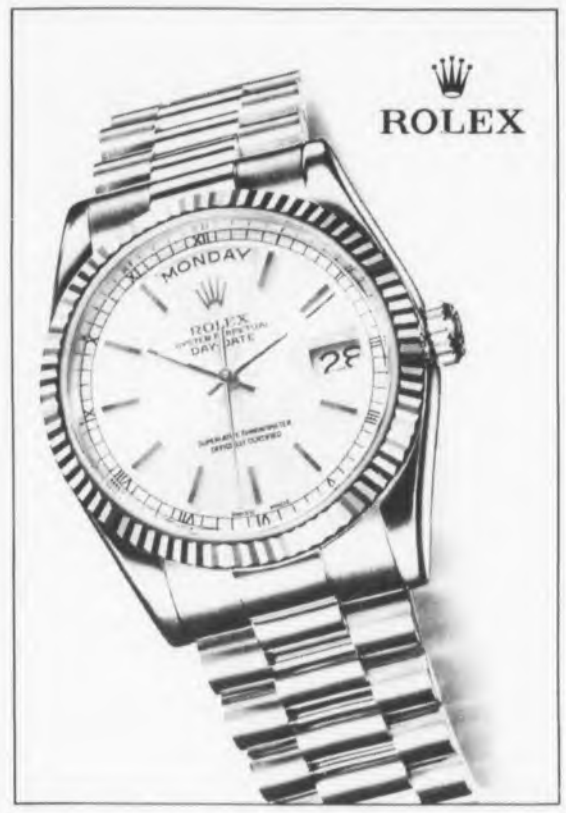

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WEDNESDAY: BLESSED AMONG WOMEN: Mary Tender and Tough.

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☑ **YES on 1 simply updates our law and makes it fair, so any qualified grocery store can get a license to sell wine if they get approval from their local city or town.**

The Liquor Stores' scare campaign against Question 1 is just a deceptive attempt to protect their monopoly profits.
The Liquor Stores are paying for a scare campaign against Question 1 that makes false and deceptive claims about teen drinking and drunk driving. It's as absurd as having tobacco companies tell you they want to protect you against smoking.

"Most other states already allow grocery stores to sell wine and it doesn't create problems. What it does do is save consumers a lot time and money."
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Every vote counts

Your vote counts.

Tuesday's election is critical.

Who will be the next governor of Massachusetts?

Who will come out on top the race to represent us in the state Senate and in Congress?

Take a look at some of these heavily fought contests.

There is a four-way race in the tussle for governor: Republican Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey and her running mate Reed Hillman are facing off against Democrats Deval Patrick and his running mate, Timothy Murray; independent Christy Mihos and his running mate, John Sullivan; and Green-Rainbow Party candidate Grace Ross and her running mate, Martina Robinson.

Our local state senator has a rival. Republican state Sen. Robert Hedlund of Weymouth is facing Democratic opponent Stephen A. Lynch of Marshfield.

Incumbent Democratic Congressman William Delahunt is running against Republican challenger Jeffrey K. Beatty.

Democratic incumbent Edward M. Kennedy is squaring off with Republican Kenneth G. Chase for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

There are many other offices on the ballot, including races for attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer, and Norfolk County commissioner.

In addition, there are also four important ballot questions. Please picture the results and consider how each question would impact your life should it be passed.

This is a two-sided ballot, so you have to flip it over to vote on the ballot questions.

Question 1 would allow food stores, meaning grocery stores and convenience stores, to sell wine.

Question 2 would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.

Question 3 would allow licensed and other authorized providers of childcare in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

Question 4 would instruct the state representative from this district to vote in favor of a resolution to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all the US troops home.

There are a lot of decisions to make on Nov. 7, decisions about who will serve us in elected office and decisions on ballot questions that will change some of our laws.

Cast your vote, and exercise your control over these decisions.

If you are wondering if your vote really makes a difference, take a look at these local true stories about what happened when that one person stayed home on Election Day.

- In the late 1980s, Steve Ivas was elected to the water board in Norwell by a margin of a single vote over Al Gunderway.
- In 1990, John Culhane defeated John Burt by exactly one vote in a race for the Holbrook planning board.
- In June, 1997, Sandwich defeated a $1.7 million Proposition 2 1/2 override by one vote. There was a recount, and the override passed by a single vote.
- In Braintree in 1991 there was a tie for tax collector between Vincent Joyce and James Sullivan? A recount gave Mr. Joyce the job by three votes.

Here's what happened in times and places far away.

- In 1839, Marcus Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by one vote out of 102,966 cast.
- In 1910, Charles Bennett Smith defeated de Alva Stanwood Alexander by a single vote in a race for Congress in New York.
- The Afro-Shirazi Party won a majority in the Zanzibar legislature by a single vote in 1961. That one-vote margin was supplied by the delegate from the Chake-Chake District, who won his seat by a single vote.

The following is our personal favorite,

Once upon a time, a man named Randy Luthi and another fellow named Larry Call ran for the Wyoming Legislature from Jackson Hole.

They each got 1,941 votes.

There was a recount.

Again, they each got 1,941 votes.

The tie was finally resolved when a ping-pong ball bearing the name Luthi was drawn from a 10-gallon hat belonging to Gov. Mike Sullivan.

Cohasset is short on 10-gallon hats, so please come out and vote.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Nov. 9, 7p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Housing Partnership, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., Sullivan gym (Special TM)& Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Library Trustees, Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at the library.

Long Range Budget Committee, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Nov. 13 (Town Meeting) and Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Stay 'tooned'

Cohasset Mariner cartoonist Jim Hamilton will be back next week.

HONOR GUARD

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The State Police Honor Guard marches to the front of St. Anthony's Church on Saturday before the start of the funeral service for beloved, former state representative Mary Jeanette Murray, who passed away last week at 81. Murray represented the Third Plymouth District, which includes Cohasset, Hull and Hingham, for 24 years. Her funeral procession, following Saturday's Mass, drove through part of each of those towns before reaching Woodside Cemetery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor cell coverage

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: This letter was in Selectmen's correspondence.

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of adequate cell phone coverage along the ocean.

My concern comes in two areas: first, the public safety issue posed by this lack of coverage, and second, by conflicting (or confusing) opinions expressed by the Board.

Public Safety – As you are well aware walkers, runners, cyclists: many with strollers and young children, are continuously on Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road. This is wonderful, and one of the jewels of our town. But at the same time, there is a fair amount of automobile traffic, often traveling at bothersome speeds.

The first line of communication most of us have when we are away from our homes and we get involved in an accident, or have an emergency situation regarding our health, is our cell phone. Often times the difference between life and death is a matter of a few short minutes, and not being able to help ourselves or help others because our "life-line" doesn't work is unacceptable.

Board Position – You may have seen on the news this past week a story involving the town of Upton. The thrust of the story was the demands the governing bodies in Upton were making on the service providers to improve coverage. The Chief of Police and the Selectmen were taking a visible, unified position that this is a matter of public safety and must be corrected with urgency.

It is unclear in Cohasset what the priority is to get this safety issue addressed. While the technical solutions are well known and available (repeaters on light or telephone poles, for example) articles in the Mariner have quoted selectmen being concerned about the esthetics of those devices. In other articles, action and urgency seems to be expressed by other selectmen.

My request is for a very clear position on this issue from the Board of Selectmen, and for that position to be one of demanding urgency in forcing the service providers to insure coverage along the ocean.

George Chamillard
400 Atlantic Ave.

Preschool screening

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Public Schools has announced its schedule for screening of preschool-aged children. Parents should know that they do not need to wait to participate in such screenings if they feel their child may have a disability that impacts learning.

Parents have the right, at any time, to ask the school to evaluate their child to determine special education eligibility. The child must then be evaluated, and a finding of eligible or not-eligible made, within 45 school days of the school's receipt of the parent's written consent to evaluate. This process can be initiated by a parent for any child between the ages of 2-1/2 and 21.

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HEALTH NOTES

Trying to make trans fats history

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Food and Drug Administration has recently opened an offensive on Trans Fats. Trans fats became a part of our diet at the beginning of the 20th Century when German chemist Wilhelm Normann showed that liquid oils could be hydrogenated and patented the process in 1902. Soon thereafter, vegetable oils and other fats were industrially modified through partial *hydrogenation*, and first commercialized by Procter & Gamble as Crisco (composed largely of partially hydrogenated cottonseed oil) in 1909.

Since then we have been eating an increasing amount of trans fats in our diets. Unlike other fats, trans fats are neither required nor beneficial for health. Several recent studies confirm that eating trans fat increases the risk of coronary heart disease as a function of the percentage of trans fat in one's diet. For these reasons, health authorities worldwide recommend that consumption of trans fat be reduced to trace amounts. Trans fats from partially hydrogenated oils are generally considered to be worse than those occurring naturally. By 1988 there were suggestions in the scientific literature that trans fats could be a cause of the large increase in coronary artery disease. By 1994, it was estimated that trans fats caused 30,000 deaths annually in the US from heart disease. Recently, the FDA has concluded that the primary health threat associated with trans fat consumption is an elevated risk of coronary heart disease (CHD).

By 1994, it was estimated that trans fats caused 30,000 deaths annually in the US from heart disease.

On the other hand: Cooking fats and oils play an important role in nutrition by providing a concentrated source of energy for the body. They are used to store energy in the body, insulate body tissues and transport fat-soluble vitamins through the blood. They also enhance food flavor, making baked products tender and conducting heat during cooking.

About fats

Production of trans fats increased steadily until the 1960s as artificially created trans fats replaced saturated animal fats in the US and other western countries. At first, the argument was a financial one due to lower costs, however, advocates also said, mistakenly, that the trans fats in margarine were healthier than the saturated fats of butter. Butter is less than 4 percent polyunsaturated and contains many healthful substances including vitamins (A, D, E, and K), omega-3 acids, and protection against intestinal infections, as well as selenium.

Melting Point — The densest fat used in cooking is lard, which remains solid at room temperatures and somewhat higher. Other fats and oils have lower melting points with most oils having melting points which keep them liquid to temperatures well below freezing. Some associate the melting point of a fat with body temperature and conclude that fats with melting points higher than body temperature are bad because they form products, which lodge in ones arteries and cause coronary artery disease. Such a conclusion is unwarranted. It's much more complicated than that. There are combinations of fats and oils like butter and mayonnaise, but most cooking fats have melting points depending

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Safety, Safety, Safety

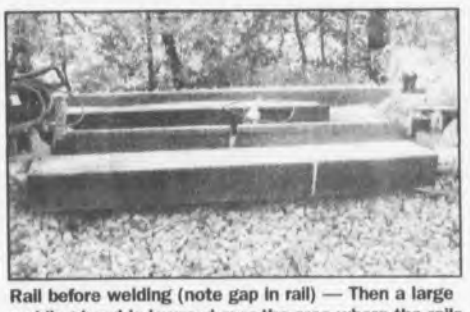
MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

It's all about safety. We've had a number of comments from residents about safety and the train. In some cases it concerns adults or children either accidentally or on purpose entering the right of way. Other times calls deal with the fact that the fencing along the right of way is not complete, so there is easy access to the track area. Yet we can all see that that there is equipment traveling on the tracks as a part of the construction project. We can't emphasize enough: *it is never safe to enter the track area, fence or no fence!* In fact fences may help safety, but they don't make for a safe railroad. Only people can make the train safe. Safety is a message we have repeated in these articles over and over. *The tracks are very dangerous places at any time.* In fact, they may be even more dangerous during construction when a wide variety of equipment may travel at totally random times.

Starting in December, the Police Department in conjunction with the Schools will begin an in-school education program about railroad safety. The safety-training program is a nationwide program called "Operation Life Saver." You can find information about the program on the web at http://www.oli.org/. You should be hearing more about this from the schools as the program gets underway. Formalized training aside, each parent should still spend time with their children to emphasize safety.

Town Parking Lot and safety – This office has had numerous phone calls about safety at the Depot Court / Pleasant Street / Ripley Road intersection. If you boil down the substance of most calls they deal with drivers speed and lack of consideration for pedestrians trying to make their way across this construction area. In some instances, we've even had pedestrians almost struck as cars zoom into the exit side of the Town Parking Lot. That does seem to be a bit inconsiderate, at least to us.



Rail before welding (note gap in rail) — Then a large welding head is lowered over the area where the rails will be welded together.

As you can see the MBTA is not finished with construction in this area. We are currently working with CBB to put the final paving on most of the lot before the snow flies. There will still be some work to do in the spring, but this paving will make it smoother for the time being.

More arcane stuff – Last week we talked about the "tamper" that leveled and aligned the new tracks. After we observed that interesting operation we had a chance to go to Weymouth and watch the rail being welded. Truly, this was another amazing operation. Picture this: Two very long strings of rail (about 1500 feet long or longer) have been laid and clamped firmly to the concrete ties. The two pieces of rail are laid so that they have a gap of about one inch between them. Each of the two pieces of rail is gripped by a 160-ton hydraulic jack that literally pulls the rails and all of the ties together totally closing up the gap. *See the photos and captions for more details.*

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Welding head lowered into place — A very large diesel generator located in a special truck located on the tracks powers the welding head where 40,000 amps at 8 volts is passed through the joint. This melts 1-1/2 inches of rail fusing the two ends together. Compare this amperage with the normal home electrical circuit breaker rating of 15 or 20 amps or the supply to our homes of 200 amps. The actual welding operation takes about 7 minutes.

Rail after welding —When the welding head is removed the connection is nearly perfect and requires almost no additional smoothing. The two pieces of rail are now totally fused together making a perfect joint. This is clearly not the way they built your father's railroad.

Success needs more than marathon effort

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Yeah yeah, for years I've heard marathoners whine about "hitting the wall". I guess I just assumed they were speaking figuratively, and that with a little more hard work and persistence, etc.

Recently I read about a study that suggests greatness is achieved mainly through hard work, perseverance, and a bit of good luck, and that inherent talent plays a much smaller role than one would expect. This sort of news is of course heartening to those of us with little-to-no talent, aside from our ability to recite the original version of Star Wars line for line, with optional sound effects. ("Ooteenee!") This idea goes down easy with us Americans especially, because although we're actually a bunch of lazy slobs, we like to think that at any time we could rise up from the couch, throw on a few clothes, and go out and change the world, just as all those first-generation immigrants did in the past. If we happen to wake up one morning with a single-minded obsession for sculpting or football or pork belly futures there's no reason we can't become the greatest pork belly futures guy ever.

It's a very positive philosophy, but unfortunately I know of at least two cases where it breaks down. One is long distance running. This year I decided to run my first marathon. I ran cross-country track in high school and in the years since I've watched a lot of marathon coverage from my couch, so I felt I was ready. Now, I never thought running a marathon would be easy, but I always assumed I could do it. First of all, my sister-in-law did it. You would think that if the average sister-in-law can finish a marathon — and between you and me I think calling her "average" is being a little generous — certainly I can do it, right? I figured the worst that would happen is that I would run the first 25 or so miles and walk the rest. What I didn't count on is what I call the reverse-Pinocchio effect, where at about mile 19 your Real Boy legs turn to wood and your dehydrated brain causes you to hallucinate about blue fairies and, in severe cases, spontaneously break into song.

Yeah yeah, for years I've heard marathoners whine about "hitting the wall". I guess I just assumed they were speaking figuratively, and that with a little more hard work and persistence, etc... Well, I'm here to tell you they weren't kidding. I do not like hypothetical limitations becoming real and physical. What's next for me, a glass ceiling? A cellophane barricade? Latex, uh, obstructors of some kind? None of it sits well with my "never quit until lunchtime" attitude. Which reminds me, when I was 14 I learned that it is possible to eat one too many pancakes. That was a bummer of a revelation too.

The other problem with this theory — that perseverance, not extraordinary talent, is the key to success — is that it doesn't explain the achievements of someone like Bach. J.S. Bach is one of only two reasons I believe in a higher power, the other one being that if I didn't, I wouldn't get free glazed donut holes every Sunday morning. This is a guy who banged out a 50-page cantata every week for years. You look at one of these things and the page is so dense with notes that roll on and on, up and down, doing loop-d-loops—it's indecipherable. And then you hear the Vancouver Chamber Choir performing "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" and you want to cry, it's so gorgeous and perfect. No doubt he worked hard too, but clearly Bach was colluding with angels. When I die I may find myself in a cold, dark pit, but if I hear a Bach Chorale somewhere in the distance I'll know all is well. If I hear Hillary Duff I'll know I'm in deep yogurt.

No historian I spoke to would say whether J.S. Bach did any long distance running, which I find highly suspicious. But had he run marathons I feel sure Bach would have won every race, despite the wig and the flannel robes. Not by training harder than the others, but by cheating — using his extraordinary talents and heavenly connections to place invisible barriers in front of his opponents, or slip NyQuil into their Gatorade...

Hmmmmmm.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, but is currently in New York City singing "I've Got No Strings" on Broadway, though according to the marathon route map he's supposed to be on Fifth Avenue.

Test scores show significant improvement

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

DENISE WALSH

Overall, every grade level that was tested has met their A.Y.P., based on the C.P.I. (composite performance index) set for the district.

I am pleased to announce that an examination of the Adequate Yearly Progress (A.Y.P.) and MCAS results of 2006 shows significant improvement in student performance in many areas.

In grade 10 – 100 percent of our students passed both the Mathematics and English Language Arts portions of the MCAS test. Of those students, 93 percent scored in the Advanced or Proficient categories. The Boston Globe (using Advanced and Proficient scores) ranked Cohasset #10 of 280 districts in grade 10 Mathematics and #14 of 280 districts in grade 10 English Language Arts.

Examining grade 8 results – 30 percent scored Advanced in grade 8 Mathematics (#1 in the region according to The Boston Globe rankings), and 25 percent scored Advanced in grade 8 English Language Arts (ranking #4 in the region).

Overall, every grade level that was tested has met their A.Y.P., based on the C.P.I. (composite performance index) set for the district.

While we identify many areas that show significant student performance, we also have identified focus areas for attention.

In grade 3 Reading, the goal continues to be to increase the number of students performing in the Advanced category. The impact of the newly adopted Scott Foresman Reading Program K-2 and the development of a full-day Kindergarten program is yet to be felt.

In grade 4 Mathematics and English Language Arts, we continue to increase the data analysis, professional development opportunities, and use of consultants in Math and ELA to strengthen our programs. We also continue to expand challenging enrichment opportunities through EMC^3.

Finally, Science and Technology results in grade 5 and 8 emphasize the need to continue to expand the Science curriculum and include additional engineering concepts K-8. We appreciate the support of the PSO, as well as Cohasset Education Foundation, as we move forward with these efforts. It does take a village . . .

Denise M. Walsh, Ed.D., is Superintendent of Schools

LIBRARY CORNER

Page position available — The Library is looking for an organized, detail-oriented Cohasset resident to fill a part-time Page position. Applicant must be 16 years or older. Responsibilities include shelving library materials, shelf reading, and light cleaning. Weekend and Mother's hours available. Call Gayle Walsh 383-1348x120.

Artist reception —Meet local artist Diana Rousseau at a reception on Sunday, Nov. 5th, from 5-7pm in the Meeting Room. The South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Rousseau's landscape paintings beginning Nov. 1st through Dec. 31st at the Paul Pratt Library. Gallery Hours: Monday, Tues., Thursday 10-8pm, Wed., Friday, 10 am -5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, and Sundays 2-5pm.

Holiday closing — The library will be closed Saturday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Knitting group — The knitting group will meet on two Wednesdays each month. November meetings are on Nov. 8th and 15th in the Meeting Room from 10-11:30 am. Edna Finegan, from the Senior Knitting Group, will be our instructor. All knitting levels welcome.

MamaSteph – will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m., Mondays, through Nov. 27. All ages and communities welcome. Registration is not required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop-in Story Time – will take place in the Children's Story Room Tuesdays, through Nov. 28, at 10:30 a.m. This is a lap-sit program that welcomes all ages and communities. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Letters About Literature –This program asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose work has made a difference in their lives. It invites personal and reflective writing about reading.

LAL is sponsored in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with funding from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, and is a project that feeds into the national program that is run by the Library of Congress with funding from Target.

Local winners receive their awards in a ceremony at the State House. Last year, Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer won level 1 honorable mention.

To view their letters and read more award0winning letters go to massbook.org. Entry forms are available at massbook.org, Paul Pratt Memorial Library and school libraries.

Entry deadline is Dec. 8. See Mrs. Moody or email, smoody@ocln.org for more information.

Let's fill in the Big Dig!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Sometimes I wish we could fill in the Big Dig and start all over with just a shovel and a pail and someone in charge who knew what he was doing.

Are the guys who carved out the Channel between Britain and France available? No? Well, how about the guys who built the pyramids? They have managed to stay up for millennia. The Big Dig has lasted — how many months?

Just when we thought the problem was solved after Governor Romney tied a can to Chairman Matt Amorello and began an investigation into the work of the engineering firm of Bechtel/Parsons Brinkerhoff, what do you suppose happens?

Why Matt's successor, John Cogliano, hand-picked by Governor Mitt, hires Bechtel/Parsons Brinkerhoff to inspect repairs to the Big Dig and even approved another $8 million to retain B/PB engineers as consultants.

What is that they say about the fox and the henhouse?

One of the oddities of the current Big Dig contretemps, coming in the midst of nasty gubernatorial campaign, is that neither side can point to the responsibility of the other for the $14 billion project that cost a woman her life under a collapsed ceiling.

"It is not acceptable for Bechtel engineers to participate in any inspections," said Kerry Healy, the Republican candidate. "This is a situation that is deeply disturbing to us."

"What we have seen is consistently shoddy leadership and management and this has got to change," was the best Deval Patrick, the Democratic candidate, could do.

"We're watching Bechtel with the eye of an eagle," said Governor Mitt, just in from a trade mission to a state somewhere west of Pittsfield.

"We do not have a cozy, friendly relationship with Bechtel. Instead, it's a very arm's length, professional relationship and their job is to complete the Big Dig."

As they have been doing for the past 20 years, no doubt.

As I recall, a Democrat named Mike was governor when the first shovelful of dirt was taken from the Big Dig and . . . bear with me now, this was a long time ago . . . and I remember a guy named Salvaggi or Salvucci. That's about the extent my recollection.

Over the years, responsibility for the Big Dig came under the Mass Turnpike Authority and, for 16 years, Republican governors have had the opportunity to name members to the Authority. The notorious Matt Amorello was a Republican senator.

All that proves is that Republicans are no different than Democrats when opportunity knocks, whatever that means.

Remember McKee, Berger Mansueto? It was the construction firm that bribed its way into building the UMass-Boston campus in Dorchester. After an investigation, two senators, Joseph DiCarlo, a Democrat, and Robert MacKenzie, a Republican, went to jail.

My house is about 100 feet from the Greenbush rail line as it passes through East Braintree. The crossing where the tracks cross my street has been closed for some four or five months. I have watched them work on it as I sit at my desk.

That presents a serious problem — What shall I wear when they summon me to testify before the grand jury?

Police chief talks about article

our town Tune into Our Town to learn about what's coming up! The program, hosted by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, is focusing on articles going before voters at the Nov. 13 Fall Special Town Meeting.

Pat and Mark sit down Cohasset Chief of Police Jim Hussey to discuss an article going before voters to deter stolen goods from being sold at resale and consignment shops. Don't miss it!

Look for Our Town to provide live coverage of Fall Town meeting on Monday, Nov. 13 on channel 22.

Want to support public TV while getting great exposure for yourself or business? Contact Pat Martin to find out how.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Harbormaster's boat is waste of money

COMMENTARY

BILL STONE

We cannot afford this luxury. Just look at all the cuts the various departments have had to make. Gee, we can't even afford to have all the streetlights turned on.

I read with interest, of the Harbor Department's request for $70,000 to purchase a new patrol boat.

I would like to give you the opinion of a person with over 50 years experience lobstering out of Cohasset harbor.

This boat is not needed and would be a frivolous waste of money.

The area proposed to be patrolled, is outside of Cohasset Harbor and is already covered by the Coast Guard with two trips a day almost every day. There are approximately 35 lobster boats from Cohasset in this area, on between 150 to 200 days a year. They all have radio, cell phones, and first aid kits. I have never heard of a lobster boat refusing to tow a boat in at the end of a workday. Just because the Harbormaster has the authority to enforce the laws in this area, it does not mean we need a boat to do it. We cannot afford to baby-sit the boating public when they run out of gas. As for rendering assistance in a case of an accident, any one with experience on the water will tell you the only help that is any good, is from boats already at the scene at the time of the accident.

The Harbor Department is not like the fire and police departments where we do need quick response time.

As I understand it, the present patrol boats were given to the town. If the state wants us to have these boats, they should also pay for the maintenance.

We cannot afford this luxury. Just look at all the cuts the various departments have had to make. Gee, we can't even afford to have all the streetlights turned on.

Instead of trying to find ways to raise the harbor fees, I suggest we should find a way to cut expenses. The harbor is part of the transportation system of the town, and should be supported by the exorbitant real estate tax we, as residents, are forced to pay. I don't know of anyone who has received a bill for every time the road in front of his house has been repaired or plowed. Maybe we could put tollbooths at all the town boundaries to help pay for the roads. The harbor is nothing more than a wet road, used for the transport of goods and services.

I would suggest making the harbormaster's position, part-time, just like the clam warden.

I held this job, along with Cliff Dixon, in the early 60's, as interim harbormaster until Harry Ritter was appointed. It was a part-time job then, (at $100 yearly, plus an hourly wage) if still is. The harbormaster worked under the direction of the highway surveyor, Louis Bailey, who very efficiently supervised this system. The harbor ran just as well then, as it does now. At that time we replaced most of the moorings because of a dredging project, adjusted moorings to accommodate persons desires to either increase or decrease the size of a boat, plus we built floats and runways. All done by the harbor personnel, not some outside company.

Let's define the harbormaster's duties, which end at the breakwater. They certainly don't consist of only supervising personnel from a luxury office. The harbormaster's shack was given to the town. Others and myself replaced the floor including the joists. It was to be used solely to provide shelter during stormy weather while watching the boats. It is not worth putting a lot of money into. If the "shack" needs repair, department personnel, with the town liable for materials only, should handle it. With the exception of welding, all repairs to floats and other town owned facilities should be handled "in house." The harbor department has grown disproportionately large to the simple needs of the town.

I noticed another expense of $10,000. Part of which would be used to add floats to Government Islands.

What is wrong with the existing system? Except for the need to shorten the S. W. end to minimize the scooping of foam from the dam-stream, the floats are fine. You can't expect to tie up any more skiffs at the landing without increasing the number of available parking spaces. Any extensions to the N.E. side will limit access to the wall, which is used for loading and unloading. Sometimes decisions are made without fully investigating the consequences.

Do you really want to take the advice to spend money on a wish list, from a person who has been on the job just a few months?

These are just the perceptions of an old fisherman who has "been there."

Bill Stone lives at 383 S. Main St.

Selectmen are not well versed on school technology needs

COMMENTARY

BOB PATTISON JR.

Another selectman mentioned trying to update these computers. That is just not a viable option. It would be like putting new seats in a 1974 Pinto.

The last two issues of the Mariner contained several articles regarding technology in the schools that have compelled me to respond. The comments by some of the selectmen clearly demonstrate they have a lack of understanding of the current state of technology in the schools and the direction that it needs to go. Gary Vanderweil said he doesn't see the need for 700 computers for 1500 students. It frustrates me to hear people opine on subjects in which they are not well versed. The reality is that 700 computers are not nearly enough.

Today's curriculum, at all levels, is not only delivered through lectures, textbooks, chalk and blackboards; it is also delivered through PowerPoint presentations, on-line video, and content rich CD's and DVD's that accompany almost every textbook. Countless websites and software packages enhance the curriculum and learning experience. Pen and paper has been replaced with word processing software. Email and instant messaging are the preferred method of communication. All of this requires as many computers as possible.

According to the Technology Plan posted on the schools' website, they have a student to computer ratio of 2.2 to 1 and that does exceed the Massachusetts Department of Education recommendation of a 5 to 1 ratio. But, that is a benchmark standard for the year 2003 and that ratio is lowered if some of those PC's are inoperable or inadequate. (The DOE's ultimate goal is a one to one ratio.) Many of the schools' computers are inadequate by today's standards and not considered modern by the DOE today.

At my son's parent-teacher conference at the Osgood School last week his teacher told me about great reading software the school owns but can't use because the school's computers can't run the software. How can it be possible that Osgood's computers can't run the software? The majority of them are running Windows 98 operating system, which is isn't even supported by Microsoft anymore. Another selectman mentioned trying to update these computers. That is just not a viable option. It would be like putting new seats in a 1974 Pinto. The best option is to replace them. New computers would not only benefit the users but the technical department as well. Besides being able to run modern software, new computers can be managed, updated, inventoried, and monitored remotely.

Speaking of the technology department, it is woefully understaffed. The DOE recommends one full-time network administrator per district and one full-time tech support person for every 100-200 computers. The schools have neither. Based on the schools' 700 computers, they should have 3.5 tech support personnel. Having sufficient technical staff prolongs the life of the computers by enabling proper maintenance and keeps computer up time at a maximum level.

Lest one think me hypocritical for preaching on a subject I'm unfamiliar with, I am a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and I've been the Network Administrator for the Milton Public Schools for the past six years.

Tom Callahan said in a recent article that computers need to be "up to snuff" because they are the wave of the future. While I appreciate the sentiment, computers were the wave of the future in 1985. We are almost into the year 2007, deeply entrenched in the computer age and we can't afford handicap the students with inadequate equipment. The bottom line is that a firm commitment to technology must be made to ensure their success. I urge residents who attend the upcoming town meeting to consider funding technology improvements in the schools from the capital budget.

Bob Pattison, Jr. lives at 19 Parker Ave.

Briefs

No board meetings on Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7, and in Cohasset, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Town Clerk Marion Douglas recently sent a memo to all boards and committees, asking them not to schedule any meetings during polling hours, "as it puts voters in a potential conflict situation between voting and attending public meetings," she stated.

Douglas said Massachusetts General Laws prohibit public hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals on any applications for special permits or variances on Election Day. This also applies to any board that might be having a hearing related to those types of applications. The Elections Division also strongly discourages any board or committee from meeting during polling hours.

Town Web site up and running

Just a reminder, the town Web site is up and running and is being updated daily. The site can be accessed at www.townofcohasset.org. Meeting calendars, meeting minutes, important town forms and information on town boards can all be found at the site.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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October 27, 2006

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records how the representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$1.5 MILLION FOR EARLY EDUCATION PROVIDERS (H. 5401)

House 153-0; Senate 37-0; Governor Deval Patrick's veto of the entire $1.5 million in funding to provide professional development grants for early education and care providers. Supporters of the $1.5 million said that it is important to help these providers further their education and to attract workers to boost the state's commitment to a program of voluntary, universally accessible high-quality early childhood education for all preschool-aged children. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the $1.5 because it was inconsistent with his original budget proposal. (A "Yes" vote is for the $1.5 million).

$149,742 FOR MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ADVISORS (H. 5000)

House 133-20; Senate 38-0; Senate overrides Gov. Romney's veto (2/3 vote necessary) of an amendment to increase funding from $75,248 to $603,500 in funding for the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee. Supporters of the $149,742 said that the funding is important to ensure the protection of the legal rights of persons involved in mental health and retardation programs in the state. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yes" vote is to override the $149,742. A "No" vote supports the veto and $149,742).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL:

LICENSE PLATE THEFT (S. 1836): The Senate gave its approval and sent to the House legislation creating a new crime of "buying, selling or dealing in stolen license plates." The proposal imposes up to a one-year prison sentence or $500 fine on violators. Supporters said that current law treats this crime as larceny, and imposes only a small fine.

INTERFERING WITH TRAINS AND SUBWAYS (H. 5111): The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposal creating a new crime of "interfering with the operation of any train or subway." The measure imposes a range of jail sentences and fines on anyone who "knowingly or willfully" places objects on the tracks or generally disrupts, delays, prevents or interferes with the vehicle's operation.

SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME (H. 4903): The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring the state to develop and implement a statewide Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Initiative to reduce death and disability of infants from the condition that occurs when a caregiver intentionally shakes a baby too hard. Provisions include providing parents of a newborn with education materials prior to leaving the hospital or birth center; providing education and training to appropriate health care providers and other professionals who serve or have contact with children and development of a program to support victims and families affected by shaken baby syndrome. Supporters said that it is the number one non-accidental way that infants and children under two are killed in the United States and noted that more than half of infants and children who receive shaken baby syndrome suffer from permanent disabilities. They argued that the measure would save lives, prevent injuries and save millions of dollars in health care costs.

RAISE CAP ON RETIREES' ALLOWABLE EARNINGS (H. 5111): The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing retired public state and local employees to continue working in a public job as long as the combination of their pension and new salary does not exceed $15,000 the salary they earned when they retired. Current law prohibits the combination from exceeding the salary at retirement and does not allow the additional $15,000. Under current law, and the proposed bill's salary limitation, retirees are required to return any earnings that are in excess of the allowable amount. Supporters said that many retirees cannot live on their pensions and should be allowed to earn more money than is presently allowed under current law. They cited many police officers who would like to supplement their income by working on police details in their local communities.

MCAS CHANGES: The state Board of Education voted [illegible] MCAS requirements that raise the standards for students to obtain a high school diploma beginning with the class of 2010. The new regulations raise the current passing scores on the English and math portions [illegible] score students must achieve to receive a 220 to complete an Educational Proficiency Plan in order to qualify for a high school diploma. The Board also added a science, technology and engineering exam to the [illegible] with the class of 2010 and a history exam beginning with the class of 2012.

VOLUNTARY HEALTH HISTORIES REGISTRY FOR THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN (H.5031): The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure requiring the Department of Public Health to study the possible creation of a voluntary health [illegible]. The registry would include information provided voluntarily from biological parents of adopted persons about family and parental health histories and would allow adoptees to update their personal [illegible]. The study would also examine how the information could be kept anonymous and confidential and be updated by the parents and accessed by the children.

WHO'S THE CHAMP? (H. 4905): The House approved [illegible] Senate legislation designating the town of Natick as "The Home of Champions" and the city of Brockton as "The City of Champions." Both communities have been [illegible] The bill included only Natick's designation but was later amended to include Brockton.

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = Not Voting

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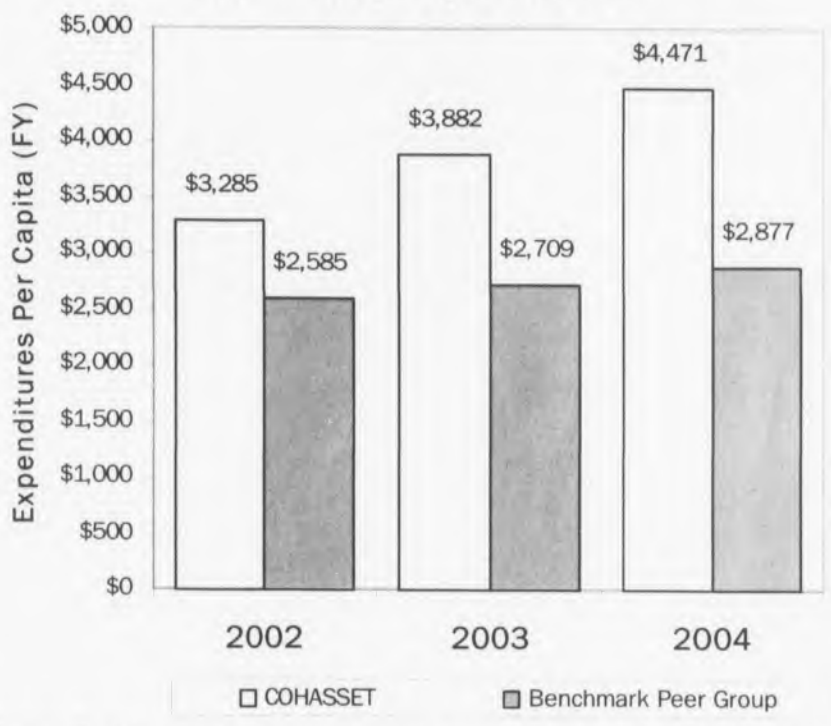
MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE

Community Expenditures



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Expenditures are general fund expenditures.

This chart looks at Cohasset's expenditures per capita for fiscal years 2002, 2003 and 2004. By looking at aggregate expenditures on a per capita basis, one can get a sense for how much Cohasset has spent to serve each resident. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

HEALTH NOTES

Trying to make trans fats history

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on the amount of hydrogen or saturation in the molecules, of which they are made.

Saturated and Unsaturated fats — Food chemists use three levels of saturation for fats, saturated, monounsaturated, polyunsaturated, plus unsaturated (for oil) . Fats and mixtures have different melting points depending on the degree of saturation. Trans fats are oils completely saturated with hydrogen in an industrial process. The polyunsaturates are incompletely saturated oils.

So, what is to be done?

It's all on the label — In January, percentage of trans fats will be on all food labels. But even now they are already listed on many. If you're interested in lowering or removing trans fat from your diet you should visit the only health store in Cohasset. It's called All the Best at 1 Pleasant St. on Depot Court in the village, a natural foods supermarket with no trans fats anywhere.

If it tastes good people will eat more — However, the biggest change in our diet over the past few decades is not the ingredients but the quantity of food that we eat. When coupled with a simultaneous decrease in exercise, the number of excess calories consumed has exploded (along with our waistlines). The trans fat diet exported by companies like MacDonald's, etc. has become a major driver for the outbreak of obesity worldwide not only just in the U.S.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Hingham Board of Health.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Whilton, 207 No. Main St., $35,000, demolish first-floor laundry, rebuild adding second floor bath; Sullivan, 169 Border St., $10,000, build new front portico; Kearce, 283 So. Main St., $25,000, new widows, sidewall; Herth, 164 Pond St., $15,000, install 24 Harvey replacement windows; Henderson, 291 Fairoaks Lane, $6,300, 22 squares asphalt roofing shingles; R.T. Rice, 103 Ripley Road, $450, install hanging wood sign; O'Donnell, 11 Beach St., $41,000, build shed/garage;

Lightkeepers Association, 15 Lighthouse Lane, $1,875, install three tents – Oct. 27 to Oct. 29; Mascart, 19 Jerusalem Lane, $10, 000, install asphalt roofing, drip edge; Fernald, 95 Doane St., $3,000, replace existing shed; Sawchuk, 274 Beechwood St., $37,500, extend dormer, raise roof, new kitchen, bath fix., four new windows; Fernald, 95 Doane St., $4,005, install Jotul wood stove; Afshar, 141 So. Main St., $5,626, install Jotul wood stove; Fernald, 95 Doane St., $21,660, 18 squares cedar siding, replace seven windows, trim; Sherbrooke, 10 Little Harbor Road, $130,000, replace family room, kitchen, two baths, new roof, siding;

Thomas, 15 Jerusalem Road Drive, $70,000, replace existing sunroom with smaller footprint sunroom; Nelson, 34 Rocky Lane, $43,000, add to rear bedroom, some interior remodeling; Lydon, 23 Forest Ave., $78,000, construct deck, kitchen remodel; Davis, 257 Atlantic Ave., $1,876,000, remove home midsection, add/renovate seven baths, eight bedrooms, new kitchen, deck, enlarge garage.

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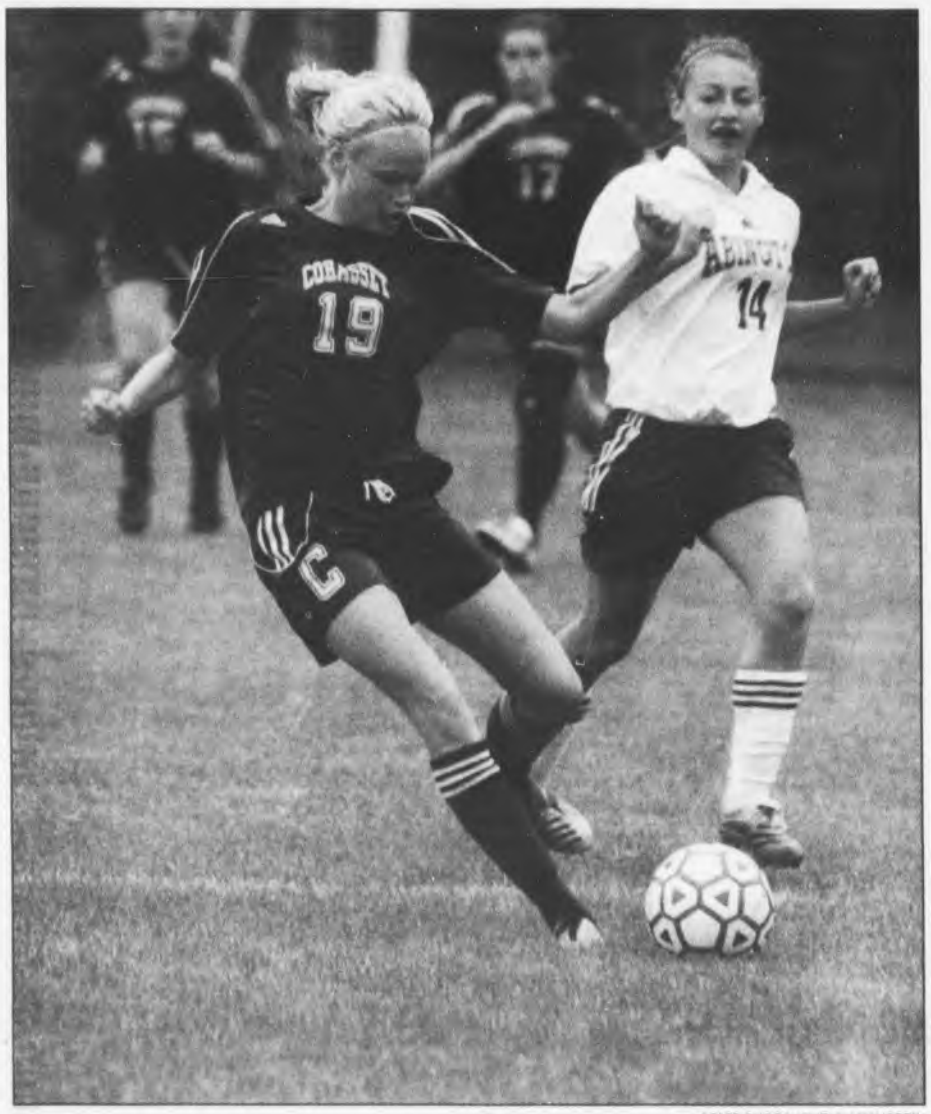

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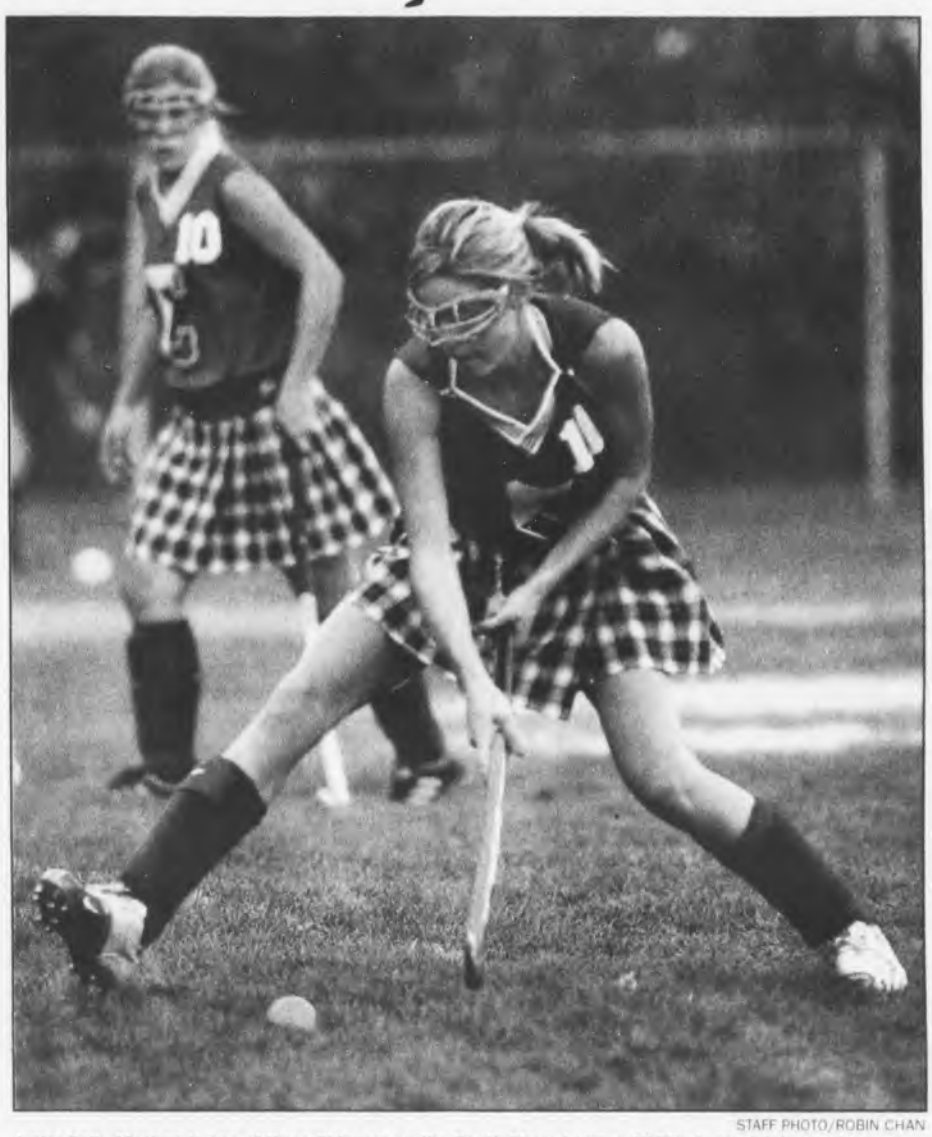
Torey Hart (19) finished the regular season as the South Shore League's second-leading scorer.



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Junior Sally Meehan is one of three Skippers on the South Shore League All-Star team, joining seniors Sheelah Scott and Laura Campedelli.

Girls soccer aims for trifecta over Carver

By Mark Goodman
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The odds were pretty high that the Cohasset High girls soccer team would run into a familiar foe when the Div. 3 state tournament kicked off this weekend.

The Skippers were one of six teams from the South Shore League to qualify for the postseason, joining league champion Norwell, Abington, East Bridgewater, Carver and Mashpee.

Cohasset has earned the 5-seed in the sectional, and will host 12th seeded Carver in the first round. Date and time were unavailable at the Mariner's press time on Thursday, but all pairings and schedules are available today on the MIAA's tournament web site, miaa.ezstream.net.

The Skippers finished the regular season with a 13-3-2 record, with a 9-3-2 league record that was good enough for third place (and just one point behind second place Abington). Cohasset also enters the tournament with momentum, as the team is riding an eight-game unbeaten streak and a three-game winning streak.

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The most recent of those wins came Monday over Holbrook in a 3-0 decision. Sophomore Maggie McGoldrick scored two goals, with fellow sophomore Torey Hart tallying the other.

This was also Senior Night, as the team's 10 graduates-to-be played in their last regular season home game. Those 10 are: Emily Coggins (captain), Caren Garber (captain), Lara Novak (captain), Kara Wilcox (captain), Shalea Daly, Alyssa Hinman, Karoline Holt, Haley Haracz, Jamie Genovese and Colleen Richardson.

Skippers head coach Deb Beal described Monday's game as a rather physical affair, as Holbrook had a lot on the line in its last game of the season.

"They needed a point to qualify for tournament, and we made it clear they weren't going to get it from us," said Beal.

And with that, the girls have spent the rest of the week preparing for what they hope will be a deep tournament run. The Carver game will feature the league's two top scorers, the Crusaders' Tina Gillen and Hart, who finished second with 38 points (17 goals, 21 assists).

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Field hockey hopes 3rd time with EB is a charm

By Evan Deutsch
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Today marks an important milestone for the 2006 Cohasset High field hockey team.

The Skippers enter their first and, hopefully, not their last game in the Div. 2 state tournament. They travel to East Bridgewater to square off against the Vikings.

Yes, the Vikings won the South Shore League, earning an 8-seed in the tournament. The Skippers, finishing third in the league, are seeded ninth. And the Skippers have tied (3-3) and lost (3-0) to the Vikings during the regular season.

"The fact that we've already played them works both for us and against us," explained senior captain Molly Gallagher. "We know that aside from a few superstars, they're not a deep team. Still, they can be somewhat intimidating, which is something we'll need to get over."

"It will be a challenge, but this is a very winnable game," said head coach Deb Bostwick. "It will be essential to put a damper on Jessica Roberts."

Roberts, an All-American, recently tallied her 100th career goal.

The Skippers have a lot going for them at this key point in the season. When the lights finally went out at the end of the regular season, the Skippers finished with a 12-4-2 record.

This admirable finish earned a third place tie in the league with nemesis Carver. Part of the success lies in the highly effective diagonal defense that has worked wonders for Cohasset. Of the 12 wins in the regular season, seven of them came in the form of shutouts.

"These shutouts start with the solid defense of the midfielders," observed Bostwick. "Then, the defense seems unbreakable. We have such a deep defensive bench that they never tire. Finally, Alyssa [Mullin] always stays on her toes. She's a very smart player. Alyssa has really improved her positioning skills."

No surprise to find Cohasset well represented on the SSL All-Star team. Senior captains Sheelah Scott and Laura Campedelli, along with junior Sally Meehan made the cut. Senior captains Caitlin Hurley and Alida Tangherlini and junior Corinna Durham earned honorable mentions.

Bostwick pointed out a couple specific areas in need of improvement if the players expect to make waves in the playoffs. Defensively, the Skippers need to improve their weak side coverage in their infamous diagonal defense.

"Outside defenders sometimes cheat over to the middle too much if the ball is coming down on the opposite side. This leaves the weak side opponent open for a shot," said the coach.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Jake Cuneo (71) tries to break free from Scituate's Jay Milkiewicz on a muffed extra point attempt during the teams' Sept. 30 game. The Skippers junior has been having another strong season at right tackle.

The one they've been waiting for

CHS gridders get their shot at Abington

By Mark Goodman
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Skippers at Abington Tonight, 7 p.m.

For the Cohasset High football team, today is a day the players have been looking forward to for a while.

For some, tonight's game against undefeated defending Div. 3 Super Bowl champion Abington has been on minds since the schedule came out last summer.

For those who were part of last year's fixture, a 36-22 Abington win at Alumni Field, tonight's game has likely been on their minds for a year.

"We've been more than happy to remind them of last year and how it happened," Skippers head coach Pete Afanasiw on Thursday. "This is a big game, especially for our seniors. For them, knocking these guys off would make up for the bumps in the road we've had so far."

The coach and his players know this will be a difficult task. Abington is 8-0 this year, 4-0 in South Shore League play, and have done it in large part behind a stout defense.

"We're going to have to be able to move the football, sustain drives and then finish them off," said Afanasiw. "Abington has had something like six goal line stands over the past year. They have that attitude that they're not letting you into the end zone. A big key for us is scoring when we get in the red zone."

One of those goal line stands was in last year's one-point Super Bowl win over Archbishop Williams, and the latest came in last week's 6-0 win at Norwell. The Clippers, having held the ball for the entire third quarter, found themselves with a first-and-goal at Abington's 1.

Four plays later, Norwell still wasn't in the end zone, and instead were playing defense after a turnover on downs.

Cohasset will be aiming for a different outcome, and will be doing so with a new-look running game. Senior Anthony DiPaolo has switched positions, from quarterback to running back alongside junior Brian Hill. Taking over behind center is junior David Snowdale, who has impressed coaches with how quickly he is learning his responsibilities in his new role.

The Skippers have had to make adjustments in their backfield due to the injuries of junior fullbacks PJ McCaw and Kyle

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PHOTO/DAVID MORRISON

Cohasset's Kara Wilcox (6) heads the ball upfield during an October match against East Bridgewater. Cohasset and EB were two of the six teams from the South Shore League to make the state tournament.

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Cohasset's Anna Haggerty (24, right) dishes the ball to teammate Colleen Richardson during a passing drill before the start of the Skippers' Oct. 21 match against Norwell. The Skippers have focused on their passing and maintaining possession as they prepare for the postseason.

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McGoldrick (10-12-22) finished second on the team and also in the top five of the league's scoring table. While tournament opponents' defensive focus will start with these two players, Beal points out that they combined for just over a third of the team's goals. Garber, Wilcox, junior Meg Anderson and sophomore Kristin Monaco have all been consistent threats in the Skippers' attack this season and are more than capable of scoring goals if defenders are looking elsewhere.

Beal said the team has continued to practice developing a complete attack, whether it is shooting, passing, supporting or making a run.

"We want to continue our possession style of play and create opportunities that increase our scoring chances," said the coach. "I believe in this team and they believe in themselves. We have made tremendous strides over the past several years and I can see the seasons getting better and better. For now, though, we need to stop, relax, take a deep breath and just play our game."

Beal said her girls are feeling confident going into tournament, but realize nothing will come easy. Cohasset beat Carver twice this season, 4-2 at home and 2-0 on the road, with the scores in both instances being indicative of how the game was played.

The Skippers realize, though, that past results matter little in the postseason.

"They know this is going to be a tough game. I think their heads are on square," Beal said.

Five Skippers named to league All-Star team

At this week's league coaches meeting, five Cohasset players were named to the SSL All-Star team, the most in the program's history.

Hart, McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins, Sammie Lehr and Johanna Brophy were all voted to the team by league coaches. Only Norwell, with six, had more representatives.

"We were very fortunate to get five players selected to the team and I firmly believe they are some of the best in the league," said Beal. "And the best part is, they are all sophomores."

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In the midfield, Bostwick plans to work on positioning so the girls' feet don't get in the way of the ball (a turnover results from kicking the ball, even accidentally). With a few minor adjustments, these pesky turnovers can transform into Cohasset possessions.

Finally, Bostwick feels that her forwards need to capitalize more on their offensive corners. A combination of improvements in these areas all over the field will hopefully give the Skippers an edge in the week to come.

Aside from the points mentioned above, the Skippers put on a show in their final three regular season games.

The first win came in a decisive 4-1 victory over Westwood. Fifteen minutes in, Meehan assisted Campedelli. Two minutes later, junior Katina Martone knocked in a pass from senior Virginia Spofford. Aside from a Westwood goal with five minutes in the half, the Skippers controlled the field.

Still not satisfied, junior Corinna Durham found the net eight minutes into the second half. Scott sealed the envelope on a goal assisted by Campedelli with two minutes left.

Two days later, on Wednesday the 25th, the Skippers hosted Silver Lake on Cohasset's Senior Day. Apparently, the recognition of their accomplishments lit a fire under the seniors, as "every single one of them played an outstanding game," according to Bostwick.

With seconds left in the first half, Campedelli connected with Meehan on an offensive corner. Meehan then assisted Martone to put the Skippers up 1-0 at the half.

The second half featured more Cohasset domination, with Martone feeding Scott with nine minutes left to seal a 2-0 win. Sophomore midfielder Georgia Murley also received recognition for an outstanding game.

Two days later, the Skippers delighted in another opportunity to govern as they made the trip over to the Silver Lake field.

This time, Spofford struck first on a scuffle eight minutes into the game. Later in the first half, Campedelli put in goal number two from a textbook give-and-go play with Meehan. Martone sent one home late in the game from Hurley to earn the Skippers another shutout, this time 3-0.

While the Skippers could not have ended their regular season on a better note, they need to maintain this momentum as they charge into the postseason.

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Cohasset's Caitlin Hurley (4) chases down a loose ball during a game against Norwell.

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Above, Anthony DiPaolo shields off the tackle of East Bridgewater's Brian Phillips during the second quarter of Cohasset's Homecoming game. DiPaolo has switched positions from quarterback to running back and has been playing well in his new role.

Left, Cohasset's Justin Alexander (80) stretches out for a tackle in the Scituate game.

The one they've been waiting for

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The body language of Paul St. Pierre said it all in the closing seconds of the Skippers' 36-22 loss to Abington last season. St. Pierre and his teammates will be aiming for a different result tonight (Nov. 3) when they take on the undefeated Green Wave.

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Pinkus. McCaw has able to play sparingly with a cast protecting a broken knuckle but, in general, the lack of a healthy starting fullback had led Cohasset to change its gameplan on offense.

Missing McCaw and Pinkus has also affected the defense, as both are starting linebackers. That has forced other players to step up in other positions, and one that has done so is Cliff Musto. The junior defensive end has averaged a sack a game over the last four contests, and despite playing mostly on the offensive line to begin the season, has become a dependable part of the defensive group.

Against a big Abington team, Cohasset will need its offensive line to be on top of its game. Afanasiw said senior Paul St. Pierre has emerged a key part of the picture in that area.

"Offensively, Paul is one of our most consistent lineman, along with (junior) Jake (Cuneo)," said Afanasiw. "He's always in the right place and doing what he's supposed to be doing."

Cohasset has had an extra week to prepare, as the team had a bye last week. That also gave the coaching staff a chance to scout the Abington-Norwell game, and guess who the Skippers play next week? That's right, the Clippers.

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Grade 5: Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Deer Hill; Grade 6: Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Deer Hill; Grade 7: Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Osgood; Grade 8: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Deer Hill.

Information on league fees and other questions will be answered at the tryouts. Please contact Chris Haggerty (girls) at 9930 or Joe Campbell (boys) at 0665 if you have any questions.

High School Hockey Clinic

The Rockland Ice Rink will hold the seventeenth annual clinic beginning Nov. 19. The purpose is to offer the high school hockey players the opportunity to get in shape for the upcoming season.

The guest instructors will include Bob Sylvia, Quincy High School; Jim Sylvia, Hanover High School; Anthony Sulmonte, Abington/E.B.H.S.; Bob Doyle, N. Quincy High School; and other area coaches.

The clinic is open to all area high school players (ages 14-18.) The cost is $115 per player. Applications may be obtained at the Rockland Ice Rink. Applications will not be accepted by phone. For additional information, call (781) 871-0547 or visit www. RocklandIceRink.com

Sports e-mail mgoodman@cnc.com

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Cohasset's Evan Deutsch (21) goes for a bicycle kick during the Skippers' Oct. 10 win over Abington. The boys completed their season Wednesday against Scituate.

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South Shore Peace Forum wants troops home

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activists are deeply concerned about the staggering cost of the Iraqi war in both human lives and dollars. They point to the thousands of United States troops as well as the tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers and children who have been killed or wounded, the damage to Iraqi homes and the infrastructure, and the $300 billion that has been spent on the war to date.

For four years, SSPF members have held a weekly vigil for peace on Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Hingham Post Office on North Street. Their philosophy is to use peaceful means, not violence, to resolve conflicts and bring security.

"Our being there with our signs and flags each week in all kinds of weather, witnessing for peace, certainly demonstrates our commitment to peace and, I hope, will perhaps cause others to start thinking about it as well," Brown said. "But the main reason, for me, is to prevent deaths and horrible wounds to all the people involved in the war. Life is the most important thing. Who wants to take the life of another? I am acquainted with grief and do not want others to suffer it."

Community response to these vigils is more positive now than it was when the war first began, Tebbetts said. "Many passersby stop to thank us for working for peace because they believe it's a better outcome than war. What's more important – to say it's not working and we have to get out despite the consequences or to keep doing what we're doing – getting in deeper and deeper everyday? What is this war accomplishing?"

Fellow Forum member Gay Dane, also of Cohasset, noted that "people sometimes make the mistake of thinking they're somehow being unpatriotic if they are promoting peace. But you can still love your country and speak out against the war," she said.

Peace doesn't just happen, said Tebbetts. "You have to be constantly working on it. We need to find ways to solve conflict without resorting to violence. War is a deliberate decision to kill and intimidate people. Conflict only makes it harder to achieve peace because more and more people are angry and hurt. The war is creating more enemies [of our country]."

Dane believes that "the war as a template for democracy in the Middle East has failed. I think Iraq is on the cusp of a civil war, and we have no business being there," she said.

Following the vigil each week, Brown rings the bell at Old Ship Church in remembrance of the many United States troops and Iraqi civilians who have been killed or wounded and for the dead of September 11, and for all those who have lost their lives to war.

"War is basically a sign of failed policy — failure on the part of the countries engaged in war to solve their differences without fighting," Tebbetts said. "No school would be allowed to remain open if kids were being taught to solve problems by going to war."

The Forum was formed in the early 1990s when talk about a possible Gulf War broke out. The group was active throughout the conflict, hosting forums and vigils. The Forum was reactivated briefly in the late 1990s when the United States threatened to bomb Iraq and again as a means of praying for United States soldiers and Afghan citizens killed in Afghanistan.

Over the past few years, the SSPF has sponsored a number of events, including a large informal discussion with Congressman William Delahunt on peace, security, and civil liberties, a forum on the implications of the Patriot Act at Hingham Public Library, and a forum focusing on veteran concerns — issues they face in Iraq and others faced upon their return from Afghanistan and Iraq. Those events allowed for free discussion of ideas, providing an opportunity for those of differing opinions to exchange views.

The Rev. John Beuhrens, former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, also spoke upon his return from an interfaith Christmas in Iraq. In addition, the Forum showed two films, one about the domestic impact of the Administration's handling of the Iraq crisis and the other about a family struggling with loss as a result of the attack on the World Trade Towers.

The Forum has also welcomed and fed Buddhist monks as they passed through Hingham on their walk across Massachusetts.

Earlier Forum-sponsored public discussions centered around a number of topics, including peace between the Israelis and Palestinians, United States-Japanese relations, and the death penalty debate.

For further information about South Shore Peace Forum, visit southshorepeace.org.

Mary Sochacki, Shirley Brown and Katharine Sangree, all of Hingham, gather for the South Shore Peace Forum weekly vigil in front of the Hingham Post Office.

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Pat Granahan of Hingham holds a sign with the latest statistics about the casualties and cost of the War in Iraq as part of the South Shore Peace Forum's weekly vigil in front of the Hingham Post Office on North Street.

Iraq question is on the Nov. 7 ballot

By Carol Britton Meyer
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"The public is growing more aggrieved with the policy, or lack of it, daily, and we're stuck in a deep, deep hole."
— Catha McSweeney, South Shore Peace Forum

For the first time, many Massachusetts voters will have the opportunity to officially register their position on the war in Iraq.

Members of the South Shore Peace Forum collected enough signatures on a "Home from Iraq" petition calling for the immediate end of the war in Iraq to place a non-binding question on the Nov. 7 ballot. Sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker),United for Justice With Peace, and other groups, the question will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot in the 3rd Plymouth District, covering Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and North Scituate, as well as on ballots in 36 state representative districts across the state which include part or all of 139 communities.

On Nov. 7 voters in these cities and towns, located across the length and breadth of Massachusetts, will vote on the following question:

Shall the State Representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the President and Congress of the United States to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all United States military forces home from Iraq?

"Non-binding or binding, this is the first chance to publicly express our feelings about the war in Iraq, as well as the entire policy of this administration concerning terrorism and the way the President and his advisors have chosen to fight it," said longtime Forum member Catha McSweeney of Hingham. "So far we seem to be losing on all fronts. The public is growing more aggrieved with the policy, or lack of it, daily, and we're stuck in a deep, deep hole."

In a massive volunteer effort this spring and summer, citizens from one end of the state to the other collected the thousands of signatures needed to place this non-binding referendum on the November ballot.

"Like Vietnam, we have passed over compromise and gone directly to war, only this time, we have an even blinder, more blood-thirsty 'leadership,'" McSweeney said. "And we don't know yet why we are in this war — only that it has made terrorism stronger and more widespread around the world than ever before."

AFSC member Paul Shannon, who serves as a coordinator of the campaign, explained the Committee's involvement: "Not only is this dirty war bringing death and unlimited pain to United States soldiers and their families. It has destroyed Iraqi society," he stated. ". . .We hope that Massachusetts voters will seize this opportunity in November to vote in favor of ending it now."

SSPF member June Freedman of Hingham said the ballot question is an opportunity for voters to "directly express their opinions to our elected officials, many of whom don't seem to be hearing the wish of the majority of the people for an end to our involvement in the conflict."

This "Home from Iraq Now" ballot initiative is also sponsored by Military Families Speak Out, Mass. Peace Action, and the Boston Chapter of Veterans for Peace who form The Statewide Campaign to Bring Our Troops Home Now.

Gov.'s race, wine question could draw crowd

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Independent candidate Christy Mihos, and Grace Ross of the Green-Rainbow party. The lieutenant governor candidates include: Democrat Tim Murray, Republican Reed Hillman; independent candidate John J. Sullivan; and Green-Rainbow party candidate Martina Robinson.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is running against Republican Kenneth G. Chase; State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, a Republican, will face Democrat Stephen A. Lynch of Marshfield; Martha Coakley is facing Larry Frisoli for the Attorney General seat; Secretary of State William Francis Galvin's seat is being challenged by Green-Rainbow party candidate Jill E. Stein; State Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill is facing James O'Keefe of the Green-Rainbow party; Congressman William Delahunt is being challenged by Republican Jeffrey K. Beatty and Independent candidate Peter A. White; Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci is facing Working Families party Rand Wilson; Democrat Peter H. Collins and Republican Thomas E. Gorman are running for county commissioner.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, a Hingham Democrat; District Attorney William R. Keating; Fourth District Councilor Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.; and Registrar of Deeds William P. O'Donnell are running unopposed.

Ballot questions

Question One – the Wine at Food Stores Initiative — would allow selectmen to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. Based on its population Cohasset would qualify for six new wine licenses.

Question Two would allow candidates to be nominated by more than one political party or designation, and have their names appear on the ballot for each nomination. Their votes would be counted separately and added together to determine the winner.

Question Three would allow licensed and other authorized child-care providers in private homes under the state subsidized child-care system to bargain collectively with relevant state agencies.

Question Four seeks to instruct the state representative from the district to vote in favor of a non-binding resolution calling upon the President and Congress to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all US military forces home from Iraq.

Further information is available in the Official Massachusetts Information for Voters booklet mailed to every household in the state. A facsimile ballot is available in the Town Clerk's office.

Town Clerk's office has absentee ballots

Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person.

Absentee ballots for the State Election on Tuesday, Nov. 7 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
- Physical disability.
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be *mailed* to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 7 to be counted.

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Spinnaker hits the newsstands

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Halloween and the Spinnaker debut have come and gone. Ferris Bueller sums up the Halloween issue nicely: "It is so choice. If you have the means, I highly recommend picking one up." It is now November, and Senior yearbook write-ups are due! If your Senior son or daughter is a truant, please have them complete their write-up and turn it in STAT. Also, Juniors and Seniors are ordering their Powder Puff T-shirts, so make sure your kids get their money in. Fall sports seasons are wrapping up, and tournament teams are gearing up for the long haul. Good luck to all the sports teams in their endeavors. The academics are not forgotten though, and as always there are about a million things going on at the school. Here is this week's news.

- Guys and Dolls continues to rehearse for the upcoming show.
- The High School Jazz Ensemble is continuing their weekly sessions. If you haven't heard them yet, be sure to watch out for their stellar performances at our school concerts.
- Powder Puff practices start this coming Monday. Although it is a flag football game, we might need to have paramedics on standby. Once that testosterone gets pumping, anything goes.
- Wednesday the School Council met after school.
- Wednesday night the School Committee met.

This year's Spinnaker crew at Cohasset Middle High School.

- The Basketball Boosters met Wednesday night.
- There was a PSO Principal's meeting Thursday morning.
- Wednesday and Thursday Bus evacuation drills took place during school.
- Debate team is almost up and running! The teams are coming together and beginning to form this year's plan.
- Saturday the SATs are up at the High School in the foreign language classrooms. If you're taking the test, the best advice I can give you is be aware of the time limits.

Some of the trees outside are almost bare. It's almost time for the snow to start falling. The first quarter of this school year is almost over. Time flies, and yet one class seems like it takes a lifetime when you can't keep your eyes off the minute hand of the clock. It's strange how that works out. That's enough contemplation for now; I've got to get going on this work! Take it easy everybody.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or bologna sub, veggie rice, pears.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

Breakfast for lunch, pancakes, sausage or ham sandwich, baked potato tots, veggie sticks, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or turkey sandwich, green beans, peaches.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or tuna sub, garden salad, Jello.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

Veterans Day – no school all schools.

Informal screening

The Osgood Preschool staff in conjunction with the school nurse will hold informal screenings for children on the third Friday of every month from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The remaining dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2006; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27, May 18, 2007.

These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Osgood book fair is Wed., Nov. 15

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 2 - 7 pm, at the Osgood School, 211 Sohier St.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special theme: Reading Rain Forest.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

Jenni Milanoski at 781.383.6898 with any questions.

Teen dance scheduled for Nov. 17

There will be a dance at the Teen Center Friday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grades six through eight is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Hockey calendar raffle starts Nov. 5

Attention Cohasset Residents! It's almost time for the Cohasset Varsity Hockey team's annual Holiday Calendar Raffle event! On Sunday, Nov. 5th members of this year's Varsity Hockey team will be going door-to-door throughout Cohasset selling $5 raffle tickets to the famous Holiday Raffle Calendar.

Local merchants throughout Cohasset have generously donated fabulous prizes, which will be awarded every day throughout the month of December. Every $5 ticket has 31 chances to win so it is hoped you all open your doors, your hearts, and your wallets to support Cohasset Varsity Hockey. All proceeds go toward supporting the team, including ice time, the assistant coach, and team jackets. Thanks to all of the merchants and contributors who've helped support this event!

Parents Advisory Council to meet Nov. 7

The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council will host a "Meet and Greet" on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The PAC is looking forward to meeting some new faces in our school district and some familiar ones too!

The meeting which starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. will meet at the Osgood School Library, (located behind Deer Hill School), 210 Sohier St.

Welcomed are all parents and guardians of students who receive special education services, including families whose children have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Accommodation, or Out-of-District placement, etc. Additionally the PAC welcomes the involvement of educators and all other interested parties. The PAC is a resource for parents who think their child may have some learning, behavioral, social or attention issues.

All workshops and presentations are free and are sponsored by the PSO/PAC

The Cohasset PAC has joined with other local PAC members in the South Shore area to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. If you would like to be added the e-mail network for updates please forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net.

Dr. Evans speaks on 'Family Matters'

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., author Dr. Robert Evans will be in the Cohasset High School auditorium to speak to the community about his latest book, "Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope with the Crisis in Childrearing."

Evans is a clinical and organizational psychologist and the Executive Director of The Human Relations Service in Wellesley, Massachusetts. He is a former high school and preschool teacher and for many years a child and family therapist. He has served in schools for more than 30 years and now speaks widely at educational conferences and consults to schools throughout the U.S. and internationally, working with teachers, administrators, and boards. He also works with human service agencies and corporations.

Evans is a graduate of the Germantown Friends School and received his undergraduate degree from Princeton and his doctorate from Harvard. His interests have focused on change and resistance to it in schools and organizations, and on the challenges of leading innovation. He is currently concentrating on the changes in American families and their impact on schools.

Coastal Nissan and Pilgrim Bank are sponsoring the event. For more information or if you are interested in attending, please contact Jean Roche at jeanroche@comcast.net.

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It's Happening

Learn to ski program

Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with Buckles and Boards Ski Shop of Marshfield, announce registrations for a learn-to-ski/snowboard program will take place Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 3 to 6 p.m., at Cohasset Recreation Department office, 41 Highland Ave. Town Hall. Trips this year include Ragged Mountain, Cannon and Bretton Woods.

The program will be open to all ages, but children must be able to participate on their own. There will be an adult chaperone to assist; however, children must be able to function with minimal assistance, ie: age 7 and older.

This season, for security purposes, Buckles and Boards will require a current 2-inch by 2-inch photo of the child. This photo will be affixed to the registration form and for identification purposes.

The fee for the program is $289.99 per student, and rental information will be available at registration.

This year, there will be one Sunday and four Saturday trips starting Dec. 10, then Saturdays, Jan. 6, Jan. 27, Feb. 10 and March 3. There will be four one and a half hour lessons and five full-day ski lift tickets included in the $289.99 package.

Book donations at St. Stephen's

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church at16 Highland Ave., Cohasset will accept donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, on Cohasset's scenic common.

If your shelves are spilling onto the floor, they have the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices." Use the "Reserved Parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours, which are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alternatively, they would be happy to make arrangements to pick up of donations. For donation pick-up or information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104.

Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, Nov. 25. They regret that they cannot accept old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting.

The monies raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. Your donation of books, DVDs and CDs will help change lives and strengthen the community.

For information about this wonderful facility, visit www.bchcenter.org.

Holiday floral arranging class

Tuesday, Nov. 14, the Scituate and Norwell Garden Clubs are co-hosting a presentation by floral designer and author Dana Markos. Markos is the author of two books, "Flowers for the Home" and "Flower Arranging by Color." He is also owner of A Secret Garden, a floral studio specializing in weddings and special events. His work has been featured at Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts and in magazines such as "Modern Bride," "Town and Country," and "Boston Bride."

Markos's presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. at the Cushing Memorial Center, 673 Main Street, Norwell. The floral arrangements he creates during the evening will be raffled off at the end of his presentation. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information please contact Polly Pyne, program co-chair, Scituate Garden Club, at 781-545-5036 or Grace Carty, program co-chair, Norwell Garden Club, at 781-659-7027.

Straits Pond bird walk set for Nov. 4

Straits Pond Watershed Association will host a bird walk Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 to 10 a.m. Participants should meet at Atlantic Avenue, Hull, at the foot of Summit Avenue. Sally Avery will lead the walk. Everyone is welcome to participate in this free event.

The mission of Straits Pond Watershed Association is:

- Provide community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond.
- Facilitate efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of Straits Pond.

For more information call Lawry Reid at 925-8659 or email viaspeech@comcast.net.

To donate tree swallow birdhouse materials, send checks to Straits Pond Watershed Association, 715B Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Osgood book fair

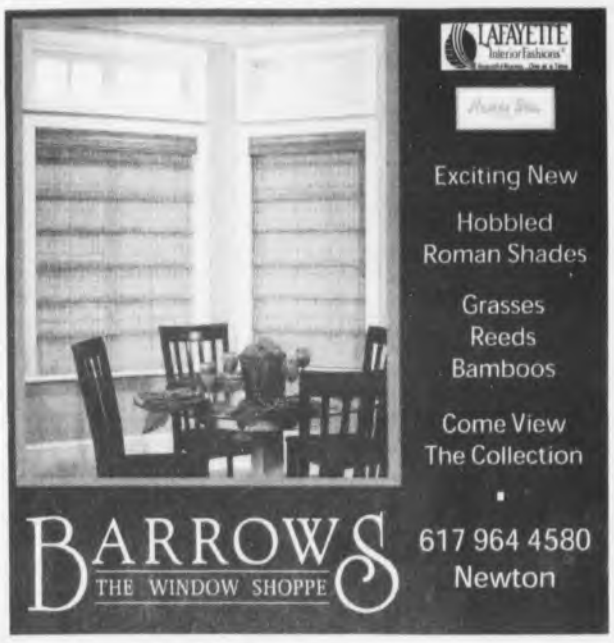
The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 2 - 7 pm, at the Osgood School, 211 Sohier St.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special theme: Reading Rain Forest.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

Jenni Milanoski at 781.383.6898 with any questions.



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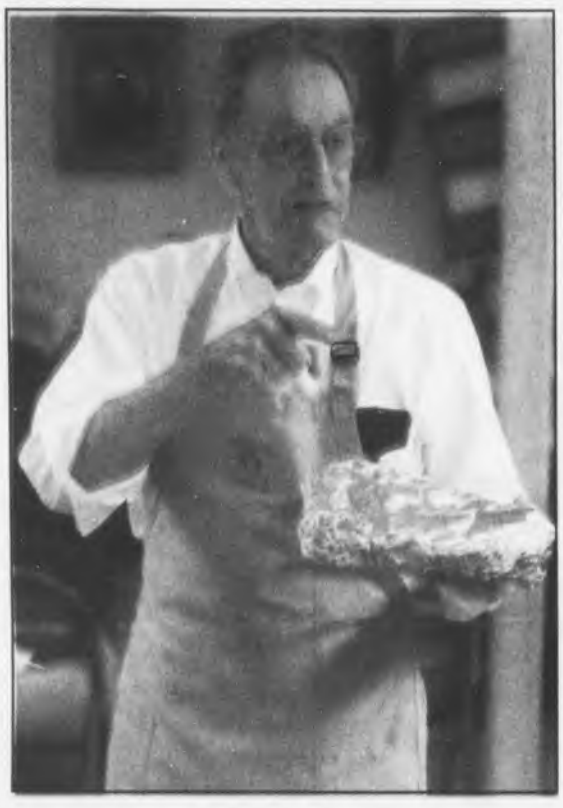
Harvest Supper is Beechwood tradition

(Center top) Cheryl Kristensen serves up the ham at the Beechwood Congregational Church's Annual Harvest Supper and Auction on Thursday. Roughly 85 guests were served dinner, which included ham, green beans, beets and red bliss potatoes.

(Right) Rebecca Clifford, 10, helps herself to a serving of green beans during the Annual Harvest Supper and Auction at the Beechwood Congregational Church.

(Below center) Beechwood Congregational Church Annual Harvest organizer Fran Mitchell takes bids on an apple dessert. Locally harvested produce, pies and homemade goods were up for bid, with all the proceeds going to the church.

(Below left) Marilyn Hollis of Scituate serves up apple pie and ice cream with assistance from Karen Hettstrom of Cohasset during the Annual Harvest Supper and auction held Thursday at the Beechwood Congregational Church.



(Above) Ian Robertson, 5, of Norwell, gets some advice from his mother, Valarie Robertson, while helping clear tables at the Annual Harvest Supper and Auction at the Beechwood Congregational Church.

(Below) Avery Robertson, 11, picks up a bowl of red bliss potatoes to be delivered to one of the tables of hungry guests at the Annual Harvest Supper and Auction at the Beechwood Congregational Church. To the left are Avery's 7-year-old sister Calem, and their mother, Valarie.

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Hull Holiday Showcase Nov. 25

The Hull Holiday Showcase will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, in the Clarion Hotel-Conference Center at 45 Hull Shore Drive in Hull, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Purchase gifts and decorations for the holiday season from retailers, artisans, crafters and more. The Snowflake Café will feature muffins, soups, sandwiches, hot chocolate, coffee and much more. Pick up gift certificates at great prices from local restaurants while at the Café. Before having a bite to eat, drop your purchases off at the gift-wrapping center and they'll be beautifully wrapped for you.

Bring the children along. There will be a room just for kids to do their holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers and everyone on their shopping list. All items will be priced under $10. Kids can also decorate their own gingerbread man or woman for free. Santa will be at the Showcase from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

A professional photographer will be available to take pictures with Santa or have a family portrait taken for this year's holiday card with Santa or among the festive holiday decor.

Sponsored by the Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce.

Road closings

Border Street in Cohasset will be closed to through traffic at Atlantica Restaurant Saturday, Nov. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m., for the dedication of the Veterans Memorial at the intersection of Border and Summer streets. Traffic will be able to access Atlantica Restaurant from the Scituate side.

Also, Summer Street and the entire Cove will be closed to traffic Nov. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Halloween is a hoot at Osgood

Kindergarteners and preschoolers on parade

Photos by Amy Osten

Gavin Schwandt is full of monkey business during the Osgood School Halloween parade.

Fairy princess Natasha Arnold comes down the stairs during the Halloween parade at Osgood Tuesday.

Halloween brought out the pop star in Elizabeth Hansen who is ready to take the stage.

Scary witch Elizabeth Lynch has nothing to fear when Supergirl Bridget Osten is near.

Cute kitty Emma Avotins is all smiles during the Osgood School Halloween parade.

Ellie Arnold dresses as a spooky witch for the Halloween parade.

Swashbuckler Nick Stavis fixes his pirate's hat during the Osgood School Halloween parade.

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OBITUARIES

Frederick Piepenbrink Jr.

Mechanic and welder

Frederick "Chip" Piepenbrink Jr., 50, of Cohasset and Hingham, a mechanic and welder, died Oct. 21, 2006 at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The son of the late Frederick and Shirley Piepenbrink, he was born and raised in Cohasset and was a graduate of South Shore Vocational Technical High School.

Mr. Piepenbrink enjoyed building his Ford Pinto into a racing car and bringing it to cruise nights on the South Shore.

He leaves three brothers Thomas S. Piepenbrink and his wife Barbara of Kingston, Kirk and his wife Keri of Marshfield and Robert T. and his wife Jennifer of Cohasset; nephews and nieces, Daniel, Calie, Kyle, Cody, Kati and Taylor.

A graveside service was held Oct. 26, at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, in Cohasset handled the arrangements.

Donations in Chip's memory may be made to the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (A.S.P.) c/o Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Dorothy May Pattison

Regent of Col. Lothrop Chapter DAR

Dorothy May (Bates) Pattison, 90, of Cohasset and Del Ray Beach, Fla., died Oct. 26, 2006, at Cardigan Nursing Facility in Scituate.

Mrs. Pattison was born in New Bedford and raised in Cohasset. She attended Cohasset schools and was a graduate of the old Joseph Osgood School.

She worked for New England Telephone in Cohasset from the 1940s through the 1950s, and was a regent of the Col. Lothrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was an avid yard sale hunter and loved traveling, especially to Portugal and the west coast of Florida. Mrs. Pattison enjoyed her miniature poodle, Missy, but what was most important was spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Wife of the late Frank O. Pattison, she leaves her daughter, Joanne Cogill of Cohasset; her grandchildren, Brian, Bethann and Brett Cogill of Cohasset, and David and Dennis Pattison of Florida; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late David Pattison, and the sister of the late Joseph Bates.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Scituate Animal Shelter, 161 Driftway, Scituate, MA 02066.

John T. Barnes Sr.

Retired from Cohasset DPW

John T. Barnes Sr. 77, of Cohasset, died Oct. 30, 2006, at South Shore Hospital after a long illness.

Born and raised in Cohasset, Mr. Barnes was a graduate of Cohasset High School.

He worked for Cohasset Department of Public Works until his retirement. Mr. Barnes and his late brother, Sonny Barnes, were co-owners of William T. Barnes & Sons, a trash removal and landscape company in Cohasset.

Husband of the late Jane (Smith) Barnes, he leaves his children, John Barnes Jr. of Weymouth and Scott Barnes of Scituate; his sister, Helen E. Babb of Cohasset; five grandchildren; and his longtime friend, Ruth Jason Graves, and her son, Robert. He was the brother of the late Sonny Barnes, Velma LaFlamme and Virginia M. Barnes.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m., at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: William Baird.

Sunday, Nov.5 — Worship at 10 a.m.in the Meeting House. Sermon: "The Other Who Isn't." Our minister, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship.

Join us for worship in the Meeting House and for refreshments and fellowship directly after the service in the Parish House.

• 11:30-12:45 - New to First Parish? Join us for the first of a two-part series for new and prospective members: "Welcome to You and Unitarian Universalism: Overview, Discussion & Brunch." Child Care will be provided as needed. To register, please phone Sandy Bailey at the church (781-3383-1100). The second session is Nov. 19, with a "make-up session" on January 7 and New Member Sunday on January 21.

Toddlers, children, and youth will meet for religious education classes at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Childcare is provided for the youngest.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

This week's events from Nov. 5-12.

• Sun. Nov.5th: 9 a.m. Youth Worship; 10 a.m. Intergenerational "All Saints" service; 1 p.m. Blessing of the Pets – Join us for a blessing of the animals along with snacks (for all!) at the back entrance of the church.

• Mon. Nov. 6th: 7 p.m. Profile meeting; 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

• Wed. Nov. 8th: 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Esther"

• Fri. Nov. 9th: 9:30 a.m. Yoga; 12 noon – Soup and Sandwich. Join us for fellowship. Bring a sandwich, we'll provide the soup!

• Sat. Nov. 11th: 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship; 8:15 a.m. Outreach committee meeting

• Sun. Nov. 12th: Morning Prayer at 8 and 10 a.m.

Readings for Nov. 12th are from the Book of Kings, which tells the story of the food which God miraculously provided for the prophet Elijah. In the Epistle reading from Hebrews we read that Christ has entered into the heavenly sanctuary to present the perfect sacrifice of himself. And in the Gospel from Mark, Jesus warn against religious officials who love flattery and tells of the poor widow who makes an offering of what little she possesses.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome! Bible lesson for Sunday Oct. 22 is "Probation after Death."

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Police/Fire Log

MONDAY, OCT. 23

1:46 a.m. **High School, Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:11 a.m. **Woodland Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:01 a.m. **Pleasant St. and Cushing Road**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:15 a.m. **Cushing Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 a.m. **Cushing Road**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:24 a.m. **Cushing Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 a.m. **Border St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party reports she had to bring keys to her husband because of a flat tire, and when she got home she thought she heard someone upstairs in her house. Officers report house checks secure.

1:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and lower King St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:27 p.m. **Short St. and Norfolk Road**, traffic enforcement.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, disabled motor vehicle. Received call from State Police for a report of a white pickup truck broken down in front of a Dunkin' Donuts and the male is walking down 3A.

3:03 p.m. **Glades Road, Scituate**, medical aid. Transported to SSH/BLS.

4:10 p.m. **Parker Ave.,** caller advised her landlord is harassing her. Officer advised caller is complying with court order. There is no criminal activity.

4:41 p.m. **Black Rock Road,** suspicious vehicle. Caller advised there is a black truck parked in the lot next to above address. Spoke to owner of truck's wife – truck has permission to be on property from property owner.

6 pm. **Rustic Drive,** caller advised on Saturday night damage was done to vehicle and lots of beer cans were all over driveway.

6:14 p.m. **South Main St.,** walk-in party advised that there are vehicles speeding since the paving has been done. He advised the speed limit is 25 mph.

6:21 pm. **Doane St.,** caller advised wires are sparking in front of her residence. Officer on the scene advised there is a tree limb on wire.

7:32 p.m. **Hill St.,** walk-in party advised officer is needed at above location. Tenant is not on location for return of apartment keys.

7:46 p.m. **Elm St.,** parking complaint. Caller advised there is a white vehicle parked in front of hydrant. Officer advised fire lane violation, vehicle tagged.

8:45 p.m. **Sohier St.,** officer advised, checked school.

9:07 p.m. **Pond St.,** officer advised, officer advised, checked school.

9:27 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** caller advised they have no water. Several other residents have called in reference to same. Contacted Aquarion Water, they are flushing hydrants.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

1:08 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Motor vehicle into a tree. Two unconscious males. Scituate Rescue responding. State Police attempting to get a K9 unit. 1:32 a.m., both male parties extricated. Responding state K9 is a drug K9, also.

2:15 a.m. **HQ,** Scituate Police relayed information about possible motor vehicle operator.

3:47 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

3:47 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Road**, traffic enforcement. All traffic within acceptable limits.

7:24 a.m. **Norfolk Road**. Resident requests traffic enforcement in the afternoons, also.

10:20 a.m. South Main St., traffic enforcement.

1:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** confused person. Caller reports a confused elderly male in the parking lot. Appears to be very intoxicated and confused, and he does have alcohol on his person. Units report male is just a little disoriented and they are still on the scene with him at this time. Male party is being brought to his residence by Elder Affairs. He checks out OK.

2:26 p.m. **Norfolk Road**, traffic enforcement.

2:45 p.m. **Rustic Drive,** officer to this location for a follow-up investigation.

3:11 p.m. **Smith Place and Ripley Road**, traffic enforcement.

3:29 p.m. **Ripley Road and Smith Place**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:10 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway.** Car fire at this location. Officers on scene stated that it was papers in the back of the truck and it was put out.

5:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:25 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.,** parking violation, parking ticket issued.

8:21 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, suspicious vehicle.

8:26 pm. **Deer Hill-Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:35 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:58 p.m. **Hull and Cedar streets,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:22 p.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

9:47 p.m. **North Main St.**, 911 caller stated that his carbon monoxide detector was going off.

9:51 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 p.m. **Beechwood and Doane streets,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:01 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:14 a.m. Mendel Road, 911 caller states there is someone outside her residence attempting to steal her motor vehicle. Was a visitor to one of the neighbors.

1:31 a.m., **Atlantic Ave.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:32 a.m. **Pond St.,** Caller states "someone is ringing her doorbell." She would like the area checked. No one in area now.

3:51 a.m. **Aaron River Road,** medical aid. Transported to SSH/ALS.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Lane**, traffic enforcement.

7:12 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

9:36 a.m. **North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

9:37 a.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:23 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 a.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid, transported to QMC/ALS.

10:49 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** disturbance. Walk-in party reports a male at this address just punched his vehicle and attempted to swing at him but missed. Officer states he will do a report. No physical contact was made between the parties. Officer will be speaking to other party involved.

3:02 p.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

5 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

5:07 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:12 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:24 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:40 p.m. **Border St.,** walk-in party reports his cell phone lost.

6:55 p.m. **All schools**, building checks.

7:01 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

9:43 p.m. **Hull St. and Lamberts Lane**, assist other police department. Officer reports Hingham had a motor vehicle accident at Canterbury and Hull St. Driver fled on foot. No description and should have some kind of visible head injury. Golf course search negative.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer reports all school buildings check secure.

7:03 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:28 p.m. **Bow St. and Jerusalem Road,** traffic enforcement.

1:19 p.m. **North Main St.,** animal complaint. Several callers report a fox was hit by a vehicle, and now it is limping in the middle of the road holding up traffic. Officer reports the animal appears to be OK and it is wandering in the woods very slowly, but does not seem to be anything wrong with it.

1:34 p.m. **Sohier St. and King St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports there is a tractor parked in the woods behind the Mobil Gas Station in the wetlands. The caller is from the Conservation Commission and reports that there have been numerous trees also cut down in the area of the wetlands. He would like to see an officer.

2:17 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:32 p.m. **Stevens Lane and Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:07 p.m. **High School/Pond St.**, building checks.

5:15 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, warrant services.

6:35 p.m. **South Main St.,** warrant services.

7:39 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** outside fire. Caller reports there was a fire in front of the stone wall at the front of his residence. Caller reported it looked like someone threw a cigarette and leaves caught fire. The Fire Department is out at this time.

8:59 p.m., **King St.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS.

10:08 p.m. **King St.,** erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller reports a vehicle driving down 3A passing cars and driving all over the place. Vehicle has pulled into the Mobil Mart on the corner of Sohier St.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

1:08 a.m. **High School/Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:08 a.m. Sohier St., officer advised checked schools.

7 a.m. Norfolk Road, traffic enforcement.

8:26 a.m. **Lamberts Lane,** caller complains her neighbors are having trees cut down and she says the street is blocked and no one will be able to get by. 8:40 a.m., caller has called back complaining no one has shown up yet. Officer reports party will be calling for a detail.

11:49 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

12 p.m. **North Main St.,** hazard.

12:18 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash/injuries. Multiple callers report a motor vehicle accident in front of this location.

2:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** calling party reports vandalism over night.

3:29 p.m. **Gammons Road,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

5:12 p.m. **Cedar St.,** confused person. Several callers reporting an elderly female walking in the middle of the street with a walker who seems confused. Daughter has been notified and is responding to check on her mother. Officer will be standing by with the elderly female.

6:15 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding some damage that was done to his property today by a construction company working at his neighbor's house. Officer reports this is a civil issue.

8:39 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports vehicles parking everywhere at this location.

9:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, sergeant reports all school buildings check secure.

11:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Road,** boat fire. Callers reporting a large boat fire in the water off Sandy Beach. USCG responding along with Cohasset Harbormaster. Units do believe this is a fire. Confirmed not a fire. This is two oil tankers awaiting arrival into Boston. The waves are making it look like a boat fire with the lights moving.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

1:51 a.m. **North Main St.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

6:52 a.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury.

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The Old Ship Meeting House, shown here in winter, is now the oldest wooden building in continuous use as a church in the United States. It is a National Historic Landmark.

Founding Stories — from one parish to four churches

First Parish in Hingham, formerly known as the Old Ship Church, will host "Founding Stories: From One Parish to Four Churches," Sunday, Nov. 5, at 4 p.m. Learn about the founding stories of the four congregations which descended from First Parish in Hingham, the Old Ship Church. Why did each congregation separate? Was it politics, religion, population shifts, or all of the above? Learn the answers at this presentation.

The ministers of the four congregations, which descended from First Parish, will gather to share the founding stories of each congregation and each church building. They include Rev. Ken Read-Brown, minister of Old Ship; Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull, minister of First Parish in Cohasset, originally Second Parish in Hingham, founded in 1721; Rev. Paul Sprecher, minister of Second Parish in Hingham, originally Third Parish in Hingham, founded in 1746; and Rev. Thomas Kepler, minister of New North Church, originally the Third Congregational Society of Hingham, founded in 1806. There will be time for questions and conversation as well.

First Parish in Hingham will celebrate the 325th anniversary of their building, the Old Ship Meeting House. First Parish gathered as a congregation in 1635 and built their second Meeting House in 1681. The Old Ship Meeting House is now the oldest wooden building in continuous use as a church in the United States. It is a National Historic Landmark. Old Ship's minister since 1987, Rev. Read-Brown, is a descendant of the first minister of the parish, Peter Hobart.

This event is free and open to the public. Old Ship is at 90 Main Street near Hingham Square. The building is wheelchair accessible and there is a sound system for those with hearing impairment.

For information, contact the office of First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship Church) weekdays at 781-749-1679 or visit oldship@verizon.net.

Worship News

Lecture on spiritual needs of inmates

Glastonbury Abbey presents, "Listening to Other Voices: The Fears That Binds Us," Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:15 p.m., in the Glastonbury Conference Center at16 Hull St., in Hingham.

Sisters Kathleen Deneven and Ruth Raiche have been serving the spiritual needs of the inmates of MCI-Norfolk for a combined total of 34 years and will describe their daily work. Eighty percent of the 1,400 inmates are serving life sentences for murder. In addition, they will talk about their extensive volunteer support programs within Norfolk and aftercare transitional programs for former inmates.

Sister Kathleen is a Franciscan nun and psychotherapist who retired in Feb. 2006, but remains active at the penitentiary and Sister Ruth is a Third Order Dominican who has worked at Framingham and Norfolk prisons for more than 18 years.

The free lecture is a part of Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series. Donations are gratefully accepted. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 781-749-2155.

Book, craft, bake sale

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, will host a book, craft and bake sale Sunday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Social Hall.

A variety of books and crafts from local artisans will be featured.

Legal Notices

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2567EP

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 25, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JAMES J. CODY III of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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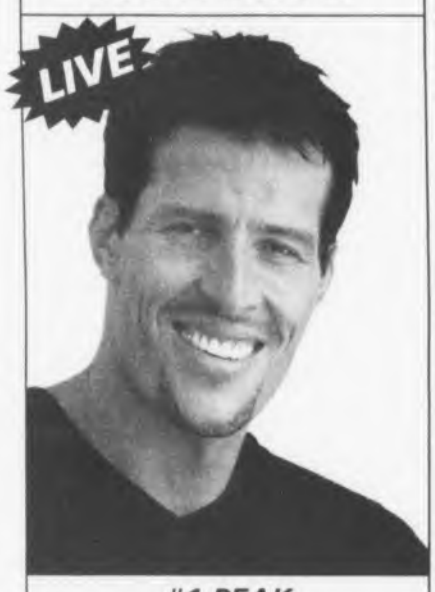

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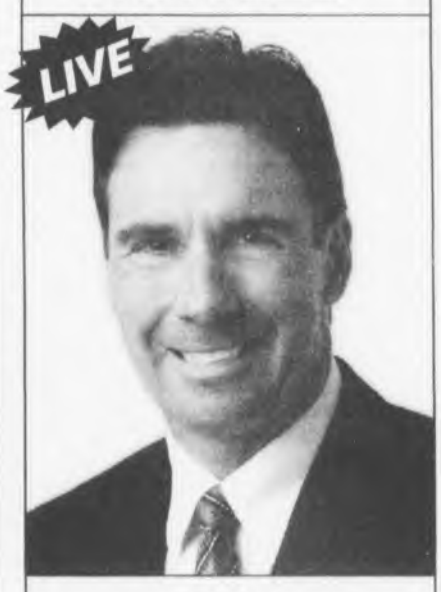

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NOVEMBER 2-10 2006

The Altar Boyz

Boys will be 'Boyz'

Musical comedy a religious experience

When Choreographer Christopher Gattelli first learned that the Christian boy band at the center of the musical comedy "Altar Boyz" would come complete with high energy dance moves accompanying each song, he jumped at the chance to work on the off-Broadway show now at Boston's Colonial Theatre on its first national tour.

"I knew, because it was a show about a boy band, that it would involve non-stop choreography," explained Gattelli. "I watched a lot of footage of the Back Street Boys and N 'Snyc and quickly realized that their choreography stops and starts and is very specific to each song. Our show is about a concert, but our cast never gets the chance to just mark time. They're always on the go. The fun part of this show is that it has to keep topping itself."

It also has to maintain a certain respect for its subject matter since it depicts a Catholic quintet — complete with members named Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan, and Abraham — whose goal it is to inspire more kneeling and praying and less bumping and grinding among today's youth.

"The challenge of doing a musical, even a parody, about a Catholic boy band is in making sure it has all the right energy of a boy band, but without any of the conscious sexuality. We had to convert the obvious sexuality of real-life boy bands to something else altogether. Instead of making girls scream, our boys have to stick to moves that are comical."

Now in its second year at New York's New World Stages, and winner of the 2005 Outer Critics' Circle Award for Best Musical Off-Broadway, the show has developed almost a cult following among celebrities, including Kathy Bates, Joan Rivers, Liza Minnelli and Rosie O'Donnell, who see the show over and over. Gattelli believes the reason for the show's success is simple.

"Gary Adler and Michael Patrick Walker's music is amazing and Kevin Del Guila's script, from Marc Kessler and Ken Davenport's concept, is hysterical, but the story also really touches you," says the Philadelphia-born Gattelli, 33, of the show, now in its second year off-Broadway.

While he keeps one eye on all things "Altar Boyz," including the New York company and national tour and a recent production in South Korea, Gattelli is also focused on Broadway where he has two shows running, "Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me" at the Brooks Atkinson and "High Fidelity," fresh from its tryout run in Boston, at the Imperial Theatre. In addition, he is also directing "How to Save the World and Find True Love in 90 Minutes" which will open off-Broadway later this month. Gattelli freely admits that having four shows running in New York at the same is pretty heady stuff.

"The Broadway shows are right across the street from each other and the two off-Broadway shows share a wall so it's quite thrilling and exciting. I'm just lucky to have truly great assistants who help me keep my head on straight," says Gattelli, whose work with one particular show business veteran is bringing him particular pleasure.

"Martin Short is not only a genius, but also an absolute dream. Working with him has just been an unbelievably good, rewarding experience. He has created so many amazing characters in his career and somehow he remains open to new ideas. He is just a real pro."

"Altar Boyz" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Sunday. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit broadwayacrossamerica.com.

— R. Scott Reedy

Calendar of events

Thursday Nov. 2

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit ***Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory***. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

Erik Ronnberg, of Rockport, renowned ship model artist and maritime historian, will tell the story of researching and building a model of the Marryat lifeboat. Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Hull Lifesaving Museum, Hull. See the complete schedule of speakers, workshops, and demonstrations at www.jonesriver.org For directions to the Hull Lifesaving Museum, call 781-925-5433, or go to www.lifesavingmuseum.org or www.jonesriver.org, or call or email Reuben Smith, Boatshop Director, at 617 462 7215, and reuben@tumblehomeboatshop.com

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography; and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer Stephen Lathrop, will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, from Nov. 2, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The Clemens Gallery presents "Images of Italy," photography by **Jean Donohue and James J. Foley**, through Nov. 2. The exhibit takes a look at Italy's historic sites through photographs from well-known cities and remarkable but lesser known places. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 2. BBC "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

CALENDAR, see next page

BEST BET

Enjoy scenic views of Herring Brook Valley during a guided walk of WillowBrook Farm Preserve, Pembroke, Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with a naturalist from South Shore Natural Science Center. At this Wildlands Trust property, explore diverse habitats, including an open field, woodlands, wetlands and an Atlantic White Cedar Grove. Enjoy a scenic vista from an observation tower that overlooks a freshwater tidal marsh. To sign up call 781-659-2559. Cost is $4 per member, $6 per non member, pre registration and payment required by Nov. 3. Dress for the weather. Meet at the parking lot on Route 14. Visit the website at www.ssnsc.org.

Movie review

Harold & Maude & Ron Weasley

"Driving Lessons" (B+)

By: JAMES VERNIERE
FILM CRITIC

Shy teenager Ben (Rupert Gint) gets some life lessons from feisty retired actress Evie Walton (Julie Walters).

A "Harold and Maude" for a new generation, "Driving Lessons" teams up Julie Walters and Rupert Grint, who play mother and son Molly and Ron Weasley in the "Harry Potter" films, as generation-spanning soulmates. If you liked "Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont," you will enjoy this.

The debut of screenwriter Jeremy Brock ("Mrs. Brown," "The Last King of Scotland") as writer-director, the film is another exploration of the joining of two distinctive souls.

Grint is Ben Marshall, a lonely adolescent on the brink of manhood whose poetry is rejected by the teenage beauty he longs for and who is downtrodden by his domineering, hypocritical mother, Laura (American Laura Linney with a British accent).

Ben's mother is a devout Christian married to a curate (Nicholas Farrell) but having it off with another young cleric (Jim Norton). Ben's sad and withdrawn father locks himself up in his study after dinner, perusing a book about birds and practicing birdcalls. Ben's mother uses her son's need for driving lessons as an excuse to stop at her lover's vicarage, leaving Ben alone in the car. Release from his mother's tyranny comes in the form of Lady Evie Walton (Walters), a retired, eccentric, outspoken actress who needs help around the house.

When Lady Evie, who once played Ophelia for the Royal Shakespeare Company, decides she wants to go camping in a late husband's vintage Citroen DS, Ben's mother's objections go unheard. Later, Ben gets to accompany Evie on a speaking tour.

Like "Mrs. Palfrey," "Driving Lessons" is a modest gem of a movie, featuring a great cast and marvelous chemistry between its male and female leads. As the young man suffering from an acute case of "social autism," Grint is both poignant and unsentimental. Walters is especially good in scenes in which Evie inspires Ben to pursue his dream to become an artist.

Reportedly, vicar's son Brock spent a summer in the employ of Dame Peggy Ashcroft. This is his thank-you note to her.

"Driving Lessons" contains profanity and sexual situations.

Mark your calendar

THE BAY PLAYERS are currently in rehearsal for their upcoming production of "It Runs in the Family", a British Farce, directed by Peter Kates of Norwell. The cast represents the towns of Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, Kingston, Weymouth, and Quincy. The show will be held at Duxbury Middle School on St. George Street in Duxbury. The performances dates are Nov. 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. and a Matinee' on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. The matinee' is a "Two for the Price Of One" special. Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors and students. For reservations or information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org .

STEPUP FOR KIDS INC. CHARITY DINNER, AUCTION & BLUES FESTIVAL featuring Monster Mike Welsh and The James Montgomery Band on Nov. 11 from 8 to midnight at the Freeport Hall (IBEW), 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets are $50 includes dinner and concert. Guests of honor include Janice and Dr. Demitri Papolos, researcher and founders of the Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation and authors of The Bipolar Child and Dr. JanetWozniak, Harvard researcher and director of the bipolar program at Mass. General Hospital and author of "Walking on Eggshells." For information contact Maryann McDonnell at 781-837-8833, by email at mcdonnell@stepup4kids.com or by visiting www.stepup4kids.com

8th ANNUAL CHARITY NIGHT at The Hanover Mall Sunday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Purchase a ticket for $5 available at the customer service desk. Participating organizations receive 100 percent of all proceeds. Call 781-826-7386 for information.

PLAIN STREET STUDIOS Open Studios 2006, 185 Plain St./Rt. 139, Rockland. Saturday Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19 from noon to 5 p.m. The 4th Floor Artists Group presents the 15th Annual Open Studios. More than 100 artists on all four floors open their studios to the public. Artists include painters, printmakers, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, graphic designers, interior designers, architects, fiber artists, wood workers, and potters. Plenty of free parking with police details. Visit www.plainstreetstudios.com for information.

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A Taste Of China & Japan will be presented at The Hingham Public Library Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. Guest lecturer DeWayne Whitehead, Chairman of the Peabody Essex Museum's Outreach Program, will speak on the Peabody Essex Museum's world class collection of art from China and Japan. Also included is a virtual tour of Yin Yu Tang, a 200-year-old house from southeastern China that is now part of the museum's collection of historic properties. The lecture is free and open to all.

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Archaeologist Kristen Heitert will speak on recent excavations at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House a the annual meeting of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society Nov. 2, at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner buffet, and the program at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person; reservations required y calling 506-746-0012.

The Braintree High School Band and Orchestra will present their annual Fall Concert on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 pm in the Grabosky Auditorium at Braintree High School. The program will present a diverse collections of musical compositions from many areas of the world. Free and open to the public.

A Taste of the Town to benefit the Plymouth Public Library returns this year Nov. 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. Radisson Hotel Ballroom Get ready to sample the best food around. Specialties will be served by 20 of the South Shore's finest restaurants and caterers. Sample wines from around the world Listen to live music and bid on a wide array of silent auction items. Tickets are $50 and are on sale now. Tickets are available at the main branch circulation desk 132 South St., Pioppi's Package Store, 183 Court St. or by calling Julie at 508-830-4250/ 216 .

Friday, Nov. 3

Yoko Ono and Harvard Square Business Association present **Come Together, the Artwork of John Lennon** to help benefit the Brattle Film Foundation Nov. 3,from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 4,from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 60 Church St. (corner of church and Brattle across from Crate & Barrel, Cambridge. The exhibit will feature an extensive collection of original drawings and hand signed pieces as well as limited edition prints.

The Academy of The Company Theatre will be presenting their version of Charlotte's Web Performances will be Friday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. Tickets for all shows are $10 and can be purchased at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787.

Curtain Call Theatre presents its upcoming season of shows at its intimate 60-seat performance space at 182 Commercial Street, Braintree. First up is **Steel Magnolias**, by Robert Harling, the comedy that evokes both laughter and tears through the stories and lives of the ladies at Truvy's Beauty Shop. A long-running off-Broadway hit and popular Hollywood movie, *Steel Magnolias* runs for two weekends: Nov. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., and Thurs., Fri. Sat., Nov. 9, 10, 11 at 8 p.m.

The South Street Gallery, will feature "45 Years Later" recent work by artists **Vcevy Strekalovsky** and **Michael Weymouth,** both residents of Hingham. The show runs to Nov. 16. The artists' reception will take place at the Gallery on Friday, November 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. with refreshments. Meet the artists, amidst a festive atmosphere of music, good company, and refreshments.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance – Nov. 3, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

North and South River Watershed Association Inc. 36th Annual Meeting will be held at the South Shore Natural Science Center Jacobs Lane, Norwell, on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. This year's guest speaker is Beth Daley, environment reporter for the Boston Globe. Casual reception 7 to 7:30 p.m. Volunteer of the Year – Judy Grecco, Barbara Pearson Memorial Award Winners – For their commitment to protecting land in our watershed - Wildlands Trust, Herb and Pauline Emilson, Pat and Ron Messer, Kathlin Ellis, Stetson Kindred, Trustees of the Reservations, Maxwell Conservation Trust and John Litchfield

Red Sky at Night - Enjoy an evening of cool art and hot jazz to celebrate the **10th anniversary of the Hull Lifesaving Museum's Sea & Sky Art Show. See 10 Annual Sea & Sky Art Show,** featuring work by more than 50 artists, while enjoying a performance by jazz vocalist **Donna Luther** and musicians **Brian Kane and Greg Rector.** Ticket price includes wine, hors d'oeuvres, and free parking at the museum. Ticket and Art Sales benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Tickets are available by phone or in person. Call 781-925-5433 or visit lifesavingmuseum.org for information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents a concert on Friday, Nov. 3, featuring **Don White**. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for Members and $15 for Non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass. 02051

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"Jump Jive 'N Wail For Trails" Concert - Tickets are now available for Bellevue Cadillac benefit for the Maxwell Conservation Trust. The event will take place Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell. The evening will include complimentary finger food, beer and wine, raffle and silent auction items including original art work by Sergio Roffo and Dean Morrissey, a kayak, a Thanksgiving meal for eight prepared by Whole Foods and many super gift certificates to local merchants. Tickets are $50. Call Cynde Robbins on 781-545-4167 for information. Proceeds benefit the preservation of open space and wetlands in Norwell, Cohasset, and Scituate. Sponsorships are available. Tickets can be Purchased at The Front Street Book Shop, Scituate Harbor, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, or by calling the Maxwell Conservation Truston 781-545-4167.

Holiday events

THE 20th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, A beloved Boston tradition, heralds in the holiday season Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 and 5, at the Seaport World Trade Center with the largest fine art and craft show in New England. Featuring the work of over 300 of the nation's most acclaimed artists and master craftsmen, The Christmas Festival runs Nov. 3-5, at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston. Hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults and free for children under 14. For more information about the Christmas Festival, call 617-385-5000, or visit www.ChristmasCraftFestival.com to print a discount coupon.

25th ANNUAL HOLLYBERRY CRAFT FAIR, sponsored by the Sacred Heart High School Alumni will be held on Nov. 11 and 12, at the school. 100 tables, Saturday, Nov. 11, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, Nov.12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $75 per 8x6 space, photo of craft required. Proceeds to benefit the ALUMNI FUND which helps to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students. For information call 781-585-7511, ext 345.

OUR WORLD, CHILDREN'S GLOBAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM (Our World, CGDM) 4th Annual Mistletoe Boutique takes place Nov. 12, at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With more than 50 artisans and vendors, the Mistletoe Boutique has become a premier holiday shopping event featuring personalized gifts, hand-painted children's furniture, one-of-a-kind prints, and pictures with Santa are just a sampling of merchandise and activities to be featured that day. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Mistletoe Boutique will go directly to Our World, CGDM to help fund the museum's exhibits and operating costs. For information, contact Sue Hess, Chair, Mistletoe Boutique at 781-383-2084

EAST WEYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HOLIDAY FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION Nov. 18 featuring handcrafted Christmas decorations, gifts, homemade baked goods and raffles, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church, 1320 Commercial St. at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. Lunch will be offered at the snack bar, run by the church's Youth Group, and the church's Next-to-New Thrift Shop will be open. The silent auction will continue throughout the fair. Among the goods and services offered at the auction will be museum passes and round-trip tickets to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. For further information call the church at 781-335-6919 or log on to www.eweyucc.org.

WOODSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, at 128 Chestnut St. Abington (off Rte 139). Adult admission $1. Sixty five craft tables, raffles, baked goods and food. Students will be selling Abington flip-flops and long sleeve Abington T-shirts. Mrs. Sauer's sixth grade students are fundraising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation with children's games.

The Royalty of Doo-Wopp is coming to Plymouth Memorial Hall. Get ready for some street corner serenading as some of the biggest names in Doo-Wopp music grace the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., with The Doo-Wop Hall of Fame of America (tm) and Friends Concert Performing will be **The Del Vikings** ("Come Go With Me," "Whispering Bells"), **Bobby Lewis** ("Tossin & Turnin'"), The Diamonds original lead singer **Diamond Dave Somerville** ("Little Darlin'", "The Stroll"), the official trademarked **Flamingos** ("I Only Have Eyes For You," "Loves Never Say Goodbye") in their only area appearance, **The Tune Weavers** ("Happy Happy Birthday Baby"), Remembering Buddy Holly featuring **Brian Best**, and Harvey Robbbins' Royalty of Rock 'N Roll All-Stars. Tickets priced at $39 for floor and mezzanine, and $34 for balcony, are now on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, MA, by phone at 508-747-1340 & 866-468-7619, online at www.plymouthhall.com, and at all Strawberries outlets.

The Sea Note 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Friday, Nov. 3, **Young Neal and The Vipers** Blues/rock, at 9:30 p.m. Age 21+. Admission $10. 781-925-4300 or email theseanote@aol.com.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 3, **The Gobshites**

Saturday, Nov. 4

United Church of Christ, 10 Bedford St., Abington presents a blue grass concert featuring **Southern Rail,** Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. A full turkey dinner will be served at 4:45 and 6 p.m. Tickets $10, separate charge for dinner. Tickets available at the door. Wheel chair accessible. 781-878-0199.

Starcreations Theater Annual Fund Raising Auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, at 6pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, South Street, Kingston. Tickets $10.00 and can purchased at the door. Live and Silent Auction consists of Gift Certificates, Gift Baskets and merchandise.

The South Shore Natural Science Center Yard Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon with a rain date of Sunday, Nov. 5 Gently used household items, toys, small furniture, working appliances, and books are needed. You may drop off these donations at the Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell during business hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 781-659-2559. Please no clothing, textbooks, computers and TVs. Proceeds from the Yard Sale will enhance and expand the environmental educational programs.

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South Shore Jewish Film Festival at **Congregation Shirat Hayam** - The first feature screening of the season, Gloomy Sunday, is a romantic melodrama that is set in the 1930's Budapest, and centers on a love triangle with tragic consequences. The screening will take place at Congregation Shirat Hayam (on the premises of the Marshfield United Methodist Church), 185 Plain Street (Route 139) in Marshfield Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 per person and can be reserved by emailing info@shirathayam.net or calling 781-582-2700 and leaving your name, phone number and the amount of tickets requested. Although tickets will be available at the door, reservations are appreciated. Further information, as well as directions is available at www.shirathayam.net.

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a dinner dance Saturday Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at the K of C hall 440 Nantasket Ave. A pasta dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by DJ Bob Caldera. $15 per person. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

Ballroom Dance, at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 4, 7:30 to 11 p.m. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes and lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 advance / $12 door. 617-325-1562.

Photography & Paintings of Joyce Cole Olsen to be shown in the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham Nov. 4 through Nov. 30. Cole Olsen's exhibit may be viewed during library hours.

New England Singles Dance at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Friday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $7. For information visit singlesdancesnewengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

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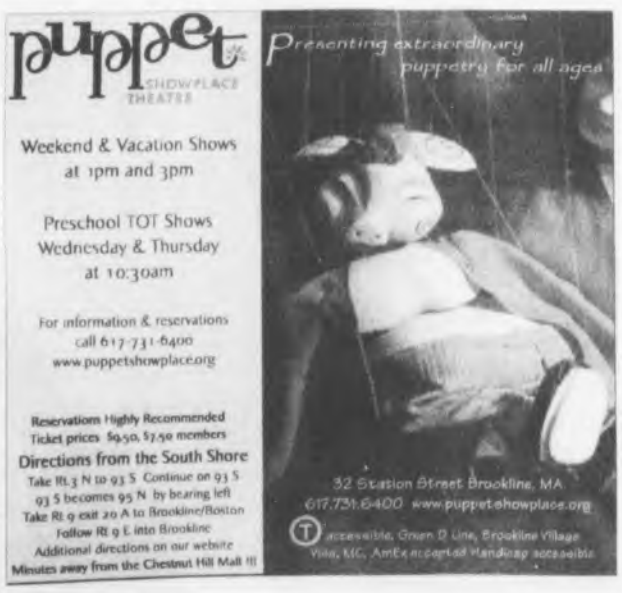

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The Cohasset Cove Glow will be shown in the Clemens Gallery from Nov. 4 through Nov. 30. during library hours.

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The Scituate CORSE Foundation in cooperation with the **Landmark School Outreach Program** has designed a day of workshops for parents and educators to support Elementary, Middle and High School students on the South Shore who struggle to read. The morning and afternoon workshops will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. Mary's Parish Center, 2 Edward Foster Road in Scituate Harbor from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes include an Overview of Language Based Learning Disabilities, like dyslexia, Effective Homework and Test Taking Strategies, Skills Essential for the College Bound Student, Reading Fluency and Comprehension, Understanding Testing and the Evaluation Process, Essay Writing Elementary/Middle and High School level. The workshops are $25 each and lunch is optional for $10. Register on line at www.landmark-outreach.org/SouthShore.htm or for information contact Ellie Hickey 781-740-9021, email stevehickey@comcast.net or Lorraine Devin 781-545-1115, email devin13150@aol.com. To learn more about the Scituate CORSE Foundation visit their web site at www.corsefoundation.org.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 4, **Jon Frattasio &Friends**.

Sunday, Nov. 5

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury has scheduled the Chameleon Arts Ensemble, Nov. 5. Performing will be **Deborah Boldin,** flute, **Scott Woolweaver**, viola and **Anna Reinersman,** harp. Members have distinguished themselves as one of the finest and most versatile ensembles in the Boston area and have established a firm place in the cultural community. They are award winning local artists with growing national and international reputations who have appeared with orchestras and in recitals around the world. Their program which is offered, free of charge, is scheduled to begin at 4 pm.

The Historical Society of Old Abington, Inc. will hold its next meeting Nov. 5 at 2:30 pm at the Dyer Memorial Library, 28 Centre Street, in Abington. A program entitled **Whitman Town Hall History** will be presented by **Liz Pretorius,** Chairman of the Whitman Historical Commission, after which guests will be invited to tour the Dyer exhibit celebrating that history. The public is welcome to attend. For information call 781-878-8480.

Jump Jive 'n Wail for Trails starring the **Bellevue Cadillac**, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell to benefit the **Maxwell Conservation Trust** - the local land trust based in Scituate, which has worked hard during the past five years to save 125 acres of open space in the Bates Lane area in the westend of Scituate. This land is watershed to Cohasset and Scituate.

This rockin' party will also feature a super silent auction and raffle full of 80 items.These include original oil paintings by **Sergio Roffo, Dean Morrissey, Jill Cappadano** and **Paige Railsback**, weekends in New Hampshire, Martha's Vineyard and the Berkshires, a kayak, a cord of seasoned firewood - delivered to your door, a catered Thanksgiving meal for eight from Whole Foods, stays at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, and the Colonnade Hotel in Boston, antiques, Irish knits, Bruins tickets, sports memorabilia, and gift certificates from all over the South Shore. Tickets for the event are $50 per person to include complimentary finger food, beer and wine. Contact Cynde Robbins at 781-545-4167 for tickets, or they may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset or at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate Harbor. Reservations may also be made at Mt. Blue on 781-659-0050.

Enjoy scenic views of Herring Brook Valley during a guided walk of **WillowBrook Farm Preserve**, Pembroke, Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with a naturalist from South Shore Natural Science Center. At this Wildlands Trust property, explore diverse habitats, including an open field, woodlands, wetlands and an Atlantic White Cedar Grove. Enjoy a scenic vista from an observation tower that overlooks a freshwater tidal marsh. To sign up call 781-659-2559. Cost is $4 per member, $6 per non member, pre registration and payment required by Nov. 3. Dress for the weather. Meet at the parking lot on Route 14. Visit the website at www.ssnsc.org.

Join the Friends of the Library and the **Hull Garden Club** for **Books in Bloom,** a fundraiser for the New Library Building. at the Hull Public Library Sunday, Nov. 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. Reception and flower displays inspired by favorite library books, harpist music, local author, refreshments, and flower arrangement raffles. Raffle drawing on Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 pm. Tickets available at the library, $10. 781-925-2295 or call 781-367-0626 or 781-925-9123.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. in Duxbury presents **Curator's Choice: China** an extraordinary range of media and technique: painting, calligraphy, sculpture, bronze, ceramics, jade, glass, textiles, furniture, snuff bottles and jewelry. Contemporary artists include Irene Chan, David Hinton, Fred Liang, Lin Yan, Ma Qingxiong, Wei Jia, and Zhu Wei. This show which is scheduled through Jan. 14. Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 x 12 phone laura@artcomplex.org

Monday, Nov. 6

The North River Arts Society is pleased to present ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Hingham Kids PMC Bike Ride The initial meeting for volunteers to organize the first annual Hingham Kids Pan Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) Bike Ride will be Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. On Sunday, June 24, children from all over the South Shore will be able to participate in the PMC Kids Ride to raise funds for cancer research and treatment at the Dana Farber Institute through its Jimmy Fund. The event is open to kids of all ages biking a course that will vary in distance starting at two miles. Volunteers 16 and older are needed to plan event activities, publicity, fundraising, the post ride party and ride logistics. Come join the nation's original and most successful fundraising bike-a-thon and raise funds to fight cancer. For further information contact Kristin Perini-Driscoll kperinidriscoll@verizon.net Melissa Robin melissarobin@comcast.net

Larry Czech, CPA of Lawrence E. Czech CPA, Inc. with offices at 78 Hancock Street in Braintree, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 a.m. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net.

"The Richness of Mexico," an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

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Bridge isn't all that gets played in Clare Boothe Luce's classic comedy The Women. Presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club this tale of love, friendship and the idle gossipy pastimes of a group of Manhattan socialites makes for a maliciously good time. Pictured sharping their bridge skills (as well as their nails) are:(left to right) Peggy Corrigan (Cohasset), Pauline Rockwell (Hanover), Tamara Cupples (Boston) and Cinda Donovan (Scituate). Nov. 10, 11,17 and 18, at 8 p.m.; Nov. 12 at 2 p.m., Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset. Tickets may be purchased at Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Front Street Books, Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Wednesday night **Rehearsal Night** from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Thursday, Nov. 9

The Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club will meet Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. **Gem expert Nate Martin** will speak on Collecting Fluorite Crystals in Kentucky. Open to the public and free admission.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 9, **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Every Thursday night **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** from 8:30 to 11 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Nov. 10

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 corners **Comedy Night** Nov. 10 at p.m. featuring **Spike Tobin** *Other comics:***Annette Pollack, Mike Bobek, Laura Sheridan, Pat Mcloud, Alix King, Steve Hughes**. *Your host* **Dan Bulger** *Admission: $15 includes dinner & appetizers available* Advance reservations recommended. 781-848-0300 www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.annettepollack.com

The Bay Players are currently in rehearsal for their upcoming production of **"It Runs in the Family"**, a British Farce, directed by Peter Kates of Norwell. The cast represents the towns of Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, Kingston, Weymouth, and Quincy. The show will be held at Duxbury Middle School on St. George Street in Duxbury. The dates of the performances are Nov. 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. and a Matinee' on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. The matinee' is a "Two for the Price of One" special. Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors and students. For reservations or information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org .

The Women The classic comedy by **Clare Boothe Luce** presented by: **The Cohasset Dramatic Club,** Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, Cohasset. Tickets $12, group discounts available for groups of eight or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

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Evan Pouch of Hingham as Wilbur the Pig. and Jacqui Smith of Weymouth as Templeton the Rat.

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Reunions

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1961 will host its 45th reunion Saturday, Nov. 11, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Tirrell Room (Quincy Lodge of Elks), 254 Quarry St. Quincy. $50/person includes dinner and dance to the music of Joe Contrino's Band. Make checks payable to QHS Class of '61 (and your dinner choice) by Oct. 25. The committee is requesting items to be raffled during the evening. A basket will be available for food pantry donations to be given to Fr. Bill's place and/or the Interfaith Social Services Pantry shelf. For information contact Donna (Beers) Anderson at 781-843-8143 or e-mail at: donnadogs@hotmail.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 Reunion, Nov. 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree,.$35 per person $45 per person after Nov. 1· please book early. Please make your check payable to BHS Class of 1976 and send it to: BHS Class of 1976, C/o Mark Frano, 817 Washington St., Braintree, Ma. 02184. Purchasing your admission at the door is strongly discouraged. For info visit http://www.braintreehigh.com/1976.html

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1981 REUNION Scituate High School, Class of 1981, will hosts its 25th reunion Nov. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth Harbor. For more information and to register, email to scituate81@yahoo.com.

MHS CLASS OF 1981 25TH REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 1981, will host its 25th reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embers, 459 Plain St., Marshfield. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, disc jockey and dancing. The cost is $45 per person. To secure a reservation, send payment to MHS Class of 1981, P. O. Box 1496, Marshfield, MA 02050. Make checks payable to MHS Class of 1981. For more information, call Rosemary Vaughan at 781-424-3978 or Carolyn Devine at 781-831-0845.

MHS CLASS OF 2001 REUNION. Marshfield High School, Class of 2001, announces its five-year reunion will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., upstairs at Hennessy's of Boston in Faneuil Hall. No registration/reservation required. The upstairs is reserved exclusively for the Class of 2001 from 8 to 10 p.m., and there will be no cover charge for those who arrive before 9 p.m. The second floor bar at Hennessy's was recently renovated to include two bars, a stage, dance floor, pool tables and a lounge area. For more information, email classof2001.mhs@gmail.com.

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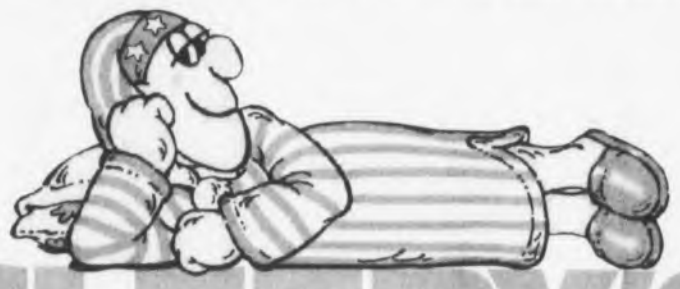

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Money focus of Town Meeting

VILLAGE ZONING ALSO EXPECTED TO TAKE CENTER STAGE

By Samantha Brown
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One of the most anticipated days in Cohasset is coming a little early this year. While for the past two years the fall Special Town Meeting has been held the first week of December, this year it will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

Funding and zoning changes are the two major topics on the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda. Voters will take up 28 articles, or items of business. Warrants have been mailed to every household in town and extra Warrants will be available at the meeting.

A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before Town Meeting can begin. Town Manager Bill Griffin said in his opinion, getting quorum won't be hard. "There is a lot on the Warrant for everyone," he said, which is sure to draw a crowd.

Once a quorum is determined at the start of the meeting, it is assumed a quorum is present unless challenged. If challenged, the number of voters will be counted, and if a quorum does not exist, the meeting will be adjourned.

Griffin said he believes the funding issues will cause the most discussion, especially due to the fact that the Advisory Committee did not recommend approval for some, including items in Article one, Article five, Article six, and Article 19.

Article one would amend the fiscal 2007-operating budget. The article will ask residents to approve a series of supplemental appropriations due to additional revenue received from the state and other sources after the budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Supplements include an increase of $8,000 in the Town Manager's line item for a street light consultant; an increase of $200,000 for the school department — the amount the town received in Chapter 70 funds; an increase of $5,000 for the Public Works department for drainage design; an increase of $10,281 for library custodial hours; an increase of $5,418 for additional library cleaning services; and an increase of $38,413 to cover sewer-related debt service.

Article two will ask the town to fund the fiscal 2007 cost items contained in collective bargaining agreements between the town and unions representing the firefighters, library employees, clerical employees and non-union and contract employees salary adjustments.

Article three requests funding for vari-

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Election results for both precincts

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Girls soccer gets the boot

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Serving up some antique appraisals

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"If Kerry Healey doesn't win here – she's not going to win anywhere."

— Kevin O'Donnell, Republican Town Committee

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Former selectman Ned Tebbetts shows his support for Deval Patrick as he waves to passersby on Highland Avenue along with, from left, Selectman Ted Carr, former selectman Ronnie McMorris and Susan Kent.

Cohasset split on governor's race

But Patrick wins big victory statewide

By Mary Ford
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"He reminded people what government is all about, what we should be working for and how a candidate can inspire you."

— Agnes McCann, Democratic Town Committee

When Tip O'Neil said, "all politics is local" he could have been talking about Cohasset.

In this seaside town where strong opinions are rivaled only by the rocky coastline — town politics can stir up the population almost like nothing else.

While other communities only draw big turnouts for presidential elections, Cohasseters love to vote in large numbers and do so in most elections.

But even though at 69 percent, the turnout was not quite as big as expected, the passion — which is so evident for selectmen, school committee and override elections in town — just wasn't there Tuesday along Highland Avenue's "campaign row."

When the polls closed at 8 p.m., 3,625 Cohasset voters had cast ballots. While gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick handily won the state - Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey drew 65 more votes than he did in Cohasset, beating Patrick 1656 to 1591.

Ballot Question One, the Wine at Food Stores initiative, did not pass muster with local voters, with 2,108 voting "no" to keep the status quo.

Voters in the Third Plymouth District, that includes Cohasset, were also asked their views on the Iraq War. Here, 1,616 voters want US troops withdrawn from Iraq right away. But 1,470 voted against Ballot Question 4 and 530 left the question blank.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said the polls were busy all day. She said the turnout was in line with other gubernatorial elections. In 2002 about 71 percent turned out for the Mitt Romney-Shannon O'Brien race and 68 percent voted in 1998 when Gov. Paul Cellucci was challenged by then Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.

By state law, campaign workers and sign-holders must stay at least 150 feet from the polls. So in Cohasset, where both precincts vote at Town Hall, Highland Avenue provides the best venue for politicking on Election Day.

Chartis Tebbetts, who is a member of the Democratic Town Committee, was holding a Deval Patrick sign in one hand and an Iraq ballot question sign in the other. She said the lack of fervor for Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey's gubernatorial bid among Cohasset Republicans contributed to the lack of excitement.

She noted there were about twice as many Hedlund signs around town than Healey signs.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Republican, who had an opponent from Marshfield in Democrat Stephen Lynch, won in a landslide.

Cohasset Republicans slightly outnumber Democrats in town, which means the town is more Republican than most in a state where the GOP makes up only about 12 percent of the electorate.

Both Tebbetts and fellow Democrat Agnes McCann, who was also waving to voters along Highland Avenue, agreed Healey did not run a positive campaign.

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Kids to pitch in

To help seniors with fall cleanup

By Samantha Brown
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Getting a house ready for winter is not always an easy task. There are leaves to be raked, air conditioners to be removed, and storm windows to be installed.

To that end, the Cohasset PSO is sponsoring a fall cleanup "Make A Difference Day" on Saturday, Nov. 18 in partnership with the Council on Elder Affairs. Seniors who need any kind of help winterizing their homes, may call up and ask for some assistance, and help will gladly arrive.

The CEA has already received 36 requests and there is still time to register.

"It's that last little piece of winterizing," said Lisa Rosen, special events coordinator for the Osgood PSO, adding raking up leaves in the fall and then disposing of them can be a daunting task for anyone, not just seniors. However, if left in the yard, leaves can become very slippery and with one rainstorm can become particularly dangerous and the volunteers who help out during the day are glad to both rake the leaves up, and take them off site.

"This has been an Osgood tradition for the last 15 years," said Rosen. She said for at least the past 5 years, the school has partnered with the CEA to provide at least one event per year that is geared toward providing some assistance to the town's eldest residents. This year, she said she is especially excited, as the other two schools have agreed to help out as well.

"All the schools are participating for the very first time," she said. As the coordinator, Rosen brought the program to Osgood first because she had a student there, who has since moved on to Deer Hill and brought her and the project along. Due to the high response from seniors already, Rosen decided to reach out to the middle-high school as well. "It's exciting. The middle high school and high school were so excited to be asked and the Student Council has really embraced it. They're trying to get the whole student body involved."

Make A Difference Day is a national event, created by "USA Weekend" magazine. It takes place annually on the fourth Saturday of October. Anyone can

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PICTURE THIS/Catherine O'Callaghan & Chris Oddleifson

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The Mariner caught up with Catherine O'Callaghan and Chris Oddleifson this week when the Cohasset Education Foundation presented a $25,000 check to the school department for new computers at the Osgood School.

Names: Catherine O'Callaghan and Chris Oddleifson

Occupation: Secretary and President, respectively of the Cohasset Education Foundation.

Best day of your life: Day I met my husband (Catherine). Everyday (Chris).

Best vacation: August in Block Island (Catherine). Glacier National Park (Chris).

Favorite season: When Cohasset Schools are in session (Catherine and Chris).

Favorite holiday: National Teacher Day (Catherine and Chris).

Favorite junk food: Birthday cake (Catherine). Homemade alphabet soup (Chris).

Best book: "Great Books for High School Kids," edited by Rick Ayers and Amy Crawford. (Catherine and Chris).

Best TV Show: "Our Town" (Catherine and Chris).

Most memorable moment: The day we told our three older daughters we were having another baby (Catherine).

Most embarrassing moment: Spilling four cups of hot chocolate on the person sitting in front of me at a New England Revolution game (Chris).

Pet Peeve: Being called "Cathy" (Catherine). Lack of teamwork (Chris).

Goal: To raise $250,000 in pledges for the Cohasset Education Foundation by Spring (Catherine and Chris).

Person you would like to meet: The snake in the library (Catherine). Benjamin Franklin (Chris).

Biggest worry: Unfunded school mandates (Catherine and Chris).

Best part of Cohasset: Our kids, our town, our future (Catherine and Chris).

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Employee charged with stealing drugs from pharmacy

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A 20-year-old Scituate woman is accused of stealing drugs from the pharmacy at Walgreen's, police said.

Chief James Hussey said the chain's loss prevention department conducted the investigation.

"We responded to a call from the loss prevention people," Hussey said. He said Walgreen's determined there were pills missing after the employee, who was brought into the pharmacy on occasion to wait on customers, had been there.

According to the police log, the employee was caught on tape stealing the drugs.

"We brought her in for booking purposes," Hussey said. Alisha M. Tsimbidaros, 20, of 533 Country Way, Scituate, is facing charges of larceny of drugs and possession of Class D and Class C (prescription drugs).

Parking lot accidents

On Monday (Oct. 30) a witness reported seeing a vehicle hit in the Osgood School parking lot and called police. The driver of the Toyota Camry that backed into the blue Explorer had taken his child into the school.

"He told the officer he had planned on coming back and dealing with the problem," Chief James Hussey said. However, a background check revealed the man was driving on a suspended license, so police ended up towing his car and summonsing the man to court on the charge of driving without a license after suspension.

Hussey said there was minor damage to the Explorer

In an unrelated incident, a woman reported her car was damaged while parked in the Town Parking Lot at about 1:30 p.m., Wednesday (Nov. 1). Further investigation revealed damage to her rear bumper but there was nothing around the car, such as broken glass, from the other vehicle.

Hussey urges motorists who accidentally hit another car in a parking lot to leave a note with contact information on the windshield if they cannot find the owner of the car right away.

"If you cause visible damage to a vehicle, leave a note," he said. Otherwise, he explained, the offender could be charged with leaving the scene after property damage.

Female upset

On Monday (Oct. 30) police were able to calm down a female customer at a local car dealership who was screaming and spitting following a verbal altercation.

"We calmed her down and explained what the process was to deal with the problem," Chief Hussey said, noting it was a civil matter. "She was apparently loud enough that someone at the dealership called the police."

Suspect car

Police say a Cohasset car that matched the description of a vehicle used in a Weymouth robbery was not likely the same car.

After receiving a bulletin from Weymouth to be on the lookout for a black Honda, Cohasset police observed a similar car on Hull Street at about 1:15 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 30). However after speaking to the vehicle's owner and gathering the necessary information – it did not appear that person or vehicle was involved in the robbery, Hussey said. "The individual was very cooperative," Hussey noted.

Not intoxicated

Reports that an elderly woman was intoxicated in Shaw's parking lot proved to be untrue. The woman had parked her car at an angle, taking up several spaces, so it would not get any "dings," Chief Hussey explained. "When someone saw her park like that, they called the police," he said, adding the lady checked out to be fine.

Rooftop pranksters

Chief Hussey said police do not doubt that several youths were on top of Tedeschi's in the Village at about 9:30 p.m. on Halloween. An employee contacted police to report there were kids on the roof throwing things at cars. Some customers also told the employee that kids were atop the hill at St. Stephen's doing the same thing.

Hussey said when police arrived the kids were gone and they could not find any evidence of wrongdoing. He said there was a function going on at St. Stephen's and police checked it out and determined there was no one there who did not belong.

No firearm

The FBI recently contacted Cohasset about an individual seeking to purchase a gun in Maryland. As it turned out the male had outstanding warrants for larceny. He was not allowed to buy the firearm, Chief Hussey said.

Fox put down

A sickly fox that had been spotted around town during the daytime over the past two weeks has been put down.

The police log details three sightings last week alone describing a sick fox or coyote on the front steps, on the street or sitting on a walkway.

Chief Hussey said the animal, which was not looking healthy, had eluded police. But on Sunday at about 11 a.m., an officer responded to a call about the fox and put the animal down.

Flat tire

Two elderly, Weymouth women in a 1991 Buick were traveling along Atlantic Avenue last Wednesday (Nov. 1) when they came around a corner and the light temporarily made the driver lose sight of the road, causing her to drive onto the shoulder, hitting a tree, police said.

The front end and right side, front fender were damaged. The women, who were apparently looking for a gas station, drove on a flat tire to Town Hall. There were no injuries.

Holbrook man summonsed

A Holbrook man is being summonsed on charges of operating an unlicensed business and larceny by false pretenses for incomplete work on a Cohasset home. Chief Hussey explained the homeowner contacted police and investigation revealed the man, who was hired to put in an alarm system, was not licensed or sanctioned to do the work.

The homeowner had paid the individual and discovered the work was never completed. "We looked into in and are seeking the complaint," Hussey said.

Shoplifting teens

A manager of CVS has asked that two teenage girls, who were spotted shoplifting, not be allowed back in the store.

The manager told police the girls had been warned prior to the incident that occurred at about 6:15 p.m., last Friday (Nov. 3).

When police arrived, the girls had left the store but the officer found them in the plaza. The girls denied taking anything and said they threw the items on the floor before leaving CVS.

The girls were released to one of their parents. The manager did not want to take the matter any further.

Boat fire, a mirage

Friday (Oct. 27) at about 11:15 p.m., callers reported a large boat fire in the water off Sandy Beach. The Coast Guard and Harbormaster responded.

Apparently the lights on two oil tankers awaiting arrival into Boston Harbor gave the impression there was a fire when viewed from the shore, police said.

Road closings for Veterans Day

Border Street in Cohasset will be closed to through traffic at Atlantica Restaurant Saturday, Nov. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m., for the dedication of the Veterans Memorial at the intersection of Border and Summer streets. Traffic will be able to access Atlantica Restaurant from the Scituate side.

Also, Summer Street and the entire Cove will be closed to traffic Nov. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ambulance billing service fee reduced

Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia has negotiated a reduction in the service fee for ambulance billing services from 7 percent to 4 percent.

Based on current billing levels, Town Manager Bill Griffin told the Board of Selectmen at its Oct. 30 meeting it will save the town approximately $10,000 annually.

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The fire department does not have any clerical staff that can bill ambulance fees, so the town contracts out with a company that essentially charges a percentage to the town, similar to a commission.

Griffin said on a related note, he had previously raised the option of turning unpaid ambulance bills over to a third-party collection service as a means of increasing the town's revenue.

"There was hesitancy among board members to do so, but I believe further consideration should be given," he said.

Griffin added the best approach might be to develop a set of guidelines to govern those collection practices that would be brought back to the board for its consideration.

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Schools to lend seniors a hand with fall cleanup

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participate, and in 2005, 3 million people volunteered across the country, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

Rosen said typically, the Osgood School has three or four Make A Difference Days throughout the course of the year. She said one of the projects is always geared toward helping the school, and one is always geared toward helping those residents who use the CEA's services.

During last year's cleanup, Rosen said the CEA had between 10 and 12 requests for assistance. This year, the CEA has already received 36 requests and there is still time to register. "All you have to do is call and leave your name and number. We'll be accepting calls until Monday, Nov. 13," said CEA Director Linda Elworthy. She added families would be paired up properly with each request. For example, if a home needs lawn furniture put away for the winter or an air conditioning unit removed, she will make sure there is a strong volunteer available who can easily lift the items.

Elworthy said by pairing the schools up with the CEA, residents of all ages are able to come together. "So many seniors have grandchildren or great-grandchildren who live far away," she said, that having children come by to visit and help out at their home is a welcome treat.

Rosen added with so many people's family members living far away, something that might only take a few minutes, such as rolling up a hose and turning off the water, goes undone, simply because there isn't anyone available to help. She said through Make A Difference Day, no task is too small to be overlooked and she will find a volunteer to help.

The PSO is still accepting volunteers for Make A Difference Day. Rosen said participating is a great way to teach children about community service. "We're looking for a two-hour commitment," she said, and any help is appreciated. Tasks assigned will be age and ability appropriate. Any families interested in donating their time during Make A Difference Day may call Lisa Rosen at (781) 383-6491.

Seniors who would like some help winterizing may call the CEA at (781) 383-9112 and leave their name and phone number as well as their preferred time to have volunteers over the house. In turn, the CEA will work with Rosen to match up appropriate families for the job. Rosen said in the event the volunteers cannot get to every home on the list on Nov. 18, they will try to schedule volunteers for the remainder of the week and into next weekend. "We're going to try to meet all the requirements," she said.

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Historical Society opens new exhibit

The Cohasset Historical Society will open a new exhibit of 1930s fashions and memorabilia Friday, Nov. 10. The exhibit, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of the year at Society Headquarters, located at 106 S. Main St., in the Paul Pratt Building, and ties in with the latest Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "The Women."

The exhibit will feature afternoon wear in a living room setting, lingerie and dressing gowns in a bedroom setting and evening gowns in a setting reminiscent of the Casino Roof. The exhibit highlights a portion of the Society's extensive clothing collection, which is rarely put on display. The exhibit will also feature theater materials and scrapbooks from the era, including a script from the 1942 CDC production of "The Women," and images from the original Broadway production debut in 1936.

In celebration of the exhibit, the Society will host a 1930s cocktail party Dec. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are $20 for Historical Society members, $25 for non-members and may be purchased by calling the Society at (781) 383-1434

Button Wood Book Group to meet

Buttonwood Book Group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Selected book is "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zaffron.

Reservations are not necessary, and all are welcome. For more information, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Seawall repair grants awarded

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has awarded the town three seawall repair grants totaling $466,750. The Border Street seawall project will receive $272,500, the Lawrence Wharf seawall will receive $162,500 and the Sailing Club Seawall project will receive $31,750.

At the Nov. 6 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Town Manager Bill Griffin said the town is required to match the grants in the same amount. "We are asking the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting to amend the scope of a previous bond issue authorization to allow that bond to serve as the town's match," he said.

Griffin thanked Christine Player of Vine Associates, who has been working with the town on the seawall projects, as well as Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan for their hard and quick work to prepare grant applications. He also thanked the town's legislative delegation for "working hard to fund this grant program and support our specific grant applications."

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From left, Alex Koines, Lee Jenkins, David Farrag and Ray Kasperowicz show their support for Kerry Healey and state Sen. Bob Hedlund outside the polls along Highland Avenue. For full election results, see page 16.

Cohasset split on governor's race

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McCann said Patrick on the other hand was positive and focused on moving forward.

"He reminded people what government is all about, what we should be working for and how a candidate can inspire you," McCann said.

Republican Polly Logan, who was holding a Kerry Healey sign on Tuesday, blamed Healey's advisors for having her sound so negative. "She has had the worst campaign," said Logan, who knows Healey personally. "It is not her demeanor to be that way – she has received poor advice."

But Republican Kevin O'Donnell had not given up Tuesday afternoon. "I am shocked by the size of the turnout," he said. "It gives me great hope. I think all the advertising (about the races) has been forcing people to get out and make a decision."

Noting Cohasset has its share of Republicans, he quipped, "If Kerry Healey doesn't win here – she's not going to win anywhere."

A small contingent of "Vote No on Question One" supporters was also along "campaign row" on Tuesday afternoon.

Peter Logan, wine manager at Curtis Liquors in Tedeschi Plaza, said he sensed voters were evenly divided on the issue of whether or not to allow wine-only licenses for grocery stores.

Some worry about the public safety issue with so many more licenses and others want the convenience of buying wine at a supermarket, he said.

Peter Logan said wine amounts to more than 50 percent of the sales at Curtis and the new law could hurt business. He also noted the supermarket lobby spent about twice as much on the "Vote Yes" campaign as the "Vote No" side.

Jeff Beatty, Republican candidate for the US 10th Congressional District, was making the rounds and stopped by Cohasset mid-afternoon.

As he shook hands along Highland Avenue, he praised campaign workers on both sides of the "political aisle" for participating in the process. He said he had already been in 15-20 places that day. Beatty, who was seeking US Rep. Bill Delahunt's seat, quoted a woman he had met along the campaign trail as saying "career politicians are like fish and house guests – they go bad after a while and you have to throw them out."

However, the voters were not convinced and returned Delahunt to Congress. In fact, Delahunt tallied nearly 1,000 more votes than Beatty in Cohasset.

For full election results, see page 16.

Conservation kudos for the harbormaster

The Cohasset Conservation Trust recently thanked Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons for the Bassing Beach clean up she initiated. In a letter dated Oct. 31, Conservation Trust President Gary Vanderweil explained Bassing Beach is the Conservation Trust's first property and is probably the best known and certainly the most visible.

Vanderweil wrote the trust appreciates "your taking the initiative to coordinate with Jack Buckley and arrange to have students from his Community Service Class work with you to clean up these beaches. Also, for coordinating with the Bassing Beach Tenants Association and arranging to have them use the wood from the abandoned boat cradles which littered the marshes. This was a creative win-win solution. We are aware of the litter generated through the course of a season by all the residents and visitors who use the beach, and your work has greatly benefited the Trust's land maintenance program."

"Our thanks also go to Jack Buckley and his four students — Nick Cambi, Jack Gilbert, Ryan Kucinski and Chris Riihimaki — who worked with you to clean up the beach," he said.

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BOOK ANGELS

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, is sponsoring its annual Book Angel Program to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel (you!) selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). This is the thirteenth year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs from Nov. 17 through Dec. 22. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

The Deer Hill fifth-grade class is having the first fundraiser to support their trip to Camp Bournedale next fall. Students will be selling a variety of Kinnealey Meat products until Nov. 13th; delivery will take place on Dec. 2. We would like to thank Kinnealey Meats for its generous contribution to this effort. If interested in making a purchase please contact **Bridget O'Brien** at 383-9397 or **Dorothy Green** at 383-3310.

ALUMNI SOCCER

The 3rd annual Cohassset Alumni Women's Soccer Game is being planned.. The game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25th at 1 p.m. on Miliken Field. All women alumni and current soccer players at CHS are welcome to play. We'll play two 40-minute halves. Anyone interested send an email to pumkinpumper@gmail.com or 781-962-6049 so that a headcount and team organization can happen. It's odd-year grads vs. even-year grads.

There is also a men's game being organized by **Jeff Donze** (jeff.donze@comcast.net). That game will also be Sat. Nov. 25th at 1 pm on Miliken Field. Make sure to let him know if you will be there.

JINGLE BELL WALK

The South Shore Community Center invites Families & Friends to our 12th Annual Jingle Bell Walk held on Friday, Nov. 24th. Come to Cohasset Harbor (2 pm) and watch Santa and Mrs. Claus and their many elf assistants arrive by boat. Santa passes out jingle bells and in a horse drawn wagon make their way to the Community Center for hot cocoa, punch and cookies. Enjoy the community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites sung by Mrs. Claus & Santa with Frosty, Rudolph and the merry Elves. There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting a turkey trot and hayrides on the Common. Rusty Skippers Band will entertain and at the end of the day the Christmas tree is lighted on the Common. This day is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit.

COMING HOME

Pictured are, SFC Carin Smith (center) with her flight crew's & pilots from the 3 / 126TH Aviation Bn. from Camp Edwards, Mass. SFC Smith has been deployed in Kuwait and Iraq for one year and is due home this month. Carin Smith is the wife of SFC Jim Smith, and is the daughter- in-law of Kent & Virginia Smith of Cohasset.

FALL CLEANUP HELP

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the community outreach event for Make-A-Difference Day organized through the Osgood and Deer Hill PSOs will take place. For the first time, students of all Cohasset Schools and their families are welcome to participate and to provide fall clean up for the senior citizens of Cohasset. Clean-up activities include raking, removing window air conditioners, and putting up storm windows. Volunteers are asked for a two-hour time commitment. Please call **Lisa Rosen** at (781) 383-6491 to schedule a time to volunteer or for more information.

'WOMEN' ON STAGE

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is getting ready for a wonderful show called " The Women." Directed by the talented and Cohasset's own **Lisa Pratt** and produced by another Cohasset wonder, **Susan Jaffe**, this classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce is being presented on Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Cohasset residents in the play are **Barbara Baumgarten, Laura Coletta, Peggy Corrigan, Jennifer Dean, Barbara Elliot, Jo-An Heilman,** and **Roberta Raffa** They are joined by many other women from all over. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115 and are also available at the door. The cost for this delightful evening out is $12 per ticket with group tickets available for groups of 8 or more. A great show for all and a whole lot of fun!

That is all for this week. Send in your news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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SENIOR SCENE

T-Day feast

The Council on Elder Affairs provided the following schedule; call 781-383-9112 to sign up for events or for more information.

Nov. 18 – Make a Difference Day.

Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving feast at Atlantica Restaurant at noon. Each guest is asked to bring some canned goods or non-perishable items that will be given to the Food Pantry.

Nov. 24 – Center closed for South Shore Community Jingle Bell Walk.

Nov. 29 – Anna's Gourmet Club Luncheon with guest lecturer Rosemarie Engel-Conn who will give a talk titled "Christmas in Germany."

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Dec. 6 – 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at Cohasset Knoll.

Dec. 6 – 9 a.m. Departure for Vienna Choir Boys from St. Anthony Church parking lot.

Dec. 12 – 9 a.m. Departure for Wrentham Outlets.

Dec. 14 – 11 a.m. Departure for luncheon and Rockettes Christmas Show. Some tickets are still available.

Dec. 19 – Christmas Concert at Massasoit Community College.

Dec. 20 – Angel Food Project Holiday Feast.

Dec. 28 – Ring in the New Year, time and place to be determined.

Hearth cooking demonstration

Erik Anthony, owner of Independence Fireplace in Cohasset Village, is hosting a special event Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Suzanne Goldenson will be doing a hearth cooking demonstration in a fireplace at the store. She has written a book, "The Open Hearth Cookbook," and she has done demonstrations at Sturbridge Village and other locations.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Donald Keith

Keith - Heikkila

Mandy Rooney Heikkila, daughter of Rosanne Rooney of Braintree and the late Paul Heikkila, married Adam Donald Keith, son of Donald and Cheryle Keith of Dennisport, June 17, 2006, at Saint Stephen's Church in Cohasset. A reception followed at Scituate Country Club.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Scituate High School. She received her undergraduate degree at Merrimack College, and her graduate degree at Eastern Nazarene College, and is employed by the Davies Murphy Group in Burlington.

Her husband is a graduate of the Computer Learning Center in Somerville, and works as a project manager at USinternetworking in Newton.

The couple honeymooned in Europe, and reside in Braintree.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ralph Suprenard Jr.

Suprenard-Lubitz

Stephanie Gwynne Lubitz, daughter of Edward J. and Kyle H. Lubitz of Cohasset, married Raymond Ralph Suprenard Jr., son of Raymond and Kathy Suprenard of Effingham, N.H., and the late Elizabeth Suprenard, Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. The Rev. John Mulvehill celebrated the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

A reception followed at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

The bride's cousin, Lois Shippen Lubitz, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Conte, Tracy Suprenard Kinn, sister of the groom, and Jessica Manchester Lubitz, the bride's sister-in-law.

Raymond Suprenard Sr., father of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Gerhard Lubitz and John E. Lubitz, brothers of the bride, Keith Monafo, William Montero and John Vallee.

Attendants were Ryann and Tyler Barreto, cousins of the bride.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Cohasset High School and graduated from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., in May 2000. She is currently employed as office manager at Coastal Real Estate Associates LLC, Naples, Fla., and is financial coordinator of WayMoore Properties LLC of Southwest Florida.

The groom is a graduate of Kingswood Regional High School, Wolfeboro, N.H., and graduated from Johnson & Wales University, Providence, R.I. He is owner of Lakeside Property Maintenance, Ossipee, N.H., and is a partner in WayMoore Properties LLC of Southwest Florida.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple resides in Fort Myers, Fla.

Julie Elizabeth Good and Joseph Michael Guerra

Good-Guerra

Betsy and Bill Good of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Elizabeth Good of South Boston, to Joseph Michael Guerra of South Boston, son of Angela and Anthony Guerra of Burlington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of New Hampshire. She is employed as a manager at Winter, Wyman and Co. in Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Burlington High School and the University of New Hampshire. He is employed as implementation manager at Evare LLC in Burlington.

A July 6, 2006, wedding is planned in Boston.

Buttonwood fundraiser for Scituate Animal Shelter

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A is hosting a fundraiser for Scituate Animal Shelter Saturday, Nov. 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Buttonwood has arranged for Emily Carreiro of the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, managed by Mass Audubon, to be at Buttonwood from 10:30 a.m. to noon. She will bring a screech owl, box turtle and a black rat snake to be viewed and admired. Carreiro will also bring touch items – objects that can be handled.

Carriero is a teacher/naturalist and will be available during her visit to answer questions. Buttonwood will be donating 20 percent of the day's receipts to the "3A Farm Fund," the name of the fundraising campaign established to raise money to purchase the 3A Farm in Scituate.

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School board pleased with Cohasset Education Foundation gift

By Samantha Brown
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The school department may not receive any money from the town for technology upgrades this year, if Town Meeting votes to approve the Board of Selectmen's recommendations. However, through a donation of $25,000 from the rejuvenated Cohasset Education Foundation, the Osgood School will see 24 new computers with flat screen monitors and updated software in its computer lab regardless of Monday's outcome.

At the Nov. 1 School Committee meeting, members of the newly rejuvenated CEF, including Catherine O'Callahan, Emily Brown and Sarah Murphy, announced the group would be working hard to raise funds privately for the schools. The $25,000 grant was paid for by funds raised by the former CEF. The School Committee was ecstatic to accept the donation.

The schools received funding for the computers Tuesday (*see related story, page 9*), and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said it would be used to replace equipment (24 units) in the Osgood School computer lab. "These were the oldest in the district," she said of the computers, as they were purchased in 1998. Coincidentally, those computers were the first purchase made using CEF grant money.

...the CEF will be designing a Web site that will provide information on its initiatives as well as upcoming events and news.

Walsh noted, however, the school department requested $100,000 from the Capital Budget Committee for annual computer replacement throughout the district, which is a request separate from the CEF request. She said the $100,000, which is up for consideration at the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting, would update technology equipment at a rate of 20 percent each year for a 5-year period.

The school department had requested the Capital Budget Committee recommend $505,000 in requests to the Board of Selectmen. The board then makes a recommendation to Town Meeting, which votes to allocate capital budget funding. The school department had asked for the money to cover the cost of roof repairs, technology upgrades, a science exhaust fan, an emergency generator at Osgood, a new back turnaround/walkway at Osgood, the replacement and repair of playground equipment at Osgood and the repair of the high school track. None of its requests was recommended for approval at this time.

The CEF was founded in 1992 by a group of parents, for the purpose of providing private funds for school projects and programs that might not otherwise be funded. While the group had lost momentum over the years, O'Callaghan explained after the failed overrides in May, many Cohasset residents decided it was time to spring into action.

During the "Together Cohasset" forums, which brought residents together to come up with ways to move forward collectively in the aftermath of the vote, some residents decided to create an educational fund as well as an endowment fund for the town's schools. O'Callaghan said that group of residents has joined forces with the former CEF and together, have become a new revitalized CEF.

"Two weeks ago, we merged with the former CEF. They gave us their name and their tax ID status," as well as the funds left in the account, said O'Callaghan, adding there are now both longtime members and new members on the CEF. The goal of the committee is to help the schools provide high quality education to the town's students, by supporting programs that enhance and enrich the schools in ways that are not supported by public funding or the town and school budgets. O'Callaghan noted while the funds are available to help the schools make purchases, "This is not a solution for overrides in the future."

School Committee member Rick Flynn said he was on the original CEF when it was formed 14 years ago. "The first project we funded was the computer lab at the old Osgood School," he said.

Flynn said when the school building projects were going on, the CEF fell by the wayside because many needs were being paid for as part of the building projects. Now that the projects have been completed, he said this is a great time to get the foundation back up and running.

O'Callaghan said her group is happy to be able to provide the grant funding for the computers and is going to continue raising funds for additional grants in the future. In addition, the CEF will be designing a Web site that will provide information on its initiatives as well as upcoming events and news.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said he thinks the grants being given by the CEF are outstanding and he would encourage staff at the schools to apply for grants on their own whenever possible. "There are a number of co-curricular things we're trying to get going at the high school, like JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) that are not necessarily in the core curriculum but provide great opportunities," he said, and funding outside of the budget would help make them a reality.

Emily Brown of the CEF said the more ideas in the pipeline, the better, and the group is looking forward to being able to prioritize then formalize those ideas through grant funding. "We will continue to work with the superintendent to be sure our priorities are right," she said. School Committee member Steve Fusco said in his opinion, the CEF should be applauded for its efforts. He is the School Committee's liaison to the group and said the attendance at its meetings says a lot about the dedication of its members.

Supt. Walsh added, not only is there great attendance, those who attend enjoy it. "The enthusiasm is there and they've been very sensitive," to input brought forth by teachers and administrators. "These funds are not to supplant the budget — some things will never be funded through the budget." Walsh added whatever support the CEF needs, the school department will be happy to give.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said she is extremely proud to have dedicated volunteers working for the schools. "You have stayed very focused and I'm very excited for the Osgood School."

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Cohasset Education Foundation secretary Catherine O'Callaghan, treasurer Emily Brown, and president Chris Oddleifson present a $25,000 check to Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan and Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh.

CEF funds Osgood Computer Lab

By Catherine O'Callaghan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The new computer lab will provide up-to-date technology to meet the needs of the entire school.

The Cohasset Education Foundation recently announced the complete funding of the Osgood School computer lab. The grant of $25,000 was paid for by funds raised by the former CEF. This money will purchase 24 new desktop computers, flat panel display screens and Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003 software.

"It is a pleasure to fund the computer project at the Osgood School with the funds raised by the former CEF," says Midge Stone, Board member of the former CEF. "I am pleased that our groups came together and looking forward to working with this new energetic group of parents to raise money to fund needed projects in the schools."

Superintendent of Cohasset Schools Dr. Denise Walsh marked the Osgood computer lab as a priority. This gift will benefit nearly 400 students currently enrolled in grades K-2 and will also increase computer education and training opportunities for faculty to improve technology integration in the classroom. The new computer lab will provide up-to-date technology to meet the needs of the entire school. The equipment will support and extend valuable learning and increase the educational opportunities for Osgood students. Osgood will now be able to provide improved computer education and offer advanced training opportunities for its faculty.

The Osgood School was not able to install the necessary software or access Internet sites that complement and support their curriculum due to outdated computers. Faculty could not access critical components of their new curriculum.

"Osgood students will now have the opportunity to participate directly in learning activities related to literacy, math and other content areas," says Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan. Osgood students will now be able to use tools such as interactive books, graphic organizers and writing assistants.

The CEF is accepting grants for projects at all the Cohasset schools. The projects funded by the CEF fall outside of the school and town operating budgets, and are not included in the school's Planning and Technology Committee Report. For more information on the CEF, visit: www.cohasseteducation .org.

The CEF is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Spelling Bee and Gala event planned for the spring. Please contact CEF secretary Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868.

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ous capital projects and equipment for town departments. Based on current finances, Town Manager Bill Griffin told the Capital Budget Committee — which recommends capital expenditures to the Board of Selectmen — he felt comfortable recommending spending $300,000 in free cash for capital projects. With roughly $1.6 million in requests put before the committee, it had some tough decisions to make. Ultimately, voters will decide if the money should be spent *(see related story)*.

Article four will ask the town to approve recommendations made by the Community Preservation Committee. Under the Community Preservation Act, the CPC recommends to Town Meeting how funds raised through local taxation and state matching funds are to be spent in support of projects consistent with the Act *(see related story)*.

A number of committees will come forward at Town Meeting to ask for funding to hire consultants. **Article five** will ask voters to approve allocating roughly $10,000 to allow the Alternative Energy Committee to hire a consultant to assist in the investigation of alternative energy options for the town. **Article six** will ask Town Meeting to approve allocating $10,000 for the new Stormwater Management Committee to hire a consulting engineer. The money would allow the committee to hire a consultant that specializes in applying for grant funding and helping towns identify and find solutions for their stormwater issues.

Article seven has come before Cohasset voters before and was passed, but must be approved again to allow the town to re-file it with the state. The article proposes home rule legislation that would change the income limit for residents who wish to defer their taxes. Assistant Assessor Debra Krupczak explained to the Board of Selectmen, the article was passed at the fall 2002 Special Town Meeting, but fell through the cracks at the state level.

When Town Meeting originally approved the article in 2002, its passage raised the maximum qualifying salary for seniors wishing to defer their taxes to $50,000. Seniors who opt to defer their taxes must meet age and income requirements. Prior to the vote, the salary requirement had been up to $40,000. Deferred taxes must be paid back, either when the house is sold, or if the resident passes away.

After Town Meeting approved the article, it was required to be sent on to the Legislature, which at that time was working on its own revision to the state requirements. In turn, the state passed a bylaw that did not have the wording Cohasset sought, and Cohasset's bylaw was never passed by the state. Therefore, the town needs Town Meeting approval again to re-file the bill with the state.

Article eight will amend a previous article passed by Town Meeting, which deals with seawall repairs on Cohasset Harbor. Currently the project is confined to the area on Border Street from Atlantica to the Mill River Marine boatyard, but the town would like to expand the project's scope. The state recently approved grant applications that would provide the funds for the expansion, and Town Meeting will be asked to approve the town's providing a 50 percent funding match.

The area along the seawall is a heavily traversed pedestrian area, and the walkway along the seawall is cracking and is in need of repair for safety reasons. Over the years the seawall itself has also begun falling apart. Repairs were made to the wall in the early 1990s, but the solution was only temporary. Past Town Meetings have appropriated $15,000 to fund preliminary studies of the area; $25,000 to cover preliminary engineering and design costs; and most recently at the 2004 fall Special Town Meeting, $600,000 was appropriated for final engineering, design, and repair costs.

Recently, the state announced a new grant program, which allows towns to apply for funding up to $1.2 million. This week, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation awarded the town three seawall repair grants totaling $466,750. The Border Street seawall project will receive $272,500, the Lawrence Wharf seawall will receive $162,500 and the Sailing Club Seawall project will receive $31,750.

At the Nov. 6 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Town Manager Bill Griffin said the town is required to match the grants in the same amount. "We are asking the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting to amend the scope of a previous bond issue authorization to allow that bond to serve as the town's match," he said.

The Board of Selectmen put **Article nine** on the Warrant for the Water Commission. At the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, the town authorized the Water Commission to acquire all rights in Old Road, a road which exists only on paper, laid out in 1670. Old Road was acquired in a taking by the Water Department on Aug. 30. The article asks Town Meeting to abandon Old Road (the land) as a public way and prohibit public use. Old Road abuts the town's watershed.

The Water Commission would also like to see the town vote in the affirmative for **Article 10**. At the December 2005 Special Town Meeting, voters authorized the Water Department to purchase a parcel of land (55-51), and upon title review, Town Counsel discovered the parcel had recently been combined by the assessors with another parcel of land (55-52). The combination of the lots was not the result of a deed transfer, but apparently for record keeping convenience. Although the Water Department technically owns both lots due to their being combined, Town Counsel believes Town Meeting must specifically authorize the purchase of lot 55-52.

Article 11 has five parts that together will help clean up the town's books. Town Meeting will be asked to rescind and/or reduce several authorized bond issues that are no longer required by the town for various reasons. If approved, Griffin said the action will be viewed as positive by the bond rating agencies *(see related story)*.

Articles 12, 13 and 14 will also help the town's bond rating by increasing its reserves. Article 12 will transfer money into an existing stabilization fund and Articles 13 and 14 will form new stabilization funds *(see related story)*.

Article 15 was suggested by the Cohasset Police Department and would establish a process of documenting the receipt and sale of secondhand items and jewelry, which in turn would reduce the chance that stolen items would be unwittingly sold by local businesses.

Police Chief James Hussey said there has been no problem with second-hand sales to date, but being preemptive is never a bad idea. However, he said it used to be very common for thieves to bring stolen goods to pawnshops to sell them quickly and take the cash. Pawnshops have become more restricted in recent times, which has led criminals to look to "secondary markets" when selling their loot, such as jewelry or antique shops.

To that end, the police department would like to see Article 15 passed, which would require a 14-day hold on selling items such as used electronic equipment bearing serial numbers, jewelry, old metals, items made of gold, silver or platinum, decorative porcelain figurines, furs, rugs, one of a kind objects of art. Items such as stamps, coins, books, clothing, furniture or factory made mass-produced ceramics, glass and decorative items would not be subject to the freeze, so as not to prevent second-hand stores from selling items purchased at estate sales or conducting similar business.

The Board of Selectmen put two articles on the Warrant. The first, **Article 16**, would give the Board of Selectmen the discretion to begin the Annual Town Meeting at a time the board sees fit. Currently, the Annual Town Meeting must begin at 10 a.m., and by changing the wording the Board of Selectmen could set the start time at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m., or any other time, depending on the circumstances. **Article 17**, while listed on the Warrant, will be indefinitely postponed as after some discussion, the board agreed there is no need to change the town's election schedule at this time.

Article 18 will ask the town to approve reimbursing the school department's operating budget in the amount of $65,097. The funds were spent during the course of the fiscal year to complete school security improvements for the middle-high school, Deer Hill

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Town Meeting guide

- Town Meeting: The town's legislative body, which votes to appropriate money to run the town and votes on bylaws. Cohasset holds open Town Meetings, which means all registered voters may vote on all matters.
- Warrant: Lists Town Meeting's time, place, and agenda. Warrants were mailed to every household in Cohasset. Additional warrants will be made available at Town Hall, the library, and will be available at Town Meeting Nov. 13.
- Moderator: Runs the Town Meeting. Declares outcome of all voice votes. Dan Evans is the Moderator for the town of Cohasset.
- Articles: Items of business listed in the warrant that will be taken up at Town Meeting.
- Quorum: minimum number required to conduct business at Town Meeting. In Cohasset, it is 100 registered voters.

For more information, consult the Citizens' Guide to Town Meetings, which is posted on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm.

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School and Osgood School. The school department had money left over from the middle-high school and Deer Hill building projects for security system upgrades, and to save money and complete the project while the students were out of the building over the summer, the department went ahead and asked Griffin to put the Osgood project out to bid as well. That way, the schools could ensure all three security systems would be compatible. The school department feel the item is a capital expense, and not having a capital budget, has asked the town to reimburse the cost. If the town votes no, the school department will use money it has in a foundation reserve account to pay for the system.

Articles 19 and 20 are both Sewer Commission articles. Article 19 will ask the town to borrow $1 million to make repairs to the town's sewer system. Currently, there is excessive water coming into the town's sewer system due to infiltration and inflow. In other words, some of the town's sewer pipes have cracks and are allowing water to infiltrate from the inside out, which is putting further stress on the town's wastewater treatment plant.

The money would be used to implement studies, evaluations, investigations, design, permitting and construction of various sewer infrastructure improvements to abate I&I. Funds would be paid back through sewer revenue and/or direct betterment based upon the nature of the improvements.

The Sewer Commission would also like the town to vote favorably on Article 20, which would authorize it to acquire temporary and permanent real estate easements within private or common ways for the purpose of laying, constructing, replacing, improving or otherwise operating and maintaining sewer collection pipes, manholes and appurtenant equipment and structures, in connection with the Little Harbor, Atlantic Avenue, Jerusalem Road (Deep Run/Rust Way) Sewer Districts and related sewer expansion projects.

Article 21 is a zoning bylaw amendment sponsored by the Planning Board that would ask the town to amend the Senior Multifamily Residence Overlay District bylaw. The change comes primarily due to the Cedarmere development, which is the only project that will be built under the bylaw. The Planning Board would like to see the language changed, as currently no children are allowed to live in housing built under the bylaw for more than two weeks at a time. The bylaw would preclude residents in the 55-and-up complex from having a grandchild visit for a few weeks in the summer, or from having a college-age child live with them during the summer months. The new language would allow for extended stays for non-Cohasset residents, ensuring the development would not add children to the school system.

Article 22 would change downtown zoning in the Residential A zoning district. If passed, the article would provide zoning relief only for homes in the Residential A district whose lots are smaller than 18,000 square feet and are nonconforming. At the 2003 fall Special Town Meeting, the town amended the zoning bylaw to limit structural coverage to 20 percent of the lot area.

However, the Residential A district in Cohasset contains mostly older homes built on smaller lots. The existing buildings on many of these lots already exceed the 20 percent structural limit and the owners do not have the flexibility to build additions, porches, garages, or tool sheds which otherwise comply with zoning. The article would increase the allowable percentage of structural coverage in a pre-existing nonconforming lot from 20 percent to 25 percent, or 3,600 square feet, whichever is less, thus allowing residents to make small changes to their home, such as enclose a porch or build a deck. The Planning Board, which recommended the article, said it was not the intent of the bylaw to preclude residents from making minor changes on their property.

Articles 23 through27 are all citizens' petitions, which deal with zoning changes in the Village *(see related story)*. **Article 28** is tied to those zoning articles, as it will ask the town to appropriate funds to retain a professional consulting/planning firm to produce a series of build out analyses for public review and input. The Planning Board would like to see the consultant hired before any of the zoning changes suggested by the citizens are carried forward.

The fall Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Warrants have been mailed to every household, and extras will be available at the meeting. In the event the meeting does not finish Monday night, as the moderator typically allows discussion to continue until 11 p.m., it will carry over to Tuesday night.

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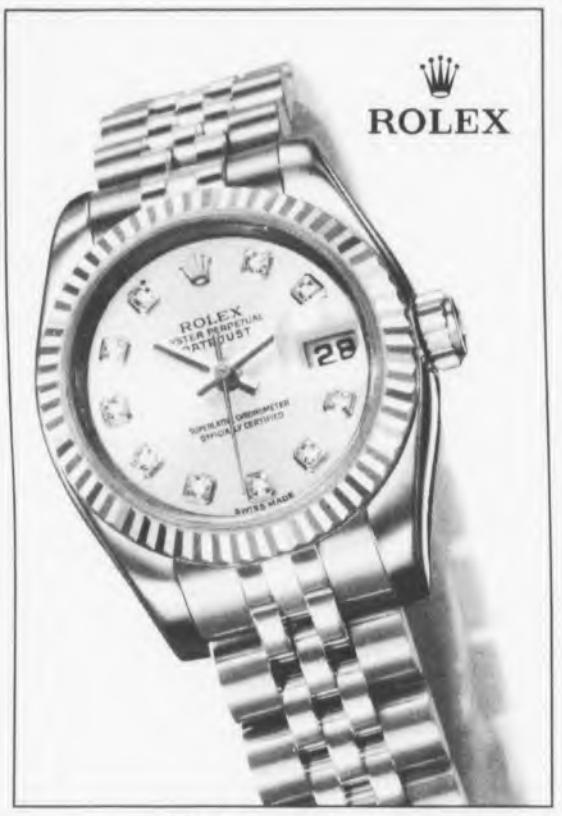

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

'Stabilizing' bond rating

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset has been fortunate to be able to maintain its AA+ bond rating for the past 5 years. While the town continues to enjoy that rating, this summer Standard and Poor's, one of the two leading bond rating agencies, put Cohasset on a watch list, due to its financial situation.

To help ensure the town does not lose its bond rating the next time it is evaluated, Town Manager Bill Griffin has placed three articles on the Town Meeting Warrant which will increase the town's reserves, which is one of the areas bond rating agencies look at. To do this, he has suggested the formation of two new stabilization funds, and a transfer of money into the existing stabilization fund.

The stabilization fund is an actual trust fund that has money in it and earns its own interest, rather than just a budgeted item. This means funds in the stabilization fund are available from year to year. Town Meeting authorization is required to transfer money from the stabilization fund for any lawful purpose. Usually funds spent from the reserve fund are for one-time expenses. Other than interest being earned, the only way the stabilization fund increases is if Town Meeting votes to put money into it.

Article 12 will ask for Town Meeting approval to transfer funds from the sale of the right-of-way and school building projects into the stabilization fund. The town sold the train right-of-way for $1.6 million, and that money was at one time in the stabilization fund. In addition, the town borrowed the full sum of money necessary for the school building projects, which made $500,000 in interest. Together, both sums of money left the town with $2.1 million, all of which was earmarked to help pay off the bonds for the school construction project.

However, the reimbursement from the state for the school building projects was awarded earlier than anticipated and the $2.1 million was not needed to cover those costs. Instead, it has been used to "patch holes" in the budget, including covering costs associated with special education out-of-district tuitions, police overtime costs and legal bills.

While the $2.1 million was originally in the stabilization fund, Director of Finance Michael Buckley said at one point in time the Legislature was thinking of tying in a town's local aid to the amount it had in its stabilization fund, and essentially penalize towns for having more in reserves. To be safe, the town put the money in a line item in the budget, appropriated to pay for debt service. The plan never panned out with the Legislature, and now the town would like to put the money back into the stabilization fund where it belongs.

For the past few years, Buckley said towns in Massachusetts have been able to set up special stabilization funds, which hold money for specific purposes. That is exactly what he and Griffin would like to see happen with the approval of **Article 13**. Griffin and Buckley have proposed starting a sewer betterment stabilization fund which will hold all betterments in one account to be used specifically for making annual principal and interest payments on sewer-related debt service.

Buckley explained when the North Cohasset, Straits Pond and Central Sewer projects began, the town issued betterments for half the cost of the project, which was payable over 20 years. The town took out bonds to pay for the other half of the project. Many people paid the entire amount up front, as it is typically customary to pay off the whole betterment when selling your house. Buckley said therefore, more money came in than anticipated, and the surplus was set aside for when it would be needed in later years when a constant stream of money was not coming in due to those which had already paid. That money would now be set aside in its own account, and would need a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting to be spent.

The town will also be asked to form a new pension reserve stabilization fund through **Article 14**. Buckley said in the late 1970s and early 1980s, former Town Accountant Bill Signorelli realized the town was not putting enough money aside for its annual payments to the Norfolk County Retirement Board. "He had the foresight to ask Town Meeting to put money aside to pay the bill when it came due," Buckley said, and currently, the town has $538,548 in its pension account. Griffin and Buckley would like to see a stabilization account set up for the funds. Funds will only be used to pay future pension payments subject to a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting.

Cleaning up the books

By Samantha Brown
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Article 11 on the Town Meeting Warrant is basically a housekeeping article. In order to clean up the town's books in a way that will hopefully be looked upon favorably by bond rating agencies, voters must either rescind or reduce several authorized bond issues.

•Voters will be asked to rescind a vote, which took place in March 1999. Town Meeting approved borrowing $200,000 to essentially allow the town to take over maintenance of private septic systems. The initiative never went forward and the town decided against maintaining private systems, which means the money was never borrowed. Without a Town Meeting vote to rescind the first vote of approval, the town's record shows it is authorized to borrow that money, and bond rating agencies look at that approval as potential debt. If it doesn't come off the books, it looks as if someday the town will borrow it.

• Town Meeting will also be asked to reduce the amount authorized for two appropriations for school-related projects. At the December 1999 Special Town Meeting, the town authorized borrowing $390,000 for the purpose of developing construction drawings and bid documents for the improvements at the middle-high school and Deer Hill. The town received funding from the state and therefore only needed to borrow $156,000. The town will be asked to vote to approve the $156,000 that was borrowed, which will allow the$234,000 that was not used, to come off the books.

• Voters at the March 2000 Town Meeting authorized the town to borrow $41.8 million for renovations and reconstruction of the middle-high school and Deer Hill School. The town received state reimbursement for this project and therefore borrowed $16.72 million. Voters will be asked to take back the original Town Meeting vote and authorize the actual amount, taking roughly $25 million in potential debt off the books·

• At the November 2001 Special Town Meeting the town authorized borrowing $3.9 million to design, construct, convert and equip the Paul Pratt Library. However, through a combination of grants and gifts to the library, the town only needed to borrow $650,000. Through the efforts of the Trustees of the Library, which had a very successful fund-raising campaign, Cohasset will be able to take roughly $3.25 million in potential debt off the books.

• Lastly, the November 2002 Town Meeting approved borrowing roughly $1 million to purchase a parcel of land at the end of Heather Drive known as the "Barnes Property." Through state funding and money from the Community Preservation Committee, the property was purchased and the appropriation was not necessary. Therefore Town Meeting must rescind its vote to approve the appropriation and take it off the books.

– Parachute regiment fought in Battle of Bulge –

WWII vet's web site helps the 517th stay connected

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

"What I did was no big deal really. We were just a bunch of young kids doing our jobs for our country," said Ben Barrett.

The Cohasset resident was a member of the 517th Parachute Regiment Combat Team that fought in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

As Barrett spoke of the war, his Regiment, its accomplishments and his passion to keep its legacy alive — he was flanked by photos, posters, books and medals carefully displayed at his desk. A photo of Barrett in uniform revealed that with the exception of distinguished white hair, at age 88 he has changed very little. Barrett was hesitant to accept any personal credit for what had been achieved during that infamous conflict, but the photos, memorabilia and written accounts tell a story of remarkable courage, brotherhood and patriotism.

Following World War II, Barrett went to Boston University on the GI Bill. It was there that he met Fran, who had been an Army nurse, and married her on Veterans Day in 1949. Despite the patriotism that had been demonstrated by the couple via their military service, the wedding date had no symbolic message attached.

"It was a Saturday, we both had the day off and the church was available," Barrett explained. "I missed a big football game that day, too because of it!"

The couple settled north of Boston in Saugus and started their family. Barrett, despite his war wounds was able to carry on with life and work and raising his six children. Though enjoying ordinary life in the country for which he had fought and sacrificed, he carried with him memories of the sights and sounds of war and suffering, especially those accumulated during the legendary battle in the cold and snowy Belgian countryside.

The Barretts moved to the town two years ago to be near their daughter, Joanne and grandson, Eric Weinstein.

When his children were growing up, Barrett never talked about the war, said Joanne. "It is only as adults that we learned so much about his involvement in the Battle of the Bulge," she said.

"At the time I thought, 'Why talk about it? I can't explain it. Who would understand it?'" Barrett said. "You couldn't understand it unless you had been there. I don't understand it myself. I was so young and I remember it all but I don't remember being very scared.

"We were like brothers though, and we would have 'pacts' with our fellow soldiers that if something happened to one, the other would be sure to be in touch with the family when we returned home."

As a young man in the frigid forests of Ardennes, Belgium, Barrett surely was unaware how much he would contribute to this code of honor more than half-a-century later. For Christmas in 2000 his children gave him a computer. His son, Bob, created a website for him telling the story of his life and honoring his Regiment. The site: www.517PRCT.org has grown to be a source for veterans, their families and friends to remain in touch, connect with people who may have known a loved one, research facts about soldiers and their families and learn about the Battle of the Bulge.

"I hope that our children and grandchildren will continue to remain in touch with each other. Our regiment was a brotherhood and learning about its contribution to World War II is important."
— Ben Barrett

In addition to helping people close chapters and begin new ones in their lives by finding answers to questions that have been unsolved for years, Barrett also has united many grateful residents of Europe with the veterans who fought for their freedom. The European citizens, who enjoy freedom today as a result of the 517th, are able to visit and communicate via this website on a daily basis with their American friends and their families. Among these is a group of citizens from Belgium that greet the American troops when they visit. This committee continues to see that the soldiers are remembered and honored for liberating them from the Germans.

Irma Targnion was four years old during the Battle of the Bulge and has very clear recollections of that time. She has written her story and it appears on the 517th website. The Mariner contacted her for a comment about this story. She also sent a photo of herself at that time in which she is wearing a dress made from material of a United States parachute. *(See related story.)*

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Battle of the Bulge veteran Ben Barrett of Cohasset manages a web site along with his son that helps veterans of the battle and their families share stories and gather information.

50th anniversary

For the 50th anniversary of the Battle, Barrett returned to Europe with his wife and daughter. He described the reception of the citizens of Belgium to the US paratroopers and how different it is from that in the United States today. "We went into a store to buy a camera," he said. "As soon as they found out I was one of the US paratroopers, they gave it to me for free. Everywhere we went, people would say 'thank you.' Small children learn all about the War and the Battle of the Bulge in school. They are grateful for their freedom and they love Americans. Here in this country, it's become just another day off…a day to go shopping.

"That was when a war brought the country together," he continued. "Everyone was part of the war effort. Of course, that was when women went to work, factories manufactured supplies for the troops and any city you went to you saw about 80 percent of the people walking around in uniform. There were terrible conditions then, too. We didn't have the right clothing for the cold winter that there was, the equipment froze and thousands died. There were times we had to walk by our own injured troops and keep going. Those were our orders. What people don't understand is that these decisions have to be made in split seconds. Sometimes in battle people die so thousands more won't. Of course it was terrible. It was war. I still recall the smell of the battlefield, the brush and the tall grass. Sometimes there was so much fire, there was nothing but red in the sky."

Barrett's journey to one of biggest battles in American history was not a typical one. Upon graduating from high school in 1937, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps where he earned $30 a month. "I got to keep $5 and the rest was sent home to my family," he explained. "Roosevelt created the program. It was during the Depression and it was a good way to keep guys like me busy and out of trouble!"

He tried to enlist in the service in 1940 in New Hampshire but was rejected because of a heart murmur. A while later, he learned he could try to enlist in Maine and this time was successful.

"After Pearl Harbor, they were looking for paratroopers," Barrett recalled. He then went to Fort Benning, Ga. for training. After earning his paratrooper wings, he volunteered to go overseas for combat duty and eventually joined the 517th Parachute Regiment Combat Team.

When the Germans began their invasion, they chose an area of the border that was lightly patrolled. Referring to the surprise attack of the Battle of the Bulge, he said, "We had a radio and it was very hard to hear what was being said but we knew something was happening. When we headed out, we drove by trucks. It was a cold snowy winter and we had practically no shelter. When we were engaged in the battle, we knew the Germans outnumbered us. When you are the infantry, there is nothing between you and the enemy."

Later in the Battle, Bennett was wounded and eventually returned to the United States on a hospital ship. His long trip home included an "ambulance" ride being strapped to a jeep. "When there would be incoming fire, the driver's orders were to stop the truck, leave us and take cover. Of course if something happened to him, nothing would be accomplished. I was already no good. I remember watching the shells light up the sky over my head. It was beyond belief."

The 517th had been part of the defeat of the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge in which there were more than 80,000 American casualties in fewer than two months.

Shares stories

The website maintained by Barrett and his son tells countless stories of this Battle and the brave troops who fought in it. Hours studying these accounts only begin to capture the essence of the significance of this incredible time in history. The valor, pride and loyalty of these troops and their families are evident in their words and recollections.

"There is a whole new generation becoming interested in learning about the military," Barrett said. "As people go off to fight in war today, their families and friends look for information on the internet about the armed forces, history, locating news of loved ones and others going through similar experiences. That's how they find us. There are so few people left now from World War II. I hope that our children and grandchildren will continue to remain in touch with each other. Our regiment was a brotherhood and learning about its contribution to World War II is important."

Curiosity about relatives or stories without endings that might relate to this time in history can be researched and explored. Barrett encourages others to ask questions, write letters and emails and pay attention to old notes or journals that might be discovered in attics or basements. "If someone wants to try to locate a person or learn what happened in a particular situation during the Battle, they should send an email along on the website. We can share the information and see what others know. I have seen people learn that they live in a town near the person who holds the answer to their question."

The 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team was together from 1943-1945. It was deactivated in 1945, but its members have remained in touch with each other and attend reunions regularly. Barrett is overseeing the next National Reunion which will be held in Washington D.C. June 27 to July 2, 2007. Registration information is on the website and anyone interested is invited to be part of this event.

"We decided to have it in June because many people have grandchildren they would like to take and combine it with a vacation," said Barrett. "It isn't necessary to attend the meetings for the 517th. Some people come along with us and go sightseeing while taking advantage of our group rates and activities. Of course you can be in Washington, D.C. a month and not see everything. But we thought it might be the last opportunity for many of the veterans to see the World War II Memorial. We hope lots of relatives, friends and neighbors will join us on the trip."

Another popular feature of Barrett's website is his newsletter, "Mail Call." Sent by email, he writes and sends recent news including bits of communication he has received, reunions that are happening, personal updates from members and other topics of interest. "Mail Call" is sent almost daily to more than 350 soldiers, family, and friends of the 517th in the United States, France and Belgium. This communiqué is one of the most popular features of the site, which is recognized by many veteran organizations as one of the most informative military sites on the internet.

"It's nothing fancy," says Barrett, "but there are lots of people who look forward to it. One guy told me recently that when he does his reading, he sits down with the Washington Post and 'Mail Call.' Another guy I know doesn't have a computer but receives the newsletter from his son. The son has said that when he used to go to visit his Dad, he would be asked how he was and how things were going. Now his Dad says, 'Did you bring me Mail Call'?"

Barrett recently gave a presentation at a breakfast group in Hull about the "Battle of the Bulge." He also is participating in a program with the Braintree schools in which students must interview a veteran from a war in which the United States was engaged. The students are to research and study the war during the year and the veterans will be invited back on Memorial Day 2007 for a ceremony.

The recipient of a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and eight other medals, Barrett insisted his service was nothing more than fulfilling his duty to his country. "I was no hero but I served with a regiment of heroes; the 517th Regimental Combat Team. The real heroes never came home."

About the Battle of the Bulge

In the summer of 1944, members of the American Armed Forces rode through the streets of France and were greeted by cheering crowds triumphantly waving flags. It was believed that Hitler was "on the run" and that Eisenhower thought the war would be over completely by Christmas. Unknown to the Allied Forces, Hitler was the mastermind behind what was yet to come: one of the bloodiest battles in history… the Battle of the Bulge.

The enemy was producing an entire new force complete with tanks, other war vehicles and weapons in sophisticated underground factories. This top-secret mission would surprise the Allied Forces by breaking through a thinly patrolled portion of the border and capture Belgium and surround American forces before moving onward.

Just before Christmas that same year the attack was launched. The Americans were outnumbered 10-1 and had inadequate uniforms, boots and other supplies to sustain them through the harsh winter conditions. The battle raged for nearly two months. Despite the challenging circumstances faced and the 80,000 troops who were killed, captured or wounded amidst the coldest winter in Belgian history, the Americans prevailed. The Germans were able to make a "bulge" in the border but were

'We love them as members of our families'

By Irma Targnion

Following, you will find a comment about my feeling and affection for the 517th PRCT and the valorous US soldiers who liberated us from the enemy during the Battle of the Bulge.

For more than 30 years, our reception committee is proud and happy to welcome the US veterans and to pay homage with ceremonies, religious services, flowers at the monuments.. (There are eight US Monuments on the territory of Trois-Ponts – 2,300 inhabitants). The 517th PRCT is very special to us, they liberated Trois-Ponts, Bergeval, Wanne, Logbiermé, Fosse, Arbrefontaine , Stavelot, and later the area of St Vith.

Because of the sacrifice of those great young men who fought for our Liberty, Ardenne is now living in peace and we shall never forget those young men who paid the price of their life freeing us from the enemy. It is difficult to explain the warm feeling and the affection we are having for the 517th's veterans. It is incredible that 62 years after the Battle, we are great friends and I think more and more with the years. We consider them with gratitude and a deep respect but in the same time, we love them as members of our families. We do hope to stay in touch with them a long time; we do hope their children and grandchildren perpetuate this friendship and that our children and grandchildren will perpetuate the memory of the Battle of the Bulge and its heroes. The veterans are now in their 80s but I could not help myself seeing them like young boys of 18 or 20 years old. I also have a deep respect and sympathy for their mothers, wives, fiancées and sisters praying for them during the war. Briefly, in a word, we love all of them and we shall never forget the guardian angels who saved our lives."

Irma's entire story can be read on: www.517PRCT.org

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In the photo, Irma is wearing a dress made from the material of an American parachute. She wrote that her brothers had shirts made of the same material, too. After the fighting had stopped, the children had been sent out into the meadows and fields to collect anything that might be used to begin to rebuild their homes.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Salute to veterans

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918.

The Allied nations and Germany ceased hostilities, for all intents and purposes, bringing an end to World War I and laying the foundation for what is now Veterans Day.

Unfortunately World War I did not live up to its billing as the "war to end all wars" when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, officially ending the war. It's legacy, and that of the signing of the treaty, however, has lived on in providing a lasting recognition to those who have fought for our country.

Originally known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1938, but in 1954 after the United States' involvement in World War II and Korea, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans."

With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.

While many federal holidays, including Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Columbus Day are celebrated on Mondays to insure three-day weekends, Veterans Day is one of the few holidays celebrated on its original date. In 1968, however, Congress passed a law including Veterans Day with the three holidays mentioned above to fall on a Monday to encourage travel, recreational activities and stimulate economic growth by creating long weekends.

Many states, however, did not go along with the decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates, creating so much confusion that President Gerald R. Ford signed a law on Sept. 20, 1975 returning the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978.

To this day, Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of what day of the week it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

So on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 2006, let us continue the tradition of not only saluting the veterans who have so dutifully completed their service to our great country, but to those who continue to do so today all across the world.

Cohasset's Veterans Day observances:

On Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m., the town will dedicate a new monument at Veteran's Park on Cohasset Harbor. The new monument lists the names of those Cohasset residents who have served or are currently serving in the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Gulf War, or the War on Terror.

During the Korean War, 168 Cohasset residents served their country and one, Clifford David Strout, paid the ultimate price. Vietnam saw 263 Cohasset residents travel overseas and eight men — Peter J. Albiani Jr., Peter Cogill, Allen F. Keating, William C. Laidlaw, John Paul Lyon, Edward R. Maree, Dennis J. Reardon, and Craig M. Simeone — lost their lives. There were 30 Cohasset residents who served in the Gulf War and 43 are currently serving in the War on Terror.

The monument is circular and made of the same stone used to make the World War I and II honor rolls, and is sunken into the ground. The circle has a diameter of 28 feet, and is 16 inches tall from the outside and 22 inches tall on the inside. There is a sloped walkway to bring visitors down into the center of the circle where there is a large flagpole.

On the inside of the circle are the names of the town's war veterans on beveled granite, with another plaque below the names indicating the war in which the residents served. There are also blank tablets to allow the town to inscribe the names of residents who may need to be added in the future. Outside the monument, there is grass and a walkway made of bluestone pavers.

Residents interested in contributing financially to the project may send checks made payable to the Veterans Memorial Committee to 42 King St., Cohasset, attention Glenn Pratt. For more information on the town's veterans, please visit the committee's Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Housing Partnership, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., Sullivan gym (Special TM)& Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at Town Hall

Recreation Commission, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Nov. 13 (Town Meeting) and Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions. Special Town Meeting gets under way at 7 p.m., Monday, at Cohasset Middle High School.

Here we are at the Cohasset library where Fithi is still at large!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for the harbormaster

TO THE EDITOR:

As the Commodore of the Cohasset Sailing Club and with unanimous approval from the CSC Board of Trustees, I am writing in support of the Cohasset Harbormaster, Lorri Gibbons, and her request for an upgraded boat, office and dock.

Every summer, the Cohasset Sailing Club teaches over 170 children of this community how to sail and to appreciate and respect the ocean. Safety is our number one priority. In her first year as Harbormaster, Lorri was a breath of fresh air. She was constantly on the water, always willing to lend a hand for a stalled instructors launch or at the ready to retrieve a wayward sailor — young or old. When vandalism and theft hit us early in the season, she was there for us to discuss prevention strategies. Her unprecedented enthusiasm, expertise and service to the Sailing Club are greatly appreciated.

We respectfully, but strongly, disagree with the opinion expressed by Mr. Stone in last week's Mariner that the Harbormaster position should be part-time and that there is no need for updating the Harbormaster's equipment. A reference to how things were 40 years ago is irrelevant. The harbor today bears little resemblance to the harbor of the 1960s to which Mr. Stone refers. The exponential increase in recreational boating, as evidenced by the number of boats moored or privately docked in the harbor and the staggering array of boats anchored at Bassings on any July or August weekend, justifies a full-time position and the equipment to fulfill the safety and policing responsibilities of the position.

Lorri Gibbons has proven herself to be a valuable asset to not only the Sailing Club and the children of this town, but to all boaters – commercial and recreational. Please join us in supporting the Harbormaster's request for funding so that she may continue to ensure the safety and the proper management of the harbor and surrounding waters.

Jim Porter
Commodore, Cohasset Sailing Club and the
Cohasset Sailing Club Board of Trustees
Government Island

Bring the troops home!

TO THE EDITOR

Through you may I take an opportunity to say how pleased the peace groups, with which I have a connection, are with the outcome of the "Back from Iraq" resolution, and grateful to all who voted in the affirmative on this vitally important, national issue.

And a special thanks to all who collected signatures on petitions that got the question on ballots in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and part of Scituate, in the first place. And, more heartfelt thanks to those who passed out brochures, held signs at the polls, wrote letters to editors and attended meetings and vigils dealing with this subject.

The votes of people in 139 cities and towns throughout Massachusetts instruct their state representatives to make clear to the President and the (new) Congress that we must end this hopeless and ill-conceived war now, and bring our troops home.

Keep the pressure on, they are finally listening!

Catha McSweeney
150 Union St.
Hingham

War on Terror and the Veterans Memorial

TO THE EDITOR:

Although I can't think of better terminology to use on the new Veterans' Memorial plaque, apparently a few individuals don't think "The War on Terror" is quite right to describe the current military activities in the Middle East. Their argument seems to be that the Iraq adventure is not about fighting terror.

Well, whatever the grievous faults of execution, the Iraq intrusion had a larger purpose or concept than simply ousting Hussein, or preserving oil supply, or countering the ephemeral WMD's. The concept was to establish a focal point in the Middle East (other than Israel) for freedom of thought and expression, and the beginning of the substitution of democracy for repressive authoritarianism. Discontent with that authoritarianism, discontent misdirected at the Western world because it was too dangerous to direct at their own regimes, would be reduced by movement toward democratization. It was theorized, perhaps far too optimistically, that reducing the reasons for the discontent would reduce the terrorism fueled by that discontent.

Granted, the Iraq adventure seems to have encouraged rather than reduced terrorism, and created chaos instead of increasing stability. But perhaps that increase is not long lived, if we persevere responsibly and effectively rather than shrink from the short-term cost. Constructive attitudinal changes in the Middle East, beneficial to this nation, may be achieved in the long term. (And perhaps not, thanks to the errors of execution such as lack of forward planning and insufficient troop levels to maintain control and preserve the physical infrastructure). But, muddled as it has been, the intrusion was intended to address the root causes of terrorism..

So, if attempting to address one of the root causes of discontent surely is a part of the war on terror, why not include it under the label "War on Terror"?

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Seeking solution to stormwater flooding

COMMENTARY

JIM KINCH

Over the weekend of Mother's Day 2006 in Cohasset the rainfall came steadily for several days and the water rose. Along James Brook the water over topped its banks and kept coming, soon the Post Office parking lot was under. Many of us may not have noticed because we don't live in lowlands of the town watersheds. But the reality was very different for those who faced a real threat of being flooded and forced out of their homes. By Sunday the Depot Court, the lower end of Ripley Road and the Post Office lot were under water. Homes abutting James Brook were badly affected but flooded basements and overtopped roadways were only part of the problem, later tests in the flooded areas revealed that dangerously high bacterial levels were found in the submerged backyards.

The Mother's Day flood was the latest manifestation of a problem that is becoming a larger issue in Cohasset and in most coastal towns, and it came as a wakeup call. Stormwater is an old issue but why is this

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Train 'unfinished business' list

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We get more calls about the "bumps" in these two crossings than any other issue. When we ask CBB about these problems they either don't call back or say that there are no available crews.

More safety – Sometimes we just have to get on our "High Horse" about this project, so, no photos this week, only words — serious words.

This week it was reported to us by a runner that the rubber strips that are used between the tracks at the railroad crossings are very slippery after a hard frost. This is probably a form of "black ice" that plagues drivers on the roads after a hard freeze. So, whether you are a runner, a biker or a driver, slow down and be careful these frosty cold mornings whenever you cross the railroad tracks.

Unfinished business — My Dad always told me to finish what I started. This was especially true in my younger years as I was noted for starting a project and leaving it half finished in everyone's way. Well, CBB and the MBTA seem to have the same affliction. From one end of Town to the other Cohasset residents have to put up with half-finished projects. We have met with CBB many, many times on these issues, but the project is primarily focused on placing rail and other issues seem to get lost in the shuffle.

At Beechwood Street the grading and drainage does not work. We have been pleading with CBB for over a year to fix the drainage so it doesn't go into residents' driveways. Their idea of a fix was to put berms at each driveway. Well, not only are the resulting bumps aggravating for the residents, but due to incorrect grades at catch basins, water just pools up in the street. In our discussions with the project, they recognize the issue and own up to the problem. But, they insist they lack the crews to fix it. We really don't think this is right with winter on the way.

The Sohier Street and King Street crossings are half finished, for going on a year. Both are listed on the project schedule to be "paved by fall." Well fall is here and nearly over and no paving. We get more calls about the "bumps" in these two crossings than any other issue. When we ask CBB about these problems they either don't call back or say that there are no available crews.

On Rocky Lane, CBB was extremely eager to get the bridge open. So eager in fact that we still don't have the proper stripes in the road to separate the lanes or stop lines at the stop signs as required. Further, a recent rainstorm absolutely demonstrated that drainage on the "old" Rocky Lane side of the bridge is incorrect in spite of the personal assurance from the chief CBB engineer to the contrary. The rainwater which is supposed to follow the gutter lines into the catch basins, instead, goes to the center of the road and covers the road. That will be fun in freezing weather. If my Dad were still around, I'd have him call them and tell them "to finish what they started."

We have mentioned before that the new Rocky Lane access road now presents a very different approach for bikers, runners, baby strollers and pedestrians. Before the new access road, adults and children could easily get off of the road over a shallow asphalt Cape Cod berm onto the wide flat grass areas alongside the road. Now, a 6-inch granite curb separates any safe haven area from the roadway. Plus, the stretch that connects from the bridge to Main Street is quite steep. The Town Manager sent a request to the project to provide a sidewalk. The MBTA insists that there was no sidewalk there before so they are not obligated to provide one now. The new bridge has dramatically changed the environment of the pathway pedestrians use to access the rest of Town. That is why the Town feels the sidewalk is now required.

On Nov. 1, 2006 a number of Rocky Lane residents came to Town Hall to express their concerns about the many safety issues with the recently opened bridge. While we understand that the bridge construction is not complete, we all worry about how long these concerns will be left hanging. The Board of Selectmen has now drafted a second letter expressing the collective view of the Town to a senior manager at the MBTA. Our position is simple — if the reason the bridge was built was for the safety of the Rocky Lane Residents why can't the bridge be made safe?

A last little bit of business – Within the next two weeks we are going to be starting a small drainage project on Forest Avenue near the entrance to Wheelwright Park. The project should take approximately two weeks to complete. Everyone who drives Forest Avenue will be very pleased to know that after this drainage is completed we will be allowed to pave Forest Avenue. Look for the paving next spring.

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Countdown to my class reunion

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

"Everybody's coming back to take stock of their lives. You know what I say? Leave your livestock alone."
Minnie Driver, Grosse Pointe Blank

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There it was: the invitation to my 20th high school reunion. That can't be right, could it? I quickly do the math. Whoa. Who would've thought I could ever be this old? Or, that I might actually be considering going? But two minutes later, I was in my closet trying to find an outfit that just screamed "successful businesswoman, supermom and glamorous divorcee!"

It took less than an hour to exhaust every depressing possibility in my wardrobe before I gave up trying to capture all three in a single outfit. Instead, I settled for "glamorous divorcee," or so I hoped. Because, when it comes down to it, all anyone cares about at reunions is how you look. And I wanted to look good. Yet, with only four weeks to go, the clock was ticking.

"I wanna run through the halls of my high school. I wanna scream at the top of my lungs..."
John Mayer, No Such Thing

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"What do you mean you can't fit me in for highlights and a haircut?" I cried *(literally)* a week later to my hairdresser. "You don't understand, it's my high school reunion!" Fortunately, he understands. After all, he went to high school once, too. And my wonderful stylist *(and most consistent man in my life)*, opens up early for me the next morning to banish all roots from my head.

Outfit. Check. Hair. Check. Weight? Actually not bad — same approximate weight, just a bit of shifting around. Check. Teeth whitening strip in place for the evening? Check. Then I make the mistake of peering a little too closely into the mirror. Where did those wrinkles come from? And are those age spots? I never noticed them before — oh my God! I grab my kid out of bed *(well, he wasn't actually asleep yet)* and race over to CVS. Luckily for me, my son points out the teeth-whitening strip before we actually get inside the store. As we hit the glycolic peel/microdermabrasion aisle, I start to panic as I read all the boxes. Six to eight weeks for results?! But I only have three!

"You know? I bet in high school, everybody made somebody's life hell."
Lisa Kudrow, Romy and Michele's High School Reunion

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Two weeks to go. As I model my reunion outfit for a friend, I finally feel like things are under control. Besides, I was pretty geeky in high school, so I have nowhere to go but up. My friend, however, is panic-stricken about her own reunion which takes place less than two months after she gave birth. "I've worked hard for 20 years to stay in shape, and *now* I'm going to be fat at reunion," she complains over dinner. I try to console her. "But you don't understand," she wails, "I was the homecoming queen. Everyone is rooting for me to be fat." She does have a point there.

"I just honestly don't know what I have in common with those people anymore... or with anyone, really. I mean, they'll all have husbands and wives and children and houses and dogs, ... And what am I going to say? 'I killed the president of Paraguay with a fork. How have you been?' I just think it'll be depressing."
John Cusack, Grosse Point Blank

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It's now a week before reunion and my checklist is almost complete. Yet, there's still one outstanding item. I hadn't given thought to the fact that I'm about to walk into my class reunion and face prom queens, football stars, band boys, drama geeks, national merit scholars and their respective spouses, all by my single self.

Who am I to think that I can do this? I certainly wouldn't have gone to Prom alone. But, I'm not in high school anymore, am I? I'm the "successful businesswoman, supermom and glamorous divorcee!" Right? At least I sort of look the part, don't I? However, just in case I chicken out, I'm packing all my high school insecurities away in a hypothetical lock box *(along with memories of bad Princess Di haircuts, leg warmers and Flashdance sweatshirts)* and then I'm throwing away the key. Permanently. Because we can never go back ... but then again, do we ever really want to? Guess I'll have to go to reunion to find out!

Diane K. Danielson is the CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com, a career website and social network for women with chapters across the country (including one here on the South Shore), and the co-author of Table Talk: The Savvy Girl's Alternative to Networking. Stay tuned for more "Tales from the Far Side of Perfect."

HEALTH NOTES

Too much 'super-size me' leads to obesity

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week, we talked about some of the harmful things in a modern diet and later in the column about the forces, which push us into overweight. It should be obvious that we ought only to eat enough to satisfy our bodies. Who, in this day, says "Eat your food. It's good for you."? Maybe some do, but probably the newer response is to try to make everything taste good.

Some foods taste lousy. I never liked okra. But the story today is about the American diet in general. It's not that there's a lack of a spectrum of healthy foods, as much as there's almost never any attempt to serve either a healthy selection or reasonable quantities.

Last Saturday your health scribe had to pick up his brother-in-law at the North Station. The terminal is a tunnel of a room with train gates on one side, a few benches, a McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, and doors at each end. Having arrived early, I decided to get a mid morning snack. The first thing I noticed was how far away from "eat it, it's good for you" we've really come. The inducements to soak up literally millions of calories were bewildering.

Finally deciding that a cup of coffee and something would be good, I went to Dunkin and requested a small cup of coffee and a Munchkin. The counterman said, "We don't sell single Munchkins" I said, "'There it is, on the Board,' 'Munchkins – 79 cents'. You advertise Munchkins – 79 cents, well, I want a Munchkin!." So the man picks up a Munchkin and after asking which of three kinds, puts it into a bag and gives it to me for free! I offer to pay, but he says "Naw, take it" "That's not right! I don't want a free Munchkin, which leaves me feeling guilty about not paying for something I ordered."

Now, with 58 million overweight; 40 million obese; 3 million morbidly obese; eight out of 10 over 25s overweight; 78 percent of Americans not meeting basic activity level recommendations — we have a population which is 25 percent completely sedentary. We have a 76 percent increase in Type II diabetes in adults 30-40 yrs old since 1990. Dramatic rises in type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease related to obesity, breast and colon cancer diagnosed among obese individuals, and about a quarter of the population with High blood pressure.

Later, I remember hearing about a Dunkin that gives three Munchkins to dogs, also for free. I don't know what obesity statistics say about dogs, but they're surely on the list somewhere. They get goodies at the Cohasset's RTF (town dump). The UPS and Fedex compete to give them out, and mailmen have been known to bribe dogs with goodies so as not to get themselves chewed.

When I took my brother-in-law to the South Station to continue his trip to New Jersey, he said after three days eating healthy, he needed a donut fix, and so we stopped at the Dunkin on Bridge Street in Weymouth. Lo and behold, that Dunkin sells single Munchkins! — 21 cents. And so it's not a law, or a corporate rule; the manager has some latitude. And that means a town has a chance of affecting the diet (within limits) served by local eateries.

So, if you believe in your heart that a place serves too much food, and that you always have to get a doggy bag, say something, maybe they'll add some dishes that are reasonable in size. They're catering to what people want, and maybe fat people are more persuasive than skinny ones — especially when talking to waiters. Anyway, it wouldn't hurt to mention while you're at a Dunkin or your favorite restaurant that you'd like smaller servings.

But there's another problem and it's with labeling packages. There are truth-in-lending laws, but evidently not truth-in-packaging label laws. According to the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), "Many single-serving food and drink containers are misleadingly labeled as several servings, despite some companies' recent moves to relabel single-serve products."

The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) says that the steady growth in sizes of soft drinks, snack cakes, candy bars, and other foods that are clearly meant for one person to consume in a single sitting is helping fuel the obesity epidemic. Recently, this nonprofit food-safety and nutrition watchdog group formally petitioned the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to update its labeling rules so consumers can easily see exactly how many calories they're getting in single-serve bottles and packages.

The real problem is that the advertising on labels — misleading or not — is bigger than the warnings and advice. Such is not the case with dynamite and chlorine, and taken in the aggregate the results are far more deadly.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Senior and high-risk adult flu clinics

Flu clinics, sponsored by Cohasset Board of Health, will take place Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

This flu clinic is open to all citizens of Cohasset older than age 65, and for those adults who are at high risk.

Some examples of high risk are: Asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes, heart disease, health care workers involved with direct patient care, parents of infants under 6 months old and pregnant women.

Those attending a flu clinic are asked to wear a short-sleeve shirt. Seniors are reminded to bring Medicare Part B and/or senior health insurance cards. For more information, contact the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

New endings for old flicks

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

(Tom Henshaw is on vacation. The following is a column originally published on Sept. 21, 2005. — editor.)

Have you ever watched the film "Casablanca" and secretly wished that it was Ilsa who stayed behind with Rick while Captain Reneault got on the Lisbon plane with that insufferably heroic Victor Laszlo?

Stick around. You may have a chance.

There is talk about shooting a movie with two endings: one for the theaters, the other for DVDs.

If you don't like one, try the other.

"An alternative ending is a great way to provide added value because it brings film fans into the creative process," said Ken Graffeo, executive vice president of Universal Studios Home Entertainment.

With twice as much money in their pockets, he neglected to point out.

Even more intriguing, given Hollywood's penchant for remaking (and ruining) old classic flicks, is the prospect of shooting them all over again with two, three, maybe four different endings to satisfy various pressure groups.

Like rewriting Little Red Riding Hood to win a G rating from PETA.

An outfit called New Line Home Entertainment is currently doing alternate endings for selected movies going back to 1997.

How long will it be before the Ku Klux Klan is wiped out in a new ending of "The Birth of a Nation" to satisfy the NAACP?

The possibilities are endless.

Suppose, in a new ending of "Casablanca," starring Tom Cruise and Britney Spears, Major Strasser outdrew Rick, shot him dead, and took Victor to a concentration camp. How would that sell to German audiences?

Or suppose the Moroccans (that's where Casablanca is, you know) arose, kicked out the Germans and the French, and set up the Moroccan Islamic Republic. How would that sell in Osama's outdoor drive-in in Afghanistan?

Instead of getting off the most memorable line from "Gone With the Wind" — "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" — suppose Rhett Butler had taken Scarlett into his arms and they rode off to live happily ever after at Tara.

Suppose, instead of accepting homage from his capos, Michael Corleone had told them to find someone else to be Godfather because he was going off to New Hampshire with Kay to run a ski lodge, leaving Fredo to be boss of the family.

Suppose Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid hadn't died in that gunfight in the Bolivian mining town but lived to return to the States and made a fortune portraying themselves in motion pictures under the names of Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

And suppose they remade the ending to "The Witches of Eastwick" and, instead of vanishing in a puff of smoke, Darryl Van Horne runs away with Chris Gabriel, his boy friend — just as the author, John Updike, had written it.

CEF, Fusco featured on Our Town

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This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo meet with members of the newly reconstituted CEF(Cohasset Education Foundation) to discuss their goals and plans for upcoming projects.

School Committee member Stephen Fusco joins the hosts on the second half of the show to detail the technology needs of Cohasset schools.

In a very entertaining roll-in segment, viewers can find out about the collaboration between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Cohasset Drama Club to present the 1936 Broadway hit "The Women" in November at Town Hall.

This show begins Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and airs Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch for Pat and Mark to provide live coverage of fall town meeting this Monday, Nov. 13 starting with a pre-game show at 6p.m. on the school channel 22.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

COHASSET NOV. 7 ELECTION RESULTS

FOR SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Edward M. Kennedy (Democratic)	1031	999	2030
Kenneth G. Chase (Republican)	764	682	1446
Write-Ins/Scattering	5	5	10
Blanks	65	74	139
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Healey and Hillman (Republican)	865	791	1656
Patrick and Murray (Democratic)	820	771	1591
Mihos and Sullivan (Independent)	147	159	306
Ross and Robinson (Green-Rainbow)	23	29	52
Write-Ins	1	1	2
Blanks	9	9	18
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Martha Coakley (Democratic)	1059	1036	2095
Larry Frisoli (Republican)	698	635	1333
Write-Ins	1	1	3
Blanks	107	87	194
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin (Democratic)	1306	1237	2543
Jill E. Stein (Green-Rainbow)	251	233	484
Write-Ins	7	15	22
Blanks	301	275	576
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR TREASURER

	PR1	PR2	TOTAL
Timothy P. Cahill (Democratic)	1344	1258	2602
James O'Keefe (Green-Rainbow)	208	209	417
Write-ins	5	10	15
Blanks	308	283	591
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR AUDITOR

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
A. Joseph DeNucci (Democratic)	1250	1158	2408
Rand Wilson (Working Families)	234	262	496
Write-Ins	5	6	11
Blanks	376	334	710
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 10th District

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William D. Delahunt (Democratic)	1073	1041	2114
Jeffrey K. Beatty (Republican)	634	552	1186
Peter A. White (Independent)	75	80	155
Write-Ins	1	3	4
Blanks	82	84	166
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR COUNCILLOR - Fourth District

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Christopher A. Ianella, Jr. (Democratic)	1146	1107	2254
Write-Ins	10	16	26
Blanks	709	637	1346
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – Ply. and Norfolk Dist.

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Robert L. Hedlund, Jr. (Republican)	1224	1191	2415
Stephen A. Lynch (Democratic)	538	471	1009
Blanks	103	96	199
Write-Ins		2	2
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - Third Ply. Dist.

	PR1	PR2	TOTAL
Garrett J. Bradley (Democratic)	1366	1348	2714
Write-Ins	10	7	27
Blanks	489	395	884
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Norfolk District

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
William R. Keating (Democratic)	1211	1182	2393
Write-ins	10	7	17
Blanks	644	571	1215
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR CLERK OF COURTS - Norfolk County

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Walter F. Timilty Jr. (Democratic)	1161	1130	2291
Write-Ins	11	7	18
Blanks	693	623	1316
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS - Norfolk District

	PR1	PR2	TOTAL
William P. O'Donnell (Democratic)	1165	1144	2309
Write-Ins	5	6	11
Blanks	695	610	1305
Total	1865	1760	3625

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Norfolk County

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Peter H. Collins (Democratic)	782	808	1590
Thomas E. Gorman (Republican)	699	602	1301
Write-Ins			
Blanks	384	350	734
Total	1865	1760	3625

Ballot Question 1 (wine at food stores)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Yes	724	676	1400
No	1076	1032	2108
Blanks	65	52	117
Total	1865	1760	3625

Ballot Question 2 (nominate candidates for more than one party)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Yes	564	542	1106
No	1031	995	2026
Blanks	270	223	493
Total	1865	1760	3625

Ballot Question 3 (in-home child care providers to negotiate with state)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Yes	617	613	1230
No	978	925	1903
Blanks	270	222	492
Total	1865	1760	3625

Ballot Question 4 (withdraw US troops from Iraq)

	PR 1	PR 2	TOTAL
Yes	798	818	1616
No	775	704	1479
Blanks	292	238	530
Total	1865	1760	3625

Zoning articles need full airing

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

Most of the zoning bylaw proposals on the warrant for the Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting either have not had full public examination or are bad policy.

1) Starting with Article 21, the proposed amendment to the senior overlay district, let's make no mistake about the effect of this amendment: it essentially eviscerates what we had been told was the purpose of the overlay district, namely, to provide an affordable housing alternative for our senior citizens who were looking to remain in Cohasset after selling their single family home. Under the proposed by law change, even teenagers will be able to live in the so-called senior overlay district. Every middle-class empty-nester in this town who still held out hope that there might be a development within their needs and income range will see those dreams shattered because developers will be able to attract buyers from a broader market who will pay the high prices they are seeking. In short, we now are transforming the senior overlay bylaw to cater to the needs of developers, rather than to the middle-class residents of our town for whose benefit we adopted this by law a few years ago.

2) Articles 23 through 27 seek to transform our village into an area of high-density residential and commercial buildings. The Planning Board was going to bring a similar article before the spring Town Meeting, but they withdrew it because they had overlooked a couple of things, as do Articles 23-27:

First, there is no semblance of a plan, which informs residents of the potential build-out and attendant consequences if we turn the village into a high-density residential/commercial area. Just a few questions that need to be answered are: How many units could possibly be built in our village under the proposed zoning by law? Precisely on what lots will they be built and what will they look like? Who will be the likely owners/renters? What will be the impact upon our schools if families are attracted? Conversely, if singles/couples are the target market, how will that affect the nature of our family-friendly village? Where will they have parking? If Avalon is approved by the court (and it already has been approved by our ZBA), do we want or need more high-density housing in Cohasset?

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Second, there is no sewerage capacity in the central district for a high-density housing plan. The central sewer district has just 12 hookups left. If there is a free-for-all among developers of property in the village, there is only one guarantee: there will be a flood of lawsuits for those 12 permits and a suit to force the town to enlarge the sewer plant, at enormous expense to the town. It is a fundamental tenet of a major zoning change in any community that there be adequate infrastructure either in place or in contemplation. But what is being proposed is a major zoning change without any forethought about the consequences.

3) On the other hand, the request by the Planning Board in Article 28 for funds to create a Village District Master Plan is precisely what is needed before the town approves zoning changes of the sort proposed in articles 23-27. That is the only article that makes sense on this issue at the present time.

4) Article 22 basically is a housekeeping measure designed to alleviate an inequity for one family stemming from recent and restrictive changes in the zoning by laws in the village area. As a matter of fairness, it should be approved.

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Seeking solution to stormwater flooding

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suddenly a problem? It is possible that climate change has resulted in wetter weather locally. But a key to this issue is the loss of infiltration areas.

If rainwater strikes a roadway or roof, it seeks the lowest point. Most roofs and roads are designed to get this water off quickly and that usually means empting into a gutter and a sewer and quickly into the streams. But with increases in the impervious areas of roadways, parking lots and roofs, more water is reaching the streams and harbors faster. But there is a better way and the difference is infiltration.

The new philosophy on stormwater is based on the scientific observation that it is best to keep the rainwater where it falls. Porous parking lots, green roofs, rain gardens, are examples of infiltration galleries and all of these ideas are considered best management concepts that promote infiltration. Remember the price of low infiltration is the direct impacts manifested as a sudden flood in James Brook, polluted beaches and contaminated harbors. As the weather adage goes everyone is talking but no one is doing anything, however the Stormwater Management Committee, comprised of concerned citizens has been working behind the scenes to create a unified policy and Article 6, on the special town meeting warrant next Tuesday (Nov 14), is a request to fund this plan of action.

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The Stormwater Management Committee has been formed by concerned members of Water Commission, Harbor Health Committee, Conservation Commission, Water Resource Protection Committee, the Planning Board and private citizens. In Article 6 the StormCom requests for funding for two key purposes, engineering support to prepare successful grant applications to state and federal agencies to underwrite the necessary engineering and monitoring studies to assess and begin to correct the problems, and to simultaneously collate and catalog the information and observations pertinent to the stormwater issue in Cohasset and the region and to make it accessible over the internet. Stormwater management has always been an issue is some parts of Cohasset, but changes occurring within our watersheds are now affecting more parts of town more often, our time to act is November 14.

Please attend the town meeting and support Article 6.

Jim Kinch lives at 77 Forest Ave. He is a member of the Stormwater Management Committee.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Voters to decide fate of capital spending projects

By Samantha Brown
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The fall Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Warrants, or Town Meeting agendas, have been mailed to every household. Extra Warrants will be made available at the meeting.

While the Board of Selectmen has made its recommendation for capital project spending, Town Meeting will have the last word.

The board has recommended funding in the amount of $307,600 for a total of nine different items, but some residents are not happy with the items that have been approved.

Due to the town's current state of finances, Town Manager Bill Griffin said he felt comfortable spending $300,000 in free cash. Therefore, the Capital Budget Committee, which makes capital spending recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, had some tough decisions to make when $1.6 million in capital requests came in. Of those requests, $505,000 was for the schools. None of the school requests were funded, including $100,000 in technology upgrades for the schools, which has caused disappointment among the school community.

To that end, the rumor mill has been churning and voters could decide to change the recommendations brought forward by the Capital Budget Committee and approved by the board on Monday night.

• First on the list for capital funding is $68,000 for roofing repairs at the police department. The CBC said by making the repairs, it will not only stop further damage from occurring, it will increase usable space at the department.

• The CBC also recommended $10,000 in electrical and carpentry repairs at the harbormaster's office. Currently, the harbormaster cannot even run a computer in her office and Town Facilities Manager Brian Adams told the CBC if repairs are not made to the building right away, the town might be forced to rebuild the entire building in the near future.

• Another $40,000 was recommended to replace a 1995, 2500 utility truck, which is one of two trucks the Department of Public Works asked to be replaced. Another $13,000 was recommended to make roof repairs at the library.

• With a vote in the affirmative, Town Hall will receive $8,600 to replace or repair a number of information technology items.

• The CBC has recommended the most funding for the harbormaster position. Members said prior to meeting with new harbormaster Lorren Gibbons, they had no idea how dire the situation was. Gibbons is responsible for Cohasset's waters 3 nautical miles out and from Black Rock to the Glades. She enforces environmental law and she regularly assists mariners.

She is currently using a 17-foot skiff, which cannot tow or take a swimmer aboard in open seas. To that end, the CBC recommended purchasing a new 28-foot boat with equipment for $70,000. Gibbons often collaborates with the fire and police departments during emergencies, and the boat will benefit all their efforts. The CBC estimates the boat itself will have a life of 20 years but the engine will need to be replaced in roughly 5 years.

• To help generate more revenue for the harbor, the CBC also recommended allocating $10,000 for additional docks for Parker Avenue and Government Island. The committee said the additional space could pay for itself through harbor fees over 5 to 10 years.

• The police department could be purchasing a motorcycle for $15,000 if the CBC's recommendation is approved by Town Meeting. The motorcycle would replace one of the department's cruisers and could save the department $15,000 over the next 10 years. The CBC also recommended allocating $48,000 for mobile data terminals for the police department.

• At the fire department, $25,000 has been recommended to allow for a new ambulance billing and reporting system. The system would run on a wireless secure Internet network that would have a unit in the ambulance, and when the ambulance backs into the station, the information filled out in the vehicle during the transport would automatically download onto the hard drive at the station. The time saved with the electronic system would allow the department to respond to other calls instead of filling out paperwork, which will result in more ambulance fee revenue for the town.

Caution on downtown zoning changes

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The Board of Selectmen would like to see a planning consultant on board before it agrees to completely endorse changing the zoning bylaws for downtown. At its Nov. 6 meeting, the board voted on five citizens' petitions articles, which are included in the Town Meeting Warrant, and was cautious in its recommendations.

Scituate resident John Tedeschi, formerly of Cohasset, has filed five citizens' petitions. His attorney Richard Henderson has been representing him at meetings with the Board of Selectmen.

Tedeschi owns a parcel of land on Smith Place, formerly owned by Richard Brown. After roughly one year of trying to gain approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Brown received permission to raze the small building currently located at 2 Smith Place and replace it with a 7,500-square-foot structure. The project Brown had envisioned building was nothing like what was permitted, and he therefore sold the project. While Tedeschi can build Brown's project as permitted, he would like to instead build a Nantucket shingle style multi-use building with 8 retail spaces on the bottom and 8 housing units on the top. To make that dream a reality, the town's zoning bylaws would have to change.

Selectmen recommended Articles 23, 24 and 26. **Article 23** will ask the town to approve creating a separate zoning district, the Cohasset Village Business District, for the so-called Cohasset Village area. Currently, there are three areas defined as the Downtown Business District: the Cohasset Village area, a portion of the Harbor area and a small area in the Beechwood section. If the article passes, the Village Business District would be a separate zoning district to be governed by its own dimensional provisions which would have more liberal standards with respect to the creation of multiple family housing than would exist in other business districts.

Article 24 will ask the town to formally put the new district on the town's zoning maps.

Article 26 would impose the same use provisions on the Village Business District that already apply to the Downtown Business District. In essence, the use provisions would remain unchanged.

The Board did not recommend Articles 25 and 27. **Article 25** would create new dimensional requirements for dwellings occupied by more than one family in the Village Business District. The current Downtown Business District requires that in order to have a dwelling for more than one family, it must be on a 40,000-square-foot lot. For each additional residential unit (more than two) an additional 4,000 square feet of land area is required. The article would reduce the minimum lot size for multi-family dwellings to 3,000 and would require only 1,500 square feet of land area for each additional residential unit. No lot could be improved with more than 10 residential units.

Article 27 would waive certain parking requirements for businesses within 500 feet of the new Pleasant Street parking lot. The municipal parking lot was recently altered in connection with the installation of the Greenbush rail line and new additional parking was provided for the Downtown Business District in a small lot off Pleasant Street. The amendment would extend to businesses within 500 feet of the new Pleasant Street Parking lot the same exemption benefiting businesses within 500 feet of the municipal parking lot, located off South Main Street.

The board agreed recommending the articles they did would send the message that they are willing to work together to come to a solution in terms of developing the downtown area. However, they said without proper data regarding the "what ifs" that could take place if zoning is changed, they did not feel comfortable recommending all the changes at this time.

CPC presents three proposals

By Samantha Brown
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Those who attend Town Meeting on Monday will have the opportunity to decide whether funds should be allocated for various preservation projects in town. Thanks to the Community Preservation Committee, three options are on the table, which it believes will make a valuable contribution in town.

The CPC has recommended allocating $25,000 for town record preservation, plus an amount to be determined for electronic scanning of preserved records. An additional $300,000 has been recommended to complete the Beechwood Ballpark restoration project as bid, with $150,000 being appropriated and $150,000 bonded for a period of no more than 5 years. The CPC has also recommended allocating $15,000 to be combined with $15,000 recommended under article 28, to hire a consultant for the purpose of Village planning services.

Chairman of the CPC Stuart Ivimey said Town Clerk Marion Douglas has town records, some of which date back to the 1700s that she would like to have preserved for the town as a record of its history. "Some of these are literally dusting in your hands," he said, and the $25,000 donation from the CPC would allow the town to hire a conservator to preserve the records. An additional amount of money may also be sought to allow the records to be electronically scanned once they are preserved, giving the town both hard and digital copies.

The CPC has also recommended allocating $300,000 to make improvements through the Beechwood Ballpark restoration project. The town allocated $300,000 for the project, based on estimates given by an engineer, and when bids came in, they all had prices, which were double the estimate.

"That is the only we field we've got in that area of town," said Ivimey, adding he drives by it every day on his way to work and always sees people using it. He said various baseball and soccer teams use it, as well as neighborhood children. There is a basketball court and playground, which are also heavily used, but everything is in disrepair. He also noted if there has been any rain, it takes days before children are able to run around on the grass without wearing galoshes. Upgrades to the park would include complete drainage and reorientation of the field to allow it to be better utilized by both baseball and soccer teams, updating the basketball court and "tot lot" playground, and installing public lavatories.

Rather than be cash poor going into the future, the CPC would like to appropriate $150,000 now and bond the remaining $150,000 for a period of no more than 5 years. "It's a lot of money, there's no doubt about that," Ivimey said, but added it is a quality of life issue and there have been no significant improvements to the Beechwood area of town in a long time.

The third funding recommendation would be to allocate $15,000 for half of the cost of a consultant for the Planning Board. Currently, the town does not have a Town Planner and there are many issues dealing with zoning in the downtown area, which need to be addressed by an expert. The Planning Board is asking the town to approve allocating $15,000 in article 28 as well.

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Canton ousts CHS field hockey squad

But not before Skippers earn big first round win over East Bridgewater

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

As the Cohasset High field hockey players boarded the bus bound for East Bridgewater last Friday, their enthusiasm saturated the air.

As soon as the bus crossed the town line into East Bridgewater, a silence set in among the athletes. Nerves shook as the Skippers prepared to face off against the South Shore League champion Vikings squad in the first round of the Div. 2 South playoffs.

Having lost once and tied once to this intimidating team, Cohasset knew it had its hands full, especially in visitor territory. Under these edgy conditions, the Skippers played their best game of the season, earning a 2-0 victory.

"The girls were ready in every way," said head coach Deb Bostwick. "Two things in particular stood out in their play: composure and stamina."

Those two traits provided the winning formula not only for this exciting showdown but for the whole season as well.

Against the Vikings, the girls capitalized on the offensive opportunities that came their way. The resulting goals boosted Cohasset's confidence. This confidence, in turn, created a sense of composure that allowed the Skippers to remain clear-headed throughout the entire frenzied game.

Game observers could not help but notice the physical stamina the Cohasset players brought to the field. Bostwick had expressed enthusiasm about how well the girls had conditioned themselves prior to the start of the season. By building on this foundation of fitness throughout the season, the Skippers could gain the upper hand in the showdown against the Vikings.

It was essential, for example, that Cohasset shut down All-American superstar Jessica Roberts. Bostwick called upon junior Olivia Kimla to take on this challenge during the first half. Kimla took Roberts out of the game. As a result, East Bridgewater could not get any sort of grip on the game.

In the second half, senior captain Sheelah Scott continued the punishing defense, leaving Roberts with little opportunity

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Meg Anderson (5) plays a ball out wide during the Skippers' first round match against Carver. Anderson scored Cohasset's second goal in that game, a 3-0 victory that earned the team a second round date in West Bridgewater.

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Sam DeGiacomo picks off a pass against Archbishop Williams during the teams' Sept. 16 game. The Skippers' defense will aim to shut down a strong Norwell running game when Cohasset hosts their archrivals tonight at 7.

CHS gridders give it away

4 turnovers lead to demise in Abington

By Mark Goodman
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ABINGTON – It's tough to beat any team in the game of football when you commit four turnovers.

When you're playing an undefeated defending champion, and three of four turnovers come in your end, just staying competitive on the scoreboard becomes a challenge.

The Cohasset High football figured this out the hard way last Friday night, as the host Green Wave converted three of those turnovers into touchdowns to run away with a 35-7 win.

Two of those Skipper giveaways came on simple dropped balls, one on a sweep and another on an option pitch. Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw said much of the difference between the two teams were exemplified in their abilities to take care of the ball.

"Abington doesn't make those mistakes. That's why they're undefeated right now,"

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Lady Skippers' dream ends in WB

Win over Carver had earned CHS a berth in Div. 3 South quarterfinals

By Paul Teves
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WEST BRIDGEWATER – The West Bridgewater High girls soccer team scored a pair of goals in the first half and then hung on for a 2-1 victory over visiting Cohasset in Monday's Div. 3 South sectional quarterfinal game.

The Lady Wildcats, who are headed to the semifinal round for the first time in the program's four-year history, dominated the play in the first half, limiting Cohasset to just three shots on goal, while also getting solo tallies from junior Julie Conrad and eighth grader Krista Ledin to take a 2-0 lead into the intermission.

"We came out rattled and overplayed the ball a little bit," Cohasset head coach Debbie Beal said of her club, which closes out the season at 14-4-2. "West Bridgewater won every 50-50 ball. We had some communication problems, and we struggle when we don't have space. We are not a very physical team; we've had to learn to become physical."

The Wildcats (16-3-1 overall) had no trouble being physical, as they dominated the midfield and limited opportunities in their own back third.

Senior sweeper Nicole Olson spearheaded a physical and talented defensive unit, which also consisted of freshmen Mary Brinkmann, Susan Feeley and Angelina Lampros.

"The defensive game plan consisted of knowing your marks and sticking with them," West Bridgewater coach Michelle DeCastro said. "The goal was to be first to the ball every time and we did that. The defense really

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Kara Wilcox (6) gets the ball away just ahead of a Carver player's challenge.

Mackenzie Hart (7) buried this rebound for the Skippers' first goal against the Crusaders last Saturday.

JV gridders tie unbeaten Abington

Cohasset's JV football team greeted Abington one blustery afternoon, prepared for battle.

The Green Wave arrived, undefeated, and looked to remain that way after an opening drive touchdown off an 83-yard pass, going up quickly 8-0 over the Skippers.

However, the Skippers remained undaunted and marched up the field off solid rushing from Dana Valentine and Mike Froio. Deep in Abington territory, it looked promising for the Skippers but quarterback Johnny Maher threw one to the goal line that was picked off like an apple from a tree by the Abington safety.

The stalwart Cohasset defense held Abington and Cohasset took over at midfield. The offensive line of Nick Lieberman, Kevin O'Connell, Dan Sullivan, Matt Wasel and Will Lynner opened up holes for Froio and Valentine to continue the rushing game. Valentine broke one open for a 42-yard touchdown run to put the first points on the board. The two-point rushing conversion failed and Abington led 8-6.

Cohasset held Abington on their next offensive series and the Skippers got the ball back midfield. The O-line came up huge again allowing the running game of the Skippers to be successful. Froio took the ball into the end-zone on a nine-yard rush to put the Skippers up 12-8, and the two-point conversion from Maher to Derek Schwantner was good, boosting them to 14-8. Abington then marched back the length of the field and tied the game.

Defensively, Valentine, Andrew DiPaolo, (who broke up Abington's final two-point conversion attempt), Alec Livingstone and Brendan Doonan did a great job stopping the Abington attack. The D-line of Lieberman, Sullivan, and Thomas Barrett played well.

Coach Brian Pattison commented, "It was a good day. Our special teams kept Abington pinned deep in their own territory all day and that has helped set up the short field for us. The offensive line did an excellent job and that is what helped Valentine run with such success.

"The team has been playing with great confidence and poise and that has helped us in the fourth quarter, which hasn't always been the case. With two games left I hope we can keep playing as a team and continue to get better each day."

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The Scituate-Cohasset Sharks, the youth football program's eighth grade team, are 9-0 heading into the Super Bowl this Sunday in Bridgewater against Marshfield. In last year's seventh grade Super Bowl, Marshfield topped Sci-Coh. Sci-Coh won the first meeting between the two teams this year, 6-0, on a score with 3 minutes left in the game.
Pictured above, front row (left to right): Kirk Swanson, Colin Tarpey, Mike Monaco, Tyler Park, Michael Spinola, Michael Snow, Alex Vasco, Westley Hawkins, Mike Gillan. Second row (left to right): Nick Brown, Adam VanFleet, Julian Herth, Tony Antonino, Ryan McCarthy, Thomas Carr, Philip Elliott, Jack Carrier, Deshawn Williams. Third Row: Billy Mack, Jimmy Lydon, Jake Kissick, Brandon Runge, Craig Cole, Christopher Dean, John Brown, Robert Jones.
Coaches: Mark Kissick, Steve Brown, Bob Gillis, Corey Perkins, Tom Carr, Cole Hawkins

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said Afanasiw. "That's how you win games, that's how you win league championships, that's how you win Super Bowls – avoiding those little mistakes. We're still trying to figure out how to eliminate that factor from our game."

The Skippers got off to a decent enough start, particularly on defense, where they forced a turnover on downs on Abington's first possession. Senior running backs Jeremy Brandon and Joe Gabriele each had 12-yard runs to start a drive, and an eventual five-yard run by junior Webster Rogers on a fourth-and-1 gave Abington a first down at Cohasset's 31.

There, the Skippers' defense clamped down. Cohasset senior Justin Alexander made a big tackle on Gabriele to force a third-and-14. After Abington senior quarter John Creamer hit classmate Tim Wells with a 12-yard pass, Abington again went to Rogers for the fourth down conversion.

This time, Alexander and junior Jake Cuneo made the play for Cohasset, and the Skippers took over. An 11-yard run by junior PJ McCaw and a five-yard play by junior Brian Hill gave the Skippers some apparent momentum as the first quarter came to a close with no points on the board for either side.

On the first snap of the second quarter, however, came disaster for the visitors, as a fumble gave Abington the ball at the Skippers' 40-yard line. Eight plays later, Brandon scored the first of his two touchdowns on the night, taking 17 yards around the left side of the line behind a great block by senior tackle Ronny Dunn. Abington made it 8-0 on a well-executed fake extra point, with Wells coming around from the left side to take a toss from the holder and finding an open Mitchell Dillon in the back of the end zone for two points.

For Cohasset, it was the just the beginning of a long night.

Another fumble on the Skippers' third play from scrimmage on the next possession put the Green Wave at the 50. After a 22-yard pass and three strong runs by Gabriele, Abington scored again on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Creamer to Wells. The receiver ran a quick slant from the left side, and Creamer hit him in stride for the score.

Senior Mike Bruning made the extra point for a 15-0 lead, and that would be the score heading into the halftime. It could have been closer, but Cohasset's mistakes were killers.

"We thought we had a pretty good game plan when we did have the ball. We were able to move the ball relatively easy on them," Afanasiw said. "But after three plays, when you cough it up, there's not much you can do there, especially when you give it up in your own territory."

Abington received the ball to begin the second half, and it took one play for them to increase the lead. It was another run by Brandon around the left side, and once he turned the corner, he left two Cohasset defensive backs in the dust en route to a 63-yard touchdown.

Brandon finished the evening with a game-high 142 yards on just eight carries.

Cohasset's next possession ended prematurely with another fumble, and it again took the home team just one play to score. Creamer passed to Wells along the right sideline, and Wells made an incredible play to break a tackle and then dive past multiple Skipper defenders to hit the pylon and get the six points.

Wells scored Abington's fifth and final touchdown with 1:50 to go in the third quarter, simply jumping over two Cohasset defensive backs to haul in a 30-yard pass.

"Wells made some unbelievable, highlight reel types of catches. It's tough to compete with that," Afanasiw said.

The Skippers earned a consolation touchdown with 5:19 remaining, as junior quarterback David Snowdale hit senior wideout Nick Zappolo for a two-yard touchdown pass. Senior running back Anthony DiPaolo sparked the drive with a nice 41-yard run to bring it to the Abington 11.

That did little to ease the pain for the Skippers (3-3-2 overall, 1-2-1 South Shore League), whose coach lamented mental mistakes on situations the team had gone over in practice specifically for this game.

"They're such good kids; it's tough to get mad at them," Afanasiw said. "I know they're trying, and I am really kind of beside myself with regard to why everything keeps snowballing like it is. It's a matter of staying positive, working hard and, if you keep doing that, good things are going to happen."

Cohasset doesn't have any time to feel sorry for itself, however, as they host archrival Norwell tonight at 7. The Clippers are coming off a gritty 9-7 win over East Bridgewater, and the week before that, lost a 6-0 Homecoming heartbreaker to the Green Wave.

"We're still at .500. It's not like this is a tanked season in any way, shape or form," said Afanasiw. "There's still two games to go. If we play our cards right, we'll end up with the exact same record as last year."

Abington (9-0), meanwhile, plays for all the marbles tonight at 7 when they host Mashpee. Both teams are 5-0 in the league, and the winner earns the league title and a berth in the Div. 3 playoffs.

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Cohasset's Nick Cambi wraps up East Bridgewater's Ben O'Kelly during the Homecoming game.

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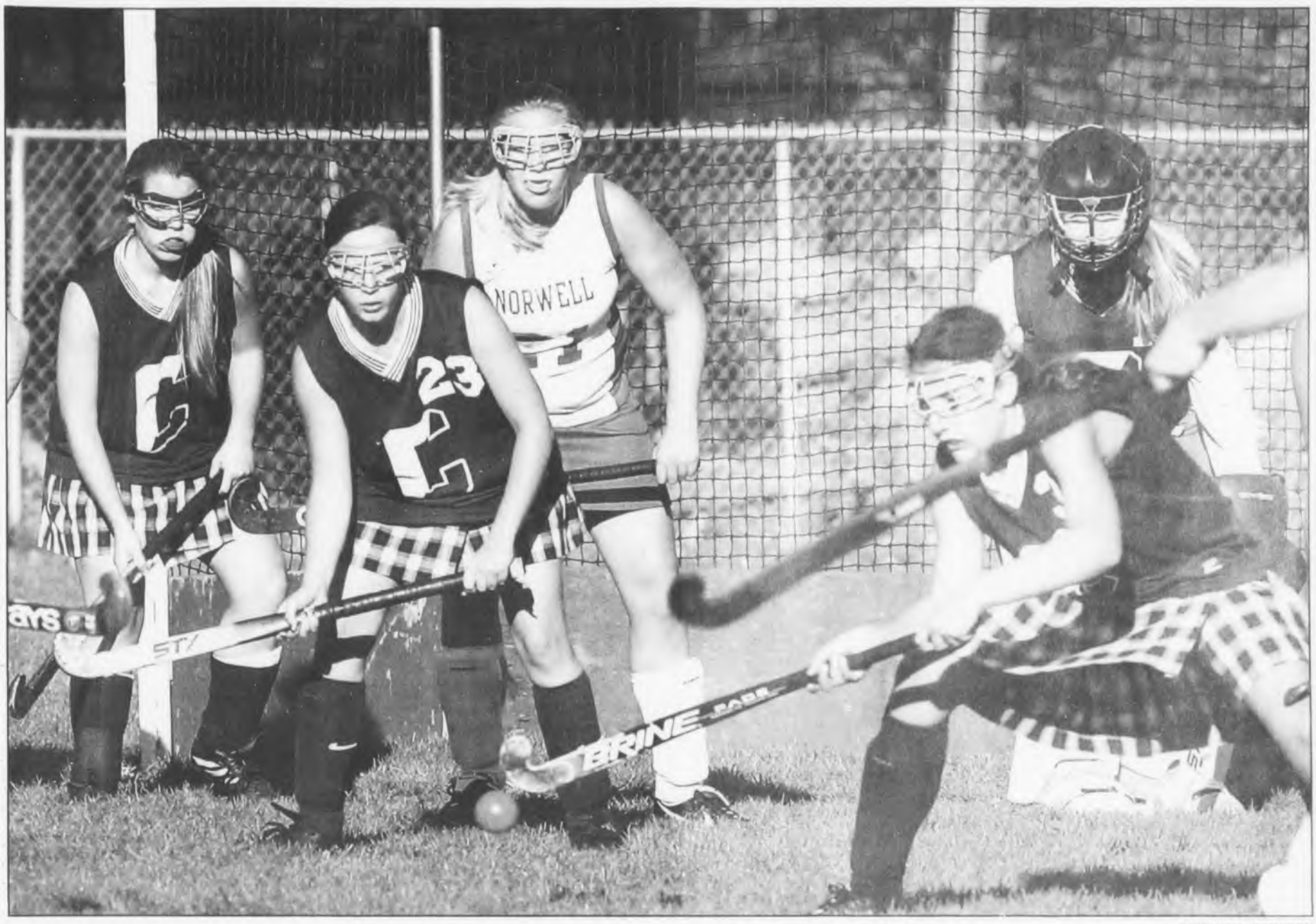

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Cohasset's Laura Campedelli (3, right) tries to knock down a shot in the box during a regular season game against Norwell. The girls beat East Bridgewater in the first round of the tournament last Friday before losing to Canton on Sunday.

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other than to yell in frustration.

Offensively speaking, the Skippers quickly drew first blood. Only five minutes into the game junior Sally Meehan sent a bomb down the right side of the field off a free hit. Junior Corinna Durham received the pass and rocketed a shot off the pads of the Viking goalie. Senior captain Laura Campedelli picked up the rebound and sent it home.

"Over and over again in our drills we practiced this long hit scenario," exclaimed Bostwick. "It was so satisfying for all of us to have it come to use."

The second half brought more of the same stellar Cohasset play. Durham sent in a ball to senior captain Caitlin Hurley, who dished it to senior Virginia Spofford for the Skippers second and final goal.

While the offense and middies get the statistical glory, the defense did more than their part, holding the frustrated EB to only seven shots.

Senior captain Alida Tangherlini, seniors Molly Gallagher and Michelle Madge, and juniors Meehan and Paige Strecker crushed any Viking threat in the Skippers' half.

In general, Bostwick cited this as the best played game by every single person on the team.

"The girls played for each other," said Bostwick. "They each knew how much the other wanted the win, and they put together their best game to date."

Unfortunately, this high point in the season took a back seat when Cohasset squared off against top-seeded Canton in round two.

Two factors set the Skippers at a serious disadvantage in this game. For starters, the Bulldogs play on a turf field, something the Skippers had never experienced before.

Next, Canton's incredible skills, technical strategies, and unwavering discipline set them apart from every other team they faced. Even Cohasset.

"The girls were definitely ready and focused," explained Bostwick. "They just had no idea how quickly the game moves on the turf, and had trouble adjusting on the spot."

The day before the Canton loss, Bostwick conducted her team drills on pavement hoping to simulate the turf conditions her players would face the next day. Still, even this change in practice could not prepare the Skippers for the Bulldogs' talent.

Canton scored four goals in the first half, and two in the second, concluding the game with a season-ending 6-0 loss for the Skippers.

While Bostwick showed little disappointment in the Skippers' play, she said that the girls were very disappointed.

"This is such a great team with such great chemistry," said the coach. "It was just hard for the girls to call it quits."

Sophomore goalie Alyssa Mullin added, "Naturally, the loss disappointed us. For the most part, we still were satisfied with the way we played. We definitely made an effort."

Despite the loss, Mullin can take solace in her total of eight shutouts this season, including the EB upset.

Yes, the Skippers could not get past the quarterfinals. Yet, they should feel content in beating East Bridgewater through their focused composure, Energizer bunny-like stamina, and their sheer will to win.

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shut them down. It was without question our best defensive effort of the season."

The Wildcats finally broke through at the 17:59 mark of the first half when Conrad laced a shot over the head of Cohasset keeper Johanna Brophy.

Conrad also figursed in on the Wildcats second goal, which came less than 10 minutes later. West Bridgewater's Colleen Liston delivered a brilliant cross into the middle of the box off a corner kick that Conrad headed on goal, forcing Brophy to make a dazzling diving stop. The rebound, however, squirted to the right and Ledin was in perfect position to tap the ball into the yawning net.

"Krista was just following her shot," DeCastro explained. "That's something we were working on all week, and in the past two games they have done exactly what we have worked on in practice. The execution has been excellent."

Cohasset did have a couple of key opportunities in the first half go by the boards. The first came in the 30th minute when senior Karoline Holt's shot rattled the post and bounced out.

Freshman Christine Coner had a bid of her own in the final minute of the half. Coner was running onto a long through ball that would have put her on a certain breakaway had it not been for West Bridgewater keeper Sam Preston storming out of the net and taking the ball out from under her feet.

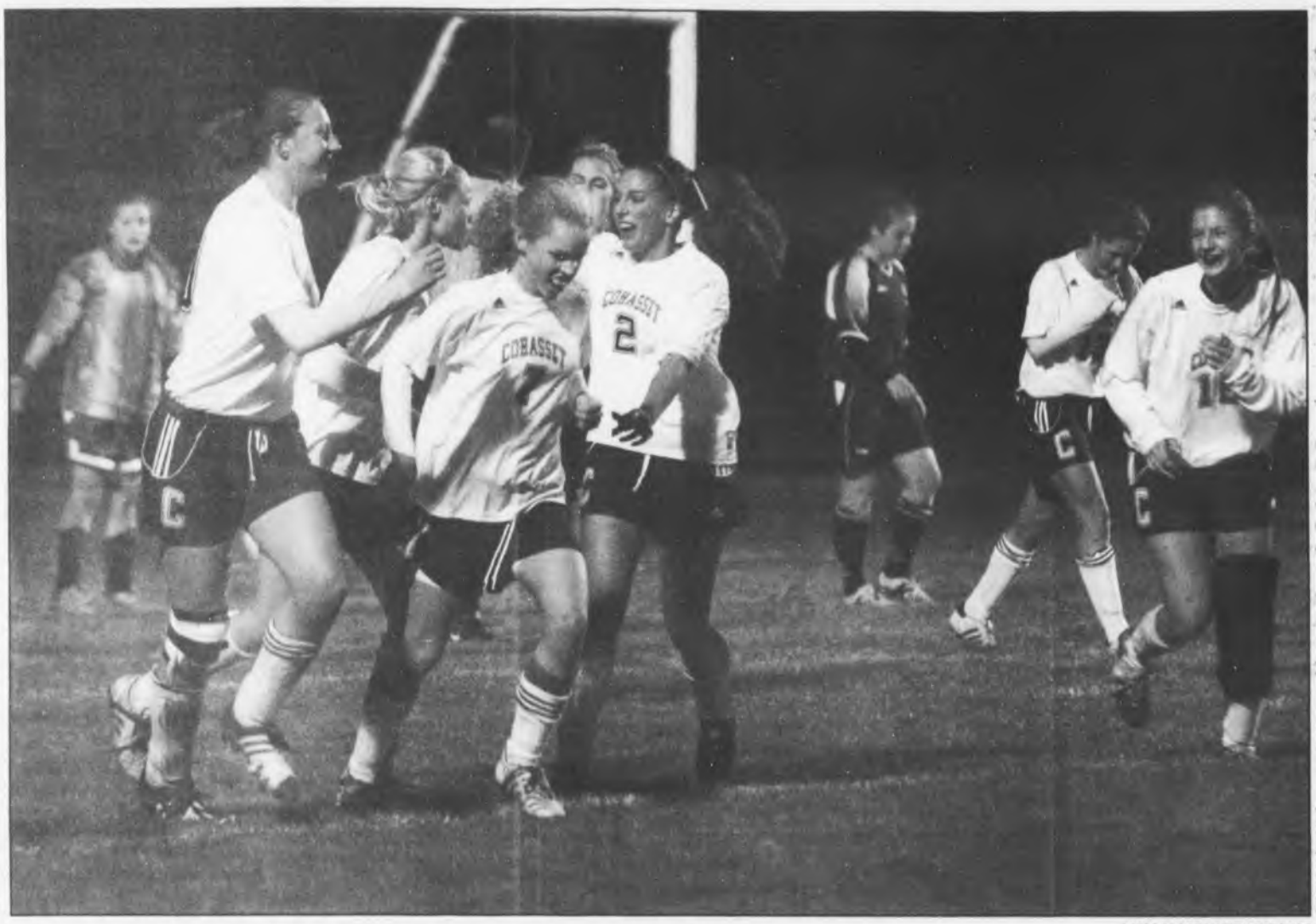
Cohasset finally broke into the scoring column in the 66th minute when Torey Hart's corner kick hit off a West Bridgewater defender and caromed into the goal.

"Once we got that one goal, it was game on," Beal said. "We had some very good opportunities throughout the game, we just didn't capitalize. We had them on their heels at the end. If we had 10 more minutes it might have been a whole new game."

Preston was dazzling in net, making nine stops including six in the second half. Brophy turned aside 10 West Bridgewater shots in the losing effort.

Skippers 3, Carver 0

A few days after the fact, Beal admitted she was a little nervous going into Saturday's first round matchup with South Shore League foe Carver.



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The girls celebrate Torey Hart's goal late in the second half that accounted for the final score in their 3-0 win over Carver.

Cohasset outplayed the Crusaders in both of their regular season meetings to the tune of a 6-2 aggregate score, and Carver had come into the game with some serious momentum, as they had to go on a major winning streak just to get into the playoffs.

Before the opening whistle, however, Beal stopped worrying. She said her team made it clear from the pre-game warm-ups that they had come to play on this day.

And play, they did.

In what Beal described as a "total team effort," the Hart sisters (Mackenzie and Torey) and Meg Anderson all scored to support a sterling defensive performance in a 3-0 win.

The coach said Alyssa Hinman was "the game's MVP" off the bench for Cohasset, as she was all over the field marking Carver star Tina Gillen and helping to keep the league's leading scorer off the board. Beal said Hinman, Anna Haggerty and Sammi Lehr kept things together in the back for Cohasset.

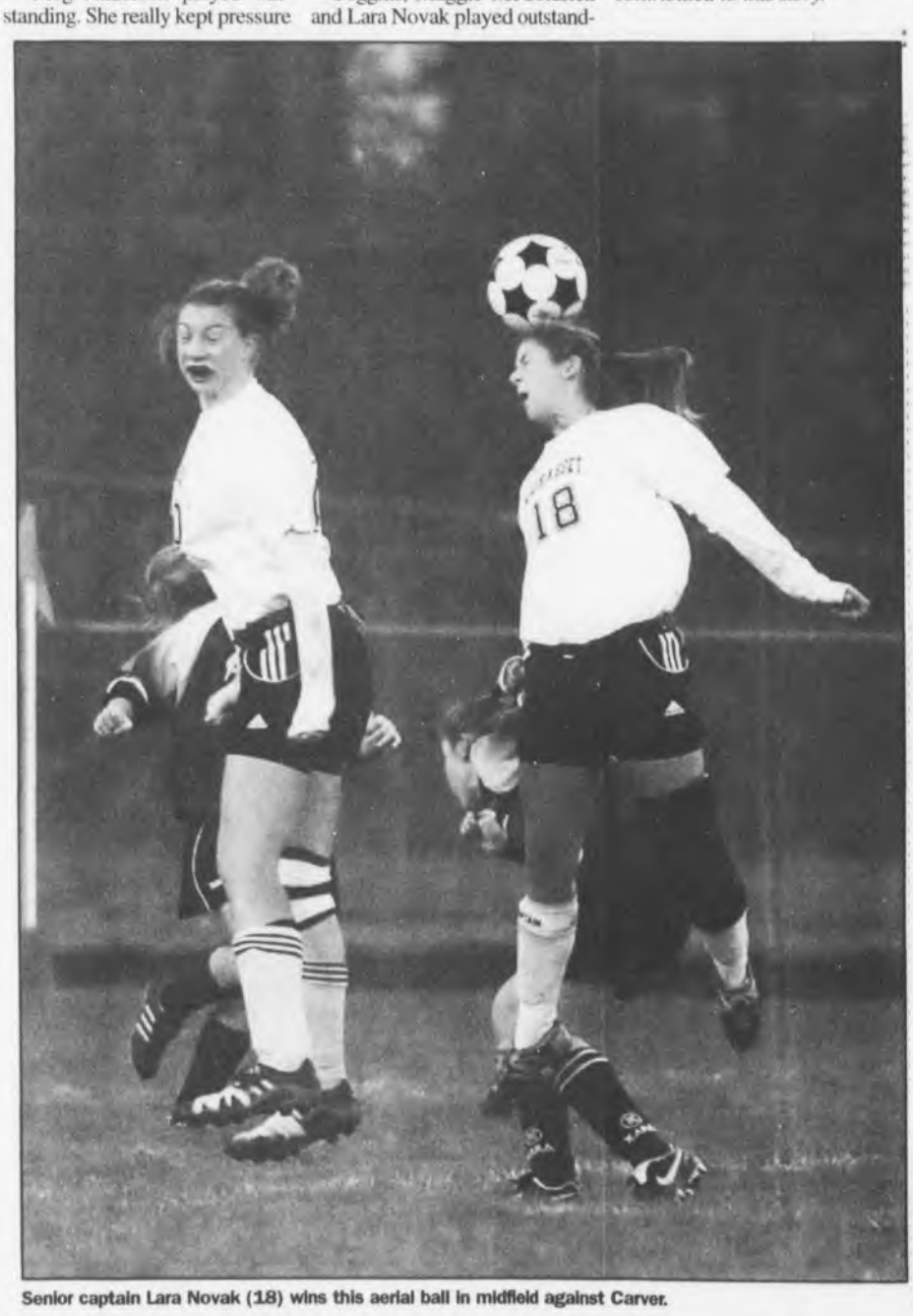
With the defense playing well behind them, the attack went to work, and eventually scored late in the first half when Mackenzie Hart finished a rebound from a Sarah Coggins free kick that had rocketed off the crossbar.

Halfway through the second, Anderson doubled the Skippers' lead. Beal said the junior forward's goal was a just reward for her hard work throughout the match.

"Meg Anderson played outstanding. She really kept pressure on the defense and out-hustled them to every ball," said the coach. "She was such a threat up there and her presence there gave us an advantage."

Coggins, Maggie McGoldrick and Lara Novak played outstanding in the midfield. Beal said their "constant communication kept them on task and kept the ball moving from field to field."

Sports editor Mark Goodman contributed to this story.



Senior captain Lara Novak (18) wins this aerial ball in midfield against Carver.

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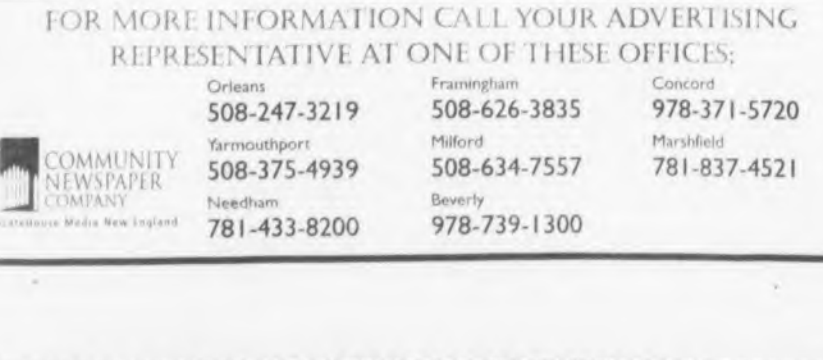

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Monday, Nov. 20, 6:45 p.m., Gymnasium

On Monday, Nov. 20 there will be a mandatory sign-up meeting for all high school (grades 9-12) student-athletes interested in participating in a winter sport at Cohasset High School.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. School officials ask that all student-athletes be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian to the meeting. Principal Joel Antolini and Athletic Director Ron Ford will be on hand to review the Cohasset High School Athletic Department and Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association policies and answer any questions you may have.

There will also be a ceremony to dedicate the jersey of late Cohasset High School student-athlete Kurt Gritzan. Kurt's family will be presenting his ice hockey jersey for permanent display in the lower gym lobby.

Student-athletes and parents will then meet with the CHS coaching staff to distribute schedules, discuss team rules and expectations, and answer any questions you may have. The athletic trainer will also be on hand to discuss any injuries and address any concerns you may have.

User Fee

The new user fee structure for the 2006-07 school year will be $250 for the first and second sport and $150 for the third sport. There will be a family cap of $900 for the 2006-07 school year. Each student-athlete will receive one adult complementary pass to all on-campus home games for each season they participate in.

We also ask you to bring the user fee payment to this meeting.

Physical Exams

All student-athletes need an up-to-date physical exam performed by a physician within the past 13 months prior to the start of the season in order to participate in a high school sport. No student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practices or games without a current physical exam on file at the Cohasset High School nurse's office.

Dr. Steven Golden, the school physician, will provide free physical exams for student athletes on the following date (this will be the only date offered in the winter): Friday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Cohasset High School nurse's office

First Practices

Practices for all high school winter season sports will begin on Monday, Nov.r 27 unless your coach announces otherwise at the meeting.

Sports Offered

The following sports are offered during the Winter season: boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics (co-op program with Norwell), ice hockey, wrestling (co-op with Hull), skiing (funded by the Cohasset Ski Club), and swimming (co-op with Scituate, funded by the Cohasset Swim Club).

CHS Athletic Department Website

Be sure to check it out at www.cohassetk12.org . From the home page you click onto the www.highschoolsports.net link for up-to-the minute schedule changes.

To view 2006-07 winter schedules click onto "Select a Team" and choose the team's schedule you wish to view. Once you have chosen a team go below and select the "2006-07" school year. You then click onto "View Schedule" and the winter schedule should come up.

All winter schedules are subject to change and may not be complete until Nov. 20

Sports Notes

Alumni soccer games

The third annual Cohassset Alumni Women's Soccer Game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. at Milliken Field.

All female alumnae and current soccer players at Cohasset High School are welcome to play. The game will be played between odd year graduates vs. even year graduates, and will consist of two 40-minute halves.

Anyone interested should contact Alyssa McNamara at pumkinpumper@gmail.com or (781)962-6049.

There is also a men's game being organized by Jeff Donze (jeff.donze@comcast.net). That game will also be on Nov. 25, 1 p.m. on Milliken Field.

Rec hoops program

The Cohasset Recreation Basketball program will start Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Cohasset Middle High School gymnasium with a skills clinic and evaluation for all participants.

The schedule is: 8 to 9 a.m. boys first and second grade, girls second and third grade; 9 to 10 a.m. boys third grade, girls first, fourth and fifth grade; 10 to 11 a.m. boys fourth and fifth grade, girls grades 6-8; 11 to 12 a.m. boys grades 6-8.

Coaches will select teams after the clinic and will contact each player. Games start on Saturday, Dec. 2 at all three schools. The program's website is in its final stages of construction; look for all information at www.cohasset-basketball.com

This year the program asking all children to bring their own basketball so as to maximize their experience. Austin at Good Sport can assist you in getting the right size basketball for your child. Please mark your ball with your child's name in indelible ink.

Finally, please note that there is no parking in the circle at the Middle High School gym.

South Shore Outlaws

Plymouth's semi-professional football team, the South Shore Outlaws, is looking for players. Anyone interested in trying out for next season should contact general manager, Ron Rezendes, at (508) 747-6083.

The Outlaws would like anyone interested in cheerleading to contact Michelle Griffin at (508) 317-3113.

For information on the South Shore Outlaws, go to www.ssoutlaws.com.

Registration for 2007 Bay State Winter Games

With the start of the 22nd annual Bay State Winter Games little more than three months away, the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) announced that registration for the games would open Nov. 1.

This year's games begin on Feb. 2, 2007 and are open to athletes ranging in age from 9 to 60. Athletes participating in the games represent more than 200 Massachusetts communities.

For more information about the Bay State Winter Games, including a schedule of events and registration forms, visit www.baystategames.org/winter or call the Bay State Games' office at (781) 932-6555.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/ South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.

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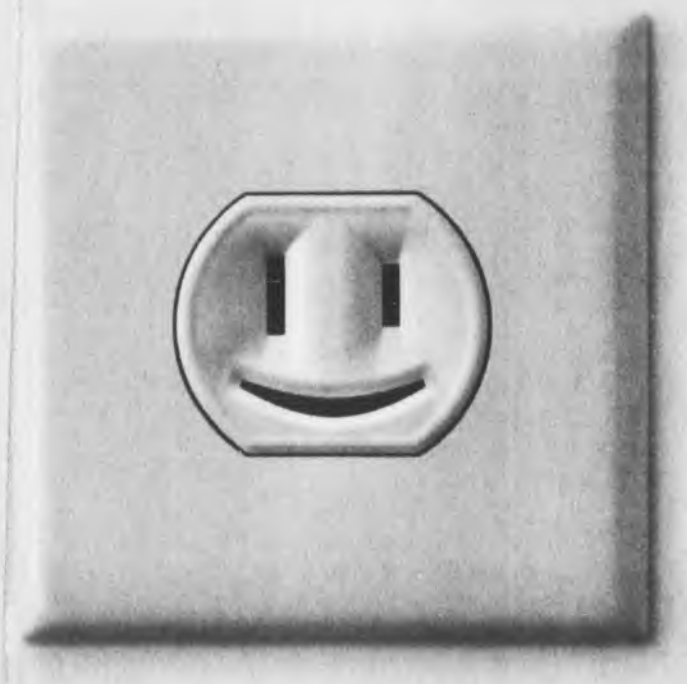

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One quarter down, three to go

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Election results are in, and Deval Patrick will soon be governor of Massachusetts. Some CHS students of voting age participated in the election process. Personally, this reporter witnessed those still electioneering when it was almost too dark to make out the names on the signs. Talk about commitment

This week marked the end of the first quarter at CHS. One down, three more to go. Also, today there is school due to Veterans Day, which falls on a Saturday this year. I hope that everybody who has served our country has the day off. The students aren't in school today, but there is no shortage of news here at CHS.

• Congratulations to CHS graduates **Aidan Buick** and **Chelsea Grossman** who were recently published in Teen Ink magazine! Teen Ink is a national publication, and this is quite an honor.

• Winter sports physicals are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the nurse's office with Dr. Golden. Any student planning on participating in a winter sport needs to have an updated physical (within the last 13 months) on file in the nurse's office.

• Congratulations to Cohasset's Mathletes! They beat Notre Dame, Hingham, Weymouth, Norwell and Scituate in a recent meet. Their combined efforts earned them a victory of 11 points. They will continue to compete throughout the year.

• Mr. Buckley's Law class went to Hingham District Court last Friday to observe some actual cases. They had a chance to hear from the honorable Judge Hurley, and learn outside of a classroom environment.

• The Basketball boosters met Monday night in the Library

• A joint high school and middle school faculty meeting was held Tuesday after school to make teachers aware of the Massachusetts DOE upcoming English Language Learners (ELL) requirements.

• First term ended Wednesday. Quarterly classes began Thursday.

• Together Cohasset had a meeting in the Cafeteria Wednesday night

• The PSO President's Council met Thursday morning

• Department Heads met Thursday after school

• Varsity Football kicks off against Norwell at 7 p.m. sharp tonight on Alumni. Don't be late!

• The Pep Band will (weather permitting) be playing at the football game.

That's about it for the news. Let's talk movies: Has anyone seen Borat? If the movie is anything like the comedian's HBO series "Da Ali G" show then it will definitely be worth seeing. I'm fairly certain my mother wouldn't like it, so keep that in mind before you go see it. For those of you looking for a movie that looks to be fun for all ages, "Happy Feet," an animated penguin film featuring the voices of Robin Williams and Elijah Wood, is coming out later this month. Well guys, the first quarter is over. Graduation day seems years away, but it's coming. Keep those grades up and keep your noses clean. Until next time, Cohasset.

Child Find conducted by Cohasset Schools

Cohasset Public Schools, in accordance with federal law IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.00, are in the process of conducting Child Find.

Cohasset Public Schools will evaluate students from age 3 through high school age who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability in one of the following areas: developmental or intellectual delay, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability or health impairment. Cohasset Public Schools will also arrange an evaluation of young people ages 16 through 21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

Cohasset provides all children with an opportunity to participate in public school programs using a continuous and systematic process to identify students in need of special education. All programs and services are offered without regard to color, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Anyone who has a child they suspect may have a disability or know a child with a disability who may be in need of special education services can call the director of Student Services, Linda Gill, at 781-383-6104 for information regarding the referral process.

Osgood book fair is Wed., Nov. 15

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 2 - 7 pm, at the Osgood School, 211 Sohier St.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special theme: Reading Rain Forest.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

Girls flip over Halloween gymnastics!

South Shore Community Center hosted its annual Halloween Gymnastics meet Saturday, Oct. 28. All gymnasts arrived in costume for the costume parade. USA judges Sue Morgan and Karin Viafore judged the costume parade. Prizes were awarded to: First place, Abby Concannon and Meghan Steeves; second place, Amber Silvia; and third place, Melanie Stewart.

Level 2, 3 and 4 gymnasts all had strong performances:

Melanie Stewart received a 7.9 on vault; Erin Murray, 8.4 on bars; Sarah Whilton, 8.0 on beam; Gabrielle Weissman, 8.6 on floor; Mollie Chipman, 8.05 on vault; Julia Noble, 8:35 on vault; Francesca Genello, 8.55 on floor; and Read McNichols, 8.7 on beam and vault.

Optional Girls had some great routines as well:

Marisa Stewart, 7.70 on vault; Micaela Durkin, 7.50 on floor and vault; Christina Tedeschi, 7.50 on vault; Kelsey McCunney, 7.40 on floor and vault; Meghan Steeves, 7.30 on floor; Erin Gerhard, 7.65 on beam and vault; Abby Concannon, 7.70 vault; Amber Silvia, 8.0 on floor; Grace Barlow, 7.70 on floor; and Juliette Karp, 7.95 on floor.

Amber Silvia won second place for her costume; she also scored 8.0, 7.50 on bars and 7.95 on the vault.

Melanie Stewart, as Dorothy, won third place in the costume parade and also had a great performance in every event.

Coaches are Amy Maree, Nancy Durkin and Rebecca Butman, and director Ruthann Ardizzoni.

An upcoming meet will take place at South Shore Center and Joan's Olympic Gym Saturday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m.

Meghan Steeves and teammate Abby Concannon placed first in the costume competition. Abby was strong on the floor with a 7.05 and 7.7 on vault. Meghan scored 7.3 on the floor.

Christina Tedeschi was a superstar and teammate Micaela Durkin was an ice cream cone.

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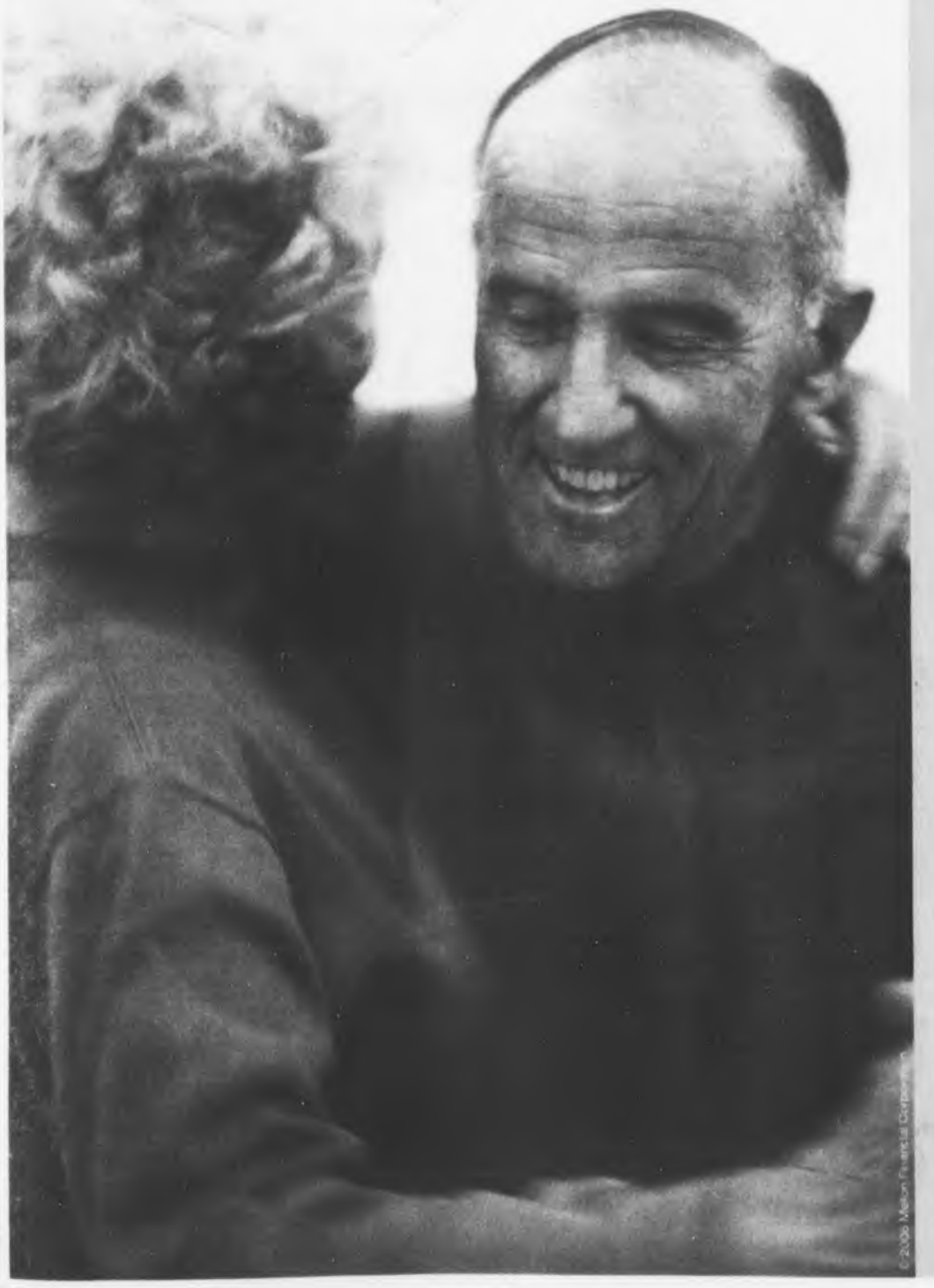

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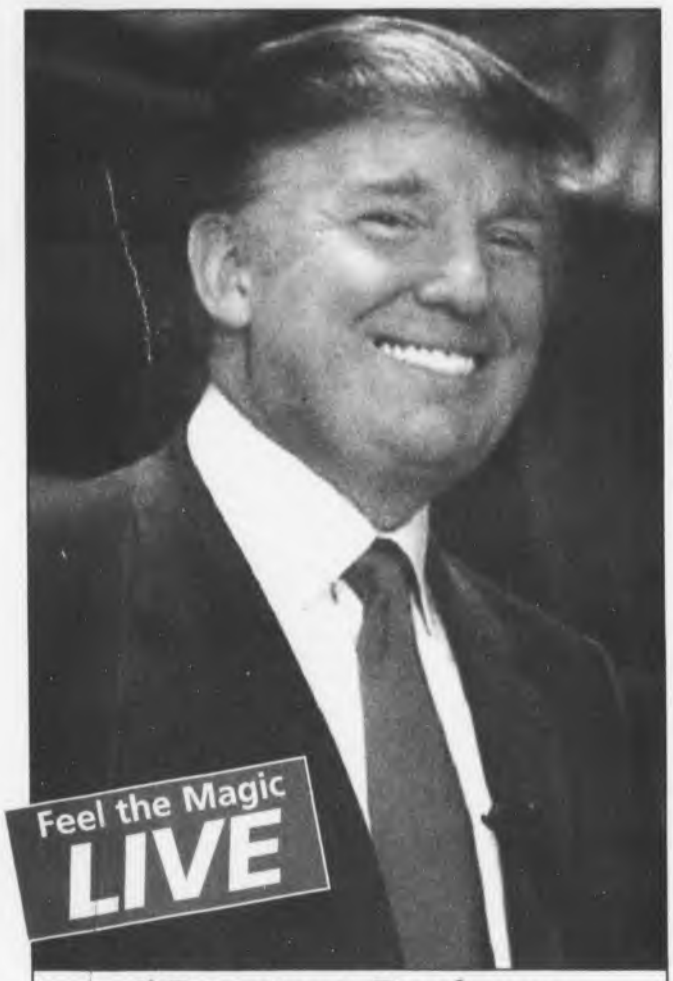

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Folks flock to Antique Appraisal Day

Staff photos/Robin Chan

Pat Mullaney of Cohasset brought some of her miniature dolls to be appraised during the CEA's Antique Appraisal Day, held Nov. 4. Proceeds from the event will help supplement the CEA's budget.

Meg Tiedemann of Marshfield waits patiently for her turn to bring an antique forward to appraisers who will assess its value. Appraisers from Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers, who are often featured on the hit PBS show "Antiques Roadshow" were on hand Nov. 4 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall thanks to the CEA, who coordinated the event as a fund-raiser to help boost its budget.

Ruth Kelley of Scituate confidently saves a seat for friend Marie Pratt of Cohasset thanks to Pratt's Civil War sword. The sword was given to Pratt's father, who served in the Union Army and saved a boy's life in West Virginia in 1935. The sword once belonged to Col. Briggs and Pratt brought the item to be appraised during the CEA's Antique Appraisal Day

Sara Wishart, an appraiser from Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers, assesses the value of a painting for Jim Ward of Cohasset during the CEA-sponsored Antique Appraisal Day. The painting dates from the mid-1900s

Stuart Whitehurst, an appraiser from Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers reads the name of the manufacturer and date on a chair brought in by Mary Laugelli Merritt of Scituate, to help assess its value. Appraisers were on hand at St. Anthony's Parish Center Nov. 4 to provide appraisals for South Shore residents, the proceeds of which will benefit the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs.

Anthony Manieri of Johnston, R.I., brought an impressive clock to the Antique Appraisal Day. The clock was made in Providence in 1815 and showcases Perry's victory on Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

Greg Johnson of Cohasset covers two trays of clam chowder, which were prepared for hungry people waiting for appraisals during the CEA's Antique Appraisal Day at St. Anthony's Parish Center Nov. 4.

Trudy Salerno calls out the numbers for those waiting to receive appraisals, during the well-attended Antique Appraisal Day, sponsored by the CEA.

It's Happening

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Mary (Barbara Baumgarten) and Peggy (Tammy Cupples) play out a scene from "The Women," which is on stage this weekend at Town Hall.

'The Women' on stage this weekend

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is getting ready for a wonderful show called " The Women." Directed by the talented and Cohasset's own Lisa Pratt and produced by another Cohasset wonder, Susan Jaffe, this classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce is being presented on Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Cohasset residents in the play are Barbara Baumgarten, Laura Coletta, Peggy Corrigan, Jennifer Dean, Barbara Elliot, Jo-An Heilman, and Roberta Raffa They are joined by many other women from all over.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115 and are also available at the door.

The cost for this delightful evening out is $12 per ticket with group tickets available for groups of 8 or more.

Osgood book fair

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Call Jenni Milanoski at 781.383.6898 with any questions.

Turkey Trot to raise funds for DMD

Runners have a great way to help others on Thanksgiving, while also making room for that extra helping of pumpkin pie. Dan McCarron of Cohasset, founder and chairman, announces the sixth annual Turkey Trot will take place Nov. 23, Thanksgiving morning. All funds raised will benefit the Jett Foundation of Pembroke, to combat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

The 3.1-mile race, which starts on Cohasset Common at 8 a.m., follows the town's Little Harbor along its route. Registration will begin at 7 a.m, on the Common. Those signing up by Nov. 16 are guaranteed a number and a runner's shirt. Registration fee is $20 before Nov. 16, and $25 thereafter. Families of four or more are capped at $100. Register online at cohassetturkeytrot.com, which will link to the Jett Foundation Web site, or go directly to jettfoundation.org.

This year's charitable event is cosponsored by Decision Mortgage of Cohasset and Sam's Club, Plymouth. The Jett Foundation, founded in 2001 by the McSherry's of Pembroke, for their son, Jett, raises funds for research and clinical trials to combat DMD, the most common and lethal genetic disorder in the world. DMD affects one in every 3,500 male births; 20,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. It is a muscle-wasting disease and most boys are wheelchair bound by 12 and don't live beyond their teen years.

Community Center to host Jingle Bell Walk

South Shore Community Center invites families and friends to its 12th annual Jingle Bell Walk Friday, Nov. 24. Attendees can go to Cohasset Harbor at 2 p.m. and watch Santa and Mrs. Claus and their many elf assistants arrive by boat.

Santa will pass out jingle bells, as he makes his way in a horse-drawn wagon to the Community Center for hot cocoa, punch and cookies. Those attending can enjoy the community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites sung by Mrs. Claus and Santa with Frosty, Rudolph and the elves. There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting a turkey trot and hayrides on the common. Rusty Skippers Band will entertain, and at the end of the day the Christmas tree will be lighted on the common.

Mistletoe Boutique

The fourth annual Mistletoe Boutique will take place Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Village. Personalized gifts, hand-painted children's furniture and one-of-a kind gifts from more than 50 vendors will be sold, and children can have their picture taken with Santa.

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It's a dog eat dog world for Charlotte Hunnewell, 4, who attended the Halloween Parade and Festival on Cohasset Common dressed as a black spotted dog.

Matthew Hughes, 3, of Abington, made a great Thomas the Tank Engine during the Halloween Parade and Festival, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School

Bella Farren, 5, dressed as Pocahontas, rides Goldie the pony during the Halloween Parade and Festival on Cohasset Common.

Abigail Holden, 2, of Scituate, is a cute little witch, complete with a broom and cauldron. Abigail was on Cohasset Common to celebrate Halloween during the annual Halloween Parade and Festival, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Cohasset resident Janice Batts, also known as the "Wicked Witch," leads the annual Halloween Parade on Cohasset Common Sunday, Oct. 29. Batts has led the parade for several years.

Preschoolers on parade!

Halloween event is town tradition

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Sam Fox, 4-1/2, dressed as Spider-Man tries his hand at bowling during the annual Halloween Parade and Festival on Cohasset Common. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School sponsored the event.

Jessica Moy, 4, includes all the food groups in her Halloween costume, as she attended the Halloween Parade and Festival on the common dressed as a bologna sandwich.

Little pumpkin Grace Madden, 14 months, walks with her mother Christine on Cohasset Common during the annual Halloween Parade and Festival.

A bewitching Regan Thomas, 5, tries her best to eat a donut on a string without using her hands, during games held on Cohasset Common during the annual Halloween Parade and Festival.

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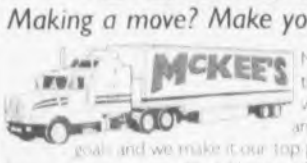

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LIBRARY CORNER

Independent film night is Nov. 16

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Who's Camus Anyway?" Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at the Paul Pratt Library. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Saturday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

Knitting Group – The knitting group will meet two Wednesdays each month. November meeting is Nov. 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. Edna Finegan from the Senior Knitting Group will be the instructor. All knitting levels welcome.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Stephanie Kallos' book "Broken For You" on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m., in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

Starred Reviews – Looking for a good book but don't know where to start? Look for the stars on the spine labels. All new fiction and non-fiction featured as a starred review in School Library Journal, Booklist and other journals will be labeled with a star sticker.

MamaSteph – will perform in the Meeting Room of Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m., Mondays, through Nov. 27. All ages and communities welcome. Registration is not required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop-in Story Time – will take place in the Children's Story Room Tuesdays, through Nov. 21, at 10:30 a.m. This is a lap-sit program that welcomes all ages and communities. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Letters About Literature –This program asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose work has made a difference in their lives. It invites personal and reflective writing about reading.

LAL is sponsored in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, with funding from the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum, and is a project that feeds into the national program that is run by the Library of Congress with funding from Target.

Local winners receive their awards in a ceremony at the State House. Last year, Madeline Blackburn and Foster Eymer won level 1 honorable mention.

To view their letters and read more award-winning letters go to massbook.org. Entry forms are available at massbook.org, Paul Pratt Memorial Library and school libraries.

OUR WORLD

Mistletoe Boutique returns Sunday, Nov. 12

The following fall programs will be offered at Our World Museum at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information call 781-383-3198.

Mistletoe Boutique - Featuring over 50 vendors from the South Shore and across Massachusetts, Mistletoe Boutique is a wonderful opportunity to do some holiday shopping. The event will be held at the Red Lion Inn, Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit Our World programs, operating costs, and exhibit development.

Spanish for Kids – Children can join Emilia Buckley for a fun beginning Spanish language and culture class. Using music, visuals, and lots of imagination, children will be introduced to and enjoy the benefits of early language learning. Classes for 3-to 5-year-olds will be held Fridays from 10 to 11a.m. Classes for 4- to 5-year-olds will be held Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Classes begin Nov. 16 and run for 5 weeks. The cost is $81 for members and $90 for non-members. There is a maximum of 5 children in the class, so that special attention can be given.

Mid-Week Camp - Elementary School students can spend the afternoon at Our World on Early Release Days. Sessions include craft, snack, lesson, and play time and run from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. Register in advance. The schedule currently accommodates students from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell, Hanover and Braintree. The cost is $30 per class for non-members and $25 for members.

Messy Art – Children can join Julie for two sessions Wednesday afternoons to do the messy projects they hesitate to do at home. Classes run from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and 2 to 2:45 p.m. All ages welcome, but drop-off is available for ages 5 and up. The cost is $5 per child.

It's Music Time – Children are invited to join Jim Armstrong on an international musical adventure, which is an "Our World" exclusive. Parents and their children, ages 18 months to 4 years, can join Jim for six weeks of musical and educational fun. Every class begins with a classic campfire sing-along around a realistic-looking (but pretend) campfire. With Jim leading the sing alongs and playing guitar, mandolin, and ukulele, children will learn how to sing and perform simple and fun hand and body movements to favorite songs sung by children around the world. Highlights of the six-week session include participating in a dress up parade while marching and dancing to music from many cultures, a Mexican Hat Dance party and a Hawaiian Luau. Classes begin in January and will be held Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

French for Kids – Instructed by Liliane Miller. Invite your child to come join a native French speaker and learn a little French through the use of songs, nursery rhymes, poetry, and simple conservation. Your child will be exposed to a new language in a fun and vibrant way. Classes for 3 to 5-year-olds will be held Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. The cost is $60 for members and $70 for non-members. Classes for 5 to 8 -year-olds will be held on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. The cost is $70 for members and $85 for non-members. All classes begin Wednesday, Nov. 8 , and run for six weeks.

Help us fill in the Blanks – A creative and unique gift for the Holiday Season. A great present to honor families, children, grandparents, teachers or members in community. A donation of $100 will reserve your brick to add to our sidewalk. The funds will support the maintenance of the outdoor playground and indoor play area, plus the aquition of additional play structures and museum exhibits. Those who prefer can purchase a granite paver for $500.

Family Friday Nights – Starting in December, the third Friday of every month will be dinner and a movie at the museum. $10 per adult and $5 per child with a maximum of $25.

Kids Night Out – Starting Friday, Dec. 1. Drop kids off in P.J.s at 5:30 p.m. They will have dinner, play games, and see a movie. Pick up by 8:30 p.m. For ages 3 and up. The cost is $10 per child

50/50 Raffle – Tickets are $20 each or 6 for $100. The total is $2,000 so the winner is guaranteed $1,000. The drawing date is Nov.12.

Birthdays – They do the set up and clean up and everything in between. They provide decorations, napkins, plates and cups and you bring the cake and whatever you want to serve. Call 781-383-3198 to reserve the day.

Christmas Raffle - Come in and see the adorable ride ons: a pink tricycle, a firetruck, and an airplane, all waiting to be won and put under the tree. Tickets are $10 each or three for $25.

Getting ready for Cohasset Holiday Village Fair

(This is the first in a three-part series on the Cohasset Holiday Village Fair taking place Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Cohasset Common. Three town churches coordinate the fair. These articles will highlight not only what each congregation does for the fair, but will also look at how the parishes use proceeds generated by the event. The Second Congregational Church and the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church will be featured in the next two articles.)

With any luck, a light snowfall could decorate the Town Common in Cohasset for the upcoming annual Village Fair.

If it does snow, it will make for a picture perfect setting for the fair, but inside St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, everyone will be thinking about canoeing, swimming and hot July afternoons in the woods of New Hampshire. That's because money raised by St. Stephen's during the annual fair is used by the church to sponsor scholarships for children from around the state to attend a summer camp run by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

The camp is in Greenfield, N.H., and is called the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, named after the diocese first woman bishop. The camp brings together children from throughout the state and from various ethnic and economic backgrounds. While at camp, children enjoy swimming, camping, archery, rock climbing and sports, along with Bible study and worship services twice a day that incorporate Christian rock music.

The camp does not turn down any young person who wants to attend its summer programs. For children from families without the financial resources to send their children, the camp offers scholarships. These scholarships are funded in part by parishes throughout the diocese, including St. Stephen's.

"Its really nice to imagine that when people are buying books from us during the Village Fair, they are actually helping some child go to camp – a child who might otherwise not have the chance to swim or walk in the woods," said Colette Wood, who works with St. Stephen's outreach committee. "When you imagine that buying baked goods from us at the fair will eventually send the message to some child somewhere that he or she is cared for – it really is what the season is about."

At this year's Village Fair, St. Stephen's will have its traditional used book sale, the Country Kitchen with hostess gifts, a café with snacks and the Secret Santa room for children. For nearly two months, parishioners at St. Stephen's have been collecting and sorting through gently used books, videos and CDs to sell at the fair.

Enter the fair by walking up Highland Avenue behind the church. For more information on St. Stephen's and to find links to the diocesan Web site with summer camp information, go to ststephenscohasset.org.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

9:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and North Main St.**, downed tree. Caller reports a large tree branch just fell at this location and is blocking most of the road. Officer reports the branch is blocking the road and is still attached to the tree. DPW on the way.

12:39 p.m. **Town Parking Lot**, hazard.

12:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** downed tree. Caller reports he has a large tree or branch across his driveway. DPW will not remove anything from private property.

1:22 p.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard. Officer reports the lights at this location are blinking and he could not bypass them. Notifying Highway Department. State DPW notified.

4:42 p.m. **Hull St.** Caller advised they were gone all last week. Returned home today and damage was done to tree.

4:58 p.m. **Bancroft Road,** officer advised there is a tree down in the middle of the road at above location. Contacted Tree and Park Service.

6:21 p.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious activity. Caller advised there is a vehicle that keeps driving by yelling obscenities out the window.

7:39 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** officer advised checked schools.

8:08 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** animal complaint. Caller advised there is a coyote walking around yard.

8:21 p.m. **Hull St.,** parking complaint. Officer advised four vehicles were tagged.

8:47 p.m. **Doane St.,** officer advised he found a black lab with no collar on.

9:12 pm. **Fairoaks Lane,** caller advised he has been following a coyote around. The animal is not aggressive.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

1:13 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service.

1:21 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway.** Hingham Police report erratic operation of a motor vehicle. Motor vehicle is on CJC Highway, southbound. Hingham has the motor vehicle.

6:44 a.m. **Linden Circle,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

7:18 a.m. **Elm St.,** traffic enforcement, no stop sign violations.

7:52 a.m. **Pond St.,** walk-in party advised he has no electricity.

9:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** officer advised there is a wild turkey in the parking lot of above address.

10:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, there is a vehicle that ran out of gas.

11:08 a.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

11:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** caller advised motor vehicle accident at Cohasset/Scituate line near the tennis club. Rescue 3 advised just over the line. Officer assisting in traffic control with Scituate.

11:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and North Main St.,** suspicious vehicle. Officer looking for dump truck in the middle of the road.

1:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries. Transported to SSH/BLS.

2:09 p.m. **Common**, traffic complaint. Caller advised subjects are blocking traffic and causing a problem. Officer advised everything is fine at location.

4:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Revoked for insurance. Subject summonsed on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle; speeding. Subject summonsed on charges: Allowing uninsured motor vehicle, allowing revoked registration, allowing improper operator.

5:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** caller reports a young male and young female loitering outside of the store.

6:16 p.m. **Cedar and Hull streets,** walk-in party reports she has locked her keys in her motor vehicle in the street and the vehicle is running.

8:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer reports school buildings check OK.

8:53 p.m. **Hull St. and Jerusalem Road,** assist other police department.

9:15 p.m. **North Main St.,** Units are off at this location with a male party searching in the woods for his daughter, who just ran away. Officer reports female is wearing blue jeans and a white sweater. Sergeant is requesting K9 from Hull to begin search. Female has been located and being transported to her residence by officer. Female has been turned over to parents and checked out by the paramedics. All units clear returning. Hull K9 returning to Hull.

MONDAY, OCT. 30

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

12:39 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

2:14 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks secure.

6:12 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** power outage.

6:45 am. **Gammons Road,** fire.

6:50 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **North Main St.,** noise complaint. Caller states the MBTA has started work early.

6:56 a.m. **Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:02 a.m. **Stockbridge St.,** assist citizen.

7:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Howe Road,** traffic enforcement.

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6:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller states the MBTA has started work early, 887 has spoken to workers.

6:56 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:02 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, assist citizen.

7:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:23 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, traffic citation/warning.

9:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run. Caller reports he witnessed a vehicle get hit in the parking lot and the suspect vehicle fled the scene. The victim vehicle was parked and no victim around. Suspect vehicle operator has a suspended license. Detail officer from Sohier Street detail on scene with officer. Officer requesting tow truck for one vehicle. Norwell man summoned on charges of: Operating motor vehicle with a suspended license.

10:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports a male inside the store in a green sweatshirt highly intoxicated and harassing all the employees and making fun of them. Reports male party has left the store, units checking the area. White male, heavyset, does appear intoxicated in the video wearing a green sweatshirt and has red beard.

10:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, very minor motor vehicle crash/no injury.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, 911 caller reports an employee has cut his leg really bad with a razor.

11:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports a female customer is out of control spitting and screaming. Female has been escorted off the property.

11:49 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party to see a detective regarding a situation.

1:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller is reporting a branch on wires.

1:13 p.m. **Washington St.**, robbery, unarmed, Weymouth has an armed robbery of a bank and the suspect is reported to be heading down North Main Street in Cohasset. Cohasset units have a vehicle stopped matching description.

1:15 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, vehicle from robbery in Weymouth was seen a couple minutes ago in town, all units are on the lookout for vehicle, it is believed to be in the area. Units are looking for a small brown 4 door vehicle with a white male operator. Male is about 20 years old, 5'10, wearing all brown clothing. All units in the area, Scituate PD notified and responding as well. Vehicle is now being described as a black Honda with 2 occupants.

1:53 p.m. **Hull St., and Fisher Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports she is sitting on a vehicle matching the description of vehicle used in robbery in Weymouth with one female occupant sitting in the passenger seat. Motor vehicle left the residence and the female that was in the passenger seat got into the driver seat and fled. Units have pulled the vehicle over at West Corner. Hull PD, Hingham PD and Cohasset units have the female party in the vehicle and taken several pictures of her and the vehicle she was operating. Lt. in Weymouth notified and will be receiving all info.

3:52 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 911 caller stated that her grandson fell off of his bicycle and hit his chin. R3 will be transporting 1 juvenile for stitches.

6:54 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, fire, investigation, walk in party stated that she had a wire down in her driveway from the wind. She wanted it to be checked out because there would be children coming over for Halloween. Capt. reports that pole #6 wire is hanging low and to contact ComCast. ComCast called and will respond.

7:19 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks.

10:09 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal – marked lanes violation.

3:13 a.m. **Pond St.**, fire, investigation, call directly to Fire HQ., reporting smoke detectors going off.

6:50 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, animal complaint, caller states his Golden Retriever is missing.

7:15 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a female appears to be intoxicated that got out of this vehicle. Officer requesting R3 to evaluate the female.

9:10 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, units report clear with patient sign offs this was just a fender bender.

10:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Sgt. reports all school buildings check ok.

10:58 a.m. **Gilson Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for an 18-month-old unresponsive.

11:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, caller is reporting she doesn't like the trucks parking near her house.

11:34 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:27 p.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports her and a friend were walking, her friend is down, she possibly snapped her ankle.

2:53 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Soher St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:35 p.m. **Brook St.**, disturbance.

4:17 p.m. **Grace Drive**, runaway, officer to take a report from mother.

7:29 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports people walking around on the porch of this business.

9:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance-neighborhood, caller is an employee from Tedeschi's and reports there are kids on the roof throwing things at cars and he's also had some customers tell him that there are kids at the top of the hill at St. Stephen's Church throwing things at cars there too. Officer reports there is a function at the church and there isn't anyone there that doesn't belong. No one in area, officer reports an intoxicated party adding to the story.

10:53 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:28 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:20 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:05 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:43 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, detail officer states a motorist reported a truck blocking the roadway.

8:08 a.m. **New Driftwaay**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a pregnant female having some complications.

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Date of Death September 10, 2006

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Holly Clifford. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main Street (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: William Baird.

Sunday, Nov. 12 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Hear the Stillness"

Our minister, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship.

Join us for worship in the Meeting House and for refreshments and fellowship directly afterwards in the Parish House.

Toddlers, children, and youth will meet for religious education classes at 10 AM in the Parish House. Childcare is provided for the youngest.

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m., Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

This week's events from Nov. 12-19:

- Sun. Nov.12: Morning Prayer 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. Pastoral care meeting.
- Mon. Nov. 13: 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation
- Tues. Nov. 14: 7 p.m. Profile meeting; 7:30 Vestry meeting
- Wed. Nov. 15: 9:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist;10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Thurs. Nov. 16: Prayer and Healing meeting
- Friday, Nov.17: 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- Sat. Nov. 18: 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Nov. 19: 9 a.m. Youth Worship

Readings for Nov. 19th are from the Book of Daniel (12: 1-4a)in which he is given a vision of the end of human history. In the reading from Hebrews (9:24-28) a community of Christians is warned of God's judgment and is encouraged not to shrink back but to endure. And in the Gospel from Mark, (13: 14-23) the disciples are forewarned of an act of sacrilege, a time of fearfull tribulation and the appearance of persons claiming to be the Christ .

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood Street, (781) 383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 - 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m.. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Selichot Service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

Everyone is welcome! Bible lesson for Sunday Oct. 22 is "Probation after Death."

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituaries

Daniel Clark Cotton

Active in Cohasset civic and church affairs

Daniel Clark Cotton, 93, of Cohasset, died Oct. 31, 2006, at Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in Cohasset.

Born in Waltham, he attended school in both Arlington and Malden. A graduate of Kimball Union Academy, Class of 1931, Mr. Cotton graduated from Dartmouth College in 1935. He worked for many years in industrial sales and later as an industrial real estate broker.

As a member of First Parish Church in Cohasset, Mr. Cotton served on the Parish Committee and volunteered in the Sunday School and adult education program. He also helped with many fundraising drives at the church during his nearly 60 years of membership. In addition, he was active in town affairs, serving on the Zoning Bylaws Committee, Advisory Committee, Town Hall Study Committee, Planning Board, School Committee and Public School Survey.

Daniel Clark Cotton

Mr. Cotton also worked to raise money for numerous local charities and Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Husband of the late Jean E. (Barton) Cotton, he leaves his children, Elizabeth Sherblom and her husband, John, of Bangor, Maine, and Mary Jane Low of Albuquerque, N.M., and Montville, Maine; his grandchildren, William D. Gause and his wife, Alyssa, of Beverly, John P. Gause and his wife, Phoebe, of Bangor, Maine, and Richard B. Gause of Portland, Maine; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m., at First Parish Church, 23 North Main St., Cohasset Commons. Interment is private. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Parish Meetinghouse Fund, 23 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Robert L. Bowman

Employed in telecommunications field

Robert L. Bowman, 73, of Cohasset, died Oct. 4, 2006, after a long illness.

A leader in the telecommunications field, Mr. Bowman was chief executive officer and president of Enhanced Service Providers of Pembroke, and was the former president of Telco Systems in Norwood and Artel Communications in Hudson. Mr. Bowman's career included positions at Raytheon Data Systems, Rockwell International, Comsat and Hughes Aircraft.

His career highlights included launching the first satellite communication system in Indonesia, as well as working with Anwar Sadat establishing a communication system for Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt.

Mr. Bowman attended UMass-Amherst and the University of New York at Rochester, and graduate studies at Stanford University.

He leaves his wife of 45 years, Barbara King Bowman; his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Douglas Clark of Cohasset; his sister, Judith Florian of Farmington, Conn.; his brother, William Bowman of Illinois; and two grandsons, Christopher James Clark and Andrew Philip Clark of Cohasset.

Memorial services were private.

Memorial donations may be made to Cohasset Fire Department, 44 Elm St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Richard D. Marques

Owned consulting firm

Richard D. Marques, 78, of Hingham, died Nov. 1, 2006, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Marques was born in Boston and raised and educated in Quincy, graduating from Quincy High School. He had been a Hingham resident since 1964.

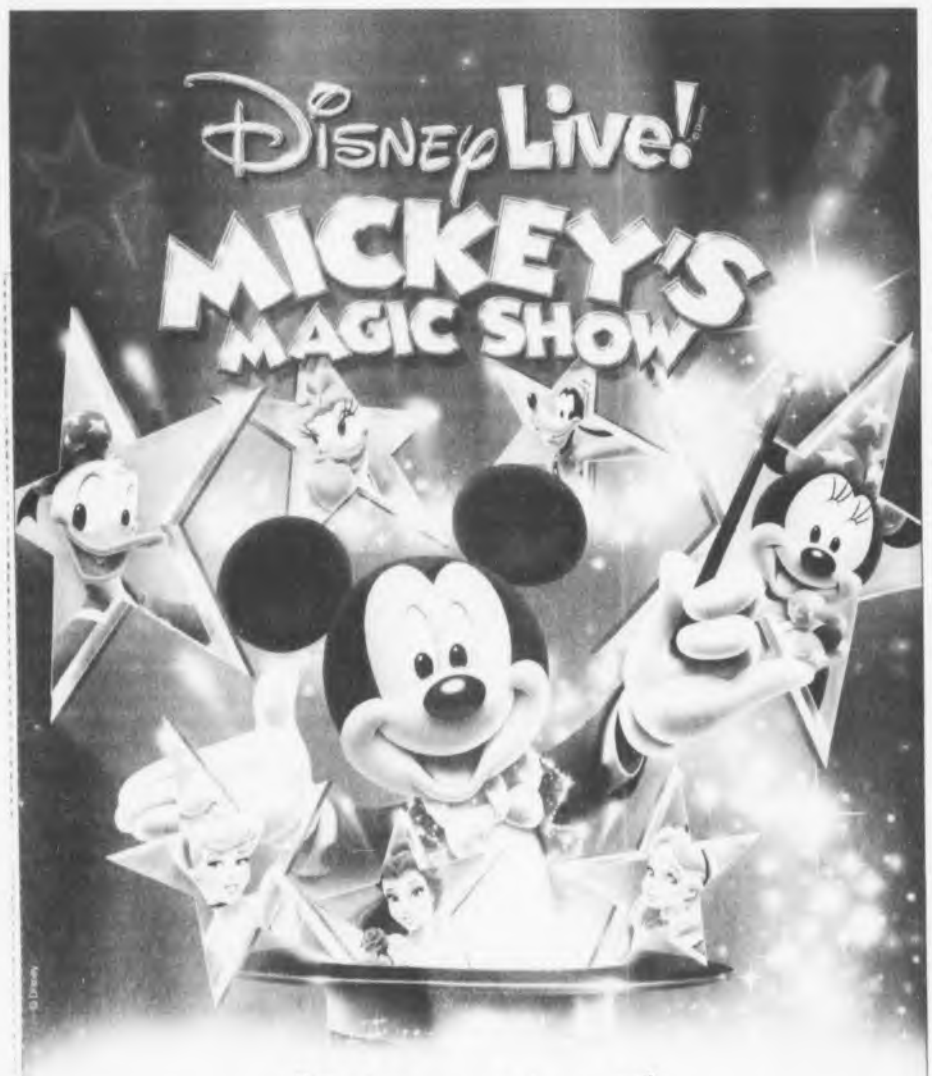
He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He enjoyed boating, fishing, golf and playing pool.

Many years ago, Mr. Marques was a sales manager for the Patriot Ledger and later worked in sales in the oil industry, first for Quincy Coal & Oil Co., then with Shultz, Doyle & Stoddard of Scituate. In recent years, he established his own consulting firm, Enersol, a business dealing in home heating equipment.

He leaves his wife, Jean L. (Ericson) Marques; two sons, Peter Marques of Conway, N.H., and David Marques of Hadley; one daughter, Linda Kelley of Norwell; a brother, Raymond Whitehouse of Cohasset; and five grandchildren.

A service was held at Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham. Interment was private.

Memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688.



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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 9-17 2006

Men's music with a woman's touch

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Growing up in Neponset in the 1960s, Sheila Fahey was a Bobby Darin fan of the first order. So when Fahey - best known for her many starring roles with the former Quincy Community Theatre - and her music director, Mark Donahue of Milton, decided to create a new show where women sing songs made famous by men it was a given that one of Darin's many hits would make the songlist.

"I loved, loved, loved Bobby Darin. I actually even got to see him in concert once at the old Steuben's Nightclub on Boylston Street near the Colonial Theatre in Boston. I'm not sure I fully appreciated it back then, but he was a wonderful entertainer," recalled Fahey last week by telephone. "We do his 'Dream Lover' in our new show, 'Guys By Dolls.'"

The musical revue debuts next Friday at Raffael's Nantasket, with a second show on Saturday at the Sheraton Hotel in Braintree. As in her previous musical outing, "Connie, Patsy, Brenda, and Me!," Fahey will again be joined by her daughter, Jennifer Fahey of Dorchester, and her niece, Patty Lee of Braintree, as well as Maryellen Anson of Braintree and Kathryn Teevens-Fitzpatrick of Quincy, with Donahue at the piano.

"We had been doing the Connie Francis, Patsy Cline, and Brenda Lee show for about four years and we were really comfortable with it, but we still knew it was time to do something completely new. My voice is in a lower range, so I've always thought it would kind of fun to sing men's songs."

With that idea, Fahey and Donahue invited the other cast members to the Neponset equivalent of a Broadway workshop at Fahey's home. "Once Mark and I came up with the concept, the six of us sat down on my back deck and — over a couple of bottles of wine — we started looking at what music each of us wanted to do. When we started out, there were literally hundreds of songs being considered. We originally thought we would do four to five songs by each of our favorite male singers, but we soon realized that would mean our show would end up being 12 hours long."

The cast of "Guys by Dolls" includes Sheila Fahey, Jennifer Fahey, Patty Lee, Kathy Teevans-Fitzpatrick, and Mary Ellen Anson. Music direction by Mark Donahue.

While most of the music is familiar to Fahey, some is brand new to her castmates.

Fahey and company ultimately decided to divide the show into four sections: crooners (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Perry Como), crossovers (Bobby Darin, Engelbert Humperdinck, and Johnny Mathis), rock (Elton John, Tom Jones, David Cassidy and Elvis Presley), and a final boy bands section that runs the gamut from The Mills Brothers to N'Sync. Once they figured out what they wanted to do, they set about deciding how to do it right.

"We haven't changed a single lyric. If the song is written to a woman, then that's how we sing it. And we don't do any impersonations, we just sing the songs the way the men would. We don't engage in any male bashing either, except for one or two gentle asides about what makes men different from women. I can only really tell stories about what I have lived through. I'm just not the kind of person who can make things up and then put them in the act. I've been very fortunate to have a lot of very wonderful men in my life so you won't hear me criticizing the opposite sex."

You will, however, hear a song that is special to Sheila and the man who has sat opposite her at the breakfast table for more than 25 years. "I do a very beautiful Nat King Cole song called 'That Way, That Sunday, That Summer' that perfectly evokes the summer when I met my husband on the Cape in the late 1960s. I've listened to it and loved it for years and now I am getting the chance to sing it in a show for the very first time."

While most of the music is familiar to Fahey, some is brand new to her castmates. "The girls are easy to work with, but the hardest thing about this show was that they didn't know the songs I knew and they had to learn a lot of the music from scratch. It took a great deal of work to get everything just right, but it was also a lot of fun. Rehearsals and shows are so different from all of our everyday lives. I can still remember when I was a meter maid, I would be ticketing cars all the while running lines and learning new songs in my head. We're all very busy with families and day jobs, so I always remind the girls that these shows are a piece of our lives that belong to no one else."

On Nov. 17. at Raffael's in Hull and Nov. 18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Braintree, JM Productions will present "Guys by Dolls." In Hull, dinner-and-show and show-only packages are available, while the Braintree date offers a choice of three packages including show, dinner and show, and dinner and show and a night at the hotel. For information, call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Nov. 9

Norwell High School Students artwork will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from through Nov. 29. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1-5 pm and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club will meet Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. **Gem expert Nate Martin** will speak on Collecting Fluorite Crystals in Kentucky. Free and open to the public. Refreshments. 781-878-9011.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 9, **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree no cover, handicap access. 781-380-8180, Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**. 9 p.m Nov. 9 host band, **Cindy Daley Band**. For Band Info. contact Satch Romano, New Blue Productions, Braintree. 781-258-5232

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 9, **Glen MacAuliffe's Classic Rock Café** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Nov. 10

Edaville USA will open the **Christmas Festival of Lights** on Nov. 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24-30. Dec. 1 thru Jan. 1. On Monday-Friday the hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 2 to 9 p.m. The last train leaves each evening at 8pm. The $16 admission fee includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions all evening. Parking is free. Fireworks every Friday night in December. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates, hours and directions

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CALENDAR, see next page

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Movie review

Jerky 'Borat' jokes around U.S.A.

"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan"

(B)

By: James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Meet the Jackass from Eurasia.

Frequently uproarious, occasionally slack and sometimes just plain sophomoric, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" has generated a "Snakes on a Plane"-like buzz but may not deliver enough laughs to sustain a mainstream hit. The film takes the comedy of inappropriateness to new levels of outrageousness and shock.

It's the same brand of humor as "Jackass" and "The Aristocrats," and the character has roots in Steve Martin's and Dan Aykroyd's wild and crazy Czech brothers. The package has its appeal, especially among those eager to chart extreme territory and claim it as their own. That's all fine with me, especially when I'm laughing along with them much of the time.

But some stretches of "Borat" are barren. Along with his grossly overweight colleague Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), anti-Semitic, homophobic, sex-fiend Borat Sagdiyev (British comic Sacha Baron Cohen) is a kind of cultural correspondent from Kazakhstan making a "tourist film" in America. Before embarking, however, he takes on us a tour of his village, where we meet the town rapist and his sister, with whom he has an incestuous relationship. Inside his home are his VCR, CD player and ox. We see the yearly event known as "the running of Jew."

TV journalist Borat (Sacha Baron Cohen) leads a parade through his town before heading for America.

In America, where Borat has brought "a jar of gypsy tears" to protect him from AIDS, the visitor becomes obsessed with Pamela Anderson and goes on a quest to meet and marry her.

The premise of the film, another variation of the theme of Gore Vidal's "Visit to a Small Planet," is that Cohen, who co-wrote the script with four colleagues, does not tell the people he encounters that he is an entertainer until after he films their exchanges and has them sign a release.

This makes a sequence involving racist college students deeply disturbing. Are Southern fundamentalists mere figures of ridicule, knowing the political power they wield and how that power has shaped our country? You laugh at them at your peril.

A sequence in which Borat and Azamat wrestle in the nude is hilarious, if also disgusting. Also funny is a scene in which Cohen releases a chicken on a subway car, and Anderson, a talented comic actor, turns out to be a real sport. But seeing Borat drink from a toilet or pleasure himself in front of a shop window featuring scantily clad mannequins is not funny.

Also unfunny are scenes in which innocent people are cruelly treated. The reductio ad absurdum of this sort of humor is treating torture as a joke, which is where we are headed.

Some critics have compared Cohen to the great Peter Sellers, and he seems to have taken the compliment to heart. In one sequence out of the "Pink Panther" films, Borat goes into a California antique shop and wrecks the place.

It was funnier, if no more original, when Sellers did it.

Rated R. "Borat" contains nudity, profanity and lewd and offensive humor.

Mark your calendar

PLAIN STREET STUDIOS Open Studios 2006, 185 Plain St./Rt. 139, Rockland. Saturday Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19 from noon to 5 p.m. The 4th Floor Artists Group presents the 15th Annual Open Studios. More than 100 artists on all four floors open their studios to the public. Artists include painters, printmakers, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, graphic designers, interior designers, architects, fiber, artists, wood workers, and potters. Plenty of free parking with police details. Visit www.plainstreetstudios.com for information.

CROCODILE AND ALLIGATOR FAMILY FUN DAY PROGRAM, Nov. 19, at South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell Learn about this "Other Alligator" from China, the Chinese Alligator an endangered species at the Crocodile and Alligator Family Fun Day program on Sunday Nov. 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Senior Keeper David Jones of Rainforest Reptiles Shows will talk about this reptile and show a variety of crocodilians from around the world. Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost $8 members/ $10 non members. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 781-659-2559 or at the Science Center during business hours.

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is holding its 25th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Free admission. For information call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

THE FINE ARTS CHORAL will perform a concert titled "Royal Music For A Coronation" commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's 80th birthday year will be held Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. at Old South Union Church 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. For tickets call 800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND WALK: JACOBS POND TRAIL, Norwell on Saturday Nov. 25, Walk the new Cliff Prentiss Bridge and explore the surrounding area and its habitats as part of a guided walk of Jacobs Pond Trail, Norwell with the North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA) and the South Shore Natural Science Center on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-register by Nov. 20. Cost is $4 members/ $6 non members. For information and to register, contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781- 659-2559 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

THE FRIENDS OF CRANBERRY HOSPICE present the 17th Annual Festival of Trees to be held Dec. 1-3 at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. The event features more than 50 spectacularly decorated Christmas trees, daily entertainment and visits from Santa, a cocktail reception and a unique gift shop. Proceeds benefit Cranberry Hospice. Open to the Public: Friday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $2 for children under 12. View the more than 50 trees beautifully decorated by individuals and area organizations. *The Tree of Lights* is a spectacular 15-foot tree trimmed with hundreds of white lights and candles in memory or honor of someone special. Donations can be made for memorial candles ($25 each) or lights ($5 each) by calling 781-834-7281.

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Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 corners **Comedy Night** Nov. 10 at p.m. featuring **Spike Tobin** Other comics:**Annette Pollack, Mike Bobek, Laura Sheridan, Pat Mcloud, Alix King, Steve Hughes**. Your host **Dan Bulger** Admission: $15 includes dinner & appetizers available Advance reservations recommended. 781-848-0300 www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.annettepollack.com

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The Women The classic comedy by **Clare Boothe Luce** presented by: **The Cohasset Dramatic Club,** Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, Cohasset. Tickets $12, group discounts available for groups of eight or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 10, **Entrain,** 781-925-4300.

Saturday, Nov. 11

The Company Theatre has announced a 2007 season featuring several shows making their South Shore debuts, including the Broadway sensations **Miss Saigon** and **The Full Monty.** Also included are **Late Nite Catechism**, and double feature **Sorry Wrong Number** and **Clue,** also **A Christmas Carol**. Tickets go on sale Saturday, Nov. 11, at a special open house to take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Open House will feature discounts on 2007 Theatre Club memberships, tours of the theatre, refreshments, and a raffle to win a guest appearance in "A Christmas Carol." Tickets go on sale by telephone and online on Monday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. The Company Theatre box-office is located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. The phone number is 781-871-2787, and the website is www.companytheatre.com .

The South Shore Kid's Faire, takes place Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marshfield High School Gymnasium, The Kid's Faire is a hands on day of fun for kids of all ages with non-stop entertainment, interactive exhibits and free gifts all day long.. Admission is free.

Charles Pierce, author of Moving Chains: Tom Brady and the Pursuit of Everything will be holding a book signing at Barnes & Noble, Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Stepup For Kids Inc. Charity Dinner, Auction & Blues Festival featuring Monster Mike Welsh and The James Montgomery Band on Nov. 11 from 8 to midnight at the Freeport Hall (IBEW), 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets are $50 includes dinner and concert. Guests of honor include Janice and Dr. Demitri Papolos, researcher and founders of the Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation and authors of The Bipolar Child and Dr. JanetWozniak, Harvard researcher and director of the bipolar program at Mass. General Hospital and author of "Walking on Eggshells." For information contact Maryann McDonnell at 781-837-8833, by email at mcdonnell@stepup4kids.com or by visiting www.stepup4kids.com

The Dessert Club located at Steve's Backstage Pass, 15 School St., Taunton presents **Aoife Clancy,** former member of Cherish The Ladies, performs a blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic and American music Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets $12. Doors open at 7 p.m. 508-824-3436

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 11, **Basic Black**.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 11, **Walk That Walk** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 11 **Urban Renewal** 781-925-4300.

Sunday, Nov. 12

Healthy Living Expo South of Boston Show, Marshfield High School gymnasium, Rt. 139, off Rt. 3 exit 12.

Key Note Speaker **Dr. Mark Mincolla** Nov. 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. $15 Expo 10 a.m. to 5p.m Explore the many ways people are addressing medical and health-related issues with non-invasive, less harmful practices and techniques. More than 150 practitioners will share their expertise. Attend the Healthy Living Expo Free Admittance to the Expo. Vendors include: Acupuncture, Restorative Arts, Readings, Healing, Jewelry, Crystals, Nutrition, Reiki, Massage, Discount books and much more. For tickets to any, log onto TheHealthyLivingGuide.com. For info call Candita 781 834.2728

The Black Rock Concierge presents a **Classic Car Show** Nov. 12, from noon to 3 p.m. Derby Street Shoppes behind the Crate& Barrel, Hingham. **Proceeds will benefit local veteran organizations.** Festivities include a live broadcast by WATD-FM, Honor Guard Salute and Volley for Veterans, classic cars, Hingham Fire Truck, Army Vehicles, free hand flag and free lollipops for the children. Weather permitting-no rain date. Car registration from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For information and to exhibit cars call Ken Strone 781-741-5367 or email concierge@blackrockresdiential.com

8th Annual Charity Night at The Hanover Mall Sunday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Purchase a ticket for $5 available at the customer service desk. Participating organizations receive 100 percent of all proceeds. Call 781-826-7386 for information.

Bobbi Carrey and **Will McMillan** sing "Irving Berlin: The Voice of Everyman", at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12. This program is a part of the Fall Concert Series presented by The Friends of the library. It is free and open to the public. Greet the performers and enjoy light refreshments following the concert. For information call 781-848-0405.

Ma Qingxiong, contemporary Chinese artist currently exhibiting at the **Art Complex Museum in Duxbury**, will give a demonstration on Chinese brush painting on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 1:30 p.m. Mr Ma considers the brush stroke to be the essence and language of Chinese painting. He was born in Guandong, China and participated in art shows from an early age. In 1991, he emigrated from China to Boston where he has become a well-known teacher. Over the past decade, he has exhibited in the Boston area, Los Angeles and New York. The demonstration is open to the public, free of charge.

Larry W. Williams Memorial Antique Souvenir Show, takes place Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Taunton Holiday Inn, exit 9 off Rt. 495 featuring a display of souvenirs from the mid 1800s through the pre depression era by many dealers and collectors Club members will be on hand to offer free appraisals and info for collectors.

PHOTO: ERIC ANTONIOU

Dennis (Michael Aronov) attempts to charm Mary (Laura Latreille, front) into telling him the story of how she and Jackie (Marin Ireland, rear) came to acquire their stamp collection in the Huntington Theatre Company's world premiere production of "Mauritius" by Theresa Rebeck, running through Nov. 12 at the Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts.

'Mauritius' gets stamp of approval

The fall theater season has only been underway for a few weeks, but it already has its first "must-see."

The Huntington Theatre Company's "Mauritius" may revolve around the seemingly sedate world of stamp collecting, but the play offers a riveting look at the taut tug-of-war that erupts between two half-sisters over which one is the rightful heir to their late mother's collection of rare, potentially priceless stamps.

Playwright Theresa Rebeck — whose "Bad Dates" was a highlight of the Huntington's 2003-2004 season — has earned deserved praise for her work, not only in regional theaters but also on television where she was a producer on "NYPD Blue." With "Mauritius," which takes its name from the African island where the first postage stamp was created, Rebeck uses the simmering tension between the estranged siblings — and the dubious intentions of a trio of stamp dealers — to bring the story to a can't-take-your-eyes-off-of-it boil.

Playing on the themes of avarice and sibling rivalry, Rebeck has crafted a compelling story of shifting alliances that keeps us wondering who to trust from start to finish. She has also created five distinct characters, each with his or her own voice. Things are never quite what they appear to be for this uneasily allied band of loners and never quite what they want them to be either. Younger sister Jackie (Marin Ireland) is a hard-edged, nervous type who sees the stamps as her ticket to a better life when the repressed Mary (Laura Latreille), who left Jackie and their mother behind years earlier, returns to claim what she says is her rightful inheritance from her paternal grandfather. The battle for control extends beyond family lines, however, to include a preening, perpetually-on-the-make dealmaker, Dennis (Michael Aronov), who uses his obvious sexuality to equally obvious advantage; a tightly wound buyer, Sterling (James Gales), whose desire for the stamps borders on dangerous obsession; and a timeworn stamp expert, Phillip (Robert Dorfman), whose expertise is a commodity he isn't always willing to sell.

Director Rebecca Bayla Taichman has a done a wonderfully deft job of maneuvering her first-rate cast through the many ups and downs in Rebeck's script that masterfully blends moments of comedy with menacing drama. The evocative set by scenic designer Eugene Lee and just-right costumes by Miranda Hoffman also contribute to making this powerful new play one that theatergoers won't want to miss.

"Mauritius" will be at the Huntington Theatre Company's Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through Nov. 12. For tickets and information, call 617-266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.

– R. Scott Reedy

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The Duxbury No Place for Hate Committee is asking all adult males of the community to take a stand to "never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women, " and to wear a white ribbon symbolizing their promise. The White Ribbon campaign was presented last spring to all High School students. Since 2004 there have been over 400 calls to the Duxbury Police station about domestic violence incidents. There will be an opportunity for the adult males of Duxbury to sign the same pledge that the High School age males signed last spring at the Town Meeting on Nov. 13. The No Place for Hate Committee will have a table in the lobby of the PAC where you will be able to sign the pledge. There will also be information available on where women can get assistance if needed. For information about this program call 781-934-8388.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, Ginny Wilson will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of November.

The North River Arts Society presents ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

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Jon Phillips of Weymouth as Dr. David Mortimer, tries to console Lucille Tate played by William Royce-Cubbles of Boston during the Bay Players' rehearsal of "It Runs in the Family," a British Farce, directed by Peter Kates of Norwell. The cast represents the towns of Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, Kingston, Weymouth, and Quincy. The show will be held at Duxbury Middle School on St. George Street in Duxbury. The dates of the performances are Nov. 10, 11, 17, 18, at 8 p.m. and a Matinee' on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. The matinee' is a "Two for the Price of One" special. Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors and students. For reservations or information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org

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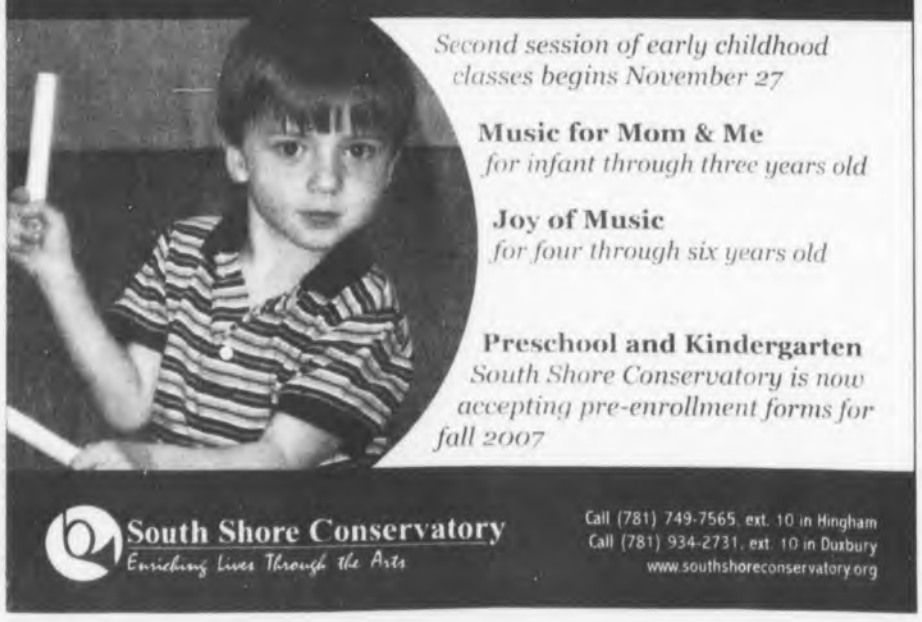

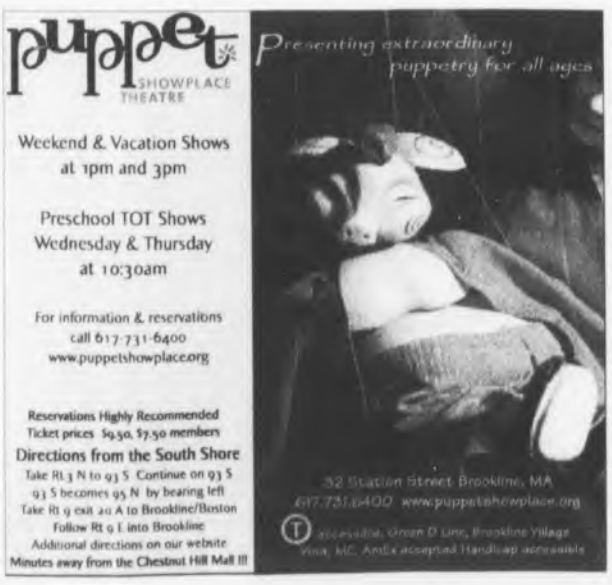

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Annette's Comedy Asylum & The Stoughton Cinema Pub Theatre are producing its First Comedy Show of the Series Nov. 17, at the Stoughton Cinema Pub Theatre, 807 Washington St., Stoughton 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. 781-344-4566 **Need to Purchase Tickets online: www.stoughtoncinema.com or call: 781-843-4833 $15 in Advance/ $18 @ the Door. Headliner: Frank Santorelli from the Sopranos, Las Vegas, Law & ORDER & MEET THE PARENTS!! Host: South Shore's Veteran: Tommy Dunham. Other Comics: Annette Pollack, Jim Cahillane of Canton, Rob Brown of Stoughton and Christine Hurley Free Parking in the Rear.

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New England Gospel Ensemble will perform at Stonehill's Nakamichi Concert on Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Martin Institute of Law and Society. Free and open to the public. 508-565-1724.

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2006 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Linden Ponds and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Hingham resident **Amy Whorf McGuiggan** on. Nov. 15, 3 p.m. at Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham. Amy will be discussing "Christmas in New England: A Treasury of Traditions from the Yule Log and the Christmas Tree to Flying Santa and the Enchanted Village. This is a free event. As Linden Ponds is a gated community, RSVP so that they may expect your arrival to this event and inform the gatehouse. Call 800-832-5319 to RSVP. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwood-books.com

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography; and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The Richness of Mexico, an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 15, **Medicine Man, Russ Costa, Gregg Miller** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Thursday Nov. 16

Health Seminar Nov. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LANTANA in Randolph. Join **Dr Ann Doggett, Doctor of Chiropractic,** MS Human Nutrition, of Whole Body Solutions discover the five hidden causes of disease, illness and unhealthy living. For information go to www.wholebodysolutions.org or call 617 328-6300.

Senior Citizens are invited to the final dress rehearsal free of charge Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. at **Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center** as they present the play **Anne of Green Gables.** Performances are Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. All performances are held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St. Norwell. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to each performance. Reservations can be made by calling 508-224-4548.

TIC (Talking Information Center) Wine Tasting Dinner, Nov. 16, at the Barker Tavern in North Scituate. For tickets and information call 781-834-4400.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 71 Cleveland Circle, Braintree. **Diane Panerelli** will demonstrate oil painting. Free and open to the public. Refreshments. 781-335-4675.

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree no cover, handicap access. 781-380-8180, Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**. 9 p.m. Info. contact Satch Romano, New Blue Productions, Braintree. 781-258-5232

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 16, BBC "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 16, **Glen MacAuliffe's Classic Rock Café** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Norwell High School Students artwork, will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from through Nov. 29. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1-5 pm and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

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Friday, Nov. 17

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents **The Melody of Art**, Nov. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at ye olde Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston, and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 18, 19, 21, 22, and 24 and 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 20, 24, and 27. 781-585-5622.

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Curtain Call Theatre presents its upcoming season of shows at its intimate 60-seat performance space at 182 Commercial Street, Braintree. First up is **Steel Magnolias**, by Robert Harling, the comedy that evokes both laughter and tears through the stories and lives of the ladies at Truvy's Beauty Shop. A long-running off-Broadway hit and popular Hollywood movie, "Steel Magnolias" Sun., Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., and Thurs., Fri. Sat., Nov. 9, 10, 11 at 8 p.m.

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New England Singles Dance at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $7. For information visit singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

Holiday events

25th ANNUAL HOLLYBERRY CRAFT FAIR, sponsored by the Sacred Heart High School Alumni will be held on Nov. 11 and 12, at the school. 100 tables, Saturday, Nov. 11, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, Nov.12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $75 per 8x6 space, photo of craft required. Proceeds to benefit the ALUMNI FUND which helps to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students. For information call 781-585-7511, ext 345.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Scituate VFW, Route 3A, Scituate.

OUR WORLD, CHILDREN'S GLOBAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM (Our World, CGDM) 4th Annual Mistletoe Boutique takes place Nov. 12, at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With more than 50 artisans and vendors, the Mistletoe Boutique has become a premier holiday shopping event featuring personalized gifts, hand-painted children's furniture, one-of-a-kind prints, and pictures with Santa are just a sampling of merchandise and activities to be featured that day. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Mistletoe Boutique will go directly to Our World, CGDM to help fund the museum's exhibits and operating costs. For information, contact Sue Hess, Chair, Mistletoe Boutique at 781-383-2084

EAST WEYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HOLIDAY FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION Nov. 18 featuring handcrafted Christmas decorations, gifts, homemade baked goods and raffles, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church, 1320 Commercial St. at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. Lunch will be offered at the snack bar, run by the church's Youth Group, and the church's Next-to-New Thrift Shop will be open. The silent auction will continue throughout the fair. Among the goods and services offered at the auction will be museum passes and round-trip tickets to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. For further information call the church at 781-335-6919 or log on to www.eweyucc.org.

WOODSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, at 128 Chestnut St. Abington (off Rte 139). Adult admission $1. Sixty five craft tables, raffles, baked goods and food. Students will be selling Abington flip-flops and long sleeve Abington T-shirts. Mrs. Sauer's sixth grade students are fundraising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation with children's games.

THE HULL HOLIDAY SHOWCASE Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Clarion Hotel-Conference Center, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE Admission. Purchase great gifts and decorations for the holiday season from retailers, artisans, crafters and more. The Snowflake Café will feature lots to satisfy your hunger and warm your insides. Don't forget to pick up gift certificates at great prices from local restaurants while at the Café. Before having a bite to eat, drop your purchases off at the gift-wrapping center and they'll be beautifully wrapped for you. Bring the children along. There will be a room just for kids to do their holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers, etc. All items under $10. Kids can even decorate their own gingerbread man/woman for free!! Santa will be at the Showcase from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures with Santa. You can have a family portrait taken as well for this year's Holiday Card with Santa or among the festive holiday decor. This year's event will have something for everyone.

HOLIDAYS IN HALIFAX Dec. 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the municipal buildings. Visit the web site for details.

FRIENDS OF THE STETSON HOUSE, 514 Hanover St., Hanover. Christmas opening at the historic Stetson House. Eight rooms decorated around the theme "Currier and Ives Christmas." Preview party Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a concert by the Harbor Choral Arts Society and Hanover High School VOX chorus and refreshments. Tickets: $10 at the door. House open Dec. 2 and 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Donations encouraged. Wreath and greens sale in the barn.

HALIFAX MINI FAIR – Halifax Council on Aging, 506 Plymouth St. Dec. 2 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade items, bake table holiday decorations and holiday raffle.

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THE RANDOLPH WOMEN'S CLUB invites you to The Ninth Christmas Showcase of the Jonathan Belcher House 360 North Main St., Randolph. Tickets are: $10 prepaid $12 at the Door. Call 781-767-4333 for ticket information. The Jonathan Belcher House closes its 200th birthday of the house this year. This is the only home on the National Register of Historial Houses in Randolph. The house is decorated as it would have been in 1806 for the holiday season. Many items used in the decorations will be for sale as well as home made foods and gifts.

12th ANNUAL JINGLE BELL WALK The South Shore Community Center invites families & friends to their Jingle Bell Walk on Friday, Nov. 24· Come to Cohasset Harbor (2 p.m.) and watch Santa and Mrs. Claus and their many elf assistants arrive by boat. Santa passes out jingle bells and in a horse drawn wagon make their way to the Community Center for hot cocoa, punch and cookies. Enjoy the community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites sung by Mrs. Claus & Santa with Frosty, Rudolph and the merry Elves. There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting a turkey trot and hayrides on the Common. Rusty Skippers Band will entertain and at the end of the day the Christmas tree is lighted on the Common. This day is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit.

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Bonding with Bond

Spy on world's exotic locales in footsteps of 007

By DAVID WHITLEY
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There are few people who have been lucky enough to see as many of the world's glamorous locations as British secret agent James Bond. Over the course of 21 films, the all-action spy has covered the globe . . . in 007 style.

With the 22nd Bond film, "Casino Royale," hitting the big screen on Nov. 17, it's the perfect time to revisit some of the amazing places "Bond, James Bond" has been to over the years. For those wanting to follow in his footsteps, we've tracked down some of those exotic hot spots.

Where: Bangkok, Thailand

Film: "Tomorrow Never Dies"

What happens: Making their escape from a scary media mogul, Bond (Pierce Brosnan) and his Chinese cohort (Michelle Yeoh) make their way down a giant skyscraper, desperately grabbing a poster of the man who's just tried to kill them. They finally stop falling in time to kick their way through an office window and make their way out of the building for a motorbike chase.

How to get there: In the movie, the setting was Saigon, but Bangkok stood in. The actual building that Brosnan and Yeoh make their way down is the luxurious Westin Banyan Tree Hotel (www.banyantree.com/bangkok), the tallest hotel in the Thai capital. Room rates are from $330.

Where: The Verzasca dam, Lugano, Switzerland

Film: "GoldenEye"

What happens: 007 (Brosnan), attempting to infiltrate a Russian chemical weapons base in Archangelsk, Russia, bungee jumps down the face of the biggest dam you've ever seen. As he plunges down 656 feet, he pulls out a grappling gun, which he uses to attach himself to a roof. He makes his way into the building, via the men's toilets, disturbing the quiet, peaceful read of a bemused man going about his business.

How to get there: This is one of the few Bond stunts that you can replicate yourself, albeit without having to fall in on a fat man in a compromising position. It is one of the biggest bungee jumps in the world, and you can do the full 656-foot drop if you can bear standing at the edge while they strap you up without chickening out. The "GoldenEye" jump can be booked through www.trekking.ch/eng and costs about $215.

Where: Laughing Waters, Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Film: "Dr. No"

What happens: Bond (Sean Connery) is asleep on the beach and awakes to the sight of Honey Ryder (Ursula Andress) walking out of the water in a bikini. While she sings "Underneath the Mango Tree" and collects shells, 007 has a good, old-fashioned ogle, and the Bond girl tradition is born.

How to get there: The Dunn's River Falls are Jamaica's top tourist attraction, and Laughing Waters and the beach are at the end of the falls. Entry to the park is $10. To go whole hog, stay at the nearby luxurious Goldeneye Villa where Ian Fleming wrote many of the James Bond books (from $750 per night; www.islandoutpost.com).

Where: Phang Nga Bay, Thailand

Film: "The Man With The Golden Gun"

What happens: Piloting a seaplane, Bond (Roger Moore) does a scenic circling of a bay full of beautiful tropical islands, before landing in the water and sliding onto the beach. The island is home to assassin Scaramanga (Christopher Lee) who, after popping the cork of a champagne bottle carried by his midget assistant, challenges Bond to a shootout. After much chasing, 007 predictably wins.

How to get there: In a world-class example of how to milk your 15 minutes of fame, the island is now known as James Bond Island and is full of entrepreneurial Thais trying to sell you things. This, of course, means it's the complete opposite of the serene tropical paradise you're led to believe it will be. A tour to the island, including canoeing in sea caves, costs about $61 (www.hotelthailand.com).

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Piz Gloria in Switzerland

Where: The Arecibo Observatory, Puerto Rico

Film: "GoldenEye"

What happens: Having chased rogue agent Trevelyan (Sean Bean) to Cuba, Bond (Brosnan) discovers one of those underground lairs he keeps happening to stumble upon. Disguised by a lake, it's really a giant radio telescope. After lots of fighting and explosions, Bond ends up dangling off a ladder, looking certain to fall, but manages to swing things around to let his former colleague plunge to his death on the metal plating way, way below.

How to get there: The "Cuban" scenes were filmed nowhere near Havana. The Arecibo Observatory is in Puerto Rico and is the biggest single-unit radio telescope in the world. Visitors are welcome to view the massive structure in its jungle setting, about 60 miles from San Juan. Entry is $5 (www.naic.edu).

Where: Murren, Switzerland

Film: "On Her Majesty's Secret Service"

What happens: After his cover as a genealogist is blown by Blofeld (Telly Savalas), Bond (George Lazenby) has to escape the cat-stroking bad guy's mountain lair. This involves climbing out along the wires of a cable car, then hurtling down a mountain on one ski while Blofeld's goons give chase.

How to get there: Only accessible by cable car or helicopter, the Piz Gloria revolving restaurant on Mount Schilthorn was named after the research center in the film. It was under construction at the time of filming and the movie producers had to help fund a helipad and the technology to make the building spin round. The Bond connection has been milked ever since. Schilthorn (www.schilthorn.ch) also has excellent skiing.

Where: The Stoke Park Club, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, England

Film: "Goldfinger"

What happens: With a bar of gold at stake, both Bond (Sean Connery) and Goldfinger (Gert Frobe) are prepared to resort to a bit of downright cheating to win the last two holes in their golf competition. Sinister caddy Oddjob (Harold Sakata) replaces Goldfinger's ball at the 17th, but Bond gets the last laugh, making a ball switch himself. With a smirk, James claims the last hole, but the fat villain shows that he's dangerous by getting Oddjob to knock a statue's head off — with a flying hat.

How to get there: An 18-hole round at the course costs from about $94.50 per person. The Stoke Park Club is a short drive out of London (www.stokeparkclub.com). The club, incidentally, also appeared in "Bridget Jones' Diary."

Where: Sugarloaf mountain, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Film: "Moonraker"

What happens: Taking a bit of time out from sightseeing, Bond (Moore) gets into a cablecar with CIA agent Holly Goodhead (Lois Chiles). He hasn't reckoned on metal-mouthed villain named Jaws (Richard Kiel) snacking on the wires. After a series of highly unlikely decisions from all concerned, they end up fighting on top of the two cars swinging in the middle of the cableway. Bond and Goodhead escape by looping a chain around the cable and sliding to safety.

How to get there: The cable cars up to Sugarloaf can each carry 75 people. The trip serves up views of the whole city and is more than a half mile long, but takes just over six minutes. It will set you back $16 (www.riodejaneiro-turismo.com).

Where: The Great Hypostle Hall, Luxor, Egypt

Film: "The Spy Who Loved Me"

What happens: Against all sane logic, Bond (Moore) is chasing metal-toothed Jaws (Kiel) to get hold of a vital microfilm. Accompanied by the not entirely trustworthy Russian agent Major Asamova (Barbara Bach), they run furtively through a hall of pillars before getting into a big fight involving Bond narrowly escaping death and a lot of collapsed scaffolding.

How to get there: Despite the impression that this is all taking place in one of the pyramids, they are nowhere nearby. The filming took place at the Temple of Karnak near Luxor — the pyramid shots were sandwiched in because it looked cool. The temple was built 3,500 years ago and was once regarded as the most important place of worship in Egypt (www.touregypt.net).

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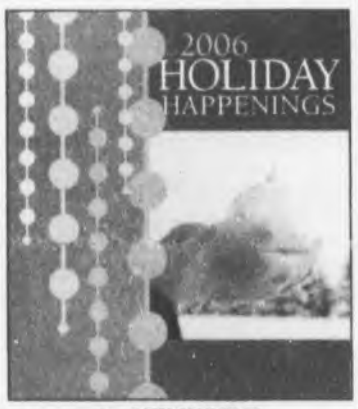

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Cohasset Mariner early deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press Wednesday, which is a day early next week. That means all editorial copy and photographs must arrive by noon, Tuesday. The Cohasset Mariner will still arrive at the newsstands and in your mailboxes on Friday (Nov. 24). Please email editor, Mary Ford, at mford@cnc.com with questions.

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Town Manager Bill Griffin speaks with Director of Finance Michael Buckley during Monday's Special Town Meeting. The meeting lasted until midnight and voters took up 28 articles of business.

Capital concerns

Decision on projects raised spirited debate

By Samantha Brown
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It didn't take a crystal ball to predict Article 3 on this year's Special Town Meeting Warrant would generate much discussion. With just $300,000 to spend on capital budget items this year and $1.6 million in capital requests, voters took roughly two hours discussing every request and allocated funding where it felt it is needed most.

While the article had originally requested one vote to approve all the capital requests at once, a motion was made to separate them and take individual votes for every item, as was done with Article one, which balanced the budget.

In the end, voters approved the recommendations brought forth by the newly restored Capital Budget Committee, which the Board of Selectmen and a majority of the Advisory Committee endorsed. While additional amendments were floated to the article, which would have included funding additional items, they were defeated and $307,600 will be spent.

Discussion began with Selectman Gary Vanderweil and Advisory Committee member Donna McGee commending the CBC for its work. "The town is trying to work its free cash back up to 5 percent of its operating budget," said Vanderweil, and limiting

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Downtown zoning changes defeated

By Samantha Brown
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A cluster of zoning articles voted together as a package did not pass muster with voters at Monday's Special Town Meeting.

Articles 23 through 26 asked residents to approve establishing a new downtown zoning district. After literally hours of discussion and a voice vote so close it required a hand count (55 in favor, 67 against), it was determined the articles did not have the required two-thirds approval.

Scituate resident John Tedeschi, formerly of Cohasset, filed five citizens' petitions, which were presented at the meeting as the packaged Articles 23 through 26 and a separate Article 27. His attorney Richard Henderson has been representing him at meetings with the Board of Selectmen and spoke to the articles during the meeting.

Tedeschi owns a parcel of land on Smith Place, formerly owned by Richard Brown. After roughly one year of trying to gain approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Brown received permission to raze the small building currently located at 2 Smith Place and replace it with a 7,500-square-foot structure. The project Brown had envisioned building was nothing like what was permitted, and he therefore sold the project. While Tedeschi can build Brown's project as per-

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Pamela Miles raises a question during discussion on Article three, which dealt with capital budget requests. If funding was allocated for roof repairs at the library and police station, she wondered why funding had not been allocated for the high school roof.

Balancing act

By Samantha Brown
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The fiscal 2007 operating budget is balanced, but it took a while to get there.

Balancing the budget was the first item tackled during Monday's marathon Special Town Meeting, which lasted until midnight. There were 28 total items on the warrant and the Town Clerk's office said 258 residents were in attendance at the meeting.

The article asked residents to approve a series of supplemental appropriations due to additional revenue received from the state and other sources after the budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Those supplements included:

- An increase of $8,000 in the Town Manager's line item for a street light consultant;
- An increase of $200,000 for the school department - the amount the town received in Chapter 70 funds;
- An increase of $5,000 for the Public Works department for drainage design;
- An increase of $10,281 for library custodial hours;
- An increase of $5,418 for additional library cleaning services;
- An increase of $38,413 to cover sewer-related debt service.

The meeting was spirited from the

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A monumental tribute to veterans

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is a town that prides itself on paying tribute to its veterans. This year, the town's Veterans Day observance not only honored the brave men and women who have served the country so selflessly over the years, it dedicated a new monument in their honor.

With four young men having recently returned to Cohasset from serving overseas, dedicating the new honor roll monument — which pays tribute to those who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Gulf War and the War on Terror — could not have come at a better time.

The monument is circular and made of the same stone used to make the World War I and II honor rolls, located at Veterans Park on Cohasset Harbor, and is sunken into the ground. There is a sloped walkway to bring visitors down into the center of the circle where there is a large flagpole. On the inside of the circle are the names of the town's most recent war veterans on beveled granite, with another plaque below the names indicating the war in which the residents served. There are also blank tablets to allow the town to inscribe the names of residents who may need to be added in the future. Outside the monu-

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Soldiers salute after laying a wreath at the new honor roll monument at Veterans Park. See more photos page 25.

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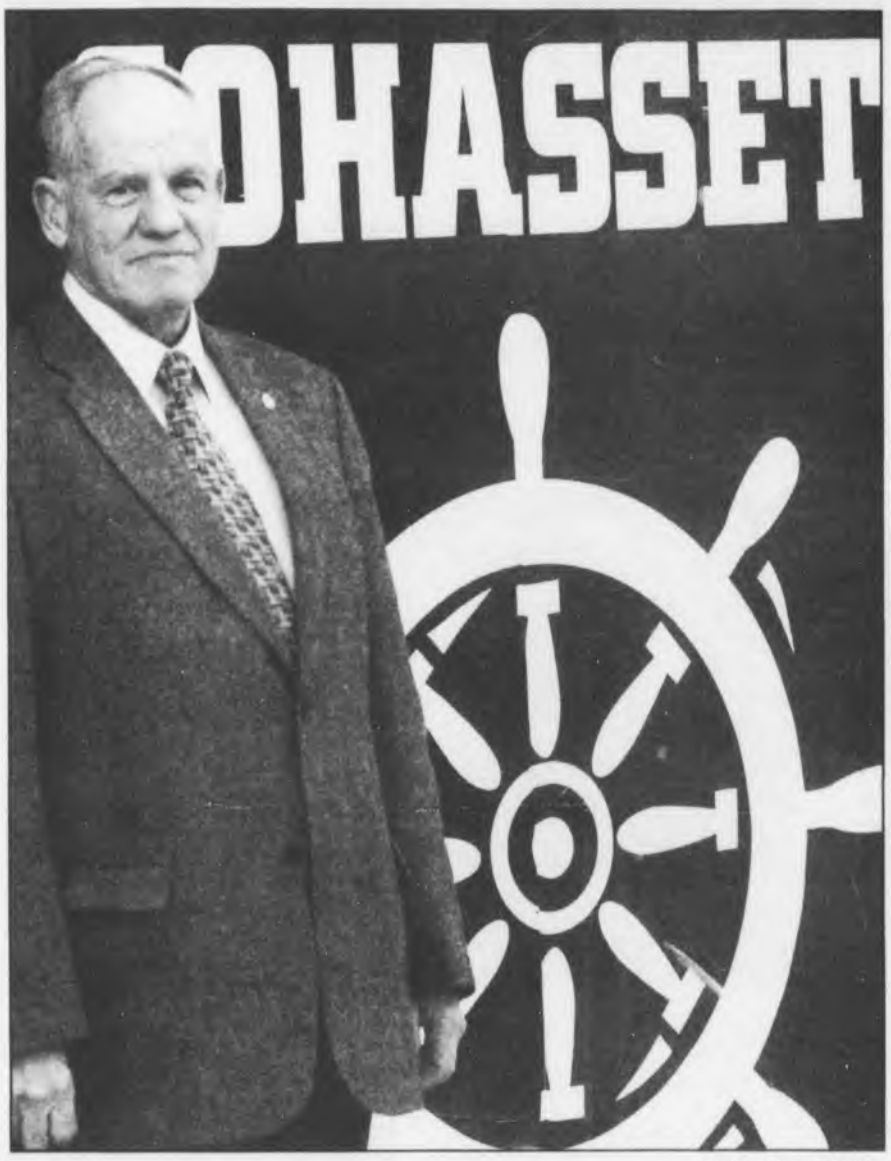

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The Mariner caught up with Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown at Monday's Special Town Meeting.

Name: Merle Brown

Occupation: Retired and Chairman of the Advisory Committee

Best day of your life: The day I got married and the days our children Marcy and Jeffrey were born.

Best vacation: Paddle wheel boat cruise on the Mississippi River.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite meal: Steak, French fries and peas

Best book: Any book by John Grisham

Best movie: Any good action movie

Best TV Show: CSI and The History Channel.

Most memorable moment: Being chosen to participate in "Picture This."

Pet Peeve: Inconsiderate people.

Goal: To be able to live in Beechwood for the rest of my life.

Person you would like to meet: Abraham Lincoln.

Biggest worry: I have none.

Best part of Cohasset: Beechwood.

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Town Meeting Action

In a spending mood

CPC funding projects approved

By Samantha Brown
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The Community Preservation Committee was given the OK to dole out $340,000 in funding for three projects at Monday's Town Meeting.

With the help of $25,000 from the CPC, Town Clerk Marion Douglas will be able to preserve ancient town records, which are currently on the verge of falling apart. CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said some of the records date back to at least the 1700s, and the funds would allow the town to hire a conservator to preserve this piece of the town's history.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said his board had recommended spending the money by a vote of 3-0. Moving forward, Dormitzer said most likely at the spring Annual Town Meeting, he would like to see a request come forward to fund having the preserved documents scanned and turned into electronic copies as well.

Advisory Committee member Roger Hill said his committee unanimously agreed the project is a "Very good use of CPC funds." Town Meeting agreed and voted unanimously in favor of allocating the funding.

Next on the agenda was a $300,000 request for Beechwood Ballpark funding. The town allocated $300,000 for the project at a previous Town Meeting, based on estimates given by an engineer, and when bids came in, they were significantly higher than anticipated.

Ivimey said he drives by the park every day on his way to work and always sees people using it. He said various baseball and soccer teams use the park, as well as neighborhood children and Special Olympics athletes. Upgrades to the park would include complete drainage and reorientation of the field to allow it to be better utilized by both baseball and soccer teams, updating the basketball court and "tot lot" playground, and installing public lavatories.

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Cohasset Town Meeting Voters participate in a spirited debate Monday.

Rather than be cash poor going into the future, the CPC recommended appropriating $150,000 now and bond the remaining $150,000 for a period of no more than five years.

Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road asked why the CPC was splitting up the $300,000 in the same article. She said she thought taking out the bond was a separate question altogether and should be voted on separately.

Ivimey explained the bond would be paid back using CPC funds and not funds from the operating budget. He said therefore, Town Meeting must approve the CPC's spending the $300,000 regardless of whether half of it will be bonded.

Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown spoke to the article as a private citizen and member of the Beechwood Ballpark Committee. He said his committee has been trying to raise funds to complete the project, but it has not been enough. He added his committee will continue fund-raising and any money brought in will be deducted from the CPC donation.

Brown also praised the efforts of local Eagle Scouts who have worked to restore the bleachers at the ballpark and have worked on the playground as well. He said he is hopeful more donations from the community will be forthcoming. Town Meeting was happy to allocate the funding and the article passed by the required two-third majority.

The third CPC funding recommendation was bumped back to end of the warrant. At roughly midnight, voters first approved Article 28, which allocated $15,000 toward hiring a consultant for the Planning Board. With that having passed, the town then voted to approve a CPC matching donation of $15,000 for the same position. Currently, the town does not have a Town Planner and there are many issues dealing with zoning in the downtown area, which need to be addressed by an expert.

In other related news, Ivimey said the CPC closed out fiscal 2006, $76,000 ahead of where it projected it would be. Money for the fund comes from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds, and this year the town received a 100 percent state match. In addition, Director of Finance Michael Buckley worked with the CPC and was able to put some of its funds into a certificate of deposit for 6 months to earn interest, which has left the CPC in good financial shape.

To make a donation to the Beechwood Ballpark Restoration Project, send checks to the Cohasset Town Treasurer, 41 Highland Ave., made payable to the Beechwood Ballpark.

Schools reimbursed for Osgood security

By Samantha Brown
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The school department will be reimbursed for the cost of a new security system at the Osgood School. Article 18, which asked for a transfer of $65,097 from the town's operating budget to the school department budget, passed by a majority vote at Town Meeting.

However, while the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee both gave full support for the funding, both said in the future the school department should inform the town ahead of time if it will be looking for reimbursement for purchases it has made.

School Committee chairman Adrienne MacCarthy addressed Town Meeting and explained when the building projects were being completed at the middle-high school and Deer Hill, it was determined there was enough money left over to make upgrades to both schools' security systems. With the security issues faced at the middle-high school last year — including bomb and gun threats as well as vandalism — the school department agreed that would be the best use for the funds. "There was no money for Osgood," she said, as that school building project had been finished years before, "but we didn't want to leave it not secure."

To that end, the schools approached Town Manager Bill Griffin and asked if they could include the Osgood School in the Request for Proposals. The department said it would pay for the cost of the system up front, but felt it was a capital item that should not be paid out of the school budget. "We would like to ask Town Meeting to reimburse us for the cost of this expense," she said. In the event the article did not pass, the school department has money in a Foundation Reserve account, which it could have used.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said his board voted 3-0 in support of the article. He noted the schools had the opportunity to install the system while contractors were already on site at the other schools and the children were not in the building for the summer. "We believe it was necessary. However, the only courtesy we would have liked is to have been asked at that time, not at this time," he said.

Advisory Committee Chairman Merle Brown echoed Dormitzer's sentiments. While he said his committee voted 5-3 in favor of funding the system, it also voted 8-0 in favor of the following statement: "The Advisory Committee is very disturbed that the School Committee went ahead and made a decision to spend money on the security system without consulting either the selectmen or the Advisory Board. It is fine that they make a decision to spend their money (operating budget), but if they are then going to seek reimbursement from the town, it should first have the blessing of the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee."

Andrew Quigley, of Jerusalem Road, asked whether there is any bylaw or statute, which requires the school department come before any board prior to making a spending decision. He said it looked as if the school department is being singled out when it comes to spending its own budget. "It gets the third degree when others get a free pass," he said.

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McCarron family organizes Thanksgiving run for charity

Jett Foundation benefits from Turkey Trot

Daniel and Christine McCarron, with their four boys, are ready for their turkey trot.

The 3.1-mile race, which starts on Cohasset Common at 8 a.m., follows the town's Little Harbor along its scenic route. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. on the Common.

On Thanksgiving morning, most people are looking forward to a feast with family and friends. At the McCarron household in Cohasset, they have added their own holiday tradition, fundraising for a worthy cause. Daniel and Christine (Lagrotteria, who is one of 11 children of another Cohasset family), both 40, with their four boys under six watching, are making last minute preparations to set up on Cohasset Common to greet the more than 200 runners checking in for the sixth annual Cohasset Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning (Nov. 23).

The McCarrons are hoping 2006 will be their best year ever, because funds raised will benefit the Jett Foundation of Pembroke, a foundation that combats Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). As parents of boys, themselves, what makes this fundraiser even more special to Dan and Christine is that the race receipts will go for research and clinical trials to combat DMD, the most common and lethal genetic disorder affecting boys in the world.

When Dan learned of the Jett Foundation from a colleague at his office, Tim Driscoll of Norwell, whose two nephews have Duchenne, he and Christine felt they had to do something to help fight this fatal disease that attacks the muscles of boys when they are toddlers and kills most by their late teens.

As a senior managing director of Private Client Services at the financial services firm of Bear Stearns in Boston, Dan was deeply affected by the events of 911. He and his wife began the Turkey Trot immediately following the attack, when a lot of Dan's colleagues in other financial services firms were lost in the Twin Towers. Since there were a lot of contributions of aid pouring out to the New York area families, he and Christine decided they wanted to do something to help America heal on a local scale. They learned that Cohasset has no race on that holiday and initiated the first Cohasset Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning of 2001. The first race attracted 40 runners and yielded more than $3,000 that they donated to Toys for Tots. Dan funded all the expenses himself and he and Christine did all the organizational work pro bono.

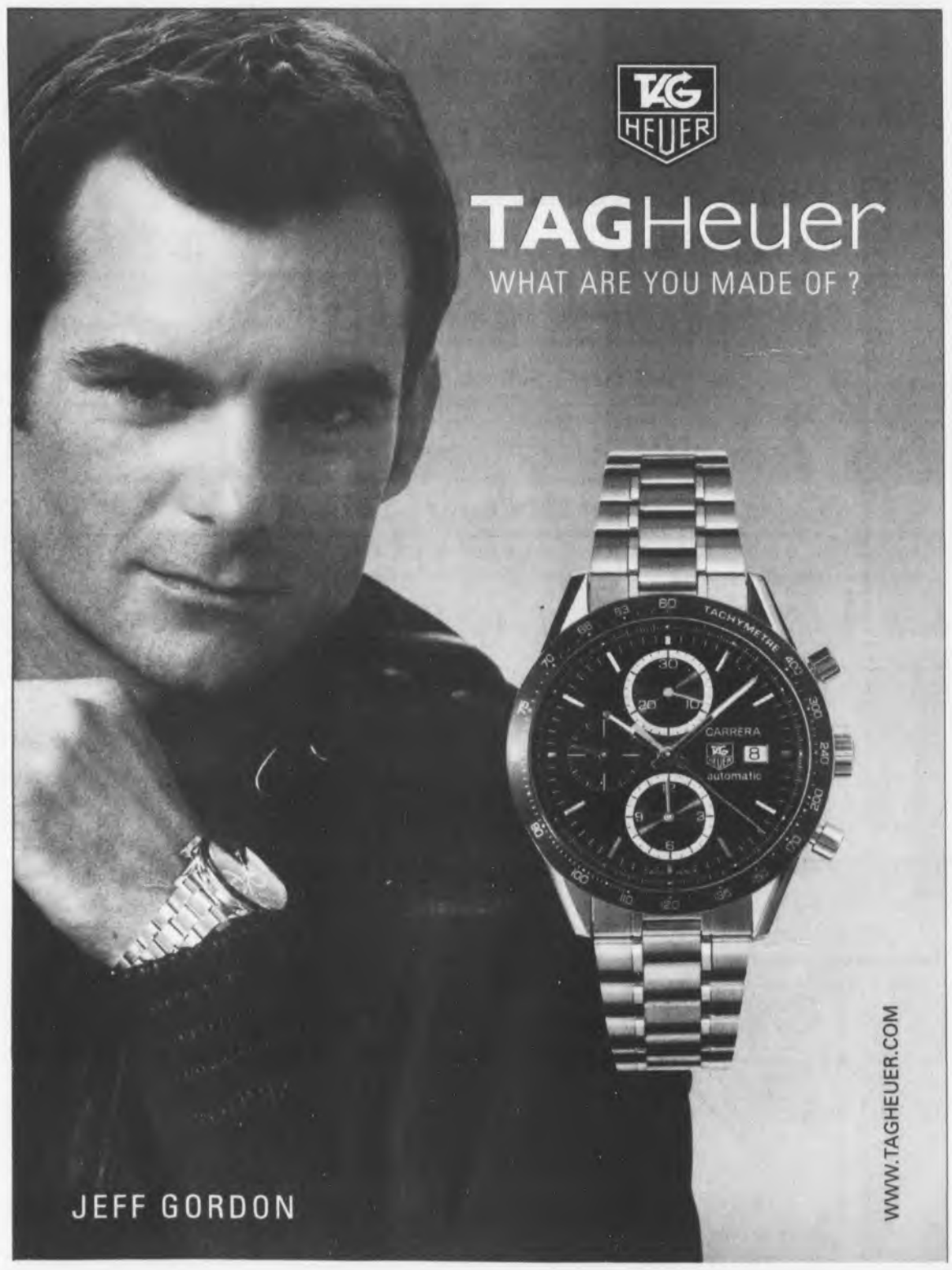
Over the last five years, the Turkey Trot has grown to 200 runners and attracts participants from all over the South Shore. Whole families register and people bring their holiday houseguests. Last year, one man who had moved to Chicago, came back to visit his Duxbury residents over the holiday, especially to run in the race. About 70 percent are from Cohasset and there is always a separate first prize for a qualifying Cohasset runner. Other prizes are best man, woman and person under 18 years old. This year, for the first time, the race will be professionally clocked.

The 3.1-mile race, which starts on Cohasset Common at 8 a.m., follows the town's Little Harbor along its scenic route. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. on the Common. Those signing up by Nov. 17 are guaranteed a number and a runner's shirt, according to McCarron. The registration fee is $20 before Nov. 17 and $25 after. Families of four or more are capped at $100. Runners and their friends are invited to donate even more to this worthy cause. Registration may be made online at www.cohasset-turkeytrot.com/1.html, which will link to the Jett Foundation web site. You may also go directly to www.jettfoundation.org. Dan and Christine hope to see all of you on Cohasset Common running for a worthy cause and to also make room for that extra piece of pumpkin pie!

This year's charitable event is co-sponsored by Decision Mortgage of Cohasset and Sam's Club, Plymouth.

"We are very appreciative of our sponsors' support. Through their help, the registration fees and the additional generous donations of those who support this important cause, we hope top all previous year's fundraising efforts." McCarron said.

Funds raised will be contributed through the Jett Foundation to ongoing research for treatments of DMD. DMD affects one in every 3500 male births; 20,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. To-date, Jett, a five-year-old private foundation, has contributed over $1.3 million to research. For further information on Duchenne, contact the executive director of the Jett Foundation, Christine McSherry, at jettfoundation@aol.com or 877-fly-jett.



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POLICE BEAT

Cell phones get lost hikers back on track

By Samantha Brown
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Last Friday, Nov. 10, two hikers called for help from their cell phones while lost in the woods. The first call came in at 12:51 p.m., from a Cohasset resident lost with her two children in Wheelwright Park. The second call came in an hour later at 1:52 p.m., from a Scituate resident who was lost in the area of Turkey Hill.

"We had two in the same day," said Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon, adding both parties did the right thing by calling for help. When dialing 9-1-1 from a cell phone, the State Police are reached, and they in turn will transfer the call to local police, he said.

Lennon said anyone hiking in the woods should always be familiar with the trails they are on and never stray "from the beaten path." He said there are maps available for local trails through the Trustees of Reservations and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Both hikers were kept on the phone until located by Cohasset officers, and were then taken to their cars.

Police seek help for two thefts

The Cohasset Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is seeking information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for two thefts that took place last weekend.

At some time between 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 12 a.m. Nov. 12, a residence was broken into on Lamberts Lane and property was stolen, including jewelry.

Between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, a wallet was stolen out of a purse that was in a shopping carriage at Stop & Shop. Subsequently, credit cards in the stolen wallet have been used.

Anyone with information regarding either matter should contact the CID Office at (781) 383-1055 x1047 or via e-mail at detectives@cohassetpolice.com. Anyone who provides information may remain anonymous.

License to drive

A routine motor vehicle stop led to the arrest of Hull resident Juan Carlos Rodriguez Wednesday, Nov. 8. Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon said an officer on patrol in the vicinity of Lamberts Lane observed a vehicle with a defective headlight and pulled the operator over. Rodriguez handed the officer a Mexican license and indicated he did not have a Massachusetts license. Lennon said Rodriguez gave varying answers as to how long he had been in the country and said he works for a local business.

Rodriguez was arrested for an unlicensed operation of equipment violation. He was booked at the Cohasset Police Station and released.

"This is a problem we've been dealing with a lot," said Lennon of coming into contact with foreign licenses. However, he said most have been forged. Officers are handed forged licenses roughly once per week. Most of the fake licenses are owned by operators with questionable status in the country, he said.

The most common forged licenses are Brazilian. "Some of our officers have received special training," in identifying forged licenses he said, but noted Rodriguez had a real Mexican license.

Accident by 3A Starbucks

On Thursday, Nov. 9, a caller reported a motor vehicle crash near Starbucks on Route 3A. A Ford Crown Victoria attempted to pull out of Starbucks and his front end was hit by a Lexus which was traveling northbound on Route 3A. There were minor injuries and neither party was transported to the hospital, said Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, there was another accident on 3A near Brewster Road, close to the Scituate border. A 1996 Toyota Four Runner heading south on 3A had stopped and was attempting to make a left-hand turn onto Brewster Road and was rear-ended by a 1995 Buick LeSabre. There were no injuries.

Hate crime

After receiving a call from a concerned resident, an officer on patrol at roughly 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, located a sign that had been painted with a red swastika on Forest Avenue. The sign was a "no littering" sign and the Department of Public Works was asked to remove it, said Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon. There is still no lead as to who may have painted the sign.

"There was no one in the area that we know of that was targeted by this act," said Lennon. "We've noted it and hope it was an isolated incident."

Cohasset police letter campaign

The Cohasset Police Association is conducting a fundraiser via mail this year. Each residence will be receiving a letter within the next week, with a self-addressed return envelope for donations. Funding is earmarked for the many programs the police department is involved with in the community, including Little League; youth football; the PALS program, run by officer Lisa Matos in conjunction with the schools; Law Day with teacher Jack Buckley's high school classes; the safety seat installation program at police headquarters and other charitable organizations.

Cohasset Police Association Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Treanor said in the past, there have been scams in communities where organizations call homes looking for donations for police departments which they have no affiliation with. He said by sending letters to residents, they can be assured this is a true fund-raising campaign for the department and funds will be used in town.

Letters were sent out Wednesday to residences and the police department will be sending letters out to businesses later this month.

Donations may either be mailed or dropped off at the police station lobby. For more information, please contact Treanor at (781) 383-4139 x1034 (voicemail).

THIS WEEK

Legion Auxiliary to host Thanksgiving breakfast

The American Legion Auxiliary will host a Thanksgiving Day breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23 at the George H. Mealy Post 118, located on the corner of Summer and Border streets. Reservations are not required, and the cost is $5 per person for an all-you-can-eat buffet. All are welcome to attend.

TM Griffin praised for contract negotiations

Voters approve changes to union contracts at Monday's Special Town Meeting. While explaining the article, Town Manager Bill Griffin said the contracts had to do with library, firefighter and clerical unions as well as non-union personnel. He said the total impact of changes would be less than 1/10 of a percent with union members and everyone is happy. He noted town union employees are coming off a zero percent increase year.

The non-union positions will remain within 3 percent and he said a few positions will receive modest increases, based on what he has seen for similar positions in the marketplace. "We want to encourage our employees to stay in Cohasset," he said.

Selectman Vice Chairman Rob Spofford said the board gave its unanimous support for the contracts. "We want to compliment Bill. He has done a lot of negotiating and the town owes him a debt of gratitude. He's doing a great job."

Advisory Committee member James Gilman said his committee also supported the contracts unanimously. "Bill did an excellent job negotiating the contracts," he said.

Zoning changes for Res. A district

Homes in the Residential A district will have a little more leeway when it comes to building on their property. With a vote in the affirmative, Article 22 provided zoning relief only for homes in the Residential A district whose lots are smaller than 18,000 square feet and are nonconforming. At the 2003 fall Special Town Meeting, the town amended the zoning bylaw to limit structural coverage to 20 percent of the lot area, and this latest vote will change those standards, only for the Residential A district.

The Residential A district in Cohasset contains mostly older homes built on smaller lots. The existing buildings on many of these lots already exceed the 20 percent structural limit and the owners do not have the flexibility to build additions, porches, garages, or tool sheds which otherwise comply with zoning. The article increases the allowable percentage of structural coverage in a pre-existing nonconforming lot from 20 percent to 25 percent, or 3,600 square feet, whichever is less, thus allowing residents to make small changes to their home, such as enclose a porch or build a deck.

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Hello Cohasset. Well, I am starting this week by saying Happy Thanksgiving to all next week. Please make sure to travel safe, take a few minutes (well, ok a few HOURS) to enjoy and be thankful for all that we have in our lives and give your love and warmth to family and friends along with maybe a bit to others not as fortunate as us. I heard a weather rumor that it may get a bit cooler next week but either way, warm or cool, let us all be thankful for each day we have and share. A lot of information is starting to come forward about some wonderful events for the holidays for all to enjoy so here goes.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY SET FOR DEC. 16

The merchants and businesses in the Village are busy planning the annual "A Cohasset Village Holiday" for Saturday, Dec. 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. The shops throughout the Village—from S. Main Street and Elm Street through the James Brook Crossing shops, Ripley Road and the Art Center will offer open houses, holiday fare, entertainment, raffles and special offers. This is a super fun event and really brings people together to get ready for the holidays so make sure to save the date!

CONSIGNMENT SHOP TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

On Nov. 30, The Cohasset Consignment Shop is having an Open House from 4 to 8 p.m. featuring LA DI DA Jewelry and Accessories by Keri Piepenbrink. Proceeds from the sales that evening will help the Social Service League of Cohasset support a family in need this Christmas. Kick off your holiday shopping and join the volunteers of the Cohasset Consignment Shop for an evening of fun. Hope to see you there.

'COHASSET ENTERTAINS' COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

For this holiday season, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset has reprinted a limited number of the original "Cohasset Entertains" cookbook. This book is a collection of tried and true recipes from the cooks among us and each one is a keeper. The book also contains sample menus and arrangement ideas for your holiday table. Just a few of the delicious holiday recipes included are crab delight, Christmas mapley appetizers, onions celeste, winter squash casserole, pumpkin chiffon pie, and praline ice cream pie with rum sauce. There is also an entire chapter on gifts we bake including cookies, candies and coffee cakes. This would make a great gift for your favorite cook.. Each cookbook costs $15 and is available at Flemings in Cohasset, and The Windsor Tea House. All purchases help fund club programs, services and a scholarship fund. The CGCC is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

VILLAGE FAIR IS DEC. 2

Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas – and get a great start on your holiday shopping – at Cohasset's annual Village Fair on The Common on Saturday, Dec. 2. Three of Cohasset's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will be working together to create this wonderful holiday marketplace on and around Cohasset Common. Beautiful handmade decorations, fresh holiday greens, and great gifts can be found at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, First Parish Unitarian Church and The Second Congregational Church. The food alone will be worth the trip! Santa will again be the guest of honor on the common, and children should stop by the Secret Room at St. Stephen's to pick out an extra special gift for Mom or Dad. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and proceeds support the charitable work of the churches and the ASP.

SPORTS PHYSICALS TAKE PLACE NOV. 17

Cohasset High School winter sports physicals will be performed by Dr. Golden's office on Friday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. in the high school nurse's office. Any high school student planning on participating in a winter sport needs to have an updated physical on file in the school nurse's office before the start of practice. An updated physical is a physical exam performed by a licensed practitioner within the last 13 months.

REYNOLDS ENROLLS AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Christopher F. Reynolds of Cohasset has enrolled as a member of the Class of 2010 at Dartmouth College. Chris is the son of **Jack** and **Elizabeth Reynolds**. Great work and news Christopher!

WELCOME OLIVIA MARIE STONE

Liz and Jeff Stone of Pembroke announce the birth of a brand-new daughter, Olivia Marie, who arrived on Sept. 30, 2006 at South Shore Hospital. Olivia tipped the scales at 8 lbs., 3 oz. and measured 20-3/4 ins. long at birth. Available for extra hugs are maternal grandparents Jane Mahoney of Weymouth and Edward Mahoney of West Roxbury and paternal grandparents **Mr. and Mrs. William Stone** of Cohasset. Congratulations all!

ATLANTICA AND COHASSET INN BAKE PIES FOR CHARITY

The staff of Atlantica and the Cohasset Inn will once again participate in two events that will enable others to have a special holiday. They have been donating their time and materials for these two events for the last five years. Monday – Nov. 20. Atlantica supports Pie in the Sky, the annual Thanksgiving pie sale to benefit Community Servings - a Roxbury based food shelter. The staff of Atlantica will gather together for this "bake off". The goal is to make and bake 50 pies. These pies will then be sold to support Community Servings in Roxbury. The sale of each pie that is sold will allow a family of four to sit down and share a Thanksgiving dinner - a meal that they would not have otherwise. All pie ingredients and staffing is donated by Atlantica and Cohasset Harbor Inn. Tuesday – Nov. 21 Atlantica will open its doors to serve a special pre-Thanksgiving luncheon for Cohasset Elder Affairs. Approximately 75-100 senior citizens have been invited to join the festivities. Many of the guests once worked at the famous Hugo's, which is Atlantica now. All food and use of the facility are donated by Atlantica. Atlantica and the Cohasset Harbor Inn donate about $10,000 in food and gift certificates each year.

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS OFFERED

The South Shore Art Center announces its winter term of courses and workshops. Courses are available in painting, figure drawing, basic drawing, ceramics, tilemaking, photography, printmaking and more—for artists of all ages and abilities. Visit www.ssac.org for information. Many programs for all.

That is all for this week. Please send me all of your news and info no later than Tuesday by 5 p.m. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com MAIL: 622 CJC Highway. Fax 781-383-2241

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Cohasset's Jingle Bell Walk is a local tradition

The Jingle Bell Walk begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24 when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor

Cohasset Village has not looked this good since the "Witches of Eastwick" was filmed there 20 years ago. The village revitalization project was completed this fall and includes new sidewalks and freshly planted trees. But the Cohasset Village streetscape is as quaint as ever! All the Village shops will be decked out for the holidays for what is an annual tradition, the Jingle Bell Walk.

The South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk that begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24 when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a fire truck and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm Street to S. Main Street in Cohasset Village.

At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes everyone to partake in cookies, a beverage and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the Center to pose for pictures with you and your children.

Please also stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambience.

- At 2 p.m., Santa and his elves arrive by boat at Cohasset Harbor.
- At 2:05 p.m., Santa passes out jingle bells.
- At 2:15 p.m., Santa and his elves proceed by fire truck down Elm Street to S. Main Street followed by family and friends.
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., listen to the bells of St. Stephen's play while enjoying a hayride around the Common.
- 3-4 p.m., open bowling and face painting at the community center.
- At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize.
- Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m.
- At 3:45 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band.
- The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate the picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

Have your photo taken with Santa at the center from 3 to 4 p.m.(proceeds to benefit South Shore Community Center). In the event of rain, Santa will arrive in the gym at 2 p.m.

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WEDDING

Irwin-Connolly

Megan Walsh Connolly and Thomas L. Irwin, both of Manhattan, N.Y., were married Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. The nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John R. Mulvehill.

The bride is the daughter of Betsy and Ed Connolly of Cohasset and Osterville. She is a 2003 graduate of Catholic University of America. She is a specialty sales representative for Shire Pharmaceuticals in Manhattan.

The groom is the son of Monica and Thomas Irwin of Orchard Park, N.Y. He is a 2001 graduate of Fordham University in New York City and is an associate director for UBS Wealth Management in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Irwin

Maid of honor was Caitlin Walsh Connolly of Boston, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kayleen Devine of Boston, Ellie Graham of San Francisco, Sarah Irwin of Washington, sister of the groom, Daina Slekys of Boston, and Tori Scurlock of Natick, cousin of the bride. Caroline Walsh McCann, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

James Commerford of Cleveland served as best man. Groomsmen were Sean Connolly, brother of the bride, Matt Griffin, Kevin Shaw and Aaron Stetter of Washington, and Scott Nowakowski of Chicago. The ring bearers were Jamie Walsh of Centerville and Nicholas McCann of Londonderry, N.H.

A reception took place at Atlantica in Cohasset.Harbor, and an after party at the Light keeper's Inn, Cohasset.

After a wedding trip to the Greek isles, the couple is residing in Manhattan, N.Y.

First Parish gets ready for Village Fair!

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset is busy again preparing for their part in this year's Christmas Fair on the Common – Dec. 2nd. Its fabulous Estate-Ish Sale and Swedish Bake Shop are found in the Parish House across the Common. The Rusty Skippers Band performs its Holiday Concert at 12 noon, and tickets will be on sale for the annual Christmas Concert by the Unicorn Singers to be held on Dec. 10th at 4 p.m.

Come to Trueblood Hall in the Parish House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and find hidden treasures at the "Estate-ish" Sale! Jewelry, books, decorative objects, small furniture pieces, toys and more await the keen-eyed hunter. Find a treasure for yourself or a gift for someone else. Please call the Parish House (781 383-1100) for donation instructions.

Accompanying this sale is the Swedish Bake Shop with its Cinnamon Buns and Baked goodies served with coffee, tea and juice. The Swedish Bake Shop has been part of the Village Fair since 1993 when Sine Pounder and Ellyn Packard brought their cinnamon buns, cardamom breads and Swedish holiday delights into First Parish's kitchen.

An annual treat is the Appalachian Service Project's sale of crafts brought back from their venture this past summer. This has become an annual sale to benefit the work of the Project where young people and their chaperones from Cohasset spent a week in Appalachia helping to construct or repair homes for low-income families. The Rev. Gary Ritts from the Second Congregational Church heads up the ASP in Cohasset.

Tickets are available during the Village Fair at the Parish House on Main Street for the 28th Christmas Concert of the Unicorn Singers with Margo Euler. This year the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale have joined with Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull to present two Christmas concerts to benefit the Wellspring Diane Edson Fund, providing direct financial aid to people in crisis. Concerts are at First Parish in Cohasset on Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. and at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Hingham Dec. 9th at 8 p.m..

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Cohasset resident Kelly Gifford (second from right) celebrates the museum's newese exhibit on high fashion with her friends, Jennifer Standley, Amelia Carignan and Mary Keith.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

Balancing act

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get-go as Tucker Glavin, Nichols Road, who is on the Advisory Committee but spoke as a private citizen, made a motion to separate the six funding allocations into separate line items requiring their own votes. The way the article was originally presented, all six items would have been decided together as a package.

"These are six different items," he said, for which voters may have many different opinions. He said for some residents, deciding to allocate funding in one area might be an easy decision, but for others, the decision may not. By separating the items, everyone can have a fair say for each item, he said.

Town Meeting agreed with Glavin and the items were separated.

First to be taken up was allocating $8,000 for a street light consultant. Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer explained National Grid charges the town for its street lights, including electricity used, maintenance and a rental fee. The total cost billed to the town each year is roughly $60,000 and $40,000 of that money is rental fees. National Grid could sell the poles to the town for $57,000, and in 2-1/2 to 3 years, the town could see full payback of its costs and actually make roughly $20,000 per year. The town approved allocating the funds for a consultant by a majority vote, to help decide the best route to take.

Next on the list was allocating $200,000 in Chapter 70 money to the schools. "The money was earmarked for that purpose," and the board agrees it should be given to the schools, said Dormitzer.

Roy Fitzsimmons, Doane Street, asked specifically how the school department would use the $200,000. School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said it would be spent on teacher salaries. "We made a commitment not to cut teachers when we lost the override vote," she said, referring to the override that failed at the ballot box this spring. The school department replaced five retiring teachers, knowing the Selectmen and Advisory Committee supported allocating the Chapter 70 funds to the schools.

There was very little discussion when it came to the Public Works department's funding for drainage design request, and it passed by a majority vote.

Leonora Jenkins, Jerusalem Road, said she had heard the population at the schools has decreased since last year, and asked by how much it had decreased. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said there has been a decrease of 29 students district wide. As of Oct. 1 the school department had reported a decrease of 19 students, and Walsh said she would be giving an update on enrollment at the committee's Nov. 15 meeting. The line item passed by a majority vote.

There was very little discussion when it came to the Public Works department's funding for drainage design request, and it passed by a majority vote. Stacey Weaver, Nichols Road, spoke to the importance of increasing library custodial hours and cleaning services and the town voted in favor of those as well. The town also passed allocating additional money to cover sewer debt service.

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Downtown zoning changes defeated

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mitted, he would like to instead build a Nantucket shingle-style multi-use building with eight retail spaces on the bottom and eight housing units on the top. To make that dream a reality, the town's zoning bylaws would have to change.

The package of articles would have created a separate zoning district, the Cohasset Village Business District, to be governed by its own dimensional provisions, which would have more liberal standards with respect to the creation of multiple family housing than would exist in other business districts. The new district would have been put on the town's zoning maps, new dimensional requirements for multi-family housing would have been established, and a set of use provisions, which would be the same as currently exist, would have been put in place.

Through Article 27, which was almost pulled from the warrant after the package of articles failed, parking requirements would have changed for downtown businesses within 500 feet of the new Pleasant Street parking lot. That motion was defeated by a 2/3 vote as well.

A two related votes, taken on Article 28 and Article four, allocated funding in the amount of $30,000 ($15,000 in each article) from the town's operating budget and the Community Preservation Committee to pay for consulting services for the Planning Board. Both articles passed and the Planning Board will use the person hired to help plan future build-out for the downtown area.

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Sisters, Kim McGeoghegan and Stacey Grealish, work on their line of children's clothing out at Grealish's home.

Women's cooperative hosts holiday boutique

Shopping event slated for Nov. 24

By Sara Mason Ader
CORRESPONDENT

About two dozen high-end specialty businesses will gather to present their wares to the public on Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center in the first event sponsored by the newly formed South Shore Women's Cooperative.

The SSWC was the brainchild of Kim McGeoghegan of Hingham and her sister Stacey Grealish of Cohasset. When the two started up their own business — Shenanigan's Children's Clothing — about six months ago, they were hard-pressed to find the right venue to exhibit their unique line of embellished clothing for kids.

They initially tried a private trunk show and several local crafts fairs to get the word out about their products, which include appliquéd T-shirts, dresses and other garments for babies and children up to size 8. The response was encouraging, as was their reception at several local boutiques including Hingham's Island in the Square and Olivia Rose in Marshfield, the sisters say.

However, they found that distribution through these channels involves several major challenges: The craft and trunk shows occur only periodically and involve significant preparation time. As for the retail stores, the mark-ups are substantial with a hefty portion of the profits going to the store.

"We love seeing our things in the store displays, but obviously we make the most money when we can sell the items ourselves," says McGeoghegan, a mother of three who left her job as a fixed-income analyst in Goldman Sach's wealth management division after 12 years to spend more time with her family. She has an MBA in finance and marketing from Boston College, where she also completed her undergraduate degree in theater and economics.

McGeoghegan and Grealish figured they were not the only local business owners struggling with these challenges. About two months ago, they began reaching out to other local artists and vendors whose hand-made or unique products they admired.

"We figured there must be lots of other women on the South Shore selling high-end products out of their homes who were in the same position," says Grealish, a former estate planning attorney who — like her sister — also left a highly skilled job behind to focus on her two daughters (a third child is expected in May).

As McGeoghegan and Grealish had suspected, many of the local women they contacted shared their dilemma about a meaningful local distribution network. Thus, the SSWC was born to create a forum for these women-owned businesses to showcase their products and gain a wider public reach. Although the Holiday Boutique is the only event on the agenda so far, McGeoghegan and Grealish plan to poll the SSWC membership to brainstorm ideas to help their businesses thrive.

"Where this is going, we are not really sure," Grealish says. "We're hoping to pull people together who can offer each other advice and support." She also mentions the possibility of bringing in speakers, staging more events, and even gauging interest in shared storefront.

Some of the business owners participating in the Holiday Boutique say they are interested in the group primarily to help them build up a local clientele. Kerry Bolster, for example, formed her company Little Lids six years ago. The Hanover-based online retailer of children's hats has drawn customers from such distant locations as London, Australia, California and Texas. "But we don't have that much local business," Bolster says.

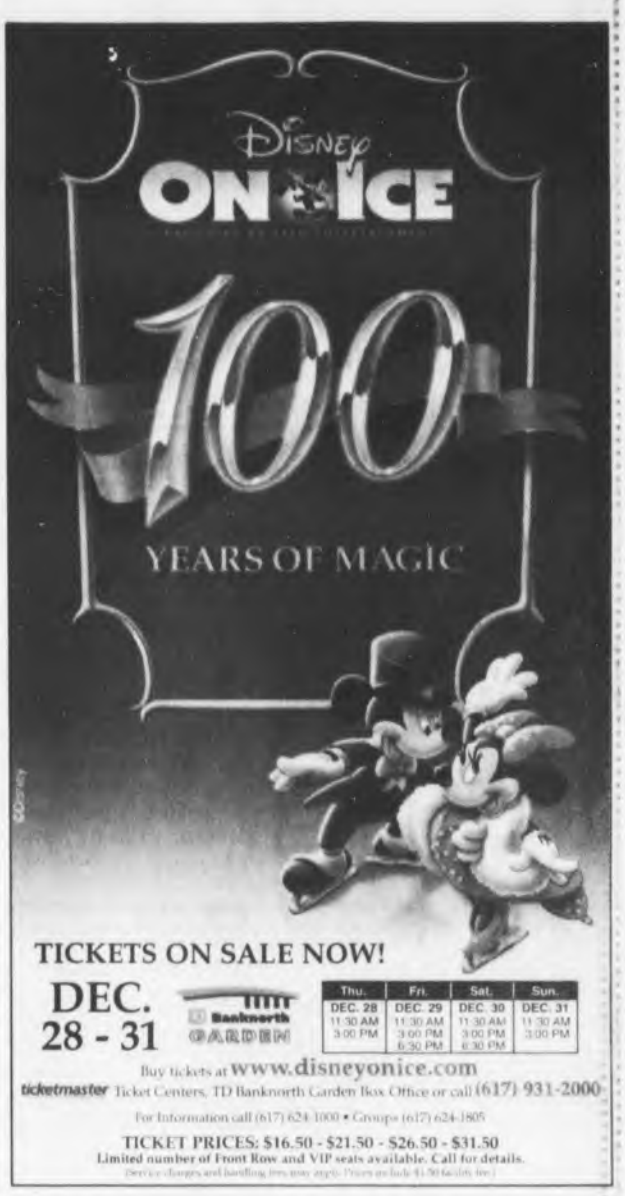
Another exhibiter, photographer Cynthia Vallino, is hoping to expand her local following in advance of the gallery she plans to open Ripley Road in Cohasset in late November. Until now, her photographs have mostly sold through private shows, including one that has run for a few months at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham.

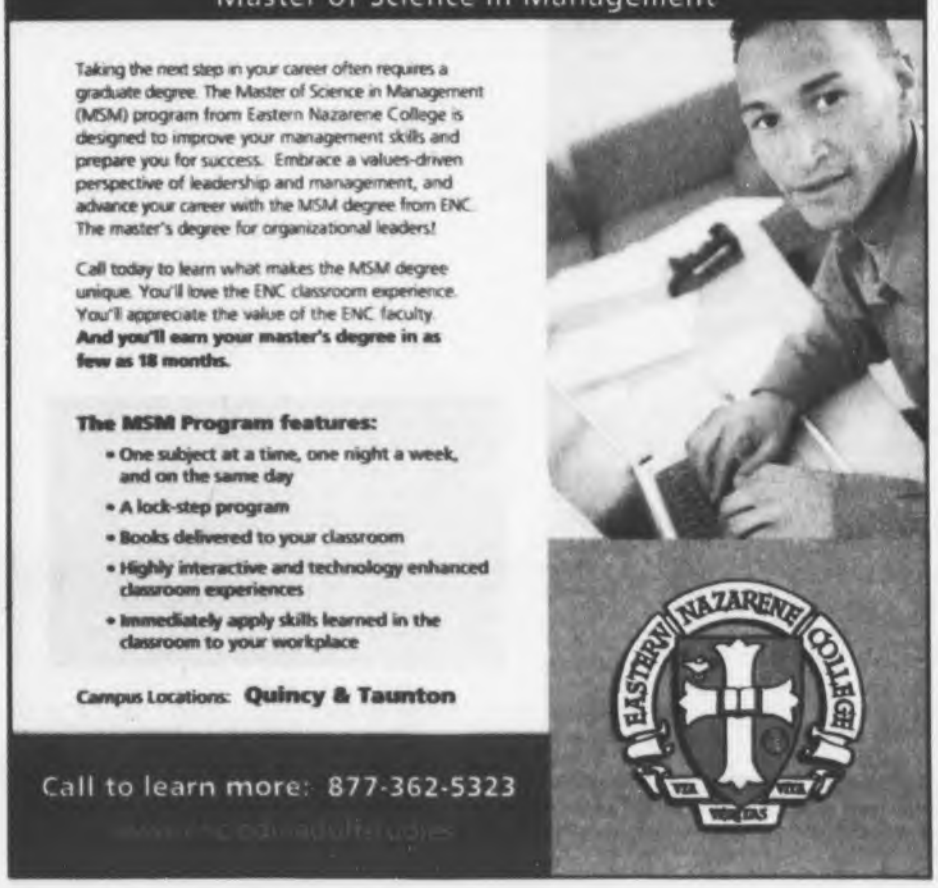
Like many of the women entrepreneurs they have attracted to the SSWC, both McGeoghegan and Grealish squeeze their business pursuits in between carpooling, nap schedules and other family responsibilities. "It's chaos, but we get 10 minutes here and there when it's really productive and we manage to get things done," Grealish says.

For more information about the SSWC or the Holiday Boutique, contact McGeoghegan or Grealish at 781-741-5913.

Sampling of Vendors at Holiday Boutique

- Beadiful — A Marshfield Hills-based maker of necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings for women.
- C. Vallino Photography — A Cohasset-based fine arts photographer specializing in portraits of nature. www.cvallino.com
- Cliffside Accessories — A Scituate-based maker of belts, linens and tote bags. www.cliffsideaccessories.com
- EG Designs — A Marshfield-based maker of custom handbags, totes and accessories for women and children. www.egallnatdesigns.com
- Frosted Brownie — A Pembroke-based retailer of jewelry, handbags, belts and gifts. www.frostedbrownie.com
- Lily's Nursery — A Hingham-based maker of handmade, heirloom quality baby's clothing (including christening gowns) and nursery products, such as bed linens and crib accessories, in addition to handmade nursery toys and custom-built dollhouses.
- Little Lids — A Hanover-based hat shop for children that offers the range of caps, bonnets, berets and dressy hats for babies through young adults. www.littlelids.com
- Shenanigan's Children's Clothing—A Hingham/Cohasset-based maker of embellished children's clothing.
- Spot-Light Pet Spa—A Humarock-based online pet spa boutique featuring a line of spa and therapeutic products for pets. www.spotlightpetspa.com





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TOWN MEETING ACTION

Capital concerns

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capital spending will help the town reach that goal. "Five percent is considered prudent by financial managers and bond agencies. It'll affect our bond rating if we don't get it back up. We agreed with the priorities set by the Capital Budget Committee and the dollar amounts."

McGee echoed Vanderweil's sentiments. "Requests were pared down to a manageable amount," she said, as the CBC was originally faced with $1.6 million in requests. "There are not enough reserves to support everything they, and we, would like to see accomplished," she said, but commended the group for its hard work.

On the other side of the issue was Advisory Committee member Pat Waters who commended the CBC for its efforts and a job well done, but did not agree with the recommendations. He encouraged Town Meeting vote against the article.

Waters said the fiscal 2007 budget was voted on at the Annual Town Meeting this spring with a fixed dollar amount that everyone agreed upon, with the option of adding funding to the budget through an override. "Both override amounts were not passed by a majority," he said, which left the town with a balanced budget to work with. He said before any funding is added to the budget, the town needs to set priorities, and suggested the money that would have been used to fund capital projects be invested and used at a later date.

Town Manager Bill Griffin then addressed the meeting and explained the capital items up for consideration would be paid for with free cash. Free cash is strictly a Massachusetts term, which is used for surplus funds. The calculation is completed at the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30, and with the Annual Town Meeting held in April, free cash had not yet been certified.

At the end the fiscal year, Director of Finance Mike Buckley prepared a balance sheet for the town, which was sent to the Department of Revenue. It then reviewed the balance sheet, and certified the amount of free cash, or surplus, the town has. Free cash can be transferred by Town Meeting for any lawful purpose. From year to year, free cash can vary greatly based on how much the town collected in revenue over and above what was predicted, how much money was turned back to surplus from budget appropriations and other Department of Revenue calculations. Free cash is somewhat of a misnomer as it is neither "free" nor "cash" and is essentially an accounting calculation, rather than an actual account with money.

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Leland Jenkins questions why the roof was not redone at the police and fire station when renovations were in process during discussion on Article three, which dealt with capital budget requests.

At the end the fiscal year, Director of Finance Mike Buckley prepared a balance sheet for the town, which was sent to the Department of Revenue.

"This is an appropriate way of using free cash," said Griffin, adding free cash is typically used for one-time costs. He noted the ambulance billing system which was on the table would actually help save the town money as the ambulance billing service the town contracts with has already agreed to a reduction in the service fee it charges from 7 percent to 4 percent, which will save the town roughly $10,000 annually. "We'll have total payback of the system over 2-1/2 years," he said.

With $1,007,737 in certified free cash and $300,000 being spent, Andrew Quigley, of Jerusalem Road, asked what would happen to the remaining roughly $700,000. Griffin said free cash should be thought of as a savings account. If it is not spent, it gets turned back to the town's surplus funds. Over the last 20 years, the town has, on average, had $725,000 in free cash every year. He said while individual years have varied — one not too long ago saw $1.5 million in free cash while two years ago there was $350,000 — having $700,000 in reserves is where the town wants to be. "We don't want to use it in our operating budget. We're trying to wean ourselves of that," he said.

Griffin also noted the town will not have $700,000, it will have roughly $620,000 as Articles 18 and 28 were still on the docket and would allocate $65,000 for the Osgood School security system and $15,000 for a planning consultant if passed. He also noted that likely, $300,000 of free cash would be used at the Annual Town Meeting to support the budget, as there are often items which come up that need funding such as the snow and ice deficit, legal fees and special education costs, which will leave the town with $320,000.

Griffin pointed out having free cash to use is a positive thing for the town. "This is the first time in two fiscal years any capital projects are being done. This is a good thing," he said.

Roof repairs

The first item up for consideration was $68,000 to make roofing repairs for the police station. Leland Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, asked why the roof was not done when the police and fire station was redone.

Stephen Gaumer of the CBC noted when the renovations were being done to the building, "The town decided to cut funds back," and the roof was not completed. He said taking a tour of the facilities, he has seen part of the roof is caving in. "We need to learn from lessons taught the hard way. We now have two unusable garage bays," he said.

Pamela Miles, of Linden Drive, said both the library and schools requested funding for roof repairs. "Why was $68,000 recommended for the police department and not the other repairs?" she asked.

Gaumer explained the library has a slate roof, which will cost $362,000 to replace. He said after speaking with the library trustees, they agreed $13,000, which was one of the requests on the list of items they recommended, would temporarily fix the problem and get some more life out of the roof the library has. With the schools, Facility Manager Brian Adams said the leak could be the fault of the contractor and the town is waiting to see what happens with that. "At this point, there is no danger of physical damage," he said.

Jean Patterson, Ledgewood Farm Drive, made a motion to amend the amount of funding allocated for capital projects. She suggested changing the amount for roof repairs from $68,000 to $118,000 to include the $50,000 necessary to fix the high school's roof. She said the town could fix the problem now and still go after the contractor and receive reimbursement from the contractor later, rather than let the leak continue.

Leonora Jenkins, Jerusalem Road, asked whether there would be any guarantee the school department would in fact go after the contractor. At a School Committee meeting, Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the leaks were found last winter, and Jenkins said she was not convinced "anyone will go back to the contractor if they haven't already."

Facility Manager Adams said he has been in touch with the contractor and the investigation is ongoing. "Right now, we don't have a definite answer as to what is causing the leak," he said.

Without knowing what is causing the leak, Martha Gjesteby, 81 Old Pasture Road, asked how the town knows how much it will need to fix the problem.

"It's our best guess," said Adams, based on the likely cause of the leak.

Town Meeting voted against the amendment that would have added $50,000 for school roof repairs, for a total of $118,000, and a majority voted to approve the $68,000.

Harbormaster

There was $80,000 in requests for the harbormaster's office, including $10,000 for additional docks for Parker Avenue and Government Island, $70,000 for a new 28-foot boat with equipment.

Residents were concerned about dishing out so much money to the harbor when mooring fees have not been raised, yet many other town departments have had to raise and/or implement fees for service to cover the cost of the operation.

Griffin said the Harbor Committee has been asked to come up with a fee structure which will see increases for next year's boating season and the committee is coming before the Board of Selectmen Dec. 4 with its recommendations. He said while he was not 100 percent sure, he thought the committee planned to bring an increase forward of $3 per foot, bringing the cost from $6 per foot up to $9 per foot.

Griffin explained the rationale behind bringing in the new boat for the harbormaster is strictly a public safety issue. "It is my responsibility to put her out in a safe boat, not only for her safety, but the safety of those she rescues," he said. The new boat would be a 25-foot boat used for search and rescue. The town's current boat, a 17-foot Boston Whaler, is too small and its sides are too low to be able to accommodate fire or police department members who may be required during an emergency, and the new boat would make that possible. "We could assist any kind of boater during a medical emergency," said Harbormaster Lorren Gibbons.

Jean Patterson said the town could look into purchasing a used boat and potentially save money. Gaumer, of the CBC, said they had looked into that option, but the new boat market is currently very soft and the town could strike up a great deal. In addition, the town will get a warranty with a new boat. "We're dealing with the health, safety and welfare of the town and those who visit the community and we think we're making a wise investment," he said.

Adding new docks to the harbor was also questioned. Gibbons explained the town currently has an overcrowding problem on its docks and there is a great demand for more. "We have a 20-year wait list for moorings," she said, and adding more dock space would allow roughly 30 to 50 more townspeople to use the harbor, thus generating more fee revenue. Gaumer added the docks would most likely pay for themselves in 3 years.

Andrew Quigley, Jerusalem Road, said in a time when money is being rationed, it didn't make sense to him to give such a large allocation to the harbor, which in his opinion is used for luxury. "We have to pay for ambulance rides, bus rides for our kids, athletic fees," he said, and he thinks there should be more of a correlation between the fees and what the town is spending.

However, Agnes McCann, Doane Street, said the harbor is not just for pleasure, as there are commercial fishing boats that use it every day. "We have a harbor and it's like a road. We have to maintain it because people use it," she said.

Leonora Jenkins added the harbormaster provides services, which are critical to the community. "She was there to rescue those children (who were stranded on Bassing Beach) who are not paying mooring fees," she said.

Town Meeting voted to approve both allocations for the harbor.

Allocations for the library roof, police department motorcycle, mobile data terminals for the police station and a new ambulance billing service generated much less discussion. All were passed by majority votes. While Andrew Quigley made a motion to add $100,000 to the request — $75,000 for technology upgrades for the schools and $25,000 for a new exhaust fan for a chemistry lab at the middle-high school — the Selectmen, Advisory Committee and members of the School Committee all said they would be working together to remedy the technology situation on a more global scale, and now was not the time to support the funding.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mr. & Ms. Anonymous

Last week we had an "anonymous" call from a reader chastising us for some sloppy writing on the part of the editor. We were writing the "police beat" for Hingham and misidentified the officer who made the arrest in the second reference in the brief.

"Write a wise saying and your name will live forever."

—Anonymous

The caller "lit into us" but did not leave his name or number so we could call him back.

Many readers may be surprised that in the newspaper business, we welcome and encourage feedback. Both the positive and negative. We like to know that you are paying attention. We love a "pat on the back" but also want to hear from you when we come up short.

However, if you don't identify yourself then we are limited in what we can do to follow up. In this case, we read over the police brief and agreed with the caller, but would like to tell him so personally.

We often operate like many of our readers in their own jobs — working long hours and often with a reduced staff. But that is still no defense; our readers deserve better. We will endeavor to be more careful.

However, the phone call got us to thinking. While remaining anonymous is admirable in philanthropic endeavors – such as donating to a worthy cause – anonymity in the newspaper business is usually *not* a good thing.

We ask all letter writers to identify themselves and include their street address. Even though it can require courage to put pen to paper, we feel letters have far more impact and validity when a name and address are attached to them.

When we get a news tip, we take it far more seriously if the person tells us their name. That does not necessarily mean he or she would be identified as a source in a story, but putting a name to an issue helps us to follow up and do the necessary legwork to bring the matter to the forefront.

We rarely use "unnamed sources" in story – but should we do so, those sources are not anonymous. We know who they are but are willing to protect their privacy for reasons that both the source and the newspaper have discussed and agreed upon.

The most famous anonymous source in newspaper history is undoubtedly "Deep Throat," who provided the clues that led to the Watergate scandal and brought down the Nixon presidency in the 1970s. Washington Post writers Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who broke the story, helped their newspaper win the Pulitzer Prize.

Suffice it to say, all good reporters will follow up on big stories regardless of whether the tip is anonymous or not.

But we urge you to leave your name and phone number when making the call to us – whether it is a tip on a story, information about potential wrongdoing, or criticism about something we have done.

When it comes to stories, anonymous tips often mean the tipster has an ax to grind and hopes we will be jump at the bait.

In the "community" newspaper business – investigative reporters are the same people who write the warm, fuzzy features and cover Town Hall.

So if you have something to say, tell us who you are and how we can get back to you. The results will be more satisfying for both of us and could lead to shedding important light on a particular situation or issue of concern.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harboring more thoughts

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank everyone for all the positive comments I received on my previous posting.

Maybe I was not too clear in stating those comments were not directed personally at the present harbormaster, but rather at the system which is escalating the position unnecessarily.

It is true I have not worked for the town, except occasionally, for 40 years. During that time, I have been either on or around the harbor just about every single day and you don't have to be a member of the Harbor Department to observe what is going on. Fishermen, by nature, are very aware of their environment, and in addition are like old ladies in a sewing circle, talking about every little thing. I can assure you there is very little happening on Cohasset Harbor that we don't know about. One thing that has not changed is the size of the harbor. It is still a tiny mud-hole with limited access at low tide. As a matter of fact, if you deduct the area sold to the CYC, the part of Bailey's Creek claimed by Scituate, the Parker Avenue marina, the sailing club floats and the Old Salt House marina, there may be less mooring space than there was available in 1960.

I am happy the harbormaster was able to assist the disabled CSC boat. I'm sure she used the work skiff, as it is the most practical. The proposed boat would be too big to bother with for something such as this. This boat would also be useless for patrol duty because everyone knows the worse thing you can do to a large engine is have it idling for hours at a time. There is not enough room in the harbor to run it fast. The truth of the matter is if there were no harbor patrol, someone going by would have towed you home. This has been happening for 200 years.

Mr. Porter brought up the matter of security at the harbor. It's funny that I was in a similar situation a few years ago. Some people vandalized six or eight fishing boats moored in front of the Atlantica parking area. It cost each boat a few hundred dollars apiece. This is a well-lit area, close to shore, and no one saw anything. I got the same song and dance he did. I think I would rather have no patrols and take my chances, using the money saved to cover the occasional incident. I really don't need a shoulder to cry on.

I resent being forced to pay either through increased taxation or harbor fees, for services I never requested, never have used or will ever use. Of course we all have a few problems and need help sometimes, but there are plenty of boats already out there.

Bill Stone
F/V Ida Jean
383 South Main St.

Thanks, Sarah Murphy

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to publicly thank Sarah Murphy for generating the strong grass roots effort that helped to secure increased educational funds (Chapter 70 monies of $200,000) from our state government. Since February, Sarah has been reminding private citizens of their opportunity and duty to communicate their dissatisfaction with decreased state funding alongside increased standards for our schools.

She spent many hours researching other town-wide efforts across Massachusetts and built an e-mail campaign to bring our town's voices together to demand more financial support from our State legislature. After our state budget had been finalized, I received a letter from Senator Hedlund congratulating Cohasset on this effort.

I would like to congratulate Sarah Murphy and all who participated on a job well done in support of our entire community. Thank you.

Kate Krumsiek
392 Beechwood Street

Giving thanks, sort of...

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Thanksgiving is coming up, which means it's time to count the damned blessings again, even if you're not particularly in the mood because you just discovered your car needs a new head gasket and your Christmas cold came a month early this year. So let's get right to it, shall we?

Of course I'm thankful for my kids, yada-yada-yada, but I read a story yesterday about a 9-year-old boy in Texas who unstrapped himself from the back seat, climbed onto his unconscious mother's lap and steered their KIA Sportage safely onto the shoulder of a highway. He then dialed 911 and kept his younger siblings calm while waiting for help to arrive. I thought for a minute about what any of my kids might be capable of if faced with a similar situation, and I have never felt so cold and alone. Is it fair that some parents are given children who right out of the box can drive an SUV and save lives, while the rest of us are stuck with ones who go into a screaming panic at the sight of an empty toilet paper roll?

Now my car, on the other hand, has been a faithful companion and valuable member of my family for almost 20 years, and I was thankful for it until I was driving home from BJ's the other day and noticed the temperature gauge registering about 8,000 degrees Kelvin. The crankcase had sucked all the coolant through a hole in the head gasket and nearly fried the engine.

After refilling the radiator I managed to limp home, but I haven't dared look under the hood since. I was able to stock our basement storeroom with a $100 worth of much-needed paper towels and toilet paper though, so I was thankful for that.

And I was thankful for our house, which is not so much ours as it is Washington Mutual's, but at least we got to pick the window treatments. Unfortunately, the storage room sump pump failed about an hour after I had left all my BJ's purchases on the floor. So I was less thankful then. For the record, if your flood emergency plans involve 40 double-rolls of Bounty, think again.

On a brighter note, I'm thankful for my fairytale marriage, and for my wife, who sometimes sits beside me while I write these columns, making suggestions here and there. She's a lovely person, with a real instinct for grammar.

OK, she's finally gone to get some coffee. It'll be 10 below outside and she'll still order an iced coffee. Does this make any sense to you?

I'm thankful my political party finally has a chance to clean up the biggest mess since Vietnam circa 1969, which is when the Republicans won the opportunity to clean up a similar mess made by the Democrats. Should be a similarly rewarding experience.

I'm thankful for these black bean chips we get at Whole Foods. Those are really good.

I'm also very thankful for my hair, which is the only thing my grandsons are likely to inherit from me.

A few weeks ago I would have said I was thankful for the gorgeous, colorful fall leaves. Now, not so much.

However, I am very thankful for my health, and diligently maintain it, since it's the one thing I have on my 70-year-old parents. Hey mom, watch me fall on my hip while digesting milk! Woo hoo!

But most of all I'm thankful for global warming, which will allow me to put off painting the back of my house an extra two weeks this year, and may make Massachusetts a tropical zone by the time I retire. I figure anything that helps me avoid setting foot in Florida must be part of God's grand plan.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He promises to be less crabby and more thankful next week, when he looks forward to eating home-baked turkey and apple pie a la mode. Unfortunately, his wife is buying a ham and some cranberry sherbet.

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Work progresses on town parking lot

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Town Parking Lot Work

As we speak, CBB is working in the Town Parking Lot preparing it for its final paving. Most of the work is taking place from Adamo's to the Teen center. Old paving around the edges is being removed and a suitable sub-material is being added and rolled so that it will support paving. At the Teen Center the old roadway is being partially removed so that the paving can be renewed. Behind the Citgo station, curbing will be set with a small area that will be landscaped. This curbed area will offer protection to cars that will be parallel parking behind the gas station.

Paving is currently scheduled to start this coming Monday, November 20th, pending acceptable weather. A rain date for paving will be the following Monday, November 27th.

Unfortunately, the lot will not be completely finished this fall. Additional parking spaces need to be added adjacent to the Teen Center. Some ledge needs to be removed for this to happen. CBB plans to do this next spring. In addition, our dispute with the MBTA regarding the number of parking spaces they have agreed to provide is still an open issue. So, the final lot configuration is still not known.

The town parking lot gets its final paving.

More On Safety

We have spoken about safety numerous times in these pages. Yet, residents tell us and we have witnessed first hand serious breaches of safety along the railroad right of way. Children routinely still cross the tracks even though the MBTA and CB are operating heavy equipment on the rails. Parents, please, please, please address this with your children. This is absolutely not a safe place. Especially since the fences are not all in place yet. But, as we have said before fences will not make a safe railroad. The modern conveniences that permeate kids lives such as cell phones and ipods make it even harder for them to be aware of their surroundings when equipment travels on the rails.

We are also working with the MBTA Safety and Training Departments to develop training programs for the entire Town. One of the first elements for creating safety awareness is the up-coming Operation Life Saver (OLS) program that will be presented jointly by the Cohasset Police Department and the MBTA at the Deerhill School in December.

OLS personnel have been talking with us about the possibility of other programs geared to other segments of our Community. Several months ago a presentation was made courtesy of the Senior Center. Discussions are also underway about the possibility of a program about safety on our cable access channel. We'll let you know more about this as plans mature.

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HEALTH NOTES

FLU facts

If you missed last Tuesday's Flu Clinic, cheer up, there's one next Monday, November 20 between 1 PM and 3 PM. If you attended last Tuesday's flu clinic, you'll know there was an adequate supply of vaccine available. In addition to the nurses and other volunteers providing services for the clinic, Captain Bob Silvia has sent two medical technicians from the Fire Department to take blood pressure and other vital signs if desired by those attending the flu clinic. This service will also be available on Monday at the second clinic.

Cohasset has received a hundred percent of it's allotted supply and some 300 doses were administered last Tuesday. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has received an additional 318,000 doses of influenza vaccine, the bulk of MDPH's remaining order. To date, MDPH has received 624,260 doses of vaccine or 92% of the total allotted. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), close to 1.1 million doses of influenza vaccine had been distributed in Massachusetts as of October 27. This includes both privately purchased and state purchased vaccine. Inclusive of the latest shipment just received by MDPH, at least 1.4 million doses of influenza vaccine have now arrived in Massachusetts as of November 8.

If you know seniors or high risk friends who didn't get the vaccination, tell them about the clinic next week, and remind them to bring their Medicare Part B or Senior Health Insurance card. Also, ask them to remember to wear a short sleeved shirt.

Influenza vaccine available for purchase

Supplies of inactivated influenza vaccine remain available for purchase from pharmacies like Brooks, Walgreen's and CVS. A list of influenza vaccine distributors is maintained by the Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA) and is available at http://www.hida.org/document.asp .

Flu Mist is a good alternative for health care workers and other contacts of people at risk for complications from influenza, including families and caregivers of infants younger than 6 months of age who are too young to be vaccinated themselves. FluMist is also appropriate for non-pregnant healthy people who are seeking preservative-free influenza vaccine. To purchase FluMist, call MedImmune at 877-FluMist (877-358-6478).

Influenza disease activity

From October 22 through October 28, 2006, a low level of influenza activity was reported in the U.S. The proportion of patient visits to sentinel providers for influenza-like illness (ILI) and the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza were below baseline levels. Two states reported local influenza activity; 10 states reported sporadic activity; and 36 states reported no activity (two states did not report). For the 2006-2007 influenza season through October 28, WHO and NREVSS laboratories have tested 5,715 specimens for influenza, 49 of which were positive (70% type A, 30% type B).

As of October 28, one culture specimen has tested positive at the State Laboratory Institute for influenza type B and MDPH has received reports of 10 positive rapid influenza tests. Influenza-like illness (ILI) reported by sentinel surveillance sites in Massachusetts remains below baseline and no clusters of ILI have been reported thus far this season. For more information on influenza surveillance, visit the MDPH Flu Website at www.mass.gov/dph/flu and click on Seasonal Influenza, Information for Providers, Influenza Surveillance.

Other things you can do to avoid catching flu

Perhaps the simplest and most effective way is to wash your hands often— with soap and warm water. Rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Wash for at least 20 seconds. It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs. Use regular soap. Antibacterial soap is not necessary. These soaps may contribute to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance. When you're out and about, a good alternative to soap and water is alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using a gel, rub the gel in your hands until they are dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in the gel kills germs that cause colds and the flu. However, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers do not remove dirt.

If you feel ill, stay home from work and keep sick kids home from school or daycare. And keep in mind; most people with flu will recover just fine.

S.N. Bobo

TogetherCohasset meets in fourth forum

TOGETHERCOHASSET

DICK AVERY

After a summer hiatus, the nascent group of Cohasset citizens who were interested in imagining what's possible (after the spring override failure) convened for another forum of TogetherCohasset. On Nov. 8 in the Cohasset High School Cafeteria, 20 members of the community reviewed the work that has been done so far to bring together polar opposite groups in town to find common ground for action. Small, involved groups appear to be alive and actively working toward positive outcomes for the whole town.

As the meeting progressed with a balance of voters from both override camps plus Town Manager Bill Griffin, it was stressed that participants did not have to subordinate their ideals to accommodate other points of view. Instead, focus was on those areas of improvement that overlapped for multiple constituencies.

A statement of purpose was presented and received favorable comments prior to adoption. Likewise, the forum approved the distillation from a score of ideas a set of four main topics to explore in coming months that would be of interest to elected town boards. Subgroups interested in each of these four topics will report back by late January on their initial scope with a plan for further exploring concepts. Topics being actively researched include:

- Understanding pros and cons for regionalization e.g., sharing resources and opportunities such as purchasing consortiums, use of technology, school elements, town services, etc.
- Learning best practices from other school districts in order to place our students in the top 10 or similar rankings.
- Looking into additional funding sources for schools beyond the efforts of the revitalized Cohasset Education Foundation to create an endowment fund.
- Propose additional communication initiatives to educate the residents on town budgeting processes, board decisions, issue resolution, and current financial status.

The operative mission statement drafted for the Forum is as follows: TogetherCohasset is intended to bring various segments of the Cohasset community together to solve common problems in the community, to act in effect as a broad-based research and development partner for the various agencies of town government. It will draw from the various experiences and expertise of the citizenry to assist town government in solving problems and improving efficiency and effectiveness of town services in an economically reasonable and sound manner. The goal is to see that Cohasset can continue to provide affordable, quality services and excellence in education.

Questions and comments on this endeavor or interest in participation can be forwarded to Dick Avery at dandsavery@comcast.net. Prior TogetherCohasset forum reports are available online at www.togethercohasset.com.

Dick Avery is a member of the TogetherCohasset Agenda Planning Subgroup and lives at 22 Surry Drive.

LIBRARY

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at the library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of "Broken For You" by Stephanie Kallos Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

New Audiobook Titles – Audiobooks just in include: "The Collectors" by David Baldacci; "Right Attitude to Rain," by Alexander McCall Smith; "Lisey's Story" by Stephen King and "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield.

Page Position – The library is looking for an organized, detail-oriented Cohasset resident to fill a part-time page position. Applicant must be age 16 or older. Responsibilities will include shelving library materials, shelf reading and light cleaning. Hours would be Saturday afternoons and/or Sunday afternoons. Call Gayle Walsh at 383-1348, ext. 120, if interested in this position.

Patrick stays positive, wins corner office

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Well, it turned out that voters did in fact want two-party rule — 450 miles south of the State House.

Kerry Healey was left with almost exactly the opposite of what she argued for, Deval Patrick was left with a vindication of positive campaigning, along with the keys to the Corner Office, and the Massachusetts Republican party was left with a question: "Is Mitt Romney the worst thing that ever happened to us?"

The answer lies somewhere between "looks that way" and "yes." Romney swept in from Utah, swept aside the core of the Welducci political operation and replaced it with vestiges of Joe Malone's infrastructure; moved sharply to the right and away from his constituents on social issues; failed to elect any new Republican legislators; mostly steered clear of the hustings and the pro-choice Healey during the general election while 31,000 voters ended their enrollment as Republicans; and now will be free to pursue the presidency full time while the Senate Republican caucus is left to ponder whether ordering a large means they'll have too much pizza.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are in full agreement with Healey for the first time since — well, for the first time. Two-party rule does, in fact, have its virtues. Just ask Ed Markey. Kept from the purse strings and the power for 12 years, the all-Democratic Massachusetts congressional delegation now will flex its seniority in Washington in a way that might make it easier for Gov.-elect Patrick to answer the top question of 2007: "Together we can what?"

In some measure, the race had turned into an experiment over whether a Democrat could finally succeed by staying on the high road. When Patrick's numbers were slipping during the "LaGuer scare" of a few weeks ago, his party was frightened to death he was repeating the self-destructive Mike Dukakis/John Kerry scenario of not turning just as nasty as the other guys.

The defining moment of Patrick's course through that crisis occurred Oct. 16 when Bill Clinton came to Boston, and Patrick told a packed ballroom, "I will not break faith with you" by abandoning his inclusive and high-toned approach. A Zogby poll a few days later showed his slide was over, and Patrick's numbers kept improving from there; Healey's negative ads boosted her unfavorable rating more than Patrick's. Her campaign kept finding ways to make her less popular.

She was also swept aside by a force just as powerful as Patrick's charisma: a remarkable surge in public sentiment away from Republican leadership everywhere. For example: when Healey warned about one-party rule coming to Massachusetts, she probably never anticipated it was about to come to New Hampshire, too. Or Colorado. Both are now blue states entirely. In state legislatures nationwide, 275 seats switched from R to D, and nine chambers, including the first southern shifts to the Democrats since 1982.

The trend was reflected faintly in Massachusetts, faint only because the state is running out of Republican legislators. Rep. Susan Pope lost, and the Senate seat vacated by departing minority leader Brian Lees was won by Gail Candaras of Springfield, a Democrat. Democrats picked up two seats in the House and one in the Senate.

By Tuesday evening (Nov. 7) , everyone was clear what was going to happen. How brief was the suspense? Put it this way: having dispensed with the governor's race, Channel 5 was back to its main priority — "Dancing With the Stars" — by 8:02 pm. And the Democrats were dancing in the streets, or at least at the Hynes.

• *Convention recesses with gay marriage still in limbo* — Cheers and horns resounded off the State House marble Nov. 9 and went on long after the Constitutional Convention voted to recess without advancing the initiative petition for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The convention recessed until Jan. 2, and the vote signals the near-certainty that the question will not be allowed to appear on the ballot. The action was in conflict with public opinion as expressed in polls by the News Service and Channel 4 — most respondents say the Legislature should not be blocking progress on a measure for which 170,000 people signed petitions. Interestingly, though, on the question of a gay marriage ban itself, 63 percent of the residents in the State House News poll said they would vote against the ban if it appeared on the ballot.

• *Patrick drawn immediately into hot topics* — The governor-elect had a cordial meeting and a smiling photo op with Gov. Romney Nov. 8, and immediately was faced with questions about the other big stories of the week — gay marriage and the MBTA fare increase. He expressed a willingness to re-examine the hike, and in a press release said an increase was the "wrong answer" for fiscal woes on the T. He was more circumspect about gay marriage, saying he has no authority yet and will wait to assume office before wielding influence.

•*T board votes to increase fares* — Subway fares will increase to $1.70 and bus rides to $1.25 under a new fare schedule approved by the MBTA Board of Directors Thursday. Members of the T Riders Union lambasted the move. Some increases were trimmed in the final vote: surcharges for using cash instead of Charlie Tickets will be 30 cents instead of 55 for subways, and 25 cents instead of 40 cents for buses; the increase for some monthly passes will $3 less than originally proposed.

Visit the State House News Service at: www.statehousenews.com

A sign of the season

Photos by Tom McGinty

(Pictured right)
Bethany Barzowskas shows the Sesame Street cupcakes being sold in the cafe area. White's Bakery donated the cupcakes.

Caroline Williams, 4, of Cohasset discusses her wish list with Santa Claus at the annual Mistletoe Boutique held over the weekend at the Red Lion Inn.

The barn at the Red Lion Inn is filled with vendors and shoppers looking to get an early start on the holiday season. The event was sponsored by Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

Elyse Connolly finds something she likes at the Dreamy About Giraffes booth at the fourth annual boutique.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on four roll calls from the week of November 6-10. All roll calls are on matters brought up at the long-awaited Constitutional Convention that considered proposed amendments to the state constitution.

ADJOURN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNTIL JANUARY 2, 2007

Constitutional Convention (09/87) approved a motion to recess the convention until 2 p.m. on January 2, 2007 - the final day of the 2006 legislative session. The recess would postpone until that date any possible action on the proposed constitutional amendment to "define marriage only as the union of one man and one woman." The amendment does not include language nullifying any same-sex marriages that have already taken place. The measure needs the votes of 50 out of 200 legislators in both the 2006 and 2007-2008 legislative sessions in order to appear on the November 2008 ballot. It is sponsored through the initiative petition process by an anti-same sex marriage group that gathered the necessary 65,825 signatures to bring the matter before the convention. Most supporters of adjournment generally oppose the ban and are supporters of continuing to allow same-sex marriages. They argued that same-sex marriages have worked well and that it is unfair to write any form of discrimination into the constitution. Some opponents of adjournment support the ban and oppose same-sex marriages. They said that it is anti-democratic that the Legislature is forced to debate voting on the proposal and are fearful that proponents of same-sex marriage will filibuster on January 2 until midnight when the proposal dies. Other adjournment opponents actually oppose the ban and support same-sex marriages. They said that they voted against adjournment because despite their personal opposition to the ban, they feel that voters should have the right to vote on it. (A "Yes" vote is for adjournment. A "No" vote is against adjournment). The exact language of the proposal reads: "When recognizing marriages entered into after the adoption of this amendment by the people, the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall define marriage only as the union of one man and one woman."

BAN EXISTING AND FUTURE SAME-SEX MARRIAGES (H.65)

Constitutional Convention (11/06) rejected a proposed constitutional amendment providing that "only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts." Supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage all opposed this proposal. They said that it is unconstitutional because it would essentially dissolve the 9,000 same-sex marriages that have already taken place. (A No" vote is against the amendment). The exact language of the proposal reads: "To safeguard the public policy of this Commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage, in order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of society and the best interests of children, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts. Any other relationship shall not be recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent, nor shall it receive the benefits or incidents exclusive to marriage from the Commonwealth, its agencies, departments, authorities, commissions, offices, officials and political subdivisions."

EXPAND ABSENTEE VOTING (S.9)

Constitutional Convention (9/06) approved a proposed constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to approve laws permitting any qualified voter of the state to vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Currently, the constitution allows voters to vote by absentee ballot only if they are absent from their city or town at the time of the election, have a physical disability that prevents them from voting at their polling place or hold religious beliefs that conflict with voting on Election Day. Supporters of the amendment said that "unconditional absentee voting" would increase the number of votes cast and involve more voters in the process. Opponents of the amendment said that it goes too far and argued that absentee ballots should only be available to voters who qualify under current law. The proposal now needs the approval of the 2007-2008 Legislature prior to going on the ballot for voter consideration in 2008. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment allowing expanded absentee voting. A "No" vote is against the amendment allowing expanded absentee voting).

ELECTION OF JUDGES (S.15)

Constitutional Convention (1/89) rejected a proposed constitutional amendment providing for certification of judges by the voters. Judges would be initially be appointed by the governor but would only be reappointed if approved by the voters every six years following the initial appointment. The measure also requires that the state publish each judge's sentencing and bail setting record on certain offenses for the previous six years in county newspapers, public access television channels and courthouses at least three weeks prior to the election. Supporters of the amendment said that it would make judges more accountable to the people and perhaps require judges to defend their sometimes controversial decisions to the voters. They noted that it would also publicize each judge's record and allow the voters to examine it. Opponents of the amendment said that requiring judges to be elected, run a campaign and raise monies would destroy their independence and result in a lawyer attending fundraisers of the judges who will be hearing his or her case. They noted that the state has a commission that monitors judicial abuses and that the Legislature has the power to remove judges. (A "yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the election of judges. A "No" vote is against the amendment requiring the election of judges).

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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Girl Scouts read to Osgood students

The fourth graders in Girl Scout Troop #4775 paid a visit to the Osgood School's Integrated Preschool last week. Troop members include: Elizabeth Baker, Clara Baumgarten, Alexa Bleicken, Caty Gilman, Carly Gundersen Madison Hagearty Cassandra Lieberman, Carly Norton, Lilly McCarthy, Dagmar Seppala, Emma Steele, and Valerie Farren, who was not able to attend.

The 11 girls in the troop introduced themselves to the children and read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" out loud to 13 students during their circle time. After, they broke into small groups and read their favorite childhood books to the students.

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The children who attend the preschool are both typically developing students and special needs students with various disabilities. Troop leaders Leesa Bleicken and Kristin Norton prepared the Scouts by talking to them about disabilities and explained some children might not communicate with words just yet, and may instead use pictures or sign language.

"The Girl Scouts did a beautiful job! I was impressed with their maturity and ease with the students. The classroom teacher was surprised with how well all the children did. They even invited us back to visit again and perhaps run a craft for the students," said Bleicken. "It was so special, and you never know what Girl Scout event will touch the girls and make them shine."

Visiting the preschool will enable the girls in Troop #4775 to earn their community project badge.

A monumental tribute to veterans

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ment, there is grass and a walkway made of bluestone pavers as well as new sidewalks.

Under bright blue skies and unusually warm weather for Veterans Day in New England, chairman of the Veterans Memorial committee Glen Pratt asked the crowd to salute Spc. Grant Emde, USMC; Cpl. Brenden Anti, USMC; Cpl. Jamie Litchfield, USMC; and Pratt's son, Lt. Christopher Pratt, US Army, who were all deployed in Iraq a short time ago.

The Rev. John Mulvehille of St. Anthony's Church said it was a fitting, silent tribute of the gratitude the town owes to those who have served the country. The playing of the National Anthem by the Cosmo Legion of Brockton followed his comments.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, also on hand for the ceremony, noted, "This is wonderful," adding he had been to three of the eight towns he represents prior to coming to Cohasset, and "this is by far the best turnout."

Hedlund read a proclamation, which commemorated the day and honored the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee for its work on the memorial. "Congratulations to everyone who made this possible and my thanks to all Cohasset veterans who have served for us."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley began his comments by paying tribute to Cohasset resident, 12-term state representative and Marine Mary Jeanette Murray, who passed away Oct. 23. "They just don't make them like that anymore," he said, adding she was a great mentor to him.

Bradley said the most selfless act a person can perform is to serve their country. "I'm always in awe of those who put on the uniform," he said. Bradley then read a proclamation from the House of Representatives honoring Glenn Pratt for the completion of the monument. "Congratulations to you, Glenn, and the entire Committee."

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Ralph Dormitzer also read a proclamation formally recognizing the monument. He asked residents to take the time not only to contemplate the bravery of those individuals who serve our country, but to also take the time to come visit Veterans Park and the monument.

Lt. Christopher Pratt said he is honored to be able to stand before the residents of Cohasset and help honor the hard work and sacrifice of all of America's military veterans. "Right now, this country has hundreds of veterans in harm's way who are fighting to protect our way of life," he said.

Pratt said having been part of the War on Terror in Iraq, "I've seen first hand...your military is doing an incredible job."

There were other speakers who took the crowd back to the days of the Gulf War, Vietnam War and Korean War. A wreath was placed at the entrance to the new monument in memory and in honor of all the Cohasset residents who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, and their families.

The firing squad shot three shots into the air for the departed soldiers while the trumpet played "Taps." While Lilly Sestito sang "America the Beautiful," a flock of white doves was released, many of which kept circling the monument, high above the flags.

Residents interested in contributing financially to the Veterans Memorial Committee may send checks made payable to the Veterans Memorial Committee to 482 King Street, Cohasset, attention Glenn Pratt. For more information on the town's veterans, please visit the committee's Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

'Cohasset Entertains' cookbook available

For the holiday season, Community Garden Club of Cohasset has re-printed a limited number of the original "Cohasset Entertains" cookbook. This book is a collection of tried and true recipes from local cooks, and also contains sample menus and arrangement ideas for the holiday table.

A few of the holiday recipes included are crab delight, Christmas mapley appetizers, onions Celeste, winter squash casserole, pumpkin chiffon pie and praline ice cream pie with rum sauce. There is also an entire chapter on gifts club members bake including cookies, candies and coffeecakes.

Each cookbook costs $15 and is available at Flemings in Cohasset. All purchases help fund club programs, services and a scholarship fund.

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Sustainable Cohasset to meet on Nov. 28

The third meeting of the newly formed Sustainable Cohasset will be held at the Second Congregational Church on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Sustainable Cohasset is the local chapter of Sustainable South Shore. Many residents were introduced to this non -partisan coalition at the forums held after the showing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" this summer at the Loring Theater.

At the first meeting about 20 concerned residents and members of several town boards including the Alternative Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission were in attendance. Inventories of town environmental concerns, organizations and active committees were generated and small group breakouts had lively discussions about topics ranging from clotheslines in private planned communities to public windmills generating power for municipalities.

At the second meeting, support for the upcoming town wind turbine forums, the Carbon Fund, an international renewable energy foundation, and "Zero Emissions" environmental models were discussed. Participation in the Nov. 19 MCAN, conference at MIT's Stata Conference Center was a goal for those in attendance. Plans for future educational forums with expert speakers and a film series about global warming are being planned. Keeping in mind that climate stabilization should be everyone's goal, all are encouraged and welcome to attend on the 28th.

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SPORTS

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A tough act to follow

CHS field hockey hopes to build on an exceptional season

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

So what do you think of a sports team that jumps in only one year from an 8-7-1 record to 12-4-2?

That's what the Cohasset field hockey team accomplished in 2006 compared to last year's finish.

What caused this turnaround?

"Complete selflessness this year," said head coach Deb Bostwick. "Everyone played for each other. People were happy for others' successes. These attitudes established an outstanding team chemistry."

"People were happy for others' successes. These attitudes established an outstanding team chemistry."
Skippers coach Deb Bostwick

Even more interesting, as the 2006 season unfolded, the results migrated from boredom to absolute excitement. By the close of September the team compiled a so-so 4-3-2 record.

Then the October fireworks started. The Skippers would pile on eight wins in their next nine games. What makes the victories even more sweet?

"The league proved more competitive in 2006 than in previous years," observed Bostwick. "This year, more than one team dominated the league".

Signs of future promise surfaced from the very first game against a difficult East Bridgewater team. Cohasset managed to tie the Vikings, on Viking turf no less. Bostwick thought to herself, 'Wow! This team exhibited both the talent and capability to go far. I need to maintain this situation.'

The next few weeks in September proved challenging. On offensive corners forwards struggled to capitalize on scoring opportunities.

Then, Oct. 5 marked both a turning point and a historic event. After 17 years of losing to Harwich, Cohasset eked out a 2-2 tie on Alumni Field.

But, to put it mildly, the tie proved controversial. League officials would later reverse the game referees' call that Harwich had won this game.

At this point, the floodgates of Cohasset's victories opened up.

"The girls realized their capabilities," said Bostwick. "This Harwich outcome boosted our confidence and gave us tremendous momentum for the rest of the season."

Indeed, with the exception of a Carver slip-up and the tournament loss, the Skippers remained undefeated for the rest of the year.

"I think a main factor in our sudden improvements came from a new level of trust," explained senior captain Alida Tangherlini. "We always knew where each other were on the field, and we played with more confidence."

So how did they develop so quickly in a variety of areas? Assistant coach Abby Coakley worked closely with goalie Alyssa Mullin to improve her footwork. Mullin ended the sea-

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Another agonizing defeat

Mistakes cost CHS gridders in loss to rival Norwell

By Mark Goodman
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When the Norwell High football team took possession of the ball with 6:23 left in the second quarter last Friday night, it had amassed to that point four yards of total offense.

Incredibly, the Clippers also had 16 points.

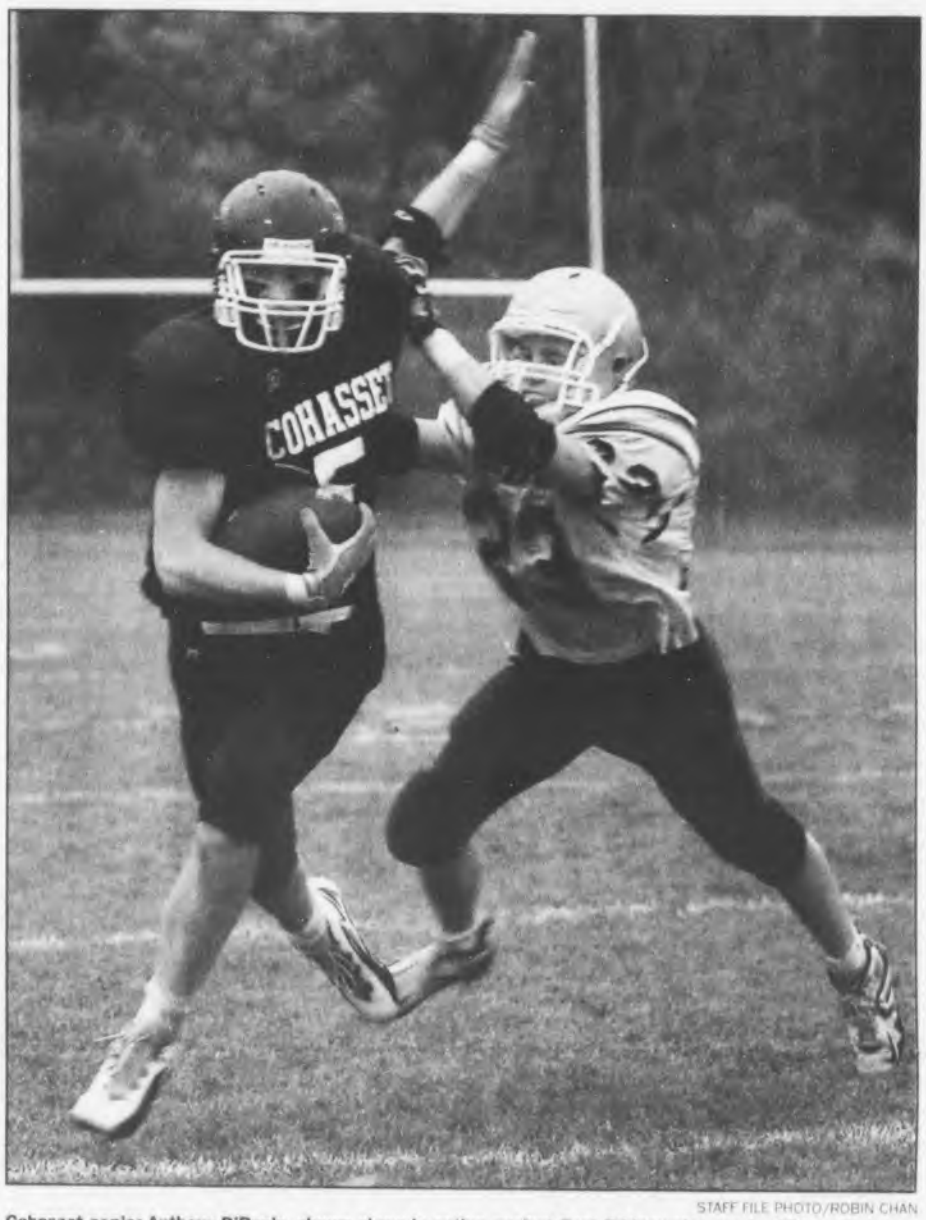
A blocked extra point run back for a two-point conversion, an interception returned for a touchdown, and a 19-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Kane to Doug Farinick were enough for Norwell to pull out a 16-15 victory over the Skippers.

Cohasset also had two touchdowns called back on penalties, and in the third quarter muffed a punt that would have given them possession in Norwell territory. After the game, a clearly frustrated Pete Afanasiw was left to wonder what could have been.

"I think we outplayed them," said the Skippers' head coach. "We gave them nine points in the first half, and we had two touchdowns called back because of stupid penalties. Having penalties that call back touchdowns is not a way to win games."

Nonetheless, the Skippers had chances down the stretch. With his team down 16-9 with less than five minutes left in the game, Cohasset junior Mark Flibotte picked off a Kane pass and returned it 22 yards to the Clippers' 21. Norwell senior Bill Dooley made a touchdown-saving tackle on the play.

On the ensuing snap, however, Skippers senior Anthony DiPaolo (18 carries, 191 yards) ran 21 yards for the touchdown, hurdling over a Norwell defender at the 10 to go the rest of the way and bring his team within one.



STAFF FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset senior Anthony DiPaolo, shown above in action against East Bridgewater, ran for 191 yards in last Friday's 16-15 loss to Norwell.

The extra point was missed, however, and it was still 16-15 for Norwell.

Cohasset's defense forced a three-and-out, and the Skippers took over at its own 44 with 2:25 left for one final shot. Five straight DiPaolo runs brought Cohasset to Norwell's 25, but when junior quarterback David Snowdale was stuffed for no gain on a scramble to his left, it was fourth-and-five at the 25.

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FILE PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE
Cohasset's David Snowdale looks for a receiver during last year's Thanksgiving Day game against Hull, won by the Skippers, 3-0. For a preview of this year's game and a lowdown on other local rivalries, turn to the Mariner's special Turkey Day football section in this week's edition.

PHOTO/SUZY PARK
The Super Bowl champion Scituate-Cohasset eighth grade football team poses with its trophy after Sunday's win over Marshfield.

8th graders are Super Bowl champs

As seventh graders, the Scituate-Cohasset youth football team lost to just one team all year: Marshfield.

In fact, the team lost to Marshfield three times, including the Super Bowl.

So, when the two squads faced off again in this year's eighth grade Super Bowl, the boys in blue had a little revenge on their minds. Sure, they had defeated Marshfield 6-0 in the regular season, but getting a win against their rivals in the Super Bowl would really do the trick.

Consider it mission accomplished, as the Sci-Coh Sharks posted their fourth shutout of the season with a 14-0 win over Marshfield in the Super Bowl. The win completed an undefeated season for the Sharks at 10-0.

The Sharks' defense has been superlative all season, as Bridgewater was the only team all season to score more than one touchdown against them all season. That play continued in Sunday's big win, as four different players – Deshawn Williams, Westley Hawkins, Jake Kissick and Robert Jones – all intercepted Marshfield passes to preserve the win.

For more photos from Sunday's Super Bowl win, see page 18.

The Sharks, who are coached by Cole Hawkins, also got touchdowns from Westley Hawkins and Tony Antonino. Antonino's touchdown came on a nice pass from Sci-Coh quarterback Tyler Park.

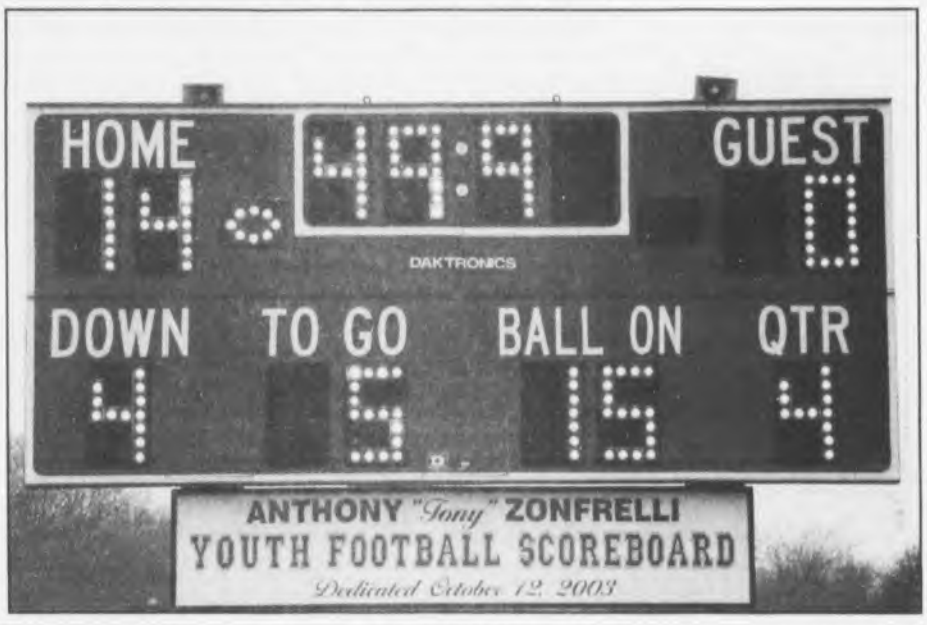
Championship glory for Sci-Coh 8th graders

Left - Deshawn Williams (facing the camera) and teammates hoist their new hardware.

Below, left - Team captains (left to right) Mike Spinola, Westley Hawkins, Phil Elliott, Jake Kissick and Tyler Park join head coach Cole Hawkins for the opening coin toss.

Below - The scoreboard tells the story as the final seconds tick off in Scituate-Cohasset's Super Bowl win.

Photos by Suzy Park



CHS winter sports preseason mandatory sign-up meeting

Monday, Nov. 20, 6:45 p.m., Gymnasium

On Monday, Nov. 20 there will be a mandatory sign-up meeting for all high school (grades 9-12) student-athletes interested in participating in a winter sport at Cohasset High School.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. School officials ask that all student-athletes be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian to the meeting. Principal Joel Antolini and Athletic Director Ron Ford will be on hand to review the Cohasset High School Athletic Department and Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association policies and answer any questions you may have.

There will also be a ceremony to dedicate the jersey of late Cohasset High School student-athlete Kurt Gritzan. Kurt's family will be presenting his ice hockey jersey for permanent display in the lower gym lobby.

Student-athletes and parents will then meet with the CHS coaching staff to distribute schedules, discuss team rules and expectations, and answer any questions you may have. The athletic trainer will also be on hand to discuss any injuries and address any concerns you may have.

User Fee

The new user fee structure for the 2006-07 school year will be $250 for the first and second sport and $150 for the third sport. There will be a family cap of $900 for the 2006-07 school year. Each student-athlete will receive one adult complementary pass to all on-campus home games for each season they participate in.

We also ask you to bring the user fee payment to this meeting.

Physical Exams

All student-athletes need an up-to-date physical exam performed by a physician within the past 13 months prior to the start of the season in order to participate in a high school sport. No student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practices or games without a current physical exam on file at the Cohasset High School nurse's office.

Dr. Steven Golden, the school physician, will provide free physical exams for student athletes on the following date (this will be the only date offered in the winter): Friday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Cohasset High School nurse's office

First Practices

Practices for all high school winter season sports will begin on Monday, Nov.r 27 unless your coach announces otherwise at the meeting.

Sports Offered

The following sports are offered during the Winter season: boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics (co-op program with Norwell), ice hockey, wrestling (co-op with Hull), skiing (funded by the Cohasset Ski Club), and swimming (co-op with Scituate, funded by the Cohasset Swim Club).

CHS Athletic Department Website

Be sure to check it out at www.cohassetk12.org . From the home page you click onto the www.highschoolsports.net link for up-to-the minute schedule changes.

To view 2006-07 winter schedules click onto "Select a Team" and choose the team's schedule you wish to view. Once you have chosen a team go below and select the "2006-07" school year. You then click onto "View Schedule" and the winter schedule should come up.

All winter schedules are subject to change and may not be complete until Nov. 20.

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Skippers running back Brian Hill tries to avoid the tackle of Scituate's Nick Mullin (50) during the teams' September meeting. Hill and his Cohasset teammates hope to end their season with a win on Thanksgiving Day at home against Hull. Kickoff is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Another agonizing defeat

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Snowdale appeared to have senior receiver Nick Zappolo open for a first down, but a good play by Norwell junior Cam Evans to close out on the pass forced an incompletion and sealed the deal for the Clippers (6-4 overall, 3-3 South Shore League).

The Clippers' defense made just enough plays to pull out the win. The Skippers (3-4-2 overall, 1-3-1 league) struck first when junior PJ McCaw scored on an 11-yard run just over three minutes into the game. Clippers junior Kevin Helm blocked the extra point, however, and junior Tom Finkenstaedt ran it back the length of the field to make it a 6-2 game.

On Cohasset's ensuing possession, Norwell senior Chris Dawson anticipated a screen pass to Cohasset senior Justin Alexander, cut in to pick it off and went 58 yards for the score.

After a bad snap on a Cohasset punt was compounded by a dubious intentional grounding call, the Clippers took over on their next possession at Cohasset's 12. After two running plays led to a combined loss of seven yards, Kane found Farinick wide open along the left sideline, and the senior running back beat Flibotte to the pylon to go in for the score.

It was Norwell's only play the entire night that went more than seven yards, but it was enough thanks to a defense that did what it had to do.

"We didn't have a strong offensive game, but it's a full game, and defensively we played awesome," said Clippers head coach Jim Sullivan. "[Finkenstaedt] running back the blocked extra point was an awesome play. It's one of those things where mistakes were made on both sides and we were able to capitalize on more of those."

The Farinick touchdown made it 16-6, but an impressive 37-yard field goal by Cohasset junior Pat Doonan brought the Skippers back within a score.

Unfortunately, Cohasset couldn't come all the way back.

"I feel horrible for the seniors. They played well enough to win," Afanasiw said. "This is their last time under the lights; I wanted so much for them to come away with a positive memory."

JV Gridders win over Norwell

As the sun began to set behind the tree line, the fog rolled in and set the stage for a well-played gridiron contest between the Cohasset JV Skippers and the Norwell Clippers.

Cohasset received the opening kickoff and ended their first drive of the game with a Dana Valentine touchdown run. Cohasset started with good field position from a Derek Schwantner kickoff return and Valentine brought his team into Norwell territory with two big runs.

Andrew DiPaolo got the Skippers to the 10-yard line, setting up the Valentine score. Quarterback Johnny Maher got on the board next for the boys in blue with a one yard sneak over center Dan Sullivan's right shoulder for the touchdown.

The Skippers' defense played solidly all game long, forcing Norwell to a three-and-out on its first possession. Alec Livingstone was the cornerstone of the linebacking crew, making the big plays throughout the game. The D-line, including Charlie Mushin, Will Lynner, Matt Wasel and Cam Washack, closed up the middle running game for Norwell, forcing them outside for much of the game. Ther,e the Clippers had to contend with not only Livingstone, but Brendan Doonan, Mike Froio, Valentine and DiPaolo.

Norwell's best field position came on a completed pass to the five-yard line of the Skippers as the clock wound down the first half. Any Norwell momentum was stopped by the stalwart Cohasset D. Valentine had an interception, Froio sacked the quarterback for a huge loss and he batted a pass attempt leading to a Cohasset recovery and another offensive series. Nick Savage, on special teams, dropped the Norwell punt returner deep in his own territory.

Coach Craig Davis commented, "I think it was the best we have played all year. We established the running game and the entire offensive line (Will Lynner, Thomas Barrett, Kevin O'Connell, Dan Sullivan) did a great job. This allowed Valentine, DiPaolo, Froio and Maher to move the ball on the ground. We had 18 players contribute defensively which allowed everyone to get some rest and gave us many different defensive looks.

"I'd like to thank varsity assistant coach Donny Silvia for coming to our game and lending his expertise and support."

The JV Gridders travel to Hull, today at 5 p.m.

Sports Notes

Football alumni event

The Friends of Cohasset Football are sponsoring a football alumni event on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion at Cohasset Harbor.

There will be a meet-n-greet with the current CHS coaching staff, a silent auction, appetizers and sign-ups for the alumni newsletter. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Cohasset Football.

Alumni soccer games

The third annual Cohassset Alumni Women's Soccer Game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. at Milliken Field.

All female alumnae and current soccer players at Cohasset High School are welcome to play. The game will be played between odd year graduates vs. even year graduates, and will consist of two 40-minute halves.

Anyone interested should contact Alyssa McNamara at pumkinpumper@gmail.com or (781)962-6049.

There is also a men's game being organized by Jeff Donze (jeff.donze@comcast.net). That game will also be on Nov. 25, 1 p.m. on Milliken Field.

Rec hoops signups

Recreation Basketball will be taking walk in signups on Saturday, Nov. 18 in the lobby of the high school gym. Evaluations and team selections will be as follows: 8-9 am, boys first and second grade, girls second and third grade; 9-10 am, boys third grade, girls first, fourth and fifth grade; 10-11 a.m. boys fourth and fifth grade, girls grades 6-8; 11-12 a.m., boys grades 6-8

Save the Date – Dec. 14

The Harlem Rockets are coming to Cohasset on Thursday, Dec. 14 at the CMHS gym at 6:30 p.m. for a night of comedy basketball entertainment. Come early to get a good seat. Look for more details coming soon.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.

CHS field hockey hopes to build on an exceptional season

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son with an impressive seven shutouts.

The defensive line tirelessly practiced their diagonal formation. This effort produced a gritty back line that even the best teams came to fear. In the midfield, the Skippers learned to maintain possession. They made use of space wisely on the field. This improvement, in turn, led directly to the success of the forwards.

Bostwick called the '06 Skippers "one of the best scoring teams I've ever coached."

From weak side coverage to controlling the midfield, the Skippers stepped up their game across the board and made it to the second round of the tournament.

Encompassing a team spirit in every sense of the word, Cohasset established itself as one of the dominant teams in the league. Oddly enough, the Skippers had the same record at home and on the road.

Hopefully, the graduation of many key players will not severely disable the Skippers in 2007. Defensively speaking, fans will miss Tangherlini, Michelle Madge and Molly Gallagher as they move on.

In the midfield, the departures of captains Laura Campedelli and Caitlin Hurley will certainly leave some holes. Cohasset will also experience the loss of both captain Sheelah Scott and Virginia Spofford up front.

Bostwick voiced optimism about her ability to fill in these gaps. With many returning starters and a pretty strong JV program, the Skippers of '07 hope to pick up where this year's team left off. No doubt about it, a tall order.

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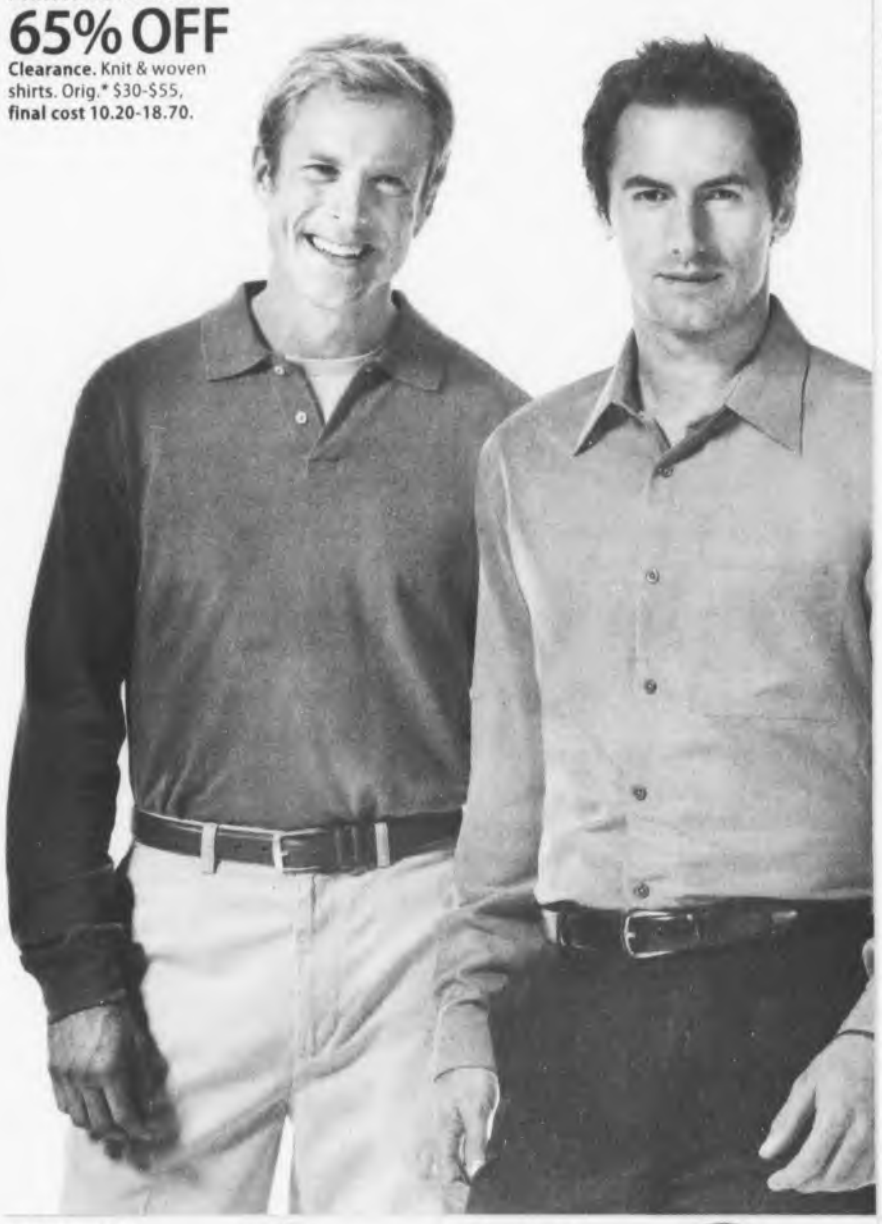

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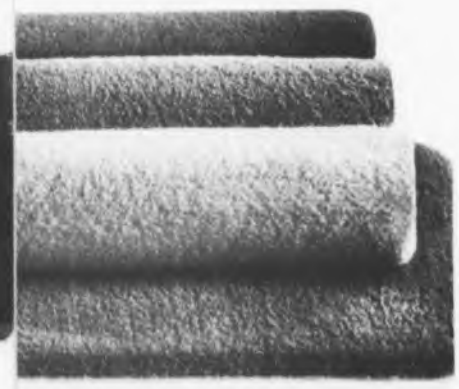

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Deer Hill fourth grade student Emma Davis picked Wisconsin as her state. Here Emma wears a large wedge of yellow cheese on her head as she pulls her Wisconsin wagon .

Deer Hill students display their state wagons with parents and teachers looking on.

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Ten-year-old Hollis Honnewell of Cohasset and fourth grade student stands in front of his North Carolina Wright Brothers plane wagon.

Jacqueline Driscoll, a fourth grader at Deer Hill, became a human Hershey Kiss as she chose Pennsylvania for her state wagon.

Fourth grade student Alexa Bleicken wheels her Maine wagon down the hall with Kyle McKnight and his Florida state wagon following behind.

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By STEVE MARANTZ
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MIAMI — When my son was a boy we played catch in the driveway. Now that he's a man, at 20, we tee it up. Golf is how we connect, even if plenty of our shots don't.

And what better place to bond than the Doral, the venerable Florida resort with five courses and a PGA pedigree — the annual Ford Championship on the famed Blue Monster?

Alex was between college semesters and we had 72 hours to golf, eat and sleep, but mostly to golf. The property has five restaurants (one, Windows on the Green, featuring panoramic views of the Blue Monster's 18th hole), a health club and European-inspired spa, swimming pools too numerous to count (think waterpark), and lovely manicured grounds, fountains and statuary. If his mother and sister had been along we would have indulged. However, as two guys golfing, we just golfed.

The Great White was first, and I'll remember it for two reasons.

One, it is framed in lovely white coquina (crushed shell and sand) that gives it a desert feel. Where most American courses have rough, Great White has hard-packed coquina. An errant shot that stops in rough will skitter and run on coquina. Sometimes this is good (the ball runs clear of trees), and sometimes not (it runs out of bounds). You can ground your club on coquina and try to blast your way out.

It's not a problem if you stay in the fairway. And that brings me to the second reason I'll remember Great White. The tee shot on the par-4, 404-yard ninth hole carries over 180 yards of water. Hitting into a strong gusting wind, my tee shot ballooned and splashed into the drink. Alex followed with a low rocket that not only found land, it rolled to within 100 yards of the green. (Whoa. I used to push his stroller.)

Great White, playing 6,085 yards from the white tees, with water on 14 holes, and small greens, put a whoopin' on us. We had the pleasure of playing with head pro Jeff McCormick, who assured us that the Greg Norman-designed course was tougher before 100 pot bunkers were eliminated last year.

"The members complained that it was too hard," McCormick said.

Our second day found us on the Blue Monster, soaking up the vibes left by Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson in their memorable 2005 final-round, head-to-head duel, which Tiger won by a stroke. The tournament distance is 7,288 yards, but we played the whites, at 6,281.

Blue Monster actually rates slightly easier than Great White, despite long fairways, undulating greens and water on 13 holes; and with a softer breeze, we improvised. Most of our problems came from a deep Bermuda rough where balls vanish — gulp! — as if swallowed. Finding your ball in the rough is just slightly less difficult than hacking it out.

We both played a strong back nine and were on a roll as we came to the much-anticipated 18th, featuring the famous signature fountain and ranked by Golf Magazine as one of the top 100 holes in the world. Water borders the left side and guards the front left of the green.

Alex outdrove me by 15 yards. My second shot, a 5-iron, carried the water and dropped softly, about 25 feet from the pin. His second shot, an arcing 6-iron, fell inside my ball. Neither of us converted, but with tap-in pars, we felt like a million bucks.

Playing at Doral is half the fun; staying there is the other half.

Craig Parry, the 2004 Ford winner, claims he won only because his room was close to the Blue Monster's first tee. Parry awoke 15 minutes before his tee time in the first round. He threw on some clothes and made it to the tee just in time to avoid disqualification.

Day Three we hit the Gold Course (there are also Red and Silver courses), narrow and tree-lined, with water on 16 holes. It's not as dramatic as Great White or Blue Monster, or quite as challenging. However, any smugness I acquired on the first 17 holes vanished on the 18th, a par-4 with an island green. I put three lob wedges into the water — feeling like Kevin Costner in "Tin Cup" — before landing a pitching wedge on the green. Alex, meanwhile, drained a 25-footer for a scrambling bogey, and said, "I'm hungry."

Greens fees from $125 to $295 for hotel guests; $150 to $295 for nonguests. Hotel room rates from $165 per night. Two-night packages with accommodations, 18 holes on the Blue Monster and on Great White, and replay on the Red, Silver or Gold courses, from $309 per person. For reservations, call 305-592-2000 (golf), 800-713-6725 (resort). Or go to www.doralresort.com.

A salute to veterans

Staff Photos by Elsa Allen

Veteran Austin Ahearn gives a salute during the Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday.

Army veteran Christopher Pratt addresses the crowd gathered to honor the veterans who served and soldiers still serving today.

The perfect weather brings out the crowd gathered around the new veterans memorial in Veterans Park on the Cohasset waterfront.

Longtime Cohasset resident Marie Price applauds as the Cosmo Legion Band from Brockton marches during the ceremony.

Bob Protulis stands with the American flag as Cohasset dedicates its new veterans memorial.

Keeper the dog waits patiently by his owner's side as the Cosmo Legion Band strikes up a tune at Saturday's event.

Veterans march down the street toward the waterfront for the Cohasset Veterans Day Observance on Saturday.

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It's Happening

Alumni soccer games scheduled

The third annual Cohasset Women's Soccer Game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., on Miliken Field. All women alumni and current soccer players at CHS are welcome to play. Two 40-minute sessions will be played.

Any players who are interested should visit pumkinpumper@gmail.com_or 781-962-6049. Odd-year graduates will play even-year graduates.

There is also a men's game being organized by Jeff Donze Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., on Miliken Field. For information, contact Donze at jeff.donze@comcast.net.

'The Women' on stage

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "The Women., the classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce on Nov. 17, and 18 at 8 p.m .at Cohasset Town Hall, Cohasset.

Tickets are $12, group discounts are available for groups of eight or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

Historical Society opens new exhibit

The Cohasset Historical Society has opened a new exhibit of 1930s fashions and memorabilia. The exhibit, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of the year at Society Headquarters, located at 106 S. Main St., in the Paul Pratt Building, and ties in with the latest Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "The Women."

The exhibit will feature afternoon wear in a living room setting, lingerie and dressing gowns in a bedroom setting and evening gowns in a setting reminiscent of the Casino Roof. The exhibit highlights a portion of the Society's extensive clothing collection, which is rarely put on display. The exhibit will also feature theater materials and scrapbooks from the era, including a script from the 1942 CDC production of "The Women," and images from the original Broadway production debut in 1936.

In celebration of the exhibit, the Society will host a 1930s cocktail party Dec. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are $20 for Historical Society members, $25 for non-members and may be purchased by calling the Society at (781) 383-1434

Senior and high-risk adult flu clinics offered

A flu clinics, sponsored by Cohasset Board of Health, will take place Monday, Nov. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

This flu clinic is open to all citizens of Cohasset older than age 65, and for those adults who are at high risk.

Some examples of high risk are: Asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes, heart disease, health care workers involved with direct patient care, parents of infants under 6 months old and pregnant women.

Those attending a flu clinic are asked to wear a short-sleeve shirt. Seniors are reminded to bring Medicare Part B and/or senior health insurance cards.

For more information, contact the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

Teen dance scheduled for Nov. 17

There will be a dance at the Teen Center Friday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grades six through eight is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

'Turkey Shoot' at R&G Club

There will be a "Turkey Shoot" at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club off Route 3A in Scituate from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19. All are welcome.

Winter art classes

South Shore Art Center announces its winter schedule of courses and workshops, including "Not Everyone Does Email" – a calligraphy course taught by Cynthia Henrich, and two classes with new instructor Sharon Perlmutter: "Nuts and Bolts of Watercolor" and "Trompe L'O'eil." Registration begins Nov.17 and courses start the week of Jan. 16.

Eileen Rotty will lead a workshop on the essentials of drawing the figure on Jan. 27 and 28. Other workshops include tile making, "Akua Kolor" printmaking, digital photography, portrait photography and a master book arts workshop with book artist Peter Madden.

Children's classes include "Learning from the Masters", papermaking, printmaking and "Elements of Design". Courses are available for students age 4 1/2 and older, including specialized courses for teens. Most materials are supplied for children's classes and prices range from $55 to $175. Financial assistance is available through the Lois Weltman Memorial Fund for Children, requiring a student be recommended by an art teacher. All classes begin mid-January.

Gift certificates are available in any denomination and make great holiday gifts. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. South Shore Art Center is at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

American Girl events at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, is celebrating the release of the new American Girl movie, "Molly: An American Girl on the Home Front," with two events, an American Girl party and a drawing for two dolls.

"Molly Movie Event" will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., at Buttonwood, and feature activities, a craft and a tea party. It is suitable for girls ages 8 through 12, and they are invited to bring their doll and join in the fun.

The event is free, however, reservations are required. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for reservations.

The doll drawing will take place Sunday, Nov. 26. Entry forms are available now at Buttonwood, where the dolls are currently on display. The lucky winner will receive the two American Girl dolls, Molly and Emily. No purchase is necessary, and the winner need not be present to win. Complete rules are posted at the store.

Book Angel Program to benefit local children

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, is sponsoring its annual Book Angel Program to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child, and will take place Nov. 17 through Dec. 22.

The book angel selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. Program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and Blue Hills Healthy Families, serving the South Shore.

This is the 13th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program, and about 200 books were donated last year.

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Police/Fire Log

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

1:38 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, walk in party reports her vehicle was hit in the parking lot and the suspect vehicle fled.

1:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services, received call from FBI concerning a male party that is wanted by Cohasset PD for warrants. He is attempting to purchase a gun in the state of Maryland. Warrant was confirmed by dispatch and a hit confirmation was sent to Maryland and Mass State PD as well as FBI.

1:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

2:05 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, animal complaint, passerby reports to Sgt. that there is a coyote in the area that appears to be ill. Reports the fox has gotten away again.

2:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller from Fallon reports a resident with chest pain.

2:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, assist other police department, unmarked State Police cruiser with a motor vehicle accident at this location. Officer reports this is not an accident, the unmarked State Police cruiser has 2 vehicles pulled over.

3:09 p.m. **Highland Ave., Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:33 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports there are two elderly females parked in front of Town Hall that are stating they crashed into a tree on Beach Street and they are attempting to drive on a flat tire.

4:52 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:49 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she heard loud noises outside of her bedroom, she doesn't know what it is but it scared her. Officer reports it was a maintenance woman changing a light bulb.

7:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a white jeep parked in front of his house on his property and it belongs to no one at his residence. Caller from the above location called back to say the vehicle was broken down.

11:49 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

11:50 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

1:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8:01 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports an elderly female is having possible hip problems from a previous hip replacement.

11:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny. Holbrook man summoned on larceny charge.

11:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller from the DPW reports someone hit a cat at this location and the DPW is standing by with the animal until an officer arrives. Officer found who the animal belongs to.

1:01 p.m. **Edgar Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire requests R3 for a 40-year-old male in a wheelchair, he has hurt his arm.

3:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller who is an employee reports they have a pharmacist on tape stealing drugs, they would like to confront him about it and is requesting police officers. One female in custody. Arrest: Alisha M. Tsimbidaros, 20, 533 Country Way, Scituate. Charges: Larceny of drugs, possession of Class D drug, possession of Class C drug.

3:36 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, fire, caller reports a propane leak in the stove.

6:40 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:16 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller stated that the resident is short of breath and needs an ambulance.

8:26 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:29 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:52 p.m. **Bates Lane and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:10 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:20 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer advised checked schools.

7:04 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:32 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, well being check.

11:22 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

11:43 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, walk in party would like to make a complaint about his neighbor's electric animal fence. The fence comes over onto his property.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance.

2:05 p.m. **Norfolk Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:16 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:21 p.m. **Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting. Caller the manager advised 2 white females just took items from the store – age 14 and 15 year olds – wearing black hooded sweat shirts, one with long black hair, the other heavyset. Manager doesn't want to go any further with it, the girls are not allowed inside the store. Officer is waiting for parents to arrive. Father has arrived on scene – everything has been explained to the father.

6:37 p.m. **North Main St.**, civil matter, caller advised she was threatened by male subject over the phone.

8:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports the people he lives behind have dogs that have been barking for an hour. Officer reports no answer at the door but the dogs have seemed to stop.

9:05 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports there were 3 youths standing in her front lawn, she believes they are the kids that vandalized her vehicle and also were in her home when she wasn't.

11:35 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

12:28 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "she heard a loud noise outside her house 10 minutes ago, then the telephone rang 5 minutes ago." She does not want to see an officer, "just wanted the incident logged." She had problems earlier in the evening. She was advised that by calling 911, a response must be sent. She agreed to have the neighborhood checked. No one in the area now.

1 a.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance- not specified, 911 caller states "she needs a cop." A group of people from the hotel were loud. They have gone back to the hotel.

2 a.m. **Spring St.**, noise complaint, caller states there is loud music coming from a house. Music has been turned off for the night.

2:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

2:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, caller reports a broken water pipe.

7:13 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement, all traffic within acceptable limits.

9:41 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick fox sitting on the front steps on this address.

11:55 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports he believes his vehicles were just broken into, there are things missing.

12:20 p.m. **Cedar St., and Cedar Ledge Village**, abandoned motor vehicle, caller reports a green Ford Ranger pick up parked on the side of the road for about 2 days now.

12:21 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, officer wanted, walk in party requesting to speak to an officer regarding a problem she has been having.

12:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal bite, caller reports her son was just bitten by a cat unknown to them. Mother will be transporting son to doctors. Report to follow.

2:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, confused person, several callers reporting an elderly male party walking in the middle of the street stopping traffic. Officer transporting elderly male to his residence.

3:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transporting SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports they were putting something away on a shelf in the garage and it fell down on his head, he is conscious but bleeding badly.

9:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:11 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:27 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, protective custody, 1 in custody for PC, 3A notified for the tow. PC (17-year-old) released to his father.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:52 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, assist other Police Department, Hull PD requests notification of juvenile's parents.

3:14 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, assist citizen, caller states one of the children she is babysitting for is missing. Missing child was found in another room in the house.

Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December 5th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision not to grant a building permit until the Zoning Board determines if the lots are buildable under §8.3 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Vincent and Tracy Longo and Typhoon Realty, LLC, of 22 and 34 Bancroft Road,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-10-26**.

AD#11189754
Cohasset Mariner 11/17, 11/24/06

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December5th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision regarding **Lot 5 on Otis Avenue** pursuant to §12 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Philip and Mary Anne Kniest Ayer, c/o Attorney Roberta Saywer of 38 Hornbeam Road, Duxbury, MA 02332** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-11-01**.

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www.sausageguy.com

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www.bostonchocolate.com

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Hingham Community Center
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Transitions: Your Business & Career Resource Center
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Fred Astaire Dance Studio
www.fadshanover.com

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George Salem, DMD
www.drgeorgesalem.com

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Joans Olympic Gym
www.joansolympicgym.com

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www.handymanconnection.com

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Bridgewater Goddard Park Medical Associates
www.bgpma.com

HEALTH CLUB
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www.atlantissportsclubs.com

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PM Companion Agency, Inc.
www.pmcompanions.com

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www.bosseschoolofmusic.com

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www.snugpub.com

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Raffael's at Nantasket
www.raffaels.com

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Charles David Salon
www.charlesdavidsalon.com

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Community Coupons
www.coupons.townonline.com

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Scituate Chamber of Commerce
www.scituatechamber.org

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Pilgrim Skating Arena
www.skatepilgrim.com

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Clipper Travel
www.clippertravel.com

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Robert Koza Videography
www.robertkozavideo.com

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Real Life Yoga
www.reallifeyoga.com

OBITUARIES

Lisa A. Laugelle

Lifelong Cohasset resident

Lisa Anne Laugelle, 50, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Nov. 11, 2006, after along illness at South Shore Hospital.

Born and raised in Cohasset, she graduated from Cohasset High School in 1974. She attended the Quincy College Nursing program and graduated in 1998. Ms. Laugelle worked for many years at the Cardigan Nursing Facility in Scituate.

She leaves her husband, Shawn DeCruz of Cohasset; a son, Jerry Cogill of Cohasset, a daughter, Kyralea and her husband, Jeff Purcell of Maine and two grandchildren, Zakary and Adajean of Maine; her father, Rocco Laugelle of Cohasset; two brothers, Paul and Sean and a sister, Meka-Mari Carmody.

She also leaves Denise and Charles Alexander of No. Carolina; Lynn and Bob Zelms of Florida and several aunts and uncles. She was the daughter of the late Margaret J. (Noble) Laugelle of Cohasset.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 16, in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment is in Beechwood Cemetery in Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Bassing Beach Tenants Assoc., c/o Pilgrim Coop Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

Lisa Anne Laugelle

Bradley Jay Youngman

Former Cohasset resident

Bradley Jay Youngman, 55, of San Isidro, Costa Rica, formerly of Cohasset, died suddenly Nov. 3, 2006.

He attended Western Washington State University and received a master's degree in business administration from Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Youngman was a marketing executive with more than 20 years of experience in the international business world, including former executive vice president of IPCO, Singapore, corporate executive with Morrison Knudsen International and numerous other international companies and affiliates. During his lifetime he visited every country on earth, with the exception of two.

He was well read, well educated and well traveled. Mr. Youngman was loved by his family and his friends from many nations.

He leaves his wife, AnaMaria Vallejo, and her children, Daniel and Ximena; his son, Derek Youngman; his father, Donald Youngman; his former wife, Ellen Murphy-Youngman of Cohasset; and his brother, Barry Youngman of Idaho.

Private services were held in Costa Rica.

Bradley Jay Youngman

Ralph L. West

Member of Knights of Pythias

Ralph L. West, 83, of Kingston, formerly of Medford, died Nov. 11, 2006, at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth.

Born in Hillsboro, New Brunswick, Canada, he was the son of the late Lloyd E. West and Eva E. (Duffy) West. Mr. West was a warm and caring son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, neighbor and friend. He will be sadly missed.

Mr. West was a dedicated refrigeration mechanic for New England Financial for many years and a loyal member of the Knights of Pythias, as well as the Local AFL-CIO of Watertown. He was a proud member of the Canadian Army during World War II.

He leaves his wife, Gwendolyn A. (Keirstead) West of Kingston; his sons, Graham H. West and his wife Susan, of Marshfield; Robert L. West and his wife Erin, of Rhinebeck, New York; his grandchildren, Michael West; Kimberly Molloy and her husband Charles; Eric West and his wife Stephanie; Gregory, Matthew, Andrew, James and Megan West and Briana Douglas; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Service celebrating his life was held Nov. 16, in the North Medford Community Baptist Church in Medford. The Beals-Geake-Magliozzi Funeral Home in Medford handled arrangements.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Medford High School Band, 489 Winthrop St., Medford, MA. 02155, Attn: Mr. Jonathan Goldfield.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Nov. 19 – Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "An Intergenerational Service of Thanksgiving."

All are welcome to this service of worship and thanksgiving, led by our minister, the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, and Director of Religious Education, Nan Moore.

Toddler classes and childcare will begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. All other children and youth are invited to bring their parents and join in our intergenerational service in the Meeting House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow in the Parish House.

11:30 to 12:45 – New to First Parish? Join us for the second part of a two-part series for new and prospective members: "Welcome to You and First Parish Unitarian Universalist: Overview, Discussion & Brunch." Childcare will be provided as needed. To register, call Sandy Bailey at the church at 781-383-1100. There will be a make-up session Jan. 7, and New Member Sunday will take place Jan. 21.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together. To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our Web site at firstparishcohasset.org or call the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, minister, at 781-383-1100.

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m., for the annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** at St. Anthony Church, 129 South Main St.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

St. Anthony's Church and First Parish Unitarian Universalist will join together in the annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m., at St. Anthony Church.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone, call 781-383-1083 or visit our Web site at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

This week's events from Nov. 19-26:

- Sunday, Nov.19: 9 a.m., Youth Meeting.
- Monday, Nov. 20: 7:30 p.m., Christian Meditation; 7 p.m. Profile Meeting.
- Tuesday, Nov. 21: 7:30 p.m., Book Group.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m., Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m., Bible Study – "Mary"; 8 p.m., Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Anthony Church.
- Thursday, Nov. 23: 9 a.m., Thanksgiving Morning Prayer.
- Friday. Nov.24: Office closed.
- Saturday, Nov. 25: 7 a.m., Bible Fellowship.
- Sunday, Nov. 26: 11:30 a.m., Intercessory Prayer Group.

Readings for Nov. 26 are from the Book of Daniel 7: 9-14, that presents the vision of the Son of Man ruling in heaven. The second reading from Revelations 1: 1-8, opens the Book of Revelations with greetings from God, the seven spirits and from Jesus. In the Gospel reading from Mark 11: 1-11, as his passion draws near, Jesus seeks to explain the nature of his kingship to the Roman governor.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Anger management

'Cheers' star Wendt turns to drama

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

George Wendt may be playing juror number one in the national tour of the intense courtroom drama "Twelve Angry Men," now at Boston's Colonial Theatre, but it shouldn't surprise anyone that the actor actually prefers lighter material.

"I'm more comfortable with comedy. Drama is a bigger challenge for me. That said, I am always pleasantly surprised when people consider me for dramas," explained Wendt, 58, recently by telephone. "You're typecast very easily in this business and that can mean having to scratch and claw just to be considered for certain parts. So I was thrilled when they asked me to do this play."

George Wendt

For Wendt, who portrayed Norm Peterson in all 269 episodes of the long-running sitcom "Cheers" (1982-1993) and also spent six years with Chicago's famed Second City comedy troupe, his role in the Roundabout Theatre Company stage adaptation of Reginald Rose's classic 1954 "Studio One" teleplay is a departure. As fans of the 1957 feature film version, starring Henry Fonda and featuring Martin Balsam as juror number one, will recall, in "Twelve Angry Men," a jury has to decide whether or not a 16-year-old Hispanic boy is guilty of killing his abusive father. What at first seems like an open-and-shut case to 11 of the 12 jurors soon becomes a story of their prejudices and preconceptions of the trial, the defendant, and each other.

"Juror number one is the foreman. He takes his job very seriously, but he is railroaded by the bullies on the jury. He's helped by juror number eight (played in this production by Richard Thomas) who sees a reasonable doubt from the outset and sets about changing his fellow jurors' minds and keeping the boy from the electric chair."

PHOTO / JOAN MARCUS

Roundabout Theatre Company's Twelve Angry Men.

For Wendt, who makes his home in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Bernadette Birkett, and their four sons and one daughter, the play not only tells an important story, but also makes some significant points along the way.

"It is an awesome responsibility to be on a jury which has to decide whether a person lives or dies. I can really relate to my character's desire to keep the peace. There's a lot of ranting and raving that goes on and some of it is pretty racist. The play also makes a very clear case for the rights of the accused, which is very relevant in today's climate when we're witnessing the decline of habeas corpus. The rights of the accused are a cornerstone of the Bill of Rights. It is vitally important that we never forget that."

Thanks to "Cheers" reruns, Wendt's portrayal of a fictional bar stool-warming Bostonian will probably never be forgotten. If the actor has his way, however, he may also one day bring a real Boston legend to life in "Tip According to Tip," a play about former Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill by local humorist Dick Flavin.

"That show was meant to play Boston, but so far it just hasn't happened. I was attached to the project for a while, but at this point they may be looking at another. If they still want to talk to me, however, then I am still interested. In fact, I'm hoping to get together with Dick Flavin while I'm in town," explains Wendt. "I didn't really have a Boston accent on 'Cheers,' but I will if I ever play Tip O'Neill."

(The Roundabout Theatre Company's production of "Twelve Angry Men" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Nov. 19, for tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit *www.broadway-acrossamerica.com)*

Movie review

'Flushed' with success

"Flushed Away" (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Without doubt the worst title of the year, "Flushed Away" is also the best animated film of the year, and if you didn't think it was possible for slugs to be funny, think again.

Brought to us by DreamWorks ("Shrek") and those magnificent pixies at Aardman Animations ("Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit"), the film is a delightful journey from the surface to the sewers of London, featuring a cast of unforgettable, unforgettably acted CGI characters.

Forget "Barnyard," "Over the Hedge" or "Under the Bush" or whatever prefab title Hollywood has attached to its latest generic, plasticene computer-generated cartoon. "Flushed Away" may sound slightly distasteful, but it's a winning formula.

Roddy St. James (the omnipresent Hugh Jackman) is a rat, and I really mean that. When Roddy, a pampered pet who has only dolls as companions, is flushed down a toilet by Sid (Shane Richie) the sewer rat, Roddy finds himself on an "Alice in Wonderland"-like adventure. Beneath the surface of Kensington, Roddy finds another, smaller London,

Rodney (voice of Hugh Jackman) has his "delicious" meal interrupted by a couple of curious slugs in "Flushed Away."

created by a host of rats dwelling underground in rodent harmony.

He also meets a brave and sexy sailor named Rita (Kate Winslet). Rita, who wears a pair of low-riding Union Jack slacks, is the skipper of a boat, and she has something of value belonging to the crime lord known as The Toad (another inspired bit of ham acting by screen Magneto Ian McKellen).

The Jabba-the-Hutt-like Toad is this film's surrogate James Bond villain, and he has an evil plan to flush away all the rats in the sewer and install amphibians in their place. His cohort in his infernal quest is his French "cousin" Le Frog (a terrific Jean Reno) and his band of Franco-ninja froggies.

Think "The African Queen" with rats and frogs and McKellen channeling the late great English character actor Robert Morley. The film has everything from funny references to mime Marcel Marceau to singing maggots and a Kafka joke. Some may also detect more than a little Cary Grant in Roddy St. James.

The feature-length debut of directors David Bowers and Sam Fell based on a screenplay by Fell and six colleagues, "Flushed Away" brings CGI techniques to the patented Aardman claymation style of such films as "Chicken Run" and the aforementioned "Wallace & Gromit." The results bode well for animation and audiences.

Rated PG. "Flushed Away" contains crude humor.

Mark your calendar

THE DUXBURY HIGH SCHOOL SKI TEAM will present the newly released feature length film "Off the Grid" from world famous ski-movie producer, Warren Miller on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. The movie will be preceded by a ski wear fashion show presented by SportWorks of Duxbury. Come to see your favorite DHS ski racers, coaches and teachers on the runway showing off the latest and coolest ski fashions just in time for the holidays. Purchase tickets early as a large turnout is expected. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door and group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased at SportWorks, at Depot St. in Duxbury 781-934-9501, Buckles and Boards in Marshfield or by contacting Steve Woodworth at 781-934-7921 or swood4417@aol.com

AMERICAN GIRL EVENTS at Buttonwood Books & Toys Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. Celebrate the release of the new American Girl movie "Molly: An American Girl on the Home Front" with two events, an American Girl® party and a drawing for two dolls. On Sat. Nov. 25, 1 p.m. at Buttonwood, the "Molly Movie Event" takes place with activities, a craft and a tea party. Girls (ages 8-12) are invited to bring their doll and join in the fun. This is a free event however reservations are required. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve. The doll drawing is Sun. Nov. 26. Entry forms are available now at Buttonwood, where the dolls are currently on display. The lucky winner will win the two American Girl Dolls, Molly and Emily, as shown. No purchase is necessary and the winner need not be present to win. Complete rules are posted at the store.

Calendar of events

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The North River Arts Society is holding its 25th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Beautiful works will be offered for sale from artists throughout the region. Free admission. For information call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

Thursday Nov. 16

Health Seminar Nov. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lantana in Randolph. Join **Dr Ann Doggett, Doctor of Chiropractic,** MS Human Nutrition, of **Whole Body Solutions** discover the five hidden causes of disease, illness and unhealthy living. For information go to www.wholebodysolutions.org or call 617 328-6300.

Senior Citizens are invited to the final dress rehearsal free of charge Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. at **Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center** as they present the play **Anne of Green Gables.** Performances are Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., Nov. 18, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. All performances are held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St. Norwell. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to each performance. Reservations can be made by calling 508-224-4548.

TIC (Talking Information Center) Wine Tasting Dinner, Nov. 16, at the Barker Tavern in North Scituate. For tickets and information call 781-834-4400.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 71 Cleveland Circle, Braintree. **Diane Panerelli** will demonstrate oil painting. Free and open to the public. Refreshments. 781-335-4675.

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree no cover, handicap access. 781-380-8180. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**. 9 p.m. Info. contact Satch Romano, New Blue Productions, Braintree. 781-258-5232

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 16, BBC "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 16, **Glen MacAuliffe's Classic Rock Café** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Nov. 17

The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of watercolorist **Priscilla Levesque.** The display will be open to the public at the Gallery on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 7.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 17, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

CALENDAR, see next page

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The Billy Joel Tribute show "Piano Man" with live seven piece orchestra Nov. 24, Raffael's in Walpole For tickets, call: JM Productions at 617-796-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line purchasing at: www.jmproductionspresents.com

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Pastels and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident Diana Rousseau are on display through December at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

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Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel (you) selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). This is the 13th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs from Nov. 17 through Dec. 22. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

Mary Poppins: The Magical Nanny, will be presented at Priscilla Beach Theatre in Manomet, six miles south of downtown Plymouth. It will play on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov19, with a matinee at 2 p.m. and closing night 7:30 p.m. All tickets are $12 and reservations are *strongly* recommended. For reservations call 1-508-224-4888.

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents **The Melody of Art**, Nov. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at ye olde Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston, and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 18, 19, 21, 22, and 24 and 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 20, 24, and 27. 781-585-5622.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the play **Anne of Green Gables.** Performances are Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. All performances are held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St. Norwell. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to each performance. Reservations can be made by calling 508-224-4548.

J.M. Productions presents **Guys by Dolls,** music from Frank Sinatra to Back Street Boys and back again. On Nov. 17 at Raffael's in Hull and Nov. 18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Braintree. In Hull, dinner-and-show and show-only packages are available, while the Braintree date offers a choice of three packages including show, dinner and show, and dinner and show and a night at the hotel. For information, call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

The Bay Players are currently in rehearsal for their upcoming production of **"It Runs in the Family",** a British Farce, directed by Peter Kates of Norwell. The cast represents the towns of Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, Kingston, Weymouth, and Quincy. The show will be held at Duxbury Middle School on St. George Street in Duxbury. The dates of the performances are Nov. 17, 18 at 8 p.m. The matinee' is a "Two for the Price of One" special. Tickets are $15, $12 for seniors and students. For reservations or information, call 1-800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org .

Showstoppers, Inc presents their anniversary production of the smash hit musical ***Forever Plaid***. At the Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate Friday Evening Nov.17, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon Nov. 19, at 12:30 p.m. starring **Douglas Trudeau, Duane Sullivan, Rick Sosny**, and **Bill McColgan**. Mail reservations Showstoppers, Inc, 351 Tilden Road, Scituate, MA 02066. Call 781-545-3643 for further information or questions!

Single Executives Club Singles Dance – Nov. 17, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

New England Singles Dance at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, ages 40+. Admission $7. For information visit singlesdances-newengland.com or call 617-325-4900.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 17, **Johnny Hoy and The Bluefish** 781-925-4300.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 17. **Spank**.

Annette's Comedy Asylum & The Stoughton Cinema Pub Theatre are producing its First Comedy Show of the Series Nov. 17, at the Stoughton Cinema Pub Theatre, 807 Washington St., Stoughton 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. 781-344-4566 Need to Purchase Tickets online: www.stoughtoncinema.com or call: 781-843-4833 $15 in Advance/ $18 @ the Door. Headliner: **Frank Santorelli** from the **Sopranos, Las Vegas, Law & Order & Meet The Parents!!** Host: South Shore's Veteran: **Tommy Dunham**. Other Comics: **Annette Pollack, Jim Cahillane of Canton, Rob Brown of Stoughton and Christine Hurley of Plymouth.** Free Parking in the Rear.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is hosting a fundraiser for **The Scituate Animal Shelter** on Nov. 18 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Buttonwood has arranged for **Emily Carreiro** of the **Blue Hills Trailside Museum,** and managed by Mass Audubon, to be at Buttonwood from 10:30 a.m. to noon. She will bring a screech owl, a box turtle and a black rat snake to be viewed and admired. She will also bring "touch items," objects that can be handled. Ms. Carriero is a Teacher/Naturalist and will be available during her visit to answer questions. Buttonwood will be donating 20 percent of the day's receipts to the "3A Farm Fund." The Scituate Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter. It serves the town of Scituate and Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell on an as needed basis. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for information.

Persephone's Daughters, the women's a cappella chorus, directed by Lynne Wilkinson, will present, **The Poet's Gift**, at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Top of Town Square, Plymouth, on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the concert will go to **The Porch Cultural Project of The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans.** Tickets are $15 adults/$10 seniors, students, children and are available at the door. Call 508-747-0212 for tickets and further information. Checks should be payable to NHS of New Orleans, with Porch Project in the memo.

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The Hingham community is partnering with **Cradles to Crayons** for a large scale product drive and family volunteer day on **Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Resurrection Church**, 1057 Main St., Hingham. Volunteer your time and bring donations of new and gently used children's clothes and shoes, maternity clothes, children's books and toys, school supplies, and baby equipment. Cradles to Crayons collects and distributes these items, free of charge, to children-in-need in our community. All donations are tax deductible. Sponsored by the Hingham Newcomers Club and Resurrection Youth Ministry, this is a fun non-traditional fundraising event for the whole family - bring the kids. Visit www.cradlestocrayons.org for more details or contact Jen at jpoakley5@hotmail.com.

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The North River Arts Society is holding its **25th Annual Holiday Art Sale** on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Free admission. For information call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

Photography & Paintings of Joyce Cole Olsen to be shown in the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham through Nov. 30. Cole Olsen's exhibit may be viewed during library hours.

J.M. Productions presents **Guys by Dolls,** music from Frank Sinatra to Back Street Boys and back again. On Nov. 17. at Raffael's in Hull and Nov. 18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Braintree. In Hull, dinner-and-show and show-only packages are available, while the Braintree date offers a choice of three packages including show, dinner and show, and dinner and show and a night at the hotel. For information, call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

Nov. 18 at the Sheraton Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. For tickets and information call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St,. Marshfield. Nov. 18, **PRO-AM Comedy Night for Charity** sponsored by the Marshfield Kiwanis featuring **Tommy Dunham and friends**. Admission $12 at door, $10 in advance. Dinner optional beginning at 6 p.m. show startrs approsimately 9 p.m. 781-834-6505.

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Howard Bond, Procession - large format film - silver gelatin print

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Stephen Lathrop Wave 1 - digital capture - pigmented digital print

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 18: **Robin & The Ripchordz** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 18, **Steve Smith and The Nakeds** 781-925-4300.

Starcreations Theater presents **The Breakfast Club** on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4:30 p.m. held at The Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. Tickets: Adult $10, Students $5.00. For more info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

Sunday, Nov. 19

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton, will be holding its **32nd annual Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair** on Sunday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be over 75 dealer tables. The famous kosher Brotherhood snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks during the day. The Temple is Handicap Accessible. Admission is still only 50 cents. For information and directions call the temple at 508-583-5810 or on the web at www.templebethemunah.org.

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The Fine Arts Choral will perform a concert titled "Royal Music For A Coronation" commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's 80th birthday year will be held Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. at Old South Union Church 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth. For tickets call 800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

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Crocodile and Alligator Family Fun Day Program, Nov. 19, at **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Norwell Learn about this "Other Alligator" from China, the Chinese Alligator an endangered species on Sunday Nov. 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Senior Keeper David Jones of Rainforest Reptiles Shows will talk about this reptile and show a variety of crocodilians from around the world. Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost $8 members/ $10 non members. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 781-659-2559 or at the Science Center during business hours.

Schubert's famed **"Trout" Quintet** will be the featured piece at the **Hingham Symphony Chamber Players** concert at the **James Library & Center for the Arts**, 24 West St. in Norwell Center on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. The program also includes solo and chamber music pieces. The featured pianist is **Eliko Akahori.** Tickets $20/$18 senior/$10 student available at the door, The James Library 781-659-7100 or at the Hingham Symphony Orchestra website www.hinghamsymphony.org.

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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St,. Marshfield. Nov. 19, 4 to 7 p.m. **Dixie Land Jazz Concert** featuring the **New Black Eagles**. Admission $10. 781-834-6505.

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Monday, Nov. 20

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery, located in the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents **Work of Constance Flavell Pratt** beginning Nov. 1 and continuing until the end of December. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, Nov. 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. At that time Ms. Pratt will give a talk and illustrate her portraiture techniques. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, GinnyWilson will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of November.

The North River Arts Society presents ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Norwell High School Students artwork will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from through Nov. 29. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents pastel and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident **Diana Rousseau** through December. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2006 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Richness of Mexico, an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For more information call 781-736-8100.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St,. Marshfield. Nov. 22, Annual Thanksgiving Reunion featuring **The Infractions** beginning at 8 p.m. with the **Third Degree.** 781-834-6505.

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree 781-380-8180, no cover, handicap access. *Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam*. 9 p.m. Nov. 22 featuring **The HouseRockers.**

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 22, **Duke Robillard Band** 781-925-4300.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 22, **Jon Frattasio & Friends**

Thursday, Nov. 23

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It's A Wonderful Life will be performed on stage at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, beginning Nov. 24, and continuing through Dec. 17. Inspired by the Frank Capra film, this classic is brought to vibrant theatrical life. With the help of a guardian angel, George Bailey discovers what it would be like if he had never been born. Love and family triumph in this heartwarming journey. Tickets are priced from $26-$28, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 781-871-2787, and onliine at www.companytheatre.com

The Billy Joel Tribute show "Piano Man" with live seven piece orchestra Nov. 24, Raffael's in Walpole **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617-786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line purchasing at: www.jmproductionspresents.com

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 24, **John Truscelli Band.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 24: **Jump City Band** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

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"As long as they're there, we're going to keep doing this."
—Ann Marie Goff

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Maureen Harrold addresses a package to be sent to local soldiers stationed in Iraq last Thursday afternoon. Harrold, in conjunction with the American Legion Post and other volunteers, sent out four 45-pound packages, which will arrive in time for Christmas.

Something sent from the heart

Volunteers, Legion groups lead effort for troops

By Samantha Brown
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This week, many families all over the country sat around the holiday table, giving thanks for all they have. Many of those families have sent their sons and daughters off to war this year, and the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Cohasset residents are working to ensure those brave men and women know they have not been forgotten during the holidays.

South Main Street resident Ann Marie Goff, in partnership with the Legion, has been collecting items for soldiers since September, and last Thursday, sent four 45-pound care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq. "We really did well," she said, adding she, along with Kitt Coffey and Maureen Harrold, spent one Saturday

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ENROLLMENT

School count steady

But 8th-graders leave the district

By Samantha Brown
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The fiscal 2008 budget season is about to begin. For the schools, building the budget begins by taking a look at projected enrollment figures and allocating funds accordingly.

The school department received its yearly report from the New England School Development Council Nov. 9, which displays the past, present and projected enrollments for the district. The school department provides the data used by the Council to make its projections.

"It's nice to have this as we're building our budget," said Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh, who presented the committee with the NESDEC report at its Nov. 15 meeting.

NESDEC's enrollment projections for fall 2005 were high by 59 students. In a letter sent by members of the demographic team, which compiled the district's results, it said, "In talking with Jean Callahan at Central Office (superintendent's office), we learned that a school override failed. This may account for some of the dramatic outmigration, which the district experienced. Last year's eighth grade had 128

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Special citizen search

See nomination form on page 6

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a 14-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Marjorie "Margie" Steele — "the heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry" — as Citizen of the Year, for being a great role model through her long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless families over

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There's no place like home (school)

'Monday Funday' held in Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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Driving through South Shore towns, early morning commutes are often dotted with stops from buses picking up children to be delivered to school. It is not unusual to see moms and dads wave goodbye and hop into their cars to go off in a separate direction from their children for the day.

But for many families, the school day begins in the home and ends in the home, with parents serving as the classroom teacher. While the majority of lessons are taught in a designated learning space in the house, many families venture off during the day to participate in classes with other homeschooled children.

Every Monday since the beginning of October, homeschoolers from across the South Shore have been congregating at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for the South Shore Home Learners' "Monday Funday" program. Monday Funday is held specifically to engage homeschoolers in activities with other homeschooling students from the area. Classes range from chemistry, to chess, to art and include students of all ages in every class.

"This is what we've been looking for," said Tina Conlon, a SSHL director, of the program's new location in the Paul Pratt library. She said the program had been running out of Weymouth, but with the wide age range of children who participate and the growing interest in participating in the program, being able to rent the library as well as the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, has fulfilled the needs of all homeschooled children regardless of their age.

PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Noah Young, 10, of Pembroke, moves his chess piece as Rafael Brantley, 8, of Milton watches. The two participate in a chess class as part of a program held at the Paul Pratt Library, run by the South Shore Home Learners.

"This is a perfect combination that has come together in this beautiful space," said Krishyon Young, another SSHL director. "We're so grateful for people giving us the opportunity. They've been so accepting and welcoming," she said of the library staff, especially children's librarian Sharon Moody.

Homeschooling is a trend that is rising on the South Shore and across the nation. In fact, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, roughly 1.1 million students were being homeschooled in the United States in the spring of 2003, which is 2.2 percent of the population. That number is up from its estimated 850,000 students who were being homeschooled in the spring of 1999, or

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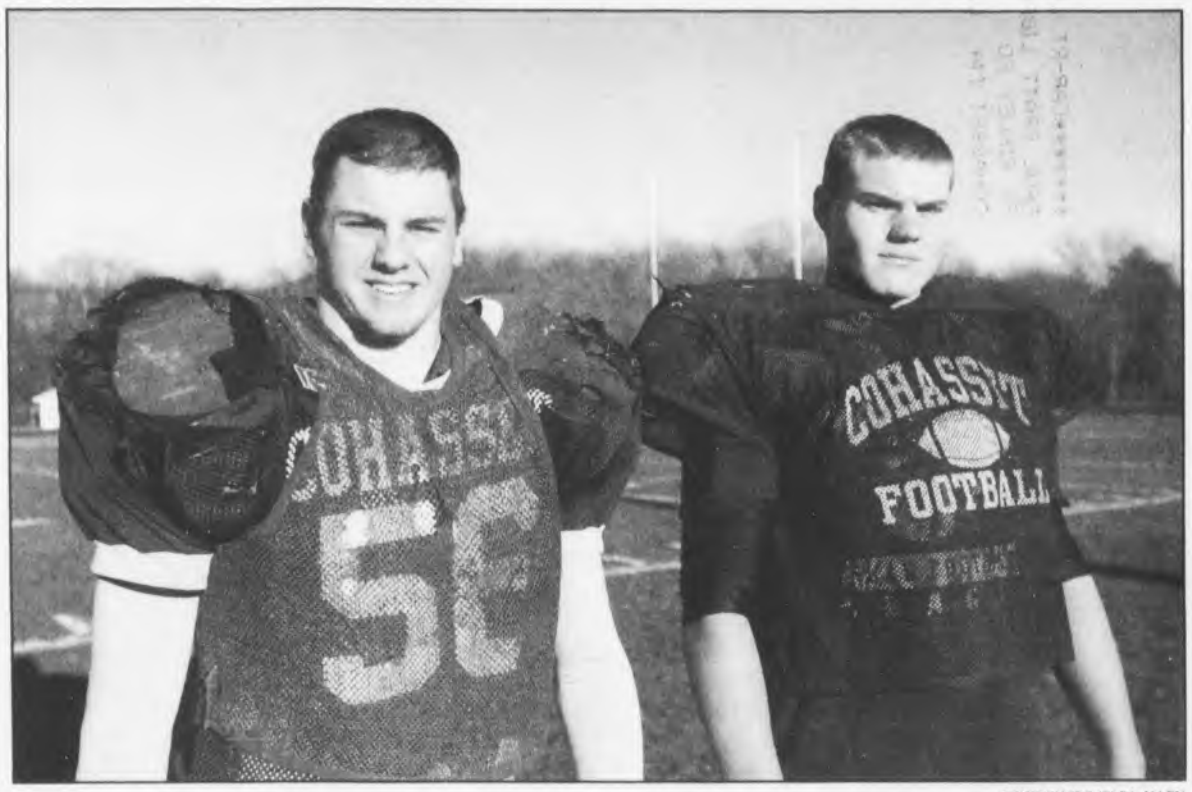

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The Mariner caught up with Cohasset High School football co-captains Colin Conway and Justin Alexander during football practice this week

Names: Colin Conway and Justin Alexander

Occupation: Cohasset High School seniors and co-captains of the football team.

Best day of your life: Every day is my best (Colin). I'm still waiting (Justin).

Best vacation: Atlantis (Colin). A trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (Justin).

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: President's Day (Colin). Christmas (Justin).

Favorite meal: Buffalo chicken (Colin). Buffalo chicken calzone (Justin).

Best book: "The Outsiders" (Colin). "Friday Night Lights" (Justin).

Best movie: "American History X" (Colin). "Remember the Titans" (Justin).

Best TV Show: "South Park" (Colin). "That 70s Show" (Justin).

Most memorable moment: The Hull game, 2005 (Colin). Winning the South Shore League (10-0) (Justin).

Pet Peeve: Losing (Colin). I don't have any (Justin).

Goal: To live a successful life (Colin). To be successful (Justin).

Person you would like to meet: Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears (Colin). Shawne Merriman of the San Diego Chargers (Justin).

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POLICE BEAT

Alleged store purse-snatcher nabbed

By Mary Ford
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A 36-year-old Hull woman is being held on $5,000 cash bail after being arrested following a purse-snatching from a woman's pocketbook in a carriage at Super Stop & Shop in Lincoln Plaza in Hingham

Hingham police say Susan C. Taylor of 165 Nantasket Ave. is a suspect in purse-snatchings in supermarkets from Quincy to Cohasset.

"Miss Taylor had a pretty good racket going," Hingham Lt. Michael Peraino said. "She would follow women in the aisles, wait until they reached for something from a shelf or to look at an item, and take their purses from inside their pocketbooks."

Peraino said the alleged victims would not know their purses were missing until they reached the cash register.

Before Taylor's arrest there had been reports of three such incidents in Hingham, as well as others Weymouth and Quincy, and one in Cohasset.

Hingham Police Detective David Galvin had been working with other towns to solve the crime spree.

Police watched videotapes from places such as CVS, gas stations, and Lowe's where purchases were made with credit cards allegedly taken from the victims' purses.

"Police watched hours of tapes and had a suspect but did not know who she was," Peraino said. On one video police got a view of the vehicle – a silver pickup with ladder racks — but the video did not reveal the plate number. An attendant at a gas station, however, noted the pickup had Rhode Island plates.

Then last Friday (Nov. 17), Galvin, who was in uniform and on patrol, heard about another purse-snatching case that had just occurred in Quincy at a Stop & Shop. Galvin, who was looking out for the vehicle, was on patrol on Beal Street at 3:20 p.m. when he observed a silver Toyota pickup with ladder racks and Rhode Island plates in front of Hingham Stop & Shop.

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Police called store security and gave a description of the woman seen on the videotapes. Store security found her on camera and followed her all over the store. While on camera, she allegedly stole a purse from a woman's carriage. In the meantime, Hingham officers responded to the scene and formed a perimeter so when the suspect came out of the store, they could apprehend her.

Store security alerted dispatch the woman was leaving the store and stuffing the money into her pants. Peraino said she left the store and went over to the Toyota pickup where a male was seated in the driver's seat. When they started to drive away, police boxed them in.

Det. Galvin positively identified the woman as the one he saw on the videotapes and she was placed under arrest. The operator of the pickup, Daniel S. Foster, 41, also of 165 Nantasket Ave., Hull, was arrested for driving without a license.

Taylor is facing four counts of larceny of $250 or less and three counts of uttering a forged instrument (credit cards) for alleged crimes in Hingham. She was also charged with giving a false name to a police officer. She is being held on $5,000 cash bail in the Framingham correctional facility. Weymouth, Quincy police will also be seeking charges, Peraino said.

Cohasset Chief James Hussey said Cohasset detectives are reviewing the case and will determine if there is enough evidence to seek larceny or other charges. He said there was one incident in Cohasset.

Even though the suspect has been apprehended, Hussey urged shoppers not to leave their pocketbooks unattended.

"We want to discourage people from leaving pocketbooks unattended in their shopping carriages," Hussey said. "It's the same as leaving valuables in plain view in an unlocked car. People should consider leaving their pocketbooks at home or locked in their car's trunk. This way you just take what you need into the store to make your purchases, keeping it on your person and under your control."

Wave of motor vehicles accidents

By Mary Ford
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There were four motor vehicle crashes last week, one of which involved a motorcycle and sent its driver and passenger to the hospital.

The motorcycle accident occurred at about 7:30 p.m., Thursday (Nov. 16) and involved a car following too closely, Chief James Hussey said.

A 2005 Mercedes was behind the 2005 Harley Davidson on Route 3A heading southbound toward Pond Street when the light turned red. The Mercedes, which police say was following too closely, could not stop in time and struck the motorcycle pushing it into a 2004 Volvo station wagon.

"The passenger and the operator of the motorcycle were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries," Hussey said.

The driver of the Mercedes was cited for following too closely.

• At 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 15), a northbound 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis hit a 1996 Nissan Sentra when it tried to make a left from Route 3A into Shaw's Plaza.

Police said the driver of the Mercury failed to yield to oncoming traffic.

"Cars turning left must yield to oncoming traffic," Chief Hussey said. "People often think they have enough time to make the turn when in fact they don't."

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The operator of the Sentra was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Both vehicles were towed. The driver of the Mercury was cited for failing to yield to oncoming traffic, Hussey said.

• On Sunday (Nov. 19) at just past midnight, a 1997 Isuzu SUV hit a parked 1998 Dodge Ram pickup on Ledgewood Drive, police said. Chief Hussey said the Isuzu driver, who was leaving her driveway when she hit the truck that was parked on the road, reported the incident to police and left a note on the windshield for the pickup's owner, who was not around at the time of the mishap. Hussey said there was minor damage.

• At about 10:20 p.m., Sunday (Nov. 19), an accident involving a 2000 Mercedes sedan and 1990 Toyota Camry occurred on Elm Street. Police said the Mercedes tried to pass the Toyota when it was turning left into a driveway. Both cars were traveling from the harbor toward the police station.

Chief Hussey said the operator of the Toyota was cited for having no license in his possession and for defective equipment (no tail light or directionals); the operator of the Mercedes was given a verbal warning and told to take more care when passing.

Fire investigation

Chief James Hussey said a fire that engulfed a large excavator off Meadow Lane is being investigated by the state Fire Marshal's Office.

The call came in at just past 11 p.m., Sunday (Nov. 19) from a resident of Beach Street who could see the flames through the woods. Meadow Lane is off Atlantic Avenue.

"There were no workers there, so the Fire Marshal was contacted," Hussey said. "The cause of the fire is definitely suspicious."

Hussey said Cohasset detectives would be working with the Fire Marshal to determine the cause of the fire, which was "burning pretty good" when police and fire personnel arrived.

The excavator was there due to some land clearing that was being conducted. However, at that time of night there was no one around," Hussey said. He said "it seems odd" that the vehicle would burst into flames.

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POLICE BEAT

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Skateboarders

Tuesday night is "all-you-can-eat" pizza night at Papa Gino's and police say some youthful pizza-lovers brought their skateboards along on Tuesday (Nov. 14). The onslaught caused the owner of Cohasset Plaza to complain to the police.

Chief James Hussey said some parents dropped their kids off with plans to pick them up later. He said police told the kids they could not skateboard there and they were cooperative.

"We have not had a lot of complaints (about skateboarders)," Hussey said.

In neighboring Hingham, the Square has become a big draw for kids with skateboards. Scituate Harbor has also had problems in the past.

Parking dispute

Police were able to "restore peace" during a parking dispute at Fiori's Exxon last Wednesday (Nov. 15) at about 9:10 a.m. Chief Hussey said a verbal altercation ensued over a parking spot and one of the parties flagged down an officer, who was able to get the incident under control.

Car nap

Police checked on a report of a woman sleeping in her car that was parked on South Main Street across from French Memories last Wednesday (Nov. 15) at about 11 a.m. Chief Hussey said the woman checked out fine and was just taking a nap.

Hussey said if an individual feels they are too sleepy to drive, it is a good idea to stop and walk around or get a cup of coffee.

He said there is no problem with taking a nap in the car as long as the car is not running. Carbon dioxide can build up in a vehicle that is idling, he said.

Coyotes about

Over the past few weeks, police have received numerous calls about coyote sightings. The animals appear healthy and are roaming around. It's not clear if it is mating season or if they are looking for food, Chief Hussey said.

There have also been a couple of coyotes hit by cars recently in Cohasset – one at 3A and lower King Street and another on Summer Street.

Residents are encouraged not to leave garbage outside in unsecured containers that might attract the animals.

Coyotes are normally afraid of humans, Hussey said.

Erratic operation

Chief Hussey said State Police contacted Cohasset with a report of an erratic driver whose car was registered to a Cohasset resident.

Police found the vehicle at the registered owner's address and passed the information on to the State Police who will follow up.

Drug request

Teens on Beechwood Street reported three white males in a dark-colored Jeep Grand Cherokee were either asking for drugs or looking to sell drugs. The youths were not sure exactly what was said, Chief Hussey said. The incident occurred Saturday (Nov. 18) at about 6:50 p.m.

The teens got a partial plate number of "45." Police were unable to trace the vehicle but did put out an "all-points bulletin" to other towns to be on the lookout.

Other people in the area also saw the car drive away at a high rate of speed, so the report of the incident is legitimate, Hussey said.

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Enrollment steady, but 30 eighth-graders leave district

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students. This year's ninth grade has only 98. This represents a 24 percent decrease in class size and is a change from the historical patterns with less than 10 percent out-migration at this grade transition."

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz asked whether in her opinion, the superintendent thought the reason for the decrease in enrollment is due to the fact that the override failed, that students are opting to attend private schools instead, or a combination of both.

"We have anecdotal comments as to why people left," said Walsh.

Slanetz asked if some of those comments could be compiled and given to the School Committee. Walsh said she would and that she is also considering sending out a survey to parents whose children are exiting the district.

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Going back to 1996, the school's total enrollment was 1,213. Enrollment was 1,515 in 2005, which is when the district added a new integrated preschool program. It is interesting to note in 2004, prior to the preschool's opening, there were 1,500 students in the district. This year, enrollment is 1,490, or a loss of 25 students. However, enrollment figures are reported as of Oct. 1 and since that date the district has lost four more students.

Projecting five years out, NESDEC estimates enrollment figures will drop in 2007 by roughly 20 students. In 2008, it anticipates enrollment figure will be back up to roughly 1,494 and remain there, plus or minus one, for 2009. In 2010, the district could see a slight increase to perhaps 1,507, and another increase of roughly nine more students in 2011.

"Our enrollment is nothing different from what's happening in the rest of the state. We're seeing a leveling off and it appears to be flat for the next five years," said Walsh.

To compile its report, NESDEC estimates the cumulative effect of many factors that impact enrollment, such as migration in or out of the schools, births and deaths and housing growth, which bring more children to the town, and therefore the schools. To see a full copy of the report, please visit the district's Web site at www.cohassetk12.org.

Fiscal 2008 school budget calendar

Town Meeting is over, which means the town has a green light to pursue budget planning for fiscal 2008. The school department has a calendar of dates for meetings it will hold to discuss the budget, which it plans to send to all pertinent town boards and parties as well as members of the PSO.

"Everyone needs to know they are invited to attend," said School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz. He added every line item ties back to goals set by the district and now is the time for the community to come and learn about the school's vision for the future.

School Committee Chairman Adrienne MacCarthy said during last year's budget process, it was frustrating to hear members of the community say they were not fully informed about the school's budget. She said this year, she hopes people will attend School Committee meetings and become a part of the process from the beginning and watch how the budget is formed.

- **Nov. 27:** Superintendent reviews preliminary budget
- **Dec. 4-15:** Central office staff prepares fiscal 2008 budget materials.
- **Dec. 20:** Superintendent presents proposed fiscal 2008 operating budget to School Committee (overview, enrollment projections, accomplishments, needs).
- **Jan. 3:** School Committee budget sub-committee meeting (Osgood School, Janet Sheehan; Deer Hill School, Keith Gauley; Student Services, Linda Gill; Technology, Ken Cisneros).
- **TBD:** Budget summit with the town.
- **Jan. 10:** School Committee budget sub-committee meeting (Cohasset Middle High School, Joel Antolini; Athletics, Ron Ford; Curriculum and Professional Development, Nancy Mrzyglod).
- **Jan. 17:** School Committee budget meeting.
- **TBD:** School Committee presents budget to joint meeting of Selectmen and Advisory Committee.
- **Feb. 28:** School Committee public hearing on budget/ School Committee votes final adoption of budget and certifies budget figure.
- **March 5-16:** Central office staff prepares Town Meeting budget materials.
- **March 16:** Budget document ready for distribution.
- **TBD:** Annual Town Meeting.

The school department's budget calendar can also be found on the district Web site at www.cohassetk12.org. School Committee meetings are held in the Community Meeting Room at the high school, near the superintendent's office

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Community gardeners host 'Christmas Traditions' program

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

BUSY TIME

Hello Cohasset. I hope this week's column finds you all happy and well fed after enjoying Thanksgiving with family and friends. There are many events happening in our town over the next few weeks for the holidays as it is a fun-filled and busy time for all. I know that I am going to try to find some time each day to enjoy the small things in all the holiday hoopla. It is so hard though...

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to you... **Miss Abbey Johnson**, a very special young lady who is near and dear to me is celebrating birthday number 6 next week! Abbey, you are such a big girl and doing so well in Kindergarten.

Your Mom and Dad, along with big brother **Jake** and your dog **Maxie** and the rest of your family and friends all wish you the best 6 year old birthday in the world. We all love you Princess!

PLANT POWER

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. All members interested in exhibiting in the miniflower show must submit their entries by 8:30. The program is titled "Christmas Traditions" and will interpret holiday traditions in design will be presented by **Betty Call**, a floral designer and a Life National Council Flower Show Judge.

DELICIOUS RECIPES

For this holiday season, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset has reprinted a limited number of the original "Cohasset Entertains" cookbook. This book is a collection of tried and true recipes from the cooks among us and each one is a keeper. The book also contains sample menus and arrangement ideas for your holiday table. Just a few of the delicious holiday recipes included are crab delight, Christmas mapley appetizers, onions celeste, winter squash casserole, pumpkin chiffon pie, and praline ice cream pie with rum sauce. There is also an entire chapter on gifts we bake including cookies, candies and coffee cakes. This would make a great gift for your favorite cook.. Each cookbook costs $15 and is available at Flemings and The Windsor Tea House in Cohasset. All purchases help fund club programs, services and a scholarship fund. The CGCC is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

CANCER RESEARCH

For some, finishing the Boston Marathon is only part of the race. Those who run for a charity celebrate success in both running and fundraising.

As a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team, **Laura Vigneau** of Cohasset completed the Boston Marathon on April 17 and helped raised $4.1 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. DFMC participants are given official numbers to run in the Boston Marathon as part of the Boston Athletic Association's Boston Marathon Charity Program. In return, the runners pledge to raise a minimum of $2,500 to benefit the Barr Program.

Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge is also supported by Dana-Farber trustees Delores Barr Weaver and Wayne Weaver, principle owners of the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. The Weavers established the Barr Program in 1987 to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother, who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier. Barr Investigators receive support for their work to unravel the mysteries of cancer's origins and growth. One of the institute's primary objectives is the speedy translation of laboratory discoveries into clinical therapies and the Barr Program is integral to that success. The total amount raised includes a challenge gift of $262,000 from the Weavers.

For more information about the DFMC, go to danafarber.org/dfmc; call 617-632-1970; or send contributions payable to DFMC, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

HONORED

Quincy Medical Center recently hosted an Employee Service Awards event to honor the commitment of longstanding employees at the medical center. And among the 105 Quincy Medical Center employees honored was: Cohasset's **Linda Farrag**, of the Emergency Department, honored for 35 years of service.

"The employees of Quincy Medical Center work each day to deliver advanced, high quality care and to provide educational opportunities to the next generation of healthcare leaders," said **Gary Gibbons**, MD, President and CEO. "During the annual Employee Service Awards, we celebrate the long standing service of our employees and their tremendous contributions to the health and education of our community."

In total, 105 Quincy Medical Center employees were recognized for reaching and surpassing service milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of employment at Quincy Medical Center.

VILLAGE FAIR

Be sure to save the date! On Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the churches surrounding the common will transform their parish halls into a holiday marketplace full of fabulous gifts and foods and treasures of all kinds. Best of all, 100 percent of the proceeds raised will support the good works of the Second Congregational Church, the First Parish Unitarian Church and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, as well as the non-profit ASP and Metco Programs. Make sure to bring your appetite! Don't miss First Parish's famous Swedish Bake Shop while you shop their Estate-ish sale. Then head to The Second Congregational Church's holiday boutique and Chowder Bar for lunch. And don't miss St. Stephen's Country Kitchen for all sorts of delicious treats and hostess gifts. See you there!

Laura Vigneau, middle, of Cohasset, helped to raise $4.1 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute by running on the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team. Here she is pictured with her daughters, Lieran, left, age 4, and Lydia, age 5, who was treated at Dana-Farber. Vigneau will be running for the DFMC again in 2007.

MAMASTEPH

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plazawelcomes local performer, Mamasteph, to Buttonwood on Wed. Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.. Mamasteph will host an interactive holiday musical event certain to delight children and their parents. Come in your pj's's, bring your favorite stuffed animal,and plan for a special evening. Mamasteph is a well-know personality on the South Shore. She has been performing at area libraries, nursery schools and other venues for years. Her CD, "Simply Mamasteph", available at Buttonwood, features 15 original tunes that children of all ages will enjoy. This is a free event. Reservations appreciated. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve.

JINGLE BELL WALK!

The South Shore Community Center invites Families & Friends to our Twelfth Annual Jingle Bell Walk held on Friday, November 24th. Come to Cohasset Harbor (2:00pm) and watch Santa and Mrs. Claus and their many elf assistants arrive by boat. Santa passes out jingle bells and in a horse drawn wagon make their way to the Community Center for hot cocoa, punch and cookies. Enjoy the community singalong of traditional holiday favorites sung by Mrs. Claus & Santa with Frosty, Rudolph and the merry Elves. There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting a turkey trot and hayrides on the Common. Rusty Skippers Band will entertain and at the end of the day the Christmas tree is lighted on the Common. This day is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit.

HELPING OTHERS

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, located on Route 3A in Tedeschi Plaza will host a jewelry party featuring La Di Da Jewelry and Accessories by **Kerry Pipenbrink**, Thursday, Nov. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds will go to help a family in need this Christmas. The event will be a great way to kick off your holiday shopping.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop has been owned and operated by the Social Service League of Cohasset for more than 50 years.

For information call **Marita Carpenter,** manager, at 781-383-0687.

FLU CLINIC

An adult flu clinic, sponsored by Cohasset Board of Health, will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

This flu clinic is open to all adult citizens of Cohasset. Parents of young children should check with their pediatrician to see if the shot is available at the physician's office.

Participants are reminded to wear short-sleeve shirts. Seniors must bring Medicare part B and/or senior health insurance cards.

For more information please call **Judy Fitzsimmons**, registered nurse, at 383-2210.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to send in all of your special event news, birthday and special occasion wishes and anything else for this column to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. We all love to get word of the events happening out and about but it really is nice to read about our residents in town, both young and old!

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Atherton - Barton

Sarah Whitfield Atherton, daughter of Laura and Terry Atherton of Cohasset and Scott Donald Barton, son of Janet and Anthony Barton of Oyster Bay Cove, New York, were married June 24, 2006, at Wolffer's Vineyard in Sagaponak, N.Y.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Terry Atherton. Matron of Honor was Priscilla Goff Donatelli. Serving as bridesmaids were Hope Wilson Barton, sister-in-law of the bride and Emily Harter Calcagno, Elizabeth White Holland, Serene Rokie Karmi, Kerry Medeiros Lombard, Candice Corby Minshall, and Rachel Blair Prehatney.

Christopher Paul Barton, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Ushers were William Leigh Atherton, brother of the bride, Nicholas Taruja de Almeidia Greenwald, Sean Mathew McNamara, Erik John Neandross, John Edward Postley, III, and Todd Benjamin Rowen.

Flower girls were Paige Elizabeth White Holland and Beatrix Carstairs Postley.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. She is an event coordinator at UBS Investment Bank in Charlottesville, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Choate-Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn., and Colgate University. He completed a master's degree in music composition at Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music and is currently pursuing a doctoral program in music composition at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va.

The reception took place at Wolffer's Vineyard in Sagaponak, N.Y.

The couple took their wedding trip to the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Donald Barton

Fitzgerald-Holway

David and Holly Holway of Cohasset announce the marriage of their daughter, Lindy Ann Holway, to William Francis Fitzgerald, son of Thomas and Marian Fitzgerald of Scituate.

The couple was married July 1, 2006, at St. Anthony Church, by the Rev. Brother Michael James Cuddy, a longtime family friend. The reception took place at Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

Kelly Holway, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kelly Blau, Katie Fitzgerald, Kristen Peters, Kerri Mckeever and Abby Wittnebert. Garrick Towle was also an honor attendant to the bride.

Thomas Fitzgerald, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Noel Coakley, Tyler Frick, Conor Holway, Michael Jones, Joseph Kehoe, Geoffrey Robinson and Matthew Nolan.

The bride graduated from Cohasset High School in 1998, and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Babson College in 2002, where the couple met. She currently works for B/S/H Home Appliances Corp. in Canton as a district sales manager for the Thermador brand.

The groom graduated from Boston College High School in 1999 and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Babson College in 2003. He is currently working as a sales executive for Dell Inc.

Following a honeymoon to Turks and Caicos the newlyweds reside in Cohasset.

Mr. and Mrs. William Francis Fitzgerald

LIBRARY CORNER

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at the library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of "Broken For You" by Stephanie Kallos Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Page Position – The library is looking for an organized, detail-oriented Cohasset resident to fill a part-time page position. Applicant must be age 16 or older. Responsibilities will include shelving library materials, shelf reading and light cleaning. Hours would be Saturday afternoons and/or Sunday afternoons. Call Gayle Walsh at 383-1348, ext. 120, if interested in this position.

Independent Film Night – Take a break from holiday shopping and enjoy a free movie at the library. The independent film "Be With Me" will be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

National Book Award Winners – Place holds today on the 2006 National Book Award winning titles. Richard Powers won the prize for fiction with his book "The Echo Maker." Timothy Egan's "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" won the non-fiction prize. Nathaniel Mackey won the poetry prize for his book "Splay Anthem" and M.T. Anderson's book "The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Vol. 1: The Pox Party" won the prize for Young People's Literature.

FOR CHILDREN

Story Time Canceled — Drop In Story Time, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 10:30 a.m., has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

However, Spanish Music is planned for Monday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Learn to sing in Spanish. All ages and communities are welcome. The Friends of the Cohasset Library generously sponsor the program.

Starred Reviews — Looking for a good book but don't know where to start? Look for the stars on the spine labels. All new fiction and non-fiction books will be featured as a starred review in School Library Journal, Booklist, and other reputable journals will be labeled with a star sticker.

Poster Contest — The My Own Cafe poster contest is open to residents of Southeastern Massachusetts, ages 13 through 18, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library or your school library. The posters will be used to promote My Own Cafe and to pique teen's interest in this web site.

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This "cigarette girl" costume from the Cohasset Dramatic Club's 1930s production of "The Women" is part of the current exhibit at the Cohasset Historical Society celebrating the play.

'The Women' inspires exhibit

1930's cocktail party planned

By Samantha Brown
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Historical Society headquarters is not typically adorned with zebra fabric. Lingerie is also rarely seen hanging on its mannequins. But from now until the end of the year, the Pratt Building, located at 106 S. Main St., will keep its new look, which celebrates the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Women."

"The Women" originally opened on Broadway in 1936 with an all-female cast that included Arlene Francis and Marjorie Main. The film version was released in 1939 and featured Joan Crawford. While the CDC also put on a production in the 1930s, its latest rendition was on stage this November. While the play is no longer running in Cohasset, the spirit of the show will be celebrated both through the exhibit and during a 1930s cocktail party on Dec. 1 from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are $20 for Historical Society members and $25 for non-members.

Executive Administrator for the Historical Society Lynne DeGiacomo said when she was asked by members of the CDC to present an exhibit in conjunction with the show, she was thrilled to be able to bring out the society's collection of 1930s clothing and memorabilia. The exhibit is set up to depict three scenes from the play, including a bridge game, a bedroom and a cocktail party.

"You don't see style like this very often anymore."
— Lynne DeGiacomo, Historical Society

The bridge game is set in a living room, and DeGiacomo said the society used its "1930s dresses and pieces from our collection," to recreate the scene. There are many dresses on display, which DeGiacomo said are simply gorgeous. "You don't see style like this very often anymore," she said.

DeGiacomo said when she and other Historical Society members were putting together the bedroom portion of the exhibit, it brought some of them back to the days of watching their mothers lace up their undergarments when going out for the evening.

The cocktail party portion of the exhibit also features fabulous gowns and DeGiacomo said one is from the Bancroft collection, although she is unsure which sister wore the dress. Jane Bancroft Cook and her sister Jessie lived in Cohasset and were heiresses to the Dow Jones fortune. DeGiacomo added while the Society has a good number of dresses and items of memorabilia from various time periods, it is always looking to add to its collection and is happy to accept donations of any items with ties to Cohasset's history.

To celebrate the longevity of the CDC, a portion of the exhibit is dedicated to the shows it has put on over the years. There is a scrapbook and playbills from a host of productions, of which many of the names are unfamiliar. "To think, they're still performing at Town Hall," after all these years, DeGiacomo said.

While there are no men in any productions of "The Women" they are talked about a lot, which is why the Society has added some men's attire and memorabilia from the 1930s. There is also a television in the exhibit, which is used to show the film version of the play.

DeGiacomo said she has had a wonderful time pulling the exhibit together. "It was fun bringing our 1930s articles out. They were in very good shape and we had many more than we'd expected," she said. The Society even has photos of the CDC's first production of "The Women," from the 1930s, which were graciously restored by Noble's Camera Shop. Now that the exhibit is complete, DeGiacomo said, "It worked out beautifully."

The exhibit of 1930s fashions and memorabilia inspired by the play "The Women," will be on display now through the end of the year at Historical Society Headquarters, 106 S. Main Street in the Pratt Building. The exhibit is open during regular Historical Society hours, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The 1930s cocktail party to celebrate the exhibit will be held Friday, Dec. 1 from 7-9 p.m. and will feature hors d'oeuvres from the Borrowed Butler. Tickets are $20 for Historical Society members and $25 for non-members and may be purchased by calling Society headquarters at (781) 383-1434. For more information about the Cohasset Historical Society, please visit its Web site at www.cohassethistoricalsociety.org.

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Hats and jewelry from the 1930s are just some of the many items in the Historical Society's collection, which are out on display for its latest exhibit, which celebrates the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Women."

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'The Women' inspires Historical Society exhibit

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Ticket stubs and other theater-going paraphernalia are currently on display in the Cohasset Historical Society's latest exhibit celebrating the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Women."

This dress is currently on display at the Cohasset Historical Society in the ballroom cocktail party "scene" set up in honor of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Women."

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Senior Scene

The following activities have been planned by the Council on Elder Affairs. Call 781-383-9112 for more information or to sign up for events. Don't miss the November issue of the new Vista, available next week at the CEA.

Mark your calendar!

• **Nov. 24 –** Center closed for South Shore Community Jingle Bell Walk.

• **Nov. 29 –** Anna's Gourmet Club Luncheon with guest lecturer Rosemarie Engel-Conn who will give a talk titled "Christmas in Germany."

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment – Open enrollment for Medicare Part D will take place Nov. 15, 2006 through Dec. 31. Seniors can change their prescription drug plan at this time. For assistance, call Carol Barrett, CEA outreach, at 781-383-9112.

Fuel Assistance – As winter approaches, people are probably concerned about the high cost of fuel. For information on fuel assistance, call Carol Barrett at 781-383-9119.

Christmas Angel Program – Cohasset Elder Affairs delivers a Christmas basket to homebound elders. If anyone knows of someone who would appreciate a gift or who would like to donate a gift to an elder, can call 781-383-9112.

Christmas Dinner –Christmas dinner can be delivered to elders who will be alone during the holidays. Call the Social Service League at St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-0771 with name, address, and phone number. The dinner is delivered between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Vienna Choir Boys – One of the oldest boys' choirs existing in the world will be at Mohegan Sun. Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring a bus trip Dec. 6, leaving at 9 a.m., and departing at 5:30 p.m. The trip includes choice of buffet plus two free bets on the Wheel of Fortune and the show. Tickets are $59. Call the CEA for more information.

Rockettes Are Back – Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring a bus trip to a matinee performance at the Wang Center in Boston on Dec. 14. A stop for lunch at noon at Phillips Old Colony Restaurant, and then those attending will continue on to the theater for a 2 p.m. show. Cost is $104, and includes everything. The bus will accommodate 50 people. The trip is available to everyone. Call 781-383-9112 to register. Don't know what to get for a holiday gift? Why not a gift certifi

Holiday Concert — Dec. 19 our van will provide transportation to the Annual Holiday Concert at Massasoit, performed by the delightful Senior Band. Not to be missed and free to all seniors. Please call the CEA at (781) 383-9112 for reservations.

Join the Girl Scouts

Any girls interested in joining Girl Scouts, who are in grades kindergarten through high school, can call Amy Brash at 781-923-1099 or email amybrash@putnam.com for more information.

Adults are also needed to become troop leaders. Anyone interested should contact Brash.

What's cooking

Chef Maryann Saporito Boothroyd will conduct a class at the Community Center on Monday, Dec. 4, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is $50/members; $55/non-members. Boothroyd will show participants how to make chocolate espresso torte; pineapple and dried cherry bread pudding with caramel sauce; cannoli tart with chocolate, orange and almonds; and Lisa's white chocolate cheesecake. Call 781-383-1088.

Chef Allison DeLorenzo cooks on Monday, Dec. 11, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is $70/members; $75/non-members. Learn to prepare a traditional Italian holiday dinner with cuisine from the Tuscany region with fresh catch from the sea and flavors from the land. A great way to bring the family to the table for conversation and food with these simple steps.

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Board of Ed changes MCAS regulations

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh announced to the School Committee at its Nov. 1 meeting the Board of Education has changed the regulations for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS test.

"The board feels confident…it is time to raise the bar," she said.

Walsh explained the new regulations will affect students in the class of 2010, and will create an either/or scenario. Students will either need to score a minimum of 240, or proficient, on the English and math MCAS tests, or score at least 220, or needs improvement, and complete an "educational proficiency plan" before qualifying for a high school diploma.

Educational proficiency plans will be administered by the district, which the student attends. "For students who are not able to make it (achieve the necessary scores) it does fall on us," Walsh said.

Each student who scores between 220 and 240 will have a unique plan in place for each content area in which he or she did not score at least a 240. Each plan will include: a review of the student's strengths and weaknesses, the courses the student will be required to take and successfully complete in grades 11 and 12 in the relevant content area, and a description of the assessments the school will administer to the student annually to ensure he or she is making progress toward proficiency.

"This is something we knew was coming, and now it's here."
— Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools

The board will review the regulations again no later than 2008.

The class of 2010 will be affected by another MCAS change, as Walsh explained they will be the first class which have to meet the additional graduation requirement of passing a science and technology/engineering (STE) test as well as the English and math.

The Massachusetts Education Reform Law of 1993 states students must pass statewide tests in five academic areas in order to graduate from high school and those tests will be phased in over time, beginning with the STE. "This is something we knew was coming, and now it's here," said Walsh.

Current grade nine students who are taking courses in biology, chemistry, introductory physics or technology and engineering will be eligible to take one of the four STE tests in June 2007. This test is not required in grade nine, but is required in grade 10. Students who pass in grade nine will not have to retake the test in grade 10. All students are required to take and pass an STE test in order to graduate.

For a complete listing of Cohasset's MCAS scores, please visit www.doe.mass.edu.

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Search is on for the Cohasset Citizen of the Year

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the years. The deadline for nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 5. Please see the nomination form on page 6. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2006 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2007.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the14th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe,** a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

2005: **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who is the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless people in need over the years.

Eagle Scout proposes sign

The Board of Selectmen gave its approval to Eagle Scout Harrison Schmidt to install two new "Welcome to Cohasset" signs in town. One would be placed on South Main Street at the Scituate border and another would be on North Main Street near the Hingham border. The hand-carved mahogany signs have been designed by David Hassan of Hassan Woodcarving & Sign Co. Harrison would also like to landscape around both signs with a cobblestone border, small dwarf spruce trees and mulch.

Harrison plans to raise the $3,000 to $4,000 necessary for the signs. Town Manager Bill Griffin said when Harrison approached residents who live in the vicinity of where the signs will be placed, they thought the idea was fantastic and began handing out donations for the project. Harrison also plans to approach local organizations such as the Rotary Club, garden clubs, fire and police departments and local businesses for contributions. He said he might also organize bake sales or a car wash to raise money.

Selectmen supported the idea and said they would like to have a site visit to see where the signs would be and get an idea of how big they will be.

Sustainable Cohasset to meet on Nov. 28

The third meeting of the newly formed Sustainable Cohasset will be held at the Second Congregational Church on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Sustainable Cohasset is the local chapter of Sustainable South Shore. Many residents were introduced to this non -partisan coalition at the forums held after the showing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" this summer at the Loring Theater.

At the first meeting about 20 concerned residents and members of several town boards including the Alternative Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission were in attendance. Inventories of town environmental concerns, organizations and active committees were generated and small group breakouts had lively discussions about topics ranging from clotheslines in private planned communities to public windmills generating power for municipalities.

At the second meeting, support for the upcoming town wind turbine forums, the Carbon Fund, an international renewable energy foundation, and "Zero Emissions" environmental models were discussed. Participation in the Nov. 19 MCAN, conference at MIT's Stata Conference Center was a goal for those in attendance. Plans for future educational forums with expert speakers and a film series about global warming are being planned. Keeping in mind that climate stabilization should be everyone's goal, all are encouraged and welcome to attend on the 28th.

Teen Center to host dance Dec. 15

There will be a dance at the Teen Center Friday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grades six through eight is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The First Thanksgiving

We've all heard stories about unexpected Thanksgiving visitors bringing tasty treats. It is a tradition as old as Thanksgiving itself. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony had planned to feast on duck, until more than 100 Indians showed up unannounced, bringing with them at least seven deer.

That dinner is now one of our nation's founding myths, born of 19th-century exaggeration and sustained by grade-school lessons. It is a myth of cultural assimilation, of brotherhood inspired by faith. In the grade-school telling, Chief Massasoit and his faithful translator, Squanto, show kindness to the English settlers, helping them survive the harsh winter, and are repaid with a fine meal with all the trimmings.

Revisiting this familiar territory, historian Nathaniel Philbrick describes the first Thanksgiving feast as pretty close to the myth. There was probably no turkey, he writes in "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War," and no large tables to sit around. Also no forks. The Pilgrims used knives and fingers to eat, so don't feel bad if you picked up that drumstick.

Philbrick recounts many things about our pious forebears some will find surprising. They believed marriage was a civil matter, not a religious one, with the first marriages in Plymouth performed by Gov. William Bradford. Civil marriage was an idea they picked up in Holland, where they lived for several years after first leaving England. They considered Christmas just another workday. When he caught some non-Separatist members of the colony playing games on Christmas 1621, Bradford took away their ball.

He also argues that, contrary to the grade-school lesson, the Pilgrims didn't exactly believe in religious freedom. Yes, they came to a new continent to escape government interference with their own worship, but that was because they believed theirs to be the only correct theology. They had no interest in granting others the right to make up their own minds on matters of religion.

But what Philbrick offers most is context. History started before that famous meal and kept moving after the final course.

In the three years before the Pilgrims arrived, the natives of New England were nearly wiped out by a plague, most likely acquired from European fishermen. The Pilgrims were able to move into a nearly deserted landscape, with fields cleared and prepared for cultivation, because thousands of Indians had died or left their villages.

The plague left Massasoit's Pokanoket tribe decimated and vulnerable to its traditional enemies, the Narragansetts. His alliance with the Pilgrims, negotiated by Squanto, was a strategic move to neutralize this disadvantage, and it didn't last.

In the years after the Thanksgiving feast, Squanto betrayed the Pilgrims and Massasoit, Philbrick writes, manipulating tribal rivalries. There was trade, and even friendship, between the natives and the newcomers, but there was always tension. In 1675, the tension erupted in war, as Massasoit's son Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, led several tribes against the settlers. King Philip's War remains, by one measure, America's bloodiest conflict: Among the English and the Native Americans, nearly one person in 10 was killed or wounded.

In the end, Metacomet was shot and his body drawn and quartered. Metacomet's wife and sons, along with thousands of other Indians, were sold into slavery in the Caribbean. His head was mounted on a pike outside the Plymouth Colony, where it remained for at least 20 years. For the native inhabitants of a sprawling continent, the bad times had just begun.

In historical context, that long-ago feast may be seen as a brief interlude of fresh food, fellowship and gratitude in the midst of strife and suffering. But context doesn't make the food less sweet or the prayers less sincere.

We hope your family's Thanksgiving also was a haven from life's tribulations, a moment when you put down your grievances and counted your blessings with whatever guests arrived to share the bounty.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Elder Affairs, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. at the Community Center, 3 N. Main Street.
Board of Library Trustees, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., at the library.
Cable Advisory Committee, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Cultural Council, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. at the library.
Harbor Health Committee, Dec. 4 (with selectmen at 8 p.m.); Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Community Meeting Room, High School.
Selectmen, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A collective win-win'

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's Town Meeting met all of my expectations of New England democracy at its finest. I stayed to the bitter end, wondering whether breakfast might have to be served. As a newcomer to the Commonwealth and Cohasset, I was reluctant to speak. Beyond the clearly outlined written procedures, there are always unwritten conventions. It was late when the citizen's petition for a zoning change was considered.

At a certain point, one takes one's life into one's own hands if one dares extend the discussion. I voted against the petition on the basis of procedure, not substance. I think it is important to thank the two developers for what they have already invested in our town and for the kind of project they brought before us. It is the kind of investment we need and the architectural drawings are quite compelling. So thank you.

Please be patient with us as further data is gathered. And for those responsible for gathering this data, please move with dispatch. These are good neighbors who deserve our best efforts to bring the two sides on this issue to a collective win-win. I am prepared to vote "Yes," the next time this is brought to the community.

John Seel
50 Forest Ave.

Hilarious paradox

TO THE EDITOR

Has anyone else noticed the hilarious paradox in last week's editorial quote?

"Write a wise saying and your name will live forever" — Anonymous.

Chris Evans
36 Sohier St.

Cohasset residents again display their generosity

TO THE EDITOR:

This past weekend, a collection was made for the new 3A FARM Animal Shelter. Cohasset residents were terrific: pennies and dollars added up to almost $1,300.

As most residents know, the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter on the Driftway supports Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell and Scituate. The Greenbush Railroad terminus has made the current location untenable (as a volunteer dog walker, I know). The Board of Directors has now bought the beautiful four-acre parcel known as the 3A FARM (opposite the Sunoco Station) and closer to Cohasset. Currently, the 501C(3) non-profit organization has to pay mortgage payments on the land and finance construction of the beautiful new Shelter.

It is a daunting task. Anyone, who missed this weekend's collection and would like to help, can send a check to the 3A FARM FUND, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, MA 02066. Thank you so much.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Ambulance service is excellent

TO THE EDITOR:

On Nov. 11th, my hip that was replaced years ago went out of joint. My wife called 911and the Cohasset ambulance was at my house in minutes. I was treated with expertise, efficiency, and sensitivity, and was taken to South Shore Hospital in record time, where they did a good job of resetting.

I want to publicly thank the Cohasset group of paramedics that took care of me, and remind the town of the excellence of our Fire Dept. Ambulance Group.

Bert Paley
399 Atlantic Ave.

Greathearted example of community spirit

TO THE EDITOR:

There's a lot of hand wringing about America's faults, but too little notice taken of its multitude of virtues. For instance: the national program "Make a Difference" Day. The concept is to give back to the community in thanks for the blessings we have. Schools, and perhaps other organizations, execute projects with this intent, and of course the exercise provides some input to character development of the participating students.

In Cohasset, the Parent School Organization has organized the program, under the leadership of Lisa Rosen. The current project was to provide fall yard clean-up, storm window installation and air conditioner removal, at no charge to seniors (over 65) for 33 lucky recipients recruited by the Cohasset Elder Affairs. About 100 students and 80 adults participated. This is the fifth year of the senior clean-up project, which began at the Osgood School, and the first year that all schools participated.

A few individuals worried that this takes work away from earnings of the yard service companies, but there seems to be sufficient work to attract ever more of these, many from out of town. (Any beneficiary of the program can assuage his or her conscience by giving something to the Council on Elder Affairs or other good cause, not necessarily local). Some seniors were hesitant to sign on for fear of some catch, but there isn't any. It's simply another greathearted example of the community spirit in Cohasset. Of course, some of us hesitated to benefit, from false pride at accepting a freebie on the grounds that we are seen as having become old enough to warrant a little help. The counter to that feeling is that accepting the work is recognition that we all have helped others in the past, and still have the potential to do so in the future.

Probably the biggest benefit is to the children who participate; it is their introduction to the idea of giving to the community, that we are each other's keeper, or however you choose to express the idea. The Appalachia project is another shining example of that benefit. I hope the program grows, to the great benefit of children and seniors alike.

And I certainly didn't mind being relieved of many hours of hard and uninteresting labor. (There's still plenty to do, character building or not).

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

All on the same page

TO THE EDITOR:

At Forum 4 of Together Cohasset on Nov. 8 a mission statement was presented. Their goal is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of town services in an economically reasonable and sound manner while providing quality services and excellence in education. The tenet of this group is to actively listen and respect others even if you disagree with them. Remember that this group was originally begun to heal the forced divide in the town after the failure of the May 2006 override vote.

At the Nov. 13 special Town Meeting members of the Advisory Committee and the Capital Budget Committee discussed the need

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HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset shines at coastal caucus

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Friday, at the Cohasset Lightkeepers hall, 72 environmentalists, scientists from many disciplines, students, teachers, educators, Federal, State and local government officials met to discuss an initiative which began in Cohasset and has gained recognition over the entire New England coastline: The Cohasset Student Coastal Caucus.

The Caucus, using a model created by the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal research has identified perhaps the best method now available to communities that wish to collect and disseminate information on the true state of our environment, its recent changes, and how everyone's way of life will be affected if current human practices and environmental patterns continue.

Hosted by Cohasset's Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR), in collaboration with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Mass Bays Program, educators, students, community and watershed representatives, municipal officials, private sector environmentalists, and state and federal leaders assembled to accomplish three significant goals: 1) to examine the quality and results of the Center's recent grant-funded research in the context of data collected by state and federal agencies; 2) to chart steps for tangible water quality improvement and habitat restoration; and 3) to evaluate the interactive processes that the center has applied as a regional model for collaborative effort.

Over the last year, more useful data has been collected about Cohasset's coastal water quality condition than at any other time in our history. In addition to the work done by our students, the EPA's Clean Beaches Initiative and the Mass Bays Water Quality monitoring project have been gathering data, facilitated and assisted by town agencies and town committees. CSCR student data was characterized by individuals from those agencies as "useful, relevant, and dependable."

The driver for all of this activity is the fact that Cohasset Harbor, Little Harbor, the Gulf River Estuary, Straits Pond, Scituate, Green Harbors, and the North and South Rivers are all impacted by bacterial contamination that has resulted in closed beaches and restricted or prohibited shellfishing. All of these coastal waters are identified on the State's 2006 Integrated List of Waters for pathogen impairment, which requires the development and implementation of a targeted pollutant mitigation strategy. Recognizing this condition, in 2003, the Board of Health created such a strategy, the Townwide Stormwater Management Plan, approved by the state and the EPA.

The State has committed substantial continuing support of Cohasset's program with grants covering assessment and planning for mitigation. In fact, the process which CSCR uses —engaging students in scientific environmental assessment for the benefit of town planners and public works projects — has gained widespread acclaim with our Jack Buckley receiving an award from the Gulf of Maine Association.

But many stormwater and other environmental problems of Cohasset begin elsewhere and vice versa. So visionaries in the state have long espoused an approach of grouping towns in their respective watersheds, which means our problems are also those of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham and Hull. It makes no sense to try to fix problems in Cohasset's coastal waters without taking into account the fact that three extensive tidal estuaries from other towns drain into them. Like it or not, we must cooperate with other towns, and that's what the Coastal Caucasus is all about.

So, CSCR's Jack Buckley, Mass Bays' Sara Grady, and CZM's Jason Burtner had invited exactly the right people: knowledgeable state and federal officials who could answer questions; groups of student mentors, teachers and administrators, as well as some of the students to give their viewpoint; and finally those of us in Cohasset and nearby Town governments responsible for cleaning up the pollution and managing the control of our stormwater. The whole overseen by a facilitator who got all of us to mix and talk to each other.

There were two sessions in the Student Coastal Caucus: a morning session which structured the program and allowed us to give a summary of our respective viewpoints, and an afternoon session in which we developed and agreed on what should be done and in what order, based on priorities which we all helped to establish. To teach us something about the process of scientific environmental assessment that CSCR uses, Cohasset and Scituate students representing four important Cohasset watershed investigations gave us a summary of their methods and findings. It was eight hours of exhausting and very exciting work, overwhelmingly favorably received by the participants, according to caucus evaluations.

Caucus proceedings, contact information for attendees, PowerPoint slides, data summaries, reports, and even a DVD of the presentations will soon be available to interested readers and curious web surfers. More important, this information will be used by many in and beyond the South Coastal Watershed to advance cooperative and collaborative strategies designed to "de-list" our treasured resources from the 2006 Integrated List of Waters for pathogen impairment.

I'm confident that all of us who attended the caucus left with more than just a satisfying feeling. Much valuable knowledge was exchanged and invaluable connections made. First, the network of attendees (and invitees unable to participate) connects us personally with scores of experts willing to, and continuing to, assist us here in Cohasset and in our neighboring towns. Second, our network builds our capacity to tap into the understandings of State and Federal positions about mutual environmental problems and what to do about them. Third, our caucus students and adults were mutually invigorated by each others' presence, creating real visions of the practices and paths that youth pursue in their transition to leaders of the next generation in finding solutions to those problems created by the present.

And that, friends; as the ad says, is priceless.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Get ready for the war in books

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Tom Henshaw is on vacation. This is a column he wrote for the March 2, 2003 paper. He will be back next week.

The war in Iraq will be over soon, although maybe not seem soon enough for a generation that has been brought up on microwaved TV dinners and 30-second news bites that pass for in-depth reports.

In a way, I hate to see it — the end of the war, I mean, because that means we will be deluged with war books — good books, bad books, little books, big books, books that are soon to be major motion pictures, most of them starring Tom Cruise.

Already "Bush at War," by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster, $28) is 119th on the USA Today list of best-seller; and "Dreaming War," by Gore Vidal (Thunder's Mouth Press, $11.95), subtitled "Blood for Oil and the Cheney-Bush Junta," is 146th.

"The Threatening Storm," by Kenneth M. Pollock (Random House, $25.95), the story of confronting Saddam, is 173rd, and "The War Over Iraq: Saddam's Tyranny and America's Mission," by Lawrence F. Kaplan & William Kristol (Encounter, $25.95), is 178th.

Do you suppose "What Went Wrong?" by Bernard Lewis, is jumping the gun?

Pity poor Sherron Watkins, the former Enron executive who blew the whistle on her boss and told all about it in "Power Failure: The Inside Story of the Collapse of Enron," which was the hot story of the year in . . . geez, was it only a couple of years ago?

She was all lined up for promotional appearances on the major television networks, including Larry King Live on CNN, only to be preempted by a retired general who explained why Baghdad would fall in three days, four at the most.

And to top it off, Doubleday cancelled Sharron's advertising budget, probably anticipating the high cost of flogging the sale of war books in the near future. And not necessarily books about the war in Iraq either.

Since August, 2001, literary agent Amy Williams had been trying to hustle Anthony Swofford's memoir of the Gulf War — "One of the most powerful pieces of writing I'd ever seen," she said — but publishers would have none of it.

Then came 9/11 and the war in Afghanistan and the threat of war in Iraq and . . . last week Swofford's "Jarhead" (Scribner, $24), released early in March, was 45th and climbing on USA Today's best seller list and already in its seventh printing.

Wait until the books on the Iraq war hit the stands, especially since there are more then 500 reporters, many of whom were shut out of the Gulf War, "imbedded" among the fighting men themselves. I'll bet at least 499 of them already have taken notes for the book they are going to write.

Think of how many trees must die so that Ted Koppel can explain what it was like to sit in a tent in the desert and wonder if the Iraqi bringing him breakfast and a copy of the New York Times is really a suicide bomber.

Winning in life without a scorecard

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

On a good day (overcast and slightly drizzly) when there's no one on the Putt-Putt course in front of us, my son and I can complete 18 holes in less than 20 minutes. We call it Speedy Golf. How do we do this? By not keeping score. Now, if you're like me, you're scratching your head and thinking, how the heck can you play miniature golf, let alone anything and not keep score? Keeping score is the American way. Whether we're trying to keep up with the Joneses, or stay two steps ahead of everyone else, we like to know where we stand.

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Mixed-use would be healthy for Village

COMMENTARY

AARON SAWCHUK

First, I feel it is necessary to provide a disclaimer. My father, Wayne Sawchuk, has proposed one of the first of two mixed-use developments in downtown Cohasset Village. I have no direct financial gain for his project, and write this first and foremost as a citizen who is concerned with economic development, and secondarily as an individual who has been exposed to an "insider's view" of my father's effort to construct a mixed-use senior-oriented development in the village over the past two years. This is my, and only my opinion and does not reflect that of anyone else.

On Monday night (Nov. 13), the citizens of Cohasset voted against a proposed zoning change that would have allowed for new mixed-use development in downtown Cohasset village. The specific zoning article allowed for the development of residential housing (apartments or condos) above the first floor of an office or retail space. It created specific criteria for the development, including the maximum lot coverage, maximum apartment density, and maximum number of units that could be created on a single piece of property. The state requirements (and requirements under a "40 B" development) are far more liberal than the proposed amount, and in many ways the proposed zoning changes probably would have inhibited the wide scale development that many citizens fear.

The argument against the proposed zoning change consisted of three main points. First, there was great concern that any further development in the village district may alter the character of one of Cohasset's greatest assets. Second, that while the first two projects that have been proposed have been met with great enthusiasm, there are concerns of the unintended consequences that such a zoning change may have. Finally, there were general concerns about automobile traffic and parking.

Most people will agree that Cohasset Village is one of the premier assets of our town, and we must be careful stewards to ensure that it retains its priceless value for generations to come. Indeed, I dream of a day when I will walk with my children through the village, hopefully showing them one of the buildings that their grandfather helped build. The village is a unique asset, however, because unlike other town treasures like the common, the sailing club, or Government Island, the village consists almost entirely of privately owned land. We depend upon the will of others to risk their investment capital to help maintain this precious asset. Because of that dependence, we must remain constantly vigilant that we produce a climate that encourages and rewards the right kind of development, and does so in a consistent manner.

The biggest threat to the village today is not that some local landowners want to provide some additional investment, but instead it is the risk that the village falls prey to competition elsewhere. Several different speakers against the zoning changes cited not wanting to change the downtown as their reason for voting no. However, we must realize that without further investment it will change forever. In order to survive — and thrive — the village businesses need customers all year long. Like most citizens, I have become extremely sensitive to the ways in which unintended consequences can affect the town. The issues surrounding the unsuccessful Cook Estate and Cedermere projects and the accommodations the town has made to encourage them have been a lesson for all of us. The lesson is: the town should not be in the development business. We should provide our private citizens and landowners with a straightforward process for investing in our community, and we should very closely monitor what efforts we take to mandate any one-development strategy.

I believe that the best way to encourage economic development is to do so in general terms, such as when the overwhelming majority of our community voted in 2003 to allow mixed-use development in the village. The only problem with the 2003 effort is that it left an archaic minimum lot size requirement for residential development — a full acre — criteria that fewer than 5 percent of the properties in the village meet. Chris Ford, who began operating a small business more than 40 years ago in the village, aptly described the purpose of the zoning change — a housekeeping measure. If more than two-thirds of the community supported mixed-use development, then surely they supported it in more than two parcels in the entire downtown village.

In many ways we are in an enviable position. We have individuals who wish to invest in our downtown business district, significantly raising both the residential and commercial tax base. In the two proposed mixed-use projects, the developers, both born and raised in Cohasset, actually proposed building less dense, environmentally friendly projects. Both projects provide more open space than is required, and one case providing a significant amount of private land as public space for the enjoyment of our citizens. It is somewhat ironic that the name of the structure that one of the proposed developments wants to expand is the Samuel Bates House. If Mr. Bates, a member of one of the founding families of our community, were alive today, I think he would find it somewhat absurd that he could not expand his house on the original property for living space. Build an office building or retail complex sure — but housing is strictly off-limits.

The final principle concern raised against the zoning change was an increase in traffic. The reality is that the only increase in traffic is likely to be foot traffic to the various village businesses. The combination of more residents downtown coupled with more shopkeepers and office workers will result in a boom for local businesses. Each of the two proposed developments called for off-street parking, and in total would consist of a maximum of 18 apartments or condos.

I encourage everyone reading this article to speak with business owners downtown. Ask them how the recent revitalization work may have reduced their business by 30 percent or more over several months. Ask them how competition, like the new Derby Street Shoppes is reducing the overall traffic in their stores. Finally, ask them how they could benefit from the introduction of 15 or 20 new citizens living in the village. Dining at one of the restaurants or walking over to do their holiday shopping a little early this year. Or talk to a friend or loved one who is getting older and no longer wants to deal with the hassle of maintaining a home or dealing with stairs. Ask them about the benefits of being within walking distance to all of their daily needs — or how nice it would be to live in a maintenance free building with an elevator. Finally, I would encourage you to speak with your children or grandchildren's teachers. Ask them about where they live, and if they enjoy their commute into our town. When I was a student in Cohasset public schools, the vast majority of my teachers and other school staff lived in our community — from Mrs. Moody in Kindergarten, all the way to Mr. Emmons senior year. How many teachers today do you think could afford to live in our community when a starter home is considered a bargain at more than a half of a million dollars?

Once you speak with the local merchants, your loved ones, and the middle class members of your extended community, I would encourage you to contact your planning board members and selectmen and tell them that you support mixed-use development in our village district. The development study that we authorized is extremely important and we should strongly encourage all parties involved with it to produce a report as quickly as possible without sacrificing quality. However, a long-term development plan should not be considered a prerequisite for any residential development in our village. Before comprehensive rules can be developed, the planning board should continue to evaluate development on a case-by-case basis, and approve those that have merit.

In short, I believe it was a mistake to reject the proposed zoning changes that would have allowed the mixed-use development that our citizens embraced with an overwhelming majority in 2003. Because I believe each citizen or landowner should stand on common footing and adhere to common standards, I strongly supported the proposed zoning changes. However, we must look forward and act decisively, because the threat to our village will not wait another two years until it starts to do real damage to the health of our community and its economic well being. We must encourage our planning board, selectmen, and zoning board of appeals to take what measures are necessary in the short-term to encourage smart investment in our village to ensure it will prosper in the long-term.

Aaron D. Sawchuk lives on Beechwood Street.

CEF, Fusco featured on Our Town

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiac-omo meet with members of the newly reconstituted CEF(Cohasset Education Foundation) to discuss their goals and plans for upcoming projects.

School Committee member Stephen Fusco joins the hosts on the second half of the show to detail the technology needs of Cohasset schools.

In a very entertaining roll-in segment, viewers can find out about the collaboration between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Cohasset Drama Club to present the 1936 Broadway hit "The Women" in November at Town Hall.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Making Tracks

Making Tracks is taking the week off. Look for the column in next week's Mariner.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

The First Thanksgiving

We've all heard stories about unexpected Thanksgiving visitors bringing tasty treats. It is a tradition as old as Thanksgiving itself. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony had planned to feast on duck, until more than 100 Indians showed up unannounced, bringing with them at least seven deer.

That dinner is now one of our nation's founding myths, born of 19th-century exaggeration and sustained by grade-school lessons. It is a myth of cultural assimilation, of brotherhood inspired by faith. In the grade-school telling, Chief Massasoit and his faithful translator, Squanto, show kindness to the English settlers, helping them survive the harsh winter, and are repaid with a fine meal with all the trimmings.

Revisiting this familiar territory, historian Nathaniel Philbrick describes the first Thanksgiving feast as pretty close to the myth. There was probably no turkey, he writes in "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War," and no large tables to sit around. Also no forks. The Pilgrims used knives and fingers to eat, so don't feel bad if you picked up that drumstick.

Philbrick recounts many things about our pious forebears some will find surprising. They believed marriage was a civil matter, not a religious one, with the first marriages in Plymouth performed by Gov. William Bradford. Civil marriage was an idea they picked up in Holland, where they lived for several years after first leaving England. They considered Christmas just another workday. When he caught some non-Separatist members of the colony playing games on Christmas 1621, Bradford took away their ball.

He also argues that, contrary to the grade-school lesson, the Pilgrims didn't exactly believe in religious freedom. Yes, they came to a new continent to escape government interference with their own worship, but that was because they believed theirs to be the only correct theology. They had no interest in granting others the right to make up their own minds on matters of religion.

But what Philbrick offers most is context. History started before that famous meal and kept moving after the final course.

In the three years before the Pilgrims arrived, the natives of New England were nearly wiped out by a plague, most likely acquired from European fishermen. The Pilgrims were able to move into a nearly deserted landscape, with fields cleared and prepared for cultivation, because thousands of Indians had died or left their villages.

The plague left Massasoit's Pokanoket tribe decimated and vulnerable to its traditional enemies, the Narragansetts. His alliance with the Pilgrims, negotiated by Squanto, was a strategic move to neutralize this disadvantage, and it didn't last.

In the years after the Thanksgiving feast, Squanto betrayed the Pilgrims and Massasoit, Philbrick writes, manipulating tribal rivalries. There was trade, and even friendship, between the natives and the newcomers, but there was always tension. In 1675, the tension erupted in war, as Massasoit's son Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, led several tribes against the settlers. King Philip's War remains, by one measure, America's bloodiest conflict: Among the English and the Native Americans, nearly one person in 10 was killed or wounded.

In the end, Metacomet was shot and his body drawn and quartered. Metacomet's wife and sons, along with thousands of other Indians, were sold into slavery in the Caribbean. His head was mounted on a pike outside the Plymouth Colony, where it remained for at least 20 years. For the native inhabitants of a sprawling continent, the bad times had just begun.

In historical context, that long-ago feast may be seen as a brief interlude of fresh food, fellowship and gratitude in the midst of strife and suffering. But context doesn't make the food less sweet or the prayers less sincere.

We hope your family's Thanksgiving also was a haven from life's tribulations, a moment when you put down your grievances and counted your blessings with whatever guests arrived to share the bounty.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Elder Affairs, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. at the Community Center, 3 N. Main Street.
Board of Library Trustees, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., at the library.
Cable Advisory Committee, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Cultural Council, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. at the library.
Harbor Health Committee, Dec. 4 (with selectmen at 8 p.m.); Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Community Meeting Room, High School.
Selectmen, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A collective win-win'

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's Town Meeting met all of my expectations of New England democracy at its finest. I stayed to the bitter end, wondering whether breakfast might have to be served. As a newcomer to the Commonwealth and Cohasset, I was reluctant to speak. Beyond the clearly outlined written procedures, there are always unwritten conventions. It was late when the citizen's petition for a zoning change was considered.

At a certain point, one takes one's life into one's own hands if one dares extend the discussion. I voted against the petition on the basis of procedure, not substance. I think it is important to thank the two developers for what they have already invested in our town and for the kind of project they brought before us. It is the kind of investment we need and the architectural drawings are quite compelling. So thank you.

Please be patient with us as further data is gathered. And for those responsible for gathering this data, please move with dispatch. These are good neighbors who deserve our best efforts to bring the two sides on this issue to a collective win-win. I am prepared to vote "Yes," the next time this is brought to the community.

John Seel
50 Forest Ave.

Hilarious paradox

TO THE EDITOR:

Has anyone else noticed the hilarious paradox in last week's editorial quote?

"Write a wise saying and your name will live forever" — Anonymous.

Chris Evans
36 Sohier St.

Cohasset residents again display their generosity

TO THE EDITOR:

This past weekend, a collection was made for the new 3A FARM Animal Shelter. Cohasset residents were terrific: pennies and dollars added up to almost $1,300.

As most residents know, the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter on the Driftway supports Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell and Scituate. The Greenbush Railroad terminus has made the current location untenable (as a volunteer dog walker, I know). The Board of Directors has now bought the beautiful four-acre parcel known as the 3A FARM (opposite the Sunoco Station) and closer to Cohasset. Currently, the 501C(3) non-profit organization has to pay mortgage payments on the land and finance construction of the beautiful new Shelter.

It is a daunting task. Anyone, who missed this weekend's collection and would like to help, can send a check to the 3A FARM FUND, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, MA 02066. Thank you so much.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Ambulance service is excellent

TO THE EDITOR:

On Nov. 11th, my hip that was replaced years ago went out of joint. My wife called 911and the Cohasset ambulance was at my house in minutes. I was treated with expertise, efficiency, and sensitivity, and was taken to South Shore Hospital in record time, where they did a good job of resetting.

I want to publicly thank the Cohasset group of paramedics that took care of me, and remind the town of the excellence of our Fire Dept. Ambulance Group.

Bert Paley
399 Atlantic Ave.

Greathearted example of community spirit

TO THE EDITOR:

There's a lot of hand wringing about America's faults, but too little notice taken of its multitude of virtues. For instance: the national program "Make a Difference" Day. The concept is to give back to the community in thanks for the blessings we have. Schools, and perhaps other organizations, execute projects with this intent, and of course the exercise provides some input to character development of the participating students.

In Cohasset, the Parent School Organization has organized the program, under the leadership of Lisa Rosen. The current project was to provide fall yard clean-up, storm window installation and air conditioner removal, at no charge to seniors (over 65) for 33 lucky recipients recruited by the Cohasset Elder Affairs. About 100 students and 80 adults participated. This is the fifth year of the senior clean-up project, which began at the Osgood School, and the first year that all schools participated.

A few individuals worried that this takes work away from earnings of the yard service companies, but there seems to be sufficient work to attract ever more of these, many from out of town. (Any beneficiary of the program can assuage his or her conscience by giving something to the Council on Elder Affairs or other good cause, not necessarily local). Some seniors were hesitant to sign on for fear of some catch, but there isn't any. It's simply another greathearted example of the community spirit in Cohasset. Of course, some of us hesitated to benefit, from false pride at accepting a freebie on the grounds that we are seen as having become old enough to warrant a little help. The counter to that feeling is that accepting the work is recognition that we all have helped others in the past, and still have the potential to do so in the future.

Probably the biggest benefit is to the children who participate; it is their introduction to the idea of giving to the community, that we are each other's keeper, or however you choose to express the idea. The Appalachia project is another shining example of that benefit. I hope the program grows, to the great benefit of children and seniors alike.

And I certainly didn't mind being relieved of many hours of hard and uninteresting labor. (There's still plenty to do, character building or not).

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

All on the same page

TO THE EDITOR:

At Forum 4 of Together Cohasset on Nov. 8 a mission statement was presented. Their goal is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of town services in an economically reasonable and sound manner while providing quality services and excellence in education. The tenet of this group is to actively listen and respect others even if you disagree with them. Remember that this group was originally begun to heal the forced divide in the town after the failure of the May 2006 override vote.

At the Nov. 13 special Town Meeting members of the Advisory Committee and the Capital Budget Committee discussed the need

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HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset shines at coastal caucus

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Friday, at the Cohasset Lightkeepers hall, 72 environmentalists, scientists from many disciplines, students, teachers, educators, Federal, State and local government officials met to discuss an initiative which began in Cohasset and has gained recognition over the entire New England coastline: The Cohasset Student Coastal Caucus.

The Caucus, using a model created by the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal research has identified perhaps the best method now available to communities that wish to collect and disseminate information on the true state of our environment, its recent changes, and how everyone's way of life will be affected if current human practices and environmental patterns continue.

Hosted by Cohasset's Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR), in collaboration with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Mass Bays Program, educators, students, community and watershed representatives, municipal officials, private sector environmentalists, and state and federal leaders assembled to accomplish three significant goals: 1) to examine the quality and results of the Center's recent grant-funded research in the context of data collected by state and federal agencies; 2) to chart steps for tangible water quality improvement and habitat restoration; and 3) to evaluate the interactive processes that the center has applied as a regional model for collaborative effort.

Over the last year, more useful data has been collected about Cohasset's coastal water quality condition than at any other time in our history. In addition to the work done by our students, the EPA's Clean Beaches Initiative and the Mass Bays Water Quality monitoring project have been gathering data, facilitated and assisted by town agencies and town committees. CSCR student data was characterized by individuals from those agencies as "useful, relevant, and dependable."

The driver for all of this activity is the fact that Cohasset Harbor, Little Harbor, the Gulf River Estuary, Straits Pond, Scituate, Green Harbors, and the North and South Rivers are all impacted by bacterial contamination that has resulted in closed beaches and restricted or prohibited shellfishing. All of these coastal waters are identified on the State's 2006 Integrated List of Waters for pathogen impairment, which requires the development and implementation of a targeted pollutant mitigation strategy. Recognizing this condition, in 2003, the Board of Health created such a strategy, the Townwide Stormwater Management Plan, approved by the state and the EPA.

The State has committed substantial continuing support of Cohasset's program with grants covering assessment and planning for mitigation. In fact, the process which CSCR uses —engaging students in scientific environmental assessment for the benefit of town planners and public works projects — has gained widespread acclaim with our Jack Buckley receiving an award from the Gulf of Maine Association.

But many stormwater and other environmental problems of Cohasset begin elsewhere and vice versa. So visionaries in the state have long espoused an approach of grouping towns in their respective watersheds, which means our problems are also those of Scituate, Norwell, Hingham and Hull. It makes no sense to try to fix problems in Cohasset's coastal waters without taking into account the fact that three extensive tidal estuaries from other towns drain into them. Like it or not, we must cooperate with other towns, and that's what the Coastal Caucasus is all about.

So, CSCR's Jack Buckley, Mass Bays' Sara Grady, and CZM's Jason Burtner had invited exactly the right people: knowledgeable state and federal officials who could answer questions; groups of student mentors, teachers and administrators, as well as some of the students to give their viewpoint; and finally those of us in Cohasset and nearby Town governments responsible for cleaning up the pollution and managing the control of our stormwater. The whole overseen by a facilitator who got all of us to mix and talk to each other.

There were two sessions in the Student Coastal Caucus: a morning session which structured the program and allowed us to give a summary of our respective viewpoints, and an afternoon session in which we developed and agreed on what should be done and in what order, based on priorities which we all helped to establish. To teach us something about the process of scientific environmental assessment that CSCR uses, Cohasset and Scituate students representing four important Cohasset watershed investigations gave us a summary of their methods and findings. It was eight hours of exhausting and very exciting work, overwhelmingly favorably received by the participants, according to caucus evaluations.

Caucus proceedings, contact information for attendees, PowerPoint slides, data summaries, reports, and even a DVD of the presentations will soon be available to interested readers and curious web surfers. More important, this information will be used by many in and beyond the South Coastal Watershed to advance cooperative and collaborative strategies designed to "de-list" our treasured resources from the 2006 Integrated List of Waters for pathogen impairment.

I'm confident that all of us who attended the caucus left with more than just a satisfying feeling. Much valuable knowledge was exchanged and invaluable connections made. First, the network of attendees (and invitees unable to participate) connects us personally with scores of experts willing to, and continuing to, assist us here in Cohasset and in our neighboring towns. Second, our network builds our capacity to tap into the understandings of State and Federal positions about mutual environmental problems and what to do about them. Third, our caucus students and adults were mutually invigorated by each others' presence, creating real visions of the practices and paths that youth pursue in their transition to leaders of the next generation in finding solutions to those problems created by the present.

And that, friends; as the ad says, is priceless.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Winning in life without a scorecard

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

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COMMENTARY

AARON SAWCHUK

First, I feel it is necessary to provide a disclaimer. My father, Wayne Sawchuk, has proposed one of the first of two mixed-use developments in downtown Cohasset Village. I have no direct financial gain for his project, and write this first and foremost as a citizen who is concerned with economic development, and secondarily as an individual who has been exposed to an "insider's view" of my father's effort to construct a mixed-use senior-oriented development in the village over the past two years. This is my, and only my opinion and does not reflect that of anyone else.

On Monday night (Nov. 13), the citizens of Cohasset voted against a proposed zoning change that would have allowed for new mixed-use development in downtown Cohasset village. The specific zoning article allowed for the development of residential housing (apartments or condos) above the first floor of an office or retail space. It created specific criteria for the development, including the maximum lot coverage, maximum apartment density, and maximum number of units that could be created on a single piece of property. The state requirements (and requirements under a "40 B" development) are far more liberal than the proposed amount, and in many ways the proposed zoning changes probably would have inhibited the wide scale development that many citizens fear.

The argument against the proposed zoning change consisted of three main points. First, there was great concern that any further development in the village district may alter the character of one of Cohasset's greatest assets. Second, that while the first two projects that have been proposed have been met with great enthusiasm, there are concerns of the unintended consequences that such a zoning change may have. Finally, there were general concerns about automobile traffic and parking.

Most people will agree that Cohasset Village is one of the premier assets of our town, and we must be careful stewards to ensure that it retains its priceless value for generations to come. Indeed, I dream of a day when I will walk with my children through the village, hopefully showing them one of the buildings that their grandfather helped build. The village is a unique asset, however, because unlike other town treasures like the common, the sailing club, or Government Island, the village consists almost entirely of privately owned land. We depend upon the will of others to risk their investment capital to help maintain this precious asset. Because of that dependence, we must remain constantly vigilant that we produce a climate that encourages and rewards the right kind of development, and does so in a consistent manner.

The biggest threat to the village today is not that some local landowners want to provide some additional investment, but instead it is the risk that the village falls prey to competition elsewhere. Several different speakers against the zoning changes cited not wanting to change the downtown as their reason for voting no. However, we must realize that without further investment it will change forever. In order to survive — and thrive — the village businesses need customers all year long. Like most citizens, I have become extremely sensitive to the ways in which unintended consequences can affect the town. The issues surrounding the unsuccessful Cook Estate and Cedermere projects and the accommodations the town has made to encourage them have been a lesson for all of us. The lesson is: the town should not be in the development business. We should provide our private citizens and landowners with a straightforward process for investing in our community, and we should very closely monitor what efforts we take to mandate any one-development strategy.

I believe that the best way to encourage economic development is to do so in general terms, such as when the overwhelming majority of our community voted in 2003 to allow mixed-use development in the village. The only problem with the 2003 effort is that it left an archaic minimum lot size requirement for residential development — a full acre — criteria that fewer than 5 percent of the properties in the village meet. Chris Ford, who began operating a small business more than 40 years ago in the village, aptly described the purpose of the zoning change — a housekeeping measure. If more than two-thirds of the community supported mixed-use development, then surely they supported it in more than two parcels in the entire downtown village.

In many ways we are in an enviable position. We have individuals who wish to invest in our downtown business district, significantly raising both the residential and commercial tax base. In the two proposed mixed-use projects, the developers, both born and raised in Cohasset, actually proposed building less dense, environmentally friendly projects. Both projects provide more open space than is required, and one case providing a significant amount of private land as public space for the enjoyment of our citizens. It is somewhat ironic that the name of the structure that one of the proposed developments wants to expand is the Samuel Bates House. If Mr. Bates, a member of one of the founding families of our community, were alive today, I think he would find it somewhat absurd that he could not expand his house on the original property for living space. Build an office building or retail complex sure — but housing is strictly off-limits.

The final principle concern raised against the zoning change was an increase in traffic. The reality is that the only increase in traffic is likely to be foot traffic to the various village businesses. The combination of more residents downtown coupled with more shopkeepers and office workers will result in a boom for local businesses. Each of the two proposed developments called for off-street parking, and in total would consist of a maximum of 18 apartments or condos.

I encourage everyone reading this article to speak with business owners downtown. Ask them how the recent revitalization work may have reduced their business by 30 percent or more over several months. Ask them how competition, like the new Derby Street Shoppes is reducing the overall traffic in their stores. Finally, ask them how they could benefit from the introduction of 15 or 20 new citizens living in the village. Dining at one of the restaurants or walking over to do their holiday shopping a little early this year. Or talk to a friend or loved one who is getting older and no longer wants to deal with the hassle of maintaining a home or dealing with stairs. Ask them about the benefits of being within walking distance to all of their daily needs — or how nice it would be to live in a maintenance free building with an elevator. Finally, I would encourage you to speak with your children or grandchildren's teachers. Ask them about where they live, and if they enjoy their commute into our town. When I was a student in Cohasset public schools, the vast majority of my teachers and other school staff lived in our community — from Mrs. Moody in Kindergarten, all the way to Mr. Emmons senior year. How many teachers today do you think could afford to live in our community when a starter home is considered a bargain at more than a half of a million dollars?

Once you speak with the local merchants, your loved ones, and the middle class members of your extended community, I would encourage you to contact your planning board members and selectmen and tell them that you support mixed-use development in our village district. The development study that we authorized is extremely important and we should strongly encourage all parties involved with it to produce a report as quickly as possible without sacrificing quality. However, a long-term development plan should not be considered a prerequisite for any residential development in our village. Before comprehensive rules can be developed, the planning board should continue to evaluate development on a case-by-case basis, and approve those that have merit.

In short, I believe it was a mistake to reject the proposed zoning changes that would have allowed the mixed-use development that our citizens embraced with an overwhelming majority in 2003. Because I believe each citizen or landowner should stand on common footing and adhere to common standards, I strongly supported the proposed zoning changes. However, we must look forward and act decisively, because the threat to our village will not wait another two years until it starts to do real damage to the health of our community and its economic well being. We must encourage our planning board, selectmen, and zoning board of appeals to take what measures are necessary in the short-term to encourage smart investment in our village to ensure it will prosper in the long-term.

Aaron D. Sawchuk lives on Beechwood Street.

Get ready for the war in books

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Tom Henshaw is on vacation. This is a column he wrote for the March 2, 2003 paper. He will be back next week.

The war in Iraq will be over soon, although maybe not seem soon enough for a generation that has been brought up on microwaved TV dinners and 30-second news bites that pass for in-depth reports.

In a way, I hate to see it — the end of the war, I mean, because that means we will be deluged with war books — good books, bad books, little books, big books, books that are soon to be major motion pictures, most of them starring Tom Cruise.

Already "Bush at War," by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster, $28) is 119th on the USA Today list of best-seller; and "Dreaming War," by Gore Vidal (Thunder's Mouth Press, $11.95), subtitled "Blood for Oil and the Cheney-Bush Junta," is 146th.

"The Threatening Storm," by Kenneth M. Pollock (Random House, $25.95), the story of confronting Saddam, is 173rd, and "The War Over Iraq: Saddam's Tyranny and America's Mission," by Lawrence F. Kaplan & William Kristol (Encounter, $25.95), is 178th.

Do you suppose "What Went Wrong?" by Bernard Lewis, is jumping the gun?

Pity poor Sherron Watkins, the former Enron executive who blew the whistle on her boss and told all about it in "Power Failure: The Inside Story of the Collapse of Enron," which was the hot story of the year in . . . geez, was it only a couple of years ago?

She was all lined up for promotional appearances on the major television networks, including Larry King Live on CNN, only to be preempted by a retired general who explained why Baghdad would fall in three days, four at the most.

And to top it off, Doubleday cancelled Sharron's advertising budget, probably anticipating the high cost of flogging the sale of war books in the near future. And not necessarily books about the war in Iraq either.

Since August, 2001, literary agent Amy Williams had been trying to hustle Anthony Swofford's memoir of the Gulf War --- "One of the most powerful pieces of writing I'd ever seen," she said — but publishers would have none of it.

Then came 9/11 and the war in Afghanistan and the threat of war in Iraq and . . . last week Swofford's "Jarhead" (Scribner, $24), released early in March, was 45th and climbing on USA Today's best seller list and already in its seventh printing.

Wait until the books on the Iraq war hit the stands, especially since there are more then 500 reporters, many of whom were shut out of the Gulf War, "imbedded" among the fighting men themselves. I'll bet at least 499 of them already have taken notes for the book they are going to write.

Think of how many trees must die so that Ted Koppel can explain what it was like to sit in a tent in the desert and wonder if the Iraqi bringing him breakfast and a copy of the New York Times is really a suicide bomber.

CEF, Fusco featured on Our Town

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiac-omo meet with members of the newly reconstituted CEF(Cohasset Education Foundation) to discuss their goals and plans for upcoming projects.

School Committee member Stephen Fusco joins the hosts on the second half of the show to detail the technology needs of Cohasset schools.

In a very entertaining roll-in segment, viewers can find out about the collaboration between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Cohasset Drama Club to present the 1936 Broadway hit "The Women" in November at Town Hall.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Making Tracks

Making Tracks is taking the week off. Look for the column in next week's Mariner.

PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Teacher Chris Idzik of Plymouth teaches his chemistry students the art of gravity during the South Shore Home Learners' "Monday Funday" program, held at the Paul Pratt Library

Home-schooled kids have Monday Funday at Our World, library

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1.7 percent. SSHL was founded in 2003 to help meet the needs of the trend.

"We were a group of concerned parents who saw a need and said, 'We can fill that.' It has grown into a great group with great diversity," said Young. Young has six children and has been homeschooling for the past 15 years.

While the families who participate in the program believe in home-based learning, as a group they do not endorse any one resource, method or philosophy of home-based learning over another. "We don't all homeschool the same way," said Conlon, a mother of two homeschooled children, but at the root of everyone's belief sits the ideal of attachment parenting, which creates strong, healthy bonds between children and their parents.

"We don't do a drop off program," said Conlon, adding there are parents present throughout all the day's classes to enable them to continue their active role in their children's education.

"Our goal is to have happy healthy kids and families and it's working," said Young.

With homeschooling, children of various ages and abilities learn together, and the classes in which children participate through the SSHL are the same way. "This is the natural way to be with other kids," said Conlon, adding, for example, during chess class, often the younger students will learn how to play the game from older students who already know how.

"It's a great mentoring opportunity," said Young. "This is such a peaceful environment. The kids are truly happy to be here. They are very loving and kind with one another — it's a very unique experience."

There are many different classes offered during Monday Funday, which runs for four sessions per year, and often children offer suggestions for classes they would like to see taught. "Because they get to pick, they're excited and we want to encourage that," said Young, adding if one child is interested in a class, chances are there will be many others who are just as excited in learning about the same topic. However, if a class begins and the children and parents find it is not fitting their needs, they will listen to feedback and find another class that works for the following session. Many of the classes are taught by parents who have or are homeschooling their children.

"We're so grateful for people giving us the opportunity. They've been so accepting and welcoming,"

— Krishyon Young, South Shore Home Learners

Young said the feeling in the homeschool environment is different from the school classroom experience because it is much more laid back. "It's a nice learning environment," she said, adding with many children who have been taken out of public school to begin homeschooling she can literally see the decompression process unfold and watch the stress and worry fall away. However, she said while many parents are interested in homeschooling their children, many do not know where to begin, and SSHL can help.

Conlon said many of the myths surrounding homeschooling are untrue and it is much more easy than it was in the past. There are many resources available for parents, including a wide variety of curriculum. "It's also very affordable," she said, noting many homeschooling families rely on a single income as one parent stays home to teach the children.

But having the dual role of parent and teacher is not always easy, which is why SSHL also provides monthly support meetings coordinated by board members, which focus on a different homeschooling-related topic each month. All who attend the meetings are welcome and encouraged to participate.

While the SSHL hosts the Monday Funday program at the Paul Pratt library, it also partners with other local organizations including Plimoth Plantation and the Audubon Society to provide activities for homeschooled children. She said often the Audubon Society will coordinate nature hikes and everyone in the family is invited to go along. "It is so much fun for them to be together learning," she said, which is what homeschooling is all about.

For more information on South Shore Home Learners, please visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SSHLmembers/ on the Web, or via e-mail at SSHLmembers@yahoogroups.com. For additional information on homeschooling, please visit the Massachusetts Home Learning Association's Web site at www.mhla.org.

Honey Wilson of Cohasset holds a story hour for children 2-5 years old at the Paul Pratt Library during the South Shore Home Learners' "Monday Funday" program.

Sophia Millard, 8, of Providence, R.I. works on her writing during the "Monday Funday" program for homeschoolers at the Paul Pratt Library. Sophia visits with her grandparents in Cohasset so she can attend the classes.

Krishyon Young, one of the founders of South Shore Home Learners, teaches a reading class for homeschoolers during the "Monday Funday" program at the Paul Pratt Library.

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President of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Deirdre Wigmore, National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Thomas Wigmore, Maureen Harrold, Ann Marie Goff, and Commander of the American Legion Stephen Wigmore, gathered at the Cohasset Post Office last Thursday afternoon to ship care packages to soldiers stationed in Iraq.

Something sent from the heart

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sorting through items donated at the Legion post and boxing them up to be shipped overseas. "They're all local kids and we contacted their parents and got their addresses," she said. With the length of time it will take for the packages to arrive, they will be in Iraq in time for Christmas.

Goff works for the Marshfield School System and said she coordinated a similar project there, which sent boxes to 17 soldiers. One of those soldiers was from Cohasset, as his mother-in-law works in the Marshfield schools and had requested a package be sent over to him. After hearing of her efforts, the Cohasset Legion members contacted her and asked if she would be willing to help in their efforts, to which she said, "Absolutely!"

Goff said she has a list of items which soldiers are requesting that includes sports magazines, pens and notebooks, zip top bags, sunscreen, winter hats and socks, Tylenol, batteries, cameras and phone cards. Toiletries and snacks are also high on the list. Residents have been making donations at the American Legion Post on the corner of Summer Street and Border Street, and for this recent shipment, Goff said the Sons of the American Legion provided her with $200 to purchase any items remaining on the list which had not been donated.

In addition, each care package had a special personalized message from children in her neighborhood. Catie Pitts, Callie and Charlie Neaves and Kate, James and Michael McKelvey all made special cards for the soldiers.

Goff said she will continue collecting donations and boxing them up for soldiers as long as there is a need. She said she has another shipment date set for Feb. 1, which will deliver Valentine's goodies to those serving. She said she has contacted the Deer Hill School and some classes will be making cards for the soldiers, as will some local Girl Scout troops. For this next shipment, she said sometime in January she will go through what has already been donated and the American Legion will provide $200 to purchase any remaining items on the list of needs. Shipments will also be sent in the spring and summer.

From what Goff has been told, while the packages are sent to a specific soldier with Cohasset ties, when the boxes arrive, they are put in a central location and all the soldiers share the goodies inside. "As long as they're there, we're going to keep doing this," Goff said.

Donations for soldiers are being collected at the American Legion Post on the corner of Summer Street and Border Street. There is a box in the lobby and both items to be sent and checks made out to the Sons of the American Legion are needed. The next shipment to soldiers will be sent Feb. 1.

Postal worker Pete Lindfors helps Maureen Harrold and Ann Marie Goff as they prepare packages to be sent to soldiers in Iraq

THIS WEEK

Lack of audio at Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen have directed Town Manager Bill Griffin to write a letter to Comcast regarding the lack of audio at the Special Town Meeting Nov. 13. Griffin brought the topic up with selectmen, as he had received letters about the poor quality of the broadcast — there was no sound at all coming through on the town's cable channel while Town Meeting was being broadcast. "This doesn't reflect well on us, or on them (Comcast)," he said.

Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said it was also very hard to hear in the Sullivan Gymnasium as well. He suggested for the Annual Town Meeting, the town rent a set of speakers for the day to be placed behind the tables where the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee sit in the front, to allow the sound to be projected to the back of the room. Currently speakers are hanging from the ceiling, which does not amplify the sound very well. Dormitzer also suggested perhaps renting lapel microphones for speakers, which might further amplify sound.

Selectman Ted Carr said he has experience with planning large events and has worked with sound systems before. He said renting a set of speakers would be very cost-effective and would greatly improve sound for those in the audience at Town Meeting. He said he would look into the town's alternatives for the Annual Town Meeting.

Town Meeting and election dates set

The Board of Selectmen set the date for the Annual Town Meeting and Town Election at its Nov. 20 meeting. Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 31 and the Town Election will be held April 7. The Warrant will close for citizens' petitions Jan. 12. For more information, please contact Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

Paul Carlson to speak at Rotary

The Rotary Club will meet Monday, Nov. 27 at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. Speaking at the meeting will be Cohasset resident Paul Carlson, who will share his experiences in Romania. He and his wife Tana lived in Romania for three years, and it was one of many post-communist countries he was assigned to, with the task of helping develop financial markets and savings alternatives under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Asian Development Bank.

Carlson will speak to the country's transition from communist dictatorship to democratic market, as well as his introduction to the country and the impact of the lack of trust on development of the country's economy.

The Rotary Club meets every Monday night at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island. Meetings are open to the public and anyone may attend. Please call Jean Roche at (781) 589-0461 if you plan on attending.

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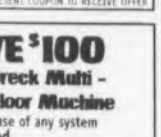

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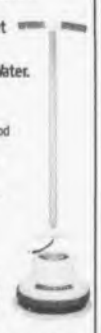

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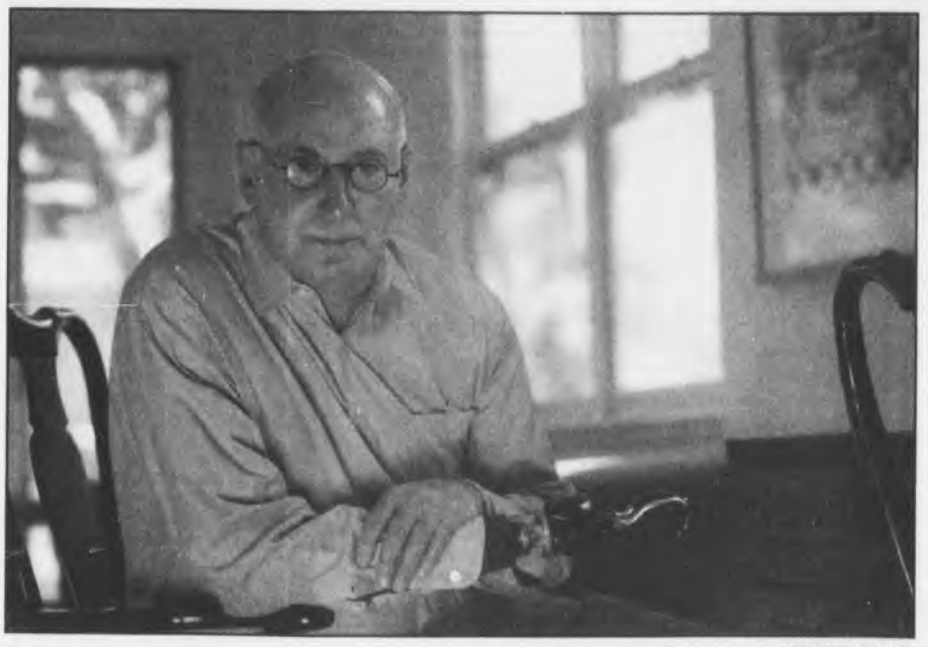
'Felt the need to tell the whole story'

Book goes beyond the 'sound bite'

By Amy van Aarem
CORRESPONDENT



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Michael Weisskopf, author of "Blood Brothers," lost his right hand while embedded with the troops in Iraq. He will sign his book at 7 p.m., Tuesday (Nov. 28) at Barnes and Nobles in Derby Street Shoppes.

When Michael Weisskopf received the assignment to go to Iraq to cover the "Person of the Year" story for Time magazine, he never thought he would one day become the story. On his third week as an embedded reporter, Weisskopf found himself squarely in the wrong place at the wrong time. Riding in an open-air Humvee with a Time photographer and two young soldiers, a grenade landed at his side. Instinct took over and he reached for the grenade, lobbing it over the side of the Humvee, disintegrating his right hand in the process.

At that moment, Weisskopf's life changed forever. His book, "Blood Brothers: Among the Soldiers of Ward 57" tells the story of his journey through recovery inside Ward 57 at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC and the friends he meets along the way as they struggle to come to terms with their loss of limbs.

The story is a profile of four critically wounded men, the challenges they endured, and their personal struggles with the idea of what a hero really is. It is an often-overlooked window into the seedier side of war — that of amputation, rehabilitation and reentry into society with all the murkiness it entails.

Recently I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Weisskopf from his home in Washington, DC…

• In your book there is a descriptive passage comparing your need to go to Iraq to cover the story as that of a Junkie. *Excerpt from Blood Brothers: "My rationale for going to Iraq as a career milestone no longer struck me as truthful. I already had scrapbooks full of big stories and enough money in the bank. …. Journalism had provided a regular opportunity to reinvent myself. I had to go to Iraq for another fix"* **Do you think, knowing what you know now and what you've been through, you would have made the same decision to go over?**

"I guess if I knew it was going to end this way I wouldn't have gone over…no story is worth losing a limb for. The insurgency was just getting its legs; I didn't realize I was walking into the middle of such a danger zone."

• When journalists are sent abroad to cover these war stories are they given any training or preparations before they leave either by the military or other groups?

"Although the news organizations were conducting trainings for imbedded reporters outside of London, I received none, which compounded the problem. Soldiers and cops are all trained for dangerous moments — the loose weapon amid a group of people is not something I was prepared for… I was a journalist caught in a military moment, nothing to inform me other than instinct."

• What do you remember of the accident? "I remember picking up the grenade, the intense heat — craning my arm to throw — then everything went dark. I don't remember the sound of the explosion, when I woke up I could see the smoke behind me.

It was a risky proposition — riding in the cargo area of an open-air Humvee — we were one of three out on patrols that night… it was still early in the insurgencies (2003) they (the US military) were not braced for the danger that they are today. At that time there was one attack a day vs. today where there are 4 or 5 a day.

I had completed three weeks there and only had a couple days left in Iraq,… my writing partner hung back to write the outline — I had just transferred 10 notebooks to him… we would trade back and forth … with one of us going out on patrol while the other worked on the story." (*The story they were working on was Time's "Person of the Year – The American Soldier" Time, December 21, 2003*)

• When you are living through this incredible experience – specifically the moment of injury and the sequence of events after, are you automatically "the injured journalist" making mental notes of each excruciating detail in the face of this horrific tragedy, is there some part of you that's thinking … "this is excellent material for a story or book or are you just trying to survive?"

"On the contrary – that was the last thing on my mind – I was in amazing pain … like a fire I couldn't put out. It is a real loss to lose a part of your body, particularly in that stunning and violent fashion.

For once in my life I decided I'm not going to be a reporter I'm just going to try and heal. It was only after I had healed enough to return to work part time that I realized that there was nothing as dramatic and compelling out there as the story I had just lived through."

• In your book you make reference to the cardinal rule of reporters "… never to become the story". Having essentially become the story, how have your feelings about this evolved or changed?

"I decided that by being the center of the story I could be a voice for people who can't use words well and as bright and articulate as the guys on Ward 57 are, they don't make a living with words and I do. I could express what they had gone through… I thought it was important to be the story, yet I'm only 40 percent of the story, I am the narrative driver, the other 60 percent is devoted to the stories of Pete Damon, Luis Rodriguez and Bobby Issacs."

• Were they open to sharing their stories? "It's one thing when you're a reporter coming in to someone else's world — a day visitor — it is another thing to be living in their world… there is a lot of shorthand that you develop-sort of like your roommates in college — you develop a familiarity with one another — they didn't have to provide the context… I was seeing them on eye level."

In the book you share the spotlight with three other fellow residents in Ward 57, Pete Damon, Luis Rodriguez and Bobby Issacs, a mechanic, a medic, and a sergeant. Out of these three men, did you find a closeness or common ground with one in particular?

"I developed great friendships with each of the men in Blood Brothers. Pete was very similar in personality and background to my own. The South Side of Chicago, where I grew up, was not unlike Brockton, where Pete grew up: they had shoe factories, we had steel mills, they had the Lithuanian village we had Greek Town and 83rd… The way he learned about manhood, through his fists, was very common to my experience. Even though I'm 23 years older, there is something that transcends our ages … we entered life a different way, Pete dropped out of school and became an electrician, I continued with school, but we had a lot in common in our recovery … we were both puzzled and conflicted about our injuries – we both felt a lot of guilt – his for something he didn't do and mine for getting credit for something I didn't do… we were able to talk easily ….and share fears/anger/confusion/anxiety .. also we had similar injuries of the arm."

How has your injury changed the way you do your job?

"I tape everything now. I don't scribble anymore although I can sign checks with my left hand. I mostly use voice-activated software in order to compose. I talk into a microphone, and the words are transcribed to the screen… "

You are back with Time magazine as a Senior Correspondent, what are you working on now?

Currently I'm in the midst of the book tour, traveling around the country and to various military bases. I returned to Time in February, 2006. I have done some stuff on terrorism, pieces about Iran and Iraq.

Initially when the war began so many of these stories of Ward 57, the tragedy and gruesome carnage of war (Amputee Alley) were under-reported. It seems that recently we are hearing more, with the media uncovering and exposing the true face of war. Do you think the public is hearing enough?

"No and I don't think the public can get enough. When a reporter shows up at Ward 57 to do an interview, they only get a snapshot of reality. The soldiers, like professional athletes, have become adept at dealing with the public, they have perfected the 'sound-bite' and have a certain way of dealing with the public – they show a stiff upper lip – talk of going back to Iraq to be with their guys, etc… then the reporter goes home and files a story that appears to be a reflection of the situation but it is only a partial reflection. I felt the need to tell the real story."

On Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 7 p.m. Michael Weisskopf will be conducting a book signing and talk at the Barnes & Noble in Hingham (the Derby Street Shoppes). Pete Damon, one of the soldiers profiled in Weisskopf's book will also be attending. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Amy van Aarem is freelance writer living in Hingham.

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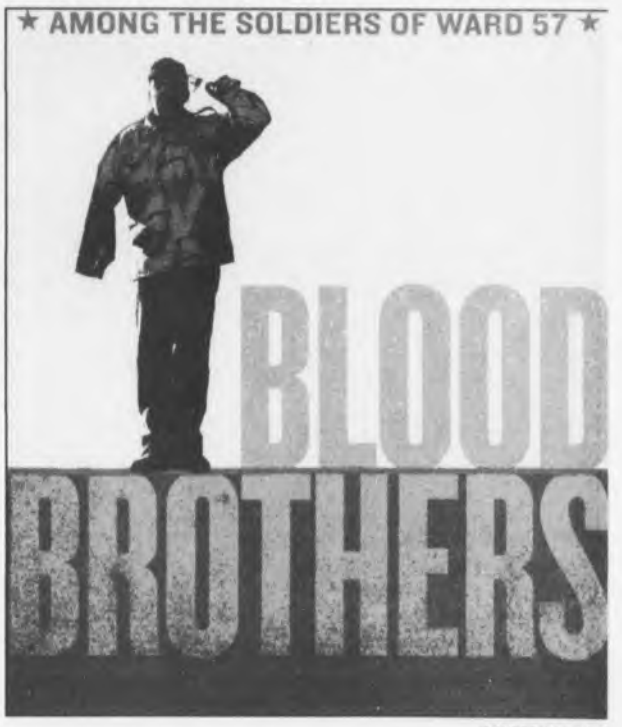
Sgt. Pete Damon, shown here at a Red Sox game, will join Weisskopf at the book signing Nov. 28. Damon is from Brockton.



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The book jacket of "Blood Brothers." The book tells the story of the author's recovery at Walter Reed Hospital and the friends he meets along the way.

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to work in a prudently fiscal manner while prioritizing the needs of the town.

These ideas currently discussed are not new to the town. In 1996 a diverse group of citizens, recognizing the financial circumstances, came together and established the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers to support:

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Since its inception, the CCT has worked on behalf of local spending and management issues through public meetings with state and local officials, letters to newspapers explaining and supporting taxpayer issues, initiating interesting debates and introducing citizens' petition bylaw changes to improve town government.

Regrettably, a decade ago some residents were not receptive to the ideas of prudent fiscal management and disparaged those who were. Hopefully today, now that it is apparent that most have the same common goal, we can put away the campaigns of fear and work together. There is a great deal to accomplish to have us arrive at a state where we are affordably meeting all of our needs and education goals.

L.C. Jenkins
CCT President
198 Jerusalem Road

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Adams, 246 Beechwood St., $300, install used wood stove; Begley, 455 Beechwood St., $14,300, 45 squares asphalt roofing; Quinn, 74 Brewster Road, $72,920, addition renovation, kitchen, two bedrooms, demolish two bathrooms, new bath in addition; Coh. Dev. Trust, 380 CJC Highway, $4,000, extend illuminated carved sign from sign above drive-up; Najjar, 101 Aaron River Road, $6,400, remodel small bathroom, replace fixtures, tile; Kennedy, 44 James Lane, $350,000, remodel existing home; add addition; new windows, roofing, siding, trim boards, electric, plumbing.

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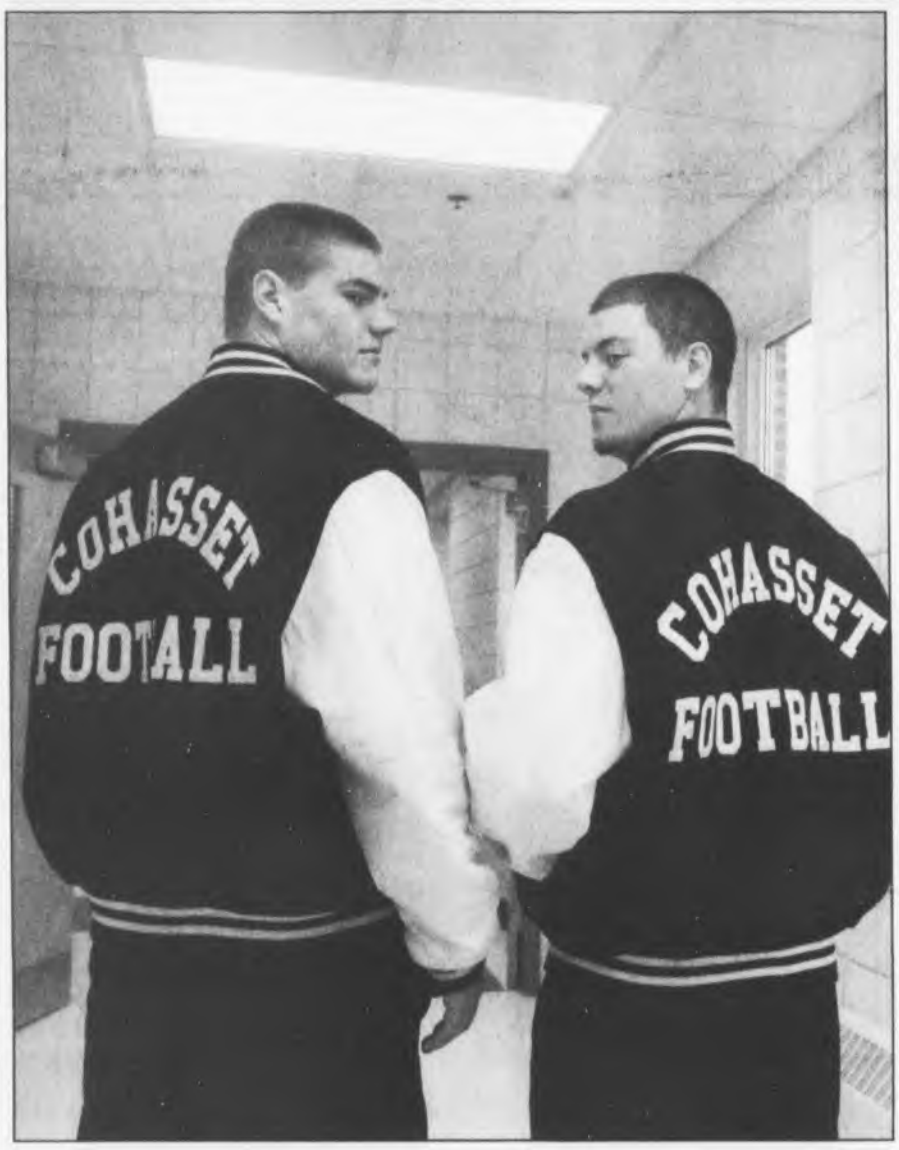

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(Above) Cohasset High football captains Colin Conway and Justin Alexander, along with Hull captains Ricky Stoltz and Matt Howard, all have a grip on the Thanksgiving Day trophy during a breakfast get-together at Cohasset High school Wednesday morning. Only one team would be able to hoist the trophy after the game, played Thursday after the Mariner went to press. For complete coverage, turn to next week's edition.

(Left) Senior captains Justin Alexander and Colin Conway get their game faces on before Wednesday morning's traditional pregame breakfast.

A little bit of everything

CHS field hockey captain Laura Campedelli has all it takes to be a successful player and leader

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

If you were to guess the individual ingredients found in a highly successful varsity sports team, what would you say?

Maybe some players with excellent athletic skills? Others with good leadership? Still other players who could make things click on the field? How about sociability?

The Cohasset High varsity field hockey team of 2006 contained several players who specialized in one of these traits. No wonder the Skippers ended up with a stellar 12-4-2 record.

But one player embodied all of these characteristics. Meet Laura Campedelli.

From day one of the preseason to the final tournament game, Campedelli, one of the team's captains, filled her leadership role with poise and humility. Neither bossy nor conceited, Campedelli calmly guided her team with a consistent and approachable style.

> **"She's always dependable, level-headed, and a great person to be around."**
> Skippers coach Deb Bostwick on Laura Campedelli

Head coach Deb Bostwick praised Campedelli for her leadership ability, saying, "She's always dependable, level-headed, and a great person to be around."

Teammate Virginia Spofford added, "Laura leads quietly. When she has something to say, you can count on her comment as really important and constructive. For this reason, people listen closely to her."

One might find it interesting to take a peak into Campedelli's past. How did she develop into such a bright, accomplished player? If you drove by her home in her younger years, you would find her playing street hockey in the driveway with her father and little sister.

Campedelli's father played ice hockey both at the collegiate and pro levels. More than likely he shared a few words of advice with his girls. Maybe this piece of information explains Campedelli's speedy wrist shot on the field.

In seventh grade, Campedelli put down her hockey skates and rollerblades and switched into field hockey mode. She found her match.

Back to the present, Campedelli has always led her teammates by example. You will find few players who work harder in practice than she does. There's nothing artificial about the cliché "practice makes perfect" when speaking about Campedelli.

"Coach Bostwick's drills played a major part in our success this year," she said. "Our stick skills improved with every practice. We also maintained a high level of fitness throughout the year."

Campedelli started as the center midfielder for the entire season. Between her pinpoint wrist shot and her uncanny ability to find the open teammate, she made things happen on the field in a big way. To no one's surprise Campedelli's exceptional skills and field vision earned her a spot on the 2006 South Shore League All-Star team.

"Laura dictated the flow of every offensive surge," explained Bostwick. "Fearless and powerful, she became the 'go to' person on the field."

Her teammates agreed with Bostwick on Campedelli's important role on the field.

"She's quick on her feet. Laura can play offense and defense equally well," said Spofford. "She's also very selfless and has a knack for dishing the ball to the open player."

Campedelli said, "I love the quickness of the sport. I always feel mentally and physically involved in the action. It's just an intense sport which I really enjoy."

If you are one of the few players who can keep pace with Campedelli on the field, try keeping up with her off the field.

Laura's academic talent and community spirit have earned her a position in the National Honor Society. Academically speaking, she particularly likes French. Having completed AP French in her junior year, Campedelli plans to complete an independent study project

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JV gridders finish strong in Hull

On a blustery night at Hull High School, the Cohasset High JV football team took on Hull in a season ending contest.

The Hull JV team entered the game at 6-3 and was looking to add another notch in the win column. However, they underestimated their neighbors from the south.

Brendan Doonan kicked off deep into Hull territory, against the prevailing northeasterly wind, pinning them inside their own 10-yard line. Tremendous tackles by Dana Valentine and Alec Livingstone pushed Hull back even deeper.

On the third play from scrimmage, the Skipper line, led by Will Lynner, forced Hull back into their end zone for the safety. Cohasset then received the ball back and on the first play from scrimmage, Derek Schwantner went off tackle left and sprinted 50 yards for another Cohasset score.

Cohasset's defense on Hull's next drive, and every Hull drive thereafter, was strong and punishing. The D-line shut down the run game up the middle, and the secondary shut down the wings and the passing game. Lynner, Cameron Washak, Nick Savage, Mike Dorian, Dave Hurlbut and Nick Lieberman were ferocious on the line.

Valentine, Livingstone, Mike Froio, Jake Wheelright, Vin Curran, Dave Toomey, Andy McKenna, Sean MacCarthy and Jeff Charles kept Hull from making plays. Valentine and Froio each recorded a sack. Doonan had two interceptions on the night, the last one to end the game with a 40-yard return.

Toomey broke up a critical pass play that would have put Hull within striking distance of the end zone. Defensive back Charlie Mushin blanketed the Hull receivers.

Offensively, the Skippers punished the Hull D-line by running the ball up the middle, off tackle left and off tackle right. The offensive line of Dan Sullivan, Lieberman, Lynner, Thomas Barrett and Matt Wasel allowed the Skipper backfield to do their thing, which is run. There was no need to take chances throwing the ball in the gusty wind.

Cohasset's second touchdown of the night came after a Froio first down, a Johnny Maher quarterback sneak on fourth-and-inches and a Valentine five-yard run. It was second-and-5 when Maher took the snap, rolled left and with a key block from Dean Driscoll, kept the ball, going the distance for the score. The conversion from Maher to Schwantner was good. Cohasset was on top 16-6.

Cohasset's next score was set up by Maher to tight end Nick Savage with a sweet pass over the top to put Cohasset on the Hull 10-yard line.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Congratulations to the Silver Foxes, a Cohasset Soccer Club kindergarten team, for their second straight outstanding season. Pictured above, left to right: Kellie Popkin, Jenna Herman, Grace Inman, Claire Thomas, Kristina Dietrich and Grace Vainisi. The team is coached by Tracey Vainisi and Chris Herman.

Youth lacrosse registration begins Dec. 2

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the 2007 spring season on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Families who sign up on the first day of registration have an opportunity to save money, paying the registration price from 2006 of $150 for one player and $275 for two and $375 for three children. Registrants after the first sign-up day – and sign-ups will remain open by mail through a second in-person sign-up day on Jan. 6 – will pay the new, higher, 2007 prices.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls at the 15 & Under level (7th and 8th graders) and 13 & Under level (5th and 6th grades) and 11 & Under level (grades 3-4). No previous lacrosse experience is necessary, and the program welcomes and encourages new players at all levels.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset's boys teams participate in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, while its girls play in the South Shore Lacrosse League; neither league keeps standings or has playoffs, encouraging fair and equal playing time and a commitment to educating all participants in how to play the game.

Every Cohasset team makes several road trips per year, which can be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Nantucket.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse expects to field 12 or more teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during its registration period, but roster spots will be limited; if the program has reached or surpassed its ideal roster size when registration closes on Jan. 6, it is possible that some late registrants will be turned away.

Following the initial sign-up day, families interested in participating in the program can register by mail, at the 2007 price of $160 for one player, $300 for two, and $400 for three. That price will hold through the Jan. 6 sign-up day – also held at Cohasset High School from 9 to 11 a.m.

At that point, if the program has reached its ideal roster sizes, registration will be closed. A waiting list will be established and any available spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and charged a late registration fee of $25.

Parents who can not attend the Dec. 2 can wait until Jan. 6 to register in person, or can contact Chuck Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents.

In general, games for boys and girls are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. At the youngest level, there typically is one practice per week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. Cohasset's season concludes with the annual Family Day celebration – featuring intra-town games — in June.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse works with other town sports organizations to minimize conflicts and to allow players to participate in as many activities as possible.

In addition to players, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Dec, 2 sign-up. If you need more information in the interim, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at (781)383-6688 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Send us your sports news

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CHS championship banners

The Cohasset High School Athletic Department is in the process of creating new championship banners for the high school gymnasium. CHS wants these banners to as accurate as possible.

After researching the CHS Athletic Department trophy case and old banners, the department has compiled the list below of Cohasset High School league, sectional, and state championships.

Any CHS grads or community members who can help the school with any dates that may have been missed should contact Athletic Director Ron Ford at: Cohasset Middle - High School, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025; Phone: (781) 383-6103; E-mail: rford@cohassetk12.org

Cohasset High School thanks you for your help.

Cohasset High school championship history

Fall Sports

Football: League Champions – 1957, 1960, 1985, 1987, 2001, 2003, 2004

Golf: League Champions – 1981, 1983, 2005

Boys soccer: League Champions – 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989; Sectional Champions – 1986, 1987, 1989, 2000

Girls Soccer: League Champions – 1988; Sectional Champions – 1995

Field Hockey: League Champions – 1972, 1975, 1985, 1988

Cross-Country: League Champions – 1965, 1973

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball: League Champions – 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1996-97; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88, 1994-95, 1995-96; State Champions – 1984-85, 1985-86

Girls Basketball: League Champions –1947-48, 1948-49, 1984-85,1986-87, 1987-88; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88; State Champions – 1987-88

Basketball 1,000-point Club: Bill Morgan, 1948-1951, 1,073 points; Jon Sargeant, 1970-1973, 1,011 points; Bryan Edwards, 1983-1988, 2,563 points (state record); Paul-Michael Quintin, 1995-1998, 1,079 points

Ice Hockey: League Champions – 1981-82, 1982-1983, 1997-98, 2001-02, 2002-03

Wrestling: League Champions – 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04; Sectional Champions – 1998-99, 2004-05; State Champions – 2004-05

Gymnastics: League Champions – 1976-77, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1997-98, 2001-02

Swimming: none

Skiing: none

Cheerleading: none

Spring Sports

Baseball: League Champions – 1950, 1959

Boys Lacrosse: League Champions – 1997; State Champions – 2006

Girls Tennis: League Champions – 1970, 1983, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006; Sectional Champions - 2003, 2004; State Champions – 2003

Boys Tennis: League Champions – 1973, 1986, 2006

Boys Track: League Champions – 1965, 1976, 1977, 2001, 2002

Softball: League Champions – 1945, 1947, 1950, 1956, 1982

Girls Track: none

Girls Lacrosse: none

JV gridders finish strong in Hull

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"Legs" Valentine took four Hull defenders with him to the 5-yard line, and Froio went in trademark fashion "up the middle" for the score. Doonan contributed with a solid point after attempt.

The next score was set up when Cohasset took over on downs. Maher optioned right with Valentine, kept the ball and turned up field, faked to the middle, and sprinted 35 yards down the sideline to score. Doonan's PAT was good, and Cohasset was on top 30-6.

Cohasset finished 4-4-2 for the season, winning its last two games. The Skippers scored in all but one game. Maher led his offensive unit with five rushing touchdowns and seven passing. Five other Skippers got in on the scoring this year; Savage, Valentine, Froio, Schwantner and Doonan, showing the versatility and depth on the squad.

However, none of the scoring would be possible without the tremendous hard work and effort of the offensive line. Sullivan, Lynner, Lieberman, Savage, Barrett and Kevin O'Connell made up the formidable front line that allowed the Skippers to establish the run game throughout the season.

Defensively, Livingstone was a standout linebacker, always in on the action, leading the Cohasset secondary. Doonan came on strong in the second half of the season using his natural athletic ability to defend against the pass.

Coach Brian Pattison commented, "I couldn't have been prouder of these boys. We have gone from a bunch of kids playing with a football to a football family playing as a team. The last two games of the season showed how much the kids have grown to trust each other and how to play as a team.

"Cam Washak, Sean MacCarthy, and Dave Hurlbutt didn't see much action in the beginning of the season, but in the last few games stepped up on defense and special teams when we needed it. Jeff Charles has also shown that he is going to be a force next year in football no matter where we play him on the field. Brendan Doonan has established himself as a Mr. Everything player for us.

"We started practice on August 21 and just ended the season on November 17. It's going to be hard for me not to see the boys every day. I am just so proud of the dedication and hard work they put into the season."

Coach Craig Davis agreed, saying, "Each game got better and better. Our record doesn't reflect the talent the team has. We tied a couple of games and lost some close ones. Give us a few more points and we'd be looking at a seven- or eight-win season. The Hull game was the best game we played all year. The defense was outstanding and we scored 30 points for the first time this year so that pretty much sums up how the offense did.

"Every player on the team played a key role during the game and that's an exciting way to end the season."

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(Above) Mackenzie Hart and Emily Coggins celebrate a goal in the first round playoff game against Carver, a 3-0 win for Cohasset. (Below) Meg Anderson battles a Carver player for possession of the ball. Next week, the Mariner recaps the season that was for CHS girls soccer.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset senior captain Laura Campedelli (right) in action against Norwell this fall.

A little bit of everything

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involving the language this spring. She has also actively participated in the Social Awareness Organization.

In her free time, which is slim to none, Campedelli has found a passion for the arts. She loves to paint, and her works often appear in the high school art magazine. To extend her creativity, she has taken piano lessons for the past four years and performs regularly.

So what's next for this talented young lady? Campedelli has applied early decision to Boston College, where both of her parents attended. No doubt she will certainly succeed in her post-high school years. But Cohasset's athletic and academic communities will grit their teeth over her departure.

"Part of our success this year came from the incredible chemistry we possessed as a team," explained Campedelli. "Next year I think the field hockey team will show a similarly close relationship."

What happened at the closing banquet supports Campedelli's point. Instead of choosing an MVP, Bostwick honored every player as an important aspect of the team with engraved medals.

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Fencing challenges the mind and body

Local classes offered for adults and children

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

What strategy will lead the way out of a labyrinth? Why do reflections in the mirror appear opposite to that which is real?

These questions posed by Harry Shamir of the South Shore SaEF Fencing Clubs are examples of "intellectual teasers" and a method he uses to teach students about fencing. "It's really like a game of physical chess," he said.

Shamir and his assistant, Ari Levitt direct the SaEF Fencing Club classes Wednesday evenings at the Old Ship Parish House on Main Street. Younger members of the club ranging in age from 8 to 12 years old attend sessions on Wednesday evenings and practice predominantly with Levitt. Shamir also conducts sessions on Thursday evenings for adults at the Hingham Community Center.

As youngsters arrived for class with their parents they quickly prepared for the session and greeted fellow students, clearly following guidelines for appropriate behavior. "Safety is the most fundamental thing," said Shamir. "Their jackets are made of protective material, they wear headgear with face masks and most importantly, they are taught how to handle the 'weapons' in the safest way possible."

This thought was echoed by Mark De Nicola of Middleboro, whose son Kevin, 9 recited one of the safety rules as he donned his gear for the class. "We have our mask on whenever our weapon goes into our hand," said Kevin. His Dad added, "There is great focus on safety and proper handling of the equipment. That's one of the things we really like about Harry; he runs a tight ship. That's important for kids at this age."

Fencing has a background rich in history and lore. Studying this sport provides participants with a social outlet and scholarly interest as well as a new physical skill. The origins of fencing can be traced back many centuries throughout Europe with many countries contributing to the evolution of the art. Having been affiliated throughout the ages as a method of settling disputes with "honor," it evolved into an activity of etiquette and style, a gentleman's sport or dueling with manners. Shamir summarized modern day fencing as a healthy way to "…. Deflect anger and increase activity all while having fun and not getting hurt."

In addition to learning about the background of the sport and its rules and regulations, participants discover the distinctions among various types of swords used in fencing. Shamir uses samples of a "foil," "epee," and a "sabre" to teach the variations in blades, grips and techniques in each piece and the game in which it is used. Points to win are earned by a simple "touch" to the opponent in the designated perimeter. Levitt, a member of fencing teams when attending McGill University explained that at competitive levels, fencing jackets are electronically monitored, thus there are few questions about who wins a point anymore.

Shamir described the fencing program for the 8-12 year old students. "We teach fundamentals," he said. "They will learn safety, stance, walk and technique. They learn with one hand then with the other hand. Then they must choose a hand. Following that they have more practice sessions. The classes are an hour long.

"I like parents to stay but I require them to be here the last 20 minutes of the class," he said. "It is important that they understand what the children are learning so that as they practice during the week someone else knows what is correct. It is different from baseball or other sports where older kids in the neighborhood might be able to teach them."

Shamir has developed a version of a foil for beginners that can be used to practice grip and stance but is made of plastic thus is not as heavy as a standard implement would be. In addition to being lighter weight, the piece is shorter in length at 20 inches long. "When the students are 8-10 they are too young to manage anything but the plastic. It depends on the individual child when we make the transition and the decision involves the parent the child and me."

Shamir mentioned he has had positive results from children with learning disabilities who have participated in his courses. "There have been students with ADHD (attention deficit) who have joined in nicely," he said. "I would encourage parents to call and speak to me about the class."

Many benefits can be gained from a study of fencing including coordination, balance and flexibility. Though these can be honed easily while young, Shamir believes this is an ideal sport for people of all ages. A beginner in his 40s, he attended his first fencing class because it was a "free seminar" and "something to do." Now some 20-plus years later he is sharing his passion with many newcomers and others who follow him as he presents his teachings to the South Shore.

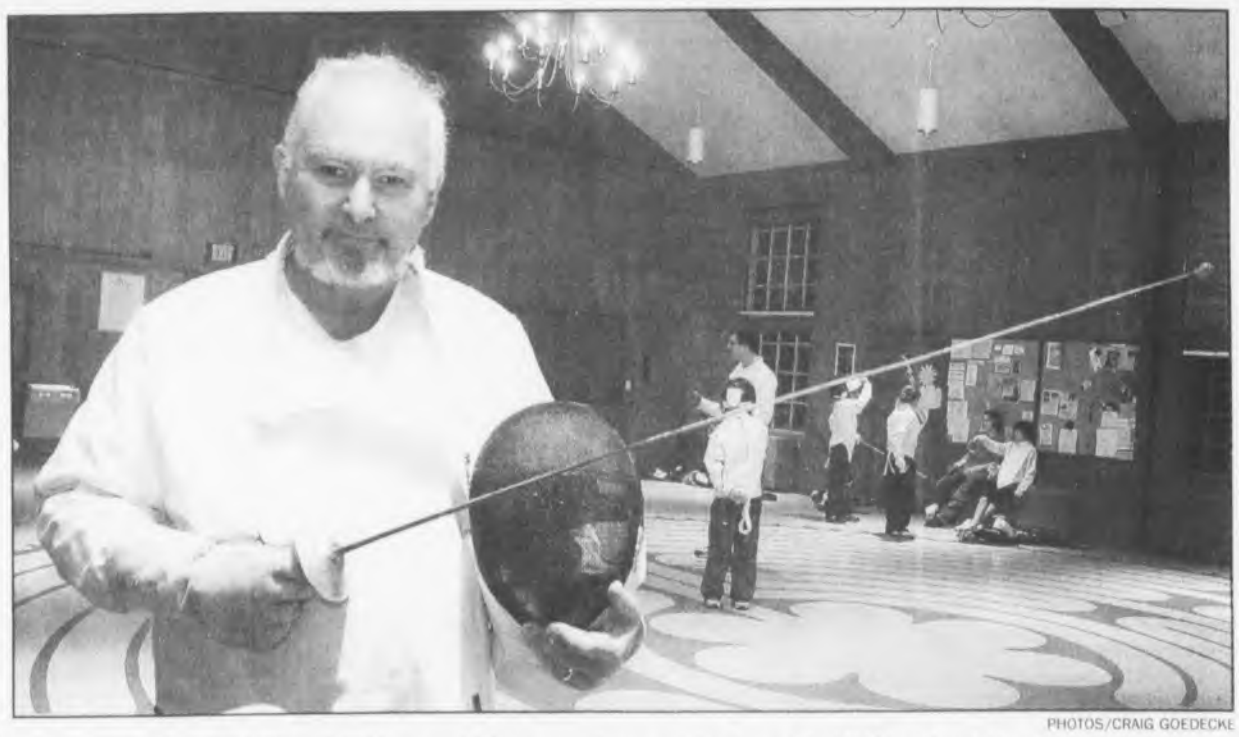
John Rusinak watched as his son, Dimitri, 10 jousted with pals under Levitt's supervision on the floorboards of the Parish House. Each week he comes to Hingham from Duxbury for Wednesday night fencing. "We started last year after school with Harry," he said. "I'm a novice but I've learned just from going to the sessions with Dimitri. I think getting the foundation of any sport is critical. This is so different and it's important for me to learn it. Body positions and techniques are things that they learn and need to practice.

"We also wanted him to be involved in an individual sport if he wanted to," Rusinak said. "There are so many team sports and he has had all of that, but this is a different experience. He chose this. It is less aggressive, there is thought involved, lots of strategy and lots of interaction. It fits his personality. And it's a different group of kids. He loves to come here. The other thing that's great about fencing is that kids learn to 'win' and 'lose' many time during the hour. A point is over within seconds and there is a winner and a loser and you deal with it and get right back in there. That gives them a lot more experience than waiting all night for one winner and then waiting all week until there is another game. I like that they move on in this sport. It's a totally different way for kids to learn. And we take our manners *very* seriously!"

De Nicola said the kids who are here really want to be there.

"This is one of the highlights of my son's week," he said. "It's hard to find people who teach fencing, especially as well as Harry. The kids learn respect, manners and discipline as well as the skills all while they have fun. It's a great experience for them. When you find a group like this, you want to keep it together."

For more information about SaEF Clubs, SabreK,(age 8-10) or Fencing at HCC call Harry at: 508-747-5803 or HCC at:781-749-9786 or email:fencing@adelphia.net .



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Harry Shamir of the South Shore SaEF Fencing Clubs gets ready to start the class at the Old Ship Parish House.

Brodie Jackish, 10, of Cohasset, shows a fencing pose during the practice session.

Liam Hogan, 9, of Hingham, and instructor Ari Levitt compete against one another during the Wednesday evening session.

At left, Dimitri Rusinak, 10, of Duxbury, and Kevin DeNicola, 9, of Middleboro, compete during a fencing exercise, while instructor, Ari Levitt of Quincy watches. The session is held at the Old Ship Parish House on Wednesday evenings.

Instructor Ari Levitt shows the students a fencing technique.

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Sports Notes

Annual meeting of CYBSA Members

To all CYBSA parents, volunteers and other interested parties:

First, on behalf of the CYBSA, a thank you to all those who volunteered and otherwise supported the CYBSA this past year. Despite the rain, we enjoyed a fun and exciting spring season in both softball and baseball.

Those who played summer ball acquitted themselves well in the competitive summer leagues. Our boys 11A team won the District Championship. One of our Junior League teams (13- and 14-year old boys) won the championship in our Norwell/Cohasset Junior Baseball League.

We started a fall baseball program this year, and it was met with great enthusiasm by the players, and great weather! The League held its first annual awards night on Oct. 24, and our division winners were presented with their awards.

Preparations for next year are well under way.

As per our previous communications, the CYBSA ratified a new Constitution last year. The Constitution is available for your review on the League's website - CYBSA.net. Among other things, the Constitution provides for an **annual meeting of the members of the CYBSA.** That meeting will take place on **Wednesday, Dec. 6,** at 7:30 p.m., at the Cohasset Middle-High School Cafeteria.

All Members of the CYBSA are invited to attend (membership applications are available on the website - any adult who is interested in furthering the objectives of the CYBSA may become a regular member).

The Constitution further provides for a Board of Directors that is elected by the CYBSA's Regular Members. We are in the process of effectuating the transition to a fully elected Board. This year, with service to start on Jan. 1, 2007, there will be **four** elected positions that will open on the Board. Each position has a three-year term. We encourage all interested members to run for the board!

There is a short Statement of Interest form posted on the website - if you are interested in running for the Board, please complete the form, and return to the CYBSA via email. **We will be accepting applications for the Board through 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1.**

On Monday, Dec. 4, we will post the slate of candidates for the elected positions on the Board. All regular members of the CYBSA will be eligible to vote for the Board candidates; the election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Dec. 6.

Regular members who cannot attend the annual meeting, but wish to vote, will be able to do so by absentee ballot. The absentee ballots will be available on the CYBSA web site.

Many thanks for your continued support - please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Again - those interested in the League - please run for a seat on the Board!

Save the Date – Dec. 14

The Harlem Rockets are coming to Cohasset on Thursday, Dec. 14 at the CMHS gym at 6:30 p.m. for a night of comedy basketball entertainment.

Come early to get a good seat. Look for more details coming soon.

South Shore Outlaws

Plymouth's semi-professional football team, the South Shore Outlaws, is looking for players. Anyone interested in trying out for next season should contact general manager, Ron Rezendes, at (508) 747-6083.

The Outlaws would like anyone interested in cheerleading to contact Michelle Griffin t (508) 317-3113.

For information on the South Shore Outlaws, go to www.ssoutlaws.com.

Extra Innings upcoming clinics

Extra Innings at 319 Manley St. in West Bridgewater is accepting registrations for their upcoming clinics. To register for any of these clinics or for information call 508-580-3113 or go to extrainningswbridgewater.com.

Baseball Pitching and Catching Clinic – This four-week clinic will be held Mondays from Nov. 20 to Dec. 11, and will focus on mechanics, release, balance, follow-through and much more. Lead by Josh White, a 2006 graduate of Bridgewater State College and a starting pitcher his whole career.

Josh has been with Extra Innings from the beginning and has been involved in all their pitching clinics, as well as numerous camps and private instruction. This clinic has limited openings. Ages 7 through 12 will meet from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., and ages 13 and over will meet from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Baseball Holiday Vacation Clinic – This four-day event, for ages 6 to 12, will take place the week of Tuesday, Dec. 26 to Friday, Dec. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All aspects of the game will be covered with special emphasis directed to a particular skill each day. Because Christmas falls on a Monday, each registrant will receive one free private lesson.

Softball Holiday Vacation Clinic – This four-day event, for ages 10 to 16, will run the week of Tuesday, Dec. 26 to Friday, Dec. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This clinic will include all aspects of the game of softball and is conducted by the Extra Innings staff from Bridgewater State College. All those signed up for this clinic will receive one free private lesson.

Registration for 2007 Bay State Winter Games

Registration for the 22nd annual Bay State Winter Games opened Nov. 1. This year's games begin on Feb. 2, 2007, and are open to athletes ranging in age from 9 to 60. Athletes participating in the games represent more than 200 Massachusetts communities. For more information about the Bay State Winter Games, including a schedule of events and registration forms, visit www.baystategames.org/winter or call the Bay State Games' office at (781) 932-6555.

Alumni soccer games

The third annual Cohasset Alumni Women's Soccer Game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. at Milliken Field.

All female alumnae and current soccer players at Cohasset High School are welcome to play. The game will be played between odd year graduates vs. even year graduates, and will consist of two 40-minute halves.

Anyone interested should contact Alyssa McNamara at pumkinpumper@gmail.com or (781)962-6049.

There is also a men's game being organized by Jeff Donze (jeff.donze@comcast.net). That game will also be on Nov. 25, 1 p.m. on Milliken Field.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Reports card day of reckoning arrives

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

A,B,C,D, and the dreaded F. That's what it comes down to, more or less. Report cards were issued yesterday; any teens reading this, I hope you've taken care of business. We do not roam the halls of the high school with *Scarlet Letters*, but we may as well. GPA and class rank fill the minds of more competitive students, turning peers into rivals. Has the prospect of higher learning prompted students to burn their bridges? I thought senior year was supposed to be easy. Students who will start working full-time next year don't have the college process to worry about; they can smile when their friends are complaining. They'll be supporting themselves while the rest of us will be about 20 grand in debt. Circumventing the whole college process by getting a full time job is admirable.

Personally, I plan on attending graduate school just so I can avoid becoming a member of the regular workforce. I'm not going to lie; the prospect of a nine-to-five job makes school appealing. Well, enough about grades and the future, let's get back in the now with this week's news.

• Monday night the CHS Athletics Department retired the number 22 from the Hockey Team, in honor of **Kurt Gritzan**. A commemorative plaque with a jersey will be hung on display in the school. The Hockey Team will also have Kurt's jersey with them at games this season.

• Wednesday the Senior girls of '007, helmed by threw down the gauntlet against the Juniors in this year's Powder Puff Game. The Seniors were (surprise, surprise) expected to obliterate the Juniors. The Seniors were coached by **Derry Schwantner** and the Juniors were led by **Coach Willis**.

• Last Tuesday **Pat Doonan, Meg Anderson, Sally Meehan, and Charlie Czerkawski** attended the MIAA Sportsmanship Summit at Gilette Stadium.

GPA and class rank fill the minds of more competitive students, turning peers into rivals.

• Recently, Mr. Buckley's Law class went down to the Cohasset Police Department and learned about the booking process and the different weapons the police have in their arsenal. **Sgt. Quigley** and **Officer Kenney** generously treated the class to pizza. The class has been meeting with the CPD as part of a continued effort to improve relations between teens and the local police. Although these meetings have made some steps in the right direction, Cohasset's teenagers are always going to get in trouble, no matter how much pizza's involved.

• Last Monday the Social Awareness Organization held a food drive.

• The Debate Team met after school Tuesday to finalize their plan for the upcoming debate.

• Wednesday the Senior Class took their class picture for the '06-'007 yearbook.

• Last Thursday CHS held a **Hunger Banquet** during lunch. Students filed into the cafeteria and were issued red and white tickets, to determine whether they would be treated with a free meal of wraps, pizza and cookies, or a meager serving of rice, vegetables and water. **Callie Barrett, Lacey Richardson,** and **Mary Previte** organized the Hunger Banquet. Students are also encouraged to bring in canned goods for the Food Pantry.

Today is Black Friday. Dozens of stores have some wicked sweet deals. Just search "Black Friday" online to see the ads for the different stores. Today is perfect for gift shopping, or just for spoiling yourself. You don't want to miss some of these bargains. Stay out of trouble, and enjoy Thanksgiving weekend!

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'Demystifying Dyslexia' presentation is Dec. 5

Parent Advisory Council of Cohasset welcomes back Dr. Isabel Phillips from Massachusetts General Hospital. All are invited to a presentation titled "Demystifying Dyslexia," which will take place Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at Osgood School Library, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset.

What exactly is dyslexia? This session will focus on the primary diagnostic red flags of dyslexia. Phillips will draw upon a century of research in the fields of neuropsychology, ophthalmology, linguistics and education to address case studies that distinguish classic dyslexia from other types of reading and language disabilities. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

All workshops and presentations are free, and sponsored by the PSO/PAC Parent Advisory Council South Shore PAC Network, which has joined with local PAC members in the South Shore area to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. South Shore PAC Network hopes to meet informally throughout the year.

To be added to the email network for updates forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, NOV. 27
Meatball sub or Tuna sub, oven fries, corn, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato cheese and veggie rice, or Bologna sandwich, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29
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It's Happening

Rusty Skippers to perform

The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own community concert band, will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon. The Skippers have been preparing a variety of new holiday pieces including "Sleigh Ride," made famous by the Boston Pops, "Carol of the Bells," "What Child is This" and many other familiar tunes and carols in all styles. With several new members, as well as band veterans, the Rusty Skippers have never sounded better. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. A free-will cash offering for the Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.

The band will offer a preview of this concert Sunday, Nov. 26, at Harbor House in Hingham at 2:30 p.m. The Skippers will also be playing other selections at the lighting of the town tree Friday, Nov. 24. The Rusty Skipper performances are funded in part by Cohasset Cultural Council.

The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset Harborfest at the suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. The Rusty Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, the instrumental music director at Deer Hill School.

After the December concert schedule is completed, the band will reconvene in the early spring to prepare selections for the concerts at the South Shore Festival of the Arts and American Cancer Society Relay for Life and at various nursing homes.

The Rusty Skippers Band welcomes new members at the beginning of each season. Anyone who is interested in joining the band can contact Steve Biagini, c/o Deer Hill School, at sbiagini@cohassetk12.org.

Alumni soccer games scheduled

The third annual Cohasset Women's Soccer Game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., on Miliken Field. All women alumni and current soccer players at CHS are welcome to play. Two 40-minute sessions will be played.

Any players who are interested should visit pumkinpumper@gmail.com_or 781-962-6049. Odd-year graduates will play even-year graduates.

There is also a men's game being organized by Jeff Donze Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., on Miliken Field. For information, contact Donze at jeff.donze@comcast.net.

Storytelling program

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaborative program between Boston's only independent writing center, Grub Street, and Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. On Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood, Stace Budzko will teach a class titled "Characters in Conflict – The Art of Storytelling."

The essence of storytelling is action. Something has to happen. In this workshop, class members will learn to create original, well-rounded characters and place them in a variety of conflicts – some big, some small. Through in-class writing exercises and readings, the class will learn how to create stories that will capture readers.

Budzko holds a master's degree in fine arts in creative writing from Emerson College, where he currently teaches composition and creative writing. In addition, he is the writer-in-residence at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston. Among other accomplishments, he was a finalist for the Raymond Carver Short Story Award. At present, he is working on his first novel.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Adult flu clinic offered

An adult flu clinic, sponsored by Cohasset Board of Health, will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

This flu clinic is open to all adult citizens of Cohasset. Parents of young children should check with their pediatrician to see if the shot is available at the physician's office.

Participants are reminded to wear short-sleeve shirts. Seniors must bring Medicare part B and/or senior health insurance cards.

For more information please call Judy Fitzsimmons, registered nurse, at 383-2210.

Food for Friends at Stop & Shop

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company today kicked-off its 17th annual Food for Friends program to raise over $1 million for more than 300 local hunger relief organizations throughout the Northeast. Stop & Shop's charitable program will run through Thursday, Nov. 30th.

As part of Stop & Shop's Food for Friends campaign, all Stop & Shop stores, including Cohasset, will sell paper turkeys at checkout for $1 each. The turkeys can be personalized by each customer and will be displayed throughout the store. One hundred percent of the funds raised in Stop & Shop stores will be donated to local hunger relief organizations.

Hull Holidays

The Hull Holiday Showcase will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, in the Clarion Hotel-Conference Center at 45 Hull Shore Drive in Hull, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Purchase gifts and decorations for the holiday season from retailers, artisans, crafters and more. The Snowflake Café will feature muffins, soups, sandwiches, hot chocolate, coffee and much more. Pick up gift certificates at great prices from local restaurants while at the Café. Before having a bite to eat, drop your purchases off at the gift-wrapping center and they'll be beautifully wrapped for you.

Bring the children along. There will be a room just for kids to do their holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers and everyone on their shopping list. All items will be priced under $10. Kids can also decorate their own gingerbread man or woman for free. Santa will be at the Showcase from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

A professional photographer will be available to take pictures with Santa or have a family portrait taken for this year's holiday card with Santa or among the festive holiday decor.

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It's Happening

Winter art classes

South Shore Art Center announces its winter schedule of courses and workshops, including "Not Everyone Does Email" – a calligraphy course taught by Cynthia Henrich, and two classes with new instructor Sharon Perlmutter: "Nuts and Bolts of Watercolor" and "Trompe L'O'eil." Registration beganNov.17 and courses start the week of Jan. 16.

Eileen Rotty will lead a workshop on the essentials of drawing the figure on Jan. 27 and 28. Other workshops include tile making, "Akua Kolor" printmaking, digital photography, portrait photography and a master book arts workshop with book artist Peter Madden.

Children's classes include "Learning from the Masters", papermaking, printmaking and "Elements of Design". Courses are available for students age 4 1/2 and older, including specialized courses for teens. Most materials are supplied for children's classes and prices range from $55 to $175. Financial assistance is available through the Lois Weltman Memorial Fund for Children, requiring a student be recommended by an art teacher. All classes begin mid-January.

Gift certificates are available in any denomination and make great holiday gifts. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. South Shore Art Center is at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

American Girl events at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, is celebrating the release of the new American Girl movie, "Molly: An American Girl on the Home Front," with two events, an American Girl party and a drawing for two dolls.

"Molly Movie Event" will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m., at Buttonwood, and feature activities, a craft and a tea party. It is suitable for girls ages 8 through 12, and they are invited to bring their doll and join in the fun.

The event is free, however, reservations are required. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for reservations.

The doll drawing will take place Sunday, Nov. 26. Entry forms are available now at Buttonwood, where the dolls are currently on display. The lucky winner will receive the two American Girl dolls, Molly and Emily. No purchase is necessary, and the winner need not be present to win. Complete rules are posted at the store.

Mags Harries to speak at Patrons Dinner

Artist Mags Harries will be the guest speaker at the annual Patrons Dinner at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, **Thursday, Nov. 30**.

Harries' public art projects have received national recognition and have won many awards. They are also popular and accessible. She observes the small things that, like DNA, reveal all that is important to know about a place. She looks for the charged image, the jolt of electricity that often lies dormant, but can be released to energize a public place and community. Some of her older projects, such as "Asaroton ;76" at the cross walk at Boston's Haymarket and "Glove Cycle" at Porter Square, Cambridge subway station have become landmarks for communities.

For information about attending the Patron Dinner, contact Candace Cramer at ccramer@ssac.org

South Shore Art Center hours are: Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. The gallery is accessible to all, and there is no admission charge.

Christmas Fair at Greek Church

The Panagia Greek Orthodox Church at 811 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset will hold a Christmas Fair, Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greek baked goods and hot apple cider, as well as handcrafted goods such as decorated wreaths and boxwood trees, felt designer handbags, crocheted and knitted goods and a Grandma's attic table will be featured.

Christmas concerts to benefit Wellspring

The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale have joined with Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull to present two Christmas concerts to benefit the Wellspring Diane Edson Fund, which provides direct financial aid to people in crisis. This cause is meaningful to the singers since Diane Edson was a member of Unicorn Singers for 15 years until her death. Concerts will take place at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Hingham Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., and First Parish in Cohasset Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.

The concert is called "Dancing Day," and features various settings of the old Cornish carol "tomorrow shall be my dancing day…this have I done for my true love." The principal works are a suite of Christmas carol dances called Ringeltänze, which will be accompanied by piano and hand bell choir, and John Rutter's cantata, "Dancing Day." A number of familiar carols, some with hand bells and instruments to brighten the sound, will be rendered by the assembled audience and choirs.

Tickets at $15 each can be purchased at First Parish in Cohasset by calling 781-383-1100; by phone or mail from Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045/781-925-3211; from Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162; and at Noble's in Hingham Square. Ask to be a concert sponsor at $25 to help support Wellspring. Tickets are good for either performance and will be sold at the door as available.

Wassail Party

The Cohasset Historical Society will usher in the Holiday Season with its annual Wassail Party Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., and invites the community, members and guests to enjoy light refreshments, holiday music with harpist, Rachel Eisenhaure and convivial conversation in the Pratt Building at 106 South Main Street.

During the Wassail Party, the Historical Society's new exhibit of 1930's style clothing and memorabilia will be available for viewing. This exhibit highlights a portion of the Society's extensive clothing collection and is set up in vignettes appropriate to the type of clothing on display. Plan to join the Historical Society for a cordial afternoon respite from the bustle of the season.

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Our World

The following fall programs will be offered at Our World Museum at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information call 781-383-3198.

Spanish for Kids — Join Emilia Buckley for a fun beginning Spanish language and culture class. Using music, visuals, and lots of imagination, children will be introduced to and enjoy the benefits of early language learning. Classes for 3-5 year olds will be held on Fridays from 10 to 11a.m. Classes for 4-5 year olds, will be held on Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. Classes begin after the new year. Maximum 5 children so that special attention can be given.

Mid-Week Camp is back! Elementary School students can spend the afternoon at Our World on Early Release Days! Sessions include craft, snack, lesson, and play time. 1:15 to 3:30 pm. Registration in advance. Schedule currently accommodates students from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell, Hanover and Braintree. Cost: $30/class for members, $25 for members. Themes include: Growing, Eating, Playing and Communicating.

Messy Art — Join Julie for three sessions on Thursday afternoons to do the projects you hesitate to do at home... painting, glue, beads, clay, sand art, tie-dye and much more! Classes from 1-1:45 p.m. or 4:00-5:00 p.m. All ages welcome, but drop-off available for ages 5 and up. Cost: $5 per child.

It's "Music Time"—Join Jim Armstrong, on an international musical adventure. An "Our World" exclusive! Parentsand their children, ages 18 months to 4 years, are invited to join Jim for six weeks of musical and eductional fun. Every class begins with a classic "campfire singalong" around a realistic looking (but pretend) campfire. With Jim leading the sing alongs and playing guitar, mandolin, and ukulele, children will learn how to sing and perform simple and fun-hand/body movements to favorite songs sung by children around the world. Highlights of the six week session include a participating in a dress up parades while marching and dancing to music from many cultures, a Mexican Hat Dance party and a Hawaiian Luau! Classes begin in January and will be held on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

French for Kids – Instructed by Liliane Miller. Invite your child to come join our native French speaker and learn a little French through the use of songs, nursery rhymes, poetry, and simple conservation. Your child will be exposed to a new language in a fun and vibrant way. Classes for 3-5 years olds will be held on Wednesday from 10:30-11:15 and 1-1:45 p.m. cost: $60 for members and $70 for non-members. Classes for 5-8 year olds will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost: $70 for members and $85 for non-members.

Play and Learn Chinese – Join Ling Tang, of the CBK Culture Center for a fun elementary Chinese class! Children will learn to speak simple Chinese (Mandarin), sing songs, play traditional games, and do monthly crafts. Ages 3 to 6. Classes will begin in January.

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Family Friday Nights – Starting in December, the third Friday of every month will be dinner and a movie at the museum. $10 an adult and $5 per child with a maximun of $25. Call 781-383-3198 by the Wednesday before to reserve your spot.

Kids Night Out – Starting in December, the first Friday of the month. Drop kids off in PJs at 5:30. We feed them dinner, play games, and show them a movie. Pick up by 8:30. Ages 3 & up. $10 per child. Call 781-383-3198 by the Wednesday before to reserve your spot.

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NE Artisans Showcase returns to Hingham

After a year's hiatus, the New England Artisans Showcase will return to Hingham on Saturday, Dec. 2. Eighteen exhibitors will be offering folk art and traditional crafts ranging from the familiar — including tin ware, rag rugs and yellow-ware pottery — to the unusual, such as sailor's valentines, trapunto painting and scherenschnitte. This year's show will be held at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St. (Route 228) in Hingham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is an exceptional gathering of talented artisans from six New England states whose work will be familiar to folk art collectors and fans of the former Winterfest Folk Art Show. Many of these gifted craftsmen have had their work featured in national magazines such as Early American Life, Country Living and Country Home. Three Hingham residents are among those exhibiting — woodcarver Tim Jumper, folk artist Maura Campbell, and decoy carver Bill Sarni. This once-a-year show is an opportunity to meet some of the country's best known artisans, and to purchase their museum-quality, handcrafted work.

Admission is $3, and all ticket proceeds benefit the Hingham High School Robert Weiser Memorial Scholarship fund.

"Santa with Dog," by Tim Jumper of Hingham, is just one of many folk art items at the Dec. 2 showcase at Glastonbury Abbey.

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The museum will light the way during the holiday season with special programs for cultural, education and social service organizations. Collaborating with Heritage this year for Spectacle of Lights are the Diabetes Education center of Cape Cod (DECCC) through the generous funding of the Francis X and Mary E. Weny Charitable Foundation and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Other cultural partners include the Sandwich Glass Museum, Thornton Burgess Museum, The Cape Cod Museum of Art and Plimoth Plantation. Members in good stand with those institutions will receive 50% off the admission to Spectacle of Lights by showing their current membership card.

DECCC is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to function as a professional and dedicated hub that delivers a range of resources to people with diabetes and their caregivers, including education support and prevention guidance. The menu of services available at the center is specifically aimed at assisting those struggling with diabetes to more effectively cope with the disease and its life altering consequences. The vision of the Center's Board of Directors and professional staff is to ensure that all people on Cape Cod, regardless of economic background, have a place that will assist them to truly focus on their disease in a professional, supportive environment. DECCC is located at 109 Main Street (Route 25), Windmill Plaza, West Dennis (508)394-8818.

Heritage Museums & Gardens is pleased to also be collaborating with Edaville USA in Carver, MA. Each attraction will offer discounted tickets to the other property during the holiday season. Although both are uniquely different, each offers family's an opportunity to experience millions of twinkling lights, holiday decorations and activities, entertainment, visits with Santa Claus and seasonal taste treats, Edaville USA's Christmas Festival of Lights begins on November 10 and runs through January 1, 2007;

Heritage's Spectacle of Lights begins November 24 and runs through December 31. Along with Edaville the museum is working in the spirit of the season again this year with Dan'l Webster Inn in Sandwich Center. Other business partners include Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Inc. giving lectures through-out the grounds to garden clubs and visitors regarding the horticultural heritage of the Cape. Plus visitors will be treated to a holiday light display designed by Steve Stimpson and Associates in the Hart Family Maze Garden.

Three renowned artists on Cape Cod are providing the museum with pieces of installation and lighting art displays. They are Alfred Glover, Michael Magyar and John Cira. The focus on the art of the holiday lights at Heritage will be a reoccurring theme in the years to come.

Spectacle of Lights, which began in 2003, has attracted over 33,000 visitors many of which come back every year to see the newest light displays and to ride on the antique carousel. The event begins the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, and ends on Sunday, December 31, Friday through Sunday, weekends only. Friday and Sunday, from 5 – 9 pm, will be reserved for shuttle bus rides while visitors are encouraged to stroll the grounds on Saturday, from 5 – 10 pm. Heritage Museums & Gardens will be closed Christmas Eve and Day, and will open Tuesday – Friday during Christmas week, from 5 – 9 pm. Ticket prices are $8 Adults, $4 Youths 6 – 16 years old, five and under and members are free. Groups Rates are available. Discount tickets sold at the Spectacle of Lights to visit Edaville USA Christmas Festival of Lights are $11 per adult a discount of $5 per person.

Heritage Museums & Gardens is located in Sandwich. Take Route 3 to the Mid-Cape Highway then take Exit 2 North to Route 130 to Grove Street. For more information, please call 508.888.3300 ext. 142 or visit www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org

Special event for kids at Spectacle of Lights

On Thursday, December 14, Heritage is pleased to provide an evening of special programming for some very special children. Thanks to generous grant support from TD Banknorth, approximately 200 children between the ages of 6 and 13 who participate in after school enrichment programs at the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, Cape Cod Child Development and the YMCA of Cape Cod will have the opportunity to take part in a unique educational experience. As small groups stroll through the grounds, they will experience the wonder of Spectacle of Lights with a guide, who will share information about many of the important roles plants play in our lives. From tall ship masts to small pencils, life-saving medicines to color for our clothes, participants will discover fun facts about some of Heritage's most magnificent trees, and how we depend on them for so many things. They will also learn about legends and traditions associated with "holiday plants" such as the Christmas tree, mistletoe and poinsettias, and will create a craft to take home that is inspired by the holly featured in our spectacularly lit Holly Dell. We are grateful to TD Banknorth for this special holiday gift!

The Diabetes Education Center of Cape Cod partners with Heritage Museums & Gardens to light the way

When the Diabetes Education Center of Cape Cod first opened its doors in October 2003, it became the first health-care resource dedicated exclusively to providing Cape Codders, their families, and caregivers with a multi-faceted program consisting of diabetes information access, education programs, prevention guidance classes and seminars, and research support. DECCC was specifically formed to work with existing health care providers to assist people with diabetes and their families all across the Cape.

Meeting The Need

As envisioned by the founding Board of Directors, DECCC was established in direct response to the growing epidemic of the disease in the United States. Numbers recently released by the American Diabetes Association revealed that overt diabetes affects 20.8 million Americans, an increase of two million cases over numbers released in 2003. Equally, if not more alarming, diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the leading cause of blindness among adults between 20 and 74, as well as kidney failure, and non-traumatic amputations. Such elevated numbers are more cause for concern for Cape Codders because of the disproportionate number of citizens of retirement age.

Putting DECCC Together

Armed with those staggering statistics, local community activists formed the Center and populated the Board with a cross-section of philanthropists, eminent medical scholars, healthcare professionals, and citizens living with diabetes.

Initial funding to establish the Center was obtained via a generous grant from the Francis X. and Mary E. Weny Charitable Trust. The Center opened in West Dennis and features a library of books, pamphlets, videos, CDs and DVDs, as well as computer workstations. It has featured stress management courses as well as healthy living and food preparation classes.

Since its inception, the Weny Charitable Trust has perpetuated its interest in the Diabetes Education Center of Cape Cod by becoming its primary and on-going benefactor. Once the Center had been opened, the Weny Charitable Trust became the collaborating organization that partnered with the Heritage Museums & Gardens to inaugurate the original holiday festival, called "A Spectacle of Lights: A Million Sparkles of Hope." The intention was to shed light on the disease and spread word of the Center's mission to as many people as possible. This year, the Weny Foundation has renewed its partnership with Heritage Museums to make possible an expanded festival of lights whose message is one of hope.

The Future

The hope for the future of diabetes is a cure. In the meantime, The Diabetes Education Center of Cape Cod is poised to expand its services and outreach to the community to assist anyone in need. As for the disease, Dr. Kenneth E. Quickel, Jr., DECCC Board Member and former President of the famed Joslin Diabetes Center, Boston, notes "This is the golden age of diabetes research , with the basic science discoveries of the recent past being translated into treatments to help people today. New treatments continue to be developed and made available locally, and we expect to assist in educating persons with the disease about what is available and to motivate them to care for themselves."

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Annual Carole Sing

Rte 130 & Old Main Street
Friday, December 1, 7 pm

Raise your voice in this fun filled hour of old-fashioned Carole sing. Bring your friends and relatives, join your neighbors or meet new ones. The Dickens Carolers will lead this special kick-off to our "Christmas In Sandwich" Event. Songbooks are published by the Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce and will be distributed that evening. After the Sing, follow the crowd to the Dan'l Webster Inn where hot cider will be served, compliments of the Inn, and listen to more songs from students at The Sandwich High School, Forestdale and HT Wing Elementary School. Many surprises will occur, including a visit from Santa who is visiting Heritage Museums & Gardens.

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Heritage Museums & Gardens, Pine & Grove Streets, Sandwich

Thursday, December 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

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Admission is $20. Reservations with payment must be made in advance to the Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce, 70 Main St., Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 or to info@capecodcanalchamber.org. Credit cards are accepted. More information? Contact us at 508-759-6000 x10.

Proceeds from the event go to the chamber's scholarship fund and operation of the Sandwich Visitor Booth on Rt. 130, Sandwich.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Concert at Heritage Museums & Gardens

Begin your holiday season Thanksgiving weekend at Heritage Museums & Gardens, November 26, at 2 pm, with a festive musical performance followed by our own Spectacle of Lights! The acclaimed Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet will perform the jazz music from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Sunday afternoon, November 26. As pianist and composer Eric Mintel has said, "the music from A Charlie Brown Christmas was my first introduction to jazz." Songs include the classic Linus and Lucy theme, "Christmas Time is Here," "Skating," "Christmas is Coming" and many more. Eric will also perform classic Christmas songs and originals. The Eric Mintel Quartet have entertained at the White House by special invitation of President Bill Clinton, appeared on QVC and Eric recently had an episode on Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz on NPR. Following the performance, board busses for a magical journey through the grounds to view the spectacular Spectacle of Lights. Join us for this unforgettable afternoon of music and lights!

L to R: Eric Mintel piano, Dave Antonow bass, Nelson Hill alto sax, Dave Mohn drums.

Ticket includes performance and admission into Spectacle of Lights. Call 508.888.3300 ext. 102 for more information. Fee: Members, Seniors and Groups $16 Member Youth $12 Non-Members Adults $20 Non-Member Youth $16

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Edaville USA is open Fridays through Sundays for the first two weeks, and then begins daily operations on November 24. There will be fireworks every Friday night in December. The family fun park is closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

Tickets to Edaville USA are $16 for anyone ages 2 and older. Children under 2 are admitted free. The all-inclusive price covers everything except food and beverages. Group rates are available. Discounted tickets sold at Edaville USA to visit Heritage Museums & Gardens Spectacle of Lights are $7 adults and $3.50 for youths 6 – 16 years old, five and under are free. Call for details.

Edaville USA is located on Route 58, less than 4 from I-495, in Carver, Mass. For more information, call 877-EDAVILLE or visit the website at www.edaville.com

Spectacle of Lights 2006 calendar of events

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 24	5pm-9pm	Opening Day and Ribbon Cutting
Nov. 26	2pm-4pm	A Charlie Brown Christmas with the Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet; Reservations required by Nov. 3 508.888.3300 x-102
Nov. 29	5pm-9pm	Thank You Sandwich Night—By invitation only
Dec. 2	7am - Midnight	Manhattan Motor Coach Trip & Visit to NY Botanical Gardens. Reservations required: 508.888.3300, x-102
Dec. 7	10am-Noon	Holiday Kissing Ball Workshop Reservations required: 508.888.3300 x-102
Dec. 14	10am-Noon	Holiday Terrarium Workshop; Reservations required: 508.888.3300 x-102
Dec. 15	3pm-11pm	Holiday Bus Tour to Cambridge & Christmas Revels; Reservations required: 508.888.3300 x-102
Dec. 31	5pm-9pm	Spectacle of Lights—Last Night

Entertainment schedule

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 24	6- 8 pm	Sonya Howland, keyboard music
Dec. 2	6 -9 pm	Frank Vicatta- the music of Frank Sinatra,
Dec. 3	5:30 - 6:30pm	Cranberry Shores Chorus
Dec. 8	6- 7 pm	South Yarmouth United Methodist Church Youth
Dec. 8	7-7:30 pm	Bourne High School Singers
Dec. 9	6 –7 or 8pm	Katie Lynch, Harpist
Dec. 22	6 – 7 pm	Lighthouse Charter School
Dec. 31	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Frank Vicatta– the music of Frank Sinatra

Performers for other dates still to be announced. For a full entertainment schedule, please contact Michele Wilkins, Public Programs Manager, by phone at 508-888-3300 ext. 102 or email mwilkins@heritagemuseums.org.

'Christmas Along the Canal' schedule

Holiday Happenings
Onset Creative Arts Association, 339 Onset Avenue, Onset, 508-295-1501
Sat. Nov. 25, 10 am – 4 pm; "Holiday Happenings", an old-fashion bazaar, sponsored by the Onset Creative Arts Association. You can purchase lunch from 11:30 am to 2 pm and dessert throughout the day. Holiday shop for gifts and decorations handcrafted by members and friends of the Onset Creative Arts Association. Admission is Free. Call 508-295-1501 for information.

Holiday Cheer
Dan'l Webster Inn & Spa, 149 Main Street, Sandwich, 508-539-1614; After the carol sing, stroll down to the Dan'l Webster Inn & Spa for Hot cider and cookies and to wish your friends & neighbors a Happy Holiday Season.

Sharing the Joy
Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, Sandwich Center, 508-833-9163
Fri. Dec. 1, 6:45 pm; We want to share the joy of the season with you. Come join us for a free mug of hot chocolate at the Sandwich Carole Sing.

Festival of Trees
The Buzzards Bay Village Association, Main Street, Buzzards Bay
Thanksgiving through Sat. Dec. 2; The Buzzards Bay Village Association, Inc, (BBVA) will host us "Festival of Trees". The program calls for Main Street/Buzzards Bay merchants and other groups to sponsor and display trees reflecting both their businesses and the holiday season. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative tree display and all trees will be available for purchase through a silent auction to raise funds to further complete the BBVA's Green Belt Pathway project and to host a Fourth of July parade in 2007.
The trees will be on display on Main Street, between Thanksgiving Day and Sat. Dec. 2. The judging, auction and reception will be held Sat. Dec. 2 at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy,from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets to the reception will go on sale Nov. 1. For details see the BBVA's website at www.buzzardsbayvillageassociation.org

Christmas in Old Bourne Village
The Briggs McDermott House, 22 Sandwich Road, Bourne, 508-759-6120
Open House, Fri. Dec. 1 from 6:30 –9:30 pm; Sat. Dec. 2, 1 – 4 pm; Sun. Dec. 3, 1 –4 pm; Featuring a new crèche exhibit never viewed before in this area. This extraordinary collection owned by Tim Goldrick demonstrates the varied interpretations of the Christmas story by varied artists around the world. Refreshments will be served and the house will be decorated in its traditional holiday theme.

Christmas Fair
Wareham Garden Club, Old Methodist Meeting House, Main Street at the Town Green, Wareham
Sat. Dec. 2, 8:30 am – noon; Decorated wreaths, kissing balls, swags, homemade cookies, poinsettia (pre-order…look for order information in local papers – prior to sale date). This year they will have a raffle of a garden table and two chairs that will be displayed at the Eastern Bank on Main Street several weeks prior to the sale.

Annual Christmas Craft Fair
American Legion #188 Auxiliary, 20 Main Street (Route 130), Sandwich, 508-888-9832
Sat. Dec. 2, 9 am to 2 pm; Craft fair, Christmas crafts, jewelry, knit & crochet items, woodcraft etc. White elephant table. For your shopping pleasure, snack bar open 10 am – 2 pm. Proceeds benefit American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

Holiday Sale
Church of the Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, 508-295-2840
Sat. Dec. 2, 9 am – 2 pm; Gifts and crafts, plant, white elephant table, home baked goods, lunch served

Holiday Open House
Sandwich Hollows Golf Course, 1 Round Hill Road, East Sandwich, 508-888-4215
Sat. Dec. 2, 11 am – 3 pm; Come on down to The Sandwich Hollows to meet staff and share some Holiday Cheer. Stop by and pick up a free-range token and enter to win free golf. Check out the display of 2007 membership rates and information. Partake of hot chocolate, mulled cider and savory holiday bites provided by The Casual Gourmet.

Holiday Book Sale
Friends of the Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Road, Wareham, 508-295-2343
Sat. Dec. 2, 9:30 am – 1 pm; Hundreds of like-new hardcover and paperbacks for children and adults. Books-in-tape, CD's videos. Homemade holiday cookies. Gifts and local history items. www.warehamfreelibrary.org

Christmas in the Park
Onset Bay Association, 4 Union Avenue, Onset, 508-295-7072
Sat. Dec. 2; Visit with Santa, who comes in by fire truck to the Onset Fire Dept. for the afternoon. Cocoa and donuts will be available. Songs and stories at the Onset Bay Association office. Letter writing to Santa and the Talking Tree. www.onsetvillage.com.

"Christmas in Sandwich" Open House
Sandwich Glass Museum 129 Main Street, Sandwich, 508-888-0251
Sat. & Sun. Dec. 2 and 3, 10 am – 4 pm; Come and savor the wonderful world of glistening glass! Over 6,000 unique pieces in the collection! Watch our unique glassblower demonstrate the wonders of glassblowing! Enjoy the new multi-media presentation, new exhibits. Museum Gift Shop featuring reproductions, perfumes, art glass, paperweights and jewelry. Just in time for the holidays! "Free" admission. Refreshments.

Wine Tasting
Merchant Square Liquors 8 Merchants Road – Unit 1, Sandwich, 508-888-8242
Sat. Dec. 2 & 9, 2 – 4 pm; Get in the spirit of Christmas in Sandwich. Stop by Merchants Square Liquors and view their holiday selections. Sample the wine of the day.

"Last Best Craft Fair"
H.T. Wing School PTA, Route 130, Sandwich, 508-833-0207
Sat. Dec. 2, 10 am– 4 pm; 12th Annual Craft Fair, sixty vendors, hands-on crafts for children done in the cafeteria, food served, free admission.

Pictures with Santa!
The Community Bank, 337 Cotuit Road, Sandwich, 508-833-5111
Fri. Dec. 8, 4 –5 pm; The Community Bank Sandwich Branch will be hosting Santa Claus. The branch is located in Heritage Park. Stop in for some holiday cheer and bring your children for a free instant photo with Jolly Old Saint Nick. (You are welcome to bring cameras!)

Jingle Bell Scramble Golf Tournament
Holly Ridge Golf Club, 121 Country Club Road, Sandwich, 508-428-5577
Sat. Dec. 9, 10 am; Join us for this really fun annual event. All level golfers welcome. Sign up a team or as a single and we'll pair you up. 10 am, Shotgun start, $29.00 per person (includes: golf, lunch, and prizes) Call 508-428-5577 to register. Don't miss the fun and wear your jingle bells!

You Blew It! For Children (ages 5-15)
The Glass Studio on Cape Cod, 470 Route 6A, East Sandwich, 508-888-6681
Sat. Dec. 9, 1 – 5 pm; Come to our studio and experience the art of making a Christmas ornament or Candy Cane. Please, only one child per family. First come, first served basis.

Christmas in Old Bourne Village
The Briggs McDermott House, 22 Sandwich Road, Bourne, 508-759-6120
Open House, Fri. Dec. 1 from 6:30 –9:30 pm,
Sat. Dec. 9, 1 – 4 pm, Sun. Dec. 10, 1 –4 pm; Featuring a new crèche exhibit never viewed before in this area. This extraordinary collection owned by Tim Goldrick demonstrates the varied interpretations of the Christmas story by varied artists around the world. Refreshments will be served and the house will be decorated in its traditional holiday theme.

Voices at Christmas
St. John's Episcopal Church, 159 Main Street, Sandwich, 508-833-6544
Sun. Dec. 10, 4 pm; Join veteran vocal instructor, John Murelle and his voice students in a festive concert of solo vocal music. The program will feature; sacred, classical and popular songs of the holiday. *Sponsored by: Frame of Reference, and GMAC Mortgage, Sandwich.

Shepherds' Play
Waldorf School of Cape Cod, 85 Cotuit Road, Bourne, 508-759-7499
Thurs. Dec. 14, 7 pm; Through verse and song (and a dose of comedy), the Waldorf School of Cape Cod's faculty will present this Nativity play as a gift to the community. Free and open to all.

Annual Christmas Parade
Wareham Recreation Commission, Wareham, 508-291-3100
Sat. Dec. 16, 4 pm; For information call Wareham Recreation Commission

Toe Jam Puppet Band
Cape Cod Children's Museum, 577 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, 508-539-8788
Fri. Dec. 29, 11 am; Toe Jam Puppet Band will perform one show at 11 am. Admission from 10 am – Noon is one dollar over regular admission, this includes members. For more information call 508-539-8788.

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First Parish 'estate-ish' sale worth visit

This is the second in a three-part series on the Cohasset Holiday Village Fair taking place Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common. The fair is coordinated by three town churches. These articles will highlight not only what each congregation does for the fair, but will also look out how the parishes use proceeds generated by the event. The Second Congregational Church, the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be featured in these articles

"At this time of Thanksgiving, on the threshold of holidays of giving and receiving, we think a lot about what it is to give and receive."
— Reverend Jan Carlsson-Bull, First Parish minister

The best part about finding a good buy at the "estate-ish" sale during the upcoming Village Fair, isn't getting a good deal on a new chair or a watch; the best part is that the money raised by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist will be used to support a congregation that in turn provides housing for homeless families, support for a child in Latin America, cancer research, and voices for justice through the spiritual grounding provided by worship and religious education for all ages.

"At this time of Thanksgiving, on the threshold of holidays of giving and receiving, we think a lot about what it is to give and receive," said First Parish's minister, the Reverend Jan Carlsson-Bull. "We worship, we sing, we celebrate, and we ponder. In this faith community that we cherish, we also know that it takes time and money to sustain the infrastructure that we know as First Parish." All of the parish's fair activities will be held at their Meeting House at 23 North Main St. on the Cohasset Common.

Among the programs that benefit from First Parish fundraisers is the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, one of the oldest social service agencies in the country. Throughout the year, the church also houses a "HomeShare" apartment, where a family in transition is welcomed for as long as it takes to find permanent housing. First Parish supports Project Hope throughout the year by sponsoring a child from Guatemala. In the spring, Rev. Carlsson-Bull says that the parish rallies "en masse" for the regional Relay for Life, which supports cancer research.

During the Village Fair, First Parish will host its traditional "Estate-ish Sale," selling jewelry, small furniture items, toys and other "treasures" and will offer their annual Swedish Bake Shop with coffee, cinnamon buns and other Swedish holiday treats.

First Parish will also host the Rusty Skippers Holiday Pops Concert at noon in their Meeting House. Although the concert is free, donations will be invited to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Volunteers from the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will be selling handmade crafts from Appalachia at the Parish House during the fair. ASP also sponsors Santa's visit that day on the town common. The local ASP youth group will travel this spring on their 19th service project to Appalachia during which they will work on 28.

The Village Fair runs from 10 am until 3 p.m.

(For more information on First Parish, visit their website at www.firparishcohasset.org.)

St. Stephen's book donations are being accepted

Donations will be accepted through Saturday, Nov. 25. They regret that they cannot accept old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church at16 Highland Ave., will accept donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, on Cohasset's scenic common.

If your shelves are spilling onto the floor, they have the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices." Use the "Reserved Parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours, which are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alternatively, they would be happy to make arrangements to pick up of donations. For donation pick-up or information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104.

Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, Nov. 25. They regret that they cannot accept old textbooks, romance novels, damaged or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting.

The monies raised from the book sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. Your donation of books, DVDs and CDs will help change lives and strengthen the community.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Nov. 26 – Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House. Sermon: "Compassion in an Overwhelming Time," led by Edwin Henneken and Amy Martin.

Refreshments will follow the service.

Toddler classes and childcare will begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Children and youth can enjoy a One-Room Schoolhouse, "Understanding the Drum: A Workshop with Nan Moore."

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together. To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our Web site at firstparishcohasset.org or call the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, minister, at 781-383-1100.

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m., for the annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** at St. Anthony Church, 129 South Main St.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone, call 781-383-1083 or visit our Web site at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

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This week's events from Nov. 26 through Dec. 3:

- Sun. Nov.26: 11:40 am Intercessory Prayer
- Mon. Nov. 27: 7:30 pm Christian Meditation; 7:00 pm Profile Meeting
- Wed. Nov. 29: 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Mary"
- Thurs. Nov. 30: 6:30 pm Confirmation Prep Class
- Frid. Dec. 1: 4 – 7 pm Friends and Family Fair Preview Day.
- Sat. Dec.2: 7 am Bible Fellowship; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Village Fair, Cohasset Common
- Sun. Dec 3: 9 am Youth Worship; 3 pm Lessons and Carols.

Readings for Dec. 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent, are from Jeremiah 33: 14-16 in which the prophet predicts the fulfillment of Gods' promise to the people of Israel. In the second reading from Thessalonians 3: 9-13, the apostle Paul expresses gratitude to God for his disciples in Thessalonia. In the Gospel of Luke 21:25-31, Jesus tells his disciples of the awe-inspiring crisis to come, which they can recognize as the beginning of the time of their redemption.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The subject for Dec. 3 is "God the only Cause and Creator"; Dec. 10 is "God the Preserver of Man;" Dec. 17 is "Is the Universe,

Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"; Christmas Eve Dec. 23 is "Christ Jesus"; New Year's Eve Dec. 31 is "Christian Science"

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are God, Sacrament, Life and Truth.

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South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituary

Sheila C. Wallingford

Retired legal secretary

Sheila C. (Campbell) Wallingford, 65, of Cohasset, died Nov. 17, 2006, at her home.

Born in Quincy, Mrs. Wallingford was raised in the Hough's Neck section and attended Quincy schools, and graduated from Fisher Junior College.

Mrs. Wallingford had been employed as a legal secretary for John Hancock Insurance in Boston for 31 years. For 10 of those years, from 1974 to 1984, she worked in the Albany office.

She was active in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset, and for many years taught Sunday School. Mrs. Wallingford was also a member of the Vestry Committee and tri-chaired the Cohasset Village Fair.

She leaves her husband, Francis B. Wallingford Jr.; her son, Gregory F. Wallingford and his wife, Stacey, of Hingham; her sister, Sheena Turple of Hull; and her grandchild, Lillyan Wallingford of Hingham.

A funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Advent Festival

As part of its concert series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, Dec. 3, the first Sunday of Advent, at 3 p.m. The service will consist of carols, hymns, anthems and readings of the season. Readings will tell of the coming of Christ, and there will be anthems rendered by the choir as well as hymns and carols of the season for all to sing. Come by and take a break during the pre-Christmas rush and reflect on the meaning of the season.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

10:56 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports the sick fox is sitting on the walkway to the entrance. Sgt. has taken care of the animal ACO notified for pick up animal has been left under a yellow blanket for ACO to pick up.

12:04 p.m. **Hazel Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for possible stroke.

1:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer reports school buildings check ok all secure.

4:33 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle.

5:59 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:58 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, public service.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports elementary schools checked; secure.

12:39 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked.

1:09 a.m. **Brook St.**, officer reports open door; ongoing problem. Area and door checked secure.

1:55 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, noise complaint; resident reports an alarm sounding off.

2:01 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, noise complaint; 911 caller states his neighbor's alarm is sounding off.

7:01 a.m. **Cushing Rd.** and **Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:22 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

7:22 a.m. **Woodland Dr.**, resident states she has no power; National Grid notified. Blown fuses on pole number 24-Woodland Dr. at Pond St. and pole number 3-Woodland Dr.

7:30 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

10:35 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle accident; walk-in party reports an accident she was involved in-she sideswiped a pole; investigated-pole number 31 was hit but no damage was done to the pole.

11:33 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

12:03 p.m. **Forest St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

12:19 p.m. **Forest Ave.** and **Surrey Dr.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:14 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** and **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

2:56 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, domestic disturbance.

4:25 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:20 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, hazard; elderly caller reports a huge limb fell off her oak tree and into part of the street. Officer reports the tree limb is blocking about three quarters of the road; removed.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

6:59 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

11:18 a.m. **Turner Rd.**, medical aid.

12:16 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

2:04 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid; caller reports a staff member has fallen; transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

3:06 p.m. **George Washington Blvd.**, Hull fire requests ambulance for transport to South Shore Hospital.

7:31 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, disabled motor vehicle; female caller reports suspicious motor vehicle at end of road.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

5:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports he has no water; water department contacted.

8:03 a.m. **Hull**, ambulance requested for medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:32 a.m. **Tilden Rd.**, Scituate fire dept. requests ambulance for medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:49 p.m. **South Main St.**, assistance rendered to motorist.

2:06 p.m. **Broad Cove Rd.**, Hingham fire dept. requests ambulance for medical aid; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

3:46 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint; tow truck in front of house.

4:58 p.m. **Summer St.**, lost property; investigated/report filed.

6:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, domestic disturbance; juvenile arrest.

6:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint. Caller reports neighbor's dog is off-leash and charged at him. He is afraid to leave his car because he has a one-year-old child with him. Officer spoke to owner and dog is under control. This is an ongoing problem.

10:11 p.m. **Hull St.** and **Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Juan Carlos Rodriguez, 30, 23 T St., Hull. Charges: Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and lights violation.

10:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, 911 caller reports being locked out of car; AAA will not be there for a long time. Advised that police dept. does not handle these types of lockouts and to call McBriens. Officer checked area and confirmed that everything else was alright.

11:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.** and **Old Coach Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle; caller reports vehicle with flasher on; owner has called for a ride and vehicle is off roadway.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

7:30 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation /warning issued.

8:42 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:03 a.m. **North Main St.**, annoying phone calls; departmental action taken.

11:06 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:57 p.m. **Diab Lane**, 209A service, officers gained access-will stand by for Hingham police dept., officer reports this is a vacate order; will stand by while this takes place. Officer transported male from this location to library and served vacate order.

2:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid.

4:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

7:18 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic motorcycle operation in area of Sandy Beach; headed towards center of town.

7:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports debris in roadway.

7:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports disabled motor vehicle.

7:45 p.m. **Kane Dr.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

7:01 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports a swastika has been spray painted on a road sign. Officer confirms that it was a "Do Not Litter" sign at the beginning of Forest Ave. and will have the sign removed.

8:58 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint.

12:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

12:51 p.m. **North Main St.**, missing person reported. State police transfer call with a female on the line who reports she is lost in the woods and has no idea how to get out. She has been walking for about an hour. Female party was kept on the phone until located by officers and transported with her two young children back to their vehicle at North Main Street entrance.

1:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, missing person reported; female caller reports she is lost on the trail and cannot find her way out. Officer found her and will transport her back to vehicle.

2:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning issued.

2:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd**, caller reports that something was sprayed into the stove and is causing some sort of problem.

4:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious motor vehicle; services rendered.

8:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS

8:34 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle hit and run. Caller reports his vehicle was hit while at rest area and subject took off; want to file a report.

9:50 p.m. **Spring St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

12:02 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, extra patrols requested for report of party in area shining flashlight in windows; area search negative.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat installation; services rendered.

9:22 a.m. **South Main St.**, female party dropped off a lost checkbook to be returned to party.

10:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, walk-in party reports bank door open even though the bank is closed; door secured.

10:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:23 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

3:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen; services rendered.

6:56 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports her car was hit by two objects, possibly kids throwing things from the parking lot at this location; area search negative.

7:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party reports having too much to drink; transported to South Shore Hospital.

9:47 p.m. **South Main** and **Elm streets**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

10:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports trucks in front of her house and she wants them gone; trucks are for line painting.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

12:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a deer has been hit by a motor vehicle just south of Route 228 in Hingham; Hingham police received a call and responded to the area as well.

12:35 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, past break and entry reported. Caller reports some of wife's jewelry is missing. Officer confirms a break and entry; report filed.

12:41 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, caller reports she needs help finding her son, who should have been dropped off at the end of the driveway. Caller states her son has just returned.

8:05 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid for person with chest and abdominal pain; transported to Quincy Medical Center/ALS.

8:29 a.m. **King St.**, caller reports a resident is feeling dizzy; Hull ambulance transported to South Shore Hospital.

9:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a gas drive off; message left on vehicle owner's answering machine and officer will visit residence with receipt.

1:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, several callers report a female having an active seizure; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** and **Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

4:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, walk-in party reports that wallet was taken from her purse.

8:14 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, walk-in party reports keys are locked in her car, which is running with her dog inside. Fire Captain requests the duty wrecker; party returned to vehicle.

MONDAY, NOV. 13

12:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**-Elementary Schools, officer reports buildings checked; secure.

12:48 a.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

3:47 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports he has lost power and can see something burning near 30 Jerusalem Rd., investigated – nothing found in area - Fuses popped on pole number 79 at North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd., referred to National Grid.

8:34 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports trucks are blocking her driveway and she wants them moved.

9:04 a.m. **N. Main St.** and **Joy Place**, traffic enforcement.

9:18 a.m. **N. Main St.** and **Joy Place**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:27 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, 911 caller reports that a Golden Labrador is running loose in the neighborhood.

9:30 a.m. **Sanctuary Pond Rd.**, caller reports she is babysitting and there is a dog in the back yard running around and acting very strange. The dog is jumping in the air and running in circles. Referred to animal control.

9:52 a.m. **Hull St.**, caller from Elder Protective Services requests a well-being check on a female at this location that they have not been able to contact in more than a month.

9:55 a.m. **N. Main St.** and **Joy Pl.**, motor vehicle stop: traffic citation issued.

10:20 a.m. **N. Main St.**, officer requested. Caller reports someone broke into their vehicle, stole the registration and let the air out of the tires; caller believes she knows the identity of the perpetrator.

12:26 p.m. **N. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports school buildings checked; secure.

3:09 p.m. **N. Main St.**, no trespass order served to residents' son.

3:33 p.m. **Pond St.**, caller reports there is a male party pacing in front of her house and she is home alone with her infant. The male is wearing a white hooded sweatshirt with the hood up. Officer spoke to the male party; he is working for a landscaping company and injured his back. He is walking the injury off.

5 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:34 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:08 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:19 p.m. **Margin St.**, larceny; investigated – report filed.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

8 a.m. **Elm St.** – police station, Weather: cloudy; Wind: light; Temp: 56 degrees.

9 a.m. **Pond St.** - High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:05 a.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School; officer reports building checked; secure.

9:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

12:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer requested regarding a disturbance; homeowner has blocked the driveway with their motor vehicle.

2:44 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller reports that an elderly man is sitting on the wall and trying to get a ride; party transported to center of town.

4:50 p.m. **King and Pond streets**, traffic enforcement.

4:54 p.m. **Collier Ave.**, mutual aid to Scituate for a 91-year-old man with a heart condition.

6:26 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid.

6:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint; walk-in party brought a dog that she found wandering around. Officer believed it belonged to this party and brought it to this location.

7:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, disturbance; owner of Plaza called to issue a complaint regarding skateboarders in front of Papa Ginos. Officer spoke to a few of the kids and they are waiting for a ride.

7:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:28 p.m. **Pond St.** – High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

8:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

9:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building checked; secure.

9:20 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports building checked; secure.

10:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in medical aid; patient sign off.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

2:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; secure.

2:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; secure.

6:45 a.m. **Pleasant St.** and **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:32 a.m. **Pleasant St.** and **Cushing Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:52 a.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Hillside Dr.**, caller reports almost being run down by a female operating a red SUV, while in the crosswalk near this location.

STATUS REPORTS

Fire department has busy month

The summary of fire department responses during the month of October is as follows: building fires, three; motor vehicle fires, one; outside fires, one; brush fires, two; motor vehicle crashes, 18; medical emergencies, 68; inspections 33; investigations, 18; assistance calls, four; automatic fire alarm activations, 22; and miscellaneous responses, eight. Forty-six emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 36 medical emergencies; four motor vehicle crashes; three investigations; two building fires; and one lock out, Robert Silvia, acting fire chief said.

The fire department ambulance transported 43 patients to South Shore Hospital and three patients to Quincy Medical enter. Mutual aid ambulances transported five patients to South Shore Hospital. There were 31 advanced life support transports and 20 basic life support transports. There were five motor vehicle crashes that required patients to be transported to the hospital, Silvia said.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled 22 for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for 12 responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of 10 responses. There were three responses classed as building fires for the month, two were for malfunctioning heating equipment and one was for a stove fire, Silvia said.

Police arrested six last month

October was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were six arrests: three for assault and battery; one for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; and two for outstanding warrants, Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of October the police department investigated 16 motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 136 motor vehicle citations issued, totaling $2,355 in fines. Additionally, there were 34 parking tickets issued, totaling $850 in fines.

Also in the month of October the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 940 calls for police services, and of those 113 were Emergency 911 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of October there were no reports of breaking and entering. Also in October, there were six criminal complaints issued for the month, he said.

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Osgood Book Fair draws a crowd

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The Deliglannidis family chose a wide variety of reading materials at the Osgood Book Fair.

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Merrick Ronzoni, 3, reads through a Curious George book, while his two younger sisters, Eveline and Katherine, both 18 months take in the scenery during the Osgood Book Fair Wednesday.

PHOTO/ AMY OSTEN

Heidi and Ellie Arnold pick out some books during the Osgood Book Fair.

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Mason Fitzgerald shows his mother Jill a box of activities during the Osgood School Book Fair.

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Siobhan Lynch helps put out a display of books during the Osgood School Book Fair.

PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Allie Donoghue, 10, reads through one of the many books she chose during the Osgood School Book Fair.

PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Marla Waters, 9, and her mother Susan shop for books during the Osgood School Book Fair Wednesday. The book fair was sponsored by the PSO.

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Helane Childs reads a story to her son Sydney, 4, and Natasha Arnold, at the Osgood School Book Fair.

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Children and parents browse through the wide selection of books at the Osgood Book Fair Wednesday.

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CITY/TOWN OF: **COHASSET**

PROJECT NAME: **PHASE IV SEWER EXTENSION**

APPLICANT: **TOWN OF COHASSET BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

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TRANSMITTAL NO. **W099216**

PROPOSED ACTION: **Tentative Determination to Issue.**

The above application(s) and applicable laws, regulations and procedures are available for inspection at the above address. Comments on the proposed actions or requests for a public hearing on the proposed actions must be received at the above address within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Richard Keith
Municipal Services
Program Manager

AD#11194165
Cohasset Mariner 11/24/06

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December 5th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision not to grant a building permit until the Zoning Board determines if the lots are buildable under §8.3 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Vincent and Tracy Longo and Typhoon Realty, LLC, of 22 and 34 Bancroft Road,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-10-26.**

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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 20, Section 56, as amended by the Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:20 PM in the Office of the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for fiscal year 2007. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at this time.

Cohasset Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **December5th at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision regarding **Lot 5 on Otis Avenue** pursuant to §12 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Philip and Mary Anne Kniest Ayer, c/o Attorney Roberta Saywer of 38 Hornbeam Road, Duxbury, MA 02332** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-11-01.**

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Sons of American Legion celebrate milestone

Frank Salvadore, a member of the Sons of the American Legion since 1935, helps National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Thomas Wigmore cut the cake during the 75th anniversary party for the organization.

PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion speaks to guests who attended the 75th anniversary party for the organization. The celebration spanned the nation, and Cohasset celebrated with a party held Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Legion post on Summer Street

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What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 1 2006

South Shore children light up the holidays in Boston Ballet's 'The Nutcracker'

Stoughton 11-year-old to dance the role of Clara

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Ballet's renowned production of "The Nutcracker" will once again light up the holiday season at Boston's Opera House beginning this Friday. The 2006 "Nutcracker," specially designed for the Opera House stage, features the entire 50-member Boston Ballet and some 200 children from Boston Ballet School.

Now in its 39th year, the Boston Ballet's "Nutcracker" has in the past two decades given thousands of local children the opportunity to appear in the production alongside a world-class professional company. This year, more than 60 of those young ballet students come from the South Shore - including Jessica Conroy of Stoughton, who will dance the role of Clara. In the E.T.A. Hoffmann story on which the classical ballet is based, it is young Clara who receives a nutcracker as a gift at a Christmas Eve party. Her nutcracker is ultimately transformed into a handsome young prince, who leads her through an enchanted forest and on to the Palace of Sweets, where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy. Among the ballet's most famous and memorable moments are a battle between toy soldiers and overgrown mice, a Christmas tree that grows to great heights, the pas de deux for the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, and a shimmering snow scene.

It is the fourth year in "The Nutcracker" for Jessica, a sixth-grader at Weymouth's South Shore Christian Academy who has been studying at the Boston Ballet South Shore Studio in Norwell since she was in kindergarten. The move to a leading role has been an interesting one for the young dancer.

"Sometimes it's fun to have a big part, other times I just want to go in the back. When I feel that way, I just remember how much fun it is to play a lead," explained Jessica by telephone last week. "I'll never forget my first role in the 'Nutcracker.' I loved playing a doll and I remember how special it made me feel when that year's Clara reached out to me. Now that I'm playing Clara, I'm going to try and do the same for the little girls in this year's show."

Jessica Conroy of Stoughton, who will dance the role of Clara.

Jessica was a very little girl herself when her parents first noticed her abilities.

"I think she was two years old when I realized she had talent," recalled Jessica's mother, Rose Conroy, by telephone from her Stoughton home last week. "It wasn't too long after that when she began taking ballet lessons at a small studio in Easton. Now, she has ballet class five days a week."

Jessica - one of three Boston Ballet School students who will share the role of Clara with two professional dancers - was chosen in early fall and will dance in about 10 of this season's 40 performances.

"She has been in rehearsals since early October, because she is on stage the whole time," explains her mother. "There are some days she doesn't want to rehearse, but she does anyway. Jess always honors her commitments."

That dedication has paid off for the 11-year-old.

Jess is one of the youngest Claras in this year's cast. Everybody who auditions wants to be Clara. Jess is the right height and at the right skill level, though, so she was cast," explains Rose Conroy. "My husband, Michael, and I are thrilled for Jess. And her little brother, Michael, 7, is one of her biggest fans. He talks about her all the time with his friends."

Jessica recently gave her little brother a big new story to tell when she played a ballet dancer in "The Game Plan," an upcoming Disney feature film starring former pro-wrestler The Rock and shot on location in Massachusetts.

PHOTO/ANGELA STERLING

Ensemble dancers from the cast of "The Nutcracker".

While the film won't hit movie screens until 2007, Jessica remains busy, as do many of her friends from ballet school.

Other children from the South Shore appearing in this year's Boston Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" include Nora Fitzwilliam, **Braintree**; Kendra Cameron and Alexa DeBuccia, **Hanover**; Cassandra Cardelle, Brianne Crough, Sofia Deligiannidis, Sarah Gruber, and Katharine Sease, **Cohasset**; Grace Barrett, Chloe Blair, Emily Carrick, Christine Connolly, Katy Connolly, Elizabeth Hennessey, Brooke Joyce, Caroline Kelleher, Paige King, Courtney Lane, Meaghan Menesale, Jacqueline Messina, Rebecca Mullaley, Caliann Murray, Erin Murray, Amelia Pedone, Hannah Pedone, and Emma Reilly, **Hingham**; Charlotte Hovey, Caroline Manning, and Andria Ronne, **Duxbury**; Maria D'Ambrosia, Fiona Martin, Isabel Martin, Molly Trust, Hannah Nelson, **Scituate**; Gina Benedetto, Haleigh Kelleher, and Gillian Pentheny, **Marshfield**; Kara Burns, Teresa Burns, Angelica Chan, Jasmine Chan, Alexis Henriquez, Abigail Howland, Margaret McCarthy, and Kaela Nelson, **Norwell**; Kristen Page, **Holbrook**; Samantha Caputo, Kendall Kolb, Miranda Moore, Hannah Robinson, Kirsten Schranze, and Rachel Smith, **Plymouth**; Tatiana Brittian and Devin Woolf, **Randolph**; Siena Dacey, **Bridgewater**; Lena Gee, **West Bridgewater**; Michaela Martini, **Stoughton**; and Laura Boradic, **Canton**.

The full Tchaikovsky score will be performed by the Boston Ballet Orchestra led by Music Director and Principal Conductor Jonathan McPhee and Associate Conductor Mark Churchill. "The Nutcracker" features choreography by Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen, sets by Helen Pond and Herbert Senn, costumes by David Walker, and lighting by Alexander Nichols. This season will welcome some new magic - literally. Cesareo Pelaez, who performs as Marco the Magi, is teaching some of his magic tricks to the dancers portraying Drosselmeier. Pelaez, a native of Cuba, has been headlining in Marco the Magi's production of "Le Grand David and His Own Spectacular Magic Company" in Beverly since 1977.

With a lead role in this year's "Nutcracker" on her resume, and plans to audition for future Boston Ballet productions, Jessica's mother wouldn't be surprised to see her daughter continue with ballet.

"Jess is only 11. As she matures, she will decide what she wants to do with her life. I could see her pursuing ballet as a profession, however, because she really comes alive on stage. Jess dances for the audience and not just for herself."

The Boston Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" will be presented at the Opera House, 529 Washington Street, Boston, through Dec. 30. For tickets, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.bostonballet.org. Discounted group tickets (20 or more) are available by calling Boston Ballet's Group Sales Office at 617-456-6343. Boston Ballet members and subscribers should call the Boston Ballet Box Office at 617-695-6955 for tickets.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Nov. 23

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 23, **Girls, Guns and Glory, Shays' Rebellion, Colt Thompson Project** 781-925-4300.

Friday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Weekend Walk: Jacobs Pond Trail, Norwell. Walk the new Cliff Prentiss Bridge and explore the surrounding area and its habitats as part of a guided walk of Jacobs Pond Trail, Norwell with the North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA) and the South Shore Natural Science Center on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come as a family and together we'll walk off that turkey dinner. It is a leisurely walk and suitable for most levels. Cost is $4 members/ $6 non members. Meet at the parking area of the Jacobs Pond, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Extra parking is available at the Science Center. For information and to register, contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781- 659-2559 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

It's A Wonderful Life will be performed on stage at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, beginning Nov. 24, and continuing through Dec. 17. Inspired by the Frank Capra film, this classic is brought to vibrant theatrical life. With the help of a guardian angel, George Bailey discovers what it would be like if he had never been born. Love and family triumph in this heartwarming journey. Tickets are priced from $26-$28, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

The Billy Joel Tribute show "Piano Man" with live seven piece orchestra Nov. 24, Raffael's in Walpole **For tickets, call:** JM Productions at 617-786-SHOW (7469) or visit JM Productions secure website for on line purchasing at: www.jmproductionspresents.com

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

THE DUXBURY HIGH SCHOOL SKI TEAM will present the newly released feature length film "Off the Grid" from world famous ski-movie producer, Warren Miller on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. The movie will be preceded by a ski wear fashion show presented by SportWorks of Duxbury. Come to see your favorite DHS ski racers, coaches and teachers on the runway showing off the latest and coolest ski fashions just in time for the holidays. Purchase tickets early as a large turnout is expected. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door and group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased at SportWorks, at Depot St. in Duxbury 781-934-9501, Buckles and Boards in Marshfield or by contacting Steve Woodworth at 781-934-7921 or swood4417@aol.com

Movie review

007 gets 'Royale' treatment

"Casino Royale" (A-)

By James Vernlere
FILM CRITIC

Those of us who have been thinking Jason Bourne is the new James Bond will have to rethink. That's because James Bond has been gloriously "re-Bourne" in "Casino Royale."

A James Bond for our ruthless, torture-plagued, extreme-sports times, Daniel Craig, who bears a striking resemblance to the late Steve McQueen, is not better than Pierce Brosnan.

He's different, craggier, more athletic, sadistic and maladjusted, with calloused hands and gleaming, ice-blue eyes. Craig's Bond shares more genes with Robert Shaw's insane killer in "From Russia with Love" (1963) than Sean Connery's Bond. When Craig is swinging from the rooftops and construction cranes, which is half the time, he's more Spider-Man than Bond.

Based on Ian Fleming's first Bond novel and bearing no resemblance to the 1967 spoof of the same name, "Casino Royale" combines characters from Fleming's book, including the villainous Le Chiffre (Danish actor Mads Mikkelsen), with the love angle from "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," a 1969 film notable, not for George Lazenby's pod-person Bond, but for Diana Rigg's sexy Tracy Di Vicenzo. As accountant Vesper Lynd, Eva Green ("The Dreamers," "Kingdom of Heaven"), this film's other trump card, is the best "Bond girl" in ages.

In spite of a listless theme song by Chris Cornell, formerly of Soundgarden, and an even more listless credit sequence, the film gets off to a whopping good start with a chase sequence in Madagascar and some tartly written scenes in London, featuring Craig and Judi Dench, the series' M (Q is absent this time out).

Daniel Craig as the new James Bond in "Casino Royale."

The plot involves Bond's attempts to thwart a plan to sabotage a new jumbojet and to bankrupt the terrorist-funding Le Chiffre at a poker game (the redneck's baccarat presumably) in Montenegro. Along the way, Bond drives a vintage and brand-new Aston Martin, makes stops in such Bond-certified hotspots as Nassau and Venice, orders Beluga caviar and Bollinger champagne from room service and creates a new cocktail, the Vesper.

The high-powered action sequences, which reach a crescendo with a toppling Venetian villa, beg the question: Why are director Martin Campbell's Zorro films so boring and his Bond films, including "GoldenEye," arguably the best Brosnan Bond film, so terrific? Presumably, it's the screenplays.

Cowritten by Neal Purvis and Robert Wade ("Die Another Day") with a polish by the omnipresent Paul Haggis ("Flags of Our Fathers"), the film sags a bit during the romantic sequences. But the dialogue is sharp. Craig, whose face scrunches up almost cartoonishly when he smiles, is extremely responsive to his fellow actors, and Green is no mere accessory.

She and Craig have enough chemistry to leave you shaken and stirred. It's also good to see Giancarlo Giannini even if he's only explaining how much money is in the pot half the time, and Mikkelsen gives the villain a hint of parodic self-awareness. Jeffrey Wright is also fun as a brand-new Felix Leiter.

But Craig is the real story. His Bond is a cold-hearted killer and screaming madman who likes his sexual partners to be married, but not to him. This Bond wears his lacerations like a Marquis de Sade-approved badge of honor. See "Casino Royale" and see the Bond franchise jump-started in more ways than one.

Rated PG-13. "Casino Royale" contains violence, profanity and sexual situations.

TOWN COMMONS

NOV. 23 - DEC. 1 2006

Holiday events

12th ANNUAL JINGLE BELL WALK The South Shore Community Center invites families and friends to their Jingle Bell Walk on Friday, Nov. 24· Come to Cohasset Harbor (2 p.m.) and watch Santa and Mrs. Claus and their many elf assistants arrive by boat. Santa passes out jingle bells and in a horse drawn wagon make their way to the Community Center for hot cocoa, punch and cookies. Enjoy the community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites sung by Mrs. Claus & Santa with Frosty, Rudolph and the merry Elves. There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting a turkey trot and hayrides on the Common. Rusty Skippers Band will entertain and at the end of the day the Christmas tree is lighted on the Common. This day is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit.

THE HULL ARTISTS STUDIO CONNECTION WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL is once again being held on the weekend following Thanksgiving at the MJM Bathhouse, 214 Nantasket Ave., Hull, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twenty four local artists and artisans will show their original art at affordable prices for your self or for gifts. Some of the art media include paintings, printmaking, photography, wood carving, pottery, stained glass, jewelry, greeting cards, floral arrangements, etc. Free admission, free parking, handicapped accessible and children are welcome. For further information visit our website at hullartists.com or call 781-925-5619.

THE HULL HOLIDAY SHOWCASE Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Clarion Hotel-Conference Center, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE Admission. Purchase great gifts and decorations for the holiday season from retailers, artisans, crafters and more. The Snowflake Café will feature lots to satisfy your hunger and warm your insides. All items under $10. Kids can even decorate their own gingerbread man/woman for free!! Santa will be at the Showcase from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures with Santa. You can have a family portrait taken as well for this year's Holiday Card with Santa or among the festive holiday decor. This year's event will have something for everyone.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM in Duxbury presents Dicken's **A Christmas Carol** on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2 pm. This puppet spectacular by the Puppet People features beautiful hand-crafted marionettes, shadow puppets, gorgeous masks, lavish costumes, vivid sets, and a professional soundtrack that includes many holiday favorites. The museum has scheduled this holiday classic in conjunction with Duxbury Business Association's Holly Day which offers a town-wide series of activities for all ages with trolleys to transport visitors from the various events. The free event is suitable for children in kindergarten through grade 8. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SHOWHOUSE AT THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE A Gala Cocktail Party will begin the celebration on Dec. 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets $50 per person. **Reservations are required by Nov. 24.** This sparkling evening will be filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres, the signature drink, the "Webster Poinsettia" and a special visit from Daniel Webster and St. Nicholas, himself.

The Christmas Celebration continues Dec. 2 through Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional Evening hours: Sat., Dec. 2, Tues., Dec. 5 and Thurs., Dec. 7 - 7 to 9 p.m. The Showhouse features South Shore Interior Designers decorating the rooms of this Queen Anne-style Victorian Mansion built in 1880. Each room holds a beautiful Christmas tree and "Tablescape" (tables for Holiday Tea, Cocktails or Christmas Dinner). Flowers and lush greens as well as antiques, china, crystal, antique dolls and toys and period fashions will be displayed. Enjoy a holly boutique, raffle tables and light refreshments. Tickets: $12 pre sale, $14 at the door. For information, Gala tickets, reservations and location of ticket outlets call 781-837-2403 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

MERRI MARKET ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Ship Church in Hingham, Parish Hall at 107 Main St. Fun activities, silent auction items, wreaths, gift baskets, bake goods, luncheon menu, treasures table and more.

THE SNUG HARBOR COMMUNITY CHORUS is proud to present "A Snug Harbor Christmas! Featuring works of John Rutter" on Dec. 1 and 2, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center at 8 PM. Not sure which night you can make it? Advance sales are General Admission to either evening $15 adult, $12 seniors and students and $10 for groups of 10 or more. Add $2 for tickets at the door. Reception follows. Tickets are available on-line at www.snugharborcc.org and at Westwinds Books, 45 Depot St, Duxbury and at Marshfield Star Market, Webster Square, Marshfield. For info call 781-834-7041.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE, Hingham's holiday celebration in the streets of historic downtown Hingham is back for its 24th year on Friday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. Holiday music and dancing on the steps of St. Paul's Church bring joy to all who await Santa Claus' arrival at 6:30 p.m. aboard Hingham Fire Department Engine #2. Chris Stevens of WPLM Easy 99.1 FM hosts the evening's festivities on Main Street between North and Elm Streets. Christmas in the Square festivities continue 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 2, in historic downtown Hingham. Free horse-drawn hayrides from the corner of Main and North Streets, on Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon to 3 p.m. Festival of Trees from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to see this winter wonderland - bid on favorite trees and houses, or buy tickets to win one of the many children's raffles. All of Saturday's festivities around Hingham's historic Square will delight shoppers throughout the day - Merrie Market, Holiday Crafts for kids, Victorian Carolers, Oldies 103.3FM music and surprises, Touch-a-truck, Jo-Jo the Ragdoll with balloons, Storybook Time for children, Town Criers, Bell Ringers and more. Visit the Hingham Downtown Association website, discoverhingham.com for information.

QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER SANTA PAWS Photo Event-Bring your dogs, cats and other furry friends to have their picture taken with "Santa Paws"! Sunday Nov 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, 625 Southern Artery, Quincy. Call 617-376-1349 for info.

THE FRIENDS OF CRANBERRY HOSPICE present the 17th Annual Festival of Trees Dec. 1-3 at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. The event features more than 50 spectacularly decorated Christmas trees, daily entertainment and visits from Santa, a cocktail reception and a unique gift shop. Proceeds benefit Cranberry Hospice. Open to the Public: Friday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $2 for children under 12. *The Tree of Lights* is a spectacular 15-foot tree trimmed with hundreds of white lights and candles in memory or honor of someone special. Donations can be made for memorial candles ($25 each) or lights ($5 each) by calling 781-834-7281.

MARJ BATES STUDIO –11th Annual Holiday Open Studio –Glass making demos, Dec. 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. glassthings.com 781-545-8290

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH located at the corners of Church and River Streets in Norwell, will hold it's Annual Snowflake Festival on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Highlights include a silent auction with gift certificates, local artist offerings, antiques, and merchant donations; Gift table, Bake table, Candy table; Grandma's Attic for those second time around treasures; and a Greens Table with a fabulous array of wreaths and greens for your holiday tables and doors. Snack bar will feature items for breakfast and lunch.

FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST IN COHASSET is busy again preparing for their part in this year's Christmas Fair on the Common – Dec. 2. Their Estate-Ish Sale and Swedish Bake Shop are found in the Parish House across from Cohasset Common. The Rusty Skippers Band performs holiday concert at noon, and tickets will be on sale for the Annual Christmas Concert by the Unicorn Singers to be held on Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE STETSON HOUSE, 514 Hanover St., Hanover. Christmas opening at the historic Stetson House. Eight rooms decorated around the theme "Currier and Ives Christmas." Preview party Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a concert by the Harbor Choral Arts Society and Hanover High School VOX chorus and refreshments. Tickets: $10 at the door. House open Dec. 2 and 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Donations encouraged. Wreath and greens sale in the barn.

HALIFAX MINI FAIR – Halifax Council on Aging, 506 Plymouth St. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hand-made items, bake table holiday decorations and holiday raffle.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY Family Ornament Workshop Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fee: $50 member/$70 nonmember includes both parent and child. Call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org.

Christmas History Workshop Dec. 9, 9:45 a.m. to noon: Local historian, Regina Porter, will portray Mrs. Elizabeth Stockbridge Winslow White. She will speak to the traditions associated with Christmas, including tree trimming; caroling; gift-giving; favorite foods and ornaments. She will then guide participants in crafting a number of time-honored mementos for you to keep or to give as a gift. Make: a Pomander, Snow Fairies, English Christmas Crackers, and a Festive Doorknob Hanger. Children age 8 and up and adults. Fee: $30. To sign up or receive more information, call the NRAS office Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to noon. 781-837-8091.

SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY BARBERSHOP CHORUS present their annual show with a festival riverboat holiday cruise theme, "A Christmas Cruise" on Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School Auditorium, 1210 Commercial St., East Weymouth. Other performers include Cape Cod Surftones Barbershop Chorus and the Silver Lake Regional High School mixed chorus from Kingston. Tickets are Adults $15, seniors/students $10 and the "Afterglow" $7. For tickets call Thorney Gay at 781-659-2582. Complimentary senior tickets are available courtesy of the South Shore Savings Bank through local Council on Aging. For info call Joe Cappadona at 617-328-3638 or Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-SING(7464)

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NORWELL will hold its annual Christmas Celebration Concert on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., 460 Main St., Norwell. The concerts features UCC's choral and bell choirs as well as guest instrumentalists. Choir members are residents of many South Shore towns. There is a 40-member Sanctuary Choir; Youth choir; a Cherub Choir that has young children aged 3-9-years old; and the Celestial Ringers bell choir. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-659-2887.

HOLIDAYS IN HALIFAX Dec. 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the municipal buildings. Visit the web site for details.

STARS AND PROMISES ALIVE holiday show featuring the Peter Mayer Group Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, Church Green, Taunton. For info call 508-824-4143 or visit thedessertclub@aol.com or www.petermayer.com

THE RANDOLPH WOMEN'S CLUB invites you to The Ninth Christmas Showcase of the Jonathan Belcher House 360 North Main St.,, Randolph. Tickets are: $10 prepaid $12 at the Door. Call 781-767-4333 for ticket information. The Jonathan Belcher House closes its 200th birthday of the house this year. This is the only home on the National Register of Historical Houses in Randolph. The house is decorated as it would have been in 1806 for the holiday season. Many items used in the decorations will be for sale as well as home made foods and gifts.

THE 4th ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRUNK SHOW/SALE will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. High- quality items including custom jewelry, decoupage trays, organic North River honey, handbags and other hand crafted items created by 15 South Shore artists and artisans will be for sale on three floors of this Victorian library. For information and directions, call the James Library at 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org

THE QUINCY DINNER THEATRE, moves to the Sons of Italy Building, 161 King Road, Braintree, after 18 years staging New England's biggest holiday show in Quincy. This year's holiday show "Musical Holiday Party 19" will feature singers from the South Shore and greater Boston area performing songs and musical satire of the holiday season. A four-course dinner is served prior to the show. Performance dates are Dec. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. 16. Dec. 16 will feature both a matinee and evening performance. Ticket prices for dinner and show range from $35-$39.95 depending on date of performance and number of people attending. Show only $20. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations and information.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Steven Karidoyanes conducting, presents two family-friendly Holiday Pops performances featuring local guest choral group, the Pilgrim Festival Chorus, William B. Richter director, performing film music by John Williams: *Holiday Songs from the "Home Alone"* movies. Singing sensation Frances Botelho-Hoeg, winner of the Boston Pops POPSearch 2005 competition, returns to perform traditional holiday favorites with *the Phil*. Children are invited to bring a toy for donation to the Old Colony Memorial's Children's Community Fund charity toy drive and march in *the Phil's* annual *March of the Toys*. Just like Symphony Hall in Boston, *the Phil* now offers cabaret-style table seating for the holiday concerts on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. in Plymouth's Memorial Hall. Tickets are available for $20-$45. Discounts for youth, students, seniors and groups are available. Tickets can be purchased at the Philharmonic office, located at 16 Court St., Plymouth or by calling 508-746-8008. Visit www.plymouthphilharmonic.com for information.

SOUTHEASTERN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT directed by Conductor, Robert Babb and presented by The North Weymouth Knights of Columbus Council #4719 takes place Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Saint Jerome's Church Hall, (Saint Paula's Hall) 632 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth, MA 02191. The concert benefits local charities. Tickets sold at the door. $10 adults, $7 seniors. Children under 10 free. Further details call Mary 781-337-9585.

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Michael Warner of Holbrook as George Bailey, Julia Vaillancort of Braintree as Zuzu Bailey (in his arms), Luke Sullivan of Hingham (in Santa hat) as Peter Bailey, Liam Sullivan of Hingham as Tommy Bailey (off to the right), and Olivia Sullivan of Hingham as Janie Bailey (kneeling, looking up at father).

It's A Wonderful Life will be performed on stage at The Company Theatre in Norwell, beginning Nov. 24, and continuing through Dec. 17. Inspired by the Frank Capra film, this classic is brought to vibrant theatrical life. With the help of a guardian angel, George Bailey discovers what it would be like if he had never been born. Love and family triumph in this heartwarming journey. Tickets are priced from $26-$28, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

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Edaville USA will open the **Christmas Festival of Lights** on Nov. 24-30. Dec. 1 thru Jan. 1. On Monday-Friday the hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 2 to 9 p.m. The last train leaves each evening at 8pm. The $16 admission fee includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions all evening. Parking is free. Fireworks every Friday night in December. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates, hours and directions

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 24, **John Truscelli Band.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 24: **Jump City Band** 7 p.m. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Nov. 24, **Chris Fitz Band,** 781-925-4300.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 corners **Comedy Night** Nov. 24, at 9 p.m. featuring **Larry Myles** Other Comics **Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, Tom Harris, Scott Darby, Matt McArthur, Jay Margaca.** Admission: $15 includes dinner and appetizers available. Advance reservations recommended. 781-848-0300 www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.annettepollack.com

Saturday, Nov. 25

American Girl Events at Buttonwood Books & Toys Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. Celebrate the release of the new American Girl movie "Molly: An American Girl on the Home Front" with two events, an American Girl® party and a drawing for two dolls. On Nov. 25, 1 p.m. at Buttonwood, the "Molly Movie Event" takes place with activities, a craft and a tea party. Girls (ages 8-12) are invited to bring their doll and join in the fun. This is a free event however reservations are required. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve. The doll drawing is Nov. 26. Entry forms are available now at Buttonwood, where the dolls are currently on display. The lucky winner will win the two American Girl Dolls, Molly and Emily, as shown. Complete rules are posted at the store.

Photography & Paintings of Joyce Cole Olsen to be shown in the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham through Nov. 30. Cole Olsen's exhibit may be viewed during library hours.

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Sunday, Nov. 26

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

Norwell High School Students artwork will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from through Nov. 29. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.jameslibrary.org or call 781-659-7100.

CALENDAR, see next page

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Thanksgiving Weekend Walk: Jacobs Pond Trail, Norwell. Walk the new Cliff Prentiss Bridge and explore the surrounding area and its habitats as part of a guided walk of Jacobs Pond Trail, Norwell with the North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA) and the South Shore Natural Science Center on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come as a family and together we'll walk off that turkey dinner. It is a leisurely walk and suitable for most levels. Cost is $4 members/ $6 non members. Meet at the parking area of the Jacobs Pond, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Extra parking is available at the Science Center. For information and to register, contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781- 659-2559 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

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Sue Burton *Annette Pollack* *Larry Myles*

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Annette's Comedy Asylum presents two comedy events

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 comers Comedy Night Nov. 24, at 9 p.m. featuring Larry Myles Other Comics Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, Tom Harris, Scott Darby, Matt McArthur, Jay Margaca. Admission: $15 includes dinner and appetizers available. Advance reservations recommended. 781-848-0300 www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.annettepollack.com

All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St. (Rt. 106) Halifax. Dec. 1, 9 p.m. Comedy Show produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum featuring South Shore's own: Tommy Dunham. Other comics include Annette Pollack, John Pierce, Sue Burton, Jack Humey, Shawn Carter and your host: Bob Niles. Advance reservations recommended by calling 781-293-4135. Cover charge $15. For information call 781-843-4833 or visit annettepollack.com

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The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Nov. 26, **Dave Foley's Acoustic Jam** 8 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Monday, Nov. 27

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery, located in the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents **Work of Constance Flavell Pratt** beginning Nov. 1 and continuing until the end of December. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, Nov. 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. At that time Ms. Pratt will give a talk and illustrate her portraiture techniques. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, GinnyWilson will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of November.

The North River Arts Society presents ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Tuesday, Nov. 28

SINGLES DINING OUT Reggio's Ristorante, Rte. 18, 1037 Main St., Weymouth. Tuesday evening, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for single professionals 40-55 years old. se4u.com Cost is $45, reservations required by calling 781-283-5900. Seating limited to 20 men and 20 women. Cost includes a complete four-course dinner, tax, and tip. Cash bar cocktails, 6:30-7. Each guest changes seats after every course to insure personally meeting each person of the opposite sex. 20 'slow' dates, one fun night. Each attendee receives 2 VIP Guest Passes to dances worth $30. Everyone encouraged to swap business cards. Two dinners scheduled for December in Braintree and Andover. Co-sponsored by www.SinglesVacationClub.com. 781-283-5900.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents pastel and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident **Diana Rousseau** through December. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2006 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Doug Fleener, Small Business Guru former Director of Retail for Bose & Co. will present "The Experience Difference" at the Barker Tavern, Nov. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. $39.pp includes buffet dinner. Sponsored by the Scituate Chamber of Commerce. All are welcome. RSVP by Nov. 24, by calling 781-545-4000.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaborative program between Boston's only independent writing center, Grub Street and Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. On Nov. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood, **Stace Budzko** will teach a class titled "Characters in Conflict – The Art of Storytelling". The essence of storytelling is action. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

E-mail your events to ddinsmore@cnc.com

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Richness of Mexico, an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For information call 781-736-8100.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St,. Marshfield. Nov. 22, Annual Thanksgiving Reunion featuring **The Infractions** beginning at 8 p.m. with the **Third Degree.** 781-834-6505.

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree 781-380-8180, no cover, handicap access. *Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam*. 9 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 30

BSC Theater and Dance brings a bi-polar night of theater to the Rondileau Campus Center Stage with the zany *Sex, Drugs, 'n Academia* and the taught, political drama *Liberators*. The performances take place in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium on Park Avenue in Bridgewater on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 3. The cast of Bridgewater State College students come from various towns around Massachusetts: David Ciccariella, Bob McMicken, **Braintree**; Kristyn Kerivan, **Duxbury**; Andrew Adler, **Marshfield**; Curtis Bellafiore, Jen Corey, Jess Corey, **Weymouth**.The performances are directed by faculty member Stephen Levine of **Hingham** and student Will Candler of **Weymouth**. Ticket prices for the general public are $10 and $8 for BSC community, senior citizens and youth. For information or reservations, call the Bridgewater State College Box Office at 508-531-1321.

Nationally-known artist Mags Harries will be guest speaker at the annual Patrons Dinner at the **South Shore Art Center** on **Thursday, Nov. 30.** Mags Harries' public art projects have received national recognition and have won many awards. They are also popular and accessible. She observes the small things that, like DNA, reveal all that is important to know about a place. She looks for the charged image, the jolt of electricity that often lies dormant, but can be released to energize a public place and the community. For information about attending the Patron Dinner, Contact Candace Cramer ccramer@ssac.org

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, Rt. 3A, Cohasset (owned and operated by the Social Service League of Cohasset for over 50 years) are hosting a jewelry party featuring La Di Da Jewelry and Accessories by Kerry Pipenbrink on Thursday evening, Nov. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. Proceeds to help a family in need this Christmas. Any questions call Marita Carpenter, Manager, The Cohasset Consignment Shop, 781 383-0687.

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree no cover, handicap access. 781-380-8180, Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**. 9 p.m. Info. contact Satch Romano, New Blue Productions, Braintree. 781-258-5232

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 30, BBC "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

Friday, Dec. 1

"All That is New England", a show of oil paintings by Diane Scott of Hingham, will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from December 1, 2006 - January 3, 2007. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100 or visit the website at www.jameslibrary.org.

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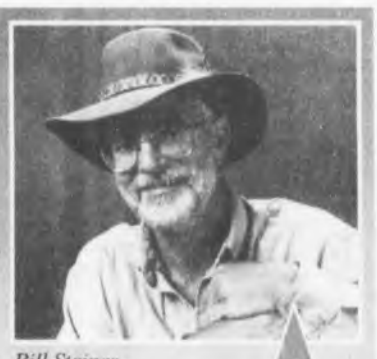
The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of watercolorist **Priscilla Levesque.** The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 7.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel (you) selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). This is the 13th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs from Nov. 17 through Dec. 22. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.



Bill Staines

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents a concert on Friday, Dec. 1, featuring Bill Staines. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for Members and $15 for Non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass. 02051

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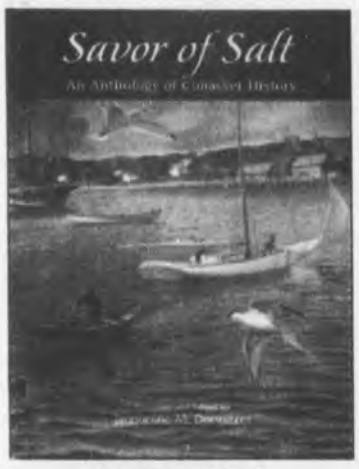

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Jonathan Maescher, 17 months, is mesmerized by seeing Santa at the South Shore Community Center following the Jingle Bell Walk last Friday. For more photos, see page 24.

DEVELOPMENT

Demolition opens door

TOD project gets under way

By Mary Ford
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About two weeks ago the old strip mall along Route 3A next to the future Cohasset MBTA station bit the dust. Along with that went the building that formerly housed Mary Lou's News and the one that housed Exotic Flowers. A boatyard was also formerly located at the site.

The demolition is making way for a Transit Oriented District, dubbed TOD, which will include a mix of retail including the possibility of a restaurant, and housing on five acres next to the train station.

Voters at last spring's annual Town Meeting set the stage for the project by approving a zoning article establishing a transit-oriented development overlay district at the former Davenport parcel at 132 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A). The overlay district permits "mixed use" development that was not allowed under existing zoning.

The developer, New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development

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The A, B, Cs of 'free cash'

By Samantha Brown
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Towns all along the South Shore are facing tough financial times and spending on many levels has been pulled back. To that end many residents who attended the Special Town Meeting Nov. 13, questioned why the town was asked to spend $300,000 of its roughly $1 million in free cash for capital expenses, rather than save it for future use.

To understand the recommendations made by Town Manager Bill Griffin (which were approved by Town Meeting) Griffin said it is important to understand what free cash is and where it came from.

Free cash is strictly a Massachusetts term used to help describe a certain type of surplus funds. Free cash is somewhat of a misnomer as it is neither "free" nor "cash" and is essentially an accounting calculation, rather than an actual account with money. At the end of every fiscal year, Director of Finance Michael Buckley prepares the balance sheet as of June 30, the last day of the fiscal year, essentially taking a snapshot of the town's finances at that date. After the Department of Revenue reviews the balance sheet, it certifies the amount of free

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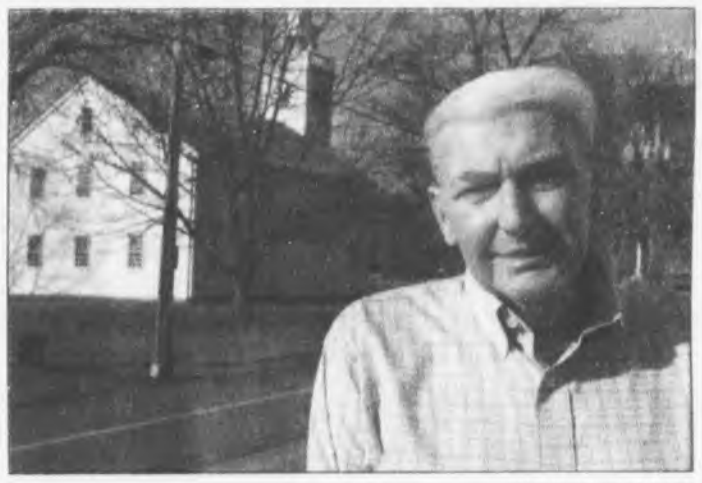

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Jack Worley, shown here by the Town Common, has been at the helm of the Recreation Department for 30 years.

Worley's world

Rec Director celebrates 30 years

By Samantha Brown
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From soccer to drama to dances on a Friday night, Cohasset's young residents are never at a loss for activities — and haven't been for the last three decades. For that, the town has Recreation Department Director Jack Worley to thank, who celebrated his 30th anniversary on the job, Nov. 7.

Worley is the only recreation director the town has ever known. In October 1976 when he was hired, Worley recalled the town was anxious to launch the department, and hired him without having any money in the budget to cover his salary. He had to wait for one month before officially starting his new job while the town figured out how it was going to pay for his position.

Building the Recreation Department from the ground up was slow going at first. Worley barely had an office; as his allocated space was located in the ticket booth off the auditorium in the old part of Town Hall. "We got our furniture at the dump and we had no air conditioning," he recalled, adding in the winter, if he left a water bottle on his desk overnight, it would be frozen solid the next morning. "The working conditions were a little rough, but we managed and we got through it."

Today, Worley's office overlooks Cohasset Common and the programs offered by the Recreation Department are so popular, for the first time ever this year, the amount of children registering for basketball had to be limited. "When we hit 350 we had to cut registrations," he said, adding last year for the first time ever, the town hit 300 basketball participants. "The programs are getting bigger in a lot of ways," he said.

However, with so many programs offered and a staff of one, it's not always easy. Worley said the success

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Hunger pains

Demand for food assistance increases

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles as part of our annual Gifts of Hope campaign, focusing on assistance needed at local food pantries.

By KATHLEEN ZIGMONT
CORRESPONDENT

More families on the South Shore are going hungry this holiday season as the cost of living and poverty levels skyrocket, according to area social service agencies.

Project Bread released a survey earlier this month stating that hunger has more than doubled in low-income communities in Massachusetts and that about seven percent of all households in the state are unable to afford adequate food to meet nutritional needs.

"The significance of the fact that the rate of hunger has doubled goes beyond the apparent," said Ellen Parker, executive director of Project Bread. "It's just a sin, it's terrible to have people in such a wealthy state who don't have enough to eat."

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According to the Project Bread survey, the prevalence of hunger in low-income areas of 216 communities in the state increased from 7.8 percent in 2002 to 18.3 percent in 2005.

Bettyanne Langof of the Interfaith Social Services Pantry Shelf, which helps dis-

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Best book: "Polar Express."

Best movie: "Miracle on 34th Street" (It wasn't really a miracle you know).

Best TV Show: "All My Elves."

Most embarrassing moment: I forgot to wear my big black belt and suspenders! Santa's cheeks got very red!

Most memorable moment: When the United States Post Office declared that I really do exist!

Pet peeve: Sooty chimneys.

Goal: One gift for every child on earth...Peace.

Person you would like to meet: The last "soldier" coming home.

Biggest worry: "Akuna Matada."

Best part of Cohasset: All the children and their Moms and Dads.

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Santa Claus took a moment during last Friday's Jingle Bell Walk at the South Shore Community Center to answer a few questions for the Mariner.

Toys for Tots drive under way

Cohasset police are joining with the Marines Corps in the annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign through Dec. 24.

New toys and games can be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquar-ters, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. Toys and games should not be wrapped.

For more information, call 781-383-1055.

Town Meeting and election dates set

The Board of Selectmen set the date for the Annual Town Meeting and Town Election at its Nov. 20 meeting. Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 31 and the Town Election will be held April 7. The Warrant will close for citizens' petitions Jan. 12. For more information, please contact Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

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POLICE BEAT

Family captures alleged car thief, waits for police

By Mary Ford
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A 21-year-old Brockton man picked the wrong Cohasset house. Police say Karim Terry Baroudi of 144 Crescent St., Brockton was caught red-handed trying to steal a 1997 Dodge Neon from a home on Jerusalem Road in the wee hours of Thanksgiving.

The family at the home was watching TV at just past 12 a.m., Nov. 23 (Thursday) when they saw a car belonging to one of the sons coming toward the patio and almost hitting the house, Chief James Hussey said. So family members ran outside and tried to open the door to the car, which had struck a tree. Baroudi allegedly was yelling, punching and kicking. A scuffle ensued. When police arrived family members had him pinned to the ground, Hussey said.

"They did not want to see him get away and therefore they captured him," he said.

Hussey said normally police do not suggest people take this type of action because the perpetrator could be armed.

Police charged Baroudi with larceny of a motor vehicle and assault and battery.

Altercation

At about 10:30 p.m., Wednesday (Nov. 22) on Elm Street near its intersection with Margin Street a large group of males, some of whom appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, had gathered and were being loud and boisterous, police said.

When an officer pulled up, one of the individuals said something to the effect of "get out of here!" and warned the officer not to bother them. The officer could smell alcohol on his breath and called for back-up.

The subject refused to be taken into protective custody and started fighting with the officer, Chief James Hussey said.

Police charged a 22-year-old Scituate man with disorderly conduct.

Arson possible

Police Chief James Hussey said Cohasset detectives are assisting the state Fire Marshal's office in its investigation of a suspicious fire that occurred Nov. 19 off Meadow Lane. The blaze that was reported at about 11 p.m. engulfed a large excavation vehicle.

"The State Fire Marshal's office has not reached a conclusion and the investigation is ongoing," Hussey said, explaining the investigation involves looking into the incident as a potential crime and not an accident.

There were no workers in the vicinity at the time of the fire. The excavator was at the site due to land clearing that was being conducted there.

Slew of MVAs

The police log was peppered with motor vehicle accidents over the past 10 days – all of which were minor.

• At 2:10 p.m., Monday (Nov. 20), police said the operator of 1998 Volvo did not leave enough distance between him and the car ahead and rear-ended a 2003 Honda. The cars were traveling on Norfolk Road toward Spring Street. There was minor damage but both vehicles were driven away. Chief Hussey said the driver of the Volvo was cited for following too closely.

• At 3:19 p.m., Tuesday (Nov. 21) on 3A near its intersection with Beechwood Street, a 2002 Jeep and a 1995 Buick were both traveling northbound and had passed through the light where the road narrows from four lanes to two. Chief Hussey said the vehicles did not merge or yield as the lanes reduced and ended up coming in contact, scraping door-to-door. There was minor damage to both vehicles. Hussey said the investigating officer could not determine which operator was at fault, so no citations were issued.

"They did not want to see him get away and therefore they captured him."
— Police Chief James Hussey

• At 1:25 a.m., Thursday (Nov. 23), an officer responded to a call about a motor vehicle accident with property damage on Bancroft Road. When the officer arrived a man was standing outside a 1995 Volvo that had the keys on the roof. He claimed not to be the operator and refused to answer further questions, police said. He stated the vehicle belonged to his girlfriend but further investigation revealed it belonged to his sister. It appears from the skid marks that the Volvo was traveling too fast for the area when it struck a 1995 Saab that was parked. The Saab was moved by the impact, and the Volvo veered off the road onto a lawn, causing damage. The owner of the Saab was contacted. Both vehicles had to be towed. Chief Hussey said no citations have been issued yet but the incident is still under investigation.

• At 5:12 p.m., Friday (Nov. 24), dispatch received a call about a hit-and-run accident outside Good Fellas Pizza. As it turned out, the operator who drove off had returned to the scene by the time police arrived. Both parties exchanged papers. Hussey said it was not clear why the driver of the red 2006 Nissan Pathfinder that hit the parked, gray 2004 Chevy Trailblazer, initially drove off. "Maybe the operator had second thoughts," he said.

• Police said a 2005 Hyundai blew a tire along Jerusalem Road at about 2:49 p.m. on Sunday, (Nov. 26); the incident caused the operator to lose control of the car that hit some ledge along the side of the road damaging the right, front rim and front passenger door. There was also potential damage to the underside of the car. No citations were issued. The Hyundai had to be towed from the scene.

Wild teen

Reports of a teenage male running around waving his arms as if he needed help along Pleasant Street did not result in any findings, police said. Chief Hussey said an officer spoke with the caller and got a description, which included that the teen was wearing jeans and a black fleece jacket and possibly had a beard – but no person could be found.

Flashers on

Police arrested a Randolph man for unlicensed operation following a traffic stop on Route 3A (near the former site of Mary Lou's News). Chief Hussey said the man was driving with the emergency flashers flashing which is a violation. He explained that flashers are used when a vehicle is in trouble, i.e.,, has a flat tire. "It is unlawful to drive with the lights flashing," he said. Further investigation revealed that the operator had a Brazilian license. Hussey said once someone takes up residency in Massachusetts, they must obtain a Massachusetts license. The man was also cited for operating with the emergency flashers one.

Illegal dumping

An incident of illegal dumping where a Scituate resident disposed of some trash in a dumpster in Cohasset has been resolved, Chief Hussey said.

The victim contacted Cohasset police and had determined the identity of the person who disposed of the trash by finding his name in the rubbish. Cohasset police contacted Scituate police who contacted the perpetrator who was willing to remove his trash.

Hussey said illegal dumping can be a criminal offense under the section of state law that governs unlawful disposal of trash.

Deer still 'in season"

Amorous deer could still be crossing Cohasset roadways. Police urge residents not to exceed the speed limit because they will have a much better chance of stopping if a deer should dart into the road.

Last week a motorist struck a deer on Hillside Drive. Chief Hussey also noted that deer are looking for food now that winter is almost here.

Suspended license

Police stopped a motor vehicle last week near Leo's Exxon. The operator, a Scituate resident, was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

Police said the vehicle he was driving had no inspection sticker and that prompted the traffic stop.

Speeding

Police issued several speeding tickets last week on Sohier Street by the railroad tracks. Chief Hussey said police routinely conduct speed traps in the area, which is near two elementary schools, a children's museum and the library.

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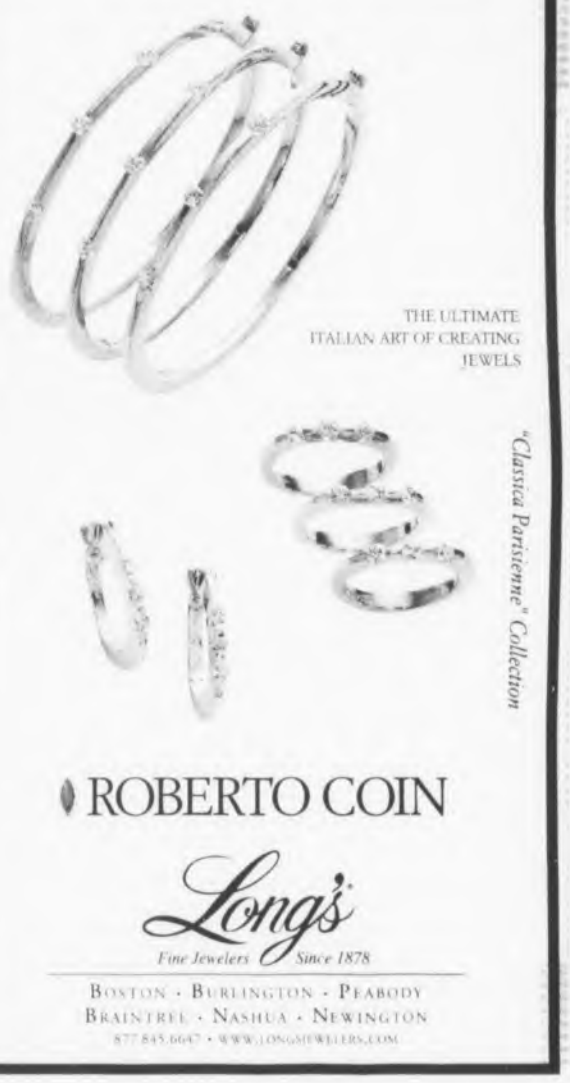

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Hunger pains

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tribute food to the needy in 10 South Shore towns, said she has seen a huge spike in need this year.

The number of turkey dinners given at Thanksgiving went from about 160 last year to about 240 this year, according to Lang.

"We've seen a lot more families in need than we have in the past. We've seen more middle-income families who need help," she said.

Lang said many area families are struggling with utility bills.

"It's the bills that are putting them over the edge. The utility bills have gone way up and their wages haven't," she said.

"These are people who are working hard to support their children and just make ends meet. They have no cushion for rising utility costs," said Lang.

The Pantry Shelf provides free food for individuals and families in need and serves over 4,000 South Shore households and over 10,000 people a year from the towns of Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth.

The Pantry Shelf tries to provide three to five days worth of food to their customers one time a month.

Lang said the holidays are particularly difficult for families in financial crisis.

"They want to be able to give their kids everything they want and have a turkey on the table for the holiday meal, but they can't do it all," she said.

Lang said the Pantry Shelf is in need of everyday staples, such as cereals, canned vegetables and fruits, pasta and canned meats. Special holiday items and gift certificates to area groceries are also very welcome.

Most of the food at The Pantry Shelf is provided through the donations of various faith communities, businesses, schools, civic and fraternal organizations and The Pantry Shelf is staffed by volunteers.

GIFTS of HOPE

Anyone wishing to get involved can initiate or sponsor a food drive, volunteer on a regular basis for food drives, start a "bring a can" basket in your home, group meeting or place of work.

The Pantry Shelf of Interfaith Social Services is located at 105 Adams Street, Quincy and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and on Saturdays by appointment.

To donate to the Gifts of Hope, simply make your check payable to one of the food pantries listed and forward it to Anne Rodwell, CNC/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. All donations will be published in the paper, unless the donor requests otherwise.

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School budget calendar for fiscal 2008

Town Meeting is over, which means the town has a green light to pursue budget planning for fiscal 2008. The school department has a calendar of dates for meetings it will hold to discuss the budget, which it plans to send to all pertinent town boards and parties as well as members of the PSO.

- **Nov. 27:** Superintendent reviewed preliminary budget
- **Dec. 4-15:** Central office staff prepares fiscal 2008 budget materials.
- **Dec. 20:** Superintendent presents proposed fiscal 2008 operating budget to School Committee (overview, enrollment projections, accomplishments, needs).
- **Jan. 3:** School Committee budget sub-committee meeting (Osgood School, Janet Sheehan; Deer Hill School, Keith Gauley; Student Services, Linda Gill; Technology, Ken Cisneros).
- **TBD:** Budget summit with the town.
- **Jan. 10:** School Committee budget sub-committee meeting (Cohasset Middle High School, Joel Antolini; Athletics, Ron Ford; Curriculum and Professional Development, Nancy Mrzyglod).
- **Jan. 17:** School Committee budget meeting.
- **TBD:** School Committee presents budget to joint meeting of Selectmen and Advisory Committee.
- **Feb. 28:** School Committee public hearing on budget/ School Committee votes final adoption of budget and certifies budget figure.
- **March 5-16:** Central office staff prepares Town Meeting budget materials.
- **March 16:** Budget document ready for distribution.
- **TBD:** Annual Town Meeting.

The school department's budget calendar can also be found on the district Web site at www.cohassetk12.org. School Committee meetings are held in the Community Meeting Room at the high school, near the superintendent's office.

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Town's buildout potential eyed as committee looks at 'big' picture

By Samantha Brown
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"Because of our location, we're not going to be putting in a factory."
— Rick Swanborg

The Long Term Budget Committee is tackling the town piece by piece. Charged with developing a spreadsheet-based model of the town's financial operations, at its Nov. 28 meeting, buildout of the town's empty parcels and its financial implications was on the docket.

Rick Swanborg, who worked on the town's Master Plan and is a member of the committee, presented information from the Master Plan to Chairman Jack Keniley. He explained taxes provide the major source of revenue for the town, and while some say increasing commercial development will greatly help the town, only 3 percent of the total land in Cohasset is commercial and in his opinion, tax revenue that could be generated through developing those areas will not make a major impact.

"Because of our location, we're not going to be putting in a factory" or a shopping plaza like the Derby Street Shoppes, he said, which would generate a good amount of tax dollars. "The biggest we could go would be like Hingham Lumber," he said.

To that end, Swanborg said the town will need to rely on residential taxes and there are only so many areas in town that can accommodate new homes. Based purely on what is currently zoned residential and is considered "buildable" there could be as many as 1,300 homes built. However, he said that figure may not be exact as building a home requires adequate wastewater disposal and many of those lots are neither serviced by the sewer nor could provide a septic system should perc tests ever be conducted. "There's not a lot of percable land," he said. Swanborg estimated based on wastewater disposal issues, the town would more likely see around 300 homes built, but technology is always getting better and additional solutions for disposal could be found in the future.

On the other end of the spectrum is the Avalon development, which plans to build 200 apartment units on Route 3A. However, local boards have stonewalled the project and developers are currently suing the town. Swanborg said developers could at any time decide to skirt local zoning laws by building a state-controlled 40B project, which allows greater density. "There is nothing to prevent developers from doing high-density," he said.

While at this point it is only speculation, Swanborg said if more units were added to the development it would be assumed more residences would increase tax revenue to the town, but in his opinion, it would actually be a wash. He said the project would bring more children to the town and the cost of educating them would negate any tax revenue that would be added to the town's coffers. He also noted rental units bring in less tax revenue than houses.

Keniley asked if Swanborg could give an estimate as to how long it will take before the town reaches full buildout. Swanborg said with the market the way it is, currently there are very few homes being built, and even if 30 homes were built per year over the next 10 years that would only be 300 homes when the potential exists for 1,300. He said there are also very few areas in town where cluster zoning can be done, so the time may soon pass when housing developments like Cedarmere could be built.

Taking into account the town will likely always have a limited tax base, Swanborg said it will have to come up with other ways to save money. He said the Master Plan committee looked at regionalization of the police and fire departments, but based on the area it has to cover, partnering with another community will greatly add to response time and it would not be worth it. He said the idea of regionalizing the high school has also been floated, as currently the school is graduating senior classes of roughly 80 to 90 students.

The Long Term Budget Committee is charged with developing a spreadsheet-based model of the town's financial operations. The model will include income statement, balance sheet and cash flow modules. The income statement will include the town's payroll list and the different components of fringe benefits, all suitably classified by department, job level, etc., so the Town Manager can test potential wage, salary and benefit scenarios. It shall also include line items of revenue and expense corresponding to the Town Manager's annual budget breakdown, at the level of detail needed to test different scenarios such as the effect of a rise in fuel prices. The goal is to have the model tested and ready for use by Sept. 1, 2007, so it may be applied for the 2009 budget and upcoming union negotiations.

The Long Term Budget Committee meets weekly at Town Hall. For more information on meeting dates, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (781) 383-4100.

Triathlon efforts gain momentum

By Samantha Brown
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100 percent of the event's net proceeds will go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Race day is still roughly seven months away, but the anticipation for the Cohasset Triathlon at Sandy Beach is already building. The date has been set for Saturday, July 8 and athletes have begun signing up for the event.

Race Director Bill Burnett of Linden Drive is coordinating the event, and said the Web site is now up and running at www.cohassettri.com. The event, which will features a swim, bike and run through portions of Cohasset and North Scituate will help raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and those who would like to participate may register online. Each participant will receive a baseball hat made by the same company that makes the Red Sox hats, with a "Cohasset Tri" logo.

"The support I have received from the town has been incredible," said Burnett, who unveiled the idea before the Board of Selectmen in September. Already, he said he has an amazing team of people helping him coordinate the event, including Swim Coordinator Deb Thomas, Bike Coordinator Scott Bates, Run Coordinator Joe Carrabes, Finish Line Coordinator Bill Good and Registration Coordinator Bill Burnett Sr.

However, Burnett said there are many more opportunities to lend a hand as he is building a team of dedicated people who will support the athletes and assist in ensuring the "Cohasset Tri" is a first class event. Volunteers are needed for support at registration, in the transition area, on the course, and at the finish line.

There will be entertainment during the event, as 93.7 Mike FM will bring in a music van and speakers to help provide a fun and festive atmosphere. Burnett said Cohasset resident Donald St. Sauvier works for the radio station and helped make the arrangements.

The course begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim at Sandy Beach. The race is specifically being held in July when the water temperature will average between 62 and 65 degrees. A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course winds through Cohasset and North Scituate and will begin at Sandy Beach, then head down Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road. Riders will continue down Jerusalem Road to Route 228 and turn left (south). The course heads east down Main Street toward the Common and heads straight into North Scituate. In North Scituate, the course makes a left on Gannett Road and then a left onto Border Street. The final leg will take riders back onto Atlantic Avenue and finally to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

Once back at the beach, athletes will begin the 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with a photo finish just a short distance from the transition area.

Burnett said while the event will be a fun time for everyone involved, it is very important to remember why it is being held. He said 100 percent of the event's net proceeds will go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which will hopefully help bring it one step closer to its goal — finding a cure. Type 1 diabetes strikes children suddenly and makes them insulin dependent for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

Children with Type 1 diabetes no longer produce insulin, but without it, they cannot survive, which means they must take it either through several shots each day or through an insulin pump which is worn 24 hours a day. Blood sugar must also be monitored throughout the day by pricking the finger. The short-term effects of severe low blood sugar can be dangerous, and the long-term complications from high blood sugar can include heart disease, kidney failure, blindness and amputations.

For more information on the event, please visit its Web site at www.cohassettri.com. For more information on volunteering or to find out how you can help, please send an email to Bill Burnett at billburnett@cohassettri.com. For more information on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, please visit www.jdrf.org.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Hello Cohasset and Season's Greetings to all! Many holiday fairs and events are happening this month and if you would like to have them mentioned, make sure to send me your information no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. Try to make some time for the seniors in our town or those who are less fortunate in some way, and make sure that yards and homes are ready for the winter that we might have. Not sure about the weather but if it gets cold and snowy, it is a great thing to be "ahead of the storm" so to speak.

NU SAILOR

Ryan White, a senior sailing instructor at the Cohasset Sailing Club, has been elected co-captain of the Northeastern University Sailing Squad. Ryan and the team had a very successful season competing against several other sailing programs such as Tufts, Harvard, MIT, the University of Vermont and Brown. Ryan is still in his freshman year and is majoring in engineering. He looks forward to returning in Summer 2007 to the Cohasset program. Many in Cohasset cannot wait either.

NEW STUDIO

A wonderful studio has opened in North Scituate and is owned by a Cohasset resident, **Margie Koenig**. The Sandbar, Artisan Co-Op & Boutique, across from Mary Lou's in North Scituate Center is holding and Open House on Friday and Saturdays, Dec. 1,2,8 and 9 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.. Free coffee for all in the am and wine time after 3 p.m. along with jewelry, woodwork and art, custom towels and linens, children's books, driftwood art and hats/belts will be available along with many other ideas and holiday gifts. Make sure to stop in and say hello and also purchase some of those last minute gifts for the holidays.

ANIMALS BLESSED

The Blessing of the Animals, an annual tradition at First Parish Unitarian Universalist is Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Meetinghouse. Be it a four-legged friend, a feathered friend, or even those in aquariums. Dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, lizards, snakes — all are welcome. Yes, two years ago a pony looked through the window for his blessing. The event is open to the community. The service will feature animal-friendly music, readings, prayers, and a short homily by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Everyone will be invited to come to the chancel for individual blessings of your companion animals (live, stuffed, or a photo!). Please bring your pets into the Meeting House on a leash or in a carrier. To prevent "accidents," please make sure that your pets are house-trained and under your control at all times. For more information, phone **Rev. Carlsson-Bull** at 781-383-1100.

GREENERY DISPLAYS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will participate in the third annual Greening of the Models and Holiday Market Festival at The Pinehills, Plymouth, on Dec. 2 & 3. Members have been very busy making holiday decorations and greenery displays in preparation for the event. Decorations and gifts by local garden clubs and craftspeople will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days in the Winslowe's View Meetinghouse at Pinehills. In addition to the Festival, eight model townhomes will be decorated for the season and on display. To get to Pinehills, take Route 3 to Exit 3 in Plymouth. At the end of the ramp, follow the sign to Pinehills. Please come and get in the holiday spirit! For additional information go to www.greencos.com or call 508-209-5000 for directions.

COHASSET ENTERTAINS

For this holiday season, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset has reprinted a limited number of the original "Cohasset Entertains" cookbook. This book is a collection of tried and true recipes from the cooks among us and each one is a keeper. The book also contains sample menus and arrangement ideas for your holiday table. Just a few of the delicious holiday recipes included are crab delight, Christmas mapley appetizers, onions celeste, winter squash casserole, pumpkin chiffon pie, and praline ice cream pie with rum sauce. There is also an entire chapter on gifts we bake including cookies, candies and coffee cakes. This would make a great gift for your favorite cook.. Each cookbook costs $15 and is available at Flemings and The Windsor Tea House in Cohasset. All purchases help fund club programs, services and a scholarship fund.

AP SCHOLAR

Congratulations to Cohasset's **Zachary Etkind** who was recognized as a 2005 AP Scholar 2006 AP Scholar with Distinction. Zachary now attends Tufts University and is doing well. Super work Zachary.

YOUTH LAX

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the gymnasium at Cohasset High School. Families who sign up on the first day of registration have an opportunity to save money, paying the registration price from 2006 of $150 for one player and $275 for two and $375 for three children. Registrants after the first sign-up day and sign-ups will remain open by mail through a second in-person sign-up day on Jan. 6 will pay the new, higher, 2007 prices. Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls at the 15 & Under level (7th and 8th graders) and 13 & Under level (5th and 6th grades) and 11 & Under level (grades 3-4). No previous lacrosse experience is necessary.

The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during its registration period, but roster spots will be limited; if the program has reached or surpassed its ideal roster size when registration closes on Jan. 6, it is possible that some late registrants will be turned away. Following the initial sign-up day, families interested in participating in the program can register by mail, at the 2007 price of $160 for one player, $300 for two, and $400 for three. That price will hold through the Jan. 6 sign-up day also held at Cohasset High School from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. At that point, if the program has reached its ideal roster sizes, registration will be closed. A waiting list will be established and any available spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and charged a late registration fee of $25. Parents who can not attend the Dec. 2 can wait until Jan. 6 to register in person, or can contact **Chuck Jaffe** by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered. The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

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VILLAGE FAIR

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ASP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers from Cohasset Appalachia Service Project Group (ASP) are busy preparing for their part in the Village Fair on the Common, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This group of 208 teenage and adult volunteers is hoping to raise money to support their 19th annual work camp trip to Appalachia. Leaving the end of June, the group plans to work on 28 homes on their week-long home repair ministry, pledged to making the homes of impoverished families in the area "drier, warmer and safer." ASP volunteers will be selling hand-made crafts from Appalachia at First Parish Hall on North Main Street.

ASP also hosts Santa's visit on Cohasset Common. Children of all ages are encouraged to stop by for a candy cane and to share their wish list with Santa. There is a nominal charge for photos with Santa to benefit ASP. ASP also organizes the popular Children's Secret Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church where young children can select and wrap a special gift "in secret" for their family members. Also in the Unitarian Church, handmade gifts from Appalachia will be available for purchase and are wonderful.

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

Stop by the Beechwood Church's annual Snowflake Fair on Saturday, December 9, to shop for the holidays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Children will enjoy the game table and interesting White Elephant items. For crafty types, check out our homemade items as well as baked goods. Luncheon will be served at 11:30. The church is located on Church St. in Cohasset.

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That is it for now. Make sure to get me all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm;

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Adult flu clinic

An adult flu clinic, sponsored by Cohasset Board of Health, will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Town Hall.

This flu clinic is open to all adult citizens of Cohasset. Participants are reminded to wear short-sleeve shirts. Seniors must bring Medicare part B and/or senior health insurance cards.

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Cohasset Village shop is full of coastal charm

Celebrates the one-year mark

By Samantha Brown
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A lifejacket, a canvas tote bag, and a scallop shell doorknocker. These items have one thing in common aside from their relation to the ocean. They can all be found in downtown Cohasset at Parrot Bay Unlimited, among myriad other nautical gifts and treasures.

Coming up on its one-year anniversary, this Village shop, owned by Donna Linskey and her husband Stephen may have been operating just under the radar screen. During its grand opening, the Village was under major construction with the Downtown Revitalization Project and Greenbush line construction in full swing. Now that the dust has settled, residents should have no trouble finding the shop, located conveniently across the street from the post office.

While these days Donna Linskey spends her workweek tending the shop, the couple's summer days off have always included spending time on their 30-foot Black Watch "Love and Luck," named after the Jimmy Buffett song of the same name. It was their love for boating that inspired them to open Parrot Bay Unlimited, and fulfill a need they felt existed on the South Shore.

"People on the South Shore love all things marine," she said, adding her shop not only has items for boats and boaters, but nautical themed gifts for anyone. "Newport, Marblehead, the islands, they all have shops like this, and geographically, we're the same."

Linskey said she likes to call her shop a "coastal lifestyle" store.

"People on the South Shore love all things marine."
Donna Linskey. Parrot Bay Unlimited

While some items are geared toward boaters, she said many products are versatile and can be used for a variety of outdoor activities or for the home. Parrot Bay Unlimited has a line of Henri Lloyd life jackets for everyone in the family. In addition, Henri Lloyd makes outerwear for boaters which Linskey said can easily double for runners, walkers and hikers who want to stay warm and dry in the face of New England's weather. "It's nice outerwear for whatever activity you're doing," she said, adding she sold many spray jackets to residents during last year's "Mother's Day" rainstorm.

Linskey also sells American and novelty flags, which are appropriate any time of year. "You don't need to be a boat owner to hang a flag," she said. The shop also carries dry storage bags that can be used for putting items away in the attic, basement or garage. There are also small boat grilles with a detachable stand that can be used for tailgating or a small barbecue on the beach. "The products are only as limited as you want them to be," she said.

Maps are useful for anyone traveling by land or sea and Parrot Bay sells not only the handheld fold-up versions, but electronic GPS systems for boats, cars and motorcycles as well.

PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Donna Linskey, owner of Parrot Bay Unlimited in Cohasset, offers a wide range of merchandise for coastal living, including everything from life jackets to navigation systems to nautical themed doorknockers.

Patrons also have the option to purchase Sea Tow, which is basically AAA for boaters.

Many items in the shop can be used to decorate a home. Linskey contracts with a vendor in California who makes handmade door knockers. The examples in her shop are made of brass, but she said per request, knockers can be made in different metals, such as nickel, and also in other shapes. Parrot Bay features scallop shells, pineapples, flip flops, crabs and other nautical themed door knockers, but Linskey said recently, her vendor worked with a local resident to create a lobster door knocker that fit the dimensions of her door perfectly.

While lifesavers are a good thing to have on a boat, they are also great for decorating. Linskey said she recently sold one to be hung on a local fence to add to the nautical feel of the backyard. In addition, the store carries canvas tote bags made out of actual boat sails, which are very practical. "They are waterproof and they have a lifetime guarantee," she said, and are easy to take care of as they can be thrown in the washing machine. She said they are perfect for toting items to the beach and can easily handle many towels and toys.

But beyond the items she offers, Linskey said she has a special product she offers to everyone and that is good customer service. "We offer customer-based service, we follow up with people, and I think they appreciate that," she said. Linskey said being a small store, she can work with clients to place special orders, and if she doesn't have a product, she is happy to help find it.

In addition, just like Parrot Bay on St. John in the Virgin Islands, Linskey said she tries her best to create the kind of shop that can transport customers to a place that is a laid-back temporary boaters' haven during those cold winter months in New England. "We try to make the store a fun destination and we hope people feel good when they come in."

For more information on Parrot Bay Unlimited, located at 103 Ripley Road, please visit www.parrotbayunlimited.com. Store hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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History just in time for the holidays

New Cohasset book published

By Samantha Brown
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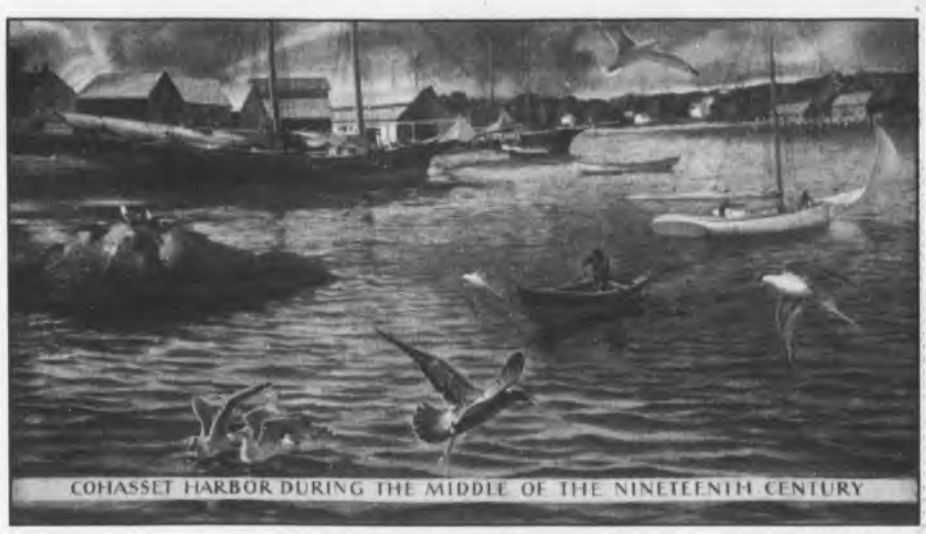
Looking for the perfect gift for the holidays? The Committee on Town History may have the solution with its latest literary release, "Savor of Salt."

"Savor of Salt" is a collection of 56 articles written about the town dating far back into its history. It is the companion volume to "Treasury of Cohasset History," published in February 2005. While the book is currently at the printer, it should be available for purchase at the Cohasset Holiday Village Fair, Dec. 2.



COHASSET HARBOR DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

COURTESY PHOTO

This is a close up of the photograph from the cover of "Savor of Salt," a collection of 56 articles written about the town dating far back into its history.

The name of the book derives from the title of one of several articles by Lucy Treat.

With more than 250 pages, the book promises to entertain with its tales of Cohasset's quirky past including articles explaining: that an Indian village once stood on the site of the town's police and fire stations; that the Patriot who hung the warning lanterns for Paul Revere hid from the British in Cohasset; that the son of the richest man in New England moved to Cohasset in 1786; and that Henry David Thoreau was in love with the girl who married Cohasset's Reverend Joseph Osgood.

The articles featured both in "Savor of Salt" and "Treasury of Cohasset History" were found by Jackie Dormitzer, author of "A Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III," while compiling research for her first book. The town's third volume of history covers the time period from 1950 to 2000. Due to the fact that some of the information Dormitzer uncovered either pre-dated the time period she was covering in the book or didn't quite fit the subject matter within the chapters, she reserved many interesting and somewhat quirky town facts and stories for later compilations.

Dormitzer had no trouble filling one book with the information she had, and in February 2005 "A Treasury of Cohasset History," was published. "Savor of Salt" will include even more of Cohasset's little known historical facts.

While the books are similar, their intentions are different. "Treasury" serves as a concise history of the town, where the articles are divided into historical periods, each introduced by a historical narrative. In contrast, the articles in "Savor of Salt" are more loosely organized, in roughly chronological order, and are meant to stand alone, similar to a magazine. The title of the book derives from the title of one of several articles by Lucy Treat. With much of Cohasset's history linked to the sea, Dormitzer says in her forward, "the choice seemed appropriate."

A brief introduction precedes each article and gives information about the author or the topic. Two or three articles may cover the same topic, such as Minot Light, Little Harbor, or the Common, but each provides additional detail or new information. Photographs accompany nearly all the articles.

Committee member Hal Coughlin, who designed the cover for both the third volume of the town's history and "A Treasury of Cohasset History," has once again put his design skills to work for the cover of "Savor of Salt." Altogether, the Committee on Town History has published four histories under the imprint of the Town of Cohasset, which includes the reprinting of the two previous out-of-print histories, "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume I," by E. Victor Bigelow, and "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume II," by Burt Pratt.

In addition to the publication of histories, the committee was responsible for Nancy Garrison's illustrated timeline of Cohasset history — produced for the Cohasset school curriculum — an enlarged map of Cohasset, and the distribution of a rare keepsake wood engraving of Minot Light by Rudolph Ruzicka.

"Savor of Salt" can be purchased for $28 at the Village Fair and will be available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's Office as well as at Buttonwood Books and at the Historical Society's headquarters in the Pratt Building. Checks can be made out to the Town of Cohasset.

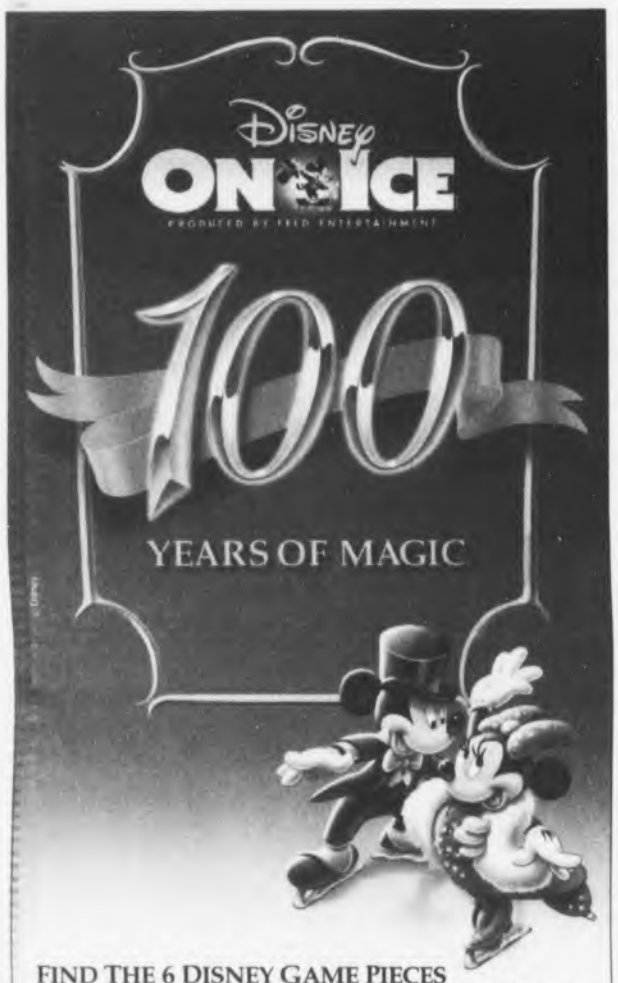
'Life of a Sailor Boy.'

Excerpt from "Life of a Sailor Boy: Earliest Memories" by Captain Frencis Pratt, one of the articles included in the town's latest history book, "Savor of Salt."

"We were poor and the house was in a very dilapidated state. Panes of glass, many of them broken, and old hats, shawls, and sometimes seaweed took their place. I recollect at times there would be a foot of snow on the bed in which three of us were sleeping. My mother worked hard to keep us from freezing and starving. Spun and wove the cloth that covered us.

I shall never forget what pride she took in painting the dairy and other parts of the house. The paint consisted of red ochre and skimmed milk with a rag for a brush.

We lived upon hasty puddings, milk porridge, sweetened water with brown bread crumbed in. I remember one time of falling backwards into a kettle of milk porridge. It was not lost, they said. I recovered and did nicely."



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Irene Vafides, Linda Indek and Linda Campbell are just a few of the many volunteers making handmade gifts, decorations and more for the Second Congregational Church's Holiday Boutique at Cohasset's annual Village Fair on the Common this Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Village Fair reflects season of giving

This is the last of a three part series featuring the three churches sponsoring Cohasset's annual Village Fair on the Common tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The time we spend working for and supporting the Village Fair is yet another 'good work' that we can do to further the advance of the 'Peaceable Kingdom'."

— Rev. Gary Ritts, Minister, Second Congregational Church

While Cohasset Common may appear as serene as ever, hundreds of volunteers from three local churches and the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project Group (ASP) are busy preparing for tomorrow's annual Village Fair on the Common.

Tomorrow (Saturday), Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the churches surrounding the Common will transform their parish halls into a holiday marketplace full of fabulous foods and holiday gifts and decorations. Best of all, 100 percent of the proceeds raised will support the good works of the Second Congregational Church, the First Parish Unitarian Church and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, as well as the non-profit ASP and METCO Programs.

"The Village Fair has been a Cohasset tradition for well over 60 years, and it truly reflects what's best about this season of giving," said Gary Ritts, minister of Cohasset's Second

Congregational Church. "The funds raised inside our parish hall support the various ministries of our church from buying curriculum for our popular church school program to sending contributions to local charities and relief organizations throughout the world."

The Second Congregational Church supports many local and regional charities including South Shore Habitat for Humanity, The Mary Martha Learning Center, Father Bill's Place and Wellspring, as well as relief efforts and children's funds throughout the world.

The church is also an active supporter of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester, an organization committed to violence prevention and peacemaking throughout greater Boston. In addition to teaching children non-violent strategies to resolve disagreements, the organization also assists families of homicide victims and helps them find appropriate resources in the areas of mental health and

criminal justice.

The Village Fair brings together volunteers of all ages at the Second Congregational Church, who contribute the handmade gifts and bake goods for their Holiday Boutique. The church will also again host their popular chowder bar and bake table where fair-goers can sit and enjoy a cup of hot cider or cocoa along with clam chowder and a holiday treat.

"So many people contribute the success of this fair," added Rev. Ritts. "The time we spend working for and supporting this event becomes yet another 'good work' that we can do to further the advance of the 'Peaceable Kingdom."

The Second Congregational Church will also be hosting volunteers from Cohasset's METCO Program who will be selling fresh balsam wreaths and holiday greens from Maine. Proceeds from these sales will support this non-profit program developed to expand educational opportunities for all students.

Wassail Party Sunday at the historical society

The Cohasset Historical Society will usher in the Holiday Season with its annual Wassail Party Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., and invites the community, members and guests to enjoy light refreshments, holiday music with harpist, Rachel Eisenhaure and convivial conversation in the Pratt Building at 106 South Main Street.

During the Wassail Party, the Historical Society's new exhibit of 1930's style clothing and memorabilia will be available for viewing. This exhibit highlights a portion of the Society's extensive clothing collection and is set up in vignettes appropriate to the type of clothing on display. Plan to join the Historical Society for a cordial afternoon respite from the bustle of the season.

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Demolition opens door to 'TOD' near train station

FROM DEMOLITION, PAGE 1

Co., is proceeding with plans to redevelop the site that would include 34,000 square feet of new retail space and a small number of one- and two-bedroom apartments.

"We are moving forward and hope to present something formally shortly after the New Year," Geoffrey Wolf, Chief Investment Officer with Connell, said this week. He explained Connell continues to evaluate exactly what will go in there in terms of retail. He explained due to the size of the development if a restaurant were part of the mix, it would not be a large one.

In a Mariner op-ed piece last spring, Wolf stated the project would be called "Old Colony Square." The Greenbush line is the third leg of the restored Old Colony Railroad. The other two are the Plymouth and Middleboro lines that started train service in 1997.

The company has also been in discussions with the MBTA to coordinate linkages between the station and the new development. Wolf described the negotiations this week as "progressing" with the intent of interconnecting the traffic flow from the MBTA parking lot into the shopping center. In other words there would likely be one curb cut specific to the project and in addition, access to the site through the MBTA parking lot.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said the planning board is expecting the application for a special permit soon. "It is a fairly major filing as filings go," he said.

Moore said the process would be "fairly rigorous" but he did not anticipate many problems. He noted there were no immediate abutters and contrasted the project to the complex Shaw's Plaza development of about 15 years ago that involved a number of residential abutters. He also said he expected the redeveloped site to be a visual improvement over what was there before.

However, while noting it was not the developer's fault, Moore

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The former site of Mary Lou's. Exotic Flowers and Aveni Cleaners has been demolished to make way for Old Colony Square, a transit-oriented district or TOD next to the Cohasset train station on Route 3A.

bemoaned the fact that Greenbush is going to travel through Cohasset and not stop in the village.

"In many ways I'm embarrassed to be a member of this town," Moore said. He pointed out the train is the biggest change to come to Cohasset in memory and it will pass right through the village without stopping. He blamed the then Board of Selectmen in the early 90s for caving into pressure from train critics.

To Moore, the TOD represents a new town center. He said it is not unlike the way North Scituate developed around the Old Colony Railroad many years ago.

Moore found village zoning discussions at last month's special Town Meeting to be ironic.

"At the special Town Meeting, we were debating changes to the downtown business district — when the single biggest change that would decide the course of the village was decided years ago," he said about putting the train station on 3A.

Moore said he worries about an exodus of village retailers to places like the TOD.

"If you were running a business in the village — would you relocate?" he asked.

He also expressed concern about increasing traffic along 3A, which will only intensify with the station and the TOD, he said.

Moore's office is in the Brass Kettle Brook office building across from lower King Street where he says he has a "front-row seat."

"Accidents are a daily event," he said. "For every accident there are five or six near misses."

But Wolf said the magnitude of Old Colony Square would not be sufficient to have any effect on the village. "We would be very surprised to see any drastic change as a result of our project," he said.

Wolf said if all goes as planned, the project would be completed by mid-to-early 2008. "It is later than we planned," he said.

The Economic Development Committee, whose charge is in part to explore strategies to reduce the town's reliance on residential taxes, proposed the TOD article to Town Meeting. Time was of the essence, so the project could be coordinated with construction of the train station, the EDC said.

The EDC estimated when the TOD is fully developed it could bring in an additional $80,000 in annual tax revenue.

TODs are in line with the state "Smart Growth" initiatives that discourage sprawl and include mixed-use developments near public transit.

"The EDC is excited that demolition has not only commenced but is nearly complete," said EDC Chairman . Peter Brown. "We eagerly awaited this evidence to demonstrate that the project was under way throughout the summer.

"But I believe that the residents of Cohasset are realistic and understand that a complicated project like this has a plethora of moving parts that need to be orchestrated, so it takes time to get it sorted out and it makes sense not to rush the process — especially when a government entity [MBTA] is the neighbor and involved in its own development.

"We understand from the developer that the private TOD development is working out details with the MBTA on cross easements and traffic issues," Brown said. "We look forward to a successful project in coordination with the new train station bringing the smart growth development we all envisioned."

At least one tenant was sad to see the old center go. Mary Lou's closed its store at the site May 31.

"We were heartbroken, it was a great little store," said Mary Lou Sandry, owner of the chain. "We've been trying to relocate but have not had any luck finding what we need." She said she is looking for a drive-through.

"It would be great to be near the old location," she said.

According to Town Clerk Marion Douglas, the Attorney General approved the Transit Oriented Overlay District zoning bylaw on July 24.

"MGL c. 40, Section 32 requires submission of all new bylaws and amendments voted by Town Meeting to the attorney general for his approval within 30 days after the final adjournment of Town Meeting," she said. "The attorney general must approve the bylaw amendments within 90 days of the receipt of them, unless he has requested additional material."

Free cash is neither 'free' nor 'cash'

FROM FREE CASH, PAGE 1

cash, or surplus, the town has, and notifies the town. This year, the town's free cash was $1,007,737.

"Incidentally, over the last 20 years, the town has averaged $725,000 a year in free cash, with a low of $254,000 in fiscal 1989 and a high of $1,575,000 in fiscal 2002," Griffin said.

There are three areas that affect the town's level of free cash. The first are the funds left over from line items. "We have almost 100 line items and we never spend it all," said Griffin. The Department of Revenue (DOR) does not allow towns to spend more than they budget, and this year the town turned back $350,000. Out of a budget of roughly $32 million, "That's 1.1 percent," said Griffin.

The town also projects how much revenue it will bring in from things such as local receipts, motor vehicle excise taxes, interest earned on investments, building permits, etc. The DOR does not allow towns to project more revenue than was actually brought in the previous year. "Good financial planning is to be conservative with your projections," Griffin said.

This year, the town was fortunate and received $400,000 more in local receipts than projected, which was mostly due to motor vehicle excise taxes, which are impossible to predict and are given to the town from the state. Interest rates also went up on some investments from 2 percent to 4 and 5 percent. The town also implemented fees at the Recycle Transfer Facility through permit stickers and pay-as-you-throw bags, which came in during May and June, prior to the close of the fiscal year.

The third area that affects the level of free cash is property taxes. Every year, there are always some residents who do not pay their property taxes, but there are also others who pay unpaid bills from previous years. "In a town like this, usually the collection rate is very good," said Griffin, as a high percentage of residents pay their taxes, but there are those that fall behind. This year, some residents paid back taxes from prior years, which left the town with $160,000 more in tax revenue than it had anticipated.

To calculate the town's free cash at the close of fiscal 2006, the $350,000 that was turned back from the operating budget was added to the $400,000 in revenue from receipts and the $160,000 from tax revenue as well as $90,000 in free cash, which was left over from fiscal 2005, for a total of roughly $1 million.

Once a town's figure is certified by the state, every town has the right to decide how to use it. Griffin said when state aid was cut, many communities began using free cash to close that budget gap. "We're trying to wean ourselves of that. We don't want to be dependant on it," he said.

Buckley said the town has been using roughly $325,000 every year in free cash to fill in the gaps in the operating budget. That is a practice, which began years ago and essentially, the town has built using free cash into its budget. Unless those items funded via free cash are taken out of the budget or other funds are found to pay for them, the town will continue the cycle. Griffin said his plan is to decrease the use of free cash in the budget over the next few years by decreasing it by roughly $100,000 per year until it is no longer necessary for the operating budget.

In terms of using free cash for capital items, "It is a very appropriate use," Griffin said, as the amount of free cash the town receives varies from year to year and it makes sense to therefore spend it on one-time expenditures.

In addition to free cash, the town has two other areas of "surplus" funds in the budget: the reserve fund and the stabilization fund.

The reserve fund is a recurring budgetary item. Each year, Town Meeting votes to appropriate a sum of money into the reserve fund, which is under the control of the Advisory Committee. Reserve funds are to be used for unexpected and unforeseen expenses during the course of the fiscal year, without having to call a special town meeting. That means if a department needs funding in the summer for something it did not expect, it can ask for a reserve fund transfer and get the money in June, rather than having to wait until the fall for Special Town Meeting approval. The money in the reserve fund gets closed out at the end of the year and turned over to surplus, and a new reserve fund amount is budgeted the following year.

The stabilization fund is an actual trust fund that has money in it and earns its own interest, rather than just a budgeted item. This means funds in the stabilization fund are available from year to year. Town Meeting authorization is required to transfer money from the stabilization fund for any lawful purpose. Usually funds spent from the reserve fund are for one-time expenses. Other than interest being earned, the only way the stabilization fund increases is if Town Meeting votes to put money into it.

Free cash balances over the past 20 fiscal years

1987	$654,647
1988	$559,622
1989	$254,110
1990	$272,391
1991	$505,420
1992	$495,996
1993	$538,759
1994	$705,331
1995	$750,333
1996	$964,966
1997	$927,279
1998	$948,017
1999	$574,208
2000	$550,727
2001	$829,848
2002	$1,574,628
2003	$1,106,473
2004	$937,302
2005	$346,818
2006	$737,226
2007	$1,007,737

Schools and free cash

While members of the School Committee said at its Nov. 15 meeting the school department was glad it could help contribute to the amount of free cash the town received this year, Director of Finance Michael Buckley said the schools had no effect on the town's surplus funds.

The school construction projects were reimbursed by the state at an earlier date than anticipated. It has been suggested that because the town budgeted for payments on the principle and interest for the projects — the earlier reimbursement freed up that money and it was turned over to free cash.

Buckley said that is not the case. He explained the town passed a debt exclusion to pay for the projects. It took a vote at Town Meeting followed by a vote at the ballot box to authorize the borrowing which would be a tax excluded from the confines of Prop. 2-1/2. That means taxes are raised to pay for the project, and once the project is paid off, the taxes go away.

Buckley said the town is only able to budget for principle and interest payments for one year at a time, and if for some reason the town does not have to spend as much as it anticipated (e.g. early reimbursement) the tax rate is adjusted accordingly, and in this case, was lowered due to the additional funds available. Buckley said money set aside for debt exclusion projects could not be used for any other purpose than to pay for the project.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Food for thought

While many of us will be spending the next four weeks deciding what gifts to purchase for family members and friends as the holidays approach, some of our neighbors will be worrying about how they're going to pay their bills and feed their families.

While our shopping worries could be considered a seasonal dilemma, hunger is a year-round struggle.

There is heightened awareness of the plight of the hungry during this season of giving, as many look to help others less fortunate. But it's really an issue that never goes away and is in fact growing.

Project Bread released a survey earlier this month stating that hunger has more than doubled in low-income communities in Massachusetts and that about 7 percent of all households in the state are unable to afford adequate food to meet nutritional needs.

"The significance of the fact that the rate of hunger has doubled goes beyond the apparent," said Ellen Parker, executive director of Project Bread. "It's just a sin, it's terrible to have people in such a wealthy state who don't have enough to eat."

According to the Project Bread survey, the prevalence of hunger in low-income areas of 216 communities in the state increased from 7.8 percent in 2002 to 18.3 percent in 2005.

While there's a lot being done to address the growing numbers, there's still much to do. The Greater Boston Food Bank works with more than 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies in our area. The organization can tell you first hand how difficult it has been for many people.

In its first year of operation, the food bank provided 100,000 pounds of food — 25 years later that figure has risen to 25 million pounds of food per year. The organization estimates that 1 in 10 Americans uses a food pantry. That's a lot of hungry customers.

Those are just the numbers, staggering as they are. You can see the hard truth if you visit any of the local food pantries or speak with volunteers at the pantries. If the recent Thanksgiving rush at the local food pantries is any indication of what to expect for Christmas and Hanukah, those struggling to make ends meet are in for a long holiday season.

Paul Fournier, director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, said more than 160 turkeys were given out over the Thanksgiving holiday, a noticeable increase over the 130 given out last Thanksgiving. This month alone 135 different families have picked up food at St. Bridget's Church, which the pantry operates out of in Abington.

The Rockland Emergency Food Bank has been just as busy. At the First Congregational Church, co-director Stella Rogers reported that 40 families have been picking up food each week and more than 180 turkeys were given out during the week leading up to Thanksgiving.

Thanks to countless local food drives, including those organized by Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations and the United States Postal Service letter carriers, who coordinate a food drive in May when hunger issues fall way off the radar screen, our local food pantries are able to keep their shelves stocked for most of the year. Yet it becomes more of a challenge this time of year.

Here at Community Newspaper Company we're looking to do our part. This is the second year we've focused on the hunger issue and the local food pantries for our sixth annual Gifts of Hope campaign. Last year our readers responded by donating more than $8,000, which found its way directly into the hands of those operating our local food pantries.

As part of our annual holiday campaign, we will focus attention on the demands of the food pantries, those who benefit and how we can all offer some assistance. We'll provide readers with addresses and information about each food pantry serving our South Shore communities.

As readers will discover over the course of our Gifts of Hope campaign, there are numerous food pantries filling an important void in our towns. Demand is high and supplies are short. Your contribution will help.

To donate to the Gifts of Hope, simply make your check payable to one of the food pantries listed in this week's newspaper and forward it to Anne Rodwell, CNC/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. All donations will be published in the paper, unless the donor requests otherwise.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Assessors Dec. 4, 7:20 p.m.(
Capital budget, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Council of Elder Affairs, Dec. 11, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main Street.
Harbor Health Committee, Dec. 4 (with selectmen at 8 p.m.), Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., at the library.
Planning Board, Dec. 6, 8 p.m., public hearing on 480 Jerusalem Road.
School Committee, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., High School.
School Budget &Finance Subcommittee, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.; Dec. 18, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, Dec. 13, 6 p.m., King St. plant
Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Romney's hateful tactics

TO THE EDITOR:

I am so disgusted to hear the news that Mitt Romney is going against the courageous legislators who voted to derail the discriminatory amendment on gay marriage.

How can Mr. Romney continue to shamelessly use same-sex couples and their families for political gain. As a citizen of Massachusetts, I appreciate the 109 legislators who voted for equality.

My community says it is a "No Place for Hate Community". There are signs around Cohasset. Hate is not the path to the White House and he shouldn't use this hateful tactic to get there.

Mitt Romney, it is time to move on and stop with your hateful agenda!

Regina McCue
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HEALTH NOTES

Mock emergency addressed tabletop forum

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In the past, we've talked about tabletop exercises in preparation for an emergency. Well, last Tuesday, the Cohasset, Scituate and Hull boards of health sponsored a tabletop exercise simulating a food poisoning incident at a local restaurant. Seventy-two health, police, fire and support people from Cohasset, Scituate, Hull, Hingham, Hanover and Norwell gathered at St. Anthony's Parish Hall to participate.

Randori Solutions, a firm recognized by the State's emergency management agencies, to carry out such exercises, put on the exercise. These exercises are funded by state and federal grant funding in order to prepare towns to meet exigencies, which may occur in their communities. The scenarios practiced in these drills resemble actual events that happened in other Massachusetts towns. Towns along the South Shore have long recognized the need to plan for emergencies, but simply developing strategies is not enough. Emergency plans must be exercised regularly and progressively. Some time ago, we reported on an exercise in Cambridge simulating a dirty bomb in a shopping center, but such an exercise is very expensive, generally beyond the ability of many towns to accomplish. Hence tabletop exercises promote emergency preparedness by testing policies and plans, training personnel and developing actual relationships between those responsible for first response in adjacent nearby towns, and trading information on local and other available resources to cope with different types of emergencies.

Tuesday's Tabletop Exercise was designed to simulate a short-term treatable, food-borne Public Health emergency. The main goals of the event were to test existing mutual aid agreements and the sharing of information about resources in and between the six participating communities during a public health crisis. The assembled group was separated into four roughly equally sized discrete groups: participants from Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, and one other group with members from Norwell, Hingham, Hanover, and other region 4B Medical Mutual Aid members. After a recitation of the following hypothetical scenario, the drill consisted of an interactive discussion and consultation of three separate periods covering: Preparation, Response and Recovery.

The scenario posited a fictitious restaurant on Route 3A favored by locals and tourists. It has a raw bar and a relatively transient staff. Cited twice in two years or food code violations of State regulations banning barehand contact with ready-to-eat foods, the manager claimed difficulty in finding reliable help during the summer season(a part of the Scenario). A 23-year-old immigrant new hire has been sick for three days, but has continued to come to work because of fears of being fired. He has been experiencing low-grade fever, nausea, and diarrhea. Finally sent to the hospital by his roommate after collapsing after leaving work one night, he was evaluated and treated for Hepatitis A. While waiting for laboratory confirmation, the hospital initiated contact with local officials in the Town. It was estimated that the restaurant had served 3,500 people during the 10 days the patient worked in the kitchen. The scenario selects a time period beginning Thursday on the 4th of July 2007 weekend as the period of occurrence.

The facilitators posed a number of questions to draw out responses about the activities during every part of the incident. For example: What preparations are in place, and what preparations need to be made before each town responds. Who would respond and how can they be reached. – after hours? Who would replace the first responders, and who should be notified and how? Dozens of questions; many for each of the participants in the exercise, different people with different duties in each of the three parts of the drill. Many participants became personally involved and recalled incidents of their own experience and how they played out. At times, it was quite dramatic. Eventually, the participants all had a pretty good idea what most of the people in the room would do, how they would respond, and what information they needed or were missing.

At the end, everybody's name was on a list with their affiliation, and hopefully, those attending would go back to their respective work places with names of emergency personnel in nearby towns and what their responsibilities and duties are in the event their town encountered a similar medical emergency. But perhaps as important, many of us learned of possible efficiencies in planning and accounting that would save our towns money and create ways to avert the donnybrooks that some accidents and emergencies become.

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Bewicks led fight for 'green' transit

COMMENTARY

MICHAEL WEYMOUTH

The number of hours they spent keeping this pipeline filled would have challenged anyone, let alone two people who had their own businesses to run as well as other aspects of AfTA to focus on.

In the wake of the last lawsuit by Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), I would like to acknowledge the tremendous personal commitment made by John and Martha Bewick in their advocacy for what they believed to be a better, more environmentally friendly transit system for the South Shore. They were the double-barreled guiding force behind AfTA, and theirs was a Sisyphusian task of enormous magnitude from the very beginning. In the end, they lost the battle, but won the admiration of all of us who supported AfTA's goals.

I first met John Bewick when he worked for Cabot Corporation in the early 80s. He was involved with the Distrigas LNG terminals in Everett as well as Staten Island and I helped him create the presentations he made to local groups concerned about the terminals' environmental impacts.

Soon thereafter John, who had an impressive list of credentials, including a degree in Nuclear Physics and a PhD in Managerial Economics, was appointed Secretary of Environmental Affairs by then Governor King. Among John's accomplishments, while Secretary, was the leadership role he played in the creation of the state's first Bottle Bill.

Over the years, John and his family remained friends and we were especially close when his wife died of cancer at an early age.

So it was with no small degree of pleasure that I sat next to Martha Reardon at a Greenbush hearing at the Hingham Town Hall in 1997 and listened to her describe a walk she had recently had with a friend of mine around Castle Island.

In short order, John and Martha were married and it was only a matter of time before John, with his penchant for environmental causes and a deep desire to see government serve the people, coupled with Martha's determination to enhance the commuter boat service, led to the creation of AfTA. Martha had been an Associate Commissioner in the Department of Highways in both the King and Dukakis administrations and brought her own set of credentials to the discussion.

Thus began a long process of evaluating the MBTA's Greenbush data. From John's perspective, as a former Environmental Secretary, the data was slanted toward the train and away from the alternatives and, after several months of mind-bending number crunching, he developed what he believed was a compelling case for alternatives that were far less environmentally invasive, as well as a fraction of the cost of Greenbush.

With the help of Senator Bob Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley, both of whom opposed Greenbush, AfTA started up the political ladder, a journey that would eventually end in the Governor's office.

One early meeting took place at a Plymouth Selectman's meeting where John and Martha explained how Greenbush would restrict the number of trains the MBTA could run on the Plymouth line, which served one of the state's highest growth areas. At the time, Senator Patricia Murray, who represented Plymouth, was Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Another was with Michael Widmer of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Association to make the case that Greenbush was fiscally irresponsible.

Yet another was with members of the Boston City Council where John illustrated how Boston transit projects would benefit if the Greenbush money were more wisely spent with them, thus serving many more riders. In the meantime, Martha attended virtually every type of meeting held by the MBTA in Boston.

In part, because the AfTA presentation made so much sense and because of John's credentials as a former Secretary, Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley were able to get him on the calendars of others higher up the ladder of influence: from the newly appointed Secretary of Transportation and Construction, Daniel Grabauskas, to Speaker of the House, Thomas Finneran.

I was present at most of these meetings and was always impressed with John's forceful presentation of the case for the alternatives as well as his acute understanding of how government works. I recall Speaker Finneran pointing out that most opposition groups come to him with complaints, but no solutions, and how impressed he was that AfTA had a very compelling case that actually offered credible solutions.

Early on, John lobbied the Romney electoral staff to be sure the Governor-to-be was aware of the controversy surrounding Greenbush and that there were alternatives waiting in the wings.

But it's an uphill battle to get a politician to take a stand against a public transit project and even though Romney's staff seemed to have its eye on fiscal responsibility, the Governor's appointment of Doug Foy as his environment/transportation czar made the mountain too steep to climb. Foy, who had previously headed the Conservation Law Foundation, was the architect of the plan to restore the Old Colony line and a strong advocate of Greenbush. When the much-awaited meeting with Governor Romney took place, it was greatly influenced by Foy and, in the end, the Governor deferred to him and Greenbush was given the green light.

The aforementioned are only the highlight meetings. There were many more along the way, and all the while they were taking place, AfTA's law firm was preparing for litigation and was much in need of data that only John and Martha could provide. The number of hours they spent keeping this pipeline filled would have challenged anyone, let alone two people who had their own businesses to run as well as other aspects of AfTA to focus on.

And then there were the meetings to continually work with a dedicated group of residents who were conducting the fund raising to pay for the litigation. Through it all, John and Martha remained upbeat and positive. John's Churchillian quotes to stay the course and Martha's tirades against the politics behind Greenbush kept everyone energized.

In the end, however, after a monumental effort, AfTA's case for alternatives fell on deaf ears.

There are those who would say that all of John and Martha's efforts aside, they were standing in the way of progress, and that AfTA was just a fancy word for a NIMBY organization. As is the case with all great controversies, where the sides are deeply polarized, this divide will never be bridged and, over time, people will move on and will cease to care what was, or what might have been.

But for John and Martha it was not a Quixotic journey. Their attempt to preserve the quality of life many residents will lose as a result of diesel rail running through their neighborhoods can never be equated with charging windmills. As for the archives, John and Martha Bewick's tremendous personal commitment to a cause they deeply believed in is a wonderful example of what it means to be a good citizen.

Michael Weymouth is a resident of Hingham and a founding member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives.

Nosey women!

OLD TIMER

GEORGE CURRY

And there's another thing I can't stand about women — they are always sniffing around. Then they spray that artificial fragrance all over the house — makes me sneeze. The smells don't fool the bees, so why try it on me?

Now, every real man likes to keep a complete wardrobe in the back of his closet of worn out clothes just in case the cellar floods or the septic tank overflows. Women can sniff that out from Chicago.

They say marriage is built on understanding, but I don't understand women and their trained noses.

So I ran it though the wash twice and hung it inside of my marriage/funeral set of clothes, put on the plastic sleeve and filled the closet with mothballs. Do you think that worked? Yup, but only for two days.

"How did you find my favorite and comfortable relaxing clothes?"

"Clorox, and why are you saving that grungy pair of sneakers hiding in the back corner?"

"Just in case I lose this pair."

"I wish you would."

And that's another thing — women have no respect for men's comforts. I found my favorite fedora hidden in a trash bag that happened to tip over. It took years to shape it with the high-pointed front and a smooth taper to the back. "Why don't you ask me?"

"I didn't want to start an argument."

Here she is – destroying my history and trying to be niece about it. "I didn't want to start an argument." That's probably what Al Capone said when he machine-gunned all those guys in the garage — nice of him — real nice.

They say marriage is built on understanding, but I don't understand women and their trained noses. Bloodhounds – that's what they are – blood hounds.

So, men, the next time you see a pretty woman heading down aisle #5 (the one with the food in it) at the Stop & Shop, don't say – "Honey, I forgot the beans" and head for aisle #5 – she will smell that one out too.

And that's another thing that I can't stand about women.

Courage men, assert yourselves – stay the course and hope that the guestroom bed is made.

George Curry lives in Hingham; he often shares his humorous perspective on life with Mariner readers.

Grammar and being a sixth-grader

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Another thing I always enjoyed as a sixth grader was being told to look up a misspelled word in the dictionary.

Does this ever happen to you? You're in London on business, giving a speech about your company's new CAD software to a packed hall of British engineers, when suddenly you realize you've forgotten all your sixth-grade training on the parts of speech. You freeze up, unable to remember what a linking verb is, or whether your planned use of the word "paradigmish" would be considered a predicate nominative or a predicate adjective. You sweat profusely. A nerd coughs. You stumble through the rest of your talk, secretly vowing to brush up on your grammatical terms the minute you have a free moment.

Yeah, that never happens to me either. First of all my job isn't important enough to send me winging around the globe, or busing around the state for that matter. And second, could there be an activity more simultaneously dull and useless than the suffocation, dissection and endless anatomical classification of English sentences? This is a job for only the most masochistic men and women, yet we give it to anyone unlucky enough to turn 12. Why? For the next nine years you kill yourself trying to keep the definition of "future perfect progressive tense" lodged in your brain, and then half a glass of wine is all it takes to permanently wipe it from your mind.

Is it any wonder all the sixth-graders you know are a little nuts? First we wake them up at 6am. Then again at 6:10. Finally at 6:20 we shove them off the mattress and onto the floor, where their younger siblings taunt and step on them. Eventually their fury clears their heads and they stomp downstairs to breakfast. Their braces make it impossible to eat anything solid, so we serve them gruel. With their mouths full of wires, their facial acne, and their natural state of constant mortification, the absolute last place they want to be is in public, so we kick them out the door wearing a 40-pound backpack and an outfit we happen to know went out in the 70's. Fortunately though, after all this pain and humiliation they can hike into school excited by the prospect of another lesson on dangling modifiers.

The other fun thing we like to do with sixth graders is discuss every aspect of one particular novel for eight solid months. Walk into any sixth-grade English class and you can actually hear the love of reading dying. The Cay seems to be this generation's choice for over-analysis, while the title whose mere mention can cause my nervous tic to resurface is The Pig Man. It must be awfully depressing for an author to have his or her novel chosen for the sixth-grade treatment, knowing that for thousands of people it will be forever associated with the year all pleasure was forcibly extracted from the act of reading. I know a girl who slogged through The Cay in sixth grade here last year, then moved to Lexington where apparently they teach The Cay in seventh grade. She is now on a 24-hour suicide watch.

Another thing I always enjoyed as a sixth grader was being told to look up a misspelled word in the dictionary. Using a dictionary to search for a word you can't spell may actually rival the study of English grammar for sheer futility. "Dad, how do you spell chrysanthemum?" "Here, son. Take this large book and whap yourself in the forehead until the correct spelling comes to you, or you pass out. Either way you've learned the meaning of the terms 'self-flagellation' and 'hemorrhage', which are both GRE words."

I have to admit, though, that we have it easy compared to the Chinese. Imagine being a Chinese kid with an unfamiliar Kangxi symbol in front of you. How the heck do you look it up? Have you ever heard a Chinese father say to a child, "Go look that up in the Chinese dictionary." No, you haven't, because he'd be strangled. This is the main reason behind the one-child policy over there. The Chinese dictionary sends so many kids over the edge that it's unsafe to have more than one in the house.

I just wish we could do something to make sixth grade a little more fun. Replacing all English classes with Movie Period would be a start. I mean, look at me. When it comes to grammatical rules I have no idea what I'm doing, yet I'm able to write trenchant, highly entertaining articles for a large newspaper. Well, a newspaper. Anyway it's printed on paper, which ought to count for something.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. His contempt for dictionaries is on the wane since he discovered how useful the unabridged kind can be when awakening his sixth grader.

'Black Friday' lives up to its name

COMMENTARY

MARY JANE HANRON

People could sleep late, have a leisurely breakfast, be relaxed and lazy, watch or play football and be together. Have a turkey sandwich and go to the movies.

The frenzy of the day after Thanksgiving or "Black Friday" shopping is now but a memory. This is most certainly something for which we should give thanks. Though this day has been a treacherous time to venture near a shopping mall for any but the most bold and brazen, in recent years it has become a day that is ugly if not bordering on the obscene. It is difficult to use the term it has been given. "Black Friday" is intended to mean the day that retailers go into "the black," but given the antics of shoppers lately, it has assumed much more ominous connotations. It seems dark, frightening and dangerous. In many ways, it is.

What has provoked this insanity? Is it greed? Is it a game? Is it a complete loss of civility? Is it a combination of all of these? A bit of clear thinking is in order as we reflect on the day that follows (or the night of) Thanksgiving, which to many is one of the most beautiful, spiritual, and heartwarming holidays we celebrate in this country. It is a day when families gather around a table adorned with a bounty of delectable edible delights. Most join in prayer and put aside differences, problems and worldly worries and are thankful for the blessings bestowed upon them no matter how simple. Some who are often self absorbed, too busy for anything but work and working out, sending emails and overnight FedEx packages find themselves with nothing to do because everything is closed. Once the shock dissipates, this can result in discovering long-lost family members or acquaintances that are also warm and affectionate friends willing to share a holiday dinner. Some may visit a homeless shelter in need of volunteers to serve the downtrodden of our world. There can be nothing more gratifying than contributing to the needs of someone less fortunate.

Once the meals are consumed, the kids are at play and the football fans are snoozing in front of the TV at half time, the day should be one of relaxing, eating leftovers, catching up on stories and delighting in doing absolutely nothing. Then why are people surfing the internet, sitting at the kitchen table making lists of electrical gadgets, cutting coupons from the newspaper and looking for the umbrellas? Of course! They are frantically preparing for a 9 pm sprint to the stores that are opening to get a head start on the other merchants patiently waiting until *midnight* to open their doors. These businesses put the stores "to shame" that are planning to begin their sales at 5 am. They might as well be in a different in a different time zone, maybe even on another planet!

Why is all this necessary? There are sales all throughout December. Is that extra 10 percent really worth being awake all night running around in the frigid pouring rain and pushing, shoving and grabbing with the other "early bird" (or "round the clock" bird) shoppers? There is something about this scene that is beyond unsettling. It is truly uncivilized.

Of course, as long as shoppers go to purchase at these outrageous hours, stores will continue to promote them. Soon there will be no one at Thanksgiving dinner…everyone will be camping out at the mall before the parades are even over to be in line to buy their super dual screen video console portable hardware tv or high torque super turbo groomer at 10 percent off. Unfortunately, one group of people that really suffers from this foolishness is the sales staff at these stores. The people behind the counters, at the registers, at the doors and stocking the shelves, the ones who are at the receiving end of profanity, rudeness, complaints and unkindness are there because

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Cohasset Education Foundation featured on Our Town

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo meet with members of the newly reconstituted CEF(Cohasset Education Foundation) to discuss their goals and plans for upcoming projects.

School Committee member Stephen Fusco joins the hosts on the second half of the show to detail the technology needs of Cohasset schools.

In a very entertaining roll-in segment, viewers can find out about the collaboration between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Cohasset Drama Club to present the 1936 Broadway hit "The Women" in November at Town Hall.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Worley celebrates 30 years at helm of Rec. Department

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of the department is the direct result of the town, which helps out wherever it can. "We've always had a good response from the community and an interest in supporting and helping out with our programs. A lot of people volunteer to serve as coaches, referees or administrators," he said. "Every year they step up by the hundreds."

Due to the small size of the department, Worley said many activities are contracted out to other groups or camps, which set the fees for their program and in turn give the Recreation Department 15 percent of the proceeds. He said many of the after-school programs are run through One Creative Place, located on King Street in Jonathan Livingston Square. The Recreation Department also partners with local boosters clubs to offer sports like its very popular basketball program.

One activity that has been going on for the past roughly eight years are the dances at the Teen Center, also known as the "Teen Garage." The building, which formerly served as the highway department garage has been transformed into a place to have fun and hang out for mostly middle-school aged children in town, thanks to the Recreation Department. "We raised $40,000 to redo the building, which was about 65 years old," said Worley, which included putting in bathrooms and bringing the plumbing and electricity up to code as well as aesthetic treatments like painting.

Worley said the Garage, "Kind of runs on its own," as children who attend functions in the building pay $5 per person at the door and that pays the bills. "Our dances are very well attended," he said, adding they attract mostly students in grades six, seven and eight.

While the most popular Recreation Department offerings are geared toward the town's children there are also activities offered for adults and Worley said typically those classes are based on the latest trends in fitness. He said at one point in time aerobics was the most popular activity for adults, and that switched to step aerobics, then to Pilates and "boot camp."

Last year, the boot camp class was offered on the Town Common from 6 to 7 a.m. two mornings per week, but with the threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, the class was postponed. "We had about 25 people participating, and we'll bring it back in the spring," Worley said. The department offers three 10-week sessions and Worley said the class "offers a pretty tough regimen."

There are also activities for the whole family to enjoy together, such as concerts on the Common. Worley said a number of years ago, Cohasset used to bring a 30-piece band to town which played concerts roughly eight times per summer. "It was a nice family event. You'd see three generations of family members together and they'd bring a picnic," he said. However, the concerts were paid for in large part due to grant funding and today, that funding no longer exists. The town is able to hold one concert every summer through a donation from the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc., which owns the South Shore Music Circus.

But to run the department and have it be so successful takes much time, and Worley said he finds himself in Cohasset almost seven days per week, working long hours. Mondays he usually arrives at the office around 5 a.m., but arrives closer to 6 a.m. the rest of the week. "It's a way of life," he said.

When not in the office, Worley spends time with his wife Mary, whom he lives with in Marshfield, as well as their sons Gary, of Duxbury, Jeffrey of Falmouth, and Eric who recently graduated from Northwestern and is living in Chicago. So far, Worley is the proud grandfather of four grandchildren and jokes, "I think I'm going to start a day camp of my own when I retire."

Recreation Department Director Jack Worley sits behind his desk at Town Hall. Worley recently celebrated his 30th anniversary working for the town.

"We've always had a good response from the community and an interest in supporting and helping out with our programs. "

— Jack Worley, Recreation Director

BRIEFLY

Nomination papers available Jan. 3

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 will be available Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's office.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. It is important to note that you are not officially running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

'Demystifying Dyslexia' presentation is Dec. 5

Parent Advisory Council of Cohasset welcomes back Dr. Isabel Phillips from Massachusetts General Hospital. All are invited to a free presentation "Demystifying Dyslexia," Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at Osgood School Library, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St.

What exactly is dyslexia? This session will focus on the primary diagnostic red flags of dyslexia. Phillips will draw upon a century of research in the fields of neuropsychology, ophthalmology, linguistics and education to address case studies that distinguish classic dyslexia from other types of reading and language disabilities. A question and answer period will follow.

Adult flu clinic

An adult flu clinic, sponsored by Cohasset Board of Health, will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Town Hall.

This flu clinic is open to all adult citizens of Cohasset. Participants are reminded to wear short-sleeve shirts. Seniors must bring Medicare part B and/or senior health insurance cards.

For more information please call Judy Fitzsimmons, registered nurse, at 383-2210.

PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Myers, 5 Cedar Ledge, $4,000, 14 squares asphalt roofing, Morgan, 28 Bow St., $22,000, construct garage as per submitted plans; Brewer, 604R Jerusalem Road, $15,300, install 28 squares asphalt roofing shingles; Town of Cohasset, Highland Avenue, $800, install tent on small island at Summer and Border streets from Nov. 10 through Nov. 13; Wilson, 8 Spindrift Lane, $40,000, new bath and partition three rooms; Faber, 12 Ripley Road, $12,000, remodel bathroom; Adams, 246 Beechwood St., $300, install used wood stove; Begley, 455

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators and representatives' votes on two roll calls from recent sessions. All roll calls are on matters brought up at the Constitutional Convention that considered proposed amendments to the state constitution.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT (S 16)

Constitutional Convention 0-196, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment establishing county government in Massachusetts including the establishment of ten counties with equal populations. County government currently is not mentioned in the constitution and was established by legislative action that created 14 counties. According to the Massachusetts government's website, eight of those counties' governments have since been abolished but still exist as "geographical entities." The sponsor of the amendment, private citizen Ross Rajotte of Northbridge, passed away in March 2005. Opponents of the amendment said that county government is often viewed as wasteful and inefficient. They noted that the trend is toward abolishing county government and argued that it is counterproductive to establish counties in the constitution. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment establishing county government in the constitution. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

BIPARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (S 40)

Constitutional Convention 37-160, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment (S 40) requiring that the Legislature establish a bipartisan redistricting commission to draw Massachusetts legislative and Congressional districts every ten years. Currently, the constitution simply gives the Legislature itself the power to draw the districts. Amendment supporters said that the Legislature has abused its redistricting power and often gerrymanders districts to protect incumbents. They said that this antiquated, partisan system allows the majority party to control the process and permits "legislators to choose their voters." Amendment opponents said that the proposal's reference to "bipartisan" is vague and does not specify the composition of the committee or establish any guidelines that it must follow. They noted that there is a better proposed constitutional amendment (S 12) pending that would establish a non-member Independent Redistricting Commission and provide that the commission members be appointed by nine specific independent entities including the governor, chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, secretary of state and League of Women Voters. They argued that the independent commission would also have to follow specific guidelines to attempt to ensure that districts are compact and contiguous, a city or town is not divided into more than one district and that districts are not drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of a racial minority, political party or any individual candidate. Amendment supporters countered that the nine-member independent commission proposal is at the end of the constitutional convention calendar and is unlikely to be brought to the convention for a vote. They said that many opponents of the simple bipartisan commission are being disingenuous because when they mention the independent commission because they also are against that commission and prefer that the Legislature retain the unbridled power to redistrict. The convention recessed until January 2007 without taking up the amendment that would establish a nine-member Independent Redistricting Commission. (A "Yes" vote is for the requiring that the Legislature establish a bipartisan redistricting commission. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL:

CHILD LABOR LAWS (H 5231): The House and Senate approved and sent to Governor Romney a bill making major changes in the state's child labor laws. Current law allows 16 and 17-year-olds to work only until 10 p.m. on non-school nights. The measure would allow these minors to work until 11:30 p.m. and also keeps intact a current law permitting them to work until midnight at racetracks or restaurants. Other key provisions require minors working after 8 p.m. to be supervised by an adult over 18 and prohibit minors from working in a job that requires a firearm. The measure gives the attorney general the power to issue civil citations to businesses that violate the child labor laws including up to a $250 fine for a first offense, $500 for a second offense and $2500 for subsequent offenses. Current law only allows the attorney general to initiate criminal proceedings. Supporters said that many child labor laws have not changed since the 1930s and argued that the proposal balances the importance of allowing minors to work and learn responsibility with the state's obligation to ensure that they work in a safe environment. They noted that allowing civil fines would result in more prosecutions because the attorney general rarely initiates criminal proceedings against employers who violate these laws.

REGULATE TEEN DRIVERS (H 5064, S 2688): Supporters of a bill increasing the requirements that teens under 18 must fulfill in order to obtain a driver's license are hopeful that the measure will soon reach the governor's desk. The measure also increases the penalties for those teens' driving violations. The measure has been stalled in the Legislature since the summer when each branch approved a different version. The Senate last week appointed three members to a conference committee to draft a compromise version. The House two weeks ago appointed its members to the committee. Provisions that are only in the Senate version include prohibiting the use of cell phones by those minor drivers and requiring a special placard be attached to vehicles driven by minors. The House version proposes a commission to study the feasibility of implementing a placard program.

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

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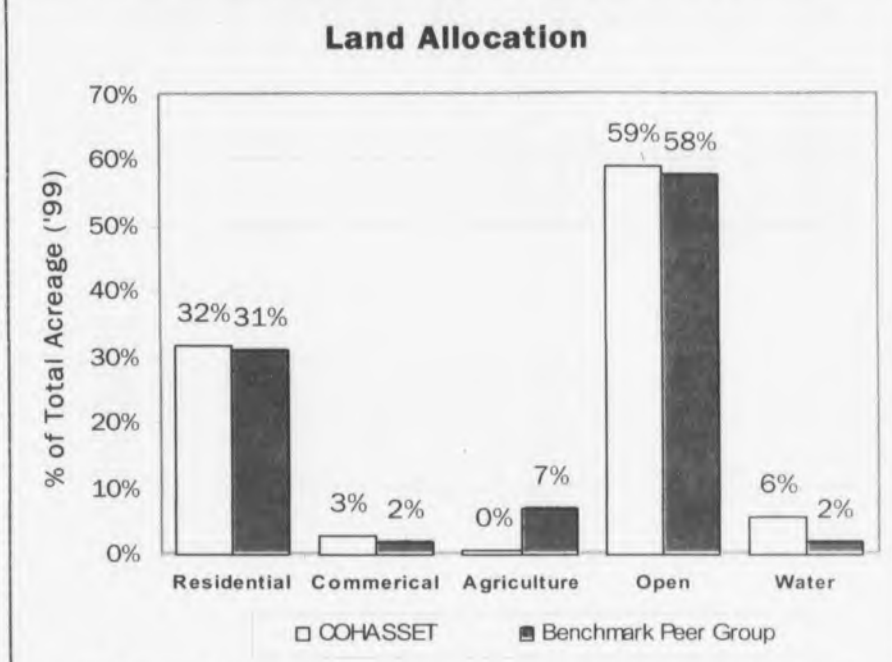
How does Cohasset measure up?

MUNICIPAL BENCHMARKING: COHASSET-AT-A-GLANCE



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). 1999 is the most recent year for which data is available. Residential includes high, medium and low density residential. Commercial includes land used for commercial, industrial, transportation and mining purpsoes. Open includes open undeveloped land, urban open, institutional and recreation land, and natural land and undisturbed vegetation.

This chart shows a breakdown of Cohasset's land by use in 1999 between residential, commercial, agriculture, open space and water. The chart shows the same breakdown for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing Cohasset, one can get a sense for how its land layout differs from other similar communities. These differences could be the result of active decisions by Cohasset, or the byproduct of location and historic circumstances.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

'Black Friday' lives up to its name

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they have to be. They are not making millions, but are scheduled to work these hours. They are people with feelings and have families at home, too.

May this be as far as the pendulum will swing. It would be wonderful to think things will begin to head back in the other direction when families were valued, time together and thoughts of gratitude took precedence and shopping took place during business hours on business days. This practice is so far out of hand that the insanity has to stop. Wouldn't it be great if we could return to a time when the day after Thanksgiving was an extension of the holiday? People could sleep late, have a leisurely breakfast, be relaxed and lazy, watch or play football and be together. Have a turkey sandwich and go to the movies. Sit around the fireplace for a while or take the dog for a walk. Children would learn what being with family was truly about and that it can actually be enjoyable!

Of course, there's nothing wrong with going shopping but it's really a lot more fun and refined if it's done after sunrise. Better still, there are so many quaint and elegant shops right in our own town. Stroll to the square and meander in and out of the lovely boutiques and galleries. Not only will you find splendid surprises but the atmosphere is friendly, the service is kind and plentiful and you may find Christmas presents that are perfect for people on your list. Most folks love to receive something different, luxurious or with special meaning. In many cases wrapping is free or presentation bags are beautiful enough to be given as is. If you aren't ready to buy, window-shopping costs nothing and is always a joy.

Our local towns can be a forgotten source of stylish, unique, whimsical and festive holiday shopping. They certainly provide a pleasant and pretty experience for shoppers and a chance to get into the Christmas spirit with a leisurely walk in the brisk breeze. More importantly, local businesses have supported philanthropic causes all year long as residents have solicited them for various events, raffles, shows and sponsorships. Their loyalty to charities championed by patrons is admirable and should be rewarded by shopping locally when gift giving time arrives.

So next year when ads scream, "Black Friday…open at Midnight"….at least give some thought to this barbaric practice. Turn the page to the football schedule, savor the aroma of the turkey in the oven, have some fun with the kids and schedule your nap after the third piece of pie. In your sweet dreams have a good laugh at the folks who are missing this day to count their blessings as they cut out their coupons for the mad dash into the store for their super-duper car plug automatic ionizer and Tickle-me-Elmo-Extraordinaire. Remember that Friday afternoon the Town Square beckons, the elegantly decorated windows are a visual delight and inside can be found a myriad of unique treasures ideal for Christmas giving. Top off your shopping stroll with a tasty hot chocolate at one of the coffee shops. You may run into your neighbors and be able to wish them blessings of the day. This experience extends the "thanks" in Thanksgiving, eliminates the mall insanity… and there is nothing ominous about it.

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Cohasset's Schyuler Wakefield is left to wonder what went wrong during the Skippers' Thanksgiving Day game against Hull. In wet and muddy conditions, the Pirates came away with a 20-7 victory.

Pirates rain on Skippers' parade

Kyle Pinkus (32) wraps up Hull running back Ricky Stoltz, as Cohasset's Jake Cuneo (71) is there to provide assistance.

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High football head coach Pete Afanasiw recently mentioned how "records go out the window on Thanksgiving Day games."

Little did he know how this prediction would come back to haunt him and his team as the Skippers lost to Hull, 20-7, on Alumni Field.

Going into last Thursday's game, Hull had only one victory for the season, the week before against Carver. The Skippers, on the other hand, had a more respectable 3-4-2 record.

If odds tilted in the favor of Cohasset, the sideways rain, howling winds, and swampy field conditions leveled the playing field. Forget trying to make a passing game work.

The only things going into the air were a flock of seagulls blown inland and several inverted umbrellas.

"The Thanksgiving game is always a huge game, even bigger than some playoff games," said Afanasiw. "The kids know many of the Hull players, so it's very personal.

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Lady Skippers aim to build on impressive '06 campaign

By Mark Goodman
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14-4-2.

That was the final record for the Cohasset High girls soccer team this season, by far the best mark the program has earned in head coach Deb Beal's nine years at the helm.

Throughout the season, Beal marveled at her team's chemistry, and that opinion did not change once the season was over.

"I am so proud of these girls. Over the course of the season they became such a tight and supportive group," said the coach. "When you have 20 athletes participating in one activity, there is bound to be some tension somewhere, but we did such an outstanding job keeping everything in check. I was so impressed."

A significant reason for that togetherness was the contributions, on and off the field, of the team's 10 seniors: Emily Coggins, Lara Novak, Caren Garber, Kara Wilcox, Colleen Richardson, Haley Haracz, Jamie Genovese, Alyssa Hinman, Shalea Daly and Karoline Holl.

"I have a team of girls who have the potential to be the best in the area and I am really looking forward to the seasons to come."

Skippers head coach Deb Beal

What this group was able to do was not lost on their coach.

"I thank my seniors for their hard work and their dedication to this program; they helped to build program into what it has

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Sophomore Torey Hart (19) was Cohasset's leading scorer and one of the team's five South Shore League All-Stars this season.

Coastal Stars squirt B-1s take South Coast Thanksgiving Tourney title

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Coastal Stars squirt B-1's participated in the South Coast Thanksgiving Shootout Tournament hosted by the Hetland Panthers at the Hetland Arena in New Bedford. The B-1 squad had a lot to be thankful for. THANKS to Bryan Bowman (1 goal), Matt Scullion (2 goals) and Tucker Ambrose (1 assist) in the 3-1 win over Franklin.

THANKS to Matt Doyle (1 goal, 1 assist), Tucker Ambrose (1 goal, 1 assist), Matt Scullion (1 goal, 1 assist), Joey Redfearn (1 goal), Bryan Bowman (2 goals) and Mats Nelson (1 assist) in the 6-1 win over Pawtucket, RI in game two. THANKS to Bryan Bowman (2 goals), Matt Doyle (1 goal) and Jack Evitts (1 assist) in the 5-3 loss to Hetland in game 3. But, the Stars were especially thankful for the chance to avenge their loss to Hetland in the championship round.

Hetland had the home ice advantage and thought they had the win in the bag. Well let me tell you folks, they thought wrong. They didn't count on the amazing heart and soul of the Squirt B-1 Bombers.

Both teams had outstanding goaltenders. Coastal Stars net minder Hugh Healy maintained his cool demeanor and saved a total of 15 shots in the final game. He was especially rock solid during the OT shootout. The Stars' defense combination of Paul Parker, Robert Reidy, Joey Redfearn and Jack Evitts kept continual pressure on the Hetland offense with poke checks, forechecks, great body positioning and lots of hustle. The CS offense was faced with a likewise talented Hetland defense, and had to fight hard to find scoring opportunities.

That hard work and determination led to the Stars lighting up the lamp late in the first period. Mats Nelson dug the puck out from behind the Hetland net and passed it to Jo Jo Carbone. Jo Jo wasted not a second and slid the puck under the goalie's outstretched leg pad. Hetland was now fully aware that this was no cupcake baby! The next two goals were on Hetland's side of the scoreboard, one at the end of the first period and the other early in the second. The Stars had nine shots on goal in the second period including several attempts by the line of Will Cole, Nevin Connor and Kal Maier. But the one that counted was a short-handed goal by Bryan Bowman off a rebound shot made by Tucker Ambrose.

No fingernails were left unscathed in the third period as it was a true "nail biter". The score was tied at two apiece for most of the period. With 4:33 left the Stars had a two-man advantage for a full minute and thirty seconds, but came away empty handed. Several shots on the Hetland goal were all saved. Then, to add insult to injury, Hetland scored with 2:13 left to go ahead 3-2.

As the clock ticked down and the Hetland coaches were giving each other high fives, the Stars refused to accept defeat. They pulled Healy out of the net and with 3.8 seconds left Tucker Ambrose scored from a pass behind the net made by Joey Redfearn. The Coastal Stars fans erupted with cheers of joy and Hetlands' jaws hit the floor.

The five minute OT period came and went with no goals although Matt Doyle almost put it to bed with a cannon shot that bounced off the cross bar. The game was to be decided in a shoot out. Each team had five members go one on one against the goalie. The Stars began with a thwarted attempt by Matt Doyle. Hugh Healy, now thoroughly pumped, easily stopped Hetland's first attempt.

Next up for the Stars was Bryan Bowman. He deked the goalie, Patrice Bergeron-style. Stars went up 4-3. The next Hetland shooter was also stopped by Healy as he charged out of the net to swat the player away. Tucker Ambrose then outsmarted the Hetland goalie as did Joey Redfearn. Hetland only managed to score once.

The final score was Coastal Stars 6, Hetland Panthers 4. Saaahweeet victory! This was youth hockey at its best. Thanks so much to coaches Joe Redfearn, Rob Reidy, Paul Maier and Bill Cole. Their outstanding talent for teaching the love of the game is so evident. Also, Chris Bertone was a major contributor to the first three games but was unable to make it to the championship game.

Pirates rain on Skippers' parade

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The seniors especially understand the importance and finality of the game."

There were a few spooky things about this game. First, the weather proved nasty, if not worse than the matchup next to Hull Gut last year. Second, the Pirates had a score to settle after last year's fiasco for Hull.

In the waning seconds of the 2005 game Cohasset came through with the only three points of the day, a 25-yard field goal by Rob Murley against the strong winds. Just before that score, Hull thought it had an interception, a call the referees reversed. So Hull could not wait to make 2006 the year the Skippers would wallow in their own mud.

The Skippers prepared well for the showdown. Afanasiw, his assistant coaches, and even some of the players scouted at least four of Hull's games. They knew what to expect.

"We felt confident going in. Everyone was healthy and well-prepared after our bye week," commented Afanasiw.

Now for the gritty details. The opening kickoff to Hull set the stage for the scrappy and heated rivalry. Skipper junior Pat Doonan's opening kick bounced off a Hull player and ended up in the hands of Cohasset senior Nick Cambi.

After a scoreless first quarter filled with foiled drives and lockdown defense, the Skippers finally broke the ice with a short touchdown run late in the second quarter by senior tailback Anthony DiPaolo. Doonan nailed the extra point to put Cohasset up 7-0.

With Cohasset's confidence flying high, the Pirates decided it was time to take action. And that's just what they did. Whatever momentum Cohasset had built up in the game slipped away faster than a python on a town library floor.

With just over a minute left in the half, Hull's senior running back Ricky Stoltz picked up serious yardage on a drive and charged up the middle into the end zone to put the Pirates on the board.

Cohasset junior defensive back Mark Flibotte knocked down the Pirates' two-point conversion attempt, but Hull still maintained their fiery drive for the remainder of the first half.

With only 40 seconds left in the half, Hull forced Cohasset to punt. Hull blocked the punt deep in Cohasset territory. After one of the few passing plays of the game, Stoltz muscled his way into the end zone for his second touchdown.

This time, the Pirates put the extra two points on the board. The Skippers looked with despair as the scoreboard flashed a 14-7 lead for the visitors.

"Our halftime pep talk was pretty mellow," said Afanasiw. "I just explained to them how they needed to stop shooting themselves in the foot. We played hard, but simple mistakes killed us."

The third quarter brought more consistent but ineffective drives from both teams. It's hard to believe, but the rain picked up even more. Still, warm turkey dinners were the last things on the players' minds.

At the 3:45 mark in the fourth quarter a costly Cohasset turnover set up junior Mike Bilodeau for Hull's final touchdown to end the game at a 20-7 Pirates victory.

"We just couldn't move the ball on offense," said Doonan. "We struggled to make any breaks in our running game. We couldn't pass because of the weather. All of us, especially the seniors, felt pretty disappointed to end the season on this note."

Said Afanasiw, "We definitely had the preparation and the drive to win. We just couldn't execute on both ends of the field. The players lost confidence in the second half."

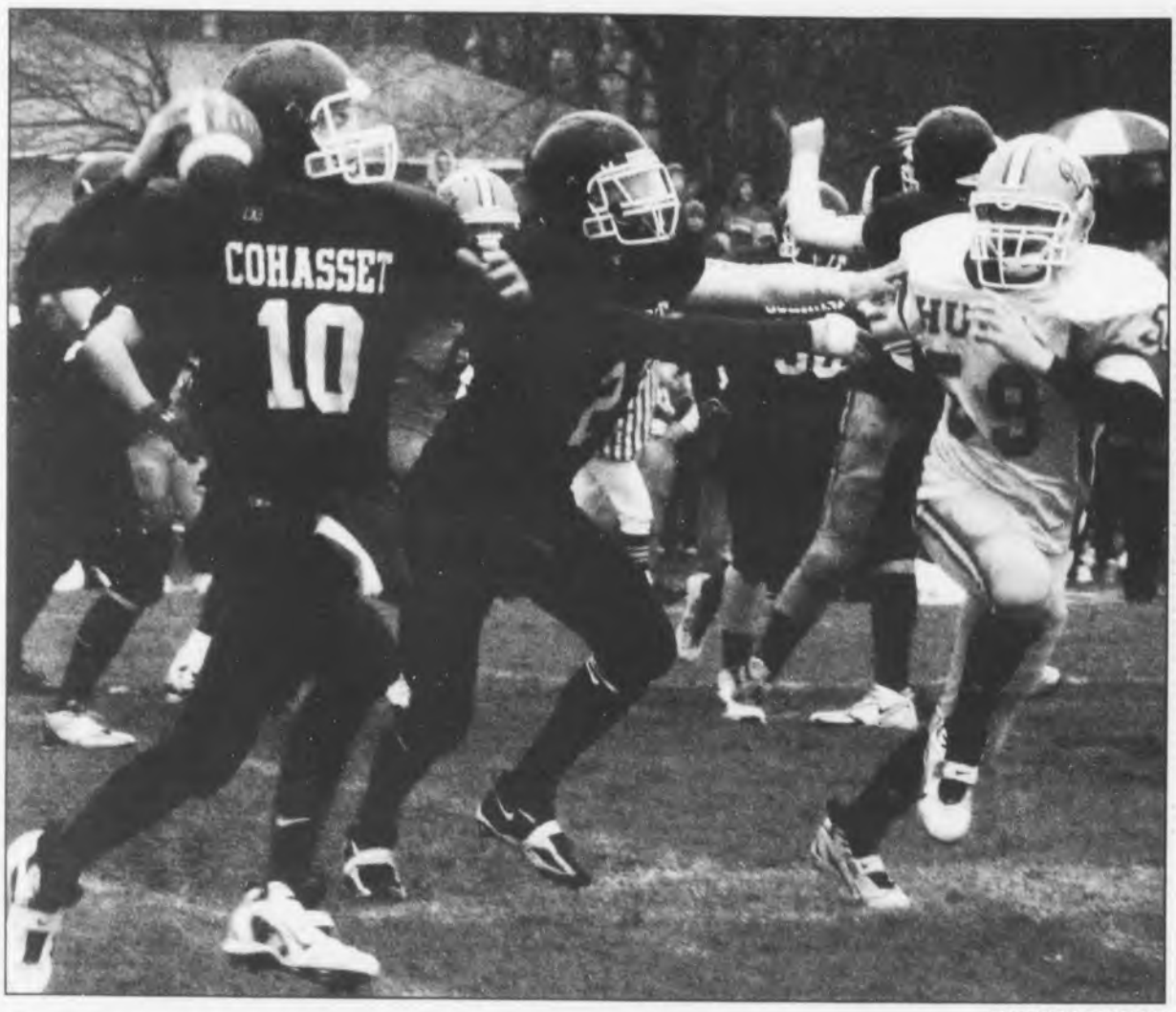
Even so, Afanasiw praised quarterback Dave Snowdale and offensive linemen Cambi, Paul St. Pierre and Jake Cuneo for their solid performances.

Defensively speaking, Afanasiw mentioned how Flibotte played his "best game of the year," while Cambi and Sam DeGiacomo "both made substantial contributions."

In a postgame Mariner interview Afanasiw was asked what went wrong to cost Cohasset the game.

"If anything, our defense ended up trying to do too much," explained the coach. "They played almost too aggressively, and often found themselves unable to finish their tackles."

What's done is done, though, and a good team must cut its losses and move on. Next season will present another opportunity for the Skippers to dethrone Hull or even make a run at a South Shore League championship.



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Skippers quarterback David Snowdale (10) attempts one of his few passes on the day, as teammate PJ McCaw provides protection. The conditions forced both teams to primarily rely on the run.

Captains Justin Alexander (80) and Colin Conway (56) lead their teammates onto the field before the start of the game.

"I would definitely like to see a slight improvement in the off-season training," said Afanasiw. "A better weight training program would really give us an edge next year."

Afanasiw brings to the football table an interesting perspective. When asked how the Cohasset athletes compared to those of Duxbury – for whom Afanasiw was an assistant coach prior to this season – he mentioned how the two teams displayed similar abilities. The smaller size of Cohasset meant the pool of players was naturally smaller.

Afanasiw kept coming back to the importance of more weight training for the Skippers, saying, "Our athletes need to perform more off season training. I will be visiting the weight room almost every day and hope to see the team there."

With yet another season under their belts, the Skippers will certainly take to heart the old saying, "There is no off season."

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Sophomore Maggie McGoldrick (13) had a standout season in Cohasset's midfield, finishing as the team's second-leading scorer and earning a nod to the South Shore League All-Star team.

Lady Skippers aim to build on impressive '06 campaign

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become and they deserve so much thanks," Beal said. "I would also like to thank their parents for always being there to help out and their undying support of our program."

Those 10 athletes saw their high school soccer careers end on Nov. 6 with a 2-1 loss to West Bridgewater in the second round of the Div. 3 South sectional. Beal said a number of factors contributed to the defeat, but the biggest was WB's physical play, which led to that team winning most of the 50-50 balls.

"In my opinion we were the more skilled and the faster team that afternoon, but we were not the tougher team," said Beal. "West Bridgewater was a physical team and they won themselves some balls by just sheer determination to not get pushed off the ball. We struggled a little with the contact and I think it knocked us off balance."

The Skippers weren't helped by a smaller-than-usual playing field that hampered the team's trademark passing and possession style of play. One of Cohasset's biggest strengths this year, something that had been missing in seasons past, was its ability to use the entire width of the field. Needless to say, the small pitch limited that capability.

Still, Beal felt it ultimately came down to the physical nature of the game, and she will use that as motivation in the future.

"Was I disappointed in the outcome? Of course I was, but the steps we have made to become a tougher and more powerful team cannot be measured," Beal said. "We now know what it feels like to be pushed around and I will adapt my coaching to not let that happen to us again. I have a team of girls who have the potential to be the best in the area and I am really looking forward to the seasons to come."

The future appears bright for the program, as it will return all five of its South Shore League All-Stars for two more seasons: forward Torey Hart, midfield Maggie McGoldrick, defenders Sarah Coggins and Sammi Lehr, and keeper Johanna Brophy. By comparison, the Skippers tied Div. 3 state finalist Norwell with five girls on the All-Star team, while sectional semifinalist Abington had three.

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Junior forward Meg Anderson and junior defender Anna Haggerty can also be counted among the top players in the league returning next season, while sophomore Kristin Monaco and freshman Mackenzie Hart both showed promise up front during the season.

Beal said she will also be looking to a successful JV program to help fill the holes left by this year's graduating class.

"We are losing some key seniors in some important spots, but when you stop and look at the depth we have I cannot help but smile," said the coach. "We have sophomores who honed their skills on the junior varsity this season and are ready to contribute to the varsity team. JV ended their season at 13-2-1 with losses to only Abington and Norwell, and their tie was with East Bridgewater.

"The team scoring total on that team was just as high as the varsity, which shows me an attitude to score. Finishing is so important and the more comfortable we become – really, just being selfish and taking the open shots - the better we will become."

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Youth lacrosse registration begins Dec. 2

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the 2007 spring season on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Families who sign up on the first day of registration have an opportunity to save money, paying the registration price from 2006 of $150 for one player and $275 for two and $375 for three children. Registrants after the first sign-up day – and sign-ups will remain open by mail through a second in-person sign-up day on Jan. 6 – will pay the new, higher, 2007 prices.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls at the 15 & Under level (7th and 8th graders) and 13 & Under level (5th and 6th grades) and 11 & Under level (grades 3-4). No previous lacrosse experience is necessary, and the program welcomes and encourages new players at all levels.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset's boys teams participate in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, while its girls play in the South Shore Lacrosse League; neither league keeps standings or has playoffs, encouraging fair and equal playing time and a commitment to educating all participants in how to play the game.

Every Cohasset team makes several road trips per year, which can be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Nantucket.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse expects to field 12 or more teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during its registration period, but roster spots will be limited; if the program has reached or surpassed its ideal roster size when registration closes on Jan. 6, it is possible that some late registrants will be turned away.

Following the initial sign-up day, families interested in participating in the program can register by mail, at the 2007 price of $160 for one player, $300 for two, and $400 for three. That price will hold through the Jan. 6 sign-up day – also held at Cohasset High School from 9 to 11 a.m.

At that point, if the program has reached its ideal roster sizes, registration will be closed. A waiting list will be established and any available spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and charged a late registration fee of $25.

Parents who can not attend the Dec. 2 can wait until Jan. 6 to register in person, or can contact Chuck Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents.

In general, games for boys and girls are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. At the youngest level, there typically is one practice per week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. Cohasset's season concludes with the annual Family Day celebration – featuring intra-town games — in June.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse works with other town sports organizations to minimize conflicts and to allow players to participate in as many activities as possible.

In addition to players, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Dec. 2 sign-up. If you need more information in the interim, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at (781)383-6688 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

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CHS championship banners

The Cohasset High School Athletic Department is in the process of creating new championship banners for the high school gymnasium. CHS wants these banners to be as accurate as possible.

After researching the CHS Athletic Department trophy case and old banners, the department has compiled the list below of Cohasset High School league, sectional, and state championships.

Any CHS grads or community members who can help the group with any dates that may have been missed should contact Athletic Director Roy Ford at Cohasset Middle - High School, 43 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025. Phone: (781) 383-6103; e-mail: rford@cohassetk12.org.

Cohasset High School thanks you for your help.

Cohasset High school championship history

Fall Sports

Football: League Champions – 1953, 1970, 1985, 1987, 2001, and 2004

Golf: League Champions – 1997, 2003, 2005

Soccer: League Champions – 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989; Sectional Champions – 1986, 1987, 1989, 2000

Girls Soccer: League Champions – 1988; Sectional Champions – 1995

Field Hockey: League Champions – 1972, 1975, 1985, 1988

Cross-Country: League Champions – 1965, 1973

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball: League Champions – 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1996-97; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88, 1994-95, 1995-96; State Champions – 1984-85, 1985-86

Girls Basketball: League Champions –1947-48, 1948-49, 1984-85,1986-87, 1987-88; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88; State Champions – 1987-88

Basketball 1,000-point Club: Bill Morgan, 1948-1951, 1,073 points; Jon Sargeant, 1970-1973, 1,011 points; Bryan Edwards, 1983-1988, 2,563 points (state record); Paul-Michael Quintin, 1995-1998, 1,079 points

Ice Hockey: League Champions – 1981-82, 1982-1983, 1997-98, 2001-02, 2002-03

Wrestling: League Champions – 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04; Sectional Champions – 1998-99, 2004-05; State Champions – 2004-05

Gymnastics: League Champions – 1976-77, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1997-98, 2001-02

Swimming: none

Skiing: none

Cheerleading: none

Spring Sports

Baseball: League Champions – 1950, 1959

Boys Lacrosse: League Champions – 1997; State Champions – 2006

Girls Tennis: League Champions – 1970, 1983, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006; Sectional Champions - 2003, 2004; State Champions – 2003

Boys Tennis: League Champions – 1973, 1986, 2006

Boys Track: League Champions – 1965, 1976, 1977, 2001, 2002

Softball: League Champions – 1945, 1947, 1950, 1956, 1982

Girls Track: none

Girls Lacrosse: none

Annual meeting of CYBSA Members

To all CYBSA parents, volunteers and other interested parties:

First, on behalf of the CYBSA, a thank you to all those who volunteered and otherwise supported the CYBSA this past year. Despite the rain, we enjoyed a fun and exciting spring season in both softball and baseball.

Those who played summer ball acquitted themselves well in the competitive summer leagues. Our boys 11A team won the District Championship. One of our Junior League teams (13- and 14-year old boys) won the championship in our Norwell/Cohasset Junior Baseball League.

We started a fall baseball program this year, and it was met with great enthusiasm by the players, and great weather! The League held its first annual awards night on Oct. 24, and our division winners were presented with their awards.

Preparations for next year are well under way.

As per our previous communications, the CYBSA ratified a new Constitution last year. The Constitution is available for your review on the League's website - CYBSA.net. Among other things, the Constitution provides for an **annual meeting of the members of the CYBSA.** That meeting will take place on **Wednesday, Dec. 6,** at 7:30 p.m., at the Cohasset Middle-High School Cafeteria.

All Members of the CYBSA are invited to attend (membership applications are available on the website - any adult who is interested in furthering the objectives of the CYBSA may become a regular member).

The Constitution further provides for a Board of Directors that is elected by the CYBSA's Regular Members. We are in the process of effectuating the transition to a fully elected Board. This year, with service to start on Jan. 1, 2007, there will be **four** elected positions that will open on the Board. Each position has a three-year term. We encourage all interested members to run for the board!

There is a short Statement of Interest form posted on the website - if you are interested in running for the Board, please complete the form, and return to the CYBSA via email. **We will be accepting applications for the Board through 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1.**

On Monday, Dec. 4, we will post the slate of candidates for the elected positions on the Board. All regular members of the CYBSA will be eligible to vote for the Board candidates; the election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Dec. 6.

Regular members who cannot attend the annual meeting, but wish to vote, will be able to do so by absentee ballot. The absentee ballots will be available on the CYBSA web site.

Many thanks for your continued support - please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Again - those interested in the League - please run for a seat on the Board!

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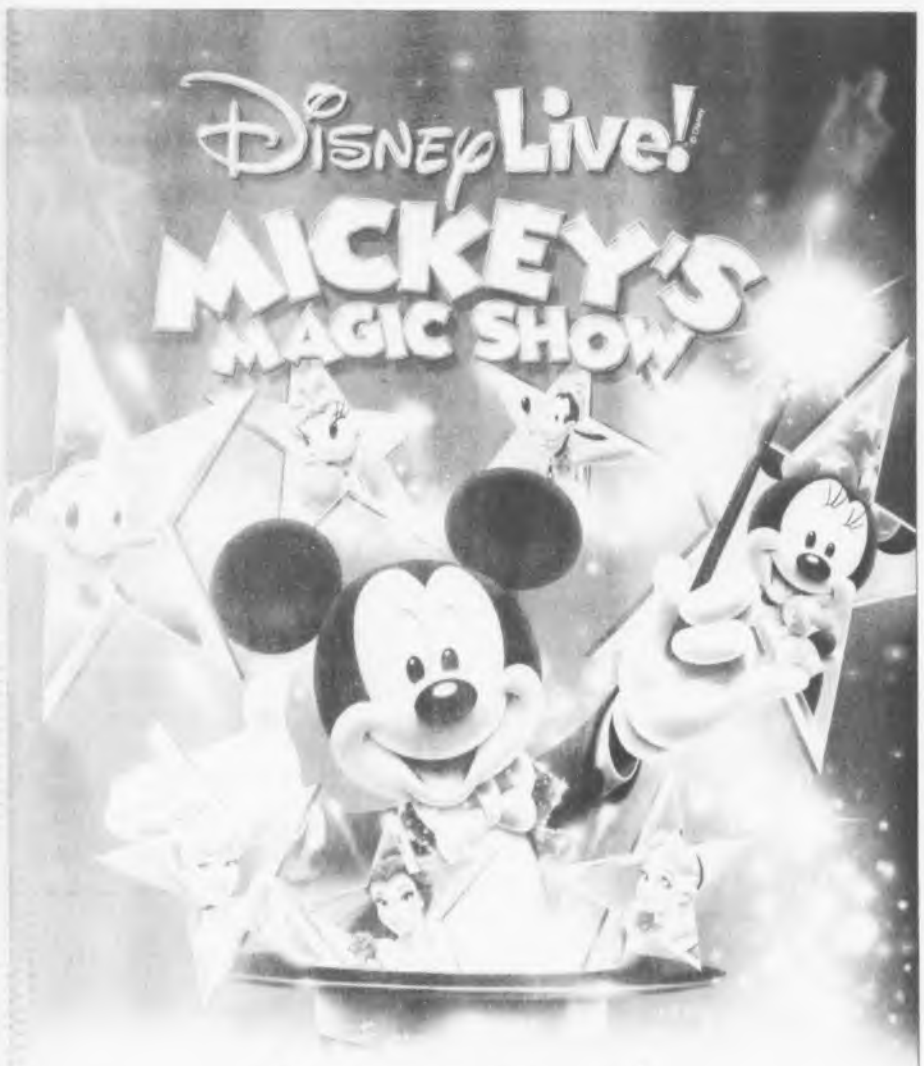

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THOMPSON, TEHRANIAN & INGRAM

Amanda Thompson, Roxanne Tehranian and Ryan Ingram wrote this week's column for Mike Corry, who has been under the weather.

Six is the magic number for seniors here at CHS. Of course, it's the number of months that stands between seniors and graduation day. It's also the average number of colleges applied to by the ambitious student. And best of all, it's the margin by which the senior girls defeated the juniors in the 2006 Powderpuff Game, which proved to be a shootout by two high-powered offenses.

Students across the board are looking forward to the upcoming 10-day holiday respite from the rush of the school day. However, much is to done in the three school weeks left before the New Year. Here's a hint of what's to come:

• Winter sports teams met for their first practices this past Monday.

• Juniors and sophomores will have access to PSAT scores beginning the week of Dec. 11. The guidance department is hosting a breakfast for parents of juniors, during which parents will be introduced to the college search process.

• Sweatshirts and pajama pants are on sale in the middle school to support the yearbook. Show your school spirit with comfortable and fashionable clothes bearing the Cohasset insignia!

• Dates for middle school students and parents: There will be a student council meeting after school on Dec. 4 and a train safety workshop during school on the sixth. Parents and administrators met on Thursday morning to discuss middle school students' social lives over coffee.

• Next weekend (Dec. 8-10), Cohasset's dramatic talent will stage their production of "Guys and Dolls!" Be sure to attend one of the three showings and support the cast!

• "The Spinnsheet," supplement to the award-winning Spinnaker, will be available to students on Dec. 22.

• A special series of speakers has been invited to CHS to address the senior class during the second semester. In addition, there will be a three-screen multi-media presentation titled "Commitment to Excellence" for both the middle and high schools.

• The annual Project Safeguard Christmas Tree Drive will take place in early January. Students interested in participating please see Dr. Gill.

Good luck to everyone: winter sports teams, the cast of "Guys and Dolls," seniors waiting for those early acceptance letters…and anyone else just trying to hang in there until the next vacation. We're rooting for you.

Honor roll for the first term at CMHS

The following CMHS students were recognized for academic achievement during the first term:

GRADE 6

HIGH HONORS

Alexander, Kristin; Buckley, Maria; Campedelli, Sara; Carrier, Abigail; Chipman, Mollie; Coffman, Kylie; Corry, Sara; Costello, Jessica; Davis, Craig; Dignam, Melinda; Eymer, Foster; Farren, Nicole; Fegreus, Michael; Fontaine, Andrew; Fredey, Sarah; Gideon-Murphy, Hugh; Gildea, Marissa; Goetz, Connor; Gregory, Matthew; Haggerty, Shane; Hillman, Robert; Karp, Sarah; Kearney, Meghan; Kerr, Keanu; Leahy, John; Leger, Brittany; Leighton, Andrew; Lengyel, Caroline; Littauer, Rachel; Livingstone, Michael; Malone, Whitney; McGovern, Ryan; Nahill, Andrew; Nahill, Anthony; Nahill, Robert; Neaves, Caroline; Pitts, Catherine; Pozniak, Grace; Reichardt, Suzanne; Rioux, Gabrielle; Ryan, Thomas; Schramm, Trevor; Seppala, Axel; Smith, Emma; Sookiasian, Alexandra; Spofford, Meredith; Strecker, Zachary; Sylvia, Christopher and Teague, Mariel.

HONORS

Asnault, Samuel; Barszewski, Charlotte; Bell, Colin; Berube, Gregory; Bumstead, Christian; Callahan, Darian; Campedelli, Maria; Cobin, Justin; Conte, Jenna; Corea, Kaycee; Cummings, Brooke; Davis, Christian; Dooley, Conor; Erler, Blake; Florence, Shantel; Forrer, Hunter; Genello, Francesca; Gideon-Murphy, Colin; Gilliatt, Thomas; Hart, Giselle; Herth, Alfred; Kennedy, Devin; Kissick, Melinda; MacCarthy, Ryan; Mack, Kevin; Mavilia, Caitlin; McCunney, Kelsey; McKelvey, Mary; McLellan, Lauren; Morse, Nathaniel; Noble, Julia; Nolan, Mackenzie; O'Brien, Michael; Patsos, William; Queenan, Brendan; Robinson, Annie; Shipp, Kiana; Tangherlini, Nickolas; Tedeschi, Brittany; Thomae, Jack; Tracey, Ian; and Valentine, Bryanna.

GRADE 7

HIGH HONORS

Baldwin, Chase; Barry, Ruthann; Baumgarten, Emily; Brierley, Stephanie; Canney, Julia; Childs, Dana; Culhane, Edward; DeAngelis, Caitlin; Dormitzer, Emily; Dunne, Adrian; Farren, Amanda; Franklin, Olivia; Frederick, Danielle Golz, Taylor; Green, Megan; Gruber, Anya; Haber, Aniko; Hagearty, Elizabeth; Healy, Kyle; Helbock, Gus; Hurd, Alec; Jaffe, Whitney; Kearney, Patrick; Kimla, Letra; Leffel, Catharine; Leong, Elizabeth; Lucas, Eloise; MacCormack, Patrick; Mastromarino, Kathryn; McCarthy, Morgan; Mullin, Jennifer; Neaves, Charles; O'Grady, Madeline; Oddleifson, Carly; Oddleifson, Tucker; Robinson, Isabel; Ryan, Colleen; Salerno, Jay; Scullion, Brianna; Secatore, Christina; Seraikas, Anna; Slamp, Kaye; Swanborg, Matthew; Tabb, Taylor; Tedeschi, Elisa; Whelan, Alison and Whilton, Zoe

HONORS

Astino, Francesca; Avila, Brittany; Ayers, Abigail; Brophy, Michaela; Bukowski, Brennan; Burke, Erica; Castro, Emily; Cipolla, Angela; Collins, John; Donohue, Moira; Evans, Alexander; Faber, James; Farren, Alexandra; Fitzgerald, Christen; Froio, Derek; Healy, Christina; Healy, Danielle; Higgins, Kimberly; Kearney, Brendan; Livingstone, Kyle; Lunde, Christopher McNary, Dean; McNary, Mitchell; Murphy, Christopher Orner, Kayla; Rattenbury, Michaela Silvia, Amber; Stebbins, Sage; Troy, Matthew and Wheelwright, Hayley.

GRADE 8

HIGH HONORS

Adkins, Olivia; Altholtz, Colette; Berube, Michelle; Bobo, Samantha; Braun, McCauley; Butler, Alexandra; Cahill, Bridget; Carrier, Jack; Choi, William; Costello, Meaghan; Fitts, Rhiana; Fredey, Rachel; Goetz, Anders; Green, Samuel; Haggerty, Carli; McCabe, Kerry; Michalowski, Anna; Monaco, Jay; Pozniak, Claire; Quebec, Elise; Quinlan, Colin; Shwachman, Greta; Sinclaire, Mollie; Sookiasian, Danielle ; Toomey, Emily; Wade, Victoria and Williams, Alice.

HONORS

Ayers, Bridget; Brennan, Dominic; Burnett, Andrew ; Campbell, Benjamin; Coffman, Charles; Collins, Caroline; Craven, William ; Davis, Lindsey; Dick, Mark; Dignam, Natalie ; Dunn, Patrick ; Durant, Matthew ; Fewsmith, Andrew; Furtado, Mia; Hayes, Lauren ; Hill, Robert; Jones, Robert; Kelly, Kathleen; Kinnealey, Elizabeth; Kissick, Mark; Liberty, Samantha; MacCleave, Maxwell; MacNaught, Lindsay; Martin, Carly; Mavilia, Sarah; McElgunn, Molly; McGoldrick, John; McKelvey, James; Musto, Emma; O'Callaghan, Charlotte; Reel, Michael; Sadler, Francesca; Sease, Merrick; Stumpf, Logan; Wilson, Christopher and Yerardi, Olivia.

GRADE 9

HIGH HONORS

Buckley, Thomas; Campedelli, Melissa; Coner, Christine; Curry, Grace; Donze, Margaux; Lucitt, Cameron; Malone, Charlotte; Meyers, Austin; Richardson, Megan and Rioux, Dominique.

FIRST HONORS

Altholtz, Madeline; Bertovich, Emily; Breslow, Logan; Burgess, Hannah; Canavan, Jaime; Collins, Paige; D'Antonio, Kristina; Dean, Jackson; Durant, Katherine; Durant, Tyler; Earle, James; Jaffe, Thomson; Kelly, Meredith; Leger, Alexandra; Libby, Sarah; Littauer, Andrew; MacCormack, Terrence; Manifase, Chase; McKenna, Andrew; Noble, Lucy; Perkinson, Abigail; Porter, Ian; Regan, Johanna; Seraikas, Mark; Sullivan, Daniel; Teague, Kaleigh and Wise, William.

SECOND HONORS

Bertolami, Sophia; Blaze, Lauren; Bryan, Hillary; Crough, Samantha; Donohue, Taryn; Doonan, Brendan; Driscoll, Dean; Filbey, Michael; Franklin, Isabelle; Gaumer, Hilary; Hart, MacKenzie; Hayes, Christopher; Hindley, Kelsea; Hurlbut, David; Lehr, Victoria; Magruder, Jennifer; Mahoney, Meaghan; Malveira, Katie; Queenan, Conor; Rosano, Joseph; Sestito, Angela; Smith, Paige; Stevenson, Graham and Trahon, Sarah.

GRADE 10

HIGH HONORS

Fitts, Jessica; Goodwin, Margaret; McBride, Fiona; McMorris, Rachel; Oddleifson, David; Ofsthun, Conor and Sinclaire, Graham.

FIRST HONORS

Baumgarten, Eleanor; Brown, Lennart; Castro, Melissa; Daly, Ryan; Dunn, Brittany; Haracz, Lesen; Kearns, Aisling; Monaco, Kristin; Mullin, Alyssa; Murley, Georgia; Reardon, Erika; Salerno, Carly; Smith, Stephanie; Treese, Timothy; Wilcox, Christopher and Zappolo, Carlen.

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Despite some light rainfall, the sixth annual Turkey Trot got off to a spirited start Thanksgiving morning at Cohasset Common

Ready, set, go!

Turkey Day Trot draws a crowd

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Brendan Carr of Brewster, Maine comes in first in the sixth annual Turkey Trot. The 3.1-mile race started and ended at Cohasset Common. Funds raised will be donated to the Jett Foundation of Pembroke, which is dedicated to spreading the word about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and raising funds to find a cure.

Tracey Merrill's son Joseph Wellman, age 6, made this big "Go Mama" sign for his mom, who participated in the sixth annual Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning.

Scituate resident Tracey Timmins is the first woman to tear through the yellow finish line at the sixth annual Turkey Trot.

(Above)
Kristin Rosano pins her 8-year-old daughter Megan's Turkey Trot race number on her jacket. Both ran in the race to help raise funds for the Jett Foundation.
(Below)

Rob Lawrence registers for the Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot with his two race partners, golden retrievers Sony and Nellie.

The sixth annual Turkey Trot saw runners from all over New England compete to raise money for the Jett Foundation, which fights to raise awareness and find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Library Corner

Rousseau's landscapes on display

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at Paul Pratt Library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Page Position – The library is looking for an organized, detail-oriented Cohasset resident to fill a part-time page position. Applicant must be 16 years or older. Responsibilities include shelving library materials, shelf reading and light cleaning. Hours would be Saturday afternoons and/or Sunday afternoons. Call Gayle Walsh at 383-1348, ext. 120 if interested.

Independent Film Night – Take a break from holiday shopping and come to a free movie at the library. The independent film "Be With Me" will be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish Music for Children – On Mondays, Dec, 4,11,18, and Jan. 8, 22 and 29, at 10:30, in the Meeting Room, Jodi Craft will teach and sing familiar songs in Spanish. This interactive Spanish enrichment program is for all ages and communities. No registration required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Spanish Story Time – On Friday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Su Escuela, The Language Center, will present Spanish Story Time. This interactive program will be facilitated by native Spanish-speaking teachers who will translate, adapt and present well-known books. Call 781-383-1348 to register for this program.

Our World

All ages welcome for 'messy art!

The following fall programs will be offered at Our World Museum at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information call 781-383-3198.

Mid-Week Camp – Elementary School students can spend the afternoon at Our World on early release days. Sessions include craft, snack, lesson and play time. Held from 1:15 to 3:30 pm. Registration in advance. Schedule currently accommodates students from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell, Hanover and Braintree. The cost is $30 per class for non-members and $25 for members. Themes include growing, eating, playing and communicating.

Spanish for Kids – Join Emilia Buckley for a fun beginning Spanish language and culture class. Using music, visuals and lots of imagination, children will be introduced to and enjoy the benefits of early language learning. Classes for 3 to 5 year olds will be held Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Classes for 4 to 5 year olds will be held Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Classes begin after the new year. There is a maximum of five children so that special attention can be given.

Messy Art – Join Julie for three sessions Thursday afternoons to do the projects you hesitate to do at home such as painting, glue, beads, clay, sand art, tie-dye and much more. Classes run from 1 to 1:45 p.m., or 4 to 5 p.m. All ages welcome, but drop-off is available for ages 5 and up. The cost is $5 per child.

It's "Music Time" – Join Jim Armstrong, on an international musical adventure. An Our World exclusive. Parents and their children, ages 18 months to 4 years, are invited to join Jim for six weeks of musical and educational fun. Every class begins with a classic campfire sing-along around a realistic looking (but pretend) campfire. With Jim leading the sing-alongs and playing guitar, mandolin and ukulele, children will learn how to sing and perform simple and fun hand/body movements to favorite songs sung by children around the world. Highlights of the six week session include a participating in a dress up parades while marching and dancing to music from many cultures, a Mexican Hat Dance party and a Hawaiian Luau. Classes begin in January and will be held Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

French for Kids – Invite your child to join Liliane Miller, a native French speaker and learn a little French through the use of songs, nursery rhymes, poetry and simple conservation. Your child will be exposed to a new language in a fun and vibrant way. Classes for 3 to 5 years olds will be held Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:15 and 1 to 1:45 p.m. The cost is $60 for members and $70 for non-members. Classes for 5 to 8 year olds will be held Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is $70 for members and $85 for non-members.

Play and Learn Chinese – Join Ling Tang, of the CBK Culture Center for a fun elementary Chinese class. Children will learn to speak simple Chinese (Mandarin), sing songs, play traditional games, and do monthly crafts. Ages 3 to 6. Classes will begin in January.

Help us fill in the Blanks – A creative and unique gift for the holiday season. A great present to honor families, children, grandparents, teachers or members in the community. Your donation of $100 will reserve your brick to add to the Our World sidewalk. The funds will support the maintenance of Our World outdoor playground and our indoor play area, plus the aquition of additional play structures and museum exhibits. If you prefer, you can purchase a granite paver for $500.

Family Friday Nights – Starting in December, dinner and a movie will be held at the museum the third Friday of each month. The cost is $10 per adult and $5 per child with a maximum of $25. Call 781-383-3198 by the Wednesday before to reserve your spot.

Kids Night Out – Starting in December and running the first Friday of each month; drop kids off in their pajamas at 5:30 p.m. Our World will feed them dinner, play games, and show them a movie. Pick up is by 8:30 p.m. For ages 3 and up. $10 per child. Call 781-383-3198 by the Wednesday before to reserve your spot.

It's Happening

Holiday fun at One Creative Place

Holiday Happenings are filling the month of December at One Creative Place here in Cohasset. From Shop till you Drop nites to Gingerbread House Workshops and gift making programs and more for all ages, you can bring the kids over to have a fantastic time. For more information, go to www.onecreativeplace.net or call 781-383-2211.

GOP party

The annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Christmas Party will take place Sunday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. The proceeds from this annual event help fund the committee's scholarships for college-bound high school seniors. This year, the committee is requesting that attendees bring canned goods for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

All are invited to this holiday celebration. Tickets, which includes beverages, are $15 per person and $25 per couple.

For reservations, call Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, at 781-383-6443 or Kevin O'Donnell, 248 King St., at 781-383-6113.

'Guys & Dolls' is next weekend!

Cohasset Music Department will present the musical "Guys & Dolls" Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2:30 p.m., in the Cohasset Middle-High School auditorium.

This musical about dice-rolling gamblers and the "dolls" they love features the songs "Luck be a Lady," "A Bushel and a Peck," "I've Never been in Love Before" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat." Miss Adelaide will be played by Sinclair Dean; while her gambling beau, Nathan Detroit, is played by Tim Toomey. The Mission Doll, Sarah Brown, is played by Sally Meehan; while she is wooed by the high-roller, Sky Masterson, played by Charles Miller. In addition, a strong supporting cast and crew makes this a highly recommended show.

Stephanie Hoskin is director/choreographer and Bryan Marks is producer/music director. Marks said, "This show should stand favorably in the long tradition of quality musicals here at Cohasset Middle-High School."

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Tickets are $10, and may be purchased at the door or in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-2069.

GEMs to host fundraiser

GEMS of Hope will host a Magical Movable Feast Sunday, Dec. 10, to celebrate the holidays and support three remarkable programs: the computer education for women program run by **Wellspring in Hull**; the career education for low income women offered by the **Odwin Learning Center in Boston** and primary education for children offered by **Maria Alvarides School in Pici, Brazil.**

This beautiful evening, hosted by Peter and Leah Taylor Roy and Mary and Don Larson will consist of cocktails and caroling at the Roy's followed by dinner, dessert and a silent auction at the home of Mary and Don Larson.

Tickets cost $75 per person and can be reserved by contacting Cindy Kuppens at 781-383-6670, or by leaving a message in her voice mail and she will return your call.

The highlight of the evening will be the fabulous jewelry featured in the Gems for GEMs Holiday Auction. Some of the items in the auction include both new and estate pieces. In addition, men's enameled coin cufflinks, a gold watch, bracelets and more will be featured. Cohasset Jewelers, as well as women involved in GEMs, have donated lovely pieces of jewelry to help ensure the evening's success.

GEMS of Hope, USA is a local not-for-profit organization of women who are committed to helping women become self-sufficient and able to support themselves and their families. All food, beverages and auction items have been donated for this event and GEMs estimates that over 95 percent of all ticket sales and auction proceeds will be donated to the three projects benefited by this event.

Christmas Fair at Greek Church

The Panagia Greek Orthodox Church at 811 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset will hold a Christmas Fair, Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greek baked goods and hot apple cider, as well as handcrafted goods such as decorated wreaths and boxwood trees, felt designer handbags, crocheted and knitted goods and a Grandma's attic table will be featured.

Giving extra credit to Cohasset teachers

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With each Extra Credit donation, the CEF will mail an acknowledgement card to the teacher or other special recipient in the Cohasset schools. Cards are available with a suggested minimum donation of $15 each ($50 for five cards), larger donations are always appreciated. All of the proceeds of the Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit go toward funding professional development in the Cohasset schools. The CEF accepts donations for the Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit throughout the entire school year. Not only is this an ideal holiday gift, but a way to thank the teachers and staff in the schools all year long.

Take time this holiday season to honor local educators by participating in the CEF Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit. Donations may also be made in honor of relatives, friends, coaches, grandparents and any other special people or as a memorial remembrance. Checks should be made payable to: The Cohasset Education Foundation and mailed to: The Cohasset Education Foundation, P.O Box 309, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net.

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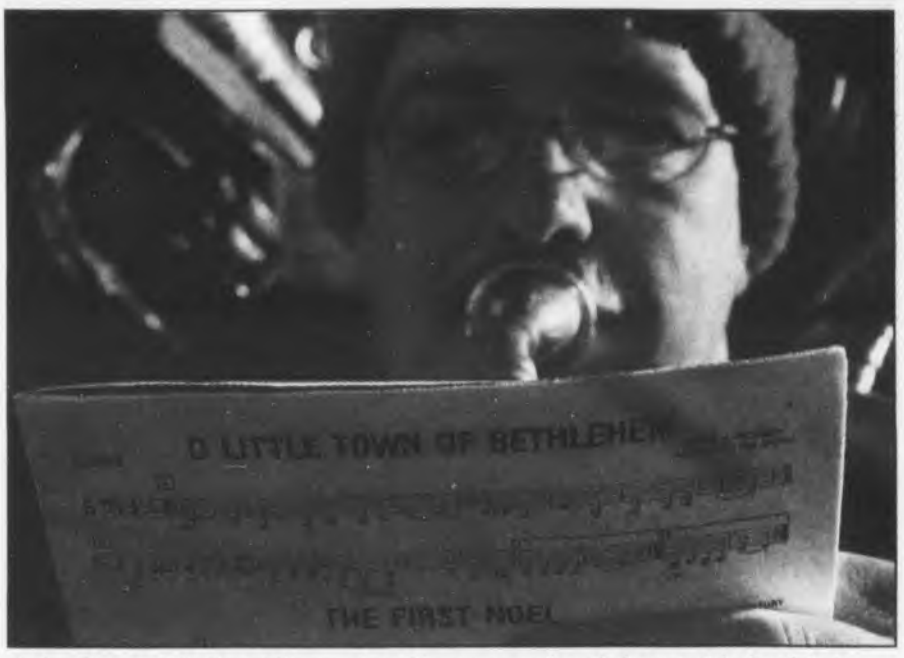
Santa is no stranger to technology, as he takes the cell phone handed to him by Mary Beth Barnhart to speak to her husband Jonathan, before heading into the Community Center during the Jingle Bell Walk.



Arthur Harvey of the Rusty Skippers plays Christmas carols with the rest of the band during Friday's Jingle Bell Walk.

Here comes Santa Claus!

Annual Jingle Bell Walk rings in the season

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Four-year-old Conor McCann proudly rings his bell during the Jingle Bell Walk last Friday, while Santa arrives by boat at the town pier.

Caroline Donohue, 3, tells Santa about her Christmas list while her brother James, 4 months, enjoys his first time sitting on Santa's lap.

Santa arrives by boat with Mrs. Claus and some elves in tow, during the annual Jingle Bell Walk, held last Friday.

Christopher Hernan, 5, dressed as an elf, hands out a bell before the Jingle Bell Walk in the Village last Friday.

Amber Silvia, 12, looks at the snowflake painted on her cheek at the Community Center during the Jingle Bell Walk.

Brian Anderson waves hello to Santa with his children Michael, 6, and Nicole, 3, from the steps of St. Stephen's Church, during the Jingle Bell Walk last Friday.

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The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale are joining forces this holiday season to support Wellspring's Diane Edson Fund.

'Dancing Day' is Dec. 10 at First Parish

Members of Broad Cove Chorale will perform in next weekend's "Dancing Day" concert to benefit Wellspring. Performances will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham, and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., at First Parish Church, 23 North Main St., on the Green, in Cohasset.

The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale are joining forces this holiday season to support Wellspring's Diane Edson Fund, which provides direct financial aid to people in crisis. This cause is meaningful to the singers, since Edson was a member of Unicorn Singers for 15 years until her death.

The concert is titled "Dancing Day," and features various settings of the old Cornish carol "tomorrow shall be my dancing day…this have I done for my true love." The principal works are a suite of Christmas carol dances called Ringeltänze, which will be accompanied by piano and hand bell choir, and John Rutter's cantata, "Dancing Day." The assembled audience and choirs will render a number of familiar carols, some with hand bells and instruments to brighten the sound.

Tickets are $15 or $25 for a sponsor ticket to help support Wellspring, and are good for either performance. They are available at Noble's in Hingham Square or by calling Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162. Tickets will be sold at the door as available.

Rusty Skippers perform at noon Saturday

The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own community concert band, will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon. The Skippers have been preparing a variety of new holiday pieces including "Sleigh Ride," made famous by the Boston Pops, "Carol of the Bells," "What Child is This" and many other familiar tunes and carols in all styles. With several new members, as well as band veterans, the Rusty Skippers have never sounded better. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. A free-will cash offering for the Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.

The band will offer a preview of this concert Sunday, Nov. 26, at Harbor House in Hingham at 2:30 p.m. The Skippers will also be playing other selections at the lighting of the town tree Friday, Nov. 24. The Rusty Skipper performances are funded in part by Cohasset Cultural Council.

The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset Harborfest at the suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. The Rusty Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, the instrumental music director at Deer Hill School.

After the December concert schedule is completed, the band will reconvene in the early spring to prepare selections for the concerts at the South Shore Festival of the Arts and American Cancer Society Relay for Life and at various nursing homes.

The Rusty Skippers Band welcomes new members at the beginning of each season. Anyone who is interested in joining the band can contact Steve Biagini, c/o Deer Hill School, at sbiagini@cohassetk12.org.

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Blessing of the Animals to be held

The Blessing of the Animals, an annual tradition will be held in the Meeting House at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Cohasset Common and will take place Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m.

Be it a four-legged friend, a feathered friend, or even those in aquariums; dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, lizards, snakes - all are welcome. Yes, two years ago a pony looked through the window for his blessing. The service will feature animal-friendly music, readings, prayers and a short homily by their minister, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org. Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Dec. 3, Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Come worship with us in this service led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, who will preach on "So Many Names for the Holy."

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Childcare is available for our youngest.

• **Come back at 3 p.m. for our Annual Blessing of the Animals — open to the community!** Bring your four-legged friends, your feathered friends, your aquarium friends to this service of animal-friendly songs, poetry, prayer, and story. Please bring them house-trained and on a leash or in a carrier. Come share the blessing!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. We wish you a joyous Advent Season.

This week's events from Dec. 3 through Dec. 10:

Sun. Dec.3rd: 9 am Youth Worship; 11:30 am Outreach Meeting; 3 pm **Lessons and Carols**

Mon. Dec. 4th: 7 pm Profile Meeting 7:30 pm Christian Meditation;

Wed. Dec. 6th : 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Mary"

Thurs. Dec. 7th:_ 7 pm Prayer and Healing

Fri. Dec. 8:_ Noon- Soup and Sandwich, 6 pm Advent Potluck Supper celebrating newcomers

Sat. Dec.10th: 11:40 Church Greening

Readings for December 10th are from Baruch 5: 1-9 in which a tender message of encouragement to Jerusalem and a vision of the gracious Lord bringing home God's people from exile is read. In the reading from Philippians 1: 3-11 Paul encourages the community to grow in the love of Christ in order to share God's grace. And in the Gospel from Luke: 3:1 – 6, the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist is set in the context of its time in history.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The subject for Dec. 3 is "God the only Cause and Creator"; Dec. 10 is "God the Preserver of Man;" Dec. 17 is "Is the Universe,

Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"; Christmas Eve Dec. 23 is "Christ Jesus"; New Year's Eve Dec. 31 is "Christian Science"

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are God, Sacrament, Life and Truth.

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South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

For information, call 781-383-1083. *Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com*

Obituaries

Bruce A. Edmonds

Former welder at Proctor and Gamble

Bruce A. Edmonds, 92, of Cohasset, died Nov. 20, 2006, at his home.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Mr. Edmonds was raised in Quincy and graduated from Quincy High School and New York Diesel Engineering School. He had been a Cohasset resident for 55 years.

Mr. Edmonds worked for more than 34 years at Proctor and Gamble as a welder. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves during World War II and the Korean War.

He was a life member of the Scituate Rod and Gun Club, and served as a member on several town committees.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, Mary (Broderick) Edmonds; his children, Bonnie Ritter of Texas, Sheila Long of Nevada and Joan Lawrence of Colorado; his grandchildren, Richard Ritter, Mark Ritter and Eric Ritter, all of Texas, David Lawrence of Michigan, Peter Lawrence of Colorado and Erin Maher of Nevada; and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Eileen Sunnerberg.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment in Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Cohasset Food Pantry c/o St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

William E. Fox

Businessman; World War II Veteran

William E. Fox Jr., 84, fortified with the Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church, passed away Nov. 22, 2006, in Roanoke, Va.

Born in Stoughton, he was the son of the late William and Marian Fox, Sr.

He was a decorated World War II veteran, serving in the First Squad, Second Platoon Company, Second Battalion, 318 Infantry Regiment of the 80th Infantry Division in the European Theatre of Operations.

Mr. Fox was a graduate of St. Louis University and a successful businessman. He was a member of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church.

He treasured the time he lived in Cohasset on Old Coach Road with his large family. Cohasset always held a special place in his heart, as it was where he spent happy times with his extended family, summering while home from boarding school.

Mr. Fox was quite proud that eight of his ten children, as well as his nephew, all graduated from Cohasset High School.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Gertrude R. (Bosch) Fox; ten children, Teresa Stoller and her husband Jamie, of Shaker Heights, Ohio; James Fox and his wife Matoula, of Montclair, N.J.; Kathy Fox and her husband Vern, of Port Townsend, Wash.; Kevin Fox and his wife Julie, of New York, N.Y.; Susan Thompson and her husband David, of Roanoke, Va.; Andrea Kluender and her husband Keith, of Madison, Wis.; Peggy Good and her husband, David of Denver, Pa.; Vicki Venes and Jack Winters of Tacoma, Wash., Jennifer Markulec and her husband Michael, of Titusville, N.J. and Lisa Crutchfield and her husband Eric, of Roanoke, Va., as well as 21 grandchildren and many relatives and friends. He was the uncle of the late Stephen Fox.

Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held in spring 2007.

Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice or to his favorite charity, Food for the Poor, 550 SW 12th Ave., Deerfield Beach, FL. 33442.

Elizabeth Vining

Retired secretary

Elizabeth "Betty" (Fleming) Vining, 75, of Marshfield, died Nov. 20, 2006, at Cardigan Nursing Home in Scituate.

Born in Scituate, Mrs. Vining graduated from Scituate High School. Prior to her retirement, she had been employed as a secretary at Governor Winslow School in Marshfield. She retired in 1998 after 25 years of service.

Mrs. Vining and her late husband, Joseph P. Vining, were loyal Marshfield High School football fans. She had been a Marshfield resident for 50 years.

Wife of the late Joseph P. Vining, she leaves a son, Stephen Vining and his wife Stephanie; one daughter, Linda Robbins and her husband, Dennis, of Scituate; one brother, Charles Fleming of Florida; one sister, Phyllis Fleming of Cohasset; and three grandchildren, Colby Vining, Sarah Robbins and Elizabeth Robbins.

A funeral service was held at MacDonald Funeral Home, Marshfield. Interment in Couch Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joseph and Betty Vining Scholarship Fund, c/o Scituate Federal Savings band, 259 Dyke Road, Marshfield, MA 02050.

Advent Festival at St. Stephen's

As part of its concert series, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, Dec. 3, the first Sunday of Advent, at 3 p.m. The service will consist of carols, hymns, anthems and readings of the season. Readings will tell of the coming of Christ, and there will be anthems rendered by the choir as well as hymns and carols of the season for all to sing. Come by and take a break during the pre-Christmas rush and reflect on the meaning of the season.

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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

LIVE AND LET LEARN

By Danielle Ameden
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Robynn Eisley and the classroom come together like an orchestra.

They play in harmony.

Inspired by a passion for lifelong learning, Eisley has returned to school over and over again to teach and be taught. Now a student at UMass Medical Center in Worcester studying to become a registered family nurse practitioner, the 54-year-old said the motivation to further her education has been simple.

"It wards off Alzheimer's," said Eisley, a registered nurse, who is a little more than a semester away from finishing her three-year Graduate Entry Pathways (GEP) master's program at the school's Graduate School of Nursing in Worcester.

Eisley, who as a 10-year-old dreamed of becoming a pediatrician, has threaded together a colorful life story centered around her endless quest for knowledge. The Norristown, Pa., native has taken breaks from school to bear and raise two children, and dabble in different professions, but nothing can keep her out of the classroom.

DAILY NEWS PHOTO BY ALLAN JUNG

Robynn Eisley, a graduate student in the UMass Medical Center nursing program, talks with her professor, Annette Jakubisin-Konicki, coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, prior to class.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley in 1974, where she studied music history and biology on the pre-med track, Eisley earned her master's degree in music history from Smith College. While her interest in music took her to UCLA on an esteemed Regents scholarship – where she worked toward a doctorate degree – she stopped short of writing her dissertation.

With the realization of there being few jobs in the field, the newly married Eisley decided to return to Massachusetts, wanting to have children *and* stay in the classroom. She returned to Mount Holyoke where she taught music appreciation for four years while working as an admissions counselor at the school.

Then she started fiddling in toy sales, a move the working mother of two said was smart.

"The path that I went really merged well with having children," Eisley said of her job as senior manager with Discovery Toys, which had her peddling popular children's learning and development toys like Marbleworks puzzles, Measure Up! Cups and Boomerings Classic Links to parents and teachers at toy demos throughout New England, while managing 165 sales consultants.

The job, she said, was fun and kept her in touch with the education sector.

"I absolutely, positively loved it," Eisley said. "Sales are just like raising children – 'Do you want this one or that one?' " she added with a laugh.

After a 17-year interlude, Eisley returned to teaching at Mount Holyoke in 1999, this time instructing biology lab courses and singing in the school's Glee Club. All the while, Eisley had kept herself in touch with education, enrolling in courses like Italian, sociology, microbiology, evolution and ecology at the college to challenge herself.

"I thought it was important to keep myself honest as an instructor," she said. "I knew what it was like to be graded and study for tests."

With her bachelor's and master's degrees long-since completed, and with doctorate work and pre-med courses under her belt, Eisley kept drumming away in biology, beginning work as a research assistant in the molecular genetics lab at UMass-Amherst in 2004.

Going back to school to study nursing was a spontaneous move, Eisley said, made after two friends clipped an ad for the UMass graduate program out of the newspaper. "They both said 'this sounds like you,' " said Eisley, who formerly lived in South Hadley.

"I was very much at an 'I don't know what I'm doing right now' moment," said Eisley, who had recently divorced her husband. "The registration fee was only $25, so I said, 'OK, I'll do this.' ... I thought I wouldn't get in because I was older. The next thing I knew I had moved to Worcester and started the program."

A "very intense" first year in 2004, capped by a 250-hour internship at UMass Memorial Medical Center's university campus working on a medical-surgical floor, didn't deter Eisley from forging ahead. Next came a 1,000-hour residency on the same floor, spanning from last November to this September, at which point Eisley passed the National Certification Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

It's been quite the ride, Eisley said.

While her schedule has her sacrificing sleep and "a life" while balancing a busy schedule of nurse practitioner classes, nursing clinical training, a part-time job on the medical-surgical floor, and lots of studying, Eisley said being in school again is worth it.

"One should never stop learning," she said. "You have to get back on the bicycle and have to start pedaling uphill. It's easy for people to say it's too much trouble. If you keep doing it, it comes more easily."

Her current inspiration is the patients, said Eisley, who ultimately hopes to practice in a women's health or college health services office, where she aspires to be a confidante and mentor, as well as a health care provider, for her patients.

The work is rewarding, Eisley said, because nursing is a "caring sort of profession."

Realizing the important role she will play in Massachusetts' health care system has been one of the driving forces for Eisley as she works toward completion of the GEP program, which was created to address the burgeoning statewide need for qualified nurses.

"I definitely think nurse practitioners have a really good role to fill. They're better at education, they're better at health promotion. They prevent things from happening rather than just fixing things when they do happen," said Eisley, who has learned techniques for coaching patients to lower hypertension and high cholesterol levels, quit smoking and adopt healthy lifestyles.

"If you can catch that hypertension when they're 30, you might save them from having that first heart attack at 45," she said.

This semester, she works two or three days a week doing nursing clinicals in Amherst, another day in Barre, with a full day of classes on Tuesdays, and another full-day shift at the university's hospital. The only free time in her schedule is absorbed by paper writing and studying.

Despite being incessantly busy, Eisley said she fudged her schedule to make room for music, something that's "in (her) soul."

On Sunday nights, Eisley plays the flute with her school's Seven Hill Symphony orchestra, keeping with an interest in music that began as a youngster, when she played the oboe, piano and flute, and started singing with choral groups as a 4-year-old.

As a kid, Eisley and her brother – the offspring of a biochemist mother and funeral director father – entertained themselves by performing science experiments and won many blue ribbons in science fairs. "My brother made rocket engines in the basement, and I had 32 white rats on the third floor," said Eisley.

Today, the melody of science and music still chimes for Eisley and her family.

Eisley's brother is a computer projects engineer, her 26-year-old son Noel is working on his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at Princeton, and her 24-year-old daughter Devin is a dance teacher.

She said her family, including her parents and new husband Paul Benoit – with whom Eisley will celebrate their one-year wedding anniversary in January – have been very supportive of her educational endeavors, although they frame their support with the demand to "call us when you can," she said.

While she's charging ahead at full-steam, Eisley said she stays fueled by the prospect of making a difference as a nurse. After her slated May graduation, the next big hurdle for Eisley becomes passing the nurse practitioner certification board exam.

And the lifelong learner is already exploring her options for even more enriching classes.

"I try not to make my list too long," she said with a laugh, ticking off art history, chair caning, weaving and quilting as subjects she's interested in studying. "It's that creative sort of side of me."

On a mission for families

DYS caseworker, Guardsman sharpening his skills at FSC

By Danielle Ameden
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

For Sgt. Paul Prentiss, homework these days is a breeze compared to his past assignments – standing guard over al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists at a Guantanamo Bay detention center, and rescuing pets in flooded New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Taking advantage of the national Montgomery G.I. bill – which, for many, covers the entire expense of earning a higher-education degree – the 34-year-old Army National Guard squad leader is now on an operation of a different sort, working toward his master of arts in counseling psychology at Framingham State College.

His mission is to "sharpen his skills" for his job as a caseworker with the state Department of Youth Services, where he coaches juveniles with troubled pasts and works with families.

"I was doing a lot of counseling, but I hadn't received a lot of formal training," he said. With role-plays and material learned from courses like Multicultural Counseling and Advanced Principles of Learning and Development, "I've got the formal training I needed to be more effective," he said. "I'm trying to become a better individual counselor."

Prentiss said he's already applying new techniques learned at FSC for "person-centered counseling" to his work, after developing skills for building open, trusting mentoring relationships with the people he works with.

"That relationship does all the work for you: the fact your clients care about you, and they know you care about them," he said.

While taking night classes for the three-year graduate-level program, the Leominster resident also works full-time with DYS in Worcester and trains one weekend a month with his Guard compatriots at Massachusetts military bases Fort Devens or Camp Edwards, and a two-week span once a year.

"It's absolutely difficult," he said of balancing everything. "There's no easy way to go about it. You just gotta make the time."

Another ball for Prentiss to juggle is preparing to ship off overseas at some point, where he expects to provide security or patrol the streets with his Bravo Company, 181st Infantry unit out of Gardner. While he doesn't know when, where or if he will be deployed, an overseas rotation will likely interrupt his education at FSC.

But Prentiss said the school has been accommodating when it comes to his Guard responsibilities. "They've been absolutely supportive, no issue," he said.

For the time being, Prentiss said he's focused on coursework and his job at DYS, where he works with a caseload of 25 juveniles and their families. The position is gratifying, he said, because he gets to inspire the young adults to turn their lives around.

"It's kind of my whole job in a nutshell – trying to motivate people to make better choices," he said. "Basically people go through tough times. They just need someone to help them through that point. ... People need to feel connected."

Prentiss said he realized shortly after graduating from Westfield State College in 1994 that his true calling was social work, through which he could be part of a support system for people who need a helping hand. He started interning after college with DYS, which led to his job as a caseworker.

Even with more than a decade of experience at DYS, he knew he had more to learn.

Enrolled in FSC's 15-course master of arts program since 2004, Prentiss is preparing to become a mental health counselor (LMHC), licensed by the state. His long-term goal, he said, is to become a high school adjustment counselor.

Reaching for a master's is just another part of Prentiss' day-to-day adventures that have included his 10-month rotation through the Army National Guard, standing guard outside Cuba's top-secret detention facility.

Prentiss joined the Guard in October 2001 with his brother, Joshua L'Homme, who served in Iraq. "We had to serve," Prentiss said. "What it really comes down to is your country needs you at some point. ..."

He said serving his country is his unrequited responsibility, but some aspects of the job tested him. "There's a lot of bad feelings about the fact you were holding people without trials, without legal representation," said Prentiss, who majored in criminal justice at Westfield State.

After completing his high-priority assignment doing security operations at Camp Delta, Prentiss returned to the States before traveling to Louisiana to help clean up the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

He was one of hundreds of the state's guardsmen and women who worked with animal rights teams to rescue pets trapped in homes and wandering around the streets, made human search and rescue efforts, and patrolled the area to help control looting.

The pet rescue was the most rewarding aspect for Prentiss, a self-dubbed "animal guy."

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National Guard Sgt. Paul Prentiss is benefitting from the G.I. bill while attending classes to further his career at Framingham State.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

9:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports being flagged down near this location for unknown trouble - parties were having a dispute over parking; peace restored – advised and sent on their way.

9:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy**. and **King St.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; caller reports maroon sedan all over the road; elderly party checks out okay.

10:13 a.m. **Parkingway**, caller reports that a vehicle is blocking construction; car moved.

11:04 a.m. **S. Main St.**, assist motorist - caller reports female sleeping in a gray sedan across from this location - party was tired and taking a nap; checked out okay and was sent on her way.

11:55 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports finding a dog that was bleeding and transported it to the Hingham Animal Clinic.

11:59 a.m. **N. Main St**. and **Depot Court**, caller reports motorists are failing to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk; advised Sergeant for roll call.

12:16 p.m. **Country Way**, mutual aid – Scituate fire dept. requests ambulance for elderly party in respiratory distress.

12:33 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller with complaint regarding youths playing hockey in parking lot – afraid that motor vehicle will be damaged; youths are under parental supervision and will stay away from cars.

3:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, lost cell phone reported.

4:06 p.m. **N. Main St.**, caller reports that a coyote is sitting in her driveway; left area for now.

5:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer assisting citizen with vehicle.

5:31 p.m. **Beach St.**, caller reports her cat was missing and has been returned home.

5:48 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, animal complaint - caller reports that there was a coyote in her driveway – went into the woods; referred to animal control officer.

6:20 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint - caller reports her dog; a light-colored Golden Retriever is missing.

6:24 p.m. **Hillside Dr.**, caller reports she was talking to her elderly mother and doesn't think she hung up the phone correctly. She is trying to call, but the line is busy. Officer made contact with the elderly female; she is having phone problems.

6:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident with injuries; caller reports a motor vehicle accident; fire reports one patient will be a sign-off and one patient will be transported by Scituate rescue.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

1 a.m. **State Police Headquarters**, State Police reports an erratic operator, which was on Route 3, may have got off the highway at exit 14 – motor vehicle belongs to a resident of Cohasset. Motor vehicle found in owner's driveway.

4:56 a.m. **State Police Headquarters**, female party is requesting a restraining order; advised and investigated; on-call judge has responded.

5:47 a.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance, female party in squad room filling out paperwork and reports, "There is something going on outside." Female party's residence is across the street from headquarters. Arrest: Robert F. Ahrens, 39, 43 Elm St., Cohasset. Charges: Break and entry for misdemeanor, assault and assault and battery.

5:57 a.m. **Elm St.** - police station, officer requested to check prisoner.

7:09 a.m. **Elm St.** – police station, officer had an unprotected exposure to blood while handcuffing the prisoner; necessary paperwork has been filled out.

9:44 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport; prosecutor is transporting prisoner to court.

10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports that her young daughter has locked them out of the house by accident with her newborn infant in the house; units report access to the house has been gained.

10:03 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports that there is a large dog at her doorstep with Colorado tags - requests someone to pick up the dog – it is sitting on her front steps barking; officer reports that the owner has picked up the dog.

10:54 a.m. **S. Main St.**, gas line reported to have been pulled from this location by the construction crew units standing by for the gas company; referred to Key Span.

12:26 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, caller reports an inside gas leak in basement.

2:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation; officer out with a Scituate cruiser for erratic operation and short pursuit.

3:19 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, suspicious person - Cohasset units have been advised to be on the lookout for a male party dressed as Santa Claus, who offered a teddy bear to a young girl - the young girl ran home.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

7:01 a.m. **N. Main St.**, power outage – caller states she has no power – National Grid notified.

8 a.m. **Elm St.** – police station, Weather: rainy; Wind: light; Temp: 63 degrees.

8:36 a.m. **N. Main St.**, caller requests medical aid for person who has fallen - transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

11:57 a.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle accident with no injuries reported; caller reports that a motor vehicle has hit a stone wall; officer reports the motor vehicle backed into a stone pillar.

11:58 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller reports two red objects in the water off shore – referred to harbormaster, who will check it out; harbormaster reports there are two channel markers side by side.

12:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious motor vehicle – caller reports a motor vehicle all over the road – vehicle is a dump truck, which just turned into Shaw's parking lot; all clear.

2:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk-in party states he is choking and needs help; is breathing and talking but states there is food in his throat and he can't swallow.

2:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, 911 caller reports her 20-month-old baby is locked in her room.

3:17 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint; referred to animal control officer.

5 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:11 p.m. **S. Main St.**, parking complaint; owner of store with complaint of cars parking in front of the store and then going into the Red Lion Inn; five cars tagged.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

8:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, larceny, Fiori's Exxon reports a recent drive-off by a large U-Haul; party called and stated it was a mistake and has fixed it with Exxon.

9:40 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, caller states he's concerned about the well being of one of his tenants. He has been out of town and can't get in touch with him. He thinks he might have been sick. Officer checked tenant and stated that he is okay and is speaking, but would not open the door. Owner contacted and told the party is okay.

11:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd**. and **Bow St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:44 a.m. **Stoughton police department**, be on the look out announcement from Stoughton police regarding a vehicle that has been involved in a hit and run with property damage but they will not arrest.

12:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller with complaint regarding a landscaping truck that is being repaired in the travel lane going in the direction of the Beechwood St. ballpark; truck removed from roadway.

12:57 p.m. **King St.**, vandalism reported; car egged.

1:14 p.m. **Pond St.** – High School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:15 p.m. **Sohier St.** – Deer Hill School, officer reports building checked; secure.

1:16 p.m. **Sohier St.** officer reports building checked; secure.

4:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

4:36 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

5:37 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:15 p.m. **Cedar St.**, animal complaint; caller reports a coyote in the area.

6:51 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller requests officer regarding an incident in front of his home involving a dark 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee with two teens inside, who approached them, asked if they wanted to buy drugs and told them to get in the car. The drive is described as wearing a hat and the passenger is described as being very thin with a black hat. A heavy-set male was sitting in the back seat; departmental action taken.

6:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

7:04 p.m. **Arrowwood Dr.**, mutual aid; Scituate requests ambulance for male with chest pain.

Legal Notices

FITZPATRICK ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2847EP

In the Estate of ROSALIE E. FITZPATRICK
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 30, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ELIZABETH B. FITZPATRICK of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 3, 2007**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 21, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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SEL/TAX ALLOCATION
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 20, Section 56, as amended by the Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:20 PM in the Office of the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for fiscal year 2007. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at this time.

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SEL/TOWN MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
2007 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & TOWN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Cohasset Board of Selectmen has voted to schedule the 2007 annual town meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2007, and the annual town election on Saturday, April 7, 2007.

Pursuant to Cohasset Town Bylaws, the deadline for citizen-petitioned articles for the annual town meeting is Friday, January 12, 2006, at 1:00 PM. The Selectmen shall insert any article in the warrant for the annual town meeting upon written request by ten (10) registered voters of the Town. The names and addresses of the first ten (10) registered voters requesting insertion of an article shall be printed in the warrant immediately following such article.

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 8 2006

Theater review

Digging deep

'Rabbit Hole' delves into the sorrow of loss

In "Rabbit Hole," currently being presented by the Huntington Theatre Com-pany, playwright David Lindsay-Abaire has created a compelling drama in which the central character is one we never actually see — a little boy lost to his family in a tragic car accident. As the play opens, it is eight months after the death of their 4-year-old son, Danny, and Becca and Howie's marriage is beginning to come apart at the seams. While she struggles to move forward from the loss, he clings fiercely to memories of better times. With Becca's mother and sister stepping not always gingerly around the frayed edges of the family, the parents stumble toward a reconfiguration of their life without Danny.

When it opened in New York in February of this year, "Rabbit Hole" marked South Boston native Lindsay-Abaire's Broadway debut and boasted a cast that included Cynthia Nixon and Tyne Daly. For its first-rate Boston mounting, director John Tillinger has assembled a skilled quintet of actors who, in very different ways, bring exquisite naturalism to their portrayals.

While she struggles to move forward from the loss, he clings fiercely to memories of better times.

As the grief-stricken couple, Donna Bullock and Jordan Lage perfectly convey the mix of emotions that flood through almost anyone who has experienced deep loss. Bullock's tightly wound Becca is in constant motion, whether folding and boxing her son's clothes and toys or fending off her husband's attempts to close the widening physical and emotional gap between them. Bullock's words may speak of the future, but her face is etched with her character's deep, lasting pain. Lage's Howie isn't ready or able to move on. Instead, he finds time alone to watch videos of himself and his son together and lashes out at his wife for trying to wipe reminders of the boy from their home.

At first, Maureen Anderman's slender sophistication as Becca's mother, Nat, begs the question of just how different the extraordinary Tyne Daly must have been in the part. Before too long, however, Anderman has made the role her own. If Nat's first-act Kennedy family diatribe seems to come out of nowhere, then her later explanation of what it was like to lose her own son seems to come directly from the deep recesses of a broken heart. As the pregnant, unmarried Izzy, Becca's free-spirited younger sister, Geneva Carr infuses her scenes with humor and appealing warmth. When Jason, the high school boy who killed Danny in the car accident, visits in an awkward act of atonement, the family is quite literally stunned to see him in their home. It is only Becca who can later summon the courage to meet with him. Troy Deutsch's gangly nervousness hits just the right tone for, Jason, a character whose science-fiction writing strangely may provide the family with a chance at accepting what has happened.

Set designer James Noone has given Becca and Howie a richly detailed, fully realized house, complete with living room, kitchen, and the bedroom once occupied by Danny.

"Rabbit Hole" will be at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Dec. 3. For tickets and information, call 617-266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.

— R. Scott Reedy

PHOTO: ERIC ANTONIOU

Howie (Jordan Lage) accuses Becca (Donna Bullock) of trying to erase the memory of their son Danny in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of Rabbit Hole by David Lindsay-Abaire, running through Dec. 3 at the Boston University Theatre.

Movie review

Fictional characters (including those played by Martin Sheen and Helen Hunt, left) gather to cheer on the appearance of Bobby Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel.

'Bobby' wins this vote

"Bobby" (A-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

A "Grand Hotel" for these troubled times, "Bobby" catapults writer-director Emilio Estevez into the front ranks.

Set in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel on that fateful day in 1968, the film tells interweaving stories involving non-historical figures leading up to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, who would have almost surely been elected president and changed the course of our history. The film incorporates well-chosen period music and seamless archival footage.

Estevez ("Men at Work"), not exactly known for his directing artistry, does an amazing job of moving the action along using compelling, individual narratives, deftly showcasing his semi-all-star, predominantly fine cast to its best advantage. Like "Grand Hotel," which was named the Best Picture of 1932, Estevez takes the upstairs/downstairs view of hotel life.

General manager Paul Ebbers (William H. Macy) is frazzled. Not only is Sen. Kennedy arriving at his campaign headquarters in the evening to await primary results, Ebbers just had to fire Darrell Timmons (Christian Slater), his head of food and beverage, because Timmons refused his Latino and African-American employees time off to exercise their right to vote.

At the same time, Ebbers is having an affair with a pretty switchboard operator (Heather Graham) in spite of his love for his longtime wife (Sharon Stone), a smart, funny, fading beauty who operates the hotel's busy beauty salon.

Elsewhere, boozy lounge singer Virginia Fallon (Demi Moore) is putting her long-suffering husband (Estevez) through hell with her diva antics. Retired Ambassador doorman Casey (Anthony Hopkins) meets fellow retiree Nelson (Sen. Kennedy's real-life friend and supporter Harry Belafonte) for a game of chess, and a young woman (Lindsay Lohan) is about to marry a friend and classmate (Elijah Wood) to keep him from being shipped to Vietnam.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Miguel (Jacob Vargas) and Don Drysdale-worshipping buddy Jose (Freddy Rodriguez) are matching wits with sous chef Edward Robinson (a terrific Laurence Fishburne). In scenes that do not live up to the film's standards, two campaign workers (Shia LaBeouf and Brian Geraghty) buy LSD from a hippie-dippy dealer (Ashton Kutcher) and go on a sugar-cube-dropping escapade.

But the film rebounds. Following hard upon the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, the killing in "Bobby" is a sad reminder of all that was lost. Actor Nick Cannon brings genuine anguish to the shooting's aftermath, and climactic sequences blending archival and fictional footage and words of Bobby Kennedy about the "the sickness in our souls" are a masterful directorial flourish.

Like much of "Bobby," they will take your breath away.

"Bobby" contains violence and profanity.

Calendar of events

Thursday Nov. 30

BSC Theater and Dance brings a bi-polar night of theater to the Rondileau Campus Center Stage with the zany *Sex, Drugs, 'n Academia* and the taught, political drama *Liberators*. The performances take place in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium on Park Avenue in Bridgewater on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 3. The cast of Bridgewater State College students come from various towns around Massachusetts: David Ciccariella, Bob McMicken, **Braintree**; Kristyn Kerivan, **Duxbury**; Andrew Adler, **Marshfield**; Curtis Bellafiore, Jen Corey, Jess Corey, **Weymouth**.The performances are directed by faculty member Stephen Levine of **Hingham** and student Will Candler of **Weymouth**. Ticket prices for the general public are $10 and $8 for BSC community, senior citizens and youth. For information or reservations, call the Bridgewater State College Box Office at 508-531-1321.

Nationally-known artist Mags Harries will be guest speaker at the annual Patrons Dinner at the **South Shore Art Center** on **Thursday, Nov. 30.** Mags Harries' public art projects have received national recognition and have won many awards. They are also popular and accessible. She observes the small things that, like DNA, reveal all that is important to know about a place. She looks for the charged image, the jolt of electricity that often lies dormant, but can be released to energize a public place and the community. For information about attending the Patron Dinner, Contact Candace Cramer ccramer@ssac.org

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, Rt. 3A, Cohasset (owned and operated by the Social Service League of Cohasset for over 50 years) are hosting a jewelry party featuring La Di Da Jewelry and Accessories by Kerry Pipenbrink on Thursday evening, Nov. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. Proceeds to help a family in need this Christmas. Any questions call Marita Carpenter, Manager, The Cohasset Consignment Shop, 781 383-0687.

"Coast House" Acrylic, by F. Andahazy '06

Oceanside, 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull, presents Holiday Small Works Tuesday – Sunday through Dec. 24, featuring the work of 13 Oceanside Gallery artists: F. Andahazy, J. Chittick, N. Colella, M. Curran, R. Farbush, C. Hatch, C. Keating, R. Nadeau, P. Railsback, S. Ruff, J. St. Peter, V. Strekalovsky, A. Tuck. Also offering jewelry by M. Hassel and Johannah's Boutique. Handcrafted ornaments by S. Donnellan and R. Parrish. Accessible to all, no admission through Dec. 24. 781-773-1563.

BEST BET

GioMatti Ristorante, 462 Quincy Ave, Braintree no cover, handicap access. 781-380-8180. Every Thursday, **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**. 9 p.m. Info, contact Satch Romano, New Blue Productions, Braintree. 781-258-5232

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Nov. 30, BBC "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Thursday, **Classic Rock Acoustic with Glenn MacAuliffe and Friends** 7 to 10 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Friday, Dec. 1

Mass Audubon at the Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Gallery announces its **Holiday Art Sale titled Images of Nature in Small Spaces** to benefit the educational programs at Moose Hill. All the artwork is reasonably priced to sell and all the pieces are small, no larger than 12" x 12". Viewers can experience and enjoy visions and images of nature in many different styles and mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, prints and woodcarvings. This artwork is high caliber, diverse and the prices are affordable at $25 to $200. Artwork will be available through Jan. 15. Moose Hill Gallery is located at the Mass Audubon Sanctuary in Sharon at 293 Moose Hill St. Gallery is open daily. Call 781-784-5691 for details.

Edaville USA presents **Friday Night Fireworks** every Friday night in December with a spectacular fireworks display to celebrate the season. At 8:30 pm on Friday nights Edaville guests will be able to view the fireworks reflected off of the pond and accentuated by holiday light displays all around. Edaville USA is open for the Christmas Festival of Lights with seven million lights, animated displays, many amusement rides, visits with Santa, Ellis' indoor playhouse and of course the 2-mile heated train ride though a winter wonderland. The park will be open every evening thru January 1 except for Christmas Day. Any customer that brings in a canned good on Monday and Tuesdays only will receive half off admission. Parking is free. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information hours and directions. Fireworks and hours are all weather permitting.

CALENDAR, see next page

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The cast of Masquerade

Sharing a stage with Santa

The cast of the traveling performance troupe Masquerade is used to appearing with some pretty big names including Stevie Wonder, Herb Reed & The Platters, and former Chicago lead singer Peter Cetera. At this time of year, however, when Masquerade tours with its "Forever Christmas" production, they often share a stage with one of the biggest stars in the holiday business - Santa Claus. This year will be no exception as "Forever Christmas" will join the jolly fellow and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino for the City of Boston's Official Holiday Tree Lighting on Boston Common this Thursday.

If you can't make it in town, however, then just wait until next Thursday and Friday, when JM Productions will present Masquerade's "Forever Christmas" for two shows only at Raffael's at Nantasket Beach in Hull. The troupe of singers and dancers will perform familiar holiday favorites as well as contemporary music, and lead a sing-along that is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

No word yet as to whether Santa plans to make the Hull dates, but you can rest assured that he has been invited!

JM Productions will present Masquerade's "Forever Christmas" at Raffael's, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, on Dec. 7 and 8. Dinner and show, and show only packages are available for both performances. For more information, call JM Productions at 617-786-7469 or visit *www.jmproductionspresents.com* or call Raffael's at 781-925-4515.

— R. Scott Reedy

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Local artist and poet John Hooper Dean who will share the art, history and legends of the Hooper family Weeping Angel monument at Hingham Square Gallery, 61 South St., Hingham Square on Dec. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. The Hooper family Weeping Angel monument is located in the Hingham Cemetery near the Old Ship Church bell tower. For information call Megan Ullman at the Hingham Square Gallery at 781-741-5997 or visit www.ourweepingangel.com

The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced that an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of watercolorist **Priscilla Levesque.** The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 7.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel (you) selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). This is the 13th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs through Dec. 22. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

All Season's Restaurant, 327 Plymouth St. (Rt. 106) Halifax. Dec. 1, 9 p.m. **Comedy Show** produced by Annette's Comedy Asylum featuring South Shore's own: **Tommy Dunham.** Other comics include **Annette Pollack, John Pierce, Sue Burton, Jack Hurney, Shawn Carter** and your host: **Bob Niles.** Advance reservations recommended by calling 781-293-4135. Cover charge $15. For information call 781-843-4833 or visit annettepollack.com

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents a concert on Friday, Dec. 1, featuring **Bill Staines.** The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for Members and $15 for Non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass. 02051

Single Executives Club Singles Dance – Dec. 1, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 1, Glass Town.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 1, **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks** 9:15 p.m. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Dec. 1, **VMF Band** 781-925-4300.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Third annual Greening of the Models and Market Festival on Dec. 2 and 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Winslowe1s View, a neighborhood of award-winning town homes by The Green Company at The Pinehills in Plymouth. Tour eight furnished model homes decorated for the holidays by local, noted designers. Also on display and available for purchase will be holiday greens, arrangements, decorations and seasonal gifts created by area garden clubs - including Winslowe View's own Late Bloomers, The Community Garden Club of Cohasset, Falmouth Garden Club, and Taunton Garden Club - as well as local crafters. Call The Green Company at 508-209-5000.

Kenneth Backlund's photography in the Clemens Gallery Rockland, photographer Kenneth Backlund will show his photography in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery from Dec. 2 through Jan. 4. The Gallery is open during library hours. For information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

The Hingham Public Library presents the selected works of **Easton artist Irma Cerese** will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from Dec. 2 through Dec. 27. The show may viewed during library hours. More information about the artist may found at www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Enrichment Activity Center, 465 First Parish Road in Scituate, will host an Open House on Dec. 2, from noon to 2 p.m. The Scituate Santa Stroll and lunch and see the space and meet many of our teachers and see them in action. There will be a Hop, Skip & Jump obstacle course, a karate demonstration, and a mini Spanish class. The new session begins Dec. 11, register in person or online anytime at www.enrichmentactivitycenter.com

Braintree Art Association Art & Craft Sale Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. 781-848-9321.

Oceanside, 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull, presents **Holiday Small Works** Tuesday – Sunday through Dec. 24, featuring the work of 13 Oceanside Gallery artists: F. Andahazy, J. Chittick, N. Colella, M. Curran, R. Farbush, C. Hatch, C. Keating, R. Nadeau, P. Railsback, S. Ruff, J. St. Peter, V. Strekalovsky, A. Tuck. Also offering jewelry by M. Hassel and Johannah0s Boutique. Handcrafted ornaments by S. Donnellan and R. Parrish. Accessible to all, no admission through Dec. 24. 781-773-1563.

It's A Wonderful Life will be performed on stage at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, through Dec. 17. Inspired by the Frank Capra film, this classic is brought to vibrant theatrical life. With the help of a guardian angel, George Bailey discovers what it would be like if he had never been born. Love and family triumph in this heartwarming journey. Tickets are priced from $26-$28, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

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Santa with Dog by Tim Jumper

NE Artisans Showcase returns to Hingham After a year's hiatus, the Showcase will return to Hingham on Dec. 2. Eighteen exhibitors will be offering folk art and traditional crafts ranging from the familiar — including tin ware, rag rugs and yellow-ware pottery — to the unusual, such as sailor's valentines, trapunto painting and scherenschnitte. This year's show will be held at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St. (Route 228) in Hingham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $3, and all ticket proceeds benefit the Hingham High School Robert Weiser Memorial Scholarship fund.

Photography & Paintings of Joyce Cole Olsen to be shown in the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, 66 Leavitt St. Hingham through Nov. 30. Cole Olsen's exhibit may be viewed during library hours.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 2, **The Gobshites**.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Dec. 2, **Duke Robillard Band** 781-925-4300.

Sunday, Dec. 3

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo R & R show Acoustic Open mike** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Pianist Shuann Chai whose performances include a guest recital series at Steinway Hall, Boston and concerto soloist with the Philharmonia Symphony of Kiev, Ukraine will return to The Art Complex Museum in concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. With an extensive repertoire ranging from Domenico Scarlattia's sonatas for harpsichord to the ear-popping piano and electronica works of Mario Davidovsky, her work has been heard in solo and chamber music concerts throughout the eastern United Sates and around the globe. Always popular with audiences, her live radio performances and interviews have included, Radio Canada, Vermont Public Radio and WGBH, Boston. Free of charge. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden St., Duxbury. For information call 781-934-6634 x 12 phone

CALENDAR, see next page

Holiday events

THE SNUG HARBOR COMMUNITY CHORUS presents "A Snug Harbor Christmas! Featuring works of John Rutter" on Dec. 1 and 2, at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center at 8 P.M. Advance sales are General Admission to either evening $15 adult, $12 seniors and students and $10 for groups of 10 or more. Add $2 for tickets at the door. Reception follows. Tickets are available at www.snugharborcc.org For info call 781-834-7041.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE, Hingham's holiday celebration in the streets of historic downtown Hingham Dec. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. Santa Claus' arrival at 6:30 p.m., Chris Stevens of WPLM Easy 99.1 FM hosts the evening's festivities on Main Street between North and Elm Sts. Festivities continue 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2, in downtown Hingham. Free horse-drawn hayrides from the corner of Main and North Sts. on Dec. 2, from noon to 3 p.m. Festival ofTrees from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. discoverhingham.com

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at The Hanover Mall will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 to 10 a.m. McDonald's will provide breakfast and a $2 OFF Santa Photo Coupon. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Customer Service Center.

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SHOWHOUSE AT THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE The Christmas Celebration continues Dec. 2 through Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional Evening hours: Sat., Dec. 2, Tues., Dec. 5 and Thurs., Dec. 7 - 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets: $12 pre sale, $14 at the door. For information, Gala tickets, reservations and location of ticket outlets call 781-837-2403 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

THE FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRUNK SHOW/SALE will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org

MERRI MARKET ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Ship Church in Hingham, Parish Hall at 107 Main St.

NEW ENGLAND TRAIN EXPO Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center on US Route 20, Marlboro. Boy and Girl Scouts in uniform get in free. Admission is $6 for adults, $5 for seniors 60 and older, and $1 for children from 6 to 12. www.hubdiv.org, call 781-862-0388 or 508-528-8587.

THE FRIENDS OF CRANBERRY HOSPICE present the 17th Annual Festival of Trees Dec. 1-3 at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Open to the Public:, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $2 for children under 12.

MARJ BATES STUDIO –11th Annual Holiday Open Studio –Glass making demos, Dec. 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. glassthings.com781-545-8290

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH located at the corners of Church and River Streets in Norwell, will hold it's Annual Snowflake Festival on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST IN COHASSET Christmas Fair on the Common – Dec. 2. Their Estate-Ish Sale and Swedish Bake Shop are found in the Parish House. The Rusty Skippers Band performs at noon,

FRIENDS OF THE STETSON HOUSE, 514 Hanover St., Hanover. Christmas opening at the historic Stetson House. Preview party Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a concert by the Harbor Choral Arts Society and Hanover High School VOX chorus. Tickets: $10 at the door. House open Dec. 2 and 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Wreath and greens sale in the barn.

HALIFAX MINI FAIR – Halifax Council on Aging, 506 Plymouth St. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY Family Ornament Workshop Dec. 2, 9, and 16, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fee: $50 member/$70 nonmember includes both parent and child. **Christmas History Workshop** Dec. 9, 9:45 a.m. to noon: Fee: $30. Call the NRAS 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.org

SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY BARBERSHOP CHORUS annual show with a festival riverboat holiday cruise theme, "A Christmas Cruise" on Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School Auditorium, 1210 Commercial St., East Weymouth. Other performers include Cape Cod Surftones Barbershop Chorus and the Silver Lake Regional H.S. mixed chorus from Kingston. Tickets are Adults $15, seniors/students $10 and the "Afterglow" $7. For tickets call Thorney Gay at 781-659-2582. Comp. senior tickets are available.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NORWELL - annual Christmas Celebration Concert on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., 460 Main St., Norwell.. Free and open to the public. Call 781-659-2887.

CONGREGATION SHIRAT HAYAM - annual Chanukah Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 3, at their Temple, 185 Plain St., in Marshfield from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. info@shirathayam.net or by 781-582-2700 or shirathayam.net

QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER SANTA PAWS Photo Event-Bring your dogs, cats and other furry friends to have their picture taken with "Santa Paws"! Sunday, Dec 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, 625 Southern Artery, Quincy. 617-376-1349.

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Shuann Chai

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The Historical Society of Old Abington Inc. will hold its next meeting on Dec. 3, at 2:30 p.m. at the Dyer Memorial Library, 28 Centre Ave., Abington. A program titled **The Local Nature of Winter Storms** will be presented by **Rob Gilman,** NE Weather Science Meteorologist. Open to the public. For information call

Sing Gloria! Choral Art Society's **annual Christmas Concert** will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scituate. The concert, titled *"Sing Gloria!"*, features a program of works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, John Rutter, and other songs of the season from around the world. Tickets are $15, and $12 for Seniors and children under 13, and may be purchased from Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate, or at the door. For information, call 781-545-8295 or 413-348-9423, or visit our website: www.choralartsociety.org.

The Duxbury High School Ski Team will present the newly released feature length film "Off the Grid" from world famous ski-movie producer, Warren Miller on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. The movie will be preceded by a ski wear fashion show presented by SportWorks of Duxbury. Come to see your favorite DHS ski racers, coaches and teachers on the runway showing off the latest and coolest ski fashions just in time for the holidays. Purchase tickets early as a large turnout is expected. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door and group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased at SportWorks, at Depot St. in Duxbury 781-934-9501, Buckles and Boards in Marshfield or by contacting Steve Woodworth at 781-934-7921 or swood4417@aol.com

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton, will be holding its **32nd annual Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair** on Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be over 75 dealer tables. The famous kosher Brotherhood snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks during the day. The Temple is handicap accessible. Admission is still only 50 cents. For information and directions call the temple at 508-583-5810 or on the web at templebethemunah.org.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

Monday, Dec. 4

Duxbury's Bumpus Gallery, located in the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury presents **Work of Constance Flavell Pratt** beginning Nov. 1 and continuing until the end of December. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, Nov. 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. At that time Ms. Pratt will give a talk and illustrate her portraiture techniques. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, GinnyWilson will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of November.

The North River Arts Society presents ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Tuesday, Dec. 5

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Charles P. Pierce** discussing **Moving the Chains: Tom Brady and The Pursuit of Everything** on Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County sponsors a **Free Evening Legal Clinic,** Quincy District Court, on Dec. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information call Adrienne Clark at 617-471-9693.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents pastel and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident **Diana Rousseau** through December. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2006 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Cheryle Brady, Vice President-Financial Consultant of the Norwell-based **RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc**. will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International (BNI)**, on Dec. 6, at 7 a.m. Brady will talk about the importance of developing a practical and realistic retirement plan. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Elena's Restaurant, Braintree Hill Office Park, Building 50, Braintree, MA. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@cantonlaw.net

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, welcomes local performer, Mamasteph, to Buttonwood on Wed. Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Mamasteph will host an interactive holiday musical event certain to delight children and their parents. Come in your pj's's, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and plan for a special evening. Mamasteph is a well-know personality on the South Shore. She has been performing at area libraries, nursery schools and other venues for years. Her CD, "Simply Mamasteph", available at Buttonwood, features 15 original tunes that children of all ages will enjoy. This is a free event. Reservations appreciated. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

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"Ipswich" by artist Irma Cerese

The Richness of Mexico, an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For information call 781-736-8100.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Starcreations Theater presents the musical **Three Little Pigs Out West** on Thursdays, Dec. 7 and 14, at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House. General Admission Tickets $3. Reservations suggested. Call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org for reservations or more info.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 7, **The BBC "Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown formerly "The Alliance."**

GioMatti* Ristorante,** 462 Quincy Ave, E. Braintree. 781-380-8180, **Satch Romano's *New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam, 9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

Friday, Dec. 8

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance – Dec. 8, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Best Western Hotel grand Ballroom, 477 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Exit 27A off Rte. 128, 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

Theater review

The gift that keeps giving

Company Theatre stages 'Wonderful' holiday tradition

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

At just about this time every year, Hollywood releases a new slate of holiday films. Most are forgotten while that year's wreath is still hanging on the door. Some endure, however, and perhaps none more than Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," first released 60 years ago.

Although it received five Academy Award nominations including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director, the story of small-town banker George Bailey, whose many disappointments lead him to the brink of suicide before his life is saved by an angel, was not a huge hit with critics or the public when it was first released. Indeed, it finished 26th on the list of films released in 1946, just behind "Miracle on 34th Street." In 1974, the film's copyright lapsed and it entered the public domain resulting in repeated showings on TV stations nationwide. The copyright was finally renewed in 1993 and the multiple broadcasts waned. By then, however, the American public had fallen in love with the film that now ranks number one on the American Film Institute's list of most inspirational films of all time and number 11 on the AFI's list of greatest movies ever made.

In 1999, the movie's enduring popularity prompted Norwell's Company Theatre to present a stage version of the Christmas classic which it is reprising this year. Directors Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman once again shepherd a cast of some 60 local actors through fast-moving scene changes to tell Phillip Van Doren Stern's story of George Bailey. When circumstances dash George's dream of adventure and travel beyond small town Bedford Falls, he grows increasingly frustrated by the constraints of his life. When he is ensnared in a financial scandal, George contemplates suicide on Christmas Eve. A heavenly messenger, Clarence the Angel, arrives to show George what the world would have been like if he had never been born.

(L-R) Frank Plekut of Hanover as Clarence the Angel, and Michael Warner of Holbrook as George Bailey.

Before Clarence comes to George's aid, however, he hears about his life from a more senior angel, Joseph. Clarence learns that as a boy, George lost hearing in one ear when he fell through the ice while saving his younger brother, Harry, from drowning. Later, while employed as a soda jerk at a Bedford Falls pharmacy, George saves a sick child from being poisoned by an incorrectly filled prescription. It is also while working at the pharmacy that George first meets a young and very much smitten Mary Hatch, whom he later marries. When his father, Peter Bailey, succumbs to a stroke, responsibility for the Bailey Building and Loan falls to George, who had wanted to travel Europe before becoming an architect.

The young George and Mary are ably played by Paul Vaillancourt and Allison Fitzpatrick, with solid support from Liam Sullivan as the young Harry and Ginny Gordon and William Christensen as Ma and Pop Bailey.

As he did first in 1999, Michael Warner again assumes the role of the adult George, made famous on film by Jimmy Stewart. Lanky and lean like the legendary actor, Warner uses his resemblance to Stewart to his obvious advantage. Once the initial audience gasps subside, however, Warner deftly makes the role his own with a believability and genuine acting talent that transcends any hint of impersonation. Warner's George Bailey is the emotional center of this warm-hearted production. As his counterpoint, Mr. Potter, Neil Jones makes clear from the start that the wheelchair-bound businessman isn't just the most powerful man in town. He is also the meanest and most miserly, willing to use the disadvantage of others to his own advantage.

While problems swirl around her ever-growing family, Kelly Browne's adult Mary remains a convincing pillar of strength for her husband and children. Steve Dooner is also good as the increasingly addled Uncle Billy.

The scene changes are many and Bradford's well-appointed sets are reminiscent of the heyday of the Enchanted Village at Jordan Marsh. Bradford also manages one or two of her own Capraesque moments, including the scenes on the snow-covered, windswept winter bridge. Musical Director Michael V. Joseph and a tight pit band help set the various moods while costumer designer Shirley Carney does her part with perfect, plentiful period clothing.

True to the film that inspired it, the Company Theatre's production of "It's a Wonderful Life" acknowledges the difficulties and challenges of everyday life while solidly reaffirming the importance of friends and family — a perfect coda for this time of year.

"It's a Wonderful Life" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through Dec. 17. For tickets and information, call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

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Affordable housing eyed for Ripley Road house

By Mary Ford
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"Is it practical to continue to pursue this?"
— Clark Brewer, Cohasset Housing Partnership

Several generations of Cohasset natives were born at 25 Ripley Road, which was once the Cohasset Private Hospital and is now a private home.

The Cohasset Housing Partnership Committee hopes the 1889 structure could give birth to a town-sponsored affordable housing project.

On Monday partnership members explained their proposal to selectmen, who told them to continue to move forward but to include neighbors in the process.

The partnership envisions a total of seven units including three, one-bedroom units on the first floor and four, two-bedroom units on the second and third floors.

Parking for 11 cars could be accommodated on the existing blacktopped areas, they said.

There are still myriad of outstanding questions ranging from on-site septic capacity to what the mix of affordable and possibly market-rate units would be.

"Is it practical to continue to pursue this?" partnership member Clark Brewer asked Selectmen.

The issue is significant for Cohasset, which has only about 2 percent of its housing stock, deemed affordable by state standards.

Of even greater concern is the fact that many senior citizens, young families, and children of residents cannot afford Cohasset housing prices and have to live elsewhere.

Many of those might not qualify for low-income housing by state standards but still cannot afford to live in town. The assessors' office said this week the average value of a single family home in Cohasset is $825,000.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said Cohasset does not need a "40-B" project but moderately affordable housing for residents. He said those qualified for "40-B" housing can have basically no assets. He stressed the project should meet Cohasset's needs.

Chapter 40-B is the state affordable housing law and allows developers to skirt town zoning regulations to put in higher density housing if it includes an affordable component. (For example, the Avalon apartment project planned for 3A was filed under 40-B).

Under 40-B the partnership project would have to set aside two units (or 25 percent) as affordable. The partnership hopes more units could be affordable and hope to pursue how to make the project financially feasible with non-profit developers.

Roger Hill of Highland Avenue, who was in the audience, noted that the project might have to be filed under 40-B to go forward; otherwise it might not get the necessary relief from the Zoning

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VILLAGE ENTREPRENEUR

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Darilynn Evans of Darilynn's (formerly Rooms in Bloom) says her shop has overcome a series of setbacks including a car driving through the window, village revitalization work, and a water leak.

Shop has new name, fresh start

Darilynn's opens in the Village

By Nancy White
CORRESPONDENT

In mid-November a new name for a familiar face appeared downtown: Darilynn's, formerly Rooms in Bloom, opened on South Main Street. Darilynn Evans, the owner and namesake for Darilynn's, opened the popular gift store over two years ago in September of 2004.

Rooms in Bloom's name change to Darilynn's was a combination of a practical solution to business problems and a chance for a fresh start. First, the store was already being called Darilynn's in Cohasset vernacular.

"I grew up in Cohasset so I've lived here about 36 years. So actually a lot of people know me as Darilynn anyway. [As a result] instead of calling it the store name, [customers] might say I'm going to go down to Darilynn's store," she says.

Second, a similar store in California bore the identical moniker "Rooms in Bloom" and when they ordered from the same national vendors sometimes the orders crossed.

The third reason is visitors from out of town often mistook the store for a florist and come in to be a little surprised at a gift shop.

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Staffing is beefed up

Schools to hire six new personnel

By Nancy White
CORRESPONDENT

The School Committee is not wasting any time finding a use for $200,000 in Chapter 70 funds. Town Meeting voted Nov. 13 to turn over the state funds to the schools, and at its Wednesday meeting, the School Committee voted to hire six new personnel for the spring semester Wednesday.

In recent years due to the lack of available funds, scheduling holes have been filled with directed study halls and peer tutoring opportunities.

At the meeting, Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini presented the School Committee with a request to hire three additional part-time teachers for the second half of the year. Without the hiring of additional teachers, he said there would be significant gaps in students' schedules, particularly juniors and seniors. In recent years due to the lack of available funds, scheduling holes have been filled with directed study halls and peer tutoring opportunities. Those methods have been "less than successful," Antolini said.

The current teacher schedule structure requires department heads to lighten their course load during the spring so they can focus on their other responsibilities of staff reviews and curriculum evaluations.

"As a result we end up with six less sections taught by department heads," Antolini said. In addition, one high school teacher is typically moved to the middle school during the spring semester. "In essence, we are short three teachers during the second half of the school year," he said.

An English teaching position will be filled in order to round out senior English elective opportunities as well as enable a currently combined AP English and English Honors course to be separated appropriately. "We've

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Town to stick with single tax rate

By Mary Ford
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A drop in the tax rate does not mean tax bills are going down. That is because property values are going up.

A Cohasset property valued at $700,000 last year is now valued at $750,000, according to the Assessors' Office.

So while the tax rate is decreasing from $10.84 per $1,000 of assessed valuation to $10.44 — tax bills are going up about 3.8 percent.

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter tax bills.

The tax rate could change slightly after the Department of Revenue reviews the town's financial reports.

In other words a $700,000 property paid $7588 in property taxes for fiscal 2006. That same property is now valued at $750,000 and will pay $7875 in fiscal 2007, which started July 1.

The $750,000 represents an average value of the entire town including residential and commercial properties. The average valued single family home is assessed at $825,000 in Cohasset.

Under a 26-year-old state law, dubbed Proposition 2-1/2, the annual increase in the local tax levy is limited to 2-1/2 percent with an allowance for new construction. So when property values

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Occupation: Chairman of the Christmas Fair for Second Congregational Church.

Best day of your life: When my son was born.

Best vacation: Summers on Cape Cod with my family.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas!

Favorite junk food: Ice cream.

Best book: "Cape Cod" by William Martin.

Best movie: "Gone With the Wind."

Best TV Show: "Grey's Anatomy."

Most memorable moment: My first science teaching job in Hingham.

Pet Peeve: People who go to church fairs for "a bargain."

Goal: Bringing up my son to be a happy, successful, generous person.

Person you would like to meet: Fred Astaire.

Biggest worry: Decline of social caring.

Best part of Cohasset: The congregation of Second Congregational Church.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with Linda Indek at the Cohasset Village Fair on Saturday.

Toys for Tots drive under way

Cohasset police are joining with the Marines Corps in the annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign through Dec. 24.

New toys and games can be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquarters, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. Toys and games should not be wrapped.

For more information, call the 781-383-1055.

Town Meeting and election dates set

The Board of Selectmen set the date for the Annual Town Meeting and Town Election at its Nov. 20 meeting. Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 31 and the Town Election will be held April 7. The Warrant will close for citizens' petitions Jan. 12. For more information, please contact Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Police to talk with Elder Affairs about village pedestrian safety

By Mary Ford
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A car hit an elderly woman while she was crossing Deport Court last Monday (Nov. 27) and two days later, another woman reported almost being hit in a crosswalk in the village.

The crosswalk victim had some fractures and was transported to the hospital, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Hussey explained a motorist was taking a left onto Depot Court from S. Main Street at about 1 p.m. when the accident occurred. The driver, who was also elderly, was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

In an unrelated incident, a walk-in to the police station at 8:15 a.m., Wed. (Nov. 29), reported almost being struck in a crosswalk. She provided the license plate of the offending vehicle and police spoke to that driver about being more careful.

State law requires motorists to stop and yield to someone, who is in a crosswalk or about to enter a crosswalk, Hussey said.

Hussey said police were going to talk with the Council on Elder Affairs about any concerns seniors have about crosswalk safety. The Senior Center at 3 N. Main St. abuts the crosswalk where the accident occurred.

Police have also increased enforcement in the village area.

"We want motorists to be more on the courteous side and a little enforcement is good for people – it helps keep their minds on the fact they should yield to pedestrians," Hussey said.

Building evacuated

Gasoline-powered saws being used to renovate the exterior of an office building at 760 CJC Highway (on 3A next to Starbucks and across from the entrance to Shaw's Plaza) caused some carbon monoxide to get inside the structure, Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

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— Police Chief James Hussey

At 11:14 a.m. last Wednesday (Nov. 29), a caller reported an inside odor of gas and people complaining of headaches on the third floor.

Silvia said firefighters, whose monitors detected some carbon monoxide inside, evacuated and ventilated the building.

"Everyone was evaluated but no one was transported," he said.

He explained there were a couple of openings in the building allowing the exhaust from the saws inside.

The fire department used fans to completely ventilate the building and people were allowed back inside at around 12:05 p.m.

Fisher road kill

Sometime overnight Dec. 1, a car hit a "fisher" which is a member of the weasel family. Callers reported the "road kill" at about 9:30 a.m., Friday (Dec. 1). Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy saw the deceased animal on his way to the police station but when he returned to collect it, it was gone.

Murphy speculated someone might have picked it up for its luxurious pelt.

Fishers are becoming more common in the area, Murphy said. They are nocturnal and rarely come out in the daytime. They can weigh up to 25 pounds; they have a long snout and tail, rounded ears and are low to the ground and mahogany in color.

Fishers are sometimes referred to as "fisher cats" but they are not a member of the cat family, Murphy said.

They are one of the few animals that eat porcupines in the wild. However, porcupines are not common to this area. Fishers have been known to eat house cats, Murphy said.

According to MassWildlife, fishers, which disappeared from Massachusetts in the late 1890s due to decreasing woodland habitat and over hunting, are becoming abundant in the state again and are very common in the counties along the New Hampshire border and in the western part of the state near New York.

Protective dogs

Two Labradors that were protecting their yard apparently fought with other dogs in two separate incidents this week. The dogs involved in the attacks had wandered onto private property near the Wheelwright Park parking area, Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy said.

He said the intruding dogs must have been unleashed in the parking lot. The Labradors stayed in their yard where there is an electric fence.

"The homeowner's dogs were protecting their property and went after the intruders," Murphy said.

The owners of the dogs that were attacked were not from Cohasset. "Both parties did admit that the incidents took place on this person's property," he said. Murphy said while it is an unfortunate situation it is hard to come down on the owner of the Labradors because his dogs were licensed and restrained on his property by the electric fence.

Both incidents were reported Sunday afternoon (Dec. 3).

Structure fire

A resident returning home and calling the fire department right away about smoke in the basement likely prevented a major structure fire, Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

The house at 478 Jerusalem Road is called "Stoneleigh" and is one of the town's most historic structures.

Silvia said the call came in at 12:45 p.m., Saturday (Dec. 2). "The owner was out and when she returned she found an odor and smoke in the basement area."

Firefighters from the first units on the scene put on self-contained breathing apparatus, dubbed SCBAs, and found the seat of the fire: some faulty electrical equipment.

"There was very minimal damage due to good, aggressive fire attack," Silvia said. He explained there was also little water damage because that section of the basement has a dirt floor.

Most of the house has smoke detectors, but that section did not. "It was lucky the homeowner came home when she did," Silvia said.

Assisting at the scene were units from Hingham and Hull. Hingham provided the ladder truck because Cohasset's is out for repairs. Scituate covered the Cohasset station. Hull automatically responded because the fire was close to the border. Cohasset has similar agreements with Scituate and Hingham that departments automatically respond to structure fires within a certain distance of each other's borders, Silvia said.

Stoneleigh, a Victorian stone mansion whose grounds once amassed 100 acres, was built for Grenville Temple Winthrop Braman in1886. William Davidson, president of the A&P stores in the 1930s, and Judge Pappas, owner of Suffolk Downs racetrack have also owned house.

Minor arrested

A 17-year-old Cohasset youth was charged with minor transporting alcohol after police found two open 30-packs of beer and a 1.75 liter bottle of vodka in the car he was driving.

The incident occurred at about 11 p.m., Saturday (Dec. 2).

Police said the teen's car was stopped in the middle of Elm Street (near Brook Street); the driver's door was open and he was talking to another white male who took off and ran behind Donna Green's Studio when the cruiser drove up.

The driver was known to the police officer, who knew he was underage.

"Police had knowledge of this individual (driver) from a prior incident," Hussey said. He added that teens, alcohol and cars do not mix so the officer really had no choice but to make the arrest.

Cohasset police can use their discretion following some underage alcohol possession incidents and contact the parents rather than making arrests. But when cars are involved, it is a different story, Hussey said.

iPod stolen

At about noon, Monday (Nov. 27), a walk-in to the police station reported the iPod at the Red Lion Inn had been stolen

On-street parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect through April 1.

No overnight on-street parking is allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of $25.

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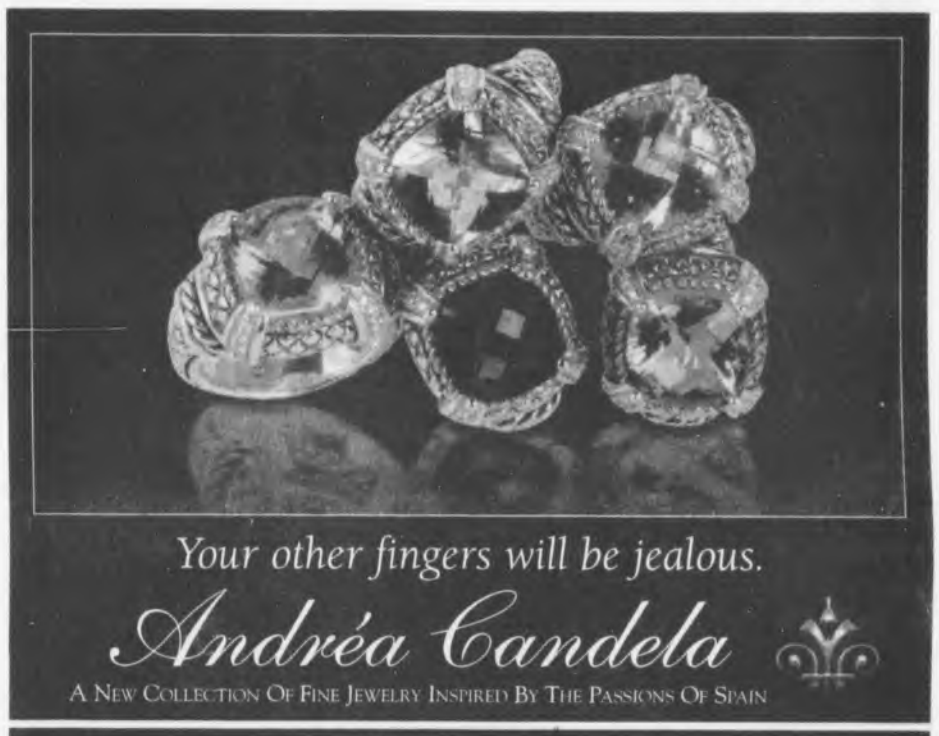

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Romney signs bill establishing Cohasset Library Trust, Inc.

Jane O. Goedecke is president of the new organization and Linda Litchfield, Cohasset Town Treasurer, will be the Library Trust's treasurer.

Gov. Mitt Romney signed the bill establishing the Cohasset Library Trust Inc. on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Almost a year before, Town Meeting had voted to ask the Legislature by Home Rule Petition to establish this nonprofit organization that the Library Trustees had requested. State Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Robert Hedlund co-sponsored the bill and shepherded it through the legislative process.

The Library Trust will manage the library's endowment and building fund, and, after receiving approval from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) corporation, will accept additional gifts to the library's endowment. Currently, the Library Trustees manage the endowment with the advice of an Investment Advisory Committee. A minority of the Library Trust's directors will be Library Trustees.

Jane O. Goedecke is president of the new organization and Linda Litchfield, Cohasset Town Treasurer, will be the Library Trust's treasurer. Its directors are Sheila S. Evans, Rodney M. Hobson, Sarah R. Pease and Patience G. Towle, all current Library Trustees, and Bernadette Faulkner, James T. McKenna, Sarah E. Morton, Brian M. Murphy, Christopher Oddleifson, John P. Reardon Jr., Robert E. Riley, Deborah A. Shadd and Gordon M. Stevenson Jr.

The directors of the Library Trust will meet in January.

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B&E reported

At about 11 a.m. Monday (Nov. 27), an employee at Seavey Engineering discovered an antenna shack on the property off King Street (3A) had been broken into over the Thanksgiving weekend, police said.

The door to the shack had been pried open. Missing were an 180-in., flat-screen Dell computer; portable CD player; and a cordless drill.

"Evidence uncovered by detectives revealed the perpetrator left something behind at the scene," Police Chief James Hussey said. "It is being analyzed in the crime lab."

Cohasset police detectives are reviewing the videotape to see if it yields ay clues about who might be responsible, Chief Hussey said.

Spring St. closure

Spring Street between S. Main Street and Cushing Road will be closed during the daytime Saturday (Dec. 9) for water main work. Please ask residents to please take notice and plan their routes accordingly.

Teen Center to host dance Dec. 15

There will be a dance at the Teen Center Friday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grades six through eight is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

This is not a school function.

Two residents named to Stormwater Committee

Selectmen have appointed two at-large members to the Stormwater Management Committee. Martin Need, 109 Atlantic Ave., and Jim Drysdale, 4 Cedar Acres Lane, both applied to the spot and attended Monday's Selectmen's meeting.

After interviewing both applicants, Selectmen voted to expand the number of at-large members to two bringing the committee to a total of eight members. The committee also has one associate member from Hull (Lawry Reid, head of the Straits Pond Watershed Assoc.)

The committee's work is seen as critical in light of flooding problems in Cohasset during major rain events.

Nee, who is a 12-year resident of Cohasset and director of corporate communications at Cushman & Wakefield in Boston, said he was extremely interested in becoming more involved in the development of the town's storm-water policies and recommendations. Nee served as a delegate on the Special Legislative Committee for the Development of Boston Harbor in the mid-1980s that examined the scope of issues affecting the harbor including public and private investment and the industrial encroachment on communities. He was also a sub-consultant on the "Big Dig' in the mid-1990s, supervising a team of community liaisons responsible for resolving public disputes associated with design and construction.

Drysdale, who is professor emeritus at Tufts School of Medicine and a 34-year Cohasset resident, serves as the Cohasset and Scituate representative on the South Coastal Watershed Alliance and is a board member of the Gulf Association. He is particularly concerned with health consequences from pollution and its effect in the harbor area. Drysdale served briefly as the chairman of the Harbor Health Committee last year but resigned due to difficulties in obtaining pertinent information on the sewer system, he said.

The temporary Stormwater Management Committee is also composed of representatives from the following: Selectmen, Water Commission, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Harbor Health Committee, Water Resources Protection Committee, DPW, and Planning Board.

The charge of the committee is to survey the situation and make recommendations to the Selectmen and Town Meeting on:

- measures such as installing raingardens or other Low Impact Development (LID) applications to alleviate existing stormwater problems;
- drafting and the adoption of bylaws or other regulatory controls to prevent additional stormwater issues, such as a Model Stormwater Bylaw (used in some other towns), to propose to Town Meeting;
- creation of a permanent Stormwater Management Committee or Commission to have jurisdiction over stormwater issues.

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Searching for Cohasset's top citizen

See nomination form on page 5

The deadline for nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 5.

In keeping with a 14-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Marjorie "Margie" Steele — "the heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry" — as Citizen of the Year, for being a great role model through her long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless families over the years. The deadline for nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 5. Please see the nomination form on page 5. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2006 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2007.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the14th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe,** a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

2005: **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who is the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless people in need over the years.

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Hello Cohasset. Brrr...winter has arrived at least a little bit. It was great to see the snow on Monday although I know not everyone agrees. December is loaded with holidays, celebrations and fun, make sure to send me in all of your photos, news and event information. As the shopping craziness begins or continues for those who are ahead of the game(not me, that is absolutely for sure), we should all try to slow down the fun and excitement about this time of year and also remember to acknowledge those who are working hard to make it a great season at the stores, etc. I know that I get so stressed about everything that sometimes I forget to say thanks without meaning to and am hoping to work on it this season. Maybe internet shopping is not so bad after all...

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

Stop by the Beechwood Church's annual Snowflake Fair on Saturday, December 9, to shop for the holidays from10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Children will enjoy the game table and interesting White Elephant items. For crafty types, check out our homemade items as well as baked goods.

Luncheon will be served at 11:30. The church is located on Church Street.

GENEROUS SCOUTS

Great work to 4th Grade Girl Scout troop #4775 at its December-Holiday meeting.....The scouts had a cooking/baking meeting hosted at Girl Scout Madison Hagearty's house where each girl made a quick-loaf bread which were donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry. Also, the girls made a generous donation of toys, which are going to be donated to Toys-for-tots from our troop. The Scouts, under the leadership of **Leesa Bleicken** are **Elizabeth Baker**, **Alexa Bleicken, Caty Gilman, Valerie Farren, Madison Hagearty, Carly Gundersen, Carly Norton, Lily McCarthy, Cassandra Leiberman, Dagmar Seppala** and **Clara Baumgarten**.

JUNIOR GARDENERS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset's Junior Gardeners will meet again in the Deer Hill cafeteria on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 2:45-3:45 p.m.. The program this month is called "Bringing Greens Into Your Home". Under the direction of **Lee Jenkins**, the gardeners will create a holiday centerpiece. This should prove to be an afternoon of great fun for all.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Wow, proud parent moment for this family that is for sure. **Charlie and Kim Callahan** are proud to announce that their daughter **Colby**, a 6th grade student here in Cohasset has been chosen as a Student Ambassador with People to People. She will be traveling this summer with a delegation to Australia. The delegation includes 39 other students who have been chosen from Massachusetts.

People to People was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 with the intent that its members would work to promote peace through understanding. To read more about this program, go to www.studentambassadors.org.

Colby, you should be so proud of yourself as we know that your family and now, the town of Cohasset is as well! We will follow up with this as the time gets closer and report all the news both before you go and while you are there. Congratulations on a job well done.

CASINO NIGHT

Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica. The boosters will "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lynn Previte** (9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. It will be a great fun night out, even if you are not a gambler. Space is limited at the event and tickets are sure to run out before the 20th, so try to purchase ahead before the upcoming holidays! This will be the booster's only 2007 fundraiser and the organization needs the support of the entire community!

The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls. This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to our younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. The recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from local feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call Lynn Previte!

Joanna M. Hamilton has graduated from basic military training.

BASIC TRAINING

Air Force Airman **Joanna M. Hamilton** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the Joanna studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Joanna is the daughter of Frank and Jane Hamilton ofCohasset, Mass. Joanna is a 2006 graduate of Cohasset High School. Keep up the great work and training Joanna.

TREE PICKUP

Calling all Cohasset Middle School students to volunteer. The Annual Christmas Tree Pick Up is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 6th from 10-2 p.m. Please take some time to come help a fundraiser that is sponsored by the Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard and funds programs at the school throughout the year as well as providing a wonderful community service. To volunteer your time, your truck and/or your teen, call **Wendy Erler** at 781-383-0142.

FABULOUS DRESSES

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will be collecting fabulous dresses during January and February to be sold at the Pre Prom event being held in Early March. If you have a dress or two that will fill this need, call 781-383-0687 to make an appointment to donate or consign your gently worn prom or prom-like dress.

HARLEM ROCKETS

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club is sponsoring a night of comedy basketball entertainment with the Harlem Rockets on Thursday Dec. 16 at 6:30 at the Cohasset Middle High School gym. The game will start at 6:30, so come early for a good seat. Tickets will be on sale this Saturday at Recreation Basketball at the Osgood and High school lobbies. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. Checks can be made payable to CBBC. All proceeds benefit Cohasset Basketball.

DONATIONS SOUGHT!

Tiger Den of Pack 38 Cub Scouts is partnering with Cradles to Crayons to provide new and gently used items to poor and homeless kids in Massachusetts. You can help by donating: children's clothing, winter coats, new socks and underwear, educational toys, puzzles & games, children's books, arts & crafts kits, baby safety supplies and new baby essentials. Bring donations to the Osgood School or St. Stephen's. There is a drop box near the front entrance of each location.

By the way, this Sunday at One Creative Place, come on by with the family to take part in a Holiday Happenings Open House from 1-5 pm. Holiday singing, cookie decorating, a holiday art project and more are on tap as a thank you to the community for joining in the Cohasset Recreation programs and One Creative Place workshops and classes held in the first year of business. A special holiday guest (not necessarily the guy in the big red suit but a good friend of his) will be here during the afternoon to play some fun games and enjoy some yummy snacks as well. Cameras are welcome. For more information go to www.onecreativeplace.net

That is all for this week. Make sure to get me all your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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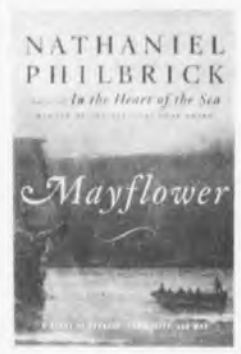

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Dijon Soy Grilled Lamb Chop Lollipops (7 Ribs) ..... $15 Ea
Cajun Shrimp Fritters with Remoulade Sauce ..... $20 Dz
Jumbo Scallops wrapped in Bacon ..... $24 Dz
Peking Raviolis with ginger dipping sauce $18 Dz
Stuffed Mushrooms ..... $18 Dz
Sundried Tomato and Smoked Gouda Sausage, Caramelized Onion
Phyllo Triangles
Spinach and Feta ..... $18 Dz
Lobster ..... $24 Dz
Roquefort and Pistachio ..... $18 Dz
Maine Crab Cakes with Spicy Remoulade ..$18 Dz
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail Platter ..... $Mkt
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Demi Glace ..... $8, ½ Pt
Wild Mushroom Demi Glace ..... $13 Pt
Beef and Veal Stock, Unsalted ..... $7 Pt
Turkey Stock ..... $3.50 Pt

Prepared Foods

Lasagna (6-8 Guests)
Meat ..... $35 Ea
Meat and Sausage ..... $30 Ea
Sausage and Ricotta (White) ..... $35 Ea
Spinach and Mushroom ..... $35 Ea
Vegetable ..... $35 Ea
Choice Whole Grilled Tenderloin (10-12 Guests) ..... $140 Ea
Jones Semi Boneless Ham ..... $95 Ea
Orange Maple Glaze
Leg of Lamb, (Feeds 10- 12 Guests) ..... $85 Ea
Butterflied, Marinated and Grilled with Rosemary, Garlic, Onion and Olive Oil
Quiche ..... $13 Ea
Lorraine (onion and bacon)
Spinach and Mushroom .....
Asparagus, Etc
Strata (Cheese Pudding)
9" Disposable (3-4 pp) ..... $13 Ea
Large disposable (6-8 pp) ..... $24 Ea

For Cooks

Choice Whole Beef Tenderloin ..... (Trimmed and Tied, Raw, Gross Wt.) $16/Lb
All Natural, Hormone Free Beef Tenderloin ..... 3.5 # Average $19/Lb
Lamb Rack, Completely Frenched for Two With Soy Dijon Sauce ..... $35 Ea
Lamb Sirloin 8-10 oz. Ea $10/LB

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Turnip Puree with Nutmeg $4.50/Lb
Braised Fennel with Garlic $9.00/Lb
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes $4.00/Lb
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Twice Baked Potatoes ..... $2.50 Ea
Lyonnaise Potatoes (Feeds 6-8) $30.00
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Holiday Greens with Stilton .....
Mixed Greens, Candied Pecans, Stilton, Dried Cranberries, Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette $40

Deadlines: 12 PM
Christmas
Tuesday, December 19, 2006
New Year's Eve
Thursday, December 28, 2006

COURTESY PHOTO

This is a close up of the photograph from the cover of "Savor of Salt," a collection of 56 articles written about the town dating far back into its history.

'Savor of Salt' out in time for holidays

Just in time for the holidays, the Committee on Town History is publishing the second anthology of historic articles collected and edited by Jacqueline M. Dormitzer. It is titled "Savor of Salt" and is a companion piece to "Treasury of Cohasset History" published in 2005. "Savor of Salt" differs slightly from "Treasury" in that it is organized more like a magazine while "Treasury" was organized into historical periods. There are more period photographs in the new publication with each of the 56 articles starting with a brief description about the author or contents. The reader may leaf through the book or look up a topic in the contents or index to choose an article. Some articles, such as "Little Harbor," may have different authors bringing a different perspective to their subject.

The book's title, "Savor of Salt," is derived from the title of one of the several articles by Lucy Treat. Dormitzer selected the title since most of Cohasset's history is linked to the sea. Treat joins town historians David Wadsworth and Robert Fraser and others whose writings might otherwise be lost if Treat hadn't discovered their work while doing her research for the town's third history of Cohasset.

"Savor of Salt" will be available at Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, Buttonwood Books and the Historical Society's Pratt Building. The price is $28 and checks can be made out to the Town of Cohasset. The hardbound laminated book cover depicts a section of the MacIvor Reddie mural at the Historical Society's Pratt Building and the end leaves are from a photograph of Minot Light taken by Margot Cheel from a helicopter. She captured the lighthouse from a unique angle looking toward the Cohasset coastline.

Excerpt from "Merchants of Old Cohasset," by Lucy E. Treat.

Out in the channel Captain George Hall's packet, the *Stranger*, is loaded and waiting for the tide to make an early trip to Boston. The pinkey *Clio* is at anchor and the *Essex* is lying alongside the wharf. Captain Henry Collier's smartly sailing vessel, the *Sappho*, is going out from the harbor in a stiff breeze, bound for Maine for a load of lumber. Along each side of the narrow channel, tall saplings have been driven down into the mud to mark the course for the incoming and outgoing vessels. Only yesterday an irate skipper remarked, "It's a devil of a harbor where one had to navigate between a sand bar and a huckleberry bush."

Sustainable Cohasset meets Dec. 14

By Marie Caristi-MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The next meeting for Sustainable Cohasset will be on Thursday, Dec. 14, at Cohasset High School. The room number will be posted on the front door. Five members attended the recent MCAN, Massachusetts Climate Action Network at MIT and shared their information at the Nov. 28 meeting. Climate stabilization being a goal for sustainable groups the Climate Change in New England workshop was a high priority for Cohasset's delegates.

The Climate Change in New England workshop was conducted by Peter Frumhoff, director Global Environment Program for the Union of Concerned Scientists or UCS. He focused on several factors including increases in average annual temperature in the last three decades; New England is experiencing winters more like those experienced in Pennsylvania. Given present emissions patterns or pathways, New England could experience winters more like those of South Carolina. Gina McCarthy, commissioner of Connecticut's EPA quickly pointed out the severe economic impact that N.E. would suffer with the loss of foliage tourism and skiing weather. She also quipped that people used to watch the news and weather but now the news is the weather.

Another factor is SLR, or Sea Level Rise. Over the next 100 years seas are expected to rise 8 to 33 inches on "the higher emissions pathway" and 4 to 21 inches on the lower emissions pathways or projections, worsening coastal flooding. Another factor is ocean temperatures, which have already risen 10 degrees Fahrenheit since 1900 and are expected to rise another 5 to 8 degrees in the next few decades. It was stated that cod and several other fish species in our region require much lower water temperatures for their young to grow.

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Also it was noted that a much feared acceleration of polar ice cap break-up would dramatically increase SLR, by as much as 20 feet. The thawing and deterioration of arctic tundra and the subsequent release of methane gases with substantially greater heat trapping potential than CO2 is another significant and very dangerous variable in the climate change equation.

In general, a sense of urgency was conveyed by all speakers. All experts agree that 75 percent reduction by mid-century is critical. John Rankin, HM Consul General for the British Consulate in Boston, stated that Britain, a Kyoto Protocol signer, has agreed to a 60 percent reduction by 2050. Britain gives tax incentives directly to businesses. IBM in Britain achieved an impressive 30 percent reduction in its CO2 emissions as an example of this strategy.

Professor William Moomaw from Tufts University stressed "The 3 percent solution" to achieve the necessary reductions. Some examples of a 3 percent annual reduction would be driving 30 miles less per month, replacing a 60-watt light bulb with a compact fluorescent or eliminating dormitory refrigerators.

After discussing the MCAN conference, attendees watched the film "The End of Suburbia, Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream," which cleverly illustrates how Americans have been seduced and subsequently booby-trapped into an oil-dependent suburban lifestyle since the '50s. It simultaneously documents that oil production has peaked worldwide. Given this scenario, the film then addresses the new community models that need to be developed to deliver basic services and necessities in the not so far future. One member in attendance with professional planning expertise explained the "New Urbanism" after the film. Another new member contributed his knowledge of the economic impact of global warming to the discussion.

After the Dec. 14 meeting, Sustainable Cohasset will adjourn until January 2007. Sustainable Cohasset heartily welcomes new members.

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Local students get hands-on experience at Art Center

By Samantha Brown
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COURTESY PHOTO
Fourth grade students work on their photographic self-portraits during the Artist in Residence program at the South Shore Art Center.

Students around the South Shore are getting out of the classroom and getting into art. Thanks to the South Shore Art Center's "Artist in Residence" program, budding artists in grades three, four and five can take a field trip with their classmates to the Center, to gain some hands-on experience working with a professional artist.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, two classes of Deer Hill fourth graders made the trip down the street to the Center, located at 119 Ripley Road, and learned about photography from prizewinner Cindy Vallino. They left with the best kind of souvenir — the kind they made themselves.

The students began their visit with an introduction to the Bancroft Gallery exhibition and the Art Center and then divided into two groups for the remainder of the program. One group met with the Artist in Residence, while the others participated in a self-portrait photography workshop.

"This is a great introduction for kids to get excited about art," said Community Programs Manager Heather Collins.

Currently, the Artist in Residence is photographer Cindy Vallino, an Art Center faculty member and Gallery Artist. Her first-prize photograph is included in the Center's current "Photography Now" exhibition. Vallino brought the children into the Dillon Gallery, where they viewed a Power Point presentation she created about her life as a photographer, as well as some of the elements of taking pictures and the many uses of pictures in our society.

Collins said during Vallino's presentation, she begins by showing "pictures" of wacky animals, such as a half zebra half fish she created on her computer. "The kids love to see what she can do. They're very engaged by her," she said. Many children have access to both computers and digital cameras, and Vallino's enthusiasm helps spark their creativity in a medium virtually all students can connect with, Collins said, which isn't always the case when it comes to art.

The other students work in an upstairs studio, where Cohasset volunteers Libby Allard and Sharon Daly lead them. "They are both fabulous. Without them, the program wouldn't happen," said Collins. Students choose a costume or prop, then pose for a silly portrait and have their photo taken by Allard. They then complete a border to accompany their photograph. Thanks to two new Hewlett Packard printers the Center has obtained through a grant from the South Shore Playhouse Associates, within minutes the class has a black and white portrait to embellish à la Andy Warhol. "Even the teachers and chaperones get into it!" said Collins.

The program has been running every Wednesday morning for the past 2-1/2 years, during 10-week sessions in the spring and fall, to coordinate with the school calendar. Collins explained the program started when the Art Center was celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2002. "We wanted to do something really great to expand services to all the towns South of Boston," she said. By offering programs for school children from all over the South Shore, not only are they exposed to art, they are informed about a great resource right in their own backyard."

Today, the program enjoys continued success and Collins said she is always amazed at how far word-of-mouth has spread its news. She said the Center has hosted classes from as far away as West Bridgewater and Abington. There have also been classes visiting from Weymouth, Scituate and Derby Academy this session.

"It's a dream come true for me," said Collins, who has been working at the Center for past nine years. When she began, many visitors were just from the immediate vicinity. For her, the proof of the Center's rising popularity has been shown through the many children visiting from all over. "This is open to any school, and the only cost for the school is a bus to get here, so it's not cost prohibitive," she said.

Collins said the hope of the Center is that children who visit will begin a lifelong love of art. She said at the beginning of the program, the children are always asked whether they have visited the Center before, and often, not a hand goes up. "Between sports and the family schedule, there is so little time left after school," she said, that being able to come during the school day is a great way for children to be exposed to all the Center has to offer. By the end of the day, she said the children have made such a connection with art and the Center, that she has had requests to have birthday parties there right on the spot. For Collins and everyone at the Center, being able to foster that kind of an interest at such a young age is priceless.

For more information on the South Shore Art Center, please visit its Web site at www.ssac.org. For more information on Artist in Residence Cindy Vallino, please visit her Web site at www.vallinophoto.com. Vallino will be opening her own shop on Ripley Road adjacent to the Art Center this week.

Shop has new name, fresh start

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And lastly, Darilynn was looking for a fresh start after two years in business — and a series of setbacks. "In August of '05 a car crashed into the two front windows of the store and caused a considerable amount of damage. This closed my brand new business for an entire month and then I only could operate in half the space until the serious repairs were done. We [fully] opened a year ago November in time for the Christmas season."

Then there were more disruptions — the downtown revitalization endured by all downtown merchants began with pipe work and then street repairs lasted through the summer. Minor incidents also required Darilynn to do some hurdle jumping — there was the water leak in the back storage room putting it out of use for eight weeks. And there was more bad news, shelving collapsed on Darilynn and a sharp box collided with Darilynn's head, which necessitated a trip to the emergency room.

"There was a lot of adversity in my first year," she admits. Despite obstacles, Darilynn has remained positive and sees the name change as a new beginning, "I needed a fresh start. And I think the name will take me further into the future for other things I want to do."

Besides the name change and the physical appearance alterations, Darilynn's still carries the same unique, handpicked merchandise shoppers have become accustomed to seeing. "You can come in here and get something special for a wedding gift, a quick hostess gift or a quick baby gift. It's convenient. You don't have to drive to Derby Street or go to three or four different towns because you can get something of good quality here — and we have complimentary wrapping."

Darilynn strives to offer her clientele a friendly and social place to get what they need. She is always on the lookout for new items and lines that she feels her customers would like. Being a long-time Cohasset resident having grown-up and raised a family in town allows her to have a broad knowledge of the community and needs of her customers.

"I get to see the parents of my friends growing up, reconnect with the parents of children I sat with on the side of the soccer field, we catch up on everything. It's a very social place. We're friendly, we're outgoing and we're happy to suggest things," Darilynn says.

Twice a year she visits gift shows in New York to seek out the latest trends and products. She carries distinctive lines like Simon Pierce, hand-blown glass pieces from Vermont, Michael Aram, a trendier product line, and Vietri, Italian pottery, just to name a few. "You can find it right here, you don't have to go Boston or to a specialized store."

"The problem with the streets and the accidents and all those other things is that it has put the business plan behind schedule, but things are looking good." Darilynn's now has a storefront on the web — www.darilynns.com — and there are plans to have a complete web store up and running by early 2007.

"There's been a lot of adversity but it's actually been great. I think people have really received it well, which is nice. I'm thinking a new name and a fresh start maybe will bring some good karma in 2007 – that would be really nice."

Local eye doctor spreads goodwill in Guatemala

By Samantha Brown
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Dr. Gerri Goodman, an ophthalmologist and Jerusalem Road resident, recently returned from a medical mission to Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala. There, she performed many life-changing surgeries for patients who literally walked for hours to come to the area where she and others were providing medical care. While the help she gave was invaluable, Goodman said the experience altered her life as well, as she has a newfound appreciation for everything she has, living in this great country.

"It was so amazing. I was so touched by it. The people are absolutely beautiful and while they have so little, they want so little," Goodman said. "There's so much we take for granted here, and you do feel so grateful when you come back."

Goodman is a doctor for the Nielsen Eye Center, which has offices in Quincy as well as Derby Street in Hingham. She was one of the first ophthalmologists to perform refractive eye surgery (LASIK) surgery in the United States. While she has always wanted to travel to areas in need to use her skills to benefit those who would otherwise not receive care, the timing had never been right until now.

From Aug. 24 through Sept. 3, Goodman worked with a team of roughly 60 doctors, which included dentists, plastic surgeons, general surgeons, ear, nose and throat specialists and other ophthalmologists, at the Hospital de la Familia in Nuevo Progreso. Every day, she would wake up early and begin seeing patients around 6 a.m., working into the night to ensure as many patients were seen as possible.

"We didn't want to turn anyone away," she said, adding people would walk for sometimes up to four hours to see the doctors and would then be waiting in line for treatment even before the sun came up. While she said the group tried to see as many people per day as they could, at some point they would have to take a break and many of the people waiting would stay over to be seen the next morning. "The stream was endless. You could just keep going," she said, adding it was very hard to tell people when the day's treatments were over.

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— Dr. Gerri Goodman, ophthalmologist

Goodman said it was also very hard to have to give patients news they didn't want to hear. She said one man brought his 40-year-old son to see her because he had gone blind as a result of diabetes. "There was nothing we could do and they didn't understand why we couldn't fix it," she said, adding a lack of preventive medicine had resulted in a condition that could not be reversed. She said often when people hear doctors are coming from America, they expect any problem can be remedied, and it was very tough to have to explain he would never regain his eyesight.

But there were many success stories during the trip from many of the doctors. She said she performed surgery on cataracts and glaucoma and her patients were extremely appreciative. She added many of the plastic surgeons did incredible work, adding with the culture in Nuevo Progreso, anyone who looks different, especially girls, will not get married, and having simple procedures done such as fixing a cleft lip or palate can make a world of difference in many areas of a person's life.

Goodman said the hospitality she and the other doctors were shown during their stay was overwhelming. Upon their arrival, more than 100 people literally greeted them with open arms and the children put on a show. She said the women cooked for them and gave them homemade tortillas and black beans for breakfast. "We basically worked, ate, then went to sleep, but you did a lot of reflecting during the day," she said, adding the way they were treated really inspired her to want to do whatever she could to help them.

A long line forms outside the Hospital de la Familia in Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala as residents wait to see American doctors who had donated their time and medical expertise.

"I didn't come home with anything," she said, as she gave away some of her clothes, some shoes, sunglasses, and other items she had carried with her. She noted back home, she could go to the store down the street and pick up a new pair of glasses, but in Guatemala, the people have neither the resources nor the conveniences that most Americans have.

Goodman said she has been invited to take another trip to Guatemala in the future and she hopes she will be able to go again. She said the hardest part about being away was leaving her husband Dan Counihan and their son Brian, 9, at home. She said it took some juggling, but her husband was able to take over for both of them while she was away, and if they can coordinate it again, she would love the opportunity.

"I hope I get the privilege to go back. I think about these people all the time. They are a beautiful people and they're so happy and simply grateful. You don't see that too much in America," she said. Goodman added when doctors travel to help countries in need, it spreads goodwill from the entire country and the residents of Guatemala think of America as a great place and were happy to see them arrive. "I'm definitely hooked. I feel like it's changed my life for the better."

For more information on the Hospital de la Familia, please visit its Web site at www.hospitaldelafamilia.com.

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Dr. Gerri Goodman, left, sits next to a patient she and other American doctors and nurses treated while on a medical mission to Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala.

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Local mother of two is no wimp

Book, blog strike chord with other moms

By Amy van Aarem
CORRESPONDENT

When Elizabeth Soutter Schwarzer started her blog (www.damomma.com) in 2004 it was as an outlet to "express the life changes" that she was going through as a new mom. Her daily entries were a means of reclaiming an identity that is often lost to motherhood.

Sleepless nights, bleary-eyed days, spit-up stained shirts and caffeine addictions found their way to her journal entries. The transition from working woman, to working mother, to stay-at-home-mom can sometimes go smoothly, but for most it can be a bumpy ride.

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For Schwarzer, the challenges turned into witty nonfiction that an online community of wives, mothers, grandmothers and even some fathers quickly embraced.

The stories that she shared online resonated with a lot of people who were navigating the same parenting roads. Her new book: "Motherhood is NOT for WIMPS: No Answers, Just Stories" is an engaging compilation of entries from her blog spanning March, 2004-May, 2005 when Schwarzer was a parent of Mary, two-years-old at the time, and pregnant with her second daughter, Karenna. "Together they tell a story of days that crawl and years that fly," Schwarzer says.

Schwarzer's résumé pre-babies included: congressional press secretary, author of a weekly op-ed column, and radio host. After her husband finished his military career as an intelligence officer with the US Marine Corps in North Carolina, they relocated to Cohasset. Sitting idly at home was not her nature. While her husband started law school at Boston College, Schwarzer went to work writing. Her blog quickly gained popularity with people around the world tuning in to read her latest entries.

The description on her homepage gives a synopsis of the content: "In Sept. 2002 I became a mother. It must have been the drugs, because I forgot myself and three years later did it all again. Follow along as I illustrate time and again that motherhood is not for wimps"

As any aspiring author would do, Schwarzer got an agent, who immediately shopped her story around to the big publishing houses in New York: "We absolutely love it and we really need you to change it. Nonfiction does not sell as well as fiction," was one publisher's response. They encouraged Schwarzer to rework it, to 'fictionalize' it. After a couple months of unsuccessful edits, it proved difficult to fictionalize these stories that were so personal to her; changing it just felt wrong.

The numbers on her website were testimony to Schwarzer's popularity and online readership. When Schwarzer received a call on her cell phone one day, telling her that damomma.com was MSN-Canada "Site of the day" — she had to pull over to the side of road to avoid crashing. With an average of 35,000-50,000 "hits" a day, Schwarzer could not deny the fact that there was a market for her story. She began to research alternative methods to publishing. One person who encouraged Schwarzer was a reader in Japan: Carolie Bartol. Bartol, who is a book designer, agreed to work with her on launching her book.

The two women had a lot in common. Both were military spouses and had entrepreneurial blood running through their veins.

After researching a number of Print on Demand (POD) companies, Schwarzer decided to go with AuthorHouse. AuthorHouse provides POD services via internet sales. Traditional publishing is routed through the seven major publishing houses out of New York. The POD market is different. Schwarzer was able to retain complete artistic control of her work, from the design of the book jacket, to the editing. In return, she is responsible for the marketing and promotion. AuthorHouse partners with the big booksellers like Amazon and Barnes and Noble to assist with the sales.

"Two years ago, no one knew what a blog is. Today, it is part of our lexicon," says Schwarzer. POD companies did not exist 10 years ago. Today, these companies are becoming a more attractive option to writers who have been unsuccessful with traditional publishing methods.

Schwarzer explains that it is a natural combination of media — the web log (blog) and the online POD: "You have a platform, a new form of literary art. All these people who are reading your blogs, there is an established market. It is a niche market, but it is established." Before the book is on the shelf, the market is already there.

"I'm really proud of what I wrote. What I really loved is that I had total control and kept my integrity through the whole process.... Which is something great to achieve while raising two kids.," she says.

Schwarzer will be giving a reading and book signing at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset at Shaw's Plaza on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 pm.

To read Schwarzer's work visit: www.damomma.com_____or www.parenting.com, where she is a frequent contributor.

To purchase "Motherhood is NOT for WIMPS: No Answers, Just Stories", visit buttonwood-books.com or amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com

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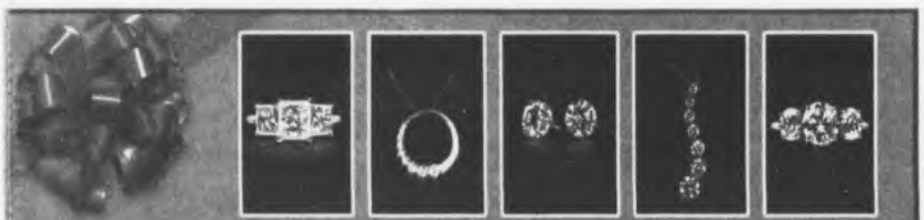
Cohasset author, Elizabeth Soutter Schwarzer, shown here with her one-year-old daughter Karenna, will be giving a reading and book signing at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset at Shaw's Plaza on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 pm.



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Cohasset well represented at NPFH dinner

About 1100 people attended last Thursday night's (Nov. 30) No Place for Hate dinner at the Westin Hotel in Boston, including several Cohasset officials. One of the ADL programs is No Place for Hate (NHFH), of which Cohasset is a member.

Local attendees included Town Manager Bill Griffin, Selectman Ted Carr, Police Chief James Hussey, Cohasset Middle School Principal Beth Sternala McCoy, and Cohasset Diversity Committee co-chairs Chartis Tebbetts and Susan Etkind.

There were people from all walks of life at the dinner, including municipal officials, ADL members themselves, and youths who have attended ADL summer camps.

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Honored at the dinner was Dennis Kanin, philanthropist, attorney, former chief of staff to Paul Tsongas, and ADL official. In addition to the scheduled speakers, there were special unscheduled speeches honoring Kanin and the ADL by US Senator John Kerry and Governor-Elect Deval Patrick.

As a side note, Selectman Carr is a friend of Kanin's. Carr worked for the Tsongas presidential campaign in 1991. Kanin was Tsongas' campaign manager.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Pedestrian safety

Thanks to village revitalization and resilient businesses and shops downtown, Cohasset Village looks as good now as it did during the filming of "Witches of Eastwick" 20 years ago this past summer.

But when Eastwick hit the movie theaters in 1987, "SUV" was not part of our lexicon. Cell phones were almost non-existent. Car phones, which did exist, were pretty rare.

While the population of Cohasset and area towns has not changed that much – the demographics have. In other words, the number of families has gone up. "Back in the day" big families with four or more children were more common. Also, today many teenagers have their own cars.

This all translates into bigger motor vehicles and a lot more of them.

What that means for the village is a lot of traffic and congestion. Traffic can be a good thing. It can mean that many of those cars, trucks, and SUVs are stopping at the hardware store, French Memories, Darilynn's or other businesses, shops or restaurants. We all want to encourage foot traffic downtown so those businesses will continue to thrive.

However, this past week, there was a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian in the Village and another near miss.

The accident involved an elderly woman who was crossing Depot Court on her way to the Senior Center at 3 N. Main St.

Both incidents occurred in crosswalks, police say.

Police Chief James Hussey says police are stepping up enforcement in the Village and will meet with the Council of Elder Affairs soon in an effort to talk with seniors and see what their concerns are regarding pedestrian safety.

However, there are a couple of things Cohasset residents could do right away.

The first is to pay close attention when traveling through the Village. That means no cell phones while driving. Motorists must also be on the lookout for pedestrians. State law requires motorists to yield to pedestrians, who are in crosswalks or about to enter a crosswalk. However, if a motorist is distracted, it can be difficult for him or her to see someone about to cross the street.

Secondly, when on foot we should all endeavor to use the beautiful new crosswalks! That might mean walking a few feet out of our way. Too many pedestrians downtown are crossing wherever and ignoring the crosswalks.

(It should be noted that in both recent incidents the pedestrians were in the crosswalk.)

In the early 1990s, crosswalk safety downtown reached the boiling point. The subject was discussed at a Special Town Meeting and some attractive, portable crosswalk signs were purchased. At the time, residents balked at the thought of having bright, green painted crosswalks and unattractive bright, orange traffic barrels like the ones that downtown Hingham uses in its crosswalks.

The new crosswalk signs did not last long. Cars hit them and they fell apart.

We think our little village should have aesthetically pleasing crosswalks that also need to be safe.

But the only way they can be safe is if all of us accept the responsibility to make them so.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Assessors Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.
Council of Elder Affairs, Dec. 11, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main Street.
Library Trustees, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., at the library.
Selectmen, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, Dec. 13, 6 p.m., King St. plant
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Readers invited to sign up

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper. Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delaying train cost us millions

TO THE EDITOR:

Michael Weymouth's commentary in last week's Journal made me gag; it was a big pat on the back for the Bewicks, Bob Hedlund, Garrett Bradley and all the opponents of the Greenbush Line restoration. For what? For pushing the cost of the project from $120 million, when it was first proposed in the mid-80's, to half a billion dollars today? For delaying the project for at least a decade, since the other two Old Colony lines opened?

For a tunnel under Hingham Square and a cut through Weymouth Landing for the sake of 12 round-trips a day? What a waste of taxpayer's money for the tunnel and cut and study after study and lawsuits from AFTA. The powers-that-be could see right through AFTA's stupid alternatives that were much less convenient to many more people and more polluting than a railroad train — the most efficient means of transportation. So, we commuters, who voted with at least a 2:1 majority for the train in six of the 7-town referendums in 1991 have been forced to put up with the S.E. "distressway" for 10 years more than was needed. Instead of a pat on the back, I would give these selfish NIMBYs a more meaningful "reward"— ban them from ever riding the train!

David N. Clinton
Hingham

Making a difference!

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the more than 180 volunteers who participated in the fall cleanup project for Make A Difference Day on Nov.18 and 19. Because of their efforts, 33 seniors received fall cleanup assistance. Leaves were blown, raked, bagged and carted off; storm windows and doors were put in place; lawn furniture removed and air-conditioners removed or covered. We are grateful for the participation of over 100 students from the Cohasset Public Schools. We would like to give special thanks to the volunteer efforts of the students from Mr. Scott Newkirk's social awareness group from Cohasset High School. Without the help of these students, the program would not have been the success that it was.

The best thing we could say was better said by R. Murray Campbell in his Letter to the Editor in the Mariner on Nov. 4. "Some seniors were hesitant to sign on for fear of some catch, but there isn't any. It's simply another greathearted example of the community spirit in Cohasset. Of course, some of us hesitated to benefit, from false pride at accepting a freebie on the grounds that we were seen as having become old enough to warrant a little help. The counter to that feeling is that accepting the work is recognition that we have helped others in the past, and still have the potential to do so in the future." Thank you to all of the seniors who participated in the program.

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HEALTH NOTES

Putting the LID on stormwater problems

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I have long been an advocate of self-help when it comes to the town's environmental contamination problems. There's a good reason: It takes a local to know where all the skeletons lie, and volunteers interested in their own neighborhoods to take up the cudgel and get something done. The school environmental volunteers are an example. And when the town was in the throes of the sewer's long standing State requirements to do something the CEES group and their environmental arm, the *Little Harbor Irregulars* pushed the Town kicking and screaming into a sewer expansion. Generally, if you pay an outside "expert" to plan something you ought to plan yourself, it'll come out wrong. I don't have to point out any examples.

But there are exceptions. And stormwater is one. It doesn't take a genius to know that the Town has problems when a citizen complains to the Stormwater Committee that at Cushing Road they "have had the opportunity to experience many a 'waterfront property view' during storms. The canoe rides down Cushing Road and Smith Place are somewhat of an added bonus." There are many such complaints and the number is increasing. Fortunately, something is being done.

As a part of its program to improve our drinking water, the Water Department fostered the Water Resource Protection Committee. Among its functions are to investigate and assess alternative approaches to improving the Towns *fresh* water resources. They have adopted some very innovative approaches that we'll discuss later.

Then we have the Harbor Health Committee (HHC). Now that the Harbor has lost its ability to support many formerly abundant species and its beaches are closed a good bit of the time, there is a budding recognition that if you drain all your polluted fresh water into the harbor, you may get a polluted harbor. Gee! The HHC has been instrumental in finding the location of many of the most egregious sources of contaminated water entering the harbor, both current and potential. For example they are sponsoring a regulation that the town adopt a zero discharge policy for all boats in the harbor similar to those in many other towns on the South Shore.

And then, there's the Stormwater Committee to which we welcome two new members, Marty Nee, and Jim Drysdale appointed at the Dec 3 Selectmen's meeting. Still in its early stages, the committee is being put together in a way that can get some real improvements in Stormwater assessment, planning and remediation. Sensibly formed,

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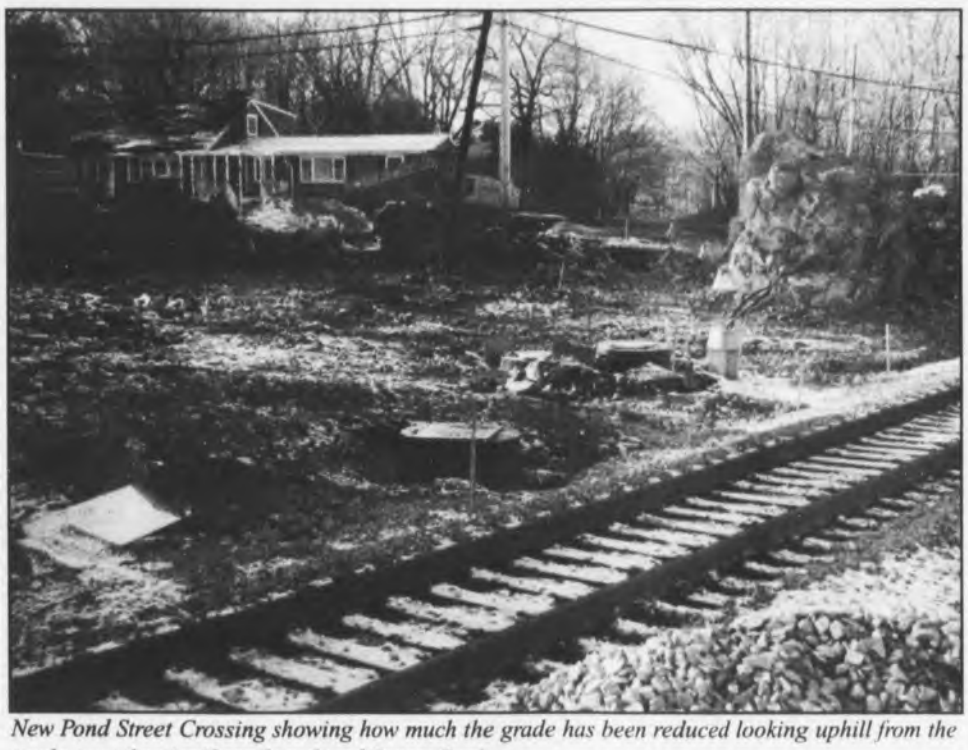
'Railroad construction everywhere'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



New Pond Street Crossing showing how much the grade has been reduced looking uphill from the tracks past the significantly reduced Sunset Rock.

Well here we are. It's December already. This past year has just flown by. The Greenbush project has gone from cleared land to tracks from the Scituate border to Hingham. It seems like railroad construction is everywhere. Our residents have proven very resilient in adapting to the street changes that have followed us all year long. The road we used just yesterday is closed today. But now, construction is starting to wind down from its previous feverish pace. But, a lot of details are still to be completed. We are following all of the items that need completion and are not letting them out of the MBTA's and Cashman's sights. If you think we may have missed one or two, just give us a call or drop us an email at the contacts listed at the end of this column. Or, stop by our office at Town Hall (It's best to call ahead, since we are often out of the office.)

We recently received an update from Cashman that Pond Street may be partially reopened this month which would be ahead of schedule. That would be a relief; but it means that the leg of Spring Street near the Historical Society will be finally closed to through traffic. We will keep you posted on that development. Either way we just received notice from the Cohasset Water Department that they will need to close this same leg of Spring Street this Saturday (Dec. 9) to connect a new water main under the crossing. Fortunately, they have chosen a Saturday so that the schools are not affected. We have asked CBB to make sure that whenever Spring Street is closed that Pleasant Street is kept open since it will be the only access to the hillside area. We are pretty sure it won't be this Saturday. The Water Department also mentioned that there is an outside chance that the work may not be completed in one day. If this proves to be the case, Spring Street will again be closed the following Saturday, Dec. 16.

The picture we've included this week shows how much the grade has been reduced looking uphill from the tracks past the significantly reduced Sunset Rock.

The Town Parking Lot has been paved, just in time for the holiday season. Thanks, Cashman. They will be back next year to complete the job, but for now we have a newly paved lot that will drain well and can easily be plowed. That's much better than the patchwork quilt of asphalt we've had in recent years.

Village safety — Now for some more serious stuff... We have spoken about safety and the railroad. We constantly encourage parents to take the time to educate your children about the hazards of crossing the rail tracks, whether on a street or sidewalk. And, heaven forbid, at an area where there is no pedestrian access. Short cuts are a very bad thing.

But now, we continue in another safety vein. Last week a senior citizen was seriously injured as she crossed the street in the downtown area in a crosswalk. Another driver failed to yield to the senior pedestrian. This is a very serious matter for each of us, the Greenbush Guys, included. This incident made us think about the crazy and inconsiderate actions of Cohasset drivers we have witnessed this past year.

For example, last week a young driver was exiting the newly paved Town Parking Lot through the entrance. Yes, the lot is still one way in and one way out. We know the one-way signs are not up yet, but anyone who lives in Town knows that it has always been that way. The young driver said he was sorry, and continued to exit through the entrance.

We have seen drivers drive over the curb beside the kitchen shop to get into the Town Parking Lot. What are they thinking? We routinely see people exit Pleasant Street at Depot Court without stopping and looking before proceeding. Last summer during the Revitalization construction we saw a resident drive over newly laid granite curbing in front of the dry cleaners. Two wheels actually went into the ditch into which the curbing had just been laid and then the driver blithely drove off without even slowing down. Didn't they even notice the bump? And, the crowning blow was a person, who, against a police officer's waving hands, drove under an operating backhoe and sped off into the sunset. We could go on and on, but you get the picture.

Each of us needs to slow down in the Village. We need to be more aware of our surroundings. Individual responsibility and courtesy are key if we are to have a safe Village.

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Living a religiously challenged life

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

We lived in the city at the time, so I figured the theft of a nativity figure was completely plausible.

With the holidays upon us, it has once again become apparent that I'm a tad bit religiously challenged. I generally only notice my deficiencies during holidays like last Easter, when my son asked me about the connection between decorating eggs; freakishly large, home-invading, candy-hiding bunnies; and the death of Jesus. It only got worse when he wanted to know why we refer to the day someone died as "Good Friday." I managed to flub my way through that one, but only because he believes that any day they close school is a "good" day. But, then he stumped me when he asked, "What ever happened to 'Baby Jake?'"

After my initial confusion over how he managed to watch a Bette Davis movie, it finally dawned on me that he meant "Baby Jesus;" and was referring to last year's pre-Christmas fiasco when he asked me why there was no baby in the nativity scene in front of the local church. I told him that perhaps Baby Jesus was stolen. Why else wouldn't he be there with Joseph and Mary?

We lived in the city at the time, so I figured the theft of a nativity figure was completely plausible. We eventually got the real story, but only after my son asked the local priest if the police had caught the baby-snatcher yet. That's when we learned that Baby Jesus (a/k/a "Jake") doesn't traditionally show up in nativity scenes until midnight on the 25th. *(Doh! And Mommy hasn't traditionally shown up in a church since ....?)*

My latest display of ecclesiastical ineptitude came to bear this fall at my grandmother's funeral, where my son was in complete awe of the minister. I greatly appreciated his reverence until he asked how the Prime Minister could possibly have known his great grandmother when she didn't live in London, but at a "grandma hotel" in upstate New York. He then pointed to the black book carried by the minister (who had now clarified that he did not actually run the country of England), and inquired "what's that book?"

I tried to recover by telling my son, and the now "less than prime" minister, that we did have a copy of "that book" (a/k/a the "Bible"), only it was on a CD. This caused my entire family to look at me with raised eyebrows, as they knew the closest thing we had to a religion in our family was sports. I reminded them that the Bible is literature, and that the only bad grades I ever received as an English major were due to my inability to recognize a religious symbol, metaphor, allegory or allusion whenever I stumbled over combustible shrubbery, diabolical fruit or murderously competitive siblings.

This is all a bit worrisome for my son's own religious and literary future, and in fact, caused me to go online to see if they have an unabridged CD Bible series. Clearly, our single-CD version was not having much of an impact. Yet, in retrospect, one huge advantage of living a religiously challenged life is that it allows you the freedom to be tolerant of everyone else's beliefs; because you're not out there promoting your own version, and therefore, able to participate open-mindedly in celebrations by others. So whatever religious path my son may choose to take in the future, if any at all, I will support him.

In the short term, however, I hope to put off the bigger questions and stand behind my son's right to believe unequivocally in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. Although, I'm not too keen on the whole Tooth Fairy thing. Do you know how much kids get per tooth these days? They might as well start their own college fund. But a friend of mine once tried to deflect the whole tooth-for-money blackmail scheme by explaining to her daughter that she was actually the Tooth Fairy who left the money. Of course, in that wonderful innocence only a child can muster, her daughter looked her straight in the eye and said, "No wonder you're tired all the time. It must be tough going to all the other kid's houses every night."

Diane K. Danielson is the CEO of DowntownWomensClub.com, a career website and social network for women with chapters across the country (including one here on the South Shore), and the co-author of Clicks & Mix: The Savvy Gal's Guide to Online Networking (January 2006). Stay tuned for more "Tales from the Far Side of Perfect."

'You can't always get what you want'

COMMENTARY

JOHN WANDS

Making fun of those who subscribe to the notion that serious ideas expressed eloquently should matter does not strike me as a worthwhile pastime.

The frustrations of raising and living with sixth graders can be immense, but that does not give parents *carte blanche* to excoriate their teachers in the press. John Lengyel's article on "Grammar and being a sixth-grader" may entertain, but it does not edify its intended readers, who may fanaticize that sixth-grade English consists primarily of grinding through one novel a year, punctuated (or perhaps "punctured") occasionally by a discussion of the future perfect progressive tense.

While this apocalyptic nightmare may have been marginally accurate for a classroom in England straight out of Dickens' "Hard Times," America, at least, has graduated from such Gradgrindian horrors. In Massachusetts, parents are much more likely to encounter classrooms where students are enlightened by such grammatical exercises as learning to recognize the difference between a subject and a predicate — a useful distinction, I think — than by studying exotic verb tenses. In fact, in Cohasset, sixth-grade students will read in the course of a year between 20 and 40 novels, including many which they choose for themselves, and will write some 25 to 30 compositions, including self-generated poetry, short fiction, and literary analyses. While much of our curriculum is determined by state frameworks, by the time they graduate from the high school, students will have savored such literary masterpieces as "The Crucible," "Hamlet," Metaphysical poetry, and Elie Wiesel's "Night," to name just a few.

While it is easy to ridicule such things as dangling modifiers, we have all seen the unintended-but-hilarious results that occur when writers are ignorant of the need to place words near the words they modify. The alternative is to generate sentences of the variety: "Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while riding to the battlefield on the back of an envelope." English teachers, in particular, lug home kilos of essays every night to correct — in the hope that students will not only learn to express themselves, but will also come to communicate in ways that can convey their ideas clearly, elegantly, and persuasively to others.

Sadly, Mr. Lengyel's suggestion of replacing English classes with movie classes may not be too far distant if one of the sessions I attended at the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention last month provides any indication. Participants noted how outside, leisure reading for middle-school students changes radically from sixth to seventh grade — from novels and biographies to articles from such magazines as People and Seventeen. Making fun of those who subscribe to the notion that serious ideas expressed eloquently should matter does not strike me as a worthwhile pastime. This seems especially so when the person attacking middle-school English obviously still remembers what he read as a 12-year-old — and presumably has some dedicated English teachers to thank for his verbal dexterity and his grammatical skills. Perhaps if the writer had communicated his concerns to the administration and the English Department directly, a substantive dialogue could have occurred, rather than a diatribe in the newspaper.

Dr. John Wands, Head of the English Department, lives in Duxbury. His love of teaching English has survived, even thrived, through stints at Yale University, UCLA, Marlborough School for Girls, and now Cohasset Middle-High School.

LIBRARY CORNER

Unique gift for a reader

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Bags – Looking for a unique gift for a reader? Paul Pratt Memorial Library book bags are available for purchase at the library for $15. These sturdy, heavy canvas bags are ideal for carrying home library materials. Each bag has an interior pocket large enough to hold a library card. Book bags come in dark green with a white logo and lettering. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Library.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at Paul Pratt Library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Independent Film Night – Take a break from holiday shopping and come to a free movie at the library. The independent film "Be With Me" will be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – With the holiday rush upon us, this month the group is trying something different. Rather than assign one book to read and discuss, bring in a book that is currently being read. It could be fiction or nonfiction, biography or graphic novel. Be prepared to share a comment or two about the book. This will be a fun, relaxing way to share one's enthusiasm for reading. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. The group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m.

Spanish Music for Children – On Mondays, Dec.11,18, and Jan. 8, 22 and 29, at 10:30, in the Meeting Room, Jodi Craft will teach and sing familiar songs in Spanish. This interactive Spanish enrichment program is for all ages and communities. No registration required. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Spanish Story Time – On Friday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Su Escuela, The Language Center, will present Spanish Story Time. This interactive program will be facilitated by native Spanish-speaking teachers who will translate, adapt and present well-known books. Call 781-383-1348 to register for this program.

CEF featured on Our Town

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo meet with members of the newly reconstituted CEF(Cohasset Education Foundation) to discuss their goals and plans for upcoming projects.

School Committee member Stephen Fusco joins the hosts on the second half of the show to detail the technology needs of Cohasset schools.

In a very entertaining roll-in segment, viewers can find out about the collaboration between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Cohasset Drama Club to present the 1936 Broadway hit "The Women" in November at Town Hall.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Putting the LID on stormwater problems

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with realistic goals led by informed people from almost every part of Town and every necessary discipline. But more important, communication is good between the various committees, Town government and Town officials. After years of neglect on stormwater issues, we're off to a good start.

But about outside experts: there's a concept around called Low Impact Development (LID). I like the term 'low impact growth' but *lig* isn't a word. Whatever; it's the idea that if a community is going to avoid stormwater problems it has to have a good plan to replace its natural stormwater recharge areas with man made ones. *not* just build a drain to who knows where. Zealots expand the concept to "zero impact development" and of course, Zero Impact Growth: 'ZIG' is a word, so lets use it.

What LID means is that a system of rules be put in place whereby *anyone* in a town (including the Town itself), increasing the footprint of an impervious area on their property would be required to implement a plan to restore in some way the pervious surface they eliminated. Much brainpower has been put into the LID concept, and since all pervious soils are not alike, it's not a simple problem. There are experts, handbooks, videos, lecturers, etc. all extolling the glory of LID. And it's probably the best solution to stormwater problems that anyone's yet found. And it's a key component of the Stormwater Committee's thinking. We are looking for an expert who will lead us wading and sloshing out of the problems of Stormwater.

By way of help, of course, since there will be lots of suggestions, it's probably appropriate for the Board of Health to propose one. Here it is: That qualified areas of a person's property be assessed in terms of its ability to accept and recharge stormwater. We regularly make such an assessment about areas on a property, which have the ability to accept effluent discharge. It's a regular part of the permitting process for a septic system. We'll call the new area (since everyone loves acronyms) an RRA for *Remedial Recharge Area*. If you take your driveway out of asphalt and put in a qualified pervious driveway, you'll get sufficient RRA credit to add a porch. If you remove a tree, but discharge your roof drains into a dry well, you come out even. And so on.

Well, there you are – food for thought.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Giving arts a boost!

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters would like to express a special thank you to Ronnie Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics for his generous help with the *Cohasset Arts Magazine* "nalgene" water bottles. Look for these fabulous gift items, which will be on sale soon.

We're feeling very lucky as this weekend marks the opening of the HS Music Department's production of "*Guys and Dolls*." Under the superlative direction of Stephanie Hoskins and Bryan Marks as producer, you won't want to miss this exceptionally talented group of cast and crew members. Tickets are on sale now at CHS, Buttonwood Books, or at the door assuming any are left. All tickets cost $10 and are general admission. Hungry/Thirsty, not to worry, refreshments will be sold during intermission with proceeds benefiting the arts departments. Visit www.cohassetartsboosters.com for more details.

As always, thank you for giving the arts a boost!

Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters:

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'Not lost in court of public opinion'

COMMENTARY

JOHN AND MARTHA BEWICK

Mike Weymouth was generous in his appreciation for our efforts to stop the destructive and fiscally irresponsible project, which is Greenbush, for which we're so grateful (Mariner, Dec. 1). Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA) may have lost in the four court decisions, and innumerable state agency hearings, but we will not have lost in the court of public opinion in the end. It is the thousands of Greenbush corridor residents who have been warriors in the effort who deserve the credit for carrying the battle as far as we could even though the "deal was done" from the beginning.

What was projected to be a $20 million project in 1984, is now a $520 million project in 2006. Dividing 17 miles of neighborhoods in Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate by walls and barriers, damaging 43 vernal pools, creating noise and vibration and affecting the character of several thousand homes in our 34 historic districts, damaging wetlands, scenic rivers, and even Scituate's water supply, clear-cutting thousands of trees that acted as our lungs, adding air pollution and daily plumes of carcinogenic particulates to our corridor, choking the easy network of cross-roadways that carry our working population to the many towns in our region, not just Boston, destroying our private bus system, and threatening our ferry system that has worked so well — these are among the concerns we raised, perhaps too politely, to the decision makers. We had put our final hope in Governor Romney when he said he would evaluate all construction projects using objective criteria. Greenbush meets none of the criteria, but Romney let it slide through without the promised scrutiny — an embarrassing decision that is now bankrupting the MBTA, not to mention the character of his waning and failed administration.

Led courageously by Senator Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, Scituate's Dottie Leach, Lance van Lenten and Cathy Donohue, Cohasset's Amanda Burgoon, and Peter Robb, Peter Pratt, and many friends, Hingham's Marian Sherman, Phyllis Koch, Marilyn Yorke, and Nancy Buckley and Randy Young of the Coastal Coalition, and Annie Post of the Hingham Village Association, the leadership of the merchants of Hingham Square, Coleen O'Hanley, Valerie O'Hanley, and Lucia Qualey of Weymouth, and Bill Reid of Braintree, so many many others put in thousands of hours in petitions, town meetings, lobbying decision makers, rallies, writing letters, and pointing out that there were cheaper and less damaging transit alternatives.

Mike Weymouth himself invested hundreds of pro bono hours producing educational information for our communities and for the legislature. He wrote, designed, and did the art work for the full page ads we used and created several state-of-the-art video presentations that were very effective communication tools at no charge to AfTA using his design firm skills. His passion for the cause was inspiring. We are also grateful for the hundreds of corridor friends and residents who contributed to the legal fees, and technical experts.

Even in the last court case, Federal Judge William Young pointed out that it was undisputed that there were less environmentally damaging transit alternatives than the Greenbush rail project, safer alternatives than Greenbush, and alternatives that would have significantly less impact on our communities than Greenbush. That's on the record. Now we have to wait and see what happens.

Advocates for Transportation Alternatives is still advocating for transportation alternatives, and will continue to monitor corridor impacts of the train construction and operation. The next step is also to rally support to save the ferry services which are being squeezed by the lack of planning for the Hingham Shipyard terminal and facilities, and a flawed bidding procedure for the ferry services which is shortening the contract period. Let us know if you have problems with Greenbush as it proceeds, and if you would like to be involved with the ferry community of interest at marbewick@comcast.net.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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December 1, 2006

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$1 MILLION FOR WAGES FOR HOMEMAKERS TO HELP ELDERLY (H 5000)

House 149-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Mitt Romney's veto of the entire $1 million in funding to increase the wages of homemakers and personal care homemakers who provide services to senior citizens at home. Supporters of the $1 million said that this small increase of an estimated 18 cents per hour would raise the average hourly pay of homemakers to $10.99 per hour. In his veto message, Romney said that he vetoed the $1 million because it was not consistent with his original budget proposal. (A "Yes" vote is for the $1 million).

$2 MILLION FOR "TURNING 22" PROGRAM (H 5000)

House 156-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $2 million veto reduction (from $8.5 million to $6.5 million) in funding for the Turning 22 Program. The program provides two years of transitional services to people with severe mental disabilities who lose their entitlement to special education services upon graduation or reaching age 22. Supporters of the $2 million said that it is desperately needed by this program that is designed as a bridge for these people from educational services into the adult human services system. They noted that an Individual Transition Plan into the adult system is developed for each individual in the program. They argued that there are many people on the waiting list for the program who have to fend for themselves until and unless they are accepted. In his veto message, Romney said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary. The governor in November eliminated the $2 million again when he used his budget cutting powers to unilaterally cut $425 million from the state's $25.7 billion fiscal 2007 state budget. Romney last week changed course again and restored the $2 million in funding for the Turning 22 Program as part of $41.4 million that he restored to various programs. He noted that higher than expected November tax revenues made the funding possible. (A "Yes" vote is for the $2 million).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL:

COURT TO HEAR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LAWSUIT - The Supreme Judicial Court that legalized same-sex marriages has agreed to hear Gov. Romney's lawsuit to require the Constitutional Convention to vote on the proposed amendment banning same-sex marriages. The suit also asks that the secretary of state be forced to place the marriage question on the 2008 ballot if the convention does not vote it up or down. The convention in November voted 109-87 voted to recess until 2 p.m. on January 2, 2007 - the final day of the 2006 legislative session. The recess would postpone until that date any further action on the proposed constitutional amendment to "define marriage only as the union of one man and one woman." The amendment does not include language nullifying any same-sex marriages that have already taken place. The measure needs the votes of 50 out of 200 legislators in both the 2006 and 2007-2008 legislative sessions in order to appear on the November 2008 ballot.

$15 MILLION FOR PANDEMIC FLU THREAT - The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure aimed at preparing for and responding to a pandemic flu outbreak. Provisions include $8 million for 92,000 "priority people" to receive antiviral medications; $6 million for hospital beds, ventilators and other supplies and $500,000 for the Department of Public Health to study emergency preparedness.

STOP PAYMENT ON CHECKS (H 3084) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure increasing from six months to one year the length of time during which a stop payment order on a check is effective. Supporters said that extending the period to one year would help consumers and noted that six months is insufficient.

RAISE CAP ON RETIREES' ALLOWABLE EARNINGS (H 263) - The House gave final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill allowing retired public state and local employees to continue working in a public job as long as the combination of their pension and new salary does not exceed by more than $15,000 the salary they earned when they retired. Current law prohibits the combination from exceeding the salary at retirement and does not allow the additional $15,000. Supporters said that many retirees cannot live on their pensions and should be allowed to earn more money than is permitted under current law. The Senate has already approved the bill and now a final Senate okay is needed prior to it going to Gov. Romney.

ANIMAL FIGHTS (H 1765) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a measure making it easier for law enforcement officials to seize animals being bred to fight and the fight-related paraphernalia. Supporters said that it is time to crack down on people who conduct these fights and to put a stop to this barbaric sport that involves birds, game hens, chicks, dogs and puppies. The bill also requires any defendant who is convicted of cruelty to an animal to automatically surrender the animal to the MSPCA or other humane society. This provision would replace a current law that requires a hearing to determine the defendant's fitness for continued custody of the abused animal.

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

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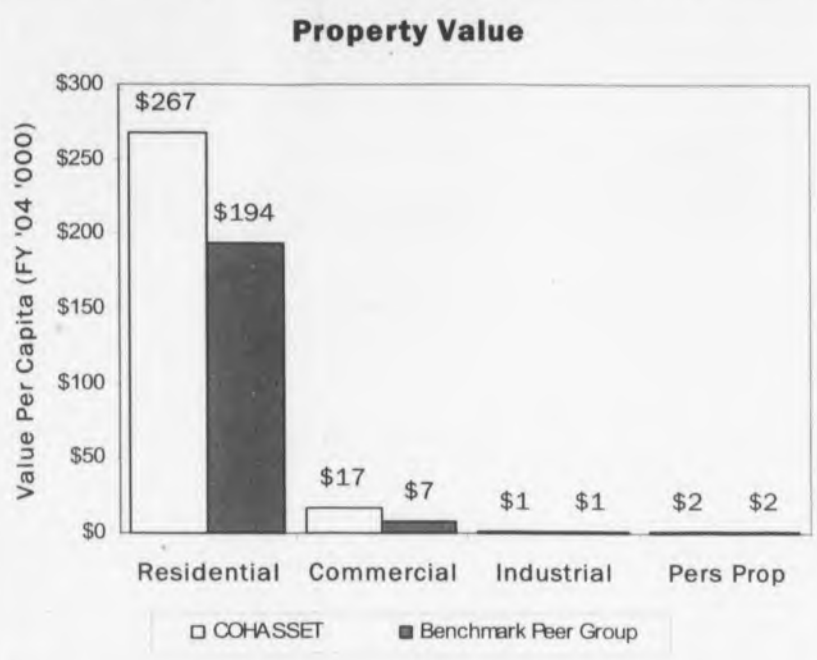
How does Cohasset measure up?

Municipal Benchmarking: Cohasset-at-a-Glance



Source: Municipal Benchmarking (www.municipalbenchmarking.com). Value is the assessed value.

This chart shows the 2005 assessed value per capita of Cohasset's tax base, broken out by class of property. The chart also shows the same information for the median of Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group. By comparing it with similar communities, one can get a sense for the composition of Cohasset's tax base.

Municipal Benchmarking determined Cohasset's Benchmark Peer Group by analyzing 15 demographic traits to find the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Cohasset's peer group includes Boxborough, Carlisle, Dover, Duxbury, Hamilton, Lincoln, Lynnfield, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Medfield, Norwell, Sherborn, Southborough, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wayland, Wenham, West Newbury, Westwood and Winchester. Municipal Benchmarking uses information collected from municipal and school district filings, state and federal agencies, associations, surveys, and information requests under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Municipal Benchmarking *(www.municipalbenchmarking.com)* provides municipal officials, education administrators, citizens, labor leaders, realtors and other interested parties with unbiased data and analysis to help make more informed decisions.

Judging a community by its peer group

The Cohasset Mariner is publishing a new feature: Cohasset At-A-Glance. Cohasset At-a-Glance is a series of charts, which compare Cohasset to its Benchmark Peer Group, the 20 most similar communities in Massachusetts. Each week the chart will look at a different area of interest in Cohasset's municipal government, such as taxes, police spending, fire staffing, municipal salaries, education spending, debt and land use.

The At-a-Glance charts were prepared by Municipal Benchmarking, LLC, a Waltham-based company that provides data and analysis to help municipal decision-makers, education officials, taxpayers, union members, such as teachers, and others make more informed decisions.

Community Newspaper Company, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner, entered into an agreement with Municipal Benchmarking this year to present this data to readers in a series on weekly charts.

Cohasset paid Municipal Benchmarking LLC roughly $7,500 for the full report which is available at Town Hall.

For more information about Municipal Benchmarking go to municipalbenchmarking.com

Editor's note: Benchmarks is an ongoing series that is run when space is available.

Town to stick with single tax rate

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increase, the tax rate decreases.

Deputy Assessor Mary E. Quill said this year assessors adjusted the land value. The overall value in Cohasset went up $100 million.

The tax bills will reflect the Selectmen's decision this week to continue with a uniform tax rate for all property classes based on the Board of Assessors' recommendation.

Selectmen had the option to split the tax rate but since the town is 93 percent residential, the change would only decrease property tax bills a small amount for residential taxpayers and send commercial rates soaring.

For example, lowering the tax rate just a few cents to $10.13 for residential property owners — would result in a tax rate of $15.76 for commercial property, Quill said.

Tax bills vary depending on a property's assessed value. By taking the assessed value of the property and dividing it by $1,000 and then multiplying it by the tax rate, a homeowner can compute his property taxes.

Tax bills have more than doubled over the past 16 years along with values. In 1992, the average Cohasset home was assessed at $300,000 and the tax rate was $12, yielding an annual tax bill of $3,600.

Four years ago in fiscal 2003, the average home was assessed at $521,000 and with a tax rate was $11.99; the homeowner paid roughly $6,248 in property taxes.

This year the average valued home is $825,000, and with the tax rate of $10.44, that same homeowner will pay about $8662 in taxes.

Quill said the values were set as a result of sales activity in calendar year 2005. In a telephone interview Thursday, she said the Cohasset housing market is still strong.

Municipalities do not generally split their tax rate unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property taxes equals about 25 percent or more of the total valuation of the town.

Town Manager Bill Griffin noted on Cape Cod, there is not a single community with a split tax rate.

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter tax bills.

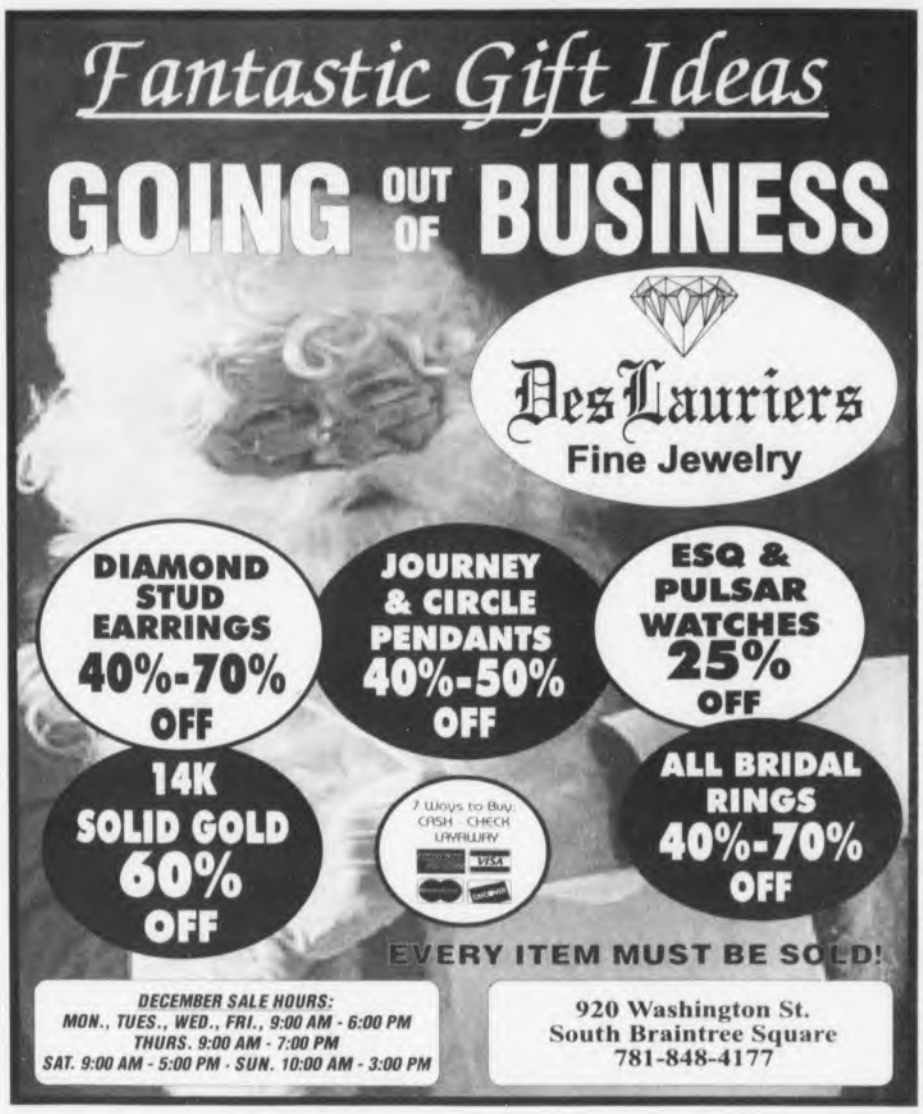
Elsa Miller of the Board of Assessors praised the Assessors Office for going after the town's new growth, which is estimated at $530,000. Under Prop. 2-1/2, "new growth" allows a community to increase its levy limit annually by an amount based on the increased value of new construction. New growth is calculated by multiplying the increase in the assessed valuation of qualifying property by the prior year's tax rate.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Conway, 101 Pond St., stainless steel chimney liner and cap and new crown wash, $3,312; Sullivan, 79 Atlantic Ave., install 38 by 10 foot in ground pool, $82,000; Connell, 678 Jerusalem Rd., construct additions as shown on plans, $20,000; Doonan, 730 Jerusalem Rd., new construction to replace residence lost in fire, $375,000; Bliss, 364 Beechwood St., drywall bathroom ceiling, walls, install tile, door and drywall basement ceiling, $3,000; Cate, 40B Nichols Rd., 16 by 20 foot addition with deck above, $100,000; Bloomfield, 37 Beach St., 16 square feet of cedar roofing, $18,250;

Gildea, 31 Highland Ave., 25 square feet of cedar roofing, $28,000; Sturdy, 374 Atlantic Ave., 17 square feet of cedar roofing, trim, chimney and roof repairs, $18,000; Dickson, 468 King St., install Yankee pellet woodstove, $3,350; Maltz, 760 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., interior renovations to selected suites, minor changes to stairwells and corridors;



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The house at 25 Ripley Road, which was built in 1889 and served for many years as the Cohasset Private Hospital, is being considered for an affordable housing complex that would not essentially expand the footprint of the building. It was also a nursing home housing 22 elderly residents in 1966. Since 1986, it has been a private home.

Affordable housing for Ripley Road house

FROM HOUSING, PAGE 1

Board of Appeals, he said.

Partnership member Jim Hamilton described the proposal as "a work in progress" noting the partnership thought the time had come to bring it forward to the town and the press.

Selectman Fred Koed said neighbors would be an important part of the process and it would be important to "build a coalition in the neighborhood." He suggested public hearings to bring the neighbors in to allay their concerns.

Brewer noted the house is in an area of very well kept homes. He said at the turn of the century the house had a big front porch that faced Sohier Street. He said architectural details like a porch and screened parking should make the project more palatable.

Hamilton said right now the building, which is in foreclosure, is going down without "care, love and ownership."

Vanderweil said there was nothing negative about the project "on the surface" but added the board needed more information. "The board is always in favor of Cohasset affordable housing — but that is different than state affordable housing," he said.

The partnership said it did not envision the town as being a landlord or in the development business and hopes for a public-private partnership of some sort.

The current asking price for the building is $699,999. The partnership has estimated the conversion costs to be $125 per square foot, or about $850,000 — making the total buildout estimate cost of about $1.55 million.

"Developing the project as all affordable not likely at this price, certainly absent a subsidy," the partnership stated in its written report to Selectmen. "We would like to get as close to an all-affordable goal as possible, but that will be a function of the purchase price and subsidies available."

The end mix depends on purchase price, construction financing available and end sale prices, the partnership stated.

The partnership plans to approach the Community Preservation Committee for a possible subsidy, which would then have to pass muster at Town Meeting.

Based on the discussion the other night, the next step is for the Housing Partnership Committee to meet with non-profit developers to find out if this project is at all viable, and then to reach out to the neighborhood to hear their concerns and explain the potential project in more detail, Town Manager Bill Griffin said Wednesday.

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The Derby Street "Clauses" will also stroll throughout the shopping center on weekends during the holiday season. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Claus will be available at the "Giving Corner", the place for Community Spirit, for photos, Saturdays 2p.m.-3p.m. So, please bring your camera! (Located next to Jasmine Sola)

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Q&A on affordable housing

• What is Chapter 40B?

ANSWER: In simplest terms, Chapter 40B is a state statute that obligates every community in the Commonwealth to have at least 10 percent of its total housing stock affordable to households at certain income levels. The income levels are determined by the federal government, and they vary by region and number of persons living in the household. From these income levels, the state calculates the maximum rents that can be charged (all found on DHCD website) or, in a more complicated formula, what prices could be charged for "sale" units. The rule of thumb is that a unit is affordable if the rent paid by households with incomes at or below the federal income limits does not exceed 30 percent of their monthly gross income.

• What is the LIP program?

ANSWER: LIP stands for Local Initiative Program, meaning a 40B proposal that is either initiated by or sponsored by the local community, by its Board of Selectmen or Housing Partnership. It is sometimes called a "friendly 40B" since it does not involve official municipal opposition. Both Cedarmere and Cook proceeded, or would have proceeded, as LIP projects as the governing bylaw required it.

A LIP application also has the advantage of allowing the establishment of a local-community preference, where up to 70 percent of the units can be reserved for people associated with the town, such as that community's residents, its employees, or children of residents and parents of residents.

• What does 40B do relative to local zoning?

ANSWER: 40B allows for the overriding of most local zoning provisions, usually requiring only a single "comprehensive permit" from the local Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition to this permit, the project also goes through an initial screening/approval process with the state Dept. of Community Housing & Development (DHCD) to insure that it meets state regulations and guidelines.

• How does one qualify for an affordable unit and would Cohasset residents qualify?

ANSWER: Qualification depends on income and asset factors. In Cohasset, the likelihood is that even a resident on a fixed income, who meets the federal income limits, would not qualify for Chapter 40B housing if that person is selling a home with more than $150,000 in equity because that person would exceed the maximum asset limits. This was clear from discussions about the Cook property. However, under the Cohasset preference, others in Cohasset could qualify — anyone who meets the income limits but does not own real estate with a lot of equity, town employees and families, parents of residents from elsewhere who are not wealthy, and/or children of residents just starting out who have yet to accumulate assets. While the past focus in Cohasset has been on limited-income but house-rich seniors, these other groups have housing needs as well. Also note that DHCD is less favorably disposed to age-restricted projects.

• What is envisioned by the Housing Partnership at 25 Ripley Rd. and how would it impact town services?

ANSWER: IF that project could come together, and at this point it is still a big if, the Partnership envisions no more than 7 units, 3 one-bedrooms and 4 two-bedrooms. Under Chapter 40N, at least two of the units would have to be affordable as defined under 40B. Of the other 5, they could be any combination of affordable, market-rate, or a Cohasset-unique standard somewhere in between. That will depend on the economics of the project. The impact on town services, particularly schools, would be negligible in a project of this small size.

These questions and answers were provided by the Cohasset Housing Partnership.

What is a housing partnerhip?

A housing partnership encourages the creation and preservation of affordable housing. Its responsibilities include planning, serving as an information resource to other town officials, developers and the general public, identifying housing opportunities, assisting the Board of Appeals during the comprehensive permit process, and building support for a diverse and balanced community, with housing available to households of all income levels as a matter of basic fairness.

In addition, the partnership often helps developers with marketing and outreach to sell or rent new affordable units, and assists with outreach during the resale process. A housing partnership usually has members with experience in banking, housing development, architecture, engineering, law, social policy and human services, and residents generally interested in the well being of their community.

BRIEFLY

Tribute to Studds

Selectman Fred Koed attended a tribute to the late, former US Rep. Gary Studds of Cohasset at the John F. Kennedy Library last week.

Koed said US Sen. Ted Kennedy spoke as did Studds' nephew, a Cohasset resident. "It was quite a tribute to him (Studds)," Koed said this week.

Studds, 69, who represented the 10th Congressional District, including his hometown of Cohasset, for 24 years from 1972-1996, passed away Oct. 14.

Congress recognized Studds' accomplishments when it named the "Gerry E. Studds Stellwagon Bank National Marine Sanctuary" off the Massachusetts Coast.

Koed said seldom has he seen an individual in public life with the wit, intelligence and insight of Studds. "I distinctly remember introducing myself to him in 1974 downtown in front of the hardware store," he said. "He was always gracious and friendly in public."

Runway changes

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer, who also sits on the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee for the Boston-Logan International Airport Overflight Noise Study, said changes in flight paths could have "huge benefits and be an enormous change" for Cohasset. Dormitzer explained most of the flights headed south or southwest to airports such as Kennedy and LaGuardia, go out over Boston Harbor and come back over Cohasset.

The recommendations are of two major types, Dormitzer said.

Departing flights would travel about eight miles father out over the Atlantic before returning to cross the shoreline. The extra distance would allow them to climb about 4,000 feet higher before reaching the shore and would distribute the flights farther north and south.

"Cohasset will get some relief because planes will be higher and because of the wider distribution of flights," Dormitzer explained. "Today the overwhelming majority of departures from runways 22R, 15 and 9 cross the shoreline between the Hull/Cohasset border on the north and the Scituate/Cohasset border on the south resulting in almost continuous noise over the Town."

The second type of recommendation is for arriving planes on runways 33L, 27 and 22L, he said.

"These arrivals would approach the airport using an over-the-water route east of the airport," Dormitzer said. "Cohasset is severely affected by 33L arrivals and the Town would get some relief from that alternative specifically. Unfortunately, the FAA has declared that the potential 33L arrival route would only be used in off-peak hours."

There are 29 communities on the Citizens Advisory Committee and each is affected by airplane overflights. Tuesday, the CAC began voting on recommending the alternatives to Massport. The meeting was continued until Jan. 17.

Schools spend Chapter 70 funds for new personnel

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been managing to run them simultaneously in the same classroom, with the same teacher at the same time. The proposal would be to separate those two classes out, as they should be," Antolini said.

Another mathematics teacher will be hired to teach an algebra section and a computer language/programming course in Basic or Visual Basic. Antolini indicated there is significant student interest in higher-level computer courses. He hopes to find a candidate who could teach more advanced and current computer applications, such as Java. School Committee member Steven Fusco said he liked the idea. "If we can provide programming in a more current [computer] language it will act as a stepping stone for students who can take what they learned to college and the workplace," he said.

Lastly, the board approved the hiring of a middle school music teacher that would ideally teach both vocal and instrumental courses. This position will free up the high school music staff and, as a result, allow them to instruct music electives.

The three new positions will carry over to the fall semester, despite the department head's return to regular class loads, creating more elective offerings for the student body. The cost associated will be incorporated in the fiscal 2008 budget. "It will be a great win for the school," said Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz.

The School Committee also approved fund allocations for current staff members teaching sections beyond their contract requirements.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh requested three of her own budget adjustments for fiscal 2007. First, Deer Hill School has a need for a reading consultant to work with teachers and students for the remainder of the school year. Second, a physical education teacher at Deer Hill is required to fully schedule students for the second half of the year. Third, an assistant technology position is needed to lend support in maintaining the schools' growing inventory of computers and other technology. The School Committee voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendations.

The $200,000 appropriated for the school department's use under Chapter 70 was approved Nov. 13th at the Special Town Meeting. An estimated total of $105,560 will go toward the new hires as voted on by the Committee. An additional $54,000 of the Chapter 70 monies will be used to pay for teachers' salaries when retirees were hired earlier this year. The use for the remaining balance, approximately $40,000 will not be determined until the new hires are in place.

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Back to the basics

CHS gridders to focus on fundamentals for 2007 season

By Mark Goodman
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When it defeated Carver by a 13-12 score on Oct. 7, the Cohasset High football team was 3-1-1 and had won its all-important South Shore League opener.

For a variety of reasons, that would be the Skippers' last win of the season.

Cohasset lost four of its last five, with the only exception being a 0-0 draw on Oct. 20 against East Bridgewater. The boys finished the year with a 3-5-2 record.

For a team coming off several consecutive winning seasons, that record was certainly considered a disappointment by coaches and players. If there is a silver lining, it's the fact that few could argue the team really was better than its record indicated.

Having just completed his first season at the program's helm, head coach Pete Afanasiw said Wednesday that next year will see a renewed focus on basic fundamentals, a focus that he hopes will allow the Skippers to win the games they should be winning.

"We did a lot of things well, but things like turnovers and basic missed assignments that are very rudimentary to the game hurt us," Afanasiw said. "Things like tackling, blocking, ball protection…we had too many avoidable mistakes."

Looking back on the season, the coach said his players handled the tough times well, but their frustration became clear after a while.

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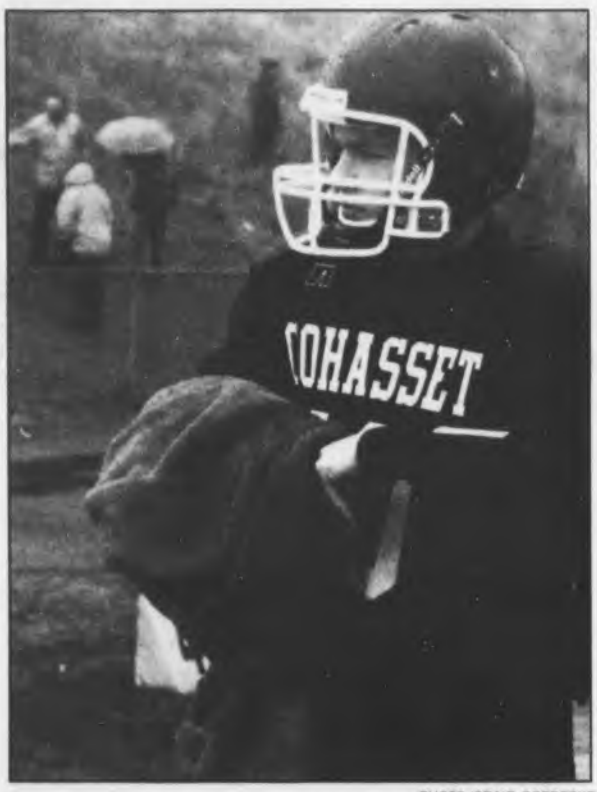

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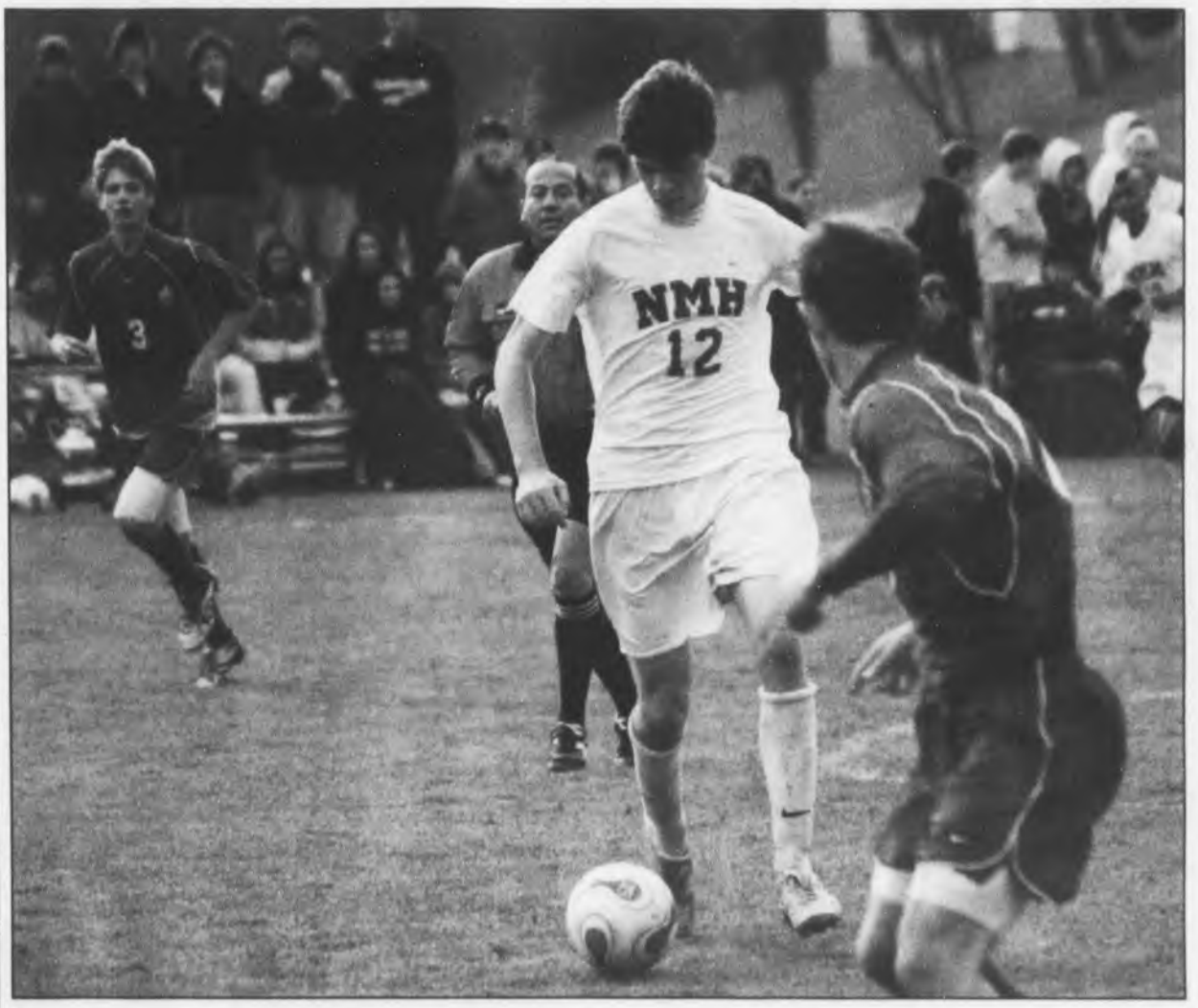
Quarterback David Snowdale, shown above cleaning up after a muddy Thanksgiving game, will return to lead the Skippers next season.



COURTESY PHOTO

Aidan Buick (12), a midfielder for Northfield Mt. Hermon, lines up a shot from 25 yards out in the New England prep school championship game against Loomis Chaffee. The shot would result in Buick's second goal of the game to help lead NHM to a 3-2 win.

Another title for Buick

CHS grad wins NE prep soccer championship with Northfield Mt. Hermon

Six months ago, Aidan Buick was leading the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team to a Div. 3 state championship.

On Nov. 19, Buick was hoisting another trophy, as his two goals helped the Northfield Mt. Hermon soccer team to a 3-2 win over Loomis Chaffee in the New England prep school championship game.

After playing striker at CHS, Buick played primarily a defensive midfielder position for NMH this year. But when the team's leading scorer was injured during the tournament, Buick moved forward and wound up scoring the game-winning goal in the first round against Worcester Academy.

"His willingness to put the team ahead of his own scoring aspirations served as a foundation of our run to a New England championship."

Northfield Mt. Hermon boys soccer coach Charlie Malcolm, on Aidan Buick

The three tournament goals gave him eight for the season, to go along with 10 assists. All told, his contributions earned him the team's Coaches Award.

"He won the Coaches Award because he anchored the center of the pitch for us and became an outstanding holding midfielder," said NMH head coach Charlie Malcolm. "His willingness to play a more defensive, playmaker roll on the team allowed other players to score goals."

In a regular season game against Loomis, Buick suffered an injury to his ankle, which was heavily wrapped in the middle of the season while he played through the injury. Malcolm said that when Buick started getting healthy again, the team took off and won 11 straight matches en route to the New England title.

The coach said Buick attracted a lot of attention from various colleges with his finals performance, including Boston College, Northeastern, Williams, Bowdoin and St. Francis.

"At the finals, Aidan's college stock soared. He was a great two-way player," said Malcolm. "He has been a great teammate and his willingness to put the team ahead of his own scoring aspirations served as a foundation of our run to a New England championship.

"Nothing pleased me more as a coach and educator to see Aidan finally get the recognition he deserved at the finals. He was the most underrated player in New England prep school soccer, until the tournament."

Malcolm said he first discovered Buick at last year's Div. 3

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(Above) Cohasset's Pat Doonan races up the boards during a game last January against Abington-East Bridgewater. (Right) Cohasset's Lacey Richardson battles for the ball against Abington in a game late last January. The CHS hockey team, under new head coach Bob Walsh, begins its season tomorrow (Dec. 9) against Westwood at 4 p.m. at Ponkapoag Ice Rink. The Lady Skippers played Holbrook last night (Dec. 7) after the Mariner went to press. Next week, the Mariner will preview the winter sports scene at Cohasset High School.

Another title for Buick

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Eastern Mass. high school All-Star game in Canton and found a lot of good things about the then-Skipper's game.

"Aidan's ballance and touch on the ball for his size immediately caught my attention, not to mention the fact that he can hit a bomb with either foot," Malcolm said. "This season provided Aidan with tremendous college exposure and he leaves NMH a far more complete player."

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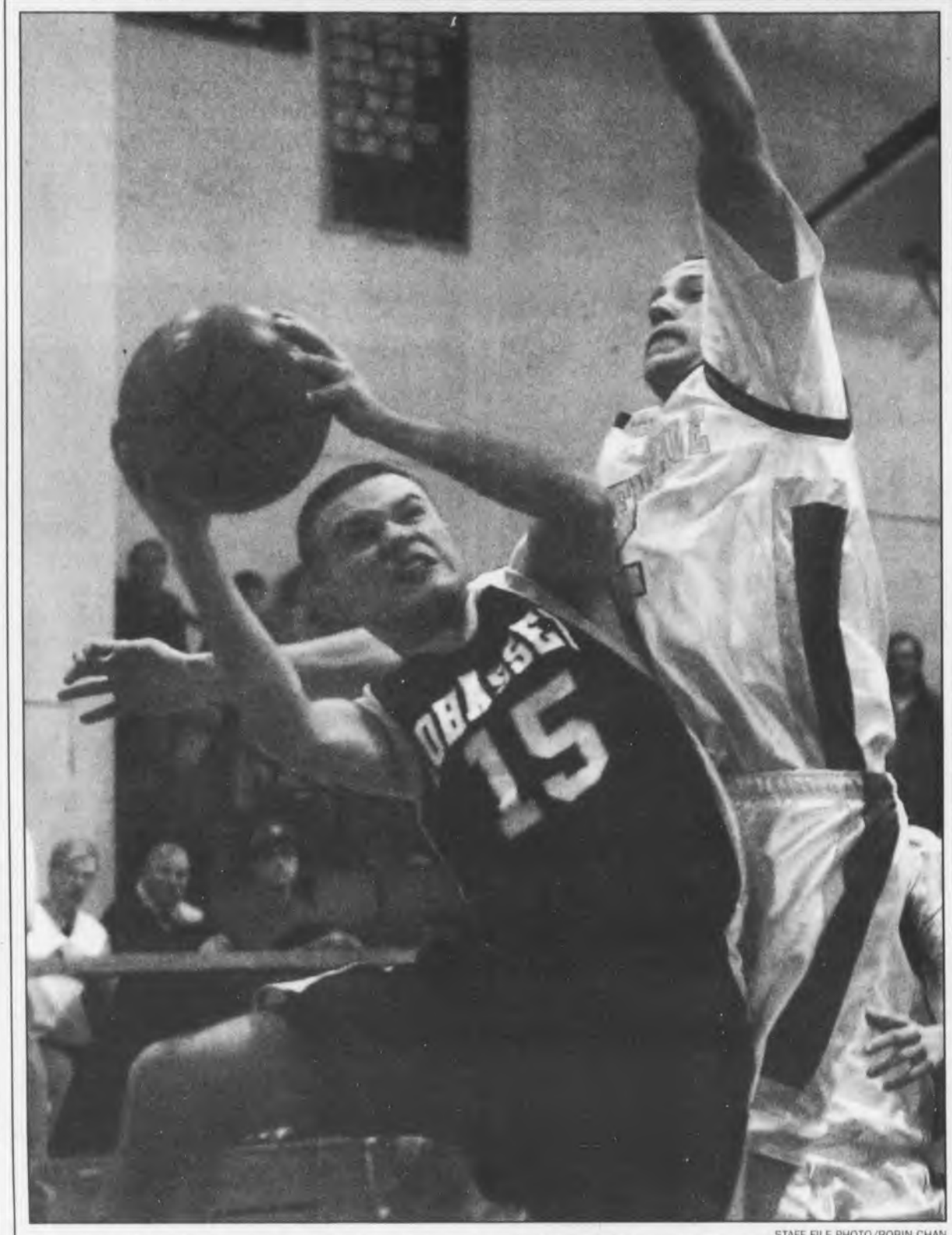
Cohasset's Aidan Buick with the New England prep school championship trophy.



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Cohasset's Patrick McCarthy goes strong to the hole during a game against Abington last January. The CHS boys basketball team kicked off its season last night (Dec. 7) in Holbrook after the Mariner went to press. Look for a preview of the team in next week's edition.

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Brendan Carr finished first in the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

Turkey Trot results

Below are results from Cohasset's sixth annual Turkey Trot. Listed are the top-20 overall finishers, and the top-10 runners in four divisions: women's overall, women under-18, men's overall, men under-18.

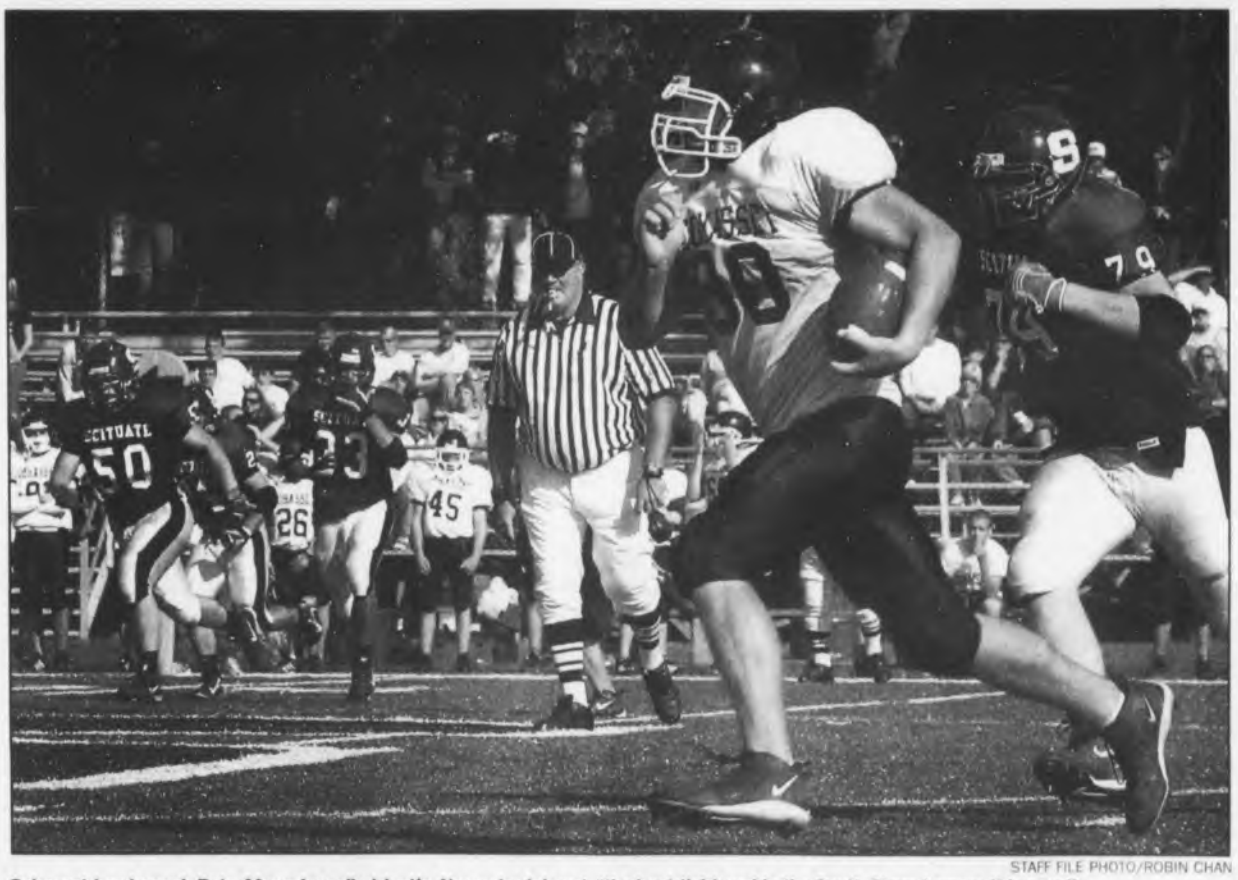
Overall
Brendan Carr, 16:44
Ted Noon, 17:50
Josh Flanagan, 18:19
Jack Vincollane, 19:12
Chris Yukms, 19:16
Daniel Delongchamp, 19:18
Geoffrey Morris, 19:29
John McConty, 19:51
Tracy Timmons, 20:10
Eric Dinwoodie, 20:22
Mark Douglas, 20:24
Jeff DiMonica, 20:59
Jim Mitterando, 21:00
Nate Rand, 21:01
Adam Haracz, 21:07
Kevin Linch, 21:17
Greg Weissman, 21:17
Timothy Pierotti, 21:32
Sean Conte, 21:34
Mike Krumsiek, 21:35

Women
Timmons, 20:10
Shelley Mahoney, 22:10
Carolyn Coffey, 23:19
Marcia Stephens, 23:35
Carolyn Shea, 23:48
Kathy Durancy, 24:12
Meghan Marr, 24:16
Cindy Harrington, 24:17
Debbie Power, 24:26
Sheri D'Alessandro, 24:27

Women, U-18
Margaret Pilczak, 22:14
Patty McInerney, 24:54
Lindsey Allard, 25:46
Isabel Dunne, 25:47
Tate Pierotti, 26:25
Aniko Haber, 26:44
Lesen Haracz, 26:52
Vanna Sheehan, 27:03
Lucy Noble, 27:16
Victoria Salvadore, 27:23

Men
Noon, Flanagan, Vincollane, Yukms, Delongchamp, Morris, Douglas, DiMonica, Mitterando, Rand

Men, U-18
Carr, 16:44
McConty, 19:51
Dinwoodie, 20:22
Robert Murley, 21:52
Stephen Vercollone, 21:53
Hunter Sease, 21:54
Tristram Norman, 22:08
Billy Quigg, 22:59
Brendan Kearney, 24:39
Evan Geary, 25:02



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Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw called Justin Alexander (above) "the best tight end in the South Shore League this year."

Back to the basics

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"They hung together nicely, but after a while, you could see it in their faces, just saying, 'What do we have to do to win a game?'" Afanasiw said. "The Norwell game was the epitome of that."

Ah, yes, the Norwell game. The Clippers scored 16 points in that game: two on a return of a blocked extra point, seven on an interception return for a touchdown, and another seven after a bad snap on a Cohasset punt gave Norwell the ball inside the Skippers' 20.

Cohasset, in turn, scored 15, a total that could have been doubled when you take into account the two touchdowns that were called back because of penalties.

It is mistakes like these that Afanasiw and his players will be hoping to avoid next season. He did say, though, that these mistakes were not due to a lack of effort.

"The team's work ethic was good. They came out to practice hard everyday," said the coach. "The team persevered through what could've been a difficult season."

Afanasiw added that, between now and the preseason in August, his focus will be on getting players in the weight room to improve overall team strength.

"I think the future looks bright; it's just a matter of how much work they're willing to do in the offseason," said Afanasiw.

Speaking of next year, Cohasset will find itself in the position of most other high school programs: a good returning base of talent, but with some holes to fill. Perhaps nowhere is that best exemplified than in the offensive line, a unit that has been the program's strength the last few seasons.

If one includes tight end Justin Alexander, all four of Cohasset's league All-Stars were starters on the o-line. The other three were Paul St. Pierre, Nick Cambi and Jake Cuneo. All but Cuneo, the right tackle, are graduating this June.

Next year, Cuneo will be joined by the likes of Anderson Lynner, Cliff Musto and Schyuler Wakefield, all of whom contributed a lot this year, as well.

"We ran for over 2,000 yards this season, and that was without our top fullbacks for part of the year," Afanasiw said. "It was nice to see they (the linemen) were every bit as good as I envisioned them being."

The fullbacks to whom Afanasiw references are PJ McCaw and Kyle Pinkus, both of whom return next season. They and Brian Hill figure to get most of the carries that had been going to Anthony DiPaolo the second half of this year; DiPaolo is also graduating.

Cohasset's other graduating starters are linebacker Colin Conway, receiver/safety Fletcher Smalzel, and defensive tackle Robert Silvia. Andrew Clark, Gannon Dorion, John Harrington and Nick Zappolo are also graduating from the program.

Afanasiw will be counting on his defensive backfield as another strength of his team in '07. Juniors Mark Flibotte and Sam DeGiacomo both played well there this year; Flibotte was named Cohasset's MVP in the Skippers' Thanksgiving Day game against Hull.

"Mark is a perfectly example of someone who just improved with every practice and every game," Afanasiw said. "There's a very good possibility of him being an all-league player next year."

Musto will return to anchor the front seven of the defense after finishing with a team-high nine sacks this fall. Musto was one of the pleasant surprises of this year's squad, as was junior quarterback David Snowdale after he stepped into the starting role six games into the season.

"When his number got called, considering the amount of reps he had, he made a lot of good decisions," said Afanasiw. "I was impressed with how he conducted himself and with his knowledge of the game."

This was, of course, Afanasiw's first season at Cohasset after most recently serving as an assistant coach for Duxbury, and it was a year that he says he will look back on fondly.

"It was definitely a rewarding experience," Afanasiw said. "I wish we could've had a couple more W's, but that's not always the measure of a successful season.

"It's just a matter of time before we start fine-tuning this in the right direction."

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CHS championship banners

The Cohasset High School Athletic Department is in the process of creating new championship banners for the high school gymnasium. CHS wants these banners to as accurate as possible.

After researching the CHS Athletic Department trophy case and old banners, the department has compiled the list below of Cohasset High School league, sectional, and state championships.

Any CHS grads or community members who can help the school with any dates that may have been missed should contact Athletic Director Ron Ford at: Cohasset Middle - High School, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025; Phone: (781) 383-6103; E-mail: rford@cohassetk12.org

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Boys soccer: League Champions – 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989; Sectional Champions – 1986, 1987, 1989, 2000

Girls Soccer: League Champions – 1988; Sectional Champions – 1995

Field Hockey: League Champions – 1972, 1975, 1985, 1988

Cross-Country: League Champions – 1965, 1973

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball: League Champions – 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1996-97; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88, 1994-95, 1995-96; State Champions – 1984-85, 1985-86

Girls Basketball: League Champions –1947-48, 1948-49, 1984-85,1986-87, 1987-88; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88; State Champions – 1987-88

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Ice Hockey: League Champions – 1981-82, 1982-1983, 1997-98, 2001-02, 2002-03

Wrestling: League Champions – 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04; Sectional Champions – 1998-99, 2004-05; State Champions – 2004-05

Gymnastics: League Champions – 1976-77, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1997-98, 2001-02

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Baseball: League Champions – 1950, 1959

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Boys Tennis: League Champions – 1973, 1986, 2006

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Adult Hockey clinic

Bay State Hockey is conducting a coed Learn to Play Hockey clinic on Monday, Dec. 18, from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena in Plymouth. The full coed Learn to Play pick-up hockey league for the novice players will begin Jan. 8 and run until April 30 at the Armstrong Arena.

For more information please call Bay State Hockey at (866) HOCKEY-3.

Registration for 2007 Bay State Winter Games

Registration for the 22nd annual Bay State Winter Games opened Nov. 1. This year's games begin on Feb. 2, 2007, and are open to athletes ranging in age from 9 to 60.

Athletes participating in the games represent more than 200 Massachusetts communities.

For more information about the Bay State Winter Games, including a schedule of events and registration forms, visit www.baystategames.org/winter or call the Bay State Games' office at (781) 932-6555.

Fruitcake 5K race/walk

The Fruitcake 5K race will be held Saturday, Jan. 6 at 10 a..m. The start/finish line will be the Second Church parking lot in Plymouth. The church is located on State Road in Manomet. The cost for the run/walk is $12 per person and $20 for a family. Gift certificates will be given to the winners.

Send us your sports news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local sports team. The deadline is Wednesday at noon for getting the news into Friday's paper. High school coaches and their representatives are asked to call the Mariner on a weekly basis to report their scores.

Information can be emailed to mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to the Cohasset Mariner, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield or dropped off at the Mariner office. For more information, call sports editor Mark Goodman at 837-4577.

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Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll set for Saturday, Dec. 16

On Saturday, Dec. 16th the Merchants of Cohasset Village will host the Annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll.

This year's event is a way for the merchants of the Village to say thank you to the many patrons who have supported us throughout a difficult summer. Between the Village Revitalization Project and the work laying track for the Greenbush Line, it has been a difficult time in Cohasset Village. According to David Bigley - owner of All The Best Natural Foods "We sincerely appreciate the patience and continued support of our patrons and this is a small way for us to show it."

The proceeds of the event will benefit two local causes. First of all, the wreaths displayed by the participating merchants were purchased from the METCO program who was selling them as a Holiday fundraiser. The proceeds will be used to enhance programs for METCO participants. Also, each participating merchant will be holding a raffle in their store. The items will vary from gift certificates to merchandise, and the proceeds will go to The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. This group sends hundreds of volunteer Cohasset teens and adults to Appalachia to do home repairs every year.

Some of the events for the evening include:

- An opportunity to write a letter to Santa
- Open houses and free refreshments at participating merchants
- A performance by the Cohasset High School Jazz Combo at the South Shore Art Center
- A performance of Christmas music on the Carillon Bells of St. Stephens
- A bagpiper
- A hayride around Cohasset Common.....And more, including of course a visit from Santa himself

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For information contact, David Bigley at All The Best Natural Foods, One Pleasant Street, 781 383 3005 / 3080 - Fax

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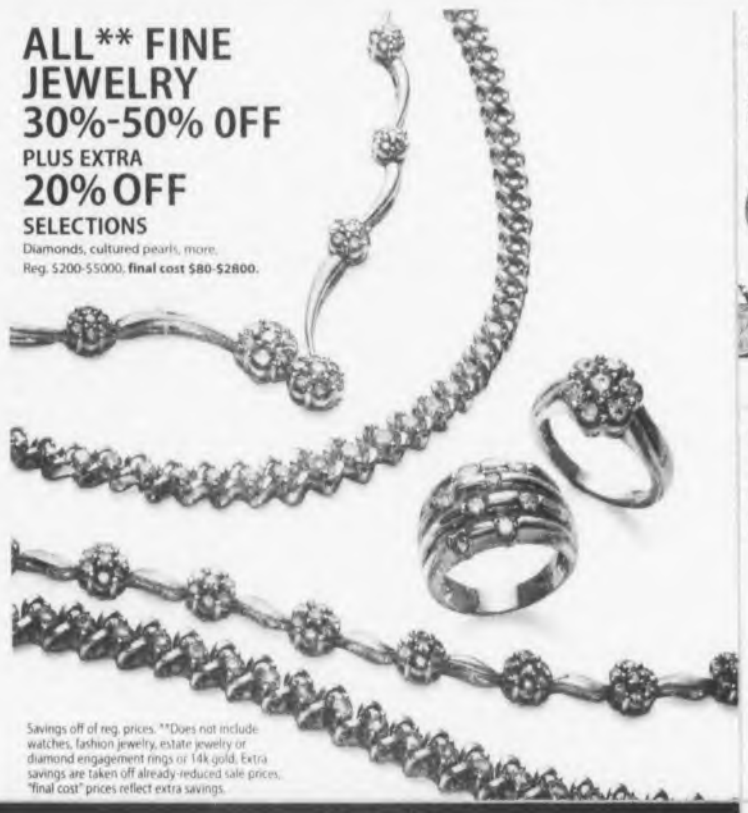

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'Guys & Dolls' premiers tonight

Cohasset Music Department will present the musical "Guys & Dolls" Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2:30 p.m., in the Cohasset Middle-High School auditorium.

This musical about dice-rolling gamblers and the "dolls" they love features the songs "Luck be a Lady," "A Bushel and a Peck," "I've Never been in Love Before" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat." Miss Adelaide will be played by Sinclair Dean; while her gambling beau, Nathan Detroit, is played by Tim Toomey. The Mission Doll, Sarah Brown, is played by Sally Meehan; while she is wooed by the high-roller, Sky Masterson, played by Charles Miller. In addition, a strong supporting cast and crew makes this a highly recommended show.

Stephanie Hoskin is director/choreographer and Bryan Marks is producer/music director. Marks said, "This show should stand favorably in the long tradition of quality musicals here at Cohasset Middle-High School."

Great songs and dances and unforgettable characters all perform with a pit orchestra.

Tickets are $10, and may be purchased at the door or in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-2069.

'Dancing Day' at First Parish

Members of Broad Cove Chorale will perform in next weekend's "Dancing Day" concert to benefit Wellspring. Performances will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham, and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., at First Parish Church, 23 North Main St., on the Green, in Cohasset.

The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale are joining forces this holiday season to support Wellspring's Diane Edson Fund, which provides direct financial aid to people in crisis. This cause is meaningful to the singers, since Edson was a member of Unicorn Singers for 15 years until her death.

The concert is titled "Dancing Day," and features various settings of the old Cornish carol "tomorrow shall be my dancing day…this have I done for my true love." The principal works are a suite of Christmas carol dances called Ringeltänze, which will be accompanied by piano and hand bell choir, and John Rutter's cantata, "Dancing Day." The assembled audience and choirs will render a number of familiar carols, some with hand bells and instruments to brighten the sound.

Tickets are $15 or $25 for a sponsor ticket to help support Wellspring, and are good for either performance. They are available at Noble's in Hingham Square or by calling Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162. Tickets will be sold at the door as available.

Snowflake Fair

Beechwood Church, at 51 Church St., Cohasset **will hold its annual Snowflake Fair** Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children will enjoy the **game table** and interesting **White Elephant** items. For crafty types, check out the **home-made items** as well as **baked goods**. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Holiday fun at One Creative Place

Holiday Happenings are filling the month of December at One Creative Place here in Cohasset. From Shop till you Drop nites to Gingerbread House Workshops and gift making programs and more for all ages, you can bring the kids over to have a fantastic time. For more information, go to www.onecreativeplace.net or call 781-383-2211.

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SCHOOLS

Here's to more flurries this season

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Cohasset is a pretty town, and a blanket of snow over the village only enhances its beauty.

First of all, I'd like to thank the girls who covered my column last week. I owe you guys. December is here; and traces of this year's first dusting of snow are teasing the students. Here's to more flurries this season; a snowfall gives a fresh feeling to the same things and places we see every day. Cohasset is a pretty town, and a blanket of snow over the village only enhances its beauty. The winter holidays are approaching fast, and The Village Butcher & Deli is offering savory Holiday Roasts. They're delicious.

This Friday is opening night for Guys and Dolls at CHS! The curtains open at 7:30 p.m., show up early to get good seats. The school musical is always a lot of fun, so be sure to get your tickets for the show tonight, Saturday (7:30 p.m.) or Sunday's matinee at 2:30 p.m.

Okay guys and dolls, let's get to this week's news.

• Congratulations to CHS' recently published authors: **Trish Reel, Colleen Richardson, Kara Wilcox** and **Charles Miller**. These students were recently published in Teen Ink magazine. Ms. Berman has her students submit writing for this national publication each month.

• The Ice Hockey team faces off against Westwood tomorrow night at 4 p.m. The hockey games are well attended by both CHS students and parents. Don't miss out on the opening game of the season.

• The Basketball Boosters met Monday night in the library.

• School committee met on Wednesday.

• School Council met Wednesday after school.

• Debate team had their first meet on Wednesday at New Bedford High School, and that fact is not open for argument.

• The PSO met Thursday.

• The Social Studies Department met Thursday after school.

• The Diversity Committee met after school Friday night in the Library.

Another vacation is in the foreseeable future. Hang on guys, the pressure will be off soon enough. Midterms are coming up, so get squared away with your classes to avoid progress reports. Enough chit-chat, I need to start chipping away the block of ice that is my make-up work. Enjoy the weekend Cohasset, even if you're scrambling to get back on the ball.

Giving extra credit to Cohasset teachers

Looking for the perfect gift to thank that special teacher or the helpful school secretary who anwers questions or the art teacher who stayed after school every week to encourage children to knit hats for the homeless? Cohasset Education Foundation offers the solution to gift-giving needs. With a tax-deductible donation to the CEF's Teacher Appreciation Program, parents can send any Cohasset teacher, administrator or school staff member Extra Credit.

Each recipient of an Extra Credit gift will receive a card acknowledging that a donation has been made in his or her honor with a personalized message. The amount of the gift is not disclosed. Donors are able to thank those people who work so hard for the children in the schools, as well as help fund CEF grant programs that foster innovation and excellence in teaching throughout the entire Cohasset Public School System.

With each Extra Credit donation, the CEF will mail an acknowledgement card to the teacher or other special recipient in the Cohasset schools. Cards are available with a suggested minimum donation of $15 each ($50 for five cards), larger donations are always appreciated. All of the proceeds of the Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit go toward funding professional development in the Cohasset schools. The CEF accepts donations for the Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit throughout the entire school year. Not only is this an ideal holiday gift, but a way to thank the teachers and staff in the schools all year long.

Take time this holiday season to honor local educators by participating in the CEF Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit. Donations may also be made in honor of relatives, friends, coaches, grandparents and any other special people or as a memorial remembrance. Checks should be made payable to: The Cohasset Education Foundation and mailed to: The Cohasset Education Foundation, P.O Box 309, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net.

PAC to elect officers; submit biography

This year, the Parent Advisory Council for special education is hosting elections for all officers of the board for school years 2006-2008. Anyone who is interested in running for one of these positions can submit a brief biography by Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. This may be mailed to PSO/PAC, P.O. Box 30, emailed to southshorepac@comcast.net, or dropped off at any of the schools main offices. The biographies and ballots will be mailed out only to parents with students on IEPs.

Officers to be elected: Chairperson, vice-chairperson or co-chairpersons, secretary and treasurer.

If interested in becoming a liaison, a child must be on an IEP and attend the school the parent would be representing. Submit name, contact information and the school to be represented: out-of-district, preschool, Osgood, Deer Hill, Middle School, High School.

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These screenings will consist of a play group activity as well as opportunities for vision, hearing and posture screening. These screenings are to assist in identifying those students who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.

If you are interested in having your child participate, contact one of the preschool staff at 781-383-6117 no later than the Wednesday prior to one of the scheduled screenings.

Vo-Tech open house is Monday, Dec. 18

John Kosko, Superintendent of the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School, has announced that the annual open house of South Shore, located at 476 Webster St. (Route 123) in Hanover will take place Thursday, Dec. 14 from 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Snow date Monday, Dec. 18.

Charles Homer, principal of the high school, reports that "all technical programs will be staffed to explain their programs to future students and their parents". The South Shore Regional district includes the towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman.

The four-year technical high school has offered quality vocational education for over four decades. South Shore's shops in programs such as auto body, automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electrical, graphics, health careers, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, electronics, precision machine technology and welding metal fabrication.

South Shore's academic staff will also be available to explain to prospective students and their parents how they prepare students for MCAS. Information on South Shore's extensive high school will also be available.

The annual open house will also have technical and academics displays along with baking and pastry display. Refreshments will also be served. For more information on the open house, call (781) 871-4153.

EXCELLENT ESSAY

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Charlie Blackington reads an essay on what he is thankful for, during the Thanksgiving Feast, held by Jennifer Clark's fourth grade class at Deer Hill School last month.

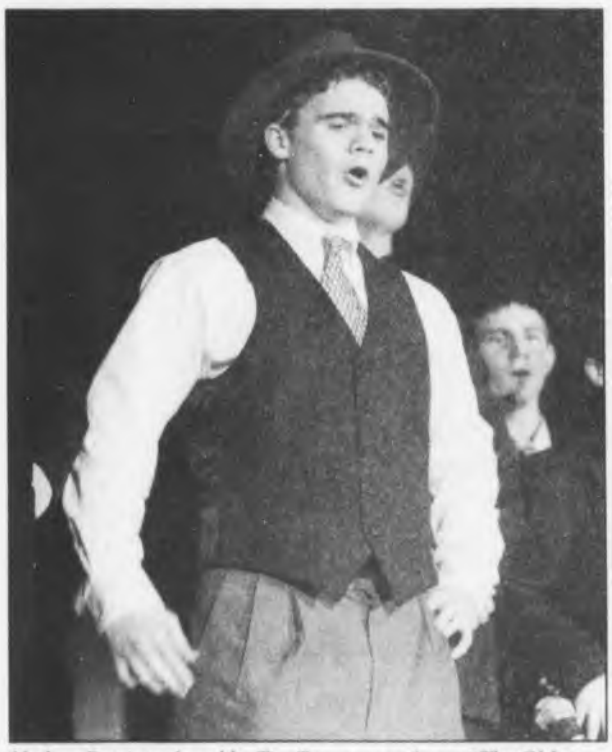
Tyler Kelly plays the part of Big Jule in the Cohasset High School production of "Guys & Dolls."

Tim Toomey, who plays Nathan Detroit, and Sinclair Dean, who plays Miss Adelaide, rehearse a scene for the upcoming high school musical, "Guys & Dolls."

Curtain rises on 'Guys and Dolls'

CHS show on stage this weekend

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Nathan Detriot, played by Tim Toomey, performs "The Oldest Established Game" with other members of the cast from "Guys & Dolls."

Sky Masterson, played by Charles Miller, flirts with Sarah Brown, played by Sally Meehan during rehearsals for "Guys & Dolls," which opens Friday and runs through Sunday.

Sarah Brown, played by Sally Meehan, and Sky Masterson, played by Charles Brown, rehearse a scene from "Guys & Dolls."

Ian Porter, who plays Nicely-Nicely Johnson, tries to goad Tim Toomey, who plays Nathan Detriot into making a bet in a scene from "Guys & Dolls."

The cast of this year's high school musical "Guys & Dolls," rehearses "A Happy Ending," the final song of the last scene of the show. The curtain will rise on the production Friday, Dec. 8 in the high school auditorium.

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DESTINATIONS

Dis' the season

'Snowy' Disney World gives visitors a December to remember

By LARRY KATZ

LAKE BUEUNA VISTA, Fla. -- I took my daughter to Walt Disney World in November and it snowed.

Twice.

Don't get the wrong idea. We were not victims of a meteorological vacation from hell. On the contrary. The fall Florida weather on our four-day, three-night jaunt was close to perfect: sunny and warm enough for swimming during the day, refreshingly cool at night. Not nearly cool enough for real snow, but just right for savoring fake snow, which is the only kind of frozen water you're likely to encounter in Orlando outside of a cold drink.

Cora, 10, and I flew south looking to experience something besides the usual Disney World attractions. We were looking for a taste of winter holiday magic Disney-style. And we found it. Starting in mid-November, Disney hauls in impressively gigantic Christmas trees, festoons the Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, EPCOT and Disney-MGM Studios with holiday decorations, and unleashes a variety of seasonal spectacles.

There's another, perhaps even more exciting bonus to showing up in the weeks leading up to the Christmas vacation week crush: short lines in the theme parks and lower rates at Disney hotels. Except for Thanksgiving weekend, late fall ranks as one of the least crowded times of year at Disney World. That means you can do much more with much less stress -- and enjoy the pre-holiday festivities at the same time.

We did not have to wait more than 15 minutes for even the most popular rides; most of the time we were under way in less than five minutes. While Disney's FASTPASS (which allows you to get on an express line during a designated time period) can be a time and sanity saver, wait times were so reasonable we didn't need to use the system.

You just have to smile when you find yourself walking down on a mock street in a mock movie studio lot enjoying a mock blast of winter.

We spent most of our first full day in Disney World's biggest (in acreage) theme park, the Animal Kingdom, doing the excellent Kilimanjaro Safari ride, the "Festival of the Lion King" show and the cool "It's Tough to be a Bug" 3-D show. Disney World's newest attraction, "Finding Nemo -- the Musical," was still in its test phase and, alas, not available for viewing, but it's expected to be fully operational any day now, and the advance reviews are enthusiastic.

As daylight faded, we headed over to the Magic Kingdom for the year's first Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party, an event that takes place every couple of days or so through Dec. 22.

Access to Mickey's Christmas bash comes at a price: $45.95 plus tax for ages 10 and over, $37.95 plus tax for ages 3-9 (with advance purchase, tickets are $6 less on select dates). Even if you've already purchased a ticket for the Magic Kingdom that day, you'll need to buy a separate ticket for the Very Merry Christmas Party.

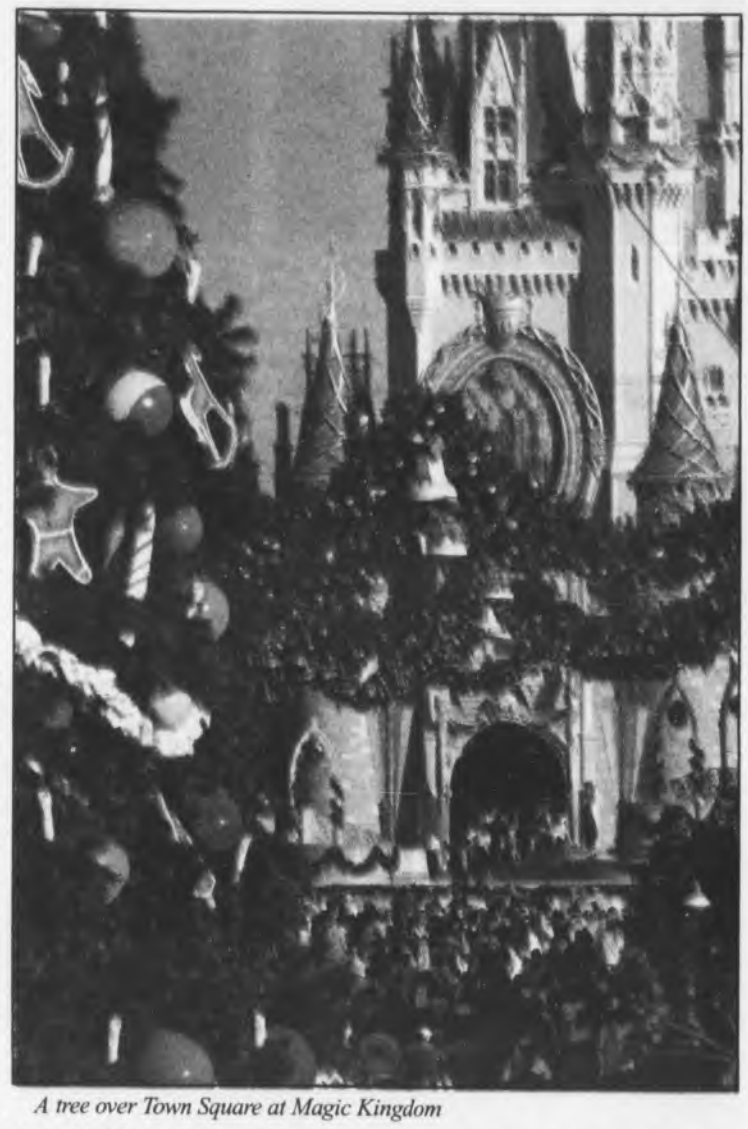
If you don't mind spending the extra bucks, it's worth it. Visitors without tickets are cleared from the park by 7 p.m. and the Magic Kingdom is yours until midnight. While lines are already short this time of year, they're much shorter during the Very Merry Christmas Party. If you want to ride a super-popular attraction such as Space Mountain 10 times in a row, you may never get a better chance.

Of course there are goings-on that take place only on Very Merry nights including two shows ("Mickey's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "Celebrate the Season"), free cookies and cocoa, a chance to meet Santa Claus, and Disney character dance parties, which offer a chance to dance with some of your favorite characters and snag their autographs.

Cora told me days before we set off to Disney World that she thought collecting autographs of costume-wearing Disney employees was silly; her pronouncement was forgotten the instant she set eyes on Lilo and Stitch. I don't know why these autographs are irresistible to kids, but they are; resistance is futile.

The highlight of the evening was Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parade. There we were amid the happy throng on old-timey Main Street watching brass bands and floats go by when snowflakes started swirling through the Florida air. Well, not snowflakes exactly. But white stuff (soapflakes perhaps?) that looked enough like the real thing to put wintry magic into the Magic Kingdom.

The following evening we headed to Disney-MGM Studios for another Christmas treat: the Osborne Family Spectacle of Dancing Lights. Have no fear, no heavy metal music is involved: This is not Ozzy Osbourne's family we're talking about. This twinkling extravaganza, including a giant Mickey Mouse light, comes courtesy of businessman Jennings Osborne, who ran up what was probably the biggest electric bill in Arkansas history in an effort to delight his daughter.



A tree over Town Square at Magic Kingdom

The Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights at Disney-MGM

Now Osborne's display is lighting up the early 20th century Streets of America backlot area of Disney-MGM. All the building facades, plus trees, wreaths and holiday figures, are covered with lights that dance, or at least seem to as they fluctuate in time to a medley of piped-in holiday tunes played loud enough to please Ozzy.

This over-the-top sensory experience reaches artificial perfection when the snowflakes fly and fill the air. You just have to smile when you find yourself walking down on a mock street in a mock movie studio lot enjoying a mock blast of winter.

No visitor to Disney World can see and do everything -- and that includes the many holiday events. We didn't have time, for example, to get to EPCOT to see "The Lights of Winter" synchronized light show or join Mickey and friends at the nightly tree-lighting ceremony or catch one of the big-name narrators telling the Christmas story at the Candlelight Processional (Neil Patrick Harris, Cuba Gooding Jr., Gary Sinise and Marlee Matlin are among those appearing in the coming weeks).

But we did see more than enough to know that Christmas spirit -- and a touch of Christmas weather -- thrives in central Florida.

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Village Fair is fun for all ages

Staff photos by Elsa Allen

Caitlyn Marat, 7, gets some help filling out her Christmas list in the St. Stephen's "secret room" from volunteer Frank Wheelwright, during the Cohasset Village Fair last Saturday.

Chloe Rafferty, 4, sits on Santa's lap on the Common during the Cohasset Village Fair.

Diana Komet serves up homemade cinnamon buns at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church during the Cohasset Village Fair last Saturday.

Ryan Fenty peruses the vast selection of books on sale at St. Stephen's Church during the Cohasset Village Fair last Saturday.

Marty Donoghue buys some great trinkets at the Estate Sale held at the First Parish Church on Saturday, during the Cohasset Village Fair.

Clown and balloon artist Rami Salami entertains the youngsters with his creative hats during the Cohasset Village Fair last Saturday.

Carolers Erin Beaber, Joel Buford, Amanda Villegas and Mike Morde bring some traditional tunes to the Cohasset Village Fair Saturday.

Sally and Gloria Donovan pick out treats from the bake sale table at the Second Congregational Church craft fair.

The Fusco sisters, twins Phoebe and Perri and older sister Ava, chow down on some grilled cheese sandwiches at the Second Congregational Church last Saturday.

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Bud and Patricia Kenny and their mule, Della make their way up Hersey Street on Friday. The photo shows the couple in front of Brian and Margaret Curtis' home at 66 Hersey St. The Kenneys, who are touring the world on foot, have accepted Peter Hersey's invitation to stay on his 13-acre farm for the winter.

Walking the world

Couple and mule arrive in Hingham

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Bud and Patricia Kenny and their mule, Della, are touring the world — on foot.

The couple left their Hot Springs, Ark. home in June, 2001 to begin their amazing journey. At eight to 10 miles a day, this could take 20 or more years through all kinds of weather. Some of that time will be spent in Hingham.

The couple arrived in town last Friday, after stopping by Newburyport and other welcoming communities along the way. This was at the invitation of Peter Hersey, who read about their trip in the Globe online. The Kennys' adventure has captured widespread media attention.

After learning that the couple was looking for a place to stay for the winter, Hersey, who owns a currently unoccupied 13-acre farm on Hersey Street in Hingham, managed to connect with the couple and offered them the use of the farm. The Kennys took a tour of the property the day before Thanksgiving, liked what they saw, and accepted Hersey's invitation.

This beats sleeping in their eye-catching red wagon, which Della pulls, or a tent in cold weather.

"We're looking forward to spending the winter here," Bud said. "We've been walking around town a little bit. We visited the library on Monday and walked into town Saturday night and got good and lost. We ended up at the Snug, where we had a hamburger and a beer!"

The Kennys typically stay with people they meet in the places they visit who are generous in offering lodging to the threesome.

"Perhaps the most overwhelming and poignant thing about our travels besides the obvious – geography – is the people," Patricia said. "We are humbled daily by the kindness of total strangers. We have found people to be wonderful, kind, and generous everywhere we go."

Hingham is no exception. "We've found the folks here to be real friendly," Bud said. In fact, much to the surprise of many, the Kennys have found Massachusetts drivers to be the most courteous and the people of this state to be the most hospitable so far in their travels. "We came from the heart of Dixie and walked up to Maine, and we have felt safer in traffic in Massachusetts than we did in Maine, with some exceptions."

While the couple avoids the highway, they often make their way down well-traveled roadways such as Massachusetts Avenue into Harvard Square.

Because Hersey races antique cars cross-country, the Kennys' adventure hit a chord with him. "This is such an interesting story. They're doing something that probably a lot of us would like to do," he said.

While in Hingham, Bud — a former actor, disc jockey, newspaper reporter, night club musician, tour guide, cook, timeshare salesman, professional Santa Claus, and entrepreneur — will continue writing a book about their experiences on the road.

The couple will also fix the fence, restore some antique farm equipment, organize the tools, paint the house, perform other chores, take care of Della, and maybe even do some gardening in the Spring in exchange for Hersey's hospitality. The first order of business was preparing a stall.

"It's always about Della," Patricia said. "Everything depends on how we can accommodate her. She is the heart and motor of our journey."

The Kennys are eager to explore Hingham further. "It's a beautiful town, rich in history, and we are looking forward to being part of the community for the next five months," Bud said. "We'll walk a lot, and we have a couple of bicycles and a car in Maine that we'll bring down eventually."

The reason behind this adventure is simple — they want to do it! The Kennys look at their trip as a way to really see the world, meet the many different kinds of people who live in it, and then share what they've learned through Bud's writings. Their intention is to go slowly enough to become a part of the places through which they pass.

"I think our best days are the ones where we make a wrong turn and find that we're better off for it," Bud said.

The project is funded by contributions, sales of Bud's poetry books along the way, and donations they receive from passing a hat following poetry shows they perform on the back of the wagon, which folds down into a stage.

"Bud is looking forward to seeing what's going on in the poetry scene around here," Patricia said.

The Kennys also accept public speaking engagements. In fact, Della spent the night on the Milton town common while they were in town to give a talk.

Electricity generated from a solar panel and the wheels' rotation also powers stage lights and a sound system for these shows as well as a computer and printer.

One of the Kennys' destinations was Mermaid's Purse Farm at Prospect Harbor on the coast of Maine, where they arrived in October, 2003. They lived on that farm for three years. During that time, Bud wrote a book entitled "Footloose in America – Dixie to New England" — about the first leg of their journey and built a lighter, more efficient wagon, inscribed with the words "Footloose, touring the world on foot." Bud is currently looking for a publisher for this book.

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Della looks right at home on Hersey Street. She and her owners Bud and Patricia Kenney are traveling the world on foot. Della was born in 1994 in Louisiana. She stands 16.2 hands and weighs 1800 pounds.

"This is such an interesting story. They're doing something that probably a lot of us would like to do."
— Peter Hersey

Along the way to Maine, the Kennys spent winters on farms in Indiana and New York.

After leaving Mermaid's Purse Farm, they headed for the Boston area. Their goal is to find a place to live in the winter months that will accommodate Della and provide them with employment. For instance, during their Indiana winter in 2001-2002, Bud and Della worked for a local carriage company and Patricia got a job as a waitress.

During the winter of 2002-2003, Bud picked apples at Watt's Fruit Farm near Albion, N.Y. He was the only American in the orchards. Patricia packed apples in the market. They also remodeled the inside of the 1832 Harding House farm and did the winter chores.

During the snowiest winter Albion, N.Y. had experienced, Bud restored a sleigh he found laying in a trash pile. Of course, Della pulled it through the snow.

Traveling on foot is nothing new to Bud, who left a career in broadcasting in the mid-1970s to take an 8,000-mile-long, 3-1/2-year-long tour of America with a pack pony and dog.

At one time, he ran a tour business out of Hot Springs that provided transportation to the National Park via mule-drawn trolley cars. He also opened the Poet's Loft coffeehouse and has worked with the late poet Allen Ginsberg and other well-known figures. Bud met Patricia, also a poet, at the coffeehouse, where they were married on New Year's Eve 2000.

Patricia was part of the Last Patrol in the mid-1980s. This group of veterans and supporters walked from Texas to Washington, DC to raise public awareness of the Vietnam-era POW/MIA issue. She is a former police officer, legal secretary, and executive for a Dallas trust company.

Della, now 12-years-old, was born in Southern Louisiana. She stands 16.2 hands tall and weighs 1,800 pounds. Her adoring owners say she loves to travel because she likes all the attention she gets. She also enjoys ice cream and being around children.

Once the Kennys' finish touring the United States, they plan to head for Europe, Japan, and Russia. Della will be flown to places that can't be reached on foot.

When Bud and Patricia began their journey, both at age 53, the year after marrying, they vowed to make it the "grandest honeymoon ever."

For more information, visit www.usonfoot.com.

It's Happening

GEMs to host fundraiser

GEMS of Hope will host a Magical Movable Feast Sunday, Dec. 10, to celebrate the holidays and support three remarkable programs: the computer education for women program run by **Wellspring in Hull**; the career education for low income women offered by the **Odwin Learning Center in Boston** and primary education for children offered by **Maria Alvarides School in Pici, Brazil.**

This beautiful evening, hosted by Peter and Leah Taylor Roy and Mary and Don Larson will consist of cocktails and caroling at the Roy's followed by dinner, dessert and a silent auction at the home of Mary and Don Larson.

Tickets cost $75 per person and can be reserved by contacting Cindy Kuppens at 781-383-6670, or by leaving a message in her voice mail and she will return your call.

The highlight of the evening will be the fabulous jewelry featured in the Gems for GEMs Holiday Auction. Some of the items in the auction include both new and estate pieces. In addition, men's enameled coin cufflinks, a gold watch, bracelets and more will be featured. Cohasset Jewelers, as well as women involved in GEMs, have donated lovely pieces of jewelry to help ensure the evening's success.

GEMS of Hope, USA is a local not-for-profit organization of women who are committed to helping women become self-sufficient and able to support themselves and their families. All food, beverages and auction items have been donated for this event and GEMs estimates that over 95 percent of all ticket sales and auction proceeds will be donated to the three projects benefited by this event.

'The Messiah' to be performed

Second Congregational Church in Cohasset will present selections from Handel's "The Messiah" on Dec. 17. The church choir and guest soloists, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will perform. This is an opportunity for everyone to welcome the Christmas season by enjoying this music, performed right in the community.

All are welcome to the 10 a.m. service and performance. For more information, call 781-383-0345.

Dance workshop

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a holiday vacation dance workshop, directed by Caroline Carr, from Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Dec. 29, in the auditorium at Town Hall.

The program will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and is for boys and girls ages 7 and older. Basic jazz and hip-hop dance techniques will be included. Emphasis will be placed on developing a health and active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun.

Participants are encouraged to come in comfortable attire, and bring a bottle of water, snack and an open mind. Price is $75 per participant.

Registration forms are available in the foyer of Town Hall. Call the Recreation Department at 383-4109 for more information.

Christmas concerts to benefit Wellspring

The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale have joined with Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull to present two Christmas concerts to benefit the Wellspring Diane Edson Fund, which provides direct financial aid to people in crisis. This cause is meaningful to the singers since Diane Edson was a member of Unicorn Singers for 15 years until her death. Concerts will take place at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Hingham Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., and First Parish in Cohasset Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.

The concert is called "Dancing Day," and features various settings of the old Cornish carol "tomorrow shall be my dancing day…this have I done for my true love." The principal works are a suite of Christmas carol dances called Ringeltänze, which will be accompanied by piano and hand bell choir, and John Rutter's cantata, "Dancing Day." A number of familiar carols, some with hand bells and instruments to brighten the sound, will be rendered by the assembled audience and choirs.

Tickets at $15 each can be purchased at First Parish in Cohasset by calling 781-383-1100; by phone or mail from Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045/781-925-3211; from Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162; and at Noble's in Hingham Square. Ask to be a concert sponsor at $25 to help support Wellspring. Tickets are good for either performance and will be sold at the door as available.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

9:47 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, officer reports a person that requests to remain anonymous has a complaint regarding a large party at this location; officers investigated, area search negative.

10:05 p.m. **S. Main St.**, notification; caller from this location reports that access to her driveway is through the public parking lot, which is closed. She reports she will park in front of the wine store in the square until she can get back into her driveway and if there is a problem, she can be contacted at home.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

12:02 a.m. **Ledgewood Dr.**, minor motor vehicle accident with no injuries reported; caller reports that a motor vehicle hit a truck parked on the road while attempting to leave his residence and that the female operator will leave her information on the truck's windshield.

12:20 a.m. **Brewster Rd**. public service; officer requests notification of the residence due to the number of motor vehicles which are parked on the roadway. Resident notified of overnight parking ban.

12:34 a.m. **Elm St.** – police station, assist citizen – caller states that her mother and sister were lost on N. Main Street at 11:30 p.m. and she has not heard from them since that time - the motor vehicle is a green Honda Accord. Caller reports she has heard from her brother-in-law and both parties are fine.

12:46 p.m. **Country Way**, mutual aid to Scituate for man on the floor; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

1:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop.

10:57 a.m. **N. Main St.**, party reports that he lost a black notebook with instructions for a 2004 Volkswagon Jetta Station Wagon.

11:51 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, medical aid for walk-in at fire dept. requested for this location.

4:57 p.m. **Spring St.**, walk-in party reports a strong odor of gas to an officer in the parking lot at this location; referred to gas company.

6:32 p.m. **West Corner**, Hull police report a white male possibly with a beard, dark clothing and a leather jacket walking down the middle of the street waving for cars to go around him; Hingham police located and transported home.

7:36 p.m. **Mansfield police dept.**, be on the look out announcement issued; party located and in custody.

9:28 p.m. **Summer St.**, caller reports a dead coyote in the middle of the street; referred to animal control. Area search negative.

10:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, caller reports motor vehicle accident in front of her house, no injuries reported; citations issued.

11:08 p.m. **Meadow Lane**, caller reports something burning across the way from her home. Investigated by officer who reports the fire may be on Mohawk Way. It appears to be construction equipment on fire; owner on scene; referred to Fire Marshall.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

1:19 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:24 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:53 a.m. **Meadow Lane**, fire, car 20 to this location for oil clean up.

10:07 a.m. **Meadow Lane**, investigation, detective on scene at this location with the State Fire Marshall Cohasset Fire Chief responding to the scene as well for follow up investigation.

10:08 a.m. **Parking Way**, parking complaint, caller reports they need 2 vehicles moved in the town lot they are holding up construction. Both vehicles have been towed to 3A Towing.

11:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:03 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:13 a.m. **George Washington Blvd.**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS. Hull Fire requests R3 for an 84-year-old female having trouble breathing.

2:10 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident at this location, no injuries.

2:31 p.m. **Hull St.**, well being check.

4:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, multiple callers have reported a possible coyote being hit by a car near this location. Officer confirms it is a dead coyote on side of the road 3A Southbound.

8:36 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious person, caller stated that a teenage male wearing jeans, black fleece, and possibly has a beard is running around at this location waving his arms as if he needs help.

11:09 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

12:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller advised there is a dead coyote on the side of the road, looks like a big dog. Notified Mass DPW, they will pick it up.

1:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

7:10 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:30 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:06 a.m. **Grace Drive**, disturbance, caller reports there are landscapers on this property that don't belong there and would like them removed, officer too if this is a civil matter. Property belongs to the state.

10:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller from this location reports a man had fallen.

10:52 a.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, caller reports a go cart was stolen from the above location overnight.

11:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:30 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, lost property, caller reports she lost a blue camera case containing a photo disk in the area of Nichols Road. Please call if located.

3:16 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:19 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, officer reports he has witnessed an accident.

4:39 p.m. **Hull St.**, well being check.

5:18 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:40 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller advised there is a white truck with letters on the side-driving all over the road.

7:06 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:29 p.m. **Jericho Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate Fire advised elderly female fell hit hip.

8:11 p.m. **Hill St.**, medical aid, caller advised husband was choking, he is not choking now.

8:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:48 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, arrest, officer advised 1 in custody. Arrest: Milton Jose Dos Santos, 45, 4 Adeline St., Randolph. Charges: Operating with emergency flashes on, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

10:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire dept. advised investigating odor inside Stop & Stop.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

2:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

5:48 a.m. **North Main St.**, caller states a Graham Waste truck is spilling "trash all over the road." Graham Waste truck on scene is picking up the debris. Debris has been removed.

6:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:55 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Speeding.

7:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, Rev/Insc., 3a notified for the tow.

11:09 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller request the Fire Dept. for a young child with severe abdominal pain.

3:32 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, medical aid, caller reports a football player has broken his collar bone.

4 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire-public assist, 99-year-old female locked out of residence.

4:35 p.m. **New Driftway, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Harbor Medical-79-year-old female with back pain.

5:19 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

5:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, Fire Capt. advised-someone advised him there are juveniles in the area, possible bon fire. Police unable to locate.

5:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller advised there is equipment that is going to be at above location.

6:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, disturbance.

6:30 p.m. **Border St.**, assist boater, caller advised his mooring broke loose-he needs the Harbor Master to assist him. Contacted Harbormaster-she is going to assist him. No Fire or Police is needed.

8:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller owner of above address-he advised someone put trash in dumpster-caller has the name and address of who did it- they live in Scituate. Caller lives in Duxbury, caller (owner of store) is going to contact Scituate PD.

8:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

10:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer in trouble, officer requesting assistance. Arrest: Evan Christopher Pestone, 22. Charges: Disorderly conduct.

11:24 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller advised underage drinking at above location

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle theft, caller states a male party attempted to steal his son's motor vehicle. The motor vehicle was driven onto a patio and the yard. Resident has the thief subdued in the yard. Arrest: Karim Terry Baroudi, 21, 144 Cresent St., Brockton. Charges: Larceny of motor vehicle, assault and battery.

12:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:42 a.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, a hotel guest states there are people in the lobby and outside the building "making too much noise." People have moved into the bar area and quieted down.

1:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:25 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller states he heard a motor vehicle accident. Property damage to #63 Bancroft Rd.

2:18 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, animal complaint, caller states he hit a deer. Deer is in the middle of the roadway. Caller will be coming to HQ to file a report.

2:30 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, male party in HQ to file a report, motor vehicle vs. deer.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Dec.10 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House

Sermon: "Less Is More"

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Childcare is available for our youngest.

At 4 p.m., celebrate the season with "Dancing Day," a Christmas Concert performed by the Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers to benefit Wellspring. Site: First Parish Meeting House. Patron contributions: $25 per person. Regular admission: $15 per person. Make checks payable to "Wellspring." Tickets available at the Parish House or at the door.

Plan now to join us on Saturday, Dec. 16, for Caroling on the Common. Open to the entire community, we'll gather at 3:45 PM at the Parish House. Please bring some cookies to share later!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. We wish you a joyous Advent Season.

This week's events from Dec. 10th through Dec. 17th:

- Sun. Dec. 10: Second Advent 11:40 am Church Greening; 11:40 Youth Group shop for Mary Martha Learning Center Christmas gifts.
- Mon. Dec. 11: 7 pm Profile Meeting 7:30 pm Christian Meditation
- Tues. Dec. 12 : 9:30 am Social Service League Mtg.; 7:30 Vestry Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 13 : 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Mary"
- Thurs. Dec. 14: 7 pm Prayer and Healing
- Sat. Dec.16: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Dec. 17: 9 am Youth Worship; 11:40 Potting of Poinsettias

Readings for December 17th, Third Advent, are from the Zephaniah 3: 14-20 in which the prophet foretells a time when the judgment of Israel will be ended and the Lord will bring victory. In the reading from Philippians, 4: 4-7, Paul invites the new disciples at Philippi to exult in the Lord who is near. And in the Gospel from Luke, 3: 7-18 John the Baptist preaches repentance to all those who hear his call to Baptism.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The subject for Dec. 3 is "God the only Cause and Creator"; Dec. 10 is "God the Preserver of Man;" Dec. 17 is "Is the Universe,

Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"; Christmas Eve Dec. 23 is "Christ Jesus"; New Year's Eve Dec. 31 is "Christian Science"

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are God, Sacrament, Life and Truth.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

Obituary

Richard W. Towle

Former Cohasset resident

Richard "Dick" Washburn Towle, 91, died Nov. 21, 2006, at Indian River Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Towle was born in Cohasset, the son of the late Philip Lothrop Towle and Mildred Chaffee Towle. He graduated in 1938 from the Massachusetts State College in Amherst, where he earned varsity letters on the football, hockey and baseball teams. It was at Massachusetts State College that he met his wife of 66 years, Louise. They were married in 1939, and lived in Cohasset until his retirement in 1980, at which time they moved to Vero Beach, Fla.

He served in World War II as a captain in the Army with the 20th Armored Division in Europe. Following the war, he returned to Cohasset to join his father and brother in the family business, Towle Electrical Co. Mr. Towle earned a master electrician license in Massachusetts. He was also a Master Mason in his local lodge.

He was a member of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, Community Church of Vero Beach, Vero Beach Country Club and a former member and four-time club champion of Cohasset Golf Club.

Husband of the late Louise Towle, who died Aug. 4, 2005, he leaves three sons, Nathaniel A. Towle and his wife, Mairo, of Bingham Farms, Mich., Stephen L. Towle and his wife, Maria, of Boca Raton, Fla., and Richard W. Towle Jr. and his wife, Patience, of Cohasset; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Nov. 27 at the Community Church of Vero Beach with the Rev. Gary Moore officiating. A service in Cohasset is planned for June 2007.

Memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice House, 1111 36th St., Vero Beach, FL. 32960 and Community Church of Vero Beach, 1901 23rd St., Vero Beach, FL 32960.

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Caroling on the Common is Dec. 16

First Parish, Unitarian Universalist Church, is sponsoring Caroling on the Common Saturday, Dec. 16. Everyone is welcome. This is a community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; carols will be familiar and simple. Because it gets dark quickly, attendees are asked to bring flashlights.

Participants will assemble at the First Parish's Parish House, 23 North Main St., between 3:45 and 4 p.m. Carolers will circuit much of the Common, serenading selected homes as weather permits. At approximately at 5 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies. Cookie donations will be appreciated.

Everyone is asked to bring a pair of socks – or two or three – that will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are welcome.

Join friends for this annual old-fashioned holiday get-together. For more information, call Sandy Bailey at First Parish at 383-1100 or Woody Chittick at 383-3215.

Legal Notices

LOGAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P0738EP

In the Estate of RITA LOGAN
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 2, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GREGORY LOGAN of MIDDLEBOROUGH in the County of PLYMOUTH and CAROLYN LOGAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK NOT RESPONDING AND RELUCTANT TO SERVE or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 3, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 27, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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BARNES SR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2855EP

In the Estate of JOHN T. BARNES SR.
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 30, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RUTH GRAVES of HULL in the County of PLYMOUTH and SANDRA LORGEREE of HALIFAX in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 21, 2006.

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Editor's note: This is one in a series of articles as part of our annual Gifts of Hope campaign, focusing on assistance needed at local food pantries.

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

Hunger is not confined only to the poor, jobless or city dwellers. It could impact your neighbors the next street over or the child who sits next to yours in school.

"In our town we have some people very well off and we also have a whole society that is on the edge," said Carol Ferguson of the Pembroke Food Pantry at the Pembroke Community Center.

"They are people who are just barely making it and an extra, unexpected expense can be enough to keep them from being able to put enough food on the table," she said. Ferguson said she has seen the need for food increase in Pembroke.

"Every week we see someone new," said Ferguson, who said the Pembroke Food Pantry is feeding about 140 families right now, with that number increasing every week.

According to the Greater Boston Food Bank, it helps local food banks and pantries to distribute about 18,693 pounds of food a year in Marshfield; 12,948 pounds in Carver; 62,755 pounds in Kingston and about 48,906 pounds in Rockland. According to the Greater Boston Food Bank, both Plymouth and Quincy have higher concentrations of hunger than other area communities.

Ferguson said that in Pembroke, residents take care of each other.

"Pembroke is a very giving town. People here know they have neighbors in need and take of their own. We have several churches and schools in town, along with the firemen and police, who are always bringing food to us, so we are very lucky here," she said.

Barbara Itz of the Hanover Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church, 580 Webster St., said the need in that town is picking up, along with donations.

"Everyone wants to help at this time of year. We had a lot of Thanksgiving donations and we hope the donations keep up throughout the year," she said.

Itz said the spirit of the season generally keeps the food pantry shelves stocked through the early part of the new year, but the hungry then tend to be forgotten the rest of the year.

"We really run into trouble during the spring and summer months. We hope people don't forget to give all throughout the year," she said.

Itz said the Hanover Food Pantry is particularly in need of peanut butter and jelly, pastas, soups and canned fruits and vegetables. Gift certificates to area groceries for meats and other fresh food are also very welcome.

A cold winter combined with high heating costs are expected to continue to tax the resources of many area residents who live paycheck to paycheck, according to many who work in emergency food programs.

"We're facing a major 'heat or eat' dilemma," said Ellen Parker of Project Bread, which helps provide resources to many area food pantries.

"This means that this winter families and seniors will have to choose between turning on the heat and buying food for dinner," she said.

"It takes so little to put people over the edge, especially in winter," said Bob Short, who along with his wife Charlotte, cooks at St. Patrick's Table in Wareham. "I'm glad we can help out. I really am. It breaks our hearts to see the people. Sometimes it feels like, but for a quirk of fate, it could have been us."

To donate to the Gifts of Hope, simply make your check payable to one of the food pantries listed and forward it to Anne Rodwell, CNC/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. All donations will be published in the paper, unless the donor requests otherwise.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Lining up to see the Rockettes

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The Radio City Rockettes are seen by more than 2.1 million people annually thanks to their starring role in "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" at New York's Radio City Music Hall and in many other U.S. cities. If the 2004 Boston debut of "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" — when more than 200,000 theatergoers took in the famous high-kicking troupe — is any indication, then local audiences just may push that attendance even higher when the Rockettes begin a return engagement at Boston's Wang Theatre this Thursday.

A fixture on the holiday calendar in New York since 1933, the Christmas Spectacular — which travels in 10 trailer trucks — is aptly named. A cast and crew of some 100 people — not to mention three sheep, two camels and one donkey — see to it that teddy bears dance, wooden soldiers come alive, snowmen shimmy, reindeer fly, elves both wrap and rap, and the Rockettes round out the show with their patented brand of dazzling dance moves first demonstrated 81 years ago. The "Missouri Rockets" were first seen in St. Louis before being renamed and relocated to Radio City Music Hall in 1932.

Since then, more than 3,000 women have danced as Rockettes, forming a perfect line of 36 performers who, even in the most intricate of routines, move as one. Everything - from costumes to kicks - is perfectly alike with the illusion of uniform height maintained by putting the tallest dancers at the center and decreasing the height with the shortest women at either end.

"What sets being a Rockette apart from everything else is that you're part of a legacy. You are not just an individual, you are part of the most famous precision dance troupe in the world," explained Tina Moya at the Wang Theatre recently when she and fellow dancer Traci Reszetylo donned their Christmas Spectacular costumes to meet with the press. "There is an innate pride in being a Rockette."

Moya has been a Rockette since 2001 and performed the Christmas Spectacular in Boston two years ago and also in several other major cities. A San Gabriel, Ca., native and a graduate of Santa Clara University with a bachelor's degree in theater and dance, Moya has toured with "Cats" and also served as an assistant director on the Andrew Lloyd Weber musical.

"The ballet training I took gave me the discipline to become a Rockette. I remember watching them on the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and thinking that what they did in terms of precision dancing was just masterful. I know now how special it is to be a Rockette. Even at the end of a long rehearsal when I am completely exhausted I still feel joy about what I do for a living."

The Rockettes perform the traditional kick during The Radio City Christmas Spectacular held at the Wang Theatre through Dec. 31.

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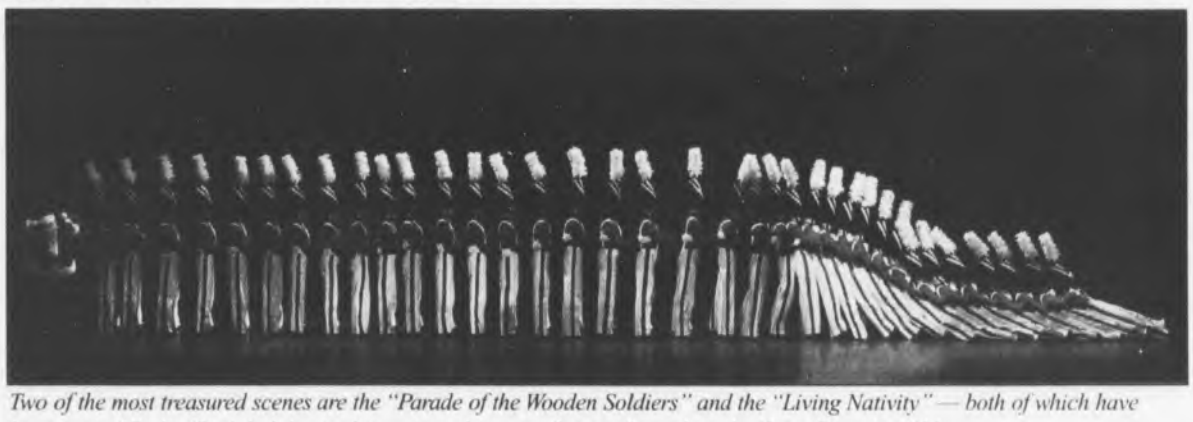

Two of the most treasured scenes are the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and the "Living Nativity" — both of which have been part of Radio City's holiday tradition since they were first performed on the Great Stage in 1933.

Pittsburgh-born Reszetylo couldn't agree more with her linemate.

"The truth of the matter is that we do get tired. We rehearse a lot and we perform several shows each day, but we also get an adrenaline rush from the audience that is just unbelievable. People always remember the Rockettes when they see them for the first time, and when they come back again they always bring someone new with them to share that experience," says Reszetylo, a Rockette since 2002, who shares her audience's enthusiasm.

"Before each performance, we can feel the chills and excitement backstage, too. The entire production fills people with joy. It is also wholesome entertainment that appeals to grandparents and grandchildren and everyone in between," explains Reszetylo, whose own favorite number is one that is new this year. "'The 12 Days of Christmas' opens with the most amazing lighting on just our legs and then we do the most incredible 7 1/2-minute tap dance. We haven't performed anything like it in years. It's just thrilling."

("The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through Dec. 31. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.citicenter.org.)

Calendar of events

Thursday, Dec. 7

The 2005 Bay Colony Dog Show, Dec. 7-10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bayside Exposition Center, Boston, exit 15 off route 93. Admission: $12 adults and seniors and $7 for children. For information visit www.baycolonydogshow.com or call 508-533-1153. Handicap accessible.

The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth presents their hilarious Family Holiday Show **'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'** Kendall Hall at the First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17 at 7:40 p.m. Matinee performances on Saturday, Dec. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and children. Reservations are recommended by calling 508-747-6856.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet on Dec. 7, from 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. We are people who are participating in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. This open group will discuss the unbearable stress and how to deal with it. For information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781-659-2691.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, presents a Special Holiday Shopping Night, on Thu. Dec. 7 from 7-9 PM. This is a great opportunity to hear about the newest books and learn about the latest toys.

There will be a raffle for a gift basket and an event only coupon. Wine and light refreshments will be served. We are in a convenient location, have ample parking and free gift wrapping. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Open Mic Blues Jam, featuring The HouseRockers w/ Jennifer Mathews9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

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Movie review

Birth of a religion

"The Nativity Story" (B-)

James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

Are you ready for "The Passion of the Christ: The Prequel"?

The self-explanatory "The Nativity Story" arrives at local theaters in time for the holidays, and it's a sweet, live-action version of an elementary-school Christmas pageant.

The big story behind the scenes is that Australian Keisha Castle-Hughes ("Whale Rider"), this film's blessed virgin, is pregnant in real life at age 16, which is the kind of publicity money can't buy. As Mary, she is young, strong and vulnerable, but her performance is a bit of a blank slate.

The action begins with a paranoid Herod (Ciaran Hinds) ordering the murder of all Hebrew first-born male children to thwart a prophecy that a king will be born to take his place.

In flashbacks, Mary's Aunt Elizabeth (Shohreh Aghdashloo) conceives a child at an advanced age, a child who will become Christ's forerunner John the Baptist, and Mary is visited by the semitransparent, wingless angel, Gabriel (Alexander Siddig). Joseph (Oscar Isaac), the industrious and handsome young carpenter, lives conveniently across the way from Mary.

Joseph (Oscar Isaac) leads the way as he and Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) travel toward Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, back in Persia, the three magi — Melchior (Nadim Sawalha), Balthasar (Eriq Ebouaney) and Shemp, I mean, Gaspar (Stefan Kalipha) — seem more like the Three Stooges than wise men. They're watching three heavenly bodies align and bickering over whether to mount a camel-borne expedition to the East.

The film, directed by Catherine Hardwicke ("13," "Lords of Dogtown"), has less in common with Pier Paolo Pasolini's neorealistic landmark "The Gospel According to St. Matthew" (1964), Martin Scorsese's controversial "The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988) and Mel Gibson's gore-splattered "The Passion of the Christ" (2004) than with the blandly earnest Hollywood biblical epics of the 1950s and '60s. Screenwriter Mike Rich ("Finding Forrester") followed the leads provided in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. For her part, Hardwicke — who shot in southern Italy, where both Pasolini and Gibson preceded her — brings a refreshingly enlightened view of women's roles and details the lives of her biblical characters. Mary's mother Anna (Hiam Abbass), for example, makes and sells designer goat cheese, which she rolls in thyme, in the village.

The dialogue is in English and Hebrew and advances the plot but does not reveal much about characters' inner selves. The film's climax relies too heavily on canned, choral music. The first of the expected offspring of "The Passion," "The Nativity Story" is an After-Sunday-School Special.

Rated PG. "The Nativity Story" contains violence.

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The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Steven Karidoyanes conducting, presents two family-friendly Holiday Pops performances to kick off the holiday season. This festive program features the Pilgrim Festival Chorus singing film music by John Williams: Holiday Songs from the Home Alone movies. Back by popular demand, Boston Pops POPSearch 2005 winner, Frances Botelho-Hoeg, returns to join the orchestra performing stirring renditions of holiday favorites. Children are invited to take a toy for donation to the charity toy drive sponsored by Old Colony Memorial's Children's Community Fund. The show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are $45, $40, $30, $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available.

Holiday events

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SHOWHOUSE AT THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE The Christmas Celebration continues through Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional Evening hours: Thurs., Dec. 7 - 7 to 9 p.m. The Showhouse features South Shore Interior Designers decorating the rooms of this Queen Anne-style Victorian Mansion built in 1880. Each room holds a beautiful Christmas tree and "Tablescape" (tables for Holiday Tea, Cocktails or Christmas Dinner). Flowers and lush greens as well as antiques, china, crystal, antique dolls and toys and period fashions will be displayed. Enjoy a holly boutique, raffle tables and light refreshments. Tickets: $12 pre sale, $14 at the door. For information, tickets, reservations and location of ticket outlets call 781-837-2403 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

HOLIDAYS IN HALIFAX Dec. 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the municipal buildings. Visit the web site for details.

THE HINGHAM NEWCOMERS CLUB is sponsoring a Children's Holiday Party on Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. at the Plymouth River School Cafeteria. Admission is $7 per child with a $25 family maximum. There will be crafts, games, baked goods and Santa. Please join us for a fun filled family event, great for children under 6.

THE QUINCY DINNERTHEATRE, moves to the Sons of Italy Building, 161 King Road, Braintree, after 18 years staging New England's biggest holiday show in Quincy. This year's holiday show "Musical Holiday Party 19" will feature singers from the South Shore and greater Boston area performing songs and musical satire of the holiday season. A four-course dinner is served prior to the show. Performance dates are Dec. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. 16. Dec. 16 will feature both a matinee and evening performance. Ticket prices for dinner and show range from $35-$39.95 depending on date of performance and number of people attending. Show only $20. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations and information.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Steven Karidoyanes conducting, presents two family-friendly Holiday Pops performances featuring local guest choral group, the Pilgrim Festival Chorus, William B. Richter director, performing film music by John Williams: *Holiday Songs from the "Home Alone"* movies. Singing sensation Frances Botelho-Hoeg, winner of the Boston Pops POPSearch 2005 competition, returns to perform traditional holiday favorites with *the Phil*. Children are invited to bring a toy for donation to the Old Colony Memorial's Children's Community Fund charity toy drive and march in *the Phil's* annual *March of the Toys*. Just like Symphony Hall in Boston, *the Phil* now offers cabaret-style table seating for the holiday concerts on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. in Plymouth's Memorial Hall. Tickets are available for $20-$45. Discounts for youth, students, seniors and groups are available. Tickets can be purchased at the Philharmonic office, located at 16 Court St., Plymouth or by calling 508-746-8008. Visit www.plymouthphilharmonic.com for information.

FLYING SANTA: A HOLIDAY TRADITION, will open at Pub Night on Dec. 8, and will be on view through March 11, 2007. The exhibit will celebrate the wonderful tradition of Flying Santa, begun in Maine in 1929 by Captain William Wincapaw. For more than 75 years, Flying Santa visited isolated families who tended the lighthouses along the New England Coast and beyond, delivering Christmas gifts, and appreciation for their often cold and lonely work. Boston Harbor historian and author Edward Rowe Snow continued the Flying Santa flights for more than forty years, growing the practice into a truly beloved holiday tradition. The exhibit will include photographs, newspaper articles, video clips, and artifacts, as well as hands-on activities for children. General admission is $5 adults, $3 seniors, Free children. Call 781-925-5433 for holiday and school vacation hours.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., The Art Complex Museum located at 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will offer a holiday workshop for adults and children to make Chinese paper-beaded ornaments. All materials will be provided. The program takes place in the Phoenix Gallery. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For information call 781-934-6634 x 12.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH – 2nd annual Craft Fair Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 50 different craft tables, food, children's room. $3

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS, KiwanisTree Festival, Dec. 10, noon to 5 p.m. at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, Rt.3A, Marshfield. Tree lot open Mon thru Thurs. 11 am to 8 pm. Friday thru Sunday 9am to closing, raffle: win a Sunoco gift card valued at $500. Chances are $5 each or 3 for $10. Drawing Christmas Eve. Live appearances by Santa, Frosty, Rudolph and the elves! Carolers from the local churches and the Key Club! Kiwanis chef Paul Grover to delight your holiday taste buds. www.MarshfieldKiwanis.com

SOUTHEASTERN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT directed by Conductor, Robert Babb and presented by The North Weymouth Knights of Columbus Council #4719 takes place Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Saint Jerome's Church Hall, (Saint Paula's Hall) 632 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth, MA 02191. The concert benefits local charities. Tickets sold at the door. $10 adults, $7 seniors. Children under 10 free. Further details call Mary 781-337-9585.

STARS AND PROMISES ALIVE holiday show featuring the Peter Mayer Group Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, Church Green, Taunton. For info call 508-824-4143 or visit thedessertclub@aol.com or www.petermayer.com

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CHRISTMAS CHEER MINI FAIR The First Baptist Church in Hanover, 580 Webster St. Hanover, Dec. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Pictures with Santa for Children and Pet's, Craft goods, Children's Craft Table, - Baked goods, etc. Free parking.

SOUTHERN RAIL CHRISTMAS CONCERT in Hingham Coffeehouse Southern Rail, a vibrant, engaging Boston-based Appalachia-rooted Bluegrass and Gospel group returns for another concert of Glorious Bluegrass Christmas Gospel music at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Sun., Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center There will be no open mike for this concert. Admission is $10 at the door. For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

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Starcreations Theater presents the musical **Three Little Pigs Out West** on Thursdays, Dec. 7 and 14, at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House. General Admission Tickets $3. Reservations suggested. Call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org for reservations or more info.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Maritime Artisans Speakers Series: Dan Sheehan**, Cal-Tek kayaks. Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 7, **The BBC "Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown formerly "The Alliance."**

Friday, Dec. 8

Members of the Broad Cove Chorale (aka the 'ChoralBelles') will perform in DANCING DAY, the Wellspring Benefit Concert on Sat. Dec. 9 (8 pm) at House of Prayer, 916 Main Street in Hingham, and Sun. Dec.10 (4 pm) at First Parish on the Green in Cohasset. Tickets are $15 at the door.

Designs of France Christmas Trunk Sale takes place Dec. 8, and 9, and Dec. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 58 Meadowbrook Road, Norwell. The sale will feature unique pottery and table linens from Provence. For information call 781-826-8553.

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It's A Wonderful Life will be performed on stage at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, through Dec. 17. Inspired by the Frank Capra film, this classic is brought to vibrant theatrical life. With the help of a guardian angel, George Bailey discovers what it would be like if he had never been born. Love and family triumph in this heartwarming journey. Tickets are priced from $26-$28, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Edaville USA will open the Christmas Festival of Lights Dec. 1 thru Jan. 1. On Monday-Friday the hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 2 to 9 p.m. The last train leaves each evening at 8pm. The $16 admission fee includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions all evening. Parking is free. Fireworks every Friday night in December. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates, hours and directions

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance – Dec. 8, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Best Western Hotel grand Ballroom, 477 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Exit 27A off Rte. 128. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. Free dancing lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

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Pictured left to right: Back row: Emily Capasso, Kira Hillert-Stogryn, Camille Iorio, Jessica Souther, Mike O'Brien. Front Row: Alizah Bruneau, Halle Moore, Kailyn Butler, Dafna Bridgewater, Maya Bridgewater

Starcreations Theater presents the musical "The Dancing Snowman" Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10 at 3 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St, Kingston. Tickets: Adult $10 Child (ages 2-12) $5. For more info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

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The North River Arts Society presents Focal Points, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist Betty Rogers. This show runs Dec. 10 through Feb. 2, 2007. The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

The North River Arts Society presents ***Beyond My Window***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original paintings by Marshfield artist **Mary Hufnagle-Murray**. This show runs through Dec. 8. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster Street, Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 8, **Dog House**.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 8 **Cindy Daley Blues Band** 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Dec. 8, **Fat City Band** 781-925-4300.

Saturday, Dec. 9

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The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Art Exhibit takes place at the tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth Dec. 9 through Dec.15. 781-337-1402.

The Unicorn Singers and **Broad Cove Chorale** present John Rutter's Dancing Day, a handbell choir, and familiar carols for audience participation at two Christmas concerts to benefit Wellspring Multi-Services in Hull. Concerts are at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Hingham on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. and at First Parish in Cohasset on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. Tickets are $15 at the door and available at Noble's in Hingham Square, or call Kathy Reardon at 781-749-0162.

Santa Claus will be at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. Feel free to bring your camera and take pictures. This is a free event and all are welcome. 781-383-2665.

The South Street Gallery will once again offer its "**Art Appraisal Day**" Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hingham resident **Arthur Garrity**, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery at 149 South Street. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, or $25 for three appraisals, with all of the proceeds being donated to the Hingham Public Library.

The **Duxbury Rural and Historical Society** is announces the theme of this year's Christmas festivities at the **King Caesar House**. The public is invited to **"A Storybook Christmas."** Each year, teams of local decorators fill the stately rooms of this mansion with vignettes of holiday cheer. This year, the décor of each room will be inspired different holiday tales, some old and some new. The general public may tour the house from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are $7 for members, $10 for nonmembers, $5 for students/seniors and children under 6 are admitted free. There will be a **story hour with Santa** at the King Caesar House from 11 a.m. to noon. Admission from children is $5. A Victorian St. Nick will be there to tell children a little bit about how he got started on his career. For additional information, or to book a private tour, call 781-934-6106.

Kenneth Backlund's photography in the Clemens Gallery Rockland, photographer Kenneth Backlund will show his photography in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Jan. 4. The Gallery is open during library hours. For information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

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The Hingham Public Library presents the selected works of **Easton artist Irma Cerese** in the Dolphin Gallery from through Dec. 27. The show may viewed during library hours. More information about the artist may found at www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Oceanside, 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull, presents **Holiday Small Works** Tuesday – Sunday through Dec. 24, featuring the work of 13 Oceanside Gallery artists: F. Andahazy, J. Chittick, N. Colella, M. Curran, R. Farbush, C. Hatch, C. Keating, R. Nadeau, P. Railsback, S. Ruff, J. St. Peter, V. Strekalovsky, A. Tuck. Also offering jewelry by M. Hassel and Johannah0s Boutique. Handcrafted ornaments by S. Donnellan and R. Parrish. Accessible to all, no admission through Dec. 24. 781-773-1563.

It's A Wonderful Life will be performed on stage at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, through Dec. 17. Inspired by the Frank Capra film, this classic is brought to vibrant theatrical life. With the help of a guardian angel, George Bailey discovers what it would be like if he had never been born. Love and family triumph in this heartwarming journey. Tickets are priced from $26-$28, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

The Holiday Down East Dancers Country Dance will be held Dec. 9, at the Taunton Elks Lodge, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ and Dance Instructor, Louis St. George. Potluck snacks, raffles, cash bar. $5. For more info. 508-680-6736 or 781-925-9066. downeastdancers.com

Courtney's Restaurant Rt. 139 Marshfield, Dec. 9, at 9 p.m. **Irish Rebel Band from Donegal-Erin** Og playing

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Dec. 9 **Jeff Pritchell & Texas Flood** 781-925-4300.

Sunday, Dec. 10

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The Braintree Sons of Italy Junior Lodge announces their **4th Annual Craft Fair** to raise money for the Daniel and Emily Crovo Scholarship Fund. On December 10, 2006 from 10-3 at the Braintree Town Hall, you will be able to shop for beautiful gifts such as photos, jewelry, hats, bags, cosmetics, chocolates, gift baskets, floral arrangements, and much more for everyone on your list. There will be something for everybody, as well as raffles, baked goods, facepainting for the kids and even a visit from Santa. Come join us for lunch and shop for great one of a kind items. A few spaces are still available for crafters, call Carol at 781-843-3354 or e-mail skier5555@beld.net for further information

Braintree Choral Society will perform its annual **Holiday Concert** under the direction of Danica Buckley. Featured works are *Magnificat* by Franz Schubert and Haydn's *Missa Sancti Nicolai* performed with orchestra. Other holiday selections include *Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day, An Irving Berlin Christmas*, and an audience sing-a-long of holiday favorites. Performance is on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 pm at Old South Union Congregational Church, 25 Columbian St., Weymouth, MA 02190. Tickets in advance $12.00, at the door $15.00, Seniors and Students always $10.00. Reserve by calling Paula Tennant at 781 848-7544 or e-mail braintreechoral@yahoo.com

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Cohasset resident, **Elizabeth Soutter Schwarzer,** discussing her book **Motherhood Is NOT for WIMPS: No Answers. Just Stories** on Sun., Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Following the discussion there will be a brief reading, and a question and answer period. This is a free event. Refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo R & R show Acoustic Open mike** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Monday, Dec. 11

The North River Arts Society presents ***Focal Points***, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs Dec. 10 through Feb. 2, 2007. ***The public is invited to a free opening reception at the Library on Dec. 11, from 7to 9 p.m.*** Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Celebrating its 20th year, **Masscribes Inc** is a growing organization of calligraphers, both professional and hobbyists, who want to keep this art form alive. Twenty-three **calligraphers** artwork is on display in **Vine Hall Gallery,** South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell through Dec. 30. The theme of the exhibit is the environment and all work is for sale. Each artists' interpretation and artistic rendering of nature is unique and different. Included are *Marvels in Pinecones*, by Cynthia Rudolph and *Leaves*, by David Flattery. To learn more about the organization, visit the Web site at www.masscribes.org. For information, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 and the Web site at www.ssnsc.org for directions.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, **Lee Daley** will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of December

Tuesday, Dec. 12

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Charles P. Pierce** discussing **Moving the Chains: Tom Brady and The Pursuit of Everything** on Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Weymouth Cluster VOTF December meeting is Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in St. Albert the Great Parish Hll, 1130 Washington St. Eat Weymouth. Guest speaker will be Fr. Bob Jones. 781-749-6840

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents pastel and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident **Diana Rousseau** through December. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2006 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

The annual Christmas card exhibit is on display at the **Kingston Public Library**. Busy writing out Christmas cards this holiday? Curious to see what Christmas cards once looked like?Go and check out the Local History Room's Annual Christmas Card exhibit, located in the Local History Room display case in the Library's lobby. Stop by to learn about the history of Christmas cards and to view Christmas cards from the late 1880s - 1920s. This exhibit will be on display through the month of December. For more information, call the archivist at 781-585-0517 or e-mail celliott @kingstonpubliclibrary.org.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury artist **Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Richness of Mexico, an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For information call 781-736-8100.

Thursday Dec. 14

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** Open Mic Blues Jam, featuring Brian McHugh & Joe Guertin Acoustic duo 9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

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Members of the Broad Cove Chorale (aka the 'ChoralBelles') will perform in "Dancing Day," the Wellspring Benefit Concert on Sat. Dec. 9 (8 pm) at House of Prayer, 916 Main Street in Hingham, and Sun. Dec.10 (4 pm) at First Parish on the Green in Cohasset.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 14, BBC "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

The Lascivious Biddies Christmas Tour direct from NYC - Dinner and show Dec. 14 and 15 takes place at The Sheraton Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. Call 617-786-SHOW 7469 or visit jmproductionspresents.com for ticket information.

Friday, Dec. 15

Mass Audubon at the Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Gallery announces its **Holiday Art Sale titled Images of Nature in Small Spaces** to benefit the educational programs at Moose Hill. All the artwork is reasonably priced to sell and all the pieces are small, no larger than 12" x 12". Viewers can experience and enjoy visions and images of nature in many different styles and mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, prints and woodcarvings. This artwork is high caliber, diverse and the prices are affordable at $25 to $200. Artwork will be available through Jan. 15. Moose Hill Gallery is located at the Mass Audubon Sanctuary in Sharon at 293 Moose Hill St. Gallery is open daily. Call 781-784-5691 for details.

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Village changes could be back this spring

EDC has its eye on downtown zoning

By Samantha Brown
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A cluster of Village zoning articles failed at the Special Town Meeting but members of the Economic Development Committee have not let that stand their way. To that end, the committee is already back in the saddle, working with developers and attorneys to craft language that will hopefully pass when brought forward to Town Meeting this spring.

The EDC met Wednesday and invited local developers, who are either stakeholders in Village development or who have been through a permitting process in town, to help make suggestions as to what could have been done better or what they would like to see included in the articles going forward. Together, the group hopes to be able to answer every question residents might have about the zoning changes, and ensure articles achieve what the town wants.

Chairman Peter Brown said even though time is limited, he is confident the articles will be "ready for primetime" by the Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for March 31. He said the EDC worked very hard when it was advocating for Town Meeting to pass a bylaw to establish a new Transit Oriented District at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. He said he believes a similar approach can be taken for the village articles, now that the committee has a little more time.

"I hope we get the same positive reaction we did the last time. We did something that has never been done in town before," he said, as zoning articles typically do not receive as much support as the TOD did. He said by providing the same level of information this time around, he hopes more residents will vote in the affirmative.

Scituate resident John Tedeschi, formerly of Cohasset, filed the five citizens' petitions, which were up for consideration at the Special Town Meeting. Articles 23 through 26 were presented as

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REINDEER READY

Connor Murphy, 7-1/2, helps his father, Brian (not pictured), decorate the front yard of their house on Beechwood Street with reindeer. Connor also tested the lights in the reindeer to make sure they were working.

Grant in step with train station sidewalk

Town to be awarded state funds

By Samantha Brown
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Thanks to the state's Transit Oriented Development bond program, Cohasset's MBTA station on Route 3A will be pedestrian friendly.

On Dec. 8, the Romney Administration awarded $5.9 million to support transit-oriented development projects around the state, of which $225,000 was awarded to Cohasset. While the town had not been formally notified with a letter from the state at the time the Mariner went to press, Greenbush liaisons Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber said they received a call about the award Friday.

"This is terrific news for the town. It's been a lot of work, but when this project gets done, we'll have sidewalks from Scituate to Hingham. That's a huge deal," said Brennan.

The MBTA did not include sidewalks to and from the Greenbush station in its design, and the town has been working hard to secure funding to ensure the station will be pedestrian accessible. Brennan explained the town's Greenbush office applied for $325,000 in 2005, but the submission was declined "for a variety of reasons." However, he said sometimes persistence pays off and after some streamlin-

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Adiós Acapulcos

Mexican restaurant closes doors in Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset residents with an appetite for fajitas and margaritas must now travel south (or north) of the border to get a Mexican food fix. After roughly one year in business, Acapulcos restaurant has closed its doors.

Located in the former KoKo Island building on Route 3A, the restaurant brought new life to the site, which had been lacking since the Asian restaurant's departure in 2004. With the renovation of the KoKo Island site also came the renovation of the adjacent Hair Affair building, which was turned into a Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-thru.

Michael Tack, a representative for the Nauset Group, which owns the site, said restaurant owner David Brambila closed his doors the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Brambila leases the space and is still under agreement with the Nauset Group and is therefore looking for another restaurant to buy the lease for the space.

"He opened two other restaurants in Quincy and Weymouth after opening in Cohasset," said Tack, adding Brambila is very successful and wasn't seeing the numbers he expected in Cohasset. Most of the business was being done on Thursday through Sunday and the key to being profitable is having good business Monday through Wednesday as well. He added the restaurants have been more successful in areas that are more densely populated and he wishes Brambila well.

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The Mariner caught up with Frank Smith this week. Smith is owner of Flemings in Cohasset Village, which is all decked out for the season that includes Saturday's Holiday Stroll.

Name: Frank Smith.

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Best book: "Leadership," by Rudy Guilani.

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Town Meeting and election dates set

The Board of Selectmen set the date for the Annual Town Meeting and Town Election at its Nov. 20 meeting. Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 31 and the Town Election will be held April 7. The Warrant will close for citizens' petitions Jan. 12. For more information, please contact Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

Town Web site up and running

The town Web site is complete and ready to be viewed. The site can be accessed at www.townofcohasset.org. Meeting minutes, important town forms and information on town boards can all be found at the site.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 14	6:14	8.1	6:38	7.6	—	—	12:20	1.6
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Fri. 15	7:02	8.2	7:32	7.6	12:37	1.6	1:15	1.4
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Sat. 16	7:49	8.5	8:23	7.6	1:25	1.6	2:05	1.1
Sunrise: 7:06a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12p.m.*			
Sun. 17	8:34	8.7	9:12	7.7	2:12	1.6	2:53	0.8
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Mon. 18	9:18	9.0	9:57	7.9	2:57	1.4	3:38	0.4
Sunrise: 7:07a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Tues. 19	10:00	9.3	10:41	8.0	3:42	1.3	4:22	0.1
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Wed. 20	10:43	9.5	11:25	8.1	4:25	1.1	5:05	-0.1
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Thurs. 21	11:26	9.7	—	—	5:09	0.9	5:48	-0.4
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POLICE/FIRE BEAT

Ultralight spirals and disappears; nine-hour search ensued

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset fire and police are still wondering what happened to the pilot and an ultralight plane that witnesses saw spiraling below the tree line on Saturday afternoon.

Once the reports came in from three people at Hingham Lumber off Route 3A, emergency personnel went into action. In addition to Cohasset, the State Police Air Wing, regional police help through Metro-LEC (Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council), and mutual aid from area towns all helped in the search that got under way about 3:30 p.m. and was called off after midnight.

Police Chief James Hussey said witnesses, who initially heard it overhead, said they thought the plane might have crashed because they heard the motor cutout. They also described the ultralight as having a parachute open out the back.

A command post was set up near Graham Waste off Crocker Lane. And what followed was an extensive ground search that included both sides of Forest Avenue, parts of Wheelwright Park, the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, Bancroft Bird Sanctuary, and areas along North Main Street and Route 3A. The State Police Air Wing used infrared sensors and floodlights.

Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia and Chief Hussey called off the search after nearly nine hours. No one has been reported missing. Police also checked with ultralight flying clubs and local airports. Hingham and Hull also provided fire units and Scituate covered Cohasset Fire station.

Twelve Cohasset firefighters took part in the search as well as four from Hingham and two from Hull; they were joined by 25 police officers – so there were 40 people on the ground, not counting command staff, Silvia said. Red Cross provided support for the searchers.

"Some of the terrain was difficult, especially west of Forest Avenue and the area of Wheelwright Park and the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary," Silvia said. "But we received no calls that someone was overdue or that someone landed and walked way."

Hussey said a bulletin was put out on the 10 o'clock news. WATD radio was also providing updates.

A caller did report seeing a light aircraft head out along the railroad tracks, Hussey said.

"Based on lack of any further information and no missing person reports, we called off the search after what we thought was a thorough search of the area," Hussey said. "When I went home that night I felt as though we had done our due diligence that if someone was out there who needed to be rescued, we would have found them."

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Both Hussey and Silvia said they still hope the pilot would call and let them know he landed and made it home safely.

According to Internet sites, the ultralight movement grew out of the sport of hang gliding in the 1970s, when people started to put small engines on foot-launched hang gliders. The vehicles developed, became faster, more maneuverable, and landing gear were added.

Federal regulations put ultralight vehicles in two categories: powered and unpowered. To be considered an ultralight vehicle, a hang glider must weigh less than 155 pounds; while a powered vehicle must weigh less than 254 pounds; is limited to 5 U.S. gallons of fuel; must have a maximum speed of not more than 55 knots; and must have a poweroff stall speed of no more than 24 knots. Both powered and unpowered ultralight vehicles are limited to a single occupant.

Baby delivered

Firefighter/paramedics don't often get a standing ovation when they bring a patient to South Shore Hospital.

But that is what happened last Thursday night (Dec. 7) when Cohasset paramedics Laura Morrison and John Dockray delivered a healthy baby girl in the ambulance en route to the hospital.

Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia said Cohasset ambulance responded to a 9-1-1 mutual aid call from Scituate, whose ambulance was out of town on another call.

"They picked up the mother and while en route the baby decided it was time," Silvia said. "Both (Morrison and Dockray) were beaming when they came in Friday morning. It was the first time in their careers they walked into South Shore Hospital to a standing ovation."

The baby, whose name is Hannah, lives on Turner Road in Scituate.

The fire department is ordering a decal featuring a stork with a pink blanket in its beak to put on the ambulance, Silvia said. The last time the Cohasset ambulance delivered a baby en route was about 11 years ago, he said.

Carbon monoxide

The fire department responded to a report of a carbon monoxide detector going off in a home on Reservoir Road last Thursday. The incident caused by a malfunctioning oil burner.

Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the carbon monoxide detectors the firefighters use to check for the gas registered some readings. They evacuated the home and paramedics evaluated the two residents. The home was ventilated and oil burner was shut down pending repairs.

Chief Silvia said carbon monoxide detectors should be installed on every floor that a family spends time including the basement. Detectors should be installed within 10 feet of every bedroom.

Carbon monoxide is a highly toxic gas produced when fuel (kerosene, oil, coal, petroleum gas, and wood) is burned. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless — which makes it very hard to detect.

Water lines

A waterline break on Beechwood Street last Thursday (Dec. 7) resulted in the street having to be shut down until repairs could be made.

The mishap occurred near where Highland Estates is being constructed not far from the railroad tracks and just east of where Beechwood splits with Norman Todd Road.

Two water services were disrupted; the one to the condominiums near the site and to a private home.

Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the incident was a concern to the fire department because shutting the road could have delayed the fire department's response to calls on Beechwood and Route 3A.

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Cleanup of harbor, coastal waters

Process to start on seeking 'No Discharge Area' status

By Mary Ford
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If the Harbor Health Committee has its way, then no boats would be able to discharge their sewage into Cohasset Harbor or within a certain distance along the Cohasset coast.

The committee is seeking to have the Cohasset coast designated as a "No Discharge Area," joining eight other NDAs including the coastal waters of Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury.

An NDA is a designated body of water in which the discharge of all boat sewage, *even if treated*, is prohibited, according to Coastal Zone Management, a state agency whose mission is to balance the impacts of human activity with the protection of coastal and marine resources.

Jason Burtner of CZM joined Russell Bonetti and Karen Quigley of the Harbor Health Committee at last week's Selectmen's meeting.

As it stands now, boats with certain types of sanitation devices can discharge treated effluent in coastal waters. Federal law prohibits the discharge of untreated sewage from vessels within all navigable waters of the U.S.

Type I and II Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) can be discharged directly to the harbor. Cohasset Harbor suffers from bacterial pollution, which has resulted in the Harbor not meeting state water quality standards, beach closures, and shellfish bed closures. An NDA is one of the tools available to help municipalities address impacts from bacterial contamination, Burtner explained this week.

Burtner said CZM is currently working with both Marshfield and Scituate, which are supportive of seeking NDA designations.

Bonetti said the designation would be a win-win because there is no cost and a potential source of pollution would be eliminated.

"We are hoping that this will encourage greater use of the pump-out boat that the harbormaster has," he said.

CZM's role in the NDA process is to assist in the writing of the application, provide resources and information to interested communities, coordinate with Environmental Protection Agency, and help to ensure that the proposed NDA has adequate pumpout facilities.

Bonetti said Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons, whom the Harbor Health Committee said supports the efforts for an NDA designation, pumps out three to four boats a week and there was an obvious need to increase those numbers.

Burtner explained the NDA application process is fairly involved. He said an aggressive education and outreach campaign delineating the no-discharge zone would be launched. If implemented, the harbormaster and the Environmental Protection Agency would have enforcement powers.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said a public hearing on the issue was needed to hear any reasons for "not doing it."

"We are philosophically with you," he said.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil warned the town "should not fix something that is not broken." He said the number of boaters that would be affected needed to be determined.

Burtner aid the nomination process, which takes 16-18 months, would be inclusive and take concerns into consideration.

Selectmen voted to authorize the Harbor Heath Committee to proceed with the process. They also asked that the Harbor Committee join in this effort. The next step is to solicit support from appropriate entities both public and private, including the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, lobstermen, Yacht Club, and Cohasset Harbor Marina.

Public hearings will be conducted to educate people about the NDA designation and to address any citizen concerns. Once the process has been completed, the issue will be brought before Selectmen for final approval, the Harbor Health Committee said.

Police/Fire Beat

FROM BEAT, PAGE 3

Ceiling collapse

At about 8:45 p.m., Sunday (Dec. 10), the fire and police departments responded to a call about a ceiling collapse in a third-floor apartment in a building on Pleasant Street.

"It was a water leak issue and it appeared to have been leaking for a while and the ceiling gave way," Police Chief James Hussey said. "We called Bob Egan to take the ball from there."

Building Commissioner Robert Egan said a roof leak was the cause of the problem, not plumbing. The water saturated the sheetrock which then collapsed.

Fire Capt. Paul Bilodeau who is also a licensed electrician, took care of the wiring in the vicinity and told the residents not to turn the power on to that area of the home. No one was injured in the incident.

Egan said roofers were on the scene Tuesday to make repairs.

Suspended license

A 35-year-old woman is being summonsed to court for driving on a suspended license following a traffic stop at Depot Court and N. Main Street last week. Police are stepping up patrols in the village area following a recent motor vehicle/pedestrian accident and another near miss. In this case, the motorist "rolled through" the stop sign at the top of Depot Court and was stopped by an officer. In addition to having a suspended license, her car was also unregistered. Her car was towed.

Chief Hussey explained the stop sign at Depot Court is actually before the crosswalk; some motorists are not stopping that that point but farther up, past the crosswalk.

Gas drive-off

Another area resident apparently mistakenly drove off without paying for gas last week. Police got a call at just after 4 p.m., Tuesday (Dec. 5), about a larceny of gasoline. An officer stopped the car, talked with the motorist, who said it was a mistake and returned to pay for the gas, Chief Hussey said.

Illegal dumping

A man who was recently arrested on an unrelated matter was identified as dumping trash from his van into a private dumpster.

Police said the man's car had just been released to him. The individual was contacted and police had him retrieve his trash from the dumpster.

Suspicious vehicles

Over the past two weeks police have talked with parents of youngsters who have reported suspicious vehicles. In the first case, two girls said there was a suspicious dark-colored SUV in their neighborhood and in the second case a 10-year-old youngster told his mother about a car parked with someone inside.

Chief Hussey said he encourages parents to report any incident. Both these reports were investigated and officers are keeping an eye out.

But at this point, police do not think there was any danger, Hussey said.

Shoplifting

A 53-year-old Scituate woman is being summonsed to court for shoplifting at Shaw's, police said. The incident occurred at about 12:53 p.m., Friday (Dec. 8). Police received a radio call reporting shoplifting at Shaw's, which had the woman, detained, Chief Hussey said. The store manager reported store surveillance cameras had allegedly filmed the woman stealing in previous incidents but, this time, the store was able to actually catch her and get her identification.

The total value of items she allegedly stole in this incident was $200. Hussey explained she was actually making some purchases and there were other items that she had not paid for. Shaw's is pursing charges and is seeking no trespass order to keep her out of Shaw's supermarkets.

Two minor MVAs

Over the past week, police responded to two minor motor vehicle accidents, both involving parked cars.

In the first incident that occurred Saturday (Dec. 9) at 4:20 p.m., a woman driving a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer was backing out of a driveway in town and hit a 1999 Landrover that was parked on the opposite side of the road, diagonally across from the end of the driveway. Somehow when she backed out to turn, she struck the vehicle. As it turns out she was driving on an out-of-state license and was cited for unlicensed operation. State law requires all residents of the state to be licensed in Massachusetts.

At 4:51 p.m., that same afternoon, a 1996 Ford Taurus struck a 1998 Toyota that was parked on N. Main Street near the Community Center. The operator of the Taurus was driving too close to the parked vehicle and the side mirrors hit one another, Chief Hussey said. The motorist was cited for failure to use care while operating.

Stop & Shop incident

A shoplifting incident that occurred last week at Stop & Shop in which the suspect filled a basket up with products and fled the store is being investigated, Chief Hussey said.

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Pedestrian safety a top priority for police

By Samantha Brown
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Residents may have noticed an increase in police presence in the Village this week. In the wake of an accident that sent and elderly pedestrian to the hospital Nov. 27, Police Chief James Hussey has beefed up patrols in the area, in an effort to remind motorists to keep speed down and drive with caution.

The department's safety officer Sgt. Bill Quigley is also gathering information on the safety standards used by other towns when it comes to signage, crosswalks and sidewalks in their downtown areas, to see what kinds of safety measures Cohasset might want to implement downtown.

"When we have compiled our research, we'll write up a recommendation," said Hussey. He said any recommendations would be given to Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Griffin asked Hussey to collect the information based both on concerns brought forward as a result of the accident and those from senior citizens in the community. On Nov. 27 an elderly motorist making a left turn onto Depot Court from South Main Street hit an elderly pedestrian who was in the crosswalk. The pedestrian was heading in the direction of the South Shore Community Center where the Council on Elder Affairs is located.

After the accident, Director of the CEA Linda Elworthy immediately invited Hussey to attend Monday's (Dec. 11) meeting of the Elder Affairs Board to discuss what safety measures should be taken to ensure another accident does not occur in the Village. She said many seniors cross the street at the intersection of Depot Court and South Main Street and they need to feel safe doing so. She added the Community Center is a busy place and also houses a nursery school.

"People need to be very cautious."
— Police Chief James Hussey on Village traffic

In an interview after the Monday meeting Elworthy said she was very pleased with the steps being taken by the police department. "The chief is all over it," she said, adding increasing patrols and looking at ways to increase visibility of the crosswalks and make the speed limit signs more visible will all be a great help.

Elworthy added the pedestrian who was involved in the accident is currently rehabilitating at Cohasset Knoll. "She is in very good spirits," Elworthy said, as she visited with her earlier this week, but added her knee was crushed, her lower leg was injured, and recovery will be a long process.

Hussey said the area where the accident occurred has been highly patrolled this week as it has been an area of concern for some time. He said coming up from Depot Court in the direction of the Village, motorists who are taking a right onto South Main Street often do not stop at the stop sign, which is before the crosswalk. He said due to the limited visibility of cars coming from North Main Street into the Village, "people tend to roll through the stop sign" at the top of Depot Court and come to a stop farther up, where they can see oncoming traffic to their left. That causes motorists to ignore pedestrians on their right side who want to cross the street. State law requires motorists stop and yield to pedestrians who are either in a crosswalk or about to enter a crosswalk. "We need to change people's habits," he said. Hussey added officers gave out roughly 50 verbal warnings to motorists who rolled through the stop sign this week.

The Village has some of the narrowest streets in town.

"People need to be very cautious," said Hussey, adding the speed limit in the Village is 20 mph. He noted two days after the accident, another woman reported almost being hit in a crosswalk in the Village. She provided the license plate of the offending vehicle and police spoke to that driver about being more careful. The area can become very congested "and it is in everyone's best interest to slow it down," Hussey said.

Hussey said Sgt. Quigley will be collecting information this week and will provide recommendations to Griffin no later than next week. Enforcement efforts by officers on patrol around the Village will continue.

Adiós Acapulcos

FROM CLOSING, PAGE 1

Tack said due to the buildout completed by Brambila, it should not be hard finding a new business to take the place of Acapulcos. "He has a number of good prospects," said Tack, adding Brambila put in an entire new kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances and central air, which should be very appealing for restaurant owners. Tack said he anticipates the town will have a new restaurant within the next couple of months.

"He opened two other restaurants in Quincy and Weymouth after opening in Cohasset."
— Michael Tack, Nauset Group

The opening of Acapulcos brought to an end roughly one year of Planning Board and ZBA hearings, some of which dragged on into the wee hours of the morning. The Nauset Group purchased both the KoKo Island restaurant and the adjacent Hair Affair building with the intention of renovating then conjoining the two. Plans to turn the former Hair-Affair building into a Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-thru caused major concern with Fairoaks Lane neighbors, who worried it would cause noise pollution and an increase in traffic. Ultimately, plans for both were given the go-ahead and both opened their doors just over one year ago.

Acapulcos applied for and was granted a full liquor license just prior to its opening. The Board of Selectmen renewed that license in November. Town Manager Bill Griffin said having the license allows the owner the opportunity to transfer it to another business with the selectmen's approval.

No left turns

Left turns out of the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot are currently prohibited between the hours of 7 and 9:30 a.m. Due to the fact that traffic is heavy on Route 3A during the morning commute and attempting to make a left turn to head south can be very dangerous, when the Planning Board approved site plans for the reconfigured parking lot, it made the condition motorists would only be allowed to continue north after purchasing their coffee and donuts.

To help further enforce the condition, Police Chief James Hussey said he will petition the Massachusetts Highway Department to post its own sign outlining the regulation. Route 3A is a state highway, and although the town may enforce the regulation, Hussey said he would like to see it come from the state as well. "I would prefer for them to put it (signage) up. It's their roadway," he said.

In a letter sent to Hussey Nov. 27, the Planning Board said it had voted unanimously to support his petitioning of MHD for a new sign. The letter stated at its Nov. 15 meeting, "Board members iterated their appreciation and support of your ongoing efforts to make Route 3A a safer major byway in the town, and look forward to continuing to work with you and the Department on these important matters."

Nomination papers available Jan. 3

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 will be available Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's office.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. It is important to note that you are not officially running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

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Tickets for lacrosse boosters' Casino Night are a hot item

AROUND TOWN

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FESTIVE TIME

Hello Cohasset, how are you all doing? The holiday spirit is here across the board and is really getting fun. (OK fine, a tiny bit stressful keep trying to bring in the fun.) It is so nice to write about some wonderful community events that keep the spirit of the holidays alive. Regardless of what holiday you celebrate, December is an upbeat, crazy whirlwind some of the time but very festive month. Make sure to enjoy with all around you.

NOMINATED

Congressman Bill Delahunt has nominated 29 local students for admission next year to US Service Academies and one of those students who was nominated is Cohasset's own **Timothy Toomey**. Dozens of prospective nominees were reviewed by Delahunt's Congressional Service Academy Selection Committee, comprised of eight distinguished area residents. Receiving a nomination completes the first stage of the Service Academy process. The applications of these students have been forwarded, without preferential listing, to the respective Academies, which make the final appointment decisions. Timothy, you should be very proud of yourself for this nomination as I know your family and friends and now, the town of Cohasset are. We are all going to wait with you on hearing the final decision.

BASEBALL!

Looking for something to do tonight? The first Home Boy's Basketball game is happening tonight at the Cohasset Middle High School gym. Junior Varsity will play at 5 pm followed by Varsity at 6:30 pm. Both teams will be playing against East Bridgewater and support from the fans is always a huge plus. All kids who wear their Recreation or Travel Basketball shirt or, any Cohasset shirt will be admitted free of charge, compliments of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club. So gather the family, all your Cohasset shirts and come on down. Oh yes, concessions will be run by Cohasset Girls' Softball with a drink and snack for all.

SPECIAL TWIST

"Joslin High Hopes Gala featured a special 'Twist'!" — Cohasset's **Suzy Doherty** strummed a few bars on a Jon Bon Jovi-signed Fender guitar during the live auction component of Joslin Diabetes Center's High Hopes Gala. The official "King of Twist," **Chubby Checker**, entertained guests at Joslin's 7thAnnual High Hopes Gala held in Boston this past Nov. 18 at the Westin Copley Place.

Dr. Mallika Marshall, medical reporter for CBS4 News and anchor of the station's regular medical series Healthwatch, served as emcee for the evening. More than $600,000 was raised via festivities that included a silent auction during the cocktail reception; a fabulous dinner; and a live auction with **Billy Costa** from KISS-108 FM's Matty in the Morning Show and NECN's TV Diner. Gala Chair J. **Christine Wilson**, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees at Joslin, was joined by more than 650 people as Joslin honored the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund and its 40 years of continued dedication to Joslin Diabetes Center and research into preserving eyesight.

CAROLING

Come join in for this community-wide tradition sponsored by First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset. This Saturday, Dec.16th at 3:45 pm will be the Annual Caroling On the Common and you and your family are encouraged to join. Gather at the Parish House between 3:45 and 4 p.m., carol around the Common, and return by 5 p.m. for cocoa, cider, and cookies. Please bring your flashlights and some cookies to share. New this year is a sock collection for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Please bring two or three pairs of socks (new, white cotton, men's and women's sizes). This promises to be a wonderful time to put one and all in the Spirit of Christmas.

VILLAGE STROLL

The Cohasset Village Stroll is this Saturday, Dec. 16th from 4-7 p.m.. Merchants in the Village (South Main Street, James Brook Crossing, Art Center and Cindy Vallino's new photography gallery on Ripley Road — where Springbrook Toys used to be) will each offer special holiday activities and cheer! The Art Center will be offering snacks, hot cider, and the Cohasset Middle/High School Jazz Combo, under the direction of **Stephanie Hoskin**. This is such a wonderful way to enjoy the holidays within our community regardless of which holiday(s) are celebrated by your family. Family, friends and good times, try to come down and enjoy.

CASINO NIGHT

Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica. The Boosters will "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lyn Previte** (9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. It will be a great fun night out, even if you are not a gambler. Space is limited at the event, so try to purchase ahead before the upcoming holidays! This will be the booster's only 2007 fundraiser and the group needs the support of the entire community! The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls. This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. Our recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from our feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call Lynn Previte!

PHOTO/KATHY TARANTOLA

*Cohasset's **Suzy Doherty** strummed a few bars on a Jon Bon Jovi-signed Fender guitar during the live auction component of Joslin Diabetes Center's High Hopes Gala.*

PROM DRESSES

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will be collecting fabulous dresses during January and February to be sold at the Pre Prom event being held in early March. If you have a dress or two that will fill this need, call 781-383-0687 to make an appointment to donate or consign your gently worn prom or prom-like dress.

TREE PICKUP

Here is a wonderful program that the Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard are sponsoring. Looking to have your holiday tree picked up and taken away? Even better, the cost that you pay to have this much wanted and needed chore taken care of will benefit Project Safeguard. The cost per tree is $20 with Senior Citizens paying $15. Call 781-383-2492 and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make sure to call by 8 pm on Jan. 5. Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up at the end of your driveway on Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 pm.

PAN-MASS CHALLENGE

Marty Grassie of Cohasset, was at the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge Check Presentation Ceremony when the PMC gave $26 million to the Jimmy Fund. The record-setting gift is the largest sum ever given to the Jimmy Fund, it represents 99 cents of every rider-raised dollar, and it is twice the amount ever raised or donated to a charity by an athletic fundraising event anywhere in the United States. Marty was among the 6,700 cyclists and volunteers who participated in the statewide bike-a-thon last August to raise the $26 million contribution. Since its 1980 inception, the PMC has raised more than $171 million for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund - crucial funds that have improved the lives of cancer patients around the world. For information about the PMC, call (800) WECYCLE or visit www.pmc.org.

'THE MESSIAH'

Second Congregational Church in Cohasset will present selections from Handel's "The Messiah" on Dec. 17. The church choir and guest soloists, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will perform. This is an opportunity for everyone to welcome the Christmas season by enjoying this music, performed right in the community.

All are welcome to the 10 a.m. service and performance. For more information, call 781-383-0345.

A Holiday Happening Celebration will be happening here at One Creative Place on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 4-7 pm with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and a special snowman friend coming by. A holiday sing-a-long will take place around 4:30 or so with vendors available for those super last minute gifts that are needed, face painting, snacks and more. Bring the family, camera and spirit on by. Check out more on the website at www.onecreativeplace.net

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marks

Marks-Lundin

The Marks family of Scituate and the Lundin family of Hingham announce the marriage of their children, Paul Marks and Linnea Lundin. A beach ceremony took place in East Sandwich Sept. 2, 2006. A small gathering of family and friends shared in the ceremony, followed by a reception at the home of PJ and Bobbie Driscoll, uncle and aunt of the bride.

The groom, of Hingham, formerly of Cohasset, is employed as a sous chef for a private company while also attending Boston University graduate program.

The bride, also of Hingham, is self-employed as a childcare provider in the South Shore area.

The couple now resides in Hingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Starvish, III

Vanderweil - Starvish

Shelley McMillan Vanderweil, daughter of Anne and Raimund Gerhard Vanderweil, Jr. of Cohasset, was recently married to John Joseph Starvish, III, son of Mary and John Starvish of Concord, N.H.

The ceremony took place at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents in Cohasset.

Elizabeth Hurley served as Maid of Honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Lucinda Vanderweil, sister-in-law of the bride and Margaret Starvish and Anne Starvish, sisters of the groom.

Brian Deveney served as Best Man. Ushers were Thomas Keighley, Brian Wasik and Alexander Vanderweil and Stefan Vanderweil, brothers of the bride.

The bride graduated from Milton Academy and Brown University. She is currently employed as an electrical engineer at R. G. Vanderweil Engineers, Boston.

The bridegroom graduated from Pinkerton Academy, in Derry, N.H. and St. Michael's College. He is Senior Finance Manager at Direct Capital Corporation, Portsmouth, N.H.

After a wedding trip to Spain and Italy, the couple is residing in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinchla

LaCoste - Kinchla

Amanda LaCoste, the daughter of James and Ailsa LaCoste of Weymouth, married John Kinchla, son of Nancy Kinchla of Cohasset and John Kinchla of Texas, June 3, 2006, at The First Church in Weymouth. The Rev. Gary Blume officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given by her father, Jim LaCoste. Maid of honor was Tracey Young of Weymouth, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alison Kinchla of Boston, sister of the groom, Olga Kinchla of Wallingford, CT, sister-in-law of the groom; Chantal Maad Dabdoub of White Plains, NY, friend of the bride.

Brendan Kinchla of Wallingford, CT, brother of the groom, served as Best Man.

Ushers were Harry LaCoste of New York City, brother of the bride; Mason LaCoste of Philadelphia, brother of the bride; Dan Kinchla of Cohasset, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Weymouth High School, Umass-Amherst and received her master's degree from Rutgers University. She is employed at Light Life Foods in Turners Falls.

Her husband is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Umass-Amherst with both his bachelor and master's degrees. He is the owner of Amherst Nurseries in Sunderland.

A reception was held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

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A few of the holiday recipes included are crab delight, Christmas mapley appetizers, onions Celeste, winter squash casserole, pumpkin chiffon pie and praline ice cream pie with rum sauce.

For the holiday season, Community Garden Club of Cohasset has re-printed a limited number of the original "Cohasset Entertains" cookbook. This book is a collection of tried and true recipes from local cooks, and also contains sample menus and arrangement ideas for the holiday table.

A few of the holiday recipes included are crab delight, Christmas mapley appetizers, onions Celeste, winter squash casserole, pumpkin chiffon pie and praline ice cream pie with rum sauce. There is also an entire chapter on gifts club members bake including cookies, candies and coffeecakes.

Each cookbook costs $15 and is available at Flemings in Cohasset. All purchases help fund club programs, services and a scholarship fund.

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Alexander Arnold's sister, Natasha, 4, helps him organize and collect items for Cradles to Crayons. Look for collection boxes, like the one Alexander is standing in, at Osgood and St. Stephen's.

Tiger Cub family thinking of others

Launches holiday drive for Cradles to Crayons

By Mary Ford
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People are being asked to donate gently used (or new) children's toys, books, clothes and school supplies.

Alexander Arnold, 6-1/2, is helping to make sure his fellow Tiger Cub Scouts in Cohasset are thinking about what children, who are less fortunate, might be getting for Christmas this year.

To that end, Alexander, his parents Jon and Francesca, and his sister Natasha, 4-1/2, have orchestrated a collection for Cradles to Crayons, an organization that helps needy children in Massachusetts.

As a member of the Tiger Den of Pack 38, Alexander and his dad must host a pack meeting during the year.

"My son and I were originally down for holding our Cub pack meeting in March," Jon recalls. "But as I started thinking about this, we thought 'wouldn't it be great to try to do something that starts to educate boys about giving back and thinking about those less fortunate than themselves.'"

Jon, who is director of brand marketing at Shaw's Supermarkets, is familiar with Cradles to Crayons. In the fall, Shaw's "discovered" the organization and conducted a back-to-school supply drive in all its New England stores. Customers would donate school supplies to put into the backpacks of underprivileged kids, Jon explained.

"We were really impressed with Cradles to Crayons and what they do: there are few organizations that collect and distribute supplies for needy kids and where young kids can actually volunteer and help," he said.

So Jon thought he and Alexander would organize a drive for Cradles to Crayons for their Cub pack.

"Our group meeting would then take place at Cradles to Crayons in Quincy where the boys and dads in the group would deliver everything we collect and then help sort in the warehouse."

St. Stephen's (the Arnolds' church), and the Osgood School, both agreed to be collection points and to help publicize the event.

"Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan was so supportive and enthusiastic that she suggested we do it before the holidays as people are in giving moods," Jon said. He added that many families also want to clear out "stuff" before the onslaught of Christmas gifts.

"The efforts of all children that are contributing to our School Council food drive and

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Sally Marr has been a real estate sales associate for 5 years. She had a previous career in Medical Practice Management. A Cohasset resident for 30 years, she is a member of the Cohasset Historical Society. Her real estate achievements include Membership in the Sterling Society in 2003, and the International President's Circle in 2004. She is also a member of the NAR.

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Our special "Salsa Night" starting Thursday, January 11th, 2007 and continuing every second Thursday of every month. Dance lessons will be provided with instructors from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Hanover. A different salsa dance each month will be featured. Plus dinner w/a pre-selected menu, all for $39.90. Please call for a reservation.

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the Cub Scout drive are truly appreciated," Sheehan said. "The children are in the spirit of the season."

People are being asked to donate gently used (or new) children's toys, books, clothes and school supplies at the drop-off points through Dec. 22 at Osgood and through Dec. 31 at St. Stephen's. Donation boxes are near the front entrance of each location.

"If they want to be really generous, they can donate money to Cradles to Crayons or buy new toys that would be given for gifts," Jon said.

The "Arnold family" Cub Scout activity is slated fro 2 p.m., Jan. 13 when the Cub packs will deliver all the collected items to Cradles to Crayons . Plans also include having the Cubs and their dads help sort some of the items.

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Give 'Savor of Salt' for Christmas

Just in time for the holidays, the Committee on Town History is publishing the second anthology of historic articles collected and edited by Jacqueline M. Dormitzer. It is titled "Savor of Salt" and is a companion piece to "Treasury of Cohasset History" published in 2005. "Savor of Salt" differs slightly from "Treasury" in that it is organized more like a magazine while "Treasury" was organized into historical periods. There are more period photographs in the new publication with each of the 56 articles starting with a brief description about the author or contents. The reader may leaf through the book or look up a topic in the contents or index to choose an article. Some articles, such as "Little Harbor," may have different authors bringing a different perspective to their subject.

The book's title, "Savor of Salt," is derived from the title of one of the several articles by Lucy Treat. Dormitzer selected the title since most of Cohasset's history is linked to the sea. Treat joins town historians David Wadsworth and Robert Fraser and others whose writings might otherwise be lost if Treat hadn't discovered their work while doing her research for the town's third history of Cohasset.

"Savor of Salt" will be available at Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, Buttonwood Books and the Historical Society's Pratt Building. The price is $28 and checks can be made out to the Town of Cohasset. The hardbound laminated book cover depicts a section of the MacIvor Reddie mural at the Historical Society's Pratt Building and the end leaves are from a photograph of Minot Light taken by Margot Cheel from a helicopter. She captured the lighthouse from a unique angle looking toward the Cohasset coastline.

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Excerpt from 'Washington's Birthday Masquerade Ball' By David Wadsworth

"After the Grand March there followed a series of costumed and masked dances such as the quadrille, contra-dance, Virginia reel, and Portland Fancy, during which the spectators had ample time to view the many unique costumes and speculate upon the identity of the wearers. Then, at about 9:00 the dancing stopped, and participants formed a large circle and unmasked, revealing the visages of many well-known townspeople and their guests. There followed an intermission before dancing began anew. From that time until about 1:00 a.m., the assembled participants performed a variety of dances well known in that day but scarcely remembered today. Quadrilles, schottisches, and gallops, intermixed with the more familiar waltzes, carried the festivities through the evening until the presumably exhausted dancers bid farewell to each other in the early morning hours.

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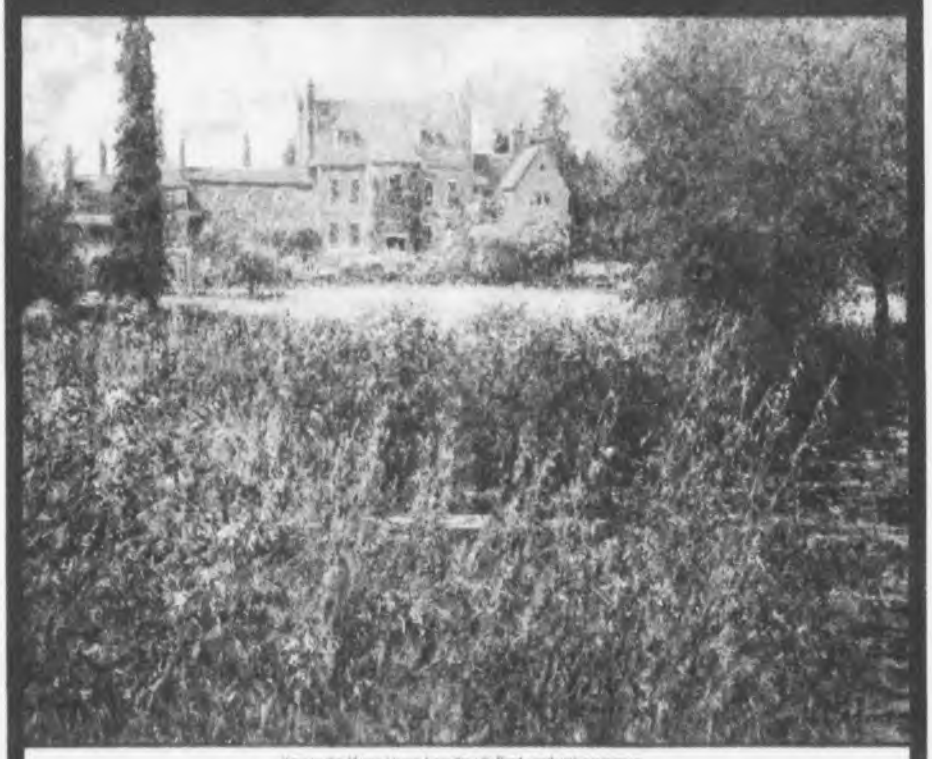

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Spanish students say 'Adiós' to Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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When April vacation comes around this year, students in Peggy Jordan's high school Spanish classes will be expanding their educational horizons.

While Cohasset has been participating in foreign exchange trips with its French classes for some time, thanks to Jordan and the School Committee, which approved the trip at its Nov. 1 meeting, students in high level Spanish classes will travel to Guatemala to be immersed in the language for one week this spring.

"We're only opening the trip up to the upper levels," said Jordan, which would be Spanish IV and V. She said out of the pool of roughly 22 students, she hopes between eight and 10 will go on the trip.

This is Jordan's second year teaching in Cohasset, but this will not be her first experience traveling abroad with students. "I taught in Hingham for five years and at Silver Lake for 16 years," said Jordan, and over the years she has traveled to both Europe and South America with students.

In 1992, she took 33 students to Mexico City, and in 1994, she took roughly 17 students to Spain. "We visited tons of places," on the trip to Spain, but she said the pace was too hectic for not only her — at 6-1/2 months pregnant — but also for her students.

In 1999, Jordan took nine students to Costa Rica through a company called ACIS Educational Travel. She said the trip was very successful for everyone involved and she will be again using ACIS to help plan the trip to Guatemala. She added, when calling to make inquiries about the trip to Guatemala, the representative she spoke to recognized her name and voice, as she had attended the trip to Costa Rica with Jordan and was so impacted by the experience, she took a job at ACIS after graduating from college.

Jordan said the students who participate in the trip will stay with host families in Guatemala City. While Jordan said she has never been to Guatemala, she has heard great things about the city. High School Social Studies Department Chair Michael Welch told her he worked with the Peace Corps in Guatemala City and it is a quaint, quiet town akin to Colonial Williamsburg.

"It will be for one week, from Sunday to Sunday," she said, adding during the weekdays, students will take a 4-hour intensive language class in the morning. Families in Guatemala open up their homes to the students similar to a bed and breakfast, and their host families will give them three simple meals per day.

Jordan said roughly 28 years ago, she participated on an exchange and it changed her life. She said students who fully experience another culture are able to make a much more personal connection with the language, and she hopes the experience will be as positive for her students as it was for her.

Water Commission honored with 'Smart Growth Award'

Cohasset Water Commission has been awarded the 2006 "Smart Growth Award" by the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for their Raingarden Program in the Lily Pond Watershed.

Raingardens are specially constructed biorention cells that allows storm water runoff to be passively filtered, to reduce nutrients and pollution, and also attenuates peak flow and runoff volume to reduce flooding. The Water Commission has constructed seven so far, and is in the process of installing another 26 in the next year.

The Smart Growth Awards were made to eight communities in recognition of their smart growth achievements. The premise of smart growth is that land conservation and development can be done better, according to EOEA.

"We are pleased that our Raingarden Program has been recognized by the state as a significant achievement," said Water Commission chairman Glenn Pratt. "The installation of rain gardens is one part of our comprehensive watershed protection program, which also includes acquisition of undeveloped watershed land to protect the integrity of the watershed into the future."

"When the Raingarden Project is completed," said Water Commissioner John McNabb, "we project that non-point source pollution from storm water runoff into Lily Pond will be reduced by at least 50 percent. This has been seen throughout Cohasset as a good way to reduce storm water pollution that should be considered for the rest of the town and is being looked at by the new Stormwater Management Committee."

"This project is one part of our overall water system improvement program," said Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer, "which also includes an ongoing program to replace old undersized water mains and make major improvements at the Lily Pond Treatment Plant to improve drinking water quality and public safety."

The Smart Growth Award was presented to the Water Commission and its consulting engineers, the Norfolk Ram Group, LLC, which designed and is implementing the Raingarden Program for the Water Commission, at the state Smart Growth Conference Friday, Dec. 1, in Worcester.

More money, more books for schools

By Nancy White
CORRESPONDENT

"These items will be taken out of the fiscal 2008 budget and be used to enhance the classroom experience right now."
— Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools

The School Committee approved the use of $138,314 to buy new education materials and equipment for all town schools last week. The money is a foundation reserve fund received by the state earlier this year.

In September 2005 the state legislature appropriated $6.8 million to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts towns and cities. Municipalities were required to submit an application for the monies. Then each application was reviewed and appropriately awarded a grant. The Cohasset Schools received a $226,000 Foundation Fund grant from the state. This type of award, according to Business Manager Dave DeGennaro, is treated as grant money and is not incorporated into the fiscal budget.

In order to find the best use for the funds, Superintendent Denise Walsh met with each school's principal to identify the school's greatest (and most urgent) needs. At the top of each school's list were new editions of textbooks.

"Typically textbooks should be replaced every three to five years," said Walsh, due to both wear-and-tear and new material. Many of the principal's requests were needed the last two years but due to budget restraints the items were put on hold, explained Walsh. Approximately $85,000 will go toward the purchase of new books.

School Committee member Richard Flynn pointed out that this money is not an every year occurrence, "it's a one time deal we're not going to get [this money] again."

The Committee discussed this point to ensure allowances will be taken to incorporate these expenses into future fiscal budgets.

Other items to be purchased include microscopes, classroom furniture, musical instruments, new books for the middle/high school library and the development of the School Committee's new Policy Manual.

The School Committee approved the Superintendent's proposal unanimously. The texts and other equipment will be bought and in use for the second half of the year.

"These items will be taken out of the fiscal 2008 budget and be used to enhance the classroom experience right now," said Superintendent Walsh.

Scholarship for Kurt Gritzan

The School Committee recognized a Scholarship Fund established in honor of Cohasset student Kurt Gritzan, who succumbed to cancer last year. School Committee members expressed their thanks and appreciation to those involved in getting the fund off the ground. "It's a wonderful way to memorialize his life," said Walsh.

Breathalyzers

The School Committee revisited the breathalyzer policy and its use school dances last week. Principal Joel Antolini was on hand to comment. "It's posted in our student handbook to notify the students that in the event that they want to participate in school sponsored activities that we reserve the right to administer the breathalyzer test," Antolini said. "They know of it in advance, we are not asking them to abandon their individual rights." The Committee agreed with Antolini's comments.

The breathalyzer policy was instituted three years ago in an effort to alleviate the reoccurring problem of students arriving to school functions under the influence.

"It's just a choice that they need to make if it's something that they want to participate in," Antolini said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Get the point

It used to be only Joker, Penguin and the Riddler had to worry about the arrival of the Bat mobile.

This holiday season anyone foolish enough to overdo it on the eggnog and get behind the wheel of a car is at risk of running into the B.A.T. Mobile — conveniently parked nearby sobriety checkpoints. Drivers asked to step out of their vehicles and walk a straight line, won't meet the Caped Crusader on board the B.A.T Mobile. Instead they'll find a complement of state and local police officers ready to administer Breathalyzer tests and make arrests – a new and efficient way to emphasize and enforce the familiar Governor's Highway Safety Bureau campaign "You drink, you drive, you lose."

The B.A.T. (breath alcohol testing) Mobile made the rounds last weekend along Route 18 in another town and police made six OUI arrests in the early morning hours of Sunday morning. Since hitting the road last July the customized, high-tech RV has been part of sobriety checkpoints in several Massachusetts towns, and throughout the holiday season motorists can expect to find the B.A.T. Mobile cruising into what state police call areas of concern and high traffic accidents. In fact, the B.A.T. mobile which features its own cell and light towers, two holding cells and all the equipment police need to book a drunk driver on the spot, has been so successful another one is in the works right now — guaranteeing law enforcement officials will be increasing the number and frequency of sobriety checkpoints across the state.

This is the time of year we all find ourselves heading out for holiday gatherings and work parties. Many get into the spirit of the season with a glass or two of cheer, and that's why it's important to have a plan in place to ensure everyone in your party gets back home safely. Designating a sober driver or agreeing to be one yourself is a smart idea that can save you a whole lot of trouble, particularly with the law.

Last weekend that concept escaped several those drivers arrested, who had passengers sober enough to operate the vehicle riding along with them. And those who think they can evade or drive right by a checkpoint, think again. Every car is stopped and every driver is checked out to determine if they are good to go, or too impaired by alcohol or other substances to operate a car safely.

It's important to remember that State and local police officers aren't trying to be a nuisance or hold up traffic, they're trying to keep our roadways and citizens safe during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Get the point?

This model doesn't need reindeer and lands on a dime. Take it up for a spin?

HAMILTON

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Conservation Commission, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.

Harbor Health Committee, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at the middle-high school.

Selectmen, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.; Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at the middle-high school.

Stormwater Committee, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Dec. 19, 4:40 p.m. at Town Hall.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 will be available Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's office.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Readers invited to sign up

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

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In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. It is important to note that you are not officially running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cohasset fire, police thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia, with a copy to the Mariner for publication.

Dear Chief Silvia:

On Saturday, Dec. 2, there was a fire at our home. I would like to thank Captain Paul Bilodeau, Lieutenant Thomas Finegan, Eric Wenzlow, Randy Belanger, Robert Forde, and Frank Mahoney for putting out the fire and minimizing the damage. I am very grateful to these fine men and very much impressed by the ability of the Cohasset, Hull and Hingham fire departments to work together so smoothly. Along with Cohasset police officers Regen Steverman, Christy Tarantino, and William Quigley, the firefighters moved with a swiftness and organization that speaks of much careful co-ordination and planning.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Emergency Medical Technicians for the many occasions on which they responded to emergency situations for us. My mother, now deceased, lived several years in a fragile state of health and benefited from the highly professional and genuinely kind care she received from your entire department.

The people of Cohasset and of surrounding towns are blessed to have such a well-organized and committed group of firefighters available to them.

Mary Eisenhaure
478 Jerusalem Road

Year-round swimming pool needed

TO THE EDITOR:

Since the Cohasset Community Swim Center opened about 30 years ago; there have been two unsuccessful attempts to convert the pool into a year-round facility.

Both attempts were unsuccessful, but that does not mean the objective was flawed.

There has been one big change since the last attempt. I am convinced that monies from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) could significantly contribute toward financing the improvement. Based on past homework, it is likely that a year-round, environmentally friendly pool with a glass retractable roof and glass sliding doors could be overlaid on the existing pool. You would have the current openness with year-round accessibility (even on rainy summer days).

Currently, it is only with tremendous effort and cost that Pool Managers open for a 12-week season. A year-round pool would offer pre-school lessons, a facility for schoolchildren, therapeutic opportunities for all ages and particularly the elderly.

The CPA has wisely spent large amounts of money on land and historical preservation and especially playing fields. It is now time to invest in something that residents of all ages will benefit from. I am confident that the project can be done for less than $2 million with the CPA assuming one-third of the cost over a three-year period; the balance to be funded by the Swim Center Board of Trustees and an aggressive fund-raising effort.

Most of all, a group of committed swimming enthusiasts is needed to organize and make this suggestion happen. It would not be easy, but most things worth having are difficult to achieve.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

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HEALTH NOTES

Healthy eating, exercise over the holidays

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

There's no getting around it; the pace quickens around the holidays. It seems that we try to cram a years worth of experience into the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's. And the extra activity generally means more food and extra pounds. But even holiday treats can fit into a healthy eating plan. The key is balance and moderation. To avoid holiday weight gain, balance the calories you consume with the calories you burn. Physical activity and moderate food choices will help. A gift you can give yourself and your family is to eat sensibly and exercise.

Let the holiday spirit move you! Take some time to be active. Studies have shown that regular aerobic activity clears the mind and actually increases brain function. Take some time off to walk with friends or your family. You will become healthier and have fun doing so. Be adventurous and try something new, but also choose something you enjoy. Stick to your regular exercise routine as much as possible. Especially during the holidays, plan your physical activity routine in advance (don't leave it up to chance). Mark it on the calendar and consider it as important as any other appointment. Get at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity daily, and more if possible.

Play some backyard football or Frisbee with children and adults before the big holiday dinner or during football half time.

Instead of television viewing, limit the number of hours spent watching and playing video games. Instead make a new holiday tradition. Take a brisk walk around the neighborhood to see the holiday decorations or grab your bike, walking shoes or snowshoes and head out to Whitney Woods or Wheelwright Park.

Play some backyard football or Frisbee with children and adults before the big holiday dinner or during football half time.

Healthy Holiday Eating — Overcome the urge to overeat. Get away from that buffet table! It's a temptation to overeat. Remember holiday parties are a time to celebrate with

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Train station sidewalk in the works

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Late Breaking News — On Friday, Dec. 8th we were notified verbally that Cohasset was awarded a Transportation Oriented Development Grant in the amount of $225,000 for the construction of sidewalk from the corner of N. Main Street and Forest Avenue / King Street to Route 3A and then to the new Greenbush Commuter Rail Station. You can read more about this elsewhere in this issue of the Cohasset Mariner.

News on the Greenbush – At a recent meeting with a CBB representative and the neighbors abutting the Pond Street crossing, we heard a number of concerns from the residents. This construction area has been very difficult for these residents because it is clearly the most complicated crossing in Cohasset. We will do everything in our power to keep things running as smoothly as we can. At this meeting, CBB indicated that their goal was to have Pond Street crossing completely finished by the end of December. We suspect that they might be a bit optimistic, considering the amount of work yet to be accomplished. However, they do need to get this crossing finished so that they can permanently close the temporary Spring St. crossing at the skating pond.

The Greenbush and Storm Water – Storm water has become a hot topic in Cohasset recently. The Board of Selectmen has appointed a Stormwater Committee to begin Cohasset's first formal review of new EPA requirements and how our Town should approach compliance with these new regulations. Just like the Town, the MBTA has to deal with the same requirements when building the Greenbush rail line. So what's the big deal, and what's different from the past?

Manufacturer's cutaway drawing of a new drain structure.

In the past, storm water traveled overland into wetlands or onto our streets where it was captured and ultimately directed to the harbor through our storm water drainage system. The object was to get rid of the storm water as quickly as possible. Now things are viewed a bit differently. Removing the stormwater as quickly as possible is not necessarily a good thing. Why not, you ask? Well, by getting rid of the water as soon as possible we were not recharging the local aquifers. Nor, are we able to take advantage of the normal pollutant filtering that local earth and plant life can offer. Cleaning up storm water before returning it to our waterways and harbors is really important.

What does this mean to the Greenbush? Everyone knows that automobiles create pollutants. These pollutants tend to accumulate on the surface of our parking areas. The release of storm water from parking lots contains heavy concentrations of this nasty stuff. This is especially true of what is called the "first flush." The "first flush" is the initial rainwater that provides the first cleaning of the parking lot surface, which carries heavy concentrations of surface pollutants. In the newly reconfigured Town Parking Lot in the center village, there are

Actual photo of drain structure to be installed at Pond Street.

Drain galleys being set into place beside Forest Avenue.

three special drain structures whose function is to clean the stormwater. These structures will automatically separate oil and grease, floatable materials and dirt and gravel from the stormwater, and store each in a separate area inside of the drain structure. Substantially cleaner stormwater is then released to James Brook from the Town Parking Lot. The Greenbush Station will have similar devices in that parking lot, as well. And, several other places in Town will process street stormwater in a similar manner. We should also point out that these are passive devices in that they work without the need for outside power. They contain a series of baffles that perform the pollutant separation automatically.

Well that sounds great. What's the downside? This benefit does have its costs. To use a shopworn phrase, "there is no such thing as a free lunch." When the MBTA turns these drain systems over to the Town we must maintain them. As any new drainage is installed in town (and some have already), these too must be maintained. These new structures need to be inspected and cleaned several times a year. One manufacturer of these stormwater-processing drains says that they must be cleaned four times per year at a total expected cost of $3000 per year per device. Plus, it requires a special vacuum truck to do the work. These trucks can cost between $100,000 and $200,000 to purchase. And since oil is being removed this must be treated as hazardous waste with appropriate disposal fees. These are issues that our Town must plan for. We conservatively expect 20 to 30 of these structures to be in place by the end of 2007.

Other Stuff in Progress – This week we began construction work on a small drainage project on Forest Avenue near Wheelwright Park. This is the last project that needs to be completed before Forest Avenue can be paved and sidewalks completed. This project consists of adding two catch basins at a low spot to each the edge of the road. These basins will channel the storm water to a special drain structure (similar to those described above), which will clean the water. Then it will be directed to drain galleys where the storm water will infiltrate back into the ground.

The current project, weather permitting, should take a week or so. We have already begun working on the plans for Forest Avenue paving and hope to go to bid early next spring. There may be light at the end of the tunnel after all!

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Marshfield uber Weymouth! Huh?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

For a guy who grew up on single wing football, Marshfield's victory over Weymouth in the high school playoffs came as something of a shock.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth and I covered high school sports for the Quincy Patriot Ledger, Marshfield didn't even belong on the same field with Weymouth.

The Rams, then known as the Hilltoppers, might have given the Weymouth jayvees a good scrum for a period or two, but beat the Maroons, as the Wildcats were called? . . . hey, give me a drag on that before you throw it away!

Weymouth, under the legendary coach Harry Arlanson, was the king of South Shore high school football in those days, a half century ago, winning three state Class A titles in four years in competition with the Arlingtons, Somervilles, and Everetts.

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They were so good they were invited to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., where they ran up a 34-0 lead on Landon High, the Florida champion, in the first half and then coasted to a 34-18 victory.

They were so good that Look magazine, with a national circulation in the millions, gave them a multi-page spread labeled "Championship High School Football," the kind of attention they pay to Florida and California schools today.

Marshfield, on the other hand, had trouble filling out a full squad.

They played in a cozy little four team South Shore League along with Scituate, Cohasset, and Hanover, filling out the rest of their seven or eight game schedules with equally tiny Catholic parish high schools or even jayvee teams.

Other natural rivals, like Pembroke and Norwell, didn't even field a team, nor did Holbrook, which was better known as Sumner High.

Randolph, a.k.a. Stetson High, seemed to be always in the depths of Class D despite the best efforts of Coach Joe Zapustas.

My closest association with a Marshfield football team was in 1947 when Eero Helin, a Quincy boy, was coach, and the team was propelled by a fullback named Dan Hall and an exciting scatback named Donnie Martins.

They were undefeated going into the Thanksgiving Day game with Scituate, a contest that either ended up in a tie or a Scituate victory, I don't remember which. I do remember that on the last play for the game, Donnie Martins broke away and was caught from behind.

Either the next year or the year after that, Helin was off to coach the high school in Patchogue on Long Island, N.Y., and the next I heard of him was a few years ago when he was murdered in a camp in Pembroke.

The other coaches in the South Shore League were an odd lot — John McBain at Sylvester High of Hanover; genial Ed Stewart at Scituate, who would just as soon interrupt practice to chat a while; and Don McNeill at Cohasset, who lost an arm as a youngster at Paragon Park in Nantasket.

And now it's Marshfield 15, Weymouth 0. How the humble have grown!

When tips made Christmas special

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I challenge you to picture the following scene playing out today in Cohasset. On a bitter cold January morning a 10-year-old girl wakes up an hour before her peers and goes outside to work. She travels for miles on foot. Alone. In the dark. Huge dogs roaming free in the neighborhood bark at her, chase her, sometimes even bite her. Yet she goes out every morning before school. And on weekends. Through the summer too. By the end of each week she has worked a total of 8 to 10 hours, and she is paid enough money to buy a small pizza.

This was the life of an average papergirl or boy in 1975. It's unimaginable now, in an age so paranoid it makes life during the Cuban Missile Crisis seem carefree in comparison, but my wife and I both lived to tell about it. And the part we like to talk about most is Christmas Tips. After being criminally underpaid for 51 weeks, that collection day the week before Christmas was a paperkid's dream, as if 60 Scrooges had thrown open their storm doors and giddily offered you half a crown to buy the big goose for Bob Cratchit. It was more than a Christmas tradition; to us it *was* Christmas, as hotly anticipated and joyously celebrated as Hood eggnog, carolers and Santa Claus.

Of course paperboys and girls are extinct now. A giant meteor hit the Yucatan Peninsula in 1986 and killed off all the trees on which they fed. But that cataclysm allowed the babysitters, who can burrow underground, to thrive and eventually

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rule the landscape.

Now, there was babysitting work 30 years ago as well, but as always we never clued in to how pitifully we were being compensated. I often wonder whether Mr. and Mrs. Donnovan, now probably in their 70s, ever lose sleep over the hourly rate they used to pay me. After finally getting their two hyperactive boys to stay in their beds I would sit on the couch in their cold living room watching Fantasy Island and trying desperately to stay awake. Early on I sensed it was a bad idea to be caught sleeping on the job by one's boss, a lesson I relearned the hard way during my brief career with Brinks Home Security. But inevitably I would succumb to either fatigue or hypothermia and the parents would startle me awake at 11:15 or so.

As I stumbled around woozily pretending I'd been conscious the whole time, Mrs. Donnovan would scrounge in the bottom of her purse for the pennies and nickels she would need to complete the transaction. I would then climb into the death seat of their Honda Civic with a visibly tipsy Mr. Donnovan behind the wheel, and pray I would live to spend the change in my left hand while gripping the door handle with my right.

You can understand then, how pleasantly surprised I was the other day when my daughter returned home from her first babysitting job with enough money to feed a family of five. Since she doesn't have a family of five I promptly confiscated the money and took my family out to Bertucci's. My wife and I got steak and veal and the kids got a bunch of those free rolls they like so much, so everybody won.

Having a third source of income is really handy this time of year, especially with kids' tastes getting more expensive by the minute. For instance the whole cell-phone trend just baffles me. Giving a 12-year-old girl a cell phone is like giving heroin to a junkie. Why don't we just go all the way and give every boy a subscription to Maxim? We'll never see any of our kids again. We can all retire to Arizona and be done with it.

By the way, which one of you is behind this dramatic compression of the gift schedule? If you give them the cell phone at 12, the laptop at 14, and the Trans Am with the big Firebird decal on the hood at 16, what the heck do you give them for a graduation present, a house? When they turn 21 your kids will expect their inheritance, and you'll have no choice but to kick off or risk losing their affection. Then what about a wedding gift? You can't shop from beyond the grave, people, despite all of AOL's efforts to extend its business into the corpse demographic.

Anyway have a great holiday everyone. And don't forget to tip the kid who delivered your Mariner, even if she's got kids of her own now. It'll give her a Christmas thrill.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, and would like Santa to know that he could really use a new cell phone, as his was run over recently by a Camaro.

LIBRARY CORNER

Independent film night is Dec. 21

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Bags – Looking for a unique gift for a reader? Paul Pratt Memorial Library book bags are available for purchase at the library for $15. These sturdy, heavy canvas bags are ideal for carrying home library materials. Each bag has an interior pocket large enough to hold a library card. Book bags come in dark green with a white logo and lettering. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Library.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at Paul Pratt Library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Independent Film Night – Take a break from holiday shopping and come to a free movie at the library. The independent film "Be With Me" will be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – With the holiday rush upon us, this month the group is trying something different. Rather than assign one book to read and discuss, bring in a book that is currently being read. It could be fiction or nonfiction, biography or graphic novel. Be prepared to share a comment or two about the book. This will be a fun, relaxing way to share one's enthusiasm for reading. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. The group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish Music For Children – Monday, Dec. 11,18 and Jan. 8, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room, Jodi Craft will teach and sing familiar songs in Spanish. This interactive Spanish enrichment program is for all ages and communities. No registration required. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Come join us for a rockin' good time.

Spanish Story Time – Friday, Dec. 15, from 1-to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Su Escuela, The Language Center, will present Spanish Story Time. This interactive program will be facilitated by native Spanish speaking teachers who will translate, adapt, and present well known books.

Linc Bloomfield featured on Our Town

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with local author and historian Lincoln Bloomfield. Mr. Bloomfield discusses his new book "Accidential Encounters with History: Some Lessons Learned" and shares his life in the fields of education and high ranking government service.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Christmas Tree Drive

Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard will hold a Christmas Tree Drive. They will pick up your holiday tree and take it away at the cost of $20 per tree and $15 per tree for Senior Citizens.

To have your tree picked up call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions.

Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up from the end of your driveway Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Health Notes

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family and friends, not just food.

It's easy to overindulge during the holidays. Make sure to watch portion sizes and select one or two of your favorites from the host of tempting foods.

Leave those extra calories behind — limit your intake of foods high in fat or added sugar.

If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation.

Stick with a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables. Bowls of fresh fruit are a festive and sweet substitute for candy or chocolates

Remember calories add up! This is especially true during the holidays when we snack more. For a healthy snack, choose a piece of fresh fruit.

You've tried the leftover turkey sandwich; now try the leftover turkey salad! Add a few pieces of turkey to a generous portion of mixed greens, cucumbers, mushrooms, peppers, or any other vegetables you like. Sprinkle with dried cranberries for that authentic holiday taste.

For a great holiday gift, try going to your farmer's market or grocery store and selecting fresh fruits and vegetables. Place all your tasty treats in a basket, and you have a present packed with tasty fruits and vegetables.

Holiday Cooking: Keeping it Safe! — As the holidays approach we like to celebrate by entertaining friends and family, throwing parties, and preparing feasts. From the buffet table to the office party, food moves center stage throughout the holiday season. Be sure to keep food safe by following basic food safety steps.

• Clean: Wash hands and food-contact surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, knives, sponges and counter tops.

• Separate: Don't cross-contaminate—don't let bacteria spread from one food product to another. This is especially true for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

• Cook: Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause food-borne illness.

• Chill: Refrigerate promptly. Refrigerating foods quickly keeps most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 40°F and the freezer at 0°F, and the accuracy of the settings should be checked occasionally with a thermometer.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Letters to the Editor

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 12

Affordable housing for seniors

To the Editor:

(Mrs. McMorris provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter to Selectmen).

During a more hopeful and energetic time the town envisioned an "affordable" senior housing project on land adjacent to the Cook estate. It is wrong to abandon that worthy goal without first making every effort possible to make such a project work.

I urge the Board to convene a discussion between the Housing Authority, Housing Partnership, the housing consultant and interested residents who served on the senior housing committee aimed at developing an RFP for a downsized rental project for the site. Many of these people shared a vision for this property that would meet the needs of Cohasset seniors. Please keep that vision alive. This potential should be explored before the door is closed forever by a conservation restriction.

As a past member and chairman of the Conservation Commission I fully appreciate the desire to protect environmental resources. I believe that wise policy recognizes the balancing of various needs. We can build what needs to be built and still save what needs to be saved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

Jingle Bell Walk appreciates community support!

To The Editor:

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to express its appreciation to the many merchants and volunteers who lent a helping hand at our Twelfth Jingle Bell Walk.

As the bells rang out from St. Stephen's Church, thanks to Mary Kennedy, Santa and Mrs. Claus accompanied by their many elf assistants arrived at the Community Center. All our volunteers were ready to go with jingle bells, hot cocoa, and cookies waiting.

Mrs. Claus and Santa, along with Frosty, Rudolph and the merry Elves led a community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites. Photos with Santa, bowling, and face painting followed. Hayrides, the Turkey Trot, and the Luminaries were a big hit for everyone.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many contributors and volunteers who helped make the day a great success!

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We would like to additionally thank all our staff, the COA, The Cohasset Fire Dept., Cohasset Police Dept., The Patriot Ledger, and Mariner Newspapers. We give special thanks to the Girls Scouts, the Rusty Skippers Band, our high school volunteers, face painters, all the Elves & Rudolph, Frosty and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus! Thank you all!

Happy Holidays,

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Energizing the village with housing

To the Editor:

What gets decided at Town Meeting depends not only on the facts, but on the timing of the article during the evening, what names are listed as sponsors, how much advance marketing of the issue, and the persuasiveness of the individuals who speak for or against it. And often there is a disconnect between persuasiveness and rational marshalling of the relevant facts.

So sometimes the decision is inconsistent with those facts, and counter to the long-term interest of the Town. Example: the vote against the well-developed bylaw changes proposed to facilitate much needed, reasonably priced dwelling units in the village (something that had been approved in principle at previous meeting). Instead, it was voted to spend $30,000 on a consultant to tell us what we need!

The mantra about preserving the character of the village is useful to obscure other considerations (and perhaps other agendas). But preservation also entails preserving its economic viability, and that in turn requires some beneficial changes. There is nothing so architecturally stunning that can't be improved, nor of untouchable historic significance. We tend to like it because it is familiar, not because of its merits.

Yes, parking could be a problem, but it has to be addressed rather than duck the responsibility by a lateral arabesque to a consultant, or to yet another committee, or other stalling device. Most improvements in our town's doings result from the initiative of its citizens, not from the elected officials more occupied with regulatory concerns than initiatives. So let us hope that, rather than wait until the elected boards have run out of rationale to resist change, a group of citizens will again propose the needed by-law changes. *That's* the process that we often need rely on. *That's* democracy!

I'm not suggesting that the town get into development, rather that the town removes obstacles to our benefiting from the initiative of private individuals willing to develop what the town needs.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$706,666 TO HELP SMALL MANUFACTURERS (H 5210)

House 143-10; Senate 34-2; override Gov. Romney's veto of $706,666 in funding for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP). Supporters of the $706,666 said that MassMEP is an important group that provides small Massachusetts manufacturers with affordable and innovative solutions to their problems. They noted that it helps leverage many public and private resources and services to help these small companies become more competitive and profitable. They pointed to many success stories including the retention of jobs, increased sales and investment in these small firms. Opponents of the $706,666 acknowledged that MassMEP is a very useful group that has helped many companies but argued that it should fund itself by the revenue that it generates from charging fees for its services. (A "Yes" vote is for the $706,666. A "No" vote is against the $706,666).

$1.1 MILLION FOR SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAMS (H 5210)

House 144-10; Senate 36-0; override Gov. Romney's $1.1 million veto reduction (from $2.6 million to $1.5 million) in funding for School-to-Work Programs. The programs connect a student's teacher and employer to help the student apply his or her classroom knowledge to real-life work experiences. Supporters of the $1.1 million said that this program is a very successful one that is invaluable to students who are going on to college or entering the workforce immediately after high school. Opponents of the $1.1 million said that the program is adequately funded and does not need the additional $1.1 million. (A "Yes" vote is for the $1.1 million. A "No" vote is against the $1.1 million).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

MBTA FARE EVADERS (S 2256): The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill allowing uniformed, "front line" MBTA employees to issue civil "evader tickets" to any passenger who attempts to evade the fare. The legislation makes the matter a civil offense similar to a motor vehicle violation and imposes a $15 fine for a first offense, $100 for a second offense and $250 for subsequent ones. It also allows these uniformed employees to request identification from the evaders in order to write the ticket. If a violator refuses to provide identification, the employee would call the MBTA police who could arrest the person if he or she refused to provide identification. The proposal would eliminate a current law that allows MBTA police officers to arrest evaders as trespassers and charge them with a criminal misdemeanor.

$15 MILLION FOR PANDEMIC FLU PREPARATION (H 5349): The Senate approved a bill providing $15 million to help the state prepare for and respond to a pandemic flu outbreak. The Senate also added an amendment providing $2.3 million to reassess the town of Danvers with its expenses related to a chemical plant explosion in November. It also attached a provision providing $4 million to extend emergency prescription drug coverage for one year for seniors and the disabled to ensure that eligible Medicaid and Prescription Advantage members can access necessary prescription drugs while transitioning to the federal Medicare Part D coverage. The House has approved a different version of the measure and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

INTERFERING WITH TRAINS AND SUBWAYS (H 2143): The Senate approved a proposal creating a new crime of "interfering with the operation of any train or subway." The legislation imposes a range of jail sentences and fines on anyone who shoots at or throws anything at a railroad or subway car, places objects on the tracks, generally disrupts, delays, prevents or interferes with the vehicle's operation and/or causes serious bodily injury to the crew or passengers. The penalties range from a $500 fine and/or one year in prison for causing interference or delay to a $50,000 fine and/or 20-year prison sentence for an action that causes serious bodily injury to the crew or passengers. The House has approved a different version of the measure and the Senate's version will now be considered by the House.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY (H 4600): The Senate approved legislation establishing December 15 as Bill Of Rights Day, in recognition of the day that the United States adopted the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The House has already approved the measure and only final approval in each branch is needed prior to the proposal going to the governor. It has taken almost a year to get to this point for this bill that was filed in December 2005.

ABANDONED BABIES: Representative Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) announced that he will file legislation to extend indefinitely the law allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room. The original law went into effect in 2004 and expires on June 30, 2008. The bill also allows newborns to be surrendered to 911 emergency responders. Supporters say that the bill has worked well and has already saved the lives of three babies who were dropped off under the new law. They argue that making the law a permanent one and adding 911 responders would save more lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They note that without this law, outside abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. Opponents say that the new law sends the wrong message by legalizing child neglect and abandonment for the first few days of a baby's life. They noted the state already provides ample opportunity to give up babies for adoption.

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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Parents learn a lesson in childrearing

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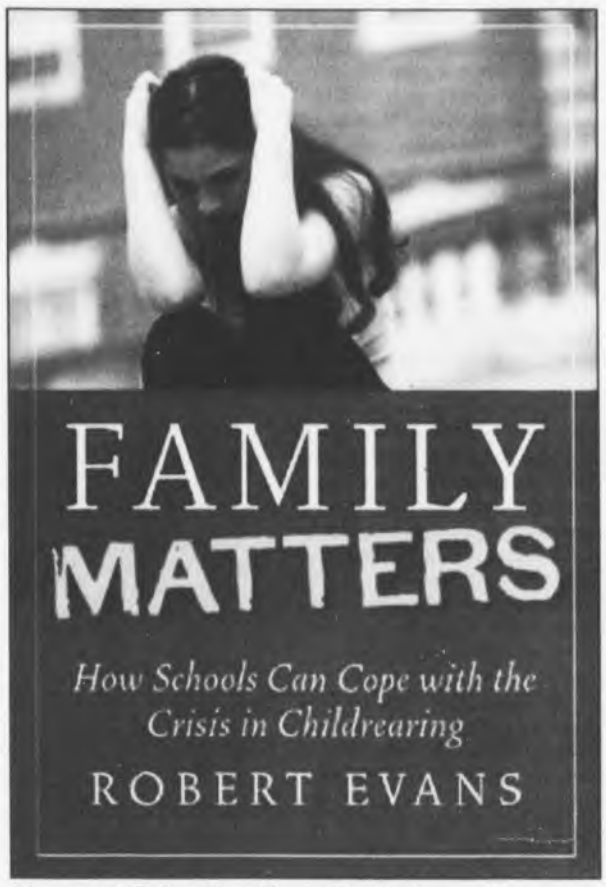

The cover of Robert Evans' book "Family Matters: How Schools Cope with the Crisis in Childrearing."

All parents have their moments when they begin to question whether they are doing a good job. Raising a happy, healthy family is no easy feat, but thanks to the Character Education Committee at the Osgood School, many Cohasset parents were able to participate in a discussion on the topic Tuesday with Dr. Robert Evans.

The Character Education Committee is dedicated to promoting children's social and emotional development by supporting the school's character education curriculum both at school and at home. While the committee works in conjunction with the Osgood School, parents of students from K-12 and beyond were in attendance.

Evans is a clinical and organizational psychologist and the Executive Director of the Human Relations Service in Wellesley. He holds degrees from Princeton and Harvard. He is a former high school and preschool teacher, and for many years a child and family therapist. Evans has served in schools for more than 30 years and now speaks widely at educational conferences throughout the United States. He came to Cohasset this week to speak about themes included in his latest book, "Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope With the Crisis in Childrearing."

Parents have been raising children since the beginning of time, and Evans said it is one of the most normal things for a person to do. However, he said parenting is a task that is becoming more and more difficult as the years go on.

"There are increasing complexities in society," he said, such as technology that never existed before and the fast pace at which things are moving forward. It is a situation that can leave parents feeling anxious about preparing their children for the future.

However, he said in his opinion, there are three crucial things parents must do for their children which have always been true: giving adequate amounts of nurture, structure and latitude.

Evans explained nurturing is the care and attention that is bestowed upon tiny babies. "I associate nurture with people like Julia Child and Mr. Rogers," he said. "Fred (Rogers) always liked you just the way you are," and it didn't matter if you were the most coordinated or uncoordinated kid on the block. He said through nurture children develop self-esteem and to some degree, as adults being nurtured is still very important, although as adults get older, they tend to rely less on their parents to provide it.

But while being nurturing is good, being over-nurturing is not better. Evans said although Julia Child was a fantastic chef, one of her own personal rules was, she would never have seconds. He said the same holds true with nurturing. "When you've had enough, you stop eating" and when a child has had enough nurturing, too much can be overwhelming, he said.

According to Evans, structure is also extremely important in a child's life. He said structure can be thought of as an imaginary box in which a child lives where the behaviors and expectations of that child are clearly defined. "Every culture has a box and that's powerfully comforting as a human being. Kids with clear boxes are better able to persevere, control their impulses and when they make mistakes, they learn lessons," Evans said.

Giving children latitude is also important, and Evans clarified this does not mean giving them carte blanche to do whatever they want. "They need room to make choices and find out the consequences," he said, otherwise it will affect them later on in life when they must be able to take care of themselves.

After explaining the three "keys" to parenting, Evans acknowledged he hadn't told the audience anything it didn't know. He said where parents sometimes falter is in the delivery, which is very important.

Nurturing cannot be done without spending time with your children, he said, adding currently the American family is suffering as our country spends more time working than any other country in the world.

"It has made a difference in our national economy, our household economy, in professional opportunities for women, but it's not good for kids," he said.

Evans noted there is a growing trend in which parents think because they don't spend much time together with their children, the time they do have is more precious. However, he noted you can only have high-quality interaction when it is not forced and the only way to do that is to be together every day and get through the mundane and once in a while, a quality moment surfaces.

Negotiation is also something that is being seen more and more in today's children. He said in classrooms when a teacher says, "Get out your math books," there is no longer the 45-second shuffle as children get their books from their desks and do as they're told. The request brings about many little negotiators who don't want to have a math lesson that day. He said he had heard of parents in New York City applying to send their children to private elementary schools and when the children are accepted, they ask the child where they want to go. "Imagine asking a child how they want to spend your $20,000," he said.

Getting back to having a solid "box" in which to live, Evans said children only feel secure when they have a box with not only a top and sides, but also a bottom, which is a firm foundation provided by parents who are in control.

When it comes to latitude, Evans said many parents these days are doing whatever they can to avoid having their children face consequences. He said if children get in trouble at school, there used to be a time when that child would automatically be in trouble at home as well, but now, that is not always the case. He said having worked in schools he knows there are many parents who want exceptions for students, or come in with the infamous "I don't want it on his/her record." With parents smoothing everything over for their children all the time, Evans said it leaves them unprepared for their adult life. "I think we need to prepare the child for the path instead of preparing the path for the child," he said, which means letting them deal with the consequences of their own actions.

Evans asked those in attendance to think of one of the most valuable lessons they ever learned. "Chances are, it came with loss, disappointment or failure," he said. If children are protected from experiencing that, they will never learn the ability to cope with their problems and deal with them on their own.

The Character Education Committee at Osgood invited Robert Evans to speak Tuesday evening. Parents of students in grades K-12 attended.

At the root of parenting, Evans said all anyone has to do is set a good example for his or her child. "You are always teaching. When you think you're teaching, you're preaching," he said. If a parent watches television all day then tells his son or daughter they watch too much television, it doesn't mean much as they are learning by example, he said. "You always need to think twice about the example you set."

When the fear comes that you're not doing something right, Evans said it is important to remember children are very resilient. "All children have fragile moments and some truly are fragile, but if you think you're going to make one wrong move and the kids are going to plummet to a horrible future, that's not true," he said. In reality, he noted most children could just use a little more Mr. Rogers, who was always happy to spend time with you, show you things, and keep winning and losing out of the equation.

Evans ended the night by telling the audience of the speech Mr. Rogers gave when accepting his lifetime achievement award at the 1998 Daytime Emmys. In front of all the actors and performers, Rogers stood up and said, "All of us have special ones who have loved us into being. Would you just take, along with me, one minute to think of the people who have helped you become who you are. One minute of silence." He then looked at his watch and said, "I'll watch the time."

Evans then asked the same of his audience, and at the end, reminded them all that likely, the people they thought about weren't perfect, but loved them enough to make a difference in their lives and helped shape who they are, and as a parent, that is the best thing you can do.

"Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope With the Crisis in Childrearing" is on sale at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and other major retailers.

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EDC has its eye on downtown zoning

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a package and Article 27 was taken up separately. The package of articles would have created a separate zoning district — the Cohasset Village Business District — to be governed by its own dimensional provisions, which would have had more liberal standards with respect to the creation of multiple family housing than would exist in other business districts. In other words, it would have allowed new residential units to be created in the Village, provided they were not on the first floor of a building.

The new district would have been put on the town's zoning maps, new dimensional requirements for multi-family housing would have been established, and a set of use provisions, which would be the same as currently exist, would have been put in place. After literally hours of discussion and a voice vote so close it required a hand count (55 in favor, 67 against), it was determined the articles did not have the required two-thirds approval.

Through Article 27, which was almost pulled from the warrant after the package of articles failed, parking requirements would have changed for downtown businesses within 500 feet of the new Pleasant Street parking lot. That motion was defeated by a two-thirds vote as well.

However, two articles were passed which allocated $15,000 each for the Planning Board to hire a consultant to study the best ways to move forward with Village zoning. The Planning Board said without that kind of expertise, it did not feel comfortable approving bylaws which could have unintended consequences on the development of the Village.

Developer Wayne Sawchuk, who has proposed a mixed-use development in the Samuel Bates House (1811 building) in the village, said one of his main concerns in terms of the articles passing the second time around, is that the Planning Board, and in turn the town, will not support the articles without a conclusive report from the planner. He added as far as he knows, the Planning Board has not solicited bids for the planner as of yet, and it is unlikely a report will be complete by the spring.

Another issue the EDC is up against is finding a way to answer questions regarding litigation over sewer capacity. Brown said if Village zoning is changed to allow development of residential units, there has been concern that it will open up the town to litigation, as there is no sewer capacity to accommodate additional units.

Sawchuk also noted it might be wise for the EDC to discuss establishing parking regulations. He said having developers provide parking for units depending on lot size and allocating designated spaces for residents should be considered. He also noted it might be a good idea to dedicate overnight parking in some areas.

Brown said the EDC is also working on compiling an inventory of all the residential units which could be built, should the zoning regulations change. He said there are currently 31 known units in the village, and one major concern of residents voiced the last time is just how many more people could be living downtown if the articles pass.

The EDC will continue working on answering the questions associated with the articles. It will meet again Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Town to be awarded state funds

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ing of the application it reapplied this Sept. 8. "It's been cut by $100,000, but we think the town can still do something with it," he quipped.

Prior to applying for the funding, Brennan and Gruber received endorsement from a number of other boards, including the Board of Health, which is very supportive of the endeavor as it both promotes physical activity and cuts down on pollution.

Longtime Board of Health member Steve Bobo said he was very glad to hear about the grant. He has been working with other Greenbush towns on a "Rails with Trails" project and adding sidewalks, which encourage walking to the station, would be a wonderful complement to their efforts. Rails with Trails is part of a national initiative that constructs biking and walking paths parallel to train right-of-ways, providing safe access to public transportation. Not only does the program endorse physical activity for a healthy lifestyle, it would help cut down on pollution and encourage connectivity of communities.

Bobo said while it has been a struggle with the MBTA and the town has received less than it wanted by means of pedestrian access from the organization, "Thanks to the Greenbush gang, we've gotten something out of it," he said. "This is certainly a step in the right direction," he said.

Cohasset was one of 14 communities that received funding from the state. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements will be made not only in Cohasset, but areas of Boston, Holyoke, Worcester, Cambridge, Lowell, Scituate and Somerville. New housing development will also be completed in areas of Boston and Fitchburg.

In a press release issued by the Office for Commonwealth Development, Development Chief Andrew Gottlieb explains "Smart Growth" is about building in and around central business districts or traditional city or town centers, near transit stations or in areas that have previously been developed for commercial, industrial or institutional uses. He said it is also about offering improved transportation and mobility choices to reduce automobile dependence. "Today's awards will go a long way in improving our quality of life in Massachusetts because these projects will create more housing and create more vibrant neighborhoods where walking, bicycling, and public transit are viable mobility options," he stated.

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Voters at last spring's annual Town Meeting set the stage for the development by approving a zoning article which established a transit-oriented development overlay district at the former Davenport parcel, located at 132 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A). The overlay district permits "mixed use" development that was not allowed under existing zoning.

The developer, New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development Co., is proceeding with plans to redevelop the site that would include 34,000 square feet of new retail space and a small number of one-and two-bedroom apartments.

To date there are more than 88 TOD projects in the state in various stages of planning, development, or already completed in transit station areas, including more than 26,000 units of housing, 4.6 million square feet of retail development, and 11 million square feet of office development.

Towns granted TOD grant funding

Town	Project type	Cost
Chinatown	preliminary design	$50,000
Framingham	preliminary design	$50,000
Holyoke	preliminary design	$50,000
Jamaica Plain	preliminary design	$50,000
Mattapan	preliminary design	$50,000
Worcester	preliminary design	$50,000
Cambridge	pedestrian & bicycle	$1,000,000
Cohasset	pedestrian	$225,000
Dorchester	pedestrian	$60,000
Lowell	pedestrian	$500,000
Scituate	pedestrian	$417,475
Somerville	pedestrian & bicycle	$479,000
Dorchester	housing	$1,025,000
Fitchburg	housing	$400,000
Roxbury	housing	$500,000
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Total		$5,906,475

**Funding given to Chinatown, Jamaica Plan, Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury was awarded to the city of Boston.*

Recreation Notes

Holiday Vacation Dance Workshop

Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a Holiday Vacation Dance Workshop, directed by Caroline Carr, from Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Dec. 29, in the auditorium at Town Hall. The program will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and is for boys and girls age 7 and older.

Basic jazz and hip hop dance techniques will be included. Emphasis will be placed on developing a healthy, active lifestyle, building strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as feeling good and having fun.

Participants are encouraged to come in comfortable attire, bring a bottle of water, a snack and an open mind. Price is $75 per participant. Registration forms are available in the foyer of Town Hall or call the Recreation Department at 383-4109 for more information.

Teen Center to host dance Dec. 15

There will be a dance at the Teen Center Friday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grades six through eight is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold.

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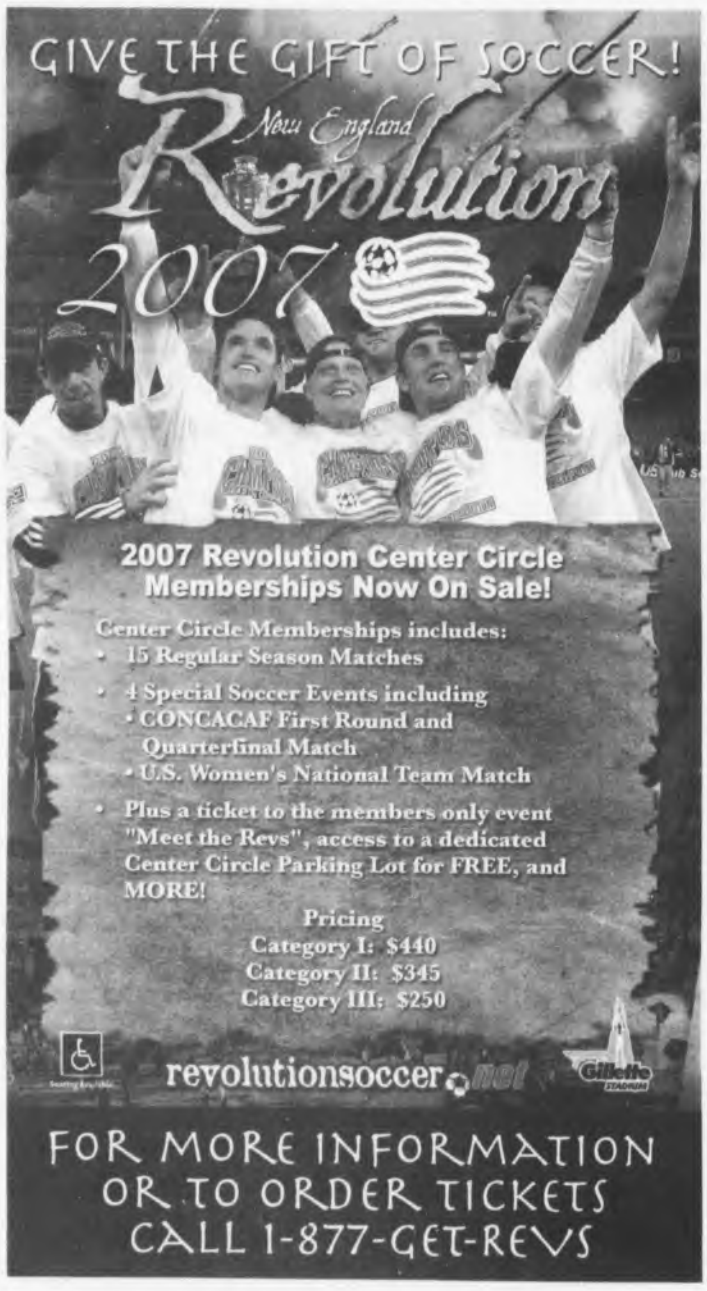

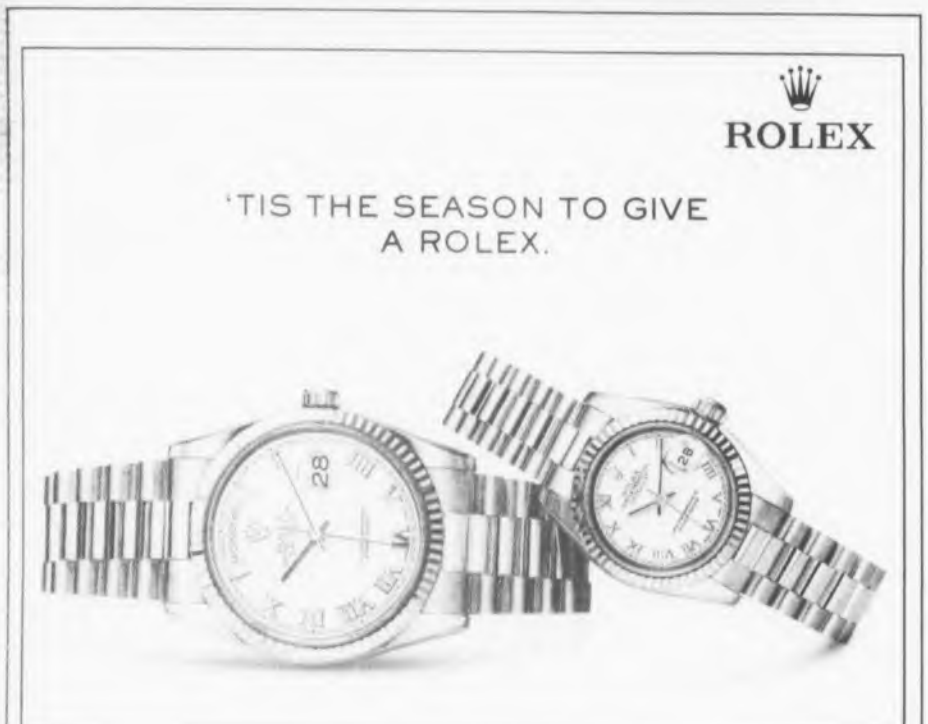

Village merchants say 'Thanks' with Holiday Stroll on Saturday

By Samantha Brown
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"People have continued to patronize the stores and we've managed to stay in business despite some pretty rough times."
— David Bigley, All the Best

The holidays are upon us and that means it's time for downtown merchants to deck their storefronts and open their doors for the annual "Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll."

This year's event, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m., will be a double celebration as merchants are also extending their thanks to the many patrons who have helped keep business strong during an immense amount of construction this year.

"People have continued to patronize the stores and we've managed to stay in business despite some pretty rough times," said David Bigley, owner of All the Best Natural Foods. "We sincerely appreciate the patience and continued support of our patrons, and this is a small way for us to show it."

This year, merchants have partnered together with the school's Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, which allows students from more urban areas to commute to schools in suburban areas as a way of expanding educational opportunities and reducing racial imbalance. "In the past, the Village has benefitted the Cohasset Food Pantry, but this year we decided to do something different," said Bigley, as all the merchants decided to purchase wreaths for their storefronts from the METCO program, which was selling holiday greenery as a fund-raiser. "I think we just about doubled their order and they were thrilled," he said.

To give the village a unified theme, all the wreaths were decorated the same, with gold bows, starfish and seashells.

The merchants will also be holding raffles in every store, the proceeds of which will benefit the Appalachia Service Project. "We all know ASP is something near and dear to my heart," said Bigley, as he has participated many times and helps with the fund-raisers, which make the trip possible. ASP is an interfaith program that sends teens and adults from all over the country to areas of Appalachia, to do badly needed repairs on homes in some of the poorest areas of the United States.

Bigley said at his shop, he will be raffling off a basket of organic coffee blends which includes a CD of music from countries which grow coffee beans. He will also be offering organic chocolate samples for those who stop by. At the Windsor Tea Shop, owner Judy McColgan will be raffling off a tea sampler. Emporium Naturals will raffle off a basket of natural soaps. "We'll all be raffling off something that has to do with our stores," he said.

For the second year in a row, Brendan St. John will be providing hayrides for those who attend. Proceeds from the hayrides will also benefit the ASP trip. Guests will come aboard in front of the Windsor Tea Shop at the James Brook Crossing Shops, and will ride up Depot Court down North Main Street, around the common and back again.

There will be live entertainment this weekend as well, as the Cohasset High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the South Shore Art Center. In addition, Bigley's son Aaron will be coming home from college specifically to play the bagpipes during the celebration. The Rusty Skippers will also be marching around the downtown area and the bells will be played at St. Stephen's Church. "It should be really nice," he said.

But no holiday event would be complete without the jolly old elf himself, and the Holiday Stroll will not disappoint. Santa will be on hand at Coldwell Bankers to listen to this year's wish list, but children may want to follow up by sitting down to write a letter destined for the North Pole at Coastal Countryside.

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Although weather predictions currently look good for the weekend, the event will be held rain or shine. "We're all pretty excited for it."

The Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll will take place Saturday, Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m. in Cohasset Village. The village will be closed to traffic on South Main Street from Elm Street to Brook Street, roughly from the Red Lion Inn to Cohasset Hardware during the celebration. For more information, please call David Bigley at (781) 383-3005.

Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll list of events

Hayrides around Cohasset Common
A visit from Santa
Open houses and free refreshments at participating merchants
A performance by the CHS Jazz Combo at the Art Center
An opportunity to write a letter to Santa
A performance of Christmas music on the Carillon Bells of St. Stephen's Church
A bagpipe performance by Cohasset resident Aaron Bigley
The Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll will take place Saturday, Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m.

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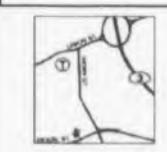
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Youth to serve lady hoopsters

CHS girls feature just 2 seniors, 1 junior

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

John Levangie's biggest concern? Filling the gaps in the guard positions lies at the top of his worry list.

Can you imagine the confused and shocked look opponents will have when they square off against the Cohasset High girls basketball team?

Who would dream that head coach John Levangie selected two seniors, one junior, four sophomores, three freshmen and one eighth-grader to join his varsity squad?

With this information some opponents would have thought Levangie had accidentally submitted the junior varsity lineup. So what's the deal here?

What names do we find among the young but elite 11 players on his roster? Senior captains Haley Haracz and Lacey Richardson; junior Anna Haggerty; sophomores Sam Lehr, Carly Salerno, Sarah Coggins, and Kayla Farren; freshmen Tory Lehr, Meredith Kelly, and Samantha Crough; eighth-grader Carly Haggerty.

One would guess, after more than 25 years of coaching, Levangie will weave together a strong team. Last year's 16-6 record and trip to the Div. 4

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Carly Haggerty (25) drives to the basket in the second half of last Thursday's season-opening win over Holbrook.

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Cohasset's John Sturino goes in for a layup during pregame warm-ups prior to last week's season opener in Holbrook. The Skippers sophomore scored a team-high 13 points in a 52-40 win; see story, page 21.

Grapplers score big win over BC High

By Mark Goodman
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Things were looking bleak for the Cohasset High wrestling team when it found itself down 24-0 through four matches against BC High on Wednesday night.

But the Skippers responded with wins in eight of its next matches – six via pin – and finished with a 46-36 victory to improve their record to 2-2 on the young season.

Senior Adam Smith got the run started with a four-point, major decision victory at 152. Seniors Gannon Dorion (160) and Tim Toomey (171) both pulled out clutch third-period pins to turn what were going to be three-point wins into six points on the scoreboard for Cohasset.

At 189, senior Nick Cambi continued his dominant start to the season, earning a pin, his fourth in as many matches. Junior Steve Hurlbut pinned his opponent at 215.

Sophomore Rudy Helbock won his 103-pound match, and freshman Jack Murphy (112) and senior Ryan McLellan (119) finished the run with pins of their own. McLellan joins Cambi with a 4-0 individual record so far this season.

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New hockey coach has a positive outlook

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Alex Goetz (left), shown above in action against East Longmeadow last season, is a winger on the second line to begin the new season.

By Mark Goodman
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Bob Walsh's tenure as Cohasset High hockey coach didn't get off to a winning start, but he is far from discouraged about the season ahead.

Considering the caliber of opponent (Westwood) they faced in Saturday's game, the Skippers fared pretty well. A pair of goals from junior winger Pat Doonan had Cohasset within one, 3-2, at the second intermission.

The third period wasn't quite as competitive, as Cohasset suffered a couple tough breaks that saw two goals into its own net off of players' skates. Westwood also added a pair of power play goals to eventually earn a 7-2 win.

"Westwood was as solid as I thought they were going to be," said Walsh. "They're a good team, and we really didn't execute some of the things we had practiced the week before."

With that said, the first-year high school coach (Walsh is also associate head coach for the Bridgewater State College team) wasn't about to let one loss get in the way of an overall positive outlook for the year.

"We're going to be a good team," Walsh said Monday. "They're working hard everyday, both on the ice and doing off-ice practices."

Walsh is a proponent of off-ice

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Cohasset's Nick Cambi has the upper hand on his Bridgewater-Raynham opponent during last year's Marshfield Tournament. The Skippers will be competing there again this year during the Christmas vacation. In the meantime, they host Hanover, Canton and Norton tomorrow morning (Dec. 16) at 10, and travel to Bristol-Plymouth on Monday night.

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Cohasset's Sarah Coggins applies the pressure on Holbrook's Moe Lynch (5) during the first half of last week's season opener. The girls travel to East Bridgewater tonight (Dec. 15) and Abington on Tuesday.

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South semifinals underscore his winning style. He also surrounds himself with highly knowledgeable assistants like Kay Long, Basil Cronin and JV coach Matt Lewis.

So, in a few words, how would you describe his players? Inexperienced, well-conditioned, and accelerating in their skills.

Levangie's biggest concern? Filling the gaps in the guard positions lies at the top of his worry list. He lost some excellent ball handlers like Chelsea Grossman to graduation and Gabriella Flibotte to prep school.

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Cohasset's Sam Lehr (52) rises above her defender for two of her game-high 23 points against Holbrook.

To offset this weakness, Levangie has emphasized the importance of a well-executed press on defense. This decision paid off big-time in game one of the season at Holbrook.

As the game progressed, the Skippers gradually tightened the leash on the Bulldogs and didn't let go until the final buzzer when the Skippers won by a decisive 52-17 score. The Skippers never fell behind. Even at the half they controlled the floor by a commanding 20-9 lead.

Haracz voiced excitement about the game, saying, "Our press really shut Holbrook down at the beginning of the second half. As a result we went on a 16-point run."

Levangie also became animated when asked about the game, saying, "The girls ran very well. Their preseason work definitely showed. Once they strung some passes together, things fell into place."

Sam Lehr tallied a whopping 23 points, while Farren and Salerno contributed seven and six, respectively. Haracz ripped down seven rebounds, closely followed by Salerno with six.

A few days after the game, Levangie fielded a few questions from the Mariner about how this team will perform in 06-07.

"It's still too early to pinpoint all of our strengths and weaknesses," he said. "However, the girls have practiced very hard since day one and improve daily."

He has initially picked Farren, Haracz, Richardson, Salerno and Lehr for his starting five.

Of course, this list can change at any time.

With the talents of Haggerty, Salerno, Coggins, Farren, and Crough, Levangie will address the guard weakness. Can the Lady Skippers compile a strong record and compete in the sectional semifinals like last year? Or even further?

It's probably too early to call. No one team in the South Shore League can claim dominance. Levangie predicts any one of Carver, Harwich, Norwell, Abington or Cohasset could win the SSL championship.

In fact, what Levangie likes most about coaching is the "tight balance" in the SSL. He also enjoys watching the girls improve in their skills and come together as a team.

By the end of January we should have a good idea about where Cohasset will fit into the league hierarchy. Keep your fingers crossed.

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Skippers win season opener in Holbrook

By Mark Goodman
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It took three tries, but Cohasset High boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant can now say he won a season opener.

The Skippers got strong efforts from sophomore guard John Sturino (13 points), junior guard Pat McCarthy (nine), senior center Justin Alexander (eight points, seven rebounds) and sophomore forward Danny Martin (eight points, 10 boards off the bench) in a 52-40 win over Holbrook last Thursday.

Cohasset got off to a slow start in the game, but got it together and found itself up by six at the half. The visitors dominated the early minutes of the second half, eventually building a 21-point advantage.

Holbrook made a couple runs, but never got closer than 12, as Cohasset made enough plays down the stretch to prevent things from getting too interesting.

Bryant assessed the game by saying, "Nerves got us in the first half. The effort was great for the entire game, but we're a new team trying to find ourselves. In the second half we settled down and got comfortable on offense and defense. Defensively, we did a lot of nice things to create fast break points the other way."

Cohasset opens its South Shore League slate tonight (Dec. 15) at home against East Bridgewater, and on Tuesday host league favorite Abington.

The Skippers have struggled in the win column the last two seasons, but Bryant remains hopeful that will start to change this winter. In order to do so, though, it will require contributions from some new faces. Alexander, a strong rebounder and good inside scorer, is the only senior on a team with over half of its roster being new to the varsity scene.

"We're definitely young this year," said Bryant. "We're hoping to jell by the halfway point of the year and start winning some games."

McCarthy, a league All-Star last year, is a good shooter and ball-handler. He and Alexander, the team's two captains, will likely be the first two options of offense.

Sturino brings speed and good instincts to the floor, and will start at the two-guard spot. Juniors Dave Snowdale and Mark Flibotte will start at the forward positions. Flibotte is a talented three-sport athlete with a good medium-range jump shot, while Bryant likes the energy that Snowdale brings to the floor.

Cohasset has a pair of athletic big men off the bench in 6-foot-5 sophomore Gordon Smith and Martin, who stands 6-3. Bryant says both show their inexperience at times, but both have the potential to become very good players. Junior forward Kenny Muir brings a tough rebounding presence to round out the Skippers' group of big men.

Sophomore Marcus Charles will back up McCarthy at the point. Bryant described Charles as a crafty ball-handler with good court vision, but is another player that needs to work on his overall game on a daily basis. The coach said junior two-guard Ryan Crough is "probably our best shooter," and he will certainly see plenty of minutes.

Junior swingmen Kyle Pinkus and Chris Rose round out the Skippers' bench. Pinkus is one of the team's best pure athletes, while Rose is also a good shooter.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Cohasset High boys basketball team gets a final word of encouragement from head coach Dorian Bryant prior to last Thursday's season opener in Holbrook.

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activities, including the "killer 20's": run 100 yards, do 20 push-ups, run 100 yards, do 19 crunches, run 100 yards, do 18 push-ups, and so on until there's just one crunch left.

That sounds rough, to be sure, but Walsh doesn't have a problem setting high expectations. In the preseason, the Skippers scrimmaged with Xaverian, a Div. 1 Catholic Conference power.

"We skated pretty well with them. We put a couple pucks in their net," Walsh said. "They pretty much filled out net, sure, but I cared more if they would skate and play hard, and they did."

Looking at this year's team, Cohasset brings an interesting blend of youth and experience to the table. Junior Charlie Czerkawski, who assisted on both of Doonan's goals against Westwood, will center the first line with Doonan and senior Corbin Faber on the wings. This line played well together last year and Walsh said he saw no reason to break it up this winter.

Sophomore Andrew Smith, coming off a promising freshman campaign, anchors the Skippers' second line between senior Chris Davis and junior Alex Goetz. The third line sees senior center TJ Kennedy joined by sophomore Paul Pozniak and freshman Brendan Doonan (Pat's younger brother).

Senior Colin Smith joins a trio of underclassmen – Andrew Bell, Harry Cipolla and Vinny Curran – as players who will see some shifts on a fourth line. At some point, Cohasset hopes to return senior center Austin Lanzillotti, who is still hampered by a back injury suffered last winter.

Cohasset features a physically imposing pair of defensemen in seniors Conor Holway and Zach Murray. Holway is a returning South Shore League All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic, while Murray has impressed thus far despite not playing the sport last year.

Behind those two on the depth chart are senior Ben Massotta, junior RK Quebec, sophomores Frank Wheelwright and Ian Lyster, and freshman Conor Queenan. Walsh has been particularly impressed with Wheelwright's combination of size and speed on the ice.

Sophomore Jonny Wade returns between the pipes for Cohasset after a freshman season in which he improved tremendously from beginning to end. Freshman backup Andy McKenna has potential and will see some action, said Walsh.

The Skippers host Rockland tonight (8 p.m.) at Pilgrim, and open their league season Wednesday at home at 3 p.m. against Harwich.

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Boys Basketball: League Champions – 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1996-97; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88, 1994-95, 1995-96; State Champions – 1984-85, 1985-86

Girls Basketball: League Champions –1947-48, 1948-49, 1984-85,1986-87, 1987-88; Sectional Champions – 1984-85, 1987-88; State Champions – 1987-88

Basketball 1,000-point Club: Bill Morgan, 1948-1951, 1,073 points; Jon Sargeant, 1970-1973, 1,011 points; Bryan Edwards, 1983-1988, 2,563 points (state record); Paul-Michael Quintin, 1995-1998, 1,079 points

Ice Hockey: League Champions – 1981-82, 1982-1983, 1997-98, 2001-02, 2002-03

Wrestling: League Champions – 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04; Sectional Champions – 1998-99, 2004-05; State Champions – 2004-05

Gymnastics: League Champions – 1976-77, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1997-98, 2001-02

Swimming: none

Skiing: none

Cheerleading: none

Spring Sports

Baseball: League Champions – 1950, 1959

Boys Lacrosse: League Champions – 1997; State Champions – 2006

Girls Tennis: League Champions – 1970, 1983, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006; Sectional Champions - 2003, 2004; State Champions – 2003

Boys Tennis: League Champions – 1973, 1986, 2006

Boys Track: League Champions – 1965, 1976, 1977, 2001, 2002

Softball: League Champions – 1945, 1947, 1950, 1956, 1982

Girls Track: none

Girls Lacrosse: none

Fruitcake 5K race/walk

The Fruitcake 5K race will be held Saturday, Jan. 6 at 10 a..m. The start/finish line will be the Second Church parking lot in Plymouth. The church is located on State Road in Manomet. The cost for the run/walk is $12 per person and $20 for a family. Gift certificates will be given to the winners.

Adult Hockey clinic

Bay State Hockey is conducting a coed Learn to Play Hockey clinic on Monday, Dec. 18, from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena in Plymouth. The full coed Learn to Play pick-up hockey league for the novice players will begin Jan. 8 and run until April 30 at the Armstrong Arena.

For more information please call Bay State Hockey at (866) HOCKEY-3.

Grapplers score big win over BC High

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"It was great to score that many unanswered points," said head coach Torin Sweeney. "When we were down 24-0, I didn't think we could've quite pulled it off. But we got some big wins to get us back in it."

The Skippers opened their season on Saturday with a quad meet against Tri-County, Pembroke and Mansfield. Cambi and McLellan both won all three of their matches, with Cambi pinning all three of his opponents. Murphy and Helbock won twice each.

As a team, Cohasset won one of its matches, against Tri-County. Mansfield, a Div. 2 power, dominated, while the loss to Pembroke was a close one. Sweeney said one key match swung the contest in Pembroke's favor, but the coach is optimistic about his team's chances should it face the defending Div. 3 South champions again.

"I think we'll have a good shot at them if we see them again," said Sweeney.

The Tri-County match was the first for Cohasset in the newly formed South Shore/Mayflower League. Traditional SSL teams Cohasset, Carver and Norwell have joined with Mayflower programs Holbrook, Tri-County, Southeast Regional and Bristol-Plymouth to form a seven-team league. Next year, South Shore Voke will make it eight.

Sweeney is excited about the new format, saying, "Every Wednesday night is going to be a league match, like it used to be. One goal of ours is certainly to win the league and get into the state tournament automatically."

This season, the Skippers have 22 athletes. With just six seniors and two juniors, it's a young team, but Sweeney doesn't see that as a problem, given the way young wrestlers like Helbock and Murphy have performed so far.

"We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores that we're going to be counting on," said the coach. "I'm very pleased so far with that group and how hard they've been working at it."

Cohasset competes Saturday morning at 10, at home, against Hanover, Hingham, Canton and Norton. The Skippers then travel to Bristol-Plymouth Monday night.

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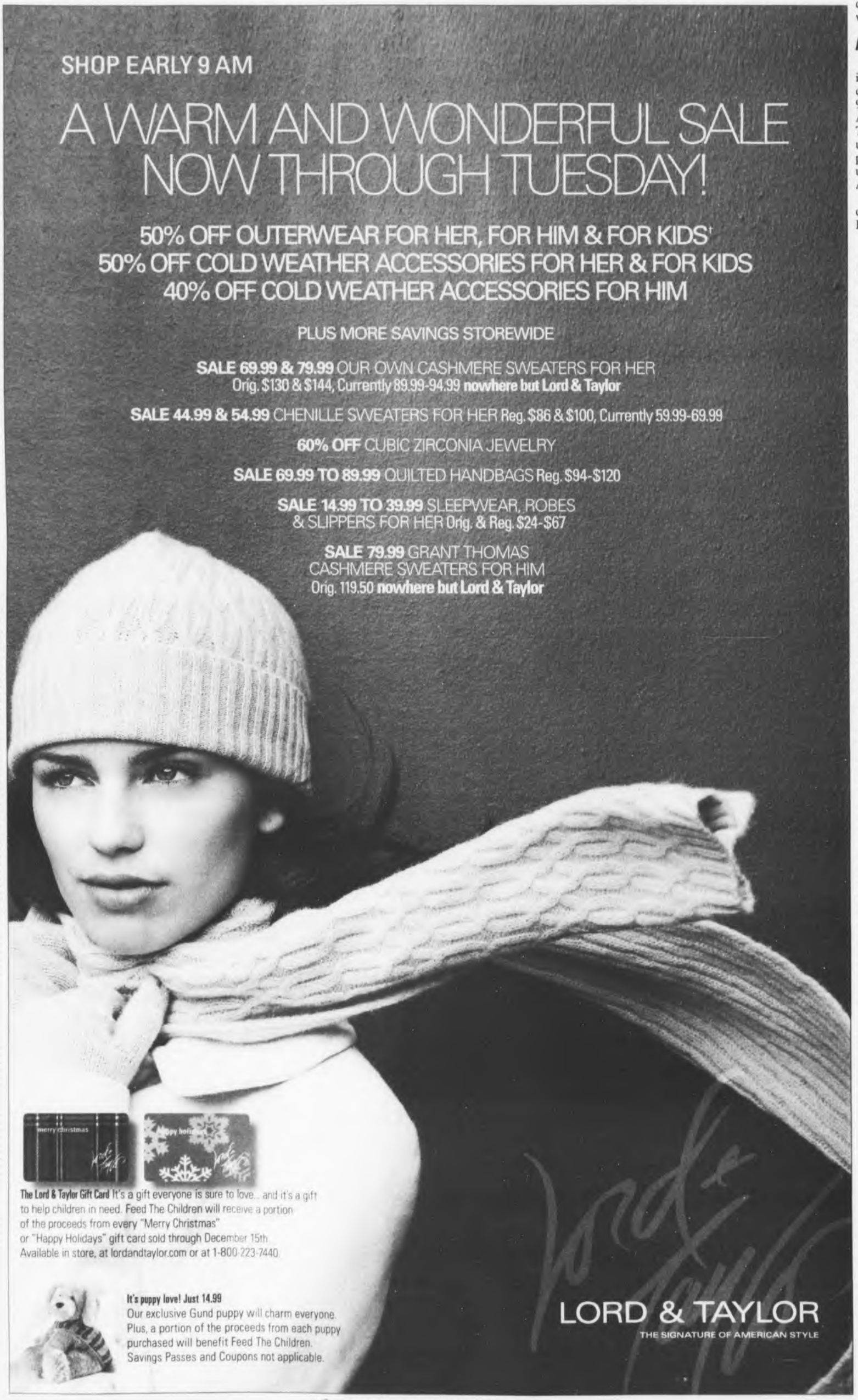

SCHOOLS

TEAMWORK!

PHOTO/AMY OSTEN

These Deer Hill third graders prove that there is strength in numbers! Since September, they have collected 999 Boxtops for Education, making their grade the winner of Round One of the Boxtop Challenge. Great teamwork grade 3! The Boxtop Challenge is a recycling project run through the Deer Hill Library. Boxtops for Education coupons, which are found on all General Mills products, are collected throughout the year and redeemed for 10 cents each. All community members are invited to participate in this worthwhile program by clipping boxtops and sending them to Deer Hill School. Stay tuned to find out which grade will win round 2.

Concert Band, Chorus on annual holiday tour

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

This trip has become somewhat of a tradition and is a great experience for both the performers and spectators.

Holidays are just around the corner and the convenience of the Internet takes all the pains out of shopping; except maybe carpal tunnel. Wednesday was a half-day, much to the chagrin of adults and pleasure of students. Today the Concert Band and Chorus went on their annual Holiday Tour, performing for students and senior citizens in Cohasset and Hingham. This trip has become somewhat of a tradition and is a great experience for both the performers and spectators. Speaking of performances, Guys and Dolls was a huge success! Hats off to Ms. Hoskin, Mr. Marks, and the ensemble for their stellar performance.

Independent study staffers of the Spinnaker Staff joined forces to publish a supplement to the Spinnaker with the help of Ms. Berman's English classes. Don't miss the premiere issue of The Spinnsheet! Who knows, maybe it will become a collector's item for eBay in the future. For a single dollar, purchase a copy for yourself on Dec. 22.

News is scarce this week. However, these tidbits should tide you over until our next chat.

• Monday the NEASC follow-up committee met during school in the main office.

• Tuesday morning the Superintendent's Administration Council met.

• Tuesday after school a joint faculty meeting was held in the library.

• On Wednesday, the PSO Staff Luncheon was held in the cafeteria.

• Thursday morning Cohasset Emergency Management met in the community room.

• Thursday after school the Department heads met in the Career Center.

• Student Council met after school Thursday.

• Today the Band and Chorus went on their Holiday Tour.

• Chanukah starts today. Happy Chanukah for those readers celebrating the Festival of Lights!

For parents who are still wondering what to give their kids (if they deserve anything) this holiday season, gift cards are a safe bet. Then when your son or daughter spends that money at the store of their choice, they can't complain to you about their lousy gifts. And kids: get your family members something nice this year — they put up with you every single day. Enjoy the weekend, Cohasset.

Carriage House registration, open house

The Carriage House School will hold their Open House and registration Saturday, Jan. 20, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. If you are unable to attend this open house, feel free to call the school to obtain a registration form.

The Carriage House offers programs to toddlers and well as preschool aged children. The toddler program enrolls children from 15 months, by Sept. 1, to 2 years, 9 months. The toddler program runs two days a week, Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Monday and Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Carriage House preschool offers three programs to meet the needs of children ages 2.9 years by Sept. 1, to 5 years old. The Tuesday and Thursday morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m., the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and the Monday through Thursday afternoon program runs from 12:30 to 3 p.m. This afternoon program is for children who will be 4 years old by September 1st and entering Kindergarten the following year, or need a challenging year before they enter Kindergarten. The afternoon program also offers an extended day opportunity until 4:30 p.m.

Open House will be held at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 North Main Street. Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Friday, Feb. 9. A $50 non-refundable registration fee must accompany the registration form.

The School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families and remaining space will be filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone or mail the week of Feb. 14.

If you have any questions concerning Open House or the registration process, contact Georgie Gladdys, Director, at 781-383-9785. The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Massachusetts Child Care Services and is NAEYC Accredited.

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Art boosters celebrate successful year on the Internet

Austin Breslow
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

One year ago, www.CohassetArtsBoosters.com was launched with the hope that Cohasset Middle-High School students and teachers could share their artistic talents with the community at large. Here are some statistics: More than 4,000 visitors have stopped by the site since its Nov. 19, 2005 opening. The site has been viewed over 6,500 times by those visitors. Collectively each of our pages has been accessed over 82,000 times.

We posted more than 63 news stories to inform our readers of the exciting arts-related events taking place at Cohasset Middle-High School. We uploaded more than 200 images to our Web site. We created a message board that has hosted almost 40 topics of discussion.

We have created special feature pages for events including Fine Arts Night 2006, Eat Your Art 2006, Cabaret 2006, Winter Concert 2005 CD, and "Guys and Dolls" (All-School Musical 2006).

We thank you for visiting and hope you continue to stay informed.

Have an idea for a page or feature that you would like us to include on the Web site? E-mail us at info@CohassetArtsBoosters.com.

Vo-Tech open house

John Kosko, Superintendent of the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School, has announced that the annual open house of South Shore, located at 476 Webster St. (Route 123) in Hanover will take place Thursday, Dec. 14 from 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Snow date Monday, Dec. 18.

The annual open house will also have technical and academics displays along with baking and pastry display. Refreshments will also be served. For more information on the open house, call (781) 871-4153.

What's going on this Holiday Season at Derby Street?

Animal Lovers...Saturdays, shop at the "Meow-Boutique" for specialized gifts. And,honor a lost companion with a bow on the "Tree of Memories". (Located next to Jasmine Sola)

Holiday Puppet Shows: We are happy to present forest and farm animals performing their own ballet. There will be three performances each Saturday in December at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The Victorian Carollers will be here evenings in December from 5p.m. - 8p.m. Check "thederbystreetshoppes.com" for specific dates.

The Derby Street "Clauses" will also stroll throughout the shopping center on weekends during the holiday season. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Claus will be available at the "Giving Corner", the place for Community Spirit, for photos, Saturdays 2p.m.-3p.m. So, please bring your camera! (Located next to Jasmine Sola)

Holiday Gift Wrapping: Saturday, December 9 & 16 1p.m.-4p.m. (next to Snip-It's). Donations to benefit DARE Family Services. Also Gift Wrapping available on Sunday, Deecember 10 & 17 11a.m.- 4p.m. Donations to benefit Girls Youth Soccer.

Holiday Mobile: Our Holiday Mobile, a Vintage Taxi Cab Circa 1981 complete with jump seats will be available Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.and on Sun. 12p.m.- 6p.m. Call for a ride (617)592-2110 and listen for its' bells.

Santa visits the young at heart

Sons of Legion host annual dinner

Ninety-year-old Althea Stamp proves you're never too old to tell Santa your Christmas wish. Stamp attended the Christmas dinner held at the Harborview Apartments on Elm Street, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion.

Phyllis Veeney, who turns 100 on Aug. 1, gets a big smooch from Santa during the recent Christmas dinner at the Harborview Apartments on Elm Street, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion.

National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Tom Wigmore and Santa chat with dinner guests during the recent Christmas dinner at the Harborview Apartments on Elm Street.

Ralph and Maria Perroncello are served their meal by Bill Nickerson during the Sons of the American Legion Christmas dinner, held at the Harborview Apartments on Elm Street on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Legion Auxiliary member Tina Fiori fills a dinner plate for one of the homebound residents of the Harborview Apartments, who was not able to attend the Christmas dinner held last Saturday.

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Inside Today!

Holiday Crunch

Time's running out!

If you're nearing the finish line of your holiday shopping — or just at the starting gate — don't miss the **Last Minute Gift Guide.** It's filled with a variety of special gift ideas, from handcrafted gifts, making donations on behalf of a loved one, purchasing passes to local museums, and much more. **The Guide** is sure to help you wrap up a winning holiday season.

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Check out the December issue of Parents and Kids!

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Saturday, Dec. 16 —Annual Community-wide Caroling on the Common! — Gather at 3:45 p.m. at the Parish House. (See article for details.)

Sunday, Dec.17 — Worship at 10 a.m. in the Meeting House Sermon: "What did you expect?"

Toddler classes and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Children and youth will gather in the Meeting House for the first part of the service, then proceed to the Parish House for their classes.

Coffee hour will feature refreshments and an intergenerational activity in which we'll join hands in a way guaranteed to surprise and delight you!

Christmas Eve at First Parish will include a Service for All Generations at 10 AM and our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 8 p.m..

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. Our fall services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our "Godly Play" Sunday school takes place at 10 a.m. We are located at 16 Highland Ave. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. We wish you a joyous Advent Season.

This week's events from Dec. 17-24:

- Sun. Dec. 17: Third Advent_ 9 am Youth worship.
- Mon. Dec. 18: 7 pm Profile Meeting; 7:30 pm Christian Meditation
- Wed. Dec. 20 : 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study "Mary"
- Thurs. Dec. 21:_ 7 pm Prayer and Healing
- Sat. Dec.23: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Dec. 24: Advent IV One service at 9 am. 11:40 decorating of the church

Christmas Eve services: 5 pm family service; 7:30 pm contemplative service; 10:30 pm music followed by 11 pm Eucharist.

Readings for Dec. 24, Fourth Advent are from Micah 5: 2-4 in which we learn of an ancient prophecy which foresees the day of a new ruler for Israel who shall come from the city of Bethlehem. In the Epistle reading from Hebrews 10: 5 – 10, the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world is revealed, so as to make an offering of himself for our sanctification. And in the Gospel reading from Luke 1: 39 –45, Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth who rejoices in Mary being called to be the mother of the Lord.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (third Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); Scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning worship 10:30 a.m. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science. 781-749-2874. Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The new Christian Science Reading Room at 35 Station St. is now open. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The subject for Dec. 3 is "God the only Cause and Creator"; Dec. 10 is "God the Preserver of Man;" Dec. 17 is "Is the Universe,

Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"; Christmas Eve Dec. 23 is "Christ Jesus"; New Year's Eve Dec. 31 is "Christian Science"

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are God, Sacrament, Life and Truth.

Everyone is welcome!

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker): Sunday services: 10 a.m., at the New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Lane. (Henry Stokes, assistant clerk, 781-749-4383).

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mjord@cnc.com

Happenings

The Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull leads the carolers in song during last year's Caroling on the Common.

Caroling on the Common is Dec. 16

Participants will assemble at the First Parish's Parish House, 23 North Main St., between 3:45 and 4 p.m.

First Parish, Unitarian Universalist Church, is sponsoring Caroling on the Common Saturday, Dec. 16. Everyone is welcome. This is a community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; carols will be familiar and simple. Because it gets dark quickly, attendees are asked to bring flashlights.

Participants will assemble at the First Parish's Parish House, 23 North Main St., between 3:45 and 4 p.m. Carolers will circuit much of the Common, serenading selected homes as weather permits. At approximately at 5 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies. Cookie donations will be appreciated.

Everyone is asked to bring a pair of socks – or two or three – that will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are welcome.

Join friends for this annual old-fashioned holiday get-together. For more information, call Sandy Bailey at First Parish at 383-1100 or Woody Chittick at 383-3215.

Holiday fun at One Creative Place

Holiday Happenings are filling the month of December at One Creative Place here in Cohasset. From Shop till you Drop nites to Gingerbread House Workshops and gift making programs and more for all ages, you can bring the kids over to have a fantastic time. For more information, go to www.onecreativeplace.net or call 781-383-2211.

'The Messiah' to be performed

Second Congregational Church in Cohasset will present selections from Handel's "The Messiah" on Dec. 17. The church choir and guest soloists, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will perform. This is an opportunity for everyone to welcome the Christmas season by enjoying this music, performed right in the community.

All are welcome to the 10 a.m. service and performance. For more information, call 781-383-0345.

Join the Girl Scouts

Any girls interested in joining Girl Scouts, who are in grades kindergarten through high school, can call Amy Brash at 781-923-1099 or email amybrash@putnam.com for more information.

Adults are also needed to become troop leaders. Anyone interested should contact Brash.

Senior Scene

End of Year Soiree is Dec. 27

Cohasset Elder Affairs is planning the following activities:

Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Massasoit Holiday Concert. Box lunch provided.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Angel Food Project holiday lunch with entertainment. There are 40 seats available.

Wednesday, Dec. 27 – First Cohasset Elder Affairs End of Year Soiree, at the Cohasset Historical Museum, from 4 to 7 p.m. Entertainment by Somethin Else Trio sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Elders. Food will be provided by Anna's Gourmet Club and Angel Food Project. Transportation available and shuttle service provided from St. Anthony's Parking Lot.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 – Nantasket Therapeutic Massage will provide chair massages from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is $10 for 20 minutes.

Sunday, Jan. 21 – South Shore Tech Holiday Dinner at 12 p.m. Transportation available.

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The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull blesses Don and Groucho, two alpacas owned by Mary Burke of Marshfield, during last Sunday's Blessing of the Animals at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church.

Biscuit the poodle rests his head on 12-year-old Adrian Dunne during last Sunday's Blessing of the Animals ceremony at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Meeting House on the Common.

David and Ronnie McMorris and their 13-week-old golden retriever Hunter enjoy the Blessing of the Animals ceremony, an annual tradition of First Parish Church.

Animal magnetism

First Parish hosts special blessing

Director of Religious Education for First Parish Nan Moore blesses Portuguese water dog Alegro while his owner Ron Wallace looks on.

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Morgan and Jack Fechter check on their snake while waiting during the Blessing of the Animals last Sunday.

Emily Dormitzer, 12, brought her beta fish Indigo to be blessed by the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull.

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Taylor Piepenbrink, 11, of Kingston eyes the nutcrackers on sale at the Snowflake Fair at the Beechwood Congregational Church, to see which one she might want to add to her collection.

Marilyn Hollis of Scituate helps Barbara Matheny of Hanover take a peek at an apple pie on sale at the Snowflake Fair at the Beechwood Congregational Church.

Laura Clifford, 10, of Scituate and a parishioner at Beechwood Congregational Church picks a number from Mary Volpe while playing the children's quarter game at the Snowflake Fair at the church last Saturday. The children pick a number and get the prize on the corresponding square.

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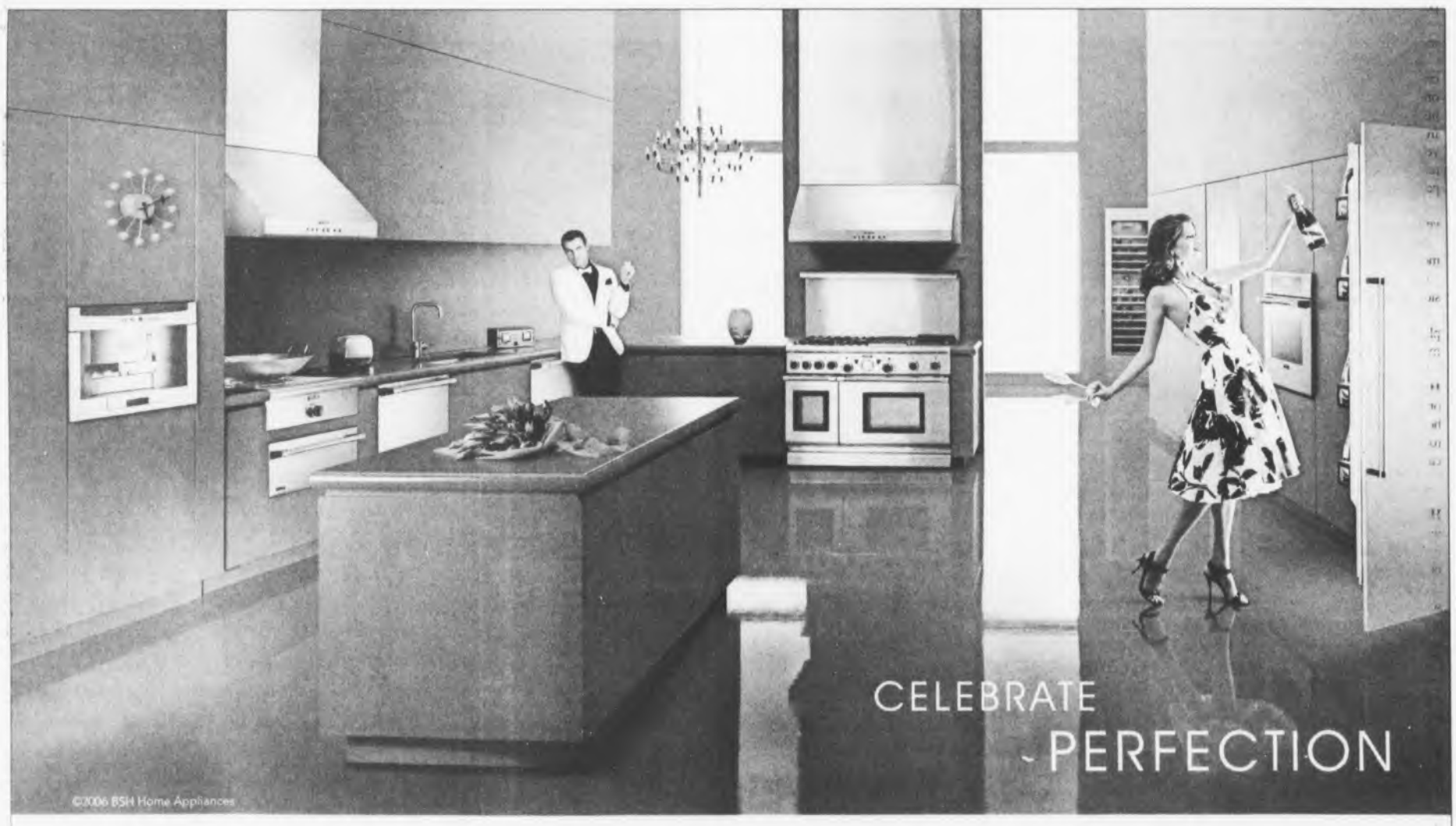

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

7:09 a.m. **Doctor's Hill Drive, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 86-year-old female with a recent pacemaker, not feeling well.

7:13 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, investigation.

8:20 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports a resident has fallen.

9:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, missing person, walk in party report a 17-year-old female from this morning's race has not returned and cannot be located. The female resides in Brockton and her sister cannot locate her anywhere along the race route in town. Reporting party called back stating the female has returned, everything is ok.

10:57 a.m. **Border St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, male party passed out he is coming around now.

7:35 p.m. **Border St.**, assist boater, caller stated that there was a boat off of its mooring resting on the rocks. It is a 20' center console with a blue tarp. Contacted the Harbormaster and she knew what boat it was and will respond.

8:20 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller stated that she had smoke in her wall, possibly electric.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

12:34 a.m. **HQ.**, several clogged storm drains causing flooding on the roadway.

12:45 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, caller states "his 1st floor is flooding."

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:59 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks secure.

10:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity. Officer reports out with a couple suspicious parties at this location. Officer reports both male subjects sent on their way, they were just hanging out looking for a place to skateboard.

12:16 p.m. **Summer St., and Border St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Male party is in custody for suspended license. Arrest: James M. Carmark, Jr., 55, 14 Longmeadow Rd., Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, registration not in possession, no inspection sticker.

5:02 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:12 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports someone coming out of Goodfella Pizza hit his car and kept on going, he reports front end damage. Officer reports the vehicle that hit the other one has returned and parties are exchanging papers. Minor damage.

5:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:41 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:24 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:38 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports their cat missing. Its an orange Tabby cat.

9:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, caller reports on her way home a vehicle in front of her hit an animal and it is still in the road. Officer reports the animal was a cat.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

1:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools checks secure.

7:36 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller needed phone # to Weston PD.

8:04 a.m. **Bethleham PD**, assist other police department, Bethelham PD has female in custody.

9:32 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, hazard, caller advised there is a lot of glass on the bridge. Officer advised it is not a traffic hazard-bottle that was broken.

10:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning. Officer out with vehicle near the RR tracks.

10:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, officer advised out with vehicle near RR tracks.

11:20 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, walk in party will be in the area-executive advertising.

3:28 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity, caller advised there are 3 juveniles on 4 wheelers-causing a problem at the above location. Officer is going to speak to father of juveniles on Doane Street. Officer advised no one home.

5:11 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:17 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:18 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:31 p.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:55 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:25 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller complains of cars being parked around Deniro's Restaurant where they are not supposed to be. Officer reports 4 vehicles tagged.

9:56 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:05 p.m. **Hull PD.**, bolo announcement. Hull PD reports they just had a male party leave the La Dalat Restaurant on Nantasket Ave., unsure of the direction of travel, the bar refused to serve him, he is very intoxicated. Brown Lexus utility vehicle.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

1:24 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:50 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, officer advised checking the above address. Subject in vehicle called to state that he was upset that the officer questioned him.

9:54 a.m. **Lambert's Lane and Hull St.**, officer reports the Lamberts Lane street sign is missing from this location.

10:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:56 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transporting SSH/ALS, caller requests R3 for an elderly female with chest pains.

10:58 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:07 a.m. **Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:13 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, hazard, caller reports a piece of the sewer grate cover is missing at this location and is big enough for a small child to fall through. Officer reports it's a square storm grate and more than half of it is missing. The DPW has been notified.

12:49 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, caller reports she is receiving threatening calls and thinks the same person keeps driving by her home.

2:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a motor vehicle crash in front of this location. Officer reports they will need a wrecker for a tow.

3:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, fire, investigation, illegal burning.

4:02 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, fire investigation, water in the basement at this location.

4:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller states his wife fell at this location while shopping for a Christmas tree. He stated that his wife did not need medical attention. He also stated that he was concerned about the safety of the setup of the ground. Pipes are the same color as the ground. He did not want to speak to an officer.

8:15 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:15 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:16 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

2 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:10 a.m. **Cushing Rd.** and **Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:13 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:21 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:29 a.m. **N.Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:49 a.m. **N.Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:30 a.m. **Kane Dr.**, Scituate fire dept. requests medical aid for male with possible heart attack-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:58 a.m. **King St.**, break and entry-caller reports a break-in over the weekend. Tools and a monitor are reported missing and the door appears to have been kicked or pried open; investigated, report filed.

11:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious person-caller reports as she was pulling into her driveway, a man in a red car wearing a baseball cap, was pulling out. She spoke to him; he's not supposed to be there and she requested to speak to an officer; departmental action taken.

11:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, illegal dumping-officer reports someone told him illegal dumping is taking place in the parking lot; DPW notified.

11:58 a.m. **S.Main St.**, walk-in party reports a past larceny of an Ipod, which was caught on tape, requested to speak to an officer; investigated and report filed.

12:07 p.m. **King and N.Main streets**, animal complaint; caller reports a dog is running around with a collar but no leash; departmental action taken.

12:36 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer requested.

1:03 p.m. **Depot and N.Main streets**, callers reports that a person has been struck by a motor vehicle; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

5:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports her purse was stolen from her vehicle while she was walking her dog between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

9:18 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:44 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:26 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

12:56 a.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure. Several windows on second floor are open but no access can be gained.

1:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop.

2:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:58 a.m. **N.Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:19 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:08 a.m. **Deep Run**, blasting complaint; investigated, report filed.

10:30 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint received from State Police in Norwell regarding a large Doberman running loose; investigated-area search negative.

10:51 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

11:22 a.m. **Deep Run**, blasting complaint; investigated and departmental action taken.

1:43 p.m. **Deep Run**, blasting complaint; departmental action taken.

4:19 p.m. **N.Main St.**, caller reports finding a key to an Acura on the sidewalk; officer returned key to owner.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid for female with hand laceration-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:53 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint-caller reports motor running for about an hour; officer reports contractor is running water pump due to rain.

9:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity; caller reports she is home alone and discovered a smashed out window in her basement and her front door wide open when arriving home; departmental action taken.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

2:31 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid for 85-year-old woman with abdominal pain; transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic operation of a black two-door Audi reported; area search negative.

6:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** and **Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.** and **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

6:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:56 a.m. **Highland Crossing**, noise complaint due to generator running; officer spoke with contractor.

7:09 a.m. **S.Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:18 a.m. **S.Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:34 a.m. **S.Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:15 a.m. **S.Main St.**, traffic complaint; walk-in party states she was almost hit while using the crosswalk. Officer called driver to discuss incident.

8:55 a.m. **N. Main St.**, threats reported. Arrest: John T. Barnes, 46, 18 Gaslight Village, Weymouth. Charges: Warrant arrest.

9:23 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports his daughter's car was taken without permission by ex-boyfriend and wants the police to recover the vehicle. Investigated by police; ex-boyfriend voluntarily returned the car and no charges will be filed

11:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports a strong odor of gas on third floor of building and people are complaining of headaches; investigated.

12:05 p.m. **Gaslight Village**, Weymouth police to arrest male party at this location on a Cohasset warrant; departmental action taken.

2:19 p.m. **Tad Lane**, suspicious activity; caller reports the person who is operating a motor vehicle is believed to be intoxicated and has a suspended license; report that the son is moving the vehicle.

4:06 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity; caller reports four youths in a blue Volvo may possible be smoking marijuana; area search negative.

4:43 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle vs. deer; no injures reported.

8:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**-Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:36 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

8:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

8:48 p.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

1:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, services rendered for truck delivering Christmas trees.

1:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

1:52 a.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:23 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:07 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

12:36 p.m. **Oak St.**, walk-in party requests an officer regarding his missing aunt, who has not been heard from in about six months, since her husband passed away; officer advised.

2:03 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested.

2:33 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, caller reports the odor of an electrical fire in her house; investigated.

2:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports schools checked; building secure.

3:34 p.m. **Church St.**, downed power lines; caller reports the top of his truck hit power line and took it down. Officer investigated and reports that the wire is resting on top of the truck. Fire Captain reports this is a telephone wire; Telephone Co., notified and wire removed.

5:25 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:44 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:39 p.m. **Stanton Rd.** and **S.Main St.**, caller reports her daughter and her friend will be at the station regarding an earlier incident involving a suspicious vehicle; investigated, report filed.

11:11 p.m. **N.Main St.**, report of disturbance caused by neighbor, who is working on his car in driveway with headlights shining into caller's home; area search negative.

11:20 p.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

12:25 a.m. **Depot Court**, suspicious person reported; investigated.

12:42 a.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious vehicle/person reported-male party loading something into his truck next to Pizza Zone; referred to Hull police.

12:56 a.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

9:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, several callers report that a Fisher Cat has been struck overnight and is dead on side of road; animal control notified.

10:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer reports school checked; buildings secure.

11:27 a.m. **N.Main St.**, walk-in party reports concession stand at Little League fields was broken into overnight; officer investigated and detective notified.

2:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports a contractor may be removing rocks from the beach; officer spoke to owner of company and they were repairing a pipe near the beach and removing the extra cement.

2:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation; departmental action taken.

2:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid for Shaw's employee-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

2:48 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid for person with hip and back injury-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

4:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller requests officer regarding a suspicious van dumping trash in their dumpster; investigated.

4:21 p.m. **S.Main St.**, party from Olympic Citgo with complaint of kids hanging around area.

4:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported. Reported to be on the Hingham/Cohasset town line; Hingham reports it is on their side; services rendered.

5:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, walk-in party reports their two-year-old Golden Retriever with green collar and Hingham tags is missing; possibly let out by workers; information logged.

6:12 p.m. **S.Main St.**, caller reports a tree limb has fallen on her fence and is now blocking the street; investigated-street cleared.

7 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, caller reports the wire from his house to the pole has a tree limb resting on it and pulling it down; Fire Captain reports the wire is a phone wire, which is still connected and will be checked in the morning.

7:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports part of tree fell down and took wires with it; officer on scene reports that this is a hazard; National Grid notified-power restored and road cleared.

7:58 p.m. **S.Main St.**, Employee reports that people visiting the Red Lion Inn have used up their parking spaces; two cars tagged.

8:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports a downed tree; officer reports the tree is blocking access to two homes and the Fire Captain has been notified; DPW cut up tree and moved pieces off to side.

10:51 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reports that a black Jeep with fog lights is spinning tires and driving erratically in Shaws parking lot; area search negative.

11:36 p.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

Legal Notices

CONDON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 06P2938EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM S. CONDON
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 30, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented, praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that KAREN L. CONDON of WEYMOUTH in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10.00 AM) ON **JANUARY 17, 2007.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

WITNESS. HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 4, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11205296
Cohasset Mariner 12/15/06

STUDLEY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Dvision
Docket No. 06P2942AD

In the Estate of ESTHER STUDLEY
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 19, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that KATHERINE T. ELLSTROM of YARMOUTHPORT in the County of BARNSTABLE and ERNEST A. STUDLEY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT At CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 17, 2007.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 4, 2006.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11205289
Cohasset Mariner 12/15/06

HARBOUR FEES
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
PUBLIC NOTICE
HARBOR-RELATED FEES

Notice is hereby given that upon the recommendation of the Cohasset Harbor Committee, the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on December 4, 2006 voted to adopt the following harbor-related fees for 2007:

Waiting List Application Fee, $25
Waiting List Notification Late Fee, $50
Dinghy User Fee, with Mooring, $75
Dinghy User Fee, without Mooring, $275
Transient Daily Mooring Fee, $35
Mooring/User Fee, $9.00 per foot

Also upon the recommendation of the Harbor Committee, the Board voted to apply the above fees equally to recreational and commercial boaters.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#11207941
Cohasset Mariner 12/15/06

ZBA/132 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Wednesday, **January 3rd at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** of the Building Commissioner's decision to grant a building permit for 75 Meadow Lane. The applicants are, **Raymond and Susan Tehranian of 132 Atlantic Ave., c/o Attorney Bruce Issadore, Norwell, MA**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-12-05**.

AD#11208987
Cohasset Mariner 12/15, 12/22/06

ZBA/698C JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Wednesday, **January 3rd at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Carol H. Graham**, seeks to construct an addition on the second floor at **698C Jerusalem Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-12-11**.

AD#11208970
Cohasset Mariner 12/15, 12/22/06

ZBA/3 STANTON DR.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Wednesday, **January 3rd at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §15 and/or any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Elizabeth M. Keefe**, seeks to use a portion of her home at **3 Stanton Drive** as an accessory dwelling unit, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. **File #06-12-07**.

AD#11208957
Cohasset Mariner 12/15, 12/22/06

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24-120mm f/3.5-5.6G ED-IF AF-S VR Zoom-Nikkor	2145	$25	$50	$75
28-70mm f/2.8D ED-IF AF-S Zoom-Nikkor	1961	$40	$80	$120
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14mm f/2.8D ED AF Nikkor	1925	$40	$80	$120
16mm f/2.8D AF Fisheye-Nikkor	1910	$20	$40	$60
20mm f/2.8D AF Nikkor	1914	$15	$30	$45
24mm f/2.8D AF Nikkor	1919	$15	$30	$45
28mm f/2.8D AF Nikkor	1922	$10	$20	$30
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Theater review

Diary of a Mad Elf

Cohasset native to star in Sedaris satire at New Repertory Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

If you've watched one too many holiday TV specials, sung enough traditional carols for even a pious person's lifetime, and smiled through more than your share of community-chorus-accompanied Christmas tree lightings, then "The Santaland Diaries" may be just what you need at this time of year.

"It is an antidote to all the treacle available just about everywhere at the holidays," explains John Kuntz, who opens next week in a new production of the David Sedaris play at the New Repertory Theatre in Watertown. "Sedaris's observations are very, very witty. He takes American popular culture and turns it on its ear. The best comedy is dangerous and risky and that's what Sedaris does so well."

A humorist and essayist, Sedaris wrote "The Santaland Diaries" - an acerbic account of his stint as Crumpet the elf at Macy's flagship store in New York - for National Public Radio, where he read it for the first time in 1992. Since being adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello, the piece has become one of the 10 most produced, non-Shakespeare plays of recent years, according to American Theatre magazine. Kuntz first played the role, under the direction of Steven Maler, at Boston's SpeakEasy Stage Company in 1998. He reprised the role the following year at the Copley Theatre, also in Boston.

"This is my third time doing this show, but it's more than five years since I last played Crumpet so I'm eager for this opportunity. Wesley Savick is directing this time around and he will definitely bring a new, different energy to the play," says Kuntz.

John Kuntz will appear in "The Santaland Diaries"

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— John Kuntz

Most of that energy will come from Sedaris's own autobiographical look at his one-time winter job.

"'Diaries' is a pretty literal take, perhaps somewhat embellished, on Sedaris's experiences working alongside a department store Santa. The character has questionable dreams and ambitions. He moves to New York to find work on a soap opera and instead ends up as an elf at Macy's."

Kuntz first developed his own interest in acting while a student at Cohasset High School where his late father, Dennis Kuntz, was the longtime Athletic Director. Upon graduating in 1986, Kuntz went on to Emerson College and later earned a master's degree in Playwriting from Boston University. Along the way to achieving acclaim as both an actor and playwright, Kuntz, 38, had his own elfin early career experiences.

"I have certainly had my share of humiliating acting jobs. When I was in my 20s, I performed in drag as part of a murder mystery on a sightseeing train filled with senior citizens. It was a one-time gig that I did for a friend when a woman in the cast had to bow out unexpectedly. The senior citizens weren't even told in advance that there would be a show presented on the train, so when my character was killed they actually seemed to feel badly for her."

Things have improved decidedly for Kuntz since then and he has gone on to win Elliot Norton, IRNE (Independent Reviewers of New England) and New York Fringe Festival awards. Kuntz plans to present some of his own work in Watertown.

"'Diaries' is a short play so we usually have a curtain raiser before the show starts. This time around, I'm doing two short pieces about Christmas - one monologue, and one monologue with audience participation. I started working on them very recently so they are not quite finished, but they're meant to be sweet but silly comedy skits."

(John Kuntz will appear in "The Santaland Diaries" in the Downstage at New Rep series Dec. 20-31 at the New Repertory Theatre at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown. For tickets and information, call 617-923-8487 or visit www.newrep.org.)

Movie review

His son also rises in 'Pursuit'

"The Pursuit of Happyness" (B+)

By JAMES VERNIERE
FILM CRITIC

The hard-luck drama "The Pursuit of Happyness" is a family affair in more ways than one. Will Smith delivers a wrenching performance as real-life Chris Gardner, a husband and father trying to raise himself out of homelessness and poverty. His son, Jaden Smith, however, almost upstages him playing his screen son.

Directed by Italian filmmaker Gabriele Muccino ("L'Ultimo bacio") and scripted by Steve Conrad (last year's neglected gem "The Weather Man"), the film is set in 1980s San Francisco. Chris is a harried father, husband and salesman whose hair is beginning to gray. He sells medical bone-scanning devices, which he purchased in a get-rich-quick scheme.

His wife Linda (Thandie Newton in a thankless role) is terribly unhappy about her family's situation and blames it on nice-guy Chris. Why her double-shifts don't at least pay the rent is never quite explained. Chris didn't meet his father until he was 28 and has resolved to be a full-time dad to son Christopher. But he falls further behind on his bills. His bile-spewing wife finally leaves for New York City, leaving Chris with their son.

Redemption appears in the form of an unpaid internship at Dean Witter, where Chris, who is smart, good with numbers and a master of Rubik's Cube, dreams of striking it rich as a stockbroker. But he and Chris experience one setback after another. The film's arc is predictable; the payoff comes late, and the little-engine-that-could musical score grates.

Christopher (Jaden Smith) helps his dad (Will Smith) tie the perfect Windsor knot.

Still, you can't fake that father-son chemistry, and when Smith finally weeps, you will, too.

But the acting gets you through it. As two Dean-Witter execs, character actors Brian Howe and James Karen lend valuable support. But the film belongs to the Smiths, and as an astute colleague reminded me (before I thought of it, of course), Chris and his son are throwbacks to the father-son duo in Vittorio De Sica's neorealist classic "The Bicycle Thief."

Smith, who is currently playing the title role in a new version of Richard Matheson's novel "I Am Legend" for director Francis Lawrence ("Constantine"), is one of the world's biggest movie stars, and he has the chops to back it up.

Carrying one of those ball-and-chain, bone-scanning devices almost wherever he goes, Smith's hard-charging Chris is a genuinely moving metaphor for the indomitable human spirit.

My only reservation is Muccino's occasional heavy-handedness, such as when he cues up of "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Smith spends so much time running in "The Pursuit of Happyness," by the time the film was over, I was exhausted.

Still, you can't fake that father-son chemistry, and when Smith finally weeps, you will, too.

Rated PG-13. "The Pursuit of Happyness" contains profanity.

Calendar of events

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Thursday Dec. 14

The weather might be frightful, but the atmosphere is always delightful at **Stone Zoo's ZooLights 2006.** Experience this winter wonderland as you stroll along Stone Zoo's tree-lined paths illuminated by thousands of twinkling holiday lights. You'll celebrate the holiday with reindeer, lynx, a bald eagle and many others. In keeping with the holiday tradition, **Santa Claus** will be at the Stone Zoo, and **will be available for photos through Dec. 23** from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is $4 per person (children under 2 are free). Members receive a discounted rate of $3 per person. **Santa photos are available for an additional fee.** Proceeds from this event will support the operation and future growth of Stone Zoo, as well as its education and conservation programs. The Stone Zoo is located at 149 Pond St., Stoneham, MA 02180. For additional information, visit www.stonezoo.org

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam,** featuring **Brian McHugh & Joe Guertin Acoustic duo** 9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 14, **BBC** "Pint Night" featuring **Flydown** formerly **The Alliance.**

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Friday, Dec. 15

A Christmas with SpongeBob Squarepants and The Cabbage Patch Kids, a new comedy by Geronimo Sands, Josef Silvia and Andrew Nielson, will close the Fall season at Priscilla Beach Theatre Rocky Hill Road, in Manomet.. The world premiere of this new play will be presented on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 15, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are $12. For reservations for "A Christmas with SpongeBob..." call PBT at 1-508-224-4888. For information visit Thinktheatre.org

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Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents Southern Rail, a vibrant, engaging Boston-based Appalachia-rooted Bluegrass and Gospel group, on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. There will be no open mike for this concert. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For further information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

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Annual Sacred Heart High School 399 Bishops Highway (Rte 80) in Kingston. **Christmas Choral Show**, featuring presentations by the Upper School Chorus, Intermediate School Chorus, Pizzazz, Sacred Heart's Show Choir and Cameo, the school's new ensemble group. The program will close with a live Nativity presentation by members of the senior class. The show will be presented on Friday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium and is open to the public. Admission is free. A pre concert reception for Sacred Heart Alumni will be held in the Flaherty Library prior to Saturday's performance. For information, call 781-585-7511, ext 345 . Sacred Heart High School is located at

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Mass Audubon at the Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Gallery announces its **Holiday Art Sale titled Images of Nature in Small Spaces** to benefit the educational programs at Moose Hill. All the artwork is reasonably priced to sell and all the pieces are small, no larger than 12" x 12". Viewers can experience and enjoy visions and images of nature in many different styles and mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, prints and woodcarvings. This artwork is high caliber, diverse and the prices are affordable at $25 to $200. Artwork will be available through Jan. 15. Moose Hill Gallery is located at the Mass Audubon Sanctuary in Sharon at 293 Moose Hill St. Gallery is open daily. Call 781-784-5691 for details.

Designs of France Christmas Trunk Sale takes place Dec. 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 58 Meadowbrook Road, Norwell. The sale will feature unique pottery and table linens from Provence. For information call 781-826-8553.

Edaville USA presents **Friday Night Fireworks** every Friday night in December with a spectacular fireworks display to celebrate the season. At 8:30 pm on Friday nights Edaville guests will be able to view the fireworks reflected off of the pond and accentuated by holiday light displays all around. Edaville USA is open for the Christmas Festival of Lights with seven million lights, animated displays, many amusement rides, visits with Santa, Ellis' indoor playhouse and of course the 2-mile heated train ride though a winter wonderland. The park will be open every evening thru Jan. 1 except for Christmas Day. Any customer that brings in a canned good on Monday and Tuesdays only will receive half off admission. Parking is free. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information hours and directions. Fireworks and hours are all weather permitting.

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The River Club, Border St., Scituate presents The Gathering Christmas Party on Friday Dec.15, from 8 to 11:30 pm. Tickets are $10 per person and $15. per couple. For reservations call 781-545-8292. The Gathering is a nine piece dance band playing rock, blues and swing music consisting of Steve and Stephanie Chase, their sons Matt on lead guitar and Sam on drums, Lennie Peterson-trombone, Eric Seider-trumpet, Tim Paul Weiner-bass, Dave Gomberg-fiddle, Andrew Hickman-sax.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel (you) selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). This is the 13th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs through Dec. 22. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

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Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth. Dec. 15, **TEX, MAD DOG & the G-Man.** 8:45 p.m. to midnight

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 15, **Flydown.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 15, **Dreamland Delta featuring Jennifer Mathews** 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Dec. 15, **Basic Black** 781-925-4300.

Saturday, Dec. 16

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The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth presents their hilarious **Family Holiday Show The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'** Kendall Hall at the **First Parish Church,** Town Square, Plymouth Dec. 14, 15, 16 and 17, at 7:40 p.m. Matinee performance on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and children. Reservations are recommended by calling 508-747-6856.

Kenneth Backlund's photography in the Clemens Gallery Rockland, photographer Kenneth Backlund will show his photography in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Jan. 4. The Gallery is open during library hours. For information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

The Hingham Public Library presents the selected works of **Easton artist Irma Cerese** will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from through Dec. 27. The show may viewed during library hours. More information about the artist may found at www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Oceanside, 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull, presents **Holiday Small Works** Tuesday – Sunday through Dec. 24, featuring the work of 13 Oceanside Gallery artists: F. Andahazy, J. Chittick, N. Colella, M. Curran, R. Farbush, C. Hatch, C. Keating, R. Nadeau, P. Railsback, S. Ruff, J. St. Peter, V. Strekalovsky, A. Tuck. Also offering jewelry by M. Hassel and Johannah's Boutique. Handcrafted ornaments by S. Donnellan and R. Parrish. Accessible to all, no admission through Dec. 24. 781-773-1563.

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The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 16 , **The Party Sharks** 9:15 p.m. 781-335-9796.

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The Quincy Dinner Theatre presents its "Musical Holiday Party XIX" at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree through Dec. 17. For tickets and information, call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com

Holiday music on the menu

Change of venue for Quincy Dinner Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

With Quincy's Masonic Temple currently closed for major renovations, the Quincy Dinner Theatre (QDT) has moved its annual Musical Holiday Party to Braintree's Sons of Italy Hall. The venue may have changed, but the variety show approach to holiday entertainment remains solidly intact, as does the tasty four-course dinner by Fasano's Catering.

Opening with a PG-13 rendering of "Hey Big Spender" from Cy Coleman's "Sweet Charity," showcasing Amy Dancz, Gina Nawazelski, Molly Kelleher, and Katie Ford as they help a shopping-impaired Joe Ciccolo pick out Christmas presents, the show smoothly segues into the full-company rendition of "Start of Something Big," with Steve Allen's familiar music accompanied here by Joyce McDonough's original lyrics.

While big and brassy works well when all 10 cast members share the stage, virtually each one is also give a chance to shine alone in the spotlight and Kelleher is the first to do just that with her plaintive and pretty take on "Shake Me a Rattle." But while holiday music is the order of the day, Michael Glashow presents one of this year's biggest pop hits in his act one solo. And, unless you slept through the 2006 season of "American Idol," you'll recognize and enjoy Glashow's moody rendition of Daniel Powter's "Bad Day." Ford shifts gears with a strong and energetic "Jingle Bell Rock" that even has her inviting an audience member on-stage to join her in a twist.

Dancz and Sanjay Merchant join their beautiful voices in "The Prayer," the Carole Bayer Sager song made famous by Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion, adding some meaning to the musical merriment.

The full cast opens act two with a rousing "We Need a Little Christmas." The second half of QDT's Holiday Party is presented in the style of a vintage TV Christmas special complete with a big-name host - in this case, QDT Holiday party staple McDonough, who does the honors as if she were channeling both Kay Starr and Kaye Ballard. McDonough is clearly having fun, however, and that is never more evident than when she is joined by Jim Grassia for Weird Al Yancovic's "The Grapefruit Diet."

You gotta love a show that follows Yancovic's wickedly funny answer to one popular weight-loss approach with "Oh Holy Night," sung with great solemnity by Dancz and Merchant, but that's just how director George Stevens packages these annual holiday shows - like the classic TV variety programs once hosted by Ed Sullivan, Bob Hope and Dinah Shore - with something for everyone.

Like a procastinator's Christmas tree, however, the show could still use a little trimming. The Weather Girls made "It's Raining Men" a dance club anthem in 1982, and the QDT company has fun with it now, but it doesn't quite fit with the rest of the proceedings, even with Michelle Webb's high-energy choreography, and is just one of the numbers the 150-minute show could easily do without.

What do fit are the beautiful costumes worn by the cast, including lovely evening wear for the ladies and dapper tuxedoes for the gentlemen.

Director George Stevens had help from Geoffrey Stevens on the book for this year's show and the collaboration has resulted in a warm-hearted evening of entertainment which is backed by the tight trio of Music Director Petros Sekelliou on piano, percussionist Marcelo Woloski, and Francesco Marcocci on bass.

(The Quincy Dinner Theatre will present its "Musical Holiday Party XIX" at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, through Dec. 17. For tickets and information, call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com).

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Nantasket Beach, Dec. 16 **Love Dogs** (End of the season) 781-925-4300.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Braintree Choral Society will sponsor an open **Messiah Sing,** under the direction of Danica Buckley Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. at Old South Union Congregational Church, 25 Columbian St. in Weymouth. Tickets are available at the door and cost $8 for adults and $6 for seniors and students. Bring your own score if you have one. A limited number will be available for loan. A raffle and silent auction will take place along with refreshments during intermission.

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Southern Rail**, a vibrant, engaging Boston-based Appalachia-rooted Bluegrass and Gospel group, on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. There will be no open mike for this concert. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, tea, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers are welcome. For further information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

South Shore artist Bettina M. Lesieur's is displaying more than 100 oil paintings ranging from miniatures to larger pieces, features landscapes of the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence, France, at her 11th Annual Art Exhibition Dec. 15-17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at her gallery/studio, 301 Saint George Street, Duxbury. The exhibit is free and by appointment. Limited edition prints available. More info at 781-934-5103 or www.bettinalesieur.com.

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield Dec. 17. **Annual All-Star Holiday Dixieland Jazz Show.** More than a dozen musicians providing continous music. Admission 415 per person. Show from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo R & R show Acoustic Open mike** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Monday, Dec. 18

The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs through Feb. 2, 2007. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Celebrating its 20th year, Masscribes Inc is a growing organization of calligraphers, both professional and hobbyists, who want to keep this art form alive. Twenty-three **calligraphers** artwork is on display in **Vine Hall Gallery,** South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell through Dec. 30. The theme of the exhibit is the environment and all work is for sale. Each artists' interpretation and artistic rendering of nature is unique and different. Included are *Marvels in Pinecones*, by Cynthia Rudolph and *Leaves*, by David Flattery. To learn more about the organization, visit the Web site at www.masscribes.org. For information, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 and the Web site at www.ssnsc.org for directions.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, **Lee Daley** will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of December

Tuesday, Dec. 19

The Thayer Public Library will host the **Braintree Anime Society** on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 8:45 PM. This month's feature is PeaceMaker, the story of 15 year old Tetsu who witnesses the murder of his parents. Will Tetsu become a killer himself to avenge his parent's death or will he shed his hatred and become a Peacemaker? The program will be held in the Logan Auditorium on the upper level of the library. This program is intended for adults and teens aged 13 and older and is not suitable for younger audiences. Please cal 781-848-0405 for further information.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents pastel and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident **Diana Rousseau** through December. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2007 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Ellen Litt, of the Norwell-based Mortgage Financial, Inc, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 a.m. Litt will discuss the advantage of using a full-service lender when obtaining a mortgage. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Elena's Restaurant, Braintree Hill Office Park, Building 50, Braintree, MA. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Norm Abrahamson at 781-828-2270 or by email at ngalaw@canton-law.com.

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The annual Christmas card exhibit is on display at the **Kingston Public Library**. Busy writing out Christmas cards this holiday? Curious to see what Christmas cards once looked like? Go and check out the Local History Room's Annual Christmas Card exhibit, located in the Local History Room display case in the Library's lobby. Stop by to learn about the history of Christmas cards and to view Christmas cards from the late 1880s - 1920s. This exhibit will be on display through the month of December. For information, call the archivist at 781-585-0517 or e-mail celliott@kingstonpubliclibrary.org.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

The Richness of Mexico, an exhibition by Mexican photographer **Daniela Russell** and painter **Maddu Huacuja,** on view through Dec. 15, at Brandeis University, 515 South St., Waltham. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends. Admission is free. For information call 781-736-8100.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Families with young children are invited to join **South Shore Conservatory** for ***Listening for Light***, a holiday story and singalong for all ages, with professional Christmas caroler and storyteller Jennie Mulqueen, on Thursday, Dec. 21, in Cox Hall at the Conservatory's Hingham campus. Audience members are encouraged to join in singing, dancing and instrument play throughout the performance. Shows will be presented at 4:15 and 5:15 pm. Tickets cost $15 per family and may be purchased in person in the registrar's office, or by phone at 781-749-7565, ext.10. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For information, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

'Tis the Season will be held at the **Blake Planetarium**, Plymouth Community Intermediate School, 117 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, from 7 to 8 p.m. The suggested donation is $4 for adults, $2.50 for students and senior citizens. Groups are welcome. For reservations, call 508-830-4470. The multi-media program **'Tis the Season** describes how different festivals such as Christmas and Hanukah became associated with the Winter Solstice, Dec. 21. The origins of various traditions of the season are explained. See events in the sky 2000 years ago that may have been a natural inspiration for the Star of Bethlehem. Learn where and when to look to see stars, planets, moon and other natural and unnatural celestial objects in the current evening and morning skies. If the weather permits, you will see the real sky.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents **Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition** exhibit through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 21, **The BBC "Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown formerly "The Alliance."**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam**, featuring **The HouseRockers w/ Jennifer Mathews.** 9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam. 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

Friday, Dec. 22

The 11th annual Winter Solstice Poetry Circle and Labyrinth Walk takes place Dec 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Old Ship Church's Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St, Hingham. Call Elizabeth Torrey 781-749-0543 for information.

Jose'Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker**, Dec. 21-24, at the **Duxbury Performing Arts Center,** 64 St. George St., **Duxbury.** Dec. 21 performance sold out. Dec. 23, 2 p.m. performance sold out. Tickets available for Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. performances. Tickets: $50, $35, $29, $15. Call 617-354-7467 or visit www.ballettheatre.org

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance – Dec. 22, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

Singles Executives Club, Dec. 22, from 8 pm. To midnight **Christmas Dance Party**, Sheraton Braintree, I-93/I-95, Exit 6, Braintree, MA. $10. 617-325-4900. Ages 40+. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor our smoke-free dance Dec. 22, with The DJ: Dee Dee Rose from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Snacks and cash bar. Info: 781-331-0021 or visit southshoresingles.org

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth. Dec. 22, **Dave & J.J.** acoustic rock, 8:45 p.m. to midnight

The British Beer Company, Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 22, **3rd Left**.

'Respect' has its rewards

COURTESY PHOTO

(left to right) "Respect" cast members Kathy St. George and Tiana Checchia, grand prize winner Diane Miller of Whitman, and cast members Amiee Collier and Kareema Castro

Diane Miller of Whitman was the grand prize winner of a necklace at a "Shopping-and-Show Shindig!" held recently at a performance of "Respect, A Musical Journey" at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse. Frosted Brownie, a Pembroke-based traveling boutique, helped present a special evening of shopping and a performance of the show celebrating women through American popular music. Miller, who attended the event with her co-workers from New England Art Publishers in Abington, accepted her prize from the cast on stage following the performance.

Featuring a cast of local actresses - including Tina Checchia of Quincy - "Respect" chronicles four women and the songs they listened to at important moments in their lives. All or part of more than 50 well-known songs are performed including "Mr. Sandman," "Dedicated to the One I Love," "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," "I Am Woman," "I Will Survive," and, of course, Aretha Franklin's "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." The show was written and created by popular music scholar Dorothy Marcic.

"Respect, A Musical Journey" is currently in an open-ended run at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.respectmusicaljourney.com

— R. Scott Reedy

Holiday events

STARS AND PROMISES ALIVE holiday show featuring the Peter Mayer Group Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, Church Green, Taunton. For info call 508-824-4143 or visit thedessertclub@aol.com or www.petermayer.com

RONAN TYNAN'S Inspirational Holiday Spectacular Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave.Back Bay, Boston,Tickets: $40.75 and $30.75. Tickets are available online at ticketmaster.com; by phone through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787; or in person at the Berklee Performance Center box office.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER MINI FAIR The First Baptist Church in Hanover, 580 Webster St. Hanover, Dec. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Pictures with Santa for Children and Pet's, Craft goods, Children's Craft Table, - Baked goods, etc. Free parking.

SOUTHERN RAIL CHRISTMAS CONCERT in Hingham Coffeehouse Southern Rail, a vibrant, engaging Boston-based Appalachia-rooted Bluegrass and Gospel group returns for another concert of Glorious Bluegrass Christmas Gospel music at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Sun., Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is located at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre.It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy CenterThere will be no open mike for this concert. Admission is $10 at the door. For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

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Aboard the Sea Cloud

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With the British Virgin Islands slipping past on either side, I looked up at a complex web of lines and masts supporting almost an acre of sail that stretched 178 feet into the sky. One deck above, 34 other passengers were enjoying a festive brunch complete with champagne and freshly made crepes.

Here onboard the Sea Cloud, the romance of a tall ship and the unhurried luxury of a yacht combined to create a memorable morning at sea.

Created for American cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post, the Sea Cloud was in 1931 the largest private yacht ever built. Post spent years designing the ship and spared no expense in its fitting out, including renting a Brooklyn warehouse where she constructed mock-ups of the interior.

As Post's ship the Sea Cloud entertained royalty, was used on diplomatic missions and saw service in World War II over the initial objections of President Roosevelt, who felt the vessel was simply too beautiful to be sacrificed. Sold by Post in 1955, the ship was eventually forgotten until refurbished in 1979 as a cruise ship for 65 passengers.

Today, Post's personal touch and elegant lifestyle are still felt onboard — the Sea Cloud feels less like a cruise ship than a wealthy person's beautiful home.

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The Sea Cloud

An authentic remnant from another era, the ship is one of those few great ships with a mystique and cachet that cannot be duplicated.

Rich mahogany woods and constantly shined brass form the superstructure while varnished wooden railings and benches line the teak promenade deck. Gilded chandeliers and oil paintings grace the intimate dining room and library, perhaps the most beautiful room at sea.

Eight original cabins feature Carrara marble bathrooms, antique dressers and decorative fireplaces. If you aren't staying in one of these luxurious retreats you can still see them as they are opened up once a week for all passengers in a festive champagne and canape-filled open house. (The more-modern cabins on the ship are much smaller although still tastefully appointed.)

Food and service on the Sea Cloud are among the very best at sea, and like-minded (but well-heeled) passengers delight in the casual, daytime outdoor lifestyle in which reading a book or chatting with convivial shipmates is the main activity — many of the passengers on my sailing were from Germany (the ship is now operated by a German company) and a European ambience prevailed.

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Lunch is served in a sumptuous buffet on the Promenade deck. Dinner is often served al fresco too. During the Captain's Welcome and Farewell dinners, suits are worn in the dining room. Complimentary wine is offered at lunch and dinner.

High tea in the afternoon comes with such treats as hot waffles and ice cream.

The real joy for ship enthusiasts, however, is in the rigging, masts and sails. A four-masted barque, the Sea Cloud has 29 sails and hundreds of lines that run from the deck to the very top of the mast. Unlike on more modern sailing ships, the deck crew onboard this ship has to scamper up the shrouds and ratlines before moving horizontally above the sea to the very end of the yardarms.

Standing on a small wire swinging wildly about while untying the sails, they look like they are floating in the air — kind of like a circus act at sea. These daily aerial acrobatics by the crew — the ship only uses its engines when it has to — never failed to amaze.

Itineraries are also different than your standard cruise ship variety. On a Sea Cloud cruise you bypass the crowded shopping havens that some Caribbean ports have become and instead call at tranquil islands where you share quiet harbors with private sailboats rather than megaships. Port calls on my cruise included Isle Des Saintes, Guadeloupe and Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands. Once on land you are more likely to share the road with goats and chickens than taxis. Snorkeling and beachcombing are among port activities — the Sea Cloud stocks equipment for snorkeling, waterskiing and windsurfing, and shore excursions (such as a visit to nearby caves) are complimentary.

Throughout my weeklong cruise, passengers witnessed the instant admiration and envy the Sea Cloud commands in port. An authentic remnant from another era, the ship is one of those few great ships with a mystique and cachet that cannot be duplicated.

Sea Cloud Cruises is a Germany-based company, with U.S. bookings handled through New York-based Elegant Cruises and Tours (800-683-6767; www.elegantcruises.com). Sea Cloud sails from Barbados from early December to early February and from Antigua in February and March; it spends the summer in Europe cruising from a variety of ports. Seven-night Caribbean cruises are from $4,160 per person.

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Silvia takes over as permanent fire chief

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Fire Chief Bob Silvia of Cohasset is the town's new permanent fire chief. Silvia is replacing longtime Chief Roger Lincoln, who retired in October after 30 years with the department. Lincoln was at the Selectmen's meeting Monday to wish Silvia well in his new role.

By Samantha Brown
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For the past 27 years, Robert Silvia has been a fixture at the Cohasset Fire Department. That won't be changing anytime soon, as the former captain and acting chief was appointed this week as permanent chief.

Town Manager Bill Griffin made the appointment, which the Board of Selectmen had 15 days to veto. At its Monday meeting Selectmen waived its right to do so, officially marking Silvia as the new head of the department.

"I'm delighted with the appointment," said Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer. Vice Chairman Rob Spofford added, "This is a great day for Cohasset. I couldn't be happier with the appointment, and the town will be well served."

Silvia is replacing longtime Chief Roger Lincoln, who retired in October after 30 years with the department. Spofford noted Silvia was lucky to have such a great mentor in Lincoln, who attended the meeting to wish Silvia well in his new role. In fact, a crowd of well-wishers from the fire department were present during the meeting, which Griffin said speaks volumes about Silvia's relationship with his peers.

Silvia said from the very beginning of his career, Lincoln was always there to show him the ropes and he is honored to follow in his footsteps. "I feel very privileged to have worked with Roger," he

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School budget work begins

By Samantha Brown
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In an effort to ensure everyone is on the same page when it comes to the fiscal 2008 budget, the School Committee has been proactive in getting the word out about budget discussions. During the budget's unveiling at Wednesday's School Committee meeting, Town Manager Bill Griffin was on hand to listen to the presentation and provide preliminary feedback at this early stage in the process.

While ultimately funding will depend on what can be allocated from the overall town budget, to keep level services the school department says it will need a budget of $13,687,626, or an increase of 5.5 percent. However, Griffin noted there are many departments to consider and limited funds, and that number cannot be guaranteed.

"I don't want anyone to assume we can meet that first level budget. If the governor is kind to us, the first thing we may be able to do is get to that level," said Griffin.

The School Committee and Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh acknowledged the figure is the first attempt to nail down funding for next year and there are still many discussions to be had before a final figure is voted on. "This is just the beginning," said Walsh.

While the school department said the new budget figure was an increase of

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STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Musician, Don "Reed" Dickinson, plays the piano in his Cohasset home. He recently released a new CD "Bay Farm Sessions."

Making music is his 'calling card'

Cohasset man dedicates CD to colleague

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Seated in his tastefully appointed living room graced by an elegant piano, Don "Reed" Dickinson reflected on the blessing bestowed upon him through his opportunities in life to create music.

"Commerce is not the point of what I do," he said. "I want to share my music; it is my calling card."

"Music touches the heart and words touch the brain. When the two come together, they feed the soul."
— Don "Reed" Dickinson

Dickinson who resides in Cohasset with his wife, daughter, son and Wheaton Terrier moved to the town 14 years ago from Milton. He was raised in Braintree and attended Berklee College of Music in Boston. For several years he was involved with his family's business, a direct marketing firm, which eventually was sold.

He has since been able to focus on his passion and talent of various forms of musical expression. His most recent project, a CD titled "Bay Farm Sessions", a collection of "demos" all written by Dickinson. Though very pleased about his latest venture, Dickinson finds the experience bittersweet due to the recent unexpected

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PICTURE THIS/Mike Corry

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This week the Mariner caught up with high school senior Mike Corry in the Spinnaker office at the high school.

Name: Michael Costello Corry

Occupation: High school senior, Executive Editor for the "Spinnaker," columnist for the Mariner, and a butcher at the Village Butcher & Deli in the Village.

Best day of your life: A warm summer day decades from now spent with the company of loved ones, talking about the things we've done and feeling completely satisfied with my time on this earth.

Best vacation: My People to People trips: Greece, Italy, France, London '04 & Australia '05 and ASP '06 with the Ritts center!

Favorite season: Summer — the endless nights that invariably turn into early mornings, topped off with a 3 a.m. trip to South Street Diner.

Favorite holiday: Festivus.

Favorite junk food: Nothing beats Oreos and milk.

Best book: "The Alchemist."

Best actor: Edward Norton & Sean Bean.

Best TV Show: "Heroes," "Friday Night Lights," "Dexter," "The Office," "LOST," and "House M.D."

Most memorable moment: Boys' State 2006: Improvising a speech comparing the Lt. Governor to a Jedi Apprentice in Star Wars, and subsequently winning the election for the Federalist Party.

Pet Peeve: Conversations about me not liking the beach, not being able to find a pair of comfy socks or a Bic Velocity pen.

Goal: I hope to become a writer.

Person you would like to meet: Jesus Christ. I imagine it would be very enlightening.

Biggest worry: Failure, spending my life doing something I don't love.

Best part of Cohasset: The scenery.

BRIEFLY

Holiday lights

In a letter included in this week's correspondence, the South Shore Community Center thanked Town Manager Bill Griffin for the Christmas lights the town provided during the Jingle Bell Walk. "The town common looked so festive! This is an annual tradition that brings the whole community out to celebrate the holidays together. As you know, this is an all-volunteer event. Your assistance helped to make the day a great success," wrote Stephanie Church, program director for the Community Center.

Beechwood Ballpark

The Beechwood Ballpark Committee expects to award the contract for improvements to the park in the next few weeks, and construction on the project is slated to begin in January of 2007. A neighborhood meeting has been scheduled with the contractor for Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. All residents of the neighborhood are invited to attend. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to contact either Glenn Pratt at (781) 383-0048 or Merle Brown at (781) 383-1625.

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POLICE BEAT

Hingham neighbor allegedly steals from family friends

22-year-old charged in Hull Street theft

By Mary Ford
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Police arrested a Hingham man Tuesday in connection with the theft of items from a home on Hull Street in Cohasset.

As it turned out, Mark Lamm, 22, of 172 Hull St., Hingham, is a friend of the family he allegedly stole from.

Rhonda Handley, 203 Hull St., whose house was broken into, confirmed that fact.

News of the holiday breaking-and-entering caught the attention of Fox News, which was in town Wednesday to talk to police and the family.

However, Chief James Hussey said this is not a "Grinch stole Christmas" story but a difficult B&E case that police were able to solve quickly thanks to an earlier tip from a neighbor.

At around 11 a.m., police responded to call from Hull Street from a person who reported seeing some suspicious activity. The caller observed a man get into a 1996 Olds Sierra and he appeared to be carrying some items that looked as though they might be wrapped. Police took a report but did not find anything.

Later that day, Handley's teenage son came home and discovered the house had been entered and his "X-Box" (video game player) and some CDs and video games were missing.

The teen called his mother who came home and notified police, Chief Hussey said. When police talked to family members and gave a description of the car seen earlier, Lamm's name came up.

Police went to Lamm's house where he gave up the X-Box, DVD and some of the CDs. He had already sold some of the games, Hussey said.

Lamm was arraigned Wednesday on charges of breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony and larceny over $250.

"I've known him for five years and could not believe he would do it in a million years," Mrs. Handley said.

Handley also said a large sum of cash, gift cards to places like Best Buy, and two bags of gifts from Old Navy are also missing. She said her bedroom was ransacked.

Warrant arrest

A 61-year-old grandmother who collected her grandson at the library last week was picked up on warrant for driving an uninsured motor vehicle, police said.

Chief James Hussey explained there was some confusion about which family member was going to pick him up. The librarian called police at 10 p.m. and said the boy had not been picked up and the library was closing.

Before releasing the boy to the grandmother, police asked her for identification and ran her name through the system. The default warrant turned up.

The woman was released on her own recognizance and will clear the matter up with the court, Hussey said.

Illegal dumping

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, police received a report from a caller about trash being thrown from a vehicle.

"In this case, the caller had the plate and a description of the vehicle, which belonged to a company," Chief James Hussey said.

He said police are sending a letter to company officials to let them know what observations were made and what the driver that day was doing.

Car window smashed

Police are not sure what may have smashed the rear driver's side window of a motor vehicle traveling along Church Street last Thursday (Dec. 14). The woman, who drove to a friend's house in Scituate and called police, saw two kids standing near a house and thought they might have been responsible.

Chief James Hussey said, however, after interviewing the youngsters police do not believe they broke the window.

Hussey said police could find no evidence about what caused the window to shatter. There is no evidence that a BB gun was used or even a rock was thrown. The incident remains a mystery, he said.

Identity theft

Police are investigating a case of identity theft involving checks. Someone used the victim's name and Social Security number and set up a bank account.

Suspicious male

Police investigated a report of a suspicious man who talked to a woman on Pond Street and then asked her over to his truck last Thursday (Dec. 14). Police put out a report to other towns with a description of the suspect and truck, Chief Hussey said.

Hussey said the woman has not come down to the station to help with a composite or look at photographs.

Metal detector

Chief Hussey was walking near the Town Common when he spotted a man with a metal detector and a small trowel digging holes.

"I came upon him and told him to stop and not to come back," Hussey said. He said the party was not a Cohasset resident. Hussey said he asked an officer to come up to the common and make sure the man did not return.

Hussey explained people use metal detectors to find jewelry that someone has lost, coins and other valuables.

Solicitor scolded

A solicitor working along Hull Street last week apparently did not realize that one side of Hull Street is in Cohasset and the other side is in Hingham.

Hingham does not have a solicitation bylaw – but the when solicitor crossed the street, Cohasset police responded to a call about an individual coming up to the door and trying to sell something.

Chief Hussey said the solicitation company apologized and said it had no intention of conducting business in Cohasset that day.

Under Cohasset's bylaw, door-to-door salespeople have to register with the police.

Charges expected to be dropped

Charges of breaking & entering of a building in the nighttime and trespassing that are facing an 18-year-old Cohasset resident are expected to be dropped.

Chief James Hussey said police are working with the District Attorney's office in the matter.

As the incident evolved, it appears the teen was so drunk that he had no idea where he was, Hussey explained. So he tried to enter the wrong house.

The homeowners were alarmed when at 11:50 p.m., they heard someone banging on the cellar door. When confronted the teen was just sitting there, Hussey said.

"In retrospect the victim totally understands and is convinced there was no intent to commit a Breaking & Entering," Hussey said.

The 18-year-old was also taken into protective custody and later released to his father.

Hussey said the entire incident has been disheartening for the teen's family. The young man will face consequences for drinking and could be suspended from some school activities.

Mistaken identity

At 11:37 a.m. Sunday (Dec. 17), a caller reported she was stopped at a stop sign on Atlantic Avenue when a man wearing a white-and-black windbreaker and jeans attempted to get into her vehicle.

As it turned out, the man mistakenly thought the woman was someone else who had stopped to give him a ride.

She agreed it was a mistake, Chief Hussey said.

"Police knew who he was and gave him a ride to work," he said.

CDs stolen

An owner of property on Tower Lane reported on Sunday that someone broke into his house, which is being remodeled, and stole about 400 CDs, police said. Chief Hussey said the homeowner has provided names of people to talk to and detectives are investigating.

Brazilian license

Police charged a Rockland woman with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle when she produced a Brazilian license after being stopped on North Main Street near Cedar Street. She was also cited for marked lanes violation. Police say she was crossing the centerline while traveling on Cedar Street.

Chief Hussey said drivers' licenses from other countries or even from out of state are not valid in Massachusetts once someone becomes a resident.

"They must convert their license," he said. "Licenses from other places do not stand up."

Kid culprits

Kids are suspected in the theft of a can of paint and some sparklers from a shed on Atlantic Avenue that was reported last Monday (Dec. 11), police said. The owner has since locked the shed. The incident is under investigation.

Falling debris

Loose debris from another vehicle was likely the cause of a damaged windshield that was reported to police at about 3:17 p.m., last Monday (Dec. 11). The reporting party provided a plate number but no such plate turned up in a computer search, Chief James Hussey said.

Car break-in

A passerby in the Whitney Woods parking lot reported a car with a smashed window last week. Police arrived and waited for the owner to return. She said her purse was stolen. The car was locked and the thief smashed the window to gain access, Chief Hussey said.

Hussey said thieves are opportunists and it is critical that people do not leave any valuables, such as a purse or electronic device, in plain view.

The incident remains under investigation.

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Fri. 22	12:08	8.3	12:10	9.9	5:54	0.8	6:32	-0.5
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Sat. 23	12:52	8.4	12:56	9.9	6:40	0.6	7:18	-0.6
Sunrise: 7:10a.m.					*Sunset: 4:15p.m.*			
Sun. 24	1:38	8.6	1:45	9.8	7:29	0.6	8:06	-0.5
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:16 p.m.*			
Mon. 25	2:27	8.7	2:37	9.6	8:21	0.5	8:55	-0.4
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:16 p.m.*			
Tues. 26	3:18	8.9	3:33	9.3	9:17	0.5	9:47	-0.2
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Wed. 27	4:11	9.1	4:32	9.0	10:16	0.4	10:42	0.0
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:18 p.m.*			
Thurs. 28	5:07	9.3	5:35	8.7	11:18	0.3	11:39	0.3
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Silvia takes over as permanent fire chief

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said, adding when he first came on board in Cohasset, Lincoln was his training officer. "I hope I can somehow try to fill his shoes and I will strive to do the job you have asked me to do."

Silvia's was one of 11 résumés received by the town for the position. Griffin, along with Director of Finance Michael Buckley, Selectman Fred Koed and Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello, served as the interviewing committee and chose six candidates to come in for interviews. Of those six, one pulled his name from contention minutes before his interview and a second failed to respond to the town's invitation, leaving four to interview. Those interviews were followed up with a final round for two candidates, and ultimately Silva was seen as the right candidate for the job.

"We had a very good group of candidates, but when all was said and done, Bob did an outstanding job in the interview, he has done an outstanding job on the job, especially as a captain over the last 21 years and most recently as acting chief. It was our unanimous decision that he has earned this opportunity," said Griffin. "He knows what the challenges are and he made it very easy for us to make a decision."

Silvia's strong background made him a perfect candidate for the job. Not only has he been a member of the department for the past 27 years, he has served as shift commander and administrative officer to the fire chief, has served as acting fire chief on many occasions, including the last three months since Lincoln's retirement. He also attended Northeastern University for emergency medical technician (EMT) training and the National Fire Academy for advanced fire administration. He has attended numerous fire science-training programs during his career and in his "spare time" has served as an assistant football coach at Cohasset High School for the past 25 years.

"Are you still going to have time to coach football?" quipped Selectman Gary Vanderweil, to which Silvia replied he thinks it may not be possible with his new role.

Silvia said he is very happy with his new appointment. "It was one of those things I'd been aspiring to do for a long time," he said, adding he feels he is currently in a position where he is able to dedicate the amount of time it takes to be chief. "I decided it was time to give it a shot," he said.

Silvia said he has many plans for the department moving forward. He said computerizing the operations at the department is on the top of the list. At the Special Town Meeting in December, voters approved allocating $25,000 for a new ambulance billing and reporting system. The system runs on a wireless secure Internet network that has a unit in the ambulance, and when the ambulance backs into the station, the information filled out in the vehicle during the transport can automatically download onto the hard drive at the station. The time saved with the electronic system will allow the department to respond to other calls instead of filling out paperwork, which will result in more ambulance fee revenue for the town.

Silvia said he would also like to start up local a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. After Sept. 11, the Department of Homeland Security initiated the program, which educates people about disaster preparedness for incidents that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Silvia said he would also continue the work he has been doing with automated external defibrillators, or AEDs. Currently, all three schools are outfitted with the devices, which can give life-saving shocks to patients in cardiac arrest. The next leg of the mission is to install the machines in the town's buildings and ensure there are many people in town who have been trained to use the devices.

"Our goal is to become a heart safe community," said Silvia, which means the department has satisfied all the goals of the American Heart Association, including have equipment on hand that even someone with minimal training can use to save the life of someone who has gone into cardiac arrest.

Selectmen congratulated Silvia on his appointment and one by one they shook his hand. Spofford said it is a pleasure to be able to hire a resident for the job who will always be nearby, and it is wonderful to be able to promote from within the department. He reiterated, "This is a great day for Cohasset."

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Spofford won't seek reelection

By Samantha Brown
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Selectman Rob Spofford announced Monday he will not run for reelection this spring.

With nine years of service on the School Building and Facilities Committee under his belt prior to the last three years on the Board of Selectmen, Spofford said he feels proud of his accomplishments, but it is time to focus on other efforts.

Spofford spent nine years on the School Building and Facilities Committee, seven of which he served as chairman. He helped oversee $52 million in new construction and renovation projects, starting with the construction of the new Osgood Elementary School and more recently, the renovations of the Deer Hill and the middle-high school. "Those are some of my proudest public service projects," he said.

During his time on the Board of Selectmen, Spofford said he is very proud to have been both a part of the team that hired Town Manager Bill Griffin, who is in his opinion one of the best managers the town has ever seen, and also Police Chief James Hussey, whom he also gave high marks. Earlier in the evening, the board waived its right to veto Griffin's appointment of new Fire Chief Robert Silvia. Spofford said that is one more appointment the board can be proud of. "These past three years (on the Board of Selectmen) have been both exhilarating and challenging. It has been an honor to serve."

"I wish the seated board members the best."

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 will be available Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Only registered voters of the town may hold an elected office. Candidates are only officially running for office after they have taken out papers and the Board of Registrars has certified the signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

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Fire department looks to boost range of permit fees

By Samantha Brown
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Tight fiscal times have led all town departments to go over their budgets with a fine-tooth comb. Many have increased fees for services and implemented cuts to help make ends meet.

To that end the fire department has decided it too will increase fees for permits to help cover the cost of running the department. Chief Robert Silvia attended Monday's Selectmen's meeting to outline the plan.

Silvia explained the fire department has not changed the amount of money it charges for permits in almost 20 years. According to Massachusetts General Laws, the head of the department may charge as much as $25 for permits, and Silvia explained currently, most permits are running at $10 each. By statute, the Board of Selectmen also has the option to increase fees beyond the department's limit of $25, up to $50.

Silvia said the department has been gathering information regarding fees other towns charge and said, "Quite a few communities have gone as high as $50." He added he felt an increase is warranted on his end, and asked the board if it felt the same. "Are you satisfied with the $25 I would charge?" he asked.

To give a little perspective on increasing fees, the department's fire prevention officer Captain Mark Trask attended the meeting. He said the department has a whole list of permits it can issue which run the gamut. Some of the permits the department issues include blasting, installing oil burning equipment, fireworks and bonfires, open air fires, storage of combustible material and gunpowder or ammo storage. "This is a huge source of revenue," he said if the fees are increased.

Silvia explained last year, the fire department issued 57 permits for installing or altering oil burning equipment and at $10 a permit collected $570. If that fee were increased to $25, the amount collected would jump to $1,425 if the same amount of permits were issued. If the Board of Selectmen decided to increase the fee even more to $50, the amount collected would be $2,850.

Silvia said smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector permits are required at the time of sale or transfer of a home. Currently the department charges $20 for the permits. During fiscal 2005 the department conducted 188 inspections for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide compliance at the time of sale or transfer, which totaled $3,760. If the fees were raised to the allowed limit of $50, the department would collect $9,400 on the same amount of permits.

There are some permits other towns charge for which Cohasset has been giving out for free. Open-air burning permits are issued in town from Jan. 15 to April 30 and hundreds are issued every year. Other towns are charging between $10 and $25 for a seasonal permit and Cohasset residents are currently paying nothing. While Silvia said charging a fee would have to be considered, at the very least the process for obtaining a permit will change.

"It has always been done over the phone," said Silvia, as homeowners simply call the station and ask for permission to burn in their yards and the department takes their information and gives a verbal OK. However, he said there has been a lot of trouble with people burning things they aren't supposed to. He said beginning this year, residents will be required to come down to the station and sign in and take a copy of the burning regulations they must follow before receiving an open-air burning permit.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil said in his opinion, it makes sense to implement a $50 permit fee across the board. He said if there are certain permits the town would like to waive fees for, such as burning, there could be a list of exceptions drafted.

Selectman Vice Chairman Rob Spofford said for some of the permits, such as underground storage tank installation permits, he feels the work required by the department warrants fees above $50. The board discussed implementing fees on a sliding scale, using time as a yardstick to gauge how much should be charged. Vanderweil noted the department provides services such as looking over development plans, including both single-family residential and larger projects such as subdivisions, and those are worth more than $50 in his opinion.

Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said he does not want to dissuade some residents from seeking permits due to the fees associated with them. "We don't want to discourage people from doing the right thing," he said, including having smoke detectors checked. Silvia noted the only time the department charges for smoke detectors is at the sale or transfer of a home. If anyone in the community who plans to stay in their home wants either their smoke detector or carbon monoxide detectors checked, a member of the department will be happy to come out to the home free of charge at any time. Trask added the typical lifespan for detectors is 10 years.

Silvia said with information collected from the board, he and Trask would work on recommendations for a new fee structure and bring it back to Selectmen after the first of the year.

Police increase parking fines

Last year, the Board of Selectmen voted to increase the illegal parking fine at Sandy Beach from $25 to $50. In a memo sent to Town Manager Bill Griffin, Police Chief James Hussey noted he is currently in the process of ordering new parking violation "tag" books to reflect that increase.

"On review of the parking infractions and current fines listed on the current 'tag,' I see the fine for parking at a fire hydrant is only $25. This is the same fine as all other infractions, with the exception of a handicapped area, which is $100," he said.

Hussey said Sgt. John Conte has suggested the Board of Selectmen consider raising the fine for blocking a hydrant to $50 and he agrees. He noted he would hold off on ordering new parking violation books until he heard further from the board.

At its Monday meeting, the board agreed not all parking violations are the same and recommended the increase.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Williams, 84 Doane St., 10 square feet of asphalt roofing, 3 square feet of wood shingle sidewall and gutters, $6,000; Shaughnessy, 6 Reservoir Rd., add two-story addition at rear of house and renovate interior and exterior, $210,000;

Humphreys, 15 Brook St., 24 by 36 inch wooden sign, $740; Murphy, 27 Highland Ave., 6 square feet of sidewall and fix rotted sill, $3,000; Bolger, 211 Fairoaks Lane, 21 square feet of wood roofing shingles; Buffum, 43 Surry Dr., new garage, kitchen remodel, mudroom and new windows, $150,000; McGurrin, 100 Pond St., finish existing basement, update, insulate electrical, new 8 by 13 foot deck off existing livingroom and Tedeschi Realty Corp., 790 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., replace existing menu board, upgrade speaker with newer system and add new presale menu board, $5,600.

Joe Campbell, 95 Beechwood St., complete remodel of kitchen, half bath, laundry, $104,750; Brown, 38 Atlantic Ave., bathroom remodel, $18,000; Chase, 457 Jerusalem Road, enclose area of existing covered porch, two new windows, one door, $20,000; Savenor, 11 Spindrift Lane, demolish, remodel: kitchen, main bath, basement and bath; add new second bath on main floor, $100,000; Armstrong, 39 Rocky Lane, sidewall front of garage and front of main house, $8,500; Mastromarino, 52 Fairoaks Lane, demolish and remodel bath, $9,000; Hubley, 318 King St. construct new 3,500 square foot residence, $300,000; Grilli, 250 Forest Ave., construct shed dormer over existing garage, install skylight, frame interior, new closet, bath configuration, new plumbing and electrical, new smoke detectors in entire house, all finish work, $98,000

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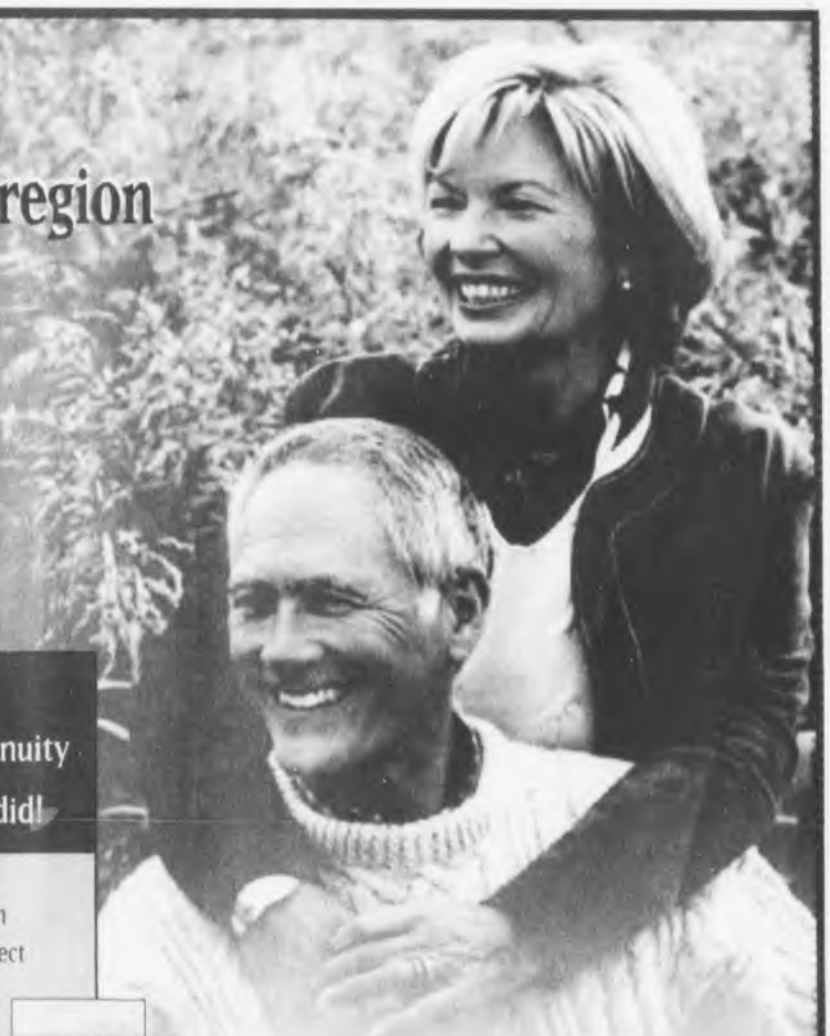
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Sarah Gruber lighting up stage in 'Nutcracker'

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy Holidays Cohasset! For all those who are anticipating the arrival of Santa on Monday, I hope he is good to all of you and that we all take a moment to enjoy and think about our true meanings of Christmas. For those who celebrate other special holidays and celebrations, I hope that all enjoy. I know that for me, listening and having conversations with children about it all is so magical and special. The stories they share are so heartfelt and childlike, yet they all hold so much truth in what they say. Children are so special... Anyways, enjoy this wonderful weekend of family and friend filled events and especially on Christmas Day. For all of you who are on vacation next week, make sure to enjoy it to the fullest extent whether you have children and are planning some great play time with the kids or, are just taking some time for yourself, make it a nice week.

ALUMNI HOCKEY

On Jan. 1 the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team will be hosting its 8th Annual Alumni Hockey Game at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham from 4:10 - 6:20p.m. The current varsity team is hoping to have a good turn out for this event and encourages all alumni players to come and join in on the fun. The cost is $25 per player for two hours of ice time, a souvenir shirt and a chance to take on the current team at CHS. If you are interested in playing, please contact **Anne Czerkawski** at 383 997 or e-mail at cacz@comcast.net . Look forward to seeing you there!

WIN A CRUISE!

Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel have joined forces supporting a fundraiser to benefit the programs and services of Wellspring Multi-Service Center. South Shore residents can win a cruise for two to Alaska, one of the last remaining wildernesses on earth. The raffle donation will provide funding for all the valuable programs at Wellspring and the winner could be rewarded with a remarkable vacation. Winners will experience the stunning beauty of Alaska including Glacier Bay National Park, Tracy Arm Fjord or Hubbard Glacier along with Juneau, Skagway Sitka or Ketchikan depending on the itinerary. The award includes airfare to Vancouver and balcony stateroom accommodations from which to view the unforgettable scenery. The chances of winning this dream vacation are very good!

Tickets are $50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets are available at the following sites: Wellspring Thrift Shops, 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull and 40 North St., Hingham; Cohasset Travel Agency, Rte. 3A, Cohasset; and Darilynn's in Cohasset Village. Cohasset Travel will be coordinating the travel plans for the cruise which is good for travel during 2007 or 2008. Raffle tickets are now available and would make a great holiday gift! The winning ticket will be drawn on April 15.

BALLERINA

Sarah Gruber is performing as a toy solider in "The Nutcracker."

Sarah Gruber, 10 years old and a fourth-grader at Deer Hill, is dancing the part of a toy soldier in this year's production of Boston Ballet's Nutcracker at the Opera House in Boston. Sarah has performed in nine shows so far and has four more to go. It is her first time performing in "The Nutcracker" and she is having a wonderful time. She is the daughter of **Elizabeth Gruber** and granddaughter of **Alan and Helen Gruber**, also of Cohasset. Her family is so proud of her! And so are we, congratulations, Sarah!

LACROSSE BOOSTERS

Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica. The boosters will "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lyn Previte** (781-383-9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. It will be a great fun night out, even if you are not a gambler. Space is limited at the event and the boosters will be sure to run out of tickets before the 20th, so try to purchase ahead before the upcoming holidays! This will be the booster's only 2007 fundraiser and we need the support of the entire community! The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls.

This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to our younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. Our recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from our feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call Lynn Previte!

FABULOUS DRESSES

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will be collecting fabulous dresses during January and February to be sold at the Pre Prom event being held in Early March. If you have a dress or two that will fill this need, call 781-383-0687 to make an appointment to donate or consign your gently worn prom or prom-like dress. Here is a wonderful program that the Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard are sponsoring.

TREE PICKUP

Looking to have your holiday tree picked up and taken away? Even better, the cost that you pay to have this much wanted and needed chore taken care of will benefit Project Safeguard. The cost per tree is $20 with Senior Citizens paying $15. Call 781-383-2492 and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make sure to call by 8 pm on Jan. 5. Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up at the end of your driveway on Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 and 2 pm.

WELLSPRING

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, owned and operated by the Social Service League of Cohasset, celebrates six successful months under new management. The shop managers, **Marita Carpenter** and **Karen Fowler** conducted a raffle of a Waterford Santa Cookie Jar and held a jewelry party featuring La Di Da Jewelry and Accessories by **Kerry Pipenbrink** that raised $250. The Shop matched these funds and presented a check in the amount of $500 to Vinny Harte, Executive Director of Wellspring to help a families in need this Christmas. The lucky winner of the cookie jar is **Deb Galambos** of Hingham. Congratulations!

Marita Carpenter of the Cohasset Consignment Shop presents a $500 check to Vinny Hart of Wellspring. Part of the funds were raised through a raffle of the Waterford Santa Cookie Jar, shown in the photo.

*The Cohasset Recreation Department and One Creative Place are sponsoring a Youth Volleyball Clinic for boys and girls in grades 5- 9 coached by **Ben Leong** and his sister, **Wendy Lum**, both of Cohasset. Learn the basic skills or enhance your skills of Volleyball, bumping, setting, serving, spiking, fun and teamwork. This program will be held two times a week at the Deer Hill School on Tuesdays and/or Fridays from 3:30-5:30 in the gym. The sessions will run for 8 weeks and if you are interested in twice a week, the cost is $160 and if you would like once a week, the cost is $100. The registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall Recreation Department or by logging onto www.onecreativeplace.net. If you have any questions, call 781-383-4109 or 781-383-2211 for registrations etc. and for questions on the actual program, you may email Wendy at LeongLum@NEHCF.NEMC.org*

That is all for this week Cohasset. All information should be sent to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Patrick R. Gaughen and Katherine L. Johnson

Johnson - Gaughen

Katherine L. Johnson of Northville, Mich., and Patrick R. Gaughen of Cohasset, have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kyle and Jeri Johnson. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English and sociology from the University of Virginia-Charlottesville, and her master's degree in social work and public policy from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She is currently the supervisory child welfare evaluator for the North Carolina Division of Social Services.

Her fiancé is the son of Robert H. and Margaret A. Gaughen. He is a graduate of Yale University where he received his bachelor's degree in history and political science. He received a master's degree in security studies at Georgetown University, and is presently enrolled at Duke University seeking a doctorate degree in political science.

A May 2007 is planned at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, Mich.

Coffin - Cook

Stacey Lynn Coffin, daughter of Robert and Karen Coffin, formerly of Topsfield, and Poinciana, Fla., and Trevor Drake Cook, son of Thomas and Deborah Cook of Cohasset, were married this past summer at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers. The evening ceremony, officiated by Justice of the Peace, Alan Ulrich, was followed by a reception at the yacht club.

Serving as Matron of honor was Kerry Blyth and the bridesmaids were Jessamyn Anderson and Jennifer Mahon, all friends of the bride and groom.

Groomsmen included the groom's father, Tom Cook, who served as best man, as well as Steven and Brian Coffin, both brothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Masconomet Regional High School in Topsfield and Westfield State College. She received a Masters in Education from Lesley University. She is currently employed as the director of a pre-school in Rowley.

The groom graduated from Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H., and the University of North Carolina with a degree in marine biology. He works at Alden Research Laboratory in Holden.

After a honeymoon trip to Belize, the couple is residing in Gloucester.

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Drake Cook

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Art exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at Paul Pratt Library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Library databases – New academic journal titles have been added to the Academic OneFile database found on the library's Web site at cohassetlibrary.org. Click Research, then Search their Databases and click on Academic OneFile. Of particular interest are transcripts and audio files of National Public Radio programs such as "All Things Considered," "Talk of the Nation" and "Morning Edition." For information or assistance contact Reference Librarian, Gayle Walsh at 781-383-1348.

Author event – Buttonwood Books and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library welcomes author, Nardi Reeder Campion, Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m., in the library's Meeting Room. She will discuss her new book "Over the Hill You Pick Up Speed." Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish music for children – Monday, Dec. 11,18 and Jan. 8, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room, Jodi Craft will teach and sing familiar songs in Spanish. This interactive Spanish enrichment program is for all ages and communities. No registration required. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Come join us for a rockin' good time.

Spanish story time – Friday, Dec. 15, from 1-to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Su Escuela, The Language Center, will present Spanish Story Time. This interactive program will be facilitated by native Spanish speaking teachers who will translate, adapt, and present well known books.

'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2007 observances.

The effort would result in upwards of 200 American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets, facing Veterans Memorial Park. The flags sell for $20 and can be dedicated to anyone.

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www

alingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

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Making music is his 'calling card'

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death of his friend and business colleague, Paul Caruso.

A talented producer, Caruso's credits included work with Aerosmith, Joe Perry and Ringo Starr. "Paul was such a special guy," Dickinson recalled. "When I first met him, there was a lot I wanted to do but I didn't know how. Paul was the engineer. He knew. We built a studio upstairs in the bedroom. I would write a song and then he would know what instrument would work best for the sound. He made me into a better a writer. He knew a great song when he heard it. "Bay Farm Sessions" is dedicated to Paul. His absence leaves a huge void in my life. But I still feel his presence."

Dickinson continued to describe the creative process and its impact on others. "Music touches the heart and words touch the brain. When the two come together, they feed the soul." Not limiting his work to one genre of music has been a fascinating challenge, for him. "Learning how to draft country songs is like telling a story. The lyric is *so* important. Lullabies and pop or rock are completely different."

When creating a song Dickinson finds that a lyric or a tune may appear in his mind, but more often an idea will "hibernate" and eventually find its way to the piano keys and paper. Other times he hears the music in his head and will begin humming the chords. Inspiration comes to him in countless forms: his family, spirituality, nature, the woods, fields and trees. Sometimes a social concept ignites a spark that develops into a musical creation like, "Whatever happened to Sundays?" an observation that Sundays once were about rest, family dinners and time to "walk though the meadows." Today they are about work and activities and shopping and "walking down aisles" of mall stores.

Another outlet at which he shares his creativity is the Company Theatre in Norwell. "I've been in several productions there." Dickinson smiled as he recalled a particularly fun role as Gaston's sidekick in "Beauty and the Beast. "It's a great place for the community," he added.

He also teaches a song-writing course at the Company Theatre for three weeks during the summer for 9-17 year olds, though he believes that developing such skills and changing direction in life can happen at any age. "Most people who fail at things give up too soon," he said. "It is important to tap into something good-something beyond you; the creative spirit. Pay attention to the signs in your life."

Prior to "Bay Farm Sessions," Dickinson had released the CD's "Ruby"(2003) and "Playing Games with the Sun"(2001).

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Don "Reed" Dickinson also shares his creativity at the Company Theatre in Norwell where he has been in several productions there. He also teaches a song-writing course at the Company Theatre for three weeks during the summer for 9-17 year olds.

On his new CD, for the first time he had eight of the vocals sung by someone other than himself. Erin Vulgamore, a singer discovered through Berklee College's website is heard on the recordings. "Her voice was perfect for the sessions," Dickinson said. She has a terrific voice for country and pop music." Also heard on the CD are seven other musicians.

This fall, the CD, "Sheltered In Love" will be released and will feature two songs from Dickinson's latest work. This compilation of musical artists will raise donations for Covenant House, a non- profit organization for runaway teens. Dickinson's work has been met with upbeat reviews. Modern Rock says, "Dickinson obviously has heaps of talent as a songwriter."

Dickinson practices his own philosophy and expresses his gratitude for his ability to do so. "I know how lucky I am to be able to do this," he said." Five years ago I never would have thought this would be my life. I am blessed because this is what I like to do. I can write music, take walks with my wife and dog, be with my kids. But people can do what they love as a hobby, too. It's important to take that corner toward change. Everyone has importance. And everyone can do something. You can *be* the change you want to see in the world."

Dickinson's Cd's are available on CDBaby.com (type in Reed Dickinson). Dickinson songs are also available on iTunes.

Seawall construction

Bids are due on the Border Street seawall construction project Jan. 5. Town Manager Bill Griffin told selectmen this week construction will hopefully begin around Feb. 5. The portion to be worked on runs from Atlantica to the Mill River Marine Boatyard.

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A Cohasset Christmas poem by Andrew Trask

As winter approaches and Christmas draws near,
I sit in my study and think back through the years.

Recollections of skating on Milliken Field,
When frigid winds blew and black ice was revealed.

Of sliding the hill by the old tennis courts,
And hollowing snow drifts to make icy forts.

Of a day when you knew every neighbor around,
From Pratts and McCarthys to Marks, Hobbs and Downs.

When throughout the hillside and from farther beyond,
Kids came with their ice skates to the old Ash Street pond.

And houses and trees decked with colorful lights,
Gave a nice friendly glow to the dark winter nights.

And shoveling out neighbors as snow fell and drifted,
Gave a sense of true purpose when spirits were lifted.

I was thinking these things of growing up in a time,
When the world seemed more friendly, more simply, sublime.

And I fondly recalled when the only thing pressing, was being home for dinner and counting our blessings.

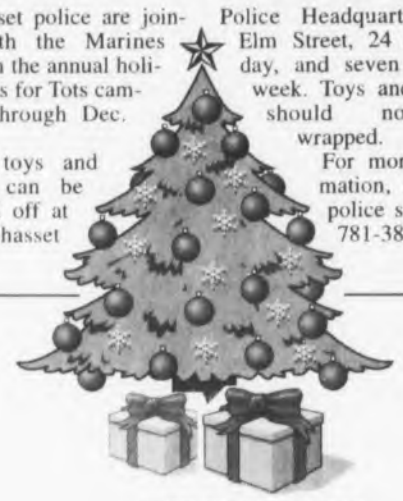
Andrew Trask's Christmas card to announce his family get-together included this poem. Andrew is one of five brothers and two sisters who grew up on Bancroft Road in Cohasset in the late 50's, 60's and early 70's. His father is the late Harry Trask and his mother Joan still lives in the family home. Andrew now resides in Mansfield with his wife Sue and his children, Jennifer, Justin, Jessie, James, JJ and Julie. He works in the computer field, currently for "Geek Housecalls," a home computer repair service.

Toys for Tots drive under way

Cohasset police are joining with the Marines Corps in the annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign through Dec. 24.

New toys and games can be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquarters, on Elm Street, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week. Toys and games should not be wrapped.

For more information, call the police station at 781-383-1055.



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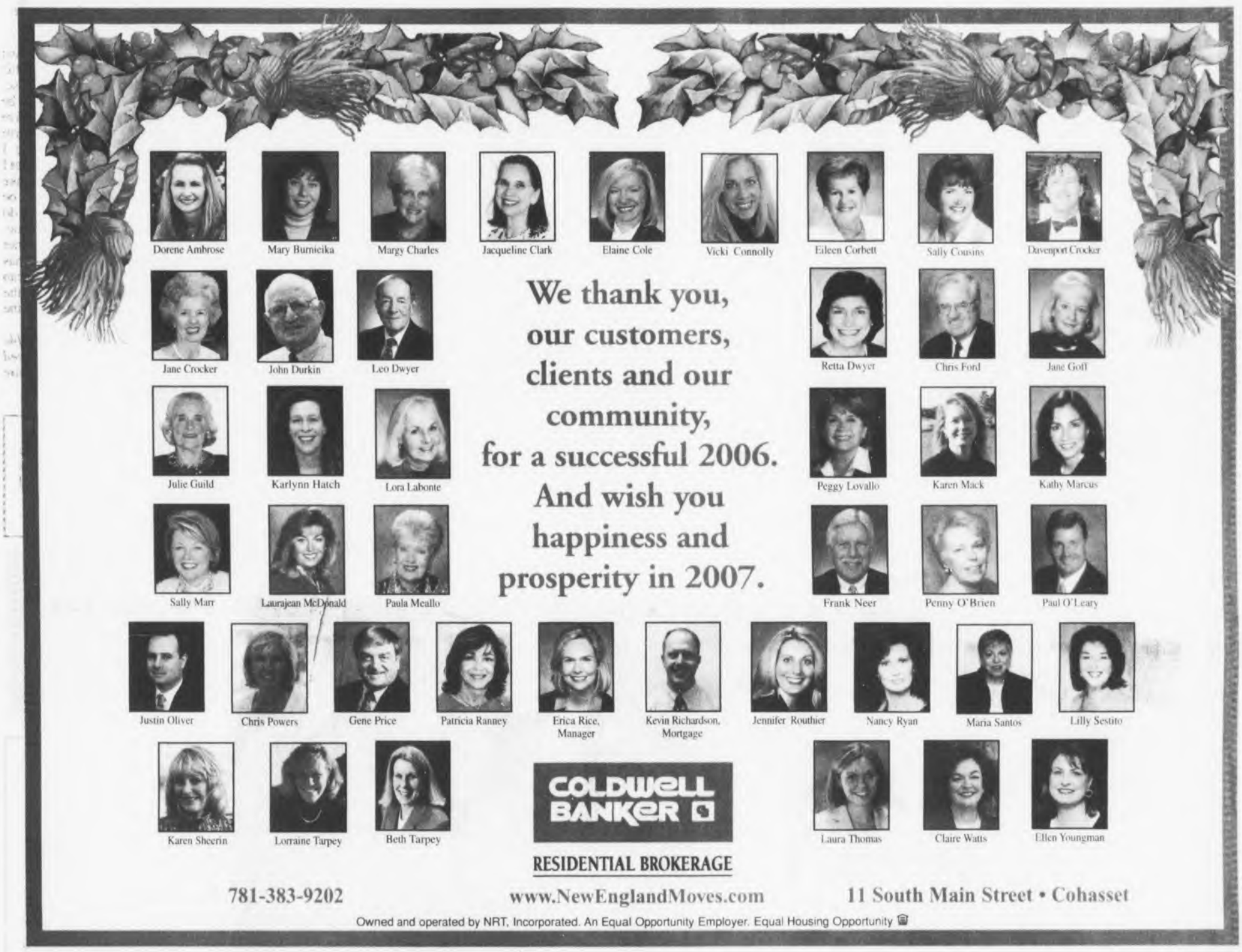

Schools take a first swing at the budget

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$707,815, Griffin said he thought it was closer to an increase of $772,912. He noted voters approved a school budget of $12,714,714 for fiscal 2007. To that, Town Meeting added $200,000 in Chapter 70 grant funding from the state, which brought the budget up to $12,914,714, which would be an increase of $772,912. He said it looked to him as if the $65,097 the schools were given as reimbursement for the purchase of security system equipment for the Osgood School had been added to the base budget. He said because that money came from free cash, it was a one-time expense and would not necessarily become part of the school budget going forward. "We can talk about that at our joint meeting, but the money came from free cash and was a one-time event," he said.

School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said he thought Town Meeting had agreed to add the money to the school department's budget. However, Griffin reiterated free cash is used for one-time expenses.

"I don't want anyone to assume we can meet that first level budget. If the governor is kind to us, the first thing we may be able to do is get to that level."

— Town Manager Bill Griffin

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz said he understands the importance of bringing a balanced budget forward every year, but he does not want to see it happen at the expense of the district's goals. To bring the district forward and achieve the goals the School Committee has set, "The reality is, it will take about $16.1 million to move ahead," which would be roughly $2.4 million more than presented for fiscal 2008. He noted better schools would make Cohasset a premier town for people to purchase real estate, which would be good for the town as a whole.

In response, Griffin recalled the first Town Meeting he attended in Cohasset. It was December 2004, roughly one month prior to his officially coming on board in January, and he sat on the bleachers in the non-voting section with the press. "That night was spent cutting budgets back because assumptions were made and they did not come true. At our last Town Meeting (Nov. 13) we were able to restore or add things because we brought in a balanced budget first. In my opinion, it's a better route," he said.

School Committee member Steve Fusco said in his opinion, the school department has an obligation to come in with a balanced budget and at the same time, has an obligation to the children in town to stretch it as far as it will go. "I'm not sure the $16.1 million figure is the answer, and I'm not sure this one ($13.7 million) is either," he said. Fusco said it will take work on both sides to come up with the appropriate figure for everyone.

Griffin said going forward, when the school department meets with the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee at joint hearings, he would like to discuss the assumptions which were made during the last budget cycle and whether they are valid. He said the town is hit hard due to the shared costs between the town and the schools and strategies need to be developed to deal with them. "Building maintenance is a shared expense, even though we're not budgeting that way," he said. Square footage-wise, the schools are bigger and he has been budgeting more for their maintenance, but said this year, he's begun budgeting for maintenance again, "and I may not have enough money to cover everyone," which will have to be discussed.

School budget calendar for fiscal 2008

The school department has begun budget discussions for fiscal 2008. The following is a list of dates for meetings it will hold to discuss the budget, which it plans to send to all pertinent town boards and parties as well as members of the PSO.

- **Jan. 3:** School Committee budget sub-committee meeting (Osgood School, Janet Sheehan; Deer Hill School, Keith Gauley; Student Services, Linda Gill; Technology, Ken Cisneros).
- **TBD:** Budget summit with the town.
- **Jan. 10:** School Committee budget sub-committee meeting (Cohasset Middle High School, Joel Antolini; Athletics, Ron Ford; Curriculum and Professional Development, Nancy Mrzyglod).
- **Jan. 17:** School Committee budget meeting.
- **TBD:** School Committee presents budget to joint meeting of Selectmen and Advisory Committee.
- **Feb. 28:** School Committee public hearing on budget/ School Committee votes final adoption of budget and certifies budget figure.
- **March 5-16:** Central office staff prepares Town Meeting budget materials.
- **March 16:** Budget document ready for distribution.
- **TBD:** Annual Town Meeting.

The school department's budget calendar can also be found on the district Web site at www.cohassetk12.org. School Committee meetings are held in the Community Meeting Room at the high school, near the superintendent's office. All are welcome to attend.

School budget focus group

The School Committee is beginning its budget discussions and has asked Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer if two members of the board would join two members of the School Committee who are serving on a budget focus group. Dormitzer asked his board for feedback at its Monday meeting.

"Personally, I don't want to divide us," said Dormitzer, adding he feels if the Selectmen agree to participate in the meetings, it should be in a role of information gathering, rather than participating in budget discussions. "I think our current liaisons to the School Committee could do that," he said.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said it was his understanding the School Committee also wanted to include two members of the Advisory Committee.

Selectman Vice Chairman Rob Spofford said he had spoken with School Committee member Rick Flynn who indicated the meetings would be posted and the public or other board members would be invited to attend. Spofford said he thought it was a good idea to have a working group in a smaller setting and agreed it should not be a decision-making group.

Selectman Gary Vanderweil noted if members of the board participate only as observers, there would not be any opportunity to provide creative input. "I don't see the point of essentially having two more citizens participate. We can't go as representatives of the board," he said, as the individuals will only be able to convey their personal thoughts.

However, Selectman Fred Koed said he thinks it sounds like a great opportunity for brainstorming, and it would ensure two members of the Board of Selectmen are on top of what the School Committee is doing and can report back to everyone else. Dormitzer noted the meetings will be open and the entire board could attend to remain informed.

The Board agreed to participate in the meetings, but said it will need to come together and discuss its thoughts soon, to enable it to move forward into budget season with a common position, in general, across the board.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The gift that keeps giving

'Tis the season for not only giving and receiving, but also for generating tons of trash.

Christmas morning, for example, can look like a twister ripped through the living room, scattering wrapping paper, gift boxes, tissue paper and ribbons and bows about the room. The easy approach to clean up is grabbing a large garbage bag and shoving the piles of paper, ribbons and ripped-open boxes the bag. But the easy approach is not always the best.

According to information provided by the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, Americans throw away 25 percent more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year. On the South Shore alone, the extra waste reportedly amounts to about 1,000 extra tons per week.

That's a hefty amount of garbage that doesn't need to find its way into our already overloaded trash stream. Recycling most of what you'll be throwing away this holiday season will not only help save the environment, it will save money.

Instead of adding to the rising cost of garbage disposal, recycling these materials could save a whole lot of money as well as other things. For instance, the Cooperative reports that recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 212 gallons of fuel, and reduces pollution emitted into the air. And in Massachusetts, recycling supports 1,437 recycling businesses and organizations and 19,500 jobs.

If that's not enough to motivate you to take a few extra steps after the hustle and bustle of Christmas morning, think of the money you could help save by recycling.

More than half of the paper (including cardboard) that could be recycled is being thrown away. This costs the 15 towns in the Cooperative about $2 million a year and statewide the price tag is in excess of $100 million per year. Those costs will more than likely make it back to the individuals in the long run and that means more money in your pocket and less for waste disposal "fees".

So, this holiday season please do your part to trim the trash after trimming the tree.

Here are some helpful recycling tips provided by the South Shore Recycling Collaborative that are especially relevant this holiday season:

Cardboard: Recycle all of your cardboard boxes. Flatten and either fold or cut to a size not larger than 2 feet by 2 feet.

Gift boxes and wrapping paper: Gift boxes and all non-foil wrapping paper can be included with your paper recycling. Tape and twine is okay, but no ribbons.

Holiday cards and calendars: Holiday cards (including envelopes and gift tags) and calendars can be recycled with your paper.

Other non-trash items: Magazines & catalogs, old files, paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes), shredded paper, newspapers, copy paper, paperback books, spiral binders, tape, and staples are all OK for the paper bin. You should also recycle all glass, plastic, and metal bottles and cans.

Christmas trees and wreaths: Special collections for most towns take place in early January. Remove all tinsel and garland and do not put in a plastic bag. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, more than 33 million real Christmas trees are sold in North America every year and Christmas tree recycling helps return a renewable resource back to the environment.

For more information on what can be recycled and what your town's policies are, as well as creative ideas to avoid putting items out in the trash, go to www.ssrc.info. The South Shore Recycling Cooperative includes the following towns: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth and Whitman.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Conservation Commission, Jan. 4, 7 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Jan. 8, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Harbor Health Committee, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the library

Osgood School Council, Jan. 4., 3:30 p.m. at Osgood

Planning Board, Jan. 3, 7 p.m. (Public hearing, large home review at 7:30 p.m.)

Sewer Commission, Jan. 8, 6 p.m.

Stormwater Committee, Dec. 27, Jan. 3, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. It is important to note that you are not officially running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2007 town election include: Selectmen - two three-year positions; School Committee - two three-year positions; Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor - one three-year position; Board of Health - one three-year position; Cohasset Housing Authority - one five-year position; Planning Board - one five-year position; Recreation Commission - three five-year positions; Sewer Commission - one three-year position and Water Commission - one three-year position.

Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting which will be held Saturday, March 31, and for the Annual Town Election which will be held Saturday, April 7.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society....

The Cohasset Historical Society's archives are full of documents and letters enriching our sense of the past. The letters below are what we hope to be the first in a weekly submission of fascinating items from our Collection.

The following selections were chosen from a box of letters written by Cohasset servicemen during World War II. All of the letters were addressed to the George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion in thanks for a Christmas gift of $5 donated by Cohasset residents. These three particular letters were chosen by our Cohasset High School volunteers, P.J. McCaw, Kenny Muir and Kyle Pinkus.

Happy Holidays from the Cohasset Historical Society!

These letters are taken verbatim and parts have only been omitted due to space issues.

Dec. 8, 1943
Somewhere in the Pacific

Dear Friends,

Today I received your card, wishing me the best possible for the coming Holidays. You can't know how much that card meant to me. As you probably know Cohasset has been home to me for the past 5 years. I liked the town and the people. To me it is symbolic of Town. It has no factories to mar its beauties, and it has a beautiful beach, homes, woodlands, lakes, etc. All of this is American style. Some day I hope to return to that town and make it my permanent home.

I can't seem to word my appreciation to you people who have remembered me on Christmas. But I will tell you, I will never forget your kindness.

This the second Christmas spent out here, and need I say, I hope it's the last. It would be so good to see all the folks back there once more... ...Letters from home, we thrive on. As long as there is mail, we're happy. I will close now and may I extend my best wishes...for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dec. 17, 1943
North Africa

Dear Gentlemen,

Your kindness and your thought in sending me such a substantial and useful Christmas present are most profoundly appreciated. And my few words of thanks will only serve as an inadequate expression of my true sentiments. I have a very deep love for Cohasset, for it is there that I have spend my happiest days and it is there that I long to return after the war.

Three odd years of destroyer duty have taken me to all but one continent and on all but two oceans not to mention seas. In fact, so much of the time is spent at sea that one is likely to lose contact with his friends at home. Sometimes you begin to wonder whether you have been completely forgotten except by those to whom you are closest. That, perhaps, explains in part why your gift is so highly regarded, for it is a real token of your thoughts and best wishes. It convinces one that he is remembered and that those at home are fully aware of what he is doing.

Again, many thanks for your kindness and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.

1st Sgt. Harry W. Rose

Dec. 29, 1943

Dear Friends,

Just a short note to tell you that the $5 arrived ok and to thank you of the Legion and al the townsfolk that helped make these gifts available to the men and women of Cohasset who are in the service.

Some of you have probably heard that I have left Australia and am now up in New Guinea and I can tell you that it is totally different than what we in Cohasset are accustomed to.

Imagine that some oft he boys on the European front have already spent their money orders but mine is still resting peacefully in my wallet and it will be some time before I have a chance to get rid of it. However I expect to get a leave eventually and get down to Sydney, Australia and I hear it is just about the same as any large American city.

The last few weeks have not had much time to write more than a short note to anyone and am afraid this isn't going to be very long either.

Sure would like to be home in Cohasset and hope that it won't be very long before I am there.

My regards to all the people in town.

Harry W. Rose

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Track laid through all five towns

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Some General Stuff — By the end of this month, the Greenbush Project will have track laid continuously from Braintree to Scituate, through all five Greenbush towns. We have certainly seen many changes in Cohasset over the past 12 months. This office has received numerous calls from residents about bits and pieces of the project that have not been finished. Residents, who have been generally quite patient up to now, are wondering when these little things will be finally addressed. Well, here's the deal. CBB has been entirely focused on completing the track. This is clearly their top priority. The small things that we see day in and day out and brought to our attention by the patient residents are regularly discussed with the project. Both CBB and the MBTA assure us that our issues are on their punch list and will be corrected eventually. Just when remains to be seen.

Forest Avenue — The small drainage job has been completed on Forest Avenue near Wheelwright Park. Guess what's next? Drum roll, please… In 2007 the Town will be paving Forest Avenue and completing the sidewalks. In the meantime, you might see surveyors up and down Forest along with strange markings on the street. That is part of the preliminary planning and design. We can't thank the Norfolk County Engineering Department enough for all of their diligent work on the two recent drainage projects and the soon to me completed sidewalk and paving. They have been with us every step of the way and have been exceedingly helpful. Thanks, Norfolk County.

More on Train Safety — Hardly a week goes by in which we haven't been called about some safety issue around town. Recently, we've heard about speeders on the Norfolk Road detour for the closed Pond Street. Once again, we ask anyone who uses this detour, *"Please take it easy through this congested neighborhood."* The traffic gets unusually heavy just before the High School starts and just after classes are over for the day. Please, please, please slow it down!

Local teenagers are walking on the tracks, which is not a very safe practice.

CBB has been entirely focused on completing the track. This is clearly their top priority.

And, mention this to any teen-aged driver in your family.

Another safety item — If at any time you see any condition resulting from Greenbush construction that you feel is unsafe, please call the CBB 24 hour **Hot Line** at **781-682-6350**. Particularly, as winter approaches and the weather gets worse with freezing and thawing cycles we know that there may be areas of temporary paving etc. that will deteriorate. The quickest way to get these fixed is to call CBB's attention to these safety hazards through the **Hot Line**.

Lastly, we have spoken about residents walking on the right of way. We know that there are no trains running at present. But, there is construction equipment traveling on the tracks. The rails are not safe places to walk. We all need to get into the habit of Not walking on the rails. Note the enclosed photo, taken this week, of two Cohasset teenagers ambling down the tracks. From our vantage point that's not a very safe practice.

One Small Issue Down — For quite a while the Town has had a disagreement with the MBTA about a section of sidewalk that they removed from the project near the kitchen store across from the South Shore Art Center. The

Site of the new sidewalk to be constructed near the kitchen store on Depot Court, across from the Art Center.

original plans called for a section of sidewalk to be added that connects the existing sidewalk to the "out" side of the Town Parking Lot driveway. We have reached agreement with the MBTA along with a bit of horse trading, that this small section of sidewalk will now be constructed. (This sidewalk will be approximately parallel to the jersey barriers that were placed at the edge of the Town Parking Lot late last summer.)

Rocky Lane — We've had numerous meetings with groups of residents and residents on an individual basis about the conditions and design of the bridge and roadway. One of their issues is the lack of a street sign identifying the new roadway. We understand that a new sign is on order and will be installed as soon as it arrives. But so far, we don't have a date. CBB did stripe the road recently which is progress.

Misc. Train Information — Did you know? The length of a Greenbush diesel locomotive is 65 feet and the length of each passenger car is 85 feet. Try to work that into your holiday party conversation.

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How neutral is gender?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I see where Harvard University is breaking new ground in education.

The folks who run the little prep school on the Charles are considering making their dormitories "gender neutral."

That means that they are thinking of letting the sons of Harvard room with the daughters of Harvard so they can study and bake cookies together and not have to worry about going home in the dark.

"It is something that is on the table," said Robert Mitchell of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. "There are already gender neutral suites, floors, and entryways, and wherever possible, we have created gender neutral single occupancy bathrooms."

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I wonder if Mom and Pop, who are footing the bill for all this, are going to be polled to see if they are willing to keep signing checks to cover what could be an unexpected extension of their offsprings' education in anatomy.

The move to offer the opportunity to share one's dorm room with someone of the opposite sex is also on at Clark University in Worcester.

It was started there when Jeffrey Chang and Allison Clancy, close friends and next-door dorm neighbors, asked to room together next year and were turned down.

"They did not give us a reason," said Jeffrey.

I can give you one in one word. It has three letters and ends in "x." At least I think it is, but this is 2006 on the campus and you never can tell.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth and a Methodist bishop was president of my university, it was okay to have a visitor of the opposite sex in your dorm room, provided one out of every four feet were placed firmly on the floor.

This, of course, ruled out collegiate sex for anyone but a contortionist.

I once dated a nubile young lady, an art student from Greenfield, who lived in the Franklin Square House, a sort of female rooming house in Boston's South End.

Friends of the male persuasion, even friends with benefits, if there were such a thing in those days, were not allowed above the first floor of the Franklin Square House under penalty of … well, I never knew of anyone who tried.

And that wasn't even a college dorm.

But I digress …

The same story of Harvard's dalliance with coed dorms, which made page three of the Herald the other day, also told me that Hampshire College in Amherst has had a policy of "gender blind" rooming since 1970.

"Men and women who request to room together frequently are people who are good friends," Elaine Thomas, spokeswoman for Hampshire, told reporter Marie Szaniszlo without batting an eye.

I haven't been to Hampshire College or Amherst in years, but I always wondered why so many of their coeds walked around with smiles on their faces.

Surviving the holiday overdose

TALES FROM THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON

For this crew, the entire holidays are all about making a list and checking it twice to make sure they've got everything covered.

As I sat down to write a holiday column, it struck me. I had actually OD'd on the holidays and I hadn't even made it to the "Seven Swans A-Swimming." I suppose that's what happens when Christmas ads begin around Halloween, and by Thanksgiving, that toy your child would absolutely die if he does not get is already on the "you're too late now, chump!" list. But, the stores aren't the only culprits who push us to the edge during this season of good cheer and forced merriment.

Polly & Peter Perfects. We all know them; the families who take their holiday photos in June and even Edgar, their prized English bulldog, is well-groomed and smiling despite the big red bow on his collar. While I contemplate whether I can recycle last year's photos, their newsletters detail the numerous awards won by Johnny, Susi and little baby Timmy. *Who knew a two- year old could accomplish so much in a single year?* When their epic of family overachievements arrives in my mailbox the day after Thanksgiving, I know I'm supposed to think "How lovely;" but what I'm really thinking can't be printed in a family newspaper.

Ted & Trina Traditionalists. Each year they enjoy long-established family traditions like cutting down their own tree or making cookies together while singing Christmas carols. Then there are the rest of us, who can't remember what traditions we started the year before, let alone the words to anything other than "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." Maybe we've moved, divorced, remarried; or simply decided that we can't handle our own families during the holidays. So we tend to make things up as we go along. *(Yes, son, other people really do eat take-out Chinese on Christmas. Well, I'm sure they do in China.)*

Sam & Sally Spirits. These two seem to have an unending supply of holiday energy and attire. You run into them all over town and they're full of Christmas cheer and good tidings because they actually enjoy holiday shopping and even have the panache to pull off blinking lights on various articles of clothing. You briefly marvel at how you can't even get your winter wardrobe out of storage, yet they manage to dig out reindeer sweaters and Christmas tree neckties. Then you try not to think of what you could do about those blinking lights if you only had a Red Ryder BB gun.

Checklist Charlie & Trudie To-Do List. Christmas tree up? Check. Cards mailed? Check. Presents wrapped? Check. Letters to Santa? Check. For this crew, the entire holidays are all about making a list and checking it twice to make sure they've got everything covered. As your child watches their family race from one holiday event to the next, they inevitably turn to you and whine, "Mommy, why don't we make gingerbread houses from scratch? String cranberries for the tree? See the Nutcracker? Do the Holiday Stroll? …." Which leads you to look down and say, "Hey, why don't we go to McDonald's?" It works like a charm every time.

With the holidays spinning out of control (well for us normal people, anyhow) and taking on more manic proportions each year, we all have to come up with coping mechanisms, or at least little forms of rebellion. Last year, I didn't send out holiday cards. I can't tell you how great it felt not to pull an all-nighter licking envelopes. This year, I sent the cards (as I never sent change of address cards last year either). Instead, I let my seven-year old decorate the tree all by himself. So what if the ornaments are all at knee level. He thinks it's the most beautiful tree ever. And you know what? So do I. Now can someone please pass me the eggnog – *no, not the one meant for the kids* — and don't forget to wake me up when it's December 26th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Animal shelter fund closer to goal

TO THE EDITOR:

The Friends of the Scituate Shelter would like to send warm holiday wishes to the residents of Cohasset and to thank all of you for your continued support.

As many of you know, the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter, commonly referred to as the Scituate Shelter, has been working for the past year and a half to raise money to relocate to the newly acquired 3A Farm. We are getting closer to our goal, but we still have a way to go.

We serve the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell, Hingham and Hull, taking in lost and surrendered animals on a space-available basis. As a long-time volunteer, I've witnessed the tireless dedication of the people who give their time, as well as countless happy endings. Some of our homeless friends come to us with health problems, some with behavior problems and some are quite elderly. Abandonment, abuse or unfortunate changes in circumstance bring them to our door, but each animal is treated with kindness, medical and behavioral help and most of all, dignity.

Just this year, an ancient and emaciated Newfoundland, now named Howard, was brought in by the Hingham Animal Control Officer. A good 40 pounds underweight, missing most of his teeth and stinking to high heaven from an untreated skin infection, he bore no tags and very little hope for the future. He was put on a special diet and treated by our wonderful vet, Dr. Pat Hess. Miraculously, a kind person with a soft spot for Newfies stepped in and volunteered to give him a good home for the rest of his life!

So to all of you who have sent in donations or held fundraisers, to the children who have given us the proceeds from their lemonade stands or asked for pet supplies in lieu of birthday gifts, we extend the most heartfelt thanks and warm wishes for the coming year.

We ask that in this season of giving, you remember the Scituate Shelter, whether with a donation to the 3A Farm Fund or a new home for a companion animal.

For more information, please go to www.3afarmfund.com, or call 781-545-8703.

Stacey Weaver
44 Nichols Road

CEF appeals to community to support schools

The Cohasset Education Foundation recently sent out an appeal to local residents and businesses. The CEF is a non-profit local education fund designed to promote academic initiatives and excellence in Cohasset schools. The appeal asks for contributions to the CEF in two ways: donating to the Project Gift fund which will immediately fund needed projects at all three schools and donating to the Endowment Fund which will provide long-term funding solutions for the schools. The CEF has raised over $100,000 in gifts and pledges for 2006.

The goal of the CEF is to ensure that Cohasset students, teachers and administrators are provided with programs, materials and up-to-date equipment necessary to maintain academic excellence in today's competitive environment. The CEF works with the school administration to determine the needs at each school. The CEF will immediately fund projects once money has been raised for its Project Fund gifts. The Endowment offers a principal preserved fund, with its income from the Endowment fund becoming available for projects and for long-term funding, while assuring that the principal cannot be invaded.

This fall, the CEF funded the Osgood School computer lab. The grant of $25,000 purchased 24 new desktop computers, flat panel display screens and Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003 software. Projects designated by Dr. Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools, for CEF include: funding the final phase of the Middle School Technology and Engineering Lab, purchasing Promethean White Boards for the Deer Hill School and High School, purchasing Safari Montage Video on Demand software systems for all schools and grade levels. The CEF is also donating all of the money raised through its "Extra Credit" program which recognizes teachers, administrators and staff at all three schools to professional development.

Tax deductible donations, in-kind contributions, corporate matching donations and volunteer hours will be gratefully accepted. For more information, visit www.cohasseteducation.org. The CEF is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Spelling Bee and Gala event. Contact, Catherine O'Callaghan at 781-383-6868.

Book discussion with local author

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with local author and historian Lincoln Bloomfield. Mr. Bloomfield discusses his new book "Accidential Encounters with History, Some Lessons Learned" and shares his life in the fields of education and high ranking government service.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Christmas Tree Drive

Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard will hold a Christmas Tree Drive. They will pick up your holiday tree and take it away at the cost of $20 per tree and $15 per tree for Senior Citizens.

To have your tree picked up call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions.

Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up from the end of your driveway Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

'Journey of growing up together had come to an end'

Christmas in Cohasset 50 years ago

By Joel S. Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In June, the 36 graduates of the Cohasset High Class of 1956 received our diplomas from School Committee Chairman Ozzie Ingram. There were 27 girls and nine boys! Our class included Cohasset's first-ever Exchange Student: Rosewitha 'Rika' Meseth from Külmbach, Germany. Eighteen of the 36 had started our long journey toward graduation in Miss Kitty McMahon's Ripley Road School kindergarten in September, 1943. How far we had come! Classmates Betty Bailey and Pamela Parker modelled little girl's finery in Elizabeth Bristol's 1947 fashion show. Nine years later, Pam and Betty modeled very adult garb for Miss Bristol's ad in our 1956 Tessahoc yearbook. The children had become — almost — adults. Over the years, new classmates had joined us and others departed. For all of us, the journey — growing up together — was at an end.

The last months of our school years were hectic. College applications were sent and results anxiously awaited. Many, many hours were spent creating our yearbook. Tim Buckeridge and I campaigned for election as Cohasset's Student Government Day representative: the voters chose me. I spent a March day pretending to be the Clerk of the Massachusetts State Senate. State Representative Nate Hurwitz introduced me to Governor Christian Herter.

In February we put on our Senior Class play, "Jane Eyre." We repeated it in April at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. The stage at the old John Hancock building was huge and the competing schools far larger than CHS. We didn't win.

I had applied to five Engineering Schools. Two more SAT exams were needed to complete the applications. Heavy snow began to fall on Friday, March 16th, the day before the exams. By six a.m. Saturday morning, I had shoveled our driveway and gotten the '51 Chevy up the hill. I called two classmates to say we were going to try to get there. Together we crawled through the drifts to Thayer Academy in Braintree. Very few people made it: told we could stay or come back in a week, we elected to stay. I was able to stay awake through the first exam, but not the second. All I remember is waking up when the proctor called "pencils down". Needless to say, my score was abysmal. Apparently poor English Achievement SATs made no difference for prospective engineers: all five schools accepted me.

But among the clothes and books there was a wonderful surprise: a slender green Olivetti portable typewriter in a soft leatherette case. The 1956 version of a word processor was a welcome and useful gift.

To some it was the '56 St. Patrick's Day storm. To South Shore residents, it was the Etrusco storm. The Italian freighter Etrusco washed ashore on Cedar Point next to the Scituate lighthouse that morning. And there it stayed for many months.

Sale of yearbooks and yearbook ads paid for our three-day class trip to New York City in May. We rode in a New Haven Railroad car decorated with a banner proclaiming 'Cohasset High School Class of 1956'! Very early one morning we joined the crowd outside the NBC building to watch Dave Garroway and J. Fred Muggs and hoped that our families would see us on the Today Show. They did – for a few seconds.

We graduated. We celebrated. Several classmates' families hosted a progression of parties. Our goal was to stay up all night and then watch the sunrise on Sandy Beach. Some of us actually did!

Through the summer we spent time together, but our paths had begun to diverge. Ahead lay jobs, college, military service, marriage and children.

Early on a September morning, Mother, Pop and I set out in the old Chevy for my freshman year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the oldest engineering school in the US. The Massachusetts Turnpike was still under construction: we wound through the Berkshire Hills to Troy, New York on old Route 2. Pop and Mother left after lunch in the Freshman Cafeteria. I was alone in my dorm room. A new journey had begun. From then on, I would return to my beautiful hometown only as a visitor.

As High School ended, I remember thinking it was going to be wonderful to have time to do things I wanted to do. Such thoughts vanished days after starting college. In no time at all, Christmas break arrived, with the promise of a few days at home to do holiday shopping, visit family and do some studying before returning to the grind.

Pam and Betty modeling clothes for Yearbook ad in 1956.

The last term exam ended at noon, three days before Christmas. I rushed down the hill to the Troy Railroad Station and boarded a 1 PM Boston & Maine train to Boston. The wooden coach looked like a civil war relic — complete with a pot-bellied coal stove to warm the passengers! It labored over the Berkshire Hills and through the famous Hoosac tunnel, arriving in Boston hours behind schedule.

Leaving home meant leaving my chickens and ducks. In 1951 Pop had started raising poultry. It was one in a succession of his hobbies. His hobby became my college fund-raising project. By 1954 the flock numbered over 200 birds: Rhode Island Red chickens, Mallard and Muscovy Ducks and Red-Breasted Bantam Game Cocks. Feeding, shoveling the you-know-what and preparing the eggs and birds for sale was no small chore. But selling birds for the table and eggs provided money to cover many college expenses. When I got home, the pens were empty. Pop discovered that the work his 'hired help' had left behind was more than he was willing to do. The birds were in Arnold Erickson's freezer on North Main Street: it took years to eat them all.

There were no toys under our tree. But among the clothes and books there was a wonderful surprise: a slender green Olivetti portable typewriter in a soft leatherette case. The 1956 version of a word processor was a welcome and useful gift. Now, 50 years later, I doubt you could even find ribbons for one. It was in my suitcase when I left Cohasset on the train to Boston. I stood in the North Station lobby, return ticket in hand, looking for the train to Troy. There wasn't one: B & M had suspended all service to the west! I was stuck. One more bump to be overcome on my new journey.

Postscript

The first "Christmas in Cohasset 50 years ago" story told of the Pratt family's 1944 wartime Christmas. Each succeeding story was as much about growing up in our beautiful New England Town as it was about Christmas. In 1956, my journey through childhood came to an end when I left Cohasset to attend college. I have visited hundreds of times since then, but never did live in Cohasset again. So with this, the 13th in the series, my Christmas stories come to an end.

Cohasset is, and always has been, a very special place. It has changed: the Cohasset of my 1940's and 50's childhood is irretrievably gone. Recalling today's Cohasset 50 years from now, one of today's young citizens may well entertain Mariner readers with stories about life in the quaint old days of 2006 when newspapers were printed on paper and delivered through the mail.

To Mariner Editor, Mary Ford, my special thanks for her support. To Mariner readers, I hope that you have enjoyed reading the stories as much as I have enjoyed writing them. Perhaps I will write more stories for the Mariner. If so, we will again journey together back to Cohasset in the last century.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2007 to all.

— Joel S. Pratt
Roque Bluffs, Maine

CHS '56 graduates, Rika Meseth (exchange student), Judith Ingram and Joel Pratt.

From left, teacher Miss Mary Bethoney, and "Jane Eyre" cast members Pam Parker, Norma Chiasson, Tim Buckeridge and Ruth Capone.

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What is your holiday wish?

Photos and interviews by Samantha Brown

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"That all good things would stay the same and bad things would get better."
— **Mildred Perkett, owner of the Red Geranium.**

"That people would realize the health benefits of drinking red wine."
— **Tracy O'Connor, owner of Village Wine & Spirits, shown here with her dog Ashley.**

"For people to be in peace and free from pain."
— **Judy McColgan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop.**

"Peace, joy and happiness for everyone."
— **Stephen Malcolm, manager of Atlantic Bagel.**

"That they would change the zoning laws downtown to pertain to the existing buildings."
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CPR and First Aid – Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 or June 6 and 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. Fee is $55/members; $60/non-members.

CPR – Jan. 17 or April 25, 7 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is $50/members; $55/non-members.

Pediatric CPR – March 7 and 14 or May 2 and 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. Fee is $55/members; $60/non-members.

Pilates – Eight weeks, starting Jan. 18, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fee is $96/members; $100/non-members; or $15 drop-in.

Slipcover – Begins March 5 for five weeks, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $107/members; $110/non-members. Learn the tricks of the trade from a professional.

Calligraphy – Monday, Feb. 5 and 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is $36/members; $40/non-members. Supplies provided for an addition $30.

Organized Around The Clock – Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. Fee is $55/members; $60/non-members. This class will teach participants how to organize life, reduce clutter and chaos at home or in the office.

Interior Painting 101 – Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fee is $20/members; $25/non-members. Review techniques with a pro. Choose the right color for a home and the best technique for lasting results.

Beginner Ballroom Dance/Fred Astaire – Partners required. Six-week class starts Monday, Jan. 22, 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is $80/members; $85/non-members.

Intermediate Ballroom Dance/Fred Astaire – Partners required. Six-week class starts Monday, Jan. 22, 8 to 9 p.m. Fee is $80/members; $85/**non-members.**

Digital Photography – Meets Tuesdays, Jan. 23 and 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $49. This class is for the beginner. Discover the capabilities of digital photography.

Lo-Fat High Flavor with Maryann Saporito Boothroyd – Monday, Jan. 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Fee is $50/members; $55/non-members. Ginger carrot soup with cilantro, seared salmon with black pepper crust, sesame green beans with garlic and soy jasmine rice, grilled marinated chicken with lemon and rosemary with spiced ceci beans and grilled red and yellow peppers, spinach salad with turkey bacon, grilled red onions, radishes and roasted almonds light tomato-aioli drizzle, tostada with black beans, shrimp, avocado and mango salsa.

Romantic Food For You and Your Valentine with Maryann Saporito Boothroyd – Meets Monday, Feb. 12, from 6:30 to 9 pm. Cost is $50/members; $55/non-members. Fried cornmeal crusted oysters with arugula and smoked onion aioli, grilled swordfish with "hearts on fire" (hearts of pal/artichokes/red peppers) pasta, roasted duck or Cornish hen with cherry and balsamic glaze, crispy mushroom polenta, chocolate-minted cupcakes with warm Belgian chocolate sauce and whipped cream.

Eighth graders step up to the plate

Some play on high school teams

By Samantha Brown
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"Maybe we have to take a look at the offerings and whether the population can support it."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee.

The School Committee would like to have a policy in place regarding eighth-grade students playing high school sports prior to the start of the 2007-2008 school year. While there is currently a "pilot program" in place which has allowed middle schoolers to participate in junior varsity sports on an as-needed basis, with Cohasset's small enrollment figures, their participating going forward may be vital to the school's sports program.

At the Dec. 20 School Committee meeting, Athletic Director Ron Ford came forward with a request to allow eighth-grade girls to participate on the junior varsity basketball team. Without additional players, Ford said he was not sure there would be enough students to even have a girls' basketball team.

"We are by far the smallest of the schools," said Ford, when it comes to the districts Cohasset competes against. In some cases, such as wrestling and swimming, the town has partnered up with other towns to increase participation. In other cases, eighth graders have tried out and have proven to be very skilled players who are capable of competing at the junior varsity level.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said looking at enrollment projections given to the schools by the New England School Development Council, or NESDEC, "There will be some years when this is really going to be a problem. We simply don't have the numbers," she said, adding the "bubble years" during which the district was preparing to take on more students, are not going to happen.

School Committee member Rick Flynn asked whether the number of sports offerings should be pared back. With 22 sports to choose from and students spread out across the spectrum, all the sports end up suffering from a lack of participation. This is the third sports season in a row for which eighth-grade students have been asked to literally step up to the plate and help fill out high school sports rosters. Last spring it was girls' softball and this fall it was boys' soccer.

"Maybe we have to take a look at the offerings and whether the population can support it," he said.

When the policy is crafted, the School Committee said it would also be wording to clarify the role of eighth graders in varsity sports. Currently, students are only allowed to participate at the junior varsity level, regardless of their ability to play at the varsity level. While the School Committee said there is much to discuss when it comes to younger students on a varsity team, Ford said he would be open to it.

"Lots of communities have eighth graders that are really good and we currently have one," he said, as he would like to play an eighth grader on the girls' basketball team. He noted students are learning how to play their sports and are honing their skills at a much younger age, and sometimes, it is appropriate to allow them to compete at the highest level.

However, the School Committee said the middle school and high school are two very different schools, although they are under the same roof. In fact, high school principal Joel Antolini noted when he came on board in Cohasest, he inherited a philosophy that the schools were completely separate entities for which there was very little crossover. With that being said, he noted the line is "becoming very muddy" and in some cases it might be appropriate to allow younger students to participate. "I would encourage people in the community to weigh in on that. This is all part of our growing pains," he said.

Flynn said the interaction of an eighth grader with a senior in high school whether it be on the bus or in the locker room, may cause some concern for parents. He also noted with some sports, such as football or hockey, there is a safety issue as the older students would have matured and are much bigger than the middle schoolers. "There is a lot to consider before we bring it forward," he said. "There is more to it than I thought."

Flying Santa exhibit, activity at Lifesaving Museum

For more than 75 years, Flying Santa has been delivering holiday packages to families at lighthouses and Coast Guard Stations across New England. The tradition began in 1929 when a Maine float plane pilot, Captain William Wincapaw, decided to make a Christmas Day flight to drop a few gifts for lighthouses keepers he knew along his regular route. By 1936, famed Boston Harbor historian and author Edward Rowe Snow had joined the Flying Santa flights. Snow would continue as Flying Santa for more than 40 years, growing Wincapaw's first thoughtful remembrance of the lighthouse keepers into a truly beloved holiday tradition. The Hull Lifesaving Museum's new winter exhibit, Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition, includes dozens of photographs and artifacts from Flying Santa's wonderful history of spreading Christmas joy along the coast.

Make a holiday craft from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28; families are invited to view the Flying Santa exhibit and make their own Flying Santa ornament. While at the museum, be sure to spend some time in our Children's Loft, complete with climb-on sailboat and lookout tower!

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 seniors, and free for children and members. For more information, please call 781-925-5433, email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net, or visit; lifesavingmuseum.org.

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Nautical monument floated for harbor

By Samantha Brown
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Plans have been unveiled to erect a new maritime display in the harbor. With the go-ahead from the Board of Selectmen, a ship's wheel could soon be installed in the middle of a roughly 5-foot ring of granite and brick, adding a new point of interest to the harbor landscape.

This project would be located near the pergola on Lawrence Wharf, which is between the Olde Salt House and Veterans Memorial Park.

Cushing Road resident John Small, who is also a member of the Cohasset Police Department, met with Selectmen Monday to talk about the project. "I thought this project up a long time ago," he said, but it has always been pushed to the back burner.

Small and his family have been very involved in projects around the harbor, including the Minot Light replica and anchor on Government Island.

"We're just looking to spiff things up," said Small, adding when complete, the ship's helm will look like a nautical artifact. He said he intended to use the same mason to lay the granite and brick as he did with the other projects he has worked on. He noted the Veterans Memorial Park received a new makeover this year and it "looks like a million bucks," and he would like to see continued improvements made around the harbor.

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But the Board of Selectmen said it would like more information about the project before giving its approval. Selectman Gary Vanderweil said while it sounded like a nice idea, he wasn't sure what the point of it was. Selectmen Chairman Ralph Dormitzer said most of the projects in the harbor area have some kind of special meaning, as they are a memorial for someone or mark a special point of interest, and he would like to see this project do the same.

"This will be located on Lawrence Wharf," said Dormitzer, which has a rich history in the town. "Can it make reference to something?" he asked. Selectman Fred Koed concurred. "There is a little bit of history for that spot," he said. Koed also asked if the ship's wheel itself had any history in town.

Small said he hadn't come up with anything in particular to highlight in terms of history, but he could do some research. He also said he was not sure where the ship's wheel came from, but he could look into it.

Dormitzer said if possible, it would also be nice to see a graphic element incorporated into the project. Perhaps an illustration of the way Lawrence Wharf looked going back into the town's history, or some other graphic illustration to really paint a picture for those who view it.

The board asked where the money would come from to complete the project. Small said he has completed fund-raisers in the past for the other monuments to the tune of $75,000 and planned on doing the same for this project as well.

To give residents and the board an idea for where the monument will stand, Small said he would stake out the area. The board said when the plan is more developed, Small could return and make another presentation. Dormitzer said although the board did not give its immediate approval, "We do want to thank you for doing this. These kinds of projects really do make a difference in the town."

Citizen nomination deadline is Jan. 5

See nomination form facing page

The deadline for nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 5.

In keeping with a 14-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Marjorie "Margie" Steele — "the heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry" — as Citizen of the Year, for being a great role model through her long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless families over the years. The deadline for nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 5. Please see the nomination form on page 5. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2006 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2007.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

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Lady Skippers on an early roll

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Everyone likes to win.

But when the Cohasset High girls basketball team tipped off in East Bridgewater last Friday, the Skippers questioned whether their romp over Holbrook the prior week told the whole story. Does running up the score on the inexperienced Bulldogs really qualify the Skippers as a "good" team?

In the first half of the East Bridgewater game, the girls certainly had their doubts. From the opening tip, the Vikings went on a disheartening 13-2 run before the Skippers could even catch their breath.

Cohasset eventually managed to close the gap late in the first half, but still faced a 19-14 losing score at the first buzzer. Something had to change if the Skippers wanted to maintain their undefeated record. And it did.

From the opening seconds of the second half, the Skippers switched on the button for the full court press and kept the Vikings struggling for air under the pressure.

"We really came out with high intensity and work ethic in the second half," explained Cohasset coach John Levangie. "EB really had trouble with our press."

Indeed, the well-rehearsed 2-2-1 Skipper press, with guards pressuring full court and forwards hanging at the half court line, put the Vikings in a panic. The press, which has provided the Skippers with consistent success in the past, cleared the runway for Cohasset to break away offensively.

"We rotated in our press much better in the second half," explained senior captain Lacey Richardson. "We put the pressure on them and worked the ball inside to the forwards for some open shots."

Sophomore center Sam Lehr threw down 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Sophomore Kayla Farren went 7-for-8 in free throws late in the game to give the Skippers a huge boost. Richardson contributed six points, and freshman Tori Lehr provided four key second half points.

Levangie showed particular enthusiasm about Tori, who moved up from JV on short notice after eighth-grader Carly Haggerty was removed from the roster due to eligibility issues.

Levangie also commended Carly Salerno and Sarah Coggins for their work at the guard positions, as well as freshmen Meredith Kelly for a solid performance at forward.

During the Skippers' second half barrage, the Vikings only tallied 12 more points on the board in contrast to Cohasset's 29. All said and done, Cohasset turned this game around in a big way to walk away with a 43-31 victory.

After defeating Abington on Tuesday, the girls are 3-0 as they prepare for next week's Cohasset Holiday Tournament. At 6 p.m. on Thursday, the Skippers take on Bristol-Plymouth. The winner squares off against the winner of Sacred Heart and Hull, which will be played Thursday afternoon at 3.

The consolation and championship games take place Friday at 3 and 6, respectively.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Meredith Kelly let's go of a jumper during the season opener against Holbrook.

"We really came out with high intensity and work ethic in the second half."

Cohasset head coach John Levangie after his team's 43-31 win over East Bridgewater

CHS boys hoop nipped at buzzer

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

In a game of clutch plays down the stretch, it was East Bridgewater's Greg O'Sullivan who came up with the biggest play of them all.

The Vikings senior's basket at the buzzer gave his team a 56-54 win over Cohasset in Friday night's boys basketball clash.

It was the Skippers' first home game of the season and first game against EB after it joined the South Shore League this year.

The game started off rather slow with neither EB, led by captains O'Sullivan and Andrew Foster, nor Cohasset, led by captains Pat McCarthy and Justin Alexander, establishing a rhythm of their own. Only a junior, McCarthy has already been the star player and leading scorer for Cohasset in his sophomore year and he again displayed his talent out on the court.

He scored the first basket of the game, and continuously hit jumper after jumper for a total of 20 points in the first half alone. Helping him was sophomore Danny "D-Mart" Martin, who played his size at 6-foot-4 by piling up rebounds and blocking numerous shots, as well as putting up a few points himself.

For EB, O'Sullivan had two huge threes in the half that kept his team right in it and going into the half trailing by only two. Helping him out was fellow junior Daniel Marble who put up 10 points in the half.

The second half was a completely different story at the beginning, as both teams scored several baskets in the first couple minutes. The Skippers pushed their lead up to five in this short amount of time, which was fueled by both of their captains.

For the next 10 minutes, play remained even for both teams as they exchanged baskets. Then as the six-minute mark rolled around, the game became very interesting. EB junior Mike Curtin scored just under the mark to retake the lead for EB, but Alexander showed his relentlessness by coming right back down and putting it in for the Skippers.

Then came back the Vikings, led by Curtin, who put up two more and then got to the free throw line, making both baskets and giving EB a 48-45 lead. Now it was time for McCarthy to come calling once again as Cohasset was down one and, off a turnover, he got himself to the

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Gymnasts score high in opener

The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team lost its season opener to Hanover-Rockland last Friday, but coach Amy Maree was pleased with her team's score of 123.2.

Senior captain Melissa Murphy and junior Corinna Durham led the effort with solid performances in the all-around. Murphy earned a 31.95, while Durham finished with a 31.4 in the four events (bars, floor exercise, vault and balance beam).

On the bars, senior captain Jamie Nichols and sophomore Cassie Pacella scored a 7.8 and 7.6, respectively. Pacella also earned an 8.0 on the floor, with Nichols putting up a 7.5 on the vault.

Rounding out the team's top performers were senior captain Kiersten Shontz (7.9 on vault) and sophomore Liz Clapp (7.45).

Other athletes that will contribute throughout the season include senior captain Jesse Davies, juniors Juliette Karp and Sarah Dargon, sophomore Alex Smith, and freshmen Mackenzie Hagney, Sarah Harding, Vanessa Durham and Shindra Cardoza.

"The team is looking good," said Maree. "We lost four strong captains from last year, but I feel these four captains this year have stepped up to the plate; they've been great leaders."

The girls compete tonight (Dec. 21) against Silver Lake at Silver Lake Middle School.

Mark Goodman

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(Left) "Magic" of the Harlem Rockets shows Christian Gilday how to spin a basketball on a pencil during the Rockets' visit to Cohasset High School last Thursday. The Rockets were in town to take on the Cohasset "Dream Team," featuring CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford (Right).

Jake Cuneo named to All-Scholastic team

***Editor's note**: With the recent merger of Community Newspaper Company and Memorial Press Group, there are now more schools and more athletes to be considered for All-Scholastic teams.*

The increase from 13 schools to 20 in the region will have an impact on how teams are chosen, including how many representatives some schools receive.

Only public school athletes from the following schools will be considered for All-Scholastic honors: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Marshfield, Norwell, Old Rochester, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, Wareham, Weymouth and Whitman-Hanson.

Jake Cuneo – Junior
OT/DT - Cohasset

The best in a group of offensive linemen that was again the biggest strength for the Skippers this fall…With Cuneo manning the right tackle spot, it was no coincidence that a majority of Cohasset's running plays went to that side…Has great size at 6-foot-5, 270 pounds, and boasts the skill and technique to match…Also a major contributor to the Skippers' defense, anchoring the middle of the line on that side of the ball and limiting opponents' ability to run up the middle…Plays lacrosse for the defending Div. 3 state champions in the spring…Says Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw: "Jake was basically an unstoppable force for us. The line was very strong, and he was the biggest reason for that."

Ron Dunn – Senior (Capt.)
Offensive Line –Abington

Calling him the anchor of the Green Wave offensive line, may not be strong enough, the 6-5 285 pound left tackle was certainly a big reason the Abington rushing attack was so prolific. The Green Wave's four backs, Tony Gianinni, Joe Gabriele and Webster Rogers all produced solid numbers running behind Dunn, and the rest of the line. Dunn was also a stalwart on the defensive line as well lining up at defensive tackle. For his efforts this season he was named a South Shore League all-star. He's extremely athletic and light on his feet for his size, and demonstrates that at his best on the basketball floor in the winter for the Green Wave. Dunn will likely play football in college and is being highly recruited by schools at the Division 1AA and II levels.

Tim Wells – Senior (Capt.)
Wide Receiver – Abington

Now that it's all said and done, it's safe to say Wells is going down as one of the greatest players in Abington football history. This season he was South Shore League MVP, while leading Abington to an undefeated regular season and a berth in the playoffs. He was nearly unstoppable on offense at wide receiver using his speed and athleticism to create separation from defensive backs. On defensive he was a terrific safety who was always around the ball. In the league championship game he came up with a huge strip in the fourth quarter while adding 120 receiving yards to preserve the victory. He is a standout basketball and baseball player for the Green Wave, and is also being highly recruited as a potential college football player.

John Creamer - Senior
Quarterback -Abington

The other half of the prolific Creamer-to-Wells duo, the senior quarterback will be a major part of the Green Wave passing record book for years to come after completing a terrific stint under center. This season he threw the ball all over the place, mostly to Wells, but also had other sound targets as well. He could also do it with his legs, and hands, as he caught a touchdown pass in the MIAA playoff game, and scrambled for a key first down in the lone touchdown drive of the Mashpee game that sealed the South Shore League title. Defensively he was one of the best corners in the league, and had two key interceptions in the Norwell game to seal a 6-0 win.

A South Shore League all-star this year he hopes to play football in college.

Jared Dunn - Junior
Defensive Line -Abington

The Green Wave's high powered offense earned all the headlines this year but as the old adage goes it's defense that wins championships. Dunn, the younger brother of fellow all-scholastic Ron Dunn, was the best defensive player the Green Wave had this year. With his brother playing mostly offense because of a knee injury, Jared stepped his game up and was a near perfect run stuffing tackle. He could also get to the quarterback in passing situations. He was a big reason the Green Wave only allowed double digits in points twice this season. Head coach Jim Kelliher consistently recognized his efforts, and the rest of the league saw it as well in naming him a South Shore League all-star. He will be a force next year for the Green Wave and will be counted on to lead a young team.

Addison Lynch – Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback - Braintree

Teigan Pina – Senior
Running back - Braintree

Brandon Holbrook - Sophomore
Running back - Carver

The Carver High team was filled with youngsters this season and leading the pack was South Shore League All-Star Brandon Holbrook. The sophomore used his tremendous speed to be a threat on offense as well as returning kicks on special teams. He ended the season with seven touchdowns for the Crusaders this year.

Kyle Harasimowicz – Senior (Capt.)
DE/TE - Duxbury

When healthy, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more dominant high school defensive end than Duxbury senior Kyle Harasimowicz…The Dragons' co-captain wreaked havoc on opposing offenses early this season before suffering a high ankle sprain against Rockland midway through the season…The senior missed a few games, but came back strong at the end of the season, leading a defensive line that was nearly impossible to run on…Harasimowicz, a Patriot League and EMass all-star, also played tight end for Duxbury, catching a pair of touchdown passes and causing all kinds of match-up problems with his six-foot-six-inch, 240-pound frame…Earlier this month, Harasimowicz was accepted to Harvard University, and will play football for the Crimson next fall.

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Cohasset's Jake Cuneo (71) was a force on the Skippers' line this year.

Luke O'Day – Senior (Capt.)
OL/DL - Duxbury

For the last few years, the Duxbury football team's biggest strength has arguably been its offensive and defensive lines…Senior co-captain Luke O'Day is a big reason for that…O'Day has dominated his opponents for two years, pairing up with teammate Kyle Harasimowicz to form one of the more imposing defensive lines in the area…O'Day and the Dragons rarely let opponents rush for more than 100 yards…Offensively, O'Day played left tackle on an offensive line that was largely responsible for Duxbury's success running the ball this fall…The six-foot-four-inch, 235-pound senior was named a Patriot League and EMass All-star.

James Wheeler – Senior (Capt.)
Running back – Hanover

Matt Kearney – Senior
Linebacker – Hingham

At 6-4, 260, Kearney was one of the defensive catalysts on the Patriot League champion Harbormen (7-0) team…The PL All-star played on both sides of the line, but shined brightest in his defensive role as one of the team's leaders in tackles…Kearney was an essential part of a defense that shutout three opponents this fall and surrendered seven points or fewer in four other contests…Only three opposing teams would score more than two TD's in meetings with Hingham, which went 9-3 this season and qualified for postseason play in the Div. 2A tourney for the second-straight year…Also winter and spring track teams at HHS, Kearney is a talented thrower, specializing in the shot put and javelin outdoors.

Trevor Robertson – Senior
Fullback – Hingham

Was one of a handful of ball carriers for the Patriot League champion Harbormen (7-0) this

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Jake Cuneo named to All-Scholastic team

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fall and fulfilled the job when called upon…A PL All-star, Robertson scored six touchdowns for 36 points this season…The 5-10, 200-pound fullback took off for a 21-yard TD run to get the scoring started for the Harbormen in a 20-6 victory over rival Scituate on Thanksgiving Day…Had another long TD run to cap a comeback effort that fell just short in a game against defending Div. 3 Bowl champs, Abington…Also played on the defensive side of the ball at linebacker and was part of a Hingham (9-3) defense that shutout three opponents and allowed more than two TD's in a game only three times this season, which ended in the Div. 2A playoffs…Robertson also competes on the winter track team at HHS.

Josh Savoy - Sophomore
Quarterback – Holbrook-Avon

Wendell Chipman – Senior (Capt.)
Running back – Marshfield

There isn't much this multi-talented player didn't do for the Atlantic Coast League champion Rams (9-0) this season…Chipman led the ACL in scoring and was third among those in Div. 1A with 15 touchdowns, 30 extra-point kicks, and two field goals, helping Marshfield (11-2) reach the Div. 1A Super Bowl game…An ACL and Eastern Mass. All-star, Chipman shined in the Rams' 15-0 semifinal victory over Weymouth, recovering a fumble in the end zone, picking off a pass, and booting a 23-yard field goal…Chipman was an Old Colony League All-star last season… Also a captain on the MHS lacrosse team, Chipman plans to continue his football career at the next level and is checking out the Ivy League schools.

Kurt Leone – Senior
Quarterback – Marshfield

A two-year starter for the Rams, Leone's experience proved invaluable for the Atlantic Coast League Champions (9-0)…Able to throw the ball when necessary, it was Leone's great signal calling ability that made him stand out…The two-time league All-star (once in the Old Colony League and in the ACL this season) often changed calls at the line and saw great success in doing so…Leone was one of the best QB's in the ACL and in Div. 1A this season, racking up nine TD passes to finish ninth in the Div…He also scored three TD's of his own on, one coming on a two-yard keeper in Marshfield's 15-0 victory over Weymouth in the Div. 1A semifinals, sending the Rams to their second Super Bowl in three years…Shined in a 38-0 win over Sandwich in which he connected for a trio of TD passes…Leone plans to continue his football career at a Div. 1AA college next fall.

Jerry Freed – Senior
Running back – Marshfield

Not the biggest guy on the football field, but Freed's presence was huge…A running back/defensive back, Freed came up big on both sides of the ball for Marshfield…The Atlantic Coast League All-star had a knack for coming up big in the big games…Trailing Duxbury in the annual Turkey Day contest, Freed's great second half running (81 yards) was instrumental in the Rams' comeback 13-7 win…Made a remarkable interception in a 15-0 win over Weymouth in the Div. 1A semifinals…Freed also had great punting ability, often pinning the competition deep in their own end…Hauled in six TD's this season for the Rams, who won the ACL title (9-0) and played in the Div. 1A Super Bowl…Freed made waves last season when he came up with the fumble recovery that gave the Rams a chance to win their Div. 1 playoff game against Brockton in the closing seconds…Freed plans to continue his football career in college, looking at schools like University of Rhode Island, Merrimack, Stonehill, and Bentley.

Wil Nagle – Senior (Capt.)
Guard – Marshfield

The reason guys like Chipman and Freed saw so much success this season was largely because of this guy…Coaches in the Atlantic Coast League were calling him the best offensive lineman in the league and for good reason…It didn't matter what down it was, if the Rams were running behind Nagle, the odds were great he'd provide the holes they needed…Nagle boasted great size (6-4, 260) and speed on the line and his tenacity and "lineman mentality," according to coach Lou Silva, made him tough to beat…Occupied the right side at guard and running backs found great success when running sweeps to the right…Nagle trapped extremely well and earned an ACL All-star nod this fall for the Rams, who won the league crown (9-0) and reached the Div. 1A Super Bowl (11-2)…Nagle is looking to continue his football career at the Div. 1AA level next fall.

Garrett Mazanec – Senior
Defensive lineman – Marshfield

At 5-7, 210, some opposing offenses might have thought they could beat Mazanec, but boy were they wrong…Mazanec was among the leaders in tackles on the Atlantic Coast League Champion (9-0) Rams squad, registering an average 4-5 per contest…He was an essential part of a defense that shut out five opponents this season and allowed an average 8.6 points per game…The ACL All-star played his best football when it mattered most, registering five tackles in the Rams' 15-0 win over Weymouth in the Div. 1A semifinals, including one sack…His quickness off the line was essential in Marshfield's run to the Div. 1A Super Bowl game, where he recorded four tackles in the loss to Wayland…Mazanec plans to attend Eastern Carolina University in the fall.

Doug Farinick – Senior (Capt.)
RB/LB – Norwell

Whether it was in the offensive backfield or behind the defensive line, Farinick was always in the middle of things for the Clippers…One of the team's top runners, Farinick finished his high school football career in style with 80 yards and two touchdowns against Hanover on Thanksgiving…Also one of Norwell's leading tacklers from his linebacker position…Toward the end of the season, emerged as a threat in the passing game, and caught a 19-yard touchdown pass against Cohasset on Nov. 10…Also plays lacrosse for NHS…Is being recruited by several colleges for football, including Springfield College and Plymouth State University in New Hampshire…Says Norwell head coach Jim Sullivan: "Doug and Mike Rapa were the two guys that held the team together through our plague of injuries. Offensively and defensively, Doug was the leader of the team."

Reed Bacchiochi – Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback – Old Rochester

Paul Chiampa - Senior
OL/DL - Pembroke

Jim Garrigan – Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback – Plymouth North

Corey Ketterer – Senior (Capt.)
RB/LB – Plymouth North

Derrick Duquette - Junior
QB/DB - Plymouth South

Anthony Tognacci - Senior
FB/DL - Plymouth South

Brandon Coolidge – Senior (Capt.)
Running back - Plymouth South

Armando Oliviera – Senior
Running back - Rockland

Gary Crowley – Senior (Capt.)
QB/FS – Scituate

The centerpiece of the Sailors' new pass-oriented offense this season…Passed for 2,371 yards and 15 touchdowns while completing over 60 percent of his throws, and was named team MVP…A tremendously skilled athlete who was also dangerous on the ground, running for over 700 yards…Also a key player in the Sailors' defense from his safety position…Will play lacrosse on scholarship at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I…Says Scituate head coach Steve Castle: "Gary is a tremendous athlete who I would've dearly loved to have coached for another year, because I think he would've been fabulous."

Jay Milkiewicz – Senior
WR/DB - Scituate

Scituate's jack of all trades, Milkiewicz almost never came off the field…The team's leading receiver with 71 catches for 1,009 yards, but also played cornerback, punter, kicker, and returned all kicks and punts…Also ran for over 400 yards and nine touchdowns when Scituate lined up with a running back…Ranked in the top-10 in Eastern Mass. in points with 93 (13 touchdowns, seven extra points and four two-point conversions)…Scituate's most consistent, reliable target in the passing game…Also a key part of the defending Div. 3 South champion hockey team…Says Scituate head coach Steve Castle: "Jay is the type of kid where, if you got the ball in his hands, he'd make something happen. He was very important to the team."

David Bradshaw – Senior (Capt.)
RB – Silver Lake

Scott Cameron – Senior (Capt.)
LB/RB – Silver Lake

Shea Allard - Senior
OL/DL - Wareham

Darryl Foote – Senior (Capt.)
RB/DE - Wareham

Mike Laperriere – Senior (Capt.)
QB/LB - Wareham

Keith Patterson – Senior (Capt.)
RB/DB - Wareham

Tom Carey – Senior (Capt.)
Offensive Line –Weymouth

Mike Magnell - Senior
Quarterback - Weymouth

Ross O'Toole – Senior (Capt.)
Wide receiver –Weymouth

Mike Waithe - Junior
Running back -Weymouth

Nick Baker – Senior
Defensive End –Whitman-Hanson

Honorable Mention:

Brady Benelli – Sr. (Capt.) – Linebacker – Braintree
Matt Blair – Sr. – Lineman – Braintree
Taylor LeClair – Soph. – Linebacker – Carver
Nick Cambi – Sr. – Lineman – Cohasset
Justin Alexander – Sr. (Capt.) – Tight end – Cohasset
Aaron McFadden – Sr. – RB/DB – Duxbury
Mike MacKenzie – Sr. – Lineman – Duxbury
Rico DeLuca – Sr. – Receiver – Hanover
Jack Hocking – Jr. – Quarterback – Hanover
Chris Constantine – Jr. – Running back – Hingham
Tim Wood – Sr. (Capt.) – Running back – Hingham
Steve Good – Sr. – Running back - Marshfield
Tom Kelly – Sr. (Capt.) – Defensive end – Marshfield
Kevin Helm – Jr. – Running back – Norwell
Mike Rapa – Sr. (Capt.) – Lineman – Norwell
Brent Evansen – Sr. – Lineman – Old Rochester
Zach Goodman – Sr. – Receiver – Old Rochester
Jake Seroussi – Sr. – Receiver – Old Rochester
Steve Fatemi – Sr. – Linebacker – Pembroke
Evan Krasowski – Sr. – RB/DB – Pembroke
Kevin Broderick – Jr- Lineman- Plymouth North
Kyle Hickey – Sr – Lineman – Plymouth North
Keegan Grabhorn – Jr.- Receiver - Plymouth North
Aaron Matthews – Sr- Linebacker – Plymouth North
Dylan McLoud – Sr – Linebacker- Plymouth North
Corey Maguire – Sr- Lineman - Plymouth South
Luke Osberg – Sr. – Lineman – Plymouth South
Nick Mullin – Sr. (Capt.) – Lineman – Scituate
Jason Roach – Sr. (Capt.) – FB/LB – Scituate
Mike Doherty – Sr.- Lineman (Capt.) – Silver Lake
Jaryd Keely – Sr.- Lineman – Silver Lake
Justin Thompson – Sr- Quarterback – Silver Lake
Pat Fanning – Sr. (Capt.) – Tackle - Rockland
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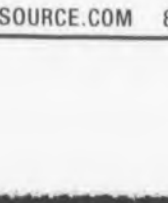

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Cohasset Youth Basketball

7th grade boys drop close one to Hull

The seventh grade Cohasset boys matched up against Hull on Sunday at Cohasset High School. The seventh graders went down to Hull, 26-20, but they showed their characteristic grit as they gave Hull all they could handle.

This game developed at a low scoring pace. Both teams pushed the ball up the court, but both teams were missing their shooting touch. Hull pulled to an early 7-2 lead, but Cohasset's interior defense began to play big, as Jay Salerno, Robbie Mahoney, Jamie Faber and Kyrel Jaundoo contested shots and rebounded effectively.

Mahoney was particularly ferocious on the boards, and he picked up the scoring, as well. Morgan McCarthy gained position and rebounded well in among the trees. Chris Murphy got himself in position for some open looks at the basket along the baseline.

The seventh graders played this game without its starting point guard, Christian Allard, for the fourth consecutive game. Coach Mahoney relied primarily on Pat Kearney and Patrick MacCormack to lead the team. Both guards continued to grow into the position with on-the-job training. They played with poise, applying strong defensive pressure and taking care of the ball on the offensive end.

They were spelled by Chris Lunde, who showed flashes of brilliance with his jumper and some deft passing, and Chris Carpenter, who played straight-up, in-your-shirt defense.

Hull went on a run early in the second half and maintained a four- or five-point lead most of the rest of the way. McCarthy hit a soft jumper and Mahoney scored as well with a jumper in the key. Kearney made some outstanding defensive stops, but Hull's defensive pressure and some free throws left Cohasset just shy as the final horn sounded.

After the game, Coach Mahoney felt that the team had put itself into position to get open shots, but they just did not drop in this game.

5th grade boys top Norwell in opener

The fifth grade boys travel team won its first game of the young season against Norwell on Saturday, 24-19.

Cohasset put all the pieces together and played a complete game from start to finish. This was a game where everything seemed to flow from the defense, right from the opening tap won by big Joe Buckley.

The starting unit played great positional defense. Connor Green played great active defense from his forward position, not allowing Norwell to get inside along the baseline. Rebounding by Buckley, who was immense, and Chris Haggerty allowed Cohasset to run the floor on offense, as Brendan O'Connell and Rocco Laugelle put constant pressure on the Norwell zone.

Haggerty was smooth along the baseline, as he used a great head fake move to set up his soft jumper or drop off to teammates.

Through the first half, the guard play was solid as the boys built up an 11-0 lead. Liam Burke, Matthew MacCormack continued the defensive pressure. They pushed the ball, and they also ran the half-court offense, in which Burke and Dakota Achin patiently waited for open jumpers to drain.

Steven Maher played hustling defense down low, as he denied the Norwell big men the baseline and boxed out effectively on the boards.

Norwell made a run in the second half, cutting the lead to 17-16, but again, defensive pressure by the guards and active defense down low led to fast break lay-ups and jumpers by Achin, Burke, and Green to seal the win.

"This was a total team effort," explained Coach Liam O'Connell. "We played great defense throughout, which allowed us to get good shots on offense. I am happy for our team."

CHS boys hoop nipped at buzzer

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line and made both of his shots, giving the lead back to the home team.

Later, McCarthy would put up two more with just under two minutes left but Curtin, who scored all 10 of his points in the second half, made yet another shot to cut Cohasset's lead to a mere one point. After that, O'Sullivan (16 points) showed his leadership by making two clutch free throws to give EB the lead again.

The next big play came again from McCarthy, who forced a turnover and got to the line to make one free throw to tie the game with only 35 seconds left. EB now had the ball with less than 20 seconds left and one last chance.

After a missed shot and a rebound by Martin, O'Sullivan took the ball away and laid it up for two just as time expired. He had given his team, East Bridgewater, the last second victory in an outstanding game.

Following the game, EB coach Alessandri mentioned how O'Sullivan played for him as a freshman and how well he knows the game and what he brings to the court. He also thought his team, "played like it was a first game," meaning that they had minor mistakes.

Alessandri added, "Cohasset played very well and I felt Dorian [Bryant] coached outstanding and [McCarthy] and [Alexander] played outstanding."

McCarthy did play outstanding, scoring a game-high 31 points. Afterward, though, he said, "31 means nothing; a win means everything. I'm just proud of my team."

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Danny Martin (52) goes up for a rebound with Abington's Tim Kurowski (14) during the teams' game on Tuesday.

TopGun laxers excel indoors

TopGun Lacrosse has just completed its first Hingham-based girls varsity indoor league session and recorded a resounding success. It is another indication that this fastest growing sport continues to do so for both boys and girls.

Although the success of the league probably comes as no surprise to those who have observed TopGun Lacrosse over the years, the success of one of the teams in the league might be considered somewhat of a surprise. "Relentless," a team comprised of mostly eighth graders with one ninth grader and a sophomore, finished their regular season with a record of 3-2.

In a semifinal Hingham League playoff game against the Plymouth Varsity, Relentless came back from a 7-4 halftime deficit to win the game 11–9. The girls then traveled up to Acton to face the best of all of TopGun's League playoff teams in the "Championship of Champions."

It was billed as "Super Sunday" and proved to be just that. Relentless faced a tough Acton team and fought hard the entire way, eventually succumbing to the more senior team 12–11 in a very exciting game. These young women showed true grit and skill beyond anything that could have been imagined when the season had begun.

The following quote was posted by Topgun on their website:

"Relentless had the same problem that Marshfield had with youth, but they still were able to live up to their name sake as they pushed BG to the final buzzer, loosing by one in the opening round. Still, with a team this young (primarily eighth graders) to have come so close can only serve to drive them to take the next step to move on. And that is definitely in the cards for them. Great job, ladies!"

The "Relentless" squad of now seasoned warriors include: Katy Baker (Cohasset), Laura Ferzoco, Jessica Fusco (Cohasset), Emmy Giarrusso, Eliza Kinnealey (Cohasset), Kaci Kucinski (Cohasset), Anna Michalowski (Cohasset), Molly McElgunn (Cohasset), Chappie Scheller, and Sara Veranao.

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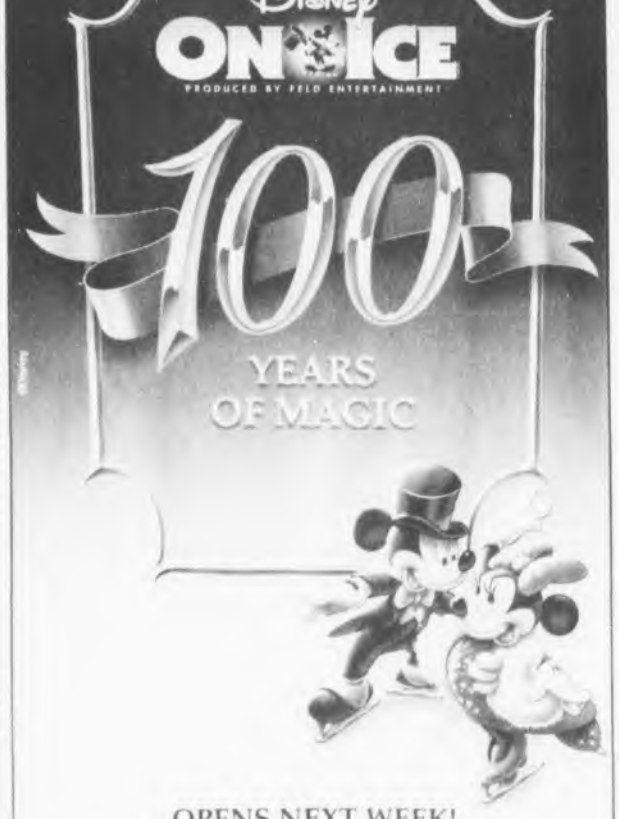

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Harlem Rocket "CJ" is mobbed by eager young Cohasset fans waiting for his autograph during halftime of the Rockets' game against the Cohasset Dream Team last Thursday at CHS.

CHS skaters take down Rockland

Despite the best efforts of the Rockland High starters last Friday, it was all Cohasset in its 6-3 home opening win over the Bulldogs.

This marked the team's first win under new head coach Bob Walsh, who said afterward his team was more than ready to play.

"After losing our first game to Westwood last week, the boys trained hard to prepare for this game," said Walsh.

Rockland scored first at 5:25 of the first period, when Devin Crowley scored unassisted. Less than 90 seconds later, Cohasset senior defenseman Conor Holway scored to tie the game at 1-1.

After that, Cohasset may have heard footsteps but never looked back, as senior Corbin Faber scored, assisted by juniors Charlie Czerkawski and Pat Doonan. It was 2-1, Cohasset, at the first intermission.

At 5:40 of the second period, Holway fed Doonan for a goal to make it 3-1. Dan Erickson pulled one back for Rockland, with an assist from Crowley. With 4:13 left in the second, Holway would earn his third point and second goal of the game, with help from sophomore defenseman Ian Lyster.

The third period started with Rockland's Mike Darling breaking in off the opening face-off to score unassisted, and it was again a one-goal game at 4-3.

Doonan took over from there, however, scoring at 6:56 of the third with an assist from linemate Faber. The junior winger completed his hat trick with three seconds left in the game to account for the final score of 6-3.

Cohasset is next in action during its Holiday Tournament over the holiday break. On Dec. 29, the Skippers take on Southeastern at 8:20 p.m. at Pilgrim Ice Arena in Hingham. Blue Hills and Westwood square off at 6:30.

The consolation and championship games take place at Pilgrim on New Year's Eve at 11:50 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., respectively.

CHS alumni hockey game

On New Year's Day, the Cohasset High varsity hockey team will be hosting its Eighth Annual Alumni Hockey Game at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham from 4:10 to 6:20 p.m.

The current varsity team is hoping to have a good turnout for this event and encourages all program alumni to come and join in on the fun. The cost is $25 per player for two hours of ice time, a souvenir shirt and a chance to take on the current team at CHS.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Anne Czerkawski at (781)383-9997 or email at cacz@comcast.net.

Final sign-up opportunity for spring lacrosse is Jan. 6

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will close its registration for the spring of 2007 with its second sign-up session on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cohasset High School.

Having opened registration in early December, organizers expect to have full rosters once the Saturday session is complete.

"It currently appears that we will hit or surpass our ideal roster sizes during the registration period," said Chuck Jaffe, director of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We are committed to accepting all players who sign up by January 6, but there comes a point where having too many players diminishes the experience for everyone. We do not have cuts, and we play equal playing time, so the only way to be fair in managing our roster limits is to turn away late-comers.

"We would prefer for everyone interested to sign up on time, giving us the maximum time to deal with some of the issues that occur when we go beyond our ideal roster sizes."

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 15 & Under (7th and 8th graders), 13 & Under (5th and 6th grades), and 11 & Under (grades 3-4) age levels.

The registration fee is $160 for one player, $300 for two, and $400 for three. Late registrations, if roster spots are available, carry an additional late fee of $25 per player.

The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents, or students in the Cohasset school system.

In general, games for boys and girls are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. At the youngest level, there typically is one practice per week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. Cohasset's season concludes with the annual Family Day celebration – featuring intra-town games — in June.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse works with other town sports organizations to minimize conflicts and to allow players to participate in as many activities as possible.

In addition to players, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for additional coaches at all levels. If you are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-6688 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 6 registration should contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to registration. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

For more information, go to www.cohassetlacrosse.com or contact Jaffe at 781-383-6688 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

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'Longest' school week is finally over!

LIFE AT CHS

MICHAEL CORRY

Arguably one of the longest weeks in the entire school year is over! Seniors who applied early to schools are finding letters in the mail that could alter their entire life; while some individuals (sorry Mom) — haven't submitted anything yet.

It doesn't quite feel like December with the weather we're having. I braved the elements this Tuesday, walking home in my gym shorts. I still have feeling in my extremities, so I'll probably make it.

Today marks the debut issue of *The Spinnsheet*, The Spinnaker's younger sibling. Find a better way to kick off the last school day before the vacation. I dare you. This week was taxing, and that's an understatement. Close to any vacation, cabin fever spreads amongst the students; and when that final bell rings — it's mayhem. Expressionless faces break out into broad grins as we quickly take that first breath of freedom. Just thinking about it makes the second hand of the clock move even slower.

Here is this week's news:

- The Winter Concert was Wednesday night.
- Monday open auditions for Drama were held in the auditorium. Auditions for anyone interested who missed Monday's audition were held after school Wednesday.
- Debate Team met Wednesday after school.
- Wednesday night the School Committee met.
- Student Council held a home-baked Holiday Cookie sale this week to raise money.
- The PSO President's Council met Thursday morning.
- Middle School Team Leaders met after school on Tuesday.
- A Faculty Holiday reception was held in the Library Friday morning.

The Spinnsheet hit newsstands today! This baby might become a collector's item.

I was fortunate enough to be the Picture This! feature person this week. Check it out; maybe we have some things in common. Even if we don't, I still like you.

There will be no Life at CHS next week, my apologies. If you're looking for a column or two to read Steve Rushin and Rick Reilly of Sports Illustrated always have great stuff. Enjoy the vacation, Cohasset.

Sobering statistics

Hunger goes beyond city limits

Editor's note: This is one in a series of articles as part of our annual Gifts of Hope campaign, focusing on assistance needed at local food pantries.

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

Hunger is a silent, widespread epidemic that has strongholds in several demographics — without knowing it, your child's classmate, your coworker and even your neighbor may be going hungry.

According to the Greater Boston Food Bank, the number of people seeking food assistance in Massachusetts increased 14 percent from 2001 to 2005, when the organization conducted a study on hunger on the state.

The Greater Boston Food Bank, which distributes food and resources for food to several area food pantries, helped over 321,500 people in 2005.

Other findings from the study include:

- About one-third of the households receiving food assistance have a child under the age of 18 in the home and nearly a third say their children are not eating enough because they can't afford enough food.
- Many have to make difficult choices, according to the survey: 45 percent said they have had to choose between food and heat; 39 percent, between food and rent and 30 percent have had to choose between food and medical care.

The survey also shows that not all hungry are homeless and in the cities. Some 84 percent of all people seeking food assistance have a place to live; over a third of the households have one or more working adult; 52 percent live in the suburbs.

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Stephanie Nichols of the Greater Boston Food Bank said most people are surprised with these figures.

"A lot of people think only the homeless need assistance with food, but the numbers show that the problem goes way beyond that. Hungry people are not just poor and jobless. Every town, every community has hunger," she said.

Nichols said many factors can contribute to the need for food: high energy and housing costs, medical bills, job loss.

"We are seeing a lot of hard-working people for the first time recently, people who have been able to make ends meet but just can keep juggling the bills anymore," she said.

Carol Ferguson of the Pembroke Food Pantry in the Pembroke Community Center said that in her town, they are seeing more first time households seeking help than every before.

"People began having trouble with the high cost of heat and gas last year and haven't been able to bounce back," she said. "These are people with jobs, but the pay isn't enough to cover their expenses so they need help," said Ferguson.

Nichols said the hunger epidemic leads to other health and societal problems.

"People who aren't eating nutritious food can't concentrate, their health is at risk, especially among the elderly and small children. It isn't enough to provide calories, who need to provide healthy food to maintain growth and health," she said.

But while eating nutritiously

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is healthier, it is also often more expensive — fresh fruit, vegetables and meats often cost more than non-perishable. Research has shown that vitamins A and C, calcium, fruit and dairy products are limited on food pantry shelves.

Studies have shown that children who are malnourished develop more health problems as they grow up, including obesity, diabetes and other diseases.

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Nichols said that in addition to canned and boxed food, food pantries are seeking cash and grocery gift certificates in order to give the needy fresh, healthy food.

To donate to the Gifts of Hope, simply make your check payable to one of the food pantries listed and forward it to Anne Rodwell, CNC/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. All donations will be published in the paper, unless the donor requests otherwise.

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Robin and Paul Lualdi, Cohasset	$100
Samuel and Linda Wakeman, Cohasset	$250
Anonymous, Cohasset	$250

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Week Three Donations

Dennis Balog, Minot	$200
Jean and Francis Casey, Rockland	$20
Christina M. Churchill, Pembroke	$15
Matthew W. MacAvoy, Norwell	$100
Timothy J. Osborn, Jr. Braintree	$50
Michael J. Peterson, Hanover	$250
Jane Roy and Luciano Lauretti, Hingham	$100
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Mark and Kathleen Zbinden, Hanover	$100
Anonymous, Taunton	$400
Anonymous, Pembroke	$25

Winter art classes

South Shore Art Center announces its winter schedule of courses and workshops, including "Not Everyone Does Email" – a calligraphy course taught by Cynthia Henrich, and two classes with new instructor Sharon Perlmutter: "Nuts and Bolts of Watercolor" and "Trompe L'O'eil." Courses start the week of Jan. 16.

Eileen Rotty will lead a workshop on the essentials of drawing the figure on Jan. 27 and 28. Other workshops include tile making, "Akua Kolor" printmaking, digital photography, portrait photography and a master book arts workshop with book artist Peter Madden.

Children's classes include "Learning from the Masters", papermaking, printmaking and "Elements of Design". Courses are available for students age 4 1/2 and older, including specialized courses for teens. Most materials are supplied for children's classes and prices range from $55 to $175. Financial assistance is available through the Lois Weltman Memorial Fund for Children, requiring a student be recommended by an art teacher. All classes begin mid-January.

Gift certificates are available in any denomination and make great holiday gifts. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

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'All Things Dutch' provides taste of Holland for holidays

By Sara Mason Ader
CORRESPONDENT

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Owner Dan Waterman often invites his local customers to swing by his warehouse located near Home Depot to peruse his stock and pick up their orders.

Children who celebrate Christmas in the United States typically find their gifts waiting for them under their trees on the morning of Dec. 25. But for families who celebrate in the Dutch tradition, the festivities begin on Dec. 5 — St. Nicholas Eve.

On that night, young children in the Netherlands leave their shoes by the fireplace and wake up to find inside them the traditional gifts of cookies, candies, chocolate and marzipan in the morning left by St. Nick, or *Sinterklaas,* as he is known there.

For local Dutch families, finding the customary holiday goodies has been a snap, thanks to a Rockland-based online and catalog retailer that is aptly named All Things Dutch. Although the company does not have a retail store, owner Dan Waterman often invites his local customers to swing by his warehouse located near Home Depot to peruse his stock and pick up their orders.

"Because of his products, we have been able to maintain a lot of our traditions," says Hingham resident Johanna van Strien, who has relied on Waterman in the past to help her fill her children's shoes on St. Nicholas Eve with the initials of their names made from chocolate.

In addition to its usual array of products from the Netherlands, All Things Dutch is currently featuring a variety of traditional holiday gift items. These include a range of Sinterklaas tree ornaments, plus a variety of cookies and candies available in colorful tins.

All Things Dutch also has a large "Drop Shop," full of one of the largest selections of Dutch licorice in the United States. Coming in sweet, salty and bitter flavors, Dutch licorice — called *drop* — has little in common with its American counterpart. In fact, "That's not licorice," Waterman said of the American style in an interview with Martha Stewart on her show in late 2001. She had invited Waterman to appear on the show to explain the Dutch love of licorice. The follow-up article about Waterman's Drop Shop that was written in her magazine is posted on the All Things Dutch website at: www.allthingsdutch.com.

Van Strien estimates that about 10 Dutch families currently live in Hingham, although a far bigger number is present in the Greater Boston area. When her children were younger, Van Strien says she helped organize St. Nicholas parties for Dutch families around Boston with many children in attendance and she ordered the holiday goodies from All Things Dutch. She says she still seeks out special gifts for her kids' teachers there at Christmas time.

For local residents interested in exposing their young children to Dutch traditions, Boer also recommends a preschool on Cape Cod Lane called The Dutch School. Run by Ernestine Lammers — herself a native of Holland — the school incorporates Dutch language and culture into the usual preschool curriculum for kids between the ages of 2–1/2 and 5 years of age. "It's a fantastic place," Boer says.

More information about All Things Dutch is available at www.allthingsdutch.com. The Dutch School's website is www.thedutchschool.net.

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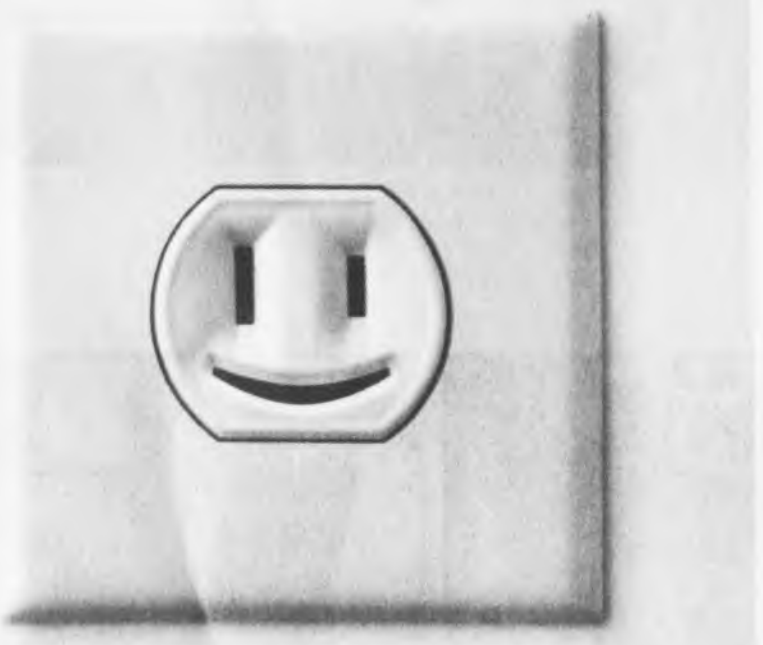

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Santa, played by Barry Borr, a Coldwell Banker realtor from Hull, looks to see who is at the door and finds Bennett Tierney, 8, looking for him.

Bernadette Faulkner checks out Monique's Fairy Loft at Donna Green's studio during the Village Holiday Stroll.

Village stroll is a holiday hit

Staff photos by Robin Chan

Lily Burnett, 6, Hanna Burnett, 6, Mollie Gilbert, 6, and Lessil Gilbert, 3, hang out by Ports and Company drinking hot cider during the Village Holiday Stroll last Saturday.

Realtors Margy Charles and Karen Sheerin share a laugh while trying to figure out how to turn off the Polaroid camera in the Coldwell Banker office during the Village Holiday Stroll.

Meg Dockter, 4, of Placerville, Calif., adorns her Christmas cookie with sprinkles while visiting French Memories during the Village Holiday Stroll. Meg is visiting relatives in the area for the holidays.

Joe Curley helps his daughter Margaret, 4, write her letter to Santa in the office of Coastal Countryside Properties during the Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll last Saturday.

Frosty the Snowman waves to children while walking through the Village handing out candy canes during the Village Holiday Stroll last Saturday.

The Rusty Skippers played Christmas carols during the Village Holiday Stroll, getting everyone into the holiday spirit.

Donna Murphy, a Vice President at Pilgrim Bank, grabs a bowl of clam chowder from Jack Pattison of Gulf River Clambakes, for a hungry customer during the Village Holiday Stroll.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

1:04 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

8:34 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, caller reports a downed tree with a limb sticking out into the roadway.

8:34 a.m. **King St.**, caller reports a downed tree with a limb sticking out into the roadway; DPW notified.

9:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports her 15-month-old daughter is locked inside the car along with the keys, but car is not running; services rendered.

10:17 a.m. **Pond St.**-High School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**-Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:58 a.m. **Hull St.** and **Fisher Rd.**, motor vehicle accident; no injuries reported.

11:27 a.m. **Joy Place**, lost cell phone reported; information logged.

11:56 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid requested.

12:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, caller reports building fire. E1 reports they are dropping a line and the road will be blocked. Scituate Fire will cover Cohasset headquarters with mutual aid engine 3. Fire Chief reports fire and heavy smoke in basement; all companies working. Fire Chief reports fire has been knocked down and all units are checking for extension; all units are tied up. Electrical Inspector requested.

4:02 p.m. **Bow St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

5:12 p.m. **Hingham**, mutual aid; services rendered in location a party.

5:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**-Deer Hill School, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious person reported; sent on his way.

7:33 p.m. **S.Main St.**, parking complaint; employee with complaint of people visiting Red Lion Inn taking up their parking spaces; officer spoke with caller and tagged vehicles. Officer also reports new signs, three 30 minute and three 15 minute.

9:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:35 p.m. **Sohier St.** and **Ripley Rd.**, traffic stop; services rendered.

11:56 p.m. **Brook and Elm streets**, traffic stop; male subject fled scene. Arrest: Conor F. Holway, 17, 212 S.Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 with possession of alcohol.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

1:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:27a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:32 a.m. **Lower King St.**, property damage reported; officer investigated and reports subject backed into a pole.

12:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, caller reports her wallet was stolen at Stop & Shop yesterday about noontime. She had cash in her wallet as well as two credit cards; she cancelled her cards and was told one was used at the Hanover Mall with charges totaling $300; investigated and report filed.

1:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid for person in lobby with suspected high blood pressure; services rendered.

1:31 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, walk-in party requests officer to meet her at her house; services rendered.

1:37 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, animal bite reported; caller reports that while walking her dogs, two dogs from the park attacked them. One of her dogs is receiving stitches at Crazy Paws. Animal control notified.

3:22 p.m. **Church St.**, property damage reported. Caller reported that her mirror was knocked off the side of her vehicle while she was driving.

3:41 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, walk-in party reports that his black Lab was attacked while he was walking it in the park by Labradors, Nov. 25, between 9 and 10 a.m.; resulting in a laceration to his dog's neck.

3:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, erratic motor vehicle operation reported; services rendered, area search negative.

6:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer reports there is a vehicle parked on the side of the road; services rendered.

8:22 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer requested for domestic disturbance; peace restored.

8:58 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:46 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

9:47 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

10:07 p.m. **Spring St.**, domestic disturbance reported; services rendered.

MONDAY, DEC. 4

12:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:37 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, domestic.

6:18 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:54 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

11:12 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, cardiac disorder.

11:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:13 p.m. **South Main St., and Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, 209A violation.

4:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, annoying phone calls.

4:45 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller advised this is ongoing with neighbor.

5:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller advised there is a vehicle parked for about week. Officer advised property owner will handle.

7:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A violation, arrest.

9:51 p.m. **Border St.**, fire, investigation, officer advised odor of gas.

10:02 p.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

12:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:51 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requesting to speak to an officer regarding a trespass issue.

11:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, caller reports smoke coming from his washing machine.

12:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:07 p.m. **North Main St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:25 p.m. **North Main St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:34 p.m. **North Main St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:42 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:24 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports a white enterprise van pulled down her long driveway and had a white male driving with a black male in the passengers seat. She looked out the window when the van was pulled right up to her garage and the van fled. On call back, caller stated this happened approximately 3 hours ago. Officers will check the area.

2:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other police department, received 911 call from the town of Scituate that was a roll over for a motor vehicle crash, Scituate PD notified via radio.

2:38 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, caller reports some type of outside fire at this location. Fire Capt. reports this was an illegal burning at this location and has been put out by homeowner.

2:49 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic

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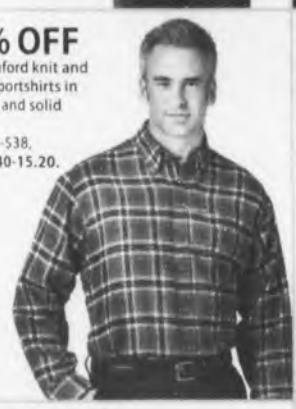

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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citation/warning.

3:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, clerk reported a drive off from this location. The plate she gave did not come back to the description of the vehicle the clerk gave. The clerk did not know what state the plate was registered to. Officer reports he spoke to the operator of the vehicle on this date and they will be going to pay for the gas, this was an accident.

4:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong odor of gas in the road at this location.

5:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Hull PD reports an erratic motor vehicle going into Cohasset near this location. Hull reports this car is wanted for throwing rocks at a person in Hingham.

6:11 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, harassment report, walk in party states their house was egged and lights broken.

9:10 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, parking complaint.

9:32 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:38 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

12:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, unresponsive female party.

6:54 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid.

6:59 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist citizen.

9:48 a.m. **Christopher Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer reports all school buildings secure.

11:02 a.m. **Depot Ct., and South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:14 a.m. **Depot Ct., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, operator has a suspended drivers license. McBriens Towing notified. 35-year-old Cohasset female summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, failure to stop/yield, unregistered motor vehicle.

11:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports a male party filled a basket up with products and fled the store, getting into a red Honda Civic. Officer reports he spoke to the manager at the store and does have a good description of the male party. Bolo was put out. Male suspect is considered extremely dangerous.

1:38 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, fire, caller reports a large amount of water pouring out of the house and its not coming from a pipe.

5:06 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:46 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports a strong odor of something burning in the front end of the store. Officer on scene reports there is a strong electrical odor in the front end of the store.

10:01 p.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

1:01 a.m. **All Schools**, building checks.

8:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, caller reports she has struck a deer in the middle of 3A.

8:32 a.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, caller reports his furnace alarm is going off as well as the fire alarm in the basement. Fire Capt. reports units tied up on scene, this is a high carbon monoxide problem in the house, residents have been advised to leave the house. House has been ventilated and turned back over to the residents.

8:43 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, detail officer reports a serious water main break at this location. Road is going to have to be shut down, the water main is ruining the pavement on the street. This is a major break. Water dept. on scene. Fire Chief reports two lines have been broken through and the street needs to be completely shut down.

8:59 a.m. **Surry Drive**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a silver mini van sitting in front of her house and she is concerned as to why he is sitting there.

10:11 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a white male was laying down behind the dumpster at this location and when a female came out to smoke the male got up and followed her towards the tracks. Male party said to be wearing a beige jacket, green pants and bald head. Caller called back stating the male has walked into the liquor store.

10:52 a.m. **Central Park**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a medical aid.

11:18 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted.

11:23 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all school buildings check ok all secure.

12:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller reports her 2-year-old is locked in the car, the vehicle is not running.

12:44 p.m. **Border St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:12 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, officer already on scene reports a customer with chest pain.

1:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, illegal dumping, caller reports a white van with Nevada plates just pulled up to the dumpster and dumped a bunch of trash.

1:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she would like to speak to an officer regarding some suspicious activity that occurred yesterday while her 10-year-old boy was walking home from school.

3:20 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:28 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:43 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:04 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:07 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:10 p.m. **Turner Rd.**, medical aid/transported SSH/ALS, Scituate Fire requests R3 for a pregnant female whose water has broken.

8:50 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

1:28 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious vehicle.

1:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer advised checked schools.

1:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

9:14 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS.

9:21 a.m. **Short St.**, larceny, walk in party reports he is missing computer equipment and gearings from his home, he does have contractors at his home.

11 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:26 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, caller has called 911 3 times asking about a plumbing company, he was advised to call the business line and 411. Officer to do a well being check.

12:07 p.m. **N. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, employee from this location reports a female shoplifter, 58-year-old Scituate woman summoned on charges: Shoplifting more than $100 worth, by concealing MDSE.

2:07 p.m. **Castle Rd.**, trespassing, caller would like to speak to an officer.

6:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:47 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, cars are parking in the restricted area. 6 cars tagged.

7:17 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, clerk complained of people parking in front of the store and going to the Red Lion. 3 cars tagged.

7:43 p.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid.

7:58 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

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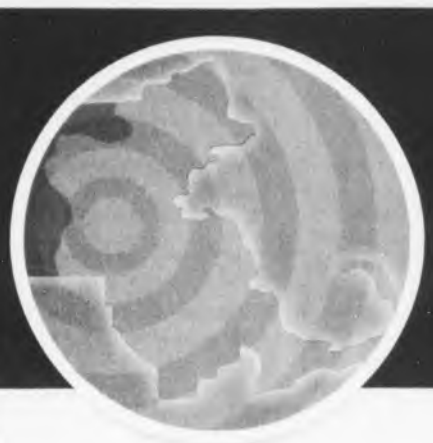

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Patricia A. Walsh

Patricia Anne (White) Walsh, of Cohasset, age 76, died Dec. 18, 2006 at the Harbor House Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Hingham.

Born in Dedham, Mrs. Walsh received an A.B. Degree from Radcliffe College in 1951. She summered for 13 years at the parent's home on Nichols Road in Cohasset and lived in Cohasset for 51 years on North Main St. She was very active in Cohasset.

Mrs. Walsh served as a president of the St. Anthony's Sodality, CCD teacher and as a chairman for the St. Anthony's Church Fair. She also served as secretary and treasurer for the Democratic Town Committee, a member of the Cohasset PTA, Cohasset Women's Club, a member of the Board of Directors for the Cohasset Community Center, and served as leader for the Girl Scouts and was Chief Den Mother for the Cub Scouts. Patricia served on the Cohasset School Committee, to which she was elected in 1978. Mrs. Walsh also served as secretary for the Board of Selectman, School Committee, Sewer Commission, Board of Health, Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. She was also an active member of the Old Colony Radcliffe Alumnae Club, serving as treasurer and vice president.

She leaves her husband of 54 years to Joseph F. Walsh, Jr. of Cohasset; her children Robert John Walsh of Ashland, Patricia Anne Savignano of Creamridge, N.J., David Michael Walsh of Quincy, James Patrick Walsh of Chicago, Ill; four grandchildren Zachary Walsh, Katelyn Savignano, Nicholas Savignano, and Tyler Savignano.

She also leaves a sister of Carol Frances Bradbury of Saugus, and Florida; and nephews Robert, Phillip, Fred, and Frank Bradbury.

She was the mother of the late Joseph F. Walsh, III.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset this morning, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, in Cohasset handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joseph F. Walsh, III Scholarship Fund, c/o Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

Jeanette C. Somerville

Member of Eastern Star

Jeanette C. (Lincoln) Somerville, 97, of Cohasset, died Dec. 17, 2006, at New England Friend's Home in Hingham.

Mrs. Somerville was born and raised in Cohasset and was a graduate of Cohasset High School.

She was a life-long member of Beechwood Congregational Church in Cohasset, and was also a member of Eastern Star and Norwell Grange.

Wife of 71 years of the late Arthur Somerville, she leaves her son, Wesley Somerville and his wife, Janette, of Plymouth; her grandchildren, John Somerville of Maine, Allan Somerville and Douglas Somerville, both of Cohasset; three great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Beechwood Congregational Church, Cohasset. A graveside service was held at Beechwood Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, MA 02025

Mary N. Andracchio

Former seamstress

Mary N. (Pagliaro) Andracchio, 94, of Cohasset, died Dec. 15, 2006, at Harbor House in Hingham after a brief illness.

Born in Amaroni, Italy, Mrs. Andracchio came to the United States at age 9 and settled with her family in Cohasset, and graduated from Cohasset High School with the Class of 1931. Following her marriage, she lived in East Boston before returning to Cohasset in 1950.

Mrs. Andracchio had worked as a seamstress for several firms on the South Shore. She sang in the choir at Glastonbury Abbey for many years, and was active in the Cohasset Council on Aging.

Wife of the late Frank Andracchio, she leaves her daughter, Frances Smith and her husband, Wayne, of Foxboro; her daughter-in-law, Judith Andracchio of Scituate; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Bruno Andracchio, who died in August.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, MA 02043.

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Sunday, Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve

10 a.m. — Christmas Eve Morning Intergenerational Worship in the Meeting House

Childcare for our youngest begins at 10 AM in the Parish House. Toddlers will gather for the first part of the service in the Meeting House and then proceed to the Parish House for a holiday surprise. Children and youth will join their parents in the Meeting House for the full service.

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8 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Meeting House

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! A ***Merry Christmas*** to all this week, may the love and peace of the Christ Child bless you this day.

The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. We have a special listing of Christmas services this weekend. If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

Our services this weekend:

Sunday, December 24th: 9 am One Sunday service celebrating Advent IV.

Christmas Eve services: 5 pm family service; 7:30 pm contemplative service; 10:30 pm music followed by 11 pm Festal Holy Communion

Christmas Day - One service at 8:30 am.

Other events this week:

Tues: Dec. 26th – Office closed

Wed: Dec. 27th – 9:30 am Healing Eucharist; 10:30 am Bible Study

Thurs: Dec. 28th – 6:30 pm Confirmation prep

Sat: Dec. 30th– 7:00 am Bible Fellowship

Sun: Dec. 31st– Regular 8 and 10 am services

Readings for Dec. 31 will be from Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 in which the prophet joyfully responds on behalf of all God's people to the Lord's promises for a redeemed Jerusalem. In the second reading from Galatians 3:23 – 25, 4:4-7 Paul explains what the role of the law has been and how, in our new relationship of faith, we have become heirs of the Father. And in the Gospel of John 1: 1-18, we read a hymn to God's Word, the expression of his very being and the creative power of all life, who has now become flesh and lives among us.

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The subject for Christmas Eve Dec. 23 is "Christ Jesus"; New Year's Eve Dec. 31 is "Christian Science".

The upcoming Bible Lessons for January are God, Sacrament, Life and Truth.

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DECEMBER 21-29 2006

Prize-winning painting a pet project

Local artist selected for Blue Man Group's juried exhibition

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

South Easton artist Laurie Grunin recently won the $1,000 second prize in the 18-plus age division in "Blue Man Group Vortex 2006: A Juried Exhibition" for her oil painting entitled "Bailey's Balloon Dog."

Grunin's prize-winning painting, along with three others selected in the 18-plus-age category, will be on display at The Charles Playhouse in Boston through December 2007. Earlier this year, Blue Man Group — the mute trio who've been performing with their patented blend of odd props, all kinds of paper, and rock music on The Charles Playhouse main stage since 1995 — invited all Massachusetts artists to discover and explore interconnectivity in their shared communities as part of "Vortex 2006," the latest installment in the group's annual outreach to local artists. This year's judges included Nora Donnelly, Senior Registrar at Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art; Ricardo D. Barreto, Director of UrbanArts Institute at MassArt; and Chris McCarthy, Executive Director of the Provincetown Art Association and Museum.

"Bailey's Balloon Dog," by Laurie Grunin

I've always thought that animals make a great subject for art, because they are so genuine."
South Easton artist Laurie Grunin

"I was inspired by Blue Man Group and I wanted to do something fun," explained Grunin, 24, recently by telephone from her South Easton home, of the painting of a dog's encounter with a balloon animal. "I was trying for a photo realistic style, but I was told I didn't quite make it. I submitted the piece for fun, never expecting to win anything, never mind second place."

Grunin's subject may have other ideas about his own artistic merit, that is if he were to sit still long enough to ponder his canine visage on canvas.

"Bailey is a hyperactive Australian terrier who lives with my boyfriend, Ian Blair-Lamb, and his family in North Easton. Bailey is very funny and has a great personality. I took a photo of Bailey looking up and then, separately, a shot of a balloon animal. I thought Bailey might tear his balloon counterpart to shreds if they actually came in contact as they do in the painting."

Grunin is looking to see her painting on display when the exhibit goes up this month in Boston and thinks her four-legged friend may also be interested in seeing himself on the venerable venue's wall.

"I can't wait to see it hanging at the Charles Playhouse and, if they let dogs in, Bailey will make the trip with me, too."

A graduate of the Class of 2000 at Oliver Ames High School in North Easton and a 2004 magna cum laude graduate of the Hartford Art School, Grunin has been interested in animals as art since she was in elementary school.

"I was in fifth or sixth grade when I got a book called 'How to Draw 50 Animals' out of the library and set about teaching myself how to draw animals. I love all kinds of animals so whenever I have the opportunity, I paint one. The secret is in the eyes. If you get the eyes right then you really capture the personality."

PHOTO BY PAUL CASEY

Blue Man Group greets 18+ grand second prize winner Laurie Grunin of South Easton at the "Vortex 2006: A Juried Exhibition" unveiling party hosted by Billy Costa of Kiss 108 and New England Cable News. Vortex is an annual Massachusetts art exhibition hosted by Blue Man group at The Charles Playhouse.

Currently a freelance illustrator, Grunin has painted several animals on commission for local collectors.

"I find people would almost rather have their dogs or their horses painted than their children which is fine by me. I've always thought that animals make a great subject for art, because they are so genuine."

(Prints of "Bailey's Balloon Dog" are currently available at On The Cusp, 195 North Washington St., North Easton. All "Vortex 2006" winners may be viewed by visiting www.blueman.com and clicking on Boston. The Blue Man Group continues to perform in an open-ended run at The Charles Playhouse, 74 Warren St., Boston. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787.)

Movie review

Edward Wilson (Matt Damon) meets his mysterious mentor, General Sullivan (Robert De Niro)

The spy who bored me

"The Good Shepherd" (B-)

By James Verniere
FILM CRITIC

A preppie "Godfather," "The Good Shepherd" takes us into the inner sanctums of political power in the United States, and — guess what? — it's a pinstriped mafia.

Directed by Robert De Niro ("A Bronx Tale"), who also acts, and scripted by Eric Roth ("Munich"), "The Good Shepherd" was originally to be directed by the godfather himself, Francis Ford Coppola. It tells the story of the John Le Carre-ish figure Edward Wilson (Matt Damon), a bland young man born into pre-World War II wealth and privilege. At Yale, Edward is inducted into the legendary Skull and Bones Club, whose members include George W. Bush and John Kerry, and later is earmarked for a position in the OSS and even later, the newly established, hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency.

The film shuttles between Edward's cloak-and-dagger adventures as a junior spy in Europe at the start of the Cold War and his later attempts in 1961 to uncover why the Bay of Pigs Invasion, a CIA operation he led, was such an abysmal failure.

Power in "The Good Shepherd" is a family affair. Edward falls in love with a beautiful, deaf woman (Tammy Blanchard), but is manipulated into marrying a more highly placed prize.

In one scene, Damon appears in drag in a Yale production of "H.M.S. Pinafore," singing "Oh joy, oh rapture unforeseen," and it is the only time Damon gets to show off some pizazz.

The rest of the time, Edward is as colorless as a glass of water and about as exciting to observe for two-and-a-half hours. While the film is well made and recalls such cloak-and-dagger classics as Coppola's "The Conversation" and Steven Spielberg's "Munich," it has a vacuum for a heart.

When he's not toppling South American governments, Edward makes tiny ships in bottles. Another key to his character is his distant relationship with his son, who craves his love and attention. This makes the son (English actor Eddie Redmayne) not so much another Michael Corleone as another Fredo.

Also in the all-star cast are De Niro as fictional Gen. Billy Sullivan, creator of the CIA; William Hurt as Wilson's wily superior; Michael Gambon as a gay British spy; John Turturro as Wilson's Luca Brasi; Billy Crudup as a Kim Philby stand-in; Timothy Hutton as Edward's father; Joe Pesci as a mobster recruited to murder Castro; Keir Dullea ("2001: A Space Odyssey") as a U.S. Senator; and Alec Baldwin.

As Wilson's neurasthenic wife Clover, Angelina Jolie is too beautiful to be so ignored by everyone around her and too shockingly underused for someone with her talent.

When she shouts "Who are you?" at her flinching, bespectacled husband after 20 years of unhappy marriage, viewers can only sit there asking themselves the same question.

Rated R. "The Good Shepherd" contains violence, profanity and sexual situations.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Dec. 21

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'Tis the Season will be held at the **Blake Planetarium**, Plymouth Community Intermediate School, 117 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, from 7 to 8 p.m. The suggested donation is $4 for adults, $2.50 for students and senior citizens. Groups are welcome. For reservations, call 508-830-4470. The multi-media program **'Tis the Season** describes how different festivals such as Christmas and Hanukah became associated with the Winter Solstice, Dec. 21. The origins of various traditions of the season are explained. See events in the sky 2000 years ago that may have been a natural inspiration for the Star of Bethlehem. Learn where and when to look to see stars, planets, moon and other natural and unnatural celestial objects in the current evening and morning skies. If the weather permits, you will see the real sky.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke, Dec. 21. **The BBC "Pint Night"** featuring **Flydown formerly "The Alliance."**

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GET THE LED OUT, the ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute, takes to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, Ma on Friday, Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.mTickets priced at just $20 are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, MA, online at www.plymouthhall.com, and by phone at 508-747-1340 & 866-468-7619. Tickets are also available at all Strawberries outlets. There are also a limited number of Pre-New Years' Eve VIP tickets available at $50 which include a pre-show party with food and drink, and great seats. This show is presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions. Visit www.gtlorocks.com

WORLD OF WHEELS SHOW – 33rd Annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels motor sports exposition will pack Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 5-7 with custom cars, local sports and other celebrities and special attractions. Personal appearances by Brad Boyes Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. NASCAR star Ricky Rudd Jan. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. WWE star wrestler Rey Mysterio Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wrentham resident and middle school student Tayla Orleans Jan. 6 from noon to 3 p.m. who is the youngest driver to win a feature race in the Allison Legacy Racing North series. For information call 508-238-2800 until show week – then 617-474-6000.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam*, featuring **The HouseRockers w/ Jennifer Mathews**9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

Friday, Dec. 22

The 11th annual Winter Solstice Poetry Circle and Labyrinth Walk takes place Dec 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Old Ship Church's Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St, Hingham. Call Elizabeth Torrey 781-749-0543 for information.

Jose'Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker**, Dec. 21-24, at the **Duxbury Performing Arts Center,** 64 St. George St., **Duxbury.** Dec. 21 performance sold out. Dec. 23, 2 p.m. performance sold out. Tickets available for Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. performances. Tickets: $50, $35, $29, $15. Call 617-354-7467 or visit www.ballettheatre.org

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance – Dec. 22, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

New England Singles Club, **Dec. 22, from 8 pm. To midnight** Christmas Dance Party, **Sheraton Braintree, I-93/I-95, Exit 6, Braintree, MA. $10. 617-325-4900. Ages 40+. www.singlesdances-newengland.com**

South Shore Singles will sponsor our smoke-free dance Dec. 22, with The DJ: Dee Dee Rose from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Snacks and cash bar. Info: 781-331-0021 or visit southshoresingles.org

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The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 22, **3rd Left**.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 22. **Page's Christmas Party with The HouseRockers** 8 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Saturday, Dec. 23

A free **children's puppet show** is being presented at the **Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham**, created by **The Company Theatre** in Norwell. The shows will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 23. Performance times are 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. The show is titled **The Nutquacker,** a retelling of the classic ballet featuring barnyard animals. The puppet theatre is located near Banana Republic in the Derby Street Shoppes.

Kenneth Backlund's photography in the Clemens Gallery Rockland, photographer Kenneth Backlund will show his photography in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Jan. 4. The Gallery is open during library hours. For information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

The Hingham Public Library presents the selected works of **Easton artist Irma Cerese** will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from through Dec. 27. The show may viewed during library hours. More information about the artist may found at www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Oceanside, 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull, presents **Holiday Small Works** Tuesday – Sunday through Dec. 24, featuring the work of 13 Oceanside Gallery artists: **F. Andahazy, J. Chittick, N. Colella, M. Curran, R. Farbush, C. Hatch, C. Keating, R. Nadeau, P. Railsback, S. Ruff, J. St. Peter, V. Strekalovsky, A. Tuck.** Also offering jewelry by **M. Hassel and Johannah's Boutique**. Handcrafted ornaments by S. Donnellan and R. Parrish. Accessible to all, no admission through Dec. 24. 781-773-1563.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Dec. 23, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9:00+p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 23, **3rd Left**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 23, **Chris Fitz Band** 9:15 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Dec. 24

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

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The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Monday, Dec. 25

The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs through Feb. 2, 2007. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

Celebrating its 20th year, Masscribes Inc is a growing organization of calligraphers, both professional and hobbyists, who want to keep this art form alive. Twenty-three **calligraphers** artwork is on display in **Vine Hall Gallery,** South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell through Dec. 30. The theme of the exhibit is the environment and all work is for sale. Each artists' interpretation and artistic rendering of nature is unique and different. Included are *Marvels in Pinecones*, by Cynthia Rudolph and *Leaves*, by David Flattery.To learn more about the organization, visit the Web site at www.masscribes.org. For information, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 and the Web site at www.ssnsc.org for directions.

The Braintree Art Association Artist of the Month, **Lee Daley** will exhibit her paintings at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, during the month of December

Tuesday, Dec. 26

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents pastel and acrylic paintings by Cohasset resident **Diana Rousseau** through December. Rousseau is a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

Ted Williams Baseball League hosting players ages 5 to 15 is now receiving mail in registrations for its 2006 spring season. Call 781-293-2700 for additional information.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist Jane Flavell Collins, a Duxbury resident, is showing her watercolor and acrylic paintings in the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The exhibition continues through January, 2007. For hours, call 781-749-7565 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

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School vacation week

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ARTIST, A MUSICIAN, A CHEMIST OR A ZOOLOGIST? At the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell you'll learn how to transform patterns in nature into beautiful works of art, listen to the sounds around you and create instruments that make music, discover how water freezes to create unique and interesting crystals, and meet some really cool animals up close - there's something for everyone.

Each day is a different topic or subject. The program is divided into two groups, grades K to 2 and grades 3 to 5 and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is $30 per day for members and $34 per day for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. The registration deadline is Thursday, Dec. 21.

Topics/subjects include the following: Tuesday, Dec. 26, Art in Nature; Wednesday, Dec. 27: Animalia; Thursday, Dec. 28: Science of Music and Friday, Dec. 29: Water, Ice and Snow.

Inspired by Jeff Corwin of Animal Planet, indoor exhibits include the EcoZone, an interactive animal area focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts. The Science Center offers year round programs and events for all ages. For information go to www.ssnsc.org.

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Tabasco (formerly Twelve Bens II) 1166 Washington St. (Rt. 53) Weymouth, Comedy Night featuring Paul Keenan. Other comics include Jay Margaca, Pat Mcloud, Nikki Flynn, Annette Pollack. Advance reservations recommended. Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. Cover $10. 781-626-9695 or 781-843-4833.

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Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine presents six educational opportunities for the horse owners of New England. Presented on Wednesday evenings in January, February and March, these lectures will bring you up to date on the most current advancements and treatments in veterinary medicine. Presented by board certified clinicians from Tufts Hospital for Large Animals, the faculty is eager to show you the results of their research and extensive experience and to hear from you about your horse's health. Designed for the horsemen, this lecture series has always provided a great environment for learning and promoting equine health and fitness. The perfect gift for the horseman in your life! For information visit tufts.edu/vet/continedu/equ_health_2007.html

The annual Christmas card exhibit is on display at the Kingston Public Library. Busy writing out Christmas cards this holiday? Curious to see what Christmas cards once looked like? Go and check out the Local History Room's Annual Christmas Card exhibit, located in the Local History Room display case in the Library's lobby. Stop by to learn about the history of Christmas cards and to view Christmas cards from the late 1880s - 1920s. This exhibit will be on display through the month of December. For information, call the archivist at 781-585-0517 or e-mail celliott@kingstonpubliclibrary.org.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

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The weather might be frightful, but the atmosphere is always delightful at **Stone Zoo's ZooLights 2006.** Experience this winter wonderland as you stroll along Stone Zoo's tree-lined paths illuminated by thousands of twinkling holiday lights. You'll celebrate the holiday with reindeer, lynx, a bald eagle and many others. In keeping with the holiday tradition, **Santa Claus** will be at the Stone Zoo, and **will be available for photos through Dec. 23** from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is $4 per person (children under 2 are free). Members receive a discounted rate of $3 per person. **Santa photos are available for an additional fee.** Proceeds from this event will support the operation and future growth of Stone Zoo, as well as its education and conservation programs. The Stone Zoo is located at 149 Pond St., Stoneham, MA 02180. For additional information, visit www.stonezoo.org

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The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will host ***Belletrox*** who will perform the ***Urban Nutcracker*** in the Steven Smith Center on Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m. *Urban Nutcracker* tells the story of Clarice and her younger brother who live in modern Boston with their single mom. *Balletrox's* production mixes classical ballet, contemporary dance, hip- hop, jazz, swing, and tap, putting a dynamic new spin on this favorite holiday classic. Join us for this multi- cultural performance that features both aspiring young dancers and seasoned professionals. All *Celebrate!* performances are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For reservations, please call (617) 514-1646 or email JFKcelebrate@nara.gov Space is available on a first come first serve basis and children must be accompanied by an adult. For directions or further information on this or any other Kennedy Library program, visit the Kennedy Presidential Library Web page at www.jfklibrary.org

The paintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from Dec. 29 through Jan. 25. Her show may be viewed during library hours. Beginning as a watercolorist, the last 10 years she primarily has been painting in oil, focusing on Impressionist landscape, seascape, architecture and still life. Her talents have allowed her to present a scene in a way that will open the eyes of the viewer, allowing for colors, shapes and atmosphere to be more relative. The public also is invited to meet the artist in the Dolphin Gallery for her reception on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

Mass Audubon at the Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Gallery announces its **Holiday Art Sale titled Images of Nature in Small Spaces** to benefit the educational programs at Moose Hill. All the artwork is reasonably priced to sell and all the pieces are small, no larger than 12" x 12". Viewers can experience and enjoy visions and images of nature in many different styles and mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, prints and woodcarvings. This artwork is high caliber, diverse and the prices are affordable at $25 to $200. Artwork will be available through Jan. 15. Moose Hill Gallery is located at the Mass Audubon Sanctuary in Sharon at 293 Moose Hill St. Gallery is open daily. Call 781-784-5691 for details.

Edaville USA presents **Friday Night Fireworks** every Friday night in December with a spectacular fireworks display to celebrate the season. At 8:30 pm on Friday nights Edaville guests will be able to view the fireworks reflected off of the pond and accentuated by holiday light displays all around. Edaville USA is open for the Christmas Festival of Lights with seven million lights, animated displays, many amusement rides, visits with Santa, Ellis' indoor playhouse and of course the 2-mile heated train ride though a winter wonderland. The park will be open every evening thru Jan. 1 except for Christmas Day. Any customer that brings in a canned good on Monday and Tuesdays only will receive half off admission. Parking is free. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information hours and directions. Fireworks and hours are all weather permitting.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The goal of the program is to promote literacy and give the gift of reading to a local child. The book angel (you) selects an angel from the tree in the store and buys a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). This is the 13th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs through Dec. 22. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

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Bandstand Revue

Christine Hurley

Choosing between big bands, big laughs, and big waves for New Year's Eve

If the title question posed in the plaintive Frank Loesser standard "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" - recorded over the years by everyone from Ella Fitzgerald and Barbra Streisand to Lee Ann Womack, Clay Aiken and Bette Midler - is one you still haven't answered then you may want to consider one of the many South Shore options available this Dec. 31.

Quincy's own JM Productions will present Bandstand Revue - direct from Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut, in a New Year's Eve Celebration at Braintree's Sheraton Hotel" including dinner, show, dancing and party favors for $89 per person. There is also a special hotel room rate at the Sheraton Braintree for those wishing to stay overnight.

Playing the greatest hits of the 50's, 60's and 70's, Bandstand Revue has been touring Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts since 1979. While they specialize in rock 'n' roll oldies, their play list covers swing and standards from the late 40's and other hit music right up to the 70's, including doo-wop, rhythm and blues, British invasion and Motown. Founding member Joe Gionti - who performs on keyboards, bass and vocals - formed the five-member show Band 27 years ago. The group has been featured at Foxwoods since 1997. Other band members include Greg Mulvey on lead vocals, Fran Donnelly on guitar and vocals, Pete Vanasse on saxophone, and Tony Aquilante on drums. The New Year's Eve show will include dancing until 1:30 a.m. with the band playing on.

Tommy Dunham

Jerry Thornton

JM Productions first introduced "Bandstand Review" to South Shore audiences five years ago and will present them in an intimate setting for only 80 people on Dec. 31. For tickets and information, call: JM Produc-tions at 617-786-7469 or visit JM Productions secure website for on line purchasing at www.jmproductionspresents.com.

Other New Year's Eve offerings include:

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurat in Braintree which will present "A Big New Year's Eve Night Comedy Show Comedy show. featuring some of South Shore's best-known stand-up comics including Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Bill Farrell, Christine Hurley, and Jerry Thornton. The $75 per person package will include appetizers, dinner, party favors, and a champagne toast. Patrons can watch the Ball Drop in New York's Times Square in the Lounge at midnight to Ring in the New Year. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 781-848-0300 or visiting either www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.annettepollack.com

Quincy's Yardrock Productions and Harbor Express will set sail for New Year's Eve Cruise featuring live music, dancing, food, and fireworks for $65 per person. Hosted by Joe Hajjar and featuring Ricky "King" Russell and The Cadillac Horns. Call Joe Hajjar for details and reservations at 617-22-6999 harborexpress.com or yardrock.com The boat will board at 8 p.m. in Quincy and also pick up passengers at Boston's Aquarium Wharf.

And for people looking for a special way to spend Jan. 1, 2007, what about a trip to Spectacle Island. The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring the annual Seafarers' Island Holiday on New Year's Day. There will be three separate ticketed cruises from Rowes Wharf to Spectacle Island: from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or from noon to 4 p.m. or from 1 to 5 p.m. Rowes Wharf is in downtown Boston (by the Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue). The closest MBTA stations are South Station (Red Line) and Aquarium (Blue Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Tickets will be sold in the Ferry Terminal one hour before departure.

Another way to spend New Year's Day is to take a free guided New Year's Day Nature Walk, on Monday, Jan. 1, at 11 a.m. Halfway Pond, in Plymouth. The Wildlands Trust, a local nonprofit organization protecting nearly 5,000 acres of land in Southeastern Massachusetts, invites you to enjoy a walk all the way around Halfway Pond. The walk, which will take approximately two hours, is suitable for all ages. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, and water if desired. Directions: Route 3 south to Exit 3. West off exit to stop sign. Turn right and go north about two miles on Long Pond Road, pass school, then turn left onto Mast Road (opposite golf course). Follow Mast Road about two miles to small parking area on right just after Camp Wind in the Pines Girl Scout Center.

— R. Scott Reedy

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BUDGET DEBATE

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Jean Patterson looks through the standing-room-only crowd at the back of the Sullivan Gymnasium to watch the school video during debate on Article 3 (budget) during the annual Town Meeting in April. The school budget was one of the biggest stories in 2006.

'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

The flags sell for $20 and can be dedicated to anyone.

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2007 observances.

The effort, which Selectmen have unanimously endorsed, should result in upwards of 200 American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

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Police Beat

Teens arrested with marijuana

By Mary Ford
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Three local teens were arrested on drug charges just two days before Christmas on Dec. 23. An assistant harbormaster at Government Island reported observing a red Toyota parked with teens inside that were tossing what appeared to be seeds out the window. He came into headquarters to report what he had seen. He had also picked up some of the seeds and provided a plate number.

The teens were no longer at Government Island when police arrived but a short time later the car was spotted heading northbound on South Main Street. After pulling the car over, police could smell marijuana coming from the car as they approached it.

Two teens, an 18 and 19 year old, both Cohasset residents, were arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance (marijuana). The third youth, a 16-year-old juvenile was charged with possession of a Class D substance and possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute. Police said he had eight smaller plastic bags of what appeared to be marijuana in a larger plastic bag.

Chief James Hussey explained that people will often pick through marijuana to get rid of the seeds and any small branches before rolling it.

MVA on Route 3A

A driver was cited for following to closely after an accident at Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) and Pond Street last Monday (Dec. 18) at about 4:20 p.m. Chief Hussey said a 2001 Ford Windstar was the fourth car in line heading north and stopped at the light. When the light turned green, the four cars pulled away. The first two vehicles started moving; but the Windstar, which picked up speed too quickly "rear-ended" the third vehicle in line. There was a minor injury; no one was transported to the hospital, Hussey said.

Paintball vandals

Last Tuesday (Dec. 19), a walk-in at the police station reported his property on King Street had been hit by paintballs. The incident occurred sometime between Dec. 14 and Dec. 19. The house was hit about half a dozen times with paintballs, Chief Hussey said. Police are investigating.

Dog bites dog

A woman told police that while she was walking her dog in Whitney Woods, a large German shepherd attacked her dog last Wednesday (Dec. 20) at about 11:20 a.m. The owner of the German shepherd put the dog on a leash. However when the walker got home, she found a puncture wound on her dog.

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy contacted the owner of the German shepherd. Chief Hussey said the dog was licensed and up to date on its shots. Murphy is filing an incident report so there will be a record of the attack. Hussey said the German shepherd owner would have to pay any medical costs for the other dog.

Leaving scene

A man is being summonsed to court for leaving the scene of an automobile accident after causing property damage, Chief Hussey said. The incident occurred last Thursday (Dec. 21) at about 10:45 p.m. on Jerusalem Road. Police were called to the scene after reports of the accident, and came across a white Nissan Frontier off the road and up against a large rock. There were people, who had stopped to look, standing around the vehicle that had been abandoned, Chief Hussey said. Because of the location, Hull police sent a K-9 unit that started tracking and found a person who claimed the car belonged to her husband, Hussey said. Police ran the registration, which came back with the people living in Hull. Police went to the dwelling and believe both the husband and wife were in the car; however, they are not certain who was driving because of mixed stories. Hussey said the husband, who said he was driving, said he left the vehicle and walked home because he needed his medication immediately. There was some damage at the scene to a sign.

The man was also cited for speeding.

Vehicle vandalism

Police say a thick, hardened substance on the outside of a resident's car appears to have been chocolate syrup. The owner of the vehicle reported the vandalism at 8:30 p.m. last Friday (Dec. 22). The owner thinks the vandalism occurred sometime after midnight the night before. The car was parked on Beach Street at the owner's house. Police are looking into a potential motive but have not come up with anything, Chief Hussey said.

Erratic driving

A report of a driver going in and out of driveways and driving erratically in the Linden Drive neighborhood at 4:53 a.m. last Saturday (Dec. 23) was probably the newspaper delivery person, Chief Hussey said. Police responded to the scene and came upon the delivery person, he said.

At 7:12 a.m. later that day, a walk-in at the police station reported being cut off by an erratic driver on South Main Street. Police say a vehicle traveling too fast down S. Main St., appears to have had to swerve to avoid a car making a right onto South Main from Brook Street. The Brook Street driver had to turn the wheels sharply to avoid being hit and bumped into the tree at the corner. Chief Hussey said there was a small scrape on the car door and the tree was not damaged.

Water tank

Youths left a cell phone behind at the water tank off Pleasant Street, which led police to them, Chief Hussey said. Here's what happened. At about 9:30 a.m., Saturday (Dec. 23), a caller from the water department reported that someone had put a ladder up to the water tank overnight. There was also a cut in the fence. During a thorough search of the area, police found a cell phone and were able to identify its owner.

"Based on the information we received in speaking to the person – we are summonsing at least two individuals to court on charges of trespassing and damage to property," Hussey said. He explained the top of the tower is locked, so the youths did not gain access to the water.

Police do not think the teens involved were trying to put something into the water supply but may have been trying to climb the tank to take pictures of the area.

Scrap copper

Police are investigating the theft of about 50 pounds of scrap copper from a house on Hobart Lane. The incident was reported at about 3:25 p.m., on Sunday (Dec. 24). The property owner, who discovered the missing copper, thinks the theft occurred sometime in the past two weeks. Hussey said police are following up. He explained there is quite a market out there for copper.

Ornaments moved

Police received a report from a concerned resident last Friday (Dec. 22) at 12:18 a.m. about teens taking Christmas decorations from a neighbor's yard. As it turned out, the perpetrators did not remove any decorations but had rearranged some of them.

Year in Review

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Fans of "Witches of Eastwick," Lynne Layman, Sinc Pounder, Judy Wainwright, and Sue Straley, reminisce this past July as they look at a scrapbook from the summer of 1986 when Jack Nicholson, Susan Sarandon, Michelle Pfeiffer and Cher came to Cohasset.

2006: a roller coaster of emotion

By Samantha Brown
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As 2006 comes to a close, those who reflect on the issue-driven, past 12 months could experience feelings that run the gamut.

However, the past year was also one of compassion, as residents came out to help each other in large numbers. To start this year off, the Doonan family experienced a fire on New Year's Day, which left their Jerusalem Road home uninhabitable. Their friends and neighbors immediately stepped up to the plate. No sooner had the last embers been put out had someone offered up a house in Hull for the family to stay in and a Web site set up to accept the many donations which poured in.

There were also selfless deeds, shown best in Nichols Road resident Ted Gledhill, who at 23 years old donated one of his kidneys to his mother, saving her life. With that act, he became one of the youngest patients to ever donate a kidney, and got back the vibrant, energetic mother he had been missing for so long.

Cohasset's youngest residents pooled together to provide outreach in a number of ways. From sending cards to an ailing Red Sox pitcher, to collecting funds for the operating of a beloved bus driver's bull mastiff, to sending care packages to soldiers overseas — their compassion proved to be never ending.

The following Year in Review provides a broad overview of the issues and events that were covered and debated in the pages of the Cohasset Mariner during 2006. While some issues split the town, at the end of the day the passion exhibited in even the most contentious debate is further proof Cohasset cares.

January

The Very Rev. E. Clifford Cutler of St. Stephen's announces he is leaving Cohasset to return to his roots in Philadelphia.

News about alleged embezzlement of hundreds of thousands of dollars in Cohasset Yacht Club funds is causing more waves than a major nor'easter.

Cohasset seniors looking to move into affordable housing might not find an answer in the Cook Estate project. While there will be affordable units built, seniors selling homes will have a

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Time running out for Citizen nominations

See nomination form on page 21

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In keeping with a 14-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

The deadline for nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 5. Please see the nomination form on page 21. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This year's recipient will join past recipients:

1993: **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe,** a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

2005: **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who is the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless people in need over the years.

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Clockwise from top left: Relay for Life (Laura Sinclair); CHS Class of 2006 graduates (Robin Chan); Yes and No campaigners on Override Election Day (Robin Chan); Strawberry Festival (Robin Chan); What's Possible Forum (Craig Goedecke); Citizen of the Year (Robin Chan); beached whale (Robin Chan); Mary Jeannette Murray's funeral (Robin Chan); new crosswalks (Robin Chan); Veterans Day (Elsa Allen); Farmers Market (Elsa Allen).

Year in Review

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Richard Perkinson speaks his mind on Article 3 (the budget) at last spring's annual Town Meeting. The school budget and overrides were among the biggest stories in 2006.

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hard time passing the asset tests necessary to determine who qualifies for the housing.

Budget season has begun in earnest for fiscal 2007 for both the town and school department. Town Manager Bill Griffin presented a balanced budget to selectmen and the Advisory Committee, which stays within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2.

Selectmen may bring an article before Town Meeting April 1 to help put some rules in place for door-to-door solicitation.

The Cohasset Housing Partnership Committee is taking root. Four residents have expressed interest in serving, and once the town hires a new housing consultant, selectmen will make the committee appointments.

The alternative energy committee and board of selectmen would like to see land located near the town landfill tested to see if it would be a site suitable to host a wind turbine.

Local developer Wayne Sawchuk's proposal to expand the 1811 Samuel Bates House in the village could hinge on whether Town Meeting agrees to amend the zoning bylaws.

February

Turn the clock ahead a few years and imagine a vibrant mixed-use district surrounding the new Greenbush train station — one that might bring in some badly needed tax revenue for the town. Voters at the April 1 annual Town Meeting could have the chance to set the stage for just such a place — by establishing a Transit Oriented District or TOD.

The fiscal 2007 Town Manager's recommended budget does not have the funds available to meet the requests of every department.

This spring the Cohasset Historical Society will have a brand new weathervane blowing in the breeze, thanks to Jerusalem Road resident and Historical Society member Steve Bobo.

The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee are slated to have another round-table budget discussion. While the first joint budget session was a good starting point, all three boards agree there are many more issues to be vetted before the numbers are ready for Town Meeting.

School Committee incumbent Rick Flynn announced in January, that after six years on the board, he would not run for re-election. This week he added a little excitement to the race when he announced he has changed his mind.

A group of border collies is causing some concern in town. While the owner of the dogs says they are sweet and gentle animals, several residents who were allegedly bitten by the dogs tell a different story.

Margie Steele, the "Heart and soul of the food pantry" is named Cohasset's Citizen of the Year.

March

Cohasset has passed 28 overrides since 1998, and this year, it could be asked to do so again.

A group of nine border collies, which have threatened and/or bitten four Cohasset residents, will be separated permanently, in an effort to break up the "pack mentality" which may have contributed to some of the attacks. The dogs will also undergo a behavioral analysis to determine whether they are a threat to humans on their own.

Selectmen voted to accept Weymouth-based Weathervane Construction Corporation's $4.9 million proposal to build Cape-style condominiums for those 55 and older on the Cook Estate off Sohier Street.

In a packed meeting that at times resembled more of a pep rally for the school budget than a governmental proceeding, selectmen voted to go along with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and place two override questions on the special election ballot.

Tired of acres of asphalt along Route 3A in places like Tedeschi Plaza and Shaw's Plaza? If a Town Meeting article passes muster with voters, commercial property owners along the highway business district could have the option of reducing some

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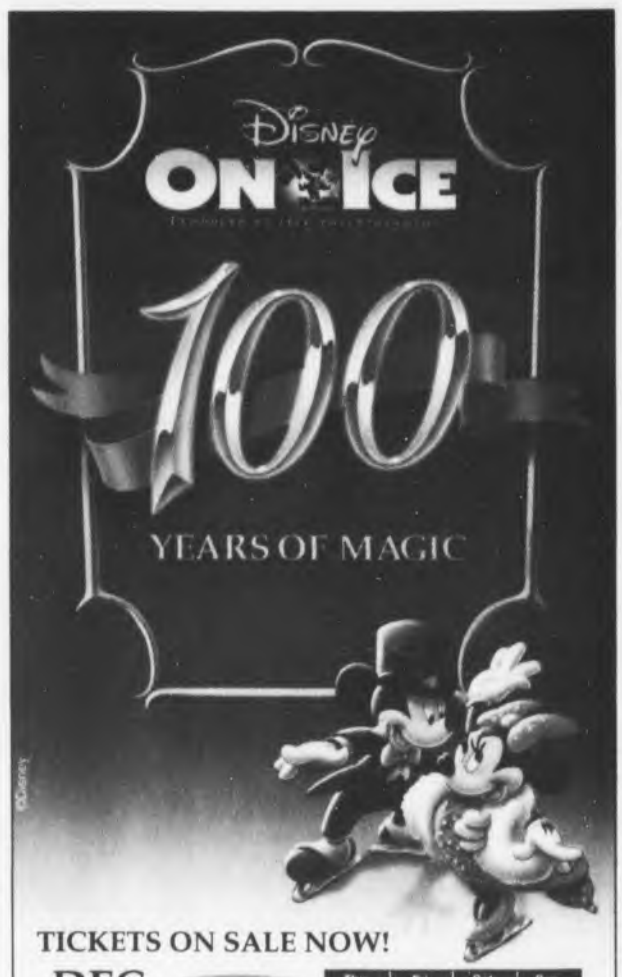

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Robert Jones wins sportsmanship award

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello Cohasset and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe start to 2007. Although there is not much to report on in the column this week, it is all still really cool information and event news that will help in some of your January plans. Make sure to send in any holiday news or photos of interest, birthday or other special event information or any other interesting tidbits to share.

ALUMNI HOCKEY

On Jan. 1, the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team will be hosting its 8th Annual Alumni Hockey Game at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham from 4:10 - 6:20p.m. The current varsity team is hoping to have a good turn out for this event and encourages all alumni players to come and join in on the fun. The cost is $25. per player for two hours of ice time, a souvenir shirt and a chance to take on the current team at CHS. If you are interested in playing, please contact **Anne Czerkawski** at 383 997 or e-mail at cacz@comcast.net . Look forward to seeing you there!

WIN A CRUISE

Princess Cruises and Cohasset Travel have joined forces supporting a fundraiser to benefit the programs and services of Wellspring Multi-Service Center. South Shore residents can win a cruise for two to Alaska, one of the last remaining wildernesses on earth. The raffle donation will provide funding for all the valuable programs at Wellspring and the winner could be rewarded with a remarkable vacation. Winners will experience the stunning beauty of Alaska including Glacier Bay National Park, Tracy Arm Fjord or Hubbard Glacier along with Juneau, Skagway Sitka or Ketchikan depending on the itinerary. The award includes airfare to Vancouver and balcony stateroom accommodations from which to view the unforgettable scenery. Tickets are $50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets are available at: Wellspring Thrift Shops, 814 Nantasket Ave, Hull and 40 North St., Hingham; Cohasset Travel Agency, Rte. 3A, Cohasset; and Darilynn's in Cohasset Village. Cohasset Travel will be coordinating the travel plans for the cruise, which is good for travel during 2007 or 2008.

The winning ticket will be drawn on April 15.

SPORTSMANSHIP

COURTESY PHOTO

Robert Jones of Cohasset won this year's Scituate/Cohasset Sharks Youth Football's James McInnis Sportsmanship award.

Fourteen-year-old **Robert Jones** of Cohasset won this year's Scituate/Cohasset Sharks Youth Football's James McInnis Sportsmanship award. It is the first time since 1983 that a Cohasset resident has earned this recognition. Robert, who is an honor student at Cohasset High School, had a remarkable final game when the starting quarterback was injured in the first quarter. In that game he ended up playing quarterback, middle-line backer, safety and cornerback and scored a touchdown at full back.

Congratulations!

CASINO NIGHT

Lacrosse Boosters annual casino night fundraiser will be Saturday night, Jan. 20 at Atlantica here in Cohasset, the boosterswill "raise the stakes" from 8 p.m. until midnight! Tickets are $25 each and available from **Lyn Previte** (781-383-9723). There will be blackjack, roulette, poker and other games of chance. Atlantica will serve hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. The money raised from this event will go directly to funding the JV lacrosse program at the high school for both boys and girls.

This event is critical to provide playing opportunities to younger players and the continued success and growth of the entire lacrosse program. Cohasset Lacrosse has numerous players at the collegiate level-probably more so than any other varsity sport. Our recent success (Cohasset boys were 2006 state champions and looking to repeat) has much to do with the continuing support from our feeder programs and the financial support from the entire Cohasset community. Any lacrosse parent looking to help out with this event, please call Lynn Previte!

PROM DRESSES

The Cohasset Consignment Shop will be collecting fabulous dresses during January and February to be sold at the Pre Prom event being held in Early March. If you have a dress or two that will fill this need, call 781-383-0687 to make an appointment to donate or consign your gently worn prom or prom-like dress.

TREE PICKUP

Here is a wonderful program that the Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard are sponsoring. Looking to have your holiday tree picked up and taken away? Even better, the cost that you pay to have this much wanted and needed chore taken care of will benefit Project Safeguard. The cost per tree is $20 with Senior Citizens paying $15. Call 781-383-2492 and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make sure to call by 8 pm on Jan. 5. Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up at the end of your driveway on Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 and 2 pm.

That is all for this week, send in all information and news events to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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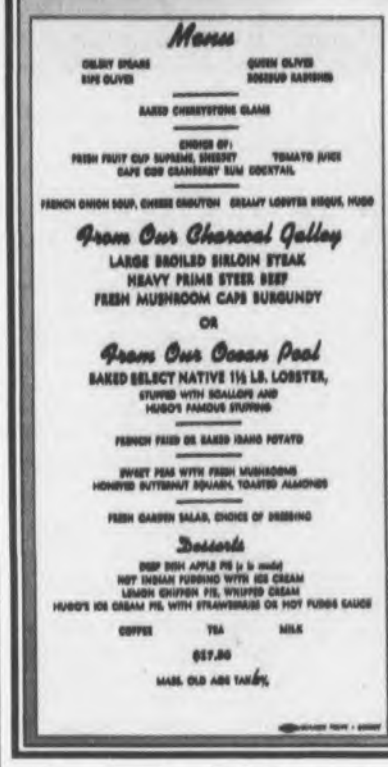

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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asphalt and replace it with more building space.

The Community Preservation Fund could continue to help restore an important part of Cohasset history as well as contribute to preserving open space, refurbish a worn-out ballpark, build a new veterans honor roll, restore the front doors at Town Hall, and even buy some new washing machines and dryers for the town's only affordable housing complex. It's all part of a "suitcase" article on the Town Meeting Warrant.

The Cohasset Rotary Club is celebrating a very special anniversary this year. Thirty years ago, the organization coordinated the first ever Road Race by the Sea, and today, the popular event is stronger than ever.

Cohasset teachers are getting an early start on campaigning this year and have posted nearly 200 red and white "Keep Quality Education in Cohasset" signs around town.

April

More than 600 residents were in attendance at the start of Town Meeting, but that number dropped to about 100 when those who came to support the override cast their votes, and then made their way toward the nearest exit.

A very rare beaked whale caused a stir on Sandy Beach when it came ashore. The animal could not be saved and was transported to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for further study.

The candidates who declared their support for the $1.495 million override won two seats on the School Committee and one on the Board of Selectmen.

If four out of nine border collies owned by Meadow Lane residents Mia and John Dean cannot be placed in suitable border collie rescue facilities, all four must be put to sleep.

After nearly three years of trying to build senior housing on the Cook Estate, the town has decided to call it quits.

May

The tone of this year's override election has been described by many to be the most contentious in years and perhaps in the entire history of the town.

With the defeat of both override figures, the school department has some tough budgeting decisions to make. With an increase of 3 percent, or roughly $370,000 to work with, there is a lot of money to be made up just to cover fixed costs.

Twenty-three years ago, Meredith Gledhill gave her son Ted the gift of life. Never did she, or he, expect one day he would have the opportunity to return the favor. One month ago, Ted became an organ donor for his mother, giving up a kidney to save her life, and today, both are celebrating good health together.

Drenching rain that stayed around for days, dumping about 8-1/2 inches in the area, was more of the wet stuff than anyone wanted.

Flooding during Mother's Day weekend caused damage to many homes around town. While the storm is a somewhat unusual event, town officials say something must be done to help prevent flooding from happening in the future.

June

Memorial Day is often thought of as the unofficial kickoff to summer. This year's weather lent itself especially well to barbecues and boating. But Cohasset's residents have not forgotten the meaning of the day, as year after year they continue to come out in full force to honor those who have paid the ultimate price serving our country.

About 100 residents gathered in the high school cafeteria for a forum unlike any other held in the town thus far. Sponsored by the PSO and facilitated by Cohasset resident and strategy consultant Laura Stone, the meeting was held to help the town figure out "What's Possible" for the future of the town and it's schools.

Selectmen voted to increase both the cost of all-facility stickers and pay-as-you-throw bags, which may be the first in a long line of changes.

CHS boys' lacrosse team earns title of state champs after 8-3 win over Dover-Sherborn.

The School Committee has voted to implement bus fees as well as parking fees for those students who drive themselves to school, on a one-year trial basis.

Security is a top priority for Cohasset's schools. To ensure they are monitored day and night, a new security system is slated to be installed at all three buildings, which will connect to monitors at the Cohasset Police Department.

Selectmen voted to go along with Town Manager Bill Griffin's recommendation to increase building department and ambulance fees.

Thirty-two teams competed in this year's Relay for Life.

July

Cohasset Pediatrics was abuzz with excitement when it opened its office doors to some very special patients. Thanks to the Chernobyl Children's Project — the largest organization in the United States to provide medical treatment and respite care for children from Chernobyl-affected areas — 18 children ages seven through 14 traveled all the way from the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia to receive medical care from doctors throughout Massachusetts.

After almost four decades on the Cohasset Fire Department, Chief Roger Lincoln has announced he will be retiring, effective Oct. 29.

Twenty years ago, during the summer of 1986, literally thousands of spectators flocked to Cohasset to watch the filming of "The Witches of Eastwick," in the hopes of getting a glimpse of one of the stars, Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon or Michelle Pfeiffer.

The school department will close out fiscal 2006 very much in the black. The School Committee was informed Monday the district has a roughly $433,000 surplus, which will be used to cover underbudgeted items from fiscal 2006 as well as pay for materials and supplies and some special education tuition for fiscal 2007.

Town officials had hoped to meet with the MBTA to talk about municipal parking and take a walk around the town parking lot so all involved could visualize the situation. But the MBTA sent word — and followed up with a letter — that it would not participate, preferring to have the issue discussed in executive session because it could involve future litigation.

August

Numbers have been painted in the parking spaces at the high school — step one for implementing parking fees for students. However, at the School Budget and Finance subcommittee meeting, fees for parking and riding the bus were put back on the table. Members of the School Committee said they were surprised to hear the district had a surplus of roughly $430,000, and indicated they may have voted differently about the fees had they known.

Heading up services for the town's seniors is no easy job. But new director for the Council on Elder Affairs Linda Elworthy, who has just finished up her first month in town, is already proving she is up to the task.

The MBTA is pushing back against the Board of Selectmen, which says it will only have dispute resolution discussions in open session. Currently the town and the authority, which is building the new Greenbush commuter rail line, are butting heads about

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OVERRIDE SUPPORT

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Sophie Stone, 7, right, and her brother Jackson, 5, drive around the Town Common campaigning in their big wheels with "Yes" stickers on the windshields on Election Day last May.

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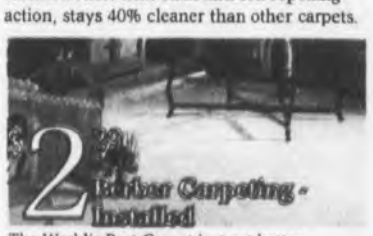

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EDITORIAL

The Old Man and The Kid

The Old Man sat down at his desk and pulled out his familiar dog-eared logbook. It was almost filled with his scribblings. He opened it to a fresh page, the last one in the book. He looked at the clock. The second hand had swept into the last minute.

Outside, a bomb exploded and the wail of sirens filled the night.

They're going to mock me for the rest of my time, he thought. He knew what had happened without going to the window. He mourned the bomber, so filled with hate and despair, and he mourned the innocents that the bomber took with him in his madness.

Where was that Kid? He was supposed to be here early to give The Old Man a chance to brief him on what happened during his reign and what he could expect in the next one. Instead, The Kid was late. Where was he?

Suddenly the door flew open and The Kid was there in the room, the angry sounds of the outside world announcing his entry in the brief time the door was open. The Kid appeared a bit disheveled already, a strange look in one so young.

"What kind of a place are you running here?" he demanded of The Old Man. "They searched my diapers at the airport. I thought they were going to confiscate my sash. I'm not even born yet and already they suspect I'm up to no good."

The Old Man shrugged.

"It's the way of the world," he said and he almost bit his tongue for saying it. It shouldn't be the way of the world. He had fought against it all during his 12-month reign. For the first time, as the dying seconds ticked away, he had to admit he failed.

Outside a bomb exploded and the wail of sirens filled the night.

"Well, it's not the way of my world," said The Kid. "Do you know that someone took a shot at me as I was coming up the walk. Me! The hope of the future! And someone else asked me for my papers to see if I was an illegal alien? Me! An illegal alien!

"Now where is that book I'm supposed to read, the one that tells me how bad you fouled things up in the past year?"

The Old Man passed his log to the youngster. The Kid took it and opened it to a random page, any page. He read a few passages, turned the page and read a few more. His lips moved as he mouthed the unfamiliar words and phrases.

"What is this 'Iraq,'" he asked. "It's a strange word yet I see it on every page."

"It's a place," said The Old Man. "A place where there is a war going on. Been going on for about four years now. At least American troops have been there that long. Americans are getting impatient with it. I've been trying to end it. Maybe you can."

"A piece of cake," said The Kid. "I'll just declare victory and bring the troops home. Why didn't you think of that?"

"It's a little more complicated than that," said The Old Man.

"Complicated, shmomplicated," said The Kid.

Outside a bomb exploded and the wail of sirens filled the night.

"I see you spent a lot of time working on 'undocumented immigrants,'" said The Kid. "Is that like 'illegal aliens?'"

"That's what some people call them, yes," said The Old Man.

"I can take care of that problem right away," said The Kid. "Round 'em up and ship 'em home. Voila, no problem!"

"It's a little more complicated than that," said The Old Man.

The Kid turned over another page. He was near the back of the book now, far from the Iraqs and the illegal aliens. The problems were of lesser import but he lingered over them longer. Especially, the pictures. Ah, the pictures!

"I see this Paris Hilton was giving you trouble," he said. "She and Britney Spears. Those crazy kids with their drinking and carousing. Look at them. If you don't mind, I think I'll take on those problems first. Kind of a warmup. Okay?"

He chuckled and looked around for The Old Man but the second hand had ticked all the way to midnight and he was gone. All that remained was the tattered, dogeared logbook that recorded his failure.

For the first time, The Kid felt alone and the tiniest pang of regret that he had not listened to The Old Man more closely. Perhaps it as more complicated than that. Perhaps there was something to be learned from failure.

The Kid took out his own logbook, so pristine it still smelled of printer's ink, and opened it to the first blank page. He took out his pen and, in a bold hand, wrote "2007" cross the top of the page. Then he paused, pen in air. "What shall I write," he thought.

Outside, a bomb exploded and the wail of sirens filled the night.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Conservation Commission, Jan. 4, 7 p.m.
Council on Elder Affairs, Jan. 8, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Harbor Health Committee, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Historical Commission, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the library
Osgood School Council, Jan. 4., 3:30 p.m. at Osgood
Planning Board, Jan. 3, 7 p.m. (Public hearing, large home review at 7:30 p.m.)
Selectmen, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2007 will be available Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's office.

The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 15.

Jim Hamilton's cartoons told Cohasset's story

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Greenbush over past 12 months

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

North Main Street Crossing, summer of 2006.

Rocky Lane Bridge in January of 2006.

Pleasant Street, summer of 2006.

We have worked hard at keeping the Town up to date with the fast paced construction changes.

Another year has zoomed by. It hardly seems possible that the Greenbush Guys will have been on the job for two years as of the end of January, 2007. We're not sure where the time has gone. Originally, as our nickname, "The Greenbush Guys" indicates our mission was to be the Town's interface for the Greenbush Rail Restoration Project. Truly, this has been a very interesting mission. We think that the project is better for the Town than it might have otherwise been. Not perfect, but better. We have worked hard at keeping the Town up to date with the fast paced construction changes. We fully understand that the inconveniences of construction have not been easy …unexpected detours that seem to occur without warning, bumpy roads, inadequate drainage, loss of parking spaces in the village and so on. But most of it is behind us. We have included a few photos to bring back some of the construction history. Compare these with today's views at the same location.

Yep, there are still outstanding issues on the project. Things like: drainage that doesn't work on Beechwood Street and Rocky Lane; incomplete crossings at Sohier Street and Lower King Street; and additional parking spaces in the Town Parking Lot. The MBTA insists that these things will be addressed before project completion. However, this whole year, the MBTA's contractor, Cashman Balfour Beatty (CBB) has had their eyes fixed on laying rail. That's been their number one goal: To have the rail complete from Scituate to Braintree. Most other activities have taken a back seat to getting the rail complete. So, we continue to work with the MBTA and CBB to address the remaining issues.

We have tried to work hard at communicating with residents about their issues and concerns. From the feedback we have gotten, most residents are appreciative of our efforts. Occasionally, we just can't do much. We are constantly amazed by the number of positive comments we get about these articles that the Mariner is kind enough to print for us. Your feedback is always welcome, whether positive or negative.

Other stuff this past year – As some of you may know, the Town does not have an engineering department and has relied on outside engineering firms for most of its engineering activities. Although the firms the Town has used have been very professional they are not easily available for everything that needs to be done. And, they carry significant expense. Consequently, since we are both engineers we have been asked by the Town Manager to act in an engineering capacity on several projects, both large and small. The largest was the recent Village Revitalization in the center village. With the available funds, we were able to do Main Street and Depot Court. The Town is hopeful that it will receive additional funds to complete Elm and Brook Streets in the Village area, but the funds have not been released yet. We suspect that the change in the guard at the State House may have caused things to move slower than normal.

We have worked with Norfolk County Engineering to complete the two drainage projects on Forest Avenue that, until they were completed, precluded the Town from finishing the new sidewalks and street paving on Forest Avenue. So, next spring the Town has Forest Avenue completion to look forward to. We have also played small supporting roles with the Health of the Harbor Committee, Board of Health, Stormwater Committee, DPW, Conservation Commission and several other groups.

Just this week, we received formal notification that the application we submitted to the Department of Transportation and Department of Economic Development via a Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) grant for new sidewalks connecting the Town sidewalk network to the new Greenbush Station was approved in the amount of $278,000. That really makes for a Happy New Year.

In summary, this has been an interesting year and, quite frankly, a fun year. With that being said, we both extend a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all of you.

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Urge to face the big questions

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I thought about how old my parents are approximately and realized I hadn't a moment to lose.

New years is a time for thoughtful people to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Me, I just like to party and move on. But for some reason as 2006 comes to a close I have a strange urge to face the big questions: where am I going, why is it taking so long to get there, and is it just me or does it feel really hot in here?

I was pondering my situation like this and listening to the radio when I heard about a project called "StoryCorps", where people sit microphones in front of old people and record their life stories for posterity. I thought about how old my parents are approximately and realized I hadn't a moment to lose. I ran out and rented a nice tape recorder and microphone, did a little research on how to talk to the elderly, drove all the way to New Hampshire — basically I went to a lot of trouble getting things set up. And you wouldn't believe how unenthused they were when I explained that I wanted to get them on tape before they died.

"We're not dying," my mother said. "I know, but you're like, seventy years old," I said. "Seventy-one." "See? You're getting older by the minute. We should get your stories down before you're too sick to speak." "We're not sick," said my father. "You don't look so good," I said. "John, I'm seventy-three and can bench press twice my age," my father said. "You're forty-one and can't say the same thing." "This isn't about me," I said. "It's about recording your memories of my early childhood before you're too batty to remember them." "I think we're done here," my mother said.

So that idea was a bust. Since I was in the area I brought the sound equipment over to the house of my mother's uncle Bob, who has to be in his nineties by now, but he was off on some Alaskan dog sledding thing so I came home with zippo.

For many years I never doubted that my existence had a purpose. Then I got married, and these days I feel like I'm constantly confronted by the question. My best answer of late is that I'm here to smell the chicken. You see, my wife has almost no sense of smell, which makes life with a man a lot more tolerable for her than it is for most women, but unfortunately it also makes her paranoid about buying bad meat. Every Tuesday at 5pm I get the same call on my home-office phone.

"John, I need you to come and smell the chicken." "Are you being euphemistic this time?" "No." "Can I at least, you know, 'archive my Quicken file' first?" "Are you being euphemistic now?" "No." "John I'm trying to cook dinner." "So am I, baby. So am I." "Okay. You tell me if this chicken is good and then I'll 'vacuum the garage'. Deal?" "Honey we don't have a garage. Besides, I'm sure the chicken is fine."

One thing you learn when you have children is that it's not adults, but kids under the age of ten who raise the most challenging questions about life, death, God and the universe. It's therefore your responsibility as a parent to answer each of these questions with some fantastical bunk that's opaque enough to stifle their curiosity so they can quit bothering people and get on with their lives. I did have to laugh the other night, though, when I was putting my little six-year-old to bed. I'd been trying to explain why bad things happen to good people, and out of the blue she asked why good things happen to Ann Coulter. I didn't even have a bold-faced lie to answer that one, so I kissed her good night, wished her sweet dreams and told her I'd ask Satan when I saw him.

Seriously, is anyone else hot in here?

*John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. His resolution for 2007 is to begin composing his Mariner articles several hours **before** the submission deadline, but we can't help noting that his 2006 resolution was to be named Cohasset Citizen of the Year, and we all know the end of that story.*

HEALTH NOTES

Health priorities change with times

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Probably, the most visible crisis for the Town dealt with water. Not lack of it as in most towns, but too much of it.

When it comes to moving and shaking, it's best to look elsewhere than the Board of Health, but from the standpoint of accomplishments which will have a long lasting benefit to the Town, we're right up there. The Board has regularly changed its priorities and focus as we see the healthcare system, as well as the needs of the Town, change. This year was no exception and the big news is that in spite of the massive changes in healthcare and its administration nothing exciting happened.

For Medicare D, the major healthcare change, getting out information, of course, was the problem. The BoH worries about such things and its possible future impact on the citizens. Fortunately two things happened which made the transition for the Town a simple matter. The new Elder Affairs leader, Linda Ellworthy, worked closely with the Board of Health and information arrived early enough so that almost everybody who needed to, got the word.

Last year's Flu vaccine availability problem was repeated this year, with late notice as well as delivery of insufficient vaccine. However, because of the quick work and effective planning of Judy Fitzsimmons, the Town Nurse, the Flu Clinics went off like clockwork. As with many health issues, boring is much preferable to exciting.

In case you didn't notice, there's been a changeover in ambulance methods and protocols with the Fire Department taking many more local emergency calls. In spite of vastly increased use of emergency ambulance service, the Fire Department still had the means of helping with flooded cellars, putting up weathervanes for the Historical Society and such, as well as putting out the occasional fire with no casualties.

Speaking of Emergency stuff, for the first time the Town can say that it has done more than write plans and give on-line courses to key people. We've had emergency drills such as the Table Top exercise we talked about in Health Notes last month; we've enlisted volunteers, both professional, for the Medical Reserve Corps, and the Citizens Emergency Response (CERTS) activities. Both new key people, Fire Chief Bob Silvia and Linda Ellworthy are part of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A dizzying number of accomplishments.

Probably, the most visible crisis for the Town dealt with water. Not lack of it as in most towns, but too much of it. For nine years the BoH's been screaming that we have a stormwater problem. But this year, our warnings have come to roost. It was the confluence of two factors: extra rain, including the Mothers Day storm in May and the completion of the drainage system for the new MBTA rail system going through Town. Fortunately, we have people in Town who care and thanks to those on the Harbor Health Committee the Water Resource protection Committee and the Water Commission all working together, we've made some real progress, activating the Stormwater Committee, getting a budget for them at Town Meeting and beginning plans transferring stormwater and drainage issues out of the Board of Health to a more appropriate authority. The members of the Committee are truly the best, most knowledgeable and sensible people we have in town and we're lucky to have such folk.

As a matter of support for information gathering about our waterfront contamination problem, we had several important developments. In case you didn't notice, the EPA was all over us last summer with their so-called Beach Program; a data gathering exercise to assess the severity of the harbor pollution problem. Because of the work students and teachers from the School System and the Board of Health coordinated by the Student Coastal Research Center accomplished, the EPA was able to complete a highly successful program which will give Town planners the first and best coordinated data available about estuarine contamination in Cohasset's waters.

The Health Fair and the Earth Day cleanup are two regular Board of Health events. In the past, we've had years when maybe 20 people showed up at both of the events. This year, for each activity, participation was in the neighborhood of a hundred.

Last: for years, the Board has been trying to get people to do more walking. One of the poster boards for pedestrian inactivity in Cohasset was the design by the MBTA for a station without pedestrian access. Finally, thanks to the Greenbush office and others working on this activity the Town is receiving a grant for a sidewalk to the Cohasset MBTA station.

Hooray and Happy New Year.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Turning on the old folks

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Supermodel Lauren Hutton posed in the altogether for the first time for an eight-page photo spread in "Big" magazine the other day.

Not a big deal, you say. Nubile coeds from the Atlantic Coast Conference or the Big Ten do it every day without turning a feathered boa. You can catch most any aspiring young actress en flagrante delecto late night on Cinemax.

The difference here is that Lauren Hutton was 62 years old.

Now I don't want you to get the idea that I get "Big" or "Playboy" or "Penthouse" for the pictures. I have friends who get them and tell me about it. The articles are pretty good, though.

If the year 2006 taught us anything it is that you can leave puberty far behind and still be sexy.

Actresses Hilary Swank and Penelope Cruz were both 32 when they posed for the sexy and provocative Pirelli calendar for 2007 in London. Sophia Loren was right in there posing with them. Sophia is 71 years old, older than Hilary and Penelope combined.

"I felt like a kid," said Sophia, who has been making at least part of her wardrobe malfunction for the past 50 years. Or so people tell me.

"We are not our mothers and grandmothers," said Hutton.

I can attest to that. I don't know about mothers but I do know grandmothers and, believe me, the mere glimpse of a well-turned ankle was enough to send the hormone-challenged youth of my generation into ecstasy.

We didn't have "Playboy" to titillate us but we had National Geographic Magazine, especially those issues that featured "The Girls of the Congo" or "The Girls of the South Sea Islands." That's where most of us learned they came in even numbers.

"We're interested in life and that's why life is interested in us," said Hutton. "I know I am definitely interested in seeing Sophia Loren in a sexy, near-naked pose."

I wouldn't put it exactly that way but I think I speak for every red-blooded American boy when I say, Wow!!! That's the way I remember it, anyway.

But tat's not all.

L'Oreal Paris, the skin care company, has signed up Diane Keaton as its TV spokesman. She's only 60. Remember her? She's the one with the nude scene in the flick "Something's Gotta Give." I stumbled on it just the other day while searching for the History Channel.

I know it's hard to realize but yesterday's sex kitten Ann-Margret is holding her own at the retirement (for others) age of 65, and the ditzy comedienne Goldie Hawn is still taking 30-something roles at the golden age of 60.

Rules for age-appropriate behavior no longer exist, John Demsey, president of MAC Cosmetics, told USA Today. "It's OK to be seductive in your 60s."

"Yes, indeed," said Lauren Hutton — and that part of the population who wish to be titillated by those who know how.

Book discussion with local author

This week on Our Town, Cohasset's very own cable TV show, co-hosts by Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with local author and historian Lincoln Bloomfield. Mr. Bloomfield discusses his new book "Accidential Encounters with History: Some Lessons Learned" and shares his life in the fields of education and high ranking government service.

This show airs Monday at 9pm on channel 10 and Tuesdays and Thursdays as well.

Watch every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Stay tuned Cohasset and stay informed.

Christmas Tree Drive

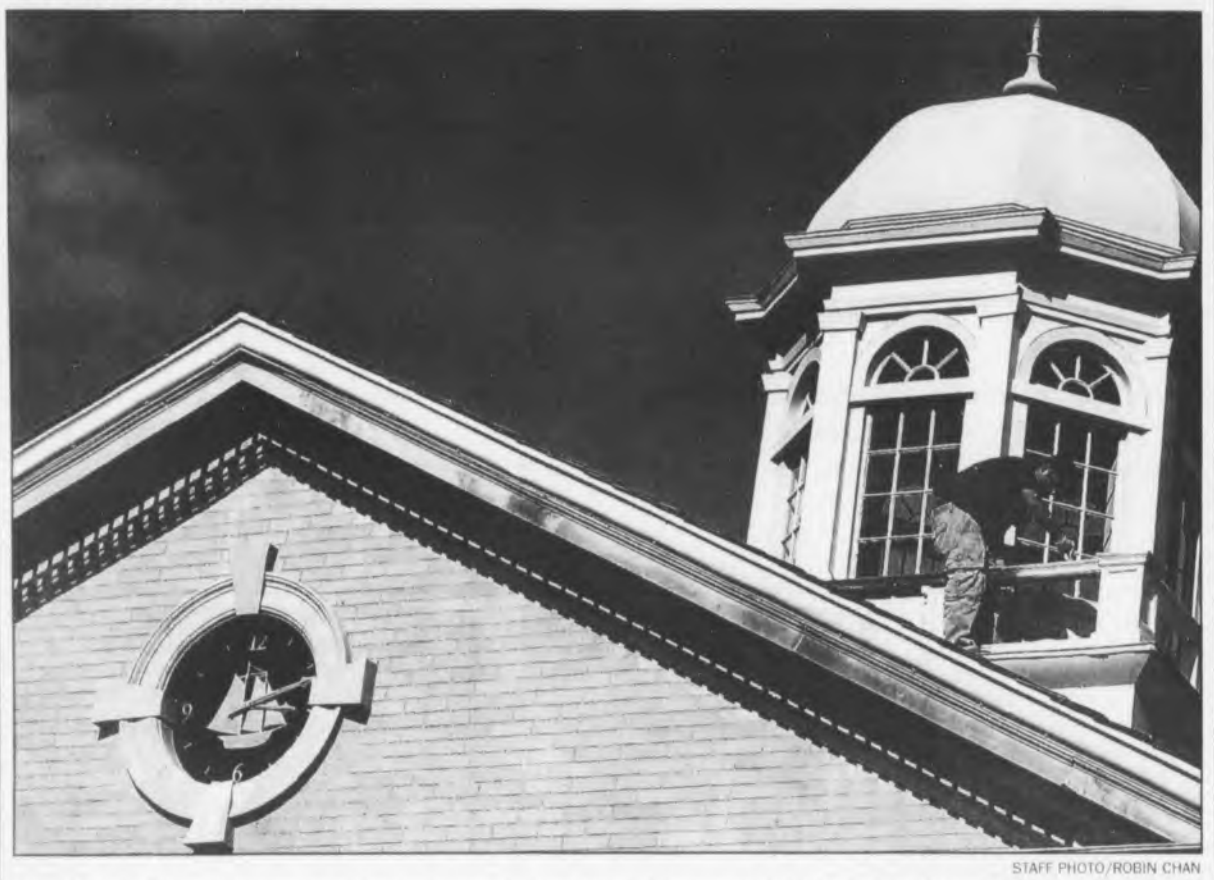
Cohasset Middle School Student Council and Project Safeguard will hold a Christmas Tree Drive. They will pick up your holiday tree and take it away at the cost of $20 per tree and $15 per tree for Senior Citizens.

To have your tree picked up call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions.

Have a check made out to Project Safeguard with your tree and it will be picked up from the end of your driveway Saturday, Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Year in Review

HISTORIC STRUCTURE



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Alex Dedes of Westmill Preservation Services paints the banister while restoring the balustrade at the top of the Pratt Building which houses the Cohasset Historical Society. In 2006, the Pratt Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

2006: a roller coaster of emotion

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the number of parking spaces to be constructed in the municipal parking lot behind the shops on South Main Street, and have entered into a phase two dispute resolution process.

The School Committee has decided it will keep bus fees intact for the 2006-2007 school year.

For the past five years in a row, Cohasset has continually received a AA+ bond rating from Standard and Poor's, one of the two leading bond rating agencies. The designation puts the town within the top 10 percent of the state in terms of financial stability. However, it recently received what Town Manager Bill Griffin would describe as a "warning" as the town's financial outlook has been changed from "stable" to "negative."

September

Police have arrested a 14-year-old boy in connection with a threat to bring a gun to school, that occurred at the middle-high school last fall.

After roughly three years of trying, the Cook Estate could be developed after all. Private developers from Abbott Development of Boston came before the Planning Board to introduce themselves, give an overview of the plans they have in place for the Sohier Street site and gain feedback.

Athletes of all ages and abilities have a sporting event to look forward to, as a triathlon is being planned for the summer of 2007.

Students at the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools know what it means to be compassionate. Over the course of the past two weeks, students at both schools have been busily signing get-well wishes for one of their favorite Red Sox pitchers, Jon Lester. Lester was recently diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma, which is a cancer of the lymph nodes.

Gubernatorial candidate, Deval Patrick, a corporate attorney and Milton resident, won handily in Cohasset where just over 20 percent of the town's registered voters went to the polls.

October

Twenty-nine members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2007 were honored this week with a luncheon, to celebrate their qualifying for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The Scholarship, which is awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, provides free tuition for four years at any Massachusetts public college or university.

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee strives to ensure those who have served our country in the armed forces are always remembered by their hometown. One of its latest endeavors is currently under construction at Veteran's Park, as a new monument is being erected to honor those who have served the country in its most recent wars.

Family, many friends and hundreds of thousands of former constituents are remembering former U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, 69, who passed away Oct. 14. He served 12 terms in Congress and won most of his races by comfortable margins.

Plans had been afoot for a while to find Fithi — the three-foot-long, ball python at Our World Museum — a new home. To the best that anyone can guess, the snake found out about those plans and wanted to stay right where she is in Cohasset. Fithi, which means, "snake" in Greek, went missing sometime overnight Oct. 12 and has not been seen or heard from since.

Mary Jeanette Murray often described herself as a "people person." This week, "her people" — the many who loved and admired her — are remembering the former state representative who always put her constituents first. Murray, 81, passed away Oct. 23 after a battle with cancer.

November

Many areas in Cohasset suffer from poor cell phone reception. While being interrupted in the middle of a conversation can be a nuisance, not having cell phone reception when it is absolutely necessary, such as during an emergency, is a public safety issue. To that end, the Board of Selectmen has begun working with Town Manager Bill Griffin to determine what its options are in terms of helping bring better coverage to every corner of the town.

At 69 percent, the turnout on Election Day this year was not as big as expected. When the polls closed at 8 p.m., 3,625 Cohasset voters had cast ballots. While gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick handily won the state — Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey drew more votes than he did in Cohasset, beating Patrick 1,656 to 1,591.

There were 28 total items tackled during this year's fall Special Town Meeting, which lasted until midnight. The Town Clerk's office said 258 residents were in attendance at the meeting.

December

The old strip mall along Route 3A next to the future Cohasset MBTA station has bitten the dust. The demolition is making way for a Transit Oriented District, dubbed TOD, which will include a mix of retail including the possibility of a restaurant, and housing on five acres next to the train station.

Recreation Department Director Jack Worley celebrated his 30th anniversary on the job.

Several generations of Cohasset natives were born at 25 Ripley Road, which was once the Cohasset Private Hospital and is now a private home. The Cohasset Housing Partnership Committee hopes the 1889 structure could give birth to a town-sponsored affordable housing project.

Thanks to the state's Transit Oriented Development bond program, Cohasset's MBTA station on Route 3A will be pedestrian friendly. On Dec. 8 the Romney Administration awarded $5.9 million to support transit-oriented development projects around the state, of which $225,000 was awarded to Cohasset.

Cohasset residents with an appetite for fajitas and margarita must now travel south (or north) of the border to get a Mexican food fix. After roughly one year in business, Acapulcos restaurant has closed its doors.

For the past 27 years, Robert Silvia has been a fixture at the Cohasset Fire Department. That won't be changing anytime soon, as the former captain and acting chief has been appointed as permanent chief.

IRAQ VETERAN

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Michael Golden of Cohasset, a veteran of the War in Iraq, is the keynote speaker on Memorial Day.

QUOTES OF NOTE FROM 2006

"He reminded people what government is all about, what we should be working for and how a candidate can inspire you."
Agnes McCann, Democratic Town Committee on gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick.

"We won't just do our report and hand it to you, we're going to take action."
John McNabb, chairman of the Stormwater Management Committee.

"First and foremost, this is a public safety issue."
Paul Barrett, Jerusalem Road, on the poor cell phone reception in town.

"I think God put me on earth to help people."
the late Mary Jeanette Murray.

"Everyone is worried sick she might be out in the cold."
Patience Towle, library trustee on the Our World Museum's missing pet snake Fithi.

"He always felt blessed to represent the most beautiful congressional district in the country."
Fred Koed on the late Gary Studds.

"A number of students have moved in and out, and also some have elected to go to private schools."
Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh on the change in school enrollment.

"All students need to do is bring a smile and a little enthusiasm and things should be good."
Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan on the first day of school.

"I'm sorry, but if you can afford a 60-foot sailboat, you can afford an extra $180."
Selectman Rob Spofford on increasing fees at the harbor.

"You would have to have 100 dinosaurs pooping on Main Street to get those levels."
Jim Drysdale, Cedar Acres Lane, on attributing bacteria levels in Jacob's Meadow after a storm to stormwater runoff.

"Get on with it and leave the negativity in the rear-view mirror."
James Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware, on the Downtown Revitalization Project.

"Don't teach the town to read the budget, but form one it can read."
Lou Harvey, King Street, during a "What's Possible" forum, sponsored by the PSO.

"As graduates, we can no longer remain bystanders. The torch is being passed to us."
Nils Sceery, salutatorian of the Class of 2006.

"We got 11-1/2 inches of rain in three days. If that had been snow, we would have gotten 12 feet."
Mark Brennan, Greenbush liaison on the Mother's Day storm.

"In this case, the large turnout and decisive rejection of both overrides was conclusive."
Selectman Chairman Ralph Dormitzer on the override votes.

"Anything that makes residents feel safer is a good thing."
Police Chief James Hussey.

"It can be very intimidating when someone shows up at your door in the dark."
Selectman Michael Sullivan on imposing a solicitation bylaw.

"People on the South Shore love all things Marine."
Donna Linskey, owner of Parrot Bay Unlimited.

Top 10 stories of 2006

10. A rare beaked whale washes up on shore in Cohasset.
9. Fithi, the Our World museum's pet snake, goes missing.
8. After three long years the town gives up trying to build senior housing on the Cook Estate.
7. Boys' lacrosse winning the Division 3 state championship.
6. The border collies that were "put on trial" for allegedly biting and/or threatening residents in town.
5. Former US Congressman Gerry Studds of Cohasset dies.
4. Mary Jeanette Murray, long-time state representative and former selectman, passes away.
3. Fire Chief Robert Silvia is appointed fire chief after 27 years on the department.
2. Upheaval of the downtown area through both the MBTA Greenbush line construction and the town's Downtown Revitalization project.
1. The campaign leading up to the vote and defeat of both the $1.495 million override and the $725,000 override.

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If you were czar of Cohasset, what would be your first edict in 2007?

Budget priorities

If I were the czar of Cohasset I would want more money to be put into schools. I would also like to see the money being used for things that are priorities before it is used for luxuries. Also, it would want to hear updates on what the money was being used for.

Fiona McBride

Senior citizens

If I were the czar of Cohasset, I would ask the town to provide additional services, affordable housing, and tax relief for our senior citizens. Throughout the ages societies have been judged by their commitment to children and to the elderly. For our wisest citizens, I think that we can do more in 2007.

Betsy Connolly

Village roundabout

I would do the same as last year, make South Main, Brook and Elm streets a roundabout. It would make the downtown much more friendly and give a lot more parking.

Merle Brown

Inclusive zoning

I would proclaim inclusive zoning for residences and small businesses, with incentives (not loopholes) for real inclusiveness, so that Cohasset might more generously reflect the diversity of the species we presume to deem homo sapiens. It is affluence redefined, holding gifts unexpected.

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Money!

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R. Murray Campbell

Fiscal management

Financially responsible management of town assets and taxes. Even Santa can't do his job if the goodies all disappear through elfish mismanagement

— Jack Creighton

Ballot vote

To make it mandatory that all decisions from Town Meeting be subject to a ballot box vote. People could then vote their conscience without fear of reprisal.

— Karen Quigley

Volunteerism

I would ask everyone who is not currently volunteering for the benefit of the local community to consider stepping it up. I would also make it snow.

Patience Towle

Town character

I would ban all self-serving zoning changes that would destroy the character of our town.

— Andrew Quigley

Safety concerns

First order of business is to have sidewalks throughout Cohasset to make it a safer environment for all. (If it makes sense, run the sidewalk on one side of street and then alternate where necessary).

Second — All street lights turned on at 4 p.m. in winter and 8 p.m. in summer until 12a.m. — very dark and dangerous curves in the roads. Aside from driver blind spots and dangerous curves in roads, walkers, runner and bikers beware!

Third — Sandy Beach parking lot: have the entrance and exit open through out the year, again citing safety concerns as the entrance is being used as the exit to beach as well — lots of congestion, confusion and unnecessary turns-.

Fourth and final for now — Trash cans with lids on Sandy Beach. The over aggressive sea gulls make a mess when they are hunting through trash cans for dinner.

— Mary Cirafice

School policies

If I were a czar, I would implement those policies in the schools that I would have hoped to as a School Committee member, which due to circumstances I cannot run for this year as I would like.

My focus would definitely be on the high school (for a change) and its ability to fully educate our students and see that they consistently enter quality colleges. I would first seek out each and every parent of the 29 or so 8th graders from last year who left the system for private school and find out why. I would create an environment where parents could say freely and openly what many say and feel privately. I would clearly support the goals Mr. Slanetz is trying to achieve, and would both heed and implement all the recommendations of Mr. Fusco's Technology Study Committee report of a couple of years ago.

I would also remind the School Committee that would return after my czarship that IT is the formulator of education policy and IT is the boss, and hopefully imbue it with some backbone vis-a vis both the administration and the union. Amongst the three As (academics, administration and athletics), academics would be given the greatest priority by far. I would also remind the Committee, the administrators and the union, and implement as policy, that wish budgets far in excess of 2-1/2's restraints that unnecessarily and callously divide the community are no longer allowed.

This year's proposed budget is a better, realistic example of how things should work. As for specific policy dictats, first to go would be the mess that is block scheduling. I would also ease up on homework burden and change the draconian homework grading policies throughout the system. I would also implement distance learning in partnership with a college like UMass and UDelaware to offer our students the electives they lack. I would explore sharing such programs with neighboring schools if necessary for fiscal reasons, as a sort of mini-partial regionalization. I would also explore fully whether regionalizing our high school makes sense, accepting a reality that a small town funding an entire K-12 stand-alone system is no longer feasible under 2-1/2. And absent reform of 2-1/2 or implementation of new tools like distance learning, which I would pursue as a first option to avoid regionalization, I would stop telling people that it is feasible.

I would also make changes in administration, technology, and guidance staffing and policy, as soon as contracts would allow without having to pay a premium. Thinkers outside the box, those who share goals of actual quality in the high school, those willing to go to the mat with DOE if necessary, those willing to embrace distance learning technology, those who avoid rote and mechanical thinking and those willing to create a nurturing and positive environment for each and every child, including the gifted, those with learning issues and the nonconformists, and who will reject the current, nationwide lowest-common-denominator approach to education would find most favor.

— Tom Callahan

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Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.

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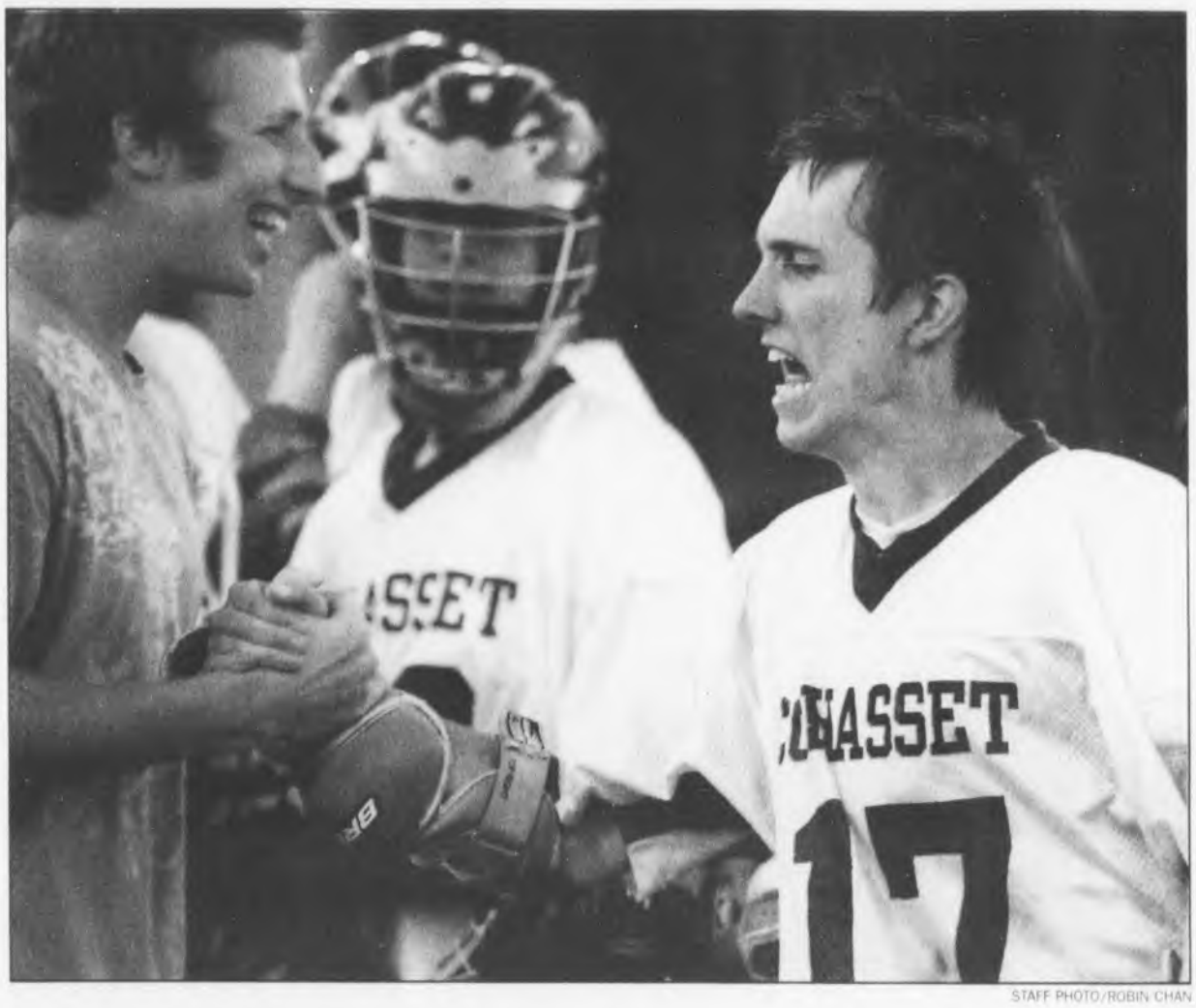

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(Left) Cohasset's Mike Bunstein (17) celebrates with teammate Anthony DiPaolo following the Skippers' win over Dover-Sherborn on June 12, giving CHS the Div. 3 boys lacrosse state championship.

(Below) After a slow start to the season, Lacey Richardson (43) and her Lady Skippers teammates played great down the stretch and advanced to the Div. 4 South semifinals, where they lost by a point to eventual state champion Marian.

STAFF PHOTO/ELSA ALLEN

Nils Sceery and his CHS boys tennis teammates became the first team in over a decade to beat Norwell in a South Shore League match, and as a result the Skippers earned a share of the league championship.

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The 2005-06 season marked the first year of co-op programs between Cohasset and Hull, including outdoor track (shown above) and wrestling.

(Right) In his first year at the helm of CHS varsity girls lacrosse, Chuck Jaffe led his team to a 14-3-1 record and a spot in the Div. 2 South quarterfinals.

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All-Scholastic girls soccer team

Torey Hart named among area's elite

Editor's note: *With the recent merger of Community Newspaper Company and Memorial Press Group, there are now more schools and more athletes to be considered for All-Scholastic teams. The increase from 13 schools to 20 in the region will have an impact on how teams are chosen, including how many representatives some schools receive.*

Only public school athletes from the following schools will be considered for All-Scholastic honors: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Marshfield, Norwell, Old Rochester, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, Wareham, Weymouth and Whitman-Hanson.

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Cohasset's Torey Hart was a South Shore League All-Star and the league's second-leading scorer this season.

Torey Hart – Sophomore Forward - Cohasset

With 14 wins and a spot in the Div. 3 South quarterfinals, Cohasset had its best season in recent memory, and Hart was perhaps the biggest reason why…The Skippers' attack always ran through Hart…Finished the regular season with 38 points (17 goals, 21 assists), second in the South Shore League behind fellow All-Scholastic Tina Gillen of Carver…Hart's corner led to teammate Maggie McGoldrick's goal in Cohasset's 1-1 on Oct. 21 against eventual Div. 3 state finalist Norwell…The Skippers will be expected by many to do even better next year, with Hart leading the way.

Becky DiSieno - Junior Sweeper – Abington

For first year head coach Jen Starsiak, DiSieno was the most indispensable player for the Green Wave this year. This junior sweeper patrolled the back for the Green Wave while hardly ever coming off of the field. She was tough to get by, but also has a nose for the net when she creeps up. She has a strong leg and takes every free kick and corner for Abington this year. Her two beautiful assists off of corners in the state tournament win over Norfolk accounted for the only two goals. She was a South Shore League all star this season, and helped lead the Green Wave to the sectional semifinals. She is a point guard on the basketball team and hopes to play soccer in college.

Amy Caldwell – Senior (Capt.) Forward – Braintree

What can we write here that hasn't been said already? We can try with a few numbers…Caldwell finished her senior season with 25 goals and nine assists, giving her an incredible 170 career points (112 goals, 58 assists)…At one point during this year's Div. 1 state tournament, scored seven straight goals for the Wamps…Capped her high school career with four goals in Braintree's 6-1 win over Ludlow, giving the Wamps back-to-back state championships…A high school All-American this season and a player in the national U-17 pool…Simply put, no one changed the game more than Caldwell did…Also a standout gymnast and outdoor sprinter for BHS, Caldwell will play soccer for nationally-ranked Boston College

Jackie Cooney – Senior (Capt.) Keeper – Braintree

For the second year in a row, Cooney saved her best for last in the state tournament and was a key part of Braitnree's back-to-back state titles…One of her best games came against Notre Dame in the first round, making several key stops early in the match before the Wamps' attack took over in a 3-0 win…Also made critical saves in the Div. 1 Eastern Mass. final against Masconomet…With good athleticism, instincts and a 5-foot-11 frame, Cooney has everything it takes to succeed at the college level, as well…Cooney also plays basketball and was part of last year's Div. 1 state title winning girls hoops team

Jess DeGraan – Senior (Capt.) Forward – Braintree

Braintree's attack the last couple seasons has hardly been a one-trick pony, as DeGraan has also excelled as both a scorer and playmaker…Had 16 goals and 12 assists this fall, to finish her BHS career with 116 points (64 goals, 52 assists)…Assisted on both of Braintree's goals in 2-1 win over Marshfield in Div. 1 South final…A Bay State Conference and Eastern Mass. All-Star…DeGraan earned kudos from teammates and coaches for her toughness and willingness to drop back and help in defense when needed…Starting point guard for last year's state title winning girls basketball team

Kara Ruggiero – Senior (Capt.) Midfielder – Braintree

Ruggiero didn't put up the biggest numbers this season, but her strong play in the middle of the pitch steadied the Wamps' defense and helped produce goal-scoring chances for the team's forwards…Still finished in the Wamps' top-five all-time leading scorers…Often dropped back into central defense when help was needed there…Came up huge in that position in Eastern Mass. final against Masconomet, including a goal-saving tackle late in the first half of a scoreless game…Earned Bay State Conference All-Star honors for the third straight season

Kalie Whitehouse – Junior Defender – Braintree

It was no coincidence that Braintree truly began to take off this season when Whitehouse began to assert herself as a dominant central defender…After losing all three regular starters from last year's title-winning side, defense was a question mark for the Wamps coming into this season, but Whitehouse answered those questions all season long…Braintree allowed just three goals in the state tournament, and Whitehouse's play was perhaps the biggest reason why…One of the Wamps' most skilled overall athletes, Whitehouse also took a majority of the team's free kicks this season

Tina Gillen – Senior (Capt.) Forward – Carver

The senior finished up her high school career with more points than anyone else in the history of the boys or girls soccer programs at Carver High. The three-time South Shore League and Eastern Mass. Division 3 All-Star finished her remarkable career with 48 points this season, tallying 38 goals and 10 assists. Gillen finished with 139 points overall on 109 goals and 30 assists. A three-sport athlete, Gillen is also talented runner as well as returning all-star on the two-time SSL champion girls basketball team.

Jordyn Krall – Junior Midfielder – Duxbury

Arguably one of the most talented soccer players on the South Shore, Duxbury junior Jordyn Krall is just getting started…Krall led the Dragons in points, scoring 14 goals and adding 12 assists this season…The dangerous midfielder was a unanimous Patriot League selection and was named an EMass all-star after helping the Dragons to a Div. 2 south sectional berth…Krall will be back on the pitch for Duxbury again next fall and will likely provide a lot of offensive punch again.

Meredith Poore – Senior (Capt.) Midfielder – Duxbury

The other half of Duxbury's potent 1-2 offensive punch, senior captain Meredith Poore had an excellent senior season…In the Dragons' win over Apponequet in the Div. 2 south sectional this fall, Poore scored an insurance goal with only 10 seconds left in the game to help propel Duxbury to the second round…Along with being named a Patriot League all-star, Poore was a leader on and off the field for the Dragons.

Lesley Guenard – Junior Forward – Hanover

A three-year starter, Guenard has only gotten better with age…Guenard was selected to her second Patriot League All-star team after finishing the season as one of the Lady Indians' top scorers…Guenard tallied 12 goals and six assists for 18 points this fall, helping to guide Hanover to a Fisher Div. title (8-3-1)…She was an essential part of a young offense that routinely put up big scores in carrying the Lady Indians to a berth in the Div. 3 South title…"She does a lot of excellent things up top and she's a classic center forward," said HHS coach Garth Nelson…A captain elect for next season, Guenard is also a standout shortstop on the softball team.

Brittany Fraser - Junior Forward – Hanover

Started the season in the midfield, but once she made the transition to right wing, Fraser really sparked Hanover's potent offensive attack…Was dangerous from several area's of the field, often surprising opposing keepers with her long goal attempts…Her efforts paid off in the form of six goals, three assists…Fraser served up the bulk of the Lady Indians' corner kicks and utilized her speed well in setting up some long crosses from the right side…Her consistent play helped Hanover capture the Fisher Div. title (8-3-1)…A captain elect for next season, Fraser will be one of the top returnees next fall.

Kristin Mulry - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Hingham

A four-year starter for the Harborwomen, Mulry was about as consistent as it gets on the frontline…The go-to striker over the last three seasons, Mulry led the Hingham squad in scoring again this year with 18 points on 15 goals, three assists…Mulry's figures placed her third among the Patriot League Keenan Div. scorers…A PL All-star throughout her career, Mulry made it look easy sometimes with her stellar goal placement…Her timely scores kept the Harborwomen in several games this season in the powerhouse Patriot League, where they finished 3-5-3 in the Keenan Div…Hingham was 6-8-3 overall…Mulry plans to attend college in the fall.

Amanda Bilas - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper - Marshfield

Those opponents who thought this particular sweeper would stay in the defensive end of the field often got burned…A first-rate defender, Bilas also had an uncanny ability to contribute to the offense, sometimes running the ball from the backline all the way to the net herself…Her efforts resulted in 11 points this season on six goals, five assists…Bilas has 30 goals and 15 assists in her career at MHS…Was named an ACL and Eastern Mass. All-star this season and was an essential part of a defense that shutout 10 opponents this year and blanked three en route to Marshfield's fourth-straight trip to the Div. 1 South finals…Bilas came up huge in a 1-0 semifinal win over rival Whitman/Hanson, shutting down the league's top two scorers…The captain also runs indoor and outdoor track at MHS and hopes to attend either Quinnipiac, St. Anselm's, or Wheaton.

Giovanna DaPrato - Senior Forward - Marshfield

DaPrato saw time at the varsity level last season but stepped out into the spotlight this year as the starting center forward for the Atlantic Coast League North Div. champions (10-2-1)…DaPrato scored goals in two of Marshfield's four tournament games, bringing her season total to 12…Speedy and smart, few could keep pace with the skilled DaPrato, netted a trio of goals in two regular season meetings against rival Whitman/Hanson, including a pair in the 4-2 win that clinched a share of the league title…"Her willingness to learn (over the years) is what made her so successful this season," said MHS coach Liz Grindle. "Her personality and game totally matured this season…An ACL All-star, DaPrato hopes to continue playing soccer at the collegiate level next fall and has listed Sienna among her top picks.

Amanda Citron - Senior (Capt.) Midfielder - Marshfield

A four-year starter for the Lady Rams, Citron has had many roles throughout her career and shined in all of them…A three-time league All-star (twice in the Old Colony, once in the Atlantic Coast), Citron's worth to the squad wasn't measured in goals and assists, although she certainly contributed a few…As the center midfielder for Marshfield (14-6-3), Citron controlled the pace of the game offensively and defensively, guiding the Lady Rams to the ACL North title and their fourth-straight Div. 1 South final…At stopper, she was essential in a pair of wins over rival Whitman/Hanson, essentially shutting down one of the league's top scorers…Has played in the midfield throughout her career at MHS and was on the field when the Lady Rams reached the Div. 1 state final in 2004…A year-round player, Citron has accepted a scholarship to play at Div. 1 Bucknell in the fall.

Casey Edward - Sophomore Goalie - Marshfield

Edward was good last season, but this year, she was great…Just a sophomore, Edward made opponents standup and take notice this fall with her gutsy goaltending, which helped guide the Lady Rams to their fourth-straight Div. 1 South final…There, Edward stuffed highly-potent Braintree striker Amy Caldwell on two point-blank attempts in a slim 2-1 loss…A two-year starter in the net, Edward was phenomenal throughout the postseason, shutting out a trio of opponents on the road to the final…For the season, Edward recorded 10 shutouts in 19 games for the Atlantic Coast League North Div. champs (10-2-1, 14-6-3 overall) and was nearly untouchable with a 0.65 goals against average…Also a track athlete at MHS, Edward still has two more seasons to play in the net for the Lady Rams.

Jill Cammett – Junior Midfielder – Norwell

Scoring numbers may have dropped from last season, but Cammett stepped up in every phase of the game to lead her team to within a penalty kick shootout of a state championship…Scored key goals in tournament games against Case and Abington, and assisted on both goals in 2-1 overtime win against Newburyport in Div. 3 Eastern Mass. final…A strong, highly skilled center midfielder, Cammett was the engine that made the Clippers run…A South Shore League and EMass All-Star…Cammett also runs track and is a starter on Norwell's back-to-back state championship winning lacrosse teams

Amelia Cimini – Junior Defender – Norwell

From her sweeper position, Cimini was the backbone of dominant Clippers defense that allowed just three goals in six state tournament games…For the entire season, Norwell allowed less then a goal per game…Cimini was always in the right place at the right time to stop opponents with well-timed challenges; opposing teams rarely earned quality shots or corner kicks, thanks to the play of Cimini…A South Shore League All-Star (one of five on the Norwell roster) and Eastern Mass. All-Star

Liz Williams – Senior (Capt.) Defender – Norwell

Norwell opponents had a tough time forming attacks on the wing, and Williams was the biggest reason why…Consistently dominant from the left back position; you can probably count on one hand the number of decent crosses opponents put forth from the right side of the field…With her outstanding speed and instincts, Williams could often be found stopping attacks on the right side of the pitch as well…Named a South Shore League All-Star for the second straight season, as well as an Eastern Mass. All-Star…Williams also plays for the two-time defending state champion girls lacrosse team.

Maura Jones – Senior (Capt.) Defense – Old Rochester

Like a good shutdown cornerback in football, Old Rochester senior captain Maura Jones rarely let opponents get the better of her…A four year varsity starter and two-time South Coast Conference all-star, Jones led a Bulldogs defense that shut opponents down late in the season during a run that helped ORR qualify for the state tournament…The Bulldogs lost only

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one of their last ten regular season games, allowing two or fewer goals in seven of those games…Along with being named a SCC all-star, Jones was named an EMass all-star this fall, too.

Lindsey Smith – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Old Rochester

Just as Maura Jones was the spark for the ORR back third, senior captain Lindsey Smith had a similar effect on the Bulldogs offense…Smith followed up a solid junior season with an very good senior season, pacing an ORR offensive strike that struggled early in the season, but broke out a bit down the stretch…Smith is an Honor Roll student at ORR and according to her coaches, a model captain and leader on the field.

Amy Avitable – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Pembroke

If not for a nagging injury that kept Pembroke senior captain Amy Avitable off the field for a few games this fall, her stats might be even more impressive…Avitable was a constant scoring threat for the Titans, who qualified for the state tournament for the third consecutive year…A strong leader and an instinctive soccer player, Avitable came on strong at the end of the season to help vault Pembroke to a tourney berth…A two-time Patriot League all-star, Avitable will be remembered for years to come as one of the better athletes to come through Pembroke.

Jen Kane – Senior (Capt.)
Defense – Plymouth North

It was no easy task to score goals on the Plymouth North girls soccer team this season and a big reason for that was another strong season on defense from Kane.. The senior captain defender was an Atlantic Coast League All-Star selection once again this season, a spot she earned by helping to get the ball out of the lady Eagles end of the field as quickly as possible. The three-time ACL All-Star also earned an selection to the ACL girls basketball team as a junior.

Danielle Gordon - Junior
Midfielder - Rockland

Nursed an ankle injury at the beginning of the season, but still managed to play all 80 minutes of every game this fall…The starting center midfielder for the Patriot League Fisher Div. runner-ups (7-3-3), Gordon was the catalyst both offensively and defensively for the Lady Bulldogs (8-6-4)…A PL and Eastern Mass. All-star, Gordon tallied 13 points this season on seven goals, six assists…She also took the majority of Rockland's corner and free kicks…"She understands the game and controls the midfield extremely well," said RHS coach Peter Woodward…Just a junior, Gordon will be one of the top returning players next season.

Steph Gordon - Junior
Goalie - Rockland

One of the best goalies in the league for the past two seasons, Gordon had the Lady Bulldogs' net well-covered again this fall…The two-time Patriot League All-star was tops in the PL standings with a nearly untouchable 0.97 goals against average, allowing just 18 goals in 19 games for Rockland (8-6-4, 7-3-3 PL)…Her stellar season earned her Eastern Mass. and All-State All-star status for the PL runner-ups…Gordon's command for the field and willingness to instruct her defense was essential in the Lady Bulldogs' seven shutouts this season…"She's the most confident goalkeeper I've ever seen for her age," said RHS coach Peter Woodward…Just a junior, Gordon returns to the net next fall.

Tess Weafer – Junior
Defender – Scituate

The back four was the biggest reason for the Sailors' success this season, with Weafer leading the way from her left back position…Has the skill to play anywhere on the field, but truly found her niche in defense this fall en route to being named a Patriot League All-Star…Weafer was also nominated for the Eastern Mass. All-Star team…Older sister, Kacey (SHS '05), plays for St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY.

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Sarah Coggins, a Mariner All-Scholastic honorable mention, was a key part of the Skippers' defense this season.

Noelle Marston - Junior
Forward – Silver Lake

The three-year starter had an outstanding junior season, leading Silver Lake to the first Keenan Division Patriot League title in the three years the school has been a member of the conference. The Patriot League and Eastern Mass. Division 2 All-Star was one of the top players in the league this season, registering 13 goals and 10 assists as the lady Lakers went two rounds deep into the tournament. The club soccer player will be back in 2007 to help Silver Lake attempt to defend their title.

Jenn Stack - Junior
Goaltender – Silver Lake

For the last three season there have been few who were better in the net than the Patriot League and Eastern Mass. All-Star. Stack was the backbone of the team that won the first Keen Division Patriot League title in the history of the school. The now two-time Patriot League All-Star recorded seven shutouts for the lady Lakers this season.

Lindsey Collins – Junior
Defense – Wareham

It's never easy for a player to switch to an entirely new position just before the season starts and still play well enough to earn All-Scholastic honors…But that's just what Wareham junior Lindsey Collins did this fall…A wing fullback by trade, Wareham head coach Roger Ouellette asked Collins to switch to sweeper this season…Collins struggled at first, but grew into the roll and formed into one of the better sweepers in the SCC…Collins, named the Vikings MVP this fall, has great soccer instincts and speed, and will return for her fourth varsity season next fall.

Kim Clooney - Sophomore
Midfield – Weymouth

One of the biggest reasons Weymouth was able return to the state tournament, and remain in contention for the Bay State League title this year was the strong play of Clooney at midfield. She had an impact at both ends of the field whether it was scoring, or playing defense. She scored with 30 seconds left to salvage a tie with Brookline and had assists in huge wins over Dedham and Braintree this season. She played defense for head coach Ron Jamieson when injuries necessitated a change, and she thrived back there as well. Her playmaking ability and unselfish passing is what sets her apart from most. She was a Bay State League all-star this season, and will be one of the top returning players in the league next season.

Emily Keeman - Senior
Midfield – Whitman-Hanson

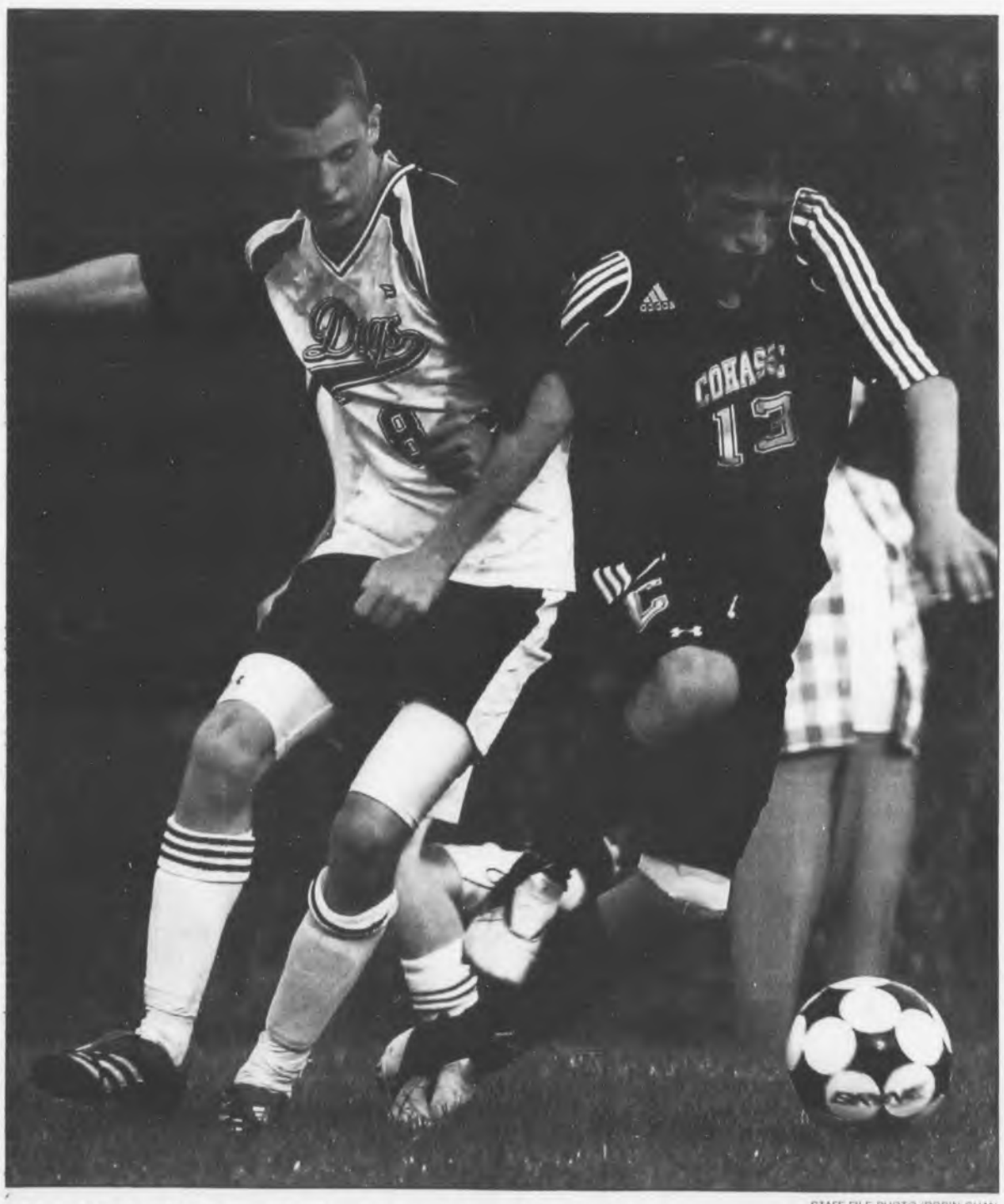
While the young sophomore stars got all the headlines this year, Keeman was the glue that kept the team together. Her valuable senior leadership was key in helping the Panthers to their second straight Atlantic Coast League title. For her efforts this season she was named to the ACL all-star team for a third straight season. She was a four year varsity player, and was named to the all Emass second team. "She does all the little things that allows us to be a quality team. So much of what she does goes unnoticed by fans but it is evident to the coaches, including the opposing coaches," said her coach Dave Floeck. She is hoping to play soccer at Merrimack in the fall.

Kristie Mewis - Sophomore
Midfield - Whitman-Hanson

There isn't much that hasn't already been said about Mewis. She was the leading scorer for the Panthers this season, even though she missed a couple games to play for the Under-16 national team. She is already a superstar and can only get better. She was voted one of the top players in the state for the second straight year, and is considered the best underclassmen. This year she tallied 21 goals and 11 assists, in helping the Panthers reach the Division 1 semifinals. She is already rewriting the record books, at Whitman-Hanson and has 40 goals and 26 assists in her two years. She plays club soccer in addition to her time on the national team. She is a point guard on the basketball team and will return next year to help win the Panthers a state title.

Devin Petta - Sophomore
Forward –Whitman-Hanson

The main recipient of all the playmaking of Mewis, Petta cast a shadow of her own this season as one of the most prolific goal scorers in Emass. She tallied 27 goals and nine assists this season including a pair of two goal games in the first two rounds of the state tournament. She was one of the top five players in the ACL, and was named an Emass all-star this year. For her brief career she has 36 goals and 13 assists. Next season she will return with Mewis to form one of the most potent duos in the state, and have aspirations for a state title. Petta plays softball in the spring, and hopes to play soccer in college.



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Cohasset's Sam Roth (13) was named as an honorable mention to the Mariner's All-Scholastic boys soccer team. To see the team in full, log on to www.cohassetmariner.com.

Honorable Mentions:

Cathy Greenough - Sr. - Forward –Abington

Lindsey Pietrasik - Sr. - Forward – Abington

Sam White – Sr. – Defender - Braintree

Lacey Olson – Soph. – Midfielder – Carver

Sarah Coggins – Soph. – Defender - Cohasset

Maggie McGoldrick – Soph. – Midfielder – Cohasset

Jessica Millis – Sr. (Capt.) – Defender - Duxbury

Katie Egan – Soph. – Forward – Hanover

Michelle Montillio - Soph. - Forward - Hanover

Jackie Burke - Sr. (Capt.) - Sweeper - Hingham

Kerri Holt – Sr. – Goalkeeper- Holbrook

Allie Coppenwrath - Soph. - Midfielder - Marshfield

Kara Webber - Jr. - Forward - Marshfield

Jenn Cronin – Jr. – Midfielder – Norwell

Elizabeth Hathaway – Sr. (Capt.) – Defender – Norwell

Liz Ropi – Sr. – Midfielder – Norwell

Kylie Smith – Jr. – Forward - Norwell

Stefani Bonetti – Sr. (Capt.) - Defense - Plymouth South

Jackie Machaby - Jr. - Midfield - Rockland

Kara Pantano - Soph. - Sweeper - Rockland

Anna Flynn – Sr. (Capt.) – Midfielder – Scituate

Jackie Jones – Jr. – Defender - Scituate

Sarah Rogers – Soph. – Forward – Silver Lake

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Jess Stuart – Jr. – Forward - Weymouth

Lauren Folan – Sr. – Goalkeeper - Whitman-Hanson

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CHS boys hold steady at .500

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Last week the Cohasset High boys basketball team faced two opponents, Abington and South Shore Voc. Tech. The Skippers began the week with a .500 record at 1-1, and finished with a .500 record at 2-2.

First off was a South Shore League game against the Green Wave of Abington. To say the least, Cohasset struggled against a team considered by many as the league favorite this season.

The Abington defense shut down the Cohasset offense, holding them to only 35 points while the Green Wave scored 65. Co-captain Pat McCarthy was held to a season low of 14 points and watched most of the second half from the bench while head coach Dorian Bryant let the backups play the rest of the game.

The SSVT game was a completely different story as Cohasset looked as they good as the have in the past three years. The game was full of scoring runs by both teams. After beginning the game with a 12-3 lead, the Skippers allowed a 13-1 run in the next three minutes.

Following that and after a 16-16 tie, Cohasset ran all over SSVT for an outstanding 15-0 run, which was fueled by great defense, especially by sophomore Marcus Charles, who totaled up five steals. An amazing half court, buzzer-beater shot pulled SSVT to within five at the half and gave them some hope to come back. This hope, though, was quickly crushed as soon as the second half started.

Right from the half's first possession, Cohasset looked like it was on a mission to score and quickly extended its lead and never looked back. They won the game 69-46 with three scorers in double digits. McCarthy again had 14 points, and co-captain Justin Alexander had 15 points, along with up-and-coming star Danny Martin's 15 points. Charles had seven points to go along with his five steals.

The Skippers' defense played outstanding and their press was almost flawless and appeared to fluster the SSVT offense. After the game, Bryant said it was key for his team to bounce back after a rough loss to Abington.

"It was a crucial win, especially with a young team," he said. "It was really a must win and we got our confidence back."

As long as Cohasset can stay out of early foul trouble, which has hurt them in almost every game thus far, they should be in good shape.

McCarthy mentioned another confidence booster, pointing out that rival Hull beat this SSVT team by a mere four points earlier in the season. Cohasset may very well be playing Hull tonight (Dec. 29), depending on the results of Thursday's first round games of the annual Cohasset Holiday Classic, played after the Mariner went to press.

In that first round, Cohasset played West Bridgewater, while Hull squared off against Sacred Heart.

Second Annual Cohasset Ice Hockey Holiday Tournament schedule

Friday, Dec. 29

At Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham: Route 3 to Derby Street east (exit 15). Go past the Derby Street Shoppes approximately a quarter of a mile and turn right onto Recreation Park Drive. Pilgrim Skating Arena is on the right.

6:30 p.m., Game 1: Blue Hills vs. Westwood. 8:20 p.m., Game 2: Southeastern/WB (dark) vs. Cohasset (white)

Sunday, December 31

At Rockland Ice Rink: From Route 3 Southbound, take exit 14. Go right on Hingham St. about two miles to Webster St. Go right on Webster (take fork in road to the right) about one mile (go to end of Webster St.) to Union St. Turn left on Union St. and go about three-fourths of a mile to Market St./Route 123 East. Go left on Market St. and then about one block to Concord St. (first right). Follow Concord about one mile to Summer St. (ends at Summer St.).

At this stop sign you will see two driveways straight ahead. Take the one on the right, which is the entrance to the arena.

Consolation game: 11:50 a.m., Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser. Championship game: 1:50 p.m., Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner.

Ticket Prices: Adults $5, students and seniors $3

Final sign-up opportunity for spring lacrosse is Jan. 6

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will close its registration for the spring of 2007 with its second sign-up session on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cohasset High School.

Having opened registration in early December, organizers expect to have full rosters once the Saturday session is complete.

"It currently appears that we will hit or surpass our ideal roster sizes during the registration period," said Chuck Jaffe, director of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We are committed to accepting all players who sign up by January 6, but there comes a point where having too many players diminishes the experience for everyone. We do not have cuts, and we play equal playing time, so the only way to be fair in managing our roster limits is to turn away late-comers.

"We would prefer for everyone interested to sign up on time, giving us the maximum time to deal with some of the issues that occur when we go beyond our ideal roster sizes."

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 15 & Under (7th and 8th graders), 13 & Under (5th and 6th grades), and 11 & Under (grades 3-4) age levels.

The registration fee is $160 for one player, $300 for two, and $400 for three. Late registrations, if roster spots are available, carry an additional late fee of $25 per player.

The registration fee covers all Cohasset Youth Lacrosse events, a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to Lacrosse Magazine for Kids.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents, or students in the Cohasset school system.

In general, games for boys and girls are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. At the youngest level, there typically is one practice per week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. Cohasset's season concludes with the annual Family Day celebration – featuring intra-town games — in June.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse works with other town sports organizations to minimize conflicts and to allow players to participate in as many activities as possible.

In addition to players, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for additional coaches at all levels. If you are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-6688 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 6 registration should contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to registration. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

For more information, go to www.cohassetlacrosse.com or contact Jaffe at 781-383-6688 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Mark Goodman at mgoodman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Mark can be reached at 781-837-4577.

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LIBRARY

Author event is Jan. 10

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information on programs and events, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center is sponsoring an exhibit of Diana Rousseau's landscape paintings through Dec. 31 at Paul Pratt Library. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Author Event – Buttonwood Books and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library welcome author Nardi Reeder Campion, Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m., in the library's Meeting Room. She will discuss her new book "Over the Hill You Pick Up Speed." Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Admission is free.

Movie Matinee – New event. Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come to the library Friday, Jan. 5, at 11 a.m., to see a screening of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard. See this four-time Academy Award winning movie free at the library. Light refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, will be served.

Travel Books – When planning a vacation, check out some of the library's new 2007 Fodor's travel books. Destinations include London, Paris, Florida, Caribbean ports of call, Belgium and the Bahamas to name a few. These books are packed with information about what to see and where to stay. Don't forget to check out the travel videos as well.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish Music For Children –Jan. 8, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room, Jodi Craft will teach and sing familiar songs in Spanish. This interactive Spanish enrichment program is for all ages and communities. No registration required. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Come join us for a rockin' good time.

IT'S HAPPENING

Cabaret! directors' party is Monday at 1 p.m.

The annual Cabaret's Meet the Director party will take place Monday, Jan. 1, at 1 p.m., at Hingham Community Center, South Street. This is a chance to meet the directors and choreographers for the show and be part of a music and dance production that benefits the Hingham Community Center.

Singers and dancers of all levels are welcome. Solo tryouts will start at 1 p.m. Those auditioning are asked to bring their own music and keep the audition brief.

Cabaret show dates are Jan. 25, 26 and 27, at the Hingham Armory.

For those who can't make the Jan. 1 party, just show up on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 6:30 p.m., if are interested in either singing, dancing or both.

Dance rehearsals will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 6:30 p.m. The initial dance rehearsal is Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Chorus rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m., with the initial rehearsal Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Cabaret 2007, dubbed "Just for the Record," is themed around the jukebox era, 45 rpm. records and a few George M. Cohan songs.

The creative team of choreographers, Liz Tronni and Anise Rodriquez, plus director/choreographer Sharon Terman, has worked out some new steps for all levels of dancers. Music director is Tom Boyer.

Cabaret welcomes old and new faces both on stage and backstage.

Duo at Old Ship Coffeehouse

Hingham's Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square will present Paul Rishell and Annie Raines on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m.

This W.C. Handy Award-winning Delta blues duo combines Rishell's singing, guitar style and knowledge of the genre with Raines' vocals and harmonica work.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Barbara Fish. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: 9 a.m. Sunday.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Director of Religious Education: Nan Moore. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Donald Reade. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chairman: William Baird.

Sunday, Dec. 31

10 a.m. - New Year's Eve Morning Intergenerational Worship in the Meeting House, led by Abigail Alves and Susan Dormitzer

There will be no religious education program this Sunday. Children and youth are invited to join their parents in the Meeting House for the service.

Light refreshments will follow directly after the service.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist wishes for Cohasset and beyond a New Year of grace, graciousness, and peace in this world that is ever in need of it. Let us all do our part to make it happen!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; The Rev. Charles Healey, S.J., assisting; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. *Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church: 16 Highland Ave. 781-383-1083.

The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson is the Interim Priest. We have a special listing of Christmas services this weekend. If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village. To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish.

Sat: Dec. 30th– 7:00 am Bible Fellowship

Sun: Dec. 31st– Regular 8 and 10 am services

Readings for Dec. 31 will be from Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 in which the prophet joyfully responds on behalf of all God's people to the Lord's promises for a redeemed Jerusalem. In the second reading from Galatians 3:23 – 25, 4:4-7 Paul explains what the role of the law has been and how, in our new relationship of faith, we have become heirs of the Father. And in the Gospel of John 1: 1-18, we read a hymn to God's Word, the expression of his very being and the creative power of all life, who has now become flesh and lives among us.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve service will be at 11:15 p.m.. There will be no 11 a.m. service on that day only.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

CFD responded to 11 MV crashes

The summary of Fire Department responses during the month of November is as follows: four building fires, one motor vehicle fire, 11 motor vehicle crashes, 84 medical emergencies, 75 inspections , 29 investigations, four lock outs/lock ins, nine automatic fire alarm activations and 11 miscellaneous responses. 52 emergency incidents were reported by 911 telephone: 41 medical emergencies, two motor vehicle crashes, three investigations, two building fires, one motor vehicle fire, one well being check and two lock outs, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

The Fire Department ambulance transported 58 patients to South Shore Hospital and four patients to Quincy Medical Center. 48 of the 62 were advanced life support transports. Mutual aid ambulances transported seven patients to South Shore Hospital. Five of the seven mutual aid ambulance transports were advanced life support. There were three motor vehicle crashes that required victims to be transported to the hospital, Silvia said.

Automatic fire alarm activation responses totaled nine for the month. Accidental activation of the alarm system accounted for four responses and alarm malfunction was the cause of five responses. There were four responses classed as building fires for the month, two were for malfunctioning electrical equipment one was for a stove fire and one was for malfunctioning heating equipment.

All businesses that require annual licenses to be issued by the Town, including alcohol, common victualer and new and used automobile were inspected by the department last month.

The refurbishment of Engine 1 was completed and Engine 1 was placed back in service, bringing the available number of pumping engines back to three, Silvia added.

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8:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:51 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:11 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

1:09 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked school.

1:14 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer advised everything is ok.

11:47 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12 p.m. **B eechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:15 p.m. Plane crash, caller reports he saw an ultra light plane flying and watched it spiral down and thinks it has crashed. Fire Chief paged. State Police have been notified, they will have an air wing up and searching, airborne ETA 20 minutes. Police OIC and car 20 are unified command at Hingham Lumber. Norwell State Police are sending some cruises to assist, they are to check in with command first. State Police air wing is now in Cohasset. Squad 1 to Forest Ave and Wheelwright Park with 2 men to head in on foot. Mutual aid from Hingham, sending Hingham engine 2 with 4 men to meet at the staging area. Hingham engine 2 joining the search at Wheelwright Park. Fire Chief requests calling PCC for a mobile command unit also to activate the Cohasset site for the radio network. Metro Lec, Norfolk County K-9, Randolph PD K-9 and Weymouth PD on scene at command Post. CJC Highway declared staging area. Red Cross reports approximately 1 hour ETA notified per Chief Silvia for canteen. Board of Selectmen member on scene. Two teams entering the woods at this time, reported by police command. Sector car sent to the area of Wadleigh Park and the area of Sandy Beach to check for any parked or abandoned motor vehicles. State Police air four back in the overhead area assisting with the search. Two calls from residents of Hingham with possible information. PD command reports search being terminated at 1 a.m. on Dec. 10. Fire command reports terminating search as well at this time.

4:20 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident with no personal injury. Officers report a parked car has been hit by another vehicle. 59-year-old Weymouth woman summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

4:51 p.m. **North Main St.**, callers report a minor motor vehicle accident in front of this location. Officers report no personal injury.

7:26 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity, juveniles parked at ballpark and went into park. Officer advised the vehicles are fire personal assisting in search.

10:48 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, domestic.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

12:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:39 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:27 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in medical aid, blood pressure check.

9:17 a.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services, received call from Bethlehem New Hampshire Police stating they have a female in custody with 2 warrants out of Cohasset.

10:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

10:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

10:31 a.m. **Hull St., and East St.**, Hingham cruiser requesting a cruiser to meet him at this location.

11:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports a large rock has been thrown through his window. This happened in Hingham on Turkey Hill, party going to Hingham PD.

5:10 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:16 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

5:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, caller advised there is an outside odor. Advised Scituate Fire.

8:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer advised checked schools.

8:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, 71-year-old male fell hit head, he is disoriented.

8:44 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation. Caller advised the ceiling collapsed – due to a water leak, no one injured at above location.

11:41 p.m. **Spring St.**, disturbance, caller advised someone is knocking at her door, possibly drunk, unknown male at door.

MONDAY, DEC. 11

12:26 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:52 a.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint, barking dog; owner took dog in for night.

6:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8 a.m. **Weather**: cloudy; wind: light; temp: 34°

8:38 a.m. **Summer St.**, caller reports water is spraying all over her basement; referred to Anderson fuel.

8:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, police request fire captain look at traffic problem in the area.

11:54 a.m. **Wheeler Park**, medical aid to Scituate for female injured after a fall-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

1:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, walk-in party reports his garage has been vandalized; investigated and report filed.

1:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

3:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, walk-in party requests officer regarding damage to the front window of his motor vehicle.

4:22 p.m. **Jerusalem Road.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

7:35 p.m. **Church St.**, runaway reported; located and returned home.

8:04 p.m. **Ripley Road.**, Library reports that the library is closing and a 13-year-old child has not been picked up. Officer picked up child and brought him back to the station. Arrest: Martha Garrett, 60, 301 Savin Hill Drive, Boston. Charges: Warrant arrest.

8:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, investigation. Scituate officer reports a gold pick-up truck parked at the gas pump and stated that he knows the person in the car has a suspended license. He saw no one else that could drive. Officer on scene reports that the person in question stated that he ran out of gas and his friend was going to get some.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

12:30 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:01 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid requested.

8 a.m. **Weather**: sunny; wind: light; temp: 35°

9:24 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:03 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

11:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

11:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

3:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, illegal dumping reported.

5:10 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive**, traffic enforcement.

5:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

9:45 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

1:15 a.m. **Sohier St.-Deerhill School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:16 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

7:17 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8 a.m. **Weather**: cloudy; wind: light; temp: 36°

8:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid for employee not feeling way-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, officer requested regarding owner of a motor vehicle who left the property without paying the bill.

10:05 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid for resident not feeling well-transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:31 a.m. **Nichols Road**, parking complaint; caller reports motor vehicles are parked in the roadway.

1:43 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

2:27 p.m. **Nichols Road**, report of dead swan in roadway.

4:04 p.m. **Hill St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a motor vehicle has been driving by her house for about two months now and today she saw the person taking pictures of her house; departmental action taken.

4:20 p.m. **Jerusalem Road.**, caller reports being stuck in elevator in her home; services rendered - fire captain reports woman is out of elevator.

7:19 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:36 p.m. **Nichols Road**, caller requests to speak with an officer via the telephone.

9:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

1:23 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:08 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:22 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:31 a.m. **lower King St.**, caller reports trash fell off truck.

8 a.m. **Weather**: sunny; wind: light; temp: 45°

9:41 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

10:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, investigation; departmental action taken.

12:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot; no injuries reported.

12:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid requested.

1:54 p.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

2:13 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity; Scituate police request a cruiser to the area regarding a call from a woman reporting her car window was shot out. The woman reported seeing two teens in the area at the time, wearing dark clothing, possibly smoking a cigarette, with one wearing a hat and both wearing jeans. Scituate cruiser is also on-scene and reports incident at church on town line; DPW notified regarding broken glass and report taken.

3:18 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a suspicious male started talking to her and then asked her over to his truck. Officer reports that the incident happened at approximately 12:30 p.m., and involves a black pick-up truck, possibly with a cap on the back. The male in question is white and in his 30's.

4:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, walk-in party states she is locked out of her apartment; services rendered.

5:14 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.**, traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

5;52 p.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

5.53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:32 p.m. **Hull**, mutual aid-police.

7:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity; caller reports a car alarm sounding off; services rendered.

8:04 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, medical aid for child who swallowed a dollar coin, doctor contacted and advises mother to bring to hospital-transported to South Shore Hospital/BLS.

9:52 p.m. **Nichols Road**, suspicious activity; caller stated her alarm is sounding off and she thought someone was in her house; discovered to be her husband who arrived home early.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

12:20 a.m. **Nichols Road**, caller reports two subjects walking up her driveway; peace restored.

1:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal complaint; officer reports a dead raccoon on northbound side; referred to state DPW.

1:20 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports schools checked; buildings secure.

7:04 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:06 a.m. **North Main St. and Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:16 a.m. **Nichols Road**, caller reports possible arcing wire. Officer reports the wire is a phone cable; Phone Co. notified.

7:28 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:32 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

7:59 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/verbal warning issued.

8:53 a.m. **Pond St.-High School**, officer reports school checked; building secure.

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What's happening on the South Shore

DECEMBER 28, 2006 -JANUARY 5, 2007

Classic rock rolls on

Get the Led Out returns to Memorial Hall

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

"Get the Led Out: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience"

It has been more than 25 years since Led Zeppelin — known for seminal rock hits like "Whole Lotta Love" and "Stairway to Heaven" — disbanded, following the untimely death of drummer John Bonham in 1980 at age 32, but the legendary British rock group maintains a firm hold on its position as one of the most successful rock groups in popular music history thanks to their artistic achievements, commercial success, and widespread appeal.

Since a reunion of surviving members — Jimmy Page, guitar, John Paul Jones on bass guitar, keyboards, and mandolin, and Robert Plant on lead vocals and harmonica — is unlikely, fans have found themselves drawn to a variety of acts currently recreating the Zeppelin live concert experience. One such act - cleverly titled "Get the Led Out: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience" — returns to Plymouth Memorial Hall on Friday after a sold-out show in March 2005. The Philadelphia-based band of professional rock musicians is dedicated to re-creating the music of Led Zeppelin.

"We present a live concert experience of Led Zeppelin. We're not impersonators so we don't put on the dragon suit or blonde wigs," explained guitarist and mandolin player Paul Hammond by telephone last week. "We instill ourselves and Zeppelin into our live shows, we're just not as loose and improvisational as Led Zeppelin."

Zeppelin may have seemed relaxed to some, but they are also widely regarded as innovators who never lost mainstream appeal. While the band is best known for being among the pioneers of hard rock and heavy metal, they also infused their sound with blues, reggae, soul, funk, jazz, classical, Indian, Arabic, Latin and country sounds.

"Their music is still as powerful today as it was back in the day. It is timeless. And while the fans can't see the group in concert anymore, they can see us."
Paul Hammond, guitarist and mandolin player

Hammond, 41, is quick to acknowledge Zeppelin's lasting appeal.

"Their music is still as powerful today as it was back in the day. It is timeless. And while the fans can't see the group in concert anymore, they can see us. We're often referred to as the American Led Zepellin. We've even had people come back after one of our shows and tell us that they saw Zeppelin in the 1970s and we're even better."

While Get The Led Out may earn praise from its audiences, Hammond and his five fellow musicians know that they are merely recreating the work of legends.

"Paul Sinclair is our lead singer and so he does the vocals associated with Robert Plant. When he isn't singing, Paul speaks about his love for Led Zeppelin. We all feel that way. The members of Zeppelin had the most amazing depth to their musicality, much like the Beatles. Our group has great musical versatility, too, from rock to classical. It is our own depth that makes us more authentic when we do Zeppelin. We're professionals in our own right and while we play like rock stars, we don't act like them. We don't smoke or drink and we take very good care of ourselves. We take this whole thing very seriously."

(Get The Led Out: The Ultimate Led Zepellin Experience" returns to Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, on Friday, Dec. 29. For tickets and information call 508-747-1340 or visit www.ticketweb.com Tickets are also available at all Strawberries locations.)

Calendar of events

Thursday Dec. 28

Tabasco (formerly Twelve Bens II) 1166 Washington St. (Rt. 53) Weymouth, **Comedy Night** featuring **Paul Keenan**. Other comics include **Jay Margaca, Pat Mcloud, Nikki Flynn, Annette Pollack**. Advance reservations recommended. Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. Cover $10. 781-626-9695 or 781-843-4833.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam*, featuring **Brian McHugh & Joe Guertin Acoustic duo** 9 p.m. show, 10 p.m. jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 28, **BBC** "Pint Night" featuring **Flly down** formerly **The Alliance.1**

Friday, Dec. 29

Get The Led Out, the ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute, takes to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, Ma on Friday, Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at just $20 are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located at 50 Court Street in Plymouth, MA, online at www.plymouth-hall.com, and by phone at 508-747-1340 & 866-468-7619. Tickets are also available at all Strawberries outlets. There are also a limited number of Pre-New Years' Eve VIP tickets available at $50 which include a pre-show party with food and drink, and great seats. This show is presented by Loretta LaRoche Productions. Visit www.gtlorocks.com

Single Executives ClubNew Year's Eve Party & Singles Dance– Dec. 29, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte. 1 South, Foxboro www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet all night. Free door prizes and Match game prizes Dancing with music by award winning DJ. For single professionals and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. Admission $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. 781-446-0234 for information.

New England Singles Club, Dec. 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Pre-New Year's Eve Dance, VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. $7. 617-325-4900. Ages 40+. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will host ***Belletrox*** who will perform the ***Urban Nutcracker*** in the Steven Smith Center on Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m. *Urban Nutcracker* tells the story of Clarice and her younger brother who live in modern Boston with their single mom. *Balletrox's* production mixes classical ballet, contemporary dance, hip-hop, jazz, swing, and tap, putting a dynamic new spin on this favorite holiday classic. Join us for this multi- cultural performance that features both aspiring young dancers and seasoned professionals. All *Celebrate!* performances are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For reservations, please call (617) 514-1646 or email JFKcelebrate@nara.gov Space is available on a first come first serve basis and children must be accompanied by an adult. For directions or further information on this or any other Kennedy Library program, visit the Kennedy Presidential Library Web page at www.jfklibrary.org

The paintings of Hingham artist Judith Mehring will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery from Dec. 29 through Jan. 25. Her show may be viewed during library hours. Beginning as a watercolorist, the last 10 years she primarily has been painting in oil, focusing on Impressionist landscape, seascape, architecture and still life. Her talents have allowed her to present a scene in a way that will open the eyes of the viewer, allowing for colors, shapes and atmosphere to be more relative. The public also is invited to meet the artist in the Dolphin Gallery for her reception on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 29, **Johnny Vance Band**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 29, **Satch's Lickity Split** 781-335-9796.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

LORETTA LAROCHE: "PARENTING WITH HUMOR & OPTIMISM—IS IT POSSIBLE?" Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. "The Siren of Stress" returns to The Company Theatre stage for two all-new laugh-filled shows. At Sunday's show, Loretta will be filming her new DVD! Tickets: $39. Tickets to all Company Theatre events can be purchased in person at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or fax your ticket requests to 781-871-6914 or by visiting companytheatre.com

BOSTON CHOCOLATE TOUR RETURNS Beginning Jan. 20, The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour will return to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday from January through April. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

A TRIBUTE TO THE RAT PACK returns to The Company Theatre after two years on Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. a third "Tribute to the Rat Pack" show on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. has been added. Backed by a live band, these talented singers and impersonators from Las Vegas superbly recreate the "cool" of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Dean Martin. Tickets are $32. Tickets to all Company Theatre events can be purchased in person at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787.or fax your ticket requests to 781-871-6914 or by visiting companytheatre.com

Movie review

Rocky (Sylvester Stallone) proves that his right hook is still pretty good. Mason Dixon (Antonio Tarver) would agree.

A 'Rocky' finish

"Rocky Balboa" (C+)

By James Vemiere
FILM CRITIC

I come not to bury Rocky Balboa, but to praise him, at least for a few sentences.

Whatever he has or has not accomplished since, Sylvester Stallone created Rocky Balboa, wrote the screenplay for the original "Rocky" (1976), for which he was nominated for an Academy Award, and played the title role in the film, a role with which Stallone became synonymous.

Rocky remains a giant in the pantheon of American pop culture and a character recognized and celebrated all around the world. His triumphal trumpet theme is a form of universal language. Just stand in a crowd and reproduce the opening notes — dada da dada da — and watch the faces light up.

Having said that, "Rocky Balboa," the sixth and — please — last film in the Rocky saga, is almost pure kitsch. Maudlin and sentimental, the film presents Rocky as a tormented, scarred, grief-stricken warrior who is estranged from his son (Milo Ventimiglia of NBC's "Heroes") and must exorcise "the beast" with one final fight (grrr). The screenplay is a series of speeches, some praising Rocky and others arguing against this potentially disastrous fight against a younger, faster opponent named — ahem — Mason Dixon (Antonio Tarver).

That clunky metaphor is typical. The arguments against the fight are thinly disguised arguments Stallone must have heard about making yet another Rocky film.

Sixty-year-old Stallone takes Rocky back to his working-class roots in the blighted streets of South Philly. He lives alone in the modest home he once shared with beloved Adrian. He sits vigil at her graveside and runs the restaurant Adrian's, where photos of her paper the walls. He dutifully recites tales of the ring to his clientele, probably a variation of something Stallone experiences in real life — being constantly asked about Rocky — and feeds gratis a punchy, former opponent (Pedro Lovell). Paulie (Burt Young) is still a pain the neck.

Together, he and Rocky take a weepy guided tour of the sites of Rocky's and Adrian's courtship. Rocky starts an unresolved relationship with Marie (Geraldine Hughes), a local woman, and bonds with her son (James Francis Kelly III). We see Talia Shire, who originated the role of Adrian, in snippets of the original film, which evoke Rocky's cherished memories.

By the time Rocky begins pounding those beef slabs and Bill Conti's theme cues up, we know where we're headed. Many believe Rocky Balboa was inspired by the true story of Chuck Wepner, an obscure fighter who was given a shot against Muhammad Ali in 1975 and against all odds "went the distance."

But Rocky also has psychic roots in Marlon Brando's iconic "I couldda been a contender" speech, a talismanic refrain for working-class kids in the 1950s, and Rocky's famous cry, "Adrian," is an echo of Brando's "Stella!"

But at this point, a more apt cry is "Yo, Uncle!"

Rated PG. "Rocky Balboa" contains violence and profanity.

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BEST BET

Lightning McQueen, a full-sized race replica of the character from Disney/ Pixar's animated movie, "Cars" is being featured at world of Wheels show.

The 33rd Annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels motor sports exposition will pack Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 5-7 with custom cars, local sports and other celebrities and special attractions. Personal appearances by Brad Boyes Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. NASCAR star Ricky Rudd Jan. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. WWE star wrestler Rey Mysterio Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wrentham resident and middle school student Tayla Orleans Jan. 6 from noon to 3 p.m. who is the youngest driver to win a feature race in the Allison Legacy Racing North series. For information call 617-474-6000.

NASCAR star Ricky Rudd is appearing at the 2007 Town Fair Tire World of Wheels show on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Boston Bruins right winger Brad Boyes will make a personal appearance at the World of Wheels exposition on Jan. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Mass Audubon at the Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Gallery announces its **Holiday Art Sale titled Images of Nature in Small Spaces** to benefit the educational programs at Moose Hill. All the artwork is reasonably priced to sell and all the pieces are small, no larger than 12" x 12". Viewers can experience and enjoy visions and images of nature in many different styles and mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, prints and woodcarvings. This artwork is high caliber, diverse and the prices are affordable at $25 to $200. Artwork will be available through Jan. 15. Moose Hill Gallery is located at the Mass Audubon Sanctuary in Sharon at 293 Moose Hill St. Gallery is open daily. Call 781-784-5691 for details.

Edaville USA presents **Friday Night Fireworks** every Friday night in December with a spectacular fireworks display to celebrate the season. At 8:30 pm on Friday nights Edaville guests will be able to view the fireworks reflected off of the pond and accentuated by holiday light displays all around. Edaville USA is open for the Christmas Festival of Lights with seven million lights, animated displays, many amusement rides, visits with Santa, Ellis' indoor playhouse and of course the 2-mile heated train ride though a winter wonderland. The park will be open every evening thru Jan. 1 Parking is free. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for information hours and directions. Fireworks and hours are all weather permitting.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth. Dec. 29, **Booba Dubie**, acoustic rock, pop 8:45 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, Dec. 30

Kenneth Backlund's photography in the Clemens Gallery Rockland, photographer Kenneth Backlund will show his photography in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Jan. 4. The Gallery is open during library hours. For information visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 30, **Darwin's Children** (Last show)

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 30: Page's NYE Eve Party w/ The Hivewhackers, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. $5. 781-335-9796.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Jimbos Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree – Big New Year's Eve Night Comedy Show/Appetizers/Grat Dinner Entrees/ Party Favors/ Champagne Toast. Watch the the Ball Drop in the Lounge midnight to Ring in the New Year. Tickets have to be purchased in advance .Comedy show 10 p.m. featuring: some of South shore's very own: **Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack, Bill Farrell, Christine Hurley, Jerry Thornton.** 781-848-0300 www.jimbossteakandfin.com or www.annettepollack.com

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance** Celebration on Sunday December 31st. at 7:00 P. M.at the K of C Hall 440 Nantasket Ave.. A roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by Mary Vacca's Country Band. The charge will be $25 per person. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

Bandstand Revue –direct from Foxwoods with a **special Elvis Tribute,** New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, Dinner and show $89. The Sheraton Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. Call 617-786-SHOW (7469) or visit jmproductionspresents.com

Yardrock Productions And Harbor Express – New Year's Eve Cruise, Live Music, Dancing, Food, Fireworks. Hosted by Joe Hajjar and featuring Ricky "King" Russell and The Cadillac Horns. Call Joe Hajjar for details and reservations at 617-22-6999 harborexpress.com or yardrock.com

The work of Howard Bond, an indisputable master of large format film photography whose work is collected by The National Museum of Art and London's Victoria & Albert, and a series of digitally captured and printed images by Hull photographer **Stephen Lathrop,** will be featured in an exhibition at South Shore Conservatory (One Conservatory Drive) in Hingham, through Jan. 31, 2007.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Dec. 31, New Year's featuring **John Truscelli Band.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Every Sunday **Dave Foley's Solo Rockin' Roots Acoustic Jam** 8 p.m. to midnight 781-335-9796.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring St., Plymouth. Dec. 31, New Year's Eve **Cajun Dance Party** featuring **The VooDoo Doctors "Cajun" Bob Wilson, Mike "Mad Dog" Landers, Ned Frye & Friends**

Monday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day On Spectacle Island The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring the annual Seafarers' Island Holiday on New Year's Day Monday Jan. 1, 2007. There will be three separate ticketed cruises from Rowes Wharf to Spectacle Island: from 11a.m. to 3 p.m., or from noon to 4 p.m., or from 1 to 5 p.m. Rowes Wharf is in downtown Boston (by the Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue). The closest T stations are South Station (Red Line) and Aquarium (Blue Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Tickets will be sold in the Ferry Terminal one hour before the trip.

NSRWA's Sponsors 10th Annual New Year's Day Walk at the **Canoe Club Preserve in Pembroke** on Monday Jan. 1, at 1 p.m. Make a resolution to protect the environment and join the NSRWA for this annual event. This year's walk will be at the new Canoe Club Preserve – a property managed by the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Mass. The walk will begin behind the Pembroke Point Shopping Plaza and the junction of Rte.139 and Rte. 53 in Pembroke at 1 p.m. The trail is both woodland and boardwalk along the tidal freshwater marsh at the headwaters of the North River. After a brisk walk we will kick off the New Year with a hearty snack and hot beverage. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

New Year's Day Nature Walk, Jan. 1, 11 a.m. **Halfway Pond, Plymouth** - Free guided nature walk - The Wildlands Trust, a local nonprofit organization protecting nearly 5,000 acres of land in Southeastern Massachusetts, invites you to enjoy a walk all the way around Halfway Pond. The walk, which will take approximately two hours, is suitable for all ages. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, and water if desired. Directions: Route 3 south to Exit 3. West off exit to stop sign. Turn right and go north about two miles on Long Pond Road, pass school, then turn left onto Mast Road (opposite golf course). Follow Mast Road about two miles to small parking area on right just after Camp Wind in the Pines Girl Scout Center.

Celebrating its 20th year, Masscribes Inc is a growing organization of calligraphers, both professional and hobbyists, who want to keep this art form alive. Twenty-three **calligraphers** artwork is on display in **Vine Hall Gallery,** South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell through Dec. 30. The theme of the exhibit is the environment and all work is for sale. Each artists' interpretation and artistic rendering of nature is unique and different. Included are *Marvels in Pinecones*, by Cynthia Rudolph and *Leaves*, by David Flattery.To learn more about the organization, visit the Web site at www.masscribes.org. For information, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 and the Web site at www.ssnsc.org for directions.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project will hold it's next meeting on Jan. 2. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Lydia Drake Library, 340 High St., Pembroke, at 7:30 pm. The topic will be "Preserving our Children's Stories" with special guest Creative Memories Consultant Martha Widing. She will discuss different ways to tell a story, journaling, creating lifebooks. Bring two photos of an event in your child's life. ASAP is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of children and families formed through adoption and foster care. All Parents, educators and interested community members are welcome. For info contact Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit our website at www. asapmass.org

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents "The Perfect Collection 2," through Jan. 7, 2007. **Exhibit includes 50 works by master artists from private collections across the country. On display will be** works in clay, glass, fiber, studio furniture and metal. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8 adults, $5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era performs every third Tuesday at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St,. Stoughton, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person. All are welcome. Wheelchair-accessible. 781-341-2076. For information call 781-767-3911

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 765 Bridge St., Weymouth every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. **Hanna the Balloon Artist**. 781-331-8550.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

The North River Arts Society presents **Focal Points**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery featuring original watercolor paintings by Marshfield artist **Betty Rogers.** This show runs through Feb. 2, 2007. Hours for the Library gallery, located in Library Plaza, Webster St., Marshfield are Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call NRAS at 781.837.8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist Jane Flavell Collins, a Duxbury resident, is showing her watercolor and acrylic paintings in the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. The exhibition continues through January, 2007. For hours, call 781-749-7565 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery presents Duxbury **artist Jane Flavell Collins** through Jan. 31, 2007. A native of New England, she works in all mediums but is mostly involved in watercolor and pastel. Currently a courtroom artist for WBZ-TV 4, Collins executes realistic paintings of both landscape and still life. Appearing in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery downstairs is the exhibit **Howard Bond and Stephen Lathrop: Film and Digital at South Shore Conservatory**. Admission to both galleries is free. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 10.

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Learn more about the variety of whales off the South Shore through informative displays and interactive and educational kiosks throughout the month of January at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The Science Center has partnered with Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Scituate and will offer the following activities and events. A photographic exhibit "Whale Tracks and Facts," studying the whales of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary will be on display in Vine Hall Gallery at the Science Center from Jan. 4-31. Recent research using non-invasive suction cup tags is providing amazing insights into the behavior of humpback whales – the acrobats of the marine environment. This photographic exhibit offers images of whale behaviors photographed at the surface, and the subsurface tracks of whales as recorded by the new technology. Two interactive kiosks from the Sanctuary will complement the exhibit. Go to an opening reception Saturday, Jan. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m., and experience the wonders of whale watching and marine mammal research without getting wet. A family fun day is planned for Saturday, Jan. 20, and will feature a 40-foot model of a Right Whale named Lefty. Learn about whale biology from inside the model. Other hands on activities will focus on this critically endangered species. For information, contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559, and for directions view the Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents Flying Santa: A Holiday Tradition through March 11. 781-925-5433 lifesavingmuseum.org

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad Street, Weymouth. 781-335-9796, no cover Satch Romano's *New* ***Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam***, 9 p.m. show, jam, 21+. Handicap access. Casual dress. Fine dining.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 4, **BBC "Pint Night" featuring Flydown formerly The Alliance.**

Friday, Jan. 5

33rd Annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels motor sports exposition will pack Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 5-7 with custom cars, local sports and other celebrities and special attractions. Personal appearances by Brad Boyes Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. NASCAR star Ricky Rudd Jan. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. WWE star wrestler Rey Mysterio Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wrentham resident and middle school student Tayla Orleans Jan. 6 from noon to 3 p.m. who is the youngest driver to win a feature race in the Allison Legacy Racing North series. For information call 617-474-6000.

New England Singles Jan. 5 from 8 pm. To midnight VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. DJ Paul Dipanfilo $7. 617-325-4900. Ages 40+. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance –Jan. 5, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by award winning DJ Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes and match game prizes. **Free dancing lessons** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples age 30 and over. Cost before 9 p.m. is $10 Proper business dress recommended; collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable.

The British Beer Company. Washington St. Pembroke. Jan. 5, **The Gobshites**.

Classes

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER announces its winter schedule of courses and workshops. Adult classes start the week of Jan. 16 and are offered in all media for beginners and experienced levels. Children's classes begin Jan. 22, 2007 and financial assistance is available through the Lois Weltman Memorial Fund for Children, requiring a student be recommended by an art teacher. Gift certificates for classes are available in any denomination and make great holiday gifts! For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org to register online.

TUFTS CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE presents six educational opportunities for the horse owners of New England. Presented on Wednesday evenings in January, February and March, these lectures will bring you up to date on the most current advancements and treatments in veterinary medicine. Presented by board certified clinicians from Tufts Hospital for Large Animals, the faculty is eager to show you the results of their research and extensive experience and to hear from you about your horse's health. Designed for the horsemen, this lecture series has always provided a great environment for learning and promoting equine health and fitness. For information visit tufts.edu/vet/continedu/equ_health_2007.html

THE HEALTHY LIVING INSTITUTE welcomes Dennis Willmont, acupuncturist, natural foods consultant, Chinese herbalist, and author Jan. 4, 11 and 18,Thursday Evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. Three Part Lecture Series Part I: The Good and Bad Oils, Part II: Cooked Oils Or Raw Part III: Omega 3s , and 6s. Held at the Healthy Living Institue at Balancepoint studio in Pembroke. Call Candita to register at 781-834-2728.

Auditions

AFDTheatre auditions: Casting for "Carousel," Rodgers & Hammerstein's beloved musical love story. Jan 11 at 7pm, Jan. 13-14 at 1 p.m. More information and audition forms at www.AFDTheatre.org or call 781 646-5922. Arlington Friends of the Drama, award-winning community theater, 194-seat playhouse at 22 Academy St. Arlington, one block. from Mass. Ave.

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